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Contribution of viruses to cancer and its global burden

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Abstract

Cancer is the one of most leading cause of death and fast growing disease with increase its global burden due to cancer causing behavior particularly smoking, drinking alcohol coal mining worker, consumption of non-organic foods, uses of non-food grad utensils and uses of food additives. About 13.5 million case of cancer have been reported worldwide in which 7.8 million deaths occur. Out of 7.8 million mortality rate 73% death cases have been reported in poor or middle socio-economic countries. Where population are unaware, poor sanitation and lack of hygiene. Cancer is the most sever and life threatening disease which cause millions of death worldwide. It has high mortality rate that’s vary country to country and 2 million cases are occur in the world each year. In which most of the cases of breast cancer are reported. There are numerous risk factors which are responsible and associated with different types of cancer, such as Nickle, asbestos, metallic ores containing radioactive substances, atmospheric carcinogen and cigarette smoking have been associated with lung cancer. Mortality rate of breast cancer is higher in upper socioeconomic group or Jewish women. Uterine cervix cancer is determine as second most common and have been reported as higher mortality rate. It has found in lower class or low socioeconomic group due sophisticated sexual activity. Advanced countries are highly at risk of prostate cancer as compare to low status country like Asia, Latin America and Africa. Verity of viruses have been reported in number of cancer such as leukemia, burkits lymphoma, Merkel cell carcinoma, cervical cancer, Hodgkin’s lymphoma, post-transplant lymphoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma, Kaposi’s sarcoma, primary effusion lymphoma and triggered Liver cancer etc. Global burden of cancer could be control or prevented by advance applications, upgrade clinical practices, develop policies, plans for cancer control program and provide access to advance technologies and equipment. Enhance research centers to create or promote innovative treatment and diagnosis for cancer patients. CDC, WHO and FDA should be create cancer control center or program on national level and these center should have be well educated staff. Organization must be update report from these center and create data-base for cancer patient which easily classify old and new cases of cancer. Start campaign door-to-door by print media, social media and through cyber networks.

Overview

Cancer word is derived from ‘Greek’ language word ‘karkinos’ which means crab and ‘Onkos’ means tumour. The study of cancer is called oncology. Cancer is abnormal division of cells or over production of cells is called cancer. As we know that our body is made up of trillion of cells and each cell perform and control the all normal activities of our body. Normal cells grow and divide into two cells according to nature rule. Division takes place by natural process which is called mitosis. When these cells are die, they replace by other new cells. But sometime, something goes wrong within cells. These cells are multiplying out of control or loss of cell control receptors and formed lumps (tumour). Tumour is cluster of cells or abnormal functionless mass of cells is called is tumour. This abnormal division of cells occurred by error, mistakes or external factors interference. It may be caused by certain factors and these factors can be environmental pollutants, radiations, viruses, chemicals, DNA-mutations and certain dyes. Cancer might be cause by genetically or heredity material from parent to offspring. Cancer is not transmit through combine eat, drinking, close contact and share utensils [1–3].

Epidemiological view of common sorts of cancer

Cancer is the one of most leading cause of death worldwide that is interpreted for 7.5 million deaths worldwide.

These are main categories of cancer:

1) Colorectal (539,000 deaths/year)
2) Stomach (703,000 deaths)
3) Breast (619,000 deaths)
human cancer. These are estimated that 70—90% carcinogens which are responsible for its control or switch factors and multiply promptly. Who carcinogens that are interfere with cell which result cell loss even without control however they know that there are loss etc.

**Symptomology**

Wide-ranging Sign and Symptoms are abnormal bleeding, prolong cough, change in bowel moments, lumps and weight loss etc.

**Local symptoms:** It may be occur due to larger mass of tumour or ulceration, e.g. there is a condition in lung cancer mass may be effect/formd and block the bronchi in result coughing or pneumonia began, in esophageal cancer by which esophagus is narrowing and feel pain or trouble in swallowing. The obstruction or narrowing of bowl of gut in colorectal cancer. Ulceration can cause bleeding in cough if it is occur in lung, if ulceration occur in bladder it lead to discharge of urine containing blood in uterus to vaginal bleeding. Fluid is build-up in abdomen and in lunge by specialized type of cancer.

**Systemic symptoms:** There is no metastatic spread but these may include; fever, changes in skin pigment, leukaemia’s, excessive fatigue while liver and kidney cancer may cause persistent fever/temperature.

**Metastasis:** in simple, spreading of cancer from one organ to another organ via lymph nodes and hematogenous means via blood. Metastasis can depend on location of the organs such as enlarge liver, enlarge lymph nodes, and enlarge spleen.

**Reason for the tumour production**

Scientists uncertain to why normal cell multiply rapidly even without control however they know that there are carcinogens that are interfere with cell which result cell loss its control or switch factors and multiply promptly. Who estimated that 70—90% carcinogens which are responsible for human cancer. These are;

I. Hydrocarbon is found in cigarette smoke.

II. Environmental factors.

III. Pesticides/dyes if use in food products.

IV. Radiations such as X-rays and UV-rays.

**Virus contribution in cancer**

Viruses are found in the development of cancer its rate about 15% worldwide because viruses are only infectious agents that play a key role in the development of cancer by changing in genetic material of human cells, while itself cancer is not infectious disease. Generally these viruses are called oncogenic viruses or tumour viruses but there are numerous other factors that are also play role in progression of cancer. Viruses are consider as carcinogens that can cause cancer. Experiment was done on animals in which some viruses induced the formation of tumour. Large number of viruses have been isolated from human cancer such as;

- Herpes simplex virus HSV is associated with human cervix.
- Epstein barr virus is related with burkits lymphoma (tumour of Jew) and some Hodgkin’s lymphoma, post-transplant lymphoma, nasopharyngeal carcinoma.
- Hepatitis B virus (HBV) is linked with Liver cancer.
- Kaposi’s sarcoma herpesvirus (KSHV) causes Kaposi’s sarcoma, primary effusion lymphoma.
- Human T-lymph tropic virus-1 (HTLV-1) associated with Adult T-cell leukemia.
- Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCV) source of Merkel cell carcinoma.
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is triggered Liver cancer.
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) isolated from cervical cancer.

**Experimental work**

Reyton Ross was American physician who determine the tumour in chicken by preparing mash-up of connective tissue of particular chicken and allow to apply bacteriological filter again injected into healthy chicken become cancerous.

In 1980s Robert-T-Gallo isolated T- lymphocytes from malignant T-cells found in rare cancer called T-cells leukemia. Gallo differentiate virus RNA containing Retroviruses called human T-lymocyte virus and isolated from AIDS patient in 1990 the evidence has strengthen which can cause leukemia and neurological pain disorder.

**Oncogenic theory**

It was unknown that how virus and other carcinogens convert normal cell into tumour cells until the development of oncogenic theory this is called oncogenes which are normally reside in the DNA chromosome. Oncogenes was discovered by M.J Bishop and H.Varmus in wide verity of fruit and virus by preparing mash-up of connective tissue of particular chicken and allow to apply bacteriological filter again injected into healthy chicken become cancerous. Gallo differentiate virus RNA containing Retroviruses called human T-lymocyte virus and isolated from AIDS patient in 1990 the evidence has strengthen which can cause leukemia and neurological pain disorder.

**Discovery of the proto-oncogenes**

More than 60 Oncogenes are isolated from urinary bladder. In the current year oncogenic theory is revised and researcher propose that normal gene call proto-oncogenes. Proto-oncogenes are set of nucleotide bases normally present in genetic material of the cell. Proto-oncogenes has two copies in cell which works together if 1 copy become mutated or impairment due to external factors than individual develop
cancer later years. Proto-oncogenes are regulate the mitosis and growth of the cell. In 1985 researchers linked proto-oncogenes with CAMP which is organic compound and perform many physiological processes. They specified that proto-oncogenes can be convert into oncogenes by certain agents such as radiations, viruses, chemicals, breakage and rearrangement of chromosome. These proto-oncogenes are diverse in species to species because 1 nucleotide is change in 16000 nucleotides. Altered oncogenes are isolated in different cells of the body the proto-oncogenes of urinary bladder is unlike from Burkitts jaw lymphoma. Viruses are trigger proto-oncogenes of the cell form position 8 to new positon 14 which is far from control genes known as tumour suppressor gene that normally control the cell division. Once proto-oncogenes become oncogene in their result individual grow dissimilar cancer [7-9].

**Viral inference in gene**

Viruses are interfere with proto-oncogene it may provide unique genetic code that stimulate or enhance the uncontrolled cell division. They may be programed or may developed cell protein receptors that receive extra cellular messages/signals. They may transmit nuclear at high level which cannot turn off the cell growth. They may insert its genome into host cell genome and shuffle its sequences which result tumour suppressive genes are also change its position. Viruses may assimilate venomous sequence at nearby of control genes and disturb its arrangement.

**Class of tumour viruses**

There are two major class based on genetic material such as RNA and DNA viruses and these both classes are responsible for cause of cancer. Verity of viruses contributing cancer in humans as well as in animals. These are some common viruses that frequently found in human cancer and they are seclusion with each other’s [10]. Table 1.

**Common treatment**

Cancer is treated with numerous types such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, surgery, immunotherapy, targeted therapy and hormonal therapy, etc. clinical trial maybe best option for cancer treatment. Treatment is depend upon the patient condition and a particular type cancer, you may receive one treatment or receive combine treatment.

### Primary treatment

The aim of primary treatment is remove or kill the cells of the cancer from patient body completely. It is done with mostly by surgery.

### Adjuvant treatment

The purpose of adjuvant therapy is killing of those cells that are remained after primary therapy.

### Radiation therapy

Radiation therapy is used to kill or reduce the number of cancerous cells. Basically it is perform by the machine that apply rays upon the body by external beam radiation. Radiation uses high powered energy beams such as x-rays and protons to reduce/kill the cancerous cell but their many side effect are reported and may not successful.

### Surgery

The goal of this treatment remove those cell or organs of the body which is infected by cancer. It is perform by specialized sterile equipment’s under the controlled and aseptic condition.

### Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy: chemotherapy is first choice to treat the cancer and reduce the effect and progress of cancer. This is included medication and other chemical treatment.

### Immunotherapy

Immunotherapy: immunotherapy or biological therapy is uses the body immune system to fight or modify it to kill the cancer cells. In cancer the immune system of the body cannot recognize cancer cells and without unchecked cancer cells are survive in the body therefore, immunotherapy is introduce to cancer suffering patient body to see the cancer and attack or kill them.

### Radiofrequency therapy

Radiofrequency are electrical energy that passes heat to cancer infected tissues and kill them safely. It is perform by the injecting thin needle. By the applying electrical heat through an incision to the infected organ or tissue and kill the tumor cells.

### Hormonal therapy

Hormonal therapy: it is uses of for special types of cancer such as breast cancer and prostate cancer. In which blocked the release of such hormones to reduce the risk of cancer [11-12].

### Conclusion and Recommendation

Many peoples are suffering from cancer world–wide with an array of symptoms. Provide Key component of any overall cancer and developed control plan for the treatment to reduce

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**Table 1:** Discovery, mortality rate, immunization and viral association with cancers.

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cancer. Diagnosis and treatment must be effective and provide longer benefits to cancer patients. Developed strategies, start campaign about control and prevention of cancer. Must be start awareness programed to educate peoples via media social networks and also print media. Cancer control centers must be provided on district, tehsil hospital level which provide guideline and aware about cancer prevention and risk factors. New systems must be established and tested. Advance techniques and methods must be applied to control the cancer. Provide clinics for researcher or medical oncologist where they perform experiments and develop novelty in cancer treatment. Private and public sectors must be increase their support in cancer registration. Improve the national wise reporting systems and handle the record of patients properly. Government should reserve funds for cancer center that ongoing provide healthcare to the patients. Hospital staff must be trained and provide welcome context to patients.

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