



3-bromopyruvate boosts the effect of chemotherapy in acute myeloid leukaemia by reducing cell antioxidant defence

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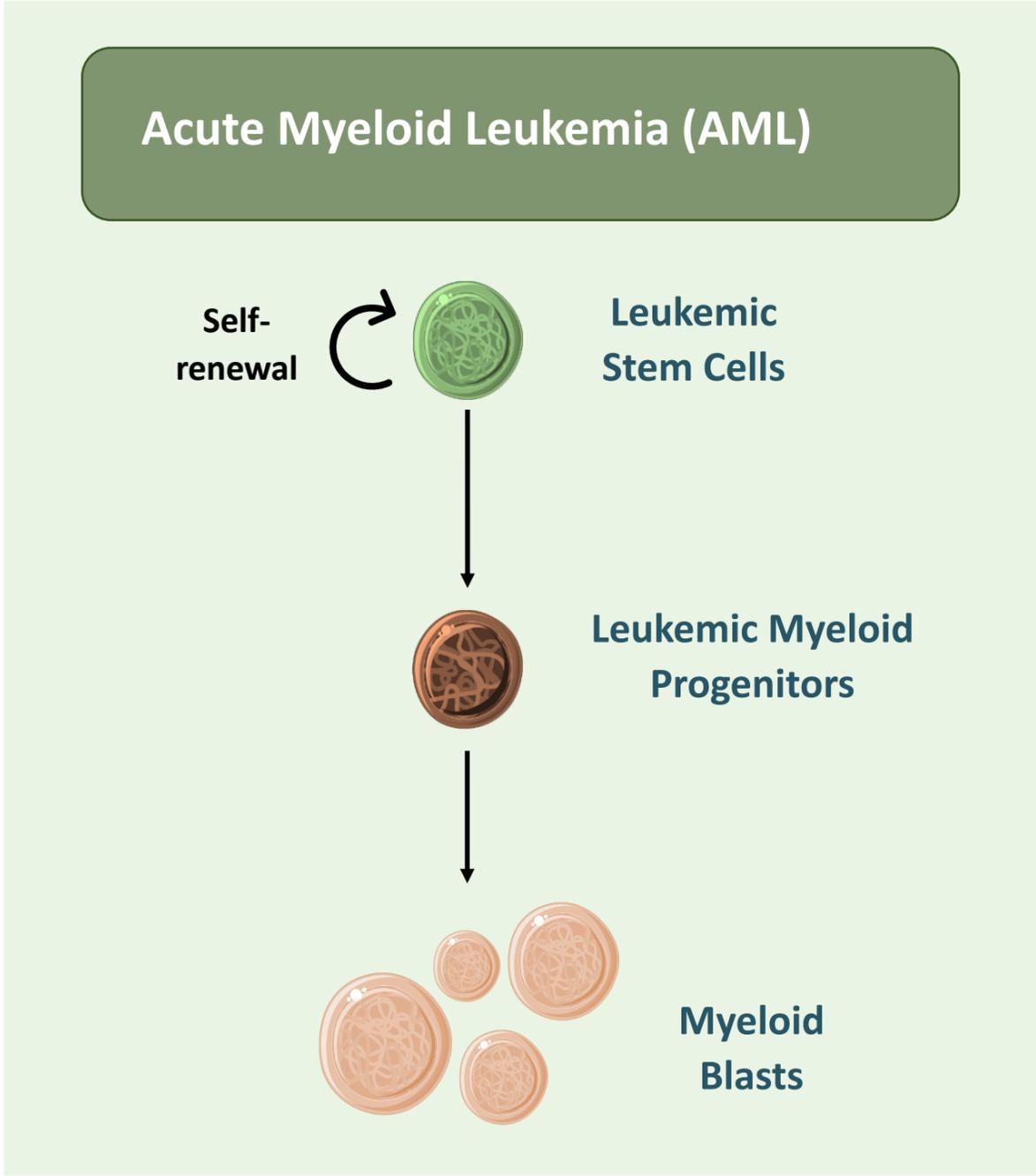
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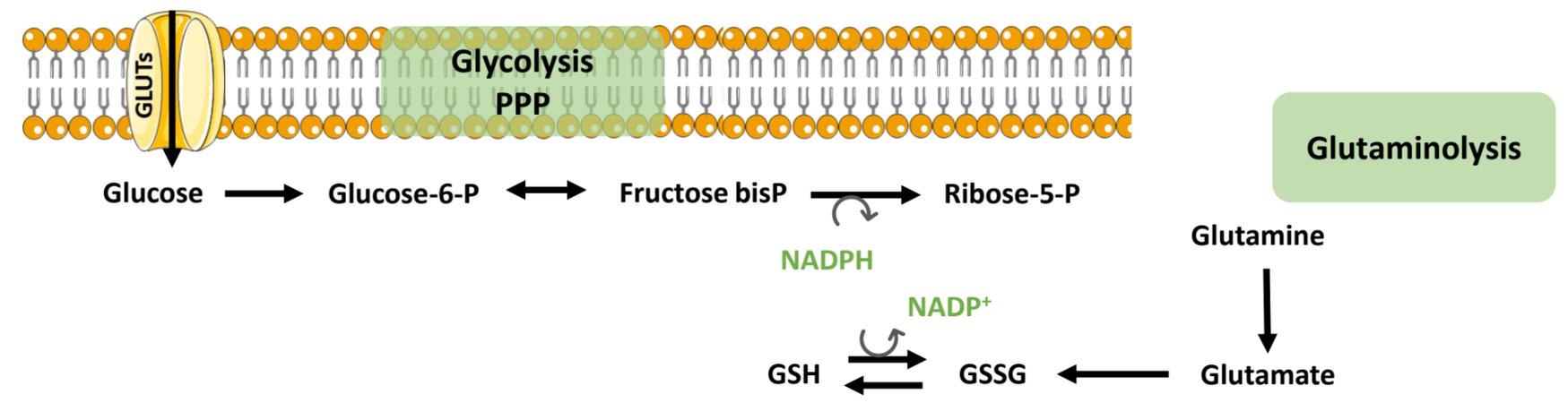
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AML is most common type of leukemia in adults

1 in 4 adults survive longer than 5 year

Metabolism involved in chemoresistance



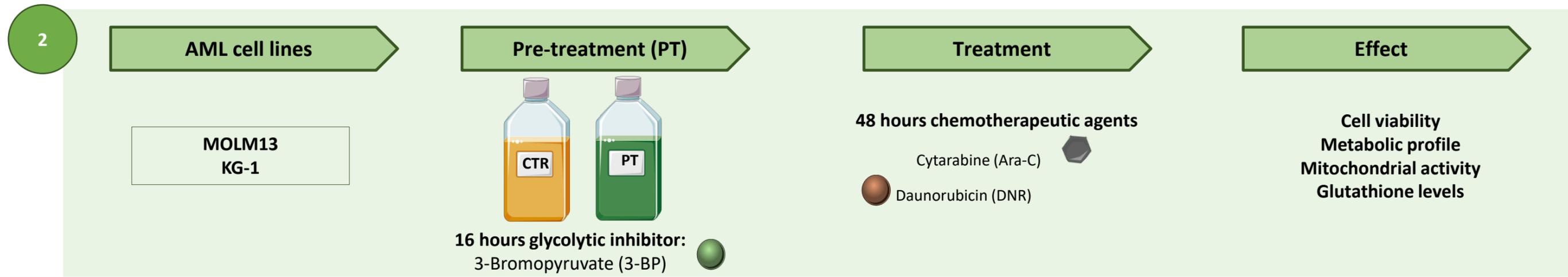
Resistance to chemotherapy is associated with altered glucose metabolism in acute myeloid leukemia

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Metabolic underpinnings of leukemia pathology and treatment

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AIM: Explore the metabolic inhibition as a therapeutic approach in AML in combination with classical chemotherapy regimens



3.1 5μM 3-BP sensitize AML cells to DNR and/or Ara-C

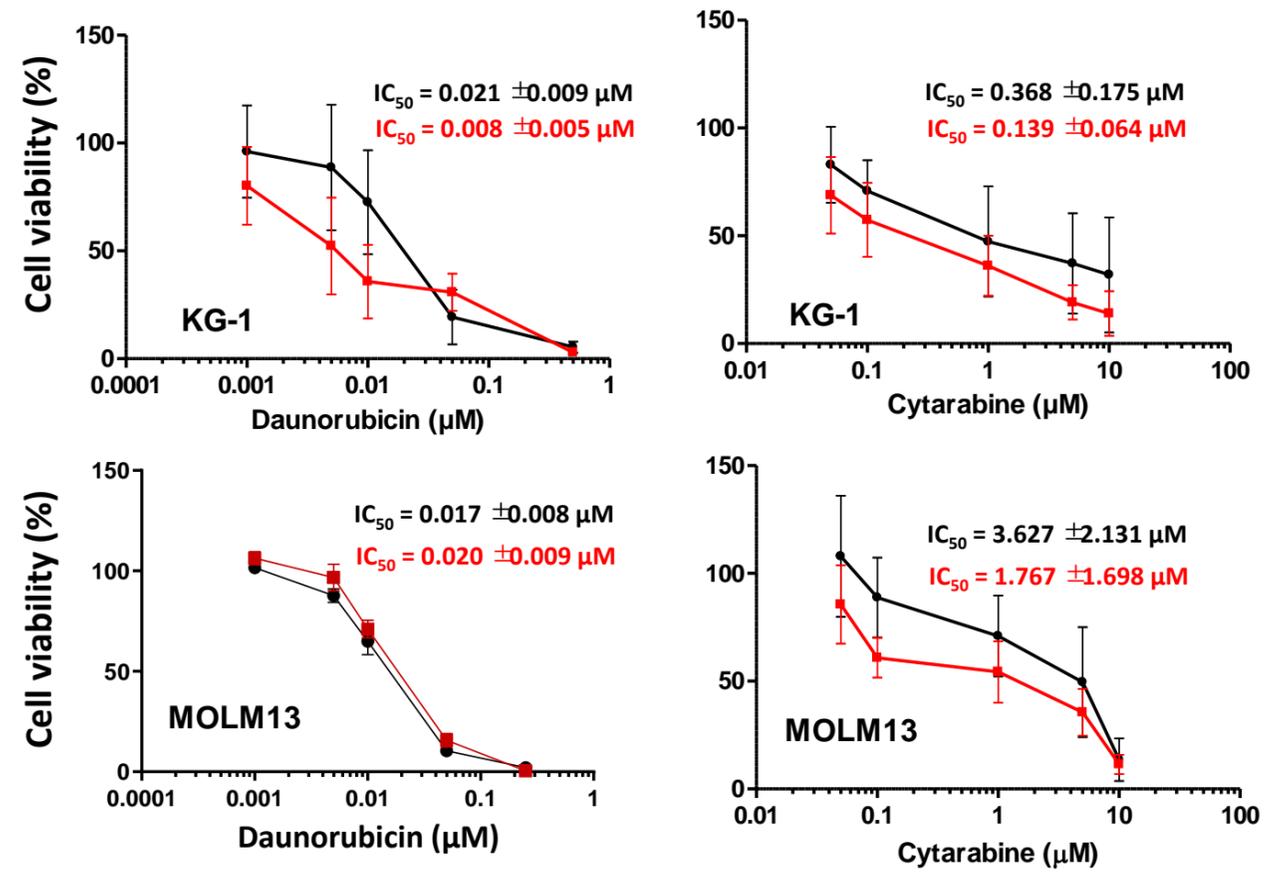


Figure 1. Effect of 3-BP pre-treatment on daunorubicin and cytarabine cytotoxicity in KG-1 and MOLM13 cells by trypan blue assay. — Pre-treated with 5 μM 3-BP — Untreated

3.2 5μM 3-BP do not induce cell death or loss in viability of AML cells

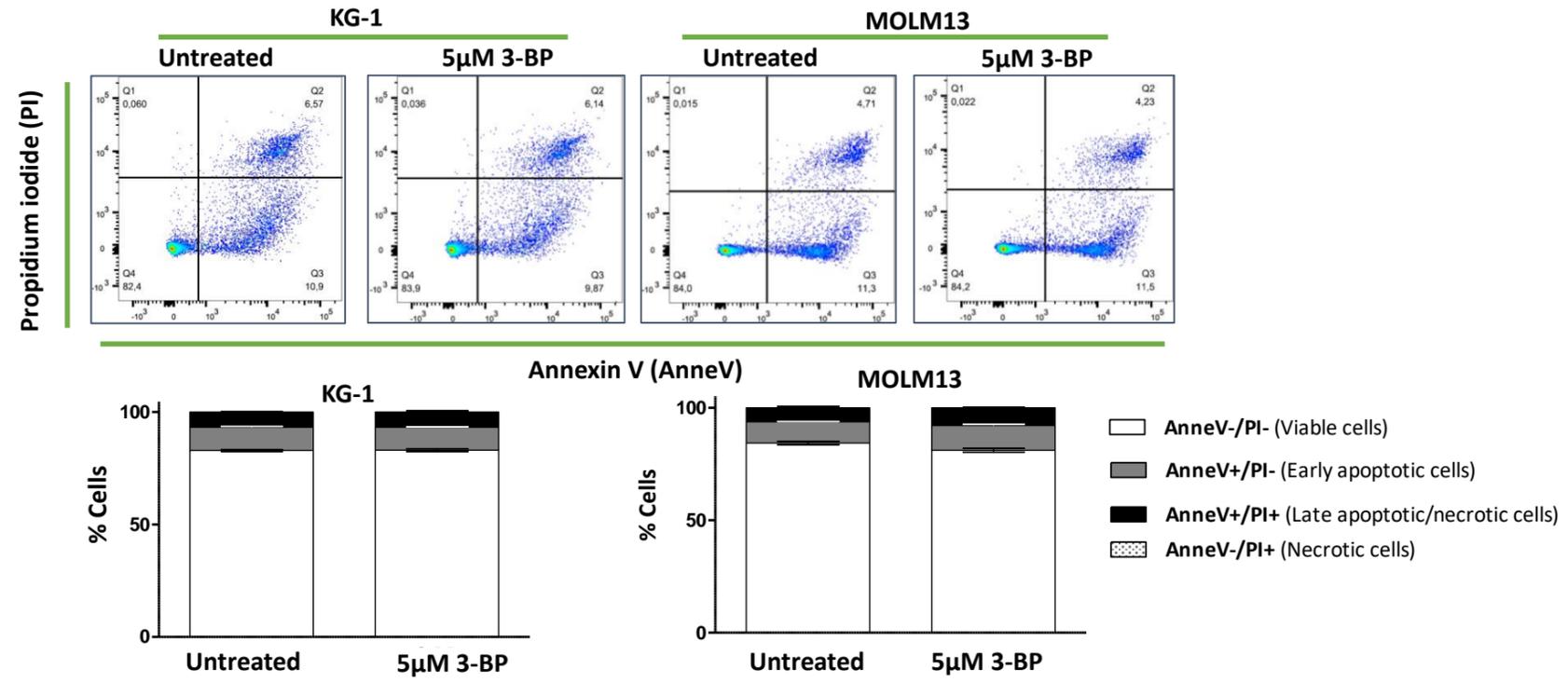
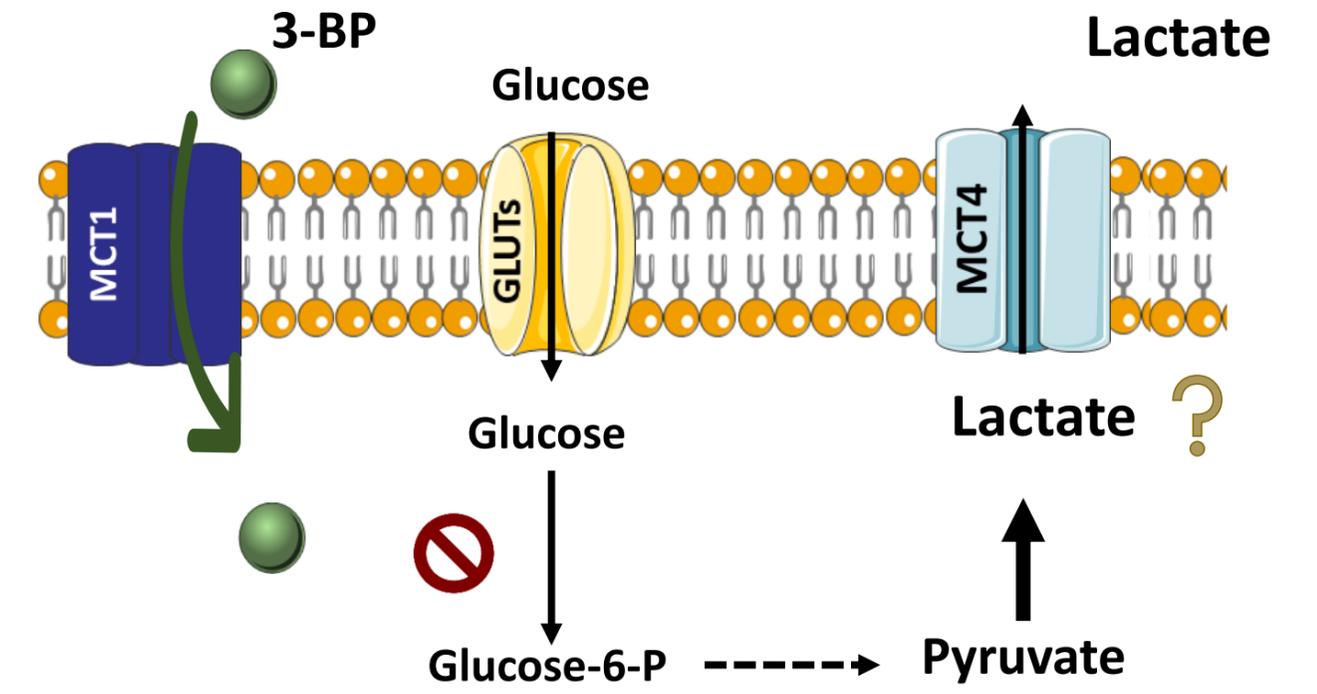
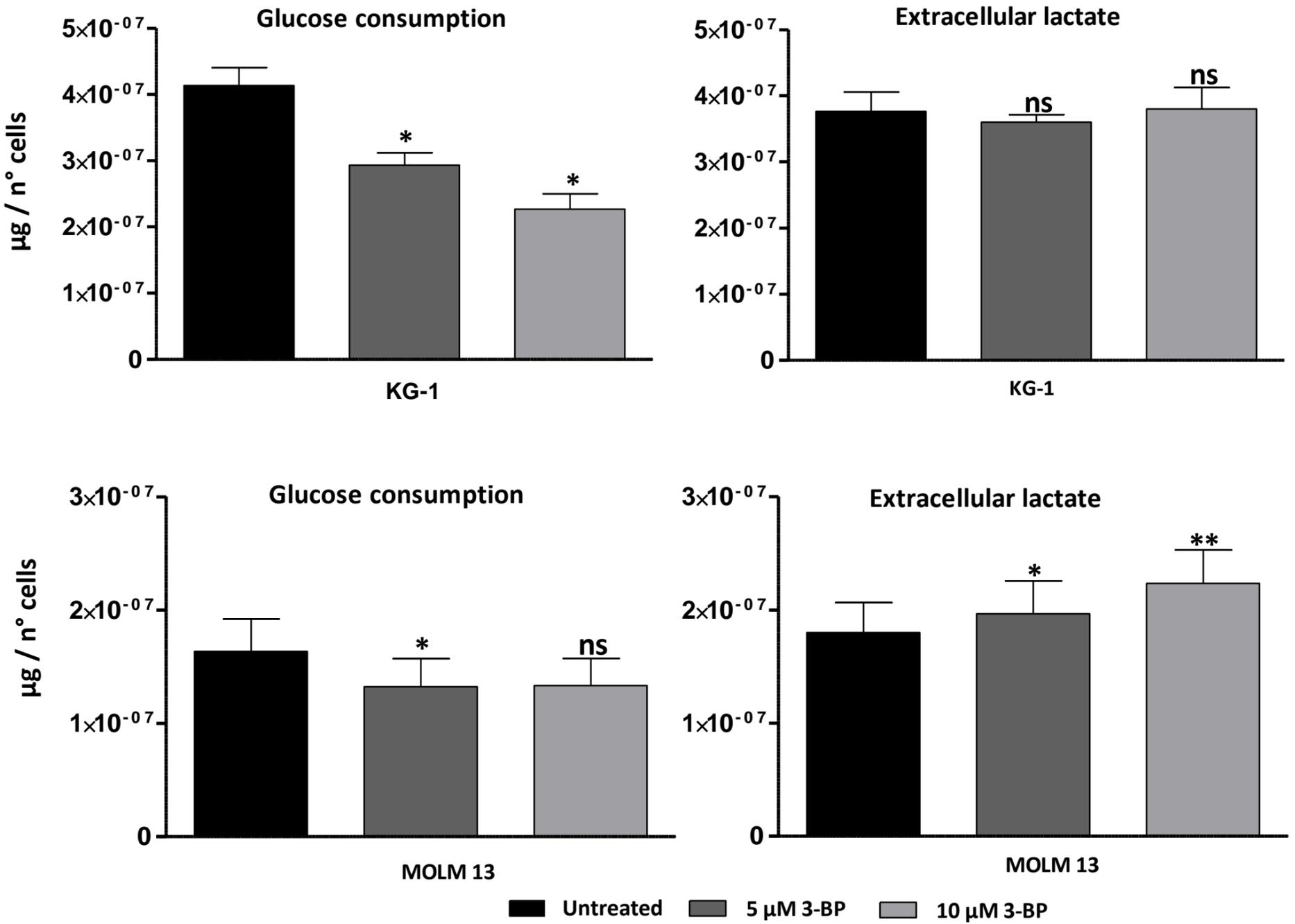


Figure 2. Characterization of apoptotic effect of 5 μM of 3-BP in AML cell lines by flow cytometry.

Table 1. Effect of 5 μM 3-BP on AML cell viability. MOLM13 and KG-1 cell viability was evaluated by MTS assay.

Cell line	KG-1			MOLM13		
3-BP (μM)	0	5	20	0	5	20
Cell viability (%)	100.00	109.86	38.96	100.00	146.26	70.70
± SD	4.94	8.43	22.06	7.20	23.93	14.38

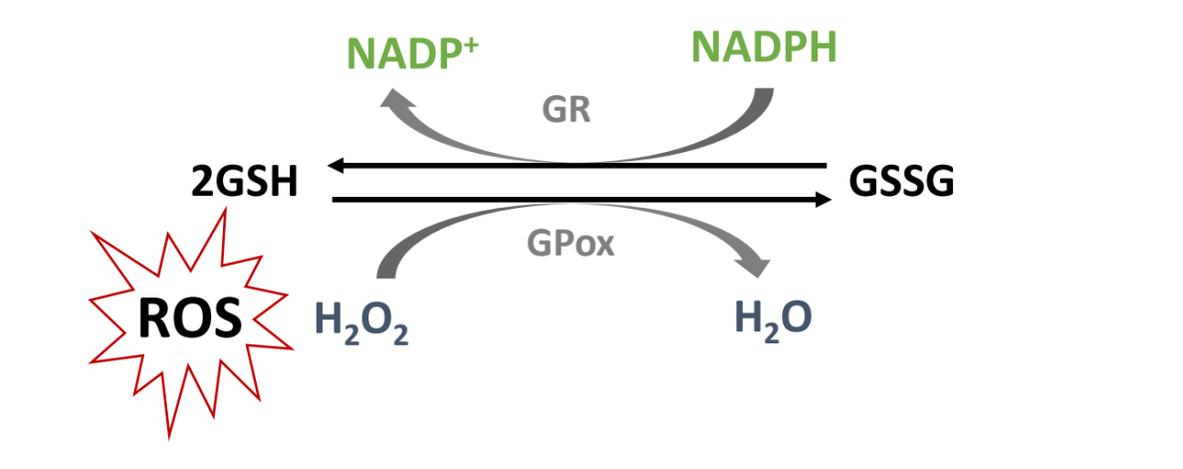
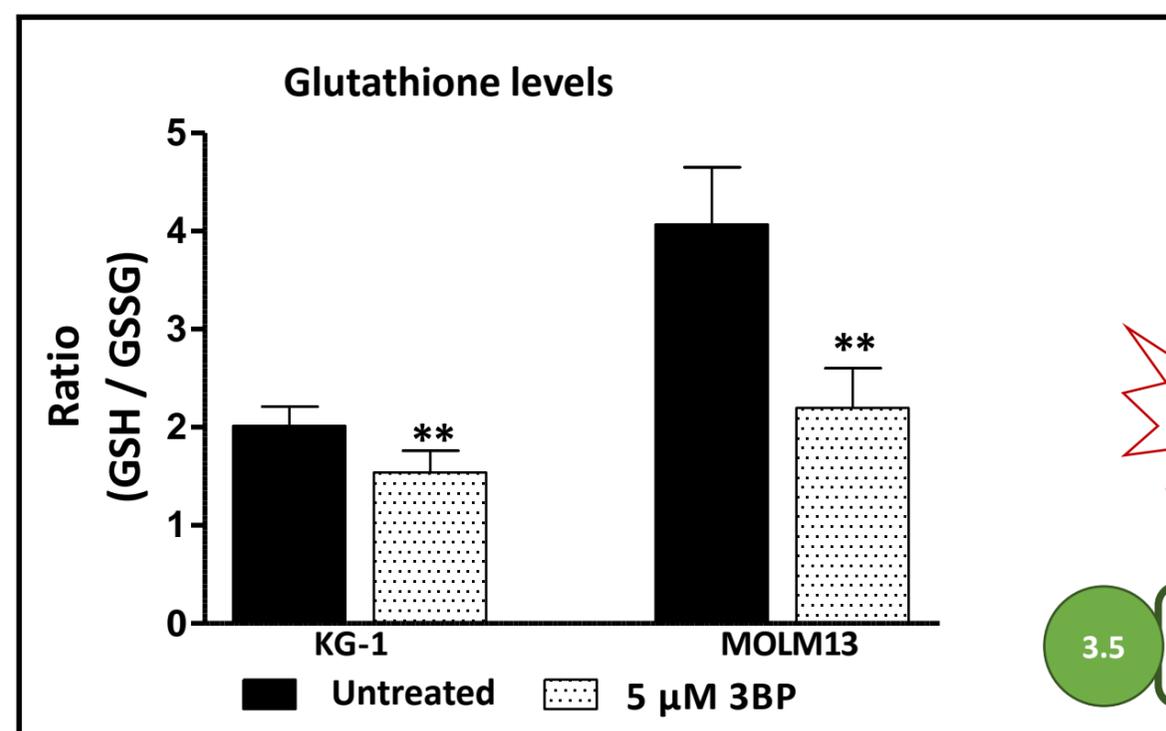
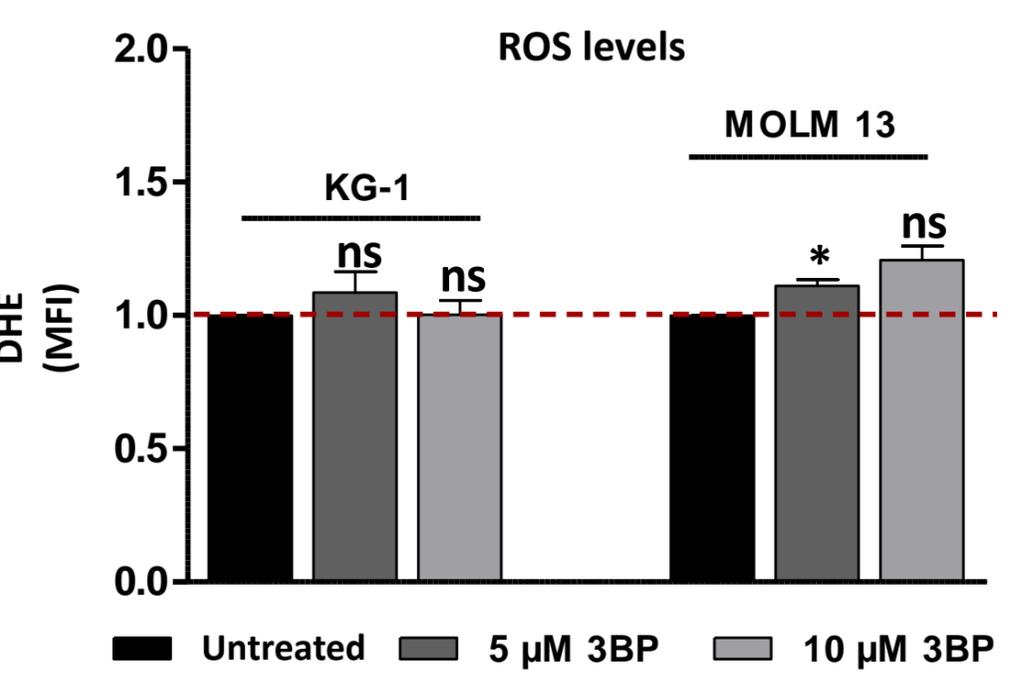
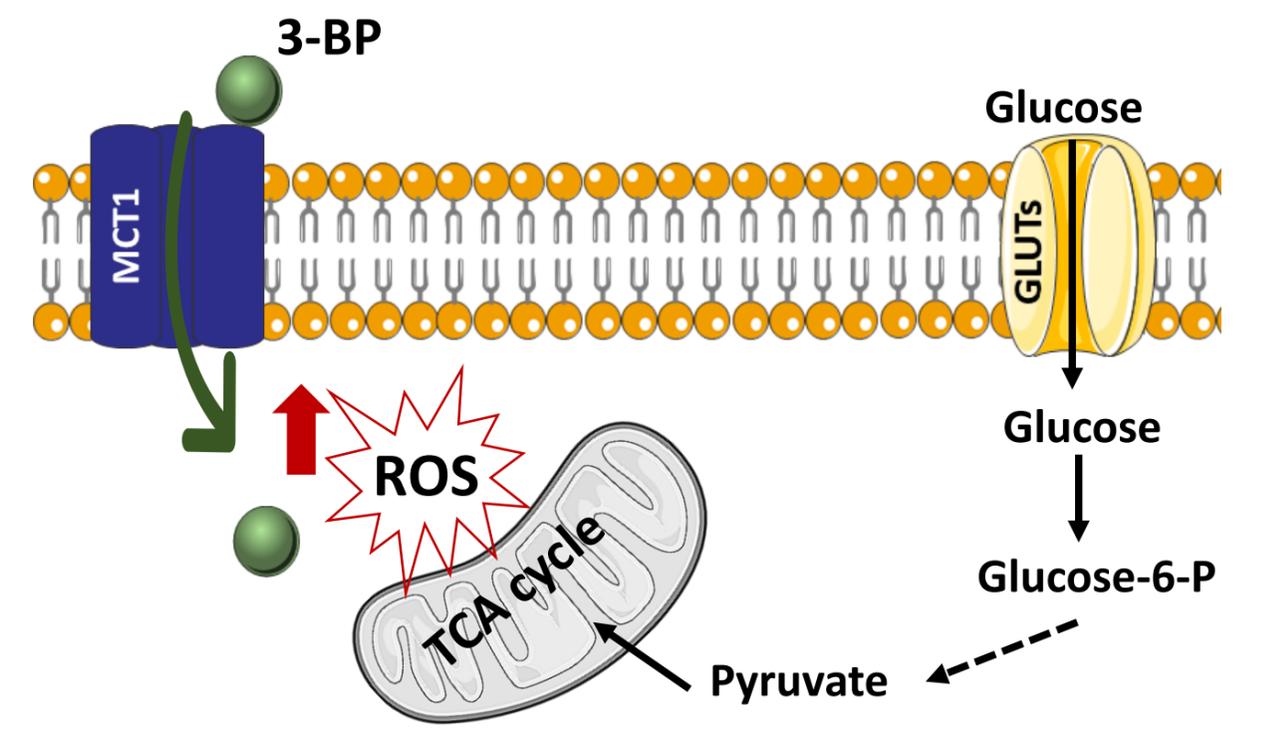
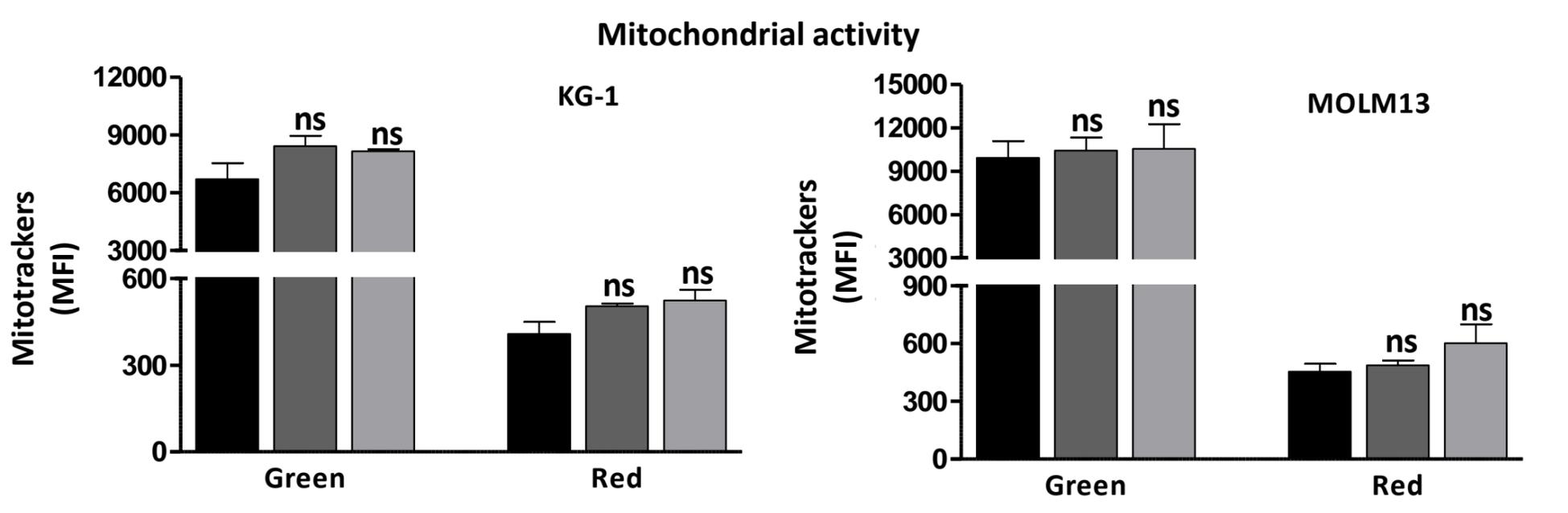
3.3 5µM 3-BP decrease glucose consumption in AML cells



? 5µM 3-BP do not affect AML extracellular lactate levels, suggesting that non-toxic concentration of 3-BP may affect other metabolic pathway(s)

Figure 3. Characterization of 3-BP effect on AML glycolytic profile using commercial enzymatic colorimetric kits. *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ns: not statistically significant

3.4 5μM 3-BP induce oxidative stress, increasing ROS levels in AML cells

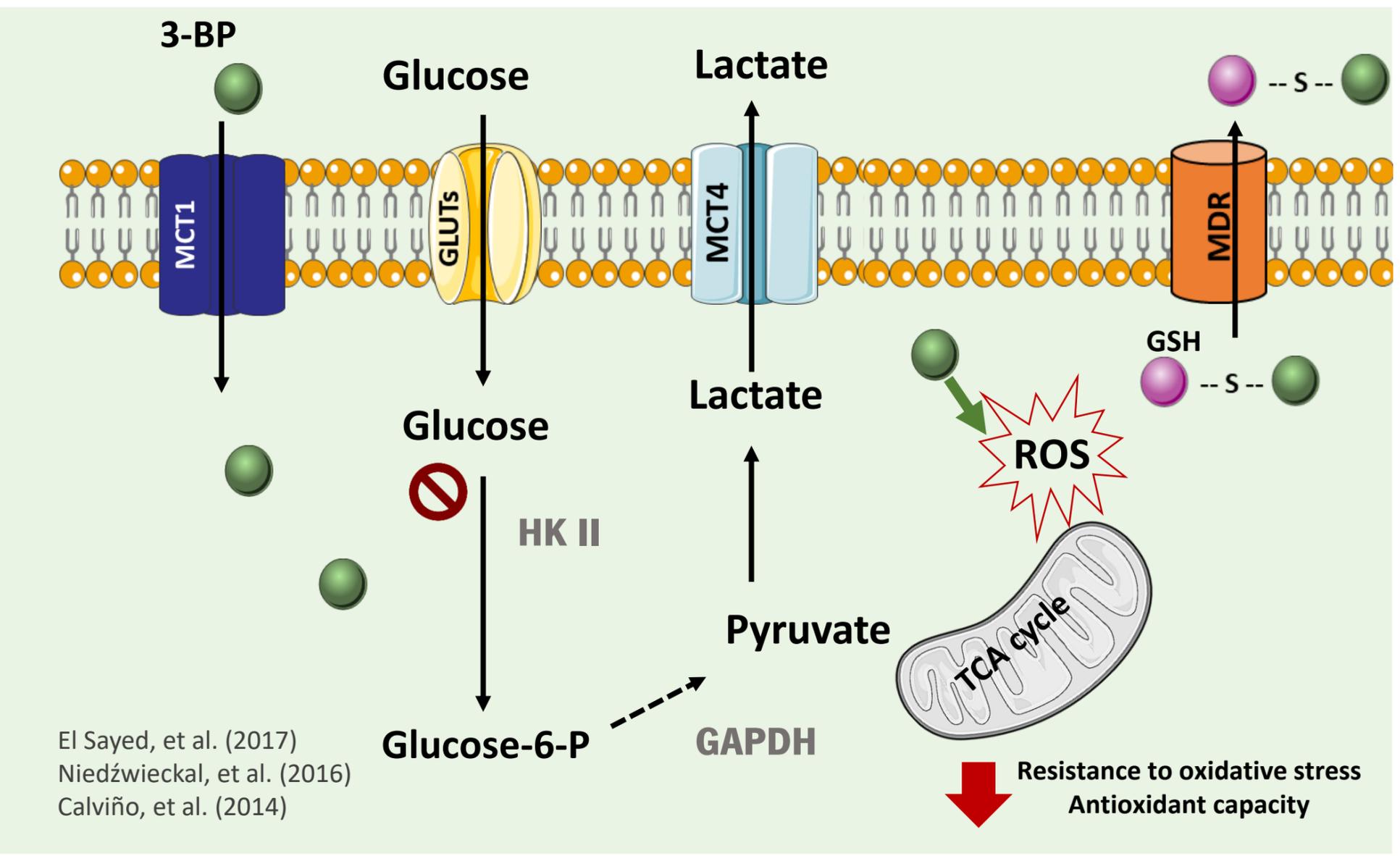


3.5 5μM 3-BP decrease the redox potential of AML cells, increasing oxidized glutathione (GSSG)

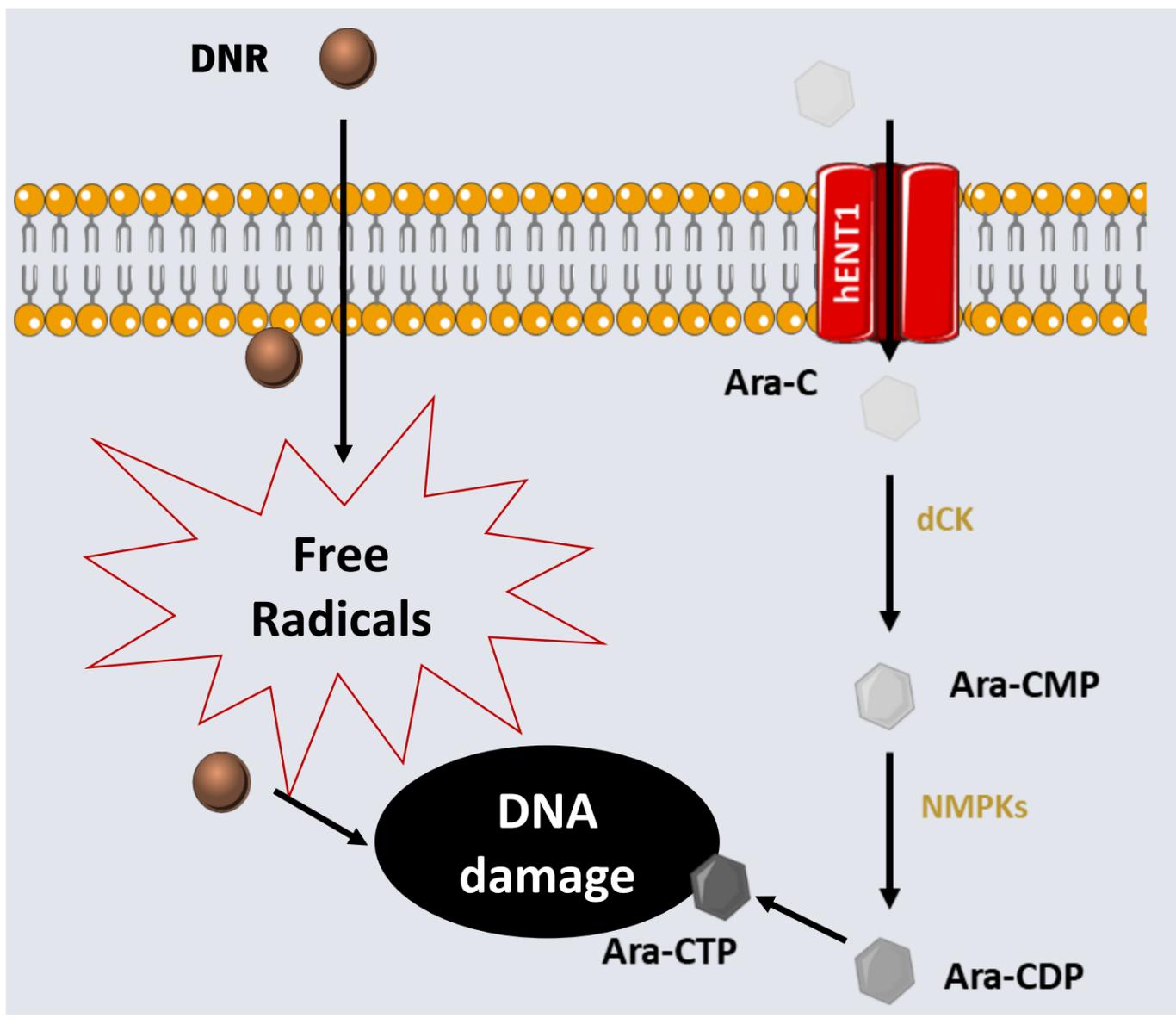
Figure 4. Characterization of mitochondrial activity and ROS levels of AML cells in the presence of 3-BP for 16 h. *p < 0.05; ns: no statistically significant.

Figure 5. Characterization of 5μM of 3-BP effect on glutathione levels of MOLM13 and KG-1 cell lines. **p < 0.01.

Effect of PT with 5µM 3-BP



Boost of the chemotherapy effect



Pre-treatment with a non-toxic concentration of 3-BP boosts effect of chemotherapy in AML cell lines as result of combined mechanisms