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Targeted Proteomic Analysis Revealed Kinome Reprogramming during Acquisition of Radioresistance in Breast Cancer Cells

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Abstract

Radiotherapy constitutes a major therapeutic modality for early management of breast cancer. Despite the high efficacy in treating breast cancer (BC), radiation resistance and tumor recurrence are major hurdles in breast cancer radiotherapy. Herein, stable isotope labeling by amino acids in cell culture (SILAC) was employed, along with the parallel-reaction monitoring (PRM)-based targeted quantitative proteomic method, to examine the differences in kinase protein expression in MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells and their corresponding radioresistant C6 and C5 clones. We quantified the relative protein expression levels of 300 and 281 kinases in C5/MDA-MB-231 and C6/MCF-7 pairs of breast cancer cells, respectively. We also showed that TAF9, which was one of the differentially expressed kinases, enhances radiation resistance in breast cancer cells. Moreover, a correlation analysis of gene expression suggested TAF9's role in upregulating the expression of genes involved with radioresistance. Overall, our study uncovered a large number of differentially expressed kinases accompanied with the acquisition of radioresistance and revealed a role of TAF9 in promoting radioresistance in breast cancer.

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Uncropped Western blot images; experimental conditions for cell culture, LC-PRM analysis, and Western blot analysis (PDF)
Relative expression levels of kinases in MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 pairs of radioresistant/parental breast cancer cells (Table S1) (XLSX)

Comparison between the ratios obtained from MRM and PRM analysis in C6/MCF-7 paired breast cancer cells (Table S2) (XLSX)

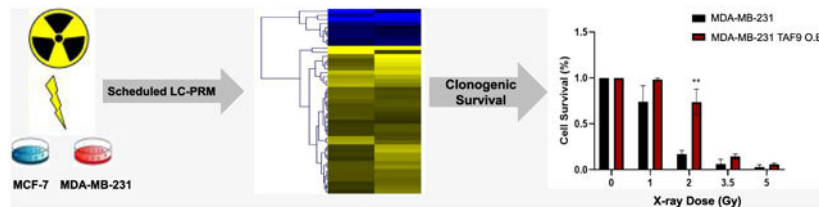
Correlation between the expressions of kinases and in MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 radioresistant/parental cells and the survival among the patients with radiotherapy or mRNA expression in breast cancer tissues versus normal breast tissues (Table S3) (XLSX)

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All of the raw files for LC-PRM analyses of kinases for the two paired radioresistant breast cancer cells were deposited into PeptideAtlas with the identifier number of PASS01644 (<http://www.peptideatlas.org/PASS/PASS01644>).

Graphical Abstract



Keywords

quantitative proteomics; parallel-reaction monitoring; SILAC; kinase; kinome; breast cancer; radioresistance; TAF9

INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is among the most frequent malignancy in women.¹ The global incidence of breast cancer has an annual growth rate of 3.1%, where the total number of cases were 641 000, 1.6 million, and almost 2 million in 1980, 2010, and 2017, respectively.^{2,3} In addition, breast cancer represents the fifth most common cause of cancer death in women.⁴

Multiple approaches have been employed for treating breast cancer, where the majority of early-stage patients undergo breast-conserving surgery with radiotherapy or mastectomy.⁵ Radiotherapy is a treatment method wherein high-energy γ rays introduce DNA damage and kill rapidly proliferating cancer cells. It has been evolving to improve precision in targeting the diseased tissue while minimizing radiation delivery to nearby vital organs like the heart and lungs.⁶ Despite the advances in radiation therapy, uniform radiation doses are typically applied without considering the variations among different subtypes of breast cancer.⁶ As a result, the benefits of this therapy may not be uniform across all patients owing to individual variations in sensitivity toward radiation therapy.⁶ Moreover, some patients may experience recurrences and develop radiation resistance, which confers poor prognosis and diminished quality of life.⁶ Thus, radioresistance presents a major obstacle to the current breast cancer radiotherapy,⁷ and the discovery of novel molecular targets that modulate radiosensitivity may provide a venue for improving therapeutic efficacy and for developing personalized radiotherapy.

Recent studies showed that dysregulations in expression and activity of kinases are associated with the acquisition of resistance toward breast cancer radiation therapy. For example, abnormal expression of maternal embryonic leucine zipper kinase (MELK)⁸ and ataxia-telangiectasia mutated (ATM)⁹ are known to be accompanied by breast cancer that are refractory toward radiation treatment. In addition, Guo et al.¹⁰ reported the application of a targeted proteomic method, relying on the utilization of isotope-labeled desthiobiotin-ATP acyl phosphate probe together with liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) analysis in multiple-reaction monitoring (MRM) mode to reveal the roles of kinases in the acquisition of resistance toward radiation in MCF-7 breast cancer cells. However, the results from the ATP-affinity probe enrichment may be affected by not

only the protein expression level but also the activity of a kinase, rendering it difficult to differentiate their individual contributions. In addition, the earlier version of the kinome profiling method only allowed for the quantifications of 120 unique kinases;¹⁰ thus, some low-abundance kinases associated with radioresistance may not be detected. Therefore, there is a need for in-depth profiling of differential expression of protein kinases that may contribute to the development of resistance to breast cancer radiotherapy.

Herein, we employed our previously developed parallel-reaction monitoring (PRM)-based LC-MS/MS method^{11–16} to examine the differential expression of kinase proteins in two pairs of breast cancer cell lines, i.e., the MDA-MB-231 and MCF-7 breast cancer cells and their corresponding radio-resistant subclones. Our results facilitated the measurements of the relative expression levels of 300 and 281 kinase proteins in the MDA-MB-231 and MCF-7 pairs of breast cancer cells, respectively. We also revealed a role of TAF9 in promoting acquired radiation resistance in breast cancer cells.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Cell Culture

The radioresistant clone (clone 6 or C6) of MCF-7 cells was produced by treating the parental cells with a total of 60 Gy of γ rays and further exposed to an additional term of 30 fractions of γ rays.^{17,18} Similarly, MDA-MB-231 cells were exposed to a combined dose of 30 Gy of ionizing radiation to yield the radioresistant C5 clone.^{18,19}

The details for cell culture conditions are provided in the Supporting Information. Approximately 5×10^6 cells were harvested by trypsinization, washed twice with cold phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), and lysed. The details are provided in the Supporting Information.

Tryptic Digestion of Protein Lysates

The whole cell lysates prepared from MCF-7 or MDA-MB-231 cells were combined with those of their radioresistant counter-parts at a mass ratio of 1:1 (determined by Bradford assay), denatured with 8 M urea, and subsequently treated with dithiothreitol and iodoacetamide for cysteine reduction and alkylation, respectively. The proteins were then digested overnight, in 50 mM NH_4HCO_3 (pH 8.5) and at 37 °C, with modified MS-grade trypsin (Pierce), where the enzyme/substrate ratio was 1:100. The resulting peptide mixture was dried in a Speed-vac, desalted using OMIX C18 pipette tips (Agilent Technologies), and analyzed by LC-MS/MS in the PRM mode.

Liquid Chromatography-Parallel Reaction Monitoring (LC-PRM) Analysis

All LC-PRM experiments were performed on a Q Exactive Plus quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer, where an EASY-nLC 1000 system (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was employed for the separation. Up to four most abundant unique peptides identified from shotgun proteomic analysis were included as precursor ions for each kinase protein. For each of these peptides, the six most abundant y ions from MS/MS for each peptide were chosen for peptide identification and quantification. A mass accuracy of 20 ppm or better for fragment

ions was applied as a criterion during peptide identification in the Skyline platform. The resulting LC-MS/MS data were processed with Skyline (version 3.5) for extracted-ion chromatogram generation and peak area integration.²⁰ The Supporting Information again provides the detailed experimental conditions.

Western Blot

The sample preparation procedures for Western blot analysis are described in the Supporting Information. The primary antibodies included human CHK1 (Cell Signaling Technology, 2360S, 1:2000 dilution) and TAF9 (Proteintech, 10544-1-AP, 1:2500 dilution). The secondary antibodies were horseradish peroxidase-conjugated antirabbit IgG and IRDye 680LT goat antimouse IgG. Membranes were also probed with anti-actin (Cell Signaling no. 4967, 1:10 000 dilution) or anti-GAPDH (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-32233, 1:5000 dilution) antibody to verify equal loading of proteins.

TCGA, UALCAN, and GEPIA Data Analysis

The mRNA expression profiles and clinical data for the Molecular Taxonomy of Breast Cancer International Consortium (METABRIC)²¹ cohort were retrieved using cBioPortal (http://www.cbioportal.org/data_sets.jsp).²² A total of 1137 patients in the METABRIC cohort with radiation therapy was employed for TCGA analysis. Median mRNA expression levels of genes encoding kinases were further employed as cutoff for categorizing breast cancer patients into low and high expression groups (568 and 569 patients, respectively). The log-rank test was employed to determine *p*-values, and a *p* < 0.05 was considered significant.

Box plots for kinase mRNA expression were generated using the gene expression data for cell lines derived from 114 normal breast tissues and 1097 breast cancer tissues using UALCAN (<http://ualcan.path.uab.edu/index.html>)²³ The *t*-test was conducted with a PERL script in Comprehensive Perl Archive Network (CPAN) module “Statistics::TTest” (<http://search.cpan.org/~yunfang/Statistics-TTest-1.1.0/TTest.pm>).²³ Correlation analysis of gene expression was conducted using GEPIA,²⁴ where the expression of genes of interest in 1085 breast cancer tissues was analyzed. Pearson’s correlation coefficient was employed to calculate the distance metric.

Plasmid Construction and Clonogenic Survival Assay

The coding region of human *TAF9* gene was amplified from a cDNA library prepared from mRNAs of HEK293T cells and cloned into the pRK7 plasmid after restriction digestion using XbaI and BamHI. The resulting pRK7-TAF9 plasmid was confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 cells were transfected with a control pRK7 vector or pRK7-TAF9 using Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer’s recommended procedures. At 24 h following the transfection, the cells were seeded in triplicate in six-well plates at a concentration of 900 cells per well and incubated overnight. On the following day, the cells were exposed to 0, 1, 2, 3.5, or 5 Gy of X-rays, delivered by a Rad Source RS-2000 cabinet irradiator (Rad Source Technologies, Buford, GA). Following a 10 day incubation,

cell colonies were fixed with a 6% glutaraldehyde solution for 1 h and subsequently stained for half an hour with 0.5% crystal violet. Those colonies with at least 50 cells were counted.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Quantitative Interrogation of Differences in Expression of Kinase Proteins in Two Matched Pairs of Radioresistant/Parental Breast Cancer Cells

To unveil potential functions of kinases in acquired radioresistance, we employed a PRM-based targeted proteomic method,^{11–16} in combination with stable isotope labeling by amino acids in cell culture (SILAC),²⁵ to screen for differentially expressed kinase proteins in two matched pairs of breast cancer cells, i.e., parental (WT) MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 cells, as well as their corresponding radioresistant C6 and C5 clones (Figure 1a).

The targeted proteomic analysis enabled the quantifications of 281 and 300 unique kinases in the MCF-7 WT/C6 and MDA-MB-231 WT/C5 pairs of breast cancer cells, respectively (Figures 1b,c and 2, and Table S1). All four to six PRM transitions selected for each peptide derived from kinases showed the same elution time and exhibited a dot product (dotp) value²⁶ over 0.7. Additionally, over 90% of all of the quantified kinase proteins were detected in both forward and reverse SILAC experiments (Figure 1b,c and Table S1). Furthermore, the peptide ratios derived from forward and reverse SILAC labeling experiments showed linear fits with R^2 of 0.55 and 0.56 (Figure 1b,c), where the variations may arise from biological heterogeneities and variabilities in sample preparation procedures. These results, therefore, revealed the robustness and reasonably good reproducibility of the PRM method.

Previously, Guo et al.¹⁰ employed desthiobiotin-ATP probe together with LC-MRM analysis to reveal the roles of kinases in the acquisition of radioresistance in MCF-7 cells. We next compared the reported MRM and our PRM data to assess the changes in protein expression levels and ATP-binding affinities of kinases upon acquisition of radioresistance in MCF-7 cells. We found that 87 kinases were commonly quantified in the two data sets (Figure 3a and Table S2). Kinase ratios (C6/MCF-7) derived from PRM and MRM analyses lacked apparent correlation (Figure 3b), suggesting that many kinases were with altered ATP-binding affinities during the acquisition of radioresistance. The comparison of the two data sets revealed that the perturbations of some kinases (e.g., CHK1 and CDK1) are due to protein expression alone, whereas the ATP-binding affinities of MAP4K4 and MAPK13 are induced profoundly during the acquisition of radioresistance (Figure 3b). This agrees with a recent study showing the role of MAP4K4 in regulating DNA double-strand break (DSB) repair.²⁷ Along this line, we uncovered enhanced ATP-binding affinities of 10 kinases and diminished affinities of 15 kinases, which could be important in the acquisition of radioresistance in MCF-7 cells (Table S2).

Altered Expressions of Kinase Proteins upon the Acquisition of Radioresistance in Breast Cancer Cells

The PRM method facilitated the quantifications of the relative expressions of 227 common kinases in the two pairs of breast cancer cells, which exhibited similar changes in kinome

profiles upon the development of radioresistance (Figure 4a,b). In particular, 45 kinases were commonly altered by at least 1.5-fold in both lines of radioresistant breast cancer cells when compared to the corresponding parental lines (Figure 4c and Table 1). In this vein, it is of note that MDA-MB-231 and MCF-7 cells carry mutant and wild-type p53 gene, respectively;²⁸ hence, we deduce that the acquired radioresistance-elicited changes in expression levels of these kinases are independent of p53 status in breast cancer cells. Moreover, several of these kinases were previously characterized to confer radiation resistance in cancer cells. For example, CHK1, which is involved in DNA-damage-checkpoint responses, is known to be associated with the acquisition of radioresistance in cancer cells.^{29,30} In addition, upregulation of HK2 was found to elicit radioresistance by increasing the glycolysis rate.³¹ Moreover, DDR1, a receptor tyrosine kinase, is able to regulate autophagy and ultimately modulate radiosensitivity in glioblastoma.³²

To understand further the molecular mechanisms through which the differentially expressed kinases may contribute to radioresistance, we carried out Gene Ontology (GO) and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathway analyses (Figure 4d). Interestingly, RNA polymerases stand out in both GO and KEGG pathway analyses, while seven subunits of RNA polymerase II complex were commonly upregulated in the two radioresistant lines over the respective parental lines. Furthermore, analysis of The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) data among those breast cancer patients with radiotherapy revealed that increased expression of one out of seven RNA polymerase II subunits, i.e., POLR2H, was associated positively with poorer survival of patients with breast cancer (Figure 5a and Table S3). Therefore, our results suggest that RNA polymerase II may promote the acquisition of radioresistance.

TAF9 Drives the Acquisition of Radioresistance in Breast Cancer Cells

To uncover those differentially expressed kinases that modulate the acquisition of radioresistance in breast cancer cells, we compared our kinome quantification results with the mRNA levels of kinases in primary breast tumor tissues and normal tissues (Table S3). We found that the differential mRNA expressions of 25 out of 45 perturbed kinases were positively correlated with their protein expressions, including CHK1 and TAF9, while the expression of CHK1 was positively correlated with poorer survival of breast cancer patients (Figure 5b). Consistent with the PRM data, our Western blot results revealed increased expressions of CHK1 and TAF9 in the radioresistant breast cancer cells over the parental breast cancer cells (Figure 5c–e). These results also support the quantification accuracy of the PRM method.

We also observed higher mRNA expression levels of *CHEK1*, which encodes CHK1 kinase, and *TAF9* genes in the breast tumors compared to normal tissues (Figure 5f). Since CHK1 is known to be involved in the DNA damage response signaling and correlated with radiosensitivity of cancer cells,^{29,30} we focused on examining the function of TAF9 in acquired radioresistance in breast cancer cells.

TAF9 is a component of multiple protein complexes, including the transcription factor IID (TFIID) complex and the TBP-free TAFII complex (TFTC).³³ Because both the TFIID complex and TFTC are required for the transcriptional regulation modulated by RNA

polymerase II, TAF9 may regulate RNA polymerase II-catalyzed transcription. As noted above, the protein expression levels of seven out of eight quantified subunits of RNA polymerase II were elevated in both radioresistant lines of breast cancer cells. Thus, TAF9 may assume a central role in the acquisition of radioresistance in breast cancer cells by regulating RNA polymerase II-based transcription.

To assess directly the role of TAF9 in the acquisition of radioresistance, we overexpressed *TAF9* gene in MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 cells, and assessed its impact on the survival of breast cancer cells following exposure to X-rays. Results from our clonogenic survival assay showed increased survival of MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 cells upon ectopic overexpression of TAF9 compared to transfection with empty vector control, with the most pronounced decrease being observed for cells exposed with 2 Gy of X-rays (Figure 6a,b).

As TAF9 binds directly to several transcription factors such as p53^{34,35} and VP16,³⁶ thereby regulating gene transcription, we also asked if TAF9 regulates the transcription of radioresistant-related genes. For this purpose, we compared the mRNA expression levels of TAF9 and drivers of radioresistance in 1085 breast cancer tissues. HK2 and DDR1 are two known drivers that we identified to be upregulated in both radioresistant cell lines, as described above. The mRNA expression levels of these two genes are positively correlated with the mRNA level of *TAF9* gene in breast cancer patients, indicating that TAF9 may assume a potential role in the upregulation of those drivers for radiation resistance (Figure 6c).

CONCLUSIONS

By applying a PRM-based targeted proteomic method, we investigated the alterations in kinase protein expression that are accompanied with acquired radioresistance in two pairs of breast cancer cells. With this method, we quantified 300 and 281 kinases in MDA-MB-231/C5 and MCF-7/C6 pairs of breast cancer cells, respectively. Among these kinases, 45 were commonly altered by at least 1.5-fold in both pairs of breast cancer cell lines. We also validated that one of upregulated kinases in the radioresistant breast cancer cells, TAF9, promotes the acquisition of radioresistance in cultured breast cancer cells. Moreover, gene correlation analysis suggested *TAF9*'s role in positively regulating the expression of other genes involved in radioresistance. Overall, our study revealed a new role of TAF9 in promoting the acquisition of radioresistance in breast cancer and uncovered a number of other kinases with potential functions in radioresistance.

Supplementary Material

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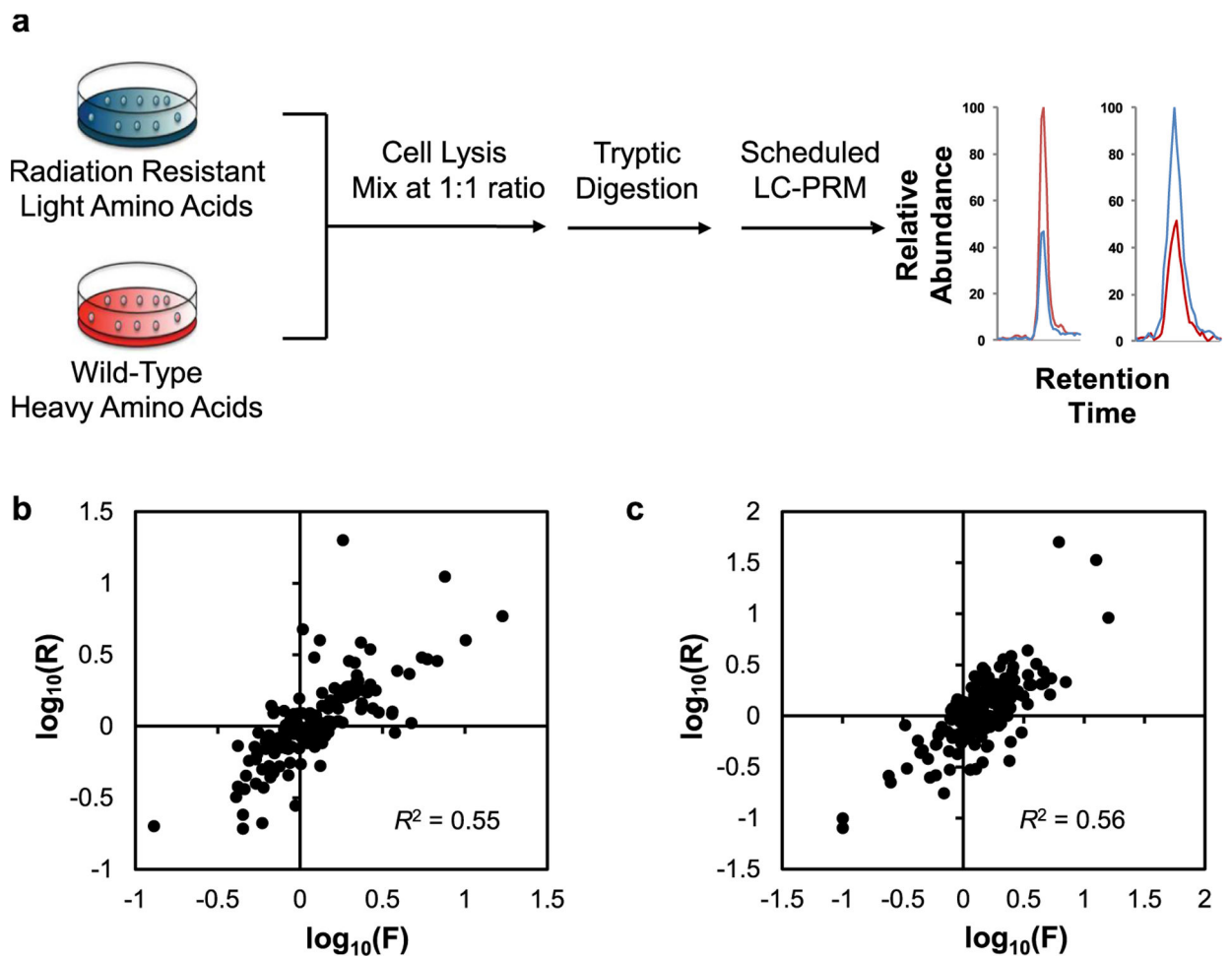


Figure 1.

PRM-based targeted proteomic method for quantitative analyses of differences in kinase protein expression in two pairs of radioresistant/parental breast cancer cells. (a) A schematic diagram illustrating the workflow for the PRM method. (b, c) Scatter plots displaying the correlations between the ratios of kinase protein expression in C6/MCF-7 (b) and C5/MDA-MB-231 (c) pairs of breast cancer cells derived from LC-MS/MS analyses in conjunction with forward and reverse SILAC experiments.

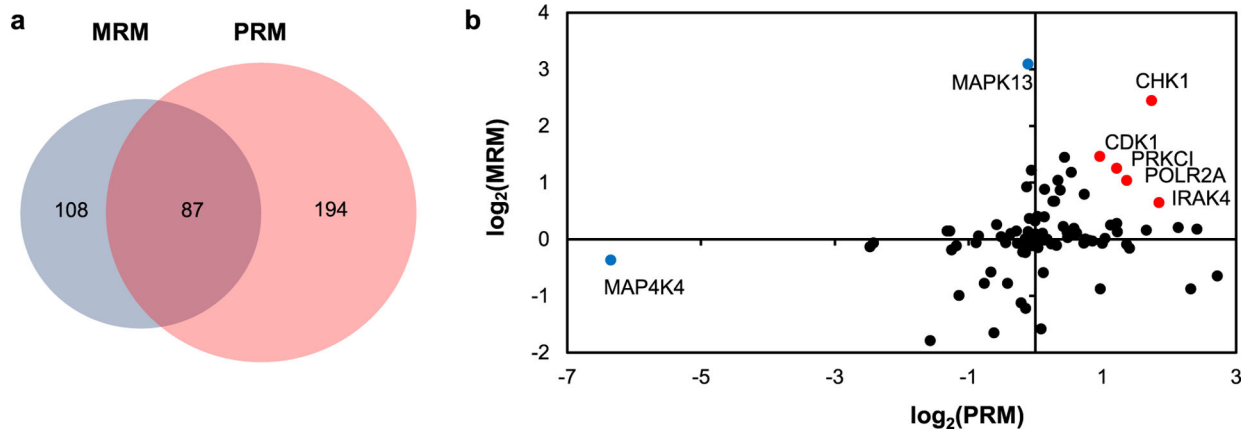


Figure 3. Comparison of quantification results acquired from PRM and MRM analyses. (a) Venn diagram displaying the number of overlapped and unique kinases quantified in the MRM and PRM analyses for the C6/MCF-7 pair of breast cancer cells. (b) Scatter plot displaying the correlation between the ratios of kinases obtained from MRM and PRM analysis in the C6/MCF-7 pair of breast cancer cells.

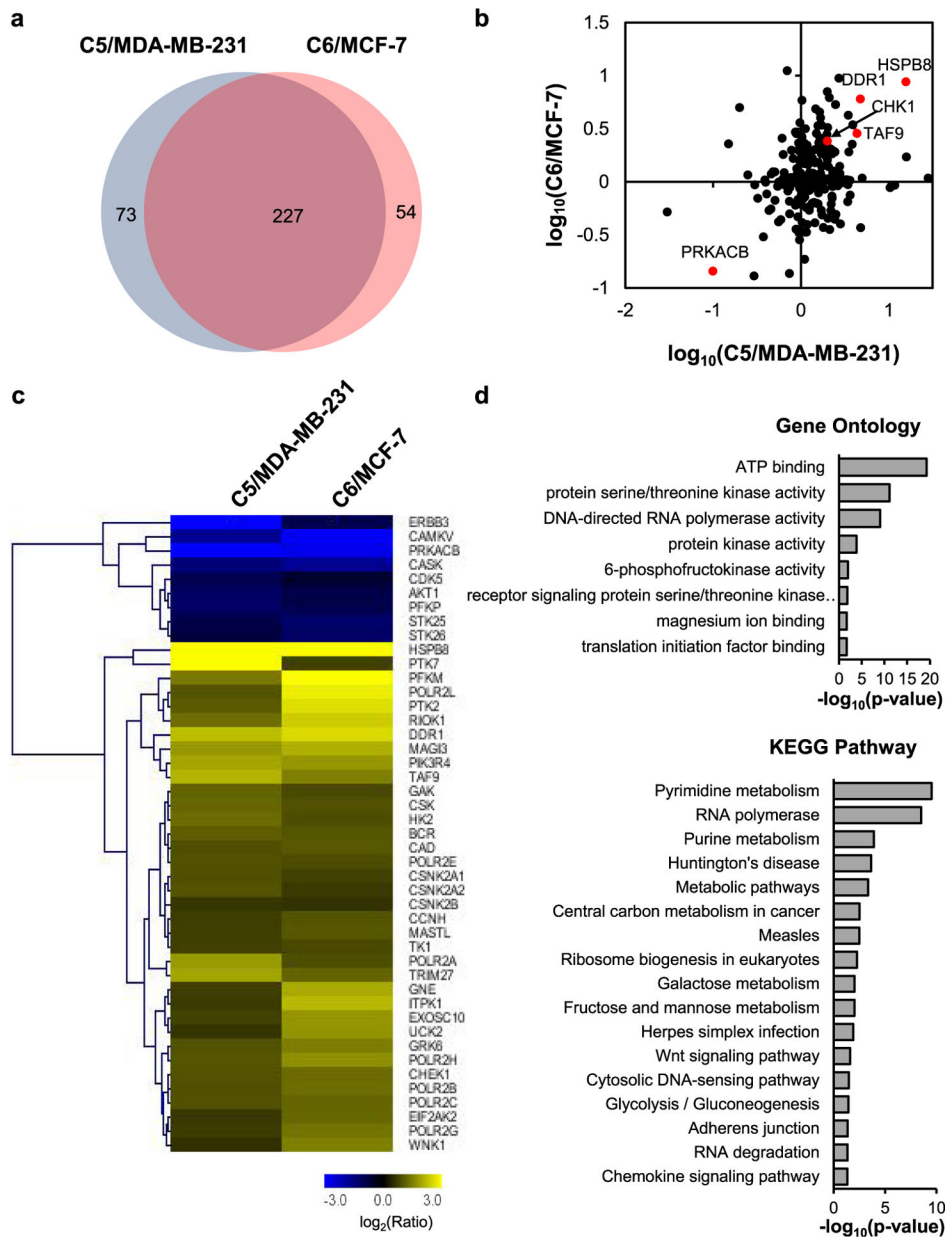


Figure 4. Comparison of the quantified kinases in the two pairs of breast cancer cells. (a) Venn diagram showing the overlap between quantified kinases from C5/MDA-MB-231 and C6/MCF-7 pairs of breast cancer cells. (b) Scatter plot displaying the correlation between the expression ratios of kinases obtained for the two pairs of radioresistant/parental (WT) cells. (c) Heatmap displaying the variations in the expression of the commonly altered kinases in the two pairs of radioresistant/WT breast cancer cell lines. Genes are clustered with Euclidean distance. The data represent the average values of the results obtained from two forward and two reverse SILAC experiments (see Table 1 for detailed ratios). (d) GO and KEGG pathway analyses of commonly perturbed kinases in the two matched pairs of radioresistant/parental breast cancer cell lines.

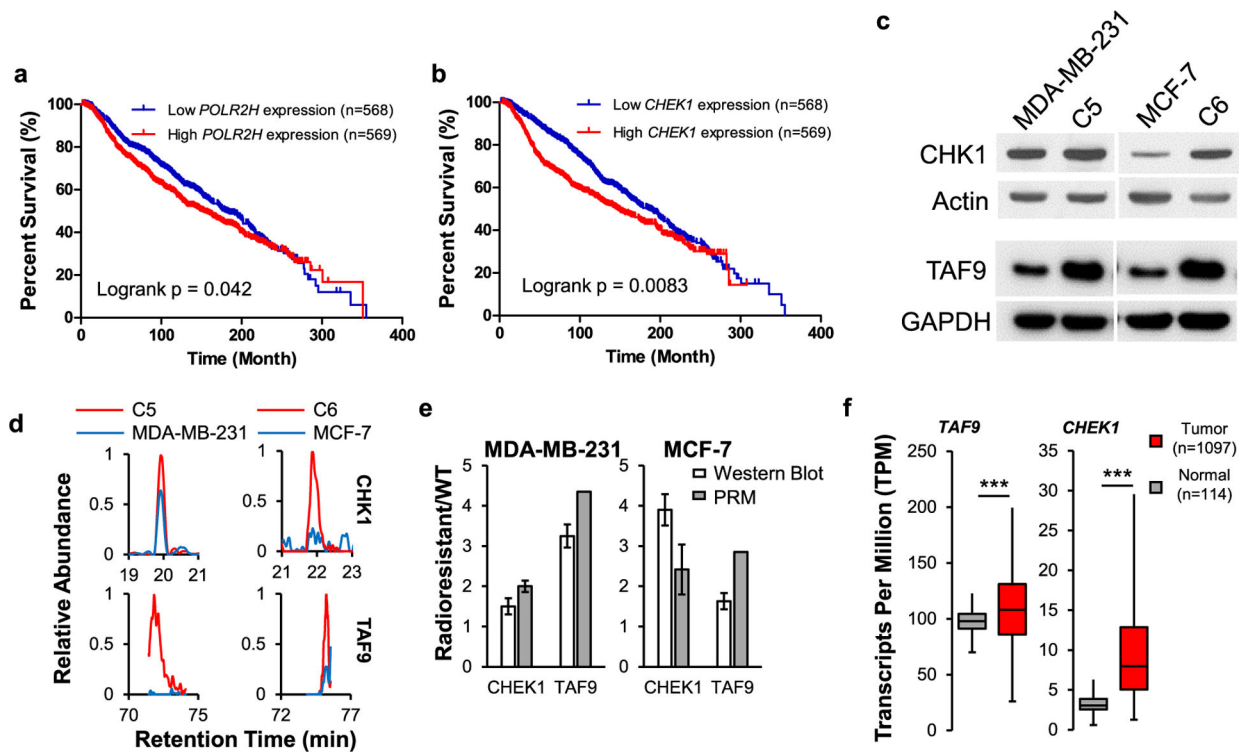


Figure 5.

Differential expressions of CHK1 and TAF9 in acquired radioresistance. Patient survival correlates with the mRNA expression levels of *POLR2H* (a) and *CHEK1* (b) genes in the METABRIC cohort with radiation therapy. The *p*-value was calculated using the log-rank test. (c) Western blot for verifying the relative expression levels of CHK1 and TAF9 proteins in the paired breast cancer cells. (d) PRM traces for quantifying CHK1 and TAF9 proteins. (e) Quantitative comparison of the ratios of CHK1 and TAF9 in the paired breast cancer cells obtained from PRM and Western blot analysis. The mean \pm S.D. of the quantification results ($n = 3$) are shown. (f) Box-and-whisker plot illustrating the comparison of mRNA levels of *CHEK1* and *TAF9* genes in normal breast tissues and primary breast cancer tissues. Data were retrieved from 114 normal breast tissues and 1097 breast cancer tissues from UALCAN. Box plots represent the interquartile range (IQR), including minimum, 25th percentile, median, 75th percentile, and maximum values, with outliers being excluded from the plot.

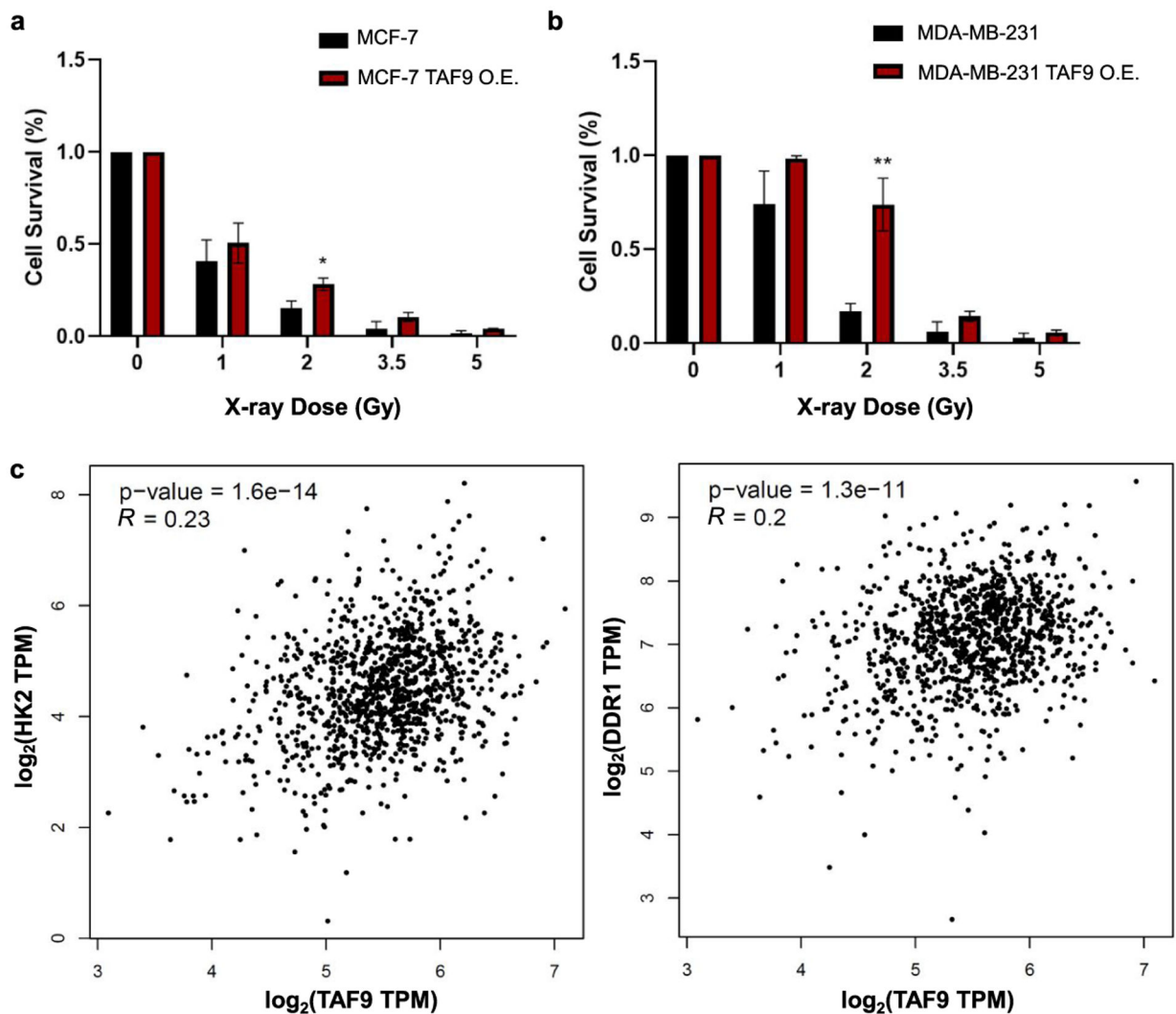


Figure 6.

TAF9 modulates the acquisition of radiation resistance in breast cancer cells. (a-b) Relative cell survival of MCF-7 (a) and MDA-MB-231 (b) breast cancer cells with exposure to different doses of X-rays after ectopic overexpression TAF9 or transfection with an empty vector (control). Unpaired, two-tailed Student's *t*-test was used to determine the *p*-values: *, 0.01 $p < 0.05$; **, 0.001 $p < 0.01$. (c) Correlations between mRNA expression levels of TAF9 and those of HK2 or DDR1 gene obtained from 1085 breast cancer patients.

Table 1.

Relative Protein Expression Levels of Those Kinases that Are Altered by At Least 1.5-Fold in Both MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 Pairs of Radioresistant/Parental Cells^a

protein	C5/MDA-MB-231	C6/MCF-7
AKT1	0.46 ± 0.21	0.55 ± 0.14
BCR	2.17	2.05 ± 0.30
CAD	1.92 ± 0.39	2.08 ± 0.14
CAMKV	0.29 ± 0.03	0.13
CASK	0.37	0.30 ± 0.17
CCNH	1.67 ± 0.63	2.03 ± 0.21
CDK5	0.51 ± 0.16	0.67 ± 0.11
CHEK1	2.00 ± 0.14	2.42 ± 0.62
CSK	2.33 ± 0.84	1.96 ± 0.41
CSNK2A1	1.95 ± 1.03	1.72 ± 0.08
CSNK2A2	2.01 ± 0.20	1.61 ± 0.10
CSNK2B	1.58 ± 0.14	1.53 ± 0.26
DDR1	4.76	6.01 ± 3.53
EIF2AK2	1.60 ± 0.17	2.34 ± 0.52
ERBB3	0.03	0.52
EXOSC10	1.72 ± 0.35	3.41 ± 1.38
GAK	2.27 ± 0.55	1.84 ± 0.28
GNE	1.68 ± 0.6	4.00
GRK6	1.98	2.80 ± 1.82
HK2	2.44 ± 0.65	1.91 ± 0.34
HSPB8	15.71 ± 11.95	8.75 ± 8.66
ITPK1	1.64 ± 0.98	4.54 ± 1.80
MAGI3	3.46	4.23
MASTL	1.70 ± 0.38	2.06 ± 0.27
PFKM	2.72 ± 0.69	9.45 ± 5.44
PFKP	0.43 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.05
PIK3R4	3.90 ± 3.51	3.45
POLR2A	3.53 ± 1.58	1.92 ± 0.18
POLR2B	1.94 ± 0.68	2.46 ± 0.44
POLR2C	1.96 ± 0.10	2.30 ± 1.25
POLR2E	1.96 ± 0.39	1.90 ± 0.40
POLR2G	1.65 ± 0.07	2.58 ± 1.16
POLR2H	2.02 ± 0.90	3.24 ± 0.75
POLR2L	2.00 ± 0.46	7.07 ± 4.33
PRKACB	0.10 ± 0.00	0.14
PTK2	2.11 ± 0.90	6.21
PTK7	15.93 ± 13.90	1.71 ± 0.10
RIOK1	2.48 ± 0.69	5.33 ± 2.00

protein	C5/MDA-MB-231	C6/MCF-7
STK25	0.56	0.42
STK26	0.59 ± 0.16	0.44 ± 0.20
TAF9	4.35	2.85
TK1	1.71 ± 0.64	1.84 ± 0.20
TRIM27	3.85	2.26 ± 1.31
UCK2	1.56 ± 0.43	3.38 ± 1.14
WNK1	1.51 ± 0.33	2.85 ± 1.66

^aThe values represent the mean ratio ± S.D. Some kinases were quantified in only one replicate; thus, no S.D. was reported for these kinases.

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