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When we talk about energy and cellular health, **mitochondria** usually get all the attention. But there's another powerhouse working quietly beside them—one that's equally essential for regeneration, metabolism, and even brain function.

That system is the **peroxisome**.

Often called the "anabolic twin" of the mitochondrion, peroxisomes are the unsung heroes of **cellular repair and rebuilding**—helping your body create the very molecules that keep you strong, sharp, and youthful.

What Are Peroxisomes?

Peroxisomes are small organelles inside your cells that act like **construction hubs**. While mitochondria focus on burning fuel for energy (a catabolic process), peroxisomes are responsible for **building** essential cellular materials (an anabolic process).

Together, they form the foundation of a healthy, efficient cell—**the yin and yang of metabolism.**

Peroxisomes help your body build:

- **Cholesterol**, the raw material for hormones and cellular membranes
- **Steroid and sex hormones**, vital for energy, mood, and muscle function
- **Plasmalogens**, specialized fats critical for the brain and nervous system
- **Phospholipids**, structural molecules that make up every cell membrane

When peroxisomal function is high, your body regenerates efficiently creating healthy tissue, stable hormones, and resilient cells.

Peroxisomes and Mitochondria: A Dynamic Partnership

Peroxisomes and mitochondria are like **brother and sister**—they work in unison to maintain metabolic balance.

- **Mitochondria** break down fatty acids to create energy (ATP).
- **Peroxisomes** handle the initial processing of certain fats and detoxify harmful byproducts.

When one system falters, the other suffers.
A decline in peroxisomal health can overload the mitochondria, leading to fatigue, muscle loss, hormonal imbalance, and neurodegeneration.

Why Peroxisomes Matter for Aging and Brain Health:

As we age, peroxisomal function naturally declines. One of the key consequences of this decline is a drop in **plasmalogen production**—a type of lipid that's essential for protecting the brain's white matter and maintaining communication between neurons.

Low plasmalogen levels are strongly linked to:

- **Cognitive decline and memory loss**
- **Shrinking brain volume with age**
- **Reduced muscle strength and recovery**

Simply put: **when peroxisomes slow down, the body loses its ability to rebuild.**

This breakdown in anabolic capacity—our ability to create, not just maintain—is a major driver of aging.

How to Support Peroxisomal Function:

The good news: peroxisomes can be supported and restored through **targeted lifestyle and nutritional strategies.**

1. **Plasmalogen Supplementation**
   New research shows that taking **plasmalogen precursors** as dietary supplements can help restore healthy peroxisomal function and improve brain lipid balance.
2. **Optimize Mitochondrial Health**
   Because peroxisomes and mitochondria work together, supporting both is key. Exercise, CoQ10, carnitine, and B vitamins all strengthen this partnership.
3. **Prioritize Healthy Fats**
   Omega-3s, phospholipids, and cholesterol-rich foods (like eggs and olive oil) provide the raw materials peroxisomes need to rebuild.
4. **Sleep and Stress Management**
   Chronic stress and poor sleep suppress the anabolic processes that drive peroxisomal regeneration.

How to Tell If Your Anabolic Systems Are Working:

Certain blood markers can reveal how well your body's **building systems**—like peroxisomes—are functioning:

- **Low triglycerides** (a sign of efficient fat processing)
- **Optimal HDL levels** (the "good" cholesterol)
- **Healthy total cholesterol** between **220–240 mg/dL** (a range associated with robust anabolic metabolism in the absence of inflammation)

When these metrics are balanced, it's a good indicator that both your **catabolic (mitochondrial)** and **anabolic (peroxisomal)** systems are working in harmony—the two key components of longevity.

The Bottom Line:

Peroxisomes may not make headlines like mitochondria, but they're just as vital for **staying strong, sharp, and resilient**as we age.

They're the builders that keep your brain wired, your muscles strong, and your hormones balanced.

And now, with the ability to **supplement plasmalogen precursors**, we can finally support this system in ways that weren't possible before.

Longevity isn't just about slowing breakdown—it's about **restoring your body's ability to rebuild.**

The Total Body Health: Rebuilding From the Inside Out

At **Total Body Health**, **Dr. Kevin Greene** and his team specialize in optimizing **cellular metabolism**—from mitochondria to peroxisomes and beyond.

Through advanced diagnostic testing, nutrient optimization, and personalized lifestyle protocols, Total Body Health helps patients:

- Rebuild healthy brain and muscle tissue
- Improve hormone and lipid balance
- Restore energy through cellular-level regeneration
- Prevent cognitive and metabolic decline before it starts

If you're feeling fatigue, cognitive fog, or metabolic slowdown, it may be time to look deeper—down to the level of your peroxisomes.

Schedule a consultation with Dr. Kevin Greene today and take the first step toward restoring your body's regenerative capacity.

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