DUAL EFFECT OF RESVERATROL IN C6 GLIOMA CELLS: ANTI- AND PRO-OXIDANT PROPERTIES

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The redox active compound, resveratrol (3,4',5- trihydroxy stilbene), a phytoalexin found in grapes and red wine has been proposed to have beneficial effects in brain pathologies that may involve oxidative stress (OS). The objective of the present study was to investigate in C6 glial lineage cells, the protective effects of trans-resveratrol (10 -100 μ M) in two models of OS induced by hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂): I. 1 mM H₂O₂ for 0.5 h and II. 0.1 or 0.5 mM H₂O₂ for 6 h. It was analyzed the index of DNA damage, assessed by the comet assay as well as the content of GSH and lipid peroxidation. In model I, resveratrol prevented oxidative DNA damage in all concentrations tested and at 100 µM resveratrol increased GSH content (about 44%) and decreased lipid peroxidation (about 28%), compared to H₂O₂ exposure. In model II, the genoprotective effect was only partial, suggesting a pro-oxidant effect, in agreement with GSH decrease and lipid peroxidation increase. Our results provide evidence that resveratrol may contributes to brain health in disorders involving OS. However, the dual effect of resveratrol (presenting anti- and pro-oxidant activity) suggests more caution to evaluate the therapeutic effects of this compound in brain disorders. Supported by FAPERGS, CNPg, PROPESg-UFRGS.