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Resumo	<p>Background: Echinometra lucunter is a sea urchin commonly found on America's rocky shores. Its coelomic fluid contains molecules used for defense and biological processes, which may have therapeutic potential for the treatment of amyloid-based neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's, that currently have few drug options available.</p> <p>Methods: In this study, we incubated E. lucunter coelomic fluid (ELCF) and fractions obtained by solid phase extraction in SH-SY5Y neuron-like cells to evaluate their effect on cell viability caused by the oligomerized amyloid peptide 42 (A<math>\beta</math>42o). Moreover, the A<math>\beta</math>42o was quantified after the incubation with ELCF fractions in the presence or not of cells, to evaluate if samples could cause amyloid peptide disaggregation. Antioxidant activity was determined in ELCF fractions, and cells were evaluated to check the oxidative stress after incubation with samples. The most relevant fraction was analyzed by mass spectrometry for identification of molecules.</p> <p>Results: ELCF and certain fractions could prevent and treat the reduction of cell viability caused by A<math>\beta</math>42o in SH-SY5Y neuron-like cells. We found that one fraction (EI50) reduced the oligomerized A<math>\beta</math>42 and the oxidative stress caused by the amyloid peptide through its antioxidant molecules, which in turn reduced cell death. Mass spectrometry analysis revealed that EI50 comprises small molecules containing flavonoid antioxidants, such as phenylpyridazine and dihydroquercetin, and two peptides.</p> <p>Conclusion: Our results suggest that sea urchin molecules may interact with A<math>\beta</math>42o and oxidative stress, preventing or treating neurotoxicity, which may be useful in treating dementia.</p>
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