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On behalf of BioNatural Healing College (BNHC), it is with great pleasure that we extend Thanks & appreciation to Dr. Heather Norman-Burgdolf, and Ms. Anna Cason for their very informative research articles and contribution to this June 2025 BNHC E-Magazine edition. We look forward to receiving their invaluable contribution in the future and wish them all much success in their future endeavors.

Message: from the President of BioNatural Healing College (BNHC)



Greetings,

With great humble praise to the Creator of creations (Almighty God) for the opportunity. We are pleased to welcome you to the June 2025 edition of the BioNatural Healing College (BNHC) E-Magazine. It is with sincere gratitude that we present this publication to our valued readers. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all contributors, including our dedicated researchers and engaged readers, for their invaluable feedback and steadfast support.

This magazine is designed as an educational resource, offering diverse insights and expert perspectives from around the world. Please note that all content is intended solely for informational purposes, and the views expressed are those of the individual authors, independent of any official affiliation with BNHC.

We hope this edition serves as a valuable source of knowledge and inspiration, supporting your ongoing journey of learning and the sharing of wisdom throughout life's seasons. On behalf of the BNHC team, we wish you continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

Warmest regards, Dr. Nadir Sidiqi, Ph.D. BioNatural Healing College 3. A series of complex chains involved with food production from the field to the mouth of the human body desperately needs scientific research to maximize healthy, nutritionally food production and end malnutrition and food insecurity.

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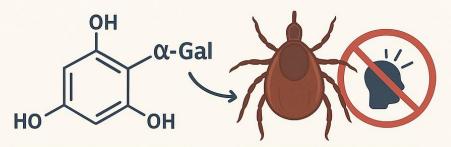
Food Allergens: Alpha-Gal By Heather Norman-Burgdolf Ph.D., and Anna Cason BS, Dietetics and Human Nutrition University, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food & Environment.

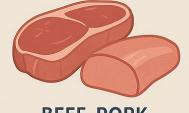
Abstract: Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS), also known as red meat allergy, is a condition that results in an allergic reaction to some animal products after a tick bite. Lone star ticks are the species most associated with AGS in the United States. A bite from one of these ticks may cause a person to develop an allergic reaction to galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose, a sugar molecule found in the meat of some mammals. Those mammals include cows, pigs, and lambs, or what we commonly think of as red meat. The name alpha-gal comes from the name of the sugar that causes the allergic reaction. Alpha-gal syndrome is becoming increasingly more common. As it does, we continue to see that it causes different symptoms and severities in people.

Symptoms and Diagnosis: People who have AGS can have reactions like people with other food allergies. The most common symptoms include skin rashes, hives, digestive tract issues, and breathing problems. Some people have different symptoms each time they have a reaction, and may even include joint pain and weakness. The severity of the condition is different for everyone. A person with AGS may have a delayed allergic reaction, which could occur anywhere between 3 and 6 hours after ingesting mammalian meat or its byproducts. The symptoms of alpha-gal might decrease over time, particularly if the person does not get anymore bites from ticks carrying alpha-gal. In some cases, this has taken three to five years. New bites from ticks carrying alpha-gal can restart the allergy. These factors may make AGS difficult to recognize and diagnose.



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Symptoms of AGS may not appear until several months after the tick bite, making it harder to diagnose, especially if people don't recall being bitten. In some cases, it might take more than one tick bite to trigger AGS. If you have any of these symptoms, it is important to work with a health-care provider to get a proper diagnosis. This may include an office visit to review patient history, do a physical exam, and get a specific blood test. If you suspect it may be AGS and are experiencing reactions after eating mammalian products, share this with your provider. The provider may recommend working with an allergist for more testing or a registered dietitian to help manage the condition.

Managing an Alpha-gal Allergy: AGS is different from other food allergies because the onset is sudden. It is also a reaction to foods that may have been a part of an overall diet for someone's entire life. There is no known treatment for AGS. Instead, dietary changes that remove the alpha-gal sugar from the diet will help manage and reduce the symptoms. Minor symptoms may improve with the use of an antihistamine. Severe reactions, such as anaphylaxis, need medical attention. Your health-care provider might prescribe medication for emergency treatment of your allergy. It is essential to understand how and when to use the medication. Reach out to your health-care provider with any questions. Experts say people with AGS should take beef, pork, and lamb out of their diets to avoid allergic reactions. Although not all people with AGS react to all foods that contain alpha-gal, it is best to remove these potential allergens. Specific cuts and types of meat have higher amounts of alpha-gal and cause worse reactions. For example, organ meats such as liver, heart, and tripe have higher amounts of alpha-gal. For those who hunt, wild game is also a source of alpha-gal. This includes everything from deer to squirrels and rabbits. Depending on the severity of the condition, some people may be able to have dairy products, including milk, butter, yogurt, and cheese. This includes products from any mammals, mostly cows and goats.

Those with a more serious form of AGS may not be able to tolerate dairy foods at all. Other foods made with ingredients from mammals that may cause reactions include broths, bouillon, stocks, gravy, and other items made with gelatin, lard, or beef tallow. Carrageenan comes from seaweed and is a common ingredient in processed foods. Even though it does not come from mammals, it has the alpha-gal sugar. This is another product that needs to be eliminated from the diet.

Medications and Personal Care Products: Some supplements, medications—both prescribed and over the counter—and medical treatments may cause a reaction in people with AGS. These may include heparin, antivenoms, certain chemotherapy drugs, pancreatic enzymes, gel caps, and even heart valves derived from pigs or cows. Always make health-care providers aware of your condition. Ask if the prescribed medicine or suggested treatment causes a reaction for those living with alpha-gal. Personal care products, including lotion, toothpaste, and even toilet paper, may contain alpha-gal-sensitive ingredients. If you notice symptoms still occur after changing your diet, consider reading the lists of ingredients of products commonly used for personal care.

Safe Foods When Living with Alpha-gal: Animal products are generally at the top of the list of protein sources. An alpha-gal safe diet does not mean low protein. There are high-protein foods that do not contain alpha-gal. These foods include:

- Poultry (chicken, turkey, duck, emu, ostrich, or quail)
- Seafood (fish, shellfish)
- Eggs
- Beans, peas, lentils
- Nuts and seeds
- Whole grains

You can substitute these high-protein foods in many favorite recipes to make them tolerable for people with alpha-gal syndrome.

Foods like grains, vegetables, and fruits are part of a safe and balanced diet for people with alpha-gal syndrome. Consider searching for plant-based, dairy-free, or vegan recipes that are likely to eliminate ingredients that cause reactions. These recipes or resources may provide ideas or suggestions about ingredients to make recipes tolerable for people removing animal foods or dairy from their diets. In addition to finding new recipes that are alpha-gal free, try to modify your favorite meals and recipes with some of these swaps for safe foods (Table 1). People with alpha-gal syndrome tend to have different tolerance levels to animal products, dairy, and other byproducts. In the future, meat products on grocery shelves may be genetically modified to remove alpha-gal sugar and would be safe for those with AGS. Fumes from grills, cooking on stovetops, or even slow cookers may cause symptoms for someone with a more severe form of the condition.

Table 1. Recipe substitutes.

If a recipe calls for	Try using		
Ground beef	ground chicken or ground turkey		
Pork sausage	chicken or turkey sausage *Be cautious of sausage casings as they may be made from pork. Check ingredients lists.*		
Cow's milk	plant-based milk alternatives like soy, almond, and oat milk		
Cheese	nutritional yeast, a plant-based product that gives a dish the savory flavor that cheese provides		
Butter	plant-based butters and some margarines		
Lard	vegetable shortening or duck fat		
Beef stock	chicken stock or vegetable stock		

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Dietary Supplements: Individuals with AGS that have to modify their diet significantly may need dietary supplements. Talking about this with ahealth-care provider or registered dietitian is important. Experts usually want those with a limited or restricted diet to supplement nutrients they are not taking in with food. As people adjust to living with AGS and making different food choices, they may feel like they are not eating a variety of nutritious foods. Those strictly vegetarian or vegan because of their AGS may need more vitamin B12, iron, vitamin D, calcium, and zinc. These nutrients are typically found in larger amounts in animal-based foods and products. When selecting a supplement, check labels to ensure it is an alpha-gal-safe product.

Label Reading and Ingredients Lists: Foods, supplements, and personal care products feature labels and ingredients lists to identify what is in the product. When selecting a product, always read labels and keep these things in mind:

- "Natural flavors" may be mammalian sourced.
- "Non-dairy" may still contain dairy ingredients. Look 101 dairy-11ce" labels.
- Although a label may say vegan/cruelty-free, it does not mean that mammals were not used as an ingredient in the item.
- Vegan is not a regulated term. Look for a certified vegan label on the package to verify that a third party checked the product.
- Cruelty-free means it was not tested on animals. But ingredients could have been derived from animals.
- Even though you may consider a certain prepackaged food alpha-gal safe, keep reading ingredient lists because food makers could change products without notice.
- Foods that are closest to their natural form are considered less processed. These foods are less likely to contain hidden ingredients or byproducts and may be a safer choice than processed foods. When choosing any packaged food, always read ingredient lists to identify potential triggers.

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Other Thoughts When Living with Alpha-gal: As someone adjusts to living with AGS, consider the following when making lifestyle management decisions:

- Cooking foods with heat does not destroy the alpha-gal sugar molecule.
- Cross-contamination concerns in the kitchen, with utensils, cookware, and cutting boards, have not been well documented, but may be a source of exposure for some.
- Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under cool, running water to remove any extra coatings added to preserve freshness. Some food coatings may be derived from mammalian byproducts.
- Choose whole-grain foods when possible. These foods provide additional protein, vitamins, and minerals that may be missing in the diet.
- It has been reported that nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), exercise, and alcohol may increase the severity and risk of reaction after consuming the alpha-gal molecule.

• It is often helpful to keep a journal to log foods and reactions. This will help to identify triggers, and you can share it with a health-care

provider.



This publication provides information about AGS. Readers are encouraged to use it for education, and not as a substitute for professional medical advice. As research continues, we will learn more about prevention, management, and treatment of this condition.

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Foods, Products, and Ingredients that might cause a reaction in AGS

Many of these items tend to have one or more ingredients that come from mammalian sources. Some products can be prepared in an alpha-gal safe way, or safe versions of the product may exist. Always review the ingredient list on packaged products. Even if a product is safe one time, it is important to read the label before purchasing again, as manufacturers may change ingredients without notice.

Food

Baked beans	Cheese	Jelly/gel candy	Refried beans
Beef broth	(mostly soft cheese)	Jerky (beef)	Sausage casings
Beef	Corn muffin mix	Lamb	(beef- and pork-derived)
(all cuts, including	Cow's milk	Lard	Sauces
ground beef, chuck roast, flank steak)	Canned soups	Marshmallows	(using animal fat)
Beef stock	Desserts/sweets	Organ meats	Seaweed
	Fried foods	(liver, heart, kidney, tripe)	Sheep
Bison	Goat	Pudding	Tallow
Biscuits		9	Tortillas
Bouillon	Gravy	Pork	
Brisket	Heavy cream	(bacon, ham, pork sausage, cuts of pork)	Tortilla chips
	High-fat foods	sausage, cuts of pork)	Venison
Buffalo	3	Pie crust	Yogurt
Butter	Jelly/jams	Rabbit	5

Medications and Personal Care Products

Cetuximab	Hand sanitizer	Perfume or fragrance	Snake antivenoms
Chapstick/lipstick	Heparin	Prosthetic heart valves	derived from horses or sheep
Clothing and accessories	Lotion	from cows or pigs	•
(leather, wool)	Makeup	Shaving cream or	Sunscreen
Deodorant/antiperspirant	Mouthwash Nail care (polish, remover,	aftershave	Thyroid hormone
Gel caps of medications or supplements Hair products (shampoo, conditioner, hairspray, styling gel or lotion)		Skincare products	supplements derived
		(serums, moisturizers,	from cows or pigs
		creams, toners, masks)	Toothpaste
	treatments) Pancreatic enzymes derived from pigs	Soap	Vaccines that contain
		(hand soap, shower gel, face wash)	gelatin (measles, mumps, rubella, yellow fever)
			Vitamin D3 supplements

Ingredients

"Alpha-gal" will not be labeled in the ingredients list of products. However, the ingredients below have been linked to reactions in individuals with AGS. They can be found in both food and personal care items. If experiencing reactions to products with these ingredients, consider removing them from your routine to check for improvement.

Arachidonic acid	Caseinate	Glycerin*	Myristic acid *
Arachidyl propionate	Castoreum	Lanolin	Oleic acid *
Bovine extract	Collagen	Lard	Sodium caseinate
Carrageenan	Gelatin	Magnesium Stearate/	Tallow
Casein		Stearic acid	Whey

^{*}This ingredient can be sourced from animals or plants. Plant-based alpha-gal safe versions are available. The product may be labeled as "vegan" to indicate plant sourced ingredients. Always check ingredients lists.

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Alpha-gal-safe Grocery Shopping List

Many of these items are one ingredient, processed in a way close to their natural food form, or are alternatives to common ingredients used in cooking in baking. There are other foods not on this list that are safe. Always review the ingredient list on packaged products. Even if a product is safe one time, it is important to read the label before purchasing again, as manufacturers may change ingredients without notice.

Produce	Bread/Bakery	<u>Herbs</u>
All fresh fruit	Bread (white, wheat, rye)	Basil
Apples	Buns	Chives
Bananas	Rolls	Cilantro
Berries	Bagels	Dill
(blackberries, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries)	Biscuits**	Mint
Citrus fruits	Muffins**	Oregano
(oranges, grapefruits, lemons, limes)	Baguettes	Parsley
Cherries	Brioche	Rosemary
Grapes	Challah	Thyme
Melons	Ciabattas	
(watermelon, cantaloupe)	English muffins	Cooking Oils
Peaches	Focaccia	Canola oil
Pears	Naan	Chicken fat
Pineapples	Pita	Coconut oil
All fresh vegetables	Pumpernickel	Duck fat
Asparagus	Sourdough breads	Peanut oil
Avocados	Tortillas**	Vegetable oil
Broccoli	Tortilla chips**	
Brussels sprouts		<u>Drinks</u>
Carrots	<u>Grains</u>	Coffee
Cabbage	Pasta	Fruit juice
Cucumbers	Rice (brown, wild, white)	Tea
Celery	Quinoa	Water
Garlic	Barley	
Green beans	Buckwheat	
Lettuce	Bulgur	
Mushrooms	Farro	
Onions	Millet	
Peppers	Oats	
Potatoes	Rye	
(russet, sweet, fingerling)	Wheat	
Spinach		
Squash		
Tomatoes	9	
Zucchini		

^{**}Alpha-gal-safe versions of these foods are available. Always check ingredients lists.

Alpha-gal-safe Grocery Shopping List (continued)

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Canned/Jarred/Dry Goods

Black beans

Black-eyed peas

Butter beans

Cannellini beans

Chickpeas or garbanzo beans

Fava beans

Great northern beans

Kidney beans

Lentils

(red, green)

Navy beans

Peas

Pinto beans

Split peas

Vegetarian baked beans**

Vegetarian refried beans**

Meat and Seafood

Chicken

(canned, ground, whole, sausage**, deli meat**)

Duck

Emu

Ostrich

Turkey

(ground, whole, sausage**, deli meat**)

Seafood and shellfish

Salmon

Tuna

Canned tuna

Canned salmon

Caviar and fish roe (eggs) [not flounder eggs]

Dairy (Dairy Alternatives) and Eggs

Eggs

(chicken, duck, quail)

Almond milk

Cashew milk

Coconut milk

Oat milk

Soy milk

Plant-based yogurts

Plant-based butter

Plant-based cheese

Plant-based cream cheese

Plant-based cream

Plant-based sour cream

Plant-based chocolate chips

Margarine**

Frozen Foods

Frozen fruits

(berries, cherries, mangoes)

Frozen vegetables without sauces

(corn, broccoli, carrots)

Edamame

Lima beans

Peas

Potatoes and potato products (French fries, tater tots, hashbrowns) **

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Dear BioNatural Healing College (BNHC)Team,

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Shabnam Fayeez

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Short Biography Dr. Azza Mahmoud



Biomedical Engineer | Academic Leader | Interdisciplinary Educator in Science, Ethics, and Policy. Dr. Azza Mahmoud is a biomedical engineer, academic leader, and interdisciplinary educator with over two decades of international experience bridging science, ethics, and policy. She holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from North Carolina State University, an M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering from Cairo University, an M.A. in International Studies from Chapman University, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Institutional Research in Higher Education from Florida State University. Her graduate work in international studies integrated political science, global governance, and cross-cultural bioethics, culminating in a thesis on Islamic Bioethics of Human Stem Cell Research in the Muslim World. This interdisciplinary foundation complements her technical expertise and deepens her ability to engage with global health, regulatory systems, and ethical decision making. Dr. Mahmoud's research spans biomechanics, orthopedic modeling, and medical device evaluation. She has conducted and supervised research at NC State University, the University of Bern, and the American University in Cairo, contributing to academic publishing and international conferences in her field. In her leadership role as Vice Dean of Academic Affairs at Effat University in Saudi Arabia, she oversaw STEM curriculum development, institutional accreditation, faculty advancement, and student advising—bringing both strategic vision and operational excellence to higher education. Now based in California and fluent in Arabic and English, Dr. Mahmoud brings a unique blend of STEM expertise, ethical inquiry, and cultural awareness to her volunteer teaching. Her diverse academic background allows her to tutor across a wide range of subjects—including biology, physics, mathematics, ethics, critical thinking, writing, and global studies. She is passionate about empowering students, particularly girls in underserved communities, to pursue education with confidence, curiosity, and a sense of purpose. We are delighted to have Dr. Azza Mahmoud as a faculty member at the BNHC, contact Dr. Azza Mahmoud at info@bionaturalhealingcollege.org

Short Biography Dr. Mona Salem



Dr. Mona Salem is an accomplished educator and researcher with over 20 years of experience in the biological and natural sciences. She holds a PhD in Microbiology, a Master's degree in Organic Chemistry, and a Bachelor's degree in Zoology and Chemistry, all from Ain Shams University of Cairo, Egypt. Dr. Salem's expertise spans microbiology, organic chemistry, physiology, and molecular biology, making her uniquely qualified to teach and mentor students in the MS degree/Diploma Online at BioNatural Healing College (BNHC). Throughout her career, Dr. Salem has demonstrated a passion for teaching and student development. She has taught science and biology at all educational levels-from elementary and secondary schools to college and university settings. Her approach centers on helping students overcome challenges, discover their potential, and achieve academic success. Dr. Salem is known for her ability to quickly improve students' learning skills and exam confidence, tailoring her methods to individual needs and fostering a supportive learning environment. In addition to her teaching credentials, Dr. Salem has an extensive research background. She served as a researcher at the National Research Centre in Cairo for nearly four decades, contributing to advancements pharmaceutical research, medical science, and biosafety. Her participation in international conferences and workshops-covering topics such as medicinal plants, drug development, osteoporosis education, and biosafety-reflects her commitment to staying at the forefront of scientific innovation and holistic health. professional skills include laboratory management, chromatography, and research and development, and teacher coaching. She is also experienced in caregiving, having provided personalized support to seniors, managed medications, and coordinated healthcare needs, further underscoring her dedication to improving well-being through both scientific and compassionate approaches. Fluent in both Arabic and English, Dr. Salem resides with her family in Jurupa Valley, California. Her passion brings a global perspective to her teaching. Her interpersonal skills, organizational abilities, and deep scientific knowledge make her an invaluable asset to the BioNatural Healing College (BNHC), where she is committed to empowering students and promoting holistic health through education. BioNatural Healing College (BNHC) is very pleased to have Dr. Mona Salem as a faculty member.



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