

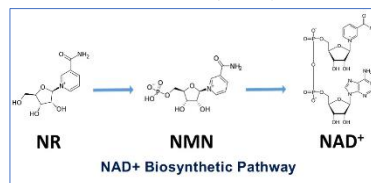
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Nicotinamide Mononucleotide (NMN)

Background: Sirtuins are a family of seven intercellular proteins, fueled by nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD), which are responsible for metabolism, apoptosis (cell replacement), inflammation and aging. A gradual decline in NAD disrupts sirtuins levels manifest as chromosomal DNA damage and age-related disease. Supplementation with NAD precursors, such as NMN or nicotinamide riboside (NR), increases NAD and correspondingly sirtuin levels. NMN is a direct precursor to NAD while NR must first convert to NMN before it increases NAD levels. Thus, NMN supplementation is more efficacious and bioavailable in a lower dose than NR. Doses of NMN up to 500mg in humans has shown to be safe and without side-effects.¹⁻⁶



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Retinal NAD⁺ deficiency is an early feature of retinal disease and vision loss as it causes photoreceptor death. Supplemental NMN repaired vision (in mice).

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NMN suppressed age-associated body weight gain, enhanced energy metabolism, promoted physical activity, improved insulin sensitivity and plasma lipid profile, and ameliorated eye function and other pathophysiologicals. It prevents age-associated gene expression changes in key metabolic organs and acts as an effective anti-aging intervention in humans

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NMN increases NAD availability and may protect skeletal muscle from age-related decline.

[Fletcher S, Ratajczak J, Doig C et al.](#) Nicotinamide riboside kinases display redundancy in mediating nicotinamide mononucleotide and nicotinamide riboside metabolism in skeletal muscle cells. *Mol Metab.* 2017. 6(8):819-832.

Heart failure is associated with mitochondrial dysfunction regulated by NAD activity. Short-term NMN infusion preserves cardiac mitochondrial homeostasis and prevents heart failure.

[Zhang R, Shen Y, Zhou L et al.](#) Short-term administration of Nicotinamide Mononucleotide preserves cardiac mitochondrial homeostasis and prevents heart failure. *J Mol Cell Cardiol.* 2017. 112:64-73.

NMN supplementation reverse age-related arterial dysfunction by decreasing oxidative stress.

[de Picciotto N, Gano L, Johnson L et al.](#) Nicotinamide mononucleotide supplementation reverses vascular dysfunction and oxidative stress with aging in mice. *Aging Cell.* 2016. 15(3):522-30.

NMN improves the quality of aged oocytes (egg cells) increasing ovulation and enhancing meiotic competency and fertilization, maintaining the normal spindle/chromosome structure, restoring mitochondrial function and suppressing apoptosis. NMN supplementation is a feasible approach to protect oocytes from advanced maternal age-

related deterioration, contributing to the improvement of reproductive outcome of aged women and assisted reproductive technology.

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Pterostilbene

Background: Pterostilbene is a stilbenoid, an methylated analog of resveratrol (methylresveretrol), with similar antioxidant, neuroprotective, cardioprotective, analgesic, anti-atherosclerosis, anti-aging, anti-diabetic, anti-inflammatory and anti-obesity activities. It is 400 times more bioavailable (80% v 20%), more biologically active and has a longer half-life (stays in the system longer) than resveratrol. In addition, combined with piperine, the bioavailability of pterostilbene increases further.

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Pterostilbene is a more potent modulator of cognition, cellular stress, inflammation and other pathologies associated with Alzheimer's Disease than resveratrol.

[Chang J, Rimando A, Pallas M et al.](#) Low-dose pterostilbene, but not resveratrol, is a potent neuromodulator in aging and Alzheimer's disease. *Neurobiol Aging.* 2012. 33(9):2062-71.

Pterostilbene inhibits enzymes and proteins implicated in aging and the development, or worsening, of many degenerative diseases, such as cataracts, diabetes, atherosclerosis, chronic kidney disease, and Alzheimer's disease.

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Pterostilbene inhibits glaucoma and other diabetic related pathologies, protecting pancreatic beta cells from apoptosis (death).

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[Bhakkialakshmi E, Shalini D, Sekar T et al.](#) Therapeutic potential of pterostilbene against pancreatic beta-cell apoptosis mediated through Nrf2. *Br J Pharmacol.* 2014. 171(7):1747-57.

Pterostilbene was more effective than resveratrol in ameliorating the deleterious effects of neurodegenerative aging (e.g. cognition, amyloid plaque reduction et al) in a model of Alzheimer's Disease.

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Dyslipidemia (high cholesterol/blood lipids) causes obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease. Pterostilbene decreases "bad" (LDL, VLDL) while increasing "good" (HDL) cholesterol and reduces blood triglycerides.

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Pterostilbene was effective in reversing cognitive behavioral deficits, as well as dopamine release, and working memory was correlated with pterostilbene levels in the hippocampus.

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EGCG from green tea stimulates hair growth.

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EGCG supplementation delay gastric emptying in healthy women and increased satiety.

[Fernandes R, Araújo V, Giglio B et al.](#) Acute Epigallocatechin 3 Gallate (EGCG) Supplementation Delays Gastric Emptying in Healthy Women: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Crossover Study. *Nutrients.* 2018. 10(8):1122.

EGCG decreases beta-amyloid in cerebral plaques, enhanced memory and may be beneficial in the prevention of development or progression of Alzheimer's Disease.

[Lee J, Lee Y, Ban J et al.](#) Green tea (-)-epigallocatechin-3-gallate inhibits beta-amyloid-induced cognitive dysfunction through modification of secretase activity via inhibition of ERK and NF-kappaB pathways in mice. *J Nutr.* 2009. 139(10):1987-93.

EGCG supplementation favorably influences inner retinal function in eyes with early to moderately advanced glaucomatous damage.

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EGCG increases fat oxidation in men and may contribute to the anti-obesity effects of green tea.

[Boschmann M, Thielecke F.](#) The effects of epigallocatechin-3-gallate on thermogenesis and fat oxidation in obese men: a pilot study. *J Am Coll Nutr.* 2007. 26(4):389S-395S

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EGCG modulates cellular and molecular mechanisms of various symptoms and may prevent metabolic syndrome.

[Legeay S, Rodier M, Fillon L et al.](#) Epigallocatechin Gallate: A Review of Its Beneficial Properties to Prevent Metabolic Syndrome. *Nutrients.* 2015. 7(7):5443-68.

EGCG improves vascular endothelial function, increased arterial blood flow and may help reverse some of the pathophysiological associated with cardiovascular disease.

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Piperine: Piperine interrupts first-pass metabolism for many substance increasing bioavailability. 10-20mg/day increases the bioavailability/absorption rates of vitamins (B1, B2, B3, B6, B9, B12, C), minerals (iodine, calcium, iron, zinc, copper, selenium, magnesium, potassium, manganese), amino acids (lysine, isoleucine, leucine, threonine, valine, tryptophan, phenylalanine, methionine), herbal compounds (curcumin, ginsenosides, quercetin, coenzyme Q10, resveratrol, EGCG, pine extract), and drugs (ibuprofen, diclofenac, rifampicin, ampicillin, tetracycline, pyrazinamide, fexofenadine). For example, it has been shown to increase curcumin levels by 2000%.

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