# CYTOPROTECTIVE EFFECT OF MELATONIN ON GONADAL TOXICITY INDUCED BY LOCAL LINURON HERBICIDE IN WISTAR RATS.

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| **ABSTRACT**  This study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of supplementation of an antioxidant Melatonin on oxidative status (antioxidant defense system) in an animal model Showing pathological lesions induced by a local herbicide: linuron.  Indeed, the administration of [1, 2]. caused pathophysiology which was revealed on the one hand, by the formation of pre-tumoral cells located within the seminiferous tubes and on the other hand by the reduction of glutathione -S - transferase (GST), and a significant decrease in reduced glutathione (GSH) levels, which are biomarkers of oxidative stress.  Melatonin preventive treatment of rats with linuron decreased Significantly the incidence of pre-tumoral lesions, with improved activity of the antioxidant defense status GSH, GST.  This suggests that melatonin can act as an effective chemo-preventive agent against Testicular cancer via the reduction of radical attacks on the testicles [3, 4].  **References:**  [1] Bai J, Han H, Wang F, Su L, Ding H, Hu X, Hu B, Li H, Zheng W, Li Y (2017) Maternal linuron exposure alters testicular development in male ofspring rats at the whole genome level. Toxicology 389:13–20  [2] Magierowski M, Jasnos K, Pawlik M, Krzysiek-Maczka G, PtakBelowska A, Olszanecki R, Kwiecien S, Korbut R, Brzozowski T (2013) Role of angiotensin-(1–7) in gastroprotection against stress-induced ulcerogenesis. The involvement of mas receptor,nitric oxide, prostaglandins, and sensory neuropeptides. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 347:717–726  [3] Manchester LC, Coto-Montes A, Boga JA, Andersen LPH, Zhou Z,Galano A, Vriend J, Tan DX, Reiter RJ (2015) Melatonin: an ancient molecule that makes oxygen metabolically tolerable. JPineal Res 59(4):403–419  [4] Reiter RJ, Mayo JC, Tan DX, Sainz RM, Alatorre-Jimenez M, Qin L (2016) Melatonin as an antioxidant: under promises but over delivers. J Pineal Res 61(3):253–278 |

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