

Curried Rice Salad

(Serves 8)

2 cups uncooked white rice,
preferably basmati
1/2 cup dried black currants,
soaked in hot water
1/2 cup pistachio nuts, toasted
4-6 scallions, thinly sliced

Dressing

1/2 cup walnut or peanut oil
1/2 cup lemon juice
2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Pinch of cayenne

Combine all the ingredients for the dressing. Cook the rice according to instructions on the package (but do not overcook), and while the rice is still warm, pour over the dressing until the grains are well coated but not floating. Add the currants, pistachios, and scallions. Add more dressing if necessary and adjust the seasoning by adding salt, and perhaps more lemon juice, to taste.