

# EFFECT OF ANTIANGIOGENIC TREATMENTS ON BIOMARKERS OF OXIDATIVE STRESS IN PATIENTS WITH AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

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## Background

Many authors has hypothesized that oxidative stress and exudative age-related macular degeneration (AMD) share common antecedents and proposed that novel biomarkers associated with oxidative stress be evaluated for their potential relationship with AMD.

## Purpose

Analyze the effect of anti-VEGF therapy about biomarkers of oxidative stress in patients with AMD.

## Materials and Methods

A total of 73 patients with exudative AMD with no previous anti-VEGF treatment were treated with two Anti-VEGF treatments: Ranibizumab and Pegaptanib. The follow up was 6 months. The parameters were determined before and after antiangiogenic therapy: total antioxidant activity (TAS), reduced and oxidized glutathione (GSH/GSSH), glutathione peroxidase (GPx), glutathione reductase (GR), superoxide dismutase (SOD) and protein carbonyl groups.

Average value of	Before antiangiogenic therapies		After antiangiogenic therapies	
	Pegaptanib	Ranibizumab	Pegaptanib	Ranibizumab
TAS (µM Trolox)	166.6±20.4	202.4±27.4	151,2 ±16,5	193,7±122,1
GSH/GSSH (µM)	8.2±1.4	6.2±1.1	7,9±1,6	5,8±2,1
GPx (U/L)	7149,1±2120	7328,1±1954	6549,1±1511	6728,1± 1846
SOD (Ug/Hb)	885.8±25.4	815.8±75.8	845.8±22.1	795.8±75.8
GR (U/L)	54.1±3.4	50.6±2.9	52.6±2.4	48.7±2.7
carbonyl groups (µmol/mg)	72.1±7.0	68.3±4.1	75,1±8,1	71.8±5,8

After antiangiogenic therapies, average values of total antioxidant activity, GSH/GSSH and endogenous antioxidant enzymes decreased slightly and values of carbonyl groups were increased (there were not significant differences).

## Conclusions

There was not statistically significant difference but Pegaptanib and Ranibizumab may disturb the homeostatic maintenance of oxidative stress.