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## **NattoPharma Awarded New Patent for Vitamin K2 Patent for benefits supporting cardiovascular applications of MenaQ7<sup>®</sup> Vitamin K2**

**OSLO, NORWAY and METUCHEN, NJ** (June 14th 2016) – NattoPharma ASA has been awarded a patent that allows the company to claim that MK-7 inhibits or reduces the incidence of age-related hardening of the arteries in individuals with cardiovascular conditions. The patent covers providing an effective amount of vitamin K in combination with vitamin D to reduce the incidence of age-related stiffening of arteries in doses appropriate to dietary supplement ranges, as well as food and beverage products. This U.S. patent (no. 9364447 re. “Compositions for treating or preventing cardiovascular disease”) was approved on June 14, 2016.

“Being awarded this patent clearly validates the discovery of the cardiovascular benefits of vitamin K2 made by the researchers with whom NattoPharma has had pleasure of working with for years,” says NattoPharma CEO Daniel Rosenbaum. “The issuing of this patent further legitimizes the clinical benefits that show the cardio-protective benefits vitamin K2 delivers by even reversing age-related hardening of the arteries. We anticipate exploring opportunities for growth through dietary supplements and functional/fortified foods, as well as future cardiovascular pharmaceutical applications as a result of this intellectual property.”

NattoPharma has invested considerable resources in technology development and patenting around vitamin K2, and that the company is actively using and will use patents—through patent life—as a competitive advantage for companies that buy NattoPharma’s MenaQ7<sup>®</sup> Vitamin K2 as MK-7.

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### **About MenaQ7<sup>®</sup>**

MenaQ7<sup>®</sup> is the best documented, commercially available vitamin K2 as MK-7 with guaranteed actives and stability, clinical substantiation, and international patents granted and pending. MenaQ7<sup>®</sup> is available in two varieties: natural vitamin K2 as MK-7 Crystals and nature-identical synthetic vitamin K2 as MK-7 PURE. For more information on the health benefits of MenaQ7, visit [menaq7.com](http://menaq7.com).

### **About NattoPharma**

NattoPharma ASA, based in Norway, is the world’s leader in vitamin K2 research and development. NattoPharma is the exclusive international supplier of MenaQ7<sup>®</sup> Vitamin K2 as MK-7, and has a multi-year research and development program to substantiate and discover the health benefits of vitamin K2 for applications in the marketplace for functional food and dietary supplements. With a global presence, the company established its North American subsidiary, NattoPharma USA, Inc., in Metuchen, NJ. For more information, visit [nattopharma.com](http://nattopharma.com).

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