

THE CLARITY PROTOCOL

# Science Annex

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Built in Cape Town. Engineered for the world.

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## The Evidence Base

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We do not guess. We leverage peer-reviewed data to engineer a superior biological state. This protocol is not "bio-hacking"; it is Applied Biology.

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### 1. Cold Exposure & Neurochemistry

**The Claim:** Cold plunges fundamentally alter neurochemistry for hours, not just moments.

#### **THE SCIENCE**

**Study:** Šrámek, P., et al. (2000). "Human physiological responses to immersion into water of different temperatures." *European Journal of Applied Physiology*.

**The Data:** Immersion in water at **14°C (57°F)** increased: \* Plasma **Norepinephrine** concentrations by **530%**. \* Plasma **Dopamine** concentrations by **250%**.

**The Clarity Takeaway:** Unlike stimulants which cause a crash, cold exposure creates a sustained release of focus and drive that lasts for hours. It is the perfect pre-work primer.

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### 2. Sauna & Mortality Risk

**The Claim:** Sauna use is a biological insurance policy that cleans cellular damage.

#### **THE SCIENCE**

**Study:** Laukkanen, T., et al. (2015). "Association Between Sauna Bathing and Fatal Cardiovascular and All-Cause Mortality Events." *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

**The Data:** A 20-year study of 2,315 men. Those using the sauna **4-7 times per week** had: \* **48% lower risk** of fatal heart disease. \* **40% lower risk** of all-cause mortality compared to 1x/week users.

**The Clarity Takeaway:** Heat stress activates **Heat Shock Proteins (HSPs)**, which repair misfolded proteins. It is cellular sanitation.

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### 3. Light Hygiene & Sleep Architecture

**The Claim:** Artificial light is an endocrine disruptor that destroys recovery.

#### **THE SCIENCE**

**Study:** Gooley, J.J., et al. (2011). "Exposure to Room Light before Bedtime Suppresses Melatonin Onset and Shortens Melatonin Duration in Humans." JCEM.

**The Data:** Exposure to standard room light before bed: \* Suppressed **Melatonin** by **>50%**. \* Shortened the duration of melatonin action by **90 minutes**.

**The Clarity Takeaway:** You are not an insomniac. You are signaling "noon" to your brain at 10 PM. The Blue Blocker protocol is non-negotiable.

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### 4. Fasting & Cellular Cleanup

**The Claim:** Intermittent fasting is the only way to activate the body's janitorial staff.

#### **THE SCIENCE**

**Mechanism:** Autophagy (Nobel Prize in Physiology, Yoshinori Ohsumi, 2016).

**The Data:** When cells are nutrient-deprived, they initiate **Autophagy** ("Self-Eating"). They break down and recycle damaged organelles and misfolded proteins to generate energy.

**The Clarity Takeaway:** Constant feeding blocks this process. We fast to clean the machine.

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### 5. Breathwork vs. Meditation

**The Claim:** The fastest way to reduce stress is mechanical (breathing), not psychological (thinking).

#### **THE SCIENCE**

**Study:** Balban, M.Y., Huberman, A.D., et al. (2023). "Brief structured respiration practices enhance mood and reduce physiological arousal." Cell Reports Medicine.

**The Data:** 5 minutes of "**Cyclic Sighing**" (Double inhale, long exhale) outperformed 5 minutes of mindfulness meditation in: \* Improving mood. \* Reducing respiratory rate (physiological stress).

**The Clarity Takeaway:** You cannot "think" your way out of stress. You must "breathe" your way out.

