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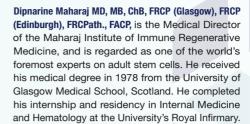
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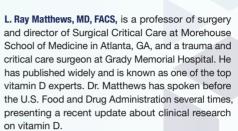


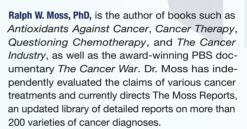
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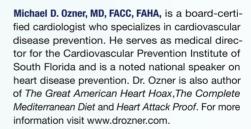


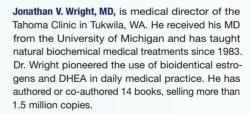
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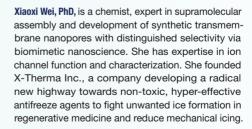


























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Worldwide Obesity Crisis



WILLIAM FALOON

Obesity prevalence has **tripled** across the globe since **1975**.¹

Nearly **60%** of **Europe's** adults are now **overweight** or **obese** ²

A record **73**% of **Americans** are in this category—with nearly **10**% defined as **severely obese**.³⁻⁵

The penalty for this glut of **body fat** is premature **illness** and **death**.⁶

Healthcare systems worldwide struggle to handle surging numbers of patients afflicted with **obesity-related** diseases.^{7,8}

An impediment to shedding pounds with <u>low</u> calorie diets is that our body turns <u>down</u> energy expenditure to conserve calories as **body fat**.

This biological response is called *adaptive thermogenesis*^{9,10} and is explained in the next column.

- ➤ Thermogenesis converts calories into heat energy.

 Extra calories not burned get stored as body fat. 11,12
- ➤ Adaptive in this instance means turning down thermogenic rate in response to reduced food intake.

Adaptive thermogenesis is a factor that thwarts most **reduced-calorie** diets because <u>decreased</u> calorie burn results in less **fat loss**.^{9,10}

Judicious use of agents to <u>boost</u> metabolic rates while <u>reducing</u> calorie intake is a promising strategy to help people lose weight.¹²

A low-cost method has been found to do just that, i.e., <u>increase</u> **energy expenditure** <u>without</u> creating stimulatory side effects.¹²

This month's issue describes how one can safely augment a **weight loss** program.



Rational Use of **Metabolism-Enhancing Agents**

Thermogenesis occurs when the body converts a meal including fats into heat energy. 12

When one goes on a low-calorie diet, thermogenesis decreases over time and creates a "resistance to weight loss."10,12

This occurs as the body compensates for low calorie intake by burning less calories, (reduced thermogenesis) thus causing excess weight to stay on. 10,12 It is a source of frustration to those working to shed fat pounds and keep them off.

A method of counteracting a slowdown in thermogenesis is to take a safe dose of a metabolismenhancing agent to boost energy expenditure.

Red chili peppers have been shown to reduce the risk of becoming overweight or obese. 13,14 People who include red chili peppers in their diet have a lower overall mortality risk. 15-17

Capsaicin is a compound found in red chili peppers that increases thermogenesis, thus supporting weight loss 14,18-23

Tolerability and Bioavailability

Supplements containing capsaicin have been sold for decades, but some people experience digestive upset when using them.24

The major challenge of benefiting from capsaicin is its low bioavailability. It has a short half-life because of rapid metabolism that occurs in the liver.

A novel formulation helps overcome some of these challenges by delivering a functional dose of capsaicin without the digestive irritations.24,25

This improved bioavailability, low cost, plus safe thermogenic mechanism make capsaicin a rational adjunct for those seeking meaningful weight loss results.

Clinical Trial Reveals Modest Effects in 28 days

The use of thermogenesis-enhancing agents, typically combined with calorie reduction, has a potential to induce modest weight loss.22

In order to test the efficacy of a new capsaicin formula, a 28-day placebo-controlled study was conducted.

Overweight volunteers took a 200 mg daily dose of standardized capsaicin that was enclosed in a plant fiber to provide greater systemic bioavailability of the capsaicin.

No changes in food intake or physical activity levels were advised over this brief study period.

The capsaicin group lost 2.1% of their body weight compared to 0.32% for the placebo arm of the study in four weeks.25



For Those Interested in Intermittent Fasting

A growing number of people engage in time-restricted eating where they fast for about 16-hours most days and only eat during an 8-hour window.

Others consume very low or no calories two days each week.

Time-restricted eating produces many health benefits, but after some time their bodies adapt to a low-calorie diet and no longer sustain much weight loss. One reason may be that the body senses food scarcity during the fasting period and conserves energy (body fat).9,10

Use of an effective capsaicin formula to increase energy expenditure combined with time-restricted eating or reduced calorie intake may be better for removing stubborn fat stores. 14,18-23

This 2.1% of weight loss occurred over a brief (28-day) period without the volunteers engaging in the kinds of low-calorie diets that overweight/obese individuals need to shed meaningful body fat.

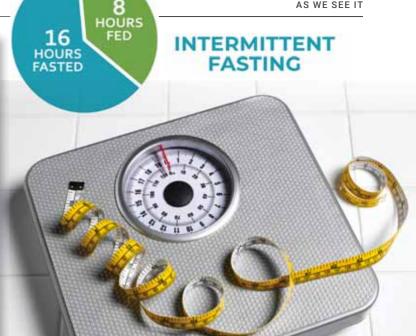
This study supports previous research showing that capsaicin boosts fat-burning energy expenditure without the stimulatory effects encountered with caffeine-ephedrine formulas.12

To achieve sustained reductions in body fat, however, decreased calorie consumption along with some increase in physical activity is highly recommended.

A More Comprehensive Approach

The primary benefit of a thermogenic agent is for people committed to achieving a long-term reduction in body weight.

This usually requires a multi-modal approach that requires a combination of reduced calorie intake and increased energy expenditure through physical activity.9,21



Taking the recommended dose of a thermogenesisenhancing compound is a rational and promising complement to this approach.

By safely increasing thermogenesis, one will likely lose more fat pounds especially when combined with a healthier lifestyle that includes reducing excess calories.

Boosting metabolic rate using a thermogenic compound enables a more comprehensive approach to losing excess body fat than dieting alone.

Based on the 28-day study described earlier, a 225pound person using this new bioavailable capsaicin would lose about **5 pounds** the first month.

A more comprehensive approach is to combine capsaicin with:

- Reduced calorie intake
- Increased physical activity
- · Compounds that boost AMPK activity, like the drug metformin or the plant extract gynostemma pentaphyllum.

This multi-modal strategy will likely produce more sustained results over an extended time period.

Tragedy of Delayed Weight Loss

When **obesity-induced** illnesses like **type II diabetes** strike, a multitude of co-morbidities can follow that include painful neuropathies, kidney impairment, visual disturbances, coronary atherosclerosis, dementia, fatty liver, and/or ischemic stroke.^{6,8,14,21,26,27}

Those who have been overweight for decades often complain about the many degenerative conditions that relentlessly strike them.

I explain to these individuals that **tissue damage** has been smoldering in their **overweight** body for decades, and outward symptoms of these pathologies are only now emerging.

The optimal time to shed excess **body fat** is <u>before</u> serious illnesses develop that are often **irreversible**.

When combined with a healthier lifestyle, using a **thermogenic** compound to maintain **metabolic rates** represents a multi-pronged approach to cutting more body fat.

The article on page 42 describes the **weight loss** mechanisms that occur in response to <u>boosting</u> **thermogenic** energy expenditure.

I hope our readers who harbor excess fat pounds can lose at least **10**% of their body weight in **2023**.

Significant health and longevity benefits occur in those who achieve even modest **body fat** loss.²⁸

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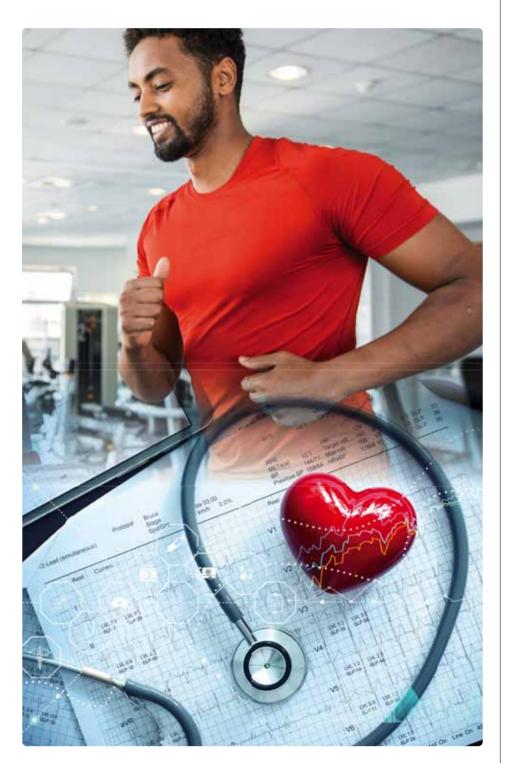
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Reduced Testosterone Levels Associated with Greater Risk of Cardiovascular Disease

A retrospective cohort study suggests that decreased testosterone levels in young males is associated with increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease.*

The investigators used two risk assessment tools to predict the 10-year cardiovascular risk of 1,253 men between the ages of 30 and 79.

In men aged 30-49, cardiovascular incidence was more pronounced, with a 16% and 20% increased risk of disease with low testosterone levels estimated by two risk assessment tools.

Editor's Note: The association between increased cardiovascular risk and low testosterone was consistent in all participants.

* Front Cardiovasc Med. 2022 Apr 14:9:869251.

Improving Vitamin D Levels in Older Age is Linked to Lower Risk of All-Cause Mortality

The benefits of correcting and maintaining vitamin D deficiency accrue even in older age, according to the results of a study published in *BMC Geriatrics*.*

The participants included 1,362 individuals in the Chinese Longitudinal and Health Longevity Survey, aged 60 to 113 whose serum vitamin D levels were measured in 2012 and 2014. Mortality data were collected in 2018. Deficient vitamin D levels were detected among 67.5% of the participants in 2012 and 68.4% in 2014.

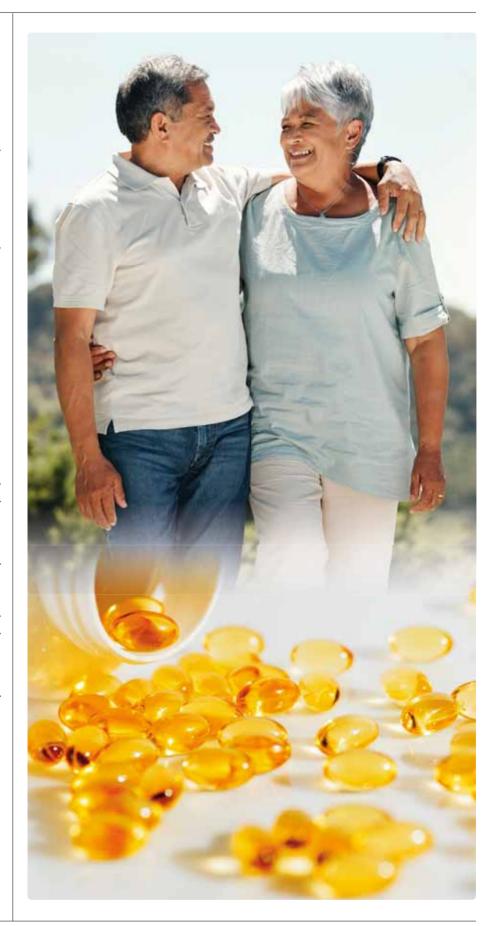
During follow-up, 420 deaths occurred. Individuals who were deficient in vitamin D in 2012 and 2014 had more than twice the mortality risk than those who maintained higher levels.

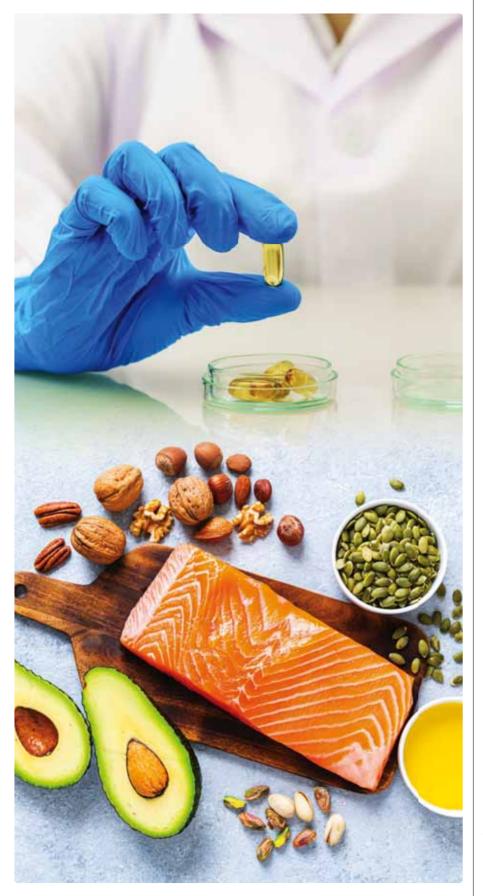
Among participants who maintained sufficient vitamin D or were deficient in 2012 and not deficient in 2014, the risk of dying was **30%** and **53%** lower, respectively, compared to participants who were deficient at both points in time.

This highlights the need to address vitamin D deficiency in older individuals to support longevity and healthy aging.

Editor's Note: The greatest benefit associated with improved vitamin D status was found among women and those people who were 80 years of age or older, the "oldest old."

* BMC Geriatr 22, 245 (2022).





Omega-3 Fatty Acids Could Improve Immunotherapy

Findings from a study done on mice, reported at the American Society for Investigative Pathology's annual meeting, revealed a benefit for adding omega-3 fatty acids to cancerfighting immunotherapy.*

The mice were fed either a standard diet, a diet enhanced with omega-3, or a diet high in omega-6, beginning 10 days before injecting them with tumor cells. One week after the injections, the animals were given either immunotherapy, an anti-inflammatory therapy, both therapies, or no therapy.

Compared to a standard diet, the addition of omega-3 fatty acids resulted in more robust response to the treatment compared to the animals that received immunotherapy or immunotherapy plus anti-inflammatory therapy alone.

Mice that received both cancer therapies and the high omega-3 diet had up to 67% less tumor growth than animals that received no cancer therapies and a standard diet.

An **omega-6**-enhanced diet was associated with significant acceleration of the growth of one tumor type. The typical American diet is loaded with omega-6 fats and deficient in omega-3s.

Editor's Note: Immunotherapy involves harnessing the body's immune system to combat cancer or other diseases. Supplementation with Omega-3 PUFA may enhance its effect. This combination is predicted to revolutionize cancer therapy.

* Available at: https://www.event scribe.net/2022/EB2022/index. asp?posterTarget=466274. Accessed November 4, 2022

Greater Intake of Vitamins A, C, and E Associated with Lower Glaucoma Risk

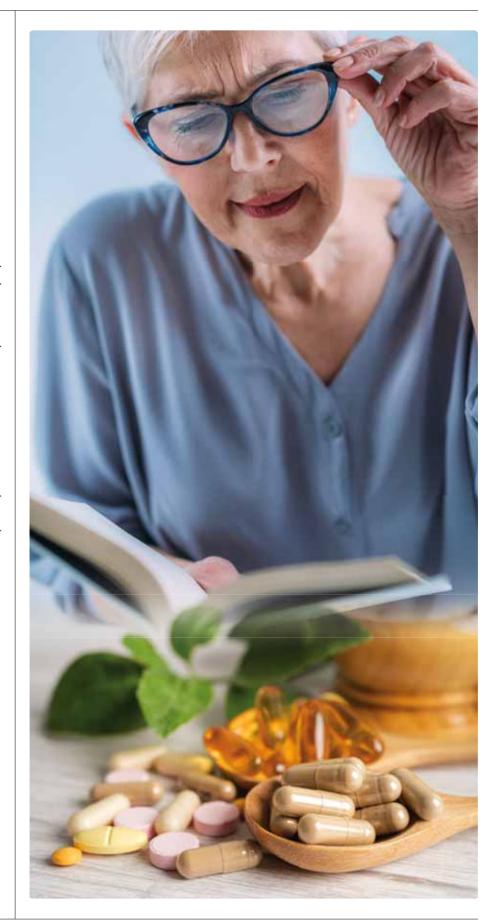
A study presented at the American Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting found an association between *higher* intake of vitamins A, C, and E, and a <u>lower</u> risk of glaucoma.*

A total of 18,669 participants completed questionnaires every other year, providing information about food and supplement intake, and other factors. During a 12-year average follow-up, 266 new cases of glaucoma occurred.

Those who consumed high amounts of vitamins A, C, and E during follow-up had an adjusted **47**% <u>lower</u> risk of developing glaucoma in comparison with those who consumed low amounts.

Editor's Note: The protective effect was observed only when higher amounts of all three vitamins were consumed in combination.

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HOW POMEGRANATE PROMOTES HEART HEALTH



BY RICHARD STEVENS

Pomegranate is a nutrient-dense food with compounds that promote **heart health**. 1-4

Preclinical and clinical studies show that pomegranate can improve blood flow,^{6,7} reduce arterial blood clots,⁵ and modestly lower cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood pressure.⁸

Most notably, pomegranate has been shown to help prevent and even reverse some of the blood vessel damage that can lead to **heart** attack and stroke.^{1,2,9,10}

A clinical study in patients with **atherosclerosis** found that **pomegranate** consumption substantially decreased thickness of **carotid artery** plaques.⁹

Fresh pomegranate fruit or juice can be high in fructose.¹¹ For those who want to avoid the sugar, **pomegranate extracts** provide an alternative.

A Nutritional Powerhouse

All parts of the pomegranate plant, including the fruit, leaves, peel, seeds, and flowers, are packed with beneficial compounds.

These include anthocyanins, flavonoids, and unique tannins (such as punicalagin).²

One of pomegranate's most impressive effects is its ability to protect **aging arteries** in multiple ways, including preventing and even reversing **endothelial dysfunction**.^{1,2}

Endothelial dysfunction refers to damage to the delicate inner lining of blood vessels. This dysfunction is an important contributor to **atherosclerosis**, the buildup of plaque in the arteries.^{10,12}

Atherosclerosis is responsible for a major share of deaths worldwide. 13,14

Improving Lipid Levels

Animal models have shown that **pomegranate** can reduce blood levels of total cholesterol, **LDL cholesterol**, and **triglycerides**. ¹⁵⁻¹⁸

Oxidation of LDL cholesterol makes it more dangerous than normal LDL. Oxidized LDL accumulates in blood vessel walls more easily and accelerates the progression of atherosclerosis. Pomegranate *decreases* the oxidation of lipids. ^{19,20}

In **human** studies, pomegranate use significantly *reduces* blood levels of **oxidized LDL** and reduces **LDL aggregation**. ^{19,21}

Restoring Blood Vessel Function

An important indicator of **endothelial dysfunction** is an impaired ability of blood vessels to **dilate** (widen) when necessary. 10,22

Pomegranate and its extracts *improve* the ability of the **endothelium** to promote arterial relaxation and dilation.^{6,7}

Nitric oxide is one of the body's main **vasodilators**, which means it induces the dilation of arteries.

In endothelial dysfunction, production of *nitric oxide* declines. Preclinical evidence shows that **pomegranate** can boost *nitric oxide* production and improve arterial dilation.²³⁻²⁶

Preventing Blood Clots

Endothelial dysfunction and atherosclerosis increase the risk of abnormal **blood clots**.

Most **heart attacks** and **strokes** are caused by clots forming <u>inside</u> diseased arteries, which reduces blood flow to the heart or brain.^{27,28}

Some of the same compounds contained in pomegranate that benefit arterial health also influence the function of **platelets**, the tiny cells in our blood that form clots.

Thromboxane A2, which is *reduced* by pomegranate, activates platelets and causes their aggregation.^{29,30}

In animal studies, pomegranate *reduced* **clotting** associated with platelets and other factors, even when exposed to stimuli that would normally cause their aggregation.^{5,29}



Improving Blood Pressure

High **blood pressure** is a major risk factor for atherosclerosis and is closely linked with endothelial dysfunction.³¹⁻³³

A class of drug used to lower blood pressure are the **ACE inhibitors**.

Preclinical and clinical research has demonstrated that, like these medications, pomegranate extracts can *inhibit* ACE activity.^{34,35} In fact, multiple clinical studies show that pomegranate is able to help reduce elevated blood pressure.⁸

In people with **high blood pressure**, two weeks of pomegranate intake decreased blood ACE activity by **36%**. In this study, pomegranate lowered systolic blood pressure by **5%**. ³⁵

In other human studies, pomegranate consumption led to reductions in **systolic** and **diastolic** blood pressure.^{8,36,37}

In a study of subjects with **atherosclerosis** in the carotid artery, one year of pomegranate intake reduced **systolic blood pressure** by an average of **12%**.⁹

Those with **systolic blood pressure** levels chronically above **115-120 mmHg** should seek professional guidance on the appropriate medication and/or lifestyle intervention (such as weight loss) to safely achieve **optimal** blood pressure control.

Blood Glucose

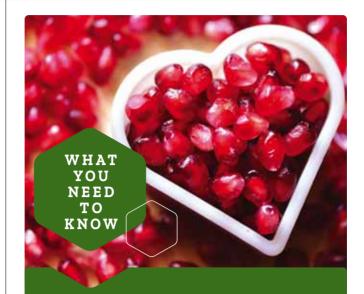
Poor control of **blood glucose** levels is a powerful contributor to both endothelial dysfunction and to atherosclerosis.¹

In animal studies, **pomegranate extract** improved **insulin sensitivity** and reduced **fasting blood glucose** levels.^{38,39}

In studies of patients with **type** II **diabetes** or impaired glucose control, a single dose of pomegranate improved insulin sensitivity and blood glucose control.^{40,41}

Pomegranate may also protect against the damage that glucose causes to tissues, including arteries. A large part of this damage is due to **glycation**, when sugars bind to proteins and alter their function.⁴²

Punicalagin from pomegranate has been shown preclinically to *suppress* the **glycation** of proteins and prevent their accumulation, even in mice fed a **high-sugar** diet.⁴³



Pomegranate Improves Endothelial Health

- **Heart disease** is the most common cause of death worldwide.
- Endothelial dysfunction, damage to the layer of cells lining the inside of arteries, is closely linked to atherosclerosis and risk for cardiovascular disease.
- Pomegranate and its extracts contain many free-radical quenchers and anti-inflammatory nutrients that can shield against a wide range of chronic age-related cardiovascular risks.
- Many of the health benefits of pomegranate are related specifically to blood vessel health, reducing the progression of endothelial dysfunction and atherosclerosis in animal and human studies. This reduces the risk of developing cardiovascular disease.
- Even in subjects already experiencing signs of heart disease, pomegranate intake has been shown to reduce symptoms.

Those with less-than-optimal glycemic markers (glucose + A1C + fasting insulin) despite healthy diet and lifestyle should seek professional guidance on a range of medications that can lower excess blood sugar.

Reducing Atherosclerotic Plaques

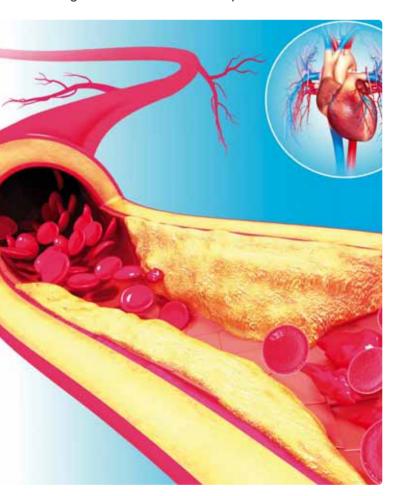
Pomegranate has a profound impact on blood vessel health.

In preclinical investigations, **punicalagin** and **pome-granate extract** have both been shown to help <u>reverse</u> **endothelial dysfunction**. 44,45

Animal models of accelerated **atherosclerosis** also show that pomegranate can prevent and reverse the progression of atherosclerotic plaque.

For example, rodent studies show that **pome-granate** helped maintain arterial health and significantly slowed progression of **atherosclerosis**. ^{46,47} In a mouse study, pomegranate reduced the size of plaques by **44%**.²¹

Human trials have found striking effects on improving **cardiovascular disease** parameters.



One clinical study evaluated patients with **atherosclerosis** in the **carotid arteries**. Pomegranate consumption *decreased* the extent of atherosclerotic plaque by up to **35**% after a year. Those who did not receive pomegranate had a **9**% *worsening* of atherosclerosis.

In adults with ischemic **heart disease** (insufficient oxygen delivery and blood flow to the heart muscle), pomegranate significantly reduced the intensity, occurrence, and duration of **angina** (chest pain) episodes.⁴⁸ It also lowered the level of **troponin** in the blood, an acute marker of damage to the heart muscle.

Another study in patients with **heart disease** found that while exercise-induced **ischemia** (reduced blood flow) of the heart increased in a control group over three months, patients receiving **pomegranate juice** had a significant ischemia *decrease*.⁴⁹

These studies and others make it clear that pomegranate can help reduce risks for atherosclerosis and symptoms of heart damage in those with existing cardiac issues.

Summary

Pomegranate and its **extracts** have demonstrated abilities to prevent and <u>reverse</u> **endothelial dysfunction**, a blood vessel malfunction that contributes to **atherosclerosis**.

Pomegranate also improves blood pressure, glucose, lipid status, and abnormal clotting.

Through all these actions, pomegranate may reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular disorders and relieve symptoms in people with preexisting heart disease. •

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Resveratrol Bioavailability

Resveratrol is a polyphenol compound found in several plants, most notably red grapes, some berries, and Japanese knotweed.

In its **free form**, resveratrol has poor **bioavailabil- ity**. ⁴⁻⁶ Most of the free resveratrol does not end up in the bloodstream and cannot get to the tissues where it can exert beneficial effects.

The main reason is that <u>active</u> resveratrol is rapidly **metabolized**.⁴⁻⁶

Protecting Against Rapid Degradation

Researchers discovered that a plant fiber formulation can *protect* resveratrol from rapid metabolism, greatly enhancing its **bioavailability** and delivery to tissues.⁴

Galactomannans are a plant-derived, indigestible fiber. Human *enzymes* cannot break this fiber down.

Embedding resveratrol in a matrix of these fibers creates a **hydrogel** that protects the resveratrol from rapid degradation in the liver and digestive tract.

In a recent trial, **human** subjects were randomized to receive either this new **hydrogel** form of resveratrol or the same dose of regular <u>unformulated</u> resveratrol.⁴ The new formulation *increased* **bioavailability** of resveratrol by more than **10 times**.

In addition, the hydrogel resveratrol resulted in almost **four-fold** greater **peak blood levels** of resveratrol and nearly a **four-fold** greater **half-life**. That means the new resveratrol reached *higher* levels in the body and staved in the bloodstream longer.

Why Resveratrol Is Biologically Important

Resveratrol is a phytonutrient that impacts several cellular processes.

For example, it activates:2,3

- Sirtuins, proteins that regulate cellular health and longevity,
- Nrf2, a master regulator of the body's defense against oxidative damage, and
- FOXO, a regulator of autophagy, the process of "cellular housekeeping" that keeps tissues healthy.

Through its impact on these and other systems, **resveratrol** helps prevent or mitigate several different forms of **chronic disorders**.

Resveratrol's actions also mimic some beneficial actions found with **calorie-restricted** diets and **exercise**, which both improve metabolic health.

Through its various actions, **resveratrol** provides a broad array of benefits that can help improve **insulin sensitivity**, activate **longevity genes**, and reduce **chronic inflammation**.^{2,3}



Multifaceted Effects

The effects of resveratrol extend to practically every organ system.

Among the potential benefits observed in a wide range of studies, **resveratrol** has been shown to:

- Promote longevity. Resveratrol intake is associated with longer lifespan in a range of model organisms. For example, short-lived flies fed different resveratrol concentrations had mean lifespan extension of 10% to 29%.⁷⁻⁹ In bees, it increases the maximum lifespan by 38%.¹⁰
- Improve metabolic health. Metabolic health underpins the health of *all systems* in the body, and resveratrol supports optimal metabolism. Preclinical and clinical research shows it can help improve insulin sensitivity and lipid levels, aid in control of diabetes, decrease body weight, and improve the mix of healthy intestinal flora.^{3,11-19}
- Protect heart parameters. In clinical and preclinical studies, resveratrol has been shown to improve blood vessel function and blood pressure. By these and other means, resveratrol can help fight underlying causes of cardiovascular disorders.^{2,15-17,20,21}
- Improve brain indicators. Data from preclinical studies have shown that resveratrol can reduce neuroinflammation and the accumulation of abnormal proteins associated with neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. 1,3,22-24 In a fruit fly model, a special form of resveratrol also conferred neuroprotective benefits. 8
- Encourage immune and anti-inflammatory effects. Resveratrol has shown immunomodulatory effects in preclinical trials, which could bolster healthy immune function to defend against various pathogens and toxins. It also possesses anti-inflammatory properties.^{1,3,20}
- Promote anti-cancer activity. Preclinical studies show resveratrol has anti-cancer activity, blocking abnormal cell growth, killing aberrant cells, and preventing the spread of these cells in the body.³

With greater bioavailability, **hydrogel resveratrol** can maximize the potential to achieve these types of benefits.



A Better Resveratrol at Last

- **Resveratrol** is a polyphenol compound found in various plants, particularly red grapes, some berries, and Japanese knotweed.
- It has been shown in a number of different models to promote **longevity**, and has been studied for improving metabolic, cardiovascular, brain, and immune health.
- Until recently, resveratrol suffered from poor **bioavailability**.
- A new **hydrogel** formula uses plantderived fiber to protect resveratrol from being metabolically broken down, improving the bioavailability of resveratrol by up to **10 times**, allowing it to reach greater concentrations in the bloodstream, for a longer time.

Summary

Resveratrol has shown an ability in preclinical models and in different types of organisms to prolong life as well as to dampen an array of pathologic mechanisms.

In humans, resveratrol has been studied to target a number of disease mechanisms.

Poor bioavailability of **resveratrol** has long been an issue, but a new **hydrogel** formulation protects it, allowing greater **bioavailability**.

A clinical study has shown that this **hydrogel resveratrol** offers up to *10 times* greater bioavailability than unformulated resveratrol. •

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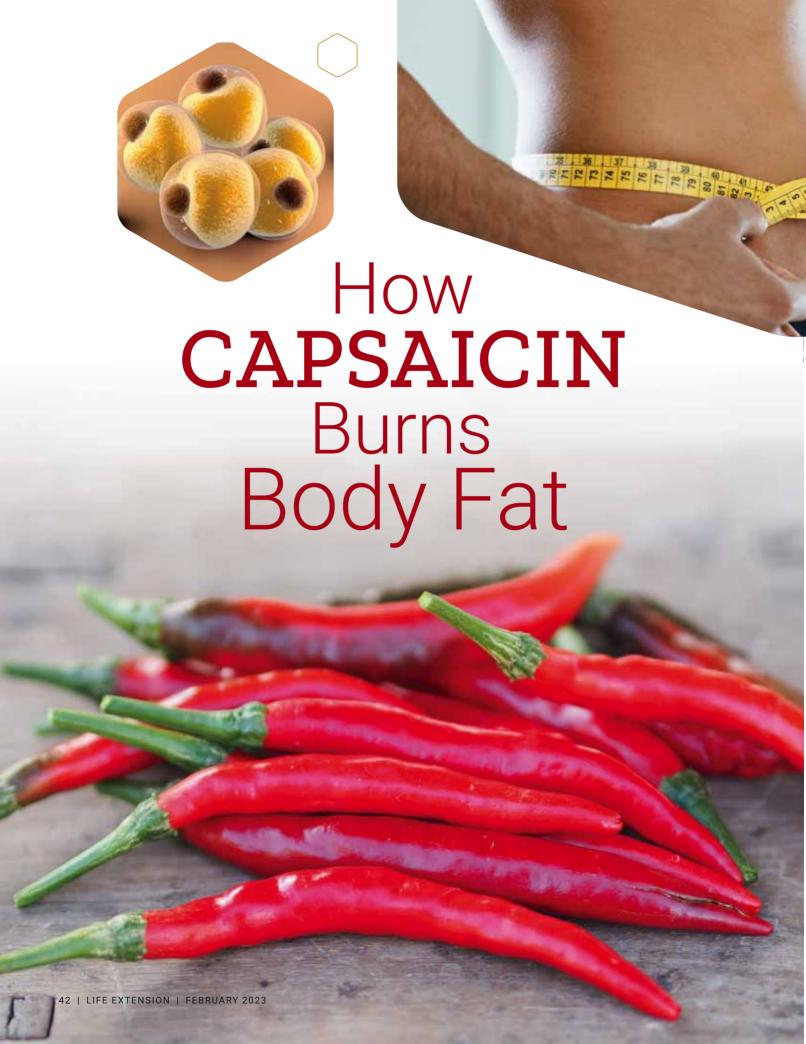


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Sometimes, no matter how much we **diet**, we don't lose significant **weight**.

Many people ask, "Why am I not losing more fat pounds when I am eating less and watching my calories?"

One reason is that the body adapts to \underline{lower} calorie intake by burning \underline{less} energy when we're at rest.^{1,2}

Scientists have long searched for a solution to <u>increase</u> resting energy expenditure.

A compound derived from **red chili peppers**, called **capsaicin**, does exactly that.^{2,3}

The challenge was finding a way for people to take capsaicin at a dose that will yield the desired effect without experiencing stomach irritation.⁴

The solution is an **encapsulation** process that protects the stomach while delivering capsaicin's **thermogenic** properties to the body.

In a **clinical trial**, encapsulated **capsaicin** was shown to promote **weight loss** in just four weeks.⁴

Compared to the **placebo** group, people taking **capsaicin** had greater <u>reductions</u> in **body weight**.⁴



Why Diets Stop Working

One principle of weight gain is simple—energy intake exceeds energy expenditure.¹

Reducing calorie intake and increasing exercise is usually viewed as the best way to overcome this imbalance.^{1,3}

However, a phenomenon known as **adaptive ther-mogenesis** can limit the success of a calorie-lowering, weight loss program.²

Thermogenesis is a body process that converts calories into heat energy. This allows the body to maintain a stable temperature, support healthy metabolism—and control **body weight**.⁵

Adaptive thermogenesis occurs when the body reacts to <u>reduced</u> calorie intake by **lowering** the amount of energy (fat) it burns, particularly when the body is at rest.^{1,2}

This makes it harder to lose weight and creates a vicious cycle in which the *more* calories are reduced, the *less* effect it has on weight loss. It's one reason that dedicated dieters often regain weight.^{1,2}

This is where **thermogenesis** comes in.

Augment A Weight Loss Plan

Nutrients that support thermogenesis can help augment an existing weight management program by *increasing* the resting energy expenditure, *burning* more fat and calories.⁶

One of the most potent, plant-based thermogenic compounds is **capsaicin**. It is the major "thermogenic" compound in **red chili peppers**.^{3,4}

Capsaicin increases **resting energy expenditure**, so that more calories are burned even when the body is at rest.

It has long been of interest as a means to *boost* the effects of a **weight loss** program.

Activating Beneficial Brown Fat

Scientists believe capsaicin's thermogenic properties relate to its ability to <u>activate</u> **brown fat**. ^{3,6-9}

Normal fat is **white fat**, which can be **pro-inflam-matory** when accumulated in excess, particularly when it collects in the **abdomen**.

Brown fat, on the other hand, burns energy, often when triggered by cold temperatures. While white fat cells **store** excess energy, brown fat cells **dissipate** energy as heat.^{8,10}

Brown fat tissue is associated with greater calorie burning and protection against obesity and metabolic diseases.¹⁰

Preclinical studies also show that the presence of **brown fat** is associated with thermogenesis, lower body mass index (BMI), and improved fasting glucose levels.^{3,6-8}

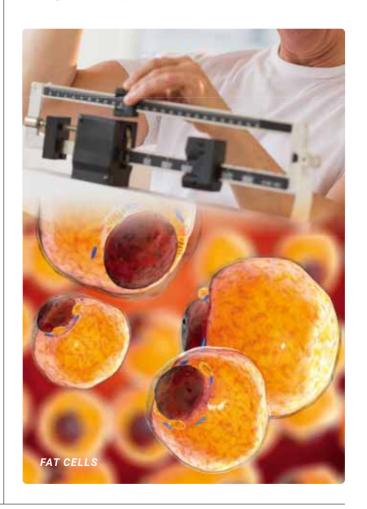
By activating brown fat, **capsaicin** supports weight loss.

Capsaicin's Fat-Reducing Mechanism

Research published in **2021** by **Harvard Medical School** suggests that capsaicin can mimic the effect of cold temperatures in order to <u>activate</u> energy-burning **brown fat** cells.¹⁰

It appears to do so by activating a protein known as **TRPV1** (transient receptor potential vanilloid type-1), which regulates body metabolism and temperature.^{3,6,7}

By activating TRPV1, **capsaicin** triggers the body to activate **brown fat cells**, which in turn burn calories through **thermogenesis**.^{3,6,7}







Protection Against Stomach Irritation

There has long been a problem with taking capsaicin. It is the compound responsible for **red chili peppers'** heat.

Capsaicin can irritate the lining of the digestive tract, causing nausea, diarrhea, and acid reflux.^{4,11}

Scientists have devised a solution.

Encapsulating the capsaicin in a patented fiber **hydrogel** *inhibit*s the compound's irritating effects and gastrointestinal discomforts.¹¹

This allows capsaicin to be safely ingested and better absorbed.

Clinical Validation

To test this **capsaicin** formula, researchers enlisted 21 overweight volunteers aged 38 years, on average, for a **placebo-controlled** clinical trial.⁴

Subjects were already moderately active, getting one to five hours of moderate exercise weekly. During the study, they maintained their regular food intake and activities. They also completed two questionnaires about appetite and eating behavior.

One group took **200 mg** of **encapsulated capsaicin** every morning, half an hour after breakfast, while the other received a **placebo**.

Boost Your Weight Loss Plan

- Capsaicin, a compound derived from red chili pepper, has been shown to increase the body's energy expenditure by promoting the burning of calories, even at rest.
- The stomach discomfort associated with oral ingestion of *unformulated* capsaicin has long discouraged its use.⁵ Scientists have developed a formula that provides a safe and tolerable way to obtain its weight loss benefits.
- A human study shows that this new form of capsaicin reduced **body weight**, waist-to-hip ratio, body mass index, and appetite.
- This patented capsaicin formulation can help boost any existing weight loss program.

After only 28 days, the capsaicin group had:4

- An average 2.1% reduction in body weight (compared to 0.32% for the placebo group),
- A mean 4% decrease in waist-to-hip ratio (vs. 1% for the placebo group), and
- A reduction of 2.2% in body mass index (vs. 0.3% for the placebo group).

This **2.1%** body weight reduction represents a loss of about **one pound** of weight **per week**.

The questionnaires revealed that treated subjects reported a significant *reduction* in **uncontrolled eating** and **appetite**.

The encapsulated **capsaicin** was found to be safe, with high tolerability, and was determined to be **well-absorbed** into the blood.

Other Benefits

Capsaicin is associated with effects beyond thermogenesis. Increasing evidence suggests that it may play a role in:^{3,7,11-13}

- · Regulation of metabolic health,
- Glucose metabolism.
- Cardiovascular health.
- · Anti-obesity effects, and
- · Reduced mortality risk.

Summary

Studies show that **capsaicin**, derived from red chili peppers, increases resting energy expenditure and boosts the burning of calories.

Researchers have created a unique form of capsaicin by encapsulating it in a plant fiber hydrogel. The result is more thermogenic benefits without the stomach distress of regular capsaicin.⁴

Clinical data show that it can safely promote **weight loss**, lower waist-to-hip ratio and body mass index, and reduce appetite.

This **capsaicin** formulation offers a new way for people to **augment** a **weight loss** program. ●

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Not All Capsaicin Is the Same

Capsaicin is derived from red chili pepper. Studies have shown that it is an effective compound to help reduce body weight by promoting energy expenditure. ^{5,6}

Regular **capsaicin** can cause stomach distress. This has discouraged people from taking advantage of capsaicin's weight loss benefits.

In a recent development, a **patented** process surrounds the capsaicin, using a **fenugreek galactomannan fiber**, which allows for sustained, targeted, and minimally irritating intestinal delivery.

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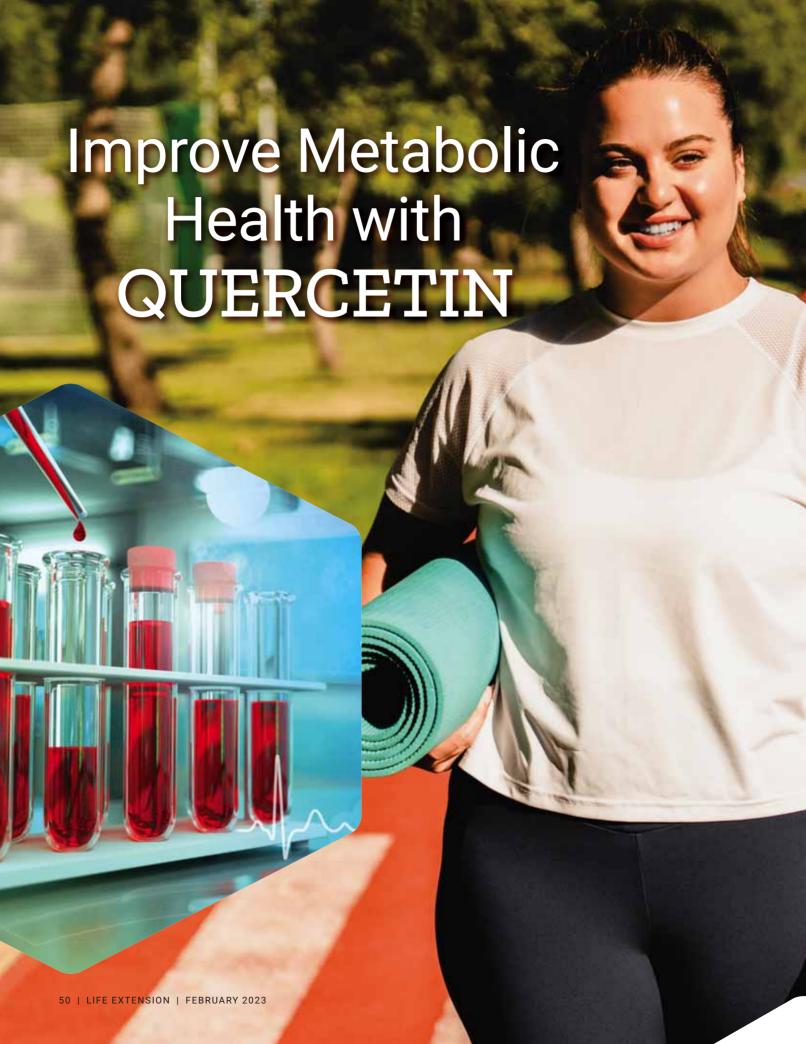
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What is Metabolic Syndrome?

Metabolic syndrome is a cluster of conditions that includes any three of the following: ⁶

- Elevated blood pressure
- High blood sugar
- Large waist circumference
- Low HDL cholesterol
- High triglycerides

Individuals with **metabolic syndrome** are at increased risk of diabetes and its complications, cardiovascular disease, age-related disorders, and death.^{6,7}

Ouercetin to the Rescue

Scientists have long been intrigued about why unprocessed, plant-based diets are protective against metabolic disease.

One nutrient, the flavonoid **quercetin**, is particularly prevalent in a wide range of fruits, vegetables, and medicinal plants. Hundreds of studies—in cell culture, animals, and humans—have documented the multiple properties of this nutrient.

Many of its effects in the body apply directly to metabolic health, reversing many of the changes present when metabolic health is not ideal.⁴

In a controlled clinical trial in older adults with **metabolic syndrome**, quercetin was shown to improve metabolic health, reduce cardiovascular risk factors, and decrease participants' metabolic age.⁵

Better Blood Glucose Control

Metabolic disease is usually thought to be caused by **insulin resistance** and insufficient blood **glucose control**.

The hormone insulin helps cells to take up and process nutrients from the diet, including sugars. In most metabolic diseases, cells fail to respond to insulin appropriately; this is called **insulin resistance**.^{8,9}

The result of **insulin resistance** is high **blood levels** of **glucose** that contribute to chronic degenerative diseases that accompany aging. That is why individuals with diabetes or the metabolic syndrome have *higher* rates of most chronic diseases.²

After-meal glucose spikes are damaging for all individuals, and likely more so for diabetics. These blood sugar surges are contributors to cellular and vascular damage and raise the risk of cardiovascular disease and premature death.

Quercetin has been shown to *improve* **glucose control** as shown on the following page:



 Preclinical studies show quercetin helps activate cellular pathways—such as AMPK that improve metabolism and reverse insulin resistance.^{4,10,11}

- A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials revealed that quercetin supplementation for eight weeks or more, at a dosage of 500 mg or higher, reduced fasting blood glucose.
 That same dose also reduced excess insulin concentrations.¹²
- Remarkably, even one single dose of quercetin has been demonstrated to exert a beneficial clinical effect in a study in type II diabetics. In a randomized, placebo-controlled trial, 24 diabetics already being treated with medication were given 400 mg of quercetin before receiving a simple sugar. After the sugar dose, blood glucose was suppressed in those who received quercetin, compared to the placebo arm.¹³
- Another clinical trial found that long-term quercetin supplementation resulted in a significantly improved response (lower blood sugar spike) to an oral glucose tolerance test.⁵

Quercetin supplementation clearly resulted in improved glucose control and a healthier carbohydrate metabolism.

Improved Lipid Levels

Another prominent feature of metabolic disease is elevated levels of LDL cholesterol and triglycerides and reduced HDL cholesterol (the "good cholesterol").² Like elevated blood glucose, these changes are contributors to cardiovascular disease.^{1,2}

Multiple human studies have shown the benefits of quercetin for lipid abnormalities.

In overweight and obese adults with early metabolic syndrome, **150 mg** of quercetin daily reduced **blood pressure** and oxidized **LDL cholesterol**.¹⁴

In healthy men, **150 mg** of quercetin daily for eight weeks decreased **waist circumference**, after-meal **systolic blood pressure** (top number), and after-meal **triglyceride** levels.¹⁵



Improve Metabolism with Quercetin

- Metabolic disorders are increasingly common, and scientists warn of a growing epidemic.
- Metabolic abnormalities include obesity, diabetes, the metabolic syndrome, abnormal blood lipid levels, and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.
- All these related disorders dramatically increase the risk for age-related chronic diseases, from cancer to dementia.
- Scientists have found that quercetin a flavonoid found in many plants—is protective of metabolic health.
- Clinical and preclinical studies show that supplementation with quercetin can benefit many aspects of metabolic disease, improving blood glucose control and lipid levels while protecting the liver and reducing inflammation and oxidative stress.

In a placebo-controlled trial in 110 patients with metabolic syndrome, aged 60-74, **240 mg** of quercetin daily for three months lowered **total** and **LDL cholesterol** ⁵

A randomized controlled trial found that daily supplementation with quercetin lowered total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, and triglycerides, and raised HDL cholesterol. ¹⁶

Protection of the Gut and Liver

Animal research has shown that quercetin can protect the liver from abnormal accumulations of fats and can improve lipid metabolism.¹⁷⁻²¹

Even in patients being treated for **non-alcoholic fatty liver** disease, quercetin supplementation has been found to improve liver health, reducing signs of liver damage and inflammation while improving lipid levels.²²

It may also improve the gut microbiome, the mix of bacteria that reside in the intestines. Quercetin may help shift the mix of these microorganisms into a healthier form. Such changes would be expected to reduce inflammation and "leaky gut" and to have the potential of improving the health of other organs as well, body wide.²³

Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome

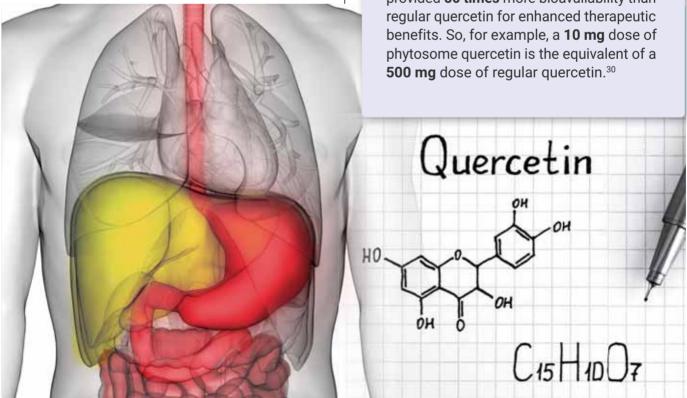
Obesity adds to risks of metabolic disturbances. A prospective study assessing the mortality status of 6,678 healthy middle-aged men concluded that **metabolic syndrome** increased the risk of sudden death from **heart attack** by **68%**.⁷

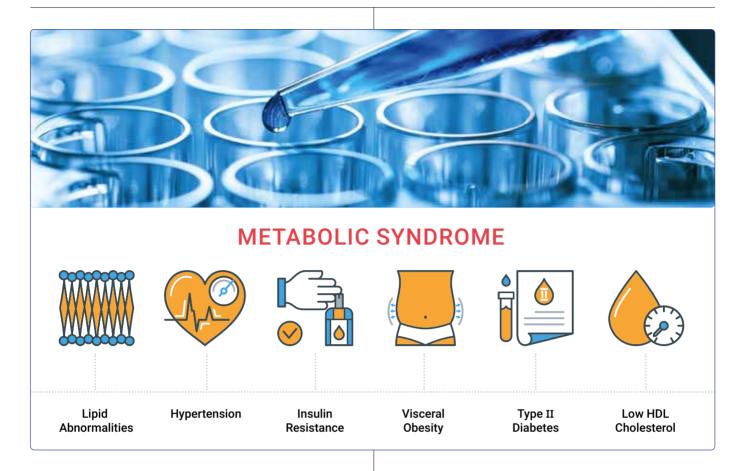
A trial of overweight and obese adults with early metabolic syndrome tendencies tested **150 mg** of quercetin daily. This modest dose reduced blood pressure and lowered levels of oxidized LDL cholesterol.²⁴

Not All Quercetin is the Same

Despite its wide-ranging benefits, quercetin is generally difficult for the body to fully absorb.

Looking to solve this problem, researchers discovered that when quercetin was surrounded by a plant-based **phytosome**, it became much more absorbable. In a clinical study, a **phytosome quercetin** provided **50 times** more bioavailability than regular quercetin for enhanced therapeutic benefits. So, for example, a **10 mg** dose of phytosome quercetin is the equivalent of a **500 mg** dose of regular quercetin.³⁰





Another clinical study found that the same dose of quercetin (150 mg/day) for eight weeks decreased waist circumference and after-meal systolic blood pressure, while also lowering after-meal triglyceride levels in a group of otherwise healthy men.¹⁵

Reduction in Inflammation & Oxidative Stress

Chronic inflammation and oxidative stress due to free radicals are major contributors to all chronic diseases, especially metabolic disease.

Quercetin provides potent activity against both issues. It reduces oxidative stress and promotes the expression of antioxidant enzymes so that the body can better protect itself.

At the same time, quercetin powerfully controls inflammation by modulating cell signaling pathways. Clinical and non-clinical studies have demonstrated that it decreases production of pro-inflammatory compounds and helps prevent chronic inflammation.²⁵⁻²⁸

Increased dietary intake of flavonoids such as quercetin may reduce the risk of chronic illnesses.29

Summary

Metabolic disease is increasingly common. Abnormalities of metabolism manifest in several different conditions including diabetes, obesity, lipid abnormalities, and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

The epidemic of these disorders is expected to increase and will contribute to rapid aging and most chronic diseases.

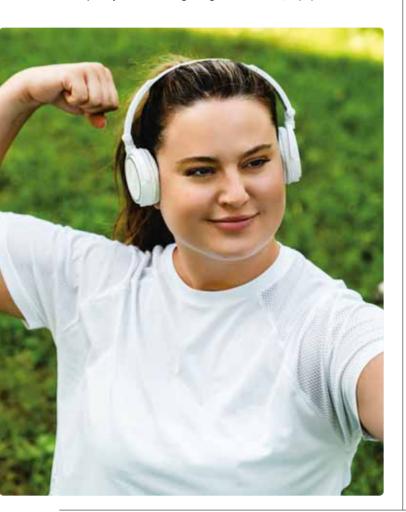
Quercetin, a flavonoid found in several different fruits and vegetables, has a profound effect on metabolic health.

Studies show that supplementation with quercetin has positive effects on many aspects of metabolism, including improved blood glucose control, trimmer physique, improved blood lipid levels and gut health, and protection of the liver. •

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Feel Better FASTER During COLDS & FLU

BY MICHAEL DOWNEY

Colds and flu can make anyone miserable.

They pose a particular risk to **older adults**, who have reduced **immune** responses.^{1,2}

Human studies show that <u>three</u> nutrients, taken in the *early* stages of a cold or flu, can activate **immune** functions to *change the* course of the illness.³⁻⁶

These nutrients can reduce the **duration** and **severity** of the cold or flu, making people feel better faster and decreasing the danger to older adults.

Protection Against Colds and Flu

Over **one billion colds** occur in the U.S. each year,⁷ typically lasting about seven days.⁸

Up to **20**% of Americans contract the **flu** each year, which can lead to sometimes-fatal complications including **pneumonia**—particularly in older adults.⁷

Flu vaccines don't protect against **colds**⁷ and don't even protect against all the strains of **flu** virus.⁹

In human studies, scientists have demonstrated that **elderberry**, **zinc**, and **vitamin C** can help target respiratory infections:³⁻⁶

- Elderberry extract was shown to resolve upper respiratory symptoms up to four days earlier than a placebo,^{4,5}
- Zinc lozenges were found to reduce duration of colds by up to 44% and severity of symptoms by as much as 50% when initiated soon after symptoms appear,³ and
- Vitamin C reduced duration of colds by 9.4% overall and by 18% in children.⁶

Supplementation should be started as soon as possible after symptoms begin.^{3,4,6,10} This strategy applies to <u>all</u> approaches including anti-viral flu drugs such as Xofluza® to get people back on their feet quickly.¹¹



Elderberry

Elderberries contain anthocyanins, which are plant pigments that have demonstrated immunomodulating, antioxidant, antiviral, and anti-inflammatory effects. 5,12,13

Elderberries' **antiviral** effects have been shown in two major reports:

- A systematic review of previous studies published in 2021 found that elderberry extract may safely reduce the duration of flu and cold infections and reduce the severity of colds.⁵
- An earlier meta-analysis of clinical trials showed that elderberry extract can significantly reduce the duration of illness in people with flu or cold infections.¹²

Cell culture studies found that **elderberry** and its extract had direct antiviral effects against **viral respiratory tract infections** such as colds and flu.

In high (in vitro) doses, *nearly 100%* of cells were protected against infection.^{14,15} The positive outcomes were observed even in the virulent form of flu virus that caused the **1918** Spanish flu pandemic **(H1N1).**¹⁵

Later studies demonstrated similar effects in humans. In one, people suffering from upper respiratory symptoms who used elderberry extract had their symptoms resolve four days earlier than those taking a placebo.⁴

Zinc

Zinc is critical to maintaining **immune system** strength. It helps with normal development and function of key immune components, including:¹⁶

- Natural killer cells, which kill virally infected cells and tumor cells,
- Lymphocytes, which produce antibodies and help control immune responses,
- Neutrophils, which travel to infection sites and ingest bacteria or viruses, and
- Macrophages, which surround and kill harmful microorganisms.

Zinc deficiency is common among the elderly. 17,18 Data show that oral intake of zinc by the elderly boosts the stress response of **white blood cells**, enhancing immune response. 19

Zinc also seems to **coat the receptors** that **viruses** use to bind to cells. This means that viruses may be kept out of body cells, effectively **blocking** them from replicating out of control.²⁰

A meta-analysis of clinical trials evaluated the effects of taking more than **75 mg** of zinc per day, in the form of **zinc acetate lozenges** every few hours throughout the day, starting after the first sign of symptoms. Results of this analysis showed:

- Reduced duration of various cold symptoms by between 18% to 54%, and
- Colds themselves were reduced in duration by 42%.

Vitamin C

Vitamin C enhances growth and survival of infection-fighting **immune cells** by:²¹⁻²³

- Helping to increase levels of antibody-producing lymphocytes,
- Boosting function of infection-engulfing neutrophils, and
- Supporting natural killer cell activity.

Scientists have also demonstrated broader immune benefits of **vitamin C**, including:^{23,24}

- Neutralization of excess free radicals caused by the immune system's fight against infectious organisms,²³
- Preclinically, increased interferons have been demonstrated; these are chemical signaling molecules the body produces to trigger immune mechanisms,²³
- Support for production of collagen, the protein that helps respiratory and digestive tract linings maintain an anti-infection barrier,²⁴ and
- Reduction of histamine, a pro-inflammatory compound that plays a role in infections and allergy symptoms.²⁴

A large review paper on **vitamin C** and infections found that vitamin C <u>reduced</u> **duration** of colds by **9.4%** on average (**8%** in adults, **18%** in children).⁶



Strengthen Your Immune System— Fast

- Respiratory infections, such as colds and flu, have the potential to be lifethreatening for aging people.
- Research has found that zinc, elderberry, and vitamin C help support the immune system and can reduce the severity and duration of colds and flu when taken at the first sign of symptoms.
- **Zinc** lozenges have been shown to reduce duration of colds by an average of **42**%.
- Elderberry extract helps resolve upper respiratory symptoms up to four days earlier than a placebo.
- Vitamin C has been shown to reduce duration of colds by an average of 9.4% overall and by 18% in children.

Other studies have found that vitamin C reduces **duration**^{6,25,26} and **incidence**²⁷⁻²⁹ of colds. Some evidence has suggested greater benefit with *higher* doses and if intake begins right after symptom onset.⁸

The human body cannot produce or effectively store vitamin C. So, levels should be replenished **daily**.³⁰

In an analysis of two clinical trials scientists found that a combination of **1,000 mg** vitamin C plus **10 mg** zinc over five days of treatment, was more efficient in reducing symptoms of cold than a placebo.³¹ This may indicate the importance of a multi-nutrient strategy.

Along with **elderberry** and **zinc**, **vitamin C** can provide important **immune support**.

Summary

Colds and **flu** can pose a substantial risk to older adults due to age-related immune decline.

Clinical studies demonstrate that, when taken for a short course at the first sign of symptoms, **elderberry**, **zinc**, and **vitamin C** can support the immune functions and reduce the *severity and duration* of certain viral infections. •

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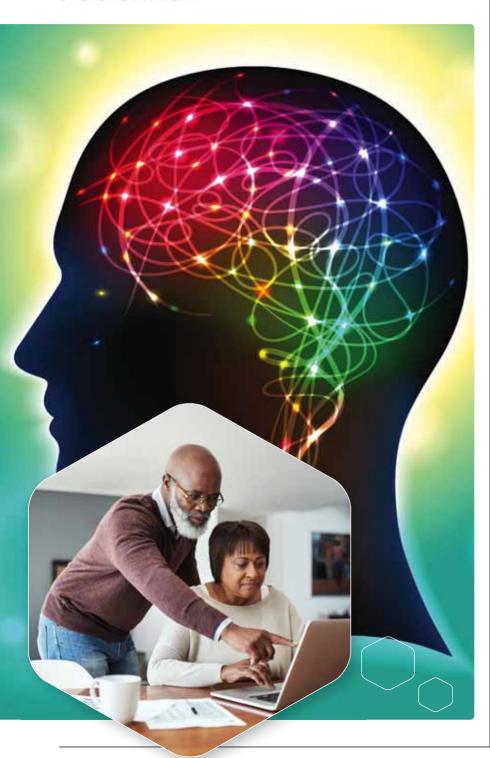
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BY LAURIE MATHENA



Many people accept brain fog, slower brain speed, and lack of motivation as a normal part of aging.

It doesn't have to be.

Cognitive changes can occur due to an <u>increase</u> in an *enzyme* called **MAO-B** (monoamine oxidase B) in the brain.

MAO-B breaks down *dopamine*, a neurotransmitter that is central to many aspects of **cognitive functioning**.¹

Overactivity of MAO-B also produces **toxic compounds** that damage brain cells and contribute to **neurodegenerative** risks.^{1,2}

Research has shown that *inhibiting* MAO-B reduces *cognitive decline*.^{1,2}

In animal studies, lowered MAO-B activity is associated with *increased longevity*. 3-6

Preclinical evidence has revealed that **phellodendron tree bark** is an **inhibitor** of **MAO-B**.⁷

By preserving healthy **dopamine** levels, **phellodendron bark** may help maintain clear thinking, cognitive function, and motivation—while reducing potential risk for neurodegeneration.

What is Dopamine?

Dopamine is a **neurotransmitter** that carries signals—chemical "messages"—between brain cells.¹

It is sometimes called the "feel-good" neurotransmitter. It also plays a role in various aspects of **cognitive functioning**, including attention, motivation, and movement.^{8,9}

The levels of **dopamine** decline by about **13%** each decade after age 45.¹⁰ A meta-analysis of 95 studies including 2,611 healthy adults concluded that activity in the brain's dopamine system decreases by an average of **3.7%–14.0%** per decade age.¹¹

<u>Low</u> dopamine levels are associated with depression, lack of motivation and pleasure, and symptoms of drug withdrawal.^{2,8}

Loss of dopamine function has also been shown to play a major role in the development of some neurodegenerative diseases.¹²

How MAO-B Overactivity Damages the Brain

One potential underlying cause of low brain dopamine levels is an increase in the enzyme **MAO-B**, which breaks down dopamine.¹

MAO-B activity *increases* in the brain as we age.¹³

As MAO-B increases, highly toxic byproducts are formed that can damage brain cells.² This damage has been linked to brain deterioration and development of age-related neurodegenerative diseases, including Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

Researchers have hypothesized that when MAO-B activity is **normal**, these toxic byproducts are largely neutralized by antioxidant defenses.^{2,13,14}

Inhibiting MAO-B overactivity prevents some of the breakdown of dopamine that occurs with aging. The dopamine system is complex, including not only dopamine levels but also multiple types of dopamine receptors and transporters, all of which vary across different brain regions.¹¹

Phellodendron Inhibits MAO-B

Scientists have identified, in preclinical models, **phellodendron tree bark** as one of the strongest and most selective plant-derived **MAO-B inhibitors**.^{7,15}

One study found that **phelloden-dron** inhibited activity up to **5.6-fold**. This is comparable to **deprenyl**, an MAO-B-inhibiting drug used to treat Parkinson's and depression.⁷

The ability of **phellodendron** to inhibit MAO-B means it has the potential to maintain dopamine levels *and* block the neurotoxic effects of the enzyme's overactivity.

Phellodendron Protects Cognitive Function

Phellodendron has **neuroprotective** properties that go beyond MAO-B inhibition.¹⁶⁻¹⁸

In one cell model of **Alzheimer's disease**, phellodendron extract protected against **beta-amyloid toxic-ity**, ¹⁷ which is commonly seen in the brains of people with Alzheimer's.

In a rodent model, phellodendron protected against **neuroinflammation**, amyloid production, and other changes associated with Alzheimer's. 18,19





In humans, these mechanisms could help maintain **cognitive function** into older age.

Summary

With age, overactivity of the enzyme MAO-B occurs in the brain.

This may result in *reduced* levels of the critical neurotransmitter **dopamine**.

MAO-B also produces toxic compounds that damage brain cells and contribute to the risk for neurodegenerative diseases.

Phellodendron bark extract can *inhibit* MAO-B activity.

This may help maintain **dopamine levels** and prevent the neurotoxicity associated with MAO-B overactivity. Studies also show that phellodendron has other **neuroprotective** properties.

Those who take MAO-B-inhibiting drugs like **deprenyl** do <u>not</u> need to take **phellodendron**. Phellodendron is not a substitute for physician-prescribed medications. •

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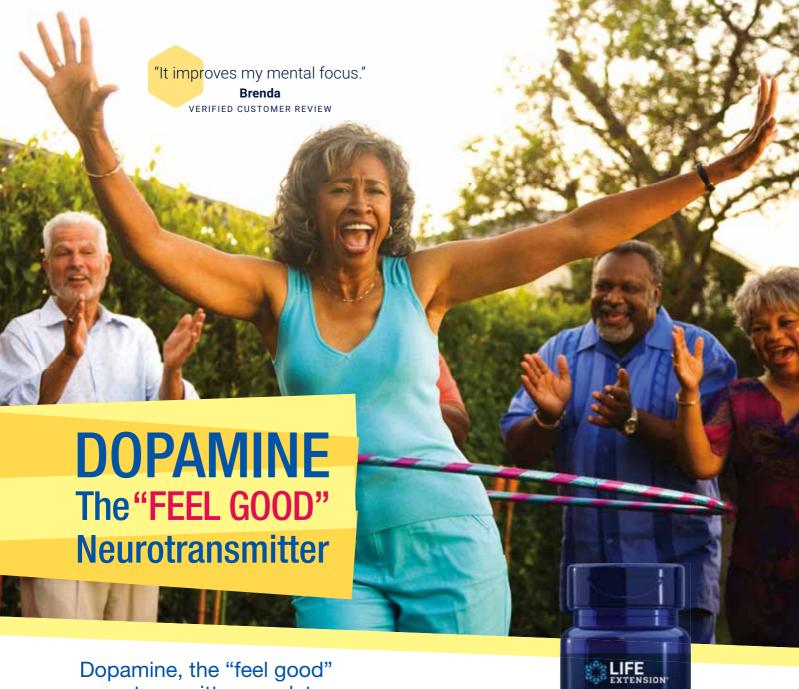
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