

***In silico* study of anticarcinogenic potential of the selenoprotein BthD from *Drosophila melanogaster*. Identifying the anticancer peptide CRSUR from the conserved region**

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Abstract

Drosophila melanogaster is used as a model system in biomedical studies. Selenoprotein is the major biological form of selenium in eukaryotes. Selenoproteins are generally involved in catabolic pathways in bacteria and archaea, whereas it participates in anabolic and antioxidant processes in eukaryotic. In this study, anticancer potential of selenoprotein BthD of *D. melanogaster* was investigated using bioinformatics methods. Results showed that selenoprotein BthD of *D. melanogaster* may have dual properties as evident by its orthology with selenoprotein H (SelH) of *Homo sapiens* and conserved domain of fructokinase-like protein 2 of *Vitis vinifera*. These dual properties were also revealed in the phylogenetic analysis, while further structural modeling showed that selenoprotein BthD possibly exists as homotetramer in the native functional structure. The anticancer property of selenoprotein BthD was proposed to be by synergy of antioxidant or redox activities of thioredoxin and glutathione reductase (TGR) domain and the signaling function of fructokinase-like protein 2 domain both in Golgi apparatus and cytoplasm, through energy deprivation. The anticancer peptide CRSUR was identified from conserved region of selenoprotein BthD, of which its cyclic form showed potential anticancer properties predictively through E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase regulating NF-kappa-B signaling by unleashing cells for spontaneous formation of the ripoptosome.

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Introduction

The genomic sequence of *D. Melanogaster* is about 115229998 bp and contains 13329 annotated genes (Adams *et al.* 2000). *Drosophila* possess genes systems which regulate nutrient uptake, storage and metabolism that are critical to survival

and have been found conserved almost in all eukaryotes including humans, brown alga, zebrafish, mouse, *Escherichia coli*, and *Caenorhabditis elegans* (Allocca *et al.* 2018; Hatfield *et al.* 2014). *D. melanogaster* has been used as a model system for toxicological studies and diseases mechanism such as neurological

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disorders, developmental disorders, metabolic and storage disorders, cancer and cardiovascular disease (Bier 2005; Abolaji *et al.* 2014; Saraiva *et al.* 2018).

The major biological form of selenium in eukaryotes is selenocysteine (Sec) and its mostly found in the active site of selenoproteins. Selenocysteine is called the 21st amino acid which has chemical structure differs from cysteine only by the presence of selenium in place of the sulfur atom. Sec is co-translationally inserted into a polypeptide chain in response to in-frame UGA codons directed by the Sec insertion sequence element, a stem-loop structure in the untranslated regions (3-UTRs) of selenoprotein mRNAs (Hatfield *et al.* 2014). The human genome contains 25 selenoprotein genes (Kryukov *et al.* 2003) and they are involved in a variety of functions, most notably redox homeostasis. Larger selenoproteomes can be found in aquatic organisms such as zebrafish, and brown alga (Lobanov *et al.* 2007; Hatfield *et al.* 2014). Selenoproteins are generally involved in catabolic pathways in bacteria and archaea, whereas eukaryotic selenoproteins participate rather in anabolic and antioxidant processes (Herbette *et al.* 2007). Selenoproteins participate in thyroid hormone metabolism, muscle formation, selenocysteine synthesis and in sperm maturation (Rederstorff *et al.* 2006). According to Gladyshev *et al.* (2016), selenoproteins without known functions include SELENOF (selenoprotein F, 15-kDa selenoprotein, SEP15), SELENOH (selenoprotein H, SELH, C11orf31), SELENOK (selenoprotein K, SELK), SELENO M (selenoprotein M, SELM), SELENO O (selenoprotein O, SELO), SELENOT (selenoprotein T, SELT), and others. Human selenoprotein enzymes with known functions such as thioredoxin reductases (TR1), glutathione peroxidases (Sep15 and GPx2) are important cellular redox-regulators needed by both normal and cancer cells, which result in anti- and pro-tumorigenic effects at a tissue-specific cellular level (Hatfield *et al.* 2014). In liver TR1 exhibits anticancer protein and in lung TR1 is a pro-cancer protein and a prime candidate for cancer therapy (Yoo *et al.* 2006; Carlson *et al.* 2012). The GPx1 polymorphisms are associated with cancer risk (Zhuo and Diamond 2009). It remains to be elucidated whether these anti- and pro-tumorigenic

effects are tumor stage or grade-dependent.

The known selenoproteins in *D. melanogaster* are dSPS2, dSelK (former called dSelG) and dSelH (also known as dSelM or BthD) (Hirosawa-Takamori *et al.* 2000; Castellano *et al.* 2001). dSelK has one cysteine homolog and dSelH has two (Castellano *et al.* 2001; Martin-Romero *et al.* 2001). dSelH appears to belong to a class of selenoproteins widely distributed across the phylogenetic spectrum, as dSelH was found in zebrafish, human and mouse expressed sequence tag (EST) databases (Dickiy *et al.* 2007; Novoselov *et al.* 2007). The ability of dselH to reverse the toxic effects of glutathione depletion in Schneider cells was suggested to reflect a glutathione sparing effect via increased activity of an alternative anti-oxidant pathway, which restores the perturbed anti-oxidant-pro-oxidant balance (Morozova *et al.* 2003). Disruption of selenophosphate synthetase expression has recently been shown to modulate the Ras/MAPK signalling cascade in flies (Morey *et al.* 2001).

Ser/Thr kinase domain is one of the core kinase cascades in *D. melanogaster* and mammals (Yin and Zhang 2011). In *D. melanogaster*, Ser/Thr kinase domain is found in the core kinases of Hippo signaling pathway, as well as in the four-jointed and discs overgrown of upstream regulatory components (Yin and Zhang 2011). Defects in the core kinases and some of the upstream components of the pathway lead to robust organ overgrowth and link to numerous cancers (Pan 2010; Zhang *et al.* 2009). The Hippo signaling pathway limits organ size by regulating cell proliferation and apoptosis. In this study, anticancer potential of selenoprotein BthD of *D. melanogaster* was investigated based on the available genomic data and publications. The gene product with anticancer properties in an insect could be useful in the development of biologic agent for human cancer therapy.

Experimental

Drosophila melanogaster selenoproteins

The selenoprotein was searched from *D. melanogaster* database on Ensembl genome browser v97 (<http://www.ensembl.org>). The genes

obtained from ensembl were looked up in the *D. melanogaster* database (www.flybase.org). The protein sequences and information were obtained from UniProt database (www.uniprot.org). The protein sequence of BthD of *D. melanogaster* was used to query *Homo sapiens* database on the Blastp server of NCBI (Camacho *et al.* 2009).

Conserved protein domain

Human selenoproteins TRI, Sep15 and GPx2 has been reported to possessed anti- and pro-tumorigenic effect (Hatfield *et al.* 2014). The sequence of these proteins was obtained from UniProt. The conserved protein domain of all the selenoproteins of *D. Melanogaster* and four selenoproteins of *Homo sapiens* were investigated using the protein sequences on the CDD server (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi>) of NCBI (Marchler-Bauer *et al.* 2017). The protein sequence of BthD of *D. melanogaster* was used to query database of eight plants in the taxonomy of Mesangiospermae identified from CDD results, on the Blastp server of NCBI (Camacho *et al.* 2009).

Phylogenetics analysis

The protein sequence of selenoproteins of *D. melanogaster* and *H. sapiens* obtained from the previous steps, were used for phylogenetics study. Multiple sequence alignment on ClustalO server (www.ebi.ac.uk/tools/msa/clustalo) was

carried out and phylogenetic tree was constructed. The tree data was visualized at www.phylo.io.

Structural modeling of selenoprotein BthD

The three-dimensional structure of selenoprotein BthD of *D. melanogaster* was modelled on Swissmodel server (www.swissmodel.ch) using protein sequence (Camacho *et al.* 2009; Remmert *et al.* 2012; Waterhouse *et al.* 2018).

Integration of anticarcinogenic mechanism of selenoprotein BthD

The *D. melanogaster* pathways associated with growth of tumor were obtained from www.kegg.jp and available information in the scientific literatures was mined. These data were integrated with the key results of this study and anticarcinogenic mechanism of selenoprotein BthD of *D. melanogaster* was proposed.

In silico prediction anticancer peptides of selenoprotein BthD and their physicochemical properties

The prediction of anticancer peptides in selenoprotein BthD was performed on AntiCP server Protein Scan (https://webs.iiitd.edu.in/raghava/anticp/submit_pro_t.php), and generated the fragments amino acids residues of length of 5 with minimum Support vector machine (SVM) score of 1.15, and predict their anticancer property along with all

Table 1. Details of selenoprotein genes, and proteins of *D. melanogaster* integrated from Ensembl, Flybase and Uniprot.

Gene name	Chromosome location	No. of transcript	Human orthologs [species\gene symbol]	Best transcript name and ID	Length [nt]	Uniprot ID	Length [amino acids]	Subcellular location
<i>BthD</i>	Chr. X: 13,612,131-13,613,228	1	Hsap\SELENOH	BthD-RA, FBtr0073806	977	Q9VYB0	249	Cytoplasm
<i>SelG</i>	Chr. X: 11,887,284-11,888,24	1	Hsap\SELENOK	SelG-RA, FBtr0073570	827	Q7Z2C4	110	Golgi apparatus
<i>SelR</i>	Chr. 3R: 10,863,355-10,868,642	8	Hsap\MSRB3	SelR-RE, FBtr0082295	1156	Q8INK9, D3DMP0	208, 192	Nucleus, Cytoplasm, cytoskeleton
<i>SelT</i>	Chr. 2L: 5,010,922-5,12,127	3	Hsap\SELENOT	SelT-RA, FBtr0079000	960	M9PCL4, Q9VMV6	198	Integral component of membrane, endomembrane system

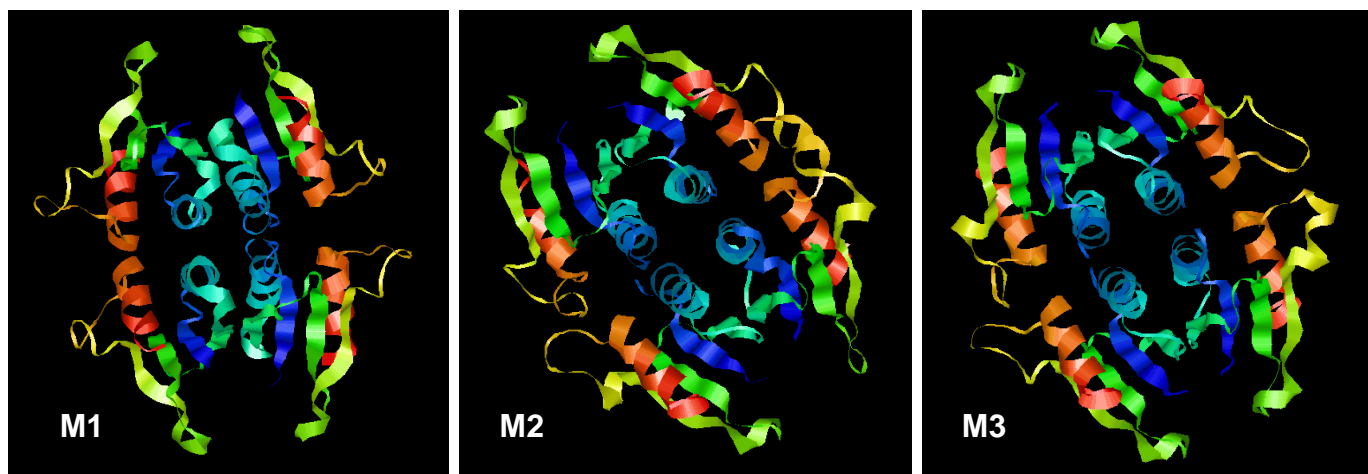


Fig. 1. Model structures of selenoprotein BthD of *D. melanogaster* in homotetramer oligomeric state.

the important physico-chemical properties like hydrophobicity, charge, pI etc. The cell-penetrating efficacy of peptides were predicted on CPPred-RF server (<http://server.malab.cn/CPFPred-RF/index.jsp>) (Wei *et al.* 2017).

In silico target prediction and pharmacokinetics of anticancer peptides of selenoprotein BthD

The structure and SMILES (Simplified Molecular Input Line Entry Specification) format of selenocysteine-containing peptide (in cysteine form) was obtained from PepSMI server (<https://www.novoprolabs.com/tools/convert-peptide-to-smiles-string>) and cysteine residue was edited to selenocysteine on <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/edit3/index.html>. *In silico* prediction of target was done on SwissTargetPrediction server, where *Homo sapiens* was selected as target organism (Diana *et al.* 2019). The active peptides (peptides with predicted target) were then subjected to *in silico* Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion (ADME) screening on SwissADME server at default parameters. (Diana *et al.* 2017).

Results

The search on the Ensembl genome browser showed four genes of selenoproteins present in the *D. melanogaster* genome. The gene products, orthology in *H. sapiens* and subcellular location were obtained from Flybase and UniProt databases,

as shown in Table 1. Each of the four selenoproteins in *D. melanogaster* has one ortholog in human. The homology alignment of BthD protein sequence (Uniprot ID: Q9VYB0) by Blastp confirmed 41.38 % similarity with human SelH (C11orf31) selenoprotein (Uniprot ID: Q8IZQ5) which is located in the Golgi apparatus and cytoplasm.

The conserved domain of *D. melanogaster* and *H. sapiens* are summarized in Table 2. The conserved domain of selenoprotein BthD was found to be exceptional with no similarity in *H. sapiens* unlike the other three. The conserved protein domain of BthD was classified as kinase which belong to PLN02967 superfamily of fructokinase-like protein 2 (EC 2.7.1.4), and belong to protein clusters conserved in taxonomy of *Mesangiospermae* in eukaryotic plant. This study is the first to discover and report the plant-like properties of BthD. Further homology alignment of the BthD protein sequence against eight plants in the PLN02967 superfamily of taxonomy *Mesangiospermae*, only showed 33.33 % similarity to an uncharacterized selenoprotein H (UniProt ID: D7SU28) of *Vitis vinifera*.

Moreover, human SelH contained domain architecture which is similar to that SelT of *D. melanogaster* and has been noted as thioredoxin and glutathione reductase (TGR Domain). This domain is homodimeric, FAD-containing member of the pyridine nucleotide disulfide oxidoreductase family. Table 3 shows the summary of homology analysis of BthD protein

Table 2. Details of Conserved Domain (CCD) analysis on NCBI

Protein Name	UniProt ID	Protein Classification (Domain architecture)	Domain Name	Accession	Superfamily	Taxonomy	Interval	Bit Score	E-value
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>									
BTHD_DROME, Selenoprotein BthD	Q9VYB0	Kinase	PLN02967, upper family	d30538	d30538	Magnoliophyta (Mesangiospermae)	144 – 240	39.64	1.29e ⁻⁰³
SELT_DROME, Thioredoxin reductase-like selenoprotein T homolog CG3887	Q9VMV6	CXXU_selWTH, family protein (ID 10020357)	CXXU_selWTH	TIGR02174	d01407	Cellular organisms	44 – 182	81.95	5.55e ⁻²¹
SELG_DROME, Glycine-rich selenoprotein	Q7Z2C4	SelK_SelG domain-containing protein (ID 10567047)	SelK_SelG	pfam10961	d12536	Eukaryota	2.68	54.22	4.49e ⁻¹¹
MSRB_DROME, Methionine-R-sulfoxide reductase B1	Q8INK9	Peptide-methionine, (R)-S-oxide reductase (ID 10483249)	SelR	pfam01641	d115841	Cellular organisms	56 – 186	224.92	2.36e ⁻⁷⁶
<i>Homo sapiens</i>									
SELH_HUMAN, Selenoprotein H	Q8IZQ5	CXXU_selWTH family protein (ID 10020357)	CXXU_selWTH	TIGR02174	d01407	Cellular organisms	36 – 119	78.48	1.57e ⁻²⁰
GPX2_HUMAN, Glutathione peroxidase 2	P18283	Glutathione peroxidase (ID 10085912)	GSH_Peroxidase	cd00340	d00388	Cellular organisms	7 – 182	193.89	6.58e ⁻⁶⁴
TRXR1_HUMAN, Thioredoxin reductase 1	Q16881	GRX_GRXh_1_2_like and TGR domain-containing protein (ID 11556269)	TGR	TIGR01438	d36907	Eukaryota	161 – 649	940.82	0e+00
SEP15_HUMAN, Selenoprotein F	O60613	Sep15_SelM domain-containing protein (ID 10555966)	Sep15_SelM	pfam08806	d07422	Eukaryota	88 – 163	127.3	3.77e ⁻³⁹

Table 3. Summary of homology analysis of BthD protein sequence of *D. melanogaster* against *H. sapiens* and *V. vinifera* integrated from Ensembl Browser v97, Blastp of NCBI and UniProt.

<i>D. melanogaster</i> BthD Proteins	Species/ assembly	Gene hit	Genomic location	Transcript ID	Transcript length (nt)	UniProt ID	No. of amino acids	E - value	% ID	Subcellular location
Q9VYB0	<i>H. sapiens</i> / GRCh38	SELENOH	Chromosome 11: 57, 741, 491-57,743,550	ENST00000534355.6	1192	Q8IZQ5	122	2.0e-12	41.38 % (aa 28 - 115)	Golgi apparatus, cytoplasm
Q9VYB0	<i>V. vinifera</i>	PREDICTED: selenoprotein H	Chromosome 4: 2,133, 923-2,140,047	VIT_04s0008g02590.t01	796	D7SU28, A5BYV8	154	5.0e-4	33.33 % (aa 144 - 240)	Golgi apparatus, cytoplasm

Table 4. Structural modelling parameter for Selenoprotein BthD.

Model	Template	Seq Identity	Oligo-state	QSQE	Found by	Method	Resolution	Seq Similarity	Range	Coverage	Description	QMEAN
M1	2ojl.1.A	23.8	homo-tetramer	0.19	HHblits	X-ray	2.10Å	0.33	26 – 119	0.31	Hypothetical protein SelT/SelW/SelH	-1.81
M2	2obk.1.A	23.8	homo-tetramer	0.13	HHblits	X-ray	2.70Å	0.33	26 – 121	0.31	selenoprotein domain	-4.28
M3	2oka.1.A	24.5	homo-tetramer	0.14	HHblits	X-ray	2.50Å	0.33	26 – 122	0.32	Hypothetical protein	-3.83

Table 5. The properties of anticancer peptides from selenoprotein BthD with minimum SVM score of 1.15.

Serial No.	Peptide Sequence	SVM Score	Prediction	Hydrophobicity	Steric hindrance	Sidebulk	Hydrophaticity	Amphipathicity	Hydrophility	Net Hydrogen	Charge	pI	Cell penetrating uptake efficiency
1	RRAEE	1.15	Anticp	-0.90	0.65	0.65	-2.84	1.49	2.30	2.00	0.00	6.50	High
2	MPPKR	1.16	Anticp	-0.55	0.57	0.57	-1.94	1.22	0.94	1.20	2.00	11.01	High
3	AEDKP	1.16	Anticp	-0.45	0.60	0.60	-2.14	0.99	1.70	0.80	-1.00	4.38	High
4	RGAFE	1.17	Anticp	-0.27	0.65	0.65	-0.76	0.74	0.60	1.00	0.00	6.36	High
5	VLYVE	1.19	Anticp	0.20	0.66	0.66	1.48	0.25	-0.82	0.40	-1.00	4.00	None
6	QESKE	1.19	Anticp	-0.66	0.65	0.65	-3.04	1.49	1.90	1.40	-1.00	4.54	High
7	KEAKQ	1.19	Anticp	-0.65	0.65	0.65	-2.60	1.97	1.74	1.40	1.00	8.94	High
8	EEAQE	1.20	Anticp	-0.46	0.65	0.65	-2.44	1.01	1.74	1.00	-3.00	3.68	High
9	KEQTN	1.21	Anticp	-0.65	0.67	0.67	-3.02	1.24	1.20	1.60	0.00	6.35	High
10	RGPPR	1.23	Anticp	-0.70	0.55	0.55	-2.52	0.98	1.20	1.60	2.00	12.01	High
11	ERDAG	1.24	Anticp	-0.54	0.66	0.66	-2.02	0.74	1.70	1.20	-1.00	4.38	High
12	RRRAE	1.24	Anticp	-1.13	0.65	0.65	-3.04	1.72	2.30	2.60	2.00	11.70	High
13	AGGMG	1.25	Anticp	0.20	0.67	0.67	0.50	0.00	-0.36	0.00	0.00	5.88	High
14	ERGLQ	1.26	Anticp	-0.48	0.65	0.65	-1.62	0.99	0.88	1.40	0.00	6.36	High
15	SESTE	1.26	Anticp	-0.39	0.59	0.59	-1.86	0.51	1.24	1.00	-2.00	3.80	High
16	KQSKE	1.26	Anticp	-0.75	0.65	0.65	-3.12	1.97	1.90	1.60	1.00	8.94	High
17	SESQE	1.26	Anticp	-0.49	0.62	0.62	-2.42	0.76	1.36	1.20	-2.00	3.80	High
18	RRGAF	1.28	Anticp	-0.50	0.65	0.65	-0.96	0.98	0.60	1.60	2.00	12.01	High
19	KSSKI	1.28	Anticp	-0.40	0.62	0.62	-0.98	1.47	0.96	1.20	2.00	10.02	High
20	VEHCR	1.30	Anticp	-0.44	0.54	0.54	-0.90	1.03	0.60	1.20	0.50	7.07	High
21	KRGPP	1.31	Anticp	-0.57	0.55	0.55	-2.40	1.22	1.20	1.20	2.00	11.01	High
22	CRSUR	1.37	Anticp	-0.75	0.50	0.50	-1.46	0.98	1.06	1.80	2.00	10.38	High
23	FPTVE	1.39	Anticp	0.06	0.59	0.59	0.24	0.25	-0.28	0.40	-1.00	4.00	None
24	KRTTR	1.41	Anticp	-1.00	0.62	0.62	-2.86	1.71	1.64	2.40	3.00	12.01	High

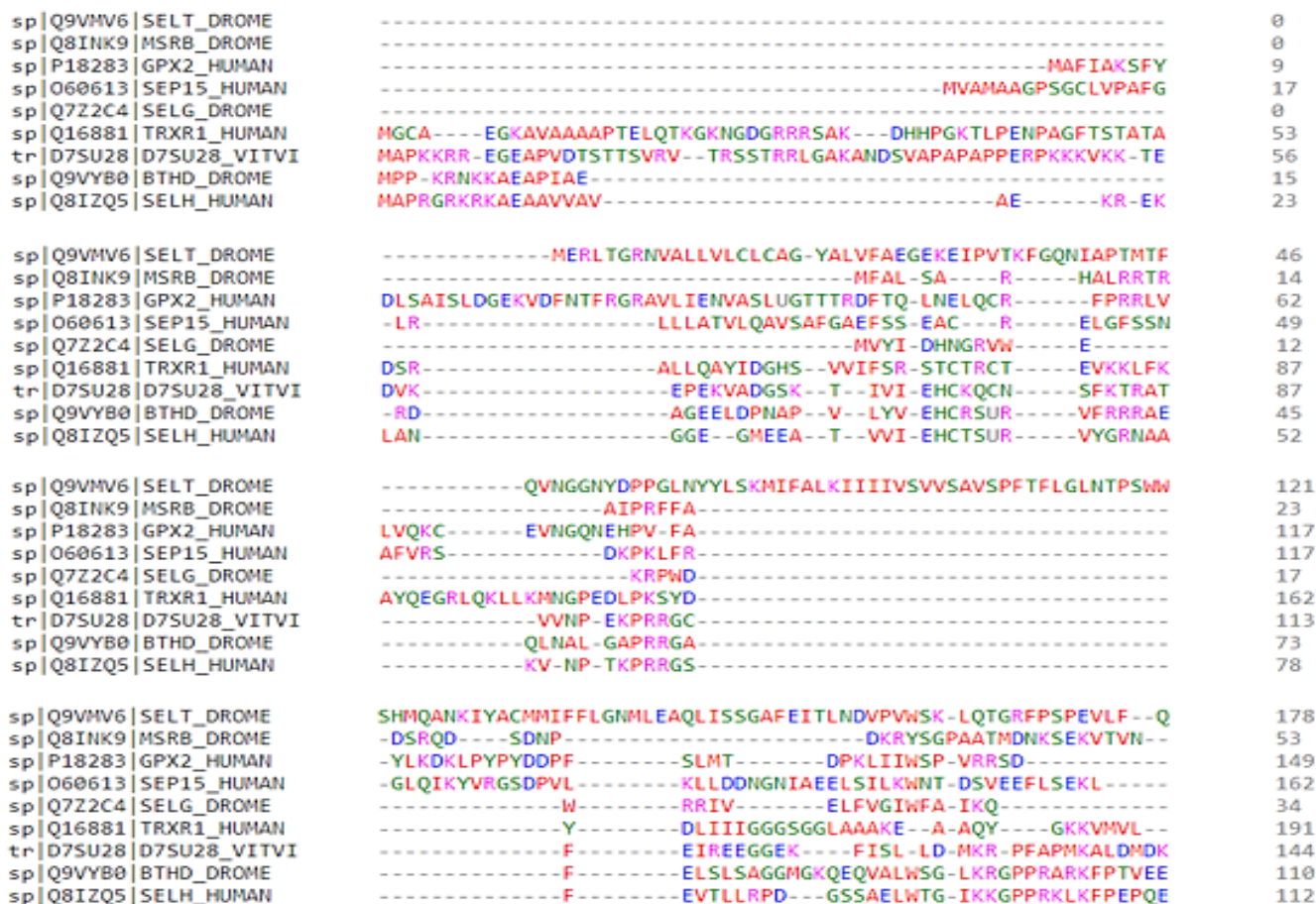


Fig. 2. Multiple sequence alignment of all selenoproteins of *D. melanogaster*, four selenoproteins of *H. sapiens* and a selenoprotein of *V. vinifera*.

sequence of *D. melanogaster* against *H. sapiens* and *V. vinifera* integrated from Ensembl Browser v97, Blastp of NCBI and UniProt. The structural model parameter of BthD selenoprotein on Swissmodel server is shown in Table 4. The structure was modeled as homotetramer based on the percentage similarities to three different template proteins; 2ojl (crystal structure of Q7WAF1_BORPA from *Bordetella parapertussis*), 2obk (crystal structure of the putative Se binding protein from *Pseudomonas fluorescens*), and 2oka (crystal structure of Q9HYQ7_PSEAE from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) as shown in Fig. 1. This structure can be further elucidated through X-ray crystallography. The result in Fig. 2 showed the position of conserved amino acid residues among selenoproteins (D7SU28_VITVI, BTHD_DROME and SELH_HUMAN). The phylogenetic tree confirmed the evolutionary relatedness of BthD gene of *D. melanogaster*, SelH gene of *H. sapiens* and D7SU28 gene of *V. vinifera* (Fig. 3).

The integral mechanism of anticarcinogenic property of selenoprotein BthD is shown in Fig. 4. This mechanism was based on the glycolytic energy stress induced by hepatocytes depletion of ATP by fructose and its impact of AMPK1, Hippo signaling and Notch1 signaling pathways; the role of trehalose to regulate glucose metabolism in stress condition; the ability of isomaltose to regulate adenylate biosynthesis; and the capacity *V. vinefera* to provide fructose and phytochemicals such as resveratrol. Based on the mechanism proposed in this study, we have hypothesized that amino acid sequences EHCRSUR and GAPRRGA from selenoprotein BthD as well as EHCKQCN and EKPRRGC from *V. vinefera* (grape) could be the key bioactive peptides that can alone and synergistically modulate this mechanism and impact the required antioxidant effect. This was validated by the results of anticancer peptides from selenoprotein BthD shown in Table 5, where selenocysteine-containing peptide CRSUR has SVM score of 1.37 and high

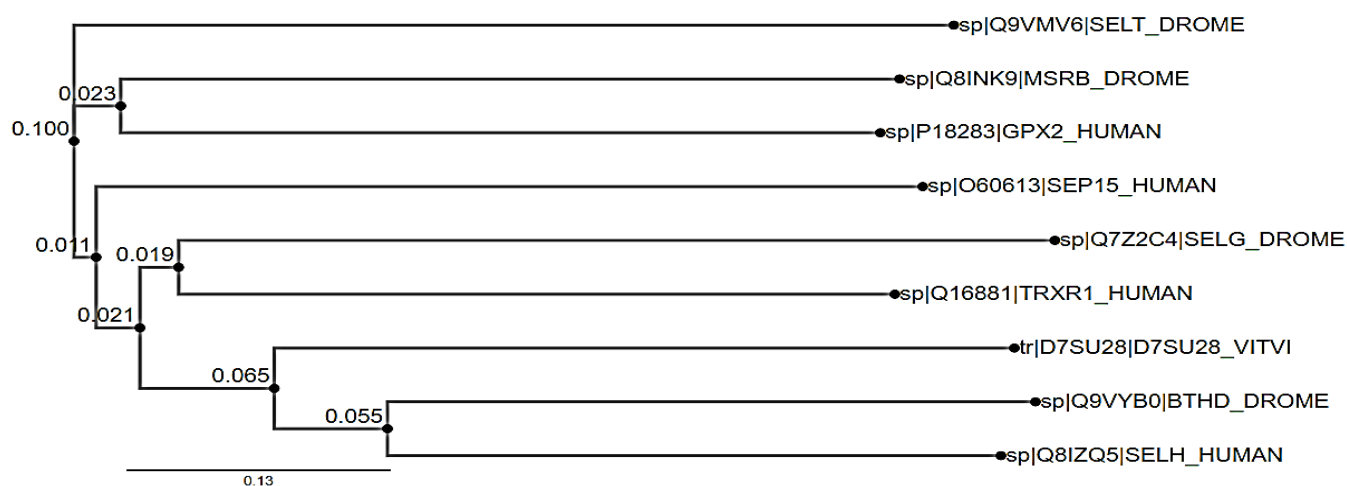


Fig. 3. The phylogenetic tree of all selenoproteins of *D. melanogaster*, four selenoproteins of *H. sapiens* and a selenoprotein of *V. vinifera*.

Cell-penetrating uptake efficiency, while RRGAF has SVM score of 1.28 and high cell-penetrating uptake efficiency. The structure of the CRSUR peptide in linear and cyclic (head-to-tail bond) is shown in Table 6. The predicted targets of CRSUR peptide from selenoprotein BthD show that this selenocysteine-containing peptide have anticancer and antiviral or antineuronal properties based on the biological processes by the target genes obtained such as Furin, Integrin beta-3, and Baculoviral IAP repeat-containing protein (Table 7). The result of pharmacokinetics of CRSUR (Table 8) indicate that gastrointestinal route will not be good for the administration of bioactive peptide.

Discussion

Selenoprotein BthD (BthD) has been reported to possess antioxidant potential (Castellano *et al.* 2001). Selenoprotein T (SelT) is a thioredoxin-disulfide reductase (EC 1.8.1.9) that belongs to the SelWTH family and SELT subfamily. Selenoprotein R (SelR or MsrB) is a peptide-methionine (R)-S-oxide reductase (EC 1.8.4.12) which belongs to the MsrB Met sulfoxide reductase family (Kryukov *et al.* 2003). The thioredoxin and glutathione reductase (TGR Domain) is homodimeric, FAD-containing member of the pyridine nucleotide disulfide oxidoreductase family which contains a C-terminal motif Cys-SeCys-Gly, where SeCys is selenocysteine encoded by TGA which is a stop codon in some sequence).

(Sun *et al.* 2001 TIGR02174 domain is a member of the superfamily cl01407 together with related to pfam10262, a domain found in both bacteria and animals selenoproteins SelT, SelW, and SelH (Dickiy *et al.* 2007).

Taxonomy of Mesangiospermae belongs to eukaryotic plant and its PLN02967 superfamily was similar to an uncharacterized selenoprotein H (UniProt ID: D7SU28) of *V. vinifera*. Some studies have reported that grape (*V. vinifera*) extracts showed cytotoxicity towards cultured cells as well as inhibited tumor growth in animal models (Shrotriya *et al.* 2012; Sun *et al.* 2012).

Different molecular mechanisms have been proposed for these protective effects of grape extracts, such as inhibition of enzymes playing an essential role in cell proliferation (e.g. human topoisomerase I) and inhibition of angiogenesis (Agarwal *et al.* 2004; Stagos *et al.* 2005). The result of a double-blinded randomized crossover human trial showed that dietary supplementation of grape seed extract at a dose of 600 mg/day for 4 weeks can decrease of oxidative stress and enhance glutathione (GSH)/oxidized glutathione (GSSG) and total antioxidant status (Kar *et al.* 2009). The anticancer effects of whole black grape (seeds included) extract have been reported in the cancerous colon tissues of humans by inhibition in DNA turnover enzymes (Durak *et al.* 2005). An *in silico* study has reported the molecular targets for the key bioactive components present in grape such as resveratrol, piceatannol, and scirpusin A (Fatoki *et al.* 2018a).

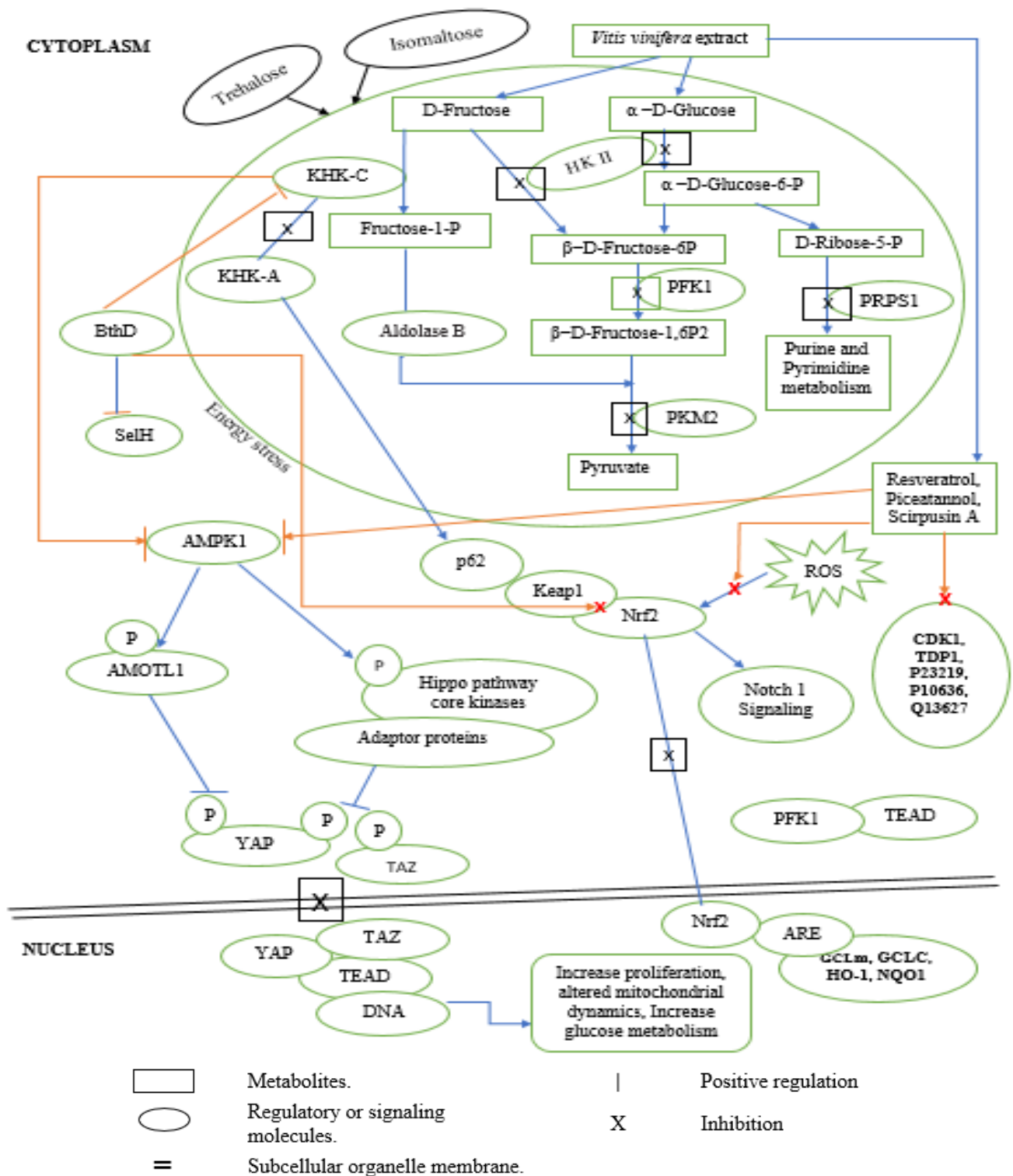


Fig. 4. Integrated anticarcinogenic mechanism of Selenoprotein BthD.

Comprehensive review of anticancer properties of grape can be found in another publication (Zhou and Raffoul 2012).

In *D. melanogaster*, three forms of hexokinases (Hex A, B and C) were found by agar gel electrophoresis (Madhavan et al. 1972). Hex A

and Hex B have been mapped on the same structural gene on the X chromosome (Voelker et al. 1978) while Hex C on the second chromosome (Jelnes 1971). However, whether these three hexokinases were either aldose or ketose was not investigated. The chromosomal location of BthD is

Table 6. Structure of the peptide CRSUR Linear and Head-to-tail bond.

Type	Smiles	Structure
Linear	<chem>N[C@@H](CS)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCNC(=N)N)C(=O)N[C@@H](CO)C(=O)N[C@@H](C[Se])C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCNC(=N)N)C(=O)O</chem>	
Head-to-tail bond	<chem>N1[C@@H](CS)C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCNC(=N)N)C(=O)N[C@@H](CO)C(=O)N[C@@H](C[Se])C(=O)N[C@@H](CCCNC(=N)N)C1=O</chem>	

Chromosome X: 13,612,131-13,613,228 (Table 1). Fructokinase (also known as ketohexokinase; KHK), which catalyzes the phosphorylation of fructose to fructose 1-phosphate, was identified by MALDI-TOF MS and found expressed at extremely low rates in the renal tumor tissues (Hwa *et al.* 2006). A study has shown that fructose-induced ATP depletion in human, rat and mouse hepatocytes cause full protected against tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- α)-induced cytotoxicity, whereas hepatic tumor cell lines showed increased hexokinase II (HKII) expression

which inhibited fructose-mediated cytoprotection (Speicher *et al.* 2010).

Study has shown that trehalose do not stimulate rapid increases in blood glucose and excessive secretion of insulin and gastric inhibitory polypeptide (GIP) promoting fat accumulation (Yoshizane *et al.* 2017). It has been demonstrated that trehalose-6-phosphate (T6P) inhibits yeast hexokinase 2 (HKII) activity, thus it is likely that this metabolite regulates glycolysis by modulating the flow of phosphorylated sugars towards this pathway (Blázquez *et al.* 1993;

Table 7. Predicted targets of CRSUR Peptide from selenoprotein BthD.

S/N	Targets	UniProt ID	CRSUR Peptide [% probability]	
			Linear	Head-to-tail bond
1	Furin	P09958	60	45
2	Proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 4, 5, 6	Q6UW60, Q92824, P29122	60	45
3	Complement factor B Ba fragment	P00751	55	-
4	Complement C2	P06681	55	-
5	Neurotensin receptor type 1, 2	P30989, O95665	50	-
6	WD repeat-containing protein 5, 5B	P61964, Q86VZ2	40	45
7	Coagulation factor VII, IXa heavy chain	P08709, P00740	40	40
8	Factor X light chain	P00742	40	40
9	Complex (Integrin beta-3)	P08514/P05106	35	50
10	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase XIAP	P98170	-	45
11	Baculoviral IAP repeat-containing protein 2, 3, 8	Q13490, Q13489, Q96P09	-	45

Probability on target was computed based on a cross-validation. They may therefore not represent the actual probability of success for any new molecule.

Thevelein *et al.* 1995). T6P plays a critical role as a sensing molecule that promotes sugar fermentation and glucose repression in yeast (Vicente *et al.* 2018). Thus, trehalose diet by cancer patient may be necessary to trigger energy stress which will in turn open up cancer cell to the pathway of selenoprotein BthD. Isomaltose will be needed to mitigate against the diabetes signaling molecules that are associated with cancer cell proliferation. Isomaltose inhibit adenylosuccinate lyase which is a more proximal enzyme in the adenylosuccinate biosynthesis pathway, lowers S-AMP levels and impairs glucose-stimulated insulin secretion (Fatoki *et al.* 2018b), and may help to reduce the risks associated with obesity and type 2 diabetes (van Can *et al.* 2012).

Previous studies have established that phosphoglycerate kinase 1 (PGK1) and pyruvate kinase M2 (PKM2) the only two ATP-generating glycolytic enzymes, which function as protein kinases and play active roles in tumor development (Li *et al.* 2016a). Another study has shown that hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) cells reduce the fructose metabolism rate, and involved a switch in expression from fructokinase C (KHK-C) to fructokinase A (KHK-A) (Li *et al.* 2016b), and in the process KHK-A enhanced nucleic acid synthesis for tumorigenesis (Li *et al.* 2016c), and also enhanced p62's aggregation with Kelch-like ECH-associated protein 1 (Keap1) and nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2 (Nrf2) activation (Xu *et al.* 2019). Nrf2 is located in the cytoplasm and guided by Keap1, but under oxidative stress

Nrf2 moves to the nucleus, where it binds the antioxidant response element (ARE) and drives the expression of several downstream genes such as γ -glutamyl cysteine synthetase modifier subunit (GCLM), glutamate cysteine ligase catalytic subunit (GCLC), heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1) and NAD(P)H quinone oxidoreductase-1 (NQO1) (Shibata *et al.* 2008; Singh *et al.* 2008; Ding *et al.* 2010; Kansanen *et al.* 2013). A novel peptide activator of a key antioxidant gene transcription pathway in the hippocampus, which disrupted the Nrf2–Keap1 interaction in global cerebral ischemia model has been reported (Tu *et al.* 2015). The Hippo signaling pathway plays a crucial role in cell proliferation, apoptosis, differentiation, and development. Transcriptional co-activators Yes-associated protein 1 (YAP) and WW domain-containing transcription regulator protein 1 (TAZ), are major effectors of the Hippo signaling pathway (Bae *et al.* 2017). They function as transcription factors along with TEAD (TEA domain family member) in the nucleus, which increases expression of such target genes as *Ctgf*, *Cyr61*, *AXL*, and *Survivin* (Bae *et al.* 2017). Study has shown that phosphofructokinase 1 (PFK1) mediates glucose-induced YAP- and TAZ-TEAD interactions (Enzo *et al.* 2015). Energy stress, as induced by culturing cells in glucose-free conditions, results in inhibition of YAP activity in mouse hepatocytes in vivo as demonstrated by starvation/re-feeding experiments (Wang *et al.* 2015). In recent time, small peptides having anticancer properties have emerged as a potential

Table 8. Pharmacokinetics of CRSUR Peptide from Selenoprotein BthD.

S/N	Parameters	CRSUR Peptide	
		Linear	Head-to-tail bond
1	Molecular Weight [g.mol ⁻¹]	669.64	651.62
2	Heavy Atoms (HA)	41	40
3	Molar Refractivity	151.53	167.52
4	Total Polar Surface Area (Å ²)	362.55	328.33
5	Lipophilicity Consensus LogP	-3.96	-3.73
6	Water Solubility ESOL Class	Highly soluble	Very soluble
7	Gastrointestinal Absorption	Low	Low
8	Blood Brain Barrier (BBB) Permeant	No	No
9	P-glycoprotein Substrate	No	No
10	Cytochrome P450s Inhibitor	No	No
11	Skin permeation <i>log</i> Kp [cm.s ⁻¹]	-15.29	-12.84
12	Lipinski Violation	3	3
13	Bioavailability Score	0.17	0.17
14	Synthetic Accessibility	5.62	6.40

alternative approach for cancer therapy (Thundimadathil *et al.* 2012). Anticancer peptides (ACPs) are small (5 – 30 amino acids) peptides, often derived from antimicrobial peptides (AMPs) and are cationic in nature (Tyagi *et al.* 2013), while cell-penetrating peptides (CPPs) are small peptides that have unique inherent ability to directly enter cells without significantly damaging the cell membrane (Wei *et al.* 2017). In this study, the selenocysteine-containing peptide CRSUR was identified and further investigated among all peptides obtained. The results show that cyclic peptide CRSUR will be a good anticancer agent through E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase regulating NF-kappa-B signalling by unleashes cell for spontaneous formation of the ripoptosome, a large multi-protein complex that has the capability to kill cancer cells in a caspase-dependent and caspase-independent manner (Bertrand *et al.* 2011).

Conclusions

Low calories diets can cause significant reduction in tumor incidence and tumor growth, and the mechanistic links between diet and cancer which has remain poorly understood (Warr *et al.* 2018), has been unravelled for application in human health through this *in-silico* study. We have shown that selenoprotein BthD can be good antioxidant supplement alone or together with the whole fruit juice of *V. vinifera*, not only against cancer but also virus infection and for overall human health (Moghadaszadeh and Beggs 2006).

Thus, it is possible to build on the understanding of the antioxidant/anticancer potential of BthD by investigating new synthetic peptides from the conserved regions. Further study will be to evaluate anticancer potential of optimized peptides of selenoprotein BthD consisting of 5 – 10 amino acid residues; and also investigate the Sec-containing disaccharides as novel anticancer compounds.

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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