

The effects of 6-month hydrogen-rich water intake on molecular and phenotypic biomarkers of aging in older adults aged 70 years and over: A randomized controlled pilot trial

This study looked at whether drinking hydrogen-rich water every day for 6 months could affect markers of aging in adults over age 70. Researchers wanted to know: Could hydrogen-rich water help people age better? What was the goal? Researchers were interested in whether hydrogen could influence things linked to aging, including: DNA aging markers, brain health, strength and physical function, sleep, quality of life, inflammation and oxidative stress.

How was the study done?

- 40 adults aged 70+ .Average age: 76 years old. Randomized controlled trial (a stronger study design)

One group drank:

Hydrogen-rich water 500 mL (half a litre) daily high concentration (15 ppm hydrogen)

The other group drank:

Regular water (placebo)

Study duration: 6 months. What did they measure? Researchers checked lots of “aging markers,” including:

Telomeres (protective caps on DNA linked with aging) DNA repair/methylation markers
Brain metabolism. Memory and cognition. Strength and mobility. Sleep. Skin health. Blood pressure. Quality of life.

Main findings

✓ Possible slowing of biological aging

One of the biggest findings was that the hydrogen group had better telomere outcomes. What are telomeres? Think of them like: The plastic tips on shoelaces that stop them fraying. Telomeres protect DNA, and shorter telomeres are associated with aging.

In this study:

- telomeres slightly increased in the hydrogen group
- telomeres decreased in the regular water group.

In plain English:

Hydrogen may have helped protect against age-related DNA wear and tear. (Though this was a small early study.)

✓ Better brain metabolism. Brain scans suggested improvements in markers linked with: brain energy, neuron health, cellular function in certain brain regions.

✓ Improved lower body strength. Participants drinking hydrogen-rich water did better on chair-stand tests (standing up repeatedly from a chair).

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