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RESUMO

EFEITOS DO TRATAMENTO COM ÁCIDO GÁLICO SOBRE PARÂMETROS OXIDATIVOS, MOLECULARES E COMPORTAMENTAIS INDUZIDOS POR CETAMINA EM RATOS

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A cetamina é um anestésico dissociativo que bloqueia receptores glutamatérgicos NMDA, de uso clínico restrito devido ao alto potencial de abuso. Estudos têm mostrado o desenvolvimento de neurotoxicidade e prejuízos de memória frente a exposição aguda e crônica à cetamina. O ácido gálico (AG) é um antioxidante natural, cuja atividade têm mostrado benefícios sobre a memória. O presente estudo foi desenvolvido para avaliar possíveis ações benéficas do AG sobre as consequências nocivas decorrentes da administração aguda e subcrônica de cetamina em ratos machos adolescentes. Quarenta e cinco ratos Wistar foram distribuídos em dois protocolos experimentais (UFSM/8629131218) no protocolo 1 (exposição aguda tipo *binge* - Binge-KET), animais receberam cinco doses de cetamina (KET) (10 mg / kg, ip) a cada três horas nas primeiras 12h do dia, recebendo três doses de AG (13,5 mg / kg, po) ou veículo nas 12 horas seguintes; no protocolo 2 (exposição subcrônica a KET - SbChro-KET), os animais receberam uma dose diária de KET (10 mg/kg, ip) durante 10 dias, sendo posteriormente tratados com uma dose diária de AG (13,5 mg / kg, po) ou veículo por três dias consecutivos. No protocolo I, a KET prejudicou a memória de trabalho dos animais ao reduzir o percentual de alternância no teste do labirinto em Y. Análises bioquímicas mostraram que estes animais apresentaram níveis aumentados de creatinina no plasma, de lipoperoxidação (LP) no rim e hipocampo, além de aumentada atividade da catalase (CAT) no fígado e hipocampo, a qual foi reduzida no rim. A exposição aguda à KET também modificou parâmetros moleculares, elevando a imunoreatividade hipocampal de pro-BDNF e TrkB. O tratamento com AG não reverteu a memória prejudicada pela KET aguda, porém reverteu totalmente os níveis de creatinina (plasma), da atividade da CAT (fígado e hipocampo) e da LP (rim), além de reverter o imunocontéudo de pré-BDNF e TrkB. No protocolo II, os animais subcronicamente expostos a KET mostraram prejuízos de memória, aumentados níveis de AST e ALT no plasma, de LP no fígado, rim e hipocampo, além de aumentada atividade da CAT no fígado e rim. À nível molecular, tal exposição à KET elevou a imunoreatividade do pró-BDNF e reduziu os níveis de BDNF e TrkB no hipocampo. O AG recuperou a memória de trabalho, antes prejudicada pela droga no protocolo agudo, recuperou totalmente os níveis de AST e ALT no plasma, e também da LP no rim, fígado e hipocampo além da atividade da CAT no fígado e rim. Todas as alterações moleculares hipocampais (pró-BDNF, BDNF e TrkB) induzidas pela exposição subcrônica à KET foram revertidas pelo AG. Interessantemente, os níveis de BDNF mostraram correlação negativa com níveis de LP no hipocampo e positiva com o percentual de alternância no labirinto-Y, enquanto este último mostrou correlação negativa com os níveis hipocampais de LP. Diante destes resultados, é possível sugerir que, após estudos clínicos, o AG poderá ser considerado um agente antioxidante natural de utilidade promissora para reversão de danos induzidos pelo uso abusivo tanto agudo como subcrônico de KET.

Palavras-chave: Neurotoxicidade. Memória de trabalho. Hipocampo. Droga aditiva. Antioxidante.

ABSTRACT

EFFECTS OF GALIC ACID TREATMENT ON OXIDATIVE, MOLECULAR AND BEHAVIORAL PARAMETERS INDUCED TO KETAMINE IN RATS

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Ketamine is a dissociative anesthetic drug, which blocks NMDA glutamatergic receptors for restricted clinical use due to its high addictive potential. Studies have shown neurotoxicity and memory impairments development after acute- and chronic-KET exposure. Gallic acid (AG) is a natural antioxidant, whose activity has shown benefits over memory. The current study was designed to evaluate possible beneficial actions of GA on the harmful consequences of acute and sub-chronic ketamine administration in male adolescent rats. Forty-five Wistar rats were assigned to two experimental protocols (UFSM/8629131218): In the protocol 1 (acute/binge exposure; Binge-KET group), animals received five doses of KET (ketamine) (10 mg/kg, ip) every three hours for the first 12 hours of the day, receiving three doses of GA (13.5 mg/kg, po) or vehicle in the following 12 hours; In protocol 2 (sub-chronic exposure to KET; SbChro-KET group), animals received a daily dose of KET (10 mg/kg, ip) for 10 days and they were sequentially treated with one dose of GA (13.5 mg/kg, po) or vehicle daily for three consecutive days. In protocol I, KET impaired the working memory of the animals by reducing the percentage of alternation in the Y labyrinth test. Biochemical analyzes showed that these animals showed increased levels of plasma creatinine, lipoperoxidation (LP) in the kidney and hippocampus, in addition to increased catalase (CAT) activity in the liver and hippocampus, which was reduced in the kidney. Acute exposure to KET also changed molecular parameters, increasing hippocampal immunoreactivity of pro BDNF and TrkB. Treatment with AG did not reverse the impaired memory by acute KET, but it completely reversed the levels of creatinine (plasma), CAT activity (liver and hippocampus) and LP (kidney), in addition to reversing the immunocontent of pre BDNF and TrkB. In protocol II, animals subchronically exposed to KET showed impaired memory, increased levels of AST and ALT in plasma, LP in the liver, kidney and hippocampus, in addition to increased CAT activity in the liver and kidney. At the molecular level, such exposure to KET increased the pro-BDNF immunoreactivity and reduced the levels of BDNF and TrkB in the hippocampus. The AG recovered working memory, previously impaired by the drug in the acute protocol, fully recovered the levels of AST and ALT in plasma, and also of LP in the kidney, liver and hippocampus in addition to CAT activity in the liver and kidney. All hippocampal molecular changes (pro BDNF, BDNF and TrkB) induced by subchronic KET exposure were reversed by AG. Interestingly, BDNF levels showed a negative correlation with LP levels in the hippocampus and positive with the percentage of alternation in the Y labyrinth, while the latter showed a negative correlation with the hippocampal levels of LP. Given these outcomes, it is possible to suggest that, following clinical studies, GA may be considered a natural antioxidant agent of promising usefulness for reversing damages induced by both acute and subchronic-KET abuse.

Keywords: Neurotoxicity. Working memory. Hippocampus. Addictive drug. Antioxidant.

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LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

AG	Ácido Gálico
ALT	Alanina aminotransferase
AST	Aspartato aminotransferase
BDNF	Fator Neurotrófico Derivado do Cérebro (do inglês: <i>Brain-derived neurotrophic factor</i>)
Binge-KET	Exposição aguda de cetamina
EO	Estresse oxidativo
ERs	Espécies Reativas
FDA	Agência de Controle de Alimentos e Medicamentos (do inglês: <i>Food and Drug Administration</i>)
KET	Cetamina (do inglês: <i>Ketamine</i>)
MAO	Monoamina oxidase
NMDA	N-metil D-Aspartato
Pro-BDNF	Precursor do BDNF
SbChro-KET	Cetamina subcrônica
SNC	Sistema Nervoso Central
TrkB	Receptor de tropomiosina quinase B (do inglês: <i>Tropomyosin receptor kinase B</i>)

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APRESENTAÇÃO

Esta dissertação está estruturada em seções dispostas em: Introdução, Objetivo, Revisão bibliográfica, Justificativa, Desenvolvimento (Manuscrito Científico), Conclusões e Referências.

Os itens Materiais e Métodos, Resultados, Discussão dos resultados e suas Referências encontram-se inseridos na seção Desenvolvimento, subseção Manuscrito Científico, representando a íntegra deste estudo.

As Referências (pag. 54) referem-se somente às citações que aparecem na seção Introdução e Revisão bibliográfica desta dissertação.

1. INTRODUÇÃO

A cetamina (KET) é um fármaco anestésico dissociativo cujo mecanismo de ação ocorre através do bloqueio não competitivo do receptor glutamatérgico N-metil-D-aspartato (NMDA) (GARCIA, 2007). Geralmente, a KET é disponível na forma racêmica de dois enantiômeros, o R (-) e o S (+), sendo amplamente utilizada na clínica humana e veterinária em procedimentos cirúrgicos (ANNETA, et al., 2005). Além da anestesia geral, o enantiômero S (+) da KET (esketamina) foi recentemente liberado pelo *Food and Drug Administration* (FDA- E.U.A.) para tratamento agudo de pacientes com alto grau de depressão, com potencial suicida, e que não respondem a outros medicamentos. No entanto, neste contexto de utilização clínica, a KET é classificada como droga de potencial abusivo devido ao desenvolvimento de efeitos hedônicos (BASCUNANA et al., 2003; FDA, 2019), o que levou ao comércio restrito ao ambiente hospitalar, pois seu uso ilícito favorece o desenvolvimento de dependência (MORGAN & CURRAN, 2012). Contudo, infelizmente o uso abusivo da KET apresenta um crescimento considerável, o que compromete os já escassos recursos da saúde pública, colocando em risco a vida dos usuários (SILVA, 2010; WDR, 2018, UNODC, 2014).

Diferentes estudos têm demonstrado que a KET provoca inúmeros danos aos órgãos periféricos (fígado e rim) e ao sistema nervoso central (SNC). (DU et al. 2017; ZUGNO et al., 2013; YADAV et al., 2017; CARTÁGENES et al., 2019; BAKER et al., 2016). Evidências apontam que a exposição aguda a essa substância pode causar danos sobre a memória e a locomoção (HUANG et al. 2012; PAULE et al. 2011, SORIANO et al. 2010; ZOU et al. 2009; CRAWFORD et al, 2019), enquanto o uso crônico pode induzir além desses mesmos prejuízos comportamentais, o desenvolvimento de estresse oxidativo (EO) e neuroinflamação (LI, et al., 2017; YADAV et al., 2017).

O ácido gálico (AG) (ácido 3,4,5-tri-hidroxibenzoico), é um antioxidante natural encontrado especialmente no chá verde (*Camellia sinensis*) e em frutas como o caju (*Anacardium occidentale*) e a gabioba (*Campomanesia xanthocarpa*) (LU et al., 2006; ROCHA, et al., 2011), desempenhando um papel promissor frente a substâncias neurotóxicas e pró-oxidantes como a KET (YADAV et al., 2017). Além disso, o AG também apresenta propriedade antidepressiva, anti-inflamatória, anti-tumoral, além de prevenir déficits de memória (CHHILLAR; DHINGRA, 2012; SARKAKI et al. 2015, SAFAEI et al. 2018; DAGLIA et al., 2014; LIMA et al., 2016, FARBOOD et al., 2013;). Sendo assim, o AG torna-se uma alternativa a ser estudada como tratamento após exposições abusivas ou repetidas de KET.

2. OBJETIVOS

2.1 OBJETIVOS GERAIS

Avaliar os efeitos do tratamento com AG sobre parâmetros comportamentais, oxidativos e moleculares induzidos pela administração aguda tipo *binge* e subcrônica de KET em ratos adolescentes.

2.2 OBJETIVOS ESPECÍFICOS

- Avaliar a influência do tratamento com AG frente a exposição aguda tipo *binge* e subcrônica de KET sobre parâmetros comportamentais de memória e locomoção em ratos adolescentes;

- Avaliar a influência do tratamento com AG sobre parâmetros bioquímicos plasmáticos além do status oxidativo hepático e renal dos animais previamente expostos a administração aguda tipo *binge* e subcrônica de KET;

- Avaliar a influência do tratamento com AG sobre o status oxidativo hipocampal induzido pela exposição aguda tipo *binge* e subcrônica de KET;

- Avaliar os níveis de imunoreatividade de marcadores moleculares (pró-BDNF, BDNF e TrKB) no hipocampo de animais previamente expostos a administração aguda tipo *binge* e subcrônica de KET e posteriormente tratados com AG.

3. REVISÃO BIBLIOGRÁFICA

3.1 CONTEXTO HISTÓRICO DA CETAMINA

A KET foi sintetizada em 1962 pelo químico americano Calvin Lee Stevens e seus colegas no laboratório *Parke & Davis*, nomeada inicialmente de “CI 581”, essa substância substituiu o uso da fenciclidina após sua característica psicotomimética ser descoberta (DOMINO, 2010). O objetivo dos pesquisadores foi produzir um composto com efeitos anestésicos semelhantes a fenciclidina, mas com menores efeitos adversos. Dessa forma, o primeiro teste clínico que usou a KET ocorreu em agosto de 1964 com uma dose sub anestésica (DOMINO, 2010). Porém, a KET também demonstrou características psicotomiméticas, mas esses efeitos adversos foram menores quando comparados aos da fenciclidina (DOMINO, 2010). Muitos pacientes descreveram sensações incomuns, como o efeito de flutuar sobre o corpo, que é semelhante a um estado cataléptico, pois este pode ser resultado da dissociação funcional e eletrofisiológica entre os sistemas límbico e o tálamo-neocortical (GARCIA, 2007; DOMINO, 2010). Diante disso, a KET foi classificada como um anestésico dissociativo (DOMINO, 2010).

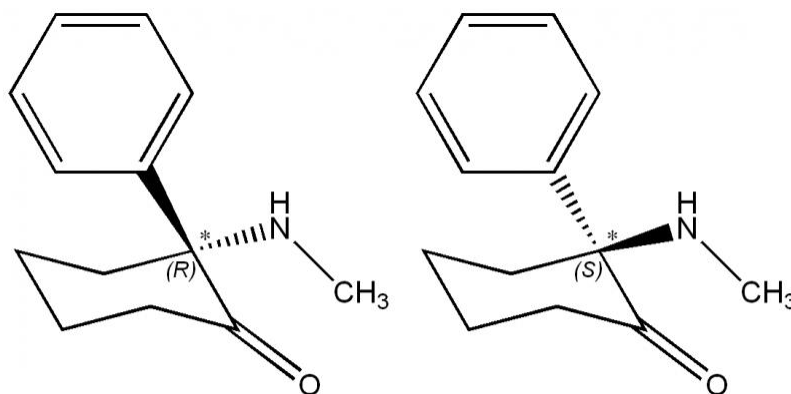
Após aprovada pela FDA, a KET foi bastante usada por soldados americanos, na Guerra do Vietnã, com finalidade anestésica (KOHRIS; DURIEUX, 1998; DOMINO, 2010). No entanto, por se tratar de uma droga psicotomimética, em 1971 surgiu o primeiro caso de uso abusivo da KET nos Estados Unidos da América (SIEGEL, 1978). Com o passar dos anos, a popularidade da KET, por parte dos usuários recreacionais, cresceu ao ponto desses indivíduos a denominarem como “Special K”, “Vitamina K” ou apenas “K” (DILLON; COPELAND e JANSEN, 2003; JANSEN e DARRACOT-CANKOVIC, 2001). Os principais efeitos gerados por essa droga que levam ao uso abusivo e ilícito são: euforia, distorções visuais e auditivas, sensações eróticas e a sensação de flutuar sobre o corpo (FREESE; MIOTTO e REBACK, 2002; GLABE, 2004). Após o aumento preocupante do uso ilícito da KET, a FDA classificou esse fármaco como droga de abuso na década de 1990, por tratar-se de uma droga com capacidade de aumentar a excitação elétrica do sistema límbico e do córtex cerebral, assim como o aumento do tônus simpático nessas mesmas áreas (BASCUNANA et al., 2003). Dessa forma, a comercialização dessa substância ocorre de forma controlada em muitos países, estando muitas vezes restrita à prática clínica (MORGAN; CURRAN, 2012; BARRIOS;

PÉREZ, 2007). No Brasil, segundo o Ministério da Saúde (portaria nº 344, 1998), a aquisição dessa droga ocorre apenas com prescrição controlada do tipo C, de cor branca.

3.2 CETAMINA: FARMACOCINÉTICA E FARMACODINÂMICA

A KET possui características químicas análogas à fenciclidina e é conhecida quimicamente como 2-(o-clorofenil)-2-(metilamino)-cicloexanona ($C_{13}H_{16}ClNO$). É comercialmente disponível na forma racêmica de dois enantiômeros o R (-) e o S (+) os quais possuem fórmula estrutural e química semelhantes (Fig. 1), porém com diferença no arranjo do carbono quiral conferindo assim, distintas propriedades farmacocinéticas e farmacodinâmicas (KOHRS; DURIEUX, 1998; LUFT; MENDES, 2005; FANTON; CORTOPASSI; BERNARDI, 2006).

Figura 1 - Estrutura química dos enantiômeros R (-) e S (+) de cetamina, respectivamente.



Fonte: Cetamina uma droga de abuso. (<https://paginateste123.wordpress.com/caracteristicas-estruturais/> (S/D))

A KET apresenta alta biodisponibilidade independente da via de administração (intramuscular, intravenosa, nasal, oral ou retal), possui característica lipofílica, com rápida ação e tempo de meia-vida curto (2 a 3 horas) (GARCIA, 2007; VALADÃO, 2010). O metabolismo principal dessa substância é hepático e forma três metabólitos ativos: norcetamina, 5 hidróxi-cetamina e 4 hidróxi-cetamina que são conjugados e posteriormente excretados na urina. A KET também pode ser metabolizada em uma menor parte por outros tecidos, como o rim, intestino e pulmão (GARCIA, 2007; HEMELRIJCK; WHITE, 1997; DUVAL, 2004).

O mecanismo de ação da KET ocorre principalmente pelo bloqueio de forma não competitiva do receptor NMDA de glutamato, ou seja, pela característica de antagonizar o

receptor NMDA (GARCIA, 2007). No entanto, a especificidade da droga é inversamente proporcional a quantidade administrada, pois quanto menor a dose, maior o seu efeito (EIDE, et al. 1997). Existem ainda, outros receptores nos quais a KET pode ligar-se, sendo eles: receptores serotoninérgicos, gabaérgicos e opióides. (GARCIA, 2007).

Os receptores NMDA são ativados pelo glutamato, o principal neurotransmissor excitatório do sistema nervoso central (SNC) presente em aproximadamente 80% dos neurônios cerebrais, tais receptores desempenham funções como a indução da plasticidade sináptica e a formação e consolidação da memória e do aprendizado (BANNERMAN et al., 1995, GONDA, 2012). Neste contexto, a KET ao antagonizar esses receptores, leva o SNC a uma hipofunção glutamatérgica e conseqüentemente a redução da estimulação neuronal, acarretando assim nos efeitos anestésicos (VASCONCELOS et al., 2005; RANG; DALE; RITTER, 2007).

3.3 CETAMINA E SISTEMA COGNITIVO

A KET foi comercializada por longos anos com a finalidade de intervir como uma droga monoanestésica, ou seja, com a capacidade de induzir imobilidade, perda da consciência e analgesia (GOODMAN; GILMAN; BRUNTON 2015). Os efeitos dessa droga sobre o SNC são melhores observados na sua grande parte após o uso clínico (RAEDER; STENSETH, 2000; FISHER; CODERRE; HAGEN, 2000). Doses anestésicas provocam efeitos dissociativos, o que é caracterizado por um estado cataléptico com paralisia dos movimentos, midríase, epífora e sialorreia (ORANJE et al., 2000, UHLHAAS et al., 2007; OLIVEIRA et al., 2004). Além disso, a KET induz efeitos indesejáveis, em especial no período pós-operatório conhecido por reações emergenciais, tais como: ilusões, pesadelos e sensações de flutuar sobre o corpo. (CRAVEN, 2007; DOTSON, ACKERMAN; WEST, 1995; SILVA et al. 2010).

O sistema cognitivo é um dos sistemas cerebrais mais importantes para a vida, o hipocampo, é uma pequena estrutura situada nos lobos temporais do cérebro, e é a principal região relacionada à memória (MACHADO, 2006). Muitos estudos evidenciaram que a exposição a curto e longo prazo da KET induziu danos ao SNC em áreas relacionadas ao aprendizado e memória (HUANG et al. 2012; PAULE et al. 2011; SORIANO et al. 2010; ZOU et al. 2009; SAMPAIO et al. 2018; LIU et al. 2019; KE, 2014). Segundo Duan e colaboradores (2013), a depressão sináptica hipocampal mediada por receptores D1/D5, poderia explicar o efeito da KET sobre o prejuízo na memória de animais expostos a droga. No entanto,

Cartágenes e colaboradores (2019) associaram o estresse oxidativo hipocampal como fator determinante para explicar este mesmo efeito sobre a memória.

Por outro lado, alguns estudos pré-clínicos evidenciaram que a diminuição dos níveis do fator neurotrófico derivado do cérebro (BDNF, do inglês: *brain-derived neurotrophic factor*) induzido pela exposição à KET, poderia comprometer a memória, o aprendizado e a plasticidade sináptica dos animais (ZUO et al., 2016; ZHAO et al., 2014). O BDNF é um membro da família de neurotrofinas que auxilia na sobrevivência neuronal e na neurogênese, sendo expresso em maior abundância no cérebro e distribuído principalmente no hipocampo, corpo estriado e córtex (AID et al., 2007).

Dessa forma, a memória de trabalho é um importante processo psicológico e possui um armazenamento ultrarrápido de informação, o que acontece apenas enquanto determinado trabalho ou comportamento é desempenhado (DOS SANTOS; ANDRADE; BUENO, 2004). Em estudos pré-clínicos utiliza-se o teste comportamental do labirinto em Y como modelo experimental para avaliar a memória de trabalho em roedores (CHU et al., 2012).

3.4 ESTRESSE OXIDATIVO E CETAMINA

O estresse oxidativo (EO) é um evento que ocorre quando há um desequilíbrio entre os agentes pró-oxidantes e antioxidantes. Nesta situação, observa-se que a produção de espécies reativas (ERs) excede a capacidade do sistema antioxidante, levando a danos celulares (HALLIWELL; WHITEMAN, 2004). A oxidação de biomoléculas com perda de funções biológicas e o desequilíbrio homeostático são algumas das consequências ocasionadas pelo estresse oxidativo a nível tecidual e celular. (HALLIWELL; WHITEMAN, 2004).

Estudos apontam que a exposição à KET induz morte celular, devido ao desequilíbrio do status oxidativo no cérebro, esse desequilíbrio está muito provavelmente ligado ao mecanismo da droga, envolvendo a regulação do receptor NMDA (WANG et al., 2006). A KET ao antagonizar os receptores de NMDA faz com que aumente a concentração de glutamato na fenda sináptica, que ao ser degradado, gera moléculas reativas que podem assim serem responsáveis pelo EO (SHIBUTA et al., 2015). Além disso, em estudos adicionais a KET aumentou a expressão do receptor NMDA, o que prejudicou a homeostase intracelular de cálcio e induziu o estresse oxidativo e apoptose neuronal (SHIBUTA et al., 2015). Réus e colaboradores (2017) revelaram que doses subanestésicas da KET (15 e 25 mg/kg) em ratos *Wistar* aumentaram a peroxidação lipídica e a carbonilação de proteínas e diminuíram a

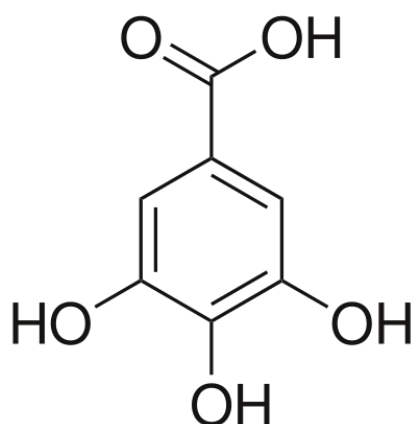
atividade da superóxido dismutase e da catalase em algumas regiões cerebrais, como o hipocampo, córtex e estriado, evidenciando assim o potencial efeito neurotóxico da droga.

De outro modo, foi elucidado os efeitos pró-oxidantes da KET em órgãos responsáveis pelo metabolismo e excreção da droga. A exposição subcrônica de KET em ratos adolescentes foi associada a um comprometimento da função hepática e renal, uma vez que essa droga aumentou os níveis séricos de aminotransferase de aspartato (AST), alanina aminotransferase (ALT), creatinina e uréia nos animais. Todos esses efeitos foram associados ao estresse oxidativo que também foi evidenciado no estudo (ONAOLAPO et al., 2019). Além disso, quando administrada a longo prazo, a KET provocou alterações histológicas (degeneração celular e vacuolização) e toxicidade hepatocelular dose dependente em ratos *Sprague-Dawley* (KALKAN et al., 2014). Por outro lado, a exposição da KET induziu fibrose renal e síndrome do tipo cistite, em um modelo animal de adição, no qual esses efeitos tóxicos observados, foram relacionados tanto à droga, quanto aos seus metabólitos que são excretados na urina (JANG et al., 2017).

3.5 ÁCIDO GÁLICO E SUAS PROPRIEDADES TERAPÊUTICAS

O ácido gálico (AG) ou ácido 3,4,5-tri-hidroxibenzoico (Fig. 2), é um composto fenólico natural abundante no reino vegetal encontrado em plantas medicinais como o carvalho (*Quercus spp.*) e o chá-verde e em frutas (como o caju, a gabioba e o romã) (LU et al., 2006; ROCHA, et al., 2011; FERNANDES; SALGADO, 2016). As características organolépticas do AG são: textura sólida, incolor ou moderadamente amarela. (National Institutes of Health, 2015). Sua aplicação varia da indústria alimentícia, como conservante em alimentos e bebidas, até a indústria farmacêutica para síntese de medicamentos como o trimetoprim (BAJPAI; PATIL, 2008). O AG pode ser isolado por diferentes métodos cromatográficos ou ainda pode ser sintetizado por meio da degradação hidrolítica do ácido tânico com auxílio enzimático (FERNANDES; SALGADO, 2016).

Figura 2 – Estrutura química do ácido gálico



Fonte: ASCES PE. (<http://principo.org/questo-01-uerj2016.html> (2012)).

As diferentes atividades biológicas e terapêuticas do AG vem sendo muito relatadas na literatura, dentre as quais podemos observar a sua capacidade de permear a barreira hematoencefálica, conferindo a essa substância uma ação neuroprotetora (MANSOURI et al., 2013) devido a sua capacidade antioxidante a nível cerebral (RECKZIEGEL et al., 2016), além de possuir ação ansiolítica (DHINGRA; CHHILLAR; GUPTA, 2012; DHINGRA et al. 2014a); anti-inflamatória (KROES et al., 1992; DHINGRA et al., 2014b), anticancerígena (SUBRAMANIAN et al., 2014) e antidepressiva (CHHILLAR; DHINGRA, 2012), assim como também já foi relatado que o AG atua frente ao sistema cognitivo como intensificador de memória (FARBOOD et al., 2013).

Considerado como um antioxidante natural, o AG é capaz de inibir a produção de ERs, como o ácido hipocloroso, radicais hidroxila, ânions superóxido e peróxido de hidrogênio (HANSI; STANELY, 2009; KIM, 2007; POLEWSKI; KNIAT; SLAWINSKA, 2002). Estudos anteriores do nosso grupo de pesquisa, relataram o efeito protetor do AG frente a animais intoxicados com chumbo, no qual o composto reduziu o dano locomotor e o estresse oxidativo cerebral nos animais (RECKZIEGEL et al., 2011; RECKZIEGEL et al., 2016).

O AG parece atuar também, como agente hepatoprotetor frente a toxicidade induzida pelo paracetamol, pois observou-se em estudo pré-clínico a reversão do aumento da AST e da ALT no soro dos animais (RASOOL et al., 2010). Além disso, Ghaznavi e colaboradores (2017) também evidenciaram em estudo pré-clínico o efeito nefroprotetor do AG frente a toxicidade da gentamicina, no qual o agente reduziu os níveis de creatinina sérica, de óxido nítrico e de

outros marcadores de estresse oxidativo renal, além de aumentar as defesas antioxidantes dos animais.

Dentre os inúmeros efeitos benéficos do AG, observamos na literatura o efeito antidepressivo do AG administrado à longo prazo, frente a ratos submetidos ao protocolo de estresse crônico, onde foi observado que o AG inibiu significativamente a atividade da enzima monoamina-oxidase (MAO), responsável pela degradação de monoaminas, pois a mesma encontra-se elevada em indivíduos com depressão (CHHILLAR e DHINGRA, 2012). Além do mais é descrito na literatura que o AG mostrou uma melhora no déficit de memória em animais, após um modelo de isquemia (FARBOOD et al., 2013). Além de outro estudo conduzido por Mansouri e colaboradores (2013), o qual verificou que o AG administrado cronicamente preveniu déficits de memória e danos oxidativos após um modelo animal do tipo Alzheimer esporádico.

4. JUSTIFICATIVA

A KET é uma droga aditiva, cujo uso abusivo a curto e longo prazo têm sido preocupante, visto que foram relatados danos renais, hepáticos, alterações de memória, alterações de locomoção e desenvolvimento de quadros semelhantes ao de esquizofrenia, após o uso da droga (ONAOLAPO et al., 2019; YADAV et al., 2017; LIU et al., 2019; TRUJILLO et al., 2008). Neste contexto, é de fundamental importância a busca por agentes antioxidantes naturais que possam contribuir para redução de danos oxidativos e alterações comportamentais induzidos pelo uso ilícito e abusivo da KET. Dessa forma, a hipótese do presente estudo consiste na redução dos danos oxidativos e preservação dos padrões moleculares e comportamentais induzidos pela exposição aguda tipo *binge* (Binge-KET) e subcrônica (SbChro-KET) à droga, após tratamento com AG.

5. DESENVOLVIMENTO

5.1 MANUSCRITO CIENTÍFICO

Os resultados inseridos nesta dissertação apresentam-se sob a forma de um manuscrito científico, o qual se encontra aqui estruturado. Os itens Materiais e Métodos, Resultados, Discussão e Referências encontram-se no próprio manuscrito, seguindo as normas exigidas pelo periódico internacional, para o qual foi submetido.

Binge- and subchronic- exposure to ketamine promote memory impairments and damages in hippocampus and peripheral tissues in rats: gallic acid protective effects

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Abstract

Ketamine (KET) is a dissociative anesthetic for restrict medical use related to high potential for abuse and neurotoxicity, what does not prevent its recreational use. Gallic acid (GA) is a natural free radical "scavenger". We evaluated the GA protective role regarding binge or subchronic (SbChro) KET-induced toxicity in adolescent rats. In the binge protocol, animals were treated with GA (one dose of 13.5 mg/kg, p.o. every 2h, totaling three doses) 12h after KET exposure (one doses of 10 mg/kg, i.p., every 3h, totaling five doses); in the SbChro, animals were treated with GA (one dose of 13.5 mg/kg/day, p.o., for 3 days) 48h following KET exposure (one dose of 10 mg/kg/day, i.p) for 10 days. Our findings show that binge-KET impaired memory, increased pro-BDNF and TrkB levels in the hippocampus, increased lipid peroxidation (LP) in kidney and hippocampus, while SbChro-KET impaired memory, increased pro-BDNF and decreased both BDNF and TrkB levels in the hippocampus, increased LP in kidney, liver and hippocampus. GA treatment better reversed the subchronically KET-induced harmful influences. Interestingly, only memory impairment observed in the SbChro-KET protocol was reversed by GA. Memory impairments showed a positive correlation with hippocampal BDNF levels and negative with LP levels in the same brain area. This last hippocampal damage (LP) showed a negative correlation with BDNF levels in hippocampus, indicating an interesting and close causal connection. Our outcomes show that the deleterious effects of SbChro-KET exposure can be attenuated or abolished with GA administration, a natural antioxidant that could be considered in KET abuse treatment.

Abbreviations: KET, ketamine; GA, gallic acid; KET+AG, ketamine + gallic acid; SbChro-KET, subchronic ketamine; Binge-KET, ketamine binge; pro-BDNF, pro-brain-derived neurotrophic factor; TrkB, Tropomyosin receptor kinase B; LP, lipid peroxidation; BDNF, brain derived neurotrophic factor; NMDA, *N-methyl-D-aspartate*; FDA, *food and drug administration*; CNS, *central nervous system*; Pb, *lead*; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; CRE, creatinine;

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1. Introduction

Ketamine (KET) is a dissociative anesthetic for restrict hospital use, whose action mechanism is based on noncompetitive blocking of the N-methyl aspartate (NMDA) type glutamate receptor [1]. Besides its anesthetic action, considered ideal for surgical procedures [2], the FDA [3] (2019) recently authorized the use of esketamine in potentially suicidal depression treatment. The KET prestige is shaken when its psychedelic and stimulating effects are evidenced, what may cause tolerance and abuse [4]. In epidemic level, KET abusive use raises concerns because among synthetic substances, its use has been considerably growing [5, 6,7, 8,]. In this sense, the FDA classifies KET as an abusive drug, leading to a controlled dispensing in many countries [5].

KET acute exposure may induce toxicity, which may be even more severe in long-term exposures [1, 2]. Preclinical studies concerning KET acute exposure have shown damages on the central nervous system (CNS), especially affecting brain areas related to learning and memory [9, 10]. However, KET frequent use can lead to a compulsive pattern because of hallucinations, paranoia, empathy, erotic dreams and feeling of floating out of body, which are all evoked by this drug [11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16]. Furthermore, prolonged KET exposure can lead to locomotor and learning damages, since this drug has been related to decreased neurogenesis [17, 18] and it may also lead to increased free radicals generation, what consumes the endogenous antioxidant defenses and favors oxidative stress and neuroinflammation development [19, 20].

On the other hand, gallic acid (GA) (3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid) is a natural phenolic compound found in fruits and teas, presenting a range of pharmacological properties, being the main ones antioxidants and anti-inflammatory property [21, 22, 23]. A previous experimental study from our research group showed the beneficial influence of nutshell aqueous extract (*Carya illinoensis*), whose major compound is GA, on oxidative damages consequent to cigarette smoke exposure, besides minimizing locomotor impairments and other abstinence symptoms [24]. In sequence of our studies, we also observed GA beneficial influences on lead (Pb) poisoning [25], when this phenolic compound was able to revert oxidative damages in brain, liver, kidneys and blood of rats, minimizing Pb-induced locomotor impairments [24, 25]. In addition, movement disorders such as reserpine-induced orofacial dyskinesia was reversed with GA, confirming its antioxidant and protective properties [26]. In fact, the protective properties attributed to GA are extensive experimental, once they have been observed on decreased hepatic toxicity induced by paracetamol and methotrexate [22,27] and they reduce

gentamicin-induced renal toxicity as well. [28]. Considering CNS, GA has also been promising, showing antioxidant properties in both stressed and non-stressed rats, decreased depression-like behaviors [29] and prevented memory deficits related to oxidative damages in a sporadic animal model of Alzheimer's [30].

Which the mentioned above, it is urgent the search for treatments with agents can reverse or minimize the damages induced by KET abusive exposure. In this sense, our aim was to evaluate the beneficial influence of a treatment with GA on oxidative, molecular and memory behavioral parameters as a result of binge-like or SbChro-KET exposure.

2. Materials and methods

2.1 Animals

Forty-five male *Wistar* rats (150 ± 20 g) were used for this study. All animals were allocated in Plexiglas cages with filtered water and food *ad libitum*. They were kept in a room with a 12-hour light/dark cycle, with air exhaustion and controlled temperature (22 ± 2 °C). This experiment was approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM/8629131218) associated to the National Council for Animal Experimental Control (CONCEA).

2.2 Drugs and solutions

Hydrochloride ketamine (União Química Farmacêutica Nacional S/A, 10%) KET was dissolved in saline (NaCl 0,9%) up to a concentration of 10 mg/kg, while gallic acid (Neon Comercial LTDA, PM: 188,13) (GA), was dissolved in distilled water up to a concentration of 13.5 mg/kg.

2.3 Experimental protocol

Binge-like protocol (Fig. 1A): The animals were first divided in two experimental groups: control (Saline, NaCl 0.9% i.p.; n=12) and KET (10 mg/kg i.p.; n=12) groups, which received, five administrations of KET or saline, with three hours of interval between each administration, mimicking a binge-type exposure [31, 32]. After 12 hours from the last KET administration, the animals were subdivided in four groups: i) CONTROL (n=6); ii) GA (n=6); iii) KET (n=6); iv) KET+GA (n=6) where they received the treatment by a gavage (GA 13.5 mg/kg or vehicle (distilled water) being three administrations with interval of two hours between each administration [adapted from 24,25]. At the sequence of working memory and locomotion

parameters were accessed in the Y-maze task [33,34]. On the next day, rats were anesthetized with isoflurane (to the effect) and euthanized by cardiac puncture. Blood plasma, liver and kidney were collected as the brain tissue was removed and the hippocampus was dissected for further biochemical and molecular analyses.

Subchronic protocol (Fig. 1B): rats were randomly divided in two experimental groups: control (Saline, NaCl 0.9%; i.p.; n=10) and KET (13.5 mg/kg; i.p.; n=11), the animals received KET or saline, for 10 days in their respective groups. 48 hours after the last drug administration, the animals were subdivided in 4 groups: i) CONTROL (n=5), ii) GA (n=5), iii) KET (n=5) and iv) KET+GA (n=6) and received the treatment by gavage (GA 13.5 mg/kg or vehicle (distilled water) 1x/day for three days [adapted from 24,25]. On the following day, working memory and locomotion were evaluated in the Y-maze task [33,34]. 24 hours after behavioral assessments, the animals were anesthetized with isoflurane (to the effect) and euthanized by cardiac puncture. Blood plasma, liver and kidney were collected. The brain tissue was removed and the hippocampus was dissected for further biochemical and molecular analyses.

2.4 Behavioral test

2.4.2 Y-Maze test

This test evaluates the working memory of the animals (% alternation) and the locomotor activity (number of total inputs). Y-maze apparatus consisted of three arms Y-shaped according to Chu et al. (2012). The animals were placed individually in the center of the apparatus and they were evaluated during a 5-minute session. The alternation (three consecutive entries in different arms) and total number of entries in the arms were evaluated according to Chu et al., (2012) and Segat et al., (2016) and, calculated % alternation score was in accordance with to the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Total alternation number}}{\text{Total entries number} - 2} \right) 100$$

2.5 Western blotting analysis

Hippocampal tissues were homogenized with a lysis buffer (20mM Tris-HCl pH=8.0, 137 mM NaCl, 1% NP40, 10% glycerol, 10 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$ aprotinin, 1mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF), 0.5 mM sodium vanadate, 0.1 mM benzethonium chloride). Homogenates were centrifuged to obtain supernatants where total protein concentration was determined according

to the MicroBCA procedure (Pierce, IL, USA), using bovine serum albumin as standard. Briefly, the separation of protein samples were carried out by electrophoresis on a 12.5% polyacrylamide gel (according to protein molecular weight) and electrotransferred to a PVDF membrane (Millipore, MA, USA). Non-specific binding sites were blocked in Tris-buffered saline (TBS), pH 7.6, containing 5% non-fat dry milk. Membranes were rinsed in buffer (0.05% Tween 20 in TBS) and incubated with primary antibodies: anti-actin (1:20000), anti-BDNF (1:1000; Abcam, Cambridge, UK), anti-proBDNF (1:1000; Abcam, Cambridge, UK), anti-TrkB (1:500; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, CA, USA) followed by anti-rabbit IgG horseradish peroxidase conjugate (1:20000; Santa Cruz Biotechnology). The immune complexes were visualized by chemiluminescence using the ECL kit (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech Inc., NJ, USA) according to manufacturer's instructions. The film signals were digitally scanned and quantified using ImageJ® software. Actin was used as the internal control for Western blot and the values were used for experimental data standardization.

2.6 Biochemical assays

2.6.1 Plasma analysis

The dosages of aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and creatinine (CRE) were performed using a commercial kit (Labtest®). All tests were performed in one BIO-2000 IL Semi-Automatic Biochemical Analyzer.

2.6.2 Lipid peroxidation (LP)

Lipid peroxidation was evaluated in the liver, kidney and hippocampus of rats, expressed in nmol malondialdehyde (MDA / g) tissue and described in detail by Ohkawa, Ohishi and Yagi [35]. The pink staining is quantified by a colorimetric assay at 532 nm wavelength.

2.6.3 Catalase (CAT) activity

CAT activity was performed in the liver, kidney and hippocampus. This technique evaluates the H₂O₂ degradation, for 120 s, with CAT activity expressed in $\mu\text{mol H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{min/g}$ tissue. The applied protocol is in accordance with Aebi [36].

2.7 Statistical analysis

The differences among the four experimental groups were analyzed by two-way ANOVA, followed by the Duncan's test and Pearson's correlations was realized, also (Statistica

8.0 software package for Windows was used). Values of $p < 0.05$ were considered statistically significant for all comparisons. GraphPad Prism® (version 5.01) was used to design the figures.

3. Results

3.1 Binge-protocol

3.1.1 Gallic acid (GA) influence on working memory in binge-ketamine (KET) exposed animals in the Y-maze paradigm (Figure 2)

Two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect [$F(1,20)=35.71, P=0.00$] on the percentage of alternations in the Y-maze task. The binge-like exposure to KET decreased the percentage of alternations in this behavioral paradigm, independently of the GA treatment (KET+GA group), whose values were smaller when compared to saline and GA groups, respectively (Fig. 2A). Binge-KET or GA treatment exerted no influences on the total number of entries, indicating no locomotion impairments in this behavioral paradigm (Fig. 2B).

3.1.2 Gallic acid (GA) influence on plasma biochemical markers from plasma of binge-ketamine (KET) exposed animals (Table 1)

Two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect, treatment and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)=33.61, P < 0.000$; $32.22, P < 0.000$ and $5.89, P = 0.025$, respectively] on creatinine plasma levels; a treatment main effect [$F(1,20)=6.42, P < 0.019$] on ALT besides drug and treatment [$F(1,20)=5.46, P < 0.029$ and $14.53, P < 0.001$, respectively] on AST plasma levels.

KET binge exposed animals showed increased creatinine plasma levels in relation to the control group, while the KET+GA group showed a partial recovery of this level, whose values were similar to the control group, but different from the GA group. ALT and AST levels were not modified by KET exposure, but the KET+GA group showed increased levels of both ALT and AST in relation to the KET group (Table 1).

3.1.3 Gallic acid (GA) influence on the oxidative markers (lipid peroxidation levels- LP and catalase activity - CAT) in liver, kidney and hippocampus of binge-ketamine (KET) exposed animals (Table 2)

In the liver, two-way ANOVA revealed a significant main effect of the treatment [F(1,20)= 32.67, $P<0.000$] on LP levels, and drug and treatment [F(1,20)= 20.11, $P<0.000$ and 24.10, $P<0.000$, respectively] on CAT activity.

In the kidney, two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect and treatment [F(1,20)= 8.01, $P<0.01$ and 18.01, $P<0.000$, respectively] on LP levels, and drug [F(1,20)= 80.72, $P<0.000$] on CAT activity.

KET binge exposed group showed increased LP levels in the kidney in comparison to control group, while this oxidative marker did not change in the liver. The KET+GA group showed reversion of LP levels in the kidney, while a decreasing was observed in the liver, in comparison to KET group (Table 2).

Binge-KET exposure increased CAT activity in the liver and decreased in the kidney, in comparison to the control group. The KET+GA group showed a partial reversion of this activity in the liver, whose values were smaller than KET, but higher than GA-group. In the kidney both KET and KET+GA groups presented similar CAT activity (Table 2).

In the hippocampus, two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect [F(1,20)= 11.73, $P=0.002$] on LP levels, and drug and treatment [F(1,20)= 56.88, $P<0.000$ and 17.36, $P<0.000$, respectively] on CAT activity.

Binge-KET exposed group showed increased LP levels and CAT activity in relation to control group in the hippocampus. While the increased LP levels was not recovered by GA treatment (KET+GA group), CAT activity was partially reversed by GA treatment (KET+GA group), whose values were smaller than KET but higher than GA alone (GA-group) (Table 2).

3.1.4 Gallic acid (GA) influence on the molecular markers (pro-BDNF, BDNF and TrkB immunoreactivity) in the hippocampus of binge-ketamine (KET) exposed animals (Figure 3)

In the hippocampus, two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect, treatment and drug x treatment interaction [F(1,20)= 14.29, $P=0.001$, 4.91, $P=0.038$ and 70.31, $P=0.000$, respectively]. On pro-BDNF, [F(1,20)= 8.88, $P=0.007$, 9.03, $P=0.006$ and 15.89, $P=0.000$, respectively] on BDNF and a drug main significant effect and drug x treatment interaction [F(1,20)= 369.27, $P=0.000$ and 32.51, $P=0.000$, respectively] on TrkB levels.

While GA treatment increased *per se* pro-BDNF, BDNF and TrkB immunoreactivity, binge-KET exposure was able to increase both pro-BDNF and TrkB in comparison to the control group (Fig. 3A, 3B and 3C). In fact, the GA treatment (KET+GA group) was able to

reverse the immunoreactivity of both pro-BDNF and TrkB, whose levels were smaller than the ones observed in the KET group (Fig. 3A and 3C).

3.2 Subchronic ketamine (SbChro-KET) protocol

3.2.1 Gallic acid (GA) influence on working memory in animals sub-chronically exposed to ketamine, which was observed in Y-maze paradigm (Figure 2)

Two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)=6.33$, $P=0.022$ and 10.52 , $P=0.005$, respectively] on the percentage of alternations in the Y-maze task. SbChro-KET decreased this memory parameter, which was reversed in the KET+GA group. In fact, KET+GA showed similar percentage of alternations in the Y-maze task than GA group, what indicates comparable working memory between them (Fig. 2C). SbChro-KET exposure and GA treatment did not affect the locomotion index, as observed in similar total arms entries in the Y-maze task (Fig. 2D)

3.2.2 Gallic acid (GA) influence on plasma biochemical markers in plasma of animals subchronically exposed to ketamine (Table 1)

Two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)=30.65$, $P<0.000$ and 15.81 , $P<0.000$, respectively] on ALT, and a significant drug main effect [$F(1,20)=24.63$, $P<0.000$] on AST plasma levels as well.

While KET exerted no influence on creatinine levels, ALT and AST plasma levels were increased by this SbChro-KET exposure in comparison to the control group. In fact, KET+GA group showed total reversion of ALT levels, whereas AST was partially reversed, since this level was smaller than those observed in the

KET-, but higher than those observed in the GA-group (Table 1).

3.2.3 Gallic acid (GA) influence on the oxidative markers (lipid peroxidation levels-LP and catalase activity-CAT) in liver, kidney and hippocampus of animals sub-chronically exposed to ketamine (Table 2)

In the liver, two-way ANOVA revealed a significant main effect of the treatment [$F(1,20)=32.67$, $P<0.000$] on LP levels. In the kidney, two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect, treatment and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)=11.66$, $P=0.003$ and 4.64 , $P=0.045$ and 7.76 , $P=0.012$, respectively] on LP levels, and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)=8.28$, $P=0.010$] on CAT activity.

KET exposed group showed increased LP levels in both liver and kidney in relation to the control group, while the KET+GA exposed animals showed inversed response. In addition, increased CAT activity was observed in both liver and kidney, which were reversed in the KET+GA groups (Table 2).

In the hippocampus, two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect, treatment and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)= 7.07, P<0.016$; $7.58, P<0.013$; $14.57, P<0.001$, respectively] on LP levels.

SbChro-KET exposure increased the hippocampus level of LP in relation to control group, while the GA treatment (KET+GA group) totally recovered this effect, since this value was smaller than those observed in the KET treatment. CAT activity was not modified by KET, in the SbChro-KET exposure in this brain area, when all the experimental groups showed similar CAT activity regardless of the treatment (Table 2).

3.2.4 Gallic acid (GA) influence on the molecular markers (*pro-BDNF*, *BDNF* and *TrkB* immunoreactivity) in the hippocampus of animals sub-chronically exposed to ketamine (Figure 3)

In the hippocampus, two-way ANOVA revealed a drug main significant effect and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)= 276.62, P=0.000$ and $33.47, P=0.000$, respectively]. On *pro-BDNF*, [$F(1,20)= 86.61, P=0.000$ and $16.79, P=0.000$, respectively] on *BDNF* and a drug main significant effect, treatment and drug x treatment interaction [$F(1,20)= 74.55, P=0.000$, $5.89, P=0.024$ and $183.37, P=0.000$ respectively] on *TrkB* levels.

While GA treatment increased *pro-BDNF*, thus decreasing both *BDNF* and *TrkB* immunoreactivity *per se*, in the hippocampus SbChro-KET increased *pro-BDNF*, decreasing both *BDNF* and *TrkB* levels in comparison to the control group (Fig. 3D, 3E and 3F). In fact, levels of all these molecular markers were reversed by GA treatment. (Fig. 3D, 3E and 3F).

3.2.5 Pearson's correlations

Significant correlations were observed between behavioral and biochemical parameters from the SbChro-KET exposure: KET-induced impairments in working memory, which were observed by the percentage of alternations in the Y-maze task showed significant negative correlation with LP levels in the hippocampus ($r^2= 0.40$; $P= 0.002$; Fig. 4A). *BDNF* levels in the hippocampus showed positive correlation with working memory (observed by % alternation

in the Y-maze task) ($r^2= 0.40$; $P= 0.002$; Fig. 4B) and negative correlation with LP levels in the hippocampus ($r^2= 0.28$; $P= 0.012$; Fig. 4C).

4. Discussion

In this study, we evaluated different toxicological aspects induced by abusive exposure to KET: excessive acute (binge) and abusive sub-chronic (SbChro), quantified by biochemical and molecular analyses, besides behavioral observation, which allowed us to evidence interesting gallic acid protective properties (GA, (3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid)). In the first experimental protocol, binge-KET exposure caused: i) increased creatinine plasma level; ii) increased lipid peroxidation (LP) in the kidneys and hippocampus, and increased catalase (CAT) activity in liver and hippocampus and decreased CAT in the kidneys; iii) increased Pro-BDNF and TrkB impairments were not benefited by GA treatment. This antioxidant agent partially reverted all other binge-KET induced biochemical and molecular parameters, completely reversing the LP in the kidneys and hippocampus. In the second experimental protocol, SbChro-KET exposure caused: i) increased ALT and AST plasma level; ii) increased LP level in liver, kidneys and hippocampus together with increased CAT activity in both liver and kidneys; iii) increased Pro-BDNF and decreased BDNF and TrkB immunocontent in the hippocampus; iv) memory impairments.

KET is an arylcycloalkylamine: 2-(o-chlorophenyl)-2-(methylamino)-cyclohexanone that following administration, undergoes oxidation by hepatic microsomal enzymes, thus producing three active metabolites: norcetamine, 5OH-ketamine and 4OH- ketamine (Oliveira et al., 2004). All these metabolites are subsequently hydroxylated and conjugated, generating water-soluble glucuronides derivatives, which are excreted in the urine. In addition to the hepatic biotransformation, in a minor extent, KET is metabolized in the kidneys and brain as well (Garcia, 2007; Hemelrijck and White, 1997). Regarding these KET characteristics, the liver, kidneys and brain are important tissues for KET detoxification and their functionality needs to be preserved.

Teenagers have recreationally used Ketamine especially in parties, configuring an illicit, acute and compulsive use. This eventual KET use is frequently related to acute poisoning, mainly characterized by confusion, dizziness, transient period of consciousness loss, besides cardiovascular imbalances such as tachycardia and hypertension (Yiu-Cheung, 2012).

Considering this acute toxicity consequent to recreational profile and eventual ketamine use, in our first experimental protocol we observed that binge-KET exposed animals presented increased LP and decreased CAT activity in the kidneys besides increased plasma levels of creatinine, which together may be indicative of impaired renal function. Interestingly, this acute exposure was not related to lipoperoxidation in the liver, what can be explained by the increased CAT activity, which apparently managed lipoperoxidation. Considering the GA treatment, while this antioxidant compound was able to reverse the renal LP induced by binge-KET, creatinine plasma level was not totally recovered by GA, indicating that part of the drug-induced toxicity remains. From these findings, we can infer that binge-KET exposure may be related to excessive drug serum level and its derivatives, overcoming liver clearance, consequently requiring renal metabolism, what may have favored the impairments development in this tissue, as it was observed in this study. This interpretation is in agreement with literature findings, where it has been shown that KET can lead to renal failure, since its acute administration may exerts a direct toxic effect on the urinary tract (Chu et al., 2007).

Besides its acute use, KET has now become a recognized abusive drug in different parts of the world, whose prolonged use may cause damages in vital organs and nervous system (Jang et al., 2017; Kalkan et al., 2014; Yadav et al., 2017), also favoring addiction development (Jang et al., 2017). In this sense, from our second experimental protocol, animals exposed to SbChro-KET showed impaired hepatic function, as observed by increased plasma AST/ALT levels together with increased LP levels and CAT activity in the liver and kidneys. Based on these findings, we can infer that SbChro-KET exposure favored reactive species generation, what is compatible with oxidative damage development and functional changes in both liver and kidneys, as it was already observed (Onaolapo, 2019). In fact, increased LP, ALT and AST are associated with impaired hepatic function following SbChro-KET administration in rats (Kalkan et al., 2014; Onaolapo, 2019). On the other hand, GA, which is a triphenolic natural compound recognized by its antioxidant potential (Punithavathi et al., 2011; Reckziegel et al., 2016), with only three doses in sequence, was able to reverse ALT and AST plasma levels, also reducing oxidative damage markers subchronically induced by KET exposure in both liver and kidneys, as observed here. In this sense, from two experimental protocols here developed with binge-acute- and sub-chronic- KET exposure, we may propose that the GA treatment was effective to minimize peripheral damages caused by this drug, especially in the SbChro-KET exposure.

The brain is also responsible for KET detoxification (Garcia, 2007; Hemelrijck and White, 1997), being also sensitive to oxidative damage induced by this drug, what is directly related to brain damages onset (Bouayed, 2009; NG, 2008). However, brain-level KET also promotes glutamate accumulation in the synaptic cleft due to the blocking of glutamatergic receptor (Dong, 2009; Maeng, 2007; Tzingounis, 2007), and this consequent glutamate accumulation, lead to cellular alterations with consequent increase of the reactive species and this way linked to cell death due to excitotoxicity (Xu and Lipsky, 2015; Du Bois, 2007). Glutamatergic projections are found in different brain areas, including hippocampus, which is a region that is closely involved in memory regulation (Khakpai et al., 2012), characterizing an important brain area for our study. In this context, from our observations, binge-KET exposure increased lipoperoxidation and CAT activity in the hippocampus, while the subchronic exposure only increased the lipoperoxidation in the same brain area, without affecting CAT activity. Our findings are consistent with literature data, which showed that KET is able to alter the brain antioxidant status in rats (Da Silva et al. 2017; Onaolapo, 2017; Schimite et al., 2019; Vasconcelos et al., 2015), while its intermittent experimental administration resulted in oxidative damages to the hippocampus (Cartágenes, 2019). In the current study only three doses of GA were enough to partially reestablish the CAT activity in hippocampus of binge-KET exposed animals, exerting no protection or recover on KET-induced hippocampal lipoperoxidation, what confirms why GA has been described as an excellent free radical “scavenger” (Isuzugawa et al., 2001). Inversely, hippocampal lipoperoxidation subchronically induced by KET was completely reversed by GA treatment, which besides being an efficient antioxidant; it has been recognized by its neuroprotective- and anti-inflammatory- property (Sarkaki, 2015). Based on this, we can hypothesize that GA treatment exerts beneficial influences against oxidative KET-induced damages in the hippocampus, proving its protective role in the neurotoxicity attenuation related to oxidative damages induced by this addictive drug (Chandrasekhar et al., 2018; Schimite et al., 2019).

The hippocampus exerts several functions, especially developing and evoking memories and/or inducing the rest of the brain cortex to do the same and due to this, the hippocampus and its connections are pivotal for this function (Izquierdo, 2007). In this sense, KET mechanism of action may be quite involved with this brain area, culminating in neuronal degeneration together with memory- and cognitive- impairments (Jevtovic-Todarovic et al., 2013; Onaolapo et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2010). Based on these considerations, our current findings showed significant changes in the hippocampal drug-induced neurotrophic factors, since increased pro-

BDNF and TrkB-R immunoreactivity were observed in binge-KET exposed animals. Pro-BDNF and its mature derivative BDNF have distinct and sometimes opposite functions, since drugs potentially addictive, including KET, are able to increase the proteolytic cleavage, converting pro-BDNF to BDNF (Lu, 2005), besides increases TrkB phosphorylation (Kohtala, 2019). Our findings are in accordance with literature data because an acute binge-KET exposure did not increase the BDNF levels, but increased its pro-BDNF precursor, as it was already shown after only a single KET administration (Nguyen, 2016). According literature, pro-BDNF induces neuronal apoptosis and atrophy, while TrkB activation has been associated with neuronal growth and survival (Lu et al., 2005). Thus, we can suggest that increased TrkB level may be a rapid compensatory response to the pro-BDNF increase aiming to maintain the neuronal homeostasis.

BDNF is the most widely and abundantly expressed neurotrophin in the brain, where it plays an important role in maintenance, survival and neuronal plasticity (Harte et al., 2007; Maya, 2018). Regarding our SbChro-KET protocol, pro-BDNF immunoreactivity remained increased, unlike TrkB and BDNF decreased their immunoreactivity. Several studies have shown that repeated (subchronic) doses of KET reduce BDNF levels in the brain (Ke, 2014; Zhao, 2014; Zuo, 2016), but specifically in hippocampus and cortex (Zuo, 2016). Our findings are in agreement with these ones, since following continued exposure to KET, a reduced pro-BDNF cleavage for BDNF was observed (Zhao, 2014), thus increasing the pro-BDNF immunoreactivity, what is not reflected on the BDNF final level. It has been well described that reduced levels of BDNF probably make neurons more vulnerable to damage and even to cell death (Hansen et al., 2004) what is in line with our outcomes related to oxidative damages in the hippocampus.

In the current study, it was possible to evidence increased of the synaptic plasticity in hippocampus after only three doses of GA, especially observed on the partial reversion of both pro-BDNF and TrkB levels binge-KET-induced, also evidenced in the sub-chronic protocol, when pro-BDNF and both BDNF and TrkB levels were partially recovered by GA treatment. According literature data, GA was able to increase hippocampal BDNF and TrkB levels (Chandrasekhar et al., 2018; Zhu, 2019), which is in agreement with our findings. This way, with the current study, we confirmed the already presented GA neuroprotective property (Chandrasekhar et al., 2018).

In fact, hippocampus is a pivotal brain area involved in anxiety and depression behaviors, also mediating memory formation and consolidation, therefore, drugs that promote

hippocampal damages are capable of inducing memory deficits (Patki, 2013). Our findings are compatible with literature data, since our two experimental paradigms, i.e. both binge- and SbChro- KET exposure were related to impaired working memory in the animals. Additionally, studies have shown that KET is able to impair short-term memory (Cartágenes, 2019; Vasconcelos, 2015) and working memory (Onalapo, 2019) in adolescent rats. Such consequence may be related to the fact that KET, besides blocking NMDA receptors leading to oxidative damage, can activate cholinesterases, consequently decreasing acetylcholine levels and impairing memory formation at hippocampus level (Keilhoff et al., 2004; Scheller et al., 1996). Our experimental results allowed us to observe that the KET-induced working memory impairment was fully recovered by GA in the sub-chronic protocol, but this beneficial effect was not observed when KET exposure was binge-acute. Studies have shown that the GA treatment significantly improved memory impairments induced by different substances (Corona et al., 2013; Mansouri, 2013; Sarkaki, 2015). In most of these studies, authors linked better memory performance with GA free radicals “scavenger” property (Deshmukh et al., 2009; Hansi and Stanely, 2009; Polewski et al., 2002). In this sense, our current findings are in agreement with literature, considering the GA beneficial influence on the memory, since we show for the first time that the GA treatment for only three days, subsequent to sub-chronic exposure to KET, was enough to reverse memory damages. Our protocol of acute binge-KET exposure, due to the excessive exposure to drug in a short period, allowed the drug hepatic metabolism to be extrapolated to other tissues, such as kidneys and brain, provoking damages in these tissues, as observed here. It is important to highlight that both oxidative and molecular damages observed in the hippocampus could give basis to a hypothesis that these damages are directly related to the memory impairment observed in this study. In fact, these oxidative and molecular damages were provoked in the acute binge-KET exposure, making difficult the GA protective influences, disfavoring memory performance, as observed in the behavioral test. Inversely to acute KET, SbChro-KET exposure protocol, the use of a small drug amount for a longer period allowed a broader hepatic metabolism, reducing damages, especially in the evaluated brain tissue.

In comparison with the acute protocol, subchronically KET-induced impairments were more clearly reversed by GA treatment, since ALT plasma- and LP-levels in liver, kidney and hippocampus, and CAT activity in both liver and kidney were completely reversed by the GA treatment. Only a partial reversion was observed in the AST plasma level and hippocampal Pro-

BDNF, BDNF and TrkB immunoreactivity, which together, culminated in a complete memory recovery, as observed through significant correlations shown in this study.

5. Conclusion

In summary, for the first time we show the GA protective role on peripheral and brain tissues, comparing two different exposures to KET: in the first, animals were acutely exposed to the drug (binge-KET), while in the second, animals were subchronically exposed to the drug (SbChro-KET). Treatment with GA after binge-KET exerted some protection on kidneys and brain (hippocampus) without recovering the impaired working memory. In the sub-chronic KET exposure, GA exerted protection on oxidative markers in the liver, kidneys and hippocampus, reversed molecular impairments and recovered the impaired memory performance. Considering our findings, we suggest that GA could be, after further toxicity studies, an alternative treatment for acute poisoning and for KET chronic use. Additional studies involving mechanisms of reward, which are related to addiction development should be conducted with KET and GA.

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On behalf of all authors, the corresponding author states that there is no conflict of interest.

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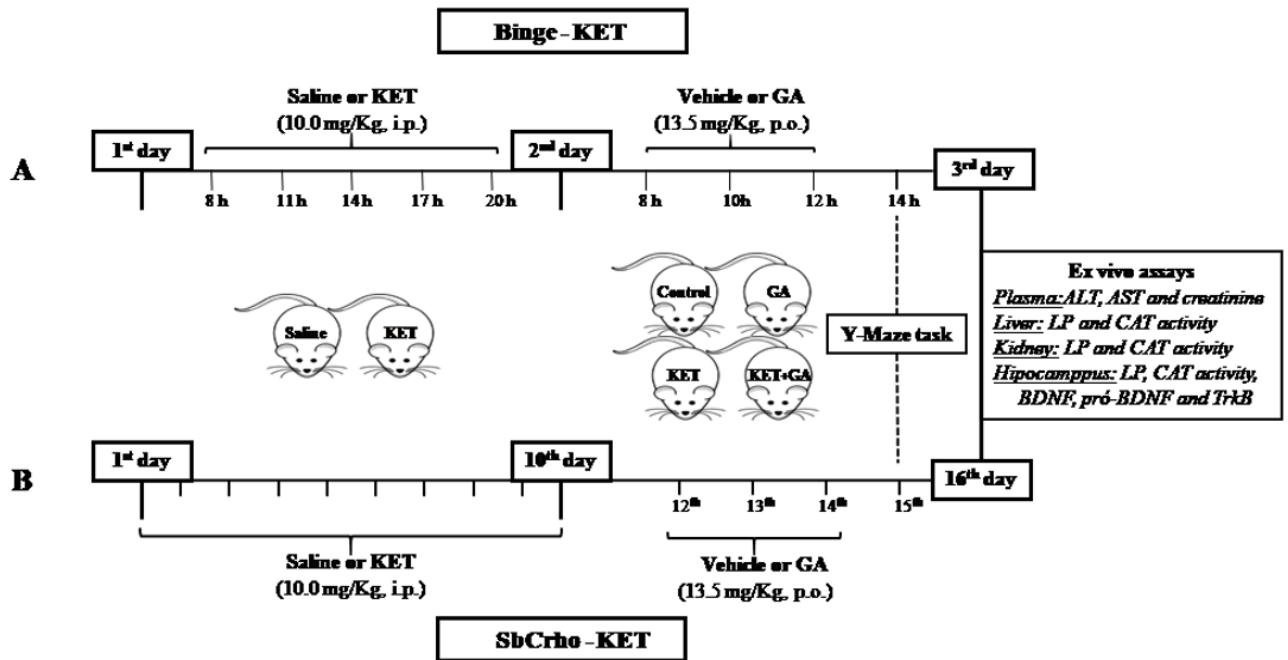


Figure 1. Experimental design: A) Binge-like protocol: animals were randomly divided in two groups (control or KET n = 12) and received five repeated doses of the drug (10 mg / kg, i.p.) or saline (0.9% NaCl, i.p.) simulating a recreational exposure (8h, 11h a.m., 14h, 17h, 20h p.m.). On the following day, half of each group was treated with three doses of GA (13.5 mg / kg, p.o.) or vehicle, corresponding to the following groups: Control; GA; KET; KET + AG (n = 6, per group). Two hours after the last administration of treatment, working memory and locomotion behavior were evaluated. On the third day, all animals were euthanized for additional biochemical and molecular analyses. B) Subchronic protocol: rats were randomly divided in two groups (n = 10-11) saline (0.9% NaCl, i.p.) or ketamine (10 mg / kg, i.p.), the animals received Saline or KET administration for 10 days in their respective groups. 48 hours after the animals were divided in the same experimental groups of the previous protocol and treated with GA (13,5 mg / kg, p.o.) or vehicle for three days (1dose/day). The next day, working memory and locomotion behavior were evaluated. 24 hours later, animals were euthanized for biochemical and molecular analysis. Abbreviations: GA: gallic acid; KET: ketamine; Binge-KET: ketamine binge; SbCrho-KET: subchronic ketamine; ALT: alanine transaminase; AST: aspartate transaminase; LP: lipid peroxidation;CAT:catalase.

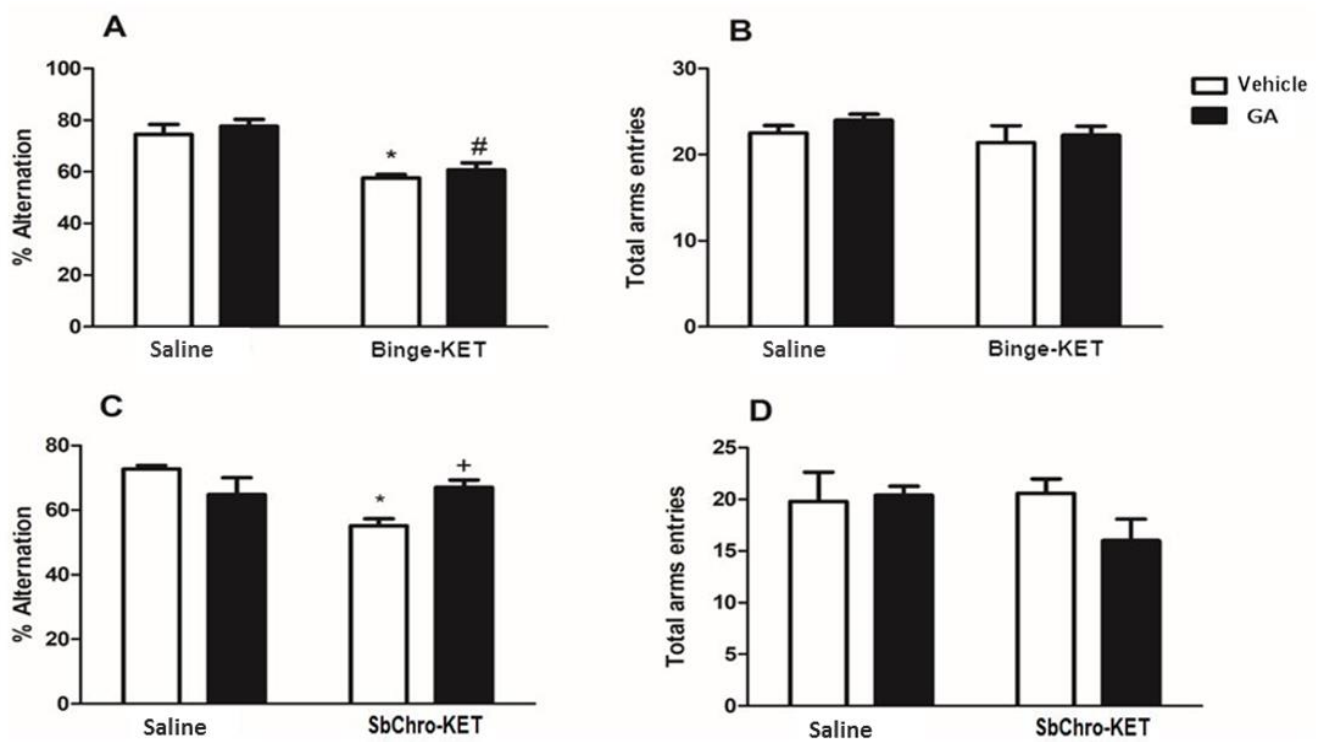


Figure 2. Influence of KET on working memory and locomotion measured in the Y-maze task by alternation rate and total arms entries. Rats were exposed to binge-like to KET and subsequently were treated with three doses of GA (2A, 2B), or the animals were exposed to SbChro-KET protocol and treated with three doses of GA (2C, 2D). Data are expressed as mean + S.E.M. * when compared to the control group values, + when compared to ketamine group and # when compared to GA group, considering $P < 0.05$. Abbreviations: GA: gallic acid; Binge-KET: ketamine binge; SbChro-KET: subchronic ketamine.

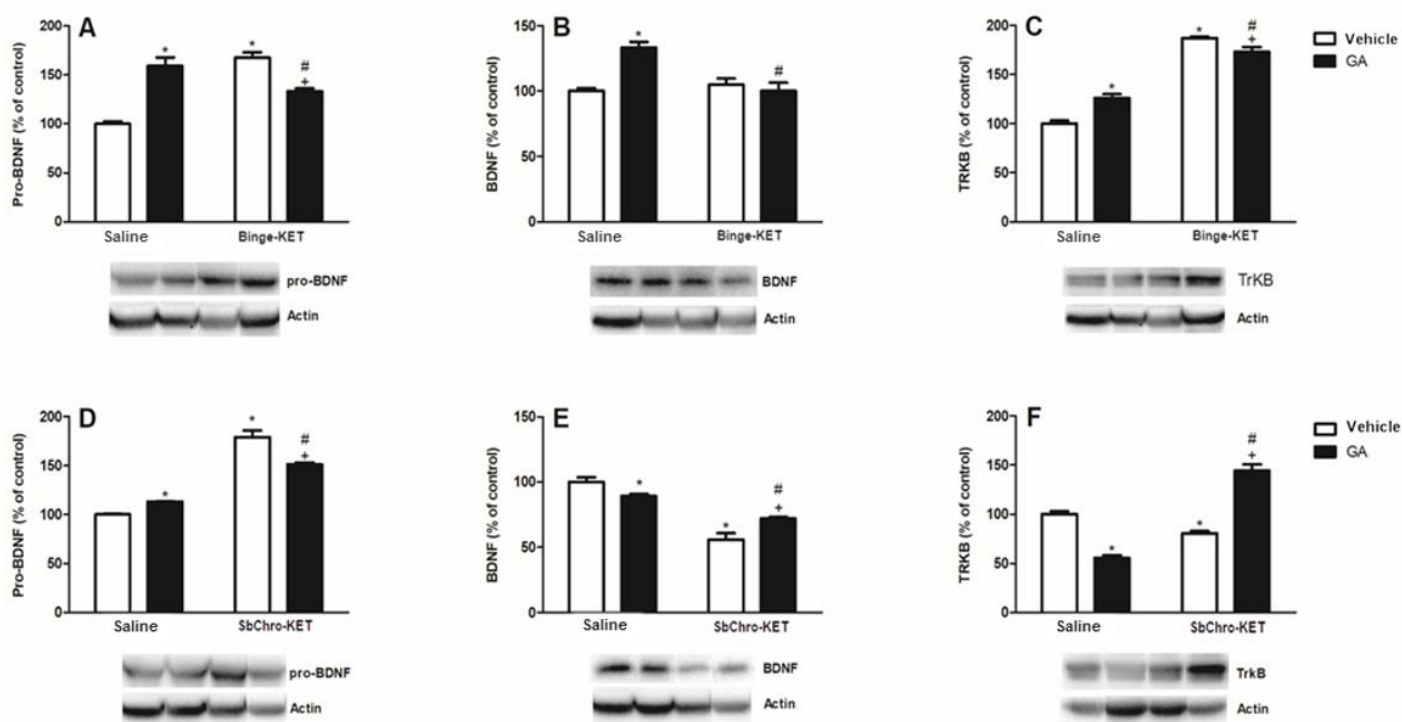


Figure 3. pro-BDNF, BDNF and TrkB immunoreactivity in hippocampus of rats exposed to binge-like to KET and subsequently were treated with three doses of GA (3A, 3B, 3C), or the animals were exposed to SbChro-KET protocol and treated with three doses of GA (3D, 3E, 3F). Each band in the sequence corresponds to one bar in the figure. Data are expressed as mean \pm S.E.M. * when compared to the control group values, + when compared to ketamine group and # when compared to GA group, considering $P < 0.05$. Abbreviations: GA: gallic acid; Binge-KET: ketamine binge; SbChro-KET: subchronic ketamine.

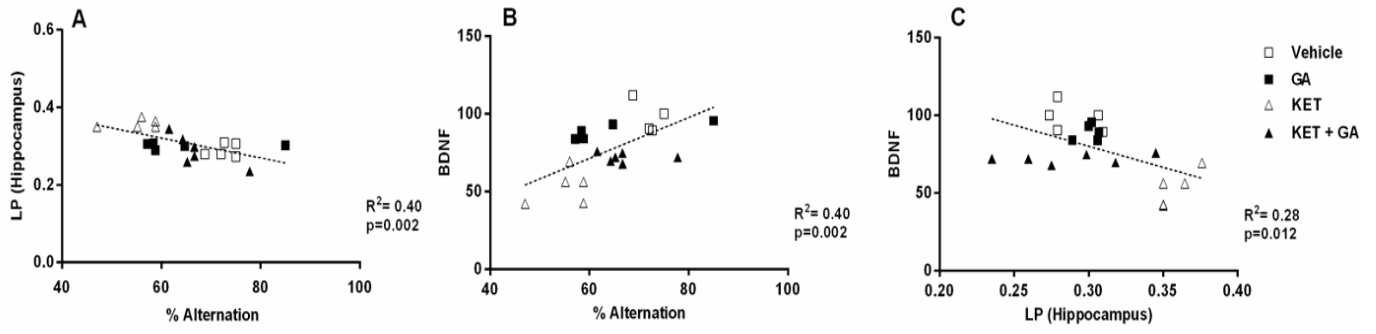


Figure 4. Correlations between the percentage of alternations in the Y-maze task and LP level in hippocampus (4A), the percentage of alternations in the Y-maze task and BDNF immunoreactivity (4B) and the LP level in hippocampus and BDNF immunoreactivity (4C) in animals which were exposed to SbChro-KET protocol and treated with three doses of GA. Abbreviations: GA: gallic acid; KET: ketamine; LP: lipid peroxidation.

Table 1. Biochemical parameters of creatinine and aminotransferases (ALT, AST) in plasma of animals exposed to KET-binge or subchronic-KET protocol. Subsequently, the animal were treated with GA.

Groups	Creatinine (mg/dL)	ALT (U/L)	AST (U/L)
Binge-KET			
CONTROL	0.375 ± 0.01	38.40 ± 2.00	69.00 ± 4.60
GA	0.348 ± 0.01 *	40.40 ± 1.20	84.20 ± 3.65 *
KET	0.443 ± 0.00 *	37.40 ± 2.20	57.16 ± 4.10
KET+GA	0.376 ± 0.01 ^{#+}	46.20 ± 2.80 ⁺	74.48 ± 5.10 ⁺
SbChro-KET			
CONTROL	0.354 ± 0.00	38.60 ± 1.80	74.80 ± 8.90
GA	0.362 ± 0.02	45.60 ± 0.90	75.20 ± 2.30
KET	0.350 ± 0.02	64.40 ± 3.60*	119.4 ± 10.30*
KET+GA	0.386 ± 0.02	49.63 ± 3.20 ⁺	96.50 ± 2.10 ^{#+}

Data are expressed as mean + S.E.M. in the table. * when compared to the control group values, ⁺ when compared to ketamine group and [#] when compared to GA group, considering p<0.05. Abbreviations: GA: gallic acid; KET: ketamine; Binge-KET: ketamine binge; SbChro-KET: subchronic ketamine; ALT: alanine transaminase; AST: aspartate transaminase.

Table 2. Oxidative stress parameters in the liver, kidney and hippocampus of rats exposed to Binge-KET or SbChro-KET protocol. Subsequently, the animal were treated with GA.

Groups		Liver	Kidney	Hippocampus
Binge-KET				
CONTROL	LP (nmol MDA/g tissue)	36.11 ± 1.00	24.02 ± 0.40	40.97 ± 1.90
GA		25.30 ± 2.10*	21.66 ± 0.55	43.43 ± 1.10
KET		39.83 ± 2.90	29.24 ± 1.80*	46.54 ± 0.80*
KET+GA		26.67 ± 1.90 ⁺	22.51 ± 1.00 ⁺	47.08 ± 1.30
SbChro-KET				
CONTROL		100.00 ± 9.45	100.00 ± 6.80	28.90 ± 1.00
GA		104.49 ± 3.50	103.12 ± 3.20	30.00 ± 0.30
KET		129.12 ± 6.50*	130.73 ± 5.20*	35.80 ± 0.50*
KET+GA		102.50 ± 2.00 ⁺	106.20 ± 4.10 ⁺	28.80 ± 2.00 ⁺
Binge-KET				
CONTROL	CAT activity (mmol H ₂ O ₂ /min/g tissue)	1561.30 ± 112.60	1739.1 ± 71.30	319.37 ± 19.50
GA		877.71 ± 80.50*	1825.0 ± 81.00	177.48 ± 14.35*
KET		1846.0 ± 79.50*	1137.5 ± 60.30*	548.88 ± 47.60*
KET+GA		1517.6 ± 130.40 ^{#+}	1229.1 ± 49.80 ^{#*}	426.43 ± 34.00 ^{#+}
SbChro-KET				
CONTROL		1211.30 ± 293.40	955.44 ± 178.90	276.60 ± 26.50
GA		1262.02 ± 96.95	1155.98 ± 78.30	272.28 ± 98.70
KET		2009.76 ± 172.30*	2142.54 ± 433.40*	329.04 ± 73.95
KET+GA		1136.51 ± 123.25 ⁺	846.14 ± 222.10 ⁺	278.52 ± 73.95

Data are expressed as mean + S.E.M. * when compared to the control group values, ⁺ when compared to KET group and [#] when compared to GA group, considering p<0.05. Abbreviations: GA: gallic acid; KET: ketamine; Binge-KET: ketamine binge; SbChro-KET: subchronic ketamine; LP: lipid peroxidation levels; CAT: catalase activity.

6. CONCLUSÃO

Os resultados obtidos a partir do presente estudo demonstram a influência benéfica da administração de AG sobre a exposição aguda tipo *binge* e subcrônica de KET, permitindo-nos propor que:

- Os danos oxidativos induzido pela KET foram evidenciados em órgãos vitais como o rim, fígado e hipocampo em ambos protocolos agudo e subcrônico aqui desenvolvidos, entretanto tais danos foram mais claramente revertidos pelo AG quando a exposição à KET foi subcrônica;
- Análises moleculares realizadas na região do hipocampo revelaram que a KET aumentou a imunorreatividade do pró-BDNF e TrkB no protocolo de exposição aguda à droga, no entanto, tal tratamento foi capaz de reverter apenas parte destas alterações. Por outro lado, após a exposição subcrônica à KET, a imunoreatividade aumentada do pró-BDNF e diminuída do BDNF e TrkB foram observadas no hipocampo dos animais, no entanto todos esses marcadores foram revertidos na sua totalidade pelo tratamento com AG;
- A KET prejudicou a memória de trabalho nos dois protocolos aqui desenvolvidos, entretanto a administração de AG foi capaz de reverter tal dano apenas no protocolo subcrônico de exposição à KET.

Neste contexto, nossos resultados mostram que o AG reverte os danos oxidativos, moleculares e comportamentais induzidos pelo uso agudo abusivo e subcrônico de KET, permitindo-nos propor que este composto antioxidante natural possa, após estudos clínicos futuros, ser uma alternativa terapêutica útil na minimização de danos associados ao uso ilícito de KET.

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ANEXO I – CERTIFICADO DE APROVAÇÃO DA COMISSÃO DE ÉTICA NO USO DE ANIMAIS DA UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SANTA MARIA



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CERTIFICADO

Certificamos que a proposta intitulada "POSSÍVEL ATIVIDADE NEUROPROTETORA DO ÁCIDO GÁLICO E DO ISOTERÁPICO DE CETAMINA SOB PARÂMETROS COMPORTAMENTAIS E OXIDATIVOS INDUZIDOS POR CETAMINA EM RATOS", protocolada sob o CEUA nº 8629131218 (ID 002467), sob a responsabilidade de **Marilise Escobar Bürger** e equipe; *Marilise Escobar Bürger; Gerson Fernandes de Brum; Laura Hautrive Milanse; Vinícia Garzella Metz; Hecson Jessor Segat; Domenika Rubert Rossato; Jessica Leandra Oliveira da Rosa* - que envolve a produção, manutenção e/ou utilização de animais pertencentes ao filo Chordata, subfilo Vertebrata (exceto o homem), para fins de pesquisa científica ou ensino - está de acordo com os preceitos da Lei 11.794 de 8 de outubro de 2008, com o Decreto 6.899 de 15 de julho de 2009, bem como com as normas editadas pelo Conselho Nacional de Controle da Experimentação Animal (CONCEA), e foi **aprovada** pela Comissão de Ética no Uso de Animais da Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (CEUA/UFSM) na reunião de 07/05/2019.

We certify that the proposal "POSSIBLE NEUROPROTECTIVE ACTIVITY OF GALLIC ACID AND ISOTHERAPIC OF KETAMINE ON THE BEHAVIORAL AND OXIDATIVE PARAMETERS KETAMINE-INDUCED IN RATS", utilizing 84 Heterogenics rats (84 males), protocol number CEUA 8629131218 (ID 002467), under the responsibility of **Marilise Escobar Bürger** and team; *Marilise Escobar Bürger; Gerson Fernandes de Brum; Laura Hautrive Milanse; Vinícia Garzella Metz; Hecson Jessor Segat; Domenika Rubert Rossato; Jessica Leandra Oliveira da Rosa* - which involves the production, maintenance and/or use of animals belonging to the phylum Chordata, subphylum Vertebrata (except human beings), for scientific research purposes or teaching - is in accordance with Law 11.794 of October 8, 2008, Decree 6899 of July 15, 2009, as well as with the rules issued by the National Council for Control of Animal Experimentation (CONCEA), and was **approved** by the Ethic Committee on Animal Use of the Federal University of Santa Maria (CEUA/UFSM) in the meeting of 05/07/2019.

Finalidade da Proposta: **Pesquisa**

Vigência da Proposta: de 05/2019 a 12/2021 Área: **Farmacologia**


Origem: **Biotério Central UFSM**


Espécie: **Ratos heterogênicos** sexo: **Machos** idade: **21 a 45 dias** N: **84**

Linhagem: **Wistar** Peso: **60 a 150 g**

Local do experimento: Todas as etapas serão realizadas no prédio 21. O animais serão mantidos no biotério e para os procedimentos experimentais e comportamentais serão transferidos para a sala 5220.

Santa Maria, 02 de dezembro de 2019


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