We show here if under physiologically relevant conditions resveratrol (RSV) remains stable or not. We further show under which circumstances various oxidation products of RSV such as ROS can be produced. For example, in addition to the widely known effect of bicarbonate ions, higher pH values might favour the decay of RSV. Moreover, we analyse the impact of reduction of the oxygen partial pressure on the pH-dependent oxidation of RSV. For further interpretation and discussion of these focused data in a broader context we refer to the article “Hormetic shifting of redox environment by pro-oxidative resveratrol protects cells against stress” (Pautal et al., in press) [1].

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Value of the data

- Time- and pH-dependent oxidation data of RSV can be used to assess physiologically relevant effects.
- The influence of oxygen partial pressure on the oxidation of RSV can be assessed for physiological context.
- Pro-oxidative features of RSV shall be tested prior interpretation of physiological effects of RSV.

1. Data

RSV (50 μM) was incubated for indicated time periods without or with 44 mM NaHCO₃ at various pH and oxygen partial pressures. Absorbance of RSV and its oxidation products was measured at

![Graphs](image-url)

**Fig. 1.** Oxidation of RSV is highly pH-dependent at 37 °C with 21% oxygen. RSV (50 μM) incubated for 16 h in H₂O without (a) or with 44 mM NaHCO₃ (b) at diverse pH levels at 37 °C. Amounts of RSV and suggested reaction products (hydroxyl radical: 420 nm; phenoxyl radical: 390 nm) detected at characteristic absorbance maxima (Li et al. [2]). pH values were adjusted using HCl and NaOH solutions. Values are mean (n=3).

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Fig. 2. Kinetic oxidation of RSV. RSV (50 μM) was incubated for 16 h in H2O without (a) or with 44 mM NaHCO3 (b) at divers pH levels at 37 °C with 21% oxygen. Amounts of RSV and suggested reaction products (hydroxyl radical: 420 nm; phenoxyl radical: 390 nm) detected at characteristic absorbance maxima. pH values were adjusted using HCl and NaOH solutions. Values are mean (n=3).

Fig. 3. Oxidation of RSV at 37 °C with 10% oxygen. RSV (50 μM) was incubated for 16 h in H2O without (a) or with 44 mM NaHCO3 (b) at divers pH levels at 37 °C. Amounts of RSV and suggested reaction products (hydroxyl radical: 420 nm; phenoxyl radical: 390 nm) detected at characteristic absorbance maxima. pH values were adjusted using HCl and NaOH solutions. Values are mean (n=3).

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characteristic maxima: RSV 308 nm, hydroxyl radical of RSV 420 nm, phenoxyl radical of RSV 390 nm. The oxidation of RSV after 16 h at 37 °C with 21% oxygen was highly pH-dependent (Fig. 1) and was accelerated in the presence of 44 mM NaHCO₃ (Fig. 1b). A detailed kinetic analysis of the pH-dependent oxidation of RSV and the generation of oxidation products is shown in Fig. 2. In addition, the oxidation of RSV was measured at reduced oxygen partial pressure (at 10% oxygen see Fig. 3, at 1% oxygen see Fig. 4).

2. Experimental design, materials and methods

2.1. Materials

3,5,4’-trihydroxy-trans-stilbene (resveratrol, RSV) was purchased from Cayman Chemical (Biomol, Hamburg, Germany).

2.2. pH-dependent oxidation of resveratrol (cell-free)

The time-dependent oxidation of 50 μM RSV in ddH₂O with or without 44 mM sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO₃) was analysed using the POLARstar Omega (BMG LABTECH) at 37 °C. Samples were transferred (150 μl/well) into a UV-Star 96-well plate (# 655801, Greiner Bio-one) for kinetic and spectral measurement (between 230 and 550 nm, Δλ 2 nm). The pH of each solution was adjusted from 1 to 12 using HCl and NaOH solutions. In accordance to Li et al. [2] oxidation products of RSV, a short-lived hydroxyl radical adduct of RSV (characteristic absorbance maximum: 420 nm) and the relatively stable 4’-phenoxyl radical (characteristic absorbance maximum: 390 nm), were monitored. For data analyses in GraphPad Prism 5.0 signals were background-subtracted and normalised to vehicle control. Data were fitted (dashed line) using GraphPad Prism 5.0 with a Hill slope of 1 according to equation:

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Y = \frac{\text{Bottom} + (\text{Top} - \text{Bottom})}{1 + 10^{(X - \log IC_{50})}}
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2.3. Oxygen partial pressure-dependent oxidation of resveratrol (cell-free)

96-well plates prepared for the determination of the pH-dependent oxidation of resveratrol (see pH-dependent oxidation of RSV) were incubated at 37 °C at atmospheric oxygen levels (~ 21% O₂),
slightly reduced oxygen partial pressure (10% O₂, mimicking conditions in the blood vessels), or highly reduced oxygen levels (1% O₂, resembling tissue or tumour microenvironment). For experiments with reduced oxygen partial pressure, plates were incubated at corresponding oxygen levels using a CO₂ incubator Model CB 60 (Binder, Tuttingen, Germany). For spectral measurements plates were quickly analysed (< 2 min) using the POLARstar Omega (BMG LABTECH) at 37 °C. Afterwards the plates were further incubated at indicated conditions. In accordance to Li et al. [2] oxidation of RSV and subsequent reaction products were monitored. For data analyses in GraphPad Prism 5.0 signals were background-subtracted and normalised to vehicle control. Data were fitted (dashed line) using GraphPad Prism 5.0 with Hill slope = – 1 according to equation:

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Y = \frac{\text{Top} - \text{Bottom}}{1 + 10^{X - \log IC_{50}}} + \text{Bottom}
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