

Supplementary Materials: Biomolecules Responsible for the Total Antioxidant Capacity (TAC) of Human Plasma in Healthy and Cardiopathic Individuals: A Chemical Speciation Model

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1. Significance of antioxidants as predictors of healthy individuals’ TAC

Table S1 – Variables considered in the different model for healthy individuals.

Model ¹	Variables in	Variables out	Procedures
1	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, Ascorbic acid	---	---
2	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, β -Carotene, Ascorbic acid	Lycopene	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)
3	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, Ascorbic acid	γ -Tocopherol	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)
4	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, Ascorbic acid	Retinol	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)
5	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, Ascorbic acid	β -Carotene	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)

¹ dependent variable: TAC; weighted least square regression: weight for TAC is $w = TAC^{-2}$; regression forced through the origin.

Table S2 – Model parameters for healthy individuals.

Model ¹	R	R-square	Adj. R-square	ROOT-MSE
1	0.999	0.998	0.998	1.49651
2	0.999	0.998	0.998	1.48846
3	0.999	0.998	0.998	1.48130

4	0.999	0.998	0.998	1.47967
5	0.999	0.998	0.998	1.48018

¹ dependent variable: TAC; weighted least square regression: weight for TAC is $w = \text{TAC}^{-2}$; regression forced through the origin,
model 1: Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, retinol, γ -tocopherol, α -tocopherol, lycopene, β -carotene, L-ascorbic acid
model 2 - Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, retinol, γ -tocopherol, α -tocopherol, β -carotene, L-ascorbic acid
model 3 - Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, retinol, α -tocopherol, β -carotene, L-ascorbic acid
model 4 - Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, α -tocopherol, β -carotene, L-ascorbic acid
model 5 - Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, α -tocopherol, L-ascorbic acid.

Table S3 – Results of ANOVA test for healthy individuals.

Model ¹	Sum of square	Degree of freedom	Variance	F	Significance
1 Regression	93040.936	9	10337.882	4616.095	0.000
Prediction error	170.204	76	2.240		
Total	93211.140	85			
2 Regression	93040.545	8	11630.068	5249.376	0.000
Prediction error	170.595	77	2.216		
Total	93211.140	85			
3 Regression	93039.989	7	13291.427	6057.399	0.000
Prediction error	171.151	78	2.194		
Total	93211.140	85			
4 Regression	93038.175	6	15506.362	7082.358	0.000
Prediction error	172.965	79	2.189		
Total	93211.140	85			
5 Regression	93035.865	5	18607.173	8492.807	0.000
Prediction error	175.275	80	2.191		
Total	93211.140	85			

¹ dependent variable: TAC; weighted least square regression: weight for TAC is $w = \text{TAC}^{-2}$; regression forced through the origin,
model 1: Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, retinol, γ -tocopherol, α -tocopherol, lycopene, β -carotene, L-ascorbic acid
model 2 - Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, retinol, γ -tocopherol, α -tocopherol, β -carotene, L-ascorbic acid
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model 5 - Predictors: urate, total bilirubin, thiols groups, α -tocopherol, L-ascorbic acid.

2. Redox factors

Study of the redox reaction between Cu(II) and Bilirubin

Six separate series of bilirubin standard solutions (concentrations: 2.5, 5.0, 12.5, 25, 50 and 100 $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$) were prepared and analyzed in three replicates. The reaction under study was left up to the signal saturation (time reaction = 30 min) to estimate the electronic exchange between Cu(I) and bilirubin. Results reported in Table 4S show experimental slope equal to 8.044 with standard deviation of 0.223, indicating an electronic exchange equal to eight for the redox reaction under consideration.

Table S4 – Results of the study of the redox reaction between Cu(II) and Bilirubin at 30 min.

Summary of the coefficients ¹					
	Value	Standard deviation	t-value	Significance	
Slope	8.044	0.223	36.135	0.000	
Intercept	3.119	0.047	66.075	0.000	
Summary of ANOVA test					
	Sum of squares	Degrees of freedom	Variance	F	Significance
Model	625.210	1	625.210	1305.753	0.000
Prediction error	7.661	16	0.479		
Total	632.871	17			
Summary of the model					
	R	R-square	Adj. R-square	ROOT-MSE	N
Model	0.994	0.988	0.987	0.692	18

¹ predictor: C_{Bilirubin}, dependent variable: C_{Cu(I)}, weighted least square regression: weight for C_{Bilirubin} is $w = C_{Bilirubin}^{-1.5}$.

Since the aim of the study is focused on the investigation of redox reaction between Cu(II) and bilirubin under the CUPRAC-BCS method condition (time reaction = 4 min), the amount of the electronic exchange at 4 min was estimated.

Results in Table 5S show experimental slope equal to 7.433 with standard deviation of 0.084.

Table S5 – Results of the study of the redox reaction between Cu(II) and Bilirubin under the CUPRAC-BCS method condition.

Summary of the coefficients ¹					
	Value	Standard deviation	t-value	Significance	
Slope	7.433	0.084	88.997	0.000	
Intercept	2.350	0.059	40.165	0.000	
Summary of ANOVA test					
	Sum of squares	Degrees of freedom	Variance	F	Significance
Model	651.848	1	651.848	7920.524	0.000
Prediction error	1.371	16	0.082		
Total	653.165	17			
Summary of the model					
	R	R-square	Adj. R-square	ROOT-MSE	N
Model	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.287	18

¹ predictor: C_{Bilirubin}, dependent variable: C_{Cu(I)}, weighted least square regression: weight for C_{Bilirubin} is $w = C_{Bilirubin}^{-0.5}$.

3. Speciation model of the TAC

Table S6 – Contributions of plasma redox active molecules to the TAC of healthy individuals.

Substance	n	Redox Factor	Min (%)	Max (%)	Mean \pm SE ¹ (%)
Uric Acid	85	2.0	32.50	62.69	47.97 \pm 0.65
Total Bilirubin	85	7.4	3.25	44.24	9.50 \pm 0.61
Thiols	85	0.6	15.29	37.20	25.83 \pm 0.52
α -Tocopherol	85	2.0	1.98	5.45	3.36 \pm 0.09
L-Ascorbic acid	85	2.0	2.07	55.51	14.63 \pm 1.15
TOTAL	85				101.29 \pm 3.02

¹ SE is the symbol for standard deviation error. SE is expressed as SD/ \sqrt{n} where SD is the standard deviation.

4. Significance of antioxidants as predictors of cardiopathic individuals' TAC

Table S7 – Variables considered in the different model for cardiopathic individuals.

Model ¹	Variables in	Variables out	Procedures
1	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid	---	---
2	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid	Lycopene	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)
3	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, L-Ascorbic acid	β -Carotene	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)
4	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid	α -Tocopherol	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)
5	Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid	Retinol	Backward removal (removal criterion: $p \geq 0.10$)

¹ dependent variable: TAC; weighted least square regression: weight for TAC is $w = \text{TAC}^{-2}$; regression forced through the origin.

Table S8 – Model parameters for cardiopathic individuals.

Model ¹	R	R-square	Adj. R-square	ROOT-MSE
1	0.995	0.989	0.983	0.129
2	0.995	0.989	0.984	0.125
3	0.995	0.989	0.985	0.122
4	0.995	0.989	0.986	0.119

5	0.994	0.989	0.986	0.119
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¹ dependent variable: TAC; weighted least square regression: weight for is $w = \text{TAC}^{-2}$; regression forced through the origin;
model 1 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 2 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 3 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 4 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 5 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, γ -Tocopherol, L-Ascorbic acid.

Table S9 – Results of the ANOVA test for cardiopathic individuals.

Model ¹	Sum of square	Degree of freedom	Variance	F	Significance
1 Regression	24.732	9	2.748	164.279	0.000
Prediction error	0.268	16	0.017		
Total	25.000	25			
2 Regression	24.732	8	3.092	196.346	0.000
Prediction error	0.268	17	0.016		
Total	25.000	25			
3 Regression	24.731	7	3.533	236.104	0.000
Prediction error	0.269	18	0.015		
Total	25.000	25			
4 Regression	24.729	6	4.122	289.119	0.000
Prediction error	0.271	19	0.014		
Total	25.000	25			
5 Regression	24.717	5	4.943	349.421	0.000
Prediction error	0.283	20	0.014		
Total	25.000	25			

¹ dependent variable: TAC; weighted least square regression: weight for is $w = \text{TAC}^{-2}$; regression forced through the origin;
model 1 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, Lycopene, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 2 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, β -Carotene, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 3 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 4 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, Retinol, γ -Tocopherol, L-Ascorbic acid;
model 5 - Predictors: Uric Acid, Total Bilirubin, Thiols, γ -Tocopherol, L-Ascorbic acid.

Table S10 – Contributions of the redox active biomolecules to the TAC of cardiopathic individuals.

Substance	n	Redox Factor	Min (%)	Max (%)	Mean \pm SE ¹ (%)
Urate	25	2.0	30.78	64.86	47.61 \pm 2.05
Bilirubin	25	7.4	3.22	27.80	9.95 \pm 1.22
Thiols	25	0.6	8.09	48.97	21.26 \pm 2.31
γ -Tocopherol	25	2.0	0.01	1.19	0.22 \pm 0.05

L-Ascorbic acid	25	2.0	1.01	11.77	3.65 ± 0.48
Total	25				82.69 ± 6.11

¹ SE is the symbol for standard deviation error. SE is expressed as SD/\sqrt{n} where SD is the standard deviation.