

# VARIABLE BACTERIAL RESPONSES TO OXIDATIVE STRESS IN DIFFERENT BACTERIAL SPECIES

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Living organisms are exposed to oxidative stress due to internal or external stimuli. It results from the imbalance between the production and elimination of reactive oxygen species. This leads to loss of homeostasis. **Objective:** To test the effect of oxidative stress on the level of the production of reduced glutathione (GSH) as an antioxidant, malondialdehyde (MDA) as a measure of lipid peroxidation, and of the siderophore enterobactin as an oxidative stress response, in different bacterial species.

**Materials and Methods:** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined in *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603, using broth-microdilution method. The levels of GSH and MDA were measured in *E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 and in clinical isolates of *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae* and *Staphylococcus aureus* after exposure to lethal H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration, using Glutathione Reduced Kit and Lipid Peroxide-Malondialdehyde Kit, respectively. The level of expression of *entC* gene, involved in enterobactin biosynthesis, in presence of 0.25 and 0.5 MIC of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was determined using quantitative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction.

**Results:** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> MIC for both *E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 was 1.5 mM. Exposure of *E. coli* to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> resulted in a significant increase in GSH (p=0.0001) and MDA (p=0.0001) levels. However, in *K. pneumoniae*, a significant decrease in the GSH (p=0.0001) and MDA levels (p=0.0001) was recorded upon H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> exposure. No change in MDA and GSH levels was detected in *S. aureus* isolates exposed to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The expression of *entC* gene in both *E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 was reduced in presence of 0.25 and 0.5 H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> MIC.

**Conclusion:** Bacteria responded differently to oxidative stress, with *S. aureus* bacteria as the least affected by oxidative stress. Enterobactin role in oxidative stress needs reevaluation.

**Keywords:** Oxidative stress, Malondialdehyde, Reduced glutathione, enterobactin, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*.

## INTRODUCTION

Oxygen is essential for the growth of living organisms. Under normal physiological conditions, free radicals are generated due to the escape of electrons from the electron transport chain, leading to formation of reactive oxygen species

(ROS) as superoxide anion (O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>), hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and hydroxyl radical (OH<sup>•</sup>; McBee et al., 2017). If the generated ROS exceeds the elimination capacity of the organism, this leads to loss of homeostasis, and the organism encounters a state of oxidative stress (Su et al., 2019).

Excess ROS, generated during the oxidative stress, results in adverse modifications of cell components as lipids, proteins and DNA. Polyunsaturated fatty acids of the cell membranes are highly susceptible to ROS damage; a process called lipid peroxidation. Lipid peroxidation is a chain reaction that results in the production of breakdown products such as malondialdehyde (MDA) and 4-hydroxynonenal; these products may cause disruption of the bacterial cell membrane (Ayala *et al.*, 2014).

The attack of ROS may also affect the protein activity through nitrosylation, carbonylation, disulphide bond formation and glutathionylation. In addition, the breakdown products of lipid peroxidation may form conjugates with the protein (Repetto *et al.*, 2012). Oxidative attack on DNA results in deoxyribose oxidation, removal of nucleotides, strand breakage, base modification, and DNA-protein crosslinks. This may lead to malfunctions or complete inactivation of the encoded protein and finally can lead to mutations (Sharma *et al.*, 2012 and Su *et al.*, 2019).

Microorganisms produce antioxidants to alleviate the oxidative stress. Antioxidants can be enzymes as superoxide dismutase (SOD) which catalyzes the conversion of superoxide anion into H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, catalase and peroxidase enzymes which decompose H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> into H<sub>2</sub>O. Antioxidants can also be non-enzymatic molecules as reduced glutathione (GSH), ascorbic acid, and  $\alpha$ -tocopherol (Staerck *et al.*, 2017).

Reduced glutathione (the tripeptide  $\gamma$  glutamylcysteinylglycine) is one of the most abundant non-protein thiols. GSH reacts with free radicals preventing the

damage of cellular components; it is also involved in the formation and maintenance of proteins' disulphide bonds (Ribas *et al.*, 2014).

The role of the enterobactin siderophore in alleviation of oxidative stress produced by hydrogen peroxide and paraquat was reported in *Escherichia coli* (Adler *et al.*, 2014 and Peralta *et al.*, 2016). Also, *Staphylococcus aureus* siderophore transporter SirABC was found to be induced by oxidative stress (Nobre and Saraiva, 2014). In this study, the effect of the classical stressor; hydrogen peroxide on different bacterial species was determined. The level of the two antioxidant molecules; GSH, and enterobactin as well as MDA as a measure of lipid peroxidation, were determined.

**The present study aimed to study the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> on different bacterial strains regarding GSH, MDA and enterobactin.**

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Bacterial strains:

*E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 were used in the study. Clinical isolates of *E. coli* (n=59), *K. pneumoniae* (n=11) and *S. aureus* (n=9) were obtained from the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University and Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University.

### Determination of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC):

The MIC of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was measured using broth-microdilution method, according to the *Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute* (2016). Briefly, the overnight culture of *E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *K.*

*pneumonia* ATCC 700603 were diluted to have an optical density equivalent to that of 0.5 McFarland standard (contains approximately  $2 \times 10^8$  CFU/mL). This was diluted 1:150 to contain  $5 \times 10^5$  CFU/mL. Then, one mL of different  $H_2O_2$  concentrations prepared by two-fold serial dilutions (6mM to 0.0117 mM) was inoculated with one ml of the prepared inoculum. The culture of the organism without addition of  $H_2O_2$  was used as a positive control while un-inoculated broth was used as a negative control. Tubes were incubated overnight at 37 °C for 20 hours, and the MIC was determined as the lowest concentration of  $H_2O_2$  which completely inhibited the growth of the organism in the tubes.

#### Determination of GSH and MDA levels:

The effect of  $H_2O_2$  on the levels of MDA and GSH was tested at lethal  $H_2O_2$  (10xMIC level; *Jenkins et al., 1988*). Cell extracts were obtained by the method of *Daily et al. (1978)*. Briefly, the tested strains were grown aerobically for 24 hours in brain heart infusion broth at 37 °C in a rotary shaker at 250 rpm. The culture was divided into two portions; one portion was treated with 15 mM  $H_2O_2$  (50% w/v) and the other was kept without treatment (control). The flasks were incubated in the shaking incubator for 90 minutes at 37 °C. Cells were harvested by centrifugation for 10 minutes at 7000xg and washed with 0.05 M potassium phosphate (pH 7.8) containing 1mM ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA; potassium phosphate EDTA buffer). Washed cells were resuspended in 10 mL potassium phosphate EDTA buffer and centrifuged for 3 minutes at 7000xg. The supernatant was discarded and 5mL

potassium phosphate EDTA buffer was added. Cells were disrupted for 3 minutes with a sonicator (Branson sonifier, USA). Cell debris was removed by centrifugation at 10000 xg for 5 minutes and the cell extracts were stored at -70 °C until used. The level of reduced glutathione was assayed in the cell extracts using Glutathione Reduced kit (Biodiagnostic, Egypt) according to manufacturer's protocol. The level of GSH was determined by measuring absorbance of the yellow color produced after the reaction with 5,5'-dithiobis (2-nitrobenzoic acid) at 405 nm. The concentration of GSH was calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{GSH concentration (mmol/L)} = \text{Sample absorbance} \times 2.22$$

MDA level in the extracts was measured using Lipid Peroxide-Malondialdehyde kit (Biodiagnostic, Egypt) according to manufacturer's instructions, where MDA reacts with thiobarbituric acid (TBA) in acidic medium forming thiobarbituric acid reactive product of pink color. The absorbance of the produced color was measured at 534 nm; the concentration of MDA was calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{MDA concentration (nmol/mL)} = \frac{\text{Sample absorbance}}{\text{Standard absorbance}} \times 10$$

#### Determination of *entC* gene expression:

The effect of the oxidative stress exerted by  $H_2O_2$  on the level of *entC* gene expression in *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae* was determined using quantitative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). *entC* gene encodes the

isochorismate synthase enzyme responsible for the conversion of chorismate to isochorismate which is converted finally to enterobactin, through different enzyme-catalyzed steps. The sequence of the primers used for *entC* gene quantitation in *E. coli* was as follows:

**F'ACCTCCTCTCCACAATTGATTAC and R'AGCAGACAAGCCAAAGTCA**, while the sequence of those used in *K pneumoniae* was as follows **F'TGGCTGAGGATGTACAGAAAC and R'GCAGCCTGAGGTGCTAAA**.

*rpoS* and *rpoB* were used as housekeeping genes for *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae*, respectively. The following primers were used for quantification of *rpoS* and *rpoB*, respectively:

**F'ACGGCCGAAGAAGAAGTTTAT and R'TTACCACCAGACGCAAGTTAC**  
**and F'CGAAATCGAAGGTTCCGGTAT and R'ATCGTCCACTTCGCCTTTAC**.

Tested species were incubated in luria bertani broth overnight at 37 °C. Overnight cultures were diluted to reach

an optical density of 0.05 at 600 nm. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was added to 20 mL culture at a concentration of 0.25 of MIC (0.375 mM) and 0.5 of MIC (0.75 mM). Culture without H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> addition was used as a control. The cultures were incubated at 37 °C in a shaking incubator at 180 rpm until the exponential phase of growth (OD 600 =0.2). The synthesis and degradation of RNA were blocked by adding 1/5 volume of stop solution (90% ethanol /10% phenol). The RNA was purified using RNeasy mini kit (QIAGEN, Germany) according to manufacturer's protocol. RNA was quantified by measuring the absorbance at 260nm. cDNA synthesis and the RT-PCR were carried out using KAPA SYBR® FAST One-Step qRT-PCR Master Mix (2X) Kit (Sigma-Aldrich, U.S.A) as per manufacturer's recommendations.

**Statistical analysis:** SPSS version 18.0 was used for statistical analysis. Comparisons of the results of the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated cultures with the untreated ones were accomplished using the Mann Whitney U rank test.

## RESULTS

### H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> MIC:

The H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> MIC of both *E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 was found to be 1.5 mM.

### Level of MDA and GSH under oxidative stress:

The levels of MDA and GSH were determined in response to oxidative stress exerted by lethal H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration. *E. coli* strains (*E. coli* ATCC 25922 and the clinical isolates) recorded a significant increase in the level of GSH in presence of a lethal concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (p=0.0001). However, *K. pneumoniae* strains (*K. pneumoniae* ATCC 700603 and

the clinical isolates) treated with lethal concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> recorded a slight but a significant decrease in GSH level (p=0.0001). In *S. aureus* strains, no difference in the level of GSH by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment was detectable (p=0.9; Table 1). The level of MDA increased significantly in *E. coli* cells treated with lethal H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration (p=0.0001), while in *K. pneumoniae*, a significant decrease in MDA level (p=0.0001) by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment was recorded. In *S. aureus*, MDA level was not affected by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment (p=0.97; Table 1).

**Table (1): Level of malondialdehyde and reduced glutathione in untreated and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-treated bacterial cells**

Organism	Test	Number of tested clinical isolates	MDA (nmol/mL)			GSH (mmol/L)		
			Mean ± SD		P Value	Mean ± SD		P Value
			Control	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> treated		Control	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> treated	
<i>E. coli</i>		59	2.15±1.8	3.97±1.5	0.0001	9±1.95	15±7.8	0.0001
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>		11	2.9±0.048	2.6±0.07	0.0001	7±0.8	4.6±1.3	0.0001
<i>S. aureus</i>		9	7±0.05	7±0.07	1.0	10.7±0.05	10.7±0.07	1.0

GSH: Reduced Glutathione; MDA: Malondialdehyde

### Expression of *entC* gene under sublethal concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>:

The expression of *entC* gene in both *E. coli* ATCC 25922 and *K. pneumoniae*

ATCC 700603 was reduced to approximately 20% and 1% of its original level in untreated cells in presence of 0.25 and 0.5 MIC of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

## DISCUSSION

Oxidative stress is a universal phenomenon to which all organisms are exposed; however, the oxidative stress response differs from one organism to another and differs in the same organism according to the applied stressor. The mechanisms of homeostasis in bacteria are becoming a very attractive target for the development of new anti-infective agents and are a promising strategy to circumvent

antimicrobial resistance (*Mourenza et al., 2020*).

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is considered one of the reactive oxygen species that results from normal cell metabolism and can cause damage to various cell components if exceeded a certain level. ROS, including hydrogen peroxide can play an important role in redox signaling (*Phaniendra et al., 2015*), where they are needed for the normal physiological functioning of cells. Redox signaling includes reversible modification

either oxidation or covalent adduct formation with specific target proteins, allowing further translations of a signal. Cysteine residues of a target protein are the most susceptible to oxidation. Hydrogen peroxide is considered a critical signaling molecule involved in redox signaling (DiMarzo *et al.*, 2018). It has a very good stability and is able to pass through transmembrane water channels (aquaporins), where specific isoforms (peroxiporins) are present for hydrogen peroxide transport (Bienert & Chaumont, 2014 and Prata *et al.*, 2019). In this way, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> acts as messenger to carry a redox signal from its generation site to the target site (Rani *et al.*, 2015). In Gram negative bacteria, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> modulates the activity of the transcription factor Oxy R; the main peroxide sensor that regulates the transcription of genes responsible for defense against cellular H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (Jo *et al.*, 2015). Similarly, PerR, a functional equivalent of OxyR, is used by many Gram positive bacteria for defense against oxidative stress (Ji *et al.*, 2015).

In this study, the effect of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as a stressor was studied. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is a classical stressor and is one of the ROS produced normally in living cells under normal physiological conditions (Phaniendra *et al.*, 2015). The response of the tested species to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was different. *E. coli* cells treated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> showed a significant increase in the MDA level compared to the untreated cells. MDA is a biomarker of oxidative stress; it's one of the byproducts of lipid peroxidation (Hong *et al.*, 2012). Elevation of the level of MDA under oxidative stress results from the attack of the ROS on the unsaturated fatty acids of the bacterial-cell membrane, where polyunsaturated fatty acids are the

major substrates for lipid peroxidation in cell membrane (Ayala *et al.*, 2014). Similar increase in MDA level by oxidative stress was reported previously in *E. coli* (Arenas *et al.*, 2011; Joshi *et al.*, 2011 and Hong *et al.*, 2012).

In contrast to *E. coli*, *K. pneumoniae* strains subjected to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> stress showed a slight but a significant decrease in the MDA level, although there was a reported significant increase in MDA level in *K. pneumoniae* exposed to the oxidative stress caused by lavender oil (Yang *et al.*, 2020). This difference in the level of produced MDA by oxidative stress may be due to the difference in the used stressor. The lower level of MDA in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treated *K. pneumoniae* cultures compared to the control groups may also have resulted from a shift towards a higher level of saturation of membrane lipids to confer protection against oxidative stress and ROS attack, as suggested by Prione *et al.* (2016). However, similar to our results, a significant decrease in MDA level of *Pantoea ananatis* by oxidative stress was reported.

In *S. aureus*, no variation in the level of MDA by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> treatment was detectable. This may be due to the presence of phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) as a minor component of the phospholipids of *S. aureus* cell membrane (Onyango and Alreshidi, 2018), while PE is a major component of the phospholipids of the *E. coli* outer membrane (Bogdanov *et al.*, 2020). Poyton *et al.* (2016) revealed that the rate of oxidation increases linearly with the increase in PE content in the membrane. The difference in response to oxidative stress between *S. aureus* and *E. coli* can also be attributed to the presence

of a thicker peptidoglycan wall in *S. aureus* as suggested by *Dakal et al. (2016)* that may hinder the penetration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> inside *S. aureus* cells.

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> has similar chemical properties to that of water and can be transported by the aquaporins (*Bienert and Chaumont, 2014*). Therefore, *S. aureus* can have a limited transport of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, which can also explain their lack of response towards H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. However, some reports recorded a significant increase in the MDA level in *S. aureus* exposed to oxidative stress by blue light, which is an oxidative stress inducer (*Wu et al., 2018*).

The level of GSH was also measured as a defense mechanism used by many species against oxidative stress. There was a significant increase in GSH level in H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-treated *E. coli* cells. Similar increase in the GSH level was reported when different *E. coli* strains were exposed to different oxidative stressors (*Arenas et al., 2011* and *Smirnova et al., 2012*). On the other hand, *Korshed et al. (2016)* reported a significant decrease in the GSH level in *E. coli* JM109 strain by silver nanoparticles-induced oxidative stress. It is unclear why H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-treated *K. pneumoniae* strains recorded a significant decrease in the level of GSH compared to untreated cells. *K. pneumoniae* are able to overcome the oxidative stress by increasing the level of various biomarkers as glutathione *S*-transferase (*Kulkarni et al., 2014*).

In the present study, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-treated *S. aureus* strains showed no significant difference in GSH levels. This may also be accounted for by the lack of canonical aquaporins in Gram-positive bacteria and consequently the limited H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> transport.

On the contrary, the ROS produced due to treatment of *S. aureus* with silver nanoparticles which crossed the cell wall and the cell membrane reported a reduced GSH level (*Dakal et al., 2016; Yuan et al., 2017* and *Hamida et al., 2020*).

Although, it was reported previously that enterobactin production increases with oxidative stress (*Peralta et al., 2016*), we reported a reduction in the level of enterobactin in both *E. coli* and *K. pneumoniae* strains tested under the effect of different peroxide concentrations. According to *Achard et al. (2013)*, catechols not only function in iron uptake by the cells but they have the ability to scavenge the reactive oxygen species that enhance oxidative stress through Fenton reaction. This variation in enterobactin level on exposure to oxidative stress was suggested to arise from the effect of different regulators that predominate in low cell densities situation (*Adler et al., 2014*). According to *Faulkner and Helmann (2011)*, peroxide stress may increase the expression of the *E. coli* Fur protein in a dose dependent manner; Fur protein is a negative regulator of the *entC* gene and this may be involved in modulating the effect of oxidative stress on enterobactin production. The role of catechol siderophores in alleviating the oxidative stress was reported previously in different organisms as *Bacillus anthracis* (*Lee et al., 2011*), *Acinetobacter oleivorans* (*Kim et al., 2015*), *Salmonella enterica* ser Typhimurium (*Achard et al., 2013*), and *E. coli* (*Adler et al., 2014*). In addition, catechol siderophores were reported to protect the bacteria from the oxidative stress caused by antimicrobial agents (*Zhang et al., 2017*).

## CONCLUSION

Different bacterial species respond differently to oxidative stress. The used stressor may also affect the response of different organisms. The role of enterobactin in oxidative stress needs further evaluation.

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## الإستجابات المتنوعة لأنواع مختلفة من البكتيريا تجاه ضغط الأكسدة

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**خلفية البحث:** تتعرض الكائنات الحية لضغط أكسده ناتج من كل من مؤثرات داخلية أو خارجية وذلك نتيجة عدم التوازن بين إنتاج والتخلص من جزيئات الأكسجين النشطة مما ينتج عنه فقدان الإتزان الداخلى للخلية.

**الهدف من البحث:** يهدف هذا البحث الى دراسة تأثير مستوى ضغط الأكسدة على مستويات إنتاج الجلوتاثيون المُختزل (GSH) كمضاد للأكسدة و ثنائى المالون الدهيديد (MDA) كناتج من نواتج أكسدة الليبيدات بالإضافة الى استجابة الإنتيروباكتين وذلك فى أنواع مختلفة من البكتيريا.

**مواد وطرق البحث:** تم قياس التركيز المثبط الأدنى (MIC) لفوق أكسيد الهيدروجين ( $H_2O_2$ ) لكل من بكتيريا الإشيريكية القولونية (*Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922) و بكتيريا الكلبسييلة الرئوية (*Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603) باستخدام طريقة التخفيف الماكروية السائلة كما تم قياس مستوى كل من الجلوتاثيون المُختزل و ثنائى المالون الدهيديد فى مجموعتين من البكتيريا مجموعة لم تتعرض لفوق أكسيد الهيدروجين والمجموعة الأخرى تعرضت لتأثير فوق أكسيد الهيدروجين المثبط وذلك فى كل من بكتيريا الإشيريكية القولونية و بكتيريا الكلبسييلة الرئوية وبكتيريا المكورة العنقودية (*Staphylococcus aureus*) والمأخوذه من حالات مرضية. كما تم قياس مستوى التعبير الجيني لجين الإنتيروباكتين *entC* والمسؤول عن تخليق الإنزيم المحفز لإنتاج الإنتيروباكتين الذى يشارك فى عمليات التحكم فى ضغط الأكسدة الخلوى وذلك باستخدام طريقة تفاعل البلمرة المتسلسل الكمى وقد تم ذلك القياس تحت تأثير 0.25 و 0.5 وحدة MIC لفوق أكسيد الهيدروجين.

**نتائج البحث:** وقد وجد أن التركيز المثبط الأدنى (MIC) لفوق أكسيد الهيدروجين يساوى 1.5 مل مول لكل من بكتيريا الإشيريكية القولونية (*Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922) و بكتيريا الكلبسييلة الرئوية (*Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603). وقد أدى تعرض باكتيريا الإشيريكية القولونية لفوق أكسيد الهيدروجين الى زيادة معنوية فى كل من تركيز الجلوتاثيون المُختزل وثنائى المالون الديهايد. أما فى البكتيريا الكلبسييلة الرئوية فتعرضها لفوق أكسيد الهيدروجين أدى الى إنخفاض معنوى فى كلا من تركيز الجلوتاثيون المُختزل وثنائى المالون الديهايد كما لم تبد بكتيريا المكروية العنقودية أى تغير فى تركيبات كل من الجلوتاثيون المُختزل وثنائى المالون الديهايد أما مستوى التعبير الجيني للجين *entC* فقد أبدى إنخفاضا فى كل من بكتيريا الإشيريكية القولونية (*Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922) و بكتيريا الكلبسييلة الرئوية (*Klebsiella pneumoniae* ATCC 700603) المعرضة لتأثير 0.25 و 0.5 وحدة (MIC) من فوق أكسيد الهيدروجين.

**الإستنتاج:** نستنتج من هذه الدراسة أن البكتيريا تستجيب بطرق مختلفة لضغط الأوكسدة وأن البكتيريا المكورة العنقودية هى أقل الأنواع تأثرا بضغط الأوكسدة فى هذه الدراسة كما أن دور الإنتيروباكتين فى الإستجابة لضغط الأوكسدة يحتاج لمزيد من التقييم.

**الكلمات الدالة:** ضغط الأوكسدة، وثنائى المالون الديهايد، الجلوتاثيون المُختزل، إنتيروباكتين، الإشيريكية القولونية، الكلبسييلة الرئوية، المكروية العنقودية.