Tyrosine kinase inhibitor BIBF1120 ameliorates inflammation, angiogenesis and fibrosis in CCl₄-induced liver fibrogenesis mouse model

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| Primary Antibody | Source |
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| Monoclonal mouse anti- α -SMA | Sigma |
| Polyclonal goat anti-collagen I | Southern Biotech |
| Monoclonal rat anti-mouse CD31 | Southern Biotech |
| Polyclonal goat anti-desmin | Santa Cruz |
| Polyclonal goat anti-vimentin (sc-7557) | Santa Cruz |
| Monoclonal rat anti-MHC Class II: sc-59318 | Santa Cruz |
| Polyclonal goat anti-YM-1 (Biotinylated Anti-mouse chitinase-3-like 3/ECF-L) | R and D systems |
| Monoclonal mouse anti-β-actin | Sigma |
| Polyclonal rabbit anti-ITGA5 | Sigma |
| Polyclonal rabbit anti-phospho-FAK antibody | Cell signaling |
| Secondary Antibody | Source |
| Polyclonal goat anti-rabbit IgG | DAKO |
| Polyclonal rabbit anti-mouse IgG | DAKO |
| Polyclonal goat anti-mouse IgG | DAKO |
| Polyclonal rabbit anti-goat IgG | DAKO |
| Polyclonal goat anti-rat IgG | Southern Biotech |

Supplementary Table 1: Antibodies used for the immunohistochemistry

| Gene | Forward primer sequence (5'-3') | Reverse primer sequence (5'-3') |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Collagen 1α1 | TGACTGGAAGAGCGGAGAGT | ATCCATCGGTCATGCTCTCT |
| Desmin | ATGCAGCCACTCTAGCTCGT | CTCATACTGAGCCCGGATGT |
| ACTA2 (α-SMA) | ACTACTGCCGAGCGTGAGAT | CCAATGAAAGATGGCTGGAA |
| GAPDH | ACAGTCCATGCCATCACTGC | GATCCACGACGGACACATTG |
| TIMP1 | ATCAGTGCCTGCAGCTTCTT | TGACGGCTCTGGTAGTCCTC |
| PDGFβR | GCTGGAGCTGAGTGAGAGTC | GCAGGTAGACCAGGTGACAT |
| FGFR1 | GCTGACTCCAGTGCATCCAT | ACACGGTTGGGTTTGTCCTT |
| VEGFR2 | TAACCTGGCTGACCCGATTC | AAGTCACAGAGGCGGTATGC |
| CD31 | TCCCTGGGAGGTCGTCCAT | GAACAAGGCAGCGGGGTTTA |
| CD34 | GGGTAGCTCTCTGCCTGATG | TCTCTGAGATGGCTGGTGTG |
| Cadherin 11 | CCGACTTGTGAATGGGACTCG | AGGGCCACAAAGCACAGTAA |
| SOX9 | GTGCAAGCTGGCAAAGTTGA | TGCTCAGTTCACCGATGTCC |
| ITGA5 | GAACCCTGTGTCCTGCATCA | TTGGAGTTCCACCTCGAAGC |
| Fibronectin | ATGAGAAGCCTGGATCCCCT | GGAAGGGTAACCAGTTGGGG |
| IL-6 | TGATGCTGGTGACAACCACGGC | TAAGCCTCCGACTTGTGAAGTGGTA |
| ΤΝFα | AGGCTGCCCCGACTACGTGC | CAGCGCTGAGTTGGTCCCCC |
| CCL2 or MCP1 | GTGCTGACCCCAAGAAGGAA | GTGCTGAAGACCTTAGGGCA |
| TIMP1 | ATCAGTGCCTGCAGCTTCTT | TGACGGCTCTGGTAGTCCTC |
| Arg1 | GTGAAGAACCCACGGTCTGT | CTGGTTGTCAGGGGAGTGTT |
| NOS2 or iNOS | AATCTTGGAGCGAGTTGTGG | CAGGAAGTAGGTGAGGGCTTG |
| Periostin | ATCCACGGAGAGCCAGTCAT | TGTTTCTCCACCTCCTGTGG |
| NOS3 or eNOS | CATGGGCAACTTGAAGAGTGT | GGGTGTCGTAGGTGATGCTG |
| IL-1β | GCCAAGACAGGTCGCTCAGGG | CCCCCACACGTTGACAGCTAGG |

Supplementary Table 2: Sequence of the mouse primers used for quantitative real-time PCR

| Gene | Forward primer sequence (5'-3') | Reverse primer sequence (5'-3') |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Collagen 1α1 | GTACTGGATTGACCCCAACC | CGCCATACTCGAACTGGAAT |
| GAPDH | TCCAAAATCAAGTGGGGCGA | TGATGACCCTTTTGGCTCCC |
| PDGFβR | CATGGGGGTATGGTTTTGTC | GTAAGGTGCCAACCTGCAAT |
| TGFβ1 | GCGTGCTAATGGTGGAAACC | GAGCAACACGGGTTCAGGTA |
| TIMP1 | GGGGACACCAGAAGTCAACC | GGGTGTAGACGAACCGGATG |
| ITGA5 | CAACTTCTCCTTGGACCCCC | GTCCTCTATCCGGCTCTTGC |
| Fibronectin | GTATACGAGGGCCAGCTCAT | CCCAGGAGACCACAAAGCTA |
| NOS2 | CGCAGAGAACTCAGCCTCAT | TGCCTTGAGAACTTCGGGAC |
| ΤΝFα | CTTCTGCCTGCTGCACTTTG | GTCACTCGGGGTTCGAGAAG |
| Periostin | ACAAGAAGAGGTCACCAAGGTC | CTTGCAACTTCCTCACGGGT |
| α-SMA | CCCCATCTATGAGGGCTATG | CAGTGGCCATCTCATTTTCA |

Supplementary Table 3: Sequence of the human primers used for quantitative real-time PCR



Supplementary Figure S1: Graph depicts % cell viability (as assessed by Alamar blue assay) in 3T3 fibroblasts treated with or without TGF β (5ng/ml) ± 500nM or 1 μ M tyrosine kinase inhibitor BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM, n=3.



Supplementary Figure S2: Graph depicts quantitative immunostaining analysis of α -SMA (A) and Collagen I (B) stained LX2 cells that were treated with or without TGF β (5ng/ml) ± 500nM or 1 μ M tyrosine kinase inhibitor BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM, n=3. #p<0.05 denotes significance versus control LX2 cells. *p<0.05, **p<0.01 denotes significance versus TGF β -treated LX2 cells.



Supplementary Figure S3: (A) Respective western blot and (B, C) quantitative band intensity analysis (normalized with respective β -actin bands and expressed in %) depicting Collagen-I, ITGA5, pFAK and β -actin protein expression in human HSCs (LX2 cells) treated with or without TGF β (5ng/ml) ± 1 μ M tyrosine kinase inhibitor BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM, n=3. ##p<0.01 denotes significance versus control cells; **p<0.01 denotes significance versus TGF β -treated cells.



Supplementary Figure S4: Graph depicts % cell viability (as assessed by Alamar blue assay) in human LX2 cells treated with or without TGF β (5ng/ml) ± 500nM or 1 μ M tyrosine kinase inhibitor BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM, n=3.



Supplementary Figure S5: Graph depicts quantitative immunostaining analysis of Collagen I and α -SMA stained primary human hepatic stellate cells (pHSCs) that were treated with or without TGF β (5ng/ml) ± 500nM or 1 μ M tyrosine kinase inhibitor BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM, n=3. #p<0.05 denotes significance versus control pHSCs. *p<0.05, **p<0.01 denotes significance versus TGF β -treated pHSCs.



Supplementary Figure S6: Alanine aminotransferases (ALT) levels (expressed as U/I) as analyzed in the serum from olive-oil-treated controls (normal), vehicle-treated CCl₄ mice (Vehicle) and BIBF1120-treated CCl₄ mice. Each symbol represents individual mice. Bars represent mean ± SEM of n=5 mice per group. ##p<0.01 denotes significance versus olive-oil treated control group.



Supplementary Figure S7: Quantitative gene expression (normalized with GAPDH) of IL-6 in the livers of olive-oil-treated controls (normal), vehicle-treated CCl₄ mice and BIBF1120-treated CCl₄ mice. Bars represent mean ± SEM of n=5 mice per group. *p<0.05 denotes significance versus CCl₄-treated vehicle group.



Supplementary Figure S8: **(A)** Quantitative gene expression (normalized with GAPDH) of NOS2 or iNOS in the livers of olive-oil-treated controls (normal), vehicle-treated CCl₄ mice and BIBF1120-treated CCl₄ mice. **(B)** Quantitative band intensity analysis (normalized with respective β -actin bands and expressed in %) and **(C)** Respective western blot depicting MHC-II and β -actin protein expression in olive-oil-treated controls (normal), vehicle-treated CCl₄ mice. Bars represent mean ± SEM of n=5 mice per group. #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 denotes significance versus olive-oil treated control group.



Supplementary Figure S9: Respective western blot depicting YM1 and β -actin protein expression in oliveoil-treated controls (normal), vehicle-treated CCl₄ mice and BIBF1120-treated CCl₄ mice.



Supplementary Figure S10. Quantitative gene expression (normalized with GAPDH) of M1 macrophage marker, iNOS or NOS2 (nitric oxide synthase 2) (A) and inflammation marker TNF α (B) analyzed in primary human kupffer cells incubated with conditioned medium from primary human hepatic stellate cells that are treated with medium alone (control CM), TGF β (5ng/ml) with or without 1µM BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM of n=3 independent experiments. #p<0.05 denotes significance versus control CM; *p<0.05, **p<0.01 denotes significance versus TGF β CM.



Supplementary Figure S11. Quantitative gene expression (normalized with GAPDH) of inflammation marker TNF α (A) and fibronectin (B) analyzed in primary human LSECs incubated with conditioned medium from primary human hepatic stellate cells that are treated with medium alone (control CM), TGF β (5ng/ml) with or without 1µM BIBF1120. Bars represent mean ± SEM of n=3 independent experiments. #p<0.05 denotes significance versus control CM; *p<0.05, **p<0.01 denotes significance versus TGF β CM.