MECHANISMS OF TOXICITY - OXIDATIVE STRESS -METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF OXIDATIVE STRESS AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT

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JAMES BOND AND FREE RADICALS



Free Radicals

 A free radical is an atom (or group of atoms) capable of independent existence (hence the term "free") that contains one or more unpaired electrons.

- Free radicals are
 - small
 - diffusible
 - unstable
 - very reactive
 - short-lived



Free Radicals

- Free radicals may be electrically neutral or either positively or negatively charged.
- They attack sites of increased electron density such as:
 - the nitrogen atom present in proteins and DNA
 - carbon-carbon double bonds present in polyunsaturated fatty acids and phospholipids
- Produce additional free radical, often reactive intermediates.
- Free radicals can participate in chain reactions in which a single free radical initiation event can be propagated to damage multiple molecules.

Common Notations and Abbreviations for Free Radicals

Species Systematic	IUPAC Name	Alternative/Comments
0 -	oxide(1-)	hydroxyl radical without proton
0 ₂ •-	dioxide(1-)	superoxide
0 ₃	trioxygen	ozone
0 ₃ ⁻	trioxide(1-)	ozonide
HO•	hydroxyl	not hydroxy, hydroxide is OH ⁻
HO ₂ •	hydrogen dioxide	hydrodioxyl, or hydroperoxyl, but perhydroxyl does not make sense
HO ₂ ⁻	hydrogen dioxide(1-)	hydrogenperoxide(1-)
H ₂ O ₂	hydrogen peroxide	
RO•	alkoxyl	not alkoxy
ROO•	alkyldioxyl	alkylperoxyl not peroxy
ROOH		alkyl hydroperoxide
ONOO-	oxoperoxonitrate (1-)	peroxynitrite
ONOOH	hydrogen oxoperoxonitrate	peroxynitrous acid
NO•	nitrogen monoxide	nitric oxide

Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)

- Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are free radicals containing oxygen.
- ROS include also non-radical species which can lead to the production of ROS (e.g. H₂O₂).

Oxygen and Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)

- Oxygen, or molecular oxygen, is vital for survival of all aerobic organisms.
- During aerobic metabolism, in normal cells, 30–32 molecules of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) are generated from one molecule of oxygen. During this process, oxygen is reduced into water (4 electron reduction).



Fig. 1. Sequential reduction of O₂ to H₂O.

Oxygen and Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)

- In a perfect world, cells will use oxygen to produce ATP and water without any toxic byproducts or ROS.
- However, due to damage to mitochondria, in pathophysiological conditions or during mitochondrial dysfunction, the electron-transport mechanism in the mitochondrial respiratory chain is impaired.
- This leads to reactive oxygen species formation (e.g., superoxide anion) from one-electron reduction of oxygen.

$$4e^{-}$$

$$O_{2} \xrightarrow{1e^{-}} O_{2}^{-} \xrightarrow{1e^{-}} H_{2}O_{2} \xrightarrow{1e^{-}} OH \xrightarrow{1e^{-}} H_{2}O$$

$$Fig. 1. Sequential reduction of O_{2} to H_{2}O.$$



• Superoxide (O_2^{-}) is a free radical (species with a single electron).

Sources of Superoxide Radical

The following table lists the most important reactions within the cell that generate superoxide anion (O_2^{-}) .

Source	Pathophysiological Significance
Enzymic reactions	
- xanthine oxidase	Intestinal ischemia/reperfusion
- NADH oxidase	Present in leukocytes: bactericidal activity
- NADPH-cytochrome P450 reductase	
Cellular sources	
 leukocytes and macrophages 	Bactericidal activity
 mitochondrial electron transfer 	
 microsomal monooxygenase 	
Environmental factors	
- ultraviolet light	
- X rays	
- toxic chemicals	
 aromatic hydroxylamines 	
- aromatic nitro compounds	
- insecticides, such as paraguat	
- chemotherapeutic agents such as quinones	

Sources of superoxide radical

• Cytochrome P450 reacts first with its organic substrate, RH.

•The complex is reduced by a flavoprotein to form a radical intermediate that can readily react with triplet oxygen because each has one unpaired electron. This oxygenated complex may be reduced by cytochrome b or occasionally the complex may decompose releasing superoxide radical.



Sources of Hydroxyl Radical

•Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) is not a free radical, but is a precursor of free radicals.

• UV radiation causes the hemolytic cleavage of the oxygen-oxygen of hydrogen peroxide bond to form hydroxyl radicals (OH•).

 Redox metal ions (Fe²⁺ or Cu⁺) react with hydrogen peroxide to generate hydroxyl radicals (OH•) (the Fenton reaction).

$$Fe^{++} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow Fe^{+++} + HO^- + HO^-$$

• In terms of reactivity with biological constituents (nucleic acids, proteins, and lipids), hydroxyl radicals are the most reactive, and the life time of this species in the presence of most biological constituents is extremely short (10⁻⁹ s).

Free Radicals: Positive Effects

- The presence of low concentrations of free radicals is important for normal cellular redox status, immune function, and intracellular signalling.
- Immune system: neutrophils and macrophages use ROS to destroy engulfed microorganisms. For example, O₂⁻⁻ radicals are powerful oxidizing agents that degrade microbes.
- Can serve as second messengers or modify oxidation-reduction (redox) states.
- Involved in some enzyme activation.
- Play an essential role in muscle contraction.

Free Radicals: Negative Effects

- However, excessive production can provoke inflammation or altered cellular functions through:
 - lipid peroxidation
 - protein modification
 - DNA modification
- These effects compromise cell function leading to cell death by necrosis or apoptosis.

Oxidative stress

- Oxidative stress reflects an imbalance between the systemic manifestation of reactive oxygen species and a biological system's ability to readily detoxify the reactive intermediates or to repair the resulting damage.
- Disturbances in the normal redox state of cells can cause toxic effects through the production of peroxides and free radicals that damage all components of the cell, including proteins, lipids, and DNA.
- Further, some reactive oxidative species act as cellular messengers in redox signaling. Thus, oxidative stress can cause disruptions in normal mechanisms of cellular signaling.
- In humans, oxidative stress is thought to be involved in the development of cancer, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, atherosclerosis, heart failure, myocardial infarction, fragile X syndrome, Sickle Cell Disease, vitiligo, autism, chronic fatigue syndrome etc.
- Short-term oxidative stress may also be important in enhancement of antioxidant mechanisms by induction of a process named hormesis.

Oxidative stress

Decrease in antioxidant mechanisms



Free radicals can cause damage to DNA



8-OH-Guanine

OXIDATIVE DAMAGE TO DNA

•Activated oxygen and agents that generate oxygen free radicals, such as ionizing radiation, induce numerous lesions in DNA that cause deletions, mutations and other lethal genetic effects.

• Degradation of the base will produce numerous products, including 8-hydroxyguanine, hydroxymethyl urea, urea, thymine glycol, thymine and adenine ring-opened and -saturated products.

• Characterization of this damage to DNA has indicated that both the sugar and the base moieties are susceptible to oxidation, causing base degradation and single strand breakage.

 8-oxodeoxy- guanosine may act as a promutagen or may alter the methylation of adjacent cytosine, and thus it may lead to cancer development.

- ROS have also been shown to activate mutations in human Ras proto-oncogene, and to induce mutation in the p53 tumour-suppressor gene.
- The oxidative damage of mitochondrial DNA also involves base modification and strand breaks, which leads to formation of abnormal components of the electron transport chain.
- This results in the generation of more ROS through increased leakage of electrons, and cell damage.
- Thus, oxidative damage to mitochondrial DNA may promote cancer and aging.

Free radicals can cause damage to proteins



OXIDATIVE DAMAGE TO PROTEINS

•Oxidative attack on proteins results in site-specific amino acid modifications, fragmentation of the peptide chain, aggregation of cross-linked reaction products, altered electrical charge and increased susceptibility to proteolysis.

•Sulphur containing amino acids, and thiol groups specifically, are very susceptible sites.

•Thus, oxidative attack on proteins destroys the structure, functions of essential proteins and enzymes and whole cell metabolism is blocked.

•For example, in the process of cataractogenesis, oxidative modification plays a significant role in cross-linking of crystalline lens protein, leading to high-molecular-weight aggregates, loss of solubility, and lens opacity.

•Lipofuscin – an aggregate of peroxidized lipid and proteins – accumulates in lysosomes of aged cells, Alzheimer's disease brain cells, and iron overloaded hepatocytes.

Lipid peroxidation chain reactions

- Propagation of one free radical generates another free radical in the neighbouring molecules
 -> chain reaction
 -> destruction of architechture and integrity of the membranes.
- Cell membranes, which are structurally made up of large amounts of polyunsaturated fatty acids, are highly susceptible to oxidative attack, and consequently, changes in membrane fluidity, permeability, and cellular metabolic functions are caused.
- Moreover, lipid peroxyl radicals react with proteins, and nucleic acids; thereby propagating the transfer of electrons and bringing about the oxidation of substrates.

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LH + R• \rightarrow L• + RH
L• + O<sub>2</sub> \rightarrow LOO•
LOO• + LH \rightarrow LOOH + L•
LOOH \rightarrow LOO•, LO•, RCHO
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- Diet is one of the most important causes for the formation of free radicals in the organism. For example, the junk foods are full of sugars and unsaturated lipids leading to the formation of free radicals.
- Also, foods containing additives like colors, preservatives or artificial sweeteners can also lead to the formation of free radicals in the body.
- Chemicals such as those used for household cleaning purposes, pesticides, cosmetics, perfumes and creams have also been found to cause the formation of free radicals in the body.
- The chemicals (e.g. pesticides, incectisides) sprayed in the fields are also sources of radical formation.

- Pollution, especially that of the air, is another factor which leads to the rise of free radicals in the body.
- For example, smoke from cigarette, factory chimneys and automobiles can cause the formation of free radicals.
- Due to the increase in the pollution levels worldwide, the ozone layer is getting depleted. This leads to increase in harmful UV rays that enter into the atmosphere of the earth. These UV rays may cause free radical production in the body, and thus it may lead to skin diseases and premature aging.

- Pharmaceutical drugs may also lead to the formation of free radicals. For example, certain drugs have compounds that bind to unstable biomolecules and form free radicals in the body.
- Physical and emotional stress also has been found to be a cause for the formation of free radicals in the organism.

OXIDATIVE STRESS AND DISEASES

- Oxidative stress has been implicated in various pathological conditions involving:
- > Aging
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disease (atherosclerosis)
- Neurogenerative diseases (Alzheimer, Parkinson)

OXIDATIVE STRESS AND AGING

Damage to cellular macromolecules via free radical production in aerobic organisms is a major determinant of life span.

Thus, increases in ROS lead to pre-mature aging, pathological conditions and even death.



OXIDATIVE STRESS AND AGING

Mitochondria are the critical component in control of aging.

Electrons leaking from the electron transport chain (ETC) produce ROS, and these molecules can then damage ETC components and mitochondrial DNA, leading to further increases in intracellular ROS levels and a decline in mitochondrial function.

Also, mitochondrial DNA damage is increased with aging.



OXIDATIVE STRESS AND CANCER

Cancer almost certainly stems from damage in the form of DNA mutation due to oxidative stress.

ROS produced from oxidative stress, activate signal transduction pathways, leading to the transcription of genes involved in cell growth regulatory pathways.



OXIDATIVE STRESS AND ATHEROSLCEROSIS

The production of ROS is believed to induce endothelial dysfunction, an initial step of atherogenesis.

 The main sources of oxidative substances and ROS in atherosclerotic vessels are macrophages and smooth muscle cells.

 Oxidative stress leads to oxidation of LDL (ox-LDL).

The increased production of ROS reduces the production and consequently the bioavailability of NO, leading to vasoconstriction, platelet aggregation and adhesion of neutrophils to the endothelium.



OXIDATIVE STRESS AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

The brain is particularly vulnerable to oxidative damage because of its high oxygen utilisation, its high content of oxidisable polyunsaturated fatty acids, and the presence of redox-active metals (Cu, Fe).

• Oxidative stress increases with age, and therefore it can be considered as an important causative factor in several neurodegenerative diseases

Alzheimer's disease

The brains of patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD) show a significant extent of oxidative damage associated with a marked accumulation of amyloid- peptide (A), the main constituent of senile plaques in brain, as well as deposition of neurofibrillary tangles and neuropil threads.





Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease (PD) involves a selective loss of neurons in an area of the midbrain called the substantia nigra.

The cells of the substantia nigra use dopamine (a neurotransmitter-chemical messenger between brain and nerve cells) to communicate with the cells in another region of the brain called the stratium.

Thus, a reduction in nigral dopamine levels results in a decrease in stratial dopamine that is believed to cause PD symptoms.



Increased hydrogen peroxide formation increases dopamine oxidation.

Decreased glutathione level in substantia nigra.

Formation of hydroxy radical by increased iron concentration in substantia nigra.

Increased lipid peroxidation in substantia nigra.

Antioxidant Defense System

- Superoxide dismutase
- Catalase
- Glutathione
- Antioxidants in diet
- Food supplements


Antioxidant Enzymes

SUPEROXIDE DISMUTASE (SOD)

• SOD catalyses the dismutation of superoxide to hydrogen peroxide and oxygen.

$$2 O_2^{-} + 2 H^+ \longrightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$$

Antioxidant Enzymes

CATALASE

- Catalase is an heme-containing enzyme that catalyses the dismutation of hydrogen peroxide into water and oxygen.
- It is found in all aerobic eukaryotes and is important in the removal of hydrogen peroxide generated in peroxisomes (microbodies) by oxidases involved in ß-oxidation of fatty acids, the glyoxylate cycle and purine catabolism.

 $\mathbf{2} \ \mathbf{H_2O_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{2H_2O} \ \mathbf{+O_2}$

Antioxidant Enzymes

- <u>Glutathione Peroxidase (GSH PX)</u> The biochemical function of glutathione peroxidase is to reduce lipid hydroperoxides to their corresponding alcohols and to reduce free hydrogen peroxide to water.
- It requires reduced glutathione (GSH) as substrate and produces oxidized glutathione (GSSG) as product.
- It is a cytosolic enzyme.
- The main reaction that glutathione peroxidase catalyzes is:

 $2GSH + H_2O_2 \rightarrow GSSG + 2H_2O$



Antioxidants

- To counteract oxidative stress, the body has a number of antioxidant molecules.
- Antioxidants scavenge free radicals that can harm our cells.
- Our body's ability to produce antioxidants is controlled by our genetic makeup and influenced by our exposure to environmental factors, such as diet and smoking.
- We can help our body to defend itself by increasing our dietary intake of antioxidants.
- Thus, antioxidants are widely used in dietary supplements and have been investigated for the prevention of diseases such as cancer and coronary heart disease.
- However, recent clinical trials showed that the intake of some antioxidants has no benefit on health, and even suggested that excess supplementation with certain antioxidants may be harmful.

Antioxidants

- Prevent the transfer of electron from O₂ to other molecules.
- Stabilize free radicals.
- Terminate free radical reactions.





Anioxidants

Free radicals

Antioxidant Quenchers

- Cellular proteins which chelate pro-oxidant minerals (iron and copper or others).
- Transferrin iron transport protein.
- Ferritin iron storage protein.
- Metallothionein minerals and heavy metals (Zn/Cu/Cd/Hg).
- Ceruloplasmin copper transport and storage
- Uric acid in plasma

Antioxidants From Food

- Antioxidant nutrients vitamin E, vitamin C, (vitamin A?), beta-carotene.
- Phytochemicals antioxidants from plants.

Ascorbic acid

- L-ascorbic acid (vitamin C) is an important vitamin in the human diet and is abundant in plant tissues.
- Ascorbate functions as a reductant for many free radicals, thereby minimising the damage caused by oxidative stress



Structure of ascorbic acid and its metabolites

- Ascorbic acid can directly scavenge oxygen free radicals with and without enzyme catalysts and can indirectly scavenge them by recycling tocopherol to the reduced form.
- By reacting with activated oxygen more readily than any other aqueous component, ascorbate protects critical macromolecules from oxidative damage.



Tocopherol

• The tocopherol (vitamin E), have been studied extensively in mammalian research as membrane stabiliser and multifaceted antioxidant, that scavenge oxygen free radicals, lipid peroxy radicals, and singlet oxygen.



Carotenoids

- Carotenoids are C40 isoprenoids and tetraterpenes that are located in the plastids of both photosynthetic and non-photosynthetic plant tissues.
- In chloroplasts, the carotenoids function as accessory pigments in light harvesting.
- More important role is carotenoids' ability to scavenge free radicals.



Structure of two common carotenoids found in plants, β -carotene and zeaxanthin.

Plant polyphenols

- Plant polyphenols are a large and heterogenous category of chemical compounds produced as secondary metabolites by plants.
- The known polyphenols are estimated to be more than 8000.

- The major characteristic of plant polyphenols is their benzoic ring associated with one or more hydroxyl groups.
- The largest polyphenolic category is the flavonoids.



•Another polyphenolic category is the polyphenolic acids.



Hydroxybenzoic acid



Hydroxycinnamic acid

•The third most important polyphenolic category is the stilbenes found mainly in grapes.



Antioxidant mechanisms of plant polyphenols

i) Direct scavenging of free radicals

 $POH + RO \rightarrow PO \rightarrow + ROH$

POH: polyphenol, RO•: free radical, PO•: polyphenolic radical

 $PO \bullet + RO \bullet \rightarrow ROOP$

ii) Chelation of metal ions Fenton reaction

 $H_2O_2 + Fe^{2+} (\eta Cu^{1+}) \rightarrow OH^- + OH_{\bullet} + Fe^{3+} (\eta Cu^{2+})$

Haber-Weiss reaction

 $O_2 \bullet^- + H_2 O_2 \rightarrow OH^- + OH \bullet + O_2$

Antioxidant mechanisms of plant polyphenols

- iii) Inhibit the activity of enzymes producing free radicals.
- iv) Induce antioxidant enzymes.

 v) Interact with the Antioxidant response element (ARE).
ARE exists in the promoter region of several antioxidant enzymes and play important role in the regulation of their expression.

Foods and antioxidants

Tomatoes

- Tomatoes contain a pigment called lycopene that is responsible for their red colour but is also a powerful antioxidant.
- Tomatoes in all their forms are a major source of lycopene, including tomato products like canned tomatoes, tomato soup, tomato juice.
- Lycopene is also highly concentrated in watermelon.



Citrus fruits

- Oranges, grapefruit, lemons and limes possess many natural substances that appear to be important in disease protection, such as carotenoids, flavonoids, terpenes, limonoids and coumarins.
- It is always better to eat the fruit whole in its natural form, because some of the potency is lost when the juice is extracted.



Теа

- Black tea, green tea and oolong teas have antioxidant properties. All three varieties come from the plant Camellia sinenis.
- Common brands of black tea contain antioxidants, but by far the most potent source is green tea (jasmine tea) which contains the antioxidant catechin.
- Black tea has only 10 per cent as many antioxidants as green tea.
- Oolong tea has 40 per cent as many antioxidants as green tea.
- This because some of the catechins are destroyed when green tea is processed (baked and fermented) to make black tea.



Carrots

- Beta-carotene is an orange pigment with strong antioxidant properties .
- It is also found concentrated in deep orange and green vegetables.



Conclusion

• A vast body of information is accumulated concerning antioxidants, and their protective effects from ROS and their damaging effects.

• However, reactive oxygen species also have useful cellular functions, such as redox signaling. Thus, the function of antioxidant systems is not to remove oxidants entirely, but instead to keep them at an optimum level.



ASSESSMENT OF FREE RADICAL SCAVENGING ACTIVITY



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A battery of translational biomarkers for the assessment of the *in vitro* and *in vivo* antioxidant action of plant polyphenolic compounds: The biomarker issue

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Abstract

Over the last decades, the scientific findings stressing the beneficial health implications of plant-derived compounds (i.e., plant extracts rich in polyphenols) have been increased For a complete overview see the Issue and the Editorial https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cotox.2018.10.001 2468-2020/© 2018 Published by Elsevier B.V.

The proposed battery of translational biomarkers for the characterization of a plant-derived compound in vitro, in cell culture environment and in vivo as well, in order to holistically reveal its biological action.

in vivo plasma, erythrocytes, tissues

cell lines myotubes and endothelial, liver and cervical cancer

in vitro plasmid and bacterial DNA, commercial and natural free radicals

OXIDATIVE DAMAGE

(GSSG, GSH/GSSG, protein carbonyls, TBARS, MDA, albumin dimmers, cysteine/cystine)

ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY

[GSH, H₂O₂ decomposition (CAT, Prx, GPx), SOD, GR, GST, NADPH oxidase, NAD⁺ kinase, Trx, TrxR, NO[•] synthase, XO, albumin, TAC, O₂^{•-}, OH[•], expression of antioxidant enzymes and genes]

REDUCING POTENTIAL (NADPH, NADH, G6PD, sORP, cORP) OXIDATIVE POTENTIAL (NO*, H₂O₂)

TOXICITY (assessment of cell viability with XTT assay)

ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY (redox biomarkers, expression of antioxidant enzymes and genes)

> **ANTIRADICAL AND REDUCING CAPACITY** (DPPH[•], ABTS^{•+}, O₂^{•-}, OH[•], reducing power)

PROTECTION AGAINST FREE RADICAL-INDUCED DAMAGE OF DNA (OH*, ROO*)

ANTIMUTAGENIC AND ANTICARCINOGENIC ACTIVITY

(Ames test, SCEs, Topo I and II)

ΜΕΘΟΔΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΠΙΣΤΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ ΧΑΡΑΚΤΗΡΙΣΤΙΚΩΝ

ΠΡΟΣΔΙΟΡΙΣΜΟΣ Εξουδετέρωσης Αναστολής ριζών Εξουδετέρωσης Αναγωγικής Συνολικής ριζών ικανότητας 02• έναντι Θραύσεων δύναμης του χαλκού προκαλούμενων Λιπιδικής ABTS+• DPPH• από ελεύθερες υπεροξείδωσης ρίζες στο DNA Μέγιστη 3 3 3 4 4 3 4 Δ Βαθμολογία ανά μέθοδο: 4 βασικοί μέθοδοι

Επιλογή 2 από τις 4 μεθόδους, αναλόγως την κατηγορία προϊόντος



Determination of ABTS + •Radical Neutralization

This method examines the ability of a specific amount of sample to neutralize a specific amount of ABTS + •radical. This radical is an artificial substance produced in the laboratory and is widely used to assess the antioxidant capacity of hydrophilic components of products.



Determination of DPPH[•] Radical Neutralization

This method examines the ability of a specific amount of sample to neutralize a specific amount of DPPH[•] radical. This radical is an artificial substance produced in the laboratory and is widely used to assess the antioxidant capacity of hydrophilic and partially lipophilic components of products.



Determination of OH[•] radical Neutralization

Fenton reaction $Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2 \longrightarrow Fe^{3+} + OH + OH^-$



Determination of total reducing power

This method examines the ability of the product to create a (reducing) environment capable of converting potentially dangerous free radicals into inactive ones. This protects various biomolecules (eg DNA, fats, proteins) from possible damage. This method shows a general assessment of the antioxidant capacity of a product.



Determination of O2[•] Radical Neutralization

This method examines the ability of a specific amount of sample to neutralize a specific amount of O2• radical. This radical is produced in normal and pathological conditions in the human body. Its overproduction in combination with its reduced neutralization by the body can lead to damage of various biomolecules (e.g. DNA, fats, proteins).The assessment of the ability of the product under evaluation to neutralize this radical is very important.



Determination of inhibition of DNA breaks due to free radicals

This method examines the protective ability of the product against DNA damage. ROO• radical causes DNA to break down, causing irreparable damage to it. With this method we exclusively control the DNA-protective activity of the product under evaluation.



1: control 2: Plasmid + οξειδωτικός παράγοντας 3-7: Plasmid + αντιοξειδωτικός παράγοντας 8: Αντιοξειδωτικός παράγοντας

Determination of reductive ability against copper

This method examines the ability of the product to reduce oxidized copper. It provides us with information concerning the product's ability to create a reducing environment capable of neutralizing free radicals.



Determination of lipid peroxidation inhibition

This method examines the protecting ability of the product against the peroxidation of lipids, i.e. the damage caused by free radicals in lipids. Lipids are particularly sensitive to oxidative modifications which can lead to disruption of the normal functioning of their metabolism.



Παράδειγμα

Ειδική Δράση ανά μέθοδο									Αθροιστική Δράση
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Μέλι 1	1,5	1,1	1,8	2,1	3,2	3			12,7
Μέλι 2	1,3	1,4	1,7	2,2	2,4	2,6			11,6
Μέλι 3	1,0	0,8	1,1	1,4	1,7	1,4			7,4
Μέλι 4	2,8	2,4	2,9	2,7	3,5	3,7			18
Μέλι 5	2,1	2,3	1,9	2,2	3,1	3,4			15
Μέλι 6	1,9	2	2,6	1,6	2,4	1,8			12,3
Βέλτιστη τιμή	3	3	3	3	4	4			20

1. Determination of ABTS + •Radical Neutralization

2. Determination of DPPH• Radical Neutralization

- 3. Determination of OH•radical Neutralization
- 4. Determination of total reducing power

- 5. Determination of O2• Radical Neutralization
- 6. Determination of inhibition of DNA breaks due
- to free radicals
- 7. Determination of reductive ability against copper
- 8. Determination of lipid peroxidation inhibition








Σύγκριση αντιοξειδωτικών



Αντιοξειδωτικά βοτάνων



Βότανο	Μονάδες/ml	Μονάδες/ 200ml
Τσάι του βουνού	0,51	102
Βασιλικός	3,51	702
Ιβίσκος	1,65	330
Αντωνιάδα	2,82	564
Λουίζα	6,39	1278
Δυόσμος	5,63	1126
Θρουμπί	3,22	644
Λαδανιά	8,27	1654
Θυμάρι	8,16	1632
Φασκόμηλο	8,03	1606
Χαμομήλι	0,92	184
Ματζουράνα	3,79	758
Δενδρολίβανο	3,42	684
Δίκταμο	6,68	1336

Διάφορα τρόφιμα δίνουν διαφορετικά επίπεδα αντιοξειδωτικών

	Υγρό	Αντιοξειδωτική ικανότητα ανά δόση (200ml Χυμοί, 30ml Espresso, 45ml Greek coffee, 250ml Instant & Filtered coffee, 200ml ανά ποτήρι γάλατος και κρασιού, 330ml Μπύρα)		
	Apple-Orange-Carrot	366-550		
Χυμοί	Peach	144-352		
	9 fruits	660-1202		
	Pomegranate	3860-14280		
	Apple-Pomegranate-Grape- Orange	2380-4340		
	Orange	224-880		
	Espresso	1807,5-3489		
Καφέδες	Instant coffee	7062-10775		
	Greek coffee	735,8-1285		
	Filtered coffee	1522-1841		
Άλλα	Milk	66-98		
	White Wine	160		
	Blonde Beer	396		

Διάφορα τρόφιμα δίνουν διαφορετικά επίπεδα αντιοξειδωτικών

	Αντιοξειδωτική δράση
Φαγητά	300 gr (µmol DPPH)
Ξιφίας - πατατοσαλάτα	1200
Παστίτσιο	1047
Αγκινάρα - Αρακάς	2418
Λαχανόρυζο	894
Αρακάς - Ντομάτα Λαδερός	1080
Σουτζουκάκι Σμυρναίικο	1110
Σπανάκι - Ρεβύθι	1305
Πατάτες φούρνου	687
Κριθαράκι - Ντομάτα - Μοσχάρι	873
Αρνί - Κριθαράκι	1230
Γίγαντες	1215
Κοτόπουλο - Μουστάρδα	1389
Μπάμιες - Ντομάτα	1875
Ντομάτες γεμιστές	753
Μπιφτέκι κοτόπουλο	1665
Μοσχάρι κοκκινιστό	2886
Μουσακάς	1470
	Φαγητά Ξιφίας - πατατοσαλάτα Παστίτσιο Αγκινάρα - Αρακάς Λαχανόρυζο Αρακάς - Ντομάτα Λαδερός Σουτζουκάκι Σμυρναίικο Σπανάκι - Ρεβύθι Πατάτες φούρνου Κριθαράκι - Ντομάτα - Μοσχάρι Αρνί - Κριθαράκι Γίγαντες Κοτόπουλο - Μουστάρδα Μπάμιες - Ντομάτα Ντομάτες γεμιστές





Personalized Nutrition Plans based on Measurement of Specific Redox Biomarkers in Human Blood



Mylonas, C. and Kouretas, D. (1999) Lipid Peroxidation and Tissue Damage. In Vivo, 13, 295-309.

Condition	GSH	TBARS	CATALASE	TAC	CARBONYLS	Literature
Cancer	↓15- 30%	个50- 100%	↓12-50%	↓10- 30%	个20-50%	Badjatia et al.,2010; Kumaraguruparan et al.,2002
Cardiovascular	↓17- 37%	个100- 142%	↓60-70%	↓20- 30%	个100-140%	Singh et al.,2015; Noichri1 et al.,2013;Flores-Mateo et al.,2009
Kidney failure	↓25- 35%	个120- 150%	√30-40%	↓30- 40%	个50-70%	Santangelo et al.,2004; Simmons et al.,2005; Aziz et al.,2013
Diabetes	↓15- 20%	个50-60%	↓25-30%	↓30- 40%	个50-70%	Stambouli et al., 2015; Maellaro et al.,2011; Goth et al.,2001

Diseases with Documented Links to Low Glutathione

Neuro and Brain

Alzheimer's Disease Parkinson's Disease Huntington's Disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease) Migraines Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Autism ADHD/ADD Bipolar Disorder Depression

Cardiovascular

Atherosclerosis Angina Erectile Dysfunction Hypertension Stroke

Immune and Cancer

HIV and AIDS Cancer (Breast, Lung, Cervical, Colon, Ovarian, Leukemia) Lupus Viral Infections Asthma Acne Lyme Disease Allergies Gingivitis Rheumatoid Arthritis

Thyroid and Pancreatic Function

Diabetes Pancreatitis Hyperthyroidism Hypothyroidism Other

Inflammatory Skin Conditions Accelerated Aging Arthritis Chronic Fatigue Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Gout Hepatitis of Any Kind Cystic Fibrosis Infertility Eyesight Issues (including Macular Degeneration) Gastric Ulcers





Nrf2 pathway

Overview of redox regulation by Keap1–Nrf2 system in toxicology and cancer Mikiko Suzuki, Akihito Otsuki, Nadine Keleku-Lukwete and Masayuki Yamamoto. Current Opinion in Toxicology 2016, 1:29–36

Is There a Way to Bridge the Gap Between Lifespan and Healthspan?



Is Your Lifespan (and/or Healthspan) "Programmed" in Your Genes?



Your Genetic Make-up Influences Life Expectancy

A glance at your family tree may indicate whether you have a tendency to live a long, healthy life



Genetics

Family History

Exceptional longevity (1 to 3 decades longer than average) tends to run in families

Siblings of "supercentenarians" tend to live longer than average What Does Genetic Analysis of Exceptionally Long-lived People Reveal About Longevity?

There are "nodes" of exceptionally longlived people throughout the world



Genome Analysis [with "single nucleotide polymorphisms" (SNPs)] of Exceptionally Long-lived People Reveal...





Genetic Analysis Suggests that Environment & Diet are the Major Determinants for Healthy Aging



Accentuating Positive Lifestyle Factors & Eliminating the Adverse Ones Promotes Healthy Aging



Diet is the Largest Factor Affecting Longevity and Healthy Aging

Genetics

Environment

HEALTHO

FATING

Diet

Nutrient influence on healthy aging is being extensively studied in humans and in many animal models of aging





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Consumption of plant – derived products rich in polyphenols promotes healthy lifespan

What is the quantity of antioxidants for a personalized nutrition regime?



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Pomegranate juice consumption increases GSH levels and reduces lipid and protein oxidation in human blood

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T1: BEFORE JUICE T2: IMMEDIATELY AFTER STOPPING JUICE (2 WEEKS) T3: A WEEK AFTER THE JUICE ADMINISTRATION T4: 3 WEEKS AFTER STOPPING JUICE ADMINISTRATION





Statistically significant decrease in protein carbonyls with pomegranate juice for 2 weeks and maintained for 1 month







Article

The Strong Antioxidant Sheep/Goat Whey Protein Protects Against mTOR Overactivation in Rats: A Mode of Action Mimicking Fasting

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Sheep/Goat Whey Protein inactivates of mTOR





Comparison of antioxidants



1 glass of pomegranate juice



3 cups espresso 1 cup instant coffee



5 glasses of red





17 cups of juice



23 glasses of beer



50 glasses of white wine



100 glasses of milk

2nd PILLAR



Exercise promotes healthy lifespan

Reactive species and physiological adaptations to endurance training



Takuji Kawamura, Isao Muraoka. Exercise-Induced Oxidative Stress and the Effects of Antioxidant Intake from a Physiological Viewpoint. Chemistry, MedicinePublished in Antioxidants 2018. DOI:10.3390/antiox7090119

Effects of physical activity on oxidative stress status



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Fasting induces metabolic shift and promotes healthy lifespan



Fasting and health

Cellular Responses to Energy Restriction That Integrate Cycles of Feeding and Fasting with Metabolism.

Effects of Intermittent Fasting on Health, Aging, and Disease. Rafael de Cabo, Ph.D., and Mark P. Mattson, Ph.D. N Engl J Med 2019;381:2541-51. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMra1905136

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Article Influence of Long-Term Fasting on Blood Redox Status in Humans

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Overview of the measured redox parameters



Parameters	Baseline
Age, years	57.0 (±10.5)
Female, n	68 (62%)
Male, n	41 (38%)





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The effects of the 10-day fast on the mean levels of redox biomarkers



GSH levels:

- Increase \rightarrow light blue
- Decrease \rightarrow dark blue
- Unchanged →black

Changes in redox parameters during fasting were associated with changes in clinical parameters



Associations between the different redox parameters measured in this study



The beneficial effects of long-term fasting and the findings of the present study



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Interplay between oxidative damage, the redox status, and metabolic biomarkers during long-term fasting

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Redox parameters correlate with metabolic parameters before fasting





Lipid peroxidation levels affects the effects of long-term fasting on the normalization of lipid levels



Important findings

Pre-Fasting TBARS levels can lead to individualized fasting interventions

A machine learning algorithm using a combination of antioxidant parameters measured at baseline can predict changes in markers of metabolic health caused by long-term fasting





The redox parameters that contribute to the predictive ability of the model

The values predicted by the model on an independent test set correlate well with the measured decrease in LDL during fasting

Human biomarker measurement services

HOLISTIC EVALUATION OF BLOOD REDOX STATUS MEASURING A WIDE RANGE OF BIOMARKERS, BEFORE AND AFTER A PROPOSED NUTRITIONAL SCHEME

We measure the following biomarkers

Control of antioxidants

- GSH (reduced glutathione),
- TAC (total antioxidant capacity),
- Reducing Power,
- ABTS Radical scavenging
- Hydroxyl Radical scavenging
- Superoxide Radical scavenging

Control of critical gene products

- Catalase,
- GPx (glutathione peroxidase),
- SOD (peroxidase dismutase),
- GR (glutathione reductase) enzymatic antioxidants that are involved in protecting the cell against free radicals.

Control of oxidative damage products

- TBARS (lipid peroxidation),
- Protein Carbonyls (oxidative protein damage)-the end products of free radical action.

The effect of personalized nutrition on human redox status is evaluated and human health is improved Antioxidant consumption, exercise and fasting regulate baseline gsh levels in blood and improve human redox status







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Η ανάγκη για αντιοξειδωτικά από τη διατροφή σε σχέση με τα ενδογενή επίπεδα GSH που εντοπίστηκαν στο δείγμα αίματος







Review

The Importance of Redox Status in the Frame of Lifestyle Approaches and the Genetics of the Lung Innate Immune Molecules, SP-A1 and SP-A2, on Differential Outcomes of COVID-19 Infection

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Obesity - a risk factor for increased COVID-19 prevalence, severity and lethality (Review)

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Formation and neutralization of free radicals









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