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Observational studies included in this meta-analysis found that for each 10 ng/mL increase in 25-hydroxyvitamin D there was an associated 7% reduced relative risk for any fracture and 20% reduced relative risk for hip fracture.

The analysis published in the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) further validates how low-cost nutrients can decrease today’s osteoporosis/fracture epidemic.

This editorial describes other methods to lower fracture risk.

A report published in the Journal of the American Medical Association analyzed the degree of osteoporotic fracture reduction that occurred in response to vitamin D and calcium supplementation.1

This meta-analysis found that combining low doses of vitamin D (400 IU to 800 IU) with high calcium intake (1,000 mg to 1,200 mg) reduced risk of any fracture by 6% and hip fracture by 16%.

The problem is that more than two million fractures occur each year in the United States related to osteoporosis.2
Blood levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D were used to assess vitamin D status. Vitamin K status was evaluated by measuring a protein (undercarboxylated osteocalcin) that vitamin K favorably influences to maintain bone density.

The human study subjects were divided into four groups:

- No vitamin deficiency
- Single deficiency (of either vitamin D, vitamin K or B-vitamins)
- Double deficiencies (of either vitamin D, vitamin K or B-vitamins)
- Triple deficiencies (of vitamin D, vitamin K and B-vitamins)

A total of 889 women were included in this analysis, with an average age of about 68 and average follow-up of about 6.3 years. Incident fractures were observed in 29.7% of subjects. This finding alone shows how frequent fractures are in women averaging only 68 years.
As a result, long-term warfarin users may suffer vascular calcification and bone loss, as has been shown in some studies.7,8

Fractures in Warfarin Users

A study published in October 2019, conducted in Denmark, looked at osteoporotic fracture incidence in people prescribed various types of anti-coagulant drugs. Warfarin was the only vitamin K antagonist drug while the other drugs did not have vitamin K antagonistic effects.9 This study found overall fracture risk was low in this population, but that those prescribed non-warfarin anticoagulant drugs (like Xarelto® and Eliquis®) had significantly lower risk of osteoporotic fractures.

This study authors noted the lower osteoporosis risk became significantly better in those with longer treatment duration and concluded:

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Effect of Vitamin K on Bone Density and Fractures

As scientific debates continue, studies published in 2019-2020 point to a role that vitamin K has in maintaining healthy bones.

One meta-analysis of randomized, controlled trials found that the odds for a clinical fracture were lower in those supplementing with vitamin K compared to controls.11

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The study found that the number of vitamin deficiencies was associated with a 25% increased risk of incident fracture. This association persisted even after adjustment for sources of potential confounding.

The authors of this study concluded:

“Accumulation of vitamin deficiencies was related to incident fractures.”

This study supports data Life Extension® reported in the 1990s showing the role of vitamin/mineral deficiencies in osteoporosis and fracture risk.4

Warfarin Users Beware

Those with atrial fibrillation, aortic valve replacement, deep vein thrombosis, and other conditions require powerful anti-coagulant drugs to reduce the risk of a clot forming inside a blood vessel (thrombosis).

For decades, the drug of choice in these situations was a vitamin K antagonist drug called warfarin (Coumadin®). Warfarin works by inhibiting the synthesis and activation of vitamin K.5,6

Not only does warfarin disable beneficial vitamin K activity (such as keeping calcium in bones and out of arteries), but warfarin users are put on strict diets that are extremely low in vitamin K.

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The authors of this same study, however, said there was “insufficient” evidence to confirm these findings in post-menopausal or osteoporotic patients and that:  

“There are too few trials to draw conclusions for other patient groups.”

My rebuttal to these pessimistic conclusions is that many vitamin K trials use lower-than-optimal doses of vitamin K and some use only vitamin K1, which does not convert into vitamin K2 in all persons.12 And of course, I would never say vitamin K2 by itself is enough to provide comprehensive skeletal support, as evidenced by the Japanese study cited earlier whereby multiple nutrient deficiencies markedly increase fracture incidence.

Review of Accumulated Evidence

A review of the accumulated evidence that vitamin K plays a protective role in age-related disorders such as cardiovascular disease, osteoarthritis and osteoporosis was published in August 2019.15 This assessment identified novel roles that have emerged for vitamin K that extend beyond its ability to keep calcium in bones and out of one’s arteries and soft tissues. Of interest was evidence that vitamin K reduces “inflammaging” by suppressing NF-kB (nuclear factor-kappa B).15 This 2019 review highlights the valuable whole-body benefits that can be attained with proper vitamin K status.

Bones Need Hormones

The major regulator of bone remodeling in men and women is the sex hormone estrogen.16

Protecting Bone Marrow

The spongy tissue inside our bones is known as the bone marrow. It contains stem cells that can develop into immune cells, red blood cells, mesenchymal stem cells, and platelets.

Given the involvement of bone-marrow-derived cells in the maintenance and formation of the different blood cellular components, a group of researchers investigated how the vitamin K antagonist drug warfarin can adversely impact the bone marrow microenvironment including mesenchymal stem cells, macrophage immune cells and vital hematopoietic stem cells.13 Using various in vitro assays, this group showed how vitamin K antagonists adversely alter bone physiology and cause a staggering eight-fold reduction in functional hematopoietic stem cells.

These scientists pointed out that vitamin K antagonist drugs (like warfarin) are not directly toxic to hematopoietic stem cells but impair them via other mechanisms.

Without providing a causal link, this paper associates the use of vitamin K antagonists with a potential increased risk of myelodysplastic syndrome.13

About three out of every 10 patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (about 30%) develop leukemia,14 which is notoriously difficult to treat.

More human research is needed to assess the ability of vitamin K in maintaining healthy bone marrow.
Other hormones that influence bone density include testosterone, DHEA, and growth hormone. With aging, many of these hormone levels plummet and accelerate loss of bone density.

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Pregnenolone is a “mother” hormone that can cascade in the body into bone-supporting hormones estrogen, progesterone, testosterone, and DHEA.

A review article published in 2020 describes many of the anti-aging properties of DHEA including its potential to help maintain strong bones.

Restore Bone Integrity

No single therapy adequately protects against skeletal deterioration that occurs with normal aging.

A comprehensive set of interventions should be considered, including cutting back on unhealthy lifestyle choices and ensuring that adequate potencies of every bone-building nutrient and hormone are consumed.

Some individuals may wish to consider bioidentical hormone replacement to ensure optimal hormone balance.

I know that many of you are engaging in intermittent fasting or other forms of reduced calorie intake.

While there are enormous benefits to these practices, a potential downside is that one may not ingest enough calcium, magnesium, boron, vitamins D and K, and other nutrients required to maintain bone density.

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You can further enhance bone health by avoiding lifestyle factors that increase fracture risk and discuss with your doctor whether any of your medications (such as warfarin or proton pump inhibitors) might be undermining your bone strength.

What Causes Bone Loss?

Bone is living tissue that undergoes a continual self-regeneration process called remodeling. Remodeling removes old bone and replaces it with new bone.\textsuperscript{19,20}

With aging this balance shifts to favor greater bone removal (resorption) and less new bone formation.

The result is osteoporosis and increased fracture risk.\textsuperscript{21}

A variety of factors markedly accelerate loss of bone density and strength. Of course menopause is one, but also the use of drugs like corticosteroids and proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs), smoking tobacco, drinking excess alcohol, and anti-testosterone treatment for prostate cancer (known as hormone ablation) are a few of the most notable culprits.\textsuperscript{22-25}

Weight-bearing exercise, good nutrition, and maintaining hormone balance help protect aging bones.\textsuperscript{26,27}

Health-conscious individuals are often surprised when a bone density test reveals osteopenia (loss of bone density, but not to a degree that increases fracture risk) or osteoporosis (deterioration in bone density with increased fracture risk).\textsuperscript{28}

Maturing people should recognize that bone density peaks early in life (between 18-30 years) and progressively declines thereafter.\textsuperscript{29}
AS WE SEE IT

In This Month’s Issue…

Calorie restriction can extend healthy longevity, but few people consistently adhere to reduced food intake. Certain nutrients are discussed on page 36 that mimic biological effects that occur in response to reduced food intake.

A hallmark of cellular aging is damaged DNA. An article on page 58 describes the ability of tocotrienols to protect against DNA damage that accelerates systemic aging.

If you wonder where all this is leading, page 48 has an exclusive interview with Harvard geneticist Dr. George Church who is developing gene therapies aimed at eliminating all human viruses and reversing biological aging.

The steps taken to protect against degenerative aging today will enable more of you to benefit from extended healthy lifespans that may be less than 10 years away.

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Supplementation with Vitamin C Associated with Boost to Immunity

A randomized, double-blind trial reported in *BMJ Military Health* showed that daily vitamin C supplementation resulted in a lower risk of contracting the common cold.*

In their discussion of the findings, the researchers remarked that vitamin C boosts immunity by improving white blood cell function against viruses. It also has an antihistamine action that helps reduce cold symptoms.

The trial included 1,444 men. For a period of 30 days, 695 participants received 2,000 mg of vitamin C three times per day. The other individuals were given a placebo.

The subjects supplemented with vitamin C were less likely to catch a cold compared to the placebo group.

The protective effect of vitamin C was found to be stronger among those who had never smoked.

Editor’s Note: The study participants were enlisted military members in the army of South Korea, whose average age was 21.7 years.

Vitamin K Deficiency Associated with Harmful Calcium Accumulation

Vitamin K deficiency plays a role in the development of a disease called calciphylaxis, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.\(^1\)

In calciphylaxis, calcium accumulates in the small blood vessels of fat and skin tissues. It occurs mainly in patients on dialysis, and can cause blood clots, skin ulcers, skin infections, and ultimately, death.

In a study that included 20 hemodialysis patients with calciphylaxis and 20 without it, researchers found that people with the disease had higher plasma levels of inactive matrix Gla protein (MGP).

MGP is a potent inhibitor of vascular calcification, but in order to work properly, MGP needs to be activated by an enzyme that requires vitamin K.

The researchers found that patients with calciphylaxis had a lower concentration of activated MGP. In fact, for each 0.1 unit reduction in relative active MGP concentration, there was a more than 2-fold increase in calciphylaxis risk.

They also found that vitamin K deficiency was associated with a lower concentration of activated GMP.

This study indicates that adequate vitamin K is essential for processes that help prevent calciphylaxis in people on dialysis.

Editor’s Note: In a separate study, researchers found that vitamin K showed promise for treating calciphylaxis.\(^2\)

References
Connection Between Gum Disease and Alzheimer’s Disease Confirmed

A study published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation was the first to connect the presence of the gingivitis pathogen Porphyromonas gingivalis in the brain to factors associated with Alzheimer’s disease.*

Previously, numerous studies had shown that periodontitis (gum disease) is closely associated with cognitive impairment and Alzheimer’s disease.

And studies done post-mortem had found that the periodontal pathogen Porphyromonas gingivalis is present in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients.

In the more recent study, researchers induced experimental gingivitis in mice by giving them repeated oral doses of Porphyromonas gingivalis for 22 weeks. Another group of mice served as a control group.

Testing revealed that in the mice that received Porphyromonas gingivalis, the pathogen was present in the brain tissue in the hippocampus (the area of the brain that plays a major role in learning and memory).

In addition, the study showed that the presence of this pathogen added to numerous processes contributing to Alzheimer’s disease, including:

- Neuroinflammation,
- Neurodegeneration,
- Microgliosis and astrogliosis (an indication of brain injury),
- Formation of amyloid plaque, and
- Formation of neurofibrillary tangles.

Editor’s Note: The researchers concluded that, “The neuropathological features observed in this study strongly suggest that low grade, chronic periodontal pathogen infection can result in the development of neuropathology that is consistent with that of [Alzheimer’s disease].”

Nicotinamide Shows Promise for Treating Fibrotic Eye Diseases

Nicotinamide, a form of vitamin B3, has been identified as a possible treatment for fibrotic eye diseases and could potentially prevent vision loss, according to a study published in Stem Cell Reports.*

Fibrotic eye diseases occur when aggressive cell transformations during wound healing lead to scar tissue, retinal detachment, and ultimately, vision loss and blindness.

When researchers applied nicotinamide to human adult cells in vitro, they found that nicotinamide had three key mechanisms that make it a possible treatment for fibrotic eye diseases:

1. It inhibits harmful cell transformations.
2. It reverses the development of membranes associated with scar tissue.
3. It slows the development of eye diseases that can lead to vision loss and blindness.

Timothy Blenkinsop, Ph.D., the study’s co-lead investigator, said, “This discovery helps evolve our understanding of wound healing, as well as good inflammation versus bad inflammation. Good inflammation essentially nudges the system into a regenerative response, while bad inflammation can create harmful scar tissue formation.”

Editor’s Note: “This is an exciting time to understand how this compound [nicotinamide] can be used to treat and reverse not only fibrotic diseases of the retina but other diseases too,” Dr. Blenkinsop said.

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Nootropics are compounds that enhance cognition and facilitate learning. They differ from nutrients that protect against brain aging. Nootropics are for people seeking to improve brain processing speed and mental alertness. Nutrients with nootropic properties have become popular for people of all ages to improve thinking speed and accuracy.

Nootropics Tune Up Your Mind

Nootropics are a different type of brain and cognition supplement. Their goal is to boost cognitive performance now. Nootropics are meant to improve and recall recent and old memories. Nootropic compounds boost cognitive efficiencies by helping brain cells operate at peak power. Scientists have identified nutrients shown in clinical (human) studies to improve cognitive function, processing speed, and memory.
In animal studies, standardized extract of Bacopa also improved brain activity by promoting the growth of neuron connections in the **hippocampus** and amygdala, another part of the brain involved in perception of emotions.\(^{10-12}\) The hippocampus is one of the most important brain regions for the formation of new memories. Other benefits included:\(^{1,12,13}\)

- Improved spatial learning,
- Increased dendritic length and branching,
- Modulation of neurotransmitter production,
- Increased synaptic concentration,
- Reduced brain inflammation,
- Increased cerebral blood flow, which reduces oxygen and nutrient deficits, and
- Increased nourishment of neurons.

**Gotu Kola Improves Reaction Time and Accuracy**

The next step in creating a multi-function nootropic was investigating the herb **gotu kola**. **Gotu kola** is a flowering herb native to Asia. It has also been used to boost brain power in traditional Eastern medicine for centuries.
In one clinical trial of healthy, older adults, daily intake of standardized extract of **gotu kola** for two months led to significant improvements in several aspects of brain function.\(^\text{14}\)

Using **electroencephalography** (EEG), the electrical activity of the brain was recorded and combined with cognitive testing. Researchers saw evidence of improved **attention** and **reaction time** in mental tasks just one hour after supplementation. These improvements in reaction time indicate improved brain processing speed.

By the end of the two-month study, other improvements in cognitive function were seen, including short-term **working memory**, **word recognition**, **spatial memory** and **picture recognition**, and **alertness**.

Gotu kola also improved **mood** and **calmness**. This has implications for managing anxiety and depression, which can interfere with peak mental clarity.\(^\text{15}\)

In another study, patients with generalized anxiety disorder who supplemented with **gotu kola** noted significantly improved levels of anxiety and stress.\(^\text{16}\)

**Gotu kola** has also demonstrated benefits in animal studies.\(^\text{17,18}\) In a mouse model of **dementia**, animals given extracts of **gotu kola** performed significantly better than untreated animals in tests of **learning** and **memory**.\(^\text{18}\)

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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**A Powerful Nootropic Formula**

- **Nootropics** are compounds and nutrients meant to enhance cognitive abilities in healthy individuals.

- **Life Extension**\(^\text{®}\) scientists have identified four such plant nutrients, which have **individually** demonstrated the ability to **improve brain function**.

- The carotenoids **lutein** and **zeaxanthin** and standardized extracts of the flowering herbs **gotu kola** and **Bacopa monnieri** have each been shown in clinical trials to enhance cognitive abilities, improve memory and learning, brain processing speed, and more.
The Eye-Brain Connection

**Carotenoids** are a group of pigments found in many fruits and vegetables.

Two closely related carotenoids, **lutein** and **zeaxanthin**, are taken up and concentrated in the retina of the eye, the tissue that senses light and sends information to the brain for visual recognition via the optic nerve.

Lutein and zeaxanthin have long been shown to protect macular density necessary for visual function.\(^{19-24}\)

These carotenoid pigments help maintain sharp sight while protecting the retina from damage due to blue light, chronic inflammation, and other threats.

Scientists have discovered that significant amounts of **lutein** and **zeaxanthin** also concentrate in the brain. This isn’t very surprising, since the retina is technically an extension of the brain that contains nerve cells similar to those found in the brain itself.\(^{25-29}\)

Levels of **lutein** and **zeaxanthin** in the eye and the brain are directly correlated.\(^{25-29}\) That means testing their levels in the eye, which is easier to do, allows scientists to also estimate the levels of lutein and zeaxanthin in the brain.

People with the highest plasma and macular levels of **lutein** and **zeaxanthin** also have the highest cognitive function.\(^{27,30-35}\)

Using advanced MRI imaging technology, researchers were able to show that higher levels of carotenoids in the brain were associated with better efficiency of the brain cells during tests of learning, memory, perception, decision-making, and motor coordination.\(^{33}\)

Human Studies of Lutein and Zeaxanthin

Based on findings that **lutein** and **zeaxanthin** function as nootropics, researchers identified a source derived from marigold flowers.

The combination of **lutein** and **zeaxanthin** has been tested in nine human studies on brain function in a wide age range.\(^{36-44}\)

Scientists found that oral intake of lutein-zeaxanthin leads to improvements in brain speed, efficiency, and overall cognitive function.

Research shows that lutein and zeaxanthin improved brain function through:\(^{43,45}\)

- Improved neuronal communication,
- Increased neural integrity,
- Enhanced memory retention, and
- Increased processing of visual signals.

In healthy young adults, 10 mg of **lutein** and 2 mg of **zeaxanthin** daily resulted in significant improvements in memory, reasoning, and complex attention—the ability to hold complicated ideas in the mind, assess them, and quickly act on them.\(^{41}\)

This improvement in complex attention indicates that brain processing speeds were increased, allowing individuals to better assess complex stimuli and react appropriately.
Similar findings have been seen in older adults. The same dosage of lutein and zeaxanthin improved complex attention and other aspects of cognition in subjects averaging 73.7 years of age.40

In another study of older adults, oral lutein and zeaxanthin helped maintain learning and memory while improving brain blood flow, while these functions deteriorated in participants who received a placebo.39

Scientists believe lutein and zeaxanthin work, in part, by wedging themselves into the walls of brain cell membranes.25,46-48 This may boost the membrane’s functional properties and improve other aspects of membrane integrity.

Summary

The field of nootropics research aims to find compounds and nutrients that can boost cognitive performance.

A combination of nootropic compounds has been formulated to enhance brain function.

The carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin, which are concentrated in the eye and brain, can improve and protect visual and mental function.

Standardized extracts of gotu kola and Bacopa monnieri each enhanced several aspects of cognitive function and mood in clinical trials.

This combination may help people of all ages achieve their full neurological potential.

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Nutrients that Provide Benefits of Caloric Restriction
Published studies on a wide range of organisms show:

**Caloric restriction** can improve health and **extend life.**\(^1\-^3\)

But people are challenged when trying to chronically reduce their food intake.\(^1\)

Even those who initially succeed often return to regular eating, losing out on the **longevity** benefits that caloric restriction can offer.

Researchers have identified **plant-derived** compounds that help **activate** similar health-promoting cellular responses as **caloric restriction.**
How Caloric Restriction Prolongs Life

Caloric restriction means limiting the number of calories consumed each day, while avoiding malnutrition. Restricting calories extends life and reduces age-related chronic disease in many organisms.\(^2,3\) These effects have been observed in a wide range of animal models, including mammals.

When caloric intake is low, during what’s known as a fasting state, cells switch into protective mode. They activate processes that rejuvenate themselves and defend against potential threats and stressors.

These changes have long-term benefits for overall health, and possibly for life extension as well.

On the flip side is the dietary excess plaguing modern societies. This chronic, surplus calorie ingestion contributes to a variety of health problems.

Surging rates of obesity, type II diabetes, neurodegenerative disorders, and cancer have all been linked to excessive calorie intake.

Scientists have pinpointed some of the specific cellular changes that occur with caloric restriction. The most practical ways of achieving these benefits are:\(^4-10\)

1. Boosting function of sirtuins, proteins that regulate cellular health,
2. Increasing activity of AMPK, an enzyme that regulates metabolism,
3. Reducing activity of mTOR, a protein linked to aging and chronic disease,
4. Blocking cellular senescence, when older cells become dysfunctional, and
5. Encouraging autophagy, cellular “housekeeping.”

These actions protect against many forms of chronic disease and accelerated aging.\(^4,6-10\)

Caloric Restriction and Intermittent Fasting “Mimetics”

Sticking to a restrictive diet is difficult. It can also be unpleasant. For some, substantial caloric restriction may lead to loss of strength and stamina, loss of libido, loss of bone density, depression, and other undesirable effects.\(^1\)

Research is increasingly finding that there are alternatives to severe dietary restriction. Several compounds have been shown to target some of the same cellular pathways as caloric restriction, without side effects.\(^5,7-9,11\)

These compounds are known as caloric restriction mimetics. A mimetic is something that mimics the effects of something else.

Some of the nutrients found to be caloric restriction mimetics are health-promoting polyphenols.

For each of the five major cellular changes spurred by caloric restriction, science has discovered mimetics that have the same effects.

1. Boosting Sirtuin Function

One way caloric restriction extends lifespan is by ramping up the activity of signaling proteins called sirtuins, particularly SIRT1.\(^5-8\)

Sirtuins regulate cellular health and defend cellular components in times of stress. They shield DNA from damage that speeds the aging process and makes cells susceptible to disease.\(^12,13\)

Studies show that improving sirtuin function extends lifespan of various organisms.\(^12,14-18\)

The polyphenol resveratrol, found in minute quantities in red wine, grapes, and berries, activates SIRT1.\(^14-16,19,20\)

In mice, resveratrol helps mimic the changes induced by dietary restriction, reducing the signs of aging.\(^11\)

Resveratrol has been shown to stabilize DNA and extend lifespan of yeast by a whopping 70%.\(^19\)

While resveratrol activates sirtuins, a cofactor called NAD\(^+\) (nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide) is required for sirtuins to function properly. With advancing age, NAD\(^+\) levels drop.\(^12,13\)

The oral NAD\(^+\) precursor nicotinamide riboside boosts NAD\(^+\) cellular levels rapidly, helping to support healthy sirtuin function.\(^21-23\)

Taken together, resveratrol and nicotinamide riboside maximize the benefits for cellular health and longevity.
2. Activating AMPK

Another longevity-promoting change spurred by caloric restriction is increased activity of an enzyme called AMPK.

Stimulating AMPK has a critical impact on metabolism. It helps prevent weight gain, improves insulin sensitivity, and reduces high blood glucose levels.24-27

The most commonly prescribed medication for type II diabetes is metformin, which works partially by activating AMPK.

A number of plant-derived compounds are also potent activators of AMPK. Gynostemma pentaphyllum is known as the “immortality herb” in some Asian cultures. Cell and animal studies have shown that Gynostemma extracts activate AMPK, resulting in health benefits that include reduced body weight and improved cholesterol levels.28-32

In a 2019 study of mice fed an obesity-inducing diet, Gynostemma prevented weight gain, reduced fat mass, and improved blood lipid markers.33

AMPK also stimulates SIRT1. In this 2019 study, animals receiving Gynostemma had an approximately 4.5-fold increase in SIRT1 expression compared to untreated animals.

Hesperidin is a plant compound found in citrus fruits that has also been shown to amplify AMPK activity.34-37 In mice, it lowers body weight and lipid levels while improving insulin sensitivity and glucose control.35

In humans, 500 mg of hesperidin daily was found to lead to improvements including better blood vessel reactivity and reduced body-wide inflammation.36

The Benefits of Caloric Restriction Without Fasting

- **Caloric restriction** has powerful anti-aging effects, reducing chronic disease and extending life, as shown in many studies.

- Restrictive diets are difficult to adhere to and have potential unpleasant side effects.

- Scientists have identified crucial cell changes that are induced by dietary restriction. These include sirtuin activation, boosting AMPK, reducing mTOR activity, protecting against cell senescence, and promoting beneficial autophagy.

- Several plant-derived nutrients mimic the cellular effects of restricting calories, producing some of the same protective benefits.

- Resveratrol, nicotinamide riboside, Gynostemma pentaphyllum, hesperidin, curcumin, quercetin, theaflavins, and apigenin are nutrients that closely imitate the beneficial effects of restrictive diets.
3. Decreasing mTOR Activity

mTOR stands for the “mechanistic target of rapamycin.”

In youth, balanced mTOR activity enables rapid growth.

If mTOR activity remains stuck in high gear as people age, it contributes to a number of deleterious effects.

When nutrients are plentiful, mTOR activity goes up. If mTOR is not balanced, aging individuals could accumulate unwanted fat stores even when they don’t ingest calories excessively.

Caloric restriction decreases mTOR activity, protecting health.8

Research shows that resveratrol and curcumin, a compound found in turmeric root, have mTOR-inhibiting activity.38-42

4. Preventing Cellular Senescence

As cells age, many become dysfunctional and lose the ability to grow or divide. This is referred to as cellular senescence.

Senescent cells secrete compounds that damage surrounding cells and promote chronic inflammation.

Cellular senescence is a major driver of aging of tissues, loss of function, and development of disease.

Caloric restriction limits the development of senescent cells, shielding tissues from their harmful effects.6

Compounds called senolytics can help reduce the senescent cells’ burdens without caloric restriction.

The most studied senolytic therapy combines the plant pigment quercetin, found in many fruits and vegetables, with the chemotherapy drug dasatinib.

Several studies show this two-compound cocktail (dasatinib + quercetin) decreases the number of senescent cells in tissues, reducing signs of aging and diminishing the occurrence and severity of chronic disease.48-51

Early human trials of this therapy are showing promising results, but dasatinib is a synthetic pharmaceutical drug.48,52 As a result, many people today would prefer a safer senolytic compound.

Scientists have found another way to remove senescent cells, using plant-based nutrients found in commonly consumed food and beverages.

Quercetin on its own possesses senolytic properties,53 and theaflavins from black tea act in similar cell signalling ways as dasatinib.54-56

Recently, researchers have made another advance in senolytic therapy. They’ve found that apigenin (a plant compound) reduces harmful compounds that senescent cells emit.57,58

By combining a highly absorbable quercetin with theaflavins and apigenin, scientists have created a plant-based formula, available without a prescription, that provides senolytic action without resorting to pharmaceutical drugs.

And even more exciting is the advent of bioavailable fisetin that may be the most effective way to remove senescent cells from aging bodies. Look forward to a novel and low-cost bioavailable fisetin in the near future.

5. Enhancing Autophagy

As cells get older, they accumulate damaged and worn-out components that interfere with the proper functioning of the cell.

In earlier stages of their life, cells do a kind of “housekeeping” on a regular basis. This involves removing older, damaged components inside cells and replacing them with new, healthy components. This process is referred to as autophagy.
With advancing age and poor diet, autophagy declines and cell clutter builds up, robbing tissues of their healthy cellular function. Deficient autophagy contributes to many diseases of older age.59

Caloric restriction has been shown to stimulate autophagy, refreshing and rejuvenating cells.4

A number of nutrients found in plants, particularly resveratrol and curcumin, have also been shown to stimulate healthy autophagy.59-63

Studies indicate this has protective effects against cancer, neurodegenerative disorders like Alzheimer’s disease, and other chronic diseases.59-63

Look forward to specific plant-derived autophagy-inducers being introduced in 2021. In the meantime, it’s good to know that nutrients most readers of this magazine already supplement with have internal cell-cleansing properties.

Summary

Caloric restriction is one of the most widely studied methods to prevent disease and extend lifespan.

For people, adhering to rigorous dietary regimens can be difficult, if not impossible.

Scientists have identified cellular processes that are favorably altered by calorie-restricting diets.

Several plant-derived nutrients have been shown to mimic many of the effects of dietary restriction.

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I first described the work of Harvard geneticist George Church in 2015.

Dr. Church predicted that human aging could be eradicated by the year 2030.

Many of our advisors concurred.

The therapy that aims to reverse aging in people involves gene modification at the cellular level.

**Human Rejuvenation Goes Mainstream**

On December 8, 2019, CBS News 60 Minutes reported on Dr. Church’s pioneering research that aims to make humans immune from all viruses and reverse biological aging.

This 60 Minutes broadcast represents a transformational tipping point as it relates to the concept of human age reversal. Until recent years, no one thought that old people could grow biologically younger.

To view the 60 Minutes program, visit www.LifeExtension.com/60minutes

This website enables you to view the 60 Minutes segment about Dr. Church’s age reversal research.

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Scott Pelley: “We Need Age Reversal”

The following excerpt from Dr. Church’s 60 Minutes interview (© CBS NEWS) is an example of how the mainstream is embracing the science of age reversal:

Scott Pelley: One of the things your lab is working on is reversing aging.

Dr. Church: That’s right.

Scott Pelley: How is that possible?

Dr. Church: Reversing aging is one of these things that is easy to dismiss to say either we don’t need it or is impossible or both.

Bill Faloon: Dr. Church expected the typical inane question as to why we want to reverse aging. Look at Scott Pelley’s reply:

Scott Pelley: Oh, we need it.

Bill Faloon: Scott Pelley clearly states, “we need to reverse it,” i.e. aging. This succinct answer represents a gigantic leap forward in the mainstream’s view on aging research.

Dr. Church: Okay. We need it. That’s good. We can agree on that. Well, aging reversal is something that’s been proven about eight different ways in animals where you can get, you know, faster reaction times or, you know, cognitive or repair of damaged tissues.

Scott Pelley: Proven eight different ways. Why isn’t this available?

Dr. Church: It is available to mice.

Scott Pelley (voiceover): In lucky mice, Dr. Church’s lab added multiple genes that improved heart and kidney function and levels of blood sugar. Now he’s trying it in spaniels.

Scott Pelley: So is this gene editing to achieve age reversal?

Dr. Church: This is adding genes. So, it’s not really editing genes. It’s, the gene function is going down, and so we’re boosting it back up by putting in extra copies of the genes.

Scott Pelley: What’s the time horizon on age reversal in humans?

Dr. Church: That’s in clinical trials right now in dogs. And so that veterinary product might be a couple years away and then that takes another 10 years to get through the human clinical trials.

Will You Make it to Year 2030?

The dilemma is that some of us will not be alive in the year 2030.

This is why current age-delay protocols are so critical, in addition to everything else we do to reduce degenerative disease risks.

Not only may George Church’s gene therapy reverse aging, but in the process, it will likely shield all our cells from viral infections.

The evidence also points to gene therapy as becoming a virtual universal treatment for all diseases, including cancer.

The Allure of Systemic Rejuvenation

Think of how healthy most of us were in youth. Everything seemed to work well until around age 35-50.

Imagine going back to the biological age of 25 and staying there. If you wonder why I have not taken a day off since learning about George Church, it’s to identify methods to stay alive until the time when aging becomes a relic of the past, just as smallpox is today.

On the next page is an exclusive interview conducted by Dr. Shelly Xuelai Fan for Life Extension® magazine. In this interview, Dr. Church discusses the promise of gene therapy in reversing the aging process. We’ve condensed the conversation for our readers.
Gene Therapy to Reverse Aging

Harvard’s Dr. George Church is pioneering a way to help turn back the aging clock

BY DR. SHELLY XUELAI FAN

Reversing aging was considered impossible until recently.

But renowned scientist Dr. George Church says it’s within our reach.

He believes gene therapy holds the key to eliminating many of our toughest age-related chronic illnesses: diabetes, heart disease, cancer, kidney disease, cognitive decline, and more.

And he envisions a time when a few shots of his gene therapy cocktail will slow, or even reverse the aging process.

An “anti-aging vaccine” may sound like science fiction. But if anyone can make it a reality, it’s Dr. Church.

A professor of genetics at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Church is a master at manipulating genes, the instructions that build life, that are tucked inside every cell.

He helped improve the quality and cost of whole genome sequencing by a million-fold, and he’s one of the scientists responsible for developing the breakthrough gene editing tool CRISPR.

His company, Rejuvenate Bio, doesn’t focus on editing genes themselves. It focuses on the expression of genes, turning them “on” or “off.”

As we age, genes that promote youthful functions shut off. If we can switch these genes on again, the negative consequences of aging can be counteracted as our biological clocks are turned back.

The idea has proven successful in mice with different age-related disorders. Dr. Church is now pursuing the rejuvenation treatment in aging dogs.

If all goes well, human trials will follow.

LE: How can genes slow down aging or reverse age-related damage?

Dr. Church: We’re talking about epigenetics, changing how genes work throughout the body. It’s not about changing the code of your genes, just how they’re expressed [turned on or off]. As you get older, the level of key genes that help maintain life decline in how much they’re turned on. You want to boost them back up. So what we’re tinkering with using gene therapy isn’t “genetic.” We’re not changing the genes, but rather focusing on turning youth-boosting genes back on.

LE: How has your anti-aging gene therapy worked so far?

Dr. Church: We’re looking at both specific diseases and overall health. The traditional method is to fix one symptom of one disease. But you can also get at the core causes of aging, the hormones that are dropping. If you boost these up enough, they’ll reinforce each other in a positive, virtuous cycle. If we see enough positive changes with a particular gene therapy, we know we hit one of the core causes.

In our first study, we took three genes that impacted five different age-related diseases and changed their levels in mature mice and found that they functionally improved. This is key: Biomarker improvements are great, but you want to see improvements that impact everyday life, like strength, speed, and organ health.
**LE:** What are the next steps in this research, and who do you think would benefit most from the gene therapy?

**Dr. Church:** We’ve already begun clinical trials in aged dogs, which are good models for humans. This will help us determine which ages of humans would best benefit, but we think we’ll be able to help people who are already quite old and show signs of decline. We’re also looking at extending absolute lifespan, but it’s a much longer experiment and reliable results take years.

In the near term, we’re also looking to expand the group of age-related diseases that we can treat. With the three genes we’ve been testing, we’ve already helped reverse osteoarthritis, high-fat obesity and diabetes, heart damage, and kidney disease. We’re hoping to soon add cancer and neurodegenerative diseases to the list.

**LE:** Which diseases do you think we’ll see gene therapy impact first?

**Dr. Church:** If our idea is correct, we should be able to impact all of them at the same time when we target the core causes of aging. When you’re rejuvenating cells, you’re also boosting all their repair mechanisms. It’s possible that certain negative biological changes are rather permanent and hard to restore, but they would be incredibly drastic. The challenge for the near future is using artificial intelligence to design “delivery shuttles” that carry gene therapy where you want it to go. But if we can convince the cells that they’re young by giving them a dose of youth-promoting genes, their own repair factory should kick in and restore lots of damage from aging.

Trying to convince every cell in the body is very difficult. Some life-extending, non-gene therapies are trying. We believe that youth-promoting hormones and other biological factors shared from cell to cell hold the key.

Using gene therapy, even if we hit just a few cells, they’ll amp up hormone production, diffuse them throughout the body, and immediately amplify the gene therapy’s initial effect.

**LE:** You helped develop CRISPR, which does alter gene sequences. That’s not part of your age-reversal research?

**Dr. Church:** We did not use CRISPR, even though we helped initiate it as a technology. We need to distinguish between CRISPR and gene therapy, which aren’t synonymous. CRISPR is mostly used to eliminate or turn down genes and functionality. Classic gene therapy is adding or boosting genes. At Rejuvenate Bio, our focus is on the latter.

**LE:** Many age-related diseases such as Alzheimer’s and cancer are due to faulty genes. In those cases, is it possible to use CRISPR to correct those genes and extend life?

**Dr. Church:** Yes. We need to cast a wide net. There’s a gene therapy trial for Alzheimer’s that replaces APOE4, a gene that greatly increases your chance of Alzheimer’s, with the lower-risk version, APOE2. But to make the gene therapy work, you’ll need to go into many brain cells and swap the gene out with high efficiency, and that’s hard but improving rapidly.

In mice, manipulating tumor suppressor genes plus targeting telomeres, [the protective end caps of genes that shorten with age] which APOE does, can delay cancer and aging.

Unlike APOE, we are aiming for more than a single rare disease, and unlike the telomere strategy, we don’t need to target every cell because the genes we’re manipulating make “regulatory factors,” like hormones, which diffuse out and impact far more than just the cell that gets the gene therapy. This amplifies the effect of the treatment: One dose can hit just a few cells and you could be set for years.

We’re focused on boosting pro-youth hormones and enzymes that spread in the body. We think this is most promising, and hence the strategy we’re pursuing.

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TOCOTRIENOLS
Prevent DNA Damage and Combat Aging

BY JULIA CHISEN

Tocotrienols are potent forms of vitamin E that help block DNA damage associated with aging.1-4 DNA damage is a major degenerative factor. Human studies demonstrate that tocotrienols help maintain youthful brain, bone and arterial structure, along with healthy immune function.

A review concluded that tocotrienol supplementation in middle-aged and elderly people can markedly reduce age-associated DNA damage.3
TOCOTRIENOLS PREVENT DNA DAMAGE AND COMBAT AGING

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Tocotrienols are emerging as interesting and complex members of the vitamin E family.

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Aging and DNA Damage Prevention

The unique structure and potency of tocotrienols make them valuable for defending aging tissues. A primary tocotrienol mechanism is the ability to protect against DNA damage, an underlying factor in most aging processes.1

In a randomized, clinical trial, middle-aged and older adults took either 160 mg of mixed tocotrienols/tocopherols or a placebo for six months. By three months, there was a significant reduction in DNA damage, a benefit that persisted through the six-month mark.1

The ability to reduce DNA damage shows that tocotrienols can help slow aging at the cellular level.3 Because DNA damage contributes to cellular senescence, supplementing with tocotrienols represents a unique way to delay age-related decline.

Human studies have shown that tocotrienols can help lower the risk of cardiovascular disease, support bone health, and preserve cognitive function. These benefits make this unique form of vitamin E an interesting player in the fight against premature aging and disease.3,5-10

Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction

DNA damage contributes to the aging of blood vessels—a major risk factor for heart attacks and strokes.11-13

High levels of cholesterol and triglycerides contribute to plaque buildup on artery walls that causes arteries to become hard and stiff. This restricts blood flow and increases the risk of cardiovascular complications.

Tocotrienols act in numerous ways to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease. This was shown in a study of people on chronic hemodialysis for kidney failure.
Kidney failure patients have an extremely high risk of cardiovascular disease.

The patients took either a daily dose of 180 mg of tocotrienols plus 40 mg of tocopherols (traditional vitamin E) or a placebo for 16 weeks. In the supplemented group, by week 12, triglyceride levels had declined by a significant 33 mg/dL and then dropped by 36 mg/dL at 16 weeks. No change was found in the placebo group.14

Tocotrienols have also been shown to decrease arterial stiffness. When patients took 100 mg/day and 200 mg/day of tocotrienols, they experienced significant reductions in two measures of arterial stiffness after just two months, substantially reducing cardiovascular risk.15

A randomized, placebo-controlled trial showed that taking 400 mg of mixed tocotrienols/tocopherols daily significantly enhanced the immune response to a test dose of a vaccine. This was seen through increased production of protective interferon gamma, increased production of antibodies following the vaccine, and a reduction in immune-dampening IL-6.19

These results suggest that tocotrienol/tocopherol supplementation can reverse major components of immune senescence, lowering the risk for preventable infections and malignancies.
Neuroprotection

DNA damage is one of the earliest detectable events in neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. The white matter lesions associated with dementia are also DNA damage related.20,21

In one study, adults with white matter lesions were randomly assigned to take either 200 mg of mixed tocotrienols or a placebo twice daily for two years. While the lesions grew significantly in placebo recipients during that time, they remained stable in supplemented people. This demonstrates the ability of tocotrienols to help slow the progression of the disease.22

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Better Bone Health

DNA damage in bone tissue promotes bone mineral loss, or osteoporosis, by elevating inflammatory markers and reducing the numbers of bone-forming cells.23,24

Animal studies have shown that tocotrienols protect bone tissue. These benefits were confirmed by a recent study of postmenopausal women (a group at high risk for osteoporosis). This clinical trial showed that 12 weeks of supplementation with 430 mg/day or 860 mg/day of mixed tocotrienols decreased the excessive bone breakdown seen in osteoporosis and improved healthy bone turnover, compared with a placebo group.25 Among the mechanisms were reductions in inflammation which, in turn, suppressed the aggressive bone resorption that typifies osteoporosis.

Anti-Aging Impact

Tocotrienols are complex nutrients with numerous interactions in cells and tissues. This broad spectrum of actions means that tocotrienols can inhibit an array of unhealthy, destructive processes, reducing their negative impacts while potentially creating positive changes as well.

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- **Tocotrienols reduce oxidative stress.** Tocotrienols are potent antioxidants that protect against chemical- and radiation-induced DNA damage.1,2,26-28

- **Tocotrienols reduce the activity of HMG-CoA Reductase.** This enzyme participates in chemical reactions that play a role in cholesterol production inside the body, in cancer, and in osteoporosis.8,28-30
Summary

DNA damage is a common underlying factor in numerous age-related disorders.

Studies show that tocotrienols can fight DNA damage and slow the aging process in tissues throughout the body.

In human studies, tocotrienols have now demonstrated benefits in regard to DNA-damage-related aging, heart disease, immune regulation, neuroprotection, and bone health.

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Dr. Terry Burns
Mayo Clinic Neurosurgeon Discusses the Future of Neuroregeneration

BY LAURIE MATHENA

Dr. Terry Burns could have chosen to pursue any number of professional fields. With a music scholarship to college, as an undergraduate he traveled with the New England Symphonic Ensemble from Europe to Jamaica and played his French horn in prestigious venues like Carnegie Hall in New York City.

His passion for travel and photography has taken him all over the world, capturing magazine-quality photographs in places like Africa and Australia.

But ultimately, it was his fascination with the brain that led him to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon and scientist. Burns, an MD, PhD at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, splits his time between the operating room, where he removes brain tumors, and the laboratory, where he has one primary goal in mind:

To fix the brain.

A Personal Calling

Like so many people who are passionate about their calling, Burns' interest in the brain is personal. His grandmother died from Alzheimer's disease. She was just one of many people in his family who suffered from neurological issues.

As Senior Associate Consultant in the Department of Neurologic Surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Burns is in a unique position to have an impact on the lives of not only his individual patients, but also of anyone suffering from a neurodegenerative disease like Alzheimer's or Parkinson's.

That's because Burns is one of the leading figures in the field of neuroregeneration.
The Future of Regenerative Medicine

One main area of focus for Burns and his research team is in a relatively new field called senolytics, which are compounds that remove harmful senescent cells.

Senescent cells have become damaged, but instead of dying off, they stick around and become toxic to the cells around them.

“After patients have had brain radiation, their brain has a lot of these senescent cells, which we believe is a primary issue underlying the side effect of cognitive dysfunction,” said Burns. “These negative effects appear to be improved with senolytic drugs.”

But senescent cells are present in both the radiated brain and in neurodegenerative conditions like stroke and Alzheimer’s. So, studying the use of senolytics in the context of radiation, or “scheduled brain trauma,” may have broader applications for a variety of neurological diseases.

Burns is currently working with a multidisciplinary team to determine if selectively removing senescent cells will combat damage to the central nervous system in conditions like aging, Alzheimer’s, and exposure to brain radiation.

Recent results suggest that certain key mechanisms involved in cognitive performance—like the creation of new brain cells—are enhanced by the effects of senolytic drugs.

An Exciting Work in Progress

One particularly promising senolytic treatment Burns mentioned is the combination of dasatinib and quercetin. Dasatinib is an anti-cancer drug, and quercetin is simply
a flavonoid found in natural substances like apples and onions.

Animal studies have shown that this combination selectively removes senescent cells, and as a result, both lifespan and healthspan are improved.

Additionally, Burns explained that a polyphenol called fisetin, which is simply a compound found in foods like strawberries, seems to offer specific protection for the brain. There have been positive results in preclinical trials, and now the first clinical trials are about to get started testing fisetin for the treatment of Alzheimer’s or mild cognitive impairment.

But the promise of senolytics extends far beyond preventing radiation damage—or even improving other neurological diseases.

Indeed, preclinical studies have shown that removing senescent cells with senolytics successfully treated conditions including frailty, cardiac dysfunction, vascular calcification, diabetes, osteoporosis, pulmonary fibrosis, radiation-induced damage, and more.

“It’s an exciting work in progress,” said Burns.

Paradigm Shift

In general, Burns believes the best success for treating neurological diseases will come from utilizing a combination of technologies.

“These diseases are complicated. The likelihood that any one drug by itself is ever going to work is very low,” he said. “We need a dose of humility, and we need to work together.”

Burns explained that the problem with drugs is that pharmaceutical companies tend to want a drug that only works on one pathway.

“Instead, we need drugs that do multiple things,” Burns said. “Those are probably more likely to result from nutraceuticals, Chinese herbs, and other remedies that haven’t yet been rigorously studied. The problem is that since nutraceuticals can’t be patented, they’re not being studied. It’s a process that’s slowing us down.”

Burns believes that increasingly available technologies will allow doctors to learn mechanistically, in real time, how the individual patient’s brain responds to whatever therapy is tried. This would allow them to continue to fine tune, layering on the components of the therapeutic cocktail as needed to restore function and optimize resiliency against disease.

Fortunately, Burns says that the process with pharmaceutical companies is starting to become more interactive and collaborative.

“Until now it’s been all about the drug—recruit patients to test the drug and decide if the drug is a success or a failure. We need to turn that upside down. I don’t care about the drug—this is all about the patient. We must use whatever combination of technologies and therapies is needed to achieve the best outcome for that patient,” said Burns.

Making Alzheimer’s a Distant Memory

In the end, the goal is to find a treatment that won’t just help patients live longer, but to live better.

“Dr. Jim Kirkland, head of Mayo’s aging center, once said in a talk, ‘No one wants to live to age 130 and feel like they’re 130. We want to add life to years, not just years to life.’ I think that really sums it up,” Burns said. “So, the discussion is much more about improving healthspan, not just lifespan.”

And while there are many roadblocks in this complicated field, Burns is optimistic about the future.

“We have challenges to overcome, but I think we are really seeing the needed tools and understanding come into focus,” he said. “All of this is totally doable. Within our lifetime, I’m optimistic we’ll be able to make diseases like Alzheimer’s a distant memory.”

Terence (Terry) Burns, MD, PhD, is a neuroscientist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. In addition to his work as a brain surgeon, he is developing regenerative strategies to optimize neurological function and quality of life for patients with brain tumors, neurological injuries, and neurodegenerative diseases.

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Bowls
Vibrant Recipes with Endless Possibilities

Bowls are all-in-one dishes that are becoming popular in restaurants across the country.

Now, the cookbook Bowls: Vibrant Recipes with Endless Possibilities, from America’s Test Kitchen, gives you a step-by-step guide to building restaurant-quality bowls in your very own kitchen.

At its most basic, a bowl combines a protein, vegetables, and a flavorful sauce over a base like greens, quinoa, or rice. But what sets most bowls apart is a crunchy element—like raw radish slices or bean sprouts.

Bowls are great for lunch or dinner, are easy to make ahead, and only require a few ingredients. Best of all, they can provide a complete, healthy, flavor-packed dish by simply using items in your pantry or leftovers.

In addition to providing 75 complete recipes, Bowls takes you through the basics of building your own bowl, including mix-and-match bases, toppings, and sauces.

Bowls are hearty, customizable, and (as the name of the book indicates) provide endless possibilities. Here are four to get you started.

—LAURIE MATHENA
Quinoa Taco Salad Bowl

Serves 2

1 cup cooked quinoa
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro, divided
2 teaspoons lime juice
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon minced canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce
1/2 small head escarole (6-ounces), trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 scallions, sliced thin
1/2 cup Chipotle-Yogurt Sauce*, divided
1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed
4 ounces cherry tomatoes, quartered
1/2 ripe avocado, sliced thin

Combine quinoa, 1/4 cup cilantro, lime juice, oil, and chipotle in bowl and toss to coat; season with salt and pepper to taste.

Toss escarole, scallions, and remaining 1/4 cup cilantro with half of sauce to coat then season with salt and pepper to taste.

Divide among individual serving bowls then top with quinoa mixture, beans, tomatoes, and avocado. Drizzle with remaining dressing. Serve.

CUSTOMIZE IT

Kick it up a notch: Crumbled queso fresco would add creamy texture here, or add feta cheese for briny, tangy flavor.

Instead of quinoa: You could use any hearty grain, such as farro, barley, or bulgur.

Instead of escarole: You could use any hearty salad green in this recipe.

Add crunch: Top with store-bought tortilla chips.

* See Chipotle-Yogurt Sauce recipe on page 79.
Mediterranean Chopped Salad Bowl

Serves 2

½ cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeded, and cut into ½-inch pieces
2 ounces grape tomatoes, quartered
½ teaspoon table salt, divided
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 teaspoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ small head escarole (6-ounces), trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
¼ cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 cup canned chickpeas, rinsed
1 ounce feta cheese, crumbled (¼ cup)

Toss cucumber and tomatoes with ¼ teaspoon salt and let drain in colander for 15 minutes.

Whisk oil, lemon juice, remaining ¼ teaspoon salt, and pepper together in bowl. Toss escarole, olives, and parsley with half of vinaigrette to coat, then season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide among individual serving bowls then top with drained cucumber-tomato mixture, chickpeas, and feta. Drizzle with remaining vinaigrette. Serve.

CUSTOMIZE IT
Add crunch: Chopped, toasted walnuts provide pleasant texture.
Instead of escarole: Use romaine.
Instead of feta: Goat cheese would add creamy tang to this salad.
Make it vegan: You can omit the feta and the bowl will still taste great.
**Shakshuka Bowl**

**Serves 2**

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves, sliced thin
1 1/2 teaspoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon hot smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 cups canned crushed tomatoes
1 (15-ounce) can cannellini beans, rinsed
1 cup roasted bell peppers, chopped. (To simplify, use jarred roasted red peppers.)
2 large eggs
1 ounce feta cheese, crumbled (1/4 cup)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

Heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add garlic, tomato paste, coriander, paprika, cumin, and pepper flakes and cook, stirring constantly, until rust-colored and fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes, beans, and roasted red peppers and bring to simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until warmed through, about 2 minutes.

Off heat, using back of spoon, make 2 shallow indentations in sauce. Crack 1 egg into each indentation then spoon sauce over edges of egg whites so that whites are partially covered and yolks are exposed.

Bring to simmer over medium heat, cover, and cook until yolks film over and whites are softly but uniformly set, 4 to 6 minutes. Divide among individual serving bowls, then sprinkle with feta and mint. Serve.

**CUSTOMIZE IT**

**For crunch:** Serve with crusty bread or croutons.

**Add more herbs:** Cilantro, chives, and parsley would make great additions to the mint.
Indian-Spiced Chicken Zoodle Bowl

Serves 2

½ mango, peeled and cut into ¼-inch pieces
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon lemon juice
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
4 teaspoons vegetable oil, divided
2 teaspoons garam masala, divided
¼ teaspoon table salt, divided
¼ teaspoon pepper, divided
8 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed and cut into ½-inch pieces
12 ounces zucchini noodles, cut into 6-inch lengths, divided
½ cup Herb-Yogurt Sauce*

Combine mango, cilantro, and lemon juice in bowl; season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside until ready to serve. Whisk garlic, ginger, 1 teaspoon oil, 1 teaspoon garam masala, ⅛ teaspoon salt, and ⅛ teaspoon pepper together in medium bowl, then add chicken and toss to coat.

Heat 1 teaspoon oil in 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering.

Add chicken and cook until browned on all sides, 4 to 6 minutes. Transfer to clean bowl, cover with aluminum foil to keep warm, and set aside until ready to serve.

Heat 1 teaspoon oil in now-empty skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add ½ teaspoon garam masala, pinch salt, pinch pepper, and half of zucchini noodles and cook, tossing frequently, until crisp-tender, about 1 minute. Transfer to individual serving bowl and repeat with remaining 1 teaspoon oil, remaining ½ teaspoon garam masala, remaining pinch salt, remaining pinch pepper, and remaining zucchini noodles. Top zucchini noodles with chicken, mango mixture, and sauce. Serve.

Yogurt Sauce

Makes 1 cup

1 cup plain whole-milk yogurt (Do not substitute low-fat or nonfat yogurt here.)
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest plus 2 tablespoons juice
1 garlic clove, minced

Whisk all ingredients together in a bowl. Cover and refrigerate until flavors meld, at least 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (Sauce can be refrigerated for up to 4 days.)

VARIATIONS

Chipotle-Yogurt Sauce
Substitute lime zest and juice for lemon zest and juice. Add 1 tablespoon minced canned chipotle in adobo sauce.

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Add 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro and 2 tablespoons minced fresh mint.
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Now, modern research is proving that everything in the body is connected, and that the center of that connection is the gut.

A healthy digestive system does more than prevent gas, bloating, and other intestinal upsets. It helps you sleep better, think more clearly, boost your energy levels, and fight disease.

In *Digestive Wellness, 5th Edition,* Elizabeth Lipski, PhD, CNS, FACN, IFMCP, professor of clinical nutrition, and author of numerous books on digestion, provides the latest scientific research on the connection between faulty digestion and conditions ranging from migraines and skin issues to arthritis and fibromyalgia.

In addition to covering topics like the gut-brain connection, leaky gut syndrome, prebiotics and probiotics, and cancer prevention, *Digestive Wellness* provides natural remedies for common gastrointestinal disorders like acid reflux, celiac disease, and irritable bowel syndrome.

In this interview with *Life Extension®,* Dr. Lipski explains how optimizing digestive wellness can help prevent disease and enhance your overall quality of life.

—LAURIE MATHENA
LE: Can you explain the basic concept of your book, Digestive Wellness?

Dr. Lipski: Doctors are trained to identify diseases by where they are located. If you have asthma, it’s considered a lung problem; if you have rheumatoid arthritis, it must be a joint problem; if you are overweight, you must have a metabolism problem.

Doctors who understand health this way are both right and wrong. Sometimes the causes of your symptoms do have some relationship to their location, but that’s far from the whole story.

As we come to understand disease in the 21st century, our old ways of defining illness based on symptoms and location in the body are not very useful.

Instead, by understanding the origins of disease, and the way in which the body operates as a whole, integrated ecosystem, we now know that symptoms appearing in one area of the body may be caused by imbalances in an entirely different system.

Everything is connected. The center of that connection is the gut.

If your skin is bad or you have allergies, can’t seem to lose weight, suffer from an autoimmune disease, struggle with fibromyalgia, or have recurring headaches, the real reason may be that your gut is unhealthy.

This may be true even if you have never had any digestive complaints.

LE: How do you begin looking for underlying mechanisms?

Dr. Lipski: It’s called the DIGIN approach. No matter what the diagnosis, by looking at your symptoms and diagnoses through the DIGIN model, you’ll find ways to move toward health.

DIGIN is an acronym for the five primary categories of digestive imbalances: Digestion/absorption, Intestinal permeability, Gastrointestinal (GI) microbiota, Immune function and inflammation, and enteric Nervous system.

By assessing each of these areas, you can discover how to best get your body back into balance.

LE: Let’s talk a little more about just one of these areas. To what conditions has intestinal permeability been connected?

Dr. Lipski: Leaky gut syndrome is really a nickname for increased intestinal permeability, which underlies an enormous variety of illnesses and symptoms.

The list of health conditions associated with increased intestinal permeability grows each year as we increase our knowledge of the synergy between digestion and the immune system. Currently there are more than 13,800 research articles on intestinal permeability.

Depending on our own susceptibilities, we may develop a wide variety of signs, symptoms, and health problems.
Leaky gut syndrome is associated with the following medical problems: allergies, celiac disease, Crohn’s disease, HIV, and malabsorption syndrome.

Leaky gut is a triggering factor in every autoimmune condition. These include multiple sclerosis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and psoriasis.

It’s also found in people with AIDS, liver diseases including hepatitis and cirrhosis, lung conditions including asthma and bronchitis, and other conditions.

**LE:** How can something like a leaky gut have an impact on so many areas of the body?

**Dr. Lipski:** When there is increased intestinal permeability, substances larger than particle size—bacteria, fungi, potentially toxic molecules, and undigested food particles—are allowed to pass directly through the weakened cell membranes into the bloodstream, activating antibodies and alarm substances called cytokines.

The cytokines alert our lymphocytes (white blood cells) to battle the particles. Oxidants are produced in the battle, causing irritation and inflammation far from the digestive system.

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**LE:** What are some steps you can take to restore gut integrity?

**Dr. Lipski:** If you believe you suffer from leaky gut, it’s best to work with a health professional who can help you determine the underlying factors. Fortunately, you can find many ways to heal your gut.

Some involve changing your habits, like chewing your food more completely; others involve taking specific supplements that will help your body repair itself.

Bone broths are a way to use food to heal the gut lining.

**LE:** What specific supplements could be beneficial?

**Dr. Lipski:** Glutamine is the first nutrient I think of to repair a leaky gut. Glutamine is alkalizing to the body. It decreases the incidence of infection and stimulates the production of slgA. Glutamine has also been shown to decrease the risk of bacterial translocation.

Dosages can range from 1 gram to 30 grams daily, depending on your needs. Begin with 1 gram to 3 grams daily.

I also think about quercetin, which heals the gut lining, works as an antihistamine, and also regulates the immune system.

Be sure to get a high-quality quercetin product. Take between 500 mg and 3,000 mg daily.

Zinc may also be an essential nutrient for gut repair. The type that shows the most promise for digestive healing is zinc carnosine.

A typical dose is 75 mg of zinc carnosine twice daily.

**LE:** What role does the microbiome play in overall health?

**Dr. Lipski:** In the last decade, research on the human microbiome has mushroomed. There are several emerging concepts and theories about the microbiome:

1. The emerging research suggests that the microbes that we evolved with play an enormous role in determining our overall health.

   Some involve changing your habits, like chewing your food more completely; others involve taking specific supplements that will help your body repair itself.

   Bone broths are a way to use food to heal the gut lining.

2. Having a wide diversity of microbes gives us great healthy resilience.

3. Modern people are missing chunks of microbes that used to give us greater diversity. Current research suggests that diversity is the key to optimal health.

The microbiome functions much like an organ, and it acts as a major part of the immune system. It protects us from microbial and parasitic diseases, influences the effects of drugs, affects whether we are fat or thin or happy or sad, determines our nutritional status and overall health, and contributes to our rate of aging.

**LE:** How can prebiotics help improve the health of your microbiome?

**Dr. Lipski:** Prebiotics are the food for the gut microbes. They nourish and stimulate growth of lactobacilli and bifidobacteria in the microbiome, while reducing disease-causing bacteria such as *Clostridium difficile*, *Klebsiella*, and *Enterobacter*.

They help build bone, keep blood sugar and insulin levels regulated, lower ammonia levels in people with liver disease, normalize serum triglyceride levels, prevent constipation and diarrhea, and protect against colon cancer.
**LE:** Can you explain how faulty digestion contributes to something like arthritis?

**Dr. Lipski:** The dietary connection between rheumatoid arthritis and food sensitivities was first noted by Michael Zeller in 1949 in *Annals of Allergy*. He found a direct cause and effect by adding and eliminating foods from the diet.

Since then, other studies have been done on the relationship between food sensitivities and arthritis. In a study of 43 people with arthritis of the hands, a water fast of three days brought improvement in tenderness, swelling, strength of grip, pain, joint circumference, function, and sedimentation (SED) rate (a simple blood test that determines a breakdown of tissue somewhere in the body).

There is documentation in the literature about arthritis and deficiencies of nearly every known nutrient. When the needed nutrients are supplied, the body can begin to balance itself.

Though many nutritional and herbal products help arthritis sufferers, no one thing works for everyone, so persist until you find the therapies that work best for you. Give each one at least a three-month trial before giving up on it.

**LE:** What about something like cardiometabolic health?

**Dr. Lipski:** As research unfolds about the microbiome, it appears that the drivers of liver disease, diabetes, and obesity are tied closely back to gut health. This is a mutual relationship that goes in both directions.

As dysbiosis increases, we also see increases in gut permeability and bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS), inflammation, weight gain, insulin resistance, and metabolic syndrome.

As we improve health by changing diet and lifestyle, losing weight, and rebalancing the gut and microbiome through the DIGIN model, balance is improved and risk is lessened.

**LE:** Once you identify the problem, what is the solution?

**Dr. Lipski:** The principles of repair in functional medicine are fairly simple. As one of the pioneers in the field, Sidney Baker, MD, said: Get rid of what you don’t need, and get what you do need.

**Remove:** Nutrient-depleted food, processed foods, poor-quality fats and oils, parasites, molds, metals, chemicals, infections, and foods that don’t agree with us. Remove relationships and stressors that no longer serve us.

**Replace:** Processed foods with whole foods, nutrients, digestive enzymes, hydrochloric acid (HCl), and bile salts. Also, replace poor lifestyle habits with better ones.

**Reinoculate:** Beneficial probiotics and prebiotics from food and supplements.

**Repair:** Using foods and supplements such as glutamine, gamma-oryzanol, duodenum glandular, N-acetyl glucosamine, fiber, Boswellia, geranium, licorice, quercetin, and more.

**Rebalance:** Discover your “new normal,” which may be the healthiest you’ve ever felt or not quite as great as you’d like.

**LE:** It seems like this approach could take some trial and error.

**Dr. Lipski:** If at first you don’t find major improvement, keep working at it. You may not have found the best remedy or combination of therapies on the first try.

Patience and perseverance bring the best results. It takes time to resolve chronic illnesses.

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01985 Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA Fish Oil, Sesame Lignans & Olive Extract • 60 enteric coated softgels
01984 Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA Fish Oil, Sesame Lignans & Olive Extract • 120 enteric coated softgels
01986 Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA Fish Oil, Sesame Lignans & Olive Extract • 240 softgels
01812 Provalin® Purified Omega-7
01640 Vegetarian DHA

FOOD
02008 California Estate Extra Virgin Olive Oil
02170 Rainforest Blend Decaf Ground Coffee
02169 Rainforest Blend Ground Coffee
02171 Rainforest Blend Whole Bean Coffee
00438 Stevia™ Organic Liquid Sweetner
00432 Stevia™ Sweetener

GLUCOSE MANAGEMENT
01503 CinSulin® with InSea® and Crominex 3+ 100 mg, 100 capsules
01620 CoffeeGenic® Green Coffee Extract
02122 Glycemic Guard™
00925 Mega Benfotiamine
02122 Tri Sugar Shield™

HEART HEALTH
01066 Aspirin (Enteric Coated)
01842 BioActive Folate & Vitamin B12 Caps
01700 Cardio Peak™ with Standardized Hawthorn and Arjuna
02126 Optimized Carnitine
01949 Super-Absorbable CoQ10 Ubiquinone with d-Limonene • 50 mg, 60 softgels
01951 Super-Absorbable CoQ10 Ubiquinone with d-Limonene • 100 mg, 60 softgels
01929 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10
01427 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support™ • 50 mg, 30 softgels
01425 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support™ • 50 mg, 100 softgels
01437 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support™ • 100 mg, 30 softgels
01426 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support™ • 100 mg, 60 softgels
01431 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support™ • 200 mg, 30 softgels
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01859 TMG Liquid Capsules
00349 TMG Powder

HORMONE BALANCE
00454 DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone) 15 mg, 100 capsules
00335 DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone) 25 mg, 100 capsules
00882 DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone) 50 mg, 60 capsules
00607 DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone) 25 mg, 100 capsules (dissolve in mouth)
01689 DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone) 100 mg, 60 veg capsules
02368 Optimized Broccoli and Cruciferous Blend
00302 Pregnenolone • 50 mg, 100 capsules
00700 Pregnenolone • 100 mg, 100 capsules
01468 Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract
01469 Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract with Resveratrol

IMMUNE SUPPORT
00681 AHCC®
02302 Bio-Quercetin
01961 Enhanced Zinc Lozenges
01704 Immune Modulator with Tinofend®
00955 Immune Protect with PARACTIN®
02005 Immune Senescence Protection Formula™
29727 Kinoko® Gold AHCC
24404 Kinoko® Platinum AHCC
00316 Kyolic® Garlic Formula 102
00789 Kyolic® Reserve
01681 Lactoferrin (Apolactoferrin) Caps
01903 NK Cell Activator™
01394 Optimized Garlic
01309 Optimized Quercetin
01811 Peony Immune
00525 ProBoost Thymic Protein A
01708 Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex
01906 Standardized Cistanche
13685 Ten Mushroom Formula®
01907 Ultra Soy Extract
01561 Zinc Lozenges

INFLAMMATION MANAGEMENT
01639 5-LOX Inhibitor with AprèsFlex®
02324 Advanced Curcumin Elite™ Turmeric Extract, Ginger & Turmerones
01709 Black Cumin Seed Oil
02310 Black Cumin Seed Oil and Curcumin Elite™ Turmeric Extract
00202 Boswellia
02467 Curcumin Elite™ Turmeric Extract • 30 veg capsules
02407 Curcumin Elite™ Turmeric Extract • 60 veg capsules
01804 Cytokine Suppress® with EGCG
02223 Pro-Resolving Mediators
00318 Serraflazyme
01203 Specially-Coated Bromelain
01254 Zyflamend™ Whole Body

JOINT SUPPORT
02404 Arthro-Immune Joint Support
02238 ArthroMax® Advanced NT2 Collagen™ & AprèsFlex®
01617 ArthroMax® with Theaflavins & AprèsFlex®
02138 ArthroMax® Elite
00965 Fast-Acting Joint Formula
00522 Glucosamine/Chondroitin Capsules
01600 Krill Healthy Joint Formula
01050 Krill Oil
00451 MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane)
02231 NT2 Collagen™

KIDNEY & BLADDER SUPPORT
00862 Cran-Max® Cranberry Whole Fruit Concentrate
01424 Optimized Cran-Max® with Ellirose™
01921 Uric Acid Control
01209 Water-Soluble Pumpkin Seed Extract

LIVER HEALTH & DETOXIFICATION
01922 Advanced Milk Thistle • 60 softgels
01925 Advanced Milk Thistle • 120 softgels
02240 Anti-Alcohol HepatoProtection Complex
01651 Calcium D-Glucarate
00550 Chlorella
01571 Chlorophyllin
01522 Milk Thistle • 60 veg capsules
02402 FLORASSIST® Liver Restore™
01541 Glutathione, Cysteine & C
01393 HepatoPro
01608 Liver Efficiency Formula
01534 N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine
LONGEVITY & WELLNESS

00457 Alpha-Lipoic Acid
01625 AppleWise Polyphenol Extract
01214 Blueberry Extract
01438 Blueberry Extract with Pomegranate
02270 DNA Protection Formula
02119 GEROPROTECT® Ageless Cell™
02133 GEROPROTECT® Longevity A.I.™
02401 GEROPROTECT® Stem Cell
02211 Grapeseed Extract
00954 Mega Green Tea Extract (decaffeinated)
00953 Mega Green Tea Extract (lightly caffeinated)
01513 Optimized Fucoidan with Maritech® 926
02230 Optimized Resveratrol
01637 Pycnogenol® French Maritime Pine Bark Extract
02210 Resveratrol
00070 RNA (Ribonucleic Acid)
02301 Senolytic Activator
01208 Super R-Lipoic Acid
01919 X-R Shield

MEN’S HEALTH

02209 Male Vascular Sexual Support
00455 Mega Lycopene Extract
02306 Men’s Bladder Control
01789 PalmettoGuard® Saw Palmetto with Beta-Sitosterol
01790 PalmettoGuard® Saw Palmetto/Nettle Root Formula with Beta-Sitosterol
01837 Pomi-T™
01373 Prelox® Enhanced Sex for Men
01940 Super MiraForte with Standardized Lignans
01909 Triple Strength ProstaPollen™
02029 Ultra Prostate Formula

MINERALS

01661 Boron
02107 Extend-Release Magnesium
30731 Ionic Selenium
01677 Iron Protein Plus
02403 Lithium
01459 Magnesium Caps
01682 Magnesium (Citrate)
01328 Only Trace Minerals
01504 Optimized Chromium with Crominex® 3+
02309 Potassium with Extend-Release Magnesium
01740 Sea-Iodine™
01879 Se-Methyl L-Selenocysteine
01778 Super Selenium Complex
00213 Vanadyl Sulfate
01813 Zinc Caps

MISCELLANEOUS

00577 Potassium Iodide
00657 Solarshield® Sunglasses

MOOD & STRESS MANAGEMENT

02312 Cortisol-Stress Balance
00987 Enhanced Stress Relief
01074 5-HTP
01683 L-Theanine
02175 SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine)
200 mg, 30 enteric coated tablets
02176 SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine)
400 mg, 30 enteric coated tablets
02174 SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine)
400 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets

MULTIVITAMINS

02199 Children’s Formula Life Extension Mix™
02498 Comprehensive Nutrient Packs ADVANCED
02354 Life Extension Mix™ Capsules
02364 Life Extension Mix™ Capsules without Copper
02356 Life Extension Mix™ Powder
02355 Life Extension Mix™ Tablets
02357 Life Extension Mix™ Tablets with Extra Niacin
02365 Life Extension Mix™ Tablets without Copper
02292 Once-Daily Health Booster • 30 softgels
02291 Once-Daily Health Booster • 60 softgels
02313 One-Per-Day Tablets
02317 Two-Per-Day Capsules • 60 capsules
02314 Two-Per-Day Capsules • 120 capsules
02316 Two-Per-Day Tablets • 60 tablets
02315 Two-Per-Day Tablets • 120 tablets

NERVE & COMFORT SUPPORT

02202 ComfortMAX™
02303 PEA Discomfort Relief

PERSONAL CARE

01006 Biosil™ • 5 mg, 30 veg capsules
01007 Biosil™ • 1 fl oz
00321 Dr. Proctor’s Advanced Hair Formula
00320 Dr. Proctor’s Shampoo
02322 Hair, Skin & Nails Collagen Plus Formula
01278 Life Extension Toothpaste
00408 Venotone
00409 Xylitol Mouthwash
02304 Youthful Collagen
02252 Youthful Legs

PET CARE

01932 Cat Mix
01931 Dog Mix

PROBIOTICS

01622 Bifido GI Balance
01825 FLORASSIST® Balance
02125 FLORASSIST® GI with Phage Technology
01821 FLORASSIST® Heart Health
02250 FLORASSIST® Mood Improve
02208 FLORASSIST® Nasal
02120 FLORASSIST® Oral Hygiene
02203 FLORASSIST® Prebiotic
01920 FLORASSIST® Throat Health
52142 Jarro-Dophilus® for Women
00056 Jarro-Dophilus® EPS* • 60 veg capsules
21201 Jarro-Dophilus® EPS* • 120 veg capsules
01038 Therabal® Probiotics
01389 TruFlora® Probiotics

SKIN CARE

80157 Advanced Anti-Glycation Peptide Serum
80165 Advanced Growth Factor Serum
80170 Advanced Hyaluronic Acid Serum
80154 Advanced Lightening Cream
80155 Advanced Peptide Hand Therapy
80175 Advanced Probiotic-Fermented Eye Serum
80177 Advanced Retinol Serum
80152 Advanced Triple Peptide Serum
80140 Advanced Under Eye Serum with Stem Cells
80137 All-Purpose Soothing Relief Cream
80139 Amber Self MicroDermAbrasion
80118 Anti-Aging Mask
80151 Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Face Cream
80153 Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Scalp Serum
80176 Collagen Boosting Peptide Cream
SLEEP
01512 Bioactive Milk Peptides
02300 Circadian Sleep
01551 Enhanced Sleep with Melatonin
01511 Enhanced Sleep without Melatonin
02234 Fast-Acting Liquid Melatonin
01669 Glycine
02308 Herbal Sleep PM
01722 L-Tryptophan
01668 Melatonin - 300 mcg, 100 veg capsules
01083 Melatonin - 500 mcg, 200 veg capsules
00329 Melatonin - 1 mg, 60 capsules
00330 Melatonin - 3 mg, 60 veg capsules
00331 Melatonin - 10 mg, 60 veg capsules
00332 Melatonin - 3 mg, 60 veg lozenges
02201 Melatonin IR/XR
01787 Melatonin 6 Hour Timed Release - 300 mcg, 100 veg tablets
01788 Melatonin 6 Hour Timed Release - 750 mcg, 60 veg tablets
01786 Melatonin 6 Hour Timed Release - 3 mg, 60 veg tablets
01721 Optimized Tryptophan Plus
01444 Quiet Sleep
01445 Quiet Sleep Melatonin

VITAMINS
01533 Ascorbyl Palmitate
00920 Benfotiamine with Thiamine
00664 Beta-Carotene
01945 BioActive Complete B-Complex
00102 Biotin
00084 Buffered Vitamin C Powder
02229 Fast-C® and Bio-Quercetin Phytosome
02075 Gamma E Mixed Tocopherol Enhanced with Sesame Lignans
02070 Gamma E Mixed Tocopherol/Tocotrienols
01913 High Potency Optimized Folact
01674 Inositol Caps Liquid Emulsified
02244 Liquid Vitamin D3 - 2,000 IU, 1 fl oz
02232 Liquid Vitamin D3 - 2,000 IU, 1 fl oz, mint
01936 Low-Dose Vitamin K2
01536 Methylcobalamin - 1 mg, 60 veg lozenges
01537 Methylcobalamin - 5 mg, 60 veg lozenges
00065 MK-7
00373 No Flush Niacin
01939 Optimized Folate (L-Methylfolate)
01217 Pyridoxal 5’-Phosphate Caps
01400 Super Absorbable Tocotrienols
02234 Super K
02335 Super K Elite
01863 Super Vitamin E
02028 Vitamin B5 (Pantothenic Acid)
01535 Vitamin B6
00361 Vitamin B12
02228 Vitamin C and Bio-Quercetin Phytosome - 1,000 mg, 60 veg tablets
02227 Vitamin C and Bio-Quercetin Phytosome - 1,000 mg, 250 veg tablets
01753 Vitamin D3 - 25 mcg (1,000 IU), 90 softgels
01751 Vitamin D3 - 25 mcg (1,000 IU), 250 softgels
01713 Vitamin D3 - 125 mcg (5,000 IU), 60 softgels
01718 Vitamin D3 - 175 mcg (7,000 IU), 60 softgels
01758 Vitamin D3 with Sea-Iodine™
02040 Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT & BODY COMPOSITION
00658 7-Keto® DHEA Metabolite - 25 mg, 100 capsules
02479 7-Keto® DHEA Metabolite - 100 mg, 60 veg capsules
01509 Advanced Anti-Adipocyte Formula
01807 Advanced Appetite Suppress
02207 AMPK Metabolic Activator
02478 DHEA Complete
01738 Garcinia HCA
01292 Integra-Lean®
01908 Mediterranean Trim with Sinetrol™-XPur
01492 Optimized Irvingia with Phase 3™ Calorie Control Complex
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