# **DNA OXIDATIVE STRESS TEST**

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A biomarker of oxidative stress associated with:

- high cortisol
- high blood pressure
- diabetes
- cystic fibrosis
- atopic dermatitis
- rheumatoid arthritis
- Parkinson's diseaseAlzheimer's disease
- Huntington's disease
- pancreatitis
- chronic hepatitis
- various cancers including breast cancer

8-OHdG is also used to estimate the DNA damage in humans after exposure to cancer-causing agents, such as tobacco smoke, asbestos fibers, heavy metals, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS?**

When local antioxidant systems fail, oxidative damage permanently occurs to lipids of cellular membranes, proteins, and DNA. In nuclear and mitochondrial DNA, 8-OHdG is predominantly formed due to free radical-induced oxidative (pro-mutative) lesions.

## STUDIES AND CANCER

60 women with malignant tumors in a breast cancer study<sup>1</sup> and 82 men in a prostate cancer study showed 8-OHdG levels significantly higher than controls<sup>2</sup>. Levels did not decrease with prostatectomy but did decrease with androgen suppression hormone therapy.

#### TREATMENT IDEAS WHEN ELEVATED

- Address the cause. Reduce stress and avoid toxins.
- Encourage increased intake of fruits and vegetables.
- Support antioxidant status. (Vit. C, Melatonin, Vit. E)
- Assess and evaluate glutathione (N-Acetyl Cysteine).



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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Orange juice (but not pomegranate, apple, grapefruit or cranberry) reduced oxidative stress measured by 8-OHdG<sup>3</sup>. Whether normal or high polyphenol content, orange juice consumption decreased 8-OHdG levels over controls, and lead to weight loss in people with high BMI metabolic syndrome<sup>4</sup>.

Taking micronutrient and mineral supplements with antioxidants improved 8-OHdG in people who otherwise did not eat vegetables<sup>5</sup>.

When renoprotective effects of Berberine were measured by 8-OHdG in patients with both hypertension and Type 2 diabetes, Berberine reduced 8-OHdG among other measures<sup>6</sup>.

8-OHdG increased in the kidney and liver with a copper releasing implant, and researchers supposed that this might also happen with copper IUDs in humans<sup>7</sup>.

Smokers who have high 8-OHdG can lower it by taking pretty moderate amounts of fish oil with combined EPA/DHA<sup>8</sup>.

Urinary BPA increases associated with urinary 8-OHdG increase<sup>9</sup>.

Urinary methylparaben (MP) and ethylparaben (EP) increase along with 8-OHdG in pregnant women and their infants<sup>10</sup>.



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