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My Morning Carrot Kanji Ritual – The Fermented Elixir for Gut Health and Vitality at 60

At 60, my gut is balanced, my energy steady, and my health toxin-free — no pills or doctor visits needed. This vitality stems from my daily rituals: drinking two glasses of lukewarm Carrot Kanji on an empty stomach, right before heading outdoors for silent laughter, clapping, and *Agnisar Kriya* under the open sky. This traditional North Indian fermented drink, made with red/black carrots, sugar beets, *Hing* (Asafoetida), rock/sea salt, and mustard seeds in a gut basket jar or a sim, is my probiotic powerhouse. Fermented 3-5 days, its tangy flavor and bioactives kickstart digestion and overall wellness.

The Science of Carrot Kanji's Probiotic and Antioxidant Benefits

Carrot Kanji's lactic acid fermentation produces probiotics like *Lactobacillus*, reaching 7.9–8.96 log CFU/g, making it a plant-based probiotic with high antioxidant activity (up to 82% DPPH scavenging) from anthocyanins in carrots [1][2]. Studies show it enhances gut microbiota, reducing harmful bacteria like *E. coli* by antimicrobial activity and improving bile/acid tolerance for better digestion [3]. Daily consumption alleviates constipation and bloating, with phenolic content rising to 40.8 mg/mL for anti-inflammatory effects [4][5]. Taken lukewarm empty stomach, it maximizes bioactive absorption, supporting immunity by boosting natural killer cells and lowering oxidative stress [6].

The Heart-Touching Tradition of Fermented Nourishment

This ritual connects me to North Indian heritage — the vibrant purple hue and tangy sip evoke family festivals like Holi. It's emotional because it transforms simple ingredients into healing elixir, fostering gratitude for nature's wisdom. Research confirms probiotic ferments like Kanji improve mood via the gut-brain axis, reducing anxiety by 15-25% [7].

Broader Benefits for Digestion, Immunity, and Longevity

Kanji's anthocyanins (79-82% antioxidant capacity) protect against oxidative stress, with hepatoprotective and anticancer properties by inducing apoptosis in damaged cells [4][8]. It aids diabetes management by inhibiting glucose enzymes and supports liver detox [5][6]. For aging, it combats inflammation, enhances nutrient bioavailability (vitamins/minerals up 2-3x), and promotes skin glow [1][3].

How I Prepare and Drink Carrot Kanji

Prep: Chop 4-5 red/black carrots, 1-2 sugar beets; add 1 tsp mustard seeds, pinch *Hing*, 1-2 tsp black or rock/sea salt, cover with water in gut basket jar, use a loose cover or cloth if a simple glass jar. Ferment under light sun 3-5 days, stir daily. Strain liquid. Morning: Warm to

lukewarm, drink 2 glasses slowly empty stomach. Fresh batch; start 1 glass if new. If not possible to prepare each fresh batch, it can be put in the refrigerator for 2-3 days safely.

Embrace Carrot Kanji for Your Vitality

Feel the gut transformation in days. This ritual keeps me thriving at 60. Download my related eBook for more at <https://exploreikigai.com/microbiome>.

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