

# **„The role of NADH in Cancer Therapy“**

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What is NADH ?

What role does NADH play in  
Cancer Prevention and Therapy ?

# NADH

- **N**icotinamide- ( = Vitamin B3 )
- **A**denine -
- **D**inucleotide -
- **H**ydride
  
- also known as reduced
- **C**oenzyme - 1

# NADH

Is the coenzyme form of  
Nicotinamide  
(= Vitamin B3)



# NADH

*occurs in all organs of our body in remarkable concentrations*



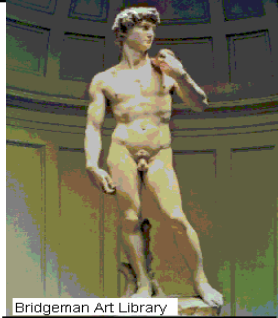
**Heart**

**90 [mg / kg tissue]**



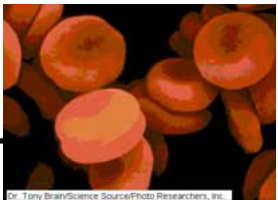
**Brain**

**40 [mg / kg tissue]**



**Muscles**

**50 [mg / kg tissue]**



**Blood**

**5 [mg / kg tissue]**



## Energy production in the cell by NADH

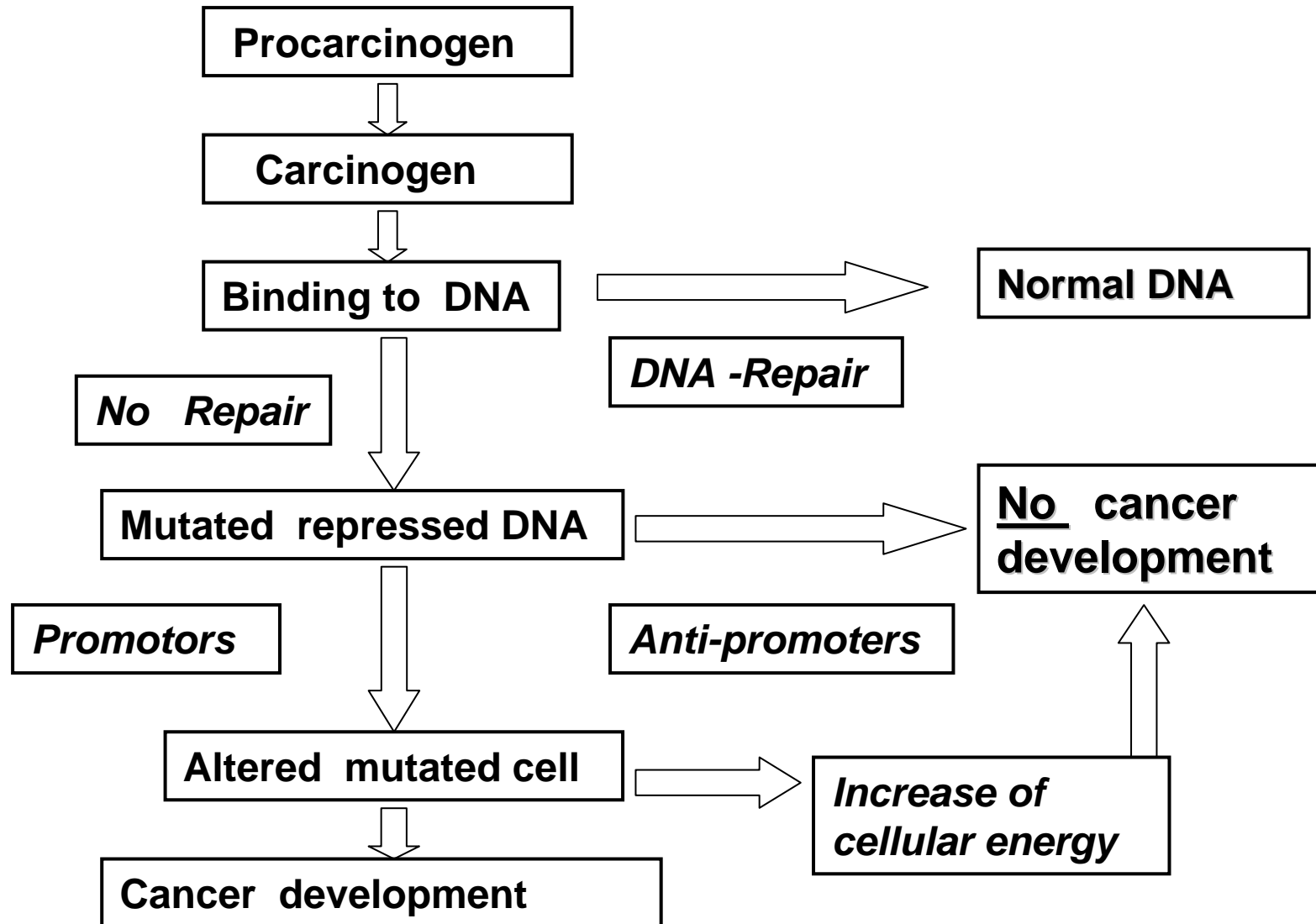
Our daily food consists of proteins, carbohydrates and lipids.

They are taken up by the organism and metabolized to amino acids, glucose and fatty acids

From these substances NADH is produced via pyruvate, and acetyl-coenzyme-A which enter the tricarboxic acid („Krebs“)-cycle where the biosynthesis takes place.

NADH reacts with oxygen present in every cell and produces ATP and water.

# The key event in carcinogenesis



# The key points for cancer prevention

***DNA - Repair***

***Anti - Promotors***

***Energy - Supply***

# The most important biological functions of **NADH**

- Essential for cell - and DNA - repair
- Powerful Antioxidant
- Fuel for cellular energy production

# ***DNA - Repair***

the 1st Step  
to prevent

Cancer development

# ***DNA - Repair***

by

# **NADH**



# The aim of the study:

- Can NADH repair cell- and **DNA – damage** ?
- What is the molecular mechanism of **DNA damage** repair by NADH ?

# Doxorubicin

is a DNA – damaging substance  
used for chemotherapy of cancer



# Cell markers used for the study

Proliferation genes (**c-myc** and **c-erbB-2**)

Apoptosis inhibition genes (**bcl-2** and **P53**)

Cell apoptosis gene (**c-fos**)

Proliferating cell nuclear antigen (**PCNA**)



Doxorubicin induces Apoptosis  
by blocking oncogene expression  
and activation of c-fos

**NADH** can rescue cell activity  
of PC12 cells from DNA damage  
by doxorubicin



**NADH** can regulate the expression of c-myc oncogen protein on PC12 cells with DNA damage

**NADH** repairs DNA-damage of PC12 cells by regulating of **p53** and **Bcl-2** gene protein expression



# Conclusions:

- NADH promotes cell damage repair
- NADH protects cells from damage by doxorubicin
- NADH does not induce abnormal cell proliferation
- **J. Tumor Marker Onc. 13,(4) 5-17 (1998)**

**NADH can repair DNA**

Hence **NADH** is a cancer  
preventing substance

and

the more **NADH** you have in  
your cells the better you are off

**The Reduced Coenzyme  
Nicotinamide Adenine  
Dinucleotide (NADH) repairs  
DNA damage of PC12 cells  
induced by doxorubicin**

JR Zhang, K.Vreko, K.Nadlinger. D.Storga  
GD.Birkmayer and G.Reibnegger  
J.Tumor Marker Onco.13, 5-17 (1998)

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**The Reduced Coenzyme  
Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide  
(NADH) Prevents Hepatic Cells from  
Apoptosis by Mitochondria  
dependant signalling Pathway**

Meng XU, Jiren Zhang  
Int. Journal of Modern Cancer  
Therapy, 3, 38-41 (2000)

***Anti - Promotors***

a n d

**NADH**

# Promotors for the development of cancer

- Free Radicals
- X-rays and cosmic rays
- Ionizing radiation
- Nuclear radiation
- UV-light
- Electromagnetic fields
- Overhead power lines

# Promotors for the developemnt of cancer

- Pesticides/Herbicides
- Industrial toxines
- Smoking
- Polluted water
- Immune-suppressive drugs
- Cytostatics
- Mercury (amalgam fillings)

The best Anti – Promoters  
are Free Radical Scavenger

The best Free Radical  
Scavenger are  
Antioxidants

The substance with the  
highest  
**Redox potential**  
has the highest  
**antioxidative capacity**

**NADH**

as

the anti-oxidative  
protection shield

# **The antioxidative capacity of ENADA-NADH in humans**

Reibnegger G, Greilberger J, Juergens  
G. and Oettl K.

**ICMAN Proceedings,  
J.Tumor Marker Oncol. 18, 37-41  
(2003)**

# Study Results

- When LDL –cholesterol is oxidized in vitro induced by peroxy radicals **NADH** reveals an antioxidant effect identical to vitamin C during the first 90 minutes.
- However , after 90 minutes vitamin C has no further effect while **NADH** is still acting antioxidatively

- “ While there is no such thing as a singularly ‘most important’ compound in the body or even a ‘most important antioxidant’, **NADH** comes as close as a single compound can.
- **NADH** is both the primary coenzyme that drives reduction and oxidation reactions in cellular metabolism and the most important antioxidant “
- Richard A. Passwater, Ph.D.

Oral NADH effects blood pressure, lipid peroxidation and lipid profile in spontaneously hypertensive rats

**Busheri N, Taylor J, Lieberman S, Mirdamadi-Zonosi N, Birkmayer G, Preuss HG.**

Geriat.Nephrol.Urol. 18(2) 95-100 (1998)

# ***Energy Supply***

**b y**

# **NADH**



# NADH

the fuel for cellular  
energy production

**NADH** reacts with  
with oxygen we breath  
and produces energy  
in form of ATP  
(= Adenosin-Tri-Phosphate)



# Metabolic and Energetic Changes During Apoptosis in Neural Cells

- J.C.Mills, D.Nelson, M.Erecinska and R. Pittman  
Journal of Neurochemistry (1995)
- These cells , upon exposure to stimuli that cause single-stranded DNA breaks, experience a large increase in poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase activity, which leads to depletion of cellular **NADH**
- **The loss of NADH is thought to lead to ATP depletion, which, in turn, leads to cells death.**



Can we increase the energy  
production of a cell ?

Yes,  
by  
**N.A.D.H.**

N A D H-supplementation decreases  
pinacidil-primed  $I_{K(ATP)}$  in ventricular  
cardiomyocytes by increasing  
intracellular ATP

**Pelzmann B, Hallström S, Schaffer P, Lang  
P, Nadlinger K, Birkmayer GD, Vrecko C,  
Reibnegger G and Koidl B**

**. Brit. J. Pharm. 2003 139, 749-754**

In neoplastic cells  
energy production  
via  
oxidative phosphorylation  
is reduced as compared to  
normal cells

Hence neoplastic cells  
have not enough energy to produce

all the proteins, glycoproteins  
and glycolipids on the cell  
membrane

essential for  
regulating the cell cycle  
and proliferation

If this assumption is correct  
the growth of neoplastic cells  
should be inhibited by

**NADH**

# Effect of Extracellular NADH on Human Tumor Cell Proliferation

**Slade N, Storga-Tomic D, Birkmayer  
GD, Pavelic K, Pavelic J.**

**ANTICANCER RESEARCH  
19 : 5355-5360 (1999)**

# Study Results:

- NADH was very potent in inhibiting the growth of murine fibrosarcoma and human Hep-2 cells (laryngeal carcinoma)
- One dose of NADH for 4 days was sufficient in reducing the growth rate up to 92%

Treatment of cancer patients

with **NADH**

# Prostate Cancer

- Patient, 59 y, first visit Sept 98
- Prostate cancer verified by biopsy
- PSA 22.0 (Sept 98)
- Treatment protocol: ENADA-NADH 5mg  
4 tablets per day, no surgery no radio-  
no chemotherapy
- PSA 8.0 (Jan. 99)
- Oct.99 control biopsy: all 8 specimen negativ,  
MRT negativ, PSA 2.5
- Mai 2003 patient in excellent health working as  
manager of an international airline

# Prostate Cancer

- Patient, 63y, first visit Nov. 2002
- Prostate cancer verified by biopsy (6 out of 7 positive)
- PSA 16,8
- Treatment protocol: ENADA-NADH 5mg  
4 tablets per day, no surgery, no radio- no  
chemotherapy,
- Patient was taking already Selenium, Vit E and Vit C
- Jan. 2003: PSA 5,2
- Apr. 2003: PSA 1,6 , control biopsy: negative,  
MRT negative

# Mamary Carcinoma

- Patient, 55y, first diagnosis Feb 1992: „ lymph node metastasis of a poorly differentiated mammary carcinoma with lymph node metastases in the neck
- Primary tumor could not be detected
- CA 15.3 : 37.0, CEA: 13.5; TPS 145
- Patient denied chemo- and/or radiotherapy
- Treatment protocoll: ENADA-NADH 5mg : 4 tablets per day,
- March 1993 : lymph node metastasis had disappeared
- CA 15.3: 15.0, CEA 8.0, TPS 95
- June 1994: CT-Scan and bone scintigraphy negative
- Jan. 2003: patient in good health with no evidence of cancer

# Lung Cancer

- Patient: Male 48 y , small cell bronchial carcinoma
- Diagnosed by MRT and verified by biopsy Jan 2001
- Tumor size 6 to 8 cm
- Received radio- and chemotherapy for 5 month
- No change in tumor size
- Visit in Vienna in Sept 2001
- Treatment protocol: ENADA-NADH 5mg 4 tabs/day
- In addition: Selenium, Vit E , Vit C and shark cartilage
- Jan. 2002: Tumor mass reduced to 1,5 to 2 cm
- July 2002 : MRT negativ, no tumor mass could be detected (see following email )

# Colon Cancer

- Patient: Male 65 y , colon carcinoma of the rectum
- Diagnosed by MRT and verified by biopsy Aug 2005
- Tumor size 8 cm
- Patient refused surgery, radio- and chemotherapy
- Started NADH treatment in Sept 2005
- Treatment protocol: NADH 10mg (sublingually)
- 4 tabs NADH /day (in total 40 mg NADH)
- In addition: L-Arginin 1500 mg / day
- July 2007: Tumor mass reduced to 1,5 to 2 cm
- No detectable metastases.

# Osteosarcoma

- Patient: Boy 13 y , osteosarcoma (pea size tumor under the tongue)
- Tumor ( 1cm in size) was surgically removed October 2003
- Histopathology revealed osteosarcoma
- Parents of the boy refused chemotherapy
- Boy started taking NADH March 2004
- Treatment protocol: NADH 10mg (sublingually)
- 3 tablets NADH /day (in total 30 mg NADH)
- No recurrences of osteosarcoma or metastases since then.

# Cancer with liver metastases

- Patient: Male 63 y , renal cell carcinoma,
- Diagnosed by CT February 1998
- Nephrectomy March 1998
  
- Detection of 3 liver metastases in April 2006
- Size of the 3 liver metastases 5 – 6 cm in diameter
- 2 cycles of chemotherapy yielded no tumor mass reduction
- Started NADH treatment in Aug 2006
- Treatment protocol: NADH 30mg oral (in the morning)
- 3 sublingual tablets NADH (in the afternoon)
- (in total 60 mg NADH per day)
- Additional supplements : L-Arginin 1500 mg / day
- Aug 2007: Mass of all 3 metastases reduced to 1,5 to 2 cm
- Patient physically and mentally in very good condition.
- Back again as boss of his own company since Jan. 2007

# Types of Cancers treated with NADH

- Prostate Cancer: 19 cases; 10 *TR* , 9 *TF*
- Mammary Carcinoma: 3 cases; 1 *TR* , 2 *TF*
- Colon Cancer : 3 cases; 3 *TR*
- Small Cell Lung Cancer: 3 cases; 2 *TR* 1 *TF*
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: 3 cases; 2 *TR*, 1 *TF*
- *Osteosarcoma*: 1 case; 1 *TF*
- Glioblastoma: 2 cases; 1 *TR*, 1 *TF*
- *TR* = *Tumor Regression*
- *TF* = *Tumor Free*