



## Age-Associated Cellular Decline Understanding Mitochondrial Dysfunction

#### With aging, declines in energy, strength & stamina, and resilience are often reported.



Fatigue is reported in
30% of US adults over the age of 51 years<sup>1</sup>



Muscle strength has been reported to decline by 3% per year in older adults<sup>2</sup>



Aging is associated with increased oxidative stress and reduced immune response<sup>3</sup>

#### Why Age-Associated Cellular Decline (AACD) Matters

Aging research has evolved significantly in recent years. Researchers now know there is a timedependent deterioration in the way our cells function with age that starts in our 40s and accelerates in our 60s. This process can be defined as Age-Associated Cellular Decline (AACD). One of the key drivers behind the changes described by AACD is mitochondrial dysfunction.<sup>4</sup>

#### Age-related declines often originate in the mitochondria



#### Decline in mitochondrial health has been associated with three physiological changes:

**Decline in daily energy levels** - Mitochondria are key organelles in our cells regulating energy production and cellular metabolism. Impaired mitochondrial function reduces efficiency of ATP generation and has been observed in individuals with frailty.<sup>5-7</sup>

**Decline in muscle function** - Mitochondrial dysfunction is associated with the onset of decline in muscle function in older people and represents a key factor in the development of frailty and sarcopenia.<sup>7,8</sup>

Decline in cellular protection - Mitochondrial dysfunction can occur from and contribute to increased oxidative stress. An imbalance of oxidative stress and intracellular antioxidants can lead to free radical damage within cells.<sup>8</sup>



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### What Role is Age-Associated Cellular Decline (AACD) Playing As You Age?

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