

New biological studies on RF

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Inclusion

This presentation reviews papers published in the last four years and dealing with *in vivo* and *in vitro* effects of RF exposure and lists the principal reviews issued on the subject

Exclusion

Some articles have been excluded for lack of proper dosimetry/exposure system description

Previous documents and statements

- Lyon, France – 2013. **Non-ionizing radiation, Part II: Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields / IARC Working Group on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. IARC monographs on the evaluation of carcinogenic risks to humans; v. 102, 2013**
- **Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR).** Preliminary opinion on Potential health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields. **December 2013**



IARC Monograph - 2013

➤ Cancer in humans

There is *limited evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of radiofrequency radiation. Positive associations have been observed between exposure to radiofrequency radiation from wireless phones and glioma, and acoustic neuroma.

➤ Cancer in experimental animals

There is *limited evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of radiofrequency radiation

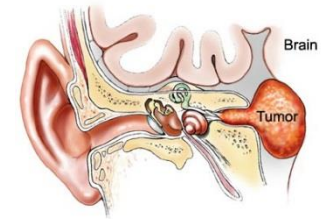
➤ Overall evaluation

Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields are **possibly carcinogenic to humans** (group 2B)

➤ Rationale

Human epidemiological evidence was mixed: several small case-control studies uninformative, a large cohort study affected by lack of information. Interphone study and a study from Sweden showed an association in people with high use of mobile phone; inconsistencies between the two studies led to *limited evidence*. There was, however, a minority opinion that current evidence in humans was *inadequate*.

Acoustic neuroma



A Rough Guide to
IARC CARCINOGEN CLASSIFICATIONS

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classifies substances to show whether they are suspected to cause cancer or not. It places substances into one of five categories depending on the strength of evidence for their carcinogenicity.

GROUP	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?
GROUP 1	CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS Sufficient evidence in humans. Causal relationship established.	Smoking, exposure to solar radiation, alcoholic beverages and processed meats.
GROUP 2A	PROBABLY CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS Limited evidence in humans. Sufficient evidence in animals.	Emissions from high temp. frying, steroids, exposures working in hairdressing, red meat.
GROUP 2B	POSSIBLY CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS Limited evidence in humans. Insufficient evidence in animals.	Coffee, gasoline & gasoline engine exhaust, welding fumes, pickled vegetables.
GROUP 3	CARCINOGENICITY NOT CLASSIFIABLE Inadequate evidence in humans. Inadequate evidence in animals.	Tea, static magnetic fields, fluorescent lighting, polyethylene.
GROUP 4	PROBABLY NOT CARCINOGENIC Evidence suggests no carcinogenicity in humans/animals.	1 ONLY 1 CHEMICAL EVER PLACED IN THIS GROUP OF ALL SUBSTANCES ASSESSED. Caprolactam, which is used in the manufacture of synthetic fibres.

THE IARC'S INDEX ONLY TELLS US HOW STRONG THE EVIDENCE IS THAT SOMETHING CAUSES CANCER. SUBSTANCES IN THE SAME CATEGORY CAN DIFFER VASTLY IN HOW MUCH THEY INCREASE CANCER RISK.

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SCENIHR – December 2013

- The **exposure paradigm** of the general public has been changing in the last decades, anyway portable wireless telecommunication terminals are still the most frequent sources of human exposure. The introduction of new technologies is not expected to substantially raise the average levels of RF EMF in the environment.
- Due to the different frequencies used by the sources next to the body, it is important to take into account **multiple sources**, to combine exposure for risk assessment, as well as to calculate organ-specific doses, when possible
- **Epidemiological studies** on RF exposure do not unequivocally indicate an increased risk of brain tumors, and do not indicate an increased risk for other cancers of the head and neck region, or other malignant diseases including childhood cancer; the possibility of an association of RF exposure with acoustic neuroma remains open
- The earlier described evidence that RF exposure may affect **brain activities** as reflected by EEG studies during the wake and sleep state is further substantiated by more recent studies. The biological significance of the small physiological changes remains unclear.
- Overall, there is evidence that exposure to RF does not cause **symptoms** or affect **cognitive** function in humans.
- The previous opinion concluded that there were no adverse effects **on reproduction and development** from RF at exposure levels below existing limits. The inclusion of more recent human and animal data does not change that assessment

REVIEWS

Biological Effects of Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Field

Lai H, in Encyclopedia of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering. Taylor and Francis: New York, Published online: 12 Feb 2013; 1-8.

Effects of Radiofrequency-Modulated Electromagnetic Fields on Proteome

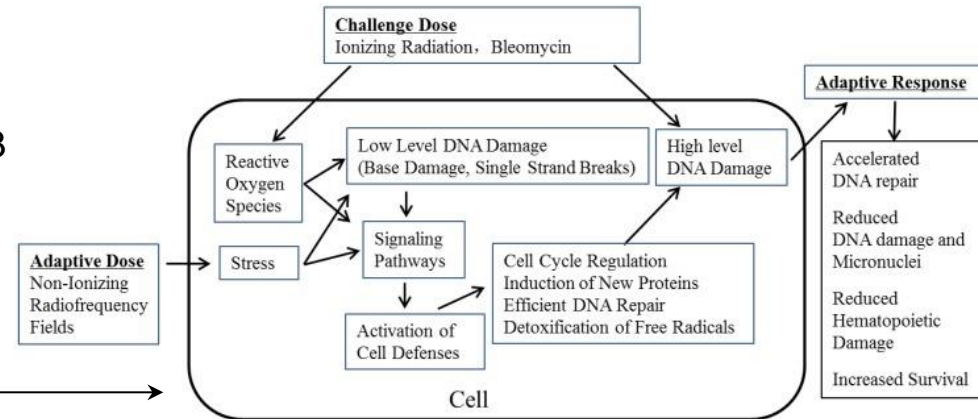
Leszczynski D, Radiation Proteomics, Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology 990, 2013

A review of the ecological effects of radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF)

Cucurachi et al, Environment International 51, 116-140, 2013

Adaptive Response in Animals Exposed to Non-Ionizing Radiofrequency Fields: Some Underlying Mechanisms

Cao and Tong, Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health 11, 2014



Searching for the Perfect Wave: The Effect of Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields on Cells

Gherardini et al, Int. J. Mol. Sci. 15, 5366-5387, 2014

International and National Expert Group Evaluations: Biological/Health Effects of Radiofrequency Fields

Vijayalaxmi and Scarfi, Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health, 11, 9376-9408, 2014

REVIEWS

New horizons in enhancing the proliferation and differentiation of neural stem cells using stimulatory effects of the short time exposure to radiofrequency fields

Eghlidospour et al, J. Biomed. Phys. Eng, 5(3), 95-104, 2015

Anthropogenic radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as an emerging threat to wildlife orientation

Balmori A, Science of the Total Environment 518/519, 58-60, 2015

Effects of Cell Phone EMF Radiations on the Auditory System

Dabholkar et al, Int J Health Sci & Res 6(1), 506-515, 2016

The role of electromagnetic fields in neurological disorders

Terzi et al, Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy, in press

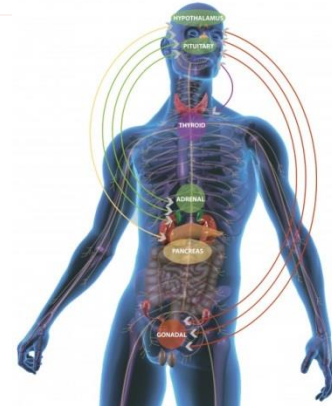
Table 1 Auditory effects of Cell Phone

Investigators	Sample size	Findings
OktayMF, Dasdag F ^[38] (2006) Retrospective cohort.	60: 20 (2hr/day for 4 years), 20(10-20 minutes for 4 years) and 20 (never used cell phone)	A higher degree of hearing loss is associated with long term exposure to EMF generated by cell phone.
Panda NK, et al ^[39] (2010) Retrospective, cross-sectional, randomized, case control study	112 cases using mobile phones >1 year. 50 controls that never used mobile phones.	High-frequency loss and absent DPOAE were observed with an increase in the duration of mobile phone use, excessive use of mobile phones.
C S Ramya, et al ^[40] (2011) comparative study	50 cell users for > 5 years. 25 <30min/day 25 >30min/day	Significant increase in the hearing threshold in mobile phone users associated with duration of usage.
S Bhagat, S Varshney, et al ^[41] (2012) Cohort study	75 cell users for > 4 years 2 Groups (<60 min and > 60 min) Also comparison between dominant and non-dominant ear	Prolonged, frequent exposure to EMFs from mobile phones does not cause damage to the inner ear as measured by DPOAE.
Mahesh Chandra Hegde, et al ^[42] (2013) Prospective study over 3 years	120 users. Group I >1hour for > than 1 year& Group II < 1 hour for < than a year or no usage	No significant difference in the 2 groups but minimal hearing loss of 5-15 dB in those exposed to mobile phone usage of more than 2 hours per day.
Hitesh Patel, Rizwan Qureshi(2013) ^[43] Retrospective	30 subjects > 1hour per day 30 subjects< 15 mins per day.	Some hearing impairment in long term mobile phone users compared to infrequent users. The dominant ear was affected more than non-dominant ear.
ShilpaKhullar , Archana Sood Sanjay Sood (2013) ^[44] Retrospective	60 subjects;20 who never used cell phones,20 men who used for 10-20 min/day for 4 years and 20 men who used frequently (2 hrs. per day for 4 years)	Long term exposure to mobile phones may affect conduction in the peripheral portion of the auditory pathway.
P.Velayutham ^[45] , et al (2014) Prospective single blinded study	100 subjects. Dominant ear (study group) compared to non-dominant ear (control)	High frequency hearing loss in the dominant ear (mobile phone used) compared to the non-dominant ear.

EHC / ICNIRP Review

1° step until december 2012

2° step revision until 2014/2015



Neuroendocrine System

10 GHz, 0.014 W/kg w.b., 2 h/day, 45 days

Kumar et al, Electromagn Biol Med, 31(3):223-232, 2012

↑ serum melatonin

Wistar rats

10 GHz, 0.014 W/kg w.b., 2 h/day, 45 days

Kumar et al, Int J Radiat Biol, 89(3):147-154, 2013

↓ serum testosterone level

Wistar rats

1800 MHz, 0.58 W/kg w.b., 2 h/day, 32 days

Qin et al, J Toxicol Environ Health A, 75(18):1120-1128, 2012

↓ plasma melatonin

Sprague
Dawley rats

905 MHz, 1.67 W/kg w.b., 2 h

Khirazova et al, Bull Exp Biol Med, 153(6):816-819, 2012

CHANGE corticosteroids plasma level

Male and female rats

CDMA 849 MHz and WCDMA 1.95 GHz, whole body 2 W/kg, 45 min/day, 5 days/week up to 8 weeks

Jin et al, J Radiat Res, 54(3):430-437, 2013

NO affect endocrine system (serum level of melatonin, TSH, T3, T4, ACTH and sex hormones)

Sprague Dawley rats

1800 MHz, 0.1 W/m², 40 min/day, 18 days

Pawlak et al, Int J Occup Med Environ Health 27(1), 114-122, 2014

CHANGE thyroid hormones and corticosterone

Chickens' blood

1.8 GHz GSM, 2 W/kg, 24 h

Valbonesi et al, Int J Radiat Biol, 92(1), 1-10, 2016

↑ AChE but not gene and protein

Rat PC12 cells

900 MHz GSM, 6 W/kg in brain, 15 min

Bouji et al, Exp Gerontol, 47(6), 444-451, 2012

↑ plasma corticosterone

Young, not in old
Sprague Dawley rats



Nervous System and Behavior

918 MHz GSM, 0.25-1 W/kg, 2h/day, 12 or 60 days

Arendash et al, PlosOne 7(4): e35751, 2012

reverses β -amyloid deposition
modifies cerebral blood flow
provides selected cognitive benefit in Alzheimer transgenic mouse model

>22 months old mice

Whole body exposure to 2.4 GHz WIFI signals, 1,6 W/kg, 1 month

Banaceur et al, Behav Brain Res 240, 197-201, 2013

↑ Cognitive behavior

3xTg-AD mice

900, 1800 or 2450 MHz, 6×10^{-4} W/kg, 2 h/day, 5 d/week, 30 days

Desmuk et al, Toxicol Int 20(1), 19-24, 2013

↑ DNA damage (comet assay)

Fisher 344 rat brain

900 MHz, 2 W/kg, 3h/day, 14 or 28 days

Tang et al, Brain Res 1601, 92-101, 2015

↑ mcp-1/ERK pathway
blood-brain barrier damage
cognitive impairment

Rats

WiFi 2.4 GHz, 1-4 W/kg, 24h/day, 12 months

Dasdag et al, Int J Radiat Biol.; 91(7), 555-61, 2015;

CHANGE expression of different miRNAs

Wistar rats brain

900 MHz, 0,12 W/kg, 3 h/day, 7 d/week, for 12 months

Dasdag et al, Int J Rad Biol 91(4),306-11, 2015

CHANGE expression of rno-miR107 miRNA

Wistar rats brain

WiFi 2.4 GHz, 2,4 mW/kg local, 24 h/d, 12 months

Dasdag et al, Electromagn Biol Med 34(1), 37-42, 2015

CHANGE cellular and anatomical parameters

Wistar rat testes



Nervous System and Behavior

835 MHz, 4.0 W/kg, 5 hours/day for 4 and 12 weeks

Kim et al, PlosOne in press, 1-16, 2016

↑ autophagy

Male, 6-week-old C57BL/6 mouse brain

1457 MHz, 50 min, 2.0 W/kg

Masuda et al, In Vivo 29(3), 351-7, 2015

NO dynamic changes in BBB permeability

Young rats

2.856 GHz, 1.5 to 9 W/kg, 6 minutes, 3 times/week, 6 weeks

Li et al, Physiol Behav, 140, 236-246, 2015

↑ dose-dependent deficit of spatial learning
memory accompanied with inhibition of brain electrical activity
degeneration of hippocampus neurons
disturbance of neurotransmitters

Male Wistar rats

1.800 GHz GSM, 3.2 W/kg

Moretti et al, Bioelectromagnetics 34(8), 571-8, 2013

↓ spontaneous spiking activity and bursting rate during 3 min of exposure

Primary neuronal cell cultures from the cerebral cortex of embryonic rats.

1800 MHz, 1, 2, or 4 W/kg, 1, 2, or 3 days (intermittent mode)

5 min on/10 min off cycles

Chen et al. Sci Rep. 29(4), 5103, 2014

↓ neurite outgrowth

Embryonic mouse neural stem cells

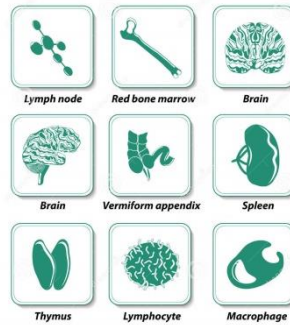
2.856 GHz (500 ns pulse width, 500 pps), 50 mW/cm², 5 min

Wang et al. Mol Neurobiol, 52(1), 478-91, 2015

↑ structural damage
↑ permeability
↑ membrane/junction proteins pathways

In vitro blood–brain barrier model (ECV304 cell line co-cultured with primary rat cerebral astrocytes)

Immune System and Hematology



900 MHz, 0,5 W/kg (approx), 2h/day, 45 days
Sekeroglu et al, Int J Rad Biol 89(11), 985–992, 2013

↑ chromosome aberrations (CA)
micronucleus (MN) frequency, mitotic index (MI) ratio

Rat bone marrow cells

1800 MHz GSM, 2 W/kg, 1-24 h (5 min on, 10 min off)
Lu et al, PLoS One, e108318, 2014

↑ pro-inflammatory responses

Mouse microglia (N9) but not astrocytes (C8-D1A) involving differential activation of STAT3

1457 MHz, 50 min, 2.0 W/kg
Masuda et al, In Vivo 29(5), 561-7, 2015

NO change in hemodynamic parameters
leukocyte adhesion to endothelial cells

Young rats

2.14-GHz W-CDMA, 0.2 W/kg w.b., 20 h/day, 7 d/week, 9 weeks spanning in utero development, lactation and the juvenile period in rats
Ohtani et al, J Rad Res 56(3), 467–474, 2015

NO change on immune-like T cell populations, T cell activation, or Th1/Th2 balance although significant transcriptional effects were observed

2.45-GHz, 2 and 10 W/kg, 4 and 24 h
Koyama et al. J Rad Res 56, 30–36, 2015

NO effect on chemotaxis and phagocytosis

Human neutrophils

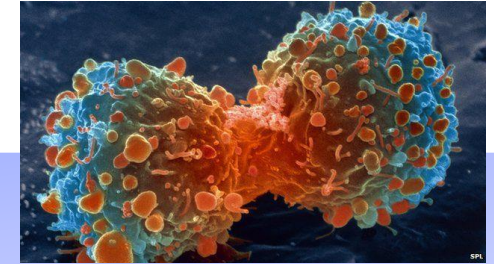
Cancer

**Whole-body UMTS, 0.04, 0.4 and 2 W/kg
72 weeks starting in utero
at 14th day of pregnancy**

(Replication study)

Lerchl et al, Biochem Biophys Res Commun. 459(4), 585-90, 2015

↑ lymphomas, lung and liver tumors
without dose-response trend



ENU-treated mice

1950-MHz (TD-SCDMA), 5 W/kg for 12, 24, and 48 h

Liu YX et al, BMC Public Health 15:764, 2015

NO effect on cell morphologies and ultra-structures
apoptosis, cell cycle progression,
tumor and apoptosis-related genes/proteins
tumor formation and invasiveness

in vivo in nude mice

NO effect on migration assays

in vitro in human
glioblastoma cell lines

**900 and 1800 MHz GSM EDGE, 2 W/kg, 1, 2, 3 and 4 h
(intermittent mode (15 min on/15 min off))**

Ozgun et al. Cell Biochem Biophys 70(2), 983-91, 2014

↑ proliferation (WST-1 assay)

Human hepatocellular carcinoma
cells

Reproduction and Development

**CDMA 849 MHz and WCDMA 1950 MHz combined
4.0 W/kg w.b., 45 min/d, 5 d/week, 12 weeks**

Lee et al, Bioelectromagnetics, 33, 356-364, 2012

NO effect

Rat testicular function

**WiFi 2450 MHz, 0.08, 0.4, 4 W/kg w.b.,
2 h/day, 6 d/week, 18 days during pregnancy**

*Poullietier de Gannes et al, Birth 1 Defects Res
B Dev Reprod Toxicol, 95(2), 130-136, 2012*

NO effect on implantation/foetus abnormalities
physical and functional development

Newborns Wistar rats

**WiFi 2450 MHz, 0.08, 0.4, 4 W/kg w.b.
1 h/day, 5 d/week, 16 days during pregnancy**

Aït-Aïssa et al, Bioelectromagnetics, 33(5), 410-420, 2012

NO effect on pups number, body mass,
genital abnormalities and antibodies production

Wistar rats

**WiFi 2450 MHz, 0.08 or 4 W/kg w.b.,
1 h/day, 3 weeks (males) or 2 weeks (females)
+ 3 weeks during gestation**

Poullietier de Gannes et al, Reprod Toxicol, 36, 1-5, 2013

NO effect on fertility, histology of reproductive organs
and foetal abnormalities

Wistar rats

10 GHz, 0.014 W/kg w.b., 2 h/day, 45 days

Kumar et al, Int J Radiat Biol, 89(3):147-154, 2013

↑ DNA damage and caspase-3
↓ testosterone, testis weight and tubule diameter

Wistar rats

10 GHz, 0.014 W/kg w.b., 2 h/day, 45 days

Kumar et al, Electromagn Biol Med, 31(3), 223-232, 2012

↓ serum melatonin level
↑ malondialdehyde/creatine kinase

Rat sperm cells

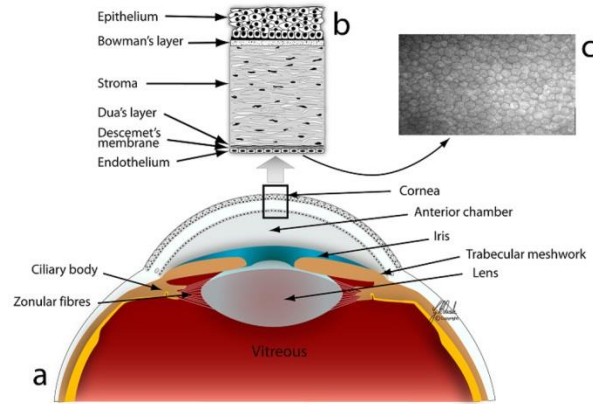
**Multigenerational whole body exposure to 2.14 GHz,
< 0,24 W/kg, W-CDMA signals for 20 h/day**

Shirai et al, Bioelectromagnetics 35, 497-511, 2014

NO adverse effects on F1/F2/F3 offspring



Sensory Organs



2.45 GHz, 2h/day, 21 days, 0,25 W/kg
Akar et al, Int J Radiat Bioll 89(4), 243-9, 2013

↑ thickening of the anterior corneal epithelium

Male rats

1800 MHz GSM, 2, 3 or 4 W/kg, 0.5-24h
Ni et al, PlosOne 8 (8), 2013

↑ ROS and lipid peroxidation
↓ gene/protein expression of antioxidant enzymes

Human lens
epithelial (HLEB3) cells

**GSM 900 MHz and 1800 MHz and UMTS,
0.02, 0.2, 2, and 20 W/kg, 10 min
(intermittent exposure)**

Ahlers and Ammermuller, Bioelectromagnetics 35,16-29 2014

NO effect under constant temperature conditions

Retinal ganglion cell responses

DNA Damage and oxidative Stress

900 MHz, 0.01 W/kg w.b., 4 h/day, 45 days
Jelodar et al, Int J Radiat Biol. 89(2), 128-31, 2013

↑ biomarkers of oxidative stress

Rat's eye

900 MHz, 120 mW/cm² 4 h/day, 7 days
Zong et al, Int J Radiat Biol. 91(3), 270-6, 2015

↑ adaptive response
↓ BLM-induced DNA/oxidative damages

Adult mice

**837 MHz and 1950 MHz alone or both,
4 W/kg single or 2+2 W/kg for both, 2 hours**
Hong et al. Bioel 33(7), 604-11, 2012

NO effect on SOD activity, GSH/GSSG ratio
ROS formation

Human MCF10A mammary
epithelial cells

**2.45 GHz, 0.023 W/kg w.b., 2 h/day, 45 days,
+ 5 days during mating**
Shahin et al, Appl Biochem Biotechnol, 169(5), 1727-1751, 2013

↑ DNA damage in brain cells
↑ ROS levels, ↓ SOD/CAT/GPx in liver, kidney and ovary

Parkes mice

2450 MHz CW or WCDMA, 10 W/kg, 2 hours
Vijayalaxmi et al, Bioelectromagnetics 34(7), 542-8, 2013

NO effect on micronuclei induction

Human peripheral blood
lymphocytes

**1800 MHz, CW, 1.3 W/kg, 24 h
(5 min on/10 min off cycles)**
Speit et al, Mutation Research 755, 163-166, 2013

NO effect on micronuclei frequency and DNA migration

HL-60 cells (replication study)

GSM 1800 MHz, 3.0 W/kg for 1 h or 24 h
Xu et al, PlosOne 8 (1), 2013

↑ γ H2AX foci formation
NO effect in DNA fragmentation, cell cycle arrest
cell proliferation or viability change

Chinese hamster lung cells and
Human skin fibroblasts

**1.800 GHz GSM, 0.2, 2 or 10 W/kg, 28 h
(5 min on/10 min off cycles),**
Waldmann et al. Radiat Res 179(2), 243-53, 2013

NO effect on micronuclei

Human blood peripheral
lymphocytes

DNA Damage and oxidative Stress

**1800 MHz GSM , 1, 2 and 4 W/kg , 24 h
(5 min on/10 min off cycles)**

Liu et al, Toxicol Lett, 218(1), 2-9, 2013

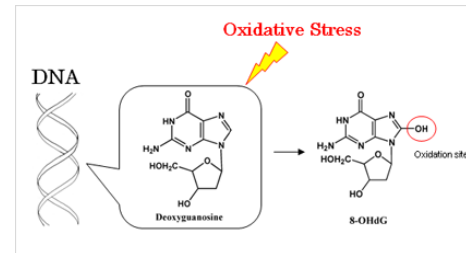
↑ SAR-dependent ROS generation and DNA adduct 8-oxoG

Mouse spermatocyte-derived
(GC-2) cells

**837 MHz CDMA + 1950 MHz WCDMA
2 W/kg, 2 hours,**

Kang et al, J Radiat Res, 55(2), 265-76, 2014

↑ ROS level 6 h post exposure
↑ ROS 12 h post exposure
NO effect



U87 cells
PC12 cells
SH-SY5Y cells

940 MHz, 0.09 W/kg, 5-45 min

Sefidbakht Y et al, Photochem Photobiol Sci13(7), 1082-1092, 2014

↑ ROS level

Human embryonic kidney cells
(HEK293T)

10 MHz, 10 mT, 8h

Castello et al, Bioelectromagnetics 35, 598-602, 2014

↓ proliferation and ↑ H₂O₂ production

Fibrosarcoma cell line

1950 MHz, 0.3 W/kg, 20 h

*Sannino et al, Journal of Radiation Research
55, 210-217, 2014*

↑ adaptive response
↓ micronuclei incidence

Human peripheral blood
lymphocytes treated with 1-1.5 Gy
X-rays

**1800 MHz GSM , 1, 2 and 4 W/kg , 24 h
(5 min on/10 min off cycles)**

Liu et al, Electromagn Biol Med. 34(1), 85-92, 2015

↑ ROS and late-apoptotic cells

Mouse embryonic fibroblasts
(NIH/3T3)

1800 MHz GSM, 2 W/kg, 0.5-8 hours

*Hou et al, Electromagnetic biology and medicine
34, 85-92, 2015*

↑ ROS and % of late-apoptotic cells
NO DNA damage

Mouse embryonic fibroblasts
(NIH/3T3)

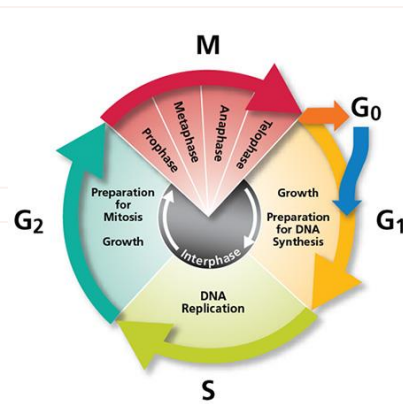
1800 MHz, 4 W/kg, 24 hours

Duan et al., Radiat Res 183(3), 305-14, 2015

NO DNA strand breaks (Comet assay)
and c-H2AX foci formation

GC-2 cells

**Proliferation,
gene and protein expression,
Apoptosis**



1800 MHz GSM, 0.1 to 4 W/kg, 15 min

Sun et al. International journal of radiation biology
88, 239-244, 2012

↑ EGFR clustering on cell membrane
↑ phosphorylated EGFR

Human amniotic (FL) cells

1800 MHz GSM, 0.1 to 4 W/kg, 15 min

Sun et al, Int J Radiat Biol., 89(5), 378-83, 2013

↑ EGFR clustering
inhibited by co-exposure to magnetic field
(30 – 90 Hz, 2 μT)

FL cells

837 MHz and/or 1950 MHz , 2-4 W/kg, 2-4 hours

Kim et al. J Radiat Res, 53(2), 176-83, 2012

NO effect on HSP protein

Human mammary (MCF10A) cells

900 MHz GSM, 0.24 W/kg, 24h

Terro et al, Toxicology 292, 136-144, 2012

CHANGE autophagy-related protein expression

Cortical cells

1950 MHz UMTS, 10 W/kg, 24 hours

Zeni et al. Bioelectromagnetics 33, 497-507, 2012

NO effect on apoptosis (Annexin-V-FITC-PI test)

PC12 rat neuronal cells

837 MHz +1950 MHz, 2+2 W/kg, 4 hours or 2h/day, 3 days

Kim et al, Journal of radiation research 53, 176-183, 2012

NO effect on MAPK kinase phosphorylation

MCF10A cells

900 MHz GSM, 2 W/kg, 6 hours

Simon et al, International journal of cosmetic science
35, 27-34, 2013

NO effect on apoptosis-related parameters
(H&E staining and cleaved caspase-3 expression)

Pigmented and non-pigmented skin
cells

Proliferation, gene and protein expression, apoptosis (2)

1.800 GHz GSM, 2 W/kg, 1 hour

Cervellati et al, Oxid. Med. Cell. Longev, Article ID: 280850, 2013

CHANGE transcript expression of integrin subunits $\alpha 1$, $\alpha 5$ and $\beta 1$ and estrogen receptor β (ER- β)

Human trophoblast cells HTR-8/SV neo

1800 MHz GSM, 2.0 W/kg, 24 h (5 min on/10 min off cycles)

Zhijian et al. Biochem Biophys Res Commun 433(1), 36-9, 2013

CHANGE apoptosis-related protein expression

Human B lymphoblastoid HMy2-CIR cells

1800 MHz CW, 2-4 W/kg, 2 hours

Zang et al, Hum Exp Toxicol. 32(8), 797-806, 2013

CHANGE expression of 8 different proteins (by mass spectrometry)

GSM 900 MHz, 0.25, 1, 2, and 4 W/kg 24h

Bourthoumieu et al, Bioelectromagnetics 34,52-60, 2013

NO effect in P53 expression/activation

Human amniotic cells

1800 MHz GSM , 1, 2 and 4 W/kg , 24 h (5 min on/10 min off cycles)

Liu et al, Toxicol Lett 228(3), 216-24, 2014

CHANGE expression of LC3-I, LC3-II, p62 and p-ERK proteins

GC-2 cells

2.856 GHz, 10-100 mW/cm², 5 min

Zuo et al, Int J Med Sci 11, 426-435, 2014

↑ apoptosis via mitochondrial-dependent caspase-3 pathway

PC12 cells

Proliferation, gene and protein expression, apoptosis (3)

<p>60.4 GHz , 20 mW/cm², 3 hours <i>Habauzit et al, PLoS One, e109435, 2014</i></p>	<p>CHANGE in microarray test in association with temperature increase</p>	<p>Primary human keratinocytes</p>
<p>1.8 GHz GSM-217Hz mod, 2 W/kg, 4-24 hours <i>Valbonesi et al, Int J Radiat Biol, 90(5), 382-91, 2014</i></p>	<p>↑ HSP70 transcript expression (no effect of CW and talk-mode)</p>	<p>PC12 cells</p>
<p>60 GHz, 1-20 mW/cm², 20 min to 24 h <i>Le Quément et al, Bioelectromagnetics 35, 444-51, 2014</i></p>	<p>NO effect on transcript expression of BiP and ORP150 effect on HSP due to thermal increase</p>	<p>Human malignant melanoma cell line (A375) and human keratinocyte cell line (HaCaT)</p>
<p>2.856 GHz, 4 W/kg, 6 min (50 pulses/sec, pulse width 500 ns) <i>Wang et al, PLoS One10(2):e0117550, 2015</i></p>	<p>NO effect on cell cycle and proliferation</p>	<p>Primary murine bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells (BM-MSCs)</p>
<p>900 MHz CW, 2 and 20 W/kg, 90 min and 1800 MHz, 2.5 and 12.4 W/kg, 120 min <i>Kumar et al, Int J Radiat Biol 91(8), 664-72, 2015</i></p>	<p>NO effect on proliferation</p>	<p>Rat lymphoblast</p>
<p>2.856 GHz, 4 W/kg, 6 min (50 pulses/sec, pulse width 500 ns) <i>Wang et al PloS one 10, e0117550, 2015</i></p>	<p>NO effect on apoptosis (Annexin-V-FITC-PI test)</p>	<p>Primary murine bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells</p>
<p>1800 MHz GSM, 0.35 W/kg, 24 h <i>Canseven et al, Electromagnetic biology and medicine 34(4), 322-6, 2015</i></p>	<p>↑ apoptosis (Annexin-V-FITC-PI test), ↓ viability</p>	<p>Burkitt's lymphoma (Raji) cells</p>

Conclusion

- ✓ The literature from 2012 to 2016 still confirms the weak of experimental results according to unavailability of dose-response curves and the spread of the data in terms of SAR values, overall exposure time, etc.
- ✓ In presence of effects, ie at molecular level, they are not deeper investigated in order to identify a possible biological response at different level and to finalize the weight of the results.
- ✓ We still need a more accurate and systematic experimental approach able to suggest possible interaction mechanisms.