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Scheduling Status: **SO**



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2. Qualitative and Quantitative Composition

Each capsule contains the composition as per table 2.1 below.

2.1 Composition

Each white capsule contains	
Beta-carotene (providing elemental vitamin A)	75 ug
Lynside [®] Forte B100 EU (S. cerevisiae enriched with B vitamins)	56.3 mg
of which Vitamin B1 (Thiamine)	0.3 mg
of which Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)	0.3 mg
of which Vitamin B3 (Nicotinamide)	3.8 mg
of which Vitamin B5 (D-Calcium pantothenate)	1.4 mg
of which Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine HCl)	0.4 mg
of which Vitamin B8 (Biotin)	12.4 ug
of which Vitamin B9 (Folic acid)	50.7 ug
of which Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin)	0.6 ug
Malpighia glabra (Acerola cherry)	50 mg
[fruit extract standardised to 25% Vitamin C]	
Ascophyllum nodosum (Kelp) (providing elemental iodine)	15 ug
S. cerevisiae enriched with Magnesium oxide	10 mg
(Providing elemental Magnesium)	
Selenomethionine (as Selenium SeLECT™) (providing elemental selenium)	2.5 mg
Lynside [®] Forte ZN100K (Zinc)	2.5 mg
(S. cerevisiae enriched with Zinc, providing elemental Zinc)	
Ocimum sanctum (Holy basil)	250 mg
[herb, 10 mg of a 10:1 extract providing 100 mg dried herb equivalent]	
Withania somnifera (Ashwagandha)	150 mg
[root, 10 mg of a 15:1 extract providing 150 mg dried herb equivalent]	
N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine (NAC)	50 mg
Phosphatidyl serine	50 mg
Vitis vinifera (Grape)	25 mg
[seed extract standardised to 95% proanthocyanidins]	
Rhodiola rosea, root powder	25 mg
Pterostilbene	15 mg

2.2 Sugar Free.

2.3 For full list of excipients see section 7.1.

3. Pharmaceutical Form

60 white size 0 capsules containing light brown coloured, free-flowing powder.

4. Clinical Information

4.1 Indications for Use

Where a deficiency in the active ingredients may exist. Where improvement in sleep is needed.

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17 4.2 Method of Administration and Posology 18 Administration 4.2.1 19 Orally. 20 4.2.2 21 Posology Adults and children over 18 only. 22 Take 2 capsules daily. 23 Take capsules with a sufficient quantity of water. 24 Do not chew the capsules swallow whole. 25 Take capsules at approximately the same time every day. 26 4.3 Contraindications 27 Not recommended for individuals who are hypersensitive (allergic) to soy or any of the ingredients contained in the 28 29 product. 30 4.4 Special Warnings and Precautions Not recommended for individuals who are under the age of 18. Not recommended for individuals who are pregnant 31 or breastfeeding. Do not exceed the recommended daily dose. 32 4.5 Interactions 33 S. cerevisiae: Major risk of interactions with MAOIs. Moderate risk of interactions with antidiabetic drugs and 34 35 lithium. Magnesium: Moderate risk of interactions with aminoglycoside antibiotics, antacids, bisphosphonates, calcium 36 channel blockers, digoxin, ketamine, quinolone antibiotics, skeletal muscle relaxants, sulfonylureas, and tetracycline 37 antibiotics. Major risk of interactions with levodopa/carbidopa. 38 39 Zinc: Moderate risk of interactions cephalexin, cisplatin, integrase inhibitors, penicillamine, quinolone antibiotics, ritonavir, and tetracycline antibiotics. 40 Ashwagandha: Moderate risk of interactions with antidiabetic drugs, antihypertensive drugs, benzodiazepines, CNS 41 depressants, immunosuppressants and thyroid hormone. 42 43 Holy basil: Moderate risk of interactions with anticoagulant drugs, antidiabetic drugs and pentobarbital. Acerola cherry: Moderate risk of interactions with alkylating agents and antitumour antibiotics. 44 45 Rhodiola: Moderate risk of interactions with antidiabetic drugs, antihypertensive drugs, cytochrome P450 2C9 substrates, immunosuppressants, losartan and p-glycoprotein substrates. 46 Grapeseed: Moderate risk of interactions with anticoagulant drugs, cyclosporine, cytochrome P450 1A2, cytochrome 47 P450 2D6, cytochrome P450 2E1, cytochrome P450 3A4, midazolam and phenacetin. 48 49 N-Acetyl Cysteine: Major risk of interactions with nitro-glycerine. Moderate risk of interactions with activated charcoal, anticoagulant drugs, antihypertensive drugs, and chloroquine. 50 Phosphatidyl serine: Moderate risk of interaction with anticholinergic and cholinergic drugs. 51 4.6 Pregnancy and Lactation 52 Not recommended for individuals who are pregnant or breastfeeding. 53 4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machinery. 54 No known effect. 55 4.8 Side Effects 56 Mild gastrointestinal disturbances, such as nausea, diarrhoea, constipation, indigestion, bloating, metallic taste in 57 the mouth, and flatulence. 58 **Pharmacological Classification** 59 5 Category D: 33.7 Combination Product. 60 Complementary Medicine. 61

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6 Pharmacokinetic Properties

Beta Carotene

Absorption: Absorption of beta-carotene is variable. The intestine has a limited capacity to absorb intact beta- carotene. Beta-carotene appears to be absorbed better from supplements than food. The amount of beta-carotene	
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proteins and fibre. Heating food may break down these complexes. Beta-carotene requires some dietary fat for	68
absorption, but supplemental beta-carotene is similarly absorbed when taken with high-fat (36 grams fat) or low-fat	69
(3 grams fat) meals The amount of beta-carotene absorbed and converted to vitamin A also depends upon the	70
individual's vitamin A status, beta-carotene body stores, and the amount of beta-carotene ingested.	71
There is more than one isomer of beta-carotene and there may be differences in their absorption. The 9-cis-beta-	72
carotene isomer is poorly absorbed, and most of it is converted to all-trans-beta-carotene in the intestine.	73
Beta-carotene supplements are available in both oil matrix gelatine capsules and water-miscible forms. Some clinical	74
trials have used water-miscible beta-carotene (10%) beadlets. The water miscible form seems to produce a 47% to	75
50% higher plasma beta-carotene level than oil matrix gelatine capsules.	76
Metabolism: Some ingested beta-carotene is converted to vitamin A in the intestinal mucosa while some is	77
converted to vitamin A in the liver. Although beta-carotene is partly metabolized to vitamin A, high intake of beta-	78
carotene does not result in vitamin A toxicity because the proportion converted to vitamin A decreases as beta-	79
carotene intake increases.	80
Distribution: The cis isomers of beta-carotene account for less than 5% of carotenoids in plasma, but 10% to 25% of	81
carotenoids in the tissues are beta-carotene cis isomers. Carotenoids are mainly carried in the blood on low-density	82
lipoproteins (LDLs).	83
Excretion: Beta-carotene is excreted in the faeces.	84
Thiamine	85
Absorption: Orally, thiamine is absorbed at the proximal part of the small intestine. At smaller doses it is absorbed by	86
active transport, and at higher doses it is absorbed by passive diffusion.	80 87
Distribution: Thiamine is distributed into the skeletal muscle, the heart, the liver, the kidneys, and the brain.	88
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Absorption: Nicotinamide riboside is a precursor in the biosynthetic pathway of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide 111 (NAD+). Oral administration or nicotinamide riboside leads to notable, dose-dependent increases in blood NAD+ 112 levels, suggesting that nicotinamide riboside is bioavailable when taken orally The time to maximum serum 113 114 concentration (Tmax) of nicotinamide riboside taken orally is 3 hours Metabolism: Nicotinamide riboside is converted to nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) by the nicotinamide ribose 115 kinases NRK1 and NRK2. These enzymes phosphorylate nicotinamide riboside Nicotinamide riboside is also 116 converted to niacinamide (nicotinamide) by purine nucleoside phosphorylase (PNP). Both pathways contribute to 117 the NAD+ metabolome Nicotinamide riboside is also converted to niacinamide by intestinal bacteria 118 Elimination: Nicotinamide riboside has a half-life of 2.7 hours. 119 **Folic Acid** 120 Absorption: Folate in food is about 20% to 50% less bioavailable than synthetic folic acid, which is almost 100%

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128 Some vitamin manufacturers claim that supplements containing L-methylfolate are better than folic acid-containing supplements. There is some evidence that L-methylfolate is slightly more bioavailable than folic acid. However, with 129 continuing use of the supplements there is no difference in blood levels. Some manufacturers claim that L-130 methylfolate is a better alternative to folic acid because some people lack the enzymes to convert folic acid to L-131 methylfolate. But so far, there is no reliable evidence that this makes a meaningful difference. For example, 132 133 equivalent doses of folic acid and L-methylfolate raise folate levels in pregnant women equally well There is also interest in the reduced form of synthetic folate, L-5-methyltetra-hydrofolate (L-5-MTHF), which is 134 dependent on vitamin B12 for metabolism. A single dose of L-5-MTHF seems to result in faster and greater 135 absorption when compared with folic acid, both in those with the homozygous (TT) MTHFR and the wild-type (CC) 136 MTHFR genotypes During longer supplementation periods of up to 16 weeks, this increased bioavailability seems to 137 be less pronounced but maintained. Two small clinical studies in females show that taking L-5-MTHF (Metafolin, 138 Eprova) 1.3 mg or L-5-MTHF 416 mcg daily for 12-16 weeks resulted in slightly higher folate concentration in red 139 140 blood cells when compared with taking the molar equivalent of folate 1 mg or 400 mcg daily for 12-16 weeks Distribution: In patients with coronary artery disease, plasma 5-methyltetrahydrofolate increases proportionately 141 with treatment dose of folic acid, whereas vascular tissue 5-methyltetrahydrofolate does not. 142 Metabolism: After folic acid is absorbed, it is reduced to tetrahydrofolate and then enters a methylation cycle 143 (Tetrahydrofolate is then converted to L-methyl folate. In patients with coronary artery disease, plasma 5-144 145 methyltetrahydrofolate increases proportionately with treatment dose of folic acid However, unmetabolized folic acid is also found in both plasma and breast milk when folic acid is consumed. 146 Excretion: Folic acid is excreted mainly in the urine. 147

Cyanocobalamin

Absorption: Vitamin B12 is primarily absorbed (60%) by binding with intrinsic factor to be actively transported in the 149 terminal ileum. In addition to active absorption, it is estimated that about 1.2% of vitamin B12 is absorbed by passive 150 diffusion. Dietary vitamin B12 is cleaved from proteins at normal gastric pH. Conditions involving increased gastric 151 pH such as atrophic gastritis, use of acid-suppressing drugs, or partial gastrectomy, reduce vitamin B12 absorption. 152 Loss of intrinsic factor in pernicious anaemia and total gastrectomy also reduce absorption. Intramuscular 153 administration is often used to avoid these absorption problems. More recently, high oral doses of vitamin B12 (300 154 to 1000 mcg) have been used to capitalize on absorption by passive diffusion and treat pernicious anaemia and 155 malabsorption from food A fasting state seems to increase vitamin B12 absorption when compared with a 156

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postprandial state, and a maximum concentration seems to occur about three hours after oral supplementation157Elimination: Orally, vitamin B12 as cyanocobalamin and cyanocobalamin-SNAC has a half-life of about 25-30 hours.158Intravenously, vitamin B12 as cyanocobalamin has a half-life of about 15 hours.159

Acerola Cherry:

Absorption: There is some evidence that vitamin C is more bioavailable when ingested in acerola than when taken as161an ascorbic acid dietary supplement. When healthy Japanese males 22-26 years of age ingested vitamin C 50 mg as162diluted acerola juice or as a supplement dissolved in water, acerola juice produced a higher area under the163concentration/time curve (AUC) for vitamin C and a lower amount of vitamin C excreted in the urine over the164following 6 hours.165

Zinc

Absorption: About 15% to 40% of the zinc in foods is absorbed. Bioavailability is influenced by zinc status. Absorption 167 increases in states of zinc deficiency and if zinc intakes are low (Zinc is mostly absorbed in the small intestine, particularly the jejunum In human research, zinc oxide absorption is best in an acidic environment Zinc acetate is 169 absorbed over a wide pH range and might be a better choice in people with reduced stomach acid In laboratory 170 research, zinc uptake in human intestinal epithelial cells is similar for zinc chloride, zinc methionine, and zinc 171 propionate

Zinc absorption may be influenced by dietary factors. In humans, diets high in phytate result in a reduced bioavailability173of zinc, even during fortification Vegetarian diets also result in a decrease in the total amount of zinc absorbed, but174these diets are without effect on fractional absorption However, although zinc absorption may be increased with some175protein sources, others, such as bovine serum albumin and soy protein, may reduce its absorption176Distribution: More than 85% of the total zinc in the body is in skeletal muscle and bone177

Metabolism: In human research, zinc given intravenously or orally resulted in zinc going rapidly to the liver, followed179by two component exponential loss patterns .Plasma levels following intravenous administration decreased to <2% of</td>180that injected by 24 hours; following oral administration levels decreased from a maximum of 1.2% of that ingested 3181hours after intake to 0.7% by 24 hours .182

Excretion: Most zinc is excreted in the faeces, with a small amount eliminated in the urine However, urinary zinc levels183appear to increase in patients with type 2 diabetes and congestive heart failure During lactation, zinc excretion184increases via breast milk. The body seems to compensate for this increased demand by increasing zinc absorption and185conserving endogenous zinc.186

N-acetyl cysteine:

Absorption: The bioavailability of oral N-acetyl cysteine is low, ranging from 4% to 10%. The low bioavailability may 188 be attributed to deacetylation of N-acetyl cysteine in the intestinal mucosa and lumen. In pharmacokinetic research, 189 the area under the curve (AUC) in humans after a single oral 600 mg N-acetyl cysteine dose was 32.87 mcM/L, while 190 the Tmax was about 0.7-1 hour for both 200 mg and 600 mg doses Other research suggests that the Tmax is closer to 191 192 1.5 hours In patients receiving standard intravenous N-acetyl cysteine treatment for acetaminophen poisoning, the average plasma concentration of N-acetyl cysteine was 554 mg/L after the initial loading dose (150 mg/kg over 15 193 minutes). At steady-state, an N-acetyl cysteine level of 35 mg/L was maintained after 12 hours, and the AUC was 194 1748 mg/hr/L The AUC of N-acetyl cysteine is elevated in patients with cirrhosis 195

Distribution: Assessing the pharmacokinetics of N-acetyl cysteine is difficult because it binds to cysteine and other sulfhydryl molecules. Because these compounds are widely available in tissues, N-acetyl cysteine is rapidly removed from plasma N-acetyl cysteine is highly protein-bound Some pharmacokinetic research shows that oral N-acetyl cysteine is approximately 50-64% protein-bound (with a volume of distribution of 0.33-0.59 L/kg At high concentrations, oral N-acetyl cysteine remains active in the human lung for approximately five hours Metabolism: Animal research suggests that N-acetyl cysteine is rapidly metabolized to disulphides via deacetylation and oxidation

Excretion: The plasma clearance of N-acetyl cysteine was found to be 0.84 L/hr/kg after a 400 mg oral dose and 0.11203L/hr/kg after a 200 mg intravenous dose After intravenous treatment for acetaminophen poisoning, total clearance204

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of N-acetyl cysteine was 3.18 mL/min/kg in one study N-acetyl cysteine has a renal clearance of approximately 30% 205 In other research, the fraction of an oral dose of 600 mg excreted in the urine in 36 hours is 3.7%. The major 206 207 excretory product of N-acetyl cysteine appears to be sulphate The half-life of intravenous N-acetyl cysteine has been reported to be less than 30 minutes in some pharmacokinetic research The terminal half-life of intravenous N-acetyl 208 cysteine is around 5.6-5.7 hours while the terminal half-life of oral N-acetyl cysteine is around 6.25 hours both oral 209 and intravenous N-acetyl cysteine range from 5.6-6.25 hours In other research, the half-life of oral N-acetyl cysteine 210 after taking 600 mg orally twice daily for 3 days is 15.4 hours in Chinese individuals and 18.7 hours in Caucasians 211 212 Patients with cirrhosis appear to have a slower plasma clearance and prolonged half-life

Phosphatidyl serine

Absorption: The peak concentration of D-serine in the blood seems to occur about an hour after oral administration. Metabolism: The enzyme serine racemase (SR) converts L-serine to D-serine and vice versa. D-amino acid oxidase 216 (DAAO) quickly catabolizes and deaminates D-serine into pyruvic acid. DAAO controls the level of serine in the brain and decreases bioavailability of orally administered serine. When NMDA receptors are overstimulated, nitric oxide is produced, which activates DAAO and suppresses SR activity. 219

Vitis vinifera

Absorption: In humans, the aglycone forms of resveratrol and quercetin in grape juice appear to be absorbed more readily than the glycoside derivatives (Proanthocyanidins and flavonoids from grape seed extract and grape juice are absorbed and distributed into serum within two to three hours of ingestion Oligomeric proanthocyanidins (OPCs) are poorly absorbed in the human small intestine When applied topically, (-)-epicatechin, a constituent of grape seed extract (GSE), penetrates the skin and is retained in the upper part of the skin for approximately 1% and 3% of the dose in formulations containing butylated hydroxytoluene and alpha-tocopherol, respectively.

Distribution: Proanthocyanidins and flavonoids from grape seed extract and grape juice can be detected in serum within two to three hours of ingestion.

Metabolism: Polyphenols from grape juice are metabolized to phenolic acids by colonic microbiota The most common phenolic acids produced include syringic acid, 3- and 4-hydroxyhippuric acid, 4-hydroxymandelic acid, 3hydroxyphenylpropionic acid, and 3-hydroxyphenylacetic acid.

Elimination: Anthocyanins and phenolic acids formed from polyphenols in grape juice extract are excreted in the urine.

Ascophyllum Nodosum

Absorption: After oral consumption of Ascophyllum nodosum extract, phlorotannin's and phlorotannin metabolites 237 are detectable in plasma. Iodine levels are also increased after taking Ascophyllum nodosum powder However, the 238 iodine from Ascophyllum nodosum is not absorbed as well as with potassium iodide supplementation. 239 Metabolism: Phlorotannin's from Ascophyllum nodosum are conjugated as glucuronides and/or sulphates. Most 240 phlorotannin metabolites are detected in plasma between 6 hours and 24 hours after intake, suggesting that 241 metabolism by gut microbes occurs in the large intestine prior to absorption. 242 Excretion: In humans, both conjugated and unconjugated phlorotannin's were excreted in the urine between 8 and 243 24 hours after taking Ascophyllum nodosum lodine absorbed from Ascophyllum nodosum powder is excreted in the 244 245 urine.

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