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THE EFFECTS OF SIRNA-MEDIATED INHIBITION OF NF-KB ON CABAZITAXEL SENSITIVITY IN OXIDATIVE STRESS-RESISTANT METASTATIC PROSTATE CANCER CELLS

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THESIS ABSTRACT

Prostate cancer (PCa) can progress to metastatic castration-resistant disease (mCRPC), where treatment options are limited. This study investigated the effect of NF-kB p65 (RelA) siRNA-mediated silencing on Cabazitaxel sensitivity in oxidative stress-resistant LNCaP-HPR5M cells. WST-1, Annexin V, multicaspase, ROS analysis, and Western blot demonstrated that siRNA-RelA suppressed NF-kB signaling and enhanced the cytotoxic and pro-oxidant effects of Cabazitaxel. These findings suggest that targeting NF-kB may enhance Cabazitaxel sensitivity in resistant PCa cells.

APPLICATION AREAS OF THE THESIS RESULTS

These findings indicate that targeting the NF-kB p65 pathway may enhance Cabazitaxel efficacy in oxidative stress–resistant prostate cancer. This approach could contribute to the development of combination strategies to overcome therapeutic resistance in mCRPC.

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