

輔.Q10 作為功能性食品之應用

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摘要

每一個生物細胞內都含有粒線體，進行電子傳遞，生成能量物質-ATP，以維持細胞之基本生命現象。粒線體內含有Co Q10 (coenzyme Q10)協助電子傳遞的工作。

Co Q10 為一無臭無味、脂溶性、橘黃色或淡澄黃色結晶或粉末。在生理功能扮演多項功能，除了協助能量的產生 (ATP)外，亦具有清除自由基 (free radical)的功能，且為一良好的抗氧化劑。體內若缺乏Co Q10，則可能會產生神經系統之病變，包括巴金森氏症、阿茲海默氏症、亨丁頓氏症和唐氏症等。心血管疾病，包括慢性心臟病、充血性心臟病、心臟衰竭和心肌性心臟病等。亦會對腫瘤產生影響。若適當補充，則有助於這些症狀的改善，可見Co Q10在醫藥市場的潛力。

根據NPIC (Natural Products Industry Center)的資料顯示，2004年全球Co Q10的使用量約140-150公噸，預估全球對Co Q10的年需求成長率為20-25%，以此成長速度至2010年需求量達420-550公噸。

Co Q10的商業生產方式有：(1)動物器官組織萃取；(2)微生物發酵生產；(3)化學合成。目前日本最知名三大製造廠的方法，以微生物發酵生產萃取Co Q10，此法可以大量生產且純度亦較高。

關鍵詞：Co Q10、抗氧化劑、自由基、電子傳遞鏈

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