

Effect of Cisplatin in *Mytilus galloprovincialis* and of  
cyclophosphamide, tamoxifen and cisplatin on  
 $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ATPase.

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## Abstract

In the last decade anti-cancer drugs, such as cisplatin, tamoxifen and cyclophosphamide, have seen their use greatly increase. Cisplatin is one of the most common anti-cancer drugs used in the EU which ubiquitous occurrence in surface waters, like rivers and estuaries, is related to the poor removal capacities of waste-water treatment plants (WWTPs). These drugs are genotoxic, cytotoxic, mutagenic and teratogenic. Therefore, this study includes a multibiomarker response analysis on mussel *Mytilus galloprovincialis* during two weeks of exposure to 100ng/l of cisplatin assessing antioxidant enzyme activity - catalase (CAT), glutathion-S-transferase (GST); lipid peroxidation (LPO) coupled with an enzyme assay to determine the inhibition effect of cisplatin, tamoxifen and cyclophosphamide (IC<sub>50</sub>) in the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase. Results show that cisplatin does not seem to have an effect in the activity of CAT, GST and LPO and that its IC<sub>50</sub> is 13.7 mM. The effect of the other two anti-cancer drugs were tamoxifen 0.271 mM and cyclophosphamide 1.134 μM. which makes Cisplatin much less dangerous than the other two anti-cancer drugs.

## Resumo

Na última década, compostos anticancerígenos, como a cisplatina, tamoxifen e ciclofosfamida, tem tido um grande aumento de uso. A cisplatina é um dos anticancerígenos mais usados na UE cuja presença nas águas superficiais tal como rios e estuários resulta da falta de capacidade de remoção por parte das estações de tratamento de água (ETARs). Estes medicamentos tem capacidades genotóxica, citotóxicas, mutagénicas e teratogénica. O objetivo deste estudo é testar o efeito de vários biomarcadores em *Mytilus galloprovincialis* durante uma exposição de duas semanas a 100ng/l de cisplatina e avaliar a atividade das enzimas antioxidantes- catalase (CAT), glutathion-S-transferase (GST); peroxidação lipídica (LPO) bem como determinar a concentração de inibição 50% (IC<sub>50</sub>) da cisplatina, tamoxifen e ciclofosfamida em Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase. Os resultados mostram que a cisplatina não aparenta ter efeitos na atividade da CAT, GST e LPO e a sua IC<sub>50</sub> é de 13.7 mM. Comparado os valores de IC<sub>50</sub> com os de tamoxifen (0.271 mM) e ciclofosfamida (1.134 μM) indica que a cisplatina representa um risco muito inferior para Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase do que os dois outros anticancerígenos.

## 1. Introduction

With the demographical increase of the world population the use and necessity of pharmaceutical drugs has greatly increased. And with this, the input of these drugs in the environment also has increased. Which has become one of the principal areas of interest in ecotoxicological investigation with the scope to understand the effect that the drugs have in the biodiversity and in the organisms.

### 1.1. Anticancer drugs

In the last decade the use of pharmaceuticals has increased and its detection in the environment has well. (Kosjek & Heath, 2011; Xie, 2012) Part of the pharmaceuticals consumed are excreted un-metabolized or are substances that can be reactivated in the sewage systems (Rowney, Johnson, & Williams, 2009). One of the important pharmaceutical classes due to their genotoxicity, cytotoxicity, mutagenicity and teratogenicity that need to be much studied are the anticancer drugs (Kosjek & Heath, 2011).

Anticancer drugs are classified as antineoplastic and immunomodulation agents (class L) and divided in alkylating agents (L01A), antimetabolites (L01B), natural products (L01C), cytotoxic antibiotics (L10D) and other antineoplastics (L01X) (Kosjek and Heath 2011; Xie 2012; Booker et al. 2014).

These drugs achieve the antitumor effect by causing direct DNA damage, inhibition of DNA synthesis, cell proliferation and induction of cell apoptosis (Rowney et al., 2009; Kosjek & Heath, 2011; Xie, 2012; Booker et al., 2014; Turner & Mascorda, 2014; Vyas, Turner, & Sewell, 2014). Cytostatics act in a non-selective way in developing cells and may become carcinogen, until now it was not possible to say with certainty whether they have or not an environmental impact (Kosjek & Heath, 2011; Xie, 2012; Vyas et al., 2014).

Many of these substances are polar, soluble and non-volatile and have as principal source of liberation hospital and municipal effluents, due to the administration of the drugs to inpatients and outpatients (Kosjek & Heath, 2011; Booker et al., 2014). The wastewater-treatment plants do not have adequate equipment to remove totally these drugs which leads to their ongoing

release in surface waters, rivers e estuaries ( Rowney et al., 2009; Booker et al., 2014).

To handle cytotoxic substances precaution measures are necessary. The drugs must be preserved in a dedicated and isolated local, the experiments must be done in a class II contaminant safety cabinet. And personal protection must be appropriate (Turner & Mascorda, 2014).

Cyclophosphamide is classified as a classical alkylating agent. It is structurally similar to mustard gas, having a bis(2-chlorethyl) amine group capable of forming aziridinium. This group alkylates N<sup>7</sup> of guanine bases and creates interstrand crosslinks in the DNA. This damage to the DNA blocks the transcription and replication of DNA, therefore being highly cytotoxic (Rowney et al., 2009; Xie, 2012).

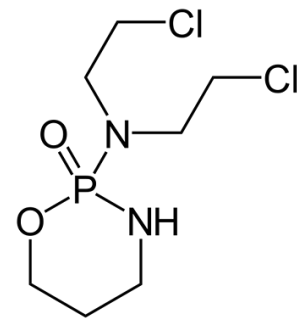
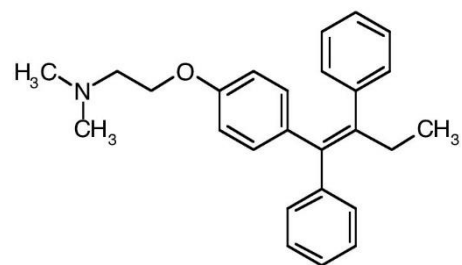


Figure 1:  
Cyclophosphamide  
molecular structure

Cyclophosphamide is a polar compound with a small  $K_{ow}$  (octanol-water partition coefficient), high solubility in water (solubility: 0.1-0.5 g/L), it is a substance with low biodegradability, the  $EC_{50} > 1000\text{mg/L}$  in various essays. The environmental concentration of cyclophosphamide reaches 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$  in hospital effluents and 0.2ng/L in surface waters ( Xie, 2012; Booker et al., 2014).

Tamoxifen is classified as an endocrine disrupting drug that interfere with the endocrine system and disarray the reproduction system. It is a drug that contains 4-hydroxytamoxifen and N-desmethyl4-hydroxytamoxifen. Both



compounds are inhibitors of estrogen receptors which leads to the inhibition of the transcription of estrogen responsive genes (Xie, 2012).

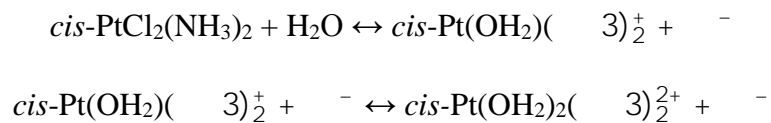
Figure 2: Tamoxifen molecular  
structure

Tamoxifen is a lipophilic substance, with a high log  $K_{ow}$  and low water solubility (solubility: 17 mg/L), the  $EC_{50} > 5 \mu\text{g/L}$  in various essays. The environmental concentration of tamoxifen ranges from 0.2 to 8.2 ng/L in hospital effluents and  $< 5.8 \text{ ng/L}$  in surface waters. Endocrine disruption caused by tamoxifen were only observed for concentration levels much higher than relevant environmental concentrations (Xie, 2012).

#### 1.1.1. Cisplatin

Cisplatin is classified as a non-classical alkylating agent because it does not have the alkyl group like the mustard gas does. However it has a similar effect on DNA as the classic alkylating agent.

In aqueous solutions that have few electrolytes the chloride ligands are replaced by water molecules:



This reaction results in a aqueous species that is more reactive, known as mono-aqua-cisplatin and diaqua-cisplatin, which binds to guanine base of the DNA and interfere with DNA replication and transcription (Bonnet et al. 2003; Kosjek and Heath 2011; Xie 2012; Turner and Mascorda 2014; Vyas, Turner, and Sewell 2014)

Cisplatin is a compound with a high polarity and a low  $K_{ow}$  ( $K_{ow} = -2.2$ ), high solubility (solubility:  $3 \times 10^3 \text{ mg/L}$ ). The biodegradation of cisplatin is close to zero.

DNA damage was noticed only with concentrations higher than 1mg/L (Kosjek and Heath 2011; Xie 2012; Turner and

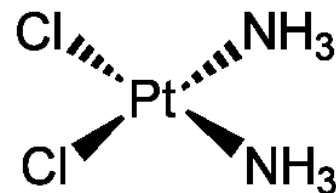


Figure 3: Cisplatin molecular structure

Mascorda 2014; Vyas, Turner, and Sewell 2014). Bonnet et al. (2003) determined the cisplatin  $EC_{50}$  of  $37.31 \pm 2.24$ mg/L for the ciliated protozoan *tetrahymena pyriformis*.

#### 1.1.1.1. Production, use and application

Cancerostatic platinum compounds (CPCs) are one of the most used classes of antineoplastic in cancer therapy. Cisplatin is one of the three CPCs authorized in Europe.

The production and use of CPCs in the last decade increased with the increase of cancer cases due to their efficiency in treatments. Usually the in and outpatients are administered a dose of 75-100 mg.m<sup>-2</sup> body surface of cisplatin and 28±4% of the medication is excreted in the first 24h to hospital or urban effluents (Hann, Stefánka, Lenz, & Stingeder, 2005; Lenz et al., 2005).

#### 1.1.2. Environmental impact and toxicological effects

Part of the cisplatin consumed by patients is eliminated from the human body unmetabolised or as conjugated substances that can be reactivated in urban effluents (Rowney et al., 2009).

The concentration of cisplatin in hospital effluents range from 38 to 176 ng/L. The constant release of cisplatin and other CPC's to hospital effluents is problematic due to their capacity to interfere with DNA replication and transcription and so prevent cell development and even kill them (Xie, 2012).

IARC (1997) classified the cisplatin in group "2A- possibly cancerogenic to humans, an agent for which there is sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals" (in this case the assay were done in mouses).

### 1.1.3. Aquatic organisms

In the present any experiment exists with cisplatin in aquatic organisms.

## 1.2. Biomarkers

Biomarkers are quantitative measurements of changes at biochemical, molecular, cellular and physiological levels in organisms that may be related to effect and exposure to xenobiotic and environmental chemicals (Van der Oost, Porte-Visa, Van den Brink 2005; Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2012; Vidal-Liñán and Bellas 2013).

In a situation of stress induced by pollutants a sequence of biological reactions are triggered, which are used as a biomarker. Once a certain pollutant dose or exposure time is exceeded the pollutant-responsive biomarker signal deviates from the range of a normal situation (Van der Oost et al., 2005).

The most important feature of biomarker research is the early identification of potential toxic effects relative to time of exposure and concentration (Van der Oost et al., 2005). Biomarkers can be divided into three categories: (Van der Oost, Beyer, & Vermeulen, 2003)

- I. Exposure biomarkers: that permit to measure and interaction with a target molecule or a xenobiotic substance;
- II. Effect biomarker: which measure biochemical, physiological or other alterations within tissues that can be associated to a possible disease or health damage;
- III. Susceptibility biomarker: indicates the capacity of an organism to respond and adapt to the exposure to certain xenobiotic. This includes genetic factors and changes in receptors that change the susceptibility to that xenobiotic.

### 1.2.1. Phase II biotransformation enzymes

Glutathion-S-transferase (GST) is classified as a phase II biotransformation enzyme which catalyse the process of conjugation of xenobiotics compounds or its metabolites with an endogenous ligand (Van der Oost et al., 2003) and so facilitate the excretion of chemicals by adding a more polar group like glutathione to the molecule (Van der Oost et al., 2005). A critical role of the GST is the defence against oxidative damage and peroxidative products of DNA (Van der Oost et al., 2003).

### 1.2.2. Oxidative stress biomarkers

Oxidative stress may be caused in organisms due to many environmental contaminants. When reactive oxygen species (ROS), or oxyradicals are present from exposure to cytotoxic compounds there occur oxygen toxicity (Van der Oost et al., 2003; Vlahogianni & Valavanidis, 2007) . The products of oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) reduction are superoxide anion radical, hydrogen peroxide and hydroxyl radical, a potent oxidant capable of reacting with cellular molecules, leading to enzyme inhibition and lipid peroxidation (LPO) (Van der Oost et al., 2003). There are defence systems that inhibit oxyradicals formation being antioxidant enzymes such as catalase (CAT) one of them (Van der Oost et al., 2005).

### 1.2.3. Biochemical indices of oxidative damage

Many biochemical and physiological effects have been linked to increase of oxyradical production. One of the principal biochemical perturbations used as biomarker of oxidative damage is lipid peroxidation (LPO), or the oxidation of polyunsaturated fatty acids. Many studies demonstrated the increase of LPO in tissues of fish exposed to various chemicals ( Van der Oost et al., 2003; Vlahogianni & Valavanidis, 2007).

### 1.3. Model system

Bivalves, like mussels, have been used as sentinel organisms because they are sessile, filter feeders and widely distributed. These organisms also have the capacity to accumulate contaminants from the water during their life ( Letendre et al. 2008; Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2012; Marigómez et al. 2013; Jarque et al. 2014).

Most of coastal monitoring programs use mussels from the intertidal zone, which are of easy access. It is necessary to take into account that the physiology of intertidal organisms is affected by the periods of submersion and emersion (Vidal-Liñán & Bellas, 2013). The closing of the shell during the emersion period and the loss of water through the paleal cavity imply a decrease of oxygen in the tissues. Because of this bivalves rapidly suffer from hypoxia or even anoxia when the emersion is prolonged (Letendre et al., 2008).

*Mytilus*, is one of the genera most abundant of mussels and is usually used for research (Vlahogianni and Valavanidis 2007; Letendre et al. 2008; Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2011, 2012, 2013; Cappello et al. 2013; Marigómez et al. 2013; Vidal-Liñán and Bellas 2013; Gonzalez-Rey et al. 2014; Jarque et al. 2014).

There are three taxas of *Mytilus* that inhabit European water. Two of these taxas are predominant: *Mytilus edulis* that lives in temperate and cold water from the European Atlantic coasts, and *Mytilus galloprovincialis* that inhabits warmer waters in the Mediterranean and extends to the north coast of France and the United Kingdom (Jarque et al., 2014).

In the present study we analysed alterations of biomarkers such us catalase (CAT), glutathion-S.transferase (GST) activities and lipid peroxidation (LPO) in the gills and digestive gland of mussels, *M. galloprovincialis*, exposed to Cisplatin to try to understand if the release of this drug in the environment could have a significant impact in this species. Also the effects of cisplatin, cyclophosphamide and tamoxifen on Ca<sup>2+</sup>ATPase were assessed. Both studies aimed to evaluate the putative impact and the toxicity effects of anticancer drugs in the environment.

## 2. Materials and methods

### 2.1. Cisplatin

Cisplatin was obtained from SIGMA P4394-250mg; CAS 15663-27-1

#### 2.1.1. Chemical Characterization

<sup>1</sup> Chemical Formula	Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
<sup>1</sup> Molecular weight	300.05 g.mol <sup>-1</sup>
<sup>1</sup> Melting Point	270°C
<sup>1</sup> Form	Yellow crystalline powder
<sup>1</sup> Water Solubility	0.253g/100g
<sup>2</sup> Log K <sub>ow</sub>	-2.2

<sup>1</sup> Obtained from SIGMA CAS# 15663-27-1

<sup>2</sup> (Bonnet et al., 2003; Kosjek & Heath, 2011; Xie, 2012; Turner & Mascorda, 2014; Vyas et al., 2014) <http://cisplatina.paginas.sapo.pt/ACisplatina.html>; <https://weweh.com>

A solution was prepared of 25ml with 57.69 mg of cisplatin diluted in water. For each contamination 1 ml of the solution was put in the tanks to obtain a concentration of 100 ng/l of cisplatin during the exposition.

### 2.2. Model system and exposure

#### 2.2.1. Collection

250 *Mytilus galloprovincialis* were collected from the Ria Formosa near Tavira (figure 4), in an area subjected to little human interaction.



Figure 4: photos of the collection site

### 2.2.2. Acclimatization

The mussels were acclimatized for 7 days in two tanks with 25 liters of seawater. Temperature ( $18^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and salinity ( $36 \pm 1$ ) were monitored and kept constant. The water was changed every two days.

### 2.2.3. Exposure experiment

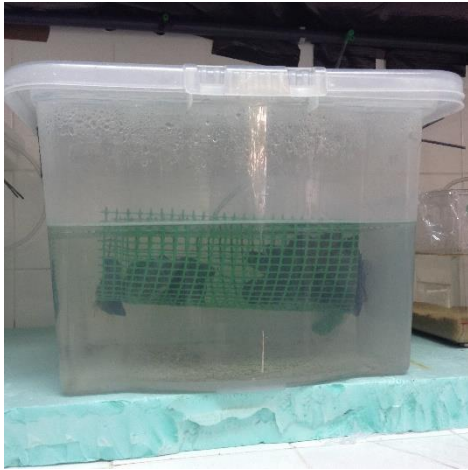


Figure 5: photo of one of the tanks for the experiment

The mussels were separated in groups of 30 mussels per tank of 15 liters (2 mussels/litter) (figure 5) in a triplicate design (3 control tanks and 3 tanks contaminated with Cisplatin 100ng/l). The water was changed every two days and contamination re-established. The exposure lasted for 14 days and mussels were sampled in the beginning of the experiment and after 3, 7 and 14 days of exposure.

### 2.3. Dissection



Figure 6: open mussel

10 mussels for each sampling time were dissected (Figure 6) and the gills, digestive gland and mantle frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until the tissues were analysed. Shells were dried and weighted.

## 2.4. Condition Index (CI)

After weighing the tissues of the mussels and the shells, the condition index was calculated as the percentage of the ratio between the wet weight of the tissues and the total weight of the organisms (tissues plus shells).

## 2.5. Total Proteins

Total proteins were measured in the gills and digestive gland following the assay from Bradford (1976) which relies on the binding of the dye Coomassie Blue G-250 to proteins and the absorbance measured at 595nm. Measurements were made in a microplate reader using Bovine Serum albumin as a standard. Protein concentrations are expressed as  $\text{mg.g}^{-1}$  wet weight tissue.

## 2.6. Oxidative Stress markers

### 2.6.1. Catalase (CAT)

CAT activity was measured from 100  $\mu\text{l}$  of tissue by the decrease in absorbance at 240nm due to hydrogen peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ) consumption. The assay consisted in 1.95mL phosphate buffer, 1mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 0.05mL sample. The CAT activity is expressed in  $\mu\text{mol.mg}^{-1}.\text{total protein min}^{-1}$ .

### 2.6.2. GST

GST activity was determined in the cytosolic fraction by spectrometry at 340nm based on the method of Habig, Pabst, and Jakoby (1974). The GST activity is expressed in  $\mu\text{mol.mg}^{-1}.\text{total protein min}^{-1}$ .

## 2.7. Lipid Peroxidation

The tissue samples were individually homogenised on ice with 20mM TRIS-HCL buffer and butylatedhydroxytoluene (BHT). Then it was centrifuged for 45min at 30 000 x g for 45min to precipitate the cytosolic fraction.

The lipid peroxidation was measured following the protocol of BIOXYTECH, LPO-586TM; Colorimetric Assay for Lipid Peroxidation by OxisResearchTM, a division of OXIS Health Products, Inc. In this case it was a combination of MDA with 4-hydroxyalkenals (in methanesulfonic acid). The LPO levels are expressed in MDA nmol.mg<sup>-1</sup>.total protein.

## 2.8. Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase

Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase activity in the presence of the several compounds was measured with spectrophotometry at 340 nm using coupled enzyme assay with pyruvate kinase and lactate desidrogenase following the experiment from Fraqueza et al (2013). Briefly, after the addition of the enzymes to the medium, NADP was added and then the vesicles from skeletal muscle sarcoplasmic reticulum containing the Ca –ATPase. Then, after the addition of ATP the values of the absorbance were recorded during about 1 minute and after that the ionophore was added and the decreased of the absorbance was measured during about 2 minutes. The ATPase activity and the inhibition was measured taken into consideration the decrease of the OD (Optical density) per minute in the absence (100% ) and in the presence of the compounds cyclophosphamide, tamoxifen and cisplatin (Fraqueza, et al 2012).

## 2.9. Statistical analysis

Data were analysed using two-way ANOVA, one way ANOVA (non-parametric ANOVA on ranks) and t-test to test differences between mussels from controls and exposed to cisplatin. The significance of the results was ascertained at p <0.05.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Exposure Experiments

##### 3.1.1. Condition Index (CI)

During the experiment the condition index was similar along the experiment. This imply that the physiological conditions of the organisms did not change during the experiment.



Figure 7: Condition Index (CI) of mussels from control and exposed to Cisplatin. Different letters express significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) lower case letters indicate differences within the same treatment over time and uppercase letters indicate differences within the same time between treatments.

##### 3.2. Total Proteins

Total proteins in the gills did not significantly change between mussels from control and exposed to cisplatin indicating that cisplatin has no influence in total protein content. However in the digestive gland total proteins concentrations decreased in the tissues exposed to cisplatin compared to the controls after 3 and 14 days of exposure.

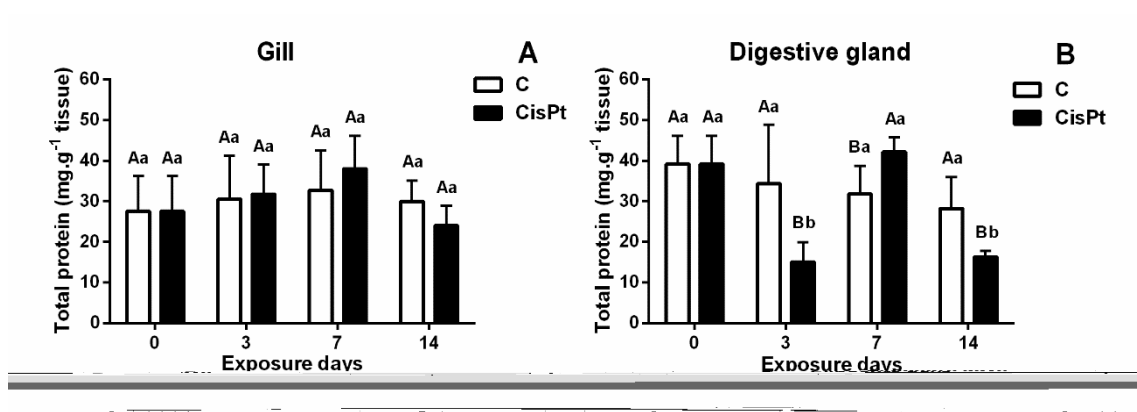


Figure 8: Total proteins in the gills and digestive gland of mussels. Different letters express significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) lower case letters indicate differences within the same treatment over time and uppercase letters indicate differences within the same time between treatments.

### 3.3. Oxidative Stress biomarkers

#### 3.3.1. CAT

CAT activity did not change throughout all the exposure experiment in the gills and in the digestive gland in the controls and the exposed mussels except for the digestive gland after 14 days of exposure whose activity significantly increased as shown in figure 9-B.

Figure 9: CAT activity in tissues exposed to Cisplatin. Different letters express significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) lower case letters indicate differences within the same treatment over time and uppercase letters indicate differences within the same time between treatments.

### 3.3.2. GST

The exposure of the mussels to cisplatin did not cause any change in the glutathione-S-transferase activity relatively to controls in the gills and digestive gland. However in the digestive gland like for CAT levels GST activity significantly increase by the end of the exposure period (fig 10-B).

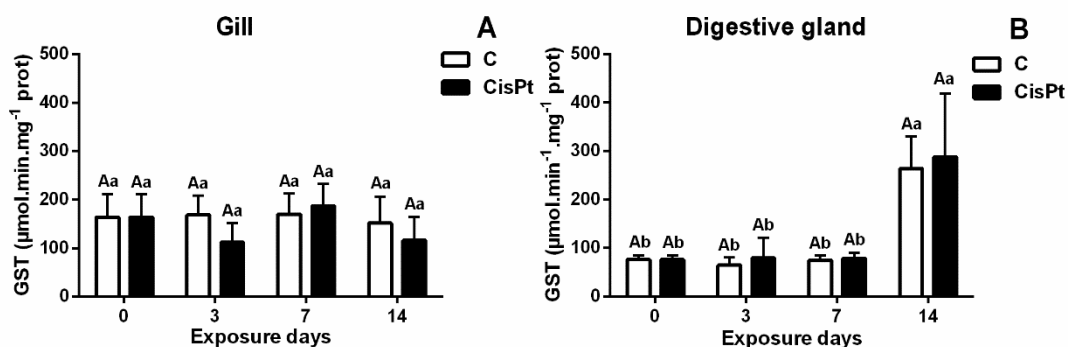


Figure 10: GST activity in tissues exposed to Cisplatin. Different letters express significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) lower case letters indicate differences within the same treatment over time and upper case letters indicate differences within the same time between treatments.

### 3.4. Lipid Peroxidation

In the gills, LPO has a transient variation in the gills of the mussels exposed to cisplatin compared to the controls which increased after 3 days of exposure and decreased gradually afterwards (fig 11-A). LPO in the digestive gland also increased after three days of exposure and decreased afterwards revealing a similar behaviour among tissues.

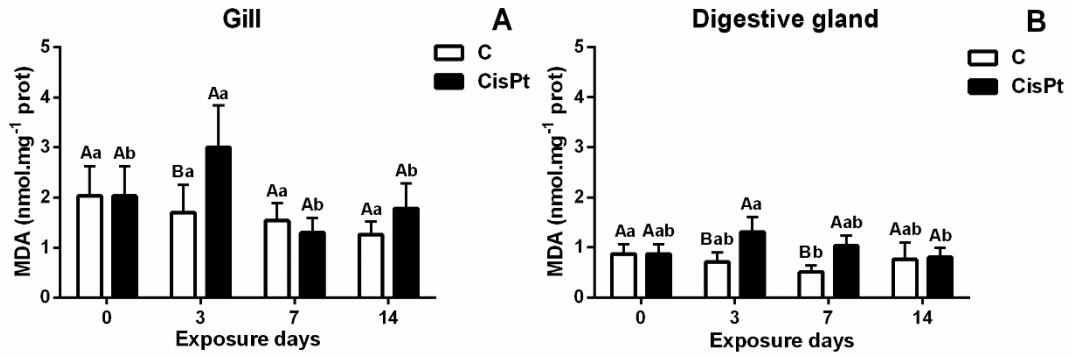


Figure 11: Lipid Peroxidation in tissues exposed to Cisplatin. Different letters express significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) lowercase letters indicate differences within the same treatment over time and uppercase letters indicate differences within the same time between treatments.

### 3.5. Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase

The effects of solutions containing different drugs were also studied on the activity of a calcium pump involved in the regulation of muscle contraction, the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase of sarcoplasmic reticulum. Thus, the inhibition of cisplatin, cyclophosphamide and tamoxifen in the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase are in Figs 12, 13 and 14.



Figure 12: Determination of the inhibition concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>) of the activity of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase exposed to cisplatin.

As it can be observed from Fig 12, even for concentrations at the M range (up to 8 mM), the activity of the pump was only 40% inhibited. We estimate that for cisplatin the IC<sub>50</sub> is about 13.7 mM. However, for cyclophosphamide much lower concentration inhibits the calcium pump enzyme activity (Fig 13). Although more concentration should be used to determine the IC<sub>50</sub> value, we approximately estimate that for this drug an IC<sub>50</sub> was near 1 μM.

Regarding tamoxifen, as can be observed from Fig 14, the IC<sub>50</sub> was about 0.2 mM.

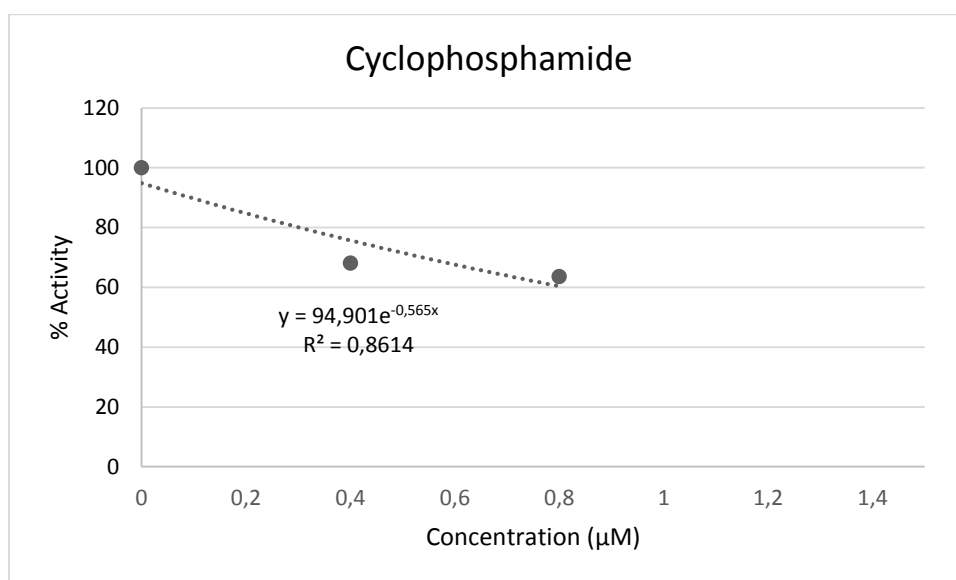


Figure 13: Determination of the inhibition concentration (IC<sub>50</sub>) of the activity of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase exposed to Cyclophosphamide

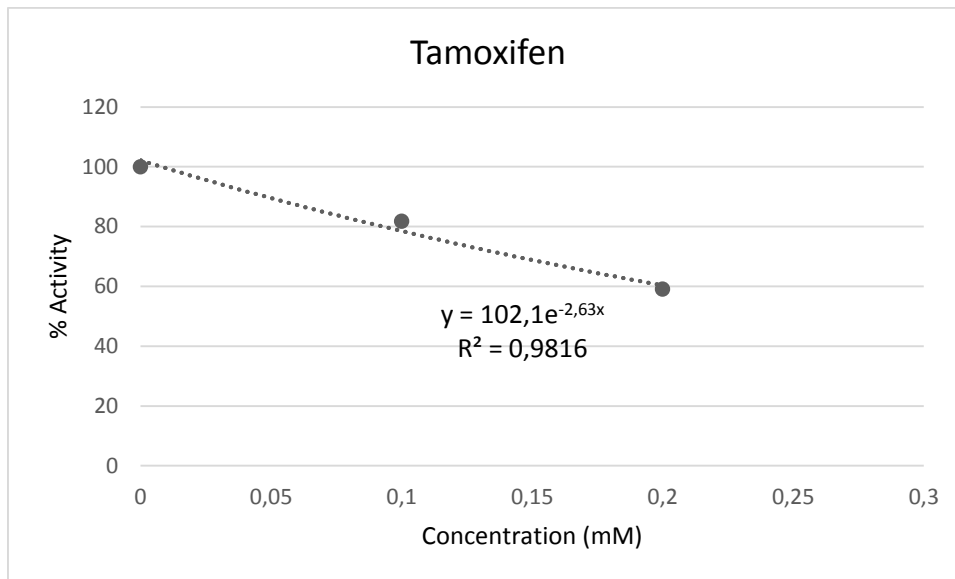


Figure 14: Determination of the inhibition concentration ( $IC_{50}$ ) of the activity of  $Ca^{2+}$ -ATPase exposed to Tamoxifen

Putting it all together and comparing the inhibitory capacity for these three compounds the following order of inhibition was observed : cyclophosphamide > tamoxifen > cisplatin , that is, the  $IC_{50}$  levels were 1.134  $\mu$ M, 0.271 mM and 13.722 mM, respectively.

## 4. Discussion

Cisplatin is a pharmaceutical with still little research in the aquatic environment. To understand its effect in *M. galloprovincialis* we compared the activity of biomarkers exposed to cisplatin to biomarker activity exposed to other pharmaceuticals.

### 4.1. Condition Index (CI)

Cisplatin did not influence the physiological condition of the organisms during the two weeks exposure. Studies with *Mytilus galloprovincialis* (Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2011, 2013; Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2012 and Gonzalez-Rey et al. 2014) indicated that mussels show little or no alteration in CI when exposed to other pharmaceuticals namely Ibuprofen, fluoxetine and diclofenac.

### 4.2. Oxidative Stress biomarkers

Both treatments did not lead to significant changes in CAT activity in the gills, this was also observed for the same species in studies with the same pharmaceuticals mentioned above (Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2012; Gonzalez-Rey and Bebianno 2013; Gonzalez-Rey et al. 2014). However, in the digestive gland there was an increase in CAT activity after 2 weeks of exposure unlike in other studies where the CAT activity increased in the beginning of the exposure and then decreased after the first week (Gonzalez-Rey et al., 2014; Gonzalez-Rey & Bebianno, 2012; Gonzalez-Rey & Bebianno, 2011, 2012).

In the gills both treatments did not change GST activity. However in the digestive gland, like for CAT levels, GST activity significantly increased by the end of the exposure period. In other studies, the GST decreased with the exposure time when mussels were exposed to ibuprofen, diclofenac and fluoxetine (Gonzalez-Rey et al., 2014; Gonzalez-Rey & Bebianno, 2012; Gonzalez-Rey & Bebianno, 2011, 2012, 2013).

#### 4.3. Lipid Peroxidation

LPO has a transient variation in the gills of the mussels exposed to cisplatin compared to the controls which increased after 3 days of exposure and decreased gradually afterwards. LPO in the digestive gland has the same variation as the controls of the gills. In other studies LPO levels in *Mytilus galloprovincialis* exposed to ibuprofen and fluoxetine have increased in the beginning of the exposure and decreased at the end. Except in some occasions where there occurs a slight but consistent increase during the exposure or an increase at the end of the exposure time ( Gonzalez-Rey et al., 2014; Gonzalez-Rey & Bebianno, 2012; Gonzalez-Rey & Bebianno, 2011, 2012, 2013).

#### 4.4. Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase

The inhibition concentration of 50% (IC<sub>50</sub>) for cisplatin, cyclophosphamide and tamoxifen are 13.7 mM; 1.13 μM and 0.271 mM respectively. These values are not in agreement with the ones previously described. In fact, it was previously reported, although at different experimental conditions tamoxifen inhibits the calcium ATPase with IC<sub>50</sub> of 5μM (Kargacin, Zenobia, Ward, Pollock, & Kargacin, 2000). Lower levels were also reported for cyclophosphamide and cisplatin although the former drug is in fact the lower calcium pump inhibitor, as described elsewhere (Sudharsan, Mythili, Selvakumar, & Varalakshmi, 2006) Therefore, for the drugs that were tested the cyclophosphamide is the strongest inhibitor of the calcium pump.

### 5. Conclusions

Cisplatin, at the doses used in mussel samples, does not represent a serious environmental risk in relation to oxidative stress and physiologically for mussels. However, there is not enough information to fully understand if Cisplatin is of environmental concern for the current concentration or not. It is still necessary to better understand its impact in biodiversity at cellular and molecular levels and study other ways of exposure. Compared to tamoxifen and cyclophosphamide the cisplatin was the pharmaceutical which had less inhibition in the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase, being necessary concentration of 2.67 g/L of cisplatin in the water to attain the IC<sub>50</sub> which is a concentration much higher than the 36-176 ng/L of environmental concentration.

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