**Berry Oat Smoothie**
Serves 1

**Ingredients:**
1 cup water
1/2 scoop Vega protein powder (could use another plant-based protein powder or 100% whey protein powder)
1 cup frozen organic mixed berries
1/2 cup rolled oats
1 tbsp dark chocolate chips

**Directions:**
1. Blend all ingredients together until smooth.

**Nutrition Tips:**
1. Smoothies can be made the night before and kept cold in the fridge for minimizing prep time in the morning.
2. This smoothie is an excellent post-workout fuel. It includes phytonutrient-rich berries, whole grain oats, plant-based protein powder, and some dark chocolate chips to give you a 3:1 ratio of carbohydrates to protein. Bonus: there are only five ingredients.

**Nutrition Facts:**
58 g carbohydrates
19 g protein
3:1 ratio of carbohydrates to protein

**Source:**
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