

essentials of health

July 22nd, 2009

Coenzyme Q_{10} (ubiquinone) supplementation was recently shown to improve the health and energy characteristics of sperm in men with unexplained infertility.

COENZYME Q₁₀ SUPPLEMENTATION AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS IN MALE FERTILITY

Previous research has shown that Coenzyme Q_{10} is present in measurable levels in human seminal fluid, where it most likely exerts important metabolic and antioxidant functions.

In a paper published in a recent edition of Fertility and Sterility, researchers evaluated the effectiveness of CoQ_{10} treatment in improving semen quality in men with idiopathic infertility. Idiopathic infertility is defined as infertility without a defined or known cause.

The placebo-controlled, double-blind randomized trial included 60 male infertility patients aged 27-39 years. The participants took either 200 mg/day of CoQ_{10} (ubiquinone) or a placebo for six months, with three months of follow-up.

Coenzyme Q_{10} and ubiquinol increased significantly in both seminal plasma and sperm cells after treatment, as well as increasing sperm motility. Patients with lower baseline values of sperm motility and CoQ_{10} levels had a greater likelihood of responding positively to the treatment.

Coenzyme Q_{10} supplementation increases the level of ubiquinone and ubiquinol in semen and is effective in improving sperm motility in patients affected by unexplained infertility.

< Fertil Steril 2009 May;91(5):1785-92 >