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ELECTROCHEMICAL DETERMINATION OF REDOX POTENTIAL IN INFANT FORMULA AND HUMAN BREAST MILK

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Object of Research:Human breast milk is the best dietary choice for newborn baby, and it is considered be a gold standard.All the manufacturers of infant formula aim to produce these products with composition very similar to that of human breast milk. The objects of research of this study are to investigate the significance of breast milk and infant formula in the prevention of oxidative stress, by electrochemical determination of the total antioxidant potential and commonly used DPPH method, demonstrating the relationship between the antioxidant capacity of milk and postnatal age.

Materials and Methods:Infant formulas supplemented with prebiotics for term and preterm newborn babies, human breast milk and UHT milk were used. Cyclic voltammograms and differential pulse voltammograms were recorded with the glassy carbon electrode as the working electrode, an accessory platinum electrode, and an Ag/AgCl reference electrode. The DPPH assay measures the reducing ability of antioxidants in milk samples towards the DPPH radical using a UV-vis spectrophotometer.

Results:Electrochemical measurements indicates that human breast milk has the highest redox potential (250 mV), while skimmed UHT milk has very low one (100 mV). Infant formulas have also high potential of 180mV. DPPH method confirmed results obtained by electrochemical methods. The free radical scavenging activity is highest for human breast milk (92.51%) and lowest for UHT milk sample (39.94%). Infant formulas have also high free radical scavenging activity (70-91%).

Conclusions:The main advantage of electrochemical methods used to assess the total antioxidant activity of milk was that they directly monitored the electron-donating ability of the compounds and could be used for the quantitative analysis of the total antioxidants of different types of milk.