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INHIBITOR OF APOPTOSIS PROTEINS DETERMINE GLIOBLASTOMAS STEM-LIKE CELLS FATE IN AN OXYGEN-DEPENDENT MANNER

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Smac mimetics (SMs) are inhibitor of apoptosis proteins (IAPs) antagonists. In glioblastomas (GBs), SMs can trigger apoptotic and non-apoptotic processes 1, 2, 3. As GBs are highly hypoxic, we investigated SM GDC-0152 effect in GB stem-like cells according to oxygen level. We showed that in an environment rich in oxygen (normoxia), GDC-0152 induced loss of stem-cell properties. Unexpectedly, in an environment deprived of oxygen (hypoxia), it triggered apoptosis and decreased cell proliferation. Analysis of Serine-Threonine Kinases activation upon GDC-0152 treatment revealed involvement of different signaling pathways according to oxygen level. In normoxia, NF-κB pathway was activated and in hypoxia, GDC-0152 efficacy was ATR- and TNFα-dependent. This work shows that GDC-0152 triggers anti-tumoral effects whatever the tumoral oxygen pressure, therefore SMs appear as promising molecules in GBs treatment.

