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Introduction

Stroke is a life-altering neurological event that frequently results in persistent motor deficits, speech impairment, cognitive decline, and reduced quality of life. It occurs when cerebral blood flow is interrupted or compromised and is broadly categorized into ischemic stroke, hemorrhagic stroke, and transient ischemic attack. Current standards of care including thrombolytic therapy, surgical intervention, and structured rehabilitation aim to restore perfusion, limit neurological damage, and optimize functional recovery. While these interventions have significantly improved acute survival, outcomes remain suboptimal in many patients, particularly those with extensive neurological injury (Yang et al., 2024). Growing scientific interest has therefore turned toward integrative strategies that complement conventional treatment. Emerging evidence suggests that targeted nutritional and phytochemical interventions such as vitamins, antioxidants, and anti-inflammatory compounds may influence key molecular pathways involved in oxidative stress, neuroinflammation, mitochondrial dysfunction, and neuroplasticity (Liang et al., 2022). This paper presents the case of a 62-year-old male stroke patient who underwent conventional therapy augmented with a structured natural medicine protocol. Through this case analysis, we explore how evidence-informed integrative approaches may support neurological recovery, reduce secondary complications, and enhance overall quality of life. The findings suggest that incorporating well-designed natural formulations into post-stroke care may provide a valuable adjunct to standard rehabilitation strategies.

Case Study

The patient is a 62-year-old male who experienced an ischemic stroke six months prior, involving a lesion within the left middle cerebral artery (MCA) territory. The event resulted in persistent focal neurological deficits, including right-sided motor weakness, impaired gait, and expressive aphasia characterized by difficulty articulating words despite preserved comprehension. His medical history is significant for multiple chronic cardiometabolic risk factors known to increase cerebrovascular vulnerability, including longstanding hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and hyperlipidemia. Additionally, he reported a transient ischemic attack (TIA) approximately five years before the current stroke, further underscoring a pattern of progressive cerebrovascular risk. Family history is also contributory, with his father having suffered a stroke at age 70 and his mother diagnosed with diabetes mellitus. The combination of personal and familial risk factors places the patient in a high-risk category for significant cerebrovascular events and may have influenced both the severity of the stroke and the complexity of his recovery trajectory.

The patient's initial stroke was managed emergently with intravenous thrombolysis using tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) to facilitate clot dissolution and restore cerebral blood flow. This intervention was lifesaving and achieved partial reperfusion; however, despite timely treatment, significant residual neurological deficits persisted. Over the subsequent six months, he continued to experience right-sided hemiparesis, substantially limiting his mobility and reducing his independence in activities of daily living. In addition, expressive aphasia remained a prominent impairment, further diminishing his ability to communicate effectively and negatively impacting his overall quality of life. Although he remained adherent to prescribed pharmacologic management for hyperlipidemia, type 2 diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and secondary stroke prevention, his neurological recovery plateaued. Functional gains had stabilized, and no further meaningful improvement was observed, prompting consideration of adjunctive therapeutic strategies to support continued rehabilitation and neurorecovery.

To enhance his rehabilitation outcomes and address persistent symptoms, an evidence-informed natural medicine protocol was incorporated into his existing treatment plan. This integrative approach included targeted formulations containing bioavailable silica, trace micronutrients, vitamins C and D3, copper peptides, coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10), aloe vera, green tea extract, turmeric, and honey. These compounds were selected based on their documented roles in modulating oxidative stress, neuroinflammation, endothelial function, mitochondrial activity, and musculoskeletal integrity key physiological domains implicated in post-stroke recovery. For example, Proprietary Blend I, composed primarily of silica and vitamin C, was designed to support connective tissue integrity, cellular repair, and antioxidant defense (Jelinek et al., 2021). Proprietary Blend III, containing turmeric, black seed oil, and resveratrol, targeted inflammatory signaling pathways and neuroprotective mechanisms relevant to ischemic injury. Additional formulations incorporating amino acids and collagen were introduced to promote muscle recovery, improve strength, and mitigate post-stroke muscular atrophy. The patient followed a structured dosing regimen with specific timing and quantities to optimize absorption and therapeutic consistency. This supplementation strategy was implemented alongside a Mediterranean-style dietary pattern emphasizing fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats, combined with a tailored exercise program adjusted to his functional capacity. Collectively, this multimodal approach aimed to promote neuroprotection, improve vascular function, enhance mitochondrial efficiency, and support the gradual restoration of motor and cognitive function.

The integration of targeted natural medicine alongside standard care was associated with encouraging early improvements. Within the first month, the patient reported noticeable gains in speech fluency, muscular strength, and overall energy levels. Family members also observed improved clarity in communication and greater physical confidence during daily activities. By the second month, objective and functional improvements became more pronounced. His weight decreased to 81 kg, lowering his body mass index (BMI) to 27.3 and reducing overall cardiovascular strain. Motor recovery progressed, with right-sided muscle strength improving to 4/5 on manual muscle testing, reflecting meaningful neurological and functional gains. He transitioned from ambulating with a standard cane to a lightweight walking stick, signaling enhanced balance, coordination, and lower extremity strength. Expressive aphasia demonstrated significant improvement, with clearer articulation and more fluid sentence formation, allowing him to communicate more effectively in social and daily contexts. Importantly, his Modified Rankin Scale (mRS) score improved from 4 to 3, indicating a reduction in disability and greater independence in activities of daily living. Collectively, these findings suggest that the integrative rehabilitation strategy may have contributed to continued neurological recovery beyond the plateau previously observed under conventional management alone.

This case illustrates the potential value of integrating evidence-informed natural medicine into conventional stroke management. By targeting key pathophysiological mechanisms underlying post-stroke injury such as chronic neuroinflammation, oxidative stress, endothelial dysfunction, impaired circulation, mitochondrial compromise, and muscular deconditioning the adjunctive formulations were associated with measurable improvements in both physical and cognitive domains. Addressing these interconnected biological pathways may help create a more favorable internal environment for neuroplasticity and functional recovery. The patient's progress suggests that a multimodal, systems-based strategy combining acute medical intervention, pharmacologic management, structured rehabilitation, targeted nutritional support, and lifestyle modification may offer synergistic benefits beyond standard care alone. Improvements in motor strength, speech, metabolic parameters, and overall independence underscore the importance of addressing

stroke not only as a focal vascular event but as a complex, whole-body condition requiring comprehensive management. While this is a single case and broader clinical trials are necessary to establish efficacy, standardize protocols, and determine long-term safety and outcomes, the findings contribute meaningful real-world insight. They support continued exploration of integrative approaches that responsibly combine advances in medical science with biologically plausible natural interventions to optimize recovery and enhance quality of life for stroke survivors.

Proprietary Formulations

Proprietary formulations refer to mixtures of different products of chosen ingredients that have been prepared with professional proficiency towards specific health issues. Most of these formulations consist of vitamins, minerals, amino acids, plant extracts, and other bioactive compounds to enable the desired therapeutic effects. In the case study, the formulations used in stroke treatment complemented the conventional treatment with a fairly high level of assurance. They addressed crucial aspects as inflammation, oxidative stress and nutritional deficiencies that are critical in post-stroke rehabilitation.

Proprietary Blend I: Silica, Vitamin C, and Trace Minerals

Proprietary Blend I, composed of silica, vitamin C, and essential trace minerals, was designed to support cellular repair and mitigate oxidative damage following ischemic injury. Silica plays a structural role in connective tissue integrity, contributing to the strength and resilience of blood vessels and extracellular matrix components (Tang et al., 2022). This is particularly relevant in post-stroke recovery, where vascular injury and endothelial dysfunction are common sequelae of ischemic events. Vitamin C serves as a potent antioxidant, helping to neutralize reactive oxygen species and reduce oxidative stress within neural tissue an important factor in limiting secondary neuronal damage after stroke (Yang et al., 2024; Phipps & Cronin, 2020). In addition, trace minerals such as zinc and magnesium function as critical cofactors in numerous enzymatic reactions involved in neuroprotection, synaptic signaling, mitochondrial metabolism, and tissue regeneration. These micronutrients support the biochemical processes necessary for neuronal repair and functional recovery. By addressing vascular integrity, oxidative stress, and metabolic repair simultaneously, this blend targets several foundational mechanisms involved in ischemic injury. In this case, the patient's improvements in muscle strength and mobility may be partially attributed to enhanced vascular support and optimized cellular recovery processes. Through its multi-targeted approach, Proprietary Blend I demonstrates potential as a supportive adjunct in comprehensive post-stroke rehabilitation strategies.

Proprietary Blend II: N-Acetyl L-Tyrosine, Anhydrous Caffeine, L-Theanine, and Botanical Extracts

Proprietary Blend II consists of a targeted combination of amino acids and botanical extracts formulated to support cognitive recovery, neurochemical balance, and post-stroke mental resilience. The blend includes N-acetyl L-tyrosine, anhydrous caffeine, L-theanine, velvet bean (Mucuna pruriens) seed extract, pine bark extract, curcumin, and vitamin D3 each selected for its potential role in neurological support. N-acetyl L-tyrosine serves as a precursor to key catecholamine neurotransmitters, including dopamine and norepinephrine, which are essential for attention, motivation, and executive function (Yarlagadda et al., 2020; Cui et al., 2024). Supporting neurotransmitter synthesis may be particularly relevant in stroke recovery, where disrupted neural signaling can contribute to cognitive slowing and mood disturbances. The combination of caffeine and L-theanine has been shown to enhance alertness, attention, and cognitive performance while promoting a more balanced stimulatory effect, potentially reducing the risk of jitteriness or overstimulation (Cichon et al., 2021). This pairing may be especially beneficial for stroke patients who commonly experience mental fatigue and reduced concentration.

Botanical antioxidants such as pine bark extract and curcumin contribute additional neuroprotective support by helping to reduce reactive oxygen species (ROS) and modulate inflammatory signaling pathways implicated in secondary neuronal injury. Vitamin D3 further supports immune regulation and has been associated with neuroprotection, neuronal differentiation, and myelin integrity, all of which are important for neural repair processes (Zielińska-Nowak et al., 2021; Song et al., 2021). Collectively, this formulation addresses cognitive, emotional, and neuroinflammatory dimensions of stroke rehabilitation. In the present case, the patient demonstrated improved cognitive clarity and more coherent, comprehensible speech over time, suggesting that targeted neurochemical and an-

ti-inflammatory support may have contributed to enhanced functional recovery within the broader integrative treatment framework.

Proprietary Blend III: Black Seed Oil, Resveratrol, Turmeric, and Other Nutrients

Proprietary Blend III is composed of black seed oil, resveratrol, turmeric (curcumin), raspberry ketone, apple cider vinegar (ACV), aloe vera, and D-ribose ingredients selected to address inflammation, oxidative stress, vascular health, and cellular energy production during post-stroke recovery. Black seed oil (Nigella sativa) and resveratrol are recognized for their anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, helping to modulate pro-inflammatory cytokines and reduce free radical-mediated cellular damage (Liang et al., 2022). By attenuating oxidative stress and inflammatory signaling, these compounds may help protect vulnerable neurons from secondary injury following ischemic events. Curcumin, the principal polyphenol derived from turmeric, further contributes potent anti-inflammatory effects and has been studied for its potential role in supporting neurogenesis and synaptic plasticity (Ciancarelli et al., 2023).

Apple cider vinegar and aloe vera may support metabolic balance, vascular function, and gastrointestinal health factors increasingly recognized as influential in systemic inflammation and recovery. D-ribose, a naturally occurring pentose sugar, plays a critical role in adenosine triphosphate (ATP) synthesis and may support mitochondrial energy production, which is often compromised in post-ischemic tissue. Enhancing cellular energy availability is particularly important in tissues undergoing repair and regeneration. Fatigue and chronic inflammation are among the most common challenges reported during stroke rehabilitation (Ahsan et al., 2021). By simultaneously targeting inflammatory pathways, oxidative burden, vascular support, and mitochondrial energy production, Proprietary Blend III addresses several interconnected mechanisms central to physical repair and neural recovery. In this case study, the patient's reported improvements in energy, endurance, and mobility may be partially associated with these synergistic effects, highlighting the potential role of multi-targeted nutritional strategies in comprehensive stroke rehabilitation.

Proprietary Blend IV: Vitamins C and D3, and Zinc

Proprietary Blend IV combines vitamins C and D3 with zinc to provide foundational nutritional support for immune resilience, inflammation modulation, and tissue repair during stroke recovery. These micronutrients play complementary roles in maintaining vascular integrity, supporting musculoskeletal health, and promoting cellular regeneration. Vitamin C contributes to collagen synthesis and endothelial stability, both of which are critical for maintaining blood vessel health and facilitating repair of ischemia-affected tissues. Its antioxidant properties further help reduce oxidative stress, which can persist beyond the acute phase of stroke and contribute to secondary cellular damage. Vitamin D3 plays a broader regulatory role in immune modulation, neuromuscular function, and musculoskeletal integrity. In post-stroke patients particularly those experiencing reduced mobility adequate vitamin D status is important for preserving muscle strength, supporting balance, and maintaining bone density (Zielińska-Nowak et al., 2021). These factors are essential in reducing fall risk and promoting functional rehabilitation. Zinc, an essential trace mineral, supports immune defense, enzymatic activity, and cellular repair mechanisms. It is involved in DNA synthesis, wound healing, and neurochemical signaling, all of which are relevant during recovery from neurological injury. Adequate zinc status may also help reduce susceptibility to secondary complications, such as infections, that can hinder rehabilitation progress. Together, this micronutrient combination provides comprehensive physiological support, reinforcing immune function, tissue repair, and musculoskeletal stability. By addressing these foundational aspects of health, Proprietary Blend IV serves as a supportive component within a broader integrative strategy aimed at optimizing recovery and overall well-being in stroke patients.

Proprietary Blend V: Superfoods and Fiber-Rich Components

Proprietary Blend V is a nutrient-dense formulation composed of whole-food supergreens including broccoli, kale, spinach, green cabbage, parsley, chlorella, spirulina, and wheatgrass alongside functional fiber sources such as psyllium husk powder, flaxseed, and apple fiber. This blend is designed to provide a broad spectrum of phytonutrients, antioxidants, vitamins, minerals, and plant bioactives that support cardiovascular integrity, metabolic balance, and systemic recovery. Leafy greens and algae-based ingredients are rich in polyphenols, carotenoids, chlorophyll, and essential micronutrients that help combat oxidative stress and support endothelial function (Carvalho & Moreira, 2018). These compounds may contribute to improved circulation and vascular resilience, both of which

are critical in post-stroke management. Additionally, spirulina and chlorella have been studied for their potential roles in lipid regulation and antioxidant defense, further supporting cardiometabolic health.

The inclusion of soluble and insoluble fibers such as psyllium husk, flaxseed, and apple fiber supports gastrointestinal health, glycemic control, and lipid metabolism. Adequate fiber intake promotes efficient digestion and nutrient absorption while contributing to improved blood sugar regulation and cholesterol balance (Alahmari, 2024). Given the strong association between metabolic dysfunction, insulin resistance, and recurrent stroke risk, optimizing gut and metabolic health is a key component of long-term rehabilitation (Gaire, 2018). In this case study, the patient's reduction in weight and BMI may reflect, in part, improved metabolic regulation and dietary adherence supported by this blend. By addressing systemic contributors to cerebrovascular risk such as inflammation, oxidative burden, dyslipidemia, and impaired glucose control Proprietary Blend V plays an important role in both secondary stroke prevention and the promotion of sustained functional recovery.

Proprietary Blend VI: Vitamins K2, D3, C, Magnesium, and NAD

Proprietary Blend VI combines vitamins K2, D3, and C with magnesium, OmniMin AC (a comprehensive trace mineral complex), quercetin, and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD), creating a formulation designed to support vascular integrity, neuromuscular function, and cellular energy metabolism during stroke recovery. Vitamin K2 plays a critical role in calcium homeostasis by helping direct calcium into bone tissue while limiting inappropriate vascular calcification. This mechanism supports arterial flexibility and healthy blood flow key considerations in individuals with cerebrovascular disease. When paired with vitamin D3, which contributes to immune regulation and neuromuscular function, and vitamin C, which supports endothelial integrity and antioxidant defense, the combination provides synergistic vascular and tissue-level support. Magnesium is essential for neuromuscular signaling, muscle relaxation, and enzymatic processes involved in neuronal repair and synaptic transmission (Marek et al., 2022; Zoellner et al., 2023). Adequate magnesium status may help mitigate spasticity, support motor coordination, and promote neural recovery.

Quercetin, a bioactive flavonoid, offers additional antioxidant and anti-inflammatory benefits, helping to modulate pathways associated with post-ischemic inflammation. NAD is central to mitochondrial energy production and DNA repair processes (Kakarla et al., 2024). Because ischemic injury significantly disrupts cellular energy metabolism, supporting NAD-dependent pathways may enhance cellular resilience and recovery capacity. By simultaneously targeting vascular health, inflammation, and mitochondrial function, Proprietary Blend VI addresses several interconnected mechanisms underlying stroke pathology and rehabilitation. In this case study, improvements in energy levels, mobility, and overall functional performance may reflect the combined metabolic and vascular support provided by this formulation, reinforcing its role within a comprehensive integrative recovery strategy.

Proprietary Blend VII: Collagen Supplements

Proprietary Blend VII contains bovine collagen and hydrolyzed bovine collagen, formulated to support structural tissue repair and musculoskeletal recovery. Collagen is a primary component of connective tissues, including muscles, tendons, ligaments, blood vessels, and skin. Following a stroke particularly in cases involving prolonged immobility patients are at increased risk of muscle atrophy, reduced joint flexibility, and compromised connective tissue integrity. Hydrolyzed collagen provides bioavailable peptides that may support extracellular matrix repair, enhance tissue resilience, and contribute to improved joint stability and muscular function (Yang et al., 2024; Kamal et al., 2023). By reinforcing connective tissue structure, collagen supplementation may help facilitate improved range of motion, flexibility, and overall physical performance during rehabilitation.

In the context of stroke recovery, restoring muscle strength and endurance is essential for regaining independence in daily activities. In this case study, the patient's progression from using a standard cane to a lightweight walking stick reflects meaningful improvements in strength, balance, and mobility. While multifactorial in nature, these gains may be partially supported by enhanced connective tissue and muscular integrity. As part of a comprehensive rehabilitation protocol, Proprietary Blend VII provides foundational structural support to assist stroke patients in overcoming the physical demands of recovery and rebuilding functional capacity over time.

Proprietary Blend VIII: Botanical and Herbal Extracts

Proprietary Blend VIII features a combination of targeted botanical extracts, including Gymnema sylvestre, ginger root, white kidney bean, valerian root, Panax notoginseng, and Astragalus membranaceus. These herbs were selected for their complementary roles in supporting circulation, metabolic balance, inflammation modulation, stress resilience, and overall recovery during stroke rehabilitation. Panax notoginseng and ginger root have been studied for their potential vasodilatory and anti-inflammatory properties, which may support healthy blood flow and contribute to an environment conducive to neural repair. Improved circulation is particularly relevant in post-stroke recovery, where optimizing oxygen and nutrient delivery to affected tissues remains a priority. Gymnema and white kidney bean are traditionally associated with metabolic regulation, including glucose balance an important consideration for patients with underlying cardiometabolic risk factors. Astragalus membranaceus is known for its immunomodulatory properties and potential role in enhancing systemic resilience during periods of physiological stress. Meanwhile, valerian root may support relaxation and sleep quality, both of which are critical yet often overlooked components of neurological recovery. Adequate restorative sleep plays a central role in neuroplasticity, hormonal regulation, and emotional stability following stroke.

By addressing vascular function, metabolic health, inflammation, and stress management simultaneously, this blend supports both the physical and psychological dimensions of rehabilitation. In the present case study, improvements in physical stamina and overall mental well-being may, in part, reflect the synergistic calming and circulatory-support effects of these botanicals. As part of a comprehensive integrative strategy, Proprietary Blend VIII offers supportive care aimed at enhancing resilience and promoting functional recovery in stroke patients.

Proprietary Blend IX: Amino Acids and Antioxidants

Proprietary Blend IX contains branched-chain amino acids (L-leucine, L-isoleucine, and L-valine), grape seed extract, and marine phytoplankton ingredients selected to support muscle preservation, antioxidant defense, and cellular resilience during stroke recovery. Branched-chain amino acids (BCAAs) are essential components of skeletal muscle protein and play a central role in muscle protein synthesis, repair, and metabolic regulation. In post-stroke patients, reduced mobility and neurological impairment often contribute to muscle atrophy and weakness (Zhu et al., 2023; Li et al., 2022). By providing foundational substrates for protein synthesis, BCAAs may help maintain lean muscle mass, improve strength, and enhance physical endurance critical factors in regaining independence during rehabilitation. Grape seed extract offers potent antioxidant properties, rich in proanthocyanidins that help neutralize reactive oxygen species and reduce oxidative stress, which can otherwise impair neuronal recovery and cellular repair mechanisms (Goyal et al., 2024; Zhan et al., 2023). Marine phytoplankton contributes additional micronutrients and antioxidant compounds that support mitochondrial function and overall cellular vitality. Together, these components aim to counteract fatigue, promote muscular recovery, and protect neural tissue from ongoing oxidative damage.

In this case study, the patient demonstrated measurable improvements in muscle strength, coordination, and motor function, translating into enhanced daily functionality. While recovery is multifactorial, the inclusion of targeted amino acid and antioxidant support may have contributed to improved physical resilience and reduced muscular deterioration. Collectively, the proprietary formulations described throughout this protocol represent a systems-based, evidence-informed adjunct to conventional stroke rehabilitation. By addressing inflammation, oxidative stress, vascular health, metabolic regulation, neuromuscular integrity, and energy metabolism, these blends target the interconnected biological processes that influence recovery (Nogueira-de-Almeida et al., 2023; Mosconi & Paciaroni, 2022). The patient's improvements in mobility, strength, speech, and overall quality of life underscore the potential value of integrating structured natural medicine protocols into post-stroke care. Although larger controlled trials are necessary to confirm efficacy and establish standardized guidelines, this case supports continued exploration of integrative approaches. It highlights the importance of considering natural medicine as a complementary component within comprehensive discharge planning and long-term stroke rehabilitation strategies.

Discussion

The integration of proprietary nutritional formulations into stroke rehabilitation highlights the growing potential for mainstream medicine to responsibly incorporate evidence-informed natural strategies alongside standard therapies. Stroke often results in complex physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments due to direct neuronal injury and disruption of neural networks (Chugh, 2019). Conventional interventions such as thrombolytic therapy, secondary risk-factor management, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy are essential for acute stabilization and functional retraining (Zhu et al., 2022). However, these approaches primarily address vascular obstruction and functional compensation and may not fully target underlying biological drivers of prolonged recovery, including oxidative stress, chronic inflammation, mitochondrial dysfunction, and micronutrient depletion. The proprietary blends described in this case were designed to complement standard rehabilitation by targeting these foundational mechanisms. Post-stroke inflammation and oxidative stress are well-documented contributors to secondary neuronal injury and delayed functional improvement (Nogueira-de-Almeida et al., 2023). Bioactive compounds such as curcumin, resveratrol, and black seed oil have demonstrated anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties that may help modulate pro-inflammatory cytokines and reduce free radical-mediated cellular damage. Curcumin, for example, is known to influence inflammatory signaling pathways, while resveratrol exerts antioxidant effects that may help mitigate additional neuronal stress. These mechanisms suggest a potential neuroprotective role when used as adjunctive support.

Energy metabolism and cellular repair represent another critical dimension of stroke recovery. The post-ischemic brain experiences increased metabolic demand as cells attempt to restore homeostasis and repair damaged tissue (Goyal et al., 2024). Nutritional components such as D-ribose an essential substrate for ATP synthesis and amino acids including L-leucine and L-tyrosine were incorporated to support mitochondrial function, protein synthesis, and neurotransmitter production. By addressing cellular energy deficits and supporting anabolic repair processes, these interventions aim to enhance endurance, reduce fatigue, and facilitate motor and cognitive recovery areas not directly targeted by conventional therapy alone. Micronutrient status is another often overlooked factor in stroke rehabilitation, particularly in patients with comorbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia, which can impair nutrient metabolism and vascular health (Paul & Candelario-Jalil, 2021). The inclusion of vitamins C and D3, zinc, and magnesium in the formulations was intended to support immune modulation, neuromuscular function, endothelial integrity, and tissue repair. Vitamin D3 has been associated with neurogenesis and immune regulation, while magnesium plays a role in neuromuscular signaling and spasticity management (Liang et al., 2022). Repletion of these nutrients may contribute to improvements in strength, mobility, and cognitive clarity observed in this case.

Importantly, this case also underscores the value of individualized, patient-centered care. Stroke recovery trajectories vary widely depending on severity, preexisting health status, and comorbid conditions (Tao et al., 2020; Li et al., 2023). The formulations were selected to align with the patient's specific clinical profile for example, incorporating ingredients supportive of glycemic balance in light of his type 2 diabetes history, as well as anti-inflammatory and neuro-supportive compounds to address motor and speech deficits. This tailored approach reflects a systems-based model of care in which nutritional interventions are integrated strategically to complement rehabilitative efforts. The patient's functional gains including improved motor strength, clearer speech, enhanced endurance, and progression from an mRS score of 4 to 3 suggest that combining structured rehabilitation with targeted physiological support may offer additive benefits. While rehabilitative therapies focus on retraining neural pathways and restoring functional skills, adjunctive nutritional strategies may help create a biological environment more conducive to neuroplasticity and tissue repair.

Nevertheless, several considerations must be acknowledged. As this is a single case study, broader clinical trials are necessary to validate efficacy, determine optimal dosing strategies, and assess long-term safety and reproducibility (Herpich & Rincon, 2020). Cost and accessibility may also limit widespread implementation, particularly if proprietary formulations are not reimbursed by insurance systems. Furthermore, careful monitoring is required to evaluate potential interactions between natural compounds and conventional medications, especially in patients with multiple comorbidities. In conclusion, while further research is warranted, this case supports continued investigation into integrative stroke rehabilitation models that responsibly combine standard medical treatment with tar-

geted nutritional and botanical support. Such approaches may represent a promising avenue for enhancing recovery outcomes and improving quality of life in stroke survivors.

Conclusion

The integration of natural medicine into stroke rehabilitation represents a promising adjunctive strategy aimed at enhancing recovery beyond the scope of conventional therapy alone. Stroke is not solely an acute vascular event; it initiates a complex cascade of inflammatory, oxidative, metabolic, and neuromuscular disturbances that can persist long after hospitalization. Addressing these underlying biological processes may be critical in optimizing long-term functional outcomes. This case study demonstrates how structured proprietary formulations used alongside evidence-based medical management and rehabilitation were associated with meaningful improvements in motor strength, speech, endurance, metabolic health, and overall independence. By incorporating antioxidants, amino acids, collagen peptides, micronutrients, and targeted botanical extracts, the integrative protocol addressed key mechanisms implicated in post-stroke pathology, including neuroinflammation, oxidative stress, mitochondrial dysfunction, vascular instability, and muscle atrophy. These components collectively supported neuroprotection, connective tissue repair, cellular energy production, and systemic resilience. Importantly, natural medicine in this context did not replace standard care but complemented it. While thrombolysis, pharmacologic management, and rehabilitative therapies focus on acute stabilization and functional retraining, targeted nutritional and botanical interventions may help create a physiological environment conducive to neuroplasticity and tissue repair. The observed progression from moderate disability toward increased independence highlights the potential of a systems-based, patient-centered approach that integrates biological support with conventional rehabilitation strategies.

Nevertheless, conclusions must be drawn with caution. As a single case study, these findings cannot be generalized without larger, controlled clinical trials to establish safety, efficacy, standardized dosing, and long-term outcomes. Future research should focus on elucidating mechanisms of action, identifying optimal patient populations, and developing reproducible integrative care models that can be responsibly implemented in clinical practice. In summary, this case underscores the potential role of integrative natural medicine as a supportive component of comprehensive stroke rehabilitation. By targeting the multifactorial biological drivers of recovery, such approaches may enhance functional gains, improve quality of life, and promote greater independence for stroke survivors. Continued scientific investigation will be essential to validate and refine these strategies for broader clinical application.

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