

**Tioconazole and chloroquine act synergistically to combat doxorubicin-induced toxicity via
inactivation of PI3K/AKT/mTOR signaling mediated ROS dependent apoptosis and
autophagic flux inhibition in MCF-7 breast cancer cells**

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Supplementary Table 1: Data for best constant combination achieved high % of cell death, and combination index (CI) for DOX, CQ and TIC.

IC ₅₀ ratio	DOX: CQ (1:2)	DOX: TIC (1:6)	DOX: CQ: TIC (1:1:1)
Death (%) (ED85)	94%	93%	95%
CI	0.256	0.54	0.53

Supplementary Table 2: Serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alkaline phosphatase (ALP) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) activities in the different mice groups.

Groups	ALT (U/L)	AST (U/L)	ALP (U/L)	LDH (U/L)
Control Mean± SD	22.4±1.6	93.4±3	137.3±9	790.4±16.8
MCF-7 Mean± SD <i>p</i> value % Change	74 ±4.5 < 0.0001 230.35	139.4±2.4 < 0.0001 49.25	170.1±6 >0.05 23.8	575±17.5 < 0.0001 -27.25
DOX Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value % Change	86±1.5 < 0.0001 >0.05 283.9	149.2±3.6 < 0.0001 >0.05 59.7	180.2±7 < 0.01 >0.05 31.24	1492±10.5 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 88.76
CQ Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	23±0.6 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 2.67	62±3.6 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -33.61	136±5 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.01 -0.946	848.1±17 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 7.287
TIC Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	21.7±1.2 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -3.12	95±4 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 1.71	135.9±4 >0.05 < 0.05 < 0.01 -1.019	841±14.1 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 6.401
DOX&CQ Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	35±6.2 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 56.25	134±5.2 < 0.0001 >0.05 >0.05 43.46	149±6 >0.05 >0.05 >0.05 8.521	872±14 < 0.01 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 10.32
DOX&TIC Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	32.8±4.8 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 46.42	111.8±4.7 >0.05 <0.01 < 0.0001 19.70	145±12 >0.05 >0.05 < 0.05 5.608	862±16 < 0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 9.05
TIC&DOX&CQ Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	29±2.7 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 29.46	109.2±7.6 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 16.91	144.5±8 >0.05 >0.05 < 0.05 5.243	855±15 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 8.173

Values are expressed as mean ± SE, n = 8 for each group.

Means are significantly different as following; *p* value: versus normal control group *p** value: versus MCF-7 control group *p***value: versus Doxorubicin group.

Supplementary Table 3: Serum total protein, albumin, urea, creatinine, and total lipid concentrations in the different mice groups.

Groups	Total protein (g/dl)	Albumin (mg/dl)	Urea (mg/dl)	Creatinine (mg/dl)	Total lipid (mg/dl)
Control Mean± SD	6.4±0.10	3.8±0.01	25.1±1.5	0.52±0.01	25.3±1.4
MCF-7 Mean± SD <i>p</i> value % Change	3.1±0.32 < 0.0001 -51.56	2.1±0.051 < 0.01 -44.73	44.7±2.5 < 0.0001 78.08	0.78±0.05 < 0.0001 50	44±1.19 < 0.0001 73.91
DOX Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value % Change	3.8±0.51 < 0.0001 >0.05 -40.62	1.94±0.015 < 0.0001 >0.05 -48.94	65.5±2.2 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 160.95	0.93±0.04 < 0.0001 < 0.01 78.84	67±1.5 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 164.82
CQ Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	4.9±0.49 >0.05 < 0.05 >0.05 -23.43	3.3±0.04 >0.05 >0.05 < 0.05 -13.15	33.42±1.1 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.0001 33.14	0.615±0.01 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 18.26	37±3.2 < 0.01 >0.05 < 0.0001 46.24
TIC Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	4.5±0.3 < 0.05 >0.05 >0.05 -29.68	3.6±0.025 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.01 -5.26	31.5±1.3 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 25.49	0.64±0.02 < 0.05 < 0.01 < 0.0001 23.07	35.3±2.2 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.0001 39.5
DOX&CQ Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	5.7±0.53 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.05 -10.93	3.42±0.012 >0.05 < 0.05 < 0.05 -10	32.15±1.3 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.0001 28.08	0.603±0.019 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 15.96	38.3±2.18 < 0.0001 >0.05 < 0.0001 51.38
DOX&TIC Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	5.4±0.12 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.05 -12.5	3.61±0.012 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.01 -5	31.34±3.3 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 24.86	0.607±0.018 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 16.73	36.7±1.4 < 0.01 >0.05 < 0.0001 45.05
TIC&DOX&CQ Mean± SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	5.9±0.29 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.01 -7.81	3.68±0.032 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.01 -3.15	30.41±2.3 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 21.15	0.564±0.014 >0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 8.46	33.4±1.6 >0.05 < 0.01 < 0.0001 32.01

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Means are significantly different as following; *p* value: versus normal control group *p**

value: versus MCF-7 control group *p*** value: versus Doxorubicin group.

Supplementary Table 4: Hepatic total thiol concentrations, GPx, GST, and catalase activities and total antioxidant capacity in the different mice groups (Antioxidant defense system markers).

Groups	Total Thiol (μ mol/g tissue)	GPx (μ mol/min/ mg protein)	GST (nmol/min/ mg protein)	Catalase (μ mol/min/mg protein)	Total antioxidant capacity (μ mol/ tissue)
Control Mean $\pm$ SD	60 $\pm$ 5	0.547 $\pm$ 0.01	11.45 $\pm$ 0.3	142 $\pm$ 5	22.7 $\pm$ 1.5
MCF-7 Mean $\pm$ SD <i>p</i> value % Change	42.31 $\pm$ 5.6 < 0.0001 -29.48%	0.185 $\pm$ 0.01 < 0.0001 -66.17%	6.6 $\pm$ 0.5 < 0.0001 -42.3%	100.8 $\pm$ 5.6 < 0.0001 -28.5%	11.3 $\pm$ 1.77 < 0.0001 -50.22%
DOX Mean $\pm$ SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value % Change	34 $\pm$ 9 < 0.0001 N.S -43.3%	0.16 $\pm$ 0.02 < 0.0001 N.S -69.1%	4.75 $\pm$ 0.4 < 0.0001 N.S -58.5%	21.25 $\pm$ 9 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -84.9%	4.91 $\pm$ 2.84 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -78.37%
CQ Mean $\pm$ SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	57.69 $\pm$ 6 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -3.85%	0.58 $\pm$ 0.01 < 0.001 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 7.67	9.96 $\pm$ 0.63 N.S < 0.01 < 0.0001 -13.01%	139 $\pm$ 6 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -1.41%	25.6 $\pm$ 1.89 < 0.05 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 12.77%
TIC Mean $\pm$ SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	57.9 $\pm$ 5.3 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -3.5%	0.56 $\pm$ 0.01 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 2.92%	10.2 $\pm$ 0.47 N.S < 0.001 < 0.0001 -10.91%	140.25 $\pm$ 5.3 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -0.53%	33.2 $\pm$ 1.67 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 46.2%
DOX&CQ Mean $\pm$ SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	54.5 $\pm$ 6.6 N.S < 0.001 < 0.0001 -9.16%	0.54 $\pm$ 0.02 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -1.27%	9.04 $\pm$ 0.82 < 0.05 < 0.05 < 0.0001 -21.04%	126.12 $\pm$ 6.6 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -10.54%	18.8 $\pm$ 2.08 < 0.001 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -17.18%
DOX&TIC Mean $\pm$ SD <i>p</i> value <i>p</i> * value <i>p</i> **value % Change	58.3 $\pm$ 5.2 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -2.8%	0.52 $\pm$ 0.01 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -4.5%	8.42 $\pm$ 0.37 N.S < 0.05 < 0.0001 -26.4%	126 $\pm$ 5.2 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -10.63%	22.28 $\pm$ 1.644 N.S < 0.0001 < 0.0001 -1.85%

TIC&DOX&CQ					
Mean± SD	55.69±6	0.66±0.01	10.58±0.6	138.8±6	29.8±1.89
p value	N.S	< 0.0001	N.S	N.S	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.001	< 0.0001
p**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.001	< 0.0001
% Change	-7.1%	22.12%	-7.59%	-1.56%	31.27%

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Supplementary Table 5: Hepatic thiobarbituric acid reactive substance (TBARS), conjugated dienes, lipid hydroperoxide, total antioxidant capacity levels and Thioredoxin reductase activity in the different mice groups (Oxidative stress markers).

Groups	(TBARS) (nmol/g tissue)	Conjugated dienes (μmol/ g tissue)	Lipid hydroperoxide (μmol/ g tissue)	Thioredoxin reductase (μmol/min mg protein)	DNA Damage (%)
Control					
Mean± SD	55.85±7	1.57±0.1	5.32±1	1.48±0.05	9.25±0.47
MCF-7					
Mean± SD	68.7±5.6	1.84±0.14	7.8±1.4	0.91±0.056	15.85±0.56
p value	< 0.01	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	23.0%	17.1%	46.6%	-38.70%	71.35%
DOX					
Mean± SD	98.03±8	2±0.13	8.16±1.3	0.86±0.09	8.4±0.411
p value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.001	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.05	N.S	N.S	< 0.0001
% Change	75.5%	27.3%	53.3%	-41.93%	-9.18%
CQ					
Mean± SD	48.52±8.5	1.3±0.09	3.08±0.9	1.58±0.06	7.02±0.126
p value	N.S	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.01	< 0.001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
p**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	13.12%	-17.19%	-42.10%	6.67%	-24.10%
TIC					
Mean± SD	39.8±7.3	1.4±0.05	3.39±0.5	1.60±0.053	7.05±0.120
p value	< 0.001	< 0.01	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
p**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.01
% Change	-28.73%	-10.82%	-36.16%	7.76%	-23.78%
DOX&CQ					
Mean± SD	34.06±8.6	1.5±0.02	4.6±0.2	1.28±0.07	6.17±0.284
p value	< 0.0001	N.S	N.S	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001

<i>p</i>**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-39.01%	-4.45%	-13.53%	-13.92%	-33.29%
DOX&TIC					
Mean± SD	31.29±5.2	1.4±0.08	4.52±0.8	1.401±0.052	5.65±0.094
<i>p</i> value	< 0.0001	< 0.01	N.S	N.S	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-43.9%	-10.82%	-15.03%	-5.77%	-38.91%
TIC&DOX&CQ					
Mean± SD	34.66±7	1.4±0.12	3.86±0.12	1.57±0.06	5.22±0.053
<i>p</i> value	< 0.0001	< 0.01	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-37.94%	-10.82%	-27.44%	5.86%	-43.56%

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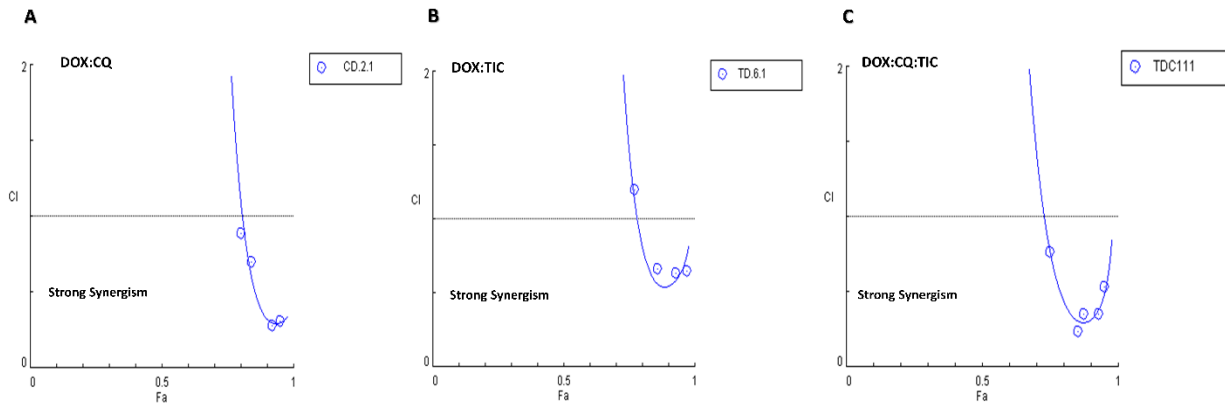
Supplementary Table 6: Hepatic Arylsulphatase A, Arylsulphatase B concentrations, Arylestrase and paraoxnase activities in in the different mice groups (Hepatic toxicity parameters)

Groups	ASA (μmol/h/mg protein)	ASB (μmol/h/mg protein)	Arylestrase (nmol/min/ml)	Paraoxnase (nmol/min/ml)
Control				
Mean± SD	26.6±1	74.5±5	75.28±8	268.23±11
MCF-7				
Mean± SD	30±1.6	85.8±5.6	223.3±5.4	372.47±15.4
<i>p</i> value	< 0.001	< 0.01	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	12.78%	15.16%	197.020%	38.8%
DOX				
Mean± SD	34.7±1.3	90.5±9	242.105±8	382.35±13
<i>p</i> value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>* value	< 0.0001	N.S	< 0.0001	N.S
% Change	30.45%	21.47%	222.03%	42.5%
CQ				
Mean± SD	20.8±2	67.43±6	77.81±8	182.82±9
<i>p</i> value	< 0.0001	N.S	N.S	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-21.8%	-9.48%	3.49	-31.84%
TIC				
Mean± SD	23.5±1.5	62.2±5.3	75.93±7.3	192.47±7.5
<i>p</i> value	< 0.01	< 0.001	N.S	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
<i>p</i>**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001

% Change	-11.6%	-16.5%	0.99%	-28.24%
DOX&CQ				
Mean± SD	19.4±2.6	69.14±6.6	76.31±6.6	172.23±11
p value	< 0.0001	N.S	N.S	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
p**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-27.06%	-7.19%	1.5%	-35.7%
DOX&TIC				
Mean± SD	18.5±1.2	64.26±5.2	76±4.2	164±8
p value	< 0.0001	< 0.01	N.S	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
p**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-30.45%	-13.74%	1.09%	-38.85%
TIC&DOX&CQ				
Mean± SD	16.53±2	58.33±6	78±8	240.94±12
p value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	N.S	< 0.0001
p* value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
p**value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
% Change	-37.8%	-21.70%	3.75%	-10.17%

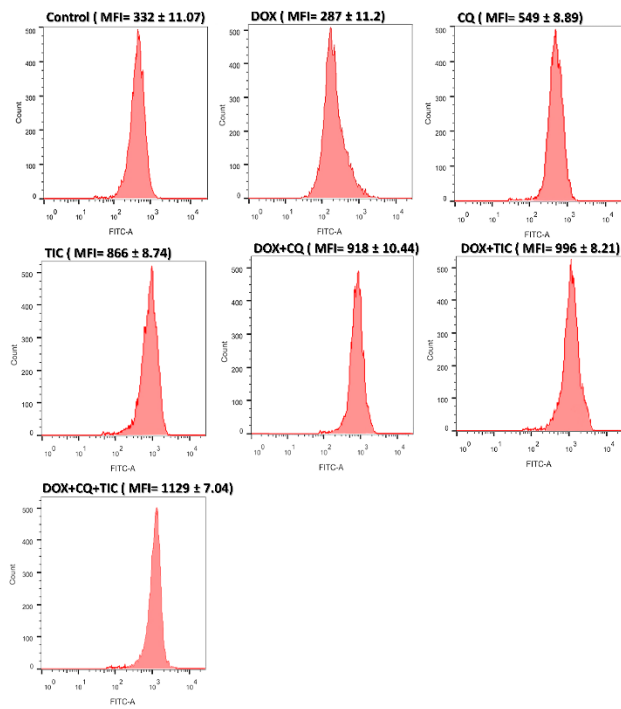
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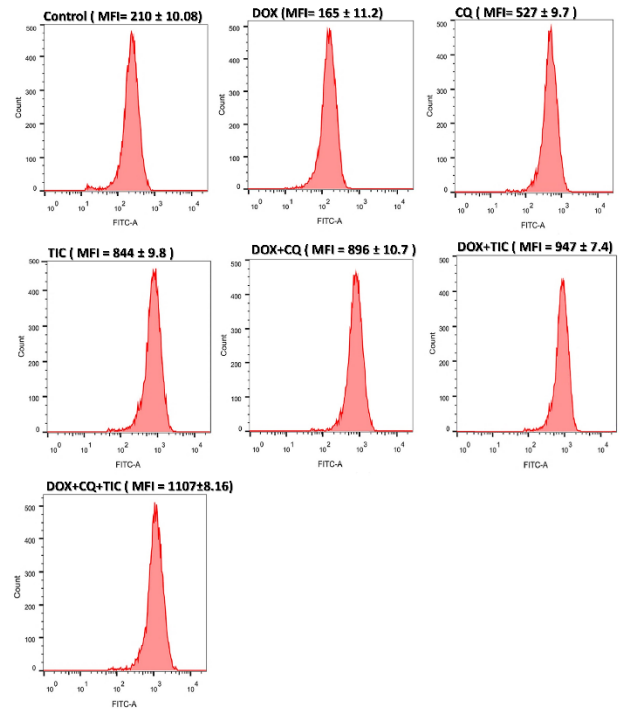


Supplementary Figure 1: Combination index plot of each selected combinatorial treatment ratio DOX+CQ (1:2) (A), DOX+TIC (1:6) (B) and DOX+CQ+TIC (1:1:1) (C) of MCF-7 cells. Effect of each dose (comes from triplicate assays). CI: Combination Index; CI< 1: Synergism, CI> 1: Antagonism, CI=1: additive.

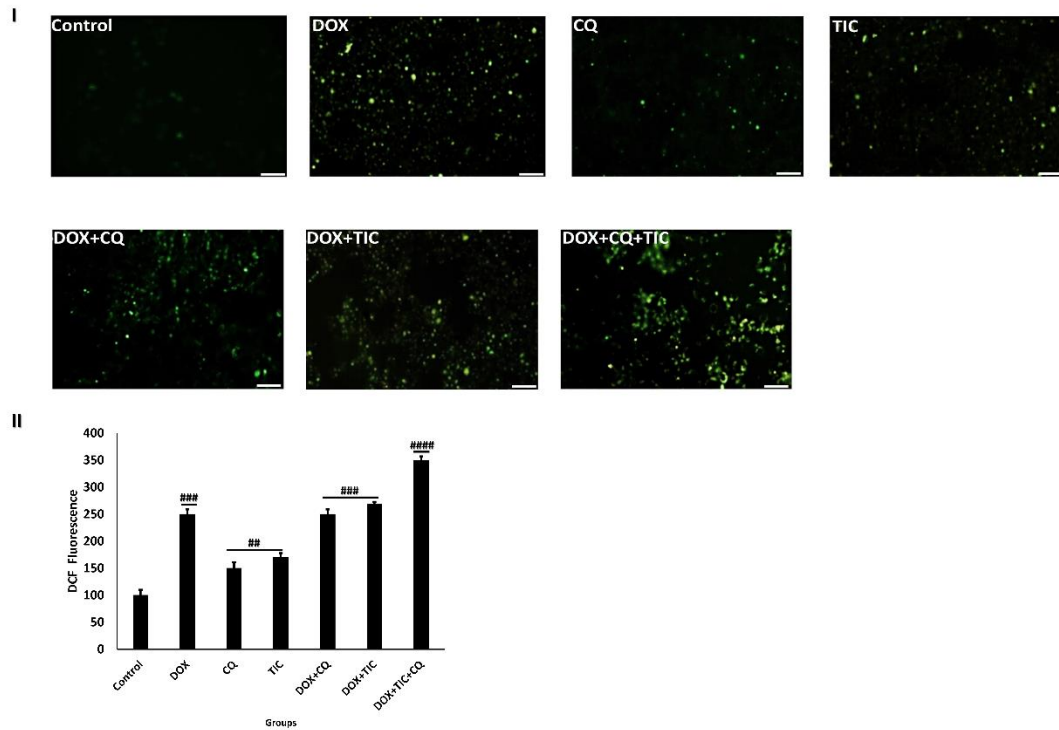
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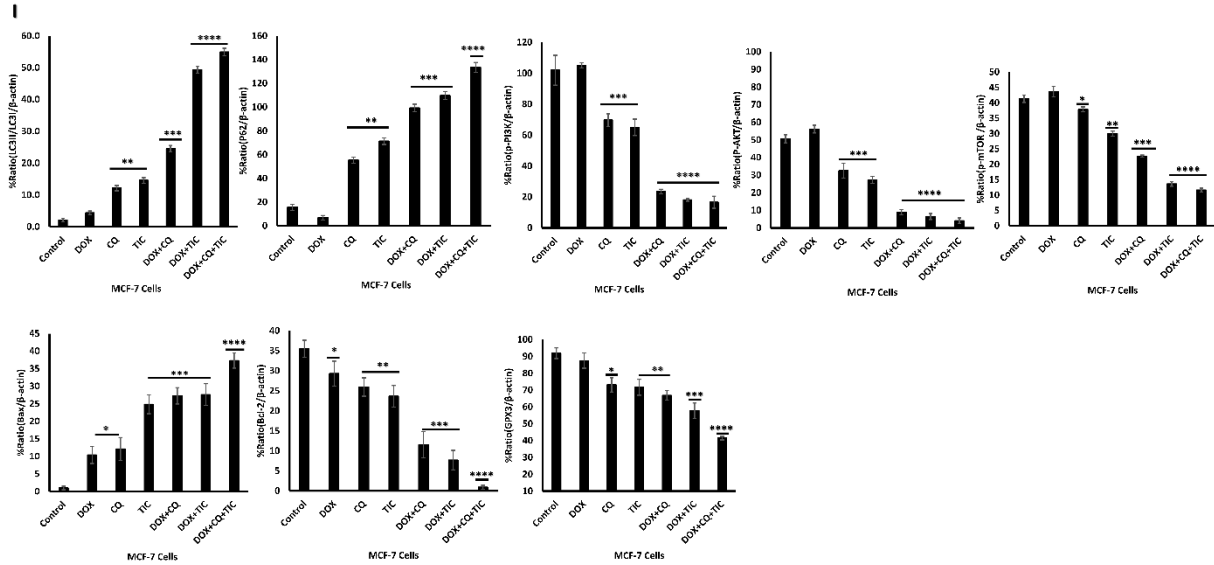
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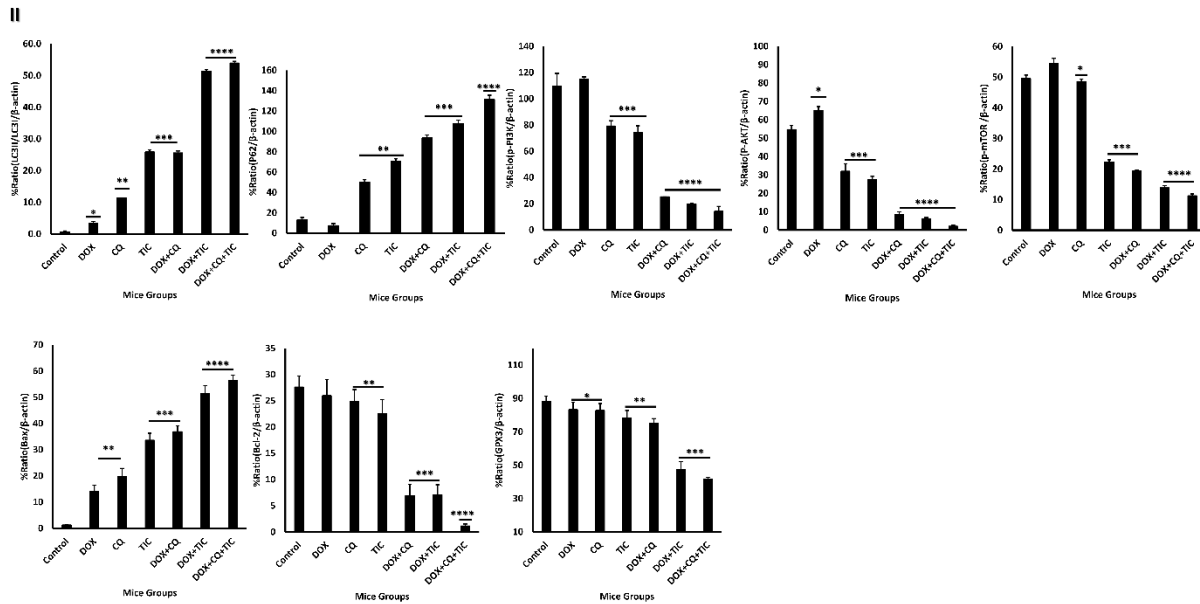
Supplementary Figure 2: Autophagy activity detection of MCF7- cells (I) and MCF-7 xenograft mice (II) treated with single or combinatorial treatments that induced autophagic cell death was investigated by flow cytometry analysis. Each value expressed as mean ± SE, (n=3).



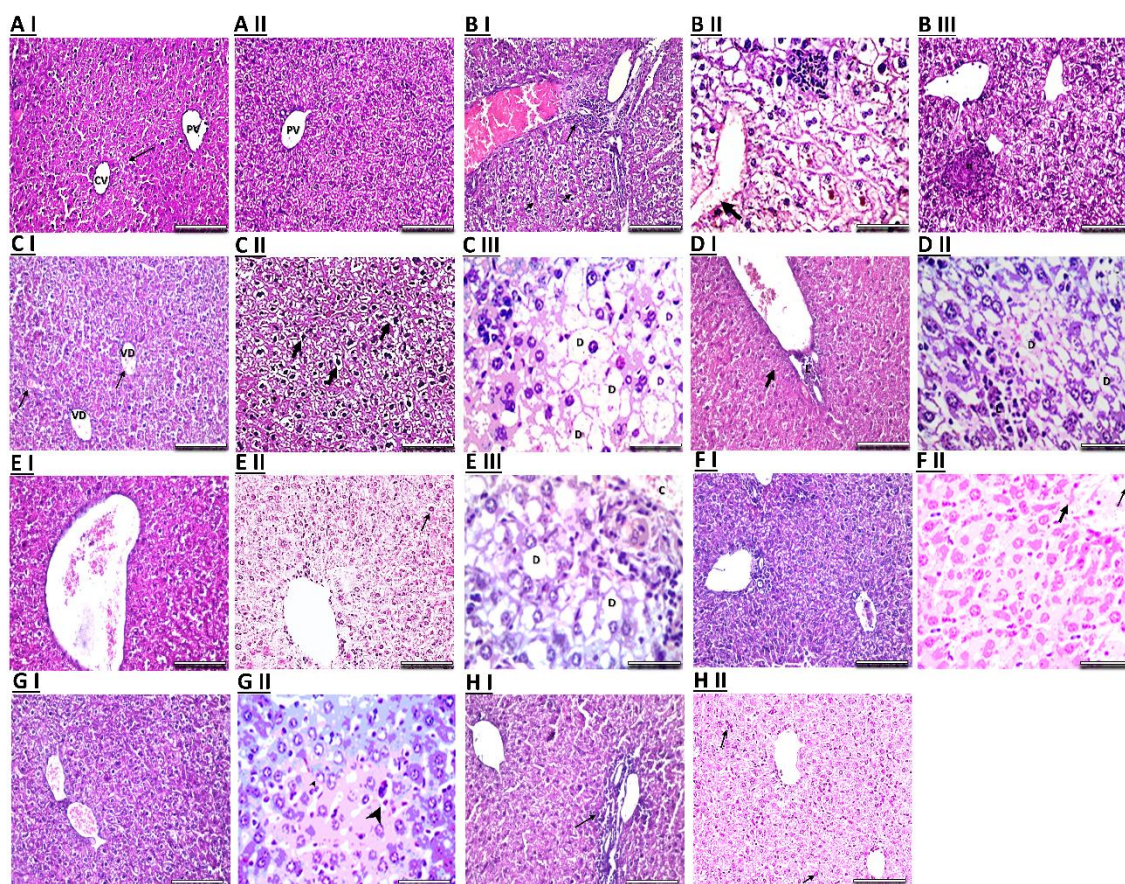
Supplementary Figure 3: Intracellular ROS generation accumulation visualized by fluorescence microscope by in MCF-7 cancer cells. MCF-7 cells were incubated with single and combinatorial treatments for 48hrs. The intracellular ROS generation in MCF-7 cancer cells was detected by fluorescence microscopy (I). Bar diagram showing DCF fluorescence level (II) of each cell line. Each value expressed as mean $\pm$ SE, (n=3). # P < 0.05, ## P < 0.01, ### P < 0.001, #### P < 0.0001 compared with control (untreated cells)(scale bar = 100 μ m).



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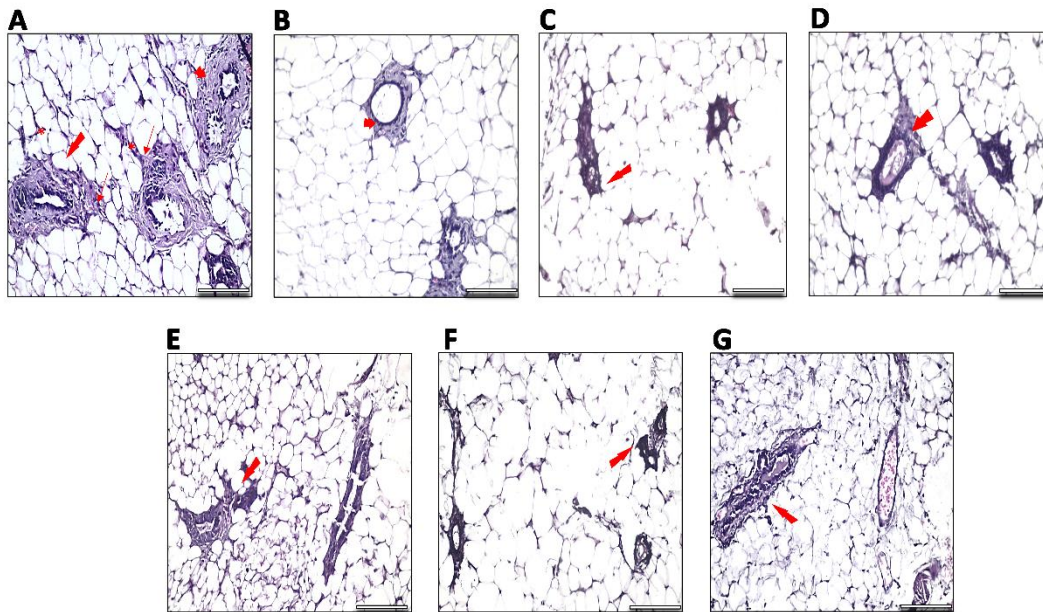


Supplementary Figure 4: Autophagy inhibition induces cell death dependent apoptosis. Quantification of western blotting changing for each protein levels using Image J software of autophagic markers (LC3I/II) and P62 , PI3K/Akt/mTOR pathway markers, apoptotic and anti- apoptotic markers (Bax, Bcl-2) , GPX3 (anti-oxidant marker) proteins expression levels of MCF7- cells (**I**) and MCF-7 xenograft mice (**II**) treated with single or combinatorial treatments. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SE (error bar) of at least three independent experiments. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$ and **** $P < 0.0001$ compared with control (untreated groups).

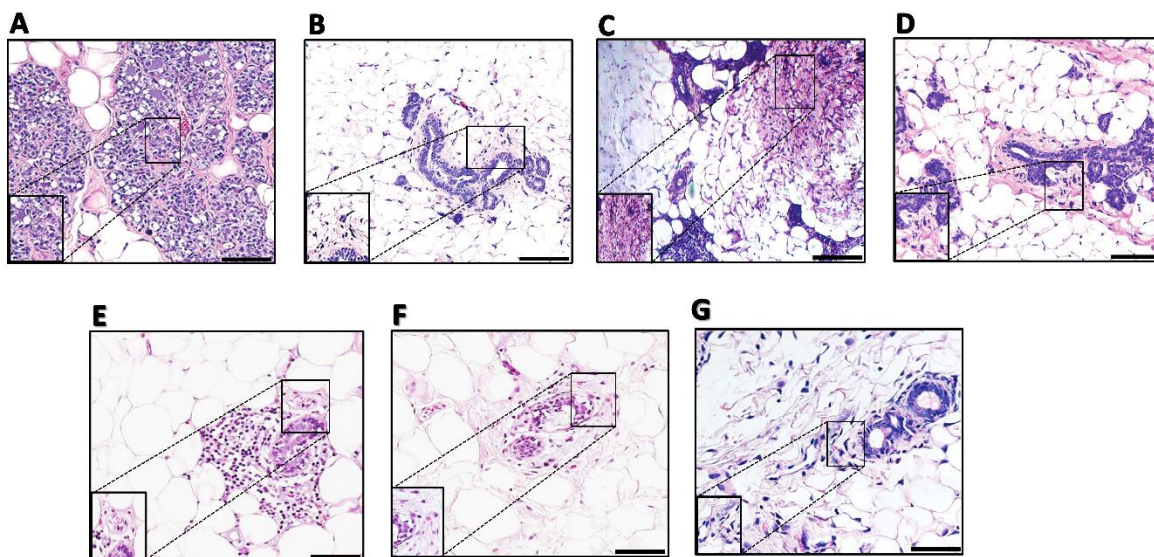


Supplementary Figure 5: Histopathological investigation for hepatic tissues of mice in each group. (A I, II); Liver of normal mice showing normal histological structure of central vein (CV) and surrounding hepatocytes (h) in the parenchyma. (B I) Liver of MCF-7 xenograft mice showing congestion in the portal vein with inflammatory cells infiltration associated with vacuolar degeneration in the hepatocytes. (B II) showing congestion with degeneration, necrosis, inflammatory cell infiltration and depletion of glycoprotein granules (thick arrow). (B III) Showing focal necrosis with inflammatory cells infiltration in hepatic parenchyma. (C I); Liver of tumor bearing mice treated with doxorubicin showing vacuolar degeneration (VD) in the hepatocytes all over the parenchyma. (C II); showing significant damaged cells in the liver (thick arrows). (C III); showing necrosis and hydropic degeneration (D) accompanied with inflammatory infiltrate. (D I); Liver of tumor bearing mice treated with Chloroquine showing a few inflammatory cells infiltration (lymphocytic infiltration (L)) in the portal area associated with dilatation in the portal vein. (D II); showing lymphocytic cells infiltration (L) and a few hydropic degeneration (D). (E I); Liver of tumor bearing mice treated with Tioconazole showing dilatation in the central vein. (E II); showing focal areas of vacuolar degeneration of hepatic cells (Thin arrow). (E III); showing moderate congestion (C) with mild hydropic degeneration (D). (F I); Liver of tumor bearing mice treated with doxorubicin with chloroquine showing dilatation in the central vein. (F II); showing liver with a few hydropic degeneration (Thin arrow), mild hyperemia in the sinusoids (Thick arrow). (G I); Liver of tumor bearing animals treated with doxorubicin with Tioconazole showing dilatation in the central vein. (G II); showing normal hepatocytes with moderate vacuolar degeneration (arrowhead). (H I); Liver of tumor bearing animals treated with doxorubicin, Tioconazole and Chloroquine showing a few Inflammatory cells infiltration (as good response) was observed in the portal area (Thin arrow). (H II); showing fairly normal tissue architecture and cellular details with mild vacuolar degeneration (black arrow). (H I); Liver of tumor bearing animals treated with doxorubicin, Tioconazole and Chloroquine showing a few Inflammatory cells infiltration (as good

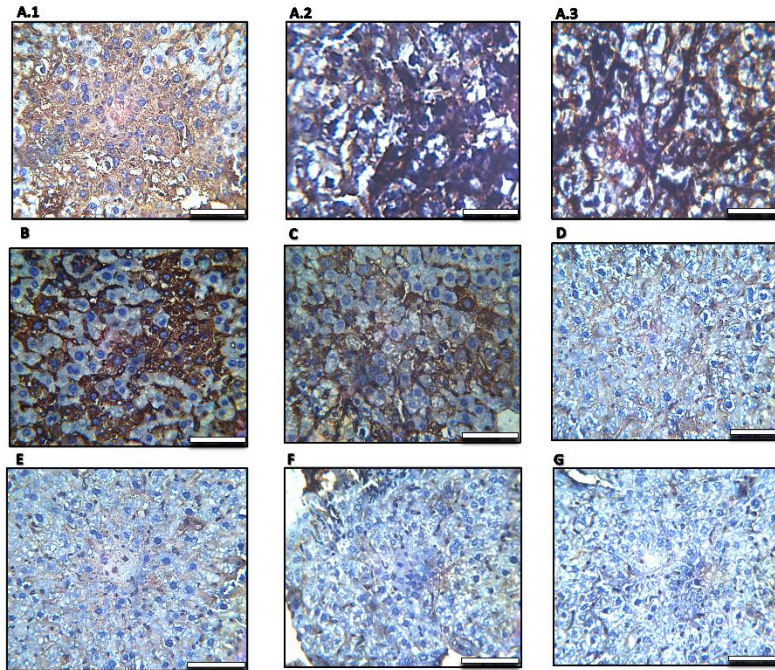
response) was observed in the portal area (Thin arrow). (H II); showing fairly normal tissue architecture and cellular details with mild vacuolar degeneration (black arrow) (H&E stain _scale bar = 50 μ m).



Supplementary Figure 6 I: Histological structure of the mammary gland embedded in adipose tissue of mice groups (H&E stain, X 40). **A -MCF-7 xenograft:** showing the mammary ducts with a massive increase in the number of lining epithelial cells (thin arrow) , showing Periductal and peri acinar fibrosis was detected in most of the ducts and acini (thick arrow), also showing individual tumor cells that have invaded the stroma with variable-shaped dark- stained nuclei, asterisks represent the adipose connective with the massive fat cells tissues. **B- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX:** showing mammary acini and duct system embedded in adipose tissue, showing few scattered small- and medium-sized mammary ducts (thick arrow) **C- MCF-7 xenograft /CQ:** showing the normal histopathological structure, showing mild inflammatory cell with normal looking adipose tissue. **D- MCF-7 xenograft /TIC:** showing the normal histopathological structure with peritoneum tissue were orderly arranged and normal breast acini were found (thick arrows). **E- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+CQ:** showing normal histopathological structure, showing tumor apoptosis with moderate peritumoral inflammatory response. **F- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+TIC:** showing normal histopathological structure like a normal appearance without structural alternation **G- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+CQ+TIC:** showing congestion in the blood vessels, showing apoptotic cells and dense peritumor inflammation as local immune response , scale bar = 30 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 6II: Histological structure of the paraffin consecutive sections of xenograft MCF-7 tumors; **A -MCF-7 xenograft:** showing an increase in clusters of ER α positive cells was detected in ductal hyperplasia, proliferation of atypical ducts, associated with peritumoral inflammatory response. **B- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX:** showing apoptotic cells and dense peritumor inflammation. **C- MCF-7 xenograft /CQ:** showing tumor apoptosis with moderate peritumoral inflammatory response. **D- MCF-7 xenograft /TIC:** showing presence of apoptosis, with mild inflammatory response. **E- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+CQ:** showing apoptotic individual cells have a moderate amount of slightly basophilic cytoplasm within abundant content of adipose connective tissues. **F- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+TIC:** showing mononuclear cellular infiltration apoptotic cells of within the dense cellular adipose connective tissues. **G- MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+CQ+TIC:** showing cellular infiltration epithelial cells with and apoptotic cells with moderate basophilic scant cytoplasm, low-grade tubular tumors, scale bar = 50 μ m.



Supplementary figure 7: Immunohistochemical expression of ER- α in Paraffin sections of mammary gland of xenograft mice experimental groups. A1-3- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft: showing Invasive ductal mammary neoplasm within epithelial hyperplasia of this lineage (High-grade), showing intensive strong intense of cytoplasmic ER α immunoreaction in the form of a brown color in the cells. B- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft /DOX: showing ductal mammary neoplasm (Moderate-grade) with a few intense of cytoplasmic ER α immunoreaction in the form of a brown color in the cells. C- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft /CQ: showing ductal mammary neoplasm (slight moderate intense-grade) from mice in CQ treated group with a little bit high intense of cytoplasmic ER α immunoreaction in the form of a faint brown color in the cells. D- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft /TIC: showing ductal mammary neoplasm low intense grade of cytoplasmic ER α immunoreaction in the form of a brown color in the cells. E- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+CQ: showing ductal mammary low- intense grade of cytoplasmic ER α immunoreaction in the form of slight faint brown color in the cells. F- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+TIC: showing ductal mammary neoplasm very low intense grade from of cytoplasmic ER α immunoreaction showing very low numbers of ER- α immunolabeled cells. G- Mammary gland of MCF-7 xenograft /DOX+CQ+TIC: showing ductal mammary neoplasm with almost loss of cytoplasmic ER- α immunolabeled cells, scale bar = 30 μ m.