IMMUNITY

Research-Based Year-Round Support
People often think about the immune system only when experiencing a challenge. The best defense, however, is to support the immune system each day, all year long. By doing so, the body is well-equipped to take on the challenges of everyday life—like travel, exposure to seasonal and environmental insults, and stress.
The immune system is made up of many components that can be supported by targeted nutrition.

A Complex System Needing Multifaceted Support

The immune system is made up of many components, including the spleen, thymus, lymph nodes, and lymphatic tissue in the gut. Targeted nutrition can support immune system function through general support and specific action involving natural killer cells, B cells, macrophage cells, immune effector cells, and secretory immunoglobulin A and immunoglobulin E.

Gut Health and Immune System Health Are Strongly Connected

The gut is home to a majority of the body’s rich and complex immune system. The immune tissue in the gut gets a first “taste” at potential challenges coming through the gastrointestinal (GI) tract.

Probiotic strains can influence the immune system by modulating cell signals and abundance of cell types while interacting with receptors in the gut tissue. In cell-culture models, some strains have been demonstrated to interact with specific receptors, initiating a complex signaling cascade that can stimulate release of selected cytokines, important proteins involved in modulating immune balance. These results are strain specific and need to be confirmed in vivo.1*

Probiotics have also been shown to affect immunoglobulin production, antibody response, and other cellular immune responses. Strain-specific results need confirmation in humans.2*

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Epimune Complex is a unique blend of research-supported ingredients that affect multiple pathways of immune activity to provide comprehensive support to the immune system.*

- Epimune Complex includes EpiCor®, which has been shown to support a healthy mucosal barrier, as indicated by an increase of secretory immunoglobulin A in clinical studies.1, 2
- In laboratory studies, EpiCor had a prebiotic effect, stimulating the growth of lactobacilli, which are considered to be beneficial gut bacteria.3, 4*

Epimune Complex includes:
- **EpiCor®**: contains a variety of active compounds such as beta glucans, mannan-oligosaccharides, nucleotides, amino acids, and vitamins
- **Mushroom powders**: whole food powders of the mycelium of *Grifola frondosa* (maitake) and *Coriolus versicolor* (turkey tail) mushrooms
- **MaitakeGold 404®**: contains polysaccharides found in the mycelium of maitake mushrooms
- **Calcium lactate**: highly digestible calcium that supports numerous actions in the body (involved in cell signaling)
- **Zinc rice chelate**: highly bioavailable and needed throughout the body (plays a structural role in proteins and helps protect cell membranes while influencing cell communication, hormone release, and cell death, among other actions)
- **Acerola**: a rich source of vitamin C, which supports the immune system through peripheral means (supports mucosa, cell function, skin, blood vessels, and other tissue via its role in collagen synthesis and antioxidant activity; may help re-form other vitamins, like vitamin E)"
Open-Label Pilot Study

Dosage: Two Epimune Complex capsules per day

25 subjects: 20-57 years of age; 15 men and 10 women; 18 Hispanic/Latino, five Caucasian, two Asian

Results

- Trend increases in salivary immunoglobulin A (IgA)
- Overall increase in multiple immune markers
- Statistically significant increase in red blood cell zinc
- Statistically significant increase in leptin

To assess the effect of Epimune Complex consumption on immune markers, Standard Process designed a 30-day open-label pilot study.*

This study examined how Epimune Complex affects both the white blood cells of the immune system and surrogate markers of their activity.*

Read the full report on the Epimune Complex research at www.standardprocess.com/epimune-complex-research.

Immune markers: To begin to identify exactly how Epimune Complex interacts with the body, this study examined white blood cells and the immune system’s communication molecules, cytokines. An overall increase in multiple immune markers throughout the immune system was found. The report states, “The Epimune Complex product appears to increase immune markers in the humoral and cellular immune system.”

1. This finding is consistent with the results of a study based on one ingredient (EpiCor) where salivary IgA trended up at four weeks and became statistically significant at eight weeks. Jensen et al. 2008. The Open Nutrition Journal, 2:68-75.
Probiotic strains can influence the body’s immune system by affecting cell signals, cell types, and cellular receptors in the gut tissue.

**Immuplex GF | Two capsules per meal**

Immuplex blends essential micronutrients and minerals as well as Protomorphogen™ and Cytosol™ extracts to support the immune system. It helps to maintain normal white blood cell activity already within a normal range and support the body’s normal inflammatory response function as it relates to periodic challenges like consumption of a high-fat meal or strenuous activity.*

**ProSynbiotic GF | Three capsules per day**

ProSynbiotic contains a blend of four research-supported probiotic strains and two prebiotic fibers to promote gut flora and overall intestinal health.*

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<td><strong>Probiotic</strong></td>
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<td>Lactobacillus acidophilus (including LA-5®)</td>
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<td>Lactobacillus paracasei ssp. paracasei (L. casei 431®)</td>
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<td>Bifidobacterium lactis (BB-12®)</td>
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- The LA-5 strain has been evaluated for its ability to interfere with the communication between other types of bacteria, thus promoting a healthy balance of microbes. The LA-5 strain was also among several other lactobacilli that improved outcomes in subjects with occasional constipation as well as those with lactose tolerance challenges.*
- To support the natural gut environment, this strain of lactic-acid-producing bacteria adheres to the intestinal tract and tolerates bile. This strain has been studied in humans and mice for its ability to support the gut during challenges and for its ability to help maintain the body’s natural immune system response.*
- Bifidobacteria are very tolerant of both acidic conditions and environments that contain bile. Bifidobacteria use a range of carbohydrates, including galactooligosaccharides (GOSs), for energy. Bifidobacteria are an important factor for all native microflora, and their numbers vary depending on lifestyle, diet, exercise, and age. Oral bifidobacteria have been shown to temporarily colonize the gut, competing with other bacteria to effectively support the natural bacterial balance.*
- Historically, this microbe was used to support normal stool consistency. In the gut, this yeast supports the growth of some bacteria and inhibits others through competition and environmental modification of the gut.*

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Short-Term Support

Health care professionals have used Congaplex for more than 50 years and Immuplex for more than 30 years.

**Calcium Lactate or Calcium Lactate Powder**

**Six tablets or one level tablespoon daily**

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This formula supports absorption of calcium and magnesium for use by the body, including the immune system. It is important to take calcium lactate every day but especially important when anticipating or experiencing immune system stress.*

A 2009 research study found that T cells (white blood cells that help protect the body by recognizing foreign cells) and B cells (immune cells that produce antibodies when needed) have receptors for calcitonin, which regulates the metabolism of calcium in the body. This suggests that the control of cellular calcium levels may play a role in some immune system functions.*

**Congaplex or Congaplex Chewable**

**Three capsules/tablets per meal**

| 2900 | 40 capsules | 2925 | 150 capsules |
| 2930 | 90 tablets | **Chewable** | 1885 | 330 tablets |

Congaplex supports the upper respiratory tract and thymus gland and contains ribonucleic acid to help the body build new cells.*

Congaplex contains a combination of key ingredients from Cataplex® A-C, Thymex®, Calcium Lactate, and Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) to provide short-term support for the immune system.*

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**Congaplex and Immuplex Study**

In a 2009 publication, Standard Process scientists reported that in T cell cultures:

- Immuplex reduced T cell “discussions” and calmed cell signaling.
- Congaplex increased T cell signaling in a dose-dependent manner.
- In the mix of human white blood cells, both supplements reacted similarly, suggesting that with the complexity of multiple immune signals, these supplements act in a far more adaptogenic manner.*

In other words, these supplements work with the complex immune system response instead of simply upregulating or downregulating cell signals. Cell culture is a very simplified way to study these effects and comes with serious limitations. But it does provide a starting point for future investigation and interesting hypotheses related to the underlying mechanism of action for Congaplex and Immuplex.*

**TABLE 2**

**Direction of Statistically Significant Change in Cytokine Level After Treatment**

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For the complete research report, see:

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“Whole food nutrition begins with sun, water, and fertile soil.”
—Dr. Royal Lee

Our Commitment to Quality
Since 1929, Standard Process has followed the whole food philosophy of our founder, Dr. Royal Lee. Many of our supplements contain unique combinations of whole food and other ingredients. Many of our raw materials are harvested from our certified organic farm. Our quality control measures assure product excellence in every stage, from farming through shipping.

Our Respect for the Earth
Our organic farming practices ensure that the quality of our farmland is maintained for generations to come. We use environmentally safe farming, manufacturing, and business practices.

Our Promise to You
Our goal is to create supplements that provide nutrition as close to nature as possible. We’re proud that our products help health care professionals transform lives.

Distributed Through Health Care Professionals
The informed guidance of a health care professional is vital to the optimal use of nutritional and herbal supplements.