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Enzymatic Antioxidants Activity in Beta Thalassemia Major

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Abstract : Thalassemia is genetic disorder caused by globin mutation that reduces synthesis of globin chains. Chronic anemia is main character of beta thalassemia major that in some occasions required multiple transfusion to overcome the low hemoglobin level. This repeated treatment results in iron overload that is responsible to catalyze the production of reactive oxygen species, ROS. Antioxidants prevent further impact of ROS, firstly by iron scavenging.Superoxide dismutase plays role as the first line defense, while glutathione peroxidase plays important role in erythrocyte defense. Catalase, thioredoxin and peroxiredoxin are also included in enzymatic antioxidant system against ROS in beta thalassemia major.

Keywords : Thalassemia major, multiple transfusion, iron overload, enzymatic antioxidant, oxidative stress.

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