## Natural Compounds as Ferroptosis Inducers

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Ferroptosis is classified as a non-canonical cell death mechanism. To date, several natural compounds have been discovered to induce ferroptosis in different cancer models.

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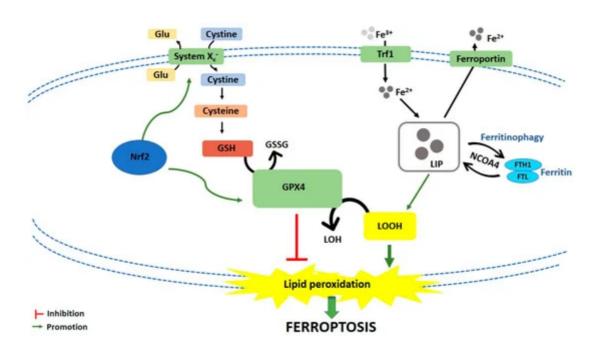
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## 1. Ferroptosis

Ferroptosis, firstly discovered by Dixon et al. in 2012 [1], is a non-canonical cell death characterized by an iron-dependent accumulation of lipid reactive oxygen species (ROS), which leads to cell demise [2]. Ferroptosis differs from any other form of regulated cell death. Morphologically, it does not involve any typical apoptotic feature; it is not characterized by cytoplasmatic swelling or disruption of cell membrane, as in necrotic cell death; the formation of typical autophagic vacuoles is not observed [1]. Ferroptotic cells, instead, are morphologically characterized by a distinct shrinkage of mitochondria with enhanced membrane density and decrease/depletion of mitochondrial cristae [1].

Ferroptosis is caused by compounds able to antagonize glutathione peroxidase 4 (GPX4) in a direct way or through the inhibition of  $X_c^-$  system.  $X_c^-$  system is an amino acid antiporter responsible for intracellular transport of extracellular cystine by exchanging intracellular glutamate [3] (Figure 1). Once inside the cells, cystine is reduced to cysteine, an essential substrate for glutathione (GSH) synthesis [4]. Hence, the inhibition of  $X_c^-$  system alters GSH biosynthesis, reducing the antioxidant activity of glutathione and selenium-dependent GPXs [5][6][7]. Among GPXs, GPX4 is the only one able to reduce hydrogen peroxides or organic hydroperoxides into water or corresponding alcohols by converting GSH into oxidized glutathione (GSSG) [8][9] (Figure 1). Then, the inhibition of GPX4, through direct or indirect mechanisms, leads to lipid ROS accumulation and activates the ferroptotic cell death cascade [1] [10][11] (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Schematic representation of ferroptotic cell death pathway. Glu: Glutamate; GSH: Glutathione; GSSG: Oxidized glutathione; GPX4: Glutathione peroxidase 4; LOH: Lipid alcohols; LOOH: Lipid hydroperoxides; Nrf2: Nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2)-like 2; Trf1: Transferrin receptor 1; LIP: Labile iron pool; FTH1: Ferritin heavy chain 1; FTL: Ferritin light chain; NCOA4: Nuclear receptor coactivator.

Iron-dependent accumulation of lipid ROS can occur through non-enzymatic and/or enzymatic lipid peroxidation. Non-enzymatic lipid peroxidation, also called lipid autoxidation, consists in a free radical-driven chain reaction where ROS initiate the oxidation of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs). Within an autocatalytic process, autoxidation can be propagated leading to membrane destruction, and subsequent ferroptotic cell death [12]. Enzymatic lipid peroxidation is mostly driven by lipoxygenases (LOXs). LOXs, through their dioxygenase activity, catalyze oxygen insertion into PUFAs membrane, generating different lipid hydroperoxides (LOOH), which can start the autocatalytic process of lipid autoxidation mentioned above [11].

If the link between lipid metabolism and ferroptosis induction is well known, how lipid peroxidation leads to ferroptotic cell death is not clear yet. Two mechanisms have been hypothesized. The first hypothesis is that lipid hydroperoxides, produced by PUFAs peroxidation, generate reactive toxic products, i.e., 4-hydroxy-2-nonenal (4-HNE) or malondialdehyde (MDA), which consequently inactivate different survival proteins, leading to ferroptosis [13]. The second hypothesis is that extensive phospholipids peroxidation leads to structural and functional modifications of cellular membrane [12].

## 2. Natural Compounds as Ferroptosis Inducers

Several natural compounds, alone or in combination, have been found to induce ferroptosis in different in *vitro* cancer models (<u>Table 1</u>).

**Table 1.** Natural products as in vitro inducers of ferroptosis.

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentrations (Where Specified)	Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
		HGC-27	90, 180 and	48 h	↓ Cell proliferation	
Actinia chinensis	Actinia		360 mg/mL	24 and 48 h	↓ Cell migration	
(Planch), drug- containing rat serum	<i>chinensis</i> Planch		180 mg/mL		↑ ROS	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
			90, 180 and	48 h	↓ GPX4	
			360 mg/mL		↓ xCT	
						↑ after Fe <sup>2+</sup> treatment
	<i>Albizia inundata</i> Mart.	MCF-7	10 μΜ	24 h	† Cytotoxicity	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
						↓ after DFO treatment
						↓ after vitamin E treatment
Albiziabioside A				/	↑ ROS	
				24 h	↓ GSH/GSSG ratio	
				48 h	↓ GPX4 protein expression	
					↑ MDA	
				/	↑ Lipid peroxides	
Amentoflavone	Selaginella spp. and other plants	U251, U373	10 and 20 μM	/	↑ Fe <sup>2+</sup>	
	and other plants	03/3			↓ FTH	↑ after ATG7 knockdown
				-	↑ MDA	↓ after FTH overexpression

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentrations (Where Specified)	s Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
						↓ after FTH overexpression
					↑ Lipid ROS	↓ after BafA1 treatment
						↓ after ATG7 knockdown
						↓ after FTH overexpression
					↓ GSH	↓ after BafA1 treatment
						↓ after ATG7 knockdown
						↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
						↓ after DFO treatment
			20 μΜ		↑ Cell death ratio (%)	↓ after FTH overexpression
						↓ after BafA1 treatment
						↓ after ATG7 knockdown
			0.59, 0.93, 2.33, 4.66,			↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
Ardisiacrispin B	Ardisia kivuensis Taton	CCRF- CEM	9.32, 18.64 and 37.28 μM	24 h	↑ Cytotoxicity	↓ after DFO treatment
			0.3, 0.6, 1.2 and 2.4 μM		↑ ROS	
A viel a min	Tetrapleura tetraptera	CCRF-	1, 2, 4, 8, 15,	24 5	↓ Cell	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
Aridanin	(Schum. & Thonn) Taub.	CEM	30 and 61 μM	– 24 h	viability	↓ after DFO treatment

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentrations (Where Specified)	Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
Artenimol (artemisinin semi-	Artemisia annua	CCRF-	0.01, 0.1, 1, 10	1	↓ Cell	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
syntethic derivative)	L.	CEM	and 100 μM	,	viability	↓ after DFO treatment
Artesunate (artemisin semi-synthetic derivative)	Artemisia annua L.					↑ after DFO treatment
uenvanve)						↑ after Ferr-1 treatment
			4 and 20 μM	48 h	↓ Cell viability	↑ after Lip-1 treatment
		DAUDI, CA-46				↑ after down- regulation of CHAC1 expression
		CA-40			↑ ROS	
			5, 10 and 20 μΜ	24 and 48 h	↑ Lipid peroxidation	↓ after down- regulation of CHAC-1 expression
			5, 10 and 20 μΜ	24 h	↑ CHAC1, ↑ ATF4, ↑ CHOP protein expression	
			50 μΜ		↑ ROS	
		MT-2	0.4, 2 and 10 μM	24 h		↓ after DFO treatment
			2 and 10 μM		↑ Cytotoxicity	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
		HUT-102	50 μΜ	24 h	↑ ROS	↓ after NAC treatment
			2 and 10 μM		Cytotoxicity	↓ after DFO treatment

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentrations (Where Specified)	Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
			10 and 50 μM			↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
						↓ after HTF treatment
			50 μΜ	-		↑ after DFO treatment
				72 h	↓ Cell viability	↑ after Trolox treatment
			0.5 and 5 vM			↑ after Keap1 knockdown
		HN9	<del>2.5 and 5 μM</del>			↑ after Nrf2 knockdown
					. 500	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
			5014	04.5	<del>↑ ROS</del>	↓ after Trolox treatment
			<del>50 μM</del>	- 24 h -		↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
				-	↑ Lipid ROS	↓ after Trolox treatment
					↑ Nrf2 protein expression	
		HN9, HN9- cisR	10, 25 and 50 μΜ	24 h	↓ xCT, ↓ RAD51, ↓ Keap1 protein expression	
		HN9-cisR, HN3-cisR, HN4-cisR	10, 25 and 50 μΜ	24 h	↑ Nrf2, ↑ HO- 1, ↑ NQO1 protein expression	
			ыч		↓ Keap1 protein expression	

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			50 μΜ		↑ Nrf2, ↑ HO- 1, ↑ NQO1 mRNA levels	
						↓ after trigonellin treatment
					↓ GSH	↑ after Trolox treatment
				-		↑ after Nrf2 knockdown
					* DOC	↓ after Trolox treatment
		HN3-cisR	25 and 50 μM	24 h	<del>↑ ROS</del>	↑ after Nrf2 knockdown
					↑ Lipid ROS	↓ after trigonellin treatment
						↓ after Nrf2 knockdown
					↓ Cell viability	↓ after HO-1 knockdown
						↑ after Trolox treatment
		PaTU8988, AsPC-1	20 μΜ	24 h		↑ after Ferr-1 treatment
					↓ Cell viability	↑ after GRP78 overexpression
						↓ after GRP78 knockdown
					↑ MDA	↓ after DFO treatment
		-				↓ after Ferr-1 treatment

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentration: (Where Specified)	s Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
						↓ after GRP78 overexpression
						↑ after GRP78 knockdown
					↑ Lipid peroxidation	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
			10, 20 and 10		↑ GRP78 mRNA levels	
			<del></del>		↑ GRP78 protein expression	
				_		↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
		HEY1	25 and 50 μM	_	↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment
				40.1		↑ after HT treatment
		HEY2	100 μΜ	– 48 h -	↑ Cell death	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
		HEY2,		_		↓ after DFO treatment
		SKOV3	<del>50 and 100 μM</del>		<u>↑ Cell death</u>	↑ after HT treatment
		HEY1, HEY2, SKOV-3	10, 25, 50 and 100 μM	24 h	↑ ROS	↓ after GSH treatment
		HEY1, HEY2, SKOV-3, OVCAR8, TOV-112D, TOV-21G	25, 50 and 100 μΜ	48 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after GSH treatment
		Panc-1	50 μΜ	24 h	↑ ROS	↓ after Trolox treatment

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					↑ after DFO treatment
				↓ Colonv	↑ after Trolox treatment
	-			formation	↑ after Ferr-1 treatment
			-		↓ after HTF treatment
	-			↑ HO-1 protein expression	
				↑ Lipid	↓ after Trolox treatment
				peroxidation	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
	Panc-1, COLO-357		48 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
	BxPC-3, Panc-1		0.4	↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment
	BxPC-3, Panc-1, AsPC-1		- 24 and - 48 h	↑ Cell death	↑ after HTF treatment
Betula etnensis Raf.	CaCo2	5, 50, 250 and 500 μg/mL	72 h	↓ Cell viability	
				↑ LDH release	
		5, 50 and 250		↑ ROS	
		μg/mL		↑ LOOH	
				↓ RSH	
		5 and 50 μg/mL		↓ HO-1 levels	
	Betula etnensis	Panc-1, COLO-357  BxPC-3, Panc-1  BxPC-3, Panc-1, AsPC-1  Betula etnensis  CaCo2	Panc-1, COLO-357   BxPC-3, Panc-1   BxPC-3, Panc-1, AsPC-1   Specified   Sp	Panc-1, COLO-357   48 h   Panc-1   Panc-1, Panc-1   Pa	Colony formation   Colony for

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			250 μg/mL		↑ HO-1 levels	
						↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
				_		↓ after DFO treatment
D13 (albiziabioside A	Albizia inundata		0.31, 1.25 and 5 μM		- 1 Cytotoxicity	↑ after Fe <sup>2+</sup> treatment
derivative)	Mart.	HCT116				↑ after Fe <sup>3+</sup> treatment
				48 h	↓ GPX4 protein expression	
				/	↑ MDA	
Dihydroartemisinin (artemisin semi-	Artemisia annua L.		5, 10 and 15	12 h	↓ Cell viability	
synthetic derivative)			μM		↑ ROS	
		HL-60	5, 10 and 15 μΜ	12 h	↓ Cell viability	↑ after Ferr-1 treatment
						↑ after DFO treatment
						↑ after NAC treatment
						↑ after BafA1 treatment
				_		↑ after 3-MA treatment
						↑ after ATG7 knockdown
						↑ after FTH overexpression

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						↑ after ISCU overexpression
					. Lizid DOC	↓ after ATG7 knockdown
					↑ Lipid ROS	↓ after FTH overexpression
					↓ GSH	↑ after ISCU overexpression
						↓ after DFO treatment
					↑ ROS	↓ after NAC treatment
						↓ after ISCU overexpression
					↑ IRP2 protein expression	
					↓ FTH, ↓ GPX4	↑ after ISCU overexpression
					protein expression	↑ after BafA1 treatment
		G0101, G0107	10, 20, 40, 80 and 160 μM	24 h	↑ ROS	
			20, 40, 80 and		↑ Lipid ROS	
			160 μΜ		↑ MDA	
					↓ GSH	
					↑ GSSG	
					↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment
						↓ after Ferr-1 treatment

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						↓ after Lip-1 treatment
		U251 U373	5, 10, 20 and 40 µM 20, 40, 80 and 160 µM	24 h	↓ GSH	
						↓ after DFO treatment
			2.5, 5, 10, 20			↑ after PERKi treatment
	U251 and 40 μM 24 and U373 10, 20, 40, 80 48 h and 160 μM	↑ ROS	↑ after ATF4 siRNA treatment			
				-		↑ after HSPA5 siRNA treatment
		U251	2.5, 5, 10 and 20 μM 10, 20, 40, 80 and 160 μM	3, 6, 12, 24 and 48 h	↑ <del>Lipid ROS</del>	↑ after ATF4 siRNA treatment
		U373				↑ after HSPA5 siRNA treatment
				-		↑ after PERKi treatment
		U251 U373	5, 10, 20 and 40 μΜ 80 μΜ	3, 6, 12, 24 and 48 h	↑ MDA	↑ after ATF4 siRNA treatment
			·			† after HSPA5 siRNA treatment
		U251 U373	10, 20 and 40 μΜ	48 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment
			40, 80 and 160 μΜ	-		↓ after Ferr-1 treatment

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						↓ after Lip-1 treatment		
						↑ after PERKi treatment		
						↑ after ATF4 siRNA treatment		
						↑ after HSA5 siRNA treatment		
		MCF-7	5 and 10 μM		↓ GPX4 activity			
Dihydroisotanshinone I	Salvia miltiorrhiza Bunge			MOE 7	10 μΜ	24 h	↓ GPX4 protein expression	
		MCF-7, MDA- MB231	5 and 10 μM		↑ MDA			
			10 μΜ		↓ GSH/GSSG ratio			
			1.04, 1.66, 4.14, 8.28, 16.56, 33.11 and 66.23 µM	-	A Cutatovicity	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment		
Epunctanone	Garcinia epunctata Stapf.	CCRF- CEM		24 h	↑ Cytotoxicity	↓ after DFO treatment		
	Зіарі.		2.95, 5.91, 11.81 and 23.63 µM		↑ ROS			
Erianin	Dendrobium chrysotoxum	H460, H1299				↓ after NAC treatment		
	Lindl		F0 - 11400	0.4.1	. Oall I i	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment		
			50 and 100 nM	24 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after Lip-1 treatment		
				-		↓ after GSH treatment		

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentrations (Where Specified)	s Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
			50 and 100 nM		↑ ROS	
			30 and 100 min		↓ GSH	
					↑ MDA	
			12.5, 25, 50	1	↑ HO-1, ↑ transferrin protein expression	
			and 100 nM		↓ GPX4, ↓ CHAC2, ↓ SLC40A1, ↓ SLC7A11 protein expression	
					↑ Ca <sup>2+</sup> levels	
			5, 10 and 25 μΜ	24 h	↑ Calmodulin protein expression	
Ferroptocide (pleuromutilin semi- syntetic derivative)	Pleurotus passeckerianus; Drosophila		5, 10 and 25 μΜ		↑ ROS	↓ after DFO treatment
cymous domains	subatrata; Clitopilus scyphoides, and others spp.		10 and 25 μM	1 h	↑ Mitochondrial ROS	
	отпото орр.	ES-2	10 μΜ		↑ Lipid ROS	↓ after DFO treatment
				_		↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
			5, 10 and 25 μM	14 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment
						↓ after Trolox treatment
		HCT116	5, 10 and 25 μΜ	10, 24 and 48 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment
						↓ after Trolox treatment

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentration (Where Specified)	s Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects
						↓ after NAC-1 treatment
						↑ after TXN knockdown
						↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
			5, 10 and 25 μM	1.5 and 72 h	↑ ROS	↑ after TXN knockdown
			10 μΜ	2 and 72	↑ Lipid ROS	↑ after TXN knockdown
			то µм	h	Lipid ROS	↓ after DFO treatment
			5, 10 and 25	10 h	A Call dooth	↓ after DFO treatment
		4.7.1	μM 18 n † Ceil death —	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment		
		411	1014	2.5	A Limid DOC	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
		-	—— 10 μM	2 h	<u>↑ Lipid ROS</u>	↓ after DFO treatment
		-				↓ after DFO treatment
		LIT 20	5, 10 and 25	10 h	. Call dagath	↓ after Trolox treatment
		— HT-29	μМ	<del>12 h</del>	↑ Cell death	↓ after NAC treatment
						↓ after Ferr-1 treatment
Gallic Acid	Natural polyhydroxy	HeLa		12 h	↑ Lipid peroxidation	
	phenolic compound, found in various foods	HeLa, H446, SHSY-5Y	50 μg/mL	36 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after DFO treatment

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		A375, MDA-MB- 231	10, 25, 50, 100 and 200 μg/mL		↓ Cell viability	
		MDA-MB- 231	25 μg/mL	24 h	↑ ROS	
		A375	50 μg/mL			
		MDA-MB- 231	1	/	↓ GPX4 activity	
		A375, MDA-MB- 231	1	1	↑ MDA	
Physcion 8-O-β- glucopyranoside	Rumex japonicus Houtt.	MGC-803, MKN-45				↑ after Ferr-1 treatment
			10, 20, 30, 40	24, 48,	↓ Cell	↑ after GPNA treatment
			and 50 µM	72 and 96 h	viability	↑ after 968 treatment
						↓ after GLS2 knockdown
			1	1	↓ Cell proliferation	↑ after miR- 103a-3p overexpression
			,	<del>24</del> h	↓ Cell invasion	↑ after miR- 103a-3p overexpression
			,	Z <del>4</del> 11	↓ Cell migration	↑ after miR- 103a-3p overexpression
			1	/	↑ Lipid ROS	↓ after GPNA treatment
						↓ after 968 treatment
						↓ after GLS2 knockdown

			(Where Specified)	(Where Specified)	Markers	Supplementary Effects
						↓ after miR- 103a-3p overexpression
						↓ after GPNA treatment
						↓ after 968 treatment
					↑ MDA	↓ after GLS2 knockdown
				-		↓ after miR- 103a-3p overexpression
						↓ after GPNA treatment
						↓ after 968 treatment
					↑ Fe <sup>2+</sup>	↓ after GLS2 knockdown
						↓ after miR- 103a-3p overexpression
				-	↓ miR-103a- 3p expression	
					↑ GLS2 protein levels	↓ after miR- 103-3p transfection
Piperlongumine	Piper Longum L.	Panc-1	4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 μM	16 h	↓ Cell viability	↑ after NAC treatment
						↑ after Ferr-1 treatment
				-		↑ after Lip-1 treatment

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				-		↑ after DFO treatment				
			[ <u>14</u> ]			↑ after CPX treatment				
]		MIAPaCa- 2	10 μΜ	16 h	↓ Cell viability	[ <u>15][16][1]</u> ↑ after PD146176 treatment				
e accumulation of	lipid ROS and m	a		4 h	↓ GSH					
			2, 3, 7, 14 and		↓ Cell	↑ after Ferr-1 treatment				
Progenin III Raphia vinifera P. Beauv	CCRF- CEM	55 μΜ	viability 24 h		↑ after DFO treatment					
			1.59 and 3.18 µM		[ <u>15</u> ] ↑ ROS					
			[22][23][24]	1	A Call death	↑ after FAC treatment				
		-	<del>7 μM</del>	_ /	<del>- ↑ Cell death -</del>	↓ after DFO treatment				
	Ruscus		,	[ <mark>26</mark> ] 6 h	. 0-11 -1	[ <mark>25]</mark> fter transferrin knockdown				
Ruscogenin	aculeatus L. Radix Ophiopogon [ <mark>29][27</mark> ]nicas	Radix Ophiopogon [ <mark>29][27</mark> ]nicas	Radix Ophiopogon [ <mark>26]#270</mark> nicas	Radix Ophiopogon [ <mark>29</mark> ∰ <mark>20</mark> nicas	Radix Ophiopogon [ <mark>2<mark>6]‡20</mark>nicas</mark>	BxPC-3, SW1990			↑ Cell death	↓ after ferroportin overexpression
(Thunb.) Ker Gawl.		-	0 1 7 · · M	12 and 26 24 h	[ <mark>27</mark> ] ↑ Fe <sup>2+</sup>	↓ after DFO treatment				
	nu	3 and 7 μM +	1, 2, 4, 6 and 24 h	↑ ROS	↓ after DFO treatment					
		-	C === 1.10M	0.4 l-	↑ Transferrin					
[ <u>28</u> ]			6 and 12 μM	<del>24 h</del>	↓ Ferroportin					
Solasonine L]	Solanum melongena L. [ <mark>32</mark> ]	HepG2	15 ng/mL	24 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after F∉ <u>29</u> ¶30 treatment				

the modulation of different molecular targets (<u>Table 1</u>). One of these targets is the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). ER stress is a condition of oxidative stress and perturbations in the ER folding machinery provoked by the accumulation of unfolded/misfolded proteins. ER stress activates a signaling process, called unfolded protein response (UPR), in order to lessen ER stress and to restore ER homeostasis [34][35]. In DAUDI and CA-46 lymphoma cells, artesunate triggered ferroptosis and ER stress through the activation of ATF4 (activating transcription factor-4)-CHOP (C/EBP [CCAAT-enhancer-binding protein] homologous protein)-CHAC1 (glutathione-

Compound 36	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentratio (Where [36] Specified)	ns Time (Where Specified)	Markers	Supplementary Effects	ra Jra
[37][38]				[ <u>36</u> ]	ellular cystein	treatment	F4
	c - c				↑ Lipid ROS -	↓ after Ferr-1 treatment	m -ir
[ <u>29</u> ]					T Lipiu KOS	↓ after DFO treatment	er
		[ <u>3</u>	<u>9</u>		↓ GSS, ↓ GPX4 mRNA levels		≀K -in
a landa ta law	[29]	and transfer		[ <u>30</u> ]	↓ GSS, ↓ GPX4 protein expression		t v
Typhaneoside	Pollen Typhae	Kas-1, HL- 60, NB4	[ <u>32][41]</u> -2][43]	24 h		after Ferr-1	-an e
		<u> </u>	<u>= [.e</u> ]			↑ after DFO treatment	-ally
					-	↑ after 3-MA treatment	nd
		[47][40]	<u>14][45</u> ][ <u>46]</u> 40 μΜ		↓ Cell viability 2 49 50 5	↑ after BafA1 treatment	tio
		[47][48]			C [4 <u>a  20  3</u>	↑ after Z-VAD- FMK treatment	iro ch
	[44][52][53]					↑ after Papamycin treatment	reg re,
					[ <u>55][56][57]</u>	↑ after ATG7 knockdown	ug ay
			20, 30 and 40 μM		↑ ROS -	↓ after DFO treatment	ab or
					[ <u>58</u>	↓ after NAC treatment	tio Kv
<u>[58]</u>					↓ GSH		се
		[	<u>58</u> ]		f2 in ferroptosi	s seems to be	CE

specific [91], since the activation of Nrf2 pathway protected hepatocellular carcinoma cells against ferroptosis [55], while it promoted ferroptosis in neuroblastoma [59]. Taken together, those results support the hypothesis that Nrf2 could act as a double-edge sword. Even if further studies are needed to disentangle this knot, artesunate supports this hypothesis inducing different effects in different cell lines.

Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentrations (Where Specified)	s Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects	ar I
			]	32]	↑ Lipid ROS	knockdown	rro <sub>l</sub>
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	[30]				↓ GPX4, ↓ FTH mRNA levels		ise tes
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			2.37, 3.76, 9.40, 18.79,		↓ Cell	↑ after Ferr-1 treatment	<u>6</u> ].
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[ <u>60</u> ]			1.22, 2.45, 4.89 and 9.78 μM		↑ ROS		ucti (10
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		[ <u>59</u> ]	10 μΜ	3 and 5 h	↓ GPX4 activity		res he
			[ <u>59</u> ] / [ <u>59</u>	]	↑ Lipid peroxidation	↓ after DFO treatment	nen
			1 μΜ	4, 8 and 12 h	[ <u>59]</u> ↑ Fe <sup>2+</sup>	↑ after hemin treatment	tha self
			<u>[6</u>	1, 2, 4, 8, 12 and 24 h	↑ HO-1, ↑ Keap1, ↑ Nrf2 protein expression		e re the
				6, 8, 12 and 16 h	↑ Cell death [ <u>59</u> ]	↓ ailei GFA4	e i
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Compound	Compound Source	Cell Line(s)	Concentration (Where Specified)	s Time (Where Specified)	Ferroptosis Markers	Supplementary Effects	<b>,</b> ;S
						↓ HO-1 knockdown	ιte
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						↓ after CPX treatment	
			1 and 10 μM	6, 8, 12 and 16 h	↑ Cell death	↓ after α- tocopherol treatment	-a
						↓ after UOI26 treatment	
		IMR-32, SK-N-SH				↓ after Flt3 inhibitor treatment	-x L1
				/	Nrf2 pathway activation		
			1 μΜ	1	↑ FTH1, ↑ HO-1 gene expression		m
	o.2020/j.oo	_		1, 2, 4, 8, 12 and 24 h	↑ FTH1, ↑ HO-1 mRNA levels		)8
WA-NPs	Withania somnifera L. Dunal	IMR-32	1 and 10 μM	8, 10, 12, 16, 20 and 24 h	↑ Cell death		33

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- 14em/el, obygvanse-1; ZinangsR:; objektinMesistaen HR3 Dettg; AN4-cisR: ACReview existaet PhytochentistrycisR: Cisplatin maskatogy Non dershat spacokinaetico oxformatahalyon ellan NoturallyeO5; cuttime globida and ellan special protein 1; IRP2: IronMetattespacotin, 2,25,299 indoist. Out 339. Menodesents 2,2020, 2020,
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