Supplementary Material

Cholesterol content in A549 cells untreated (control), incubated with methyl- β -cyclodextrin (M β CD) for 30

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Figure S1. Cholesterol content in A549 cells untreated (control), incubated with methyl- β -cyclodextrin (M β CD) for 30 min, and incubated with methyl- β -cyclodextrin (M β CD) for 30 min and thereafter in medium for 2 hours. Cholesterol content was measured with the amplex red cholesterol assay kit from Invitrogen and normalized with protein concentrations. The results were normalized relative to untreated cells (100%). Each bar represents the mean ± SEM of 3 independent means of triplicated measures (N = 3). (**) and (***), respectively, indicate p < 0.01, and 0.001 versus untreated cells.

Effect of sphingomyelin depletion on H₂O₂ + LPS-induced oxidative stress and on the effect of the



BUD:HPβCD complex or HPβCD

Figure S2. Effect of the BUD: HP β CD complex (green) and HP β CD (blue) on oxidant generation induced by H₂O₂ + LPS after treatment for 2 h in non-depleted and sphingomyelin-depleted A549 cells. Each bar represents the mean ± SEM of 6 independent means of triplicated measures.

Effect of the BUD:HPβCD complex on extracellular oxidative signals

Evaluation of H₂O₂ Neutralization by the Phenol Red Assay

We adapted the method of Pick and Keisari [68] modified by Bahorun et al. [69], based on the H2O2-dependent HRP-mediated oxidation of phenol red resulting in a change in its absorption

spectrum. A 0.1 M concentration of potassium phosphate buffer at pH 7 was prepared by mixing 61.5 mL of 1 M K₂HPO₄ and 38.5 mL of 1 M KH₂PO₄ in deionized water and bringing the volume to 1 L with deionized water. We added 100 μ L of HP β CD or budesonide (BUD):HP β CD complex solutions or vitamin C and 100 μ L of 30 μ M H₂O₂, both in 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer, to 800 μ L of 100 mM NaCl in 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer and incubated the solution for 10 min at 37°C. Then, we added 1 mL of 0.2 mg/mL phenol red dye with 0.1 mg/mL Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) in 0.1 M phosphate buffer. After 15 min, we added 50 μ L of 1 M NaOH, and the absorbance was immediately read at 610 nm.

Evaluation of Free Radical Neutralization by DPPH• Assay

We adapted the method developed by Brand-Williams et al. [70]. DPPH• is a stable free radical that exhibits a deep violet color in methanol solution, with an absorption band centered at 515 nm. Its reduction, resulting from the pairing of its free electron, causes a reduction in its absorbance at 515 nm. We added 100 μ L per well of HP β CD, BUD:HP β CD complex or vitamin C in methanol in triplicate in 96-well plates followed by the addition of 100 μ L per well of 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH•) (final concentration of 100 μ M) in methanol. The absorbance at 515 nm was immediately read after addition of DPPH• and at 10-min intervals for 1 h at 30°C.



Figure S3. Effect of the BUD:HP β CD complex versus HP β CD on H₂O₂ (A) and 2,2-Diphenyl-1picrylhydrazyl (DPPH•) (B) after 25 min (A) and 1 h of incubation (B). H₂O₂ neutralization was evaluated by measuring the change in absorbance of phenol red induced by oxidation by Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP), which uses H₂O₂ as a substrate. DPPH• neutralization was evaluated by monitoring the decrease in absorbance at 515 nm along with the level of reduction. Each bar represents the mean ± SEM of 2 independent means of six repeated measures (A). Each point represents the mean of quadruplicated measures (B).

Cholesterol content in A549 cells incubated with the BUD:HPBCD complex, HPBCD or BUD for

2h





Figure S4. Cholesterol content in A549 cells incubated with the BUD:HP β CD complex, HP β CD or BUD for 2h. A549 cells were preincubated (B) or not (A) with methyl- β -cyclodextrin (5 mM) for 30 min. Cholesterol content was measured with the amplex red cholesterol assay kit from Invitrogen and normalized with protein concentrations. The means in panels A and B come from 2 independent set of experimental data. A one-way ANOVA with Dunett post-test was used to compare the mean of each test group with the mean of the control group in each panel (untreated group). The results were normalized relative to untreated cells (100%). Each bar represents the mean \pm SEM of 2 (B) or 3 (A) independent means of triplicated measures (N = 3).

Cellular uptake of HP_βCD

Evaluation of HPβCD Cellular Uptake by Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (¹H NMR) Spectroscopy

To further question the possible role of the plasma membrane, the first barrier encountered by HP β CD or BUD:HPBCD, in the protection induced by BUD:HP β CD or HP β CD against the oxidative effects resulting from cell incubation with H₂O₂ + LPS for mimicking tobacco smoke, we tried to evidence changes in HPBCD in intra- or extracellular media. We failed to evidence HP β CD in the intracellular medium and we did not observe any change in HP β CD relative quantity in the extracellular medium upon 2 h of incubation of A549 cells with the BUD:HP β CD complex or HP β CD (Figure S3). In addition, we looked for a potential neutralization of H₂O₂ and DPPH• in the extracellular medium. Both mimic free radicals potentially released by cells undergoing oxidative stress [28]. In our hands, they were not neutralized by the BUD:HP β CD complex or by HP β CD (Figure S4). Together, these results suggest that the antioxidant effects of the BUD:HP β CD complex/HP β CD may not result from intracellular mechanisms or the neutralization of oxidative signals within the extracellular environment, supporting the idea of a membrane mechanism.

Intracellular analysis: A549 cells in a 75-cm² filter cap cell culture flask were incubated for 2 h with HPBCD or the BUD:HPBCD complex in Hank's balanced salt solution (HBSS). After incubation, cells were washed with HBSS and detached by trypsinization. Detached cells were harvested in 15mL plastic tubes with ice-cold 10% FBS-supplemented DMEM to inactivate trypsin. In total, 5 x 106 cells in solution were taken from each sample, centrifuged (900 rpm, 10 min) in 15-mL plastic tubes and washed twice with ice-cold HBSS (first wash followed by 10-min centrifugation at 900 rpm of samples in 15-mL plastic tubes, second wash followed by 1-min centrifugation at 11000 rpm of samples in 2-mL plastic tubes). The dried pellet was stored overnight at at least -80°C. Cell extracts were then lysed for ¹H NMR analysis in accordance with a procedure by Matheus et al. [71] in D₂O buffer. The obtained lysate was then centrifuged to eliminate membranes and cell debris, and $650 \ \mu L$ of the supernatant containing intracellular medium was collected and then supplemented with 2 μ L of a 10 mg/mL 3-trimethylsilyl propionic acid (TMSP) deuterium oxide (D2O) solution and 50 µL of a 35 mM solution of maleic acid. The solution was distributed into 5-mm tubes for NMR measurement, and the ¹H NMR spectra were acquired using a CPMG relaxation-editing sequence with presaturation. The CPMG experiment used an RD-90°-(t-180°-t)n-acquire sequence with a relaxation delay (RD) of 4 s, a spin echo delay (t) of 300 µs and a number of loops (n) of 128. The water suppression pulse was performed during the relaxation delay (RD). The number of transients was typically 64. The acquisition time was fixed to 3.1982555 s, and a quantity of four dummy scans was chosen.

The data were processed with Bruker TOPSPIN 3.5 software with a standard parameter setting. The phase and baseline corrections were performed manually over the entire spectral range. HP β CD quantification by ¹H NMR was performed as described by Dufour et al. [64]. The signals at 1.1 and 5.2 ppm were used for the quantification.

Extracellular analysis: A total volume of 1 mL of the extracellular medium was pipetted at the beginning ($t_0 = 0$ h) and at the end ($t_1 = 2$ h) of the incubation of A549 cells with HP β CD or the BUD:HP β CD complex in HBSS. The same operation was carried out in cell-free medium to subtract signals unrelated to the cellular uptake in the results. In total, 500 µL of collected culture media were supplemented with 100 µL of deuterated phosphate buffer (pH 7.4), 100 µL of a 35 mM solution of

maleic acid and 10 μ L of TMSP. The solution was distributed into 5-mm tubes for NMR measurement. ¹H NMR spectra were acquired using a 1D NOESY sequence with presaturation. The NOESY presaturation experiment used an RD-90°-t1-90°-tm-90°-acquire sequence with a relaxation delay of 4 s, a mixing time (tm) of 10 ms and a fixed t1 delay of 4 μ s. The water suppression pulse was performed during the relaxation delay (RD). The number of transients was 32, and a quantity of four dummy scans was chosen. The acquisition time was fixed to 3.2769001 s. The data were processed with Bruker TOPSPIN 3.5 software with a standard parameter setting. The phase and baseline corrections were performed manually over the entire spectral range. HP β CD quantification by ¹H NMR was performed as described by Dufour et al. [64] with the signal at 1.1 ppm.



Figure S5. HP β CD relative quantity in A549 extracellular medium after 2 h of incubation with the BUD:HP β CD complex (green bars) and HP β CD (blue bars). HP β CD was quantified using proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Each bar represents the mean ± SEM of 3 independent measures. The results were normalized relative to HP β CD relative quantity at to = 0 h (100 %). HP β CD relative quantity in cell-free medium was subtracted from HP β CD relative quantity in extracellular medium to exclude changes unrelated to cellular uptake.

Effect of NAC and Vit C on H₂O₂ + LPS-induced oxidant generation



Figure S6. Oxidant generation kinetic in A549 cells after treatment with $H_2O_2 + LPS$ (1 mM + 100 μ g/mL) for 6 h and effect of *N*-acetyl-L-cysteine (NAC) and Vit C on $H_2O_2 + LPS$ -induced oxidant generation. Oxidant generation was evaluated by measuring the fluorescence of dichlorofluorescein (DCF) resulting from the oxidation of DCFH2. The results were normalized relative to untreated cells (0) at each measure time. Each point represents the mean of triplicated measures (N = 1).

Akt phosphorylation induced by H2O2 + LPS, H2O2 and LPS in A549 cells after 2 h of incubation



Figure S7. Akt phosphorylation induced by $H_2O_2 + LPS$, H_2O_2 and LPS in A549 cells after 2 h of incubation. Akt phosphorylation was quantified after a Western blot by measuring the proportion of phosphorylated-Akt (p-Akt) blot luminescence intensity/total Akt (Akt) blot luminescence intensity (N = 1).

Role of HDAC2 in the protection afforded by the BUD+ HPBCD on IL-8 release



Figure S8. Percentage of IL-8 released after A 549 cells pretreatment for 30 min with trichostatin (TSA) and incubation for 2 h with TNF- α in presence of BUD + HP β CD complex, BUD or HP β CD. Results are expressed in percentage of IL-8 released induced by TNF β - α . 100% corresponds to cells preincubated for 30 min with TSA and incubated for 2 h with TNF- α only. IL-8 release was measured in the extracellular medium by sandwich ELISA (N=2).

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