

FERTILITY & HORMONES



The Ageing Testis Is Not Failing. It Is Working Harder.

German researchers sequenced testicular tissue from men aged 24 to 75 and found an organ rewriting its own instructions to keep working, not one quietly shutting down.

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THE OLD STORY

Almost Every Story About Male Reproductive Ageing Is a Story About Loss

That is the default narrative this study pushes back on, and the reason it is worth a second look.

THE STUDY

13 Men, Three Age Groups, One Requirement: Normal Production

Four men aged 24 to 31, three aged 41 to 45, six aged 54 to 75. Every one of them had normal spermatogenesis, and their LH, FSH and testosterone sat in reference range regardless of age.

WHAT CHANGED WITH AGE

Widespread Alternative Splicing, Plus Shifts in Inflammation and Oxidative Stress

The older testes were rewriting how genes get read, alongside separate transcriptional changes around inflammation, oxidative stress and DNA repair.

THE CHECK

No Build-Up of DNA Damage With Age

A separate validation cohort measured gamma-H2AX, the marker that flags the most serious form of DNA damage. Older testes were not accumulating it.

WHAT IT MEANS

An Organ Compensating, Not Declining

The repair machinery appears to have been busier so that damage did not pile up, rather than because it already had.

THE HONEST LIMIT

13 Men Is Small, and These Were the Successful Ones

This describes what successful ageing looks like inside the testis. It does not say how many men get there.

THE BOTTOM LINE



The Ageing Testis Has a Budget

What you do with the rest of your body decides how much of that budget gets spent elsewhere. This is general information, not a diagnosis; fertility and hormone care needs a physician's individual assessment.