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## Effect of nitric oxide on dna damage as evidence by the analysis of hydroperoxides and stable products using LC-MS/MS



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Nitric oxide ( $\bullet$ NO) is a crucial signaling molecule that interacts with reactive oxygen species (ROS) and can influence radiation-induced DNA damage. This study investigates the role of  $\bullet$ NO in modulating thymine-derived peroxy radicals using thymidine as a model system and isolated DNA. Samples were exposed to gamma-irradiation in the presence or absence of DEA NONOates ( $\bullet$ NO donor) and superoxide dismutase (SOD). The samples were analyzed using liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) to detect oxidative DNA lesions. Results showed that  $\bullet$ NO significantly decreased the formation of hydroperoxide products (5hpm-dU) while increasing alcohol derivatives (5hm-dU), indicating conversion of peroxy radicals into less reactive species. The presence of SOD reduced hydroperoxide formation and enhanced the effect of  $\bullet$ NO, suggesting competition between  $\bullet$ NO and superoxide radicals. Similar trends were observed in DNA. Overall,  $\bullet$ NO protects DNA by converting harmful radicals into stable forms, reducing further damage.

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