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The Billion-Dollar Health Care Heist that's keeping Nature's Cure for Macular Degeneration from You...

You know how I'm always talking about natural cures being suppressed?

Well, another pharmaceutical company named Genentech is our latest guilty party.

The Washington Post recently profiled their billion-dollar heist of medicare, suing nothing a drug for macular degeneration. It's sort of like robbing a bank with a banana.

The most important part of this story isn't the billion-dollar medicare heist though. It's the lengths "Big Pharma" will go to make their billions, including suppressing the truth.

This isn't a simple case of "Big Pharma" suppressing a natural cure. Sure, they're trying to keep nature's cure for macular degeneration quiet as well.

Genentech is actually suppressing their own drug, and it is making them billions.

Let me explain...

Genentech has two drugs that doctors use to treat macular degeneration. They're basically the same drug made from the same molecule.

In fact, a clinical trial by the National Eye Institute of 1,208 macular degeneration patients found that these drugs are equally effective.¹

The only real difference between these two drugs is the price. One drug costs about \$2000 per injection, and the other costs about \$50 per injection.

Guess which one they are suppressing, and why?

A fat-pocketed company like Genentech can get FDA drug approval anytime they want. Approval for their \$2000 drug sailed through, and their \$50 drug would have as well. The FDA and doctors groups are pleading with them to seek approval, but Genentech refuses.

They also refuse to market the drug, or offer rebate incentives to doctors.

On the other hand, Genentech spends a small fortune every year marketing their \$2000 drug as a cure for macular degeneration and even offer rebates to doctors who sell large quantities of it.

Bottom line is they're actively suppressing their own drug, and it's paying off big.

The Washington Post reports for four years running they've made more than \$1 billion in sales of the \$2000 drug in the US alone. Another Swiss company, Novartis, in partnership with Genentech, sells billions overseas too.

You figure, if they'd sold the same amount of their fifty-dollar drug in the US, profits would be hovering around \$25 million a year. Nature's cure for macular degeneration would cut into these profits as well.

The Washington Post and the rest of the mainstream will try to distract you with stories of billion dollar medicare heists.

But the story is the lengths "Big Pharma" will go to protect profits.

For Genentech it makes all the "cents" in the world to suppress these alternatives. There's nothing they wouldn't do to protect a billion dollar a year profit.

It's for these reasons I created Confidential Cures, because here I'm protected by the first amendment, and can give you uncensored details on these suppressed natural cures.

Today, I want to share nature's cure for macular degeneration with you.

Power up Your Eyes with the World's Most Powerful Antioxidant...

This natural cure is the world's most powerful antioxidant, 6,000 times more effective than vitamin C, 800 times more than CoQ10 and 550 times more than green tea.^{2,3}

It's a pinkish carotenoid called astaxanthin (AST).

Genentech's big breakthrough in Macular degeneration drugs was a protein called VEGF. A Genentech microbiologist found that over expression of VEGF causes macular degeneration.

It's what made the difference in clinical trials.

As I was researching I found Astaxanthin suppresses VEGF production too. It's one of the reasons that it is so effective in helping cure macular degeneration.

I read a Japanese study that looked astaxanthin's effect on AMD, and choroidal neovascularization (CNV) in mice. CNV is a symptom of macular degeneration. It's when protrusions, capillary buds and sprouts grow from pre-existing blood vessels.

During the study they replicated AMD by stimulating blood vessel growth in the eye with a laser coagulant. Three days before, and every day until the end of the study mice received astaxanthin.

At the end of the study, they found astaxanthin helped suppress the growth of new blood vessels, and CNV in the eye by inhibiting the expression of VEGF.⁴

Astaxanthin's ability to suppress VEGF is obviously very important in curing macular degeneration. But, unlike many of these drugs it has varied ways it helps cure macular degeneration.

One of the biggest risk factors for Macular degeneration is weakened blood flow in your eyes blood vessels. It can directly lead to CNV.⁵

Astaxanthin acts like jet-fuel for your blood vessels. It supercharges your blood flow, and helps reduce the likelihood of CNV.

A double blind, placebo controlled study of twenty healthy people examined astaxanthin's on choroidal circulation. Half were given 12 mg of astaxanthin, and the other half a placebo.

They measured blood flow in the right eye pre-ingestion and weeks 2 and 4 using square blur rate (SBR). It's a quantitative index of relative blood flow velocity.

After four weeks, people who took astaxanthin saw a major increase in blood flow in the eyes, while the placebo group saw no difference.⁶

“Cell Stress” Means Bad News For Your Eyes

It should be no surprise that oxidative stress affects the eyes. All over the body, free radicals attack your cells causing oxidative stress that can lead to disease.

Oxidative damage in the eyes is normally minimized by the presence of a range of antioxidant, and efficient repair systems. But as we age oxidative damage increases. Antioxidant capacity decreases. And the efficiency of the repair systems become impaired.⁷

Age-related oxidative changes, like retinal dysfunction and cell loss leading to visual impairment, are a hallmark of early age-related macular degeneration.⁸

Astaxanthin's ability to enter your eye, and use its potent antioxidant powers allows it to protect your eye. Retinal pigment cells are particularly important. They're the layer of cells just outside of the retina that nourishes retinal visual cells.

This past July, a Chinese hospital published a study on astaxanthin's ability to protect retinal cells from oxidative stress. They exposed retinal cells to hydrogen peroxide to oxidize them, and treated with astaxanthin.

After the study, they found astaxanthin reduced ...

- Damage to cell viability caused by oxidation,
- Amount of cells that were dying

- The presence of molecules containing oxygen

It's so effective because astaxanthin activates pathways that protect cells from oxidative stress induced cell death.⁹

This is the benefit you get from Astaxanthin being the world's strongest antioxidant. It has an unparalleled ability to fight off free radicals and protect against oxidative stress.

Even if you don't have macular degeneration, I recommend astaxanthin as a way to protect and strength your eyes.

How Can You Get Astaxanthin?

Perhaps the best source is salmon. Make sure its wild salmon. It contains far more natural astaxanthin that farm raised salmon.

Four ounces of farm raised Atlantic salmon contains about 0.5 to 1.1 mg of astaxanthin. Wild-caught sockeye salmon contains a whopping 4.5 mg.¹⁰ You can also find astaxanthin in pink-colored seafood like lobster, crab and shrimp.

If you prefer to supplement I recommend you take at least 10 mg of astaxanthin a day. However, I've found something closer to 50mg gives you the full benefit of astaxanthin.

Unfortunately, most astaxanthin supplements aren't as reliable. You can find it easily on the internet, but much of it is synthetic.

They use petrochemicals to make synthetic astaxanthin. It's also more than 20 times weaker than natural astaxanthin.

Yet, they will tell you all about the benefits from the different scientific studies. Problem is, those studies use 10mg of natural astaxanthin.

Most supplements only give you 5 mg or synthetic astaxanthin so their supplement isn't as effective.

Be careful, and do your research when picking up an astaxanthin supplement. Make sure it contains all natural astaxanthin at the right dosages or increase your intake accordingly.

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