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# VASCUKARE

CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

- Supports Optimal Methylation and Cardiovascular Health
- Supports Healthy Homocysteine Levels

- Increases Neurotransmitter Production
- Supports Primary Detoxification Pathways
- Promotes DNA Repair

VascuKare is a comprehensive formula containing targeted amounts of five key nutrients designed to aggressively support methylation and homocysteine balance in the body. VascuKare provides high-concentration folate (as Quatrefolic®- 100% 5-MTHF), the biologically active form, along with trimethyl glycine, and the key methylation vitamins B2, B6, B12 (methylcobalamin). This specific blend of methyl donors promotes DNA repair, homocysteine balance, neurotransmitter production, hormone balance and healthy detoxification.

## Overview

Methylation is a vitamin-requiring biochemical process in the body that is critical for supporting many aspects of mental and physical health, including regulating gene expression. Methylation occurs billions of times every second and helps the body to repair DNA on a continual basis. When methylation processes in the body slow down, an increase in the breakage of DNA strands can occur. In addition to maintaining DNA repair, methylation reactions help maintain optimal neurotransmitter production, homocysteine balance for cardiovascular health, and recycling of molecules that are required for detoxification and supporting healthy inflammatory response. Methylation is also required for proper energy metabolism, immune and nerve cell function. Proper methylation can be inhibited by nutrient deficiencies including folate, and B2, B6 and B12. Certain medications such as acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen and oral contraceptives can also deplete blood levels of these crucial B vitamins.

## Folate†

Folate is a water soluble member of the B complex vitamins that is critical for maintaining optimal methylation. Folate is abundantly found in foods such as fruits and dark leafy vegetables but, can be easily destroyed by cooking or

processing. Additionally, enzyme defects, malabsorption and congenital deficiency of 5-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (5-MTHFR), an enzyme required for the conversion to the bioactive form 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (5-MTHF), can result in an impaired ability to activate folate. In individuals with a genetic defect of this enzyme, supplementation with 5-MTHF can be preferable to other forms.<sup>[1]</sup> 5-MTHF is required as a methyl group donor for the production of mood regulating neurotransmitters such as serotonin, the synthesis of melatonin, as well as DNA production and repair.<sup>[1]</sup> 5-MTHF also donates its methyl group to vitamin B12 (cobalamin), forming methylcobalamin. Methylcobalamin helps convert the amino acid metabolite homocysteine into the amino acid methionine. Consistent recycling of homocysteine is vital to supporting cardiovascular and arterial health.<sup>[1]</sup>

## B<sub>12</sub>†

Vitamin B12 (cobalamin) works along with folate in many body processes, including the synthesis of DNA, red blood cells and supporting health of the myelin sheath, the insulating exterior that surrounds nerve cells. B12 is found primarily in animal foods.<sup>[2]</sup> Vegetarians and the elderly run the highest risk of B12 deficiency. B12 is considered by many to be the second most important nutrient in balancing homocysteine levels. Methylcobalamin is the preferred form of B12 as it is the biologically active form of B12 and supports the up-regulation of methylation pathways.<sup>[2]</sup>

## B<sub>6</sub>†

Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is a crucial B vitamin that is involved in the production of proteins in the body, neurotransmitters that help regulate mood, red blood cell formation and the proper functioning of the immune system.<sup>[2]</sup> B<sub>6</sub> is required for more than 60 different enzymatic reactions that occur in the body.<sup>[2]</sup> Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> works along with 5-MTHF and B12 in the recycling

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of homocysteine. B6 also supports a healthy cardiovascular system by promoting healthy platelet aggregation and aids in maintaining normal blood pressure.<sup>[3]</sup> Vitamin B6 is required for the activation of lysyl oxidase, an enzyme responsible for collagen production- a factor which is crucial for maintaining healthy arterial blood vessels.<sup>[4]</sup>

## B2†

Optimizing B2 (riboflavin) status helps support healthy blood pressure, particularly in patients with genetic mutations (MTHFR 677 > T polymorphism). In addition to folate, B6 and B12, recent studies have indicated that homocysteine levels in individuals with MTHFR 677 > T polymorphism are highly sensitive to riboflavin status.<sup>[5]</sup> Supporting riboflavin status appears to stabilize MTHFR, the enzyme required for 5-MTHF which converts homocysteine to methionine. In a study examining 197 subjects with MTHFR 677 > T polymorphism, riboflavin intervention helped to support healthy blood pressure levels.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Trimethylglycine (Betaine)†

As a methyl donor, trimethylglycine supports liver function, including detoxification pathways. In animals, trimethylglycine has been shown to protect against chemical damage to the liver.<sup>[7,8]</sup> Trimethylglycine has been shown to be beneficial in protecting against fat accumulation in the liver, due to its lipotropic properties (donating a methyl group to aid in the transport of fat out of the liver).<sup>[9]</sup> Trimethylglycine also works alongside B2, B6, B12 and folate in maintaining normal homocysteine levels.

## Directions

1 capsule per day or as recommended by your health care professional.

## Does Not Contain

Wheat, gluten, yeast, soy, animal or dairy products, fish, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts, egg, artificial colors, artificial sweeteners, or preservatives.

## Cautions

If you are pregnant or nursing, consult your physician before taking this product.

<b>Supplement Facts</b> <sup>V1</sup>		
Serving Size 1 Capsule		
Servings Per Container 60		
1 capsule contains	Amount Per Serving	% Daily Value
Riboflavin (Vitamin B2 USP)	25 mg	1,470%
Vitamin B6 (as Pyridoxine Hydrochloride USP)	50 mg	2,500%
Folate (as Quatrefolic® (6S)-5-Methyltetrahydrofolic acid glucosamine salt)	2,000 mcg	500%
Vitamin B12 (as Methylcobalamin)	1,000 mcg	16,667%
Betaine (Trimethyl Glycine)	500 mg	*
* Daily Value not established		

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