

Supplementary Materials:

Cytoplasmic Increase in Hsp70 Protein: A Potential New Biomarker of Early Infiltration of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma Arising from Actinic Keratosis

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Table S1. Characteristics of the patients, controls and skin samples.

| VARIABLE | | SCC-AK GROUP (<i>n</i> = 10) | CONTROL GROUP (<i>n</i> = 10) |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gender (M/F) | | 6/4 | 6/4 |
| Age | | 79.80 ± 1.41 * | 47.9 ± 3.36 * |
| Phototype | I | 1 | 1 |
| | II | 9 | 9 |
| Solar exposition | Occasional | ---- | ---- |
| | Average | 10 | 10 |
| | High | ---- | ---- |
| Sample location | Axila-genitals | ---- | 5 |
| | Scalp-nape | ----- | 5 |
| | Face-ear | 5 | ----- |
| Back hand | | 5 | ----- |
| AK overlying the SCC | | 10/10 (100%) | |
| AK at the edge of the SCC | | 9/10 (90%) | |
| Size (cm) | | 1,85 ± 0,11 | |
| Dermis Infiltration (mm) | | 1,57 ± 0,35 | |
| Level of infiltration (cm) | | 2,9 ± 0,94 | |
| Foci of ulceration | | 1/10 (10%) | |
| Adnexal involvement | | 0/10 (0%) | |
| Elastosis in dermis | | 10/10(100%) | |

Results are represented as mean ± SD. Abbreviations: M: male; F: female; SCC-AK: squamous cell carcinoma arising in AK; cm: centimeters; mm: millimeters; AK: actinic keratosis; SCC: Squamous cell carcinoma; * *p* < 0.05 with respect to SCC.

Table S2. Comparison of the protein expression profile in normal skin (controls) and SCC-AK.

| PROTEIN | CONTROLS (N = 10) | SCC-AK (N = 10) | P VALUE | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|
| Structural proteins | | | | |
| Actin | 130.29 ± 49.14 | 271.60 ± 80.55 | 0.102 | |
| Annexin I | 75.40 ± 37.00 | 44.72 ± 16.37 | 0.876 | |
| Annexin IV | | | | |
| | <i>Isoform 1</i> | 47.59 ± 14.51 | 53.20 ± 18.27 | 0.684 |
| | <i>Isoform 2</i> | 32.68 ± 19.96 | 15.63 ± 8.99 | 0.400 |
| Annexin V | | | | |
| | <i>Isoform 1</i> | 39.95 ± 12.23 | 36.15 ± 8.51 | 0.905 |
| | <i>Isoform 2</i> | 35.65 ± 14.63 | 35.39 ± 8.96 | 1.000 |
| Cytokeratin | | | | |
| | <i>Isoform 1</i> | 29.26 ± 9.77 | 34.10 ± 7.58 | 0.497 |
| | <i>Isoform 2</i> | 26.99 ± 11.04 | 13.47 ± 2.89 | 0.431 |
| Calreticulin | | | | |
| | <i>Isoform 1</i> | 28.21 ± 7.44 | 23.16 ± 7.15 | 0.497 |
| | <i>Isoform 2</i> | 28.79 ± 13.78 | 25.84 ± 10.51 | 1.000 |
| | <i>Isoform 3</i> | 20.29 ± 10.00 | 19.56 ± 11.72 | 0.898 |
| Heat shock proteins | | | | |
| Hsp70 | 17.28 ± 4.11 | 42.20 ± 8.34 | 0.035 | |
| Hsp27 | 78.11 ± 49.03 | 308.50 ± 125.79 | 0.006 | |
| Antioxidant protein | | | | |
| Glutathione-S-Transferase | 24.67 ± 9.98 | 29.92 ± 6.48 | 0.195 | |
| Tumor markers | | | | |
| Maspin | 30.39 ± 12.15 | 22.86 ± 10.48 | 0.370 | |
| SCCA-2 | 83.78 ± 29.81 | 174.04 ± 50.00 | 0.423 | |
| Transport proteins | | | | |
| Alpha-hemoglobin | 32.63 ± 9.94 | 98.68 ± 18.11 | 0.006 | |
| Apo-AI | 72.57 ± 23.43 | 74.79 ± 19.79 | 0.796 | |
| Transcription factor | | | | |
| Rho-GDP | 46.63 ± 19.63 | 27.53 ± 9.76 | 0.549 | |

Results presented as mean ± SD. Abbreviations: SCC-AK: Squamous Cell Carcinoma over an AK; Hsp: Heat-shock protein; SCCA-2: Squamous Cell Carcinoma Antigen 2; Apo-AI: Apolipoprotein A1; Rho-GDP: Rho-Guanosine Triphosphate

Table S3. Spearman associations between level of SCC infiltration and the protein expression level of Hsp27, Hsp70 and alpha-hemoglobin.

| PROTEINS | CORRELATION (Spearman. rho) | P VALUE | IHQ Hsp70 Nucleous | IHQ Hsp70 Citoplams |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| All SCC-AK levels of infiltration (n = 10) | | | | |
| Alpha-hemoglobin | 0.273 | 0.446 | | |
| Hsp27 | -0.176 | 0.627 | Mild+ (10/10) | Moderate++ (7/3) High+++ (3/3) |
| Hsp70 | -0.212 | 0.556 | | |
| Levels of infiltration II y III * (n = 6) | | | | |
| Alpha-hemoglobin | 0.200 | 0.704 | | |
| Hsp27 | 0.429 | 0.397 | Mild+ (6/6) | Moderate++ (3/3) High+++ (3/3) |
| Hsp70 | 0.829 | 0.042 | | |
| Level of infiltration IV * (n = 4) | | | | |
| Alpha-hemoglobin | 0.400 | 0.600 | | |
| Hsp27 | -0.400 | 0.600 | Mild+ (4/4) | Moderate+++ (4/4) |
| Hsp70 | -0.600 | 0.400 | | |

* Classification in Clark levels; SCC: Squamous cell carcinoma over an AK.

Western Blot figure: Representative Western blot experiments showing the expression of Hsp70 protein in cytoplasm from control and SCC-AK samples. β -actin was used as loading control. Bar graphs show the cytoplasmic expression Hsp70 levels of all the Western blots. Results are represented as mean \pm SD. * p <0.05 with respect to control.

Figure 2