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# AntiOxd-Ex

AntiOxd-Ex is a potent antioxidant and can alleviate symptoms of skin aging by protecting cells from oxidative damages.





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Ergothioneine

### **INCI Name**

Ergothioneine

### **CAS** 497-30-3

### **Molecular Formula**



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### **Product Information**

AntiOxd-Ex (ergothioneine) is a thiol-containing histidine betaine derivative produced by a variety of microbes, especially fungi. Ergothioneine cannot be synthesized by mammals, but dietary ergothioneine can be readily absorbed by cells by means of a specific transporter encoded by the *SLC22A4* gene. Ergothioneine is known for its potent capability of scavenging reactive oxygen species (ROS) such as superoxide  $(O_2^-)$ , hydroxyl radicals (•OH), peroxynitrite (ONOO<sup>-</sup>), and singlet oxygen (' $O_2$ ) and thus can protect skin from oxidative stresses and UV-induced damages. UV-induced ROS is the main cause to skin-aging related symptoms such as wrinkles, sagging, and pigmentation. AntiOxd-Ex can accumulate in epidermal keratinocytes and fibroblasts and is therefore used as an antioxidant in a variety of skincare products with antiaging benefits.

### Efficacy



Human skin fibroblasts were pretreated with ergothioneine (EGT), and UV (320–365 nm, 3 J cm<sup>-2</sup>) -induced ROS was measured and imaged by a fluoregenic reagent. Ergothioneine can protect the skin from UV-induced damage by eliminating the levels of ROS, suppressing the inflammatory and apoptotic responses.

Reference: Y. Hseu et al., Oxid. Med. Cell. Longev., 2020, 2576823

EGT suppressed UV-induced inflammation



Human epidermal keratinocytes were pretreated with ergothioneine followed by UV irradiation (280–320 nm, 20 mJ cm<sup>-2</sup>). The mRNA levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , and IL-6) were examined by reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction. Ergothioneine can reduce the levels of inflammation induced by UV.

Reference: H. J. Ko et al., Experimental Cell Res, 2021, 400, 112516

# Safety

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Ergothioneine has been approved as a novel food supplement by European Food Safety Authority and is generally recognized as safe to humans.

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Human skin fibroblasts were pretreated with ergothioneine followed by UV irradiation (280–320 nm, 20 mJ cm<sup>-2</sup>). Ergothioneine can down-regulate the expression of cysteine-rich protein 61 (CCN1) and matrix metalloproteinase 1 (MMP-1) while increase the expression of collagen 1 (COL1). Ergothioneine can maintain the collagen homeostasis after UV irradiation and thus protect the skin from photoaging.

Reference: H. J. Ko et al., Experimental Cell Res, 2021, 400, 112516

## Formulation Guidelines

- Recommended level of use: 10–1000 ppm
- Ergothioneine is highly water soluble (>0.20 g/mL at 25 °C)
- Ergothioneine can form complexes with metal ions such as Cu<sup>2+</sup> and such ingredients should be avoided in formulation

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