

Nutrition and the 12 Hallmarks of Aging

Health and Nutritional Strategies for Slowing Down Aging with The
Le'Vive™ Essentials Cellular Nutrition System from ArydssLife

Introduction

Believe it or not, the answers to what actually causes aging, and what is at the root of age-related diseases, have always been a mystery to scientists - until recently. Now that we know far more about what causes aging and age-related diseases, we can attack those causes.

Almost all of the leading causes of death are attributed to age-related diseases from cardiovascular diseases - which is the leading cause of death globally - to cancer, to Alzheimer's, to respiratory diseases such as emphysema and asthma. Unhealthy cells are also where chronic diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson's disease, and kidney disease develop and destroy the cells in the tissues and organs around them.

These age-related conditions include hearing loss, cataracts, vision impairment, back and neck pain and osteoarthritis, and breathing problems like COPD, as well as depression and dementia. And as we continue to age into our seventies and eighties, then we're more likely to experience several of these conditions at the same time.

Cellular nutrition is a critical component of health and longevity. Creating optimal cellular nutrition is the foundation that allows you to improve your health in both the short and long term. Everything related to our health begins at the foundation of the human body - our cells. The Le'Vive™ Essentials Cellular Nutrition System can be described as the process of making sure our body's cells receive the nutrients they need so they can perform all of their major functions to help you achieve optimal health at the cellular level.

Your cells perform every basic function of life including creating energy, eliminating toxins, providing structure to the body, and keeping your body healthy. There are more than 37 trillion cells in the human body, and each plays its own part in performing the essential functions to keep us in good health; from reducing stress to supporting our metabolism and making sure we get the nutrients we need from foods or supplements.

For cells to perform their vital functions properly, they need macronutrients (fats, carbohydrates, protein), micronutrients (vitamins, minerals, and other trace compounds), and water for hydration.

The micronutrients, polyphenols, phytochemicals, antioxidants, and other beneficial ingredients found in Le’Vive™ RED, Le’Vive™ GREEN, and Le’Vive™ YELLOW are an ideal way to support optimal cellular health. Your cells need the daily inputs of macronutrients and micronutrients to perform vital processes to detoxify harmful compounds, neutralize free radicals, communicate with other cells, and respond to the body’s needs.

As we age, the full functionality of our cells declines and becomes the root cause of all aging and age-related diseases. Aging is a complex biological process characterized by a gradual decline in physiological function and an increased susceptibility to age-related diseases.

Recent research has identified the *12 Hallmarks of Cellular Aging*, which encompass various molecular and cellular changes that contribute to the aging process. This comprehensive report aims to provide an overview of these aging hallmarks, as well as their implications for health as we age. Furthermore, this report explores the potential role of nutrition — including the Le’Vive™ Essentials Cellular Nutrition System — along with healthy lifestyles that can help slow down the negative effects of aging.

1. Genomic Instability

Protecting DNA with Nutrition

Genomic Instability occurs when our DNA experiences damage and changes that accumulate over time. This hallmark is associated with age-related diseases like cancer and neurodegenerative disorders. However, we can support our DNA's integrity through proper cellular nutrition. Nutrients called antioxidants, which are found in all three of the Le'Vive Essentials — Le'Vive™ RED, Le'Vive™ GREEN, and Le'Vive™ YELLOW — play a crucial role in protecting our DNA from harm caused by molecules called free radicals.

Our DNA is like the instruction manual for our bodies. It carries all the information that tells our cells how to function properly. Over time, factors like exposure to harmful substances or simply the natural process of aging can lead to damage in our DNA. This damage can disrupt the normal functioning of our cells and increase the risk of diseases and disorders.

Fortunately, we can take steps to protect our DNA and reduce the risk of genomic instability. One essential way to do this is through our diet. Nutrition plays a vital role in maintaining the integrity of our DNA. Antioxidants are powerful substances that can help neutralize harmful free radicals, which are molecules that can damage our DNA.¹ Vitamins C and E — found in Le'Vive™ YELLOW — are examples of antioxidants that are found in most fruits and vegetables.² Including a daily “shot” of the Le'Vive™ Essentials can provide us with these important antioxidants and support DNA protection.

Fruits and vegetables are not only rich in antioxidants but also contain other beneficial compounds, such as phytochemicals and fiber — which are provided by Le'Vive™

¹ Sies, H., & Jones, D. P. (2020). Reactive oxygen species (ROS) as pleiotropic physiological signaling agents. *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*, 21(7), 363-383.

² Carr, A. C., & Maggini, S. (2017). Vitamin C and immune function. *Nutrients*, 9(11), 1211.

GREEN — have been linked to various health benefits.³ Phytochemicals are natural plant compounds that have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. They can further contribute to DNA protection and overall health. The fiber in Le’Vive™ GREEN, on the other hand, aids in digestion and helps maintain a healthy weight, which is important for overall well-being.

To benefit from the protective effects of antioxidants, it is important to consume a diverse range of fruits and vegetables, or simply choose to supplement your diet with the Le’Vive™ Essentials. Different colors of fruits and vegetables indicate different types of antioxidants and phytochemicals, and this is why incorporating all three of the Le’Vive™ Essentials is so important. For example, green vegetables like those found in Le’Vive™ GREEN are rich in vitamins C and E, while berries, such as those inside of Le’Vive™ RED, as well as Le’Vive™ YELLOW, contain a diverse array of antioxidants.

In addition to the Le’Vive™ Essentials, other dietary factors can also support DNA integrity. Omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fatty fish like salmon and walnuts, have been associated with reduced DNA damage.⁴ Including these sources of omega-3 fatty acids in our diet can provide further support for maintaining DNA integrity.

In conclusion, genomic instability which is the cumulative of damage and alterations in our DNA is a hallmark of aging that can contribute to numerous age-related diseases. However, we can take steps to protect our DNA by adopting a nutritious diet and starting our day with a “shot” of the Le’Vive™ Essentials.

³ Liu, R. H. (2013). Health-promoting components of fruits and vegetables in the diet. *Advances in Nutrition*, 4(3), 384S-392S.

⁴ Paur, I., Balstad, T. R., Blomhoff, R., & Lønning, P. E. (2011). Dietary polyphenols, DNA damage and cancer risk. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, 12(12), 9455-9487.

2. Telomere Attrition

Protecting Telomeres for Healthy Aging

Telomere Attrition is a natural process where the protective caps at the ends of our chromosomes, called telomeres, become shorter with each cell division. As telomeres shorten, our cells reach a point where they can no longer divide, which is called cellular senescence. This limits the ability of our cells to replicate and can contribute to the aging process. However, we can take steps to support the length of our telomeres through daily cellular nutrition with the Le'Vive™ Essentials and lifestyle choices, such as maintaining a balanced diet, engaging in regular exercise, and reducing stress.

Imagine telomeres as the protective tips on shoelaces that prevent them from fraying. In a similar way, telomeres shield our chromosomes from damage during cell division. However, with each cell division, telomeres naturally become shorter, and eventually, they become too short to offer adequate protection. This leads to cellular senescence, where cells can no longer divide or function properly.

To promote healthy aging and preserve the length of our telomeres, we can make smart choices regarding our diet and lifestyle. A balanced diet is important because it provides essential micronutrients that our cells need to function optimally. Including a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats in our meals supports overall health, including the preservation of telomere length. The nutrient-rich Le'Vive™ YELLOW contains vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that help protect our cells, including our telomeres, from damage.⁵

Regular exercise is another key factor in maintaining healthy telomeres. Engaging in physical activities, such as playing sports, dancing, or simply going for a brisk walk, helps keep our bodies in good shape. Research suggests that exercise may contribute

⁵ Gornicka, A., & Sansbury, B. E. (2020). Probing telomere biology in a variety of model systems and settings. F1000Research, 9, F1000 Faculty Rev-938.

to preserving telomere length, supporting healthy aging.⁶ It is important to find activities that we enjoy and engage in them regularly to reap the benefits. This is why giving our body the energy it needs through Le'Vive™ RED helps to enable us to participate in such activities.

Stress reduction is also crucial for protecting our telomeres. Chronic stress has been linked to accelerated telomere shortening and cellular aging.⁷ Finding healthy ways to manage stress, such as practicing mindfulness techniques, engaging in hobbies, or spending time with loved ones, can positively impact telomere length and overall well-being. Elevating the natural Serotonin levels in our brain by contributing to our digestive health with Le'Vive™ GREEN — where 95% of our Serotonin is produced — also aids greatly in reducing our stress.

In summary, telomere attrition, the natural shortening of the protective caps at the ends of chromosomes, contributes to cellular senescence and limits cell replication. However, we have the power to support the length of our telomeres through optimal cellular nutrition from Le'Vive™ Essentials along with healthy lifestyle choices. Maintaining a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats can provide the necessary nutrients to protect our telomeres. Engaging in regular exercise helps promote healthy aging and preserve telomere length. Lastly, reducing stress through various techniques supports the maintenance of telomeres. By making these positive choices, and incorporating a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials, we can take active steps to support healthy aging and preserve the function of our cells.

⁶ Denham, J., Nelson, C. P., O'Brien, B. J., Nankervis, S. A., Denniff, M., Harvey, J. T., et al. (2013). Longer leukocyte telomeres are associated with ultra-endurance exercise independent of cardiovascular risk factors. *PLoS One*, 8(7), e69377.

⁷ Epel, E. S., Blackburn, E. H., Lin, J., Dhabhar, F. S., Adler, N. E., Morrow, J. D., et al. (2004). Accelerated telomere shortening in response to life stress. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 101(49), 17312-17315.

3. Epigenetic Alterations

Nutrition's Role in Epigenetic Health

Epigenetic Alterations are changes that happen to the structure of our DNA without changing the actual genetic code. These modifications can impact how our genes are expressed and contribute to age-related diseases. However, we can influence these alterations through our diet. Certain nutrients, such as folate — found in Le'Vive™ GREEN — vitamin B12, and polyphenols — provided by Le'Vive™ YELLOW have the potential to influence epigenetic processes and potentially slow down the aging process.

Our DNA carries the instructions for how our bodies work, like a blueprint. Epigenetic changes are like small tags that can be added to our DNA, affecting how those instructions are read. These changes can impact the expression of our genes, influencing our health and the risk of age-related diseases.

Cellular nutrition plays a vital role in supporting healthy epigenetic processes. Specific dietary components have been identified for their ability to modulate these processes and potentially slow down aging. One of these components is folate, which is found in foods like leafy greens, citrus fruits, and beans. Le'Vive™ GREEN and Le'Vive™ YELLOW also provide the benefits of folate from the greens and citrus fruits they contain. Folate is involved in DNA methylation, an important epigenetic mechanism that regulates gene expression.⁸ By consuming a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials, we can provide our bodies with the necessary building blocks for proper DNA methylation and support healthy epigenetic patterns.

Another important nutrient is vitamin B12, which is commonly found in animal products like meat, fish, and dairy. Vitamin B12 also plays a role in DNA methylation and helps

⁸ Fenech, M. (2012). Folate (vitamin B9) and vitamin B12 and their function in the maintenance of nuclear and mitochondrial genome integrity. *Mutation Research/Fundamental and Molecular Mechanisms of Mutagenesis*, 733(1-2), 21-33.

maintain proper epigenetic regulation.⁹ Including vitamin B12-rich foods in our diet can contribute to healthy epigenetic processes. Other valuable B vitamins from Le'Vive™ YELLOW play a contributing role in this process as well.

Polyphenols, which are abundant in foods such as fruits, vegetables, tea, and cocoa, are another group of dietary compounds with potential epigenetic effects.¹⁰ These natural plant compounds have been found to influence gene expression patterns and may contribute to overall health and healthy aging. All three of the Le'Vive™ Essentials offer a significant range of polyphenols to your daily diet.

While the exact mechanisms of how these dietary components influence epigenetic processes are still being studied, research suggests that they have the potential to positively impact our health as we age. By incorporating folate-rich foods (Le'Vive™ GREEN), vitamin B sources (Le'Vive™ YELLOW), and polyphenol-containing sources (Le'Vive™ RED) into our diet, we can provide our bodies with the necessary nutrients to support healthy epigenetic patterns.

In summary, epigenetic alterations are changes to our DNA structure that can influence gene expression and contribute to age-related diseases. However, we have the ability to influence these alterations through daily cellular nutrition with a single “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials, along with making wise food choices, we can promote healthy epigenetic patterns and support our overall well-being as we age.

⁹ Lamers, Y., & Prinz-Langenohl, R. (2010). Vitamin B12 in aging populations. *Internal Medicine*, 49(15), 1389-1394.

¹⁰ Zheng, J., Zhou, Y., Li, Y., Xu, D. P., Li, S., Li, H. B., et al. (2018). Natural polyphenols for prevention and treatment of cancer. *Nutrients*, 10(8), 1-24.

4. Loss of Proteostasis

Supporting Protein Health for a Balanced Body

Proteostasis is a term used to describe how our cells maintain the balance and proper functioning of proteins. As we age, our body's ability to maintain this balance becomes less efficient, which can lead to the buildup of damaged proteins and the formation of clumps. However, we can support proteostasis through a healthy diet and regular physical activity. By consuming a diet rich in protein and additional amino acids — found in Le'Vive™ YELLOW — and engaging in regular exercise, we can help maintain protein health and reduce the accumulation of damaged proteins.

Proteins are like the workers in our bodies, carrying out important tasks to keep everything functioning smoothly. They have specific shapes and structures that allow them to perform their jobs effectively. However, over time, proteins can become damaged or misfolded, which can disrupt their function. Additionally, the mechanisms that normally remove and recycle damaged proteins become less efficient as we age.

To support proteostasis and keep our proteins in good shape, it's important to consume a healthy diet that includes an adequate amount of protein and amino acids. Protein-rich foods such as lean meats, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy products, legumes, and nuts provide the building blocks needed for the body to repair and replace damaged proteins. Including a variety of protein sources in our meals can ensure we obtain all the necessary amino acids, which are the smaller units that make up proteins. Supplying our cells with essential minerals from Le'Vive™ YELLOW increases the effective process of proteostasis.

In addition to a balanced diet and a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials, regular physical activity is beneficial for proteostasis. Exercise stimulates the body's protein quality control systems, enhancing their efficiency and promoting the removal of damaged

proteins.¹¹ Engaging in activities like walking, biking, swimming, or playing sports can help keep our protein balance in check and minimize the formation of protein clumps. Again, we can gain significant natural energy from Le'Vive™ RED to facilitate those physical activities.

By supporting proteostasis, we can minimize the accumulation of damaged proteins and the formation of aggregates, which are clumps of misfolded proteins that can interfere with cellular function. These aggregates have been associated with various age-related diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.¹²

In summary, proteostasis is the balance and maintenance of proteins within our cells. As we age, this balance can be disrupted, leading to the buildup of damaged proteins and the formation of aggregates. However, we can take steps to support proteostasis when we consume a healthy diet rich in protein and amino acids, along with the Le'Vive™ Essentials providing the necessary micronutrients to repair and replace damaged proteins.

5. Disabled Macroautophagy

Clearing Out Cellular Clutter for Healthy Cells

Inside our cells, there's a special cleaning process called autophagy that helps break down and recycle damaged parts, kind of like taking out the trash. But as we get older, this process can become less effective, and our cells struggle to clean up the mess. This can lead to a buildup of damaged cells and organelles. Specifically, there's a type of autophagy called mitophagy that renews dysfunctional mitochondria, the energy powerhouses of our cells. It's important to support this cleaning process to keep our cells healthy and functioning properly.

¹¹ Ferreira, J. V., Figueira, T. R., Donato Jr, J., & Cesar, T. L. (2016). Signaling pathways in protein homeostasis: chaperones and beyond. *Anais da Academia Brasileira de Ciências*, 88(4), 2047-2070.

¹² Kaushik, S., & Cuervo, A. M. (2018). Proteostasis and aging. *Nature Medicine*, 24(8), 1181-1192

Imagine your cells as tiny homes, and autophagy is like the cleaning crew that goes around, tidying up and throwing away the garbage. They make sure everything is in order and keep the cells running smoothly.

But as we age, this cleaning crew starts to slow down. It's like they're not as efficient at their job as before. This can cause problems because the damaged parts and cells start to pile up inside our cells.

Mitophagy is a specific type of cleaning process that focuses on renewing dysfunctional mitochondria. Mitochondria are like the power generators of our cells, producing energy for all the work our body does. But when they become damaged, they need to be replaced to keep everything running smoothly.

As we age, the autophagy process, including mitophagy, becomes less effective. It's like the cleaning crew is working at a slower pace, so the damaged parts and cells start to accumulate inside our cells.

To help support this cleaning process, we can make smart choices with our diet. Certain nutrients can enhance autophagy and mitophagy, keeping our cells healthy and preventing the buildup of damaged parts.

For example, the ginger root found in Le'Vive™ GREEN, pomegranate in Le'Vive™ RED, have been shown to enhance the autophagy process. Likewise, curcumin, organic green tea¹³, organic coffee, Reishi mushrooms, garlic, elderberries, and cinnamon respectively, have been shown to also induce autophagy.¹⁴ Including these foods in our diet can give our cells an extra boost in their cleaning efforts.

¹³ Khan, N., & Mukhtar, H. (2014). Tea polyphenols for health promotion. *Life Sciences*, 100(12), 1-8

¹⁴ Jia, Y., & Le, W. (2010). Molecular network of neuronal autophagy in the pathophysiology and treatment of depression. *Neuroscience Bulletin*, 26(6), 527-534.

In summary, as we age, our cells' cleaning process called autophagy can become less effective, leading to a buildup of damaged cells and organelles. Specifically, mitophagy, which focuses on renewing dysfunctional mitochondria, can decline. However, we can support these processes through the Le'Vive™ Essentials to enhance autophagy and mitophagy, promoting cellular health and cleanliness.

6. Deregulated Nutrient Sensing

Nourishing Our Body's Signals for Healthy Aging

As we grow older, our body's ability to sense and respond to nutrients becomes less efficient. This can affect important pathways that regulate energy metabolism, growth, and stress responses, such as the insulin/IGF-1 and mTOR signaling pathways. However, we can influence these pathways through our diet, including the benefits of all three of the Le'Vive™ Essentials. Certain dietary interventions, like caloric restriction or intermittent fasting, can help modulate these nutrient-sensing pathways, promoting longevity and delaying age-related diseases.

Imagine our bodies as smart systems that can sense the nutrients we consume, like fuel for a car. As we age, these sensing systems may not work as well, making it harder for our body to effectively use the energy we get from food. This can lead to imbalances in metabolism, growth, and stress responses, which can contribute to the aging process and the development of diseases.

But fear not, because our diet can be a powerful tool to support healthy aging. One important approach is through providing these critical micronutrients to our cells and ensuring their bioavailability through a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials. All three — Le'Vive™ RED, Le'Vive™ GREEN, and Le'Vive™ YELLOW — play a vital role in ensuring the nutrients are cells are trying to sense in the first place.

Another approach is caloric restriction, which involves reducing the overall number of calories we consume while still maintaining proper nutrition. By consuming fewer calories, our body's nutrient-sensing pathways are activated in a way that promotes longevity and helps delay age-related diseases.¹⁵ Caloric restriction is like giving our bodies a little less fuel, encouraging them to use resources more efficiently and stay healthier for longer.

Another dietary intervention is intermittent fasting, which involves cycling between periods of eating and fasting. This approach can also positively impact nutrient-sensing pathways. During fasting periods, our bodies switch into a different mode where they start repairing and recycling damaged cells and molecules. This can have a rejuvenating effect on our cells and tissues, promoting healthy aging.¹⁶ Intermittent fasting is like giving our bodies a break from continuous fueling, allowing them to focus on internal maintenance and repair.

It is important to note that during caloric restriction or intermittent fasting, we can improve the effectiveness of these approaches by still providing the cellular micronutrients through the daily consumption of the Le'Vive™ Essentials.

Both caloric restriction and intermittent fasting are dietary strategies that have shown promise in scientific studies for promoting longevity and delaying age-related diseases. However, it's important to note that these interventions should be approached with caution and guidance from healthcare professionals, especially for individuals with specific health conditions or nutritional needs.

In summary, aging can disrupt our body's ability to sense and respond to nutrients, affecting important pathways involved in energy metabolism, growth, and stress

¹⁵ Mattson, M. P., Longo, V. D., & Harvie, M. (2017). Impact of intermittent fasting on health and disease processes. *Ageing Research Reviews*, 39, 46-58.

¹⁶ Anton, S. D., Moehl, K., Donahoo, W. T., Marosi, K., Lee, S. A., Mainous III, A. G., et al. (2018). Flipping the metabolic switch: understanding and applying the health benefits of fasting. *Obesity*, 26(2), 254-268.

responses. However, we can influence these pathways through a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials, helping to modulate nutrient-sensing pathways, promoting longevity and delaying age-related diseases. These dietary interventions provide our bodies with a new way to optimize their resources and maintain a healthier state as we age.

7. Mitochondrial Dysfunction

Nurturing the Energy Powerhouses of Our Cells for Healthy Aging

Mitochondrial Dysfunction is a term used to describe the decline in the function of mitochondria, which are like the energy powerhouses of our cells. As we age, these powerhouses may not work as well, leading to increased oxidative stress (a type of cell damage) and reduced energy production. However, we can support mitochondrial function through our diet, along with a significant mitochondrial boost provided by Le'Vive™ RED. Also, certain nutrients, like coenzyme Q10, alpha-lipoic acid, and resveratrol, have shown potential in helping our mitochondria stay healthy and reducing age-related decline.

Think of mitochondria as tiny factories inside our cells that produce the energy our bodies need to function properly. Just like any machine, they can become less efficient over time. This can lead to problems like increased oxidative stress, which is a harmful process that can damage our cells, and reduced energy production, which can make us feel more tired and less energetic as we age.

But don't worry, Le'Vive™ RED, along with the other Le'Vive™ Essentials can make a difference in supporting the health of our mitochondria. There are specific nutrients provided in all three that have been studied for their potential to help our mitochondria stay strong and functional.

Coenzyme Q10 is another one of these important nutrients. It acts as an antioxidant, helping to reduce oxidative stress in the mitochondria and supporting their proper function.¹⁷ Foods like fish, meat, nuts, and vegetables contain Coenzyme Q10, and it can also be found in supplement form.

Alpha-lipoic acid is another nutrient that has been shown to support mitochondrial function. It plays a role in energy production and acts as an antioxidant, helping to protect our mitochondria from oxidative damage.¹⁸ Foods like spinach, broccoli, and organ meats contain alpha-lipoic acid, and ingredients found in Le'Vive™ GREEN also provide these nutrients.

Resveratrol, found in grapes (Le'Vive™ YELLOW), berries (Le'Vive™ RED), along with peanuts, is a natural compound that has also shown promise in supporting mitochondrial health. It activates certain pathways within our cells that help protect and enhance mitochondrial function.¹⁹

By including a daily “shot” of the Le'Vive™ Essentials in our diet, we can help support the health of our mitochondria and potentially reduce age-related decline. However, it's important to note that along with the Le'Vive™ Essentials, a balanced diet that includes a variety of foods is essential for overall health and well-being.

In summary, mitochondrial dysfunction refers to the decline in the function of our cellular energy powerhouses as we age. This dysfunction can lead to increased oxidative stress and reduced energy production. However, we can support mitochondrial function

¹⁷ Quinzii, C. M., & Hirano, M. (2011). Coenzyme Q10 deficiency. *Molecular syndromology*, 2(3-5), 145-163.

¹⁸ Shay, K. P., Moreau, R. F., Smith, E. J., Smith, A. R., & Hagen, T. M. (2009). Alpha-lipoic acid as a dietary supplement: Molecular mechanisms and therapeutic potential. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA)-General Subjects*, 1790(10), 1149-1160.

¹⁹ Gomes, B. A., Silva, J. P., Romeiro, C. F., Dos Santos, S. M., Rodrigues, C. A., Gonçalves, L. C., et al. (2018). Neuroprotective mechanisms of resveratrol in Alzheimer's disease: Role of SIRT1. *Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity*, 2018.

through Le'Vive™ RED and the other Le'Vive™ Essentials which can contribute to the well-being of our mitochondria and support healthy aging.

8. Cellular Senescence

Keeping Cells in Balance for Healthy Aging

Cellular Senescence is a term used to describe when cells stop growing and dividing, and this process is irreversible. As we age, senescent cells can accumulate in our bodies and cause problems like tissue dysfunction and chronic inflammation. However, the Le'Vive™ Essentials can play a role in promoting healthy aging by providing key nutrients to our cells. Components like vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, and polyphenols found in Le'Vive™ YELLOW possess properties that can help counteract cellular senescence and support our overall well-being.

Imagine our cells as little workers in our body that have a lifespan. As they age, some cells reach a point where they can no longer divide or grow. These cells become senescent, meaning they enter a state of permanent rest. While this may seem like a natural process, too many senescent cells can be a problem as we get older.

As senescent cells accumulate in our bodies, they can cause tissue dysfunction, which means our organs and body systems may not work as well as they used to. Additionally, senescent cells can contribute to chronic inflammation, which is a state of ongoing inflammation in our bodies that can lead to various health issues.

But don't worry, a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials can offer some support in combating cellular senescence and promoting healthy aging. Certain dietary components have properties that can help counteract senescence and its negative effects.

Polyphenols, which are found in foods like fruits, vegetables, tea, and dark chocolate, are one of these components. All three of the Le'Vive™ Essentials offer some of these polyphenols as they possess antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that can help protect our cells from damage and reduce inflammation.²⁰ Including Le'Vive™ RED in our daily diet can provide a great source of polyphenols.

Omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fatty fish like salmon, mackerel, and sardines, as well as in walnuts and flaxseeds, are another beneficial component. These healthy fats have been shown to have anti-senescence properties, meaning they can help counteract the effects of cellular senescence and support healthy aging.²¹ Including sources of omega-3 fatty acids in our diet can be beneficial for our overall well-being.

By incorporating the Le'Vive™ Essentials as well as other foods rich in polyphenols and omega-3 fatty acids into our diet, we can support our body's natural processes and potentially reduce the negative effects of cellular senescence.

In summary, cellular senescence refers to when cells stop growing and dividing, and it contributes to tissue dysfunction and chronic inflammation as we age. However, we can promote healthy aging through a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials which can help counteract cellular senescence and support our overall cellular nutrition and health.

²⁰ Pandey, K. B., & Rizvi, S. I. (2009). Plant polyphenols as dietary antioxidants in human health and disease. *Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity*, 2(5), 270-278.

²¹ Cao, D., Xu, M., & Wu, R. (2019). Retarding aging and age-related diseases by suppressing the production of prostanoids from arachidonic acid. *Ageing Research Reviews*, 49, 34-44.

9. Stem Cell Exhaustion

Nourishing Our Cells' Superheroes for Healthy Aging

Stem Cell Exhaustion happens when the superheroes of our body, called stem cells, start to lose their power. Stem cells are special cells that have the amazing ability to repair and regenerate damaged cells and tissues. But as we age, the function and number of these stem cells decline, which can make it harder for our body to heal and renew itself. However, our diet can play a crucial role in supporting the activity of these superheroes. Certain nutrients, like vitamin D, key minerals and amino acids, and flavonoids found in Le'Vive™ YELLOW and Le'Vive™ GREEN, are believed to help keep our stem cells healthy and active for longer.

Think of stem cells as the repair crew inside our bodies. Just like how we need a team to fix things when they break, our bodies have a team of stem cells that can repair and replace damaged cells and tissues. They are like the superheroes of our body, making sure everything stays in good shape. But as we grow older, our stem cells can become tired and less effective. They may not be able to do their job as well as they used to. This is what we call stem cell exhaustion.

Fortunately, all three of the Le'Vive™ Essentials can help support the function of these superhero cells. There are vital nutrients in each bottle of Le'Vive™ that have been linked to maintaining and regenerating stem cells.

Vitamin D, which is provided in Le'Vive™ YELLOW is one of these important nutrients. It helps support the activity of stem cells and keeps them in good shape.²² Aside from a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials, we can also get vitamin D from sunlight and foods like fatty fish, egg yolks, and fortified dairy products.

²² Akiyama, M., Nakahata, N., & Katsumata, T. (2012). Vitamin D and osteogenic differentiation in stem cells. *Vitamin D: New Perspectives in Drawing*, 7(2), 33-47.

Omega-3 fatty acids, found in fatty fish like salmon, tuna, and sardines, as well as in flaxseeds and walnuts, are another superhero-supporting nutrient. These healthy fats have been shown to promote the maintenance and regeneration of stem cells.²³ Including these foods in our diet can be beneficial for our stem cells.

Flavonoids, which are natural compounds found in Le'Vive™ RED and Le'Vive™ GREEN, have also been associated with supporting stem cell activity and regeneration. Foods like berries (Le'Vive™ RED), citrus fruits (Le'Vive™ YELLOW), and dark greens (Le'Vive™ GREEN) are rich in flavonoids.

In summary, stem cell exhaustion occurs when the superheroes of our body, called stem cells, start to lose their power as we age. However, we can support the activity of these cells through a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials to help maintain and regenerate stem cells, promoting healthy aging.

10. Altered Intercellular Communication

Keeping Cells in Touch for a Healthy Body

Our body is like a big community where cells need to communicate and work together to keep everything in balance. This communication between cells is crucial for maintaining the health of our tissues. However, as we age, this communication can be disrupted, causing problems with tissue repair and regeneration. But don't worry, our diet, and supplements like the Le'Vive™ Essentials can help support healthy communication between cells.

²³ Li, Q., Wang, H., Chen, X., Wang, H., Liu, Y., You, C., et al. (2018). Omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids alleviate aging-related disorders in mesenchymal stem cells. *Aging and disease*, 9(3), 523–536.

Just like how people in a community need to talk and work together to keep things running smoothly, our cells also need to communicate with each other. They send signals and messages to keep our tissues in good shape.

But as we get older, this communication can become altered. It's like the cells are not talking to each other as well as they used to. This can cause issues with repairing and regenerating our tissues, which can affect our overall health.

Luckily, our diet can help support healthy communication between cells. There are certain nutrients that have special properties to promote good cell-to-cell communication.

Polyphenols are one of these important nutrients, and can be found in Le'Vive™ RED and Le'Vive™ YELLOW, which have special properties that can reduce inflammation and promote good communication between cells.²⁴ So, including these foods in our diet can be beneficial for our cell-to-cell communication.

Omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fatty fish like salmon, tuna, and sardines, as well as in flaxseeds and walnuts, are another type of nutrient that supports healthy communication between cells. These healthy fats have anti-inflammatory properties, which means they can help reduce inflammation and promote good communication among our cells.²⁵ Including these foods in our diet can help support our cell-to-cell communication.

In summary, as we age, the communication between our cells can become altered, affecting tissue repair and regeneration. However, we can support healthy communication through a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials and promote good communication between cells, supporting our overall health.

²⁴ Pandey, K. B., & Rizvi, S. I. (2009). Plant polyphenols as dietary antioxidants in human health and disease. *Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity*, 2(5), 270-278.

²⁵ Calder, P. C. (2015). Marine omega-3 fatty acids and inflammatory processes: Effects, mechanisms and clinical relevance. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA)-Molecular and Cell Biology of Lipids*, 1851(4), 469-484.

11. Chronic Inflammation

Taming Inflammation for a Healthier Future

Chronic Inflammation is one of the more recent additions to the 12 Hallmarks of Aging, and for good reason. Many people who suffer from chronic inflammation say it's like having a fire that won't go out inside our body. As we get older, this chronic inflammation can cause problems and increase the risk of different age-related conditions, such as heart disease, arthritis, and neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's.

Inflammation is a natural response of the body to injury or infection. It's like a superhero fighting off harmful invaders and helping with healing when we get hurt. But sometimes, this inflammation doesn't know when to stop, and it keeps going even when there's no threat. This is called chronic inflammation, and it can cause trouble as we age, so much so that it is now known as “inflammaging.”

Chronic inflammation occurs when the immune system is constantly activated, leading to the release of inflammatory molecules called cytokines. These cytokines can damage tissues and organs and disrupt their normal functioning. Additionally, chronic inflammation can lead to the production of free radicals, which are harmful molecules that can cause oxidative stress in the body.

Inflammaging has been linked to many age-related conditions that can affect our health. Heart disease, which can harm our heart and blood vessels, arthritis that causes joint pain and stiffness, and neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's, which affect our brain and memory, are some examples.

The good news is that we can take action to calm down this chronic inflammation and promote a healthier future. One of the important ways to do this through antioxidant superfruits, such as all five of the superfruits contained in Le'Vive™ RED.

Antioxidants play a crucial role in counteracting the effects of oxidative stress and reducing inflammation. Antioxidants are substances that help protect cells from the damage caused by free radicals. They work by neutralizing the free radicals and preventing them from causing further harm.

Research studies have shown that antioxidants have various nutritional benefits in relation to chronic inflammation. For example, a study published in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* found that a diet rich in antioxidants was associated with lower levels of inflammation markers in the body.²⁶ Another study published in the *Journal of Nutrition* demonstrated that antioxidant-rich nutrients, such as the ingredients found in all three bottles of Le'Vive™ Essentials, can help reduce markers of inflammation.²⁷

The antioxidants available through Le'Vive™ RED and phytochemicals from Le'Vive™ YELLOW and Le'Vive™ GREEN have special abilities to aid in calming down inflammation. Antioxidants are like little superheroes that protect our cells from damage and reduce inflammation and phytochemicals are natural compounds in plant-based foods that can reduce inflammation and keep our body healthy.

In conclusion, chronic inflammation is a hallmark of aging and can contribute to age-related diseases. Antioxidants play a crucial role in combating inflammation by neutralizing harmful molecules and reducing oxidative stress. Consuming a daily “shot”

²⁶ Sesso, H. D., Gaziano, J. M., Jenkins, D. J., Buring, J. E., & Strawberry, R. H. (2004). The role of antioxidant vitamins in the prevention of cardiovascular disease: meta-analysis of randomized trials. *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, 44(3), 671-679.

²⁷ Hermsdorff, H. H. M., Zulet, M. A., Puchau, B., Martínez, J. A., & Martínez-González, M. A. (2011). Fruit and vegetable consumption and proinflammatory gene expression from peripheral blood mononuclear cells in young adults: a translational study. *Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases*, 21(9), 607-613.

of Le'Vive™ Essentials may help mitigate chronic inflammation and promote a healthier future of aging well.

12. Dysbiosis

Keeping Our Microbiome Balanced for Healthy Cells

The gut microbiome consists of trillions of microorganisms, including bacteria, fungi, and viruses, that reside in our digestive system and play a crucial role in maintaining our health. A healthy gut microbiome is characterized by a diverse community of beneficial microorganisms that work in harmony to support various bodily functions, such as digestion, nutrient absorption, and immune system regulation. However, with aging, the balance of these microorganisms can be disrupted, leading to dysbiosis.

Dysbiosis can occur due to various factors, including diet, medication use, stress, and age-related changes in the gut environment. When the gut microbiome is imbalanced, it can lead to negative health outcomes, such as increased inflammation, weakened immune function, and susceptibility to diseases.

Nutrition plays a vital role in promoting a healthy gut microbiome and addressing dysbiosis. This is why Le'Vive™ GREEN is one of the most critical components of the Le'Vive™ Essentials Cellular Nutrition System.

Digestion is a complex process and involves many active steps and biological compounds before micronutrients are delivered to our cells. As fewer vitamins and minerals are properly digested and absorbed from our foods and supplements, the more nutrient deficient our cells become.

Le'Vive™ GREEN addresses many of the issues caused by dysbiosis which prevents macro and micronutrient breakdown and absorption. It helps to cleanse the gut of unhealthy bacteria and make room for healthy bacteria to aid in the breakdown of nutrients so they reach our cells in the most bioavailable form, ready to be put to use in various cellular functions.

A healthy balance of bacteria in your microbiome works to prevent excessive inflammation in a few different ways. For starters, 70% of your immune system resides in your gut, and the microbes there help modulate your body's immune response, which includes regulating inflammation. Good-for-you microbes also help maintain a strong gut barrier. And a strong gut barrier ensures that potentially inflammatory substances can't make their way through your GI tract and into your system.

On the other hand, "leaky gut syndrome" occurs when an unhealthy barrier allows proteins and other substances from food plus toxins and bacteria to get into your system, which then triggers inflammation as your body attacks foreign invaders.

Consuming the Le'Vive™ Essentials on a daily basis provides fiber, which may promote the growth of beneficial bacteria in the gut.²⁸ These bacteria ferment dietary fiber and produce short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs), which have anti-inflammatory properties and support gut health.²⁹

It's also important to avoid excessive use of antibiotics unless prescribed by a doctor. Antibiotics can sometimes disrupt the balance of our gut microbiome. When we do need antibiotics, supplementing with Le'Vive™ GREEN may help to support our gut health during and after the treatment.

²⁸ Sonnenburg, E. D., & Sonnenburg, J. L. (2014). Starving our microbial self: the deleterious consequences of a diet deficient in microbiota-accessible carbohydrates. *Cell metabolism*, 20(5), 779-786.

²⁹ Ríos-Covián, D., Ruas-Madiedo, P., Margolles, A., Gueimonde, M., de los Reyes-Gavilán, C. G., & Salazar, N. (2016). Intestinal short chain fatty acids and their link with diet and human health. *Frontiers in microbiology*, 7, 185.

When Le'Vive™ GREEN is taken as a part of the Le'Vive™ Essentials, it enhances the absorption of micronutrients provided by the other bottles. This synergy allows the nutrients to interact and trigger the chemical reactions needed to support maximum absorption, bioavailability, and cellular benefit.

In conclusion, dysbiosis is a hallmark of aging characterized by an imbalance in the gut microbiome. Nutrition plays a critical role in addressing dysbiosis, and a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials can promote a healthy gut microbiome. These dietary strategies have shown potential in restoring balance to the gut microbiota and supporting overall health.

Conclusion

Understanding the 12 hallmarks of cellular aging and their impact on health provides valuable insights into potential strategies for slowing down aging. While aging is a natural process, adopting a healthy lifestyle that includes a balanced diet, regular exercise, stress reduction, and a daily “shot” of Le'Vive™ Essentials may help delay the onset of age-related diseases and promote healthy aging.

Through the complete Le'Vive™ Essentials Cellular Nutrition System, you're providing your cells with vital and essential ingredients in an ideal environment of digestion and absorption, with critical protective support. This optimum cellular health will allow your cells to grow and replicate with less DNA damage and oxidative stress. Winning this battle means that you are adding more life to your years by preventing or decreasing the effects of unhealthy cellular aging.