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# Oxidative Stress Responses to Marine Toxins: From Molecular Mechanisms to Ecological Impacts

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Acute or chronic exposure to environmental pollutants may produce a number of alterations within aquatic organisms. Although they can tolerate a certain number of short-term pollutant-induced biological disturbances, long-term exposure can deplete repair and defense mechanisms, causing a negative impact on cell organization, known as oxidative stress.

Oxidative stress is an important component of the biological response of marine organisms when exposed to a wide variety of environmental stressors on different scales of time and space. Therefore, oxidative stress is produced when the rate of production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) exceeds the rate of elimination produced by endogenous antioxidant molecules. Thus, this imbalance that leads to the production and accumulation of ROS causes damage to lipids, proteins and the DNA of cells of aquatic organisms.

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