

"HYDROGEN: THE SECRET INGREDIENT TO LONGEVITY?"

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The Basics

Molecular Hydrogen

SYMBOL - MOLECULAR HYDROGEN

MOLECULAR WEIGHT - 2.016 G/MOL

BOND ENERGY - 432 KJ

ATOMIC SYMBOL - H

ATOMIC NUMBER - 1

FORMULA - H₂

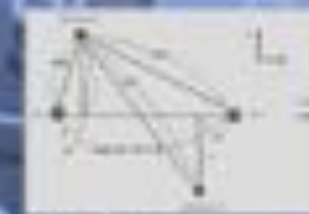
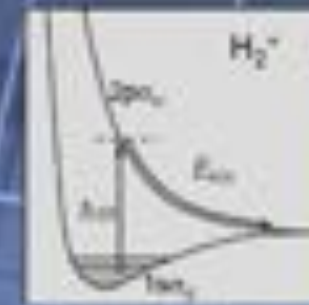
BOND ORDER - 1

SOLUBILITY - 1.62 MG/L

BOILING POINT - -252.77°C

VAPOR PRESSURE - 105320-1011

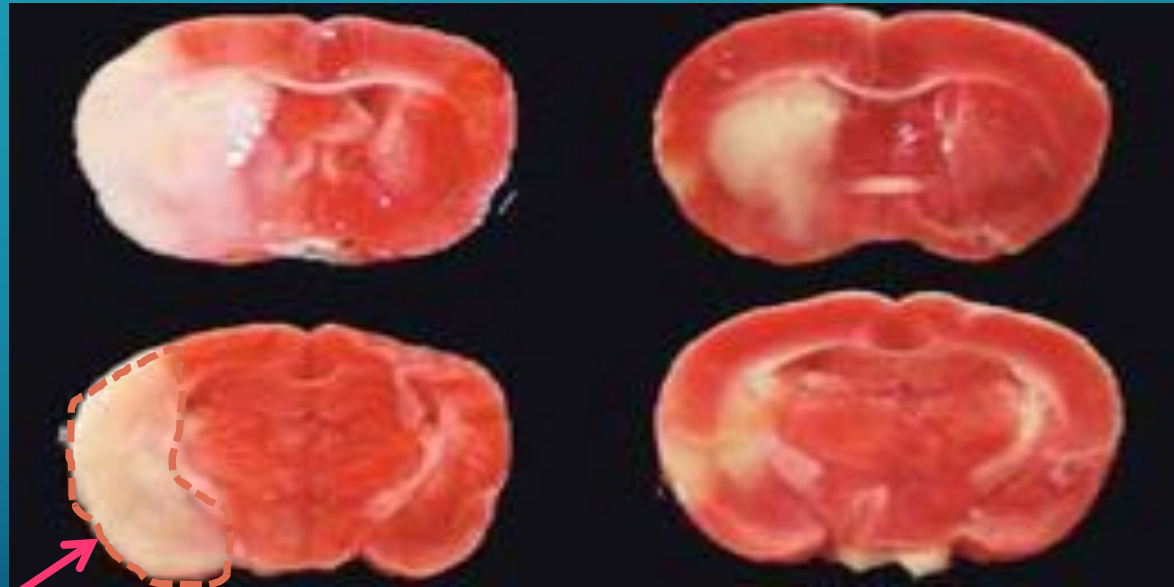
HEAT OF VAPORIZATION - 0.9 KJ/MOL



H₂ gas suppressed cell death of the brain due to cerebral infarction

(there is no effect with helium gas)

0% H₂ gas 2%



Dead area in rat brain

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Hydrogen acts as a therapeutic antioxidant by selectively reducing cytotoxic oxygen radicals



Hydrogen-rich water Parkinson's disease

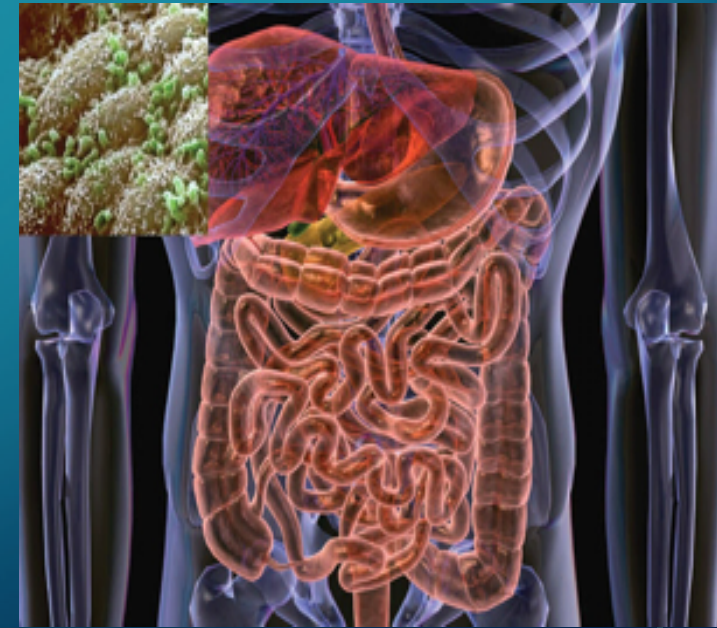
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Control water

H₂ water

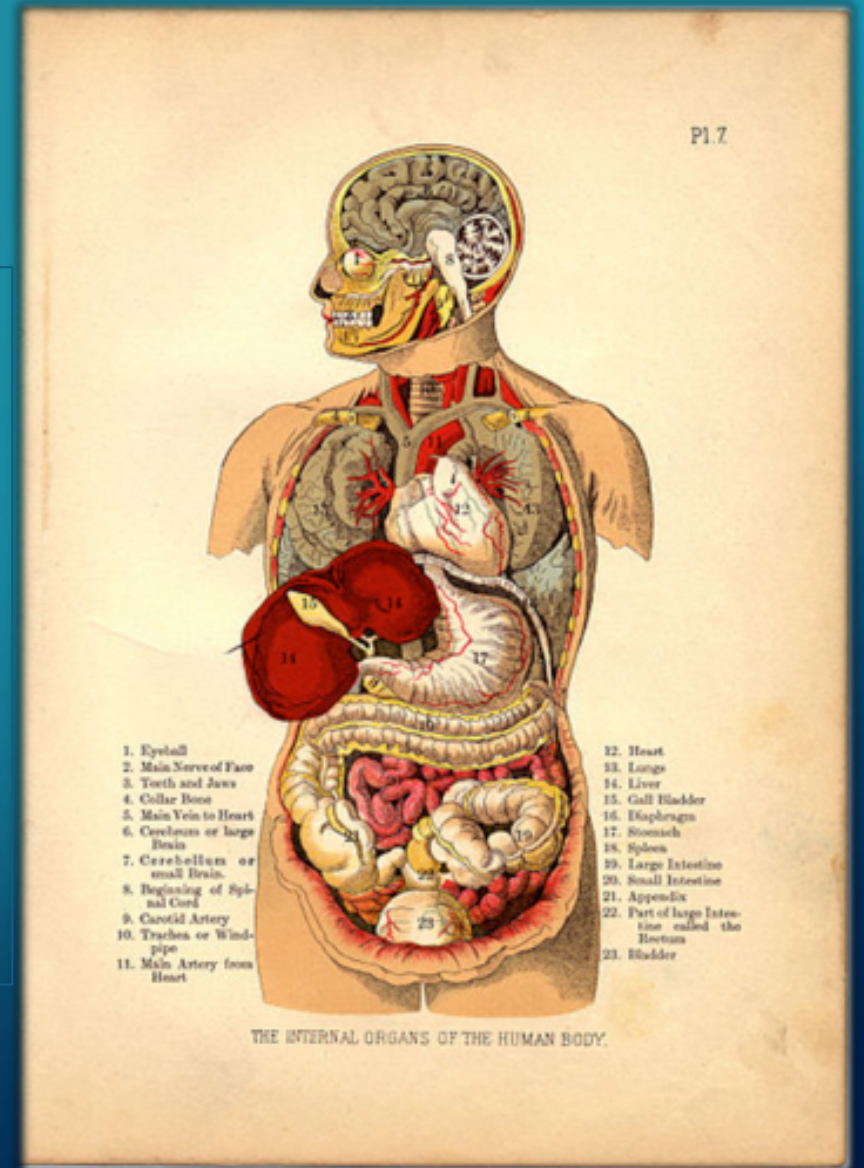
Hydrogen gas from bacteria exerts therapeutic biological effects

- 1988: Hypothesized that hydrogen from bacteria could be therapeutic
- 2009: Confirmed by a report from the Forsyth Institute in Boston and the University of Florida



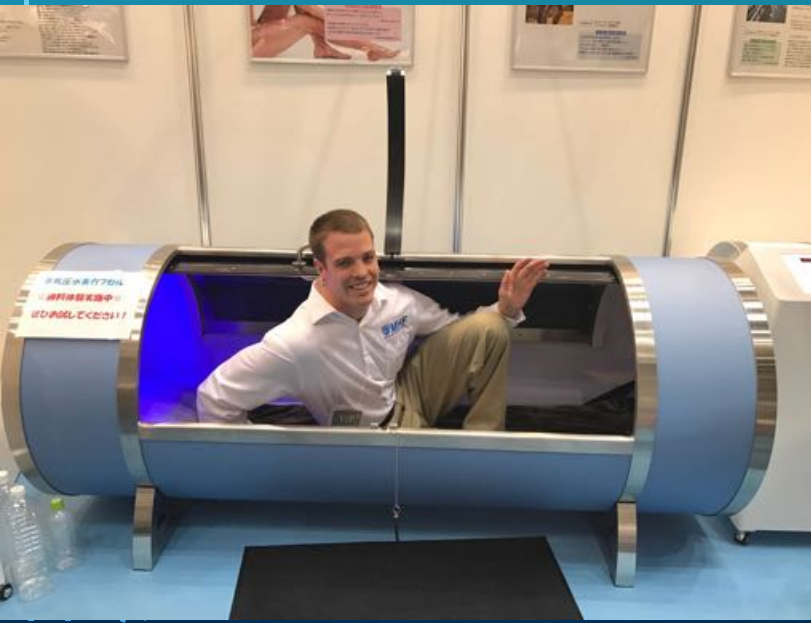
- Neale, R.J. *Medical Hypotheses*, 1988. 27(1): p. 85-87
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Molecular hydrogen has been shown to be therapeutic in over 170 different human and animal disease models and essentially every organ of the human body.

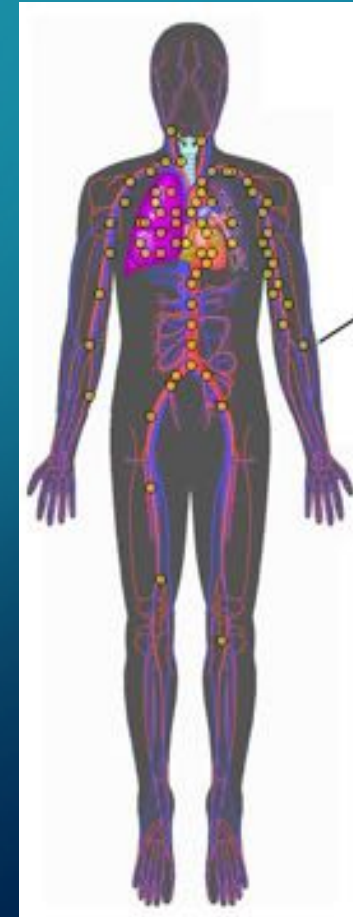
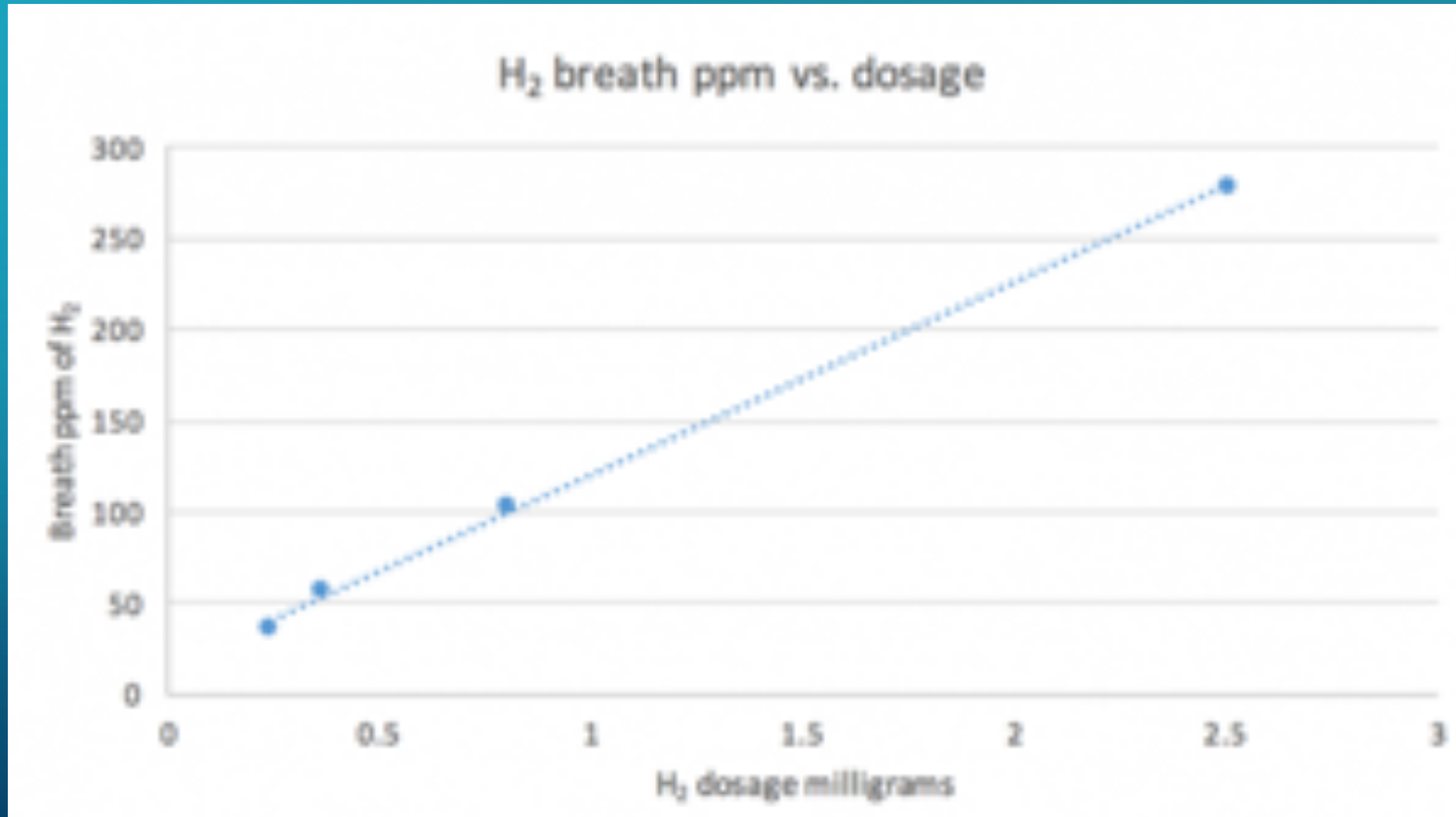


Methods of Administration

- Inhalation of hydrogen gas
- Hyperbaric hydrogen chamber
- Hydrogen-rich saline injection
- Taking a hydrogen water bath
- Ingestion of hydrogen-rich water

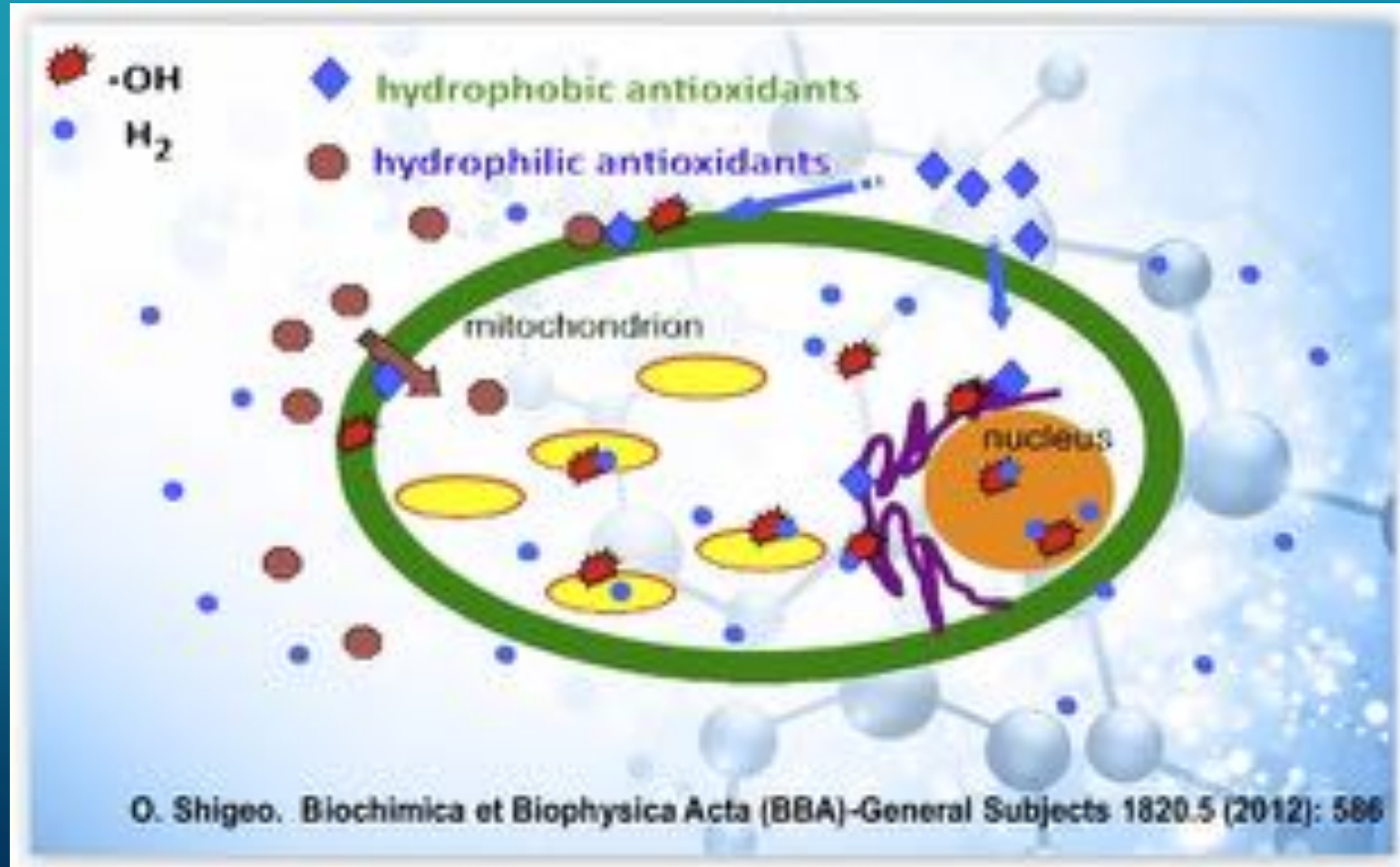


Pharmacokinetics



- Rapid diffusion
- Small molecule

- Hydrophobic
- No byproduct (water)



Free radical/antioxidant marketing



Conventional antioxidants may negate exercise benefits



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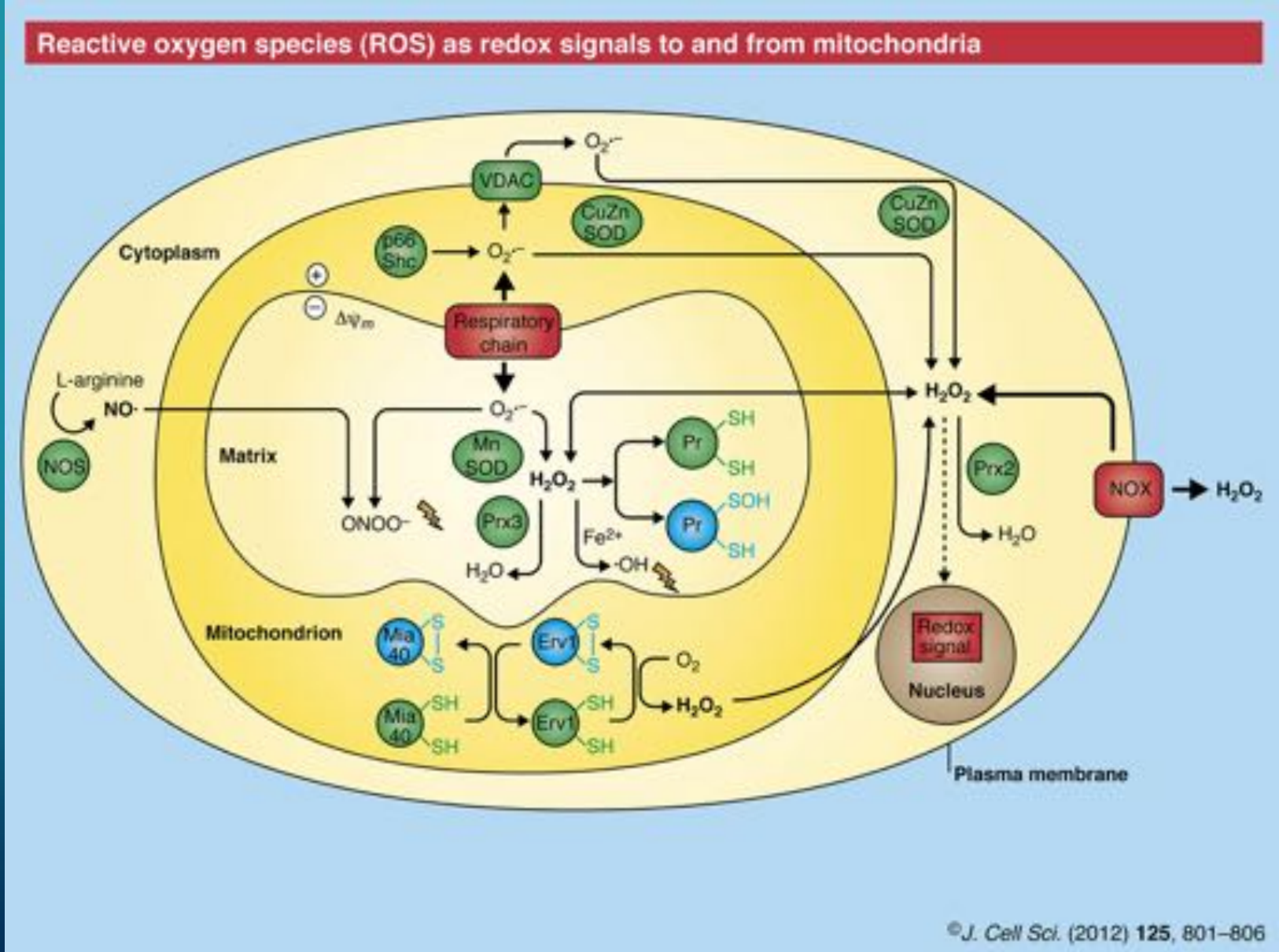
Antioxidants prevent health-promoting effects of physical exercise in humans

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Benefits of ROS (Free Radicals)

- Signal transduction
- Immunity
- Vasodilation
- Activation of transcription factors

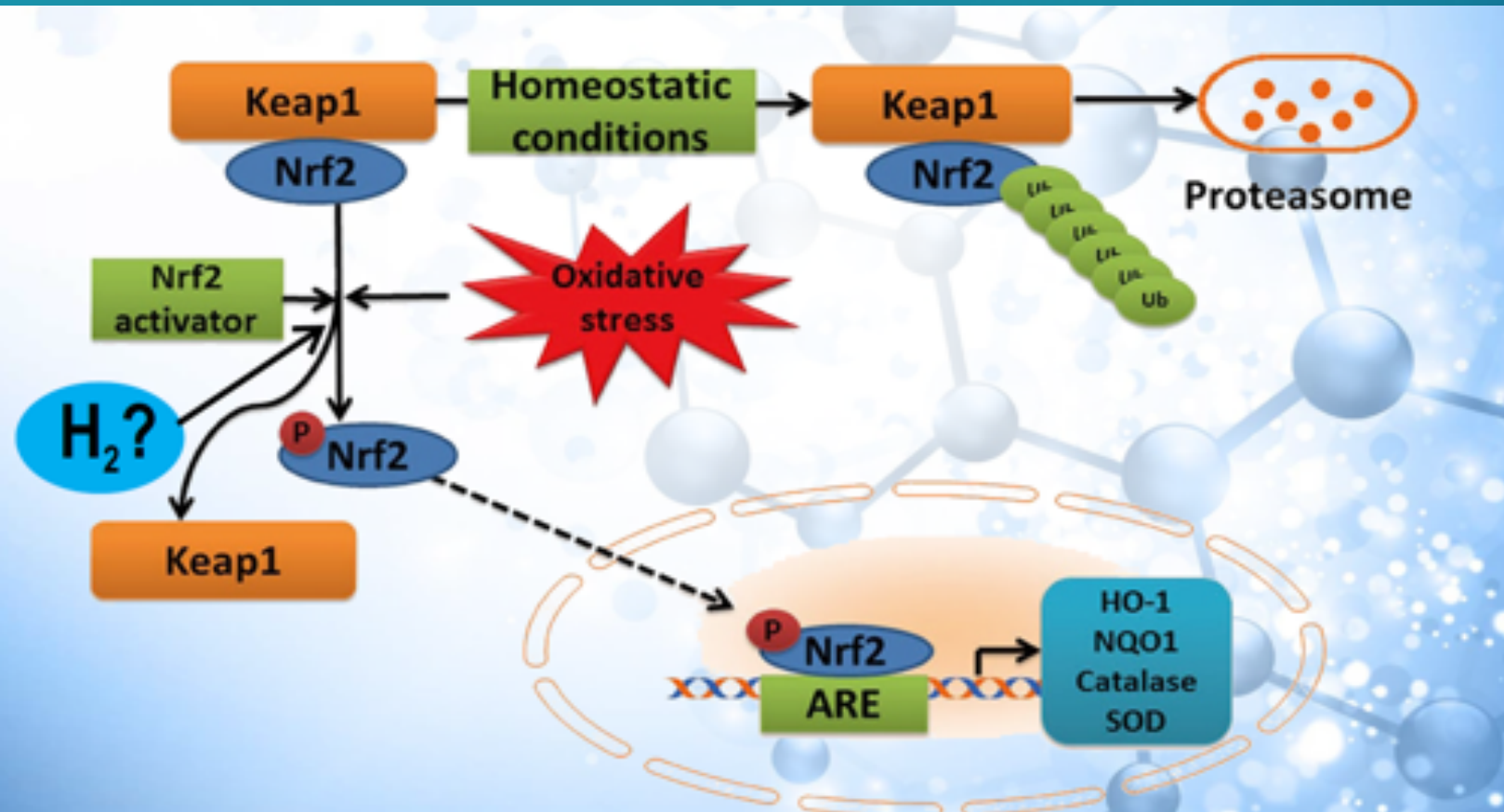


Hydrogen ameliorates oxidation

Markers of oxidative stress		Markers of antioxidant status	
MDA	↓	Superoxide Dismutase (SOD)	↑
TBAR	↓	Glutathione (GSH)	↑
8-OHdG	↓	Catalase (Cat)	↑
HNE	↓	Glutathione peroxidase (GPx)	↑
Protein carbonyl	↓	Glutathione S-transferase (GST)	↑
dROM	↓	Glutathione reductase	↑
13-HODE	↓	Total Antioxidant Status (TAC)	↑

*Review of studies show these markers are altered by H₂ administration

Hydrogen gas can activate the Nrf2 pathway, leading to increased production of SOD, GSH, CAT, etc.



H. Chen, et al. *Int Immunopharmacol* 28.1 (2015): 643

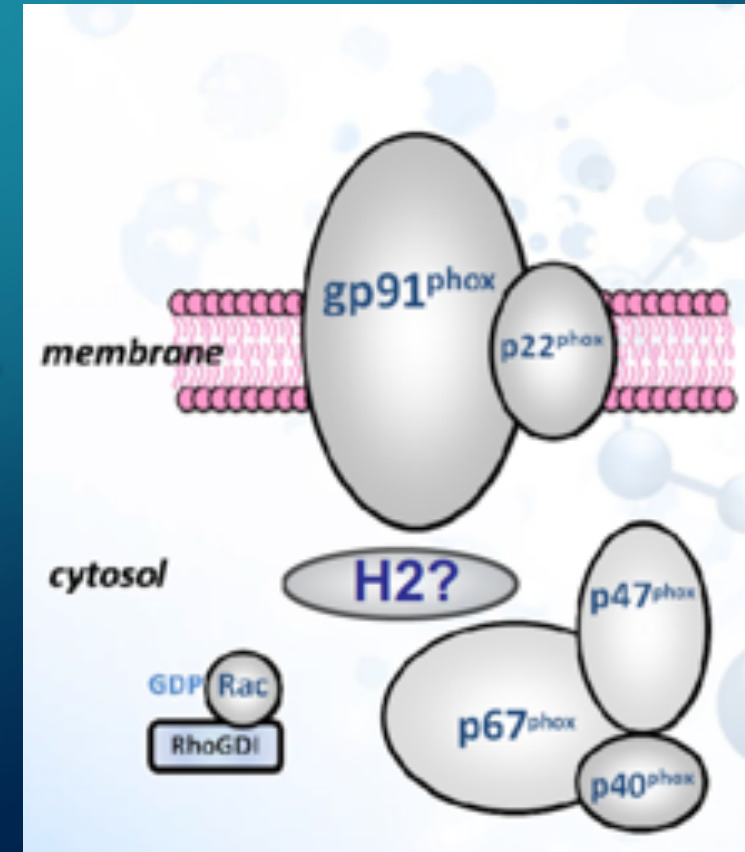
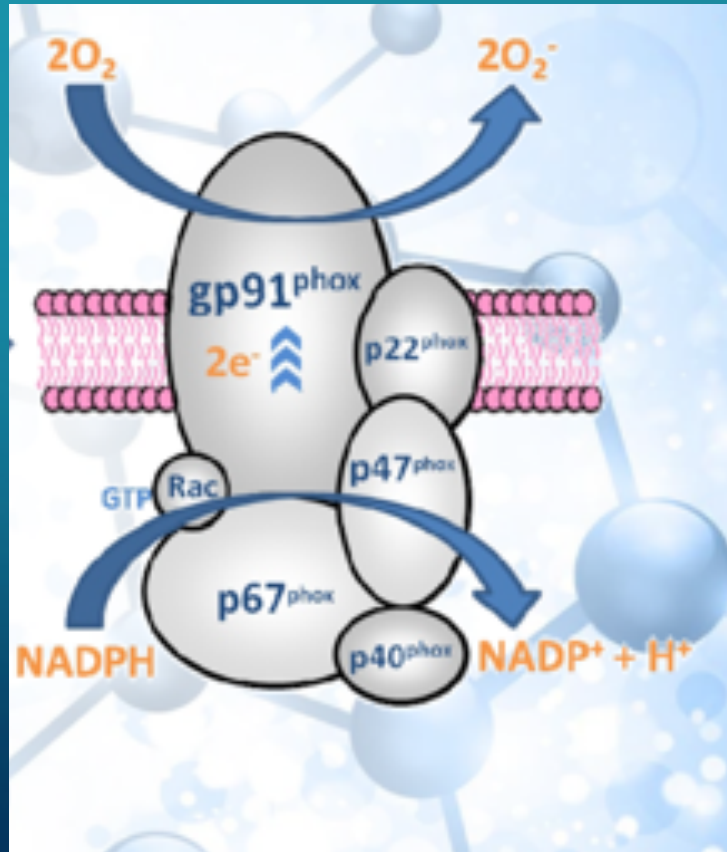
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H₂ prevents ROS formation by cell modulation

Fig. is example only.

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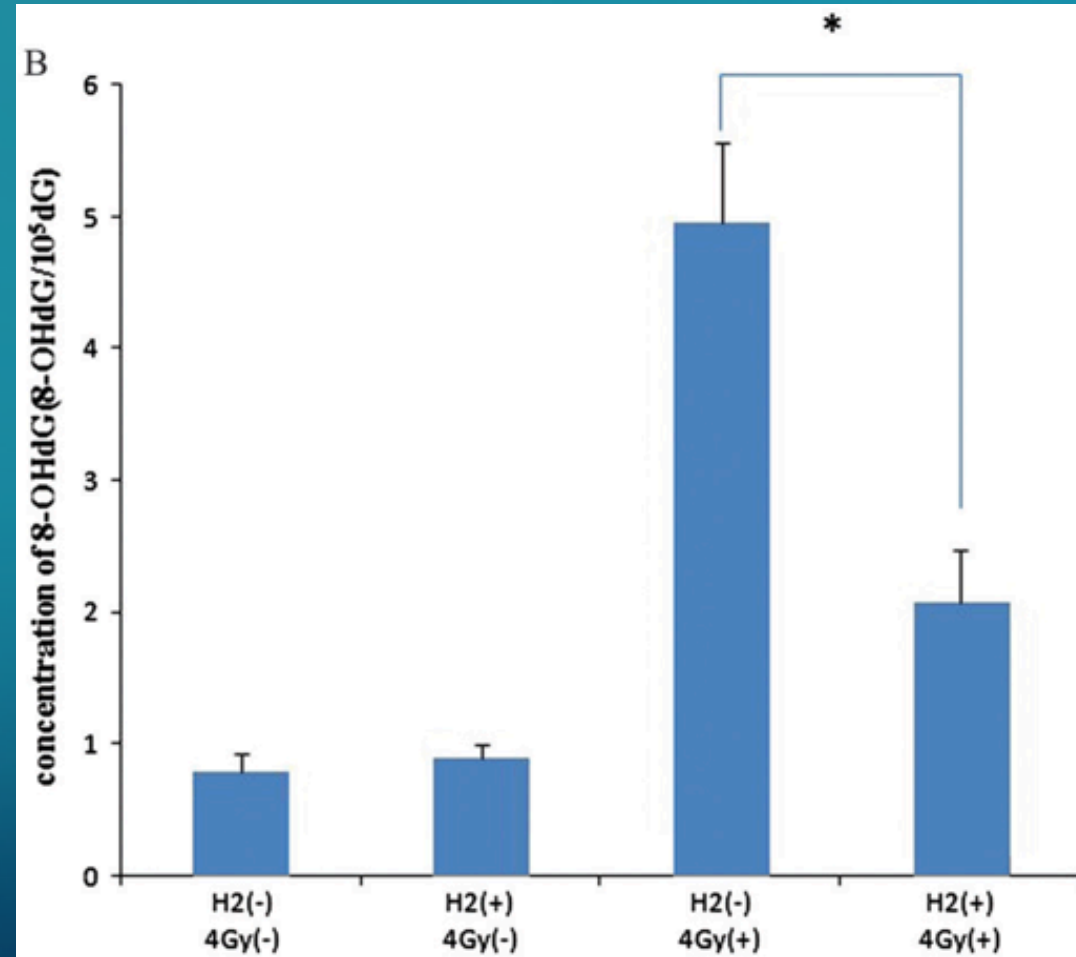
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Helps maintain redox homeostasis



Qian, Liren, et al. "Radioprotective effect of hydrogen in cultured cells and mice." *Free radical research* 44.3 (2010): 275-282.



Superiority of Hydrogen compared to other antioxidants

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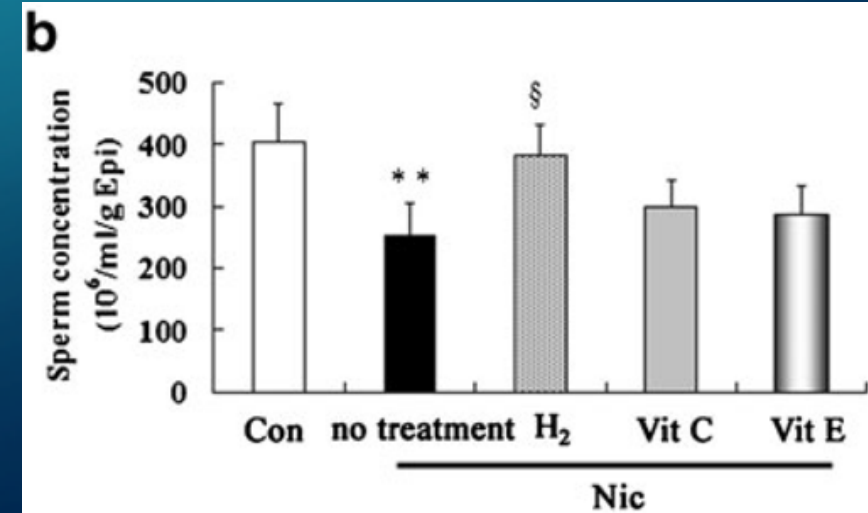
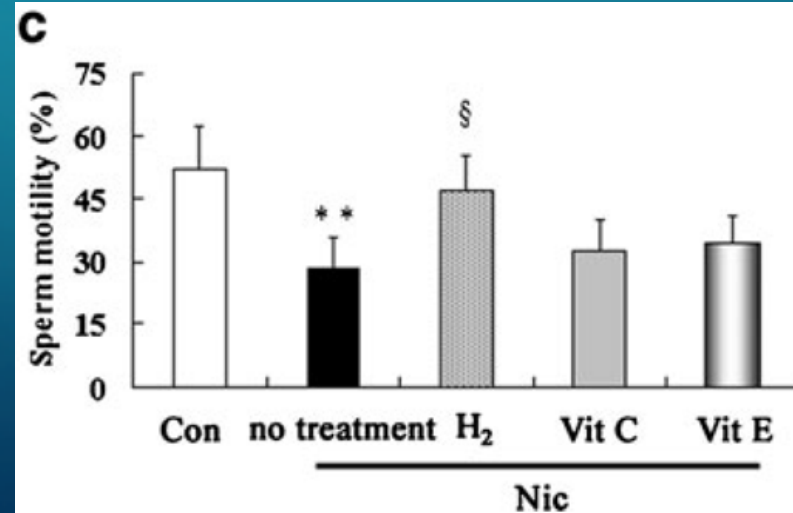
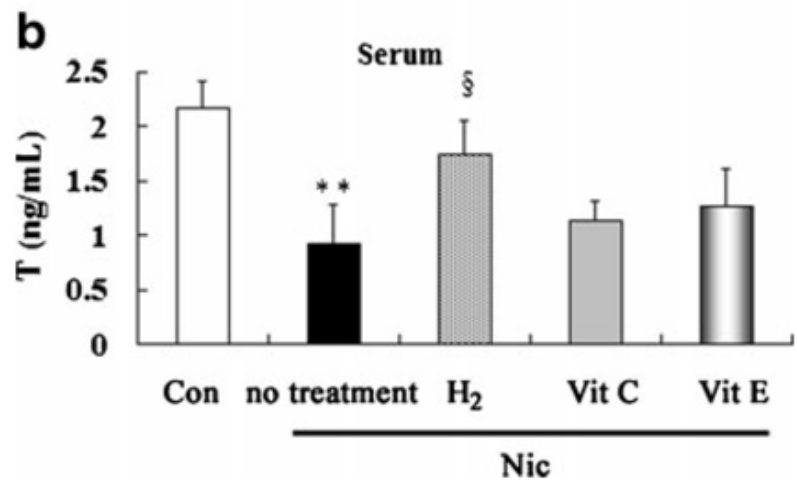
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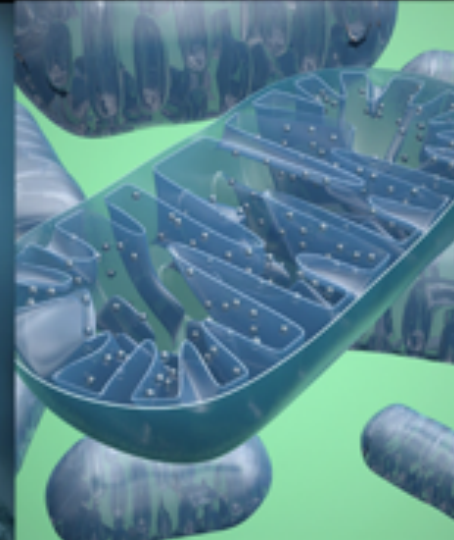
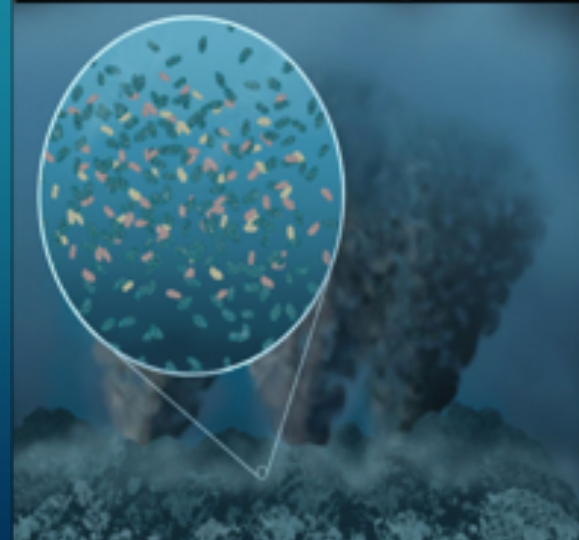
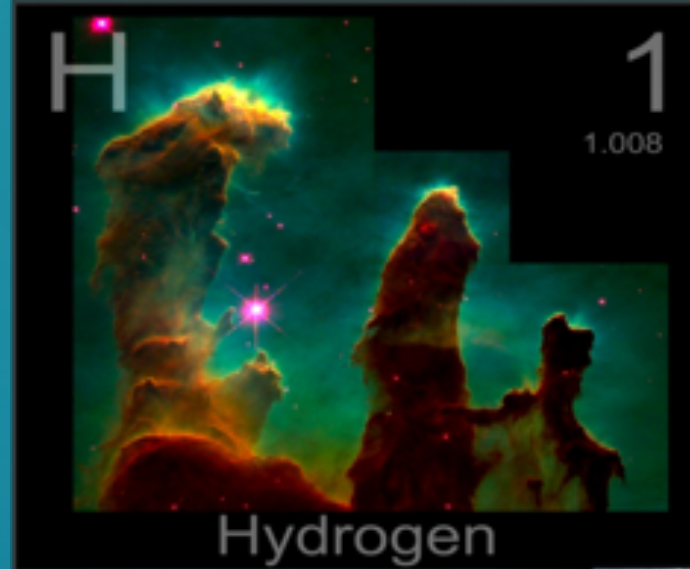
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Long-term treatment of hydrogen-rich saline abates testicular oxidative stress induced by nicotine in mice.



Perhaps the reason H_2 exerts a biological effect is because H_2 has been intimately involved in:

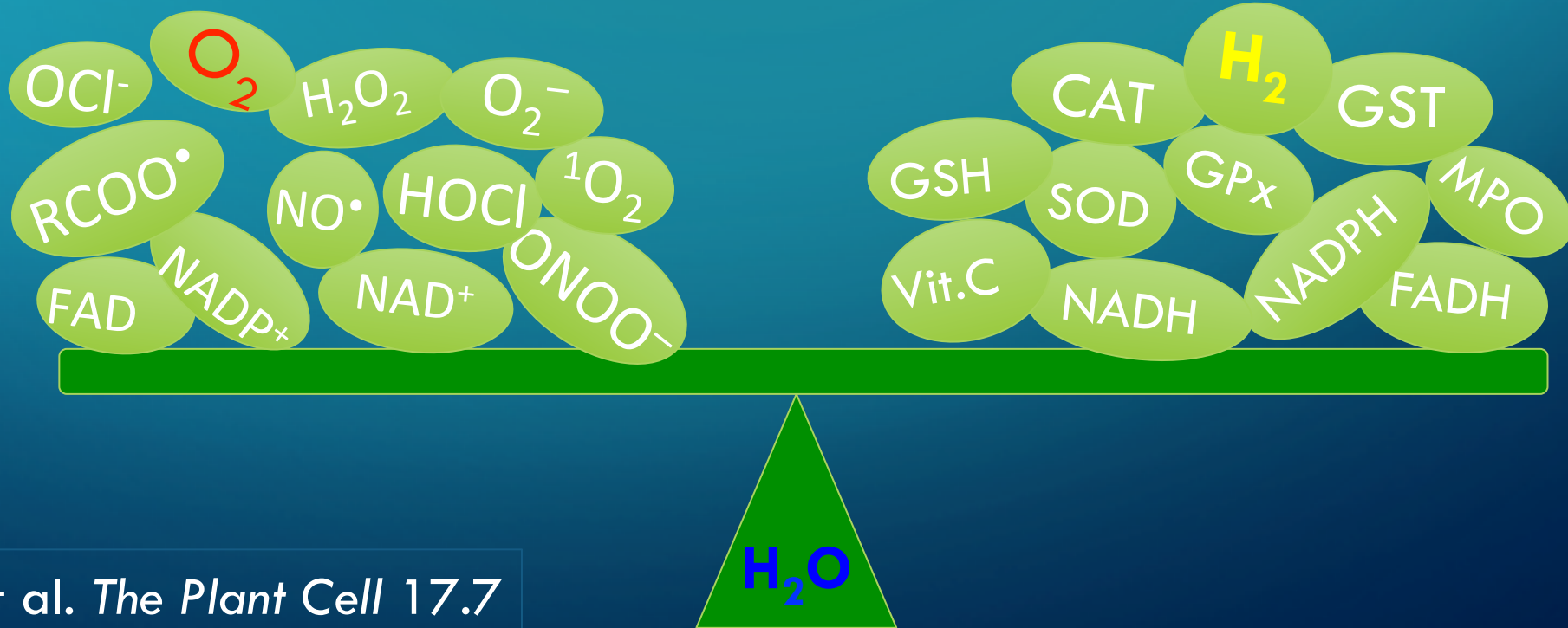
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- *The genesis of life*
- *The evolution of eukaryotes
(plant & animal cells)*



Life is **balanced** between **Oxidation** and **Reduction**

Oxidation

Reduction



Oxidative stress



Reductive stress

Zhang X, Min X, Li C, et al. Involvement of reductive stress in the cardiomyopathy in transgenic mice with cardiac-specific overexpression of heat shock protein 27. *Hypertension*. 2010;55:1412-1417.



Both oxidative and reductive stress can occur simultaneously in the same cell



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Journal (2015) 34: 2334–2349

Redox dysregulation

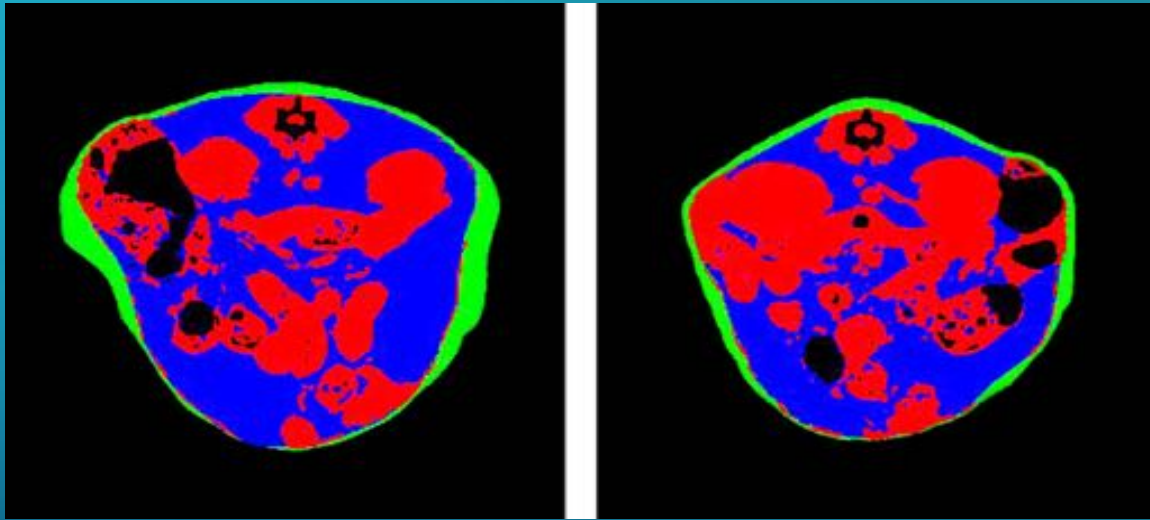


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H₂ suppresses obesity

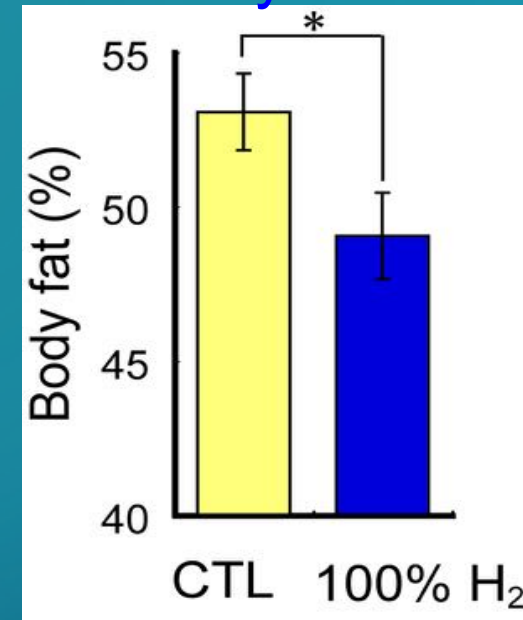
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H₂



Red: muscle
Blue: internal fat
Green: subcutaneous fat

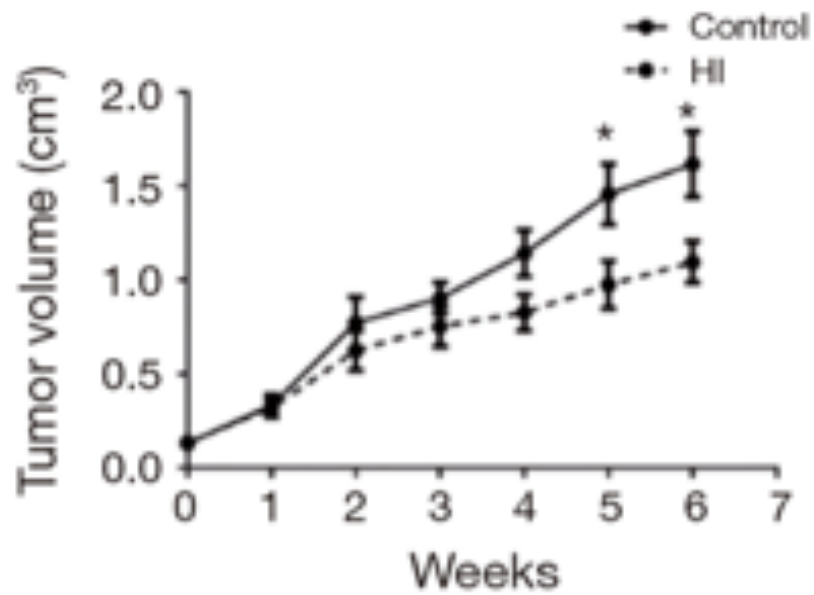
Body fat



Original Article

Therapeutic potential of molecular hydrogen in ovarian cancer

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Molecular hydrogen increases resilience to stress in mice

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Likely mediated by inhibiting the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis and inflammatory responses to stress.

Hydrogen helps prevent autism

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Hydrogen-Rich Water Ameliorates Autistic-Like Behavioral Abnormalities in Valproic Acid-Treated Adolescent Mice Offspring

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Sympathetic nerve activation and mood/anxiety (K6) were decreased by HRW



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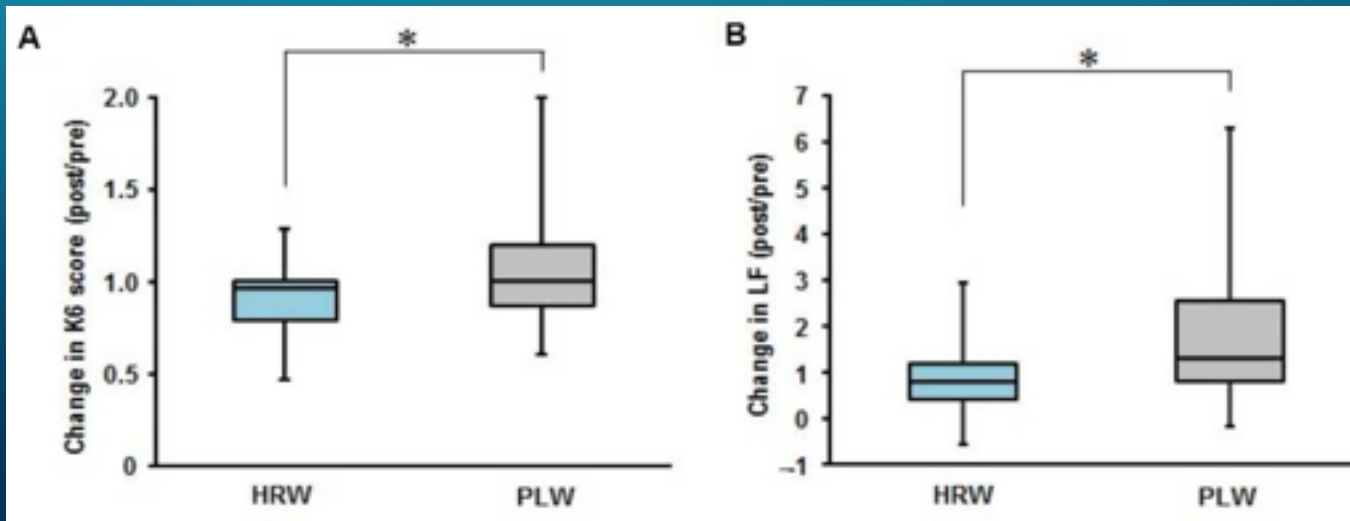
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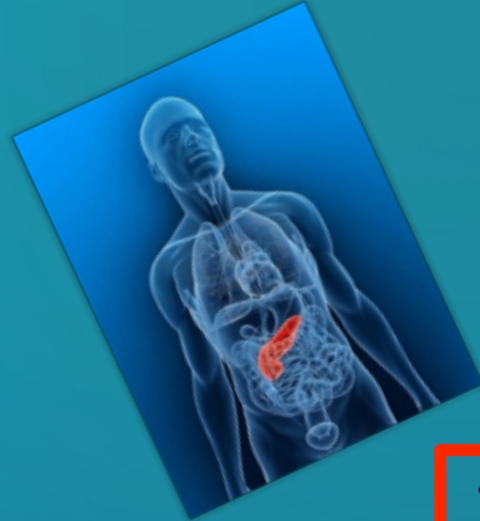
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Hydrogen-rich water for improvements of mood, anxiety, and autonomic nerve function in daily life

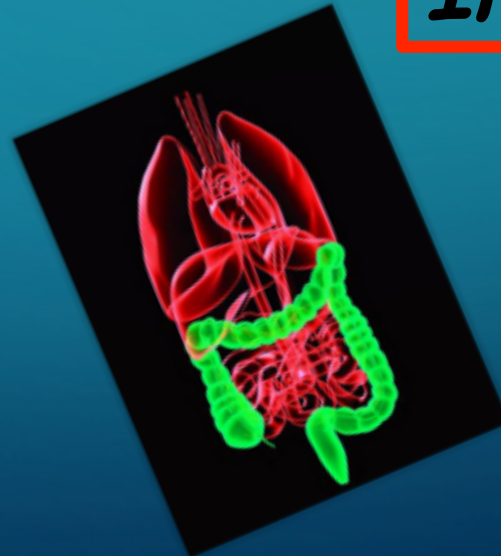


Hydrogen ameliorates inflammation

- Arthritis
- Pancreatitis
- Hepatitis
- Asthma
- Colitis
- Sepsis
- Pain



INFLAMMATION!

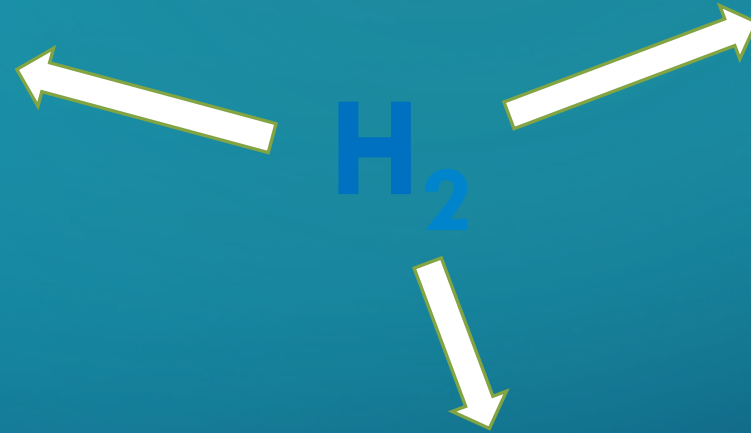


Xie, Keliang, et al. *Shock* 34.5
(2010): 495

Hong, Y. et al. : *Exp Ther Med* 11.6
(2016): 2590.

Hydrogen ameliorates inflammation

- HMGB1
- NF- κ B
- NLRP3
- NFATC1
- STAT3
- TLR4
- p38 MAP kinase,
- JNK

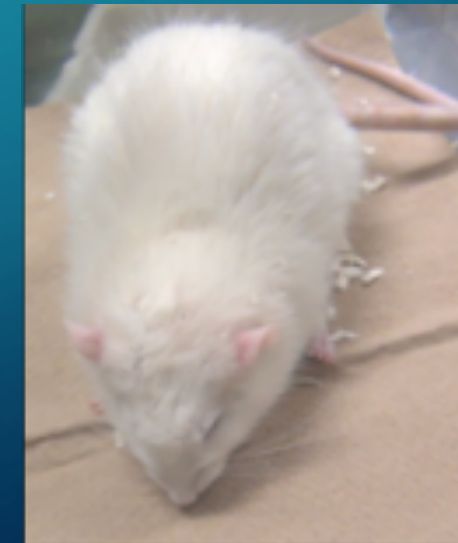
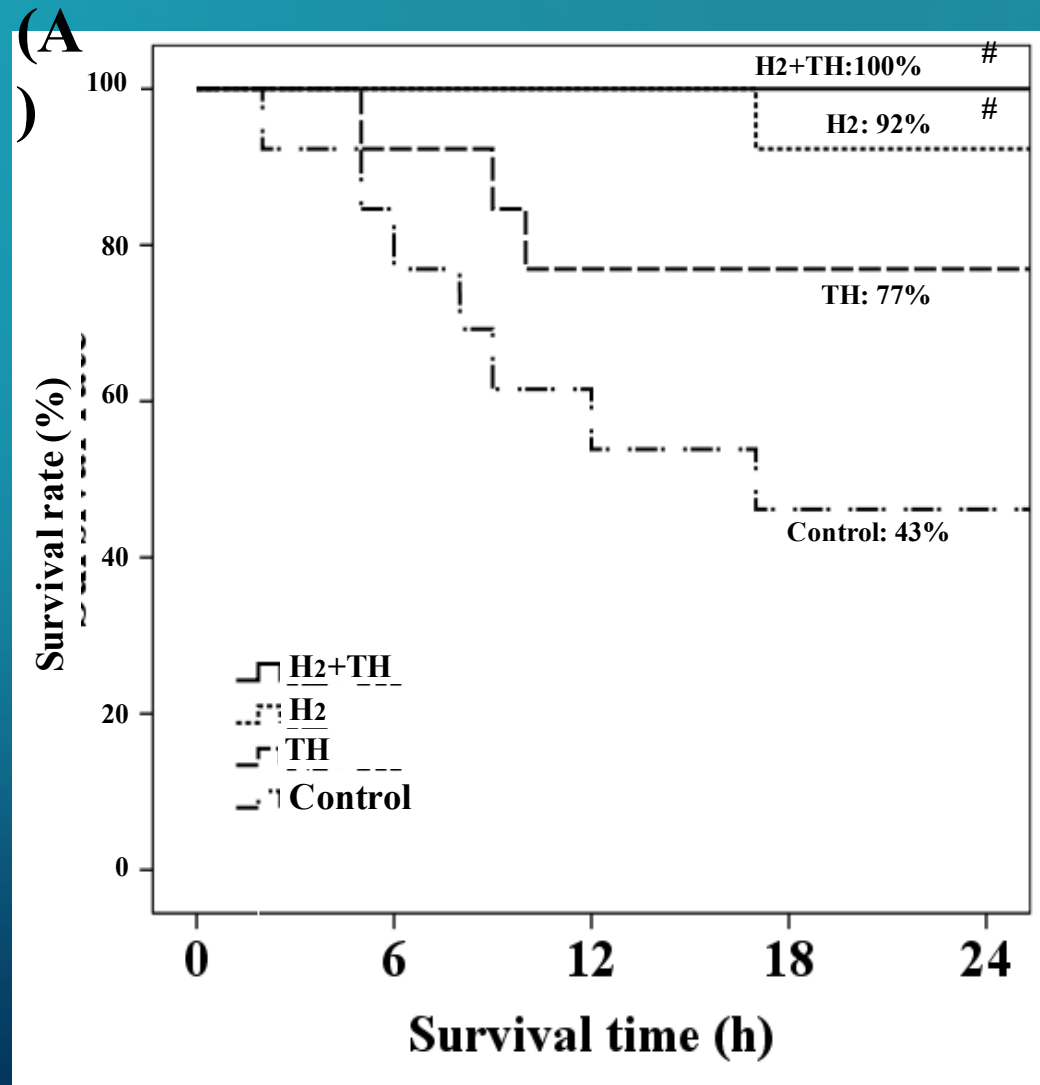


- MIP-1 α
- MIP-1b
- MIP-2
- MIP-3 α
- CD_s
- TNF- α
- I κ B- α
- COX-2
- CRP

- IL-1
- IL-2
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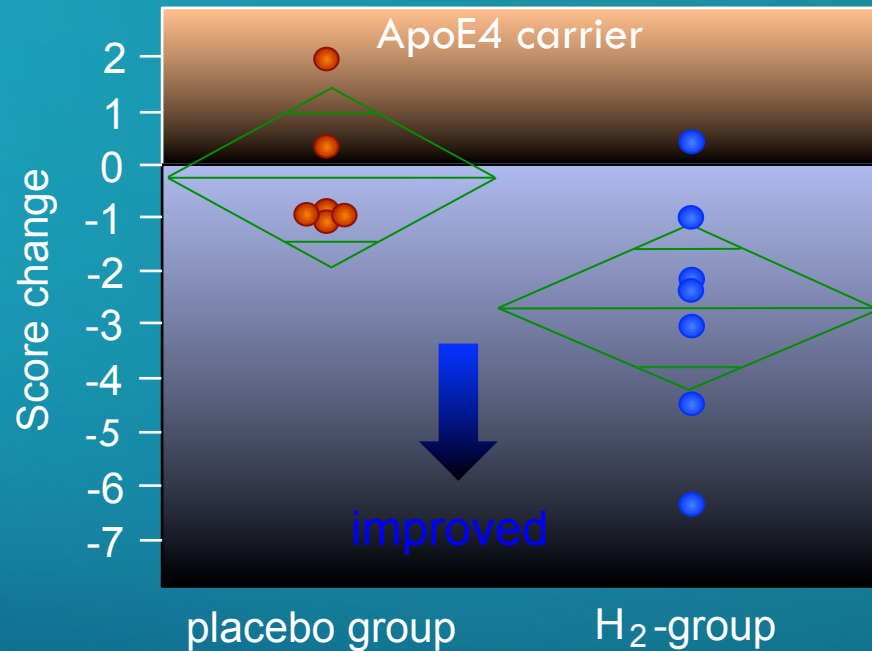
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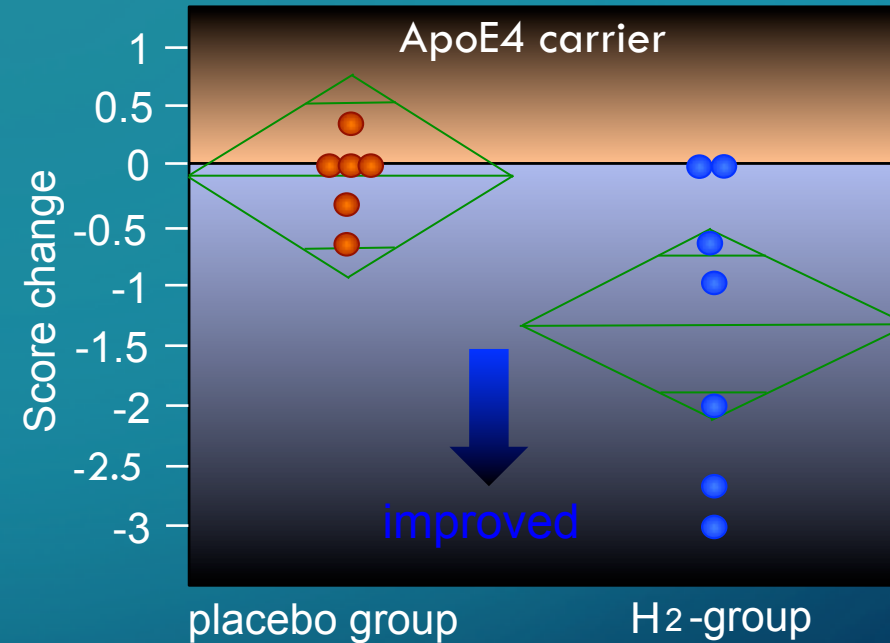


H₂ water improved MCI with APOE4 genotype

ADAS-cog total score



Word recall task score



Graphical abstract

Subjects with MCI carrying the APOE4 genotype were improved in ADAS-cog by drinking H₂-dissolved water for 1 year as assessed by a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled clinical study.

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Hydrogen Gas Inhalation Treatment in Acute Cerebral Infarction: A Randomized Controlled Clinical Study on Safety and Neuroprotection.

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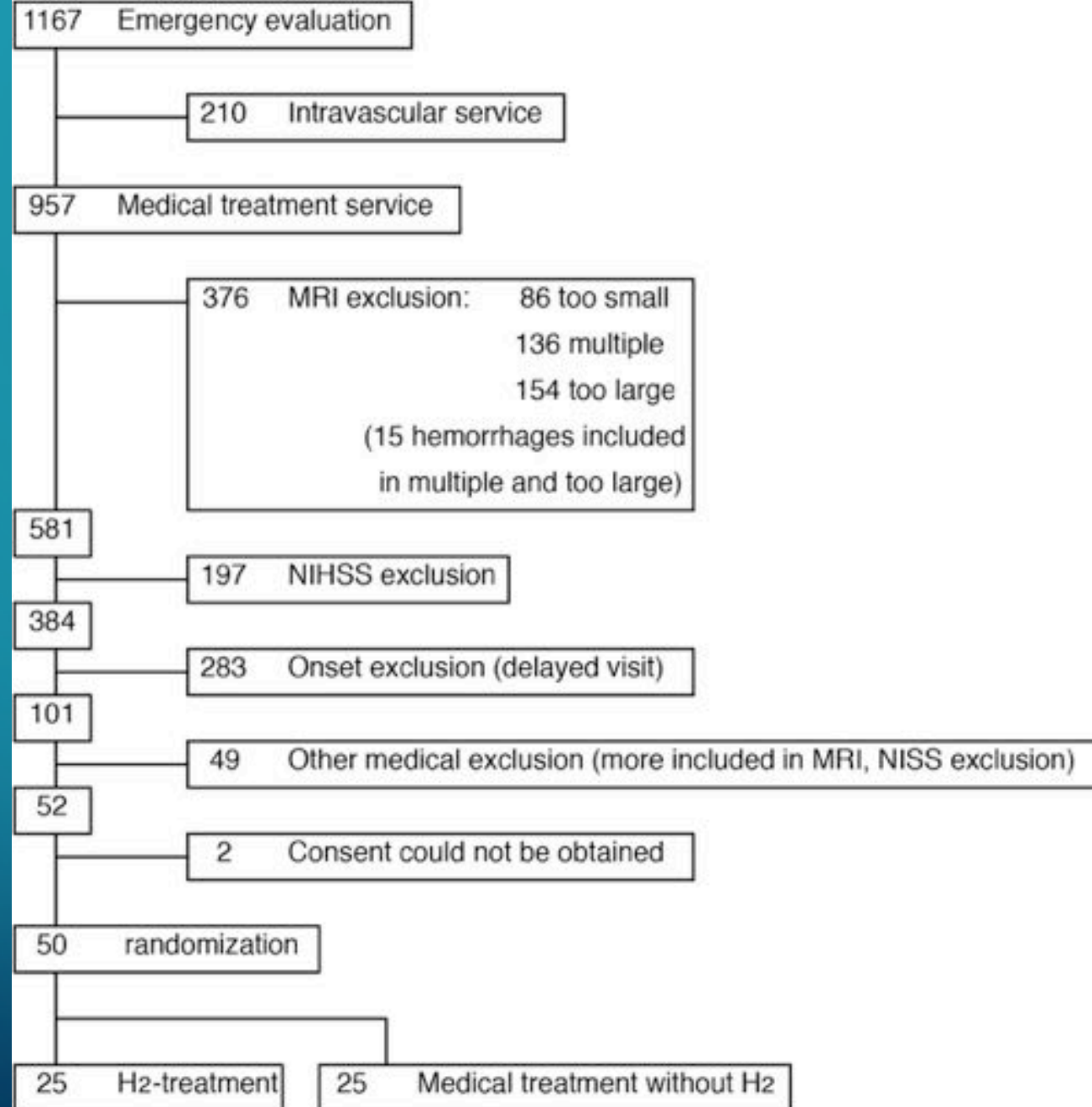
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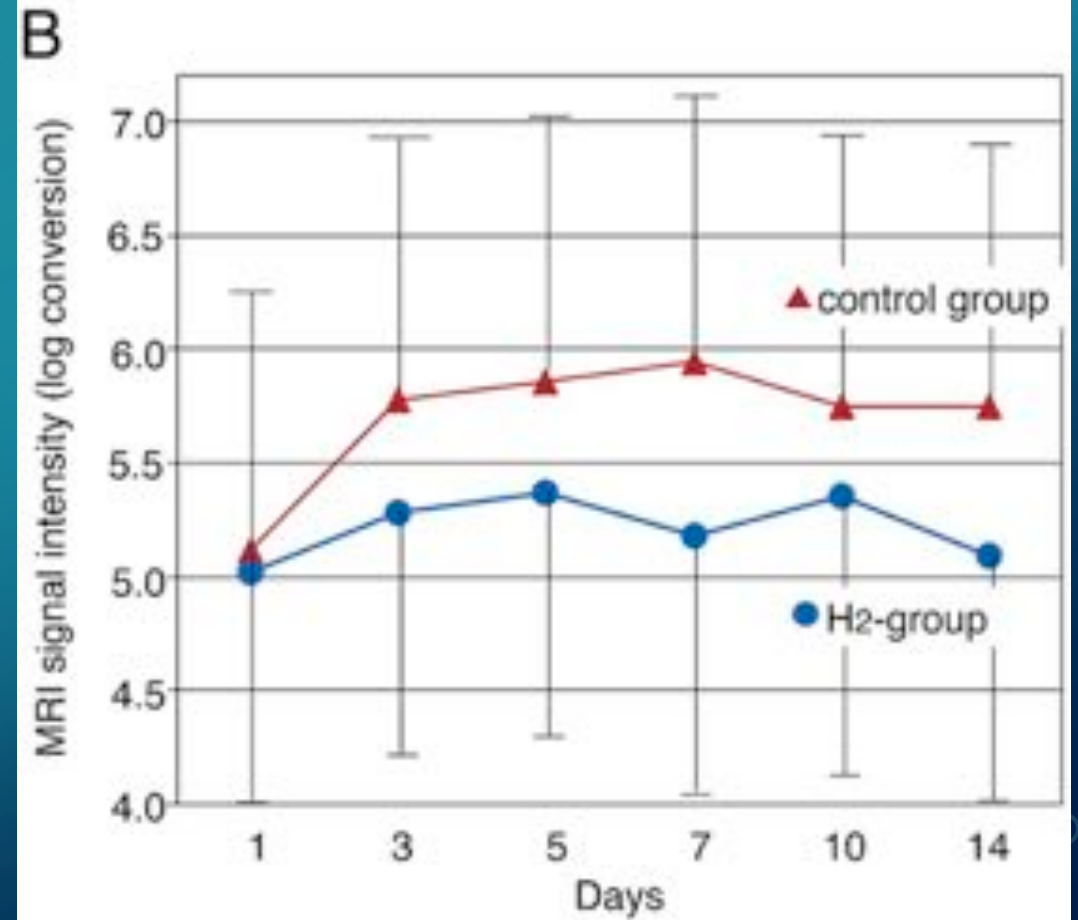
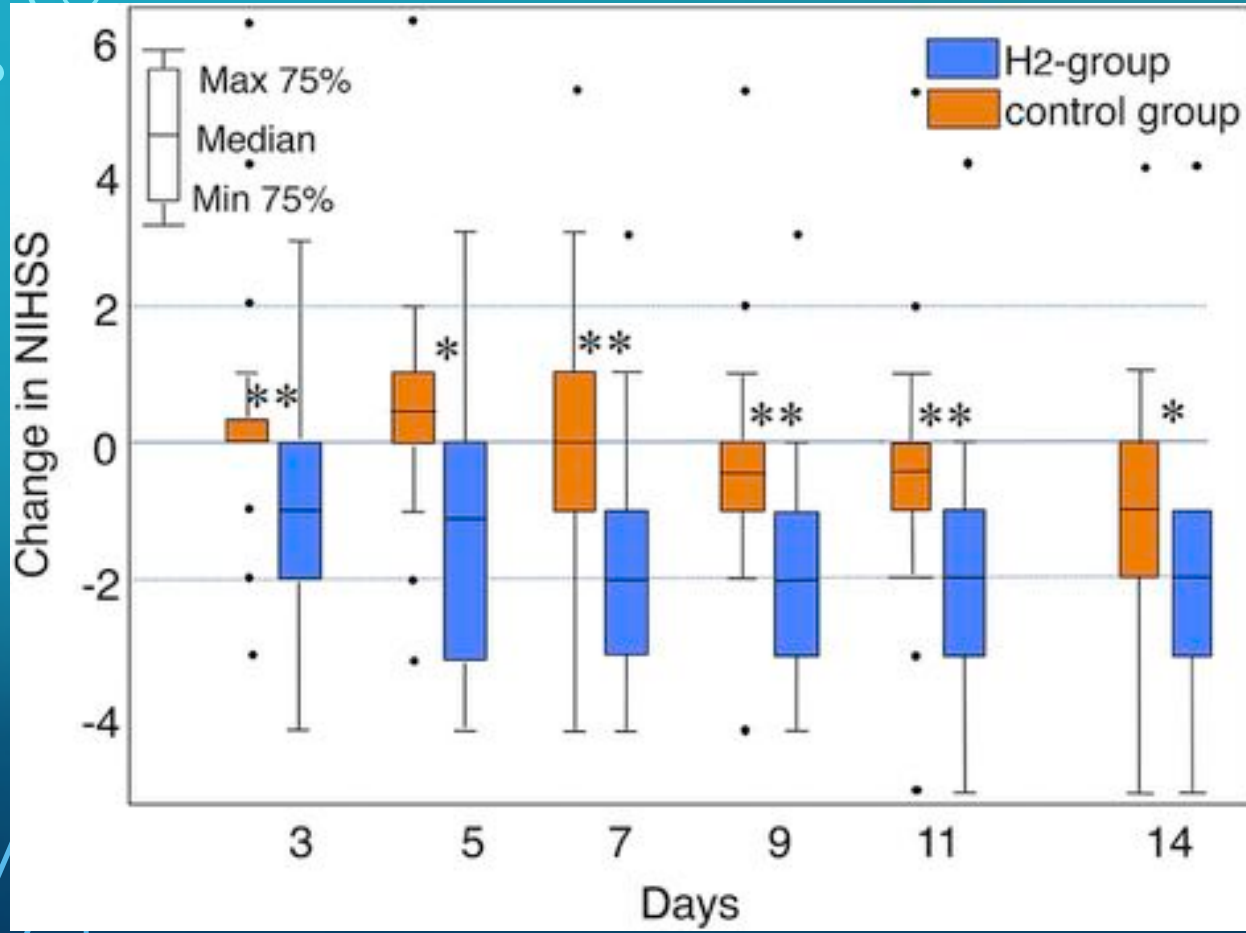
BACKGROUND: Molecular hydrogen (H₂) acts as a therapeutic antioxidant. Inhalation of H₂ gas (1-4%) was effective for the improvement of cerebral infarction in multiple animal experiments. Thus, for actual applications, a randomized controlled clinical study is desired to evaluate the effects of inhalation of H₂ gas. Here, we evaluate the H₂ treatment on acute cerebral infarction.

METHODS: Through this randomized controlled clinical study, we assessed the safety and effectiveness of H₂ treatment in patients with cerebral infarction in an acute stage with mild- to moderate-severity National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) scores (NIHSS = 2-6). We enrolled 50 patients (25 each in the H₂ group and the control group) with a therapeutic time window of 6 to 24 hours. The H₂ group inhaled 3% H₂ gas (1 hour twice a day), and the control group received conventional intravenous medications for the initial 7 days. The evaluations included daily vital signs, NIHSS scores, physical therapy indices, weekly blood chemistry, and brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans over the 2-week study period.

RESULTS: The H₂ group showed no significant adverse effects with improvements in oxygen saturation. The following significant effects were found: the relative signal intensity of MRI, which indicated the severity of the infarction site, NIHSS scores for clinically quantifying stroke severity, and physical therapy evaluation, as judged by the Barthel Index.

CONCLUSIONS: H₂ treatment was safe and effective in patients with acute cerebral infarction. These results suggested a potential for widespread and general application of H₂ gas.





We need more studies

- Elucidate molecular mechanisms
- Which diseases most effective
- Dosing protocol/strategies
- Concentration
- Method of administration (comparisons)
 - Inhalation
 - Drinking
 - Intravenous
 - Bathing





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