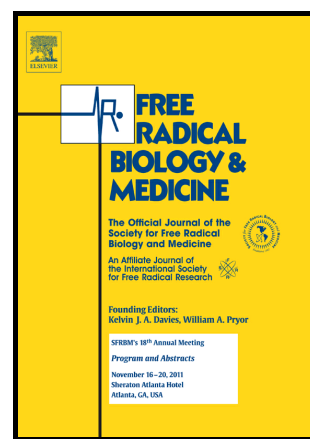


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ABSTRACT

Rationale:

Cystic fibrosis (CF) patients are known to produce cyanide (CN⁻) although challenges exist in determinations of total levels, the precise bioactive levels, and specificity of its production by CF microflora, especially *P. aeruginosa*. Our objective was to measure total CN⁻ levels in CF sputa by a simple and novel technique in *P. aeruginosa* positive and negative adult patients, to review respiratory tract (RT) mechanisms for the production and degradation of CN⁻, and to interrogate sputa for post-transcriptional protein modification by CN⁻ metabolites.

Methods:

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