## Free Radical and **Antioxidants** Lecture 3

### **Lecture Outline**

- Free Radical Chemistry
- Antioxidant's action
- Repair mechanisms
- · Little bit of aging ....here and there

### A Brief History of Free Radical Biology

A free radical is a molecule containing an unpaired electron. Free radicals are unstable and reactive. In 1969 Joe M. McCord, Ph.D. and Irwin Fridovich, Ph.D. discovered an enzyme that catalyzes the elimination of a free radical form of oxygen, O2,, called superoxide. The enzyme was named superoxide

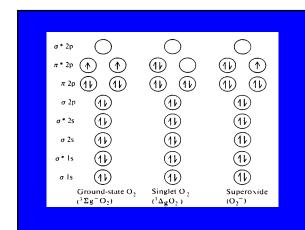
dismutase, or SOD:  $O_2^{\overline{\bullet}} + O_2^{\overline{\bullet}} \xrightarrow{\bullet} H_2 O_2 + O_2$ 

D<sub>2</sub> + C<sub>2</sub> — H<sub>2</sub> C<sub>3</sub> + C<sub>2</sub>

Init the discovery it was assumed that biological systems were too mid-mannered to produce such reserving the control of the written on the subject.

When cells are diseased or injured, the normal metabolism of oxygen goes awry, leading to the increased production of superoxide. In addition, white blood cells intentionally produce superoxide in order to kill microroganisms. These white cells are activated by trauma and inflammation, in addition to infection. Hence, nearly all diseases involve the production of increased amounts of free radicals. Diseases of primary interest include hear attack, stroke, arthritis, cancer, AIDS, and neurological diseases such as ALS.

**Cumulative Publications** on Superoxide 5000



### I. Introduction

A. What is a Free Radical?

"It is an atom or group of atoms possessing one or more unpaired electrons".

The word "free" in front of "radical" is considered unnecessary.

### II. Notation

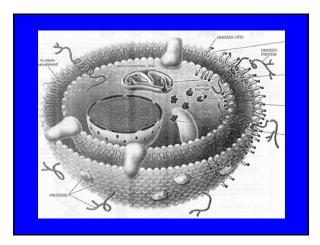
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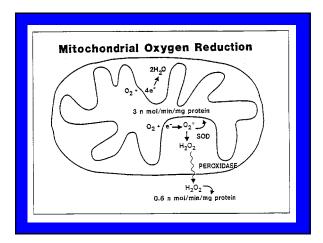
B. Examples (Note: dot, then charge)

(See Koppenol WH. (1990) What is in a name? Rules for radicals. Free Radic. Biol. Med. 9:225-227.)

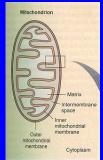
### Question?

• Where are radicals produced?





### **MITOCHONDRIA RESPIRATION**



 $4H^+ + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$ (~95% of the time)

 $O_2 \rightarrow *O_2 \rightarrow H_2O_2$ \*Only 1-5% generate free radicals

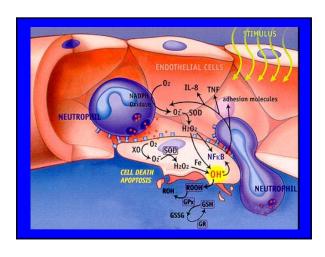
### Reactive Oxygen Species

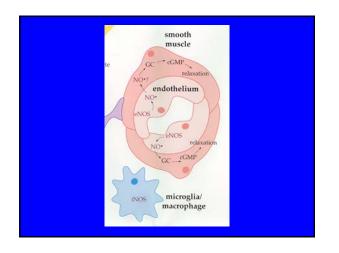
- Approximately 1-5% of oxygen consumed by cells is reduced to the superoxide anion (O<sub>2</sub>• ) and hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> permeates cellular membranes, entering nearly all cellular compartments

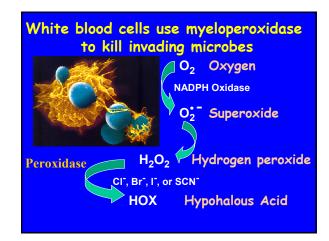
# What is the oxidants production in a day?

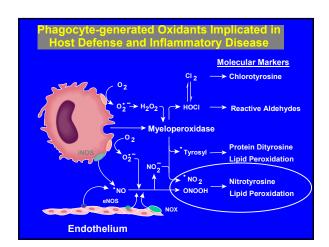
In theory by B. Halliwell

- Using 3.5ml O<sub>2</sub>/kg/min gives at Rest
- O<sub>2</sub> consumption of 352.8L/day (70kg; male)
- 14.7 moles oxygen a day
- If 1% of oxygen becomes a superoxide radical
- 0.147 moles of superoxide is produced.

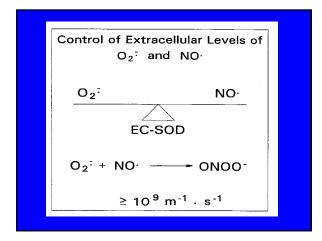


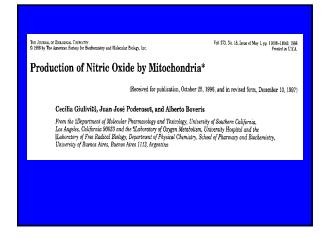












### Peroxynitrite

 O<sub>2</sub>\*- reacts extremely rapidly with NO\* to form Peroxynitrite (ONOO-)

 This is a non-radical species that is a potent oxidizing and nitrating intermediate. 'NO reacts very rapidly with the free O<sub>2</sub>\*to form ONOO\*.

### "Radical" Reactions

O <sub>2</sub> + e <=> O <sub>2</sub> *	Equation 1
$\mathrm{O_2}$ + 2e + 2H <sup>+</sup> $\rightarrow$ $\mathrm{H_2O_2}$	Equation 2
$O_2^{\bullet -} + O_2^{\bullet -} + 2H^+ \rightarrow SOD \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$	Equation 3
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2\text{+ 2GSH} \rightarrow \text{GPX} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{GSSG} + \text{ROH}$	Equation 4
$2H_2O_2 + \rightarrow Catalase \rightarrow 2H_2O + O_2$	Equation 5
$O_2^{\bullet-} + NO^{\bullet} \rightarrow ONOO^{-}$	Equation 6
$O_2^{\bullet-} + M^{n+} \rightarrow O_2 + M^{(n-1)+}$	Equation 7
$Fe^{2+} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow HO^{\bullet} + HO^{-} + Fe^{3+}$	Equation 8

### **Hydroxyl Radical**

### First YOU need REDOX active Iron

Fe<sup>3</sup> + O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> → Fe<sup>2+</sup> (Free or low molecular weight chelates of transition metals such as Fe<sup>3+</sup> are reduced by O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> to Fe<sup>2+</sup>)

# Hydroxyl radical Continue

- The Haber-Weiss reaction (also known as superoxide-driven Fenton chemistry).
- Fe<sup>2+</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> → HO<sup>•</sup> + HO<sup>-</sup> + Fe<sup>3+</sup>
  - The reduced metal ion then reacts with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to generate the extremely reactive HO\*.

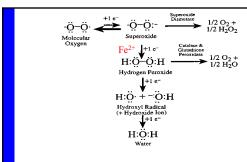


Figure 2. The reductive chemistry of oxygen illustrated by Lewis dot diagrams. However, the representation is not accurate for oxygen, failing to accound for the two net bonds between the oxygens, and should be only viewed as a illustrative teaching aid. Because molecular oxygen contains two unpaired electrons, its reduction to water proceeds most readily through a series of four single electron reduction steps. The lifetimes of superoxide and hydrogen peroxide are sufficiently long that they can be scavenged by the specific antioxidant enzymes, superoxide dismutase, catalase and glutathione peroxidase.

### **Hydroxyl Radical**

- Transition metals (such as Fe<sup>2+</sup>) catalyze the cleavage of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to •OH, the hydroxyl free radical
- OH is believed to be the primary agent of protein, DNA, and lipid damage

# Reactive oxygen, reactive nitrogen, and reactive chlorinating species have many origins

- -Mitochondria, NO•, O<sub>2</sub>-•, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- -Endothelial Cells, NO•, O<sub>2</sub>•, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- Immune cells (anti-bactericidal)
  - Hypochlorous acid (bleach)
  - NO•, O<sub>2</sub>•- , H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

## **Many Functions**

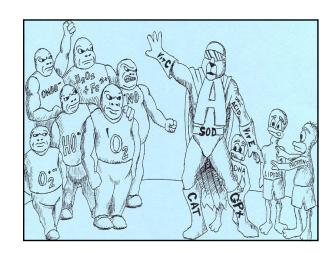
- Modulate metabolism
- Modulation of cellular redox state
- Anti-bactericidal
- Cell signaling
- Activation of gene-transcription factors

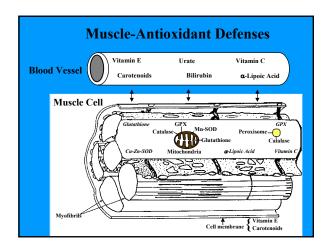
### Question?

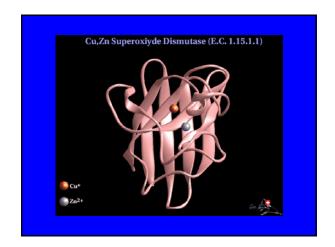
- How do we protect ourselves from these reactive intermediates?
- Do we need to protect us under normal healthy conditions?

### **Antioxidant Defense Systems**

- 1) Enzymatic defenses
- 2) Non-enzymatic defenses







B. Vitamin E - Tocopherols 
$$\alpha$$
,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ 

CH<sub>3</sub>

HO

CH<sub>3</sub>

CH<sub>3</sub>

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Chromane head

Phytyl Tail

C. The Antioxidant Reaction

 $R^{\bullet} + TOH \rightarrow RH + TO^{\bullet}$ 
 $R^{\bullet} + AscH^{-} \rightarrow RH + Asc^{\bullet-}$ 

VI. Vitamins C & E. (Donor Antioxidants)

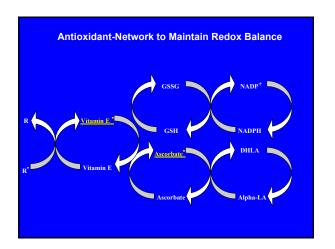
A. Vitamin C (Ascorbate)

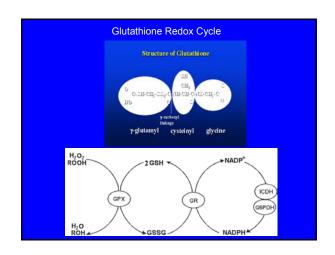
OH

$$PK_1 = 4.2$$
:  $pK_2 = 11.6$ 

Principal, water-soluable antioxidant, i.e. small molecule - chain breaking.

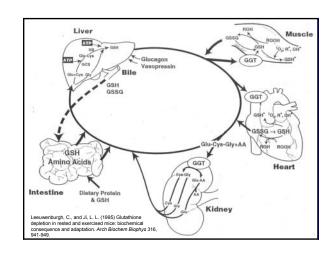
AscH<sup>-</sup> + R\*  $\rightarrow$  Asc\*- + R-H





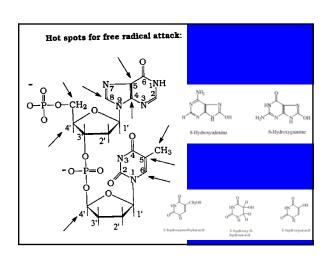
# What is an good Antioxidant?

- What is an antioxidant?
- A substance when present in trace (small) amounts inhibits the oxidation of the bulk
- What are considered good antioxidants?
  - Relatively un-reactive (antioxidant•)
  - Repaired Rapidly
  - Decays to harmless products



### **Oxidative Stress**

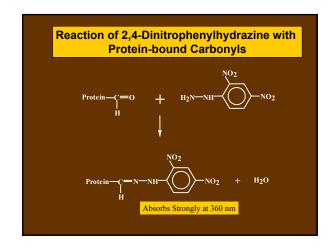
- What happens when oxidants and antioxidants are not in balance?
  - Protein damage
  - DNA damage
  - Lipid Damage



- "Protein" Oxidation determined by carbonyl Formation.
- Adams, S., Green, P., Claxton, R., Simcox, S., Williams, M. V., Walsh, K., and Leeuwenburgh, C. (2001) Reactive carbonyl formation by oxidative and non-oxidative pathways. *Front Biosci* 6, A17-24.

## Aging and Carbonyl's

- 1) Increases protein oxidation is associated with disease and aging
- 2) Protein oxidation often is assessed by reactivity with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine
- 3) These observations implicate oxidative stress in the pathogenesis of disease and aging
- 4) Dr. Stadtman proposed that hydroxyl radicals are the likely radical to produce damage

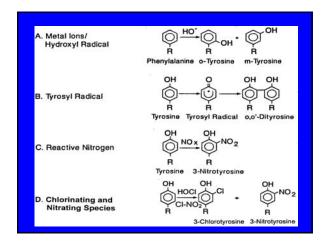


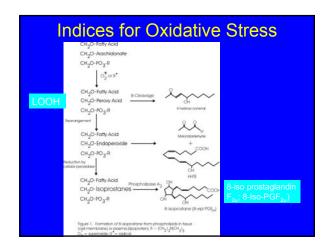
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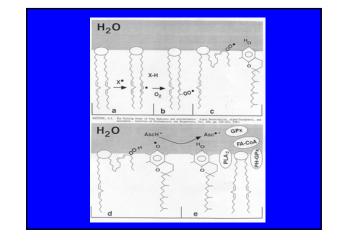
- 2, 4 Dinitrophenylhydrazine will React with Any Carbonyl Group
- 1) Reducing Sugars
- 2) Aldehydes
- 3) Lipid Peroxidation Products

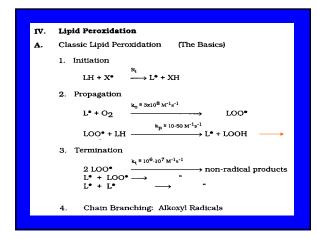
### Many Forms of Oxidation Might Generate Protein Carbonyls

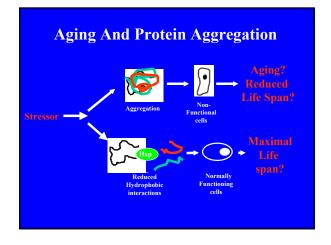
- 1) Peroxynitrite (ONOO-)
- 2) Hypochlorous Acid (HOCI)
- 3) Metal Catalyzed Oxidation (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/Metal)

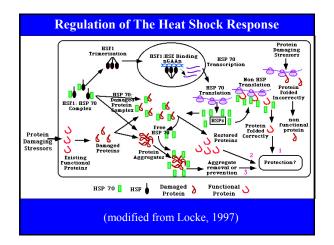


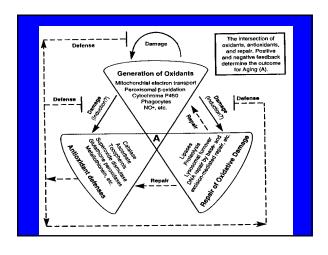


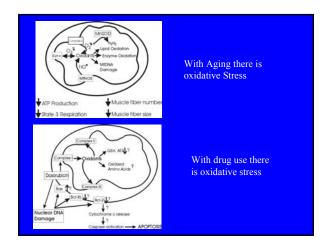


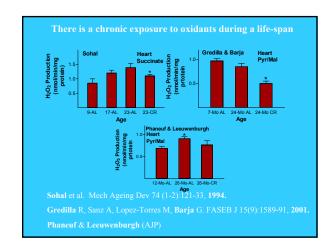


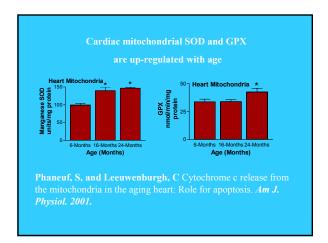


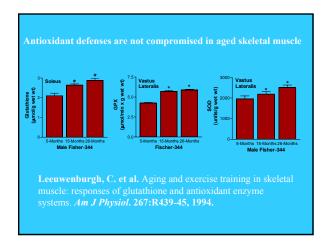


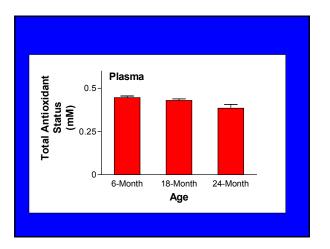


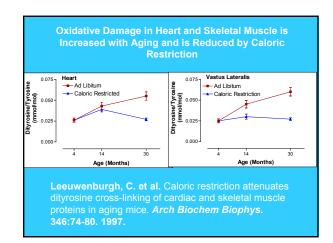


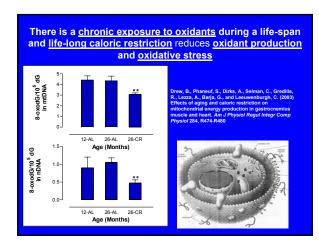


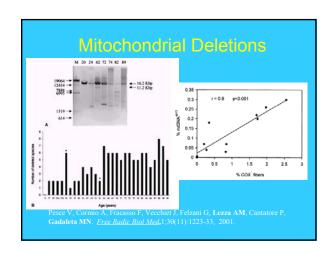












# Reactive Oxygen Species and adverse effects

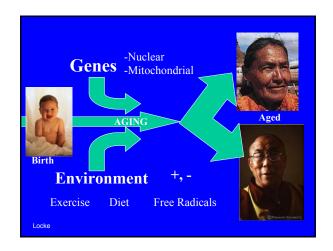
- Oxidative Stress: ROS can alter the activities of enzymes, induce mutations, and damage cell membranes "mitochondrial dysfunction"
- Apoptosis: Programmed cell Death. Radicals can mediate cell to die.

### **Conclusions**

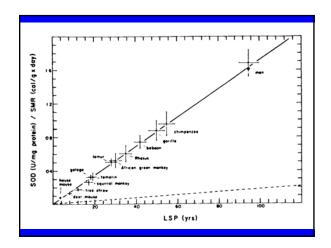
- Aging results in variable changes of oxidant production (heart, brain, muscle)
- Antioxidant enzymes (SOD, GPX) increase in response to the chronic oxidative stress
- GSH (non-enzymatic increases in muscle)
- Despite this there is oxidative damage to lipid, DNA, and proteins.
- In addition, Mt-DNA deletions increase in several tissues.
- ATP production?

## **Summary**

- Decreased efficiency of antioxidant defense mechanisms? <u>NO</u>, most tissues maintain or up regulate their defenses.
- Concentrations of oxidatively damaged proteins, DNA, and lipids increase with age. Generally speaking, Yes.







## **SOD Levels and Aging**

- Long lived animals have more SOD

   This does not seem to be correct!!!!
- Cutler et al. 1980