HERBAL MONOGRAPHS
including
HERBAL MEDICINAL PRODUCTS
and
FOOD SUPPLEMENTS

Maria Spiteri
Not all herbal remedies are the same.

1. I am grown from specially selected seeds in Switzerland.
2. I am organically grown.
3. I am picked fresh starting at sunrise.
4. I contain 2.5 times more alkylamides than dried echinacea.

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Echinacea is traditionally used to strengthen the immune system, helping support the body's natural defences and so increasing the response to infections such as colds and flu.
This book was compiled by Maria Spiteri as part of a project carried out for the partial fulfillment of the requirements of the course leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons.). The study was carried out under the supervision of Professor Anthony Serracino-Inglott, at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Malta, to whom I owe my gratitude for his guidance.

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Students in the department of pharmacy are encouraged to develop skills to
give advice and support patients on the use of medicines. In order to reach
this goal, students have to present a project in an area of pharmacy. Maria
Spiteri worked on a project to device a formulary of herbal medicines
available locally under the supervision of Professor Anthony Serracino-
Inglott. The department is grateful to all those who helped Maria in this
project leading to the publication of this book.

This book has an academic value as it is the result of careful research
by Maria Spiteri and is of practical use since it is intended to be used by
healthcare professionals during their day to day work.

In this day and age when the health professionals are giving significant
attention to pharmacovigilance, such work presents a good opportunity to
advance the process of vigilance over medicine use. One may state that the
case of herbal medicines, and also for food supplements, merits an extra
dose of input as present sources of information are lacking compared to
what is available on conventional medicine.

This book is meant to promote guidelines. The references provide for
further reading. In practice one should not rely solely on facts presented
in this book, however diligently it was prepared.

Professor Lilian M. Azzopardi
Head, Department of Pharmacy
INTRODUCTION

The focus of medicinal use has shifted from herbal medicines to synthetic drugs in the last century. There is a movement to reconsider the benefits of herbal medicines. There is a school advocating the use of traditional medicine in addition to a more western type of therapy. Herbal medicines are, however, contrary to common belief, not immune to adverse effects. Consequently doctors, pharmacists and other health professionals as well as patients themselves need to extend their knowledge on herbal medicines. Patients are continuously taught how to take care of their own health. Since a number of herbal medicines are used in self care a greater awareness of the benefits and the possible unwanted effects that may occur is needed. A good glance into the Maltese islands shows that potentially harmful reactions could result from use of such medicines since many believe herbal therapy presents a possibility of causing harm. On the one hand lack of knowledge on the subject not only by patients but also by some health professionals could potentially be a cause for adverse effects while on the other hand misconceptions about herbal medicines may limit the number of patients who could benefit from their use. Easy access to patients makes community pharmacists the ideal health care professionals for offering the necessary information and advice. Pharmacies have the advantage of being conveniently located and the community pharmacist is easily accessible and may be approached without the need of a prior appointment.

The aim of this book on herbal medicines is to provide enough information to arouse the interest of the reader for further reading. Hence the well referenced nature of this work.

It was a pleasure to supervise this work by Maria Spiteri who has worked hard to deliver such a useful service listing the herbal medicines available in Malta including those classified as borderline products.

Professor Anthony Serracino-Inglott

Department of Pharmacy
About this Herbal Handbook

Each monograph summarizes in a concise form the most useful scientific research and review information on a plant drug, together with brief information on the herbal medicinal products and food supplements available in Maltese community pharmacies and health food shops. As a reflection of the volume of scientific literature available, in most of the monographs, the proportion of reference papers published since the year 2000 is remarkably high. Internet access to free databases and abstracts of new papers, especially from major journals published in English, has greatly enhanced awareness of the available literature. The acquisition of scientific papers not available at the UOM library was time-consuming and costly, but essential for documentary research of this kind.

This book aims to address the practical needs of all healthcare professionals, particularly pharmacists, who advise patients who take complementary medicines. The monographs provide information on the classification, indications, cautions, contraindications, side-effects, drug interactions and dose. The indications in the monographs are subdivided into principal, major, minor and others in order to give an indication on the actual and potential use of the herbal medicinal product. Such information is well referenced, with over 500 references. For a great number of herbs there is an abundance of research to draw on, whereas for some others the research is scarce and much is still speculative or based on traditional or historical use. To make the book more practical for use by pharmacists a comprehensive indications index is presented. The book was developed considering current evidence-based practice and was validated by a panel of experts and also by laymen through a one-to-one interview.

Recent EU legislation, brought about to ensure patients’ safety, gave rise to a change in the classification of what was previously ambiguously referred to as herbal products. While many herbal products are medicines, others are not, and so do not require registration as medicinal products. Herbal medicinal products, fall into two main categories, depending on whether they fulfill the criteria for the definition of a traditional herbal medicinal product or a medicinal product. This re-classification of herbal products, done by the Malta Medicines Authority, is very lengthy and time-consuming process, and to date the classification is incomplete. Both food supplements and herbal medicinal products were included in this book.
Putting together a book of this kind is a great task. It took about three years of planning, researching, reviewing, writing and rewriting. It also took patience, resourcefulness and help from some key people in order for it to become a ‘real’ entity.

Foremost I offer my sincere gratitude to Professor Lilian M. Azzopardi, Professor Anthony Serracino-Inglott, Dr Maurice Zarb Adami and Dr Claire Shoemake from the Department of Pharmacy for suggesting the title of this project which was the start of my love for complementary medicine and for their support, advice and guidance throughout.

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Many thanks also to all the healthcare professionals and herbal specialists who helped in the validation process for their professionalism, dedication and passion because they truly believed that this is a very useful job resulting in a book which is much needed by most local healthcare professionals.

Particular thanks are expressed to all the local distributors who have patiently provided me with complete lists of herbal products that each and every one of them distributes to the local market and later confirming that all the products are still available and/or advice about new products or products which have been discontinued.

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MONOGRAPHS

ACEROLA
*Malpighia glabra*

**Family:** Malpighiaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves, fruit.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Common cold (acerola is a source of vitamin C)\(^1,2\).  
*Others:* Prophylaxis of scurvy\(^3\), prophylaxis of atherogenesis in patients with increased risk of coronary heart disease\(^4\).

**Cautions:** Patients allergic to latex\(^2\).

**Contraindications:** None noted.

**Side-effects:** Nausea, stomach cramps, sleepiness, insomnia\(^3\).

**Drug interactions:** Decreased activity of fluphenazine and warfarin\(^3\), beneficial synergistic effect with soy & alfalfa\(^4\).

**Dose:** 40-100mg daily\(^2\).

*Altasterol\(^®\) Stimulant* (Alta Care) see Ginger

*Children’s Echinacea* (HealthAid) see Echinacea

*Cranberry* (Arkopharma) see Cranberry

*Ester-C\(^®\) 1000mg Plus Vitamin C* (Solgar)  
Tablets; Vitamin C 1000mg, citrus bioflavonoids 200mg, acerola fruit powdered extract 25mg, powdered rose hip 25mg, rutin 25mg.

Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

*Formula VM-75* (Solgar) see Buckwheat

AGNUS CASTUS
*Vitex agnus-castus*

**Family:** Lamiaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* PMS, irregularities of the menstrual cycle, mastalgia, mastodynia, poor lactation\(^5,28\).  
*Major:* Acne\(^5\), mastopathy, hot flushes and sleep disturbances in pre- and postmenopausal women\(^6\).

**Contraindications:** Oestrogen or progesterone sensitive tumours, pregnancy\(^5\).

**Side-effects:** Nausea, headache, GI disturbances, menstrual disorders, acne, pruritus, erythematous rash\(^5,7\).
**Drug interactions:** Dopamine antagonists, oral contraceptives\(^5\).

**Dose:** Aqueous alcohol extract: 30-40mg daily\(^8\); Fruit: 0.5-1g three times daily\(^9\).

**Acne-n-Pimple Cream** (Himalaya) see Aloe Vera

**Agnus Castus** (A.Vogel)
Liquid; Tincture of chaste tree dried fruit, extracted in alcohol (69% v/v).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Agnus Castus** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Agnus castus extract 1:3 (equiv. to 330mg of agnus castus herb in 1ml).
Tablets; Agnus castus powder 550mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Vitex Agnus Castus 1000mg** (Lamberts)
Tablets; 1000mg *Vitex agnus-castus* (provided by 100mg of a 10:1 extract).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**ALFALFA**
*Medicago sativa*

**Family:** Fabaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Whole flowering plant, germinating seeds.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Hypercholesterolemia; used as a source of nutrients including vitamins\(^9\).
*Major:* Diabetes\(^11,28\); malfunctioning of the thyroid gland\(^28\).
*Minor:* Kidney, bladder & prostate disorders; asthma; arthritis\(^10,11\).

**Cautions:** Undergoing HRT, taking birth control medications\(^12\), diabetes\(^13\).

**Contraindications:** History of SLE, children under 18\(^13\), pregnant or breast-feeding\(^9,12\).

**Side-effects:** Photosensitivity\(^11\), mild GI symptoms (stomach discomfort, diarrhea, flatulence), hypoglycemia, muscle pain, fatigue, abnormal blood cell count\(^13\).

**Drug interactions:** HRT, anti-oestrogen therapy, contraceptive pill, anticoagulants\(^14\).

**Dose:** 5-10g dried herb three times daily; 5-10ml liquid extract (1:1 in 25% alcohol) three times daily\(^9,12\).
Alfalfa (Arkopharma)  
Tablets; Medicago sativa powder 435mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

Alfalfa 500mg (Power Health)  
Tablets; Alfalfa powder 500mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Alfalfa Leaf (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Alfalfa leaf powder 700mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

EyeVit (HealthAid) see Eyebright

Formula VM-75 (Solgar) see Buckwheat

Healthy Mega (HealthAid) see  
Buckwheat

Slim-Rite (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Alfalfa leaf powder 200mg,  
buckthorn extract 75mg, cascara sagrada  
extract 50mg, birch extract 40mg, taurine  
40mg, dandelion extract 20mg, uva  
ursi extract 20mg, bladderwrack extract  
17mg, barberry root powder 10mg, ginger  
root powder 5mg, chicory powder 3mg,  
parsley seed powder 2mg, nasturtium  
extract 2mg, juniper berry powder 2mg,  
curcuma root powder 250mcg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

# ALOE VERA

*Aloe barbadensis*

**Family:** Aloeaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Topically as an emollient for wounds, burns, sunburn, mild abrasion\(^1\), \(^1\), \(^1\).  
*Major:* Occasional constipation\(^1\), \(^1\), \(^1\).  
*Minor:* Ulcers, psoriasis, genital herpes, radiation-induced dermatitis, type 2 diabetes, HIV infection, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, lung cancer prevention\(^5\), \(^6\), \(^1\).  

**Cautions:** Thyrotoxicosis\(^5\), heart disease, electrolyte abnormalities, diabetes or hypoglycemia\(^6\). Avoid excessive and long-term use (more than 2 weeks), as potassium losses may occur, which may alter cardiac electrophysiology\(^5\).

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to aloe or with nausea, vomiting or signs & symptoms of GI obstruction\(^5\), GI obstruction, appendicitis, abdominal pain of unknown origin, children under 12\(^8\), pregnancy and lactation, chronic constipation, kidney disorders, haemorrhoids, irritable bowel conditions\(^5\).

**Side-effects:** Cramping, diarrhoea, dependency or worsening of constipation, red urine\(^6\), \(^6\), hypersensitivities and contact dermatitis to aloe\(^5\).

**Drug interactions:** Antidiabetic therapy, laxatives, cardiac glycosides, antiarrhythmic drugs\(^18\); thiazide diuretics, corticosteroids, licorice roots – cause exacerbation of potassium depletion\(^14\).
**ALOE VERA**

**Dose:** Single dose: powdered aloe vera, 50-200mg at bedtime; tincture (1:40, 45% ethanol), 2-8ml. Aloe vera should be taken for a maximum of 8-10 days

**Active Mature 50+** (Vega)
Tablets; Aloe vera whole leaf extract 200:1 equiv. to herb 200mg, ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg, deodorized garlic clove extract 10:1, equiv. to herb 100mg, magnesium 90mg, vitamin C 60mg, niacin 30mg, betaine hydrochloride 30mg, bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 30mg, cruciferous vegetable (cabbage, broccoli, sprouts) concentrate 30mg, panaxin (vegetarian source) 30mg, shiitake mushroom powder 30mg, vitamin E 30mg, pantothentic acid 18mg, zinc 15mg, choline bitartrate 10mg, inositol 10mg, vitamin B6 10mg, iron 7mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, vitamin B2 4.8mg, vitamin B1 4.2mg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, lutein esters 2mg, folate 600mcg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 100mcg, copper 100mcg, vitamin B12 5mcg, vitamin D2 5mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Acne-n-Pimple Cream** (Himalaya)
Cream; Lentil, silk cotton tree, alum, aloe vera, chaste tree.
Local Distributor: Grefed Worldwide Trading

**Alkagin** (Istituto Ganassini) see Mallow

**Aloe Vera** (HealthAid)
Cream, lotion; Aloe vera, lavender oil, patchouli oil, sweet almond oil.
Gel: Aloe vera.
Soap; Aloe vera leaf juice 3%, lavender oil, patchouli oil.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Aloe Vera 5000** (Power Health)
Capsules; Aloe vera (200:1) equiv. to fresh aloe vera gel 25mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Aloe Vera 5000mg** (HealthAid)
Capsules; Aloe vera (200:1) gel extract equiv. to 5000mg of fresh aloe vera.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Aloe Vera 10,000mg** (Lamberts)
Capsules; 10,000mg aloe vera extract equivalent to 50mg of a 200:1 extract.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Aloe Vera ESI** (ESI)
Gel; Aloe vera, tea tree, vitamin E. Juice; Aloe vera.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Aloe Vera Herbal Complex** (Vega)
Capsules; Aloe vera whole leaf extract 200:1 equiv. to herb 500mg; Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple & mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 624mg, prebiotic acacia gum 312mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Aloe Vera Juice** (Kelkin)
Juice; Aloe barbadensis miller leaf juice (filtered), citric acid anhydrous E330, potassium sorbate E202, sodium benzoate E211.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Aloe Vera Juice** (Power Health)
Juice; 99.7% aloe vera.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Altaflora® Gastrogel** (Alta Care)
Syrup; Pineapple concentrate 9.46g, aloe leaf 400mg, elder leaf 30mg, liquorice 30mg, fructose 25mg, mint leaf 20mg, green aniseed 20mg, xanthane gum 5mg, pineapple flavour 2.5mg, pineapple juice extract 2mg, artichoke extract 1.5mg, papaya dry extract 1mg, potassium sorbate 1mg, sodium methyl parahydroxybenzoate 1mg.
Tablets; Di calcium phosphate 268mg, calcium carbonate 105mg, microcrystalline cellulose 100mg, aloe vera concentrate 80mg, pineapple extract 50mg, fennel seed extract 30mg, chamomile extract 30mg, papaya latex extract 20mg, magnesium stearate 14mg, lactobacillus acidophilus 1mg, peppermint essential oil 1mg, silica 1mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Bromelain Complex** (Vega)
Capsules; Aloe vera whole leaf extract 200:1 equiv. to herb 2000mg, bromelain 200mg, vitamin C 60mg, DL-phenylalanine 50mg, flaxseed seed powder 50mg, malic acid 50mg, pumpkin seed powder 50mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin E 10mg, zinc 7.5mg, pantothentic acid 6mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, manganese 0.25mg, folate 200mcg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Coloclear Extra** (Higher Nature) see Flaxseed

**Colonease** (HealthAid)
Capsules; 25mg Aloe vera (200:1), 5mg peppermint oil, 5mg parsley seed oil, 1mg clary sage oil.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Dermavital** (HealthAid)
Lotion; *Aloe barbadensis* (Aloe vera), *Lavandula angustifolia* (lavender oil), water, glycerin, cetearyl alcohol (from palm oil), isopropyl palmitate (from palm oil), dimethicone, ceteareth-20, stearyl acid, cetyl alcohol (from palm oil), phenoxyethanol, ethylhexylglycerin, pogostemon cablin (patchouli oil), triethanolamine, tetrasodium EDTA, carbomer, tocopheryl acetate (vitamin E), linalool, limonene & geraniol from natural essential oils.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Erbalax® Forte Compresse** (Erba Vita) see Senna

**Gastro-Vit Formula** (Vega)
Capsules; Aloe vera whole leaf extract 200:1 equiv. to herb 2000mg; oat bran 50mg; aniseed fruit oil and powder 20mg; caraway fruit/seed oil and powder 20mg; deglycerrhised liquorice root extract 20mg; ginger root powder 10mg; cardamom pod oil 10mg; cinnamon bark oil 10mg; activated organic charcoal 50mg; prebiotic fructooligosaccharides 50mg; lipase 10mg; peppermint leaf powder 10mg; protease 10mg; Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ 50mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1, equiv. to herb 80mg, prebiotic acacia gum 40mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Herbal Cream** (HealthAid) see Arnica

**Multi-Gyn® ActiGel** (MultiGyn)
Gel; *Aloe barbadensis* extract, "2QR-complex.
Local Distributor: Svea Distributors Co. Ltd.

**Multi-Gyn® FemiWash** (MultiGyn)
Emulsion; *Aloe barbadensis* extract, lactic acid, 2QR-complex*.
Local Distributor: Svea Distributors Co. Ltd.

**Multi-Gyn® LiquiGel** (MultiGyn)
Gel; *Aloe barbadensis* extract, "2QR-complex.
Local Distributor: Svea Distributors Co. Ltd.

**Multi-Gyn® Tablets** (MultiGyn)
Effervescent tablets; Sodium bicarbonate, citric acid, aloe vera powder, lactose, ascorbic acid.
Local Distributor: Svea Distributors Co. Ltd.

**Multi-Mam® BabyWash** (Multi-Mam)

* Patented bio-active polysaccharides derived from *Aloe barbadensis* inner leaf gel by molecular filtration process.
ANANAS

see Pineapple

ANGELICA

Angelica archangelica

Family: Umbelliferae
Medicinal Parts: Seed, whole herb, root.

Indications:
Principal: Dyspeptic complaints such as mild GI spasms, flatulence, eructation, bloating or sluggish digestion; loss of appetite, anorexia nervosa\(^8,9,19,28\).
Major: Bronchitis, respiratory catarrh, rheumatic and arthritic conditions,
menstruation complaints.  

**Minor:** Peripheral vascular disease (a specific treatment for Buerger’s disease).  

**Others:** Liver & biliary duct conditions, body lice.

**Cautions:** Avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight for the duration of treatment with Angelica or its preparations.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** Photosensitization of the skin is possible due to furanocoumarins.

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, thrombolytic agents, low molecular weight heparins.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried root and rhizome, 0.6-2 gm or as an infusion (1 in 20); liquid extract 1:1 in 25% alcohol, 0.5-2 ml; tincture 1:5 in 50% alcohol, 0.5-2 ml.

**Carbogas** (Sella) see Fennel

**CarbonFlor®** (Erba Vita) see Aniseed

**Flodol® Artro** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Menophase** (Higher Nature) see Schisandra

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**ANISE**

*see Aniseed*

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**ANISEED**

*Pimpinella anisum*

**Family:** Umbelliferae  

**Medicinal Parts:** Essential oil from ripe & dried fruit.

**Indications:**  

**Internal**  

**Principal:** Dyspeptic complaints such as flatulence and colic especially in children, nausea, indigestion.

**Major:** Catarrhs of the respiratory tract, bronchitis, whooping cough, spasmodic cough.

**Minor:** To stimulate lactation.

**External**  

As diluted anise oil to treat lice and scabies.

**Cautions:** Pregnancy, lactation (increases milk secretions, promotes menstruation & facilitates birth), patients on OCP, HRT or MAOIs.

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to anise or related plants in the...
**ARNICA**

Arnica montana†

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Flowers, leaves, rhizome, roots.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Bruises, sprains²³.  
**Major:** Unbroken chilblains, dislocations, inflammation caused by insect bites, oedema associated with fractures, rheumatic complaints in muscles and joints⁸, ⁹, ¹⁹, ²⁰.

**Minor:** Furunculosis, phlebitis, cardiac insufficiency, angina pectoris, myocarditis⁸, ⁹, ¹⁹, ²⁰.  
**Others:** Oedema during the early postoperative period²³, ²⁴, phrophylaxis of pain in tonsillectomy²⁵.

**Cautions:** For use only on unbroken skin¹⁹.

**Contraindications:** Other known hypersensitivity to other family members of the family Compositae, and Tagetes spp. (Marigold)¹⁴, ¹⁹, ²⁰, ²⁶, ²⁷.

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Umbelliferae family such as fennel, cumin and coriander¹⁴.

**Side-effects:** Contact dermatitis, photodermatitis, asthma⁹, ²¹.

**Drug interactions:** Caution with patients on MAOIs, warfarin²², contraceptive pill, HRT.

**Dose:** Dried, crushed fruits, 3g as an infusion or equivalent preparation; anise oil, 0.3g¹⁹.  
**External use:** Preparations containing 5-10% of anise oil¹⁹.

**Alito Fresco e Balsamico** (Sella) see Eucalyptus

**Altaflora® Gastrogel** (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

**CarbonFlor®** (Erba Vita)  
Capsules: Charcoal 202.5mg, green anise fruits dry extract 202.5mg, fennel fruits dry extract 202.5mg, standardised at 0.5% in essential oil, angelica root dry extract 202.5mg, peppermint leaves micronized powder 135mg, balm-mint leaves dry extract 135mg, standardized at 2% in rosemary acid, pineapple stem dry extract 135mg, oats fruits dry extract 135mg.  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Gastro-Vit Formula** (Vega) see Aloe Vera

**Ivy-Thyme Complex** (A.Vogel) see Thyme

**Karbofin Forte** (ESI) see Fennel

**Potter’s Sugar Free Cough Pastilles** see Licorice

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† Arnica should not be taken internally except in suitable homeopathic dilutions. Oral administration of arnica is often accompanied by severe side effects and may even lead to death⁸.
**Side-effects:**
*Fairly common:* Skin irritation and inflammation\(^8,19\).
*Others:* Prolonged use on damaged skin e.g. on injuries or crural ulcer, relatively frequently causes oedematous dermatitis with blistering; eczema may also arise with prolonged use; primary toxic skin reactions with blistering or even necrosis with dosage forms of higher concentrations\(^8,19\).

**Drug interactions:** Potential interaction with aspirin\(^14\).

**Dose:**
Infusion for compresses: 2g of arnica flower to 100ml of water.
Tincture 1:10 in 70% ethanol: for compression, tincture diluted 3- to 10-fold with water; for mouthwashes, tincture diluted 10-fold with water; in ointments or gels, 10-25% of tincture\(^19\).

**Arnica** (Bios Line)
Ointment; Sweet almond oil 3%, arnica glycerin maceration 4%, centella glycerin maceration 2%, witch hazel hydrolat 5%.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Arnica** (HealthAid)
Cream; Sweet almond oil, arnica, lavender oil, ylang-ylang.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Arnica** (Sella)
Gel; *Arnica montana* 10%.
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**Arnicare\(^TM\)** (Nelsons)
Cream, gel; *Arnica montana*.
Local Distributor: Serolf Trading Agency

**Atrogel** (A.Vogel)
Gel; 1g contains 500mg arnica extract, equiv. to 160mg fresh arnica flowers.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Flodol\(^®\)** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Herbal Cream** (HealthAid)
Cream; Sweet almond oil, neem oil, tea tree, arnica, rosemary oil, peppermint oil, aloe vera, vitamin E.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Organic Aloe Vera Gel Infused with Cucumber, Witch Hazel and Calendula** (dr.organic\(^®\)) see Aloe Vera

**Organic Aloe Vera Gel Infused with Organic Tea Tree Oil and Arnica** (dr. organic\(^®\)) see Aloe Vera

**Organic Pomegranate** (dr.organic\(^®\)) see Pomegranate

**Organic Tea Tree** (dr.organic\(^®\)) see Tea tree
ARTICHOKE

*Cynara scolymus L.*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves.

**Indications:**

*Major:* Loss of appetite, dyspepsia, liver and gallbladder complaints.\(^8, 28, 31, 32, 45\)

*Minor:* Irritable bowel syndrome, prophylactic treatment against the recurrence of gall stones, hypercholesterolaemia.\(^5, 9, 28, 29, 30, 31\)

*Others:* Alcohol-induced hangovers.\(^5, 31\)

**Cautions:** Pregnancy, lactation, known allergies to other composites (including chrysanthemes, arnica pyrethrum).\(^5, 9, 28, 31\)

**Contraindications:** Bile duct obstruction, gallstones.\(^5, 8, 9, 28, 31\)

**Side-effects:** Flatulence, weakness, hunger, contact dermatitis.\(^5, 31\)

**Drug interactions:** No known or reported drug or supplement interactions with artichoke leaf extract.\(^31\)

**Dose:** Average daily dose is 6gm of drug in divided doses; single dose is 500mg of dry extract.\(^28, 31\)

**2-Day Detox Plan** (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate** (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

**Altadrine® Day Burner** (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

**Altaflora® Gastrogel** (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

**Altaflora® Transit** (Alta Care) see Rhubarb

**Artichoke** (Arkopharma)

Capsules; Artichoke 200mg.

Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Artichoke** (HealthAid)

Tablets; 190mg artichoke powder, 204mg artichoke extract standardised for min. 2.5% cynarin (equiv. to 8160mg raw artichoke powder).

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Colestroforte™** (HealthAid) see Fenugreek

**Cynara** (A.Vogel)

Liquid: Tincture of organically grown fresh globe artichoke leaves, extracted in alcohol (66% v/v).

Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Detoxil** (Vitabiotics)

Tablets; Artichoke conc. extract 25mg, grapefruit conc. extract 25mg, dandelion root extract 25mg, vitamin A 200mcg, vitamin D 2.5mcg, vitamin E 15mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 6mg, riboflavin 2.5mg, niacin 13.5mg, vitamin B6 5mg, folacin 200mcg, vitamin B12 10mcg, biotin 15mcg, pantothenic acid 25mg, iron 2.5mg, magnesium 25mg, zinc 7.5mg, manganese 2mg, copper 0.5mg, iodine 100mcg, selenium 60mcg, betacarotene 1mg, N-acetyl cysteine 15mg, methionine 20mg, phosphatidylcholine 5mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Ibisene®** (Lamberts)

Tablets; Artichoke extract 8000mg providing cynarin 16mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Livercare®** (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

**Milk Thistle & Artichoke** (Higher Nature) see Milk Thistle

**Milk Thistle Complex** (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

**Milk Thistle Plus** (FSC) see Milk Thistle

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**ASTRAGALUS**

*see Tragacanth*

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**BAMBOO**

*Arundinaria japonica*

**Family:** Poaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Young shoots.

**Indications:** Asthma, arthritis, coughs.

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** No health hazards are known in conjunction with the proper administration of designed therapeutic dosages.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** There is not enough scientific evidence to safely recommend the use of bamboo.

**Bamboo Gum** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Bamboo dry extract 314mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos

**Organic Pomegranate** (dr.organic®) see Pomegranate

**Organic Tea Tree** (dr.organic®) see Tea tree

**Silica 250mg** (HealthAid)
Capsules; Bamboo extract 357mg whichh provides silica 250mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

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**BAOBAB**

*Adansonia digitata*

**Family:** Bombacaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Roots, fruit, leaves.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Fever, mild diarrhoea, urinary disorders.

*Major:* Malaria, ulcer, skin problems, anaemia.

**Cautions:** The plant contains tartaric
acid which is mildly irritating in high concentrations\textsuperscript{28}.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** No human drug information is available.

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**BARBERY**

*Berberis vulgaris*

**Family:** Berberidaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit, root, bark.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Liver malfunction, kidney stones, gall bladder disease, urinary tract disorders, diarrhoea, indigestion\textsuperscript{8, 19, 28}.

*Major:* Jaundice, splenopathy, renal disease\textsuperscript{8, 28}.

*Minor:* Gout, rheumatism, arthritis, lumbago, malaria, leishmaniasis\textsuperscript{14, 19, 28}.

*Others:* Dry skin disease, opium or morphine withdrawal\textsuperscript{19, 28}.

**Cautions:** To avoid polyherbal remedies containing goldenseal and oregon grape due to a high total content of berberine, patients receiving antithrombotic or antirheumatic therapy\textsuperscript{14}.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy\textsuperscript{14, 28}, use of NSAIDs\textsuperscript{28}.

**Side-effects:** None at normal doses\textsuperscript{14, 19, 28}. Lethargy, nosebleeds, dyspnoea, nephritis, GI discomfort, hypotension, flu-like symptoms, cardiac damage occurs in excessive doses\textsuperscript{14, 28}.

**Drug interactions:** NSAIDs, antithrombotic and antirheumatic therapy\textsuperscript{14}.

**Dose:** Dried stem or root bark: 1.5-3 gm; liquid extract: 3-6ml; tincture: 7-14ml\textsuperscript{19}.

*Aquaflo\textregistered* (HealthAid) see Dandelion  
*Slim-Rite* (HealthAid) see Alfalfa  
*Livercare\textregistered* (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle  
*Milk Thistle Complex* (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

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**Reintegra MgKB Balance** (Erba Vita)  
Sachets: Baobab fruit pulp 325mg, magnesium 375mg, potassium 300mg, vitamin B3 27mg, vitamin B6 3mg, vitamin B2 2.4mg, vitamin B1 2.1mg, vitamin B9 200mcg, vitamin B12 2.5mcg.  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.
BARLEY
*Hordeum distichon*

**Family:** Graminaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Polished grain without the husk.

**Indications:** Convalescents, diarrhoea, gastritis, inflammatory bowel conditions.28

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy.28

**Side-effects:** No health hazards are known in conjunction with the proper administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

Dose: Boil 1 part barley in 9 parts water for 20 minutes and strain; a dose is from 1 to 4 oz.28

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4.3.2.1 *Performance Detox* (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 *Shape Up Day & Night* (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

*Bambu*® (A.Vogel) see Chicory

*Venalta*® (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

*Venalta*® Ampoules (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

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BEAN POD  
*see Kidney Bean*

BEARBERRY  
*see Uva Ursi*

BETONY  
*see Wood Betony*

BILBERRY  
*Vaccinium myrtillus*

**Family:** Ericaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried leaves, dried ripe fruit or fresh fruit.

**Indications:**  
*Fruit*

Principal: Prevention of cataract worsening, impaired night vision, macular degeneration, haemorrhoids.5, 8, 14, 28, 36

Major: Non-specific acute diarrhoea, inflammation of the mouth and
pharynx, vomiting, bleeding\textsuperscript{5, 14, 28}.  
\textit{Minor}: Poorly healing skin ulcers, wound healing, diabetes, bleeding gums, nose bleeds, peptic ulcers, spider veins\textsuperscript{5, 28}.  
\textit{Others}: Dysmenorrhea, diabetic retinopathy, coronary artery relaxation\textsuperscript{34}, chronic fatigue syndrome\textsuperscript{35}.

\textit{Leaves}  
\textit{Principal}: Prevention & treatment of diabetes mellitus\textsuperscript{5, 8, 28, 37}.  
\textit{Major}: Complaints of the GI tract, kidneys and urinary tract, arthritis, poor circulation, functional heart problems\textsuperscript{5, 8, 28}.  
\textit{Minor}: Gout, dermatitis, haemorrhoids, inflammation of the oral mucosa\textsuperscript{28}, eye inflammation\textsuperscript{38}, burns\textsuperscript{28}, anti-carcinogenic properties: repair and protect genomic DNA integrity, reduce age-associated oxidative stress, improve neuronal and cognitive brain function\textsuperscript{39}.

\textbf{Cautions}: Not to be used in high doses or on prolonged use as chronic intoxication may arise\textsuperscript{14}.

\textbf{Side-effects}: GI disorders including nausea\textsuperscript{5, 8, 14, 28}.

\textbf{Drug interactions}: Increased risk of bleeding or bruising with high doses in patients taking oral anticoagulants or platelet-inhibiting drugs\textsuperscript{14}.

\textbf{Dose}: For commercially available tablets and capsules that are standardised to 36\% anthocyanosides, the recommended dose is 60-160mg three times daily\textsuperscript{28}.

\textit{Active Mature 50+} (Vega) see Aloe Vera

\textit{Active Women’s Multivitamins & Minerals} (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

\textit{Antioxidant Selenium-ACE Formula} (Vega)  
Capsules; Bilberry standardised extract 120mg (min. 20\% anthocyanadins), green tea standardised extract 50mg (min. 40\% polyphenols), grape standardised extract 20mg (min. 95\% polyphenols), vitamin C 150mg, vitamin E 200mg, vitamin A 400mcg, selenium 100mcg.  
Vega Phytoantioxidant Base\textsuperscript{TM} providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1, equiv. to herb 160mg, prebiotic acacia gum 80mg.

Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

\textit{Bilberry} (A.Vogel)  
Liquid; Tincture of fresh bilberry leaves and stems, extracted in alcohol (66\% v/v).

Local Distributor: Health Plus

\textit{Bilberry} (HealthAid)  
Liquid; Bilberry extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of bilberry herb in 1ml).

Tablets; Bilberry powder 210mg, bilberry extract 65mg (standardised to 25\% anthocyanidine).

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

\textit{Bilberry Extract} (Power Herbs)  
Tablets; Bilberry extract (100:1) 25mg equiv. to fresh bilberries 2500mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

\textit{Brain Fuel Formula} (Vega) see Ginkgo

\textit{Cardiohealth Formula} (Vega) see Garlic

\textit{Cellulite Formula} (Vega) see Ginkgo
**Eyewise®** (Lamberts) see Grapeseed

**Grapeseed Antioxidant Formula** (FSC) see Grapeseed

**Hematinic Blood Co-Factors** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Immune +** (Higher Nature) see Elder

**Maxijoint Formula** (Vega)
Capsules; Bilberry standardised fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 30mg (min. 20% anthocyanadins), green tea standardised leaf extract 30mg (min. 40% polyphenols), pine standardised bark extract 2mg (min. 70% proanthocyanadins), MSM 250mg, vitamin C 60mg, citrus bioflavonoids 30mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin E 10mg, zinc 7.5mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, beta carotene 2.4mg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, vitamin B12 1mg, manganese 0.25mg, folate 200mcg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Multi Antioxidant Complex** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Multibionta® Probiotic Multivitamin 50+** (Seven Seas) see Ginseng Korean

**Multigluco Tolerance Factor** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Opticare Formula 20:20** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Super Antioxidant** (Higher Nature) see Chicory

**TotallyWise** (Vega) see Green Tea

**Vein Support Formula** (Vega) see Ginkgo

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**Visionace** (Vitabiotics)
Capsules; Vitamin A 300mcg, vitamin D 2.5mcg, vitamin E 60mg, vitamin C 150mg, thiamin 7.5mg, riboflavin 5mg, niacin 9mg, vitamin B6 4.5mg, folacin 250mcg, vitamin B12 4.5mcg, pantothenic acid 10mg, vitamin K 45mcg, iron 3mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 7.5mg, iodine 100mcg, copper 1mg, manganese 2mg, selenium 100mcg, chromium 50mcg, natural mixed carotenoids 3mg, citrus bioflavonoids 15mg, bilberry extract 60mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Visionace Plus** (Vitabiotics)
Tablets and capsules.
Tablets; Vitamin A 300mcg, vitamin D 2.5mcg, vitamin E 60mg, vitamin C 150mg, thiamin 12mg, riboflavin 4.8mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folacin 400mcg, vitamin B12 9mcg, pantothenic acid 20mg, iron 6mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 100mcg, copper 1mg, manganese 4mg, selenium 150mcg, chromium 50mcg, natural mixed carotenoids 3mg, citrus bioflavonoids 5mg, bilberry extract 60mg, lutein esters 4mg.
Capsules; Omega-3 fish oil 600mg (providing DHA 300mg, EPA 60mg), lutein esters 8mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**VisualEyes** (Higher Nature)
Capsules; Vitamin A 250mcg, vitamin C 30mg, vitamin E 5mg, lutein complex 30mg, zeaxanthin complex 30mg, bilberry standardised extract 18mg (25% anthocyanidins), vitamin B2 2mg, selenium 75mcg, zinc 3mg, tomato powder.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Vitalize Regenerative Formula** (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

**V-Vein™** (HealthAid) see Horse Chestnut
BIRCH LEAF
*Betulae folium*

**Family:** Betulaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Bark, leaves & buds.

**Indications:**

*Internal*

Principal: To promote diuresis in the treatment of ailments which require it including irrigation in bacterial and inflammatory disorders of the urinary tract and for kidney gravel.

Major: In adjunct therapy for rheumatic ailments and in gout.

*External*

Hair loss, dandruff.

**Cautions:** Ensure copious fluid intake.

**Contraindications:** Oedema in cardiac or renal insufficiency.

**Side-effects:** None known in conjunction with the proper administration of designated therapeutic doses.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** 2-3g of dried leaf several times daily in infusion or as an equivalent aqueous or hydroethanolic extract.

*HaemoVit Liquid Gold* (HealthAid) see Sarsaparilla

*Slim-Rite* (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

BISSY NUT
*see Kola Nut*

BITTER MELON
*see Karela*

BITTER ORANGE
*Citrus aurantium*

**Family:** Rutaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fresh & dried fruit peel, flowers, seeds, extracted essential oil.

**Indications:**

Principal: Gastric complaints including dyspepsia & vomiting, loss of appetite.

Major: As a sedative for nervous tension & insomnia, gout, sore throat, anorexia.

Minor: Obesity.

Others: Chronic bronchitis.
**Cautions:** Pregnancy\(^5\), hypertension\(^{43}\), skin sensitization and phototoxicity are possible with the essential oils and thus, exposure to UV light sources should be avoided for at least 12 hours after dermal application\(^5\)\(^{28,44}\). Sensitization can result in erythema, swelling, blisters, pustules, dermatoses leading to scab formation and pigment spots\(^{28}\).

**Contraindications:** Do not apply essential oils to eyes or undiluted to mucous membranes\(^5\).

**Side-effects:** Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, dizziness, skin sensitization, photosensitization, cardiotoxicity\(^5\).

**Drug interactions:** Bitter orange juice inhibits CYP3A and P-glycoprotein\(^5,28,40\). This results in increased absorption of dextromethorphan and felodipine‡\(^{40}\).

**Dose:** Daily dose: drug: 4-6g; extract: 1-2g; tea: 1 cup half-hour before meals; tincture: 2-3g\(^{28}\).

**Altadrine® Fat Burner** (Alta Care)
Tablets: Bitter orange 200mg, maltodextrin 175.75mg, guarana extract 100mg, micro-crystalline cellulose 80mg, lactosum protein 50mg, magnesium oxide 50mg, vitamin C 40mg, tri calcium phosphate 40mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Altadrine® Lipodrainer** (Alta Care) see Nettle

**Controller** (Alta Care) see Lemon Balm

**Controller® Natural Sleep** (Alta Care) see Linden

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**BLACK COHOSH**
*Cimicifuga racemosa*

**Family:** Ranunculaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fresh and dried root.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Menopausal disorders including neurovegetative symptoms (hot flushes, fits of perspiration, night sweats, sleep disorders), psychological symptoms (nervousness, mood swings, depressed mood, physical and mental fatigue), disturbances of the menstrual cycle and urogenital symptoms (vaginal dryness & itching)\(^5,28,45,46,47,48\).

*Major:* Premenstrual complaints, dysmenorrhoea, uterine spasm\(^5,45\).

*Minor:* Muscular rheumatism, rheumatoid arthritis, mild depression, tinnitus, sore throat, bronchitis\(^{28,45}\).

‡ Interactions may occur with the fruit and fruit products. There are no known interactions between the essential oils and conventional medicines\(^5\).
Cautions: *Cimicifuga racemosa* should not be substituted for HRT with oestrogen - no studies to date show cardioprotective effects or protective effects against osteoporosis\(^5,28\), liver disease\(^5\).

Contraindications: Pregnancy, breastfeeding\(^5,28,45\).

Side-effects: 
**Major:** GI disturbances (gastroenteritis, nausea, vomiting), mild rashes\(^5,28\). 
**Minor:** Dizziness, headache, tremors, giddiness, muscle damage\(^5,28\), liver damage\(^49\). 
**Others:** Headache, nausea, vomiting, vertigo, visual disturbances & hypotension in case of overdosage\(^5,28\).

Drug interactions: 
Immunosuppressants: azathioprine & cyclosporine; antihypertensives; iron-containing products\(^28,50\); tamoxifen\(^50\).

Dose: Alcoholic-aqueous extract corresponding to 40mg drug daily. The herb is not recommended for treatment longer than 6 months unless advised by a physician\(^28\).

**Black Cohosh** (HealthAid) 
Liquid: Black cohosh extract 250mg (standardised for min 2.5% triterpene glycosides). Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Black Cohosh 1000mg** (Lamberts) 
Tablets: Black cohosh 1000mg (provided by 250mg of a 4:1 extract). Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Black Cohosh Herbal Complex** (Vega) 
Capsules: Black cohosh standardised root extract 300mg (min. 2.5% triterpene glycosides); Vega Phytoantioxidant Base\(\text{TM}\) providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1, equiv. to herb 320mg, prebiotic acacia gum 160mg. Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Herbal Female Complex** (Solgar) 
Vegicaps: Black cohosh root powdered extract (4:1) 100mg, soy bean germ powder (providing 2mg [2%] isoflavones) 100mg, motherwort aerials powdered extract (5:1) 75mg, standardized agnus castus powdered extract (providing 0.38mg [0.5%] agnuside) 75mg, standardized dong quai root powdered extract (providing 0.75mg [1%] ligustilide) 75mg, raw astragalus root powder 75mg, standardized milk thistle extract (total flavonoids including silymarin 40mg [80%]) 50mg, raw dong quai root powder 50mg, PhytO2X\(\text{ä}\) (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid). Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

**Menovital\(\text{®}\)** (HealthAid) see Dong Quai

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**BLACK ELDERBERRY**

*see Elder*
BLADDERWRACK

*Fucus vesiculosus*

**Family:** Fucaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried and fresh thallus.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Obesity associated with iodine deficiency and hypothyroidism\(^8,28,45\).  
*Major:* Lymphadenoid goiter, arteriosclerosis\(^8,28,45\).  
*Minor:* Digestive disorders, sprains\(^8,28\), rheumatism\(^45\).

**Cautions:** Long-term use of bladderwrack is not recommended; avoid using iodine supplements while taking bladderwrack\(^28\).

**Contraindications:** Hyperthyroidism, cardiac problems, pregnancy, lactation\(^28,45\).

**Side-effects:** Exacerbation or induction of hyperthyroidism, renal failure, acne, allergic reactions\(^28\).

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, antiplatelets, thrombolytic agents, low molecular weight heparins, hypoglycemic agents\(^28\).

**Dose:** Daily dose: dried thallus, 0.8-2 gm; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 1-2 ml; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 4-10 ml\(^45\).

- *Altadrine® Day Burner* (Alta Care) see Grapeseed  
- *Altadrine® Night Burner* (Alta Care) see Green Tea  
- *Aquaflow®* (HealthAid) see Dandelion  
- *Silvia® Women Formula* (Alta Care) see Guarana  
- *Slim-Rite* (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

BLESSED THISTLE

*Cnicus benedictus*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried leaves, upper stems.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Dyspepsia, loss of appetite, flatulence\(^8,9,28\).  
*Minor:* Anorexia, fever & colds, externally for wounds and ulcers\(^28\).

**Cautions:** Drug exhibits a strong potential for sensitization due to cross-reactions with other members of the Compositae family particularly mugwort and cornflower\(^9,28\).
Contraindications: Pregnancy⁹, 28.

Side-effects: Rarely allergic reactions²⁸.

Drug interactions: None noted.

Dose: Dried extract: 4-6 gm of drug; Aromatic bitter: 1 cup ½ hour before meals; Tea: 1 cup three times daily²⁸.

Cellusite™ (HealthAid) see White Willow

BOLDO

Peumus boldo

Family: Monimiaceae

Medicinal Parts: Leaves.

Indications:
Principal: Minor hepatobiliary dysfunction⁹, 19, 28, 36.

Major: Mild spasmodic disorders of the GI tract especially functional disorders of the bile duct, gall stones, liver or gall bladder pains, dyspeptic complaints⁸, 9, 19, 28, 36.

Minor: Urinary tract inflammation including cystitis, rheumatism¹⁹, 36.

Cautions: Elderly patients with fatty liver⁵¹, use of boldo leaf in gall stones only after consulting a physician⁸, 9, 19, 28, use of warfarin and related drugs⁵².

Contraindications: Bile duct obstruction, severe liver disorders, pregnancy⁸, 9, 19, 28, existing kidney disorders⁹.

Side-effects: None known in conjunction with the proper administration of designated therapeutic doses.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Three times daily: dried leaf, 60-200mg, or as an infusion¹⁹.

Boldo Multi-Herbal Complex (Healthlife) Tablets: Boldo extract 13mg equiv. to herb 65mg, sea kelp extract 11.5mg equiv. to herb 46mg, dandelion root extract 6.25mg equiv. to herb 25mg, uva-ursi extract 8.25mg equiv. to herb 33mg, cleavers extract 6.25mg equiv. to herb 25mg. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Sollievo (Aboca) see Senna

Hip & Thigh Formula (HealthAid) see White Willow

Vegilax® (HealthAid) Tablets: 25mg blessed thistle extract (3:1), 25mg cascara sagrada extract (3:1), 25mg licorice root extract (3:1), 25mg fennel seed extract (3:1), 16.7mg buckthorn bark extract (3:1), 16.7mg prune extract (3:1), 16.7mg uva ursi extract (3:1), 16.7mg yellow dock extract (3:1), 12mg senna leaf extract (3:1), 12mg rhubarb root extract (3:1), 10mg parsley leaf extract (3:1).

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
BONESET
*Eupatorium perfoliatum*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae  
**Medicinal parts:** The herb after flowering.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Influenza\(^9, 14, 28, 53^\).  
*Major:* Acute bronchitis\(^9, 53^\).  
*Minor:* Nasopharyngeal catarrh, febrile diseases\(^9, 28, 53^\).

**Cautions:** Hypersensitivity to other members of the Asteraceae family\(^9, 14, 28^\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, lactation\(^9^\).

**Side-effects:** Sensitization after skin contact with the plant, outbreaks of sweat, diarrhoea\(^28^\), nausea\(^14^\).

**Drug interactions:** None noted.

**Dose:** Herb: 1-2 gm or by infusion three times daily; Liquid extract: 1-2ml three times daily; Tincture: 1-4ml three times daily\(^9^\).

BORAGE
*see Starflower*

BOSWELLIA
*Boswellia serrata*

**Family:** Burseraceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Resin gum exuded when incisions are made in the bark of the trunk.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s disease)\(^54, 55^\), osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis\(^14, 28, 56^\).  
*Major:* Collagenous colitis (a cause of chronic diarrhoea)\(^28, 56, 57^\), asthma\(^28, 58^\).  
*Minor:* Dysentery, pulmonary disease, ringworm\(^14^\).

**Cautions:** Pre-existing gastritis\(^28^\).

**Contraindications:** None noted.

**Side-effects:** Retrosternal burning, nausea, abdominal fullness, epigastric pain, anorexia, dermatitis\(^28^\), skin rash\(^14^\).

**Drug interactions:** Possibly, food may increase bioavailability of boswellic acids; drugs that inhibit P-glycoproteins and/or cytochrome P450 isoenzymes but data is sparse\(^56^\).
**BRAHMI**

**Dose:** For arthritis: 400mg 3 times daily; for asthma: 300mg 3 times daily.

**Boswellia** (HealthAid)
Capsules; Boswellia 400mg (standardised to contain 65% boswellic acids), boswellia resin powder 120mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**BRAHMI**

*Bacopa monnieri*

**Family:** Scrophulariaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Aerial parts mainly the leaves and stems.

**Indications:**

- **Principal:** Improve cognitive function – learning, memory, intelligence; neuroprotection against Alzheimer’s disease\(^5\,60\,61\,62\).
- **Major:** Gastric ulcers\(^61\), bronchitis & asthma, epilepsy at high doses, diarrhoea-predominant form of irritable bowel syndrome\(^5\,60\).
- **Minor:** Hypothyroidism, cardiovascular disease\(^5\,60\).

**Cautions:** Hyperthyroidism\(^5\).

**Side-effects:** None known with the therapeutic doses.

**Drug interactions:** Cholinergic drugs\(^5\) including perphenazine, prochlorperazine, thioridazine\(^63\).

**Brahmigum** (HealthAid)
Tablets; 150mg brahmi extract (20:1) (equivalent to 3000mg powder), 60mg ginkgo biloba extract (50:1) (equivalent to 3000mg powder) (standardised to min 24% gingkoflavonglycosides & 6% triterpene lactones), 30mg gotu kola extract (4:1) (equivalent to 120mg of gotu kola powder), 67mg vitamin E, 60mg vitamin C, 50mg L-tyrosine, 50mg L-phenylalanine, 50mg L-methionine, 50mg L-arginine, 50mg alpha lipoic acid, 34mg natural mixed carotenoids, 25mg phosphatidyl choline, 25mg phosphatidyl serine, 20mg Co-Q10, 20mg acetyl-L-carnitine, 20mg L-glutathione, 20mg L-glutamine, 18mg niacin, 15mg thiamin, 14mg zinc, 14mg iron, 12mg pantothenic acid, 3.2mg riboflavin, 400mcg folic acid, 200mcg selenium, 50mcg vitamin B12.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

\(\text{§}\) 3 months’ use is required before clinical effects are observed\(^5\).
**BUCHU**  
*Barosmae folium*

**Family:** Rutaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Dysuria, cystitis, urethritis, prostatitis\(^9, 28, 45\).  
*Major:* Inflammation and infection of the kidneys and urinary tract\(^8, 14, 28, 45, 64\), bladder disorders including stones and inflammation\(^14, 28, 45\).  
*Minor:* Gout, rheumatism\(^14, 28\).  
*Others:* Stomach ache\(^14, 64\).

**Cautions:** Patients taking lithium\(^64\).  
**Contraindications:** Pregnancy\(^28, 45\).  
**Side-effects:** Occasional GI intolerance - avoid taking on an empty stomach\(^45\); signs of irritation with the volatile oil\(^28\).

**Drug interactions:** Loop diuretics, spironolactone, thiazide diuretics, triamterene\(^63\).

**Dose:** 1-2 gm daily. Fluid extracts of 0.3-1.2 ml are taken 3 times daily. Dosage for the tincture is 2-4 ml up to 3 times daily. Infusion usage is typically 1 gm per cup\(^28, 45\).

**Aquaflow\(^\circledR\)** (HealthAid) see Dandelion  
**Cellusite\(^\text{TM}\)** (HealthAid) see White Willow  
**Cysticare\(^\circledR\)** (HealthAid) see Cranberry  
**Hip & Thigh Formula** (HealthAid) see White Willow

**BUCKTHORN**  
*Rhamnus catharticus*

**Family:** Rhamnaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Whole, ripe, dried fruit; fresh ripe fruit.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Constipation, bowel movement relief in cases of anal fissures & haemorrhoids\(^28\).  
*Major:* After recto-anal surgery, in preparation for diagnostic intervention in the GI tract, to achieve softer stools\(^28\).  
*Others:* Poor digestion\(^28\).

**Cautions:** Pregnancy, lactation. Not suitable for long term use\(^28\).

**Contraindications:** Intestinal obstruction, acute inflammatory intestinal diseases, appendicitis, abdominal pain of unknown origin, children under 12 years of age\(^28\).

**Side-effects:**  
*Major:* Spasmodic GI complaints\(^28\).  
*On long term use:* Potassium deficiency, nephropathy, oedema,
accelerated bone deterioration\textsuperscript{28}.

**Drug interactions:** Thiazide diuretics, oral corticosteroids\textsuperscript{63}, licorice root. Effect of cardiac glycosides & heartbeat-regulating drugs is altered in chronic use/overuse\textsuperscript{28}.

**Dose:** 2-5 gm drug corresponding to 20-30 mg hydroxyanthracene derivative per day; Tea: 1 cup mornings and evenings. Administration should be limited to a few days\textsuperscript{28}.

**Erbalax\textsuperscript{®} Delicato Capsule** (Erba Vita) see Rhubarb

**Linoforce\textsuperscript{®}** (A.Vogel) see Flaxseed

**Slim-Rite** (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

**Vegilax\textsuperscript{®}** (HealthAid) see Blessed Thistle

\textbf{BUCKWHEAT}

\textit{Fagopyrum esculentum}

\textbf{Family:} Polygonaceae

\textbf{Medicinal Parts:} Fresh aerial parts, leaves and flowers collected during the flowering season and later dried.

\textbf{Indications:}

\textit{Principal:} Chronic venous insufficiency, hypertension, prophylaxis to prevent general hardening of the arteries\textsuperscript{28}.

\textit{Major:} Type-2 diabetes, venous stasis, varicose veins\textsuperscript{28}.

\textbf{Cautions/contraindications:} None known.

\textbf{Side-effects:} None known.

\textbf{Drug interactions:} None known.

**Dose:** 5 drops, 1 tablet or 10 globules every 30 to 60 minutes (acute) or 1 to 3 times daily (chronic)\textsuperscript{28}.

**50 Plus Once A Day** (Quest) Tablets; Vitamin A 375mcg, beta carotene 3mg, alpha carotene 45mcg, cryptoxanthin 10.6mcg, zeaxanthin 10.6mcg, lutein 6.8mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 17mg, thiamine 19.5mg, riboflavin 25mg, niacin 25mg, vitamin B6 5mg, folacin 100mcg, vitamin B12 25mcg, biotin 29mcg, pantothenic acid 25mg, vitamin C 75mg, calcium 77mg, phosphorus 43.9mg, iron 7.5mg, magnesium 30mg, zinc 5mg, copper 500mcg, manganese 500mcg, iodine 50mcg, selenium 16mcg, chromium 12.5mcg, molybdenum 12.5mcg, vanadium 12.5mcg, choline bitartrate 25mg, inositol 25mg, methionine 25mg, PABA 25mg, bioflavonoids 14.3mg, lysine HCl 11mg, lecithin 15mg, papain 1mg, rutin 1mg, betaine HCl 6mg, hesperidin 5mg, cysteine 0.3mg.

Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Altadrine\textsuperscript{®} Day Burner** (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

**Day-vit\textsuperscript{®} Probio** (HealthAid) Tablets; Rutin 8mg, papain 6mg,
bromelain 5mg, apple pectin 5mg, hesperidin complex 20mg, silica 3mg, CoQ10 5mg, lutein 2mg, vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 1.4mg, riboflavin 1.6mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 2mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg, biotin 150mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin K 30mcg, calcium 100mg, phosphorus 50mg, iron 14mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, copper 1000mcg, manganese 2mg, potassium 5mg, selenium 100mcg, chromium 40mcg, molybdenum 50mcg, chloride 5mg, choline bitartrate 50mg, inositol 100mg, probiotic cultures (Acidophilus, Bifidobacterium, Bifidus, Lactobacillus Rhamonosus) 2 billion. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ester-C® 1000mg Plus Vitamin C (Solgar) see Acerola

Ester-C Formula (Vega) see Rose Hip

Fema45+ (Lamberts) Tablets; Rutin 10mg, vitamin A 30mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 50mcg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamine 2mg, riboflavin 2mg, niacin 9mg, vitamin B6 4mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 50mcg, biotin 0.075mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin K 0.025mg, calcium 100mg, iron 3.75 mg, magnesium 75mg, zinc 7.5mg, iodine 75mcg, manganese 2mg, copper 0.6mg, selenium 100mcg, chromium 50mcg, choline bitartrate 2.5mg, inositol 2.5mg, quercetin 12.5mg, PABA 2.5mg, boron 1mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Formula VM-75 (Solgar) Tablets; Vitamin C 250mg, calcium 64mg, vitamin E 100mg, thiamin 75mg, vitamin B6 75mg, pantothenic acid 75mg, vitamin B2 92mg, niacin 75mg, inositol 75mg, choline 31mg, magnesium 32mg, natural source betacarotene 4.5mg providing other carotenoids 12mcg, iodine 150mcg, zinc 10mg, citrus bioflavonoid complex powder 25mg, betaine hydrochloride 25mg, rutin powder 25mg, boron 0.5mg, copper 1000mcg, vitamin D 10mcg, vitamin B12 75mcg, biotin 75mcg, iron 1.3mg, selenium 25mcg, hesperidin 5mg, folic acid 400mcg, powdered herbal base 4mg (alfalfa, acerola extract, kelp, parsley, watercress, rose hip), chromium 25mcg.
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

Hawthorn Compound (Power Herbs) Tablets; Green buckwheat powder 80mg, garlic powder extract (2:5:1) 60mg, hawthorn powder extract (5:1) 8mg, citrus bioflavonoids 6.3mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Healthy Mega (HealthAid) Prolonged release tablets; Rutin 25mg, alfalfa powder 10mg, guar gum 10mg, kelp powder 10mg, golden seal root powder 7mg, papain 6mg, horse grass powder 5mg, apple pectin 5mg, bromelain 5mg, betain hydrochloride 30mg, vitamin A 375mcg, vitamin D 11mcg, vitamin E 90.6mg, vitamin C 300mg, thiamine 85mg, riboflavin 100mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 60mg, folic acid 400mcg, vitamin B12 110mcg, biotin 0.2mg, pantothenic acid 51mg, vitamin K 12mcg, calcium 139mg, iron 10mg, magnesium 40mg, zinc 8mg, iodine 235mg, boron 100mcg, choline 41mg, chromium sulphate 200mcg, copper 400mcg, inositol 100mg, manganese 2mg, molybdenum 10mcg, para amino benzoic acid 50mg, potassium 27mg, selenium 15mcg, glutamic acid 25mg, lecithin 10mg, citrus bioflavonoids 50mg, hesperidin 10mg, silica 2mg, di-calcium phosphate 133mg, acacia 20mg, vegetable stearic acid 36mg, vegetable magnesium stearate 8mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Horse Chestnut Complex (Lamberts) see Horse Chestnut
MegaMulti™ (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

Omega-H3 (Vitabiotics) Capsules; PABA 30mg, vitamin B1 15mg, vitamin B2 3mg, nicotinamide 25mg, calcium pantothenate 3mg, vitamin B6 5mg, vitamin B12 10mcg, biotin 5mcg, folic acid 100mcg, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin A 2000IU, vitamin D 200IU, vitamin E 10mg, iron 12mg, lecithin 40mg, wheat germ oil 100mg, lysine 40mg, methionine 60mg, rutin 10mg, calcium 52mg, phosphorus 40mg, potassium 2mg, zinc 8mg, copper 1mg, manganese 2mg, iodine 50mcg, Siberian ginseng 5:1 conc. extract 4mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Pregnazon® (HealthAid) Tablets; Rutin 10mg, vitamin D 5mg, vitamin C 75mg, riboflavin 3mg, vitamin B6 10mg, vitamin B12 6mg, pantethenic acid 6mg, calcium 100mg, magnesium 100mg, iodine 150mg, selenium 35mg, choline 10mg, vitamin E 25mg, thiamine 4mg, niacin 20mg, folic acid 400mg, biotin 150mg, vitamin K 75mg, iron 20mg, zinc 15mg, copper 1000mg, chromium 5mg, inositol 25mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Rutin and Vitamin C 500mg (Lamberts) Tablets; Rutin 50mg, vitamin C 500mg, citrus bioflavonoid complex 100mg, hesperidin 50mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Rutivite Original (Power Health) Tablets; Finest dried green buckwheat 570mg (provides natural source rutin 30mg).
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Vein Support Formula (Vega) see Ginkgo

Venalta® Ampoules (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) 1000mg High Strength (Vega) Tablets; Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid) 1000mg, citrus bioflavonoids 100mg, hesperidin 25mg, rose hip powder 25mg, rutin bean extract 25mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) 1500mg Super Strength (Vega) Tablets; Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid) 1500mg, citrus bioflavonoids 50mg, hesperidin 15mg, rose hip powder 15mg, rutin bean extract 15mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Vitamin C (Calcium Ascorbate) (Vega) Capsules (500mg); Vitamin C (as calcium ascorbate) 500mg, citrus bioflavonoids 50mg, hesperidin 25mg, rutin bean extract 20mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Wintervits® (HealthAid) see Tragacanth

Zinc-C Formula (Vega) see Green Tea
BURDOCK
Arctium lappa

Family: Asteraceae/Compositae
Medicinal Parts: Ripe seed, fresh/dried roots.

Indications:
Principal: Ichthyosis, psoriasis, seborrhea of the scalp (used externally)²⁸, ⁶⁵.
Major: Ailments & complaints of the GI tract, as a diaphoretic and diuretic⁶⁶; rheumatism; blood purifying⁸, ²⁸.
Minor: Carbuncles, ulcers, erythema of the skin, gout, acne, sore throat⁹, ²⁸.
Others: Cancer⁶⁶.

Cautions: Excessive doses may interfere with existing hypoglycaemic therapy⁹.

Contraindications: Pregnancy⁹, ²⁸.

Side-effects: Skin sensitization²⁸.

Drug interactions: Burdock tincture or alcohol extract with disulfiram or metronidazole should not be combined due to the alcohol content²⁸.

Dose: Dried root 2-6 gm by infusion 3 times daily; Liquid extract 2-8 ml 3 times daily; Tincture 8-12 ml 3 times daily; Decoction 500 ml per day⁹.

2-Day DetoxPlan (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

Aquaflow® (HealthAid) see Dandelion

Burdock (HealthAid)
Tablets; 140mg standardised burdock root extract and raw powder (Arctium lappa) 4:1 equiv. to 560mg of raw burdock root powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

CelluSite™ (HealthAid) see White Willow

Flodol® Artro (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

Hip & Thigh Formula (HealthAid) see White Willow

Milk Thistle Plus (FSC) see Milk Thistle

Perfectil (Vitabiotics) see Echinacea

BUTCHER’S BROOM
Ruscus aculeatus

Family: Ruscaceae
Medicinal Parts: Herb, rhizome.

Indications:
Principal: Haemorrhoids, varicose veins, discomfort of chronic venous insufficiency⁶⁷ such as pain & heaviness²⁸, ⁶⁸.
Major: Cramps in legs, itching & swelling²⁸, ⁶⁷.
Minor: Orthostatic hypotension⁶⁹.
Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: Rarely stomach complaints, nausea.

Drug interactions: No interactions found.

Dose: Raw extract, equivalent to 7-11 mg total ruscogenin (determined as the sum of neoruscogenin and ruscogenin obtained after fermentation or acid hydrolysis)

Butcher’s Broom (HealthAid)
Liquid: Butcher’s broom extract 1:4 (equiv. of 250mg of Butcher’s broom herb in 1ml).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Butcher’s Broom (HealthAid)

Cellusite (HealthAid) see White Willow

Hip & Thigh Formula (HealthAid) see White Willow

Horse Chestnut Complex (Lamberts) see Horse Chestnut

Organic Aloe Vera (dr.organic®) see Aloe Vera

Venalta (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

Venis Sollievo (Erba Vita) see Grapeseed

Vitiven ultra cold (Arkopharma) Gel; Butcher’s broom, horse chestnut, red vine, witch hazel.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

V-Vein (HealthAid) see Horse Chestnut

CALENDULA

see Marigold

CALIFORNIA POPPY
Eschscholtzia californica

Family: Papaveraceae
Medicinal Parts: Aerial parts collected during the flowering season and dried.

Indications:
Principal: Insomnia.
Major: Aches, nervous agitation, enuresis nocturna in children, bladder & liver diseases, depression, neurasthenia.
Minor: Neuropathy, mood swings, weather sensitivity, organic neuroses, vegetative-dystonic disorders, vasomotor dysfunction, vegetative-endocrine syndrome, constitutional weakness of the nervous system, vasomotor cephalgia.

Contraindications: Pregnancy.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: Benzodiazepines, CNS depressants.
Dose: Average single dose for the liquid extract is 1-2 ml\textsuperscript{28}.

**CAPSICUM**

*see Cayenne*

**CARAWAY**

*Carum carvi*

**Family:** Umbelliferae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit; oil obtained from the squashed fruit when ripe.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Dyspeptic complaints such as flatulence, eructation, bloating and mild spasmodic pains in the GI tract, including flatulent colic of infants\textsuperscript{19, 26, 72}.

*Others:* Loss of appetite, dysmenorrhoea, to stimulate flow of milk in breast-feeding mothers, bronchitis, laryngitis (as a gargle), hyperglycaemia\textsuperscript{19, 26, 73}.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Average single dose of oil: 2-3 drops on sugar; caraway, 1-5 gm. Average daily dose of oil: 3-6 drops; caraway, 1.5-6 gm\textsuperscript{28}.

**Contraindications:** None known.

**CARDAMOM**

*Elettaria cardamomum*

**Family:** Zingiberaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** The oil extracted from the seeds and fruit & seeds harvested shortly after ripening.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Flatulent dyspepsia, dyspeptic complaints\textsuperscript{8, 19, 74}.

*Major:* Morning sickness, vomiting & diarrhoea, loss of appetite, Roemheld syndrome\textsuperscript{26}.

*Minor:* Hypertension, epilepsy\textsuperscript{74}.

*Others:* Mouth freshener\textsuperscript{19}.

**California Poppy** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules; Californian poppy aerial part powder 300mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Sedivitax** (Aboca) see Passionflower

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**Drug interactions:** None known.

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**Finocarbo Plus** (Aboca) see Fennel

**Flodol\textsuperscript{®} Artro** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Gastro-Vit Formula** (Vega) see Aloe Vera

**Sollievo** (Aboca) see Senna
CASCARA SAGRADA

Contraindications: Presence of gallstones¹⁹, ²⁸.

Side-effects: Gallstone colic¹⁹, ²⁸.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Average daily dose is 1.5 gm of drug; when using a tincture, the dosage range is 1-2 gm¹⁹, ²⁸.

Candaway™ (Lamberts) see Cinnamon

CASCARA SAGRADA

Rhamnus purshiana

Family: Rhamnaceae

Medicinal Parts: Dried bark.

Indications:

Principal: Constipation⁸, ⁹, ²⁸, ⁴⁵, ⁷⁵, defecation with anal fissures or haemorrhoids⁵, ²⁸, ⁴⁵.

Major: Recto-anal post-operative treatment²⁸, ⁴⁵.

Minor: In diagnostic preparation of the GI tract²⁸.

Others: Rheumatism²⁸.

Cautions: Avoid excessive laxative use & prolonged use**, adequate fluid intake (may lead to electrolyte imbalance)²⁸.

Contraindications: Intestinal & bowel obstruction, acute inflammatory intestinal disease (colitis, Crohn’s disease, irritable bowel), foecal impaction, nausea, vomiting, appendicitis, abdominal pain of unknown origin, pregnancy, breastfeeding, children under 12 years of age⁸, ¹⁴, ²⁸, ⁴⁵.

Side-effects:

Common: Spasmodic GI complaints⁸, ¹⁴, ²⁸.

On long term use/abuse: Disturbances of electrolyte balance especially potassium deficiency, albuminuria, haematuria, pigmentation of the colonic mucosa, heart arrhythmias, neuropathies, oedema, accelerated bone deterioration⁸, ²⁸.

Drug interactions: Cardiac glycosides especially digoxin⁶³, potassium-depleting diuretics, corticosteroids⁸, ¹⁴, ²⁸, ⁴⁵, ⁷⁵.

Dose: 20-30 mg hydroxyanthracene derivatives daily²⁸.

Erbalax® Forte Compresse (Erba Vita) see Senna

Slim-Rite (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

Vegilax® (HealthAid) see Blessed Thistle

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⁹ Preparation should be used only if no effects can be obtained through change of diet or use of bulk-forming products⁴.

** Cascara Sagrada is not recommended for use for longer than 1 or 2 weeks unless medical advice is sought⁸, ²⁸.
CAT’S CLAW
Uncaria tomentosa

**Family:** Rubiaceae
**Medicinal Parts:** Root bark.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* All forms of arthritis, rheumatism and other inflammatory diseases\(^{14,28,76}\).
*Major:* Gastric ulcers; viral diseases including herpes zoster, herpes simplex, HIV, cancer\(^{14,28,77,78,79}\).
*Others:* Diarrhoea, gastritis, treatment of wounds, asthma\(^80\), menstrual irregularity, as a contraceptive\(^{28,78,79}\).

**Cautions:** Drugs metabolized by P450 3A4 enzyme should be taken with caution\(^{14,28}\), patients receiving antihypertensive therapy.

**Contraindications:** Autoimmune disease, immunosuppressants, bone marrow transplantation, pregnancy, breast-feeding\(^{28}\).

**Side-effects:** Reduced serum oestradiol and progesterone with long term use, renal failure\(^81\), hypotension\(^{14,28}\).

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, antiplatelets, thrombolytic agents, low molecular weight heparins (cat’s claw may increase risk of bleeding if taken with these medications)\(^{28}\).

**Dose:** 250-1000 mg daily; Decoction dosage: 60ml once daily in the morning on an empty stomach\(^{28}\).

**Arthur’s Formula Ltd** (Power Health) see Devil’s Claw

**Cat’s Claw** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Cat’s claw extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of cat’s claw herb in 1ml). Tablets; Cat’s claw powder 315mg, cat’s claw standardised extract 160mg. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Cat’s Claw** (Power Herbs)
Tablets; Cat’s claw bark powder extract 34mg (containing 3% total alkaloids and 15% polyphenols). Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Cat’s Claw Herbal Complex** (Vega)
Capsules; Cat’s claw inner bark powder 300mg (equiv. to 1000mg cat’s claw inner bark herb); cat’s claw inner bark extract (4:1) 175mg (min. 15% polyphenols, 3% alkaloids). Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Immu no baby** (Erba Vita) see Echinacea
CATNIP

Nepeta cataria

**Family:** Labiatae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Aerial parts of the plant.

**Indications:**
- **Principal:** Colds, colic, fever, teething in children²⁸, ⁸².
- **Major:** Nervous disorders, migraine²⁸.
- **Others:** Gynaecological disorders²⁸.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy²⁸.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** CNS depressants, drugs acting on the CNS¹⁴.

**Dose:** 3 cups of tea daily²⁸.

CAYENNE

Capsicum species

**Family:** Solanaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fresh or dried fruits.

**Indications:**
- **Principal:** Muscular pain in areas of shoulder, arm & spine of adults and school-age children⁸; rheumatism; digestive ailments; dyspepsia; frostbite⁸³; chronic lumbago⁹, ²⁸.
- **Major:** Prophylactic therapy for atherosclerosis, stroke & heart disease⁸³; sea sickness²⁸.
- **Minor:** As a gargle for hoarseness, sore throat, infected throat²⁸, ⁸³.
- **Others:** Loss of appetite (in compound preparations); for lowering the temperature in malaria, yellow fever, scarlet fever & typhus; alcoholism²⁸.

**Cautions:** Pregnancy, breast-feeding⁸³. Wash hands immediately after use unless treating the hands²⁸, ⁸³.

**Contraindications:** Open wounds or eyes, stomach ulcers or stomach inflammation, chronic irritable bowel, GI, hepatic or renal disease⁹, ²⁸, ⁸³.

**Side-effects:**
- **Common:** Burning, stinging & redness of the skin (these effects lessen or disappear over a few days time with repeated application)²⁸.
- **Others:** Diarrhoea, intestinal & gallstone colics (with internal administration); blister, ulcer formation (with external applications)⁹, ²⁸.

**Drug interactions:** Aspirin (beneficial interaction)²⁸, ⁶³; ACE inhibitors; anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, thrombolytic agents, low molecular weight heparins;
barbiturates; theophylline.

Dose:

External daily dose: 10 gm drug. Semisolid preparations: max 50 mg capsaicin in 100 gm neutral base. The cream is applied to the affected area not more than 3 or 4 times daily.

Internal application: Decoction: ½ litre water with 5 gm powdered drug, 3 gm powdered cascarilla bark and 5 gm powdered rhubarb root; 2 cups per day.

Cardiohealth Formula (Vega) see Garlic

Herbal Booster™ (HealthAid) see Guarana

Prostate Formula (Vega) see Saw Palmetto

V-Vein™ (HealthAid) see Horse Chestnut

CELERY

*Apium graveolens*

Family: Umbelliferae

Medicinal Parts: Root, above-ground foliage and stems, fruit (seeds), oil extracted from seeds.

Indications:

Principal: Arthritis, rheumatism, gout.

Major: Urinary tract infection, fluid retention, high total serum cholesterol & triglycerides, prophylactic for colon cancer development.

Minor: Nervousness, hysteria, exhaustion, loss of appetite, cough, helminthic infections.

Others: Mosquito repellant.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, kidney disorders.

Side-effects: Allergic reactions.

Drug interactions: NSAIDs (beneficial interaction), phenobarbital, thyroxine, warfarin (when celery is taken in high doses).

Dose: Seeds: 1.2 to 4 gm; Infusion: 1 gm drug.

4.3.2.1 Performance Detox (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

Celery Seed 200mg (Power Herbs) Capsules; Celery seed 200mg. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

MSM Glucosamine Joint Complex (Higher Nature) Tablets; Vitamin C 30mg, zinc 5mg, copper 250mcg, boron 250mcg, MSM 450mg, glucosamine 180mg, ginger 75mg, nettle 75mg, celery seed powder 75mg, korean ginseng 15mg, kelp 5mg. Local Distributor: Health Plus

†† Use should be limited to 2 days and should only be used again after 2 weeks.
CENTAURY

Centaurium erythraea

**Family:** Gentianaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Dried aerial parts of the flowering plant.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Disorders of the upper digestive tract, mainly dyspepsia \(^8, 9, 19, 28, 88\).  

*Major:* Loss of appetite, anorexia \(^8, 9, 19, 28, 88\).

**Contraindications:** Stomach or intestinal ulcers \(^28, 88\).

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** 3-4 times daily: dried herb, 1-3 gm, usually as an infusion; liquid extract 1:1 in 25% alcohol, 1-3 ml \(^19\).

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CHAMOMILE, GERMAN

Matricaria recutita

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** The entire flowering herb or only the flowers.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Stomach upset, minor illness (colds, fever, flatulence, diarrhea, headache, nausea, vomiting, poor digestion) \(^5, 28, 89, 90\), insomnia, anxiety \(^91, 92\).

*Major:* Dyspepsia, travel sickness \(^91\), colic & teething pain in children \(^5, 28, 93\), haemorrhoids (topically) \(^5\).

*Minor:* Nasal catarrh, restlessness \(^28, 91\), chemotherapy induced oral mucositis \(^5\).

*Others:* Skin & mucous membrane inflammations, bacterial skin ailments, gingivitis, wounds & burns \(^28, 94\).

**Cautions:** Babies, pregnancy, breast-feeding \(^9\).

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to any member of the Asteraceae/Compositae family, history of atopic hay fever or asthma \(^5, 28\).

**Side-effects:** Allergic reactions including emesis in high doses, allergic conjunctivitis, contact dermatitis, eczema \(^5, 9, 28\).

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants \(^89\), alcohol, benzodiazepines \(^28\), NSAIDs, drugs metabolized by CYP 3A4 \(^5\).

**Dose:** Internal single dose: 3 gm as an infusion; Liquid extract: 1-4 ml or 1 cup of freshly made tea –

\(^{‡‡}\) Taken 20-30 minutes before meals and sipped slowly. The tonic effects take time to fully develop and several weeks of treatment would be advisable \(^19\).
administered 3-4 times daily; Washes & gargles: administered several times a day.  

*Altaflora® Gastrogel* (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

*Ad-muc®* (Merz)  
Mouth cream; Chamomile extract, myrrhae tincture.  
Local Distributor: George Farrugia & Sons Ltd.

*Calma Baby* (Erba Vita) see Linden

*Chamomile* (HealthAid)  
Liquid; Chamomile extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of chamomile herb in 1ml).

*CHASTE TREE*  
*see Agnus Castus*

*CHICKWEED*  
*Stellaria media*  

**Family:** Caryophyllaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Aerial parts – leaves, stems, flowers.

**Indications:**  
*Internally:* Rheumatism, gout, stiffness of joints, tuberculosis, bronchial phlegm, bronchitis, diseases of the blood.  
*Externally:* Poorly healing wounds, haemorrhoids, inflammation of the eyes, eczema, urticaria, other diverse skin diseases.

**Cautions:** Rarely, chickweed can cause allergic skin reactions – allergy sensitive individuals should try a small amount first.

**Side-effects:** None noted.

**Drug interactions:** Nitrates.  

**Dose:** Tincture (1:5): 2-10 ml three times daily; Infusion of dried herb: 1-5 gm three times daily; Chickweed is commonly incorporated into a topical ointment or cream base for external use (1 part chickweed to 5 parts base) and applied as required.
**CHICORY**  
*Cichorium intybus*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried leaves & roots collected in autumn, whole plant collected and dried in the flowering season, fresh plant and root.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Loss of appetite, dyspepsia.  
*Others:* Jaundice, gallbladder & liver problems, intestinal worms, diabetes.

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None noted.

**Side-effects:** Potential for sensitization via skin contact with the drug.

**Drug interactions:** None noted.

**Dose:** 3 gm comminuted drug daily. Single dose: 2-4 gm whole herb for an infusion.

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night**  
(Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic**  
(Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**Bambu®**  
(A.V. Ogel) Granules; Chicory, wheat, malted barley, figs, acorns.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Sollievo**  
(Aboca) see Senna

**Super Antioxidant**  
(Higher Nature)  
Tablets; Chicory root 10mg, bilberry fruit 10mg, vitamin A 1133mcg, vitamin C 167mg, vitamin E 45mg, riboflavin 5mg, zinc 4mg, manganese 1.3mg, selenium 50mcg, N-acetyl cysteine 5mg, L-cysteine 5mg, glutathione 2.5mg.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

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**CHINESE ANGELICA**  
*see Dong Quai*

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**CINCHONA**  
*Cinchona pubescens*

**Family:** Rubiaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried bark of 6- to 8-year-old trees.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Loss of appetite.  
*Major:* Dyspeptic complaints, flatulence with a sense of fullness.  
*Others:* Feverish infections, malaria, flu, muscle cramps, muscle pain, gastric disorders, cancer.
Cautions: Recommended dosages should not be exceeded as it contains quinine alkaloids that are toxic in large doses^{28}.

Contraindications: Pregnancy^{28}, hypersensitivity to quinine^{8}, gastric or intestinal ulcers^{45}.

Side-effects: Hypersensitivity reactions (skin allergies, fever), increased tendency of bleeding^{28, 45}.

Drug interactions: Digoxin, anticoagulants^{28, 45}, flecainide^{28}.

Dose: Total daily dose: 1 to 3 gm of drug; liquid extract daily dose: 0.6 to 3 gm of cinchona liquid extract; standard single dose of the extract is 0.2 gm; liquid extract single dose is 0.5 to 1 gm^{45}.

CINNAMON
Cinnamomum verum

Family: Lauraceae
Medicinal Parts: Oil extracted from bark, bark of younger branches, leaf oil.

Indications:
Principal: Digestive disorders such as nausea, flatulence, dyspepsia & GI colic; loss of appetite^{5, 8, 19, 28, 100}.
Major: Diarrhoea in children, common cold, influenza, winter chills, poor circulation^{19}.
Minor: Type 2 diabetes^{5, 101}, gestational diabetes, *Helicobacter pylori* infection^{5}.
Others: Cancer^{102}.

Contraindications: Pregnancy (except in amounts normally used in foods)^{5, 8, 19, 28}, allergy to cinnamon or Peru balsam, in cases of fever of unknown origin, active stomach or duodenal ulcers^{5, 8}.

Side-effects: Allergic skin and mucosal reactions may occur in sensitive individuals, arising mainly from cinnamaldehyde (the major component of the essential oil)^{5, 8, 19}.

Drug interactions: Hypoglycaemic agents^{5, 100}.

Dose: Three times daily: dried bark, 0.5-1 gm as an infusion; liquid extract (1:1 in 70% alcohol), 0.5-1 ml; tincture, 2-4 ml^{19}.

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

Altasterol® Stimulant (Alta Care) see Ginger

Candaway™ (Lamberts) Capsules; Cinnamon bark 3750mg (provided by 750mg of a 5:1 extract), olive leaf 800mg (provided by 200mg of a 4:1 extract), fennel seed 400mg (provided by 100mg of a 4:1 extract), cardamom oil 100mg.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

Cinnamon (HealthAid) Capsules; Cinnamon bark powder 250mg,
cinnamon extract 30mg (equiv. to 600mg of powder).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

_Dietrim_ (Vitabiotics)
Capsules; Conjugated linoleic acid (80%) 400mg, papain (papaya extract) 10mg, cinnamon bark extract 10mg, vitamin A 100mcg, vitamin D 2.5mcg, vitamin E 2.5mcg, vitamin C 15mg, vitamin B1 2.5mg, vitamin B2 0.5mg, vitamin B3 5mg, vitamin B6 2.5mg, folacin 100mcg, vitamin B12 2.25mcg, biotin 11.25mcg, pantothenic acid 7.5mg, iron 2mg, magnesium 12.5mg, zinc 3mg, iodine 7.5mcg, manganese 0.125mg, copper 0.25mg, chromium 37.5mcg, selenium 31.25mcg, natural mixed carotenoids 0.5mg, co-enzyme Q10 2.5mg, lecithin 7.5mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

_Gastro-Vit Formula_ (Vega) see Aloe Vera

_Male Formula_ (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

_Male Max™_ (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

_Red Sterol Complex_ (Higher Nature)
Tablets; 250mg cinnamon bark, 250mg plant sterols, 50mg red yeast rice, 25mg vitamin E.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

_VeinTain®_ (Lamberts) see Ginger

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**CITRONELLA**

*see Lemongrass*

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**CLEAVERS**

*Galium aparine*

**Family:** Rubiaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Dried aerial parts collected during the flowering and fruiting period.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Ulcers, breast lumps, skin rashes, dysuria⁹, 26, 45, 103.

*Major:* Cystitis, as a diuretic for dropsy, bladder catarrh, retention of urine (ischuria)²⁶, 45, 103.

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None noted.

**Drug interactions:** Loop diuretics, thiazide diuretics, spironolactone, triamterene⁶³.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried herb, 2-4 gm or in infusion; expressed juice, 5-15 ml; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 2-4 ml; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 4-10 ml⁴⁵.

**Aquaflo®** (HealthAid) see Dandelion

**Boldo Multi-Herbal Complex** (Healthlife) see Boldo
CLOVE
*Syzgium aromaticum*

**Family**: Myrtaceae
**Medicinal Parts**: Dried flowerbud, leaf, stem.

**Indications**:
*Principal*: Toothache\(^9\), pain & inflammation of the mouth and throat mucosa, for buccal hygiene\(^5, 19, 28\).
*Major*: Stomach ulcers, flatulence, colic, abdominal bloating, nausea, headache, colds\(^5, 19, 28\).
*Minor*: Coughs, treatment of small wounds, sores, acne & other inflammatory conditions (locally)\(^19\), chronic anal fissures\(^104\), herpes simplex virus type 1\(^5, 105\).
*Others*: Neuralgia, bronchitis, whooping cough\(^19\).

**Cautions**: None known.

**Contraindications**: Liver function impairment, patients taking paracetamol or anticoagulants\(^19\).

**Side-effects**: Contact dermatitis, irritation to mucous membranes on local application in sensitive individuals\(^5\).

**Drug interactions**: Anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, thrombolytic agents, low molecular weight heparins\(^28\).

**Dose**:
*Internal*: Three times daily: dried buds, 120-300 mg or as an infusion of 2 cloves to a cupful of hot water; tincture, 20 drops; clove oil, 0.05-0.1 ml (2-4 drops)\(^19\).
*Local*: For toothache, undiluted oil dab 1-2 drops of clove oil on to cotton wool and rub over affected tooth. In mouthwashes, the equivalent of 1-5% of essential oil\(^19\).

**Coloclear Extra** (Higher Nature) see Flaxseed
**Erbalax\(^\text{®}\) Forte Compresse** (Erba Vita) see Senna
**Jointace Gel** (Vitabiotics) see Ginger
**Jointace Patch** (Vitabiotics) see Ginger
**Natural Herbal Inhalant Oil** (Numark) see Eucalyptus
**Neuralta\(^\text{®}\) Migren** (Alta Care) see Peppermint
**Teenstick** (Arkopharma)
Roll-on; Essential oils of clove, geranium, palmarosa, tea tree, ylang ylang.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.
COLT’S FOOT

Tussilago farfara

Family: Asteraceae/Compositae
Medicinal Parts: Leaves, flowers.

Indications:
Principal: Treatment and prevention of diseases and ailments of the respiratory tract such as cough, hoarseness, bronchial catarrh, acute & chronic bronchitis, asthma, colds, influenza, inflammation and irritation of the oral and pharyngeal mucosa, sore throat, tonsillitis, swelling of the glands and tuberculosis of the lymph nodes8, 9, 14, 28.
Major: Smoking addiction28.
Minor: Diarrhoea, for the stimulation of metabolism8.
Others: Wound treatment8.

Cautions: Colt’s foot contains hepatotoxic (hepatic venoocclusive disease) and carcinogenic pyrrolizidine alkaloids8, 9, 14, 28.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, breastfeeding9, 28.

Side-effects: Contact dermatitis in patients sensitive to the Compositae family and cross-reactivity may occur with other compositae14.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: The total daily dose is 4.5 to 6 gm of drug. The maximum daily dose must not be more than 1mcg of total pyrrolizidine alkaloids with 1.2 unsaturated necine structure. The drug should not be taken for more than 4 to 6 weeks a year28.

COMFREY

Symphytum officinale

Family: Boraginaceae
Medicinal Parts: Leaf, rhizome, root.

Indications:
Principal: Bruises, sprains, pulled muscles & ligaments, promotion of bone healing, skin inflammation, varicose ulcers [externally]8, 9, 14, 28, 45.
Minor: Gum disease, pharyngitis, strep throat [as a mouthwash and gargle]; gastritis, GI ulcers [internally]28, 45.


Cautions: External administration should only be on areas where the skin is unbroken, and only with industrially produced pyrrolizidine alkaloid-free extracts28.

Contraindications: Previous liver or kidney disease, pregnancy, breastfeeding8, 9, 28.
Side-effects: Hepatotoxicity\textsuperscript{9,14,28}.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose\textsuperscript{§§}: Unless otherwise prescribed, ointment or other preparations for external use with 5 to 20\% of dried drug or equivalent preparations\textsuperscript{45}.

\textbf{Comfrey Cream} (A.Vogel)  
Cream; Each gram contains 200mg comfrey extract.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

\textbf{Jointcare Comfrelieve\textsuperscript{TM}} (Seven Seas)  
Cream; 35g liquid extract (1:2) from Comfrey root.  
Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

\textbf{CORN SILK}  
\textit{Zea mays}

Family: Poaceae  
Medicinal Parts: Seeds.

Indications: Disorders of the urinary tract\textsuperscript{28} such as dysuria, cystitis\textsuperscript{45}, urethritis, nocturnal enuresis, prostatitis, and specifically for acute and chronic inflammation of the urinary tract\textsuperscript{9}.

Cautions: None known.

\textbf{Side-effects}: No health hazards are known in conjunction with the proper administration of designed therapeutic dosages.

\textbf{Drug interactions}: Corticosteroids\textsuperscript{63}.

Dose: Three times daily: dried drug, 2-8 gm or in infusion; liquid extract (1:1, 25\% ethanol), 4-8 ml; tincture (1:5, 25\% ethanol) 5-15 ml\textsuperscript{45}.

\textbf{COUCH GRASS}  
\textit{Agropyron repens}

Family: Gramineae  
Medicinal Parts: Rhizome collected in spring or autumn.

Indications:  
Principal: Ailments and infections of the urinary tract, particularly cystitis, but also urethritis, prostatitis and irritable bladder; renal calculi\textsuperscript{8,9,19,28}.  
Major: Gout, rheumatic pain\textsuperscript{19,28}, chronic skin disorders\textsuperscript{19,28,106}.

Cautions: Ensure copious fluid intake for irrigation therapy\textsuperscript{28}.

§§ Comfrey should not be used orally for more than 4 weeks if pyrrolizidine alkaloids might be present. Comfrey should only be applied to intact skin\textsuperscript{28}.
**CRANBERRY**

**Contraindications:** No irrigation therapy if oedema is present due to cardiac or renal insufficiency[^8][^28].

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried rhizome, 4-8 gm, usually in decoction or infusion; liquid extract (1:1 in 25% alcohol), 4-8 ml; tincture (1:5 in 40% alcohol), 5-15 ml[^19].

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**CRANBERRY**

*Vaccinium macrocarpon*

**Family:** Ericaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit.

**Indications:**
- **Principal:** Prevention and treatment of urinary tract infections[^5][^28][^107][^108].
- **Major:** Blood disorders[^110], digestive ailments, prevention of *H. pylori*[^109] and dental plaque[^5][^28].
- **Others:** Anorexia, cancer treatment[^110], diabetes[^111], scurvy, wound care, gout[^28].

**Cautions:** Pregnancy[^28], diabetics when using commercially prepared cranberry juices because of the high sugar content[^5].

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** GI discomfort, diarrhoea[^5][^28].

**Drug interactions:** Warfarin[^107], proton pump inhibitors, *H₂* antagonists[^5][^28].

**Dose:** To prevent urinary tract infections, 30-300 gm cranberry juice; in children 15mg/kg body weight. In type 2 diabetes, 200-400mg[^28].

*Cranberola*[^®] (Arkopharma) Capsules; Cranberry powder and berry extract 400mg. Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

*Cranberry* (Arkopharma) Capsules; Cranberry fruit powder, acerola powder, vitamin C, cellulose. Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

*Cranberry* (HealthAid) Tablets; Cranberry (25:1) extract 200mg equiv. to 5000mg of cranberry powder. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Cranberry* (NatraHealth) Tablets; Cranberry extract 3500mg. Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

*Cranberry* (Quest) Tablets; Cranberry fruit extract 200mg providing 60mg organic acids, equiv. to 5000mg herb powder. Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.
**Cranberry Complex** (Lamberts)
Powder; Per 5 gm (1 teaspoon): cranberry powder 2470mg, fructooligosaccharides (derived from chicory root) 2470mg, vitamin C 60mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Cranberry Cyst** (ESI)
Tablets; Cranberry 700mg, bearberry 200mg, grapefruit seed 100mg, ortosiphon 100mg, goldenrod 100mg.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Cranberry Extract** (Numark)
Tablets; Cranberry extract 80mg, equiv. to 2000mg herb.
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**Cranberry Juice Concentrate** (Power Health)
Tablets; Cranberry juice concentrate (25:1) 180mg equiv. to fresh cranberries 4500mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Cranberry Plus Formula** (Vega)
Capsules; Cranberry standardised extract 200mg (min. 40% organic acids), caprylic acid 100mg, deodorized garlic standardised clove extract 10:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 0.5% allicin content), bromelain 50mg, prebiotic fructooligosaccharides 50mg, lactobacillus acidophilus 30mg, vitamin C 30mg, niacin 18mg, zinc 7.5mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, beta carotene 2.4mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, manganese 0.25mg, folate 200mcg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Cys-control® Cranberola** (Arkopharma)
Sachets; Cranberry, rich in proanthocyanidins (36mg).
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Cysticare®** (HealthAid)
Tablets; Cranberry extract (4:1) 250mg, dandelion root powder 50mg, parsley powder 50mg, sage 50mg, bearberry extract (4:1) 25mg, stinging nettle extract (4:1) 25mg, buchu leaf extract (4:1) 25mg, vitamin C 125mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Ellegyn® Cysti** (Alta Care)
Capsules; Omega 3 (350mg), cranberry seed oil (100mg), EPO (50mg).
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Natural Cranberry with Vitamin C** (Solgar)
Vegicaps; Cranberry concentrate powder 440mg, vitamin C 60mg.
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

**Super Strength Cranberry** (Higher Nature)
Capsules; Cranberry (standardised cranberry fruit extract and infused whole fruit) 500mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Venalta®** (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

**WellTeen® Plus Omega-3** (Vitabiotics)
WellTeen tablets; Cranberry extract 100mg, green tea extract 40mg, L-carnitine tartarate 50mg, co-enzyme Q10 2mg, natural mixed carotenoids 2mg, vitamin A 400mcg, vitamin D 20mcg, vitamin E 8mcg, vitamin C 80mcg, vitamin B1 6mcg, vitamin B2 3mg, vitamin B3 18mg, vitamin B6 8mg, olic acid 400mcg, vitamin B12 15mcg, biotin 75mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, magnesium 94mg, iron 12mg, zinc 15mg, copper 1000mcg, manganese 2mg, selenium 55mcg, chromium 50mcg, iodine 130mcg. Omega-3 capsules; Omega-3 ish oil 541mg (providing EPA 165mg & DHA 116mg), vitamin E 5.5mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
CRANESBILL
Geranium maculatum

**Family:** Geraniaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried rhizome, leaf, root.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Haemorrhoids, peptic & duodenal ulcers, diarrhoea, heavy menstruation, dysmenorrhea.  
**Major:** Acute bronchitis, tonsillitis, upper respiratory tract infection, sore throat, mouth ulcers, infected gums.  
**Minor:** Bleeding of mucous membranes.

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** No health hazards are known in conjunction with the proper administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried rhizome, 1-2 gm as an infusion or decoction; liquid extract 1:1 in 45% alcohol, 1-2 ml.

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CURCUMA  
*see Turmeric*

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DAMIANA
Turnera diffusa

**Family:** Turneraceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves harvested during the flowering season.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Sexual dysfunction, decreased libido.  
**Major:** For strengthening & stimulation during exertion (overwork), for boosting and maintaining physical and mental capacity.

**Minor:** Anxiety & depression associated with hormonal changes (e.g. menopause), nervous dyspepsia, constipation.
Cautions: Patients with hypoglycaemia\textsuperscript{9,113}.

Contraindications: Patients with overactive sympathetic nervous system activity\textsuperscript{5}.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: Hypoglycaemic agents\textsuperscript{5}.

Dose: Three times daily: dried drug, 2-4 gm or in infusion; liquid extract (1:1, 60\% ethanol), 3-6 ml\textsuperscript{45}.

\textbf{DANDELION}

\textit{Taraxacum officinale}

Family: Asteraceae/Compositae

Medicinal Parts: Dried leaves & roots.

Indications:
\textit{Principal}: Water retention due to various causes\textsuperscript{114,115}, insufficient production of bile\textsuperscript{5,9,28,45,115}.
\textit{Major}: Dyspeptic complaints, urinary tract infections, liver & gall bladder complaints, loss of appetite\textsuperscript{8,28}.
\textit{Others}: Diabetes, rheumatic conditions, urticaria, eczema\textsuperscript{5,28}.

Contraindications: Bile duct obstruction, gall bladder empyema, ileus\textsuperscript{5,8,28}.

Side-effects: Superacid gastric complaints, sensitization reactions\textsuperscript{28}.

\textbf{Drug interactions}: Anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, thrombolytic agents, low molecular weight heparins, fluoroquinolones, potassium\textsuperscript{5,28,115}.

Dose: Tincture: 10-15 drops three times daily; a cup of freshly made tea can be taken mornings and evenings\textsuperscript{28}.

\textit{2-Day DetoxPlan} (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

\textit{4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic} (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

\textit{4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate} (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

\textit{Altadrine\textsuperscript{®} Day Burner} (Alta Care) see Grapeseed
Devil’s Claw

Harpagophytum procumbens

Family: Pedaliaceae
Medicinal Parts: Dried tuber/root.

Indications:
Principal: Dyspeptic complaints, inflammatory disorders including arthritis, gout, myalgia, fibrositis, lumbago & rheumatic disease\(^5,8,9,28,45,116,117,118,119\).

Major: Acute low back pain, loss of appetite\(^5,28,118\).
Minor: Allergies, kidney, bladder & gall bladder disorders\(^28,118\).

Contraindications: Stomach or duodenal ulcers\(^8,28,45\), gallstones, acute diarrhoea, pregnancy\(^5\).

Altadrine® Night Burner (Alta Care) see Green Tea

Aquaflow® (HealthAid)
Tablets; Dandelion root powder 80mg, bladderwrack powder 80mg, buchu leaf powder 80mg, uva ursi powder 80mg, juniper berry powder 80mg, yellow dock root extract 80mg, cleavers powder extract 80mg, burdock powder 80mg, parsley leaf powder 75mg, barberry bark powder 15mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Boldo Multi-Herbal Complex (Healthlife) see Boldo

Cellusite™ (HealthAid) see White Willow

Cysticare® (HealthAid) see Cranberry

Dandelion (HealthAid)
Liquid: Dandelion extract 1:4 (equiv. of 250mg of dandelion herb in 1ml).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Dandelion Root (HealthAid)
Tablets; 140mg dandelion root extract and raw powder 4:1 equiv. to 560mg of raw dandelion root powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Detoxil (Vitabiotics) see Artichoke

Erbalax® Delicato Capsule (Erba Vita) see Rhubarb

Hip & Thigh Formula (HealthAid) see White Willow

Lass-B (Erba Vita)
Syrup; Manna 15%, decoction of figs 10%, tamarind fruit pulp extract 5%, dandelion root extract 7.5%, concentrated and purified propolis extract (total flavonoids expressed as galangin 12%, according to HPLC, 28%, UV method).
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

Livercare® (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

Menophase (Higher Nature) see Schisandra

Milk Thistle Complex (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

Milk Thistle Plus (FSC) see Milk Thistle

Slim-Rite (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

Sollievo (Aboca) see Senna

DEVIL’S CLAW

Family: Pedaliaceae
Medicinal Parts: Dried tuber/root.

Indications:
Principal: Dyspeptic complaints, inflammatory disorders including arthritis, gout, myalgia, fibrositis, lumbago & rheumatic disease\(^5,8,9,28,45,116,117,118,119\).

Major: Acute low back pain, loss of appetite\(^5,28,118\).
Minor: Allergies, kidney, bladder & gall bladder disorders\(^28,118\).

Contraindications: Stomach or duodenal ulcers\(^8,28,45\), gallstones, acute diarrhoea, pregnancy\(^5\).
Side-effects: Diarrhoea.

Drug interactions: Warfarin, antiarrythmic drugs, antiplatelet drugs, NSAIDs.

Dose: Three times daily.
For dyspepsia or lack of appetite: dried tuber, 0.5 gm in decoction; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 1ml.
For other indications: dried tuber, 1.5-2.5 gm in decoction; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 1-2ml.

Arthur’s Formula Ltd (Power Health)
Tablets; Devil’s claw powder 225mg, cat’s claw bark extract 34mg, alkaloids 1mg, willow bark powder 40mg, garlic powder 40mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Atrosan® (A.Vogel)
Tablets; Devil’s claw extract 480mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Devil’s Claw (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Devil’s claw powder 435mg (containing 9.5mg glucoiridoids).
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

Devil’s Claw (A.Vogel)
Liquid; Tincture of devil’s claw dried root, extracted in alcohol (66% v/v).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Devil’s Claw (HealthAid)
Liquid; devil’s claw extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of devil’s claw herb in 1ml).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Devil’s Claw Herbal Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Devil’s claw root extract 4:1 150mg (min. 2.5% harpagosides); devil’s claw root powder 150mg (equiv. to 750mg devil’s claw root herb); Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ 140mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 224mg, prebiotic acacia gum 112mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Flodol® (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

Flodor® Flexi (Alta Care) see Papaya

Neuralta® Plus (Alta Care) see Papaya

No-Dol (ESI)
Capsules; Glucosamine 250mg, chondroitin sulfate 100mg, MSM 100mg, devil’s claw 100mg, manganese 5mg, aloe vera 15mg.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

Phytorhuma (Arkopharma)
Gel; Devil’s claw extract 30%.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

DONG QUAI
Angelica sinensis

Family: Umbelliferae
Medicinal Parts: Whole root.

Indications:
Principal: Menstrual complaints

such as menstrual cramps & scanty menstruation; uterine contractions; menopausal symptoms.
Major: Arrhythmia, asthma & bronchitis, cardiovascular disorders,
kidney problems. Others: Constipation, migraine, neuralgia, hypertension.

Caution: Patients taking large doses of Dong Quai, or using it concurrently with blood thinners, should be monitored for increases in prothrombin time and INR, limit sun exposure & use sunscreen.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, hemorrhagic disease, hypermenorrhoea, chronic diarrhoea, abdominal bloating, acute infections including cold & flu.

Side-effects: GI disturbances, increased bleeding, photodermatitis.


Dose: 2-3 gm 2 to 3 times daily (liquid extract, tablet).

Dong Quai Herbal Complex (Vega) Capsules: Dong quai root powder 350mg; dong quai root extract (6:1) 200mg (min. 1% ligustilides) equiv. to 1550mg dong quai root herb. Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Dong Quai Root Extract (Solgar) Vegicaps: Raw dong quai root powder 200mg, standardised dong quai root extract (2mg [1%] ligustilides) 150mg, PhytO2X Ä (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid). Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

Herbal Female Complex (Solgar) see Black Cohosh

Menovital (HealthAid) Tablets: Dong quai 6:1 standardised extract 167mg (min. 1% ligustilide) equiv. to 1000mg of dong quai powder, flaxseed oil powder 100mg (provides 20mg alpha linolenic acid), siberian ginseng 5:1 extract 100mg, starflower oil powder 100mg (provides 7mg GLA), red clover blossoms 50mg, liquorice standardised extract 25mg (min. 20% glycyrrhizinc acid), black cohosh standardised extract 20mg (provides 1mg of deoxyacetin), agnus castus 5:1 standardised extract 8mg (min. 1% lingustilide) equiv. to 40mg powder, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin B6 10mg, zinc 15mg, soya isoflavone extract 50mg (provides 40% isoflavone), vitamin E 5mg, iron 14mg, L-tyrosine 50mg. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Dong Quai (HealthAid) Liquid: Dong quai extract 1:4 (equiv. of 250mg of dong quai herb in 1ml). Tablets: Raw dong quai powder 210mg, standardised dong quai root 160mg. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
ECHINACEA
Echinaceae species

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** Roots, leaves or the whole plant in various stages of development, depending on varieties.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Upper respiratory tract infections including common cold & influenza

*Major:* Poorly healing superficial wounds; digestive, respiratory & urinary tract infections; inflammatory and purulent conditions including furunculosis, carbuncles, abscesses & acne.

*Minor:* Mild septicaemia, burns, eczema, leg ulcers.

*Others:* Treatment of leucopenia following radio & cytostatic therapy and in support of anti-infectious chemotherapy.

**Cautions:** Diabetes may worsen in diabetic patient receiving Echinacea intravenously.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, hypersensitivity to Compositae plants, tuberculosis, multiple sclerosis, leukemia, collagenosis, AIDS or HIV infection, other autoimmune diseases.

**Side-effects:**

*Rare:* Allergic reactions.

*Others:* Short-term fever reactions, nausea and vomiting can occur when used parenterally.

**Drug interactions:** Caffeine, midazolam, basiliximab, azathioprine, corticosteroids, cyclosporine, daclizumab, muromonab, mycophenolic acid, mycophenolate acid, sirolimus, tacrolimus.

**Dose:**

*Internally:* 6-9 ml of the expressed juice.

*Externally:* 50 ml of a decoction from root, three times daily.

*Avoid prolonged use.*

**Altacura® Infludrink** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Children’s Echinacea** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Per 1ml average: Echinacea extract (1:1) 100mg derived from Echinacea angustifolia root powder, acerola cherry extract 25% 240mg which provides 60mg of vitamin C in a base of cherry juice concentrate.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Concentrated Echinacea 500mg**
(Numark)
Tablets; Echinacea root extract 500mg.
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**Echinacea** (A. Vogel)
Lozenges; Fresh echinacea extract, glucose syrup, cane sugar, honey, caramel sugar syrup, menthol, peppermint oil, citric acid.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Echinacea** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Echinacea extract 1:5 (equiv. of 200mg of echinacea herb in 1ml).
Tablets; Pure Echinacea purpurea powder
ECHINACEA

500mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

_Echinacea_ (NatraHealth)
Tablets; _Echinacea purpurea_ equiv. to 1000mg, providing polyphenols 10mcg.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

_Echinacea 300_ (Power Herbs)
Tablets; Echinacea (3:1) dry extract 100mg equiv. to fresh echinacea 300mg (providing echinacosides 4mg).
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

_Echinacea 1000mg_ (Lamberts)
Tablets; 1000mg echinacea (_Echinacea purpurea_) provided by 250mg of a 4:1 extract.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

_Echinacea 1000mg & Goldenseal 2000mg_ (Lamberts)
Tablets; 1000mg echinacea (_Echinacea purpurea_) provided by 250mg of a 4:1 extract, 2000mg goldenseal provided by 100mg of a 20:1 extract.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

_Echinacea & Black Elderberry_ (Higher Nature)
Capsules; 127.5mg echinacea extract 4:1, 85mg black elderberry extract 4:1, 170mg olive leaf extract 4:1, 50mg myrrh.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

_Echinacea Cream_ (A.Vogel)
Cream; Each gram contains tinctures of: echinacea (_Echinacea purpurea_) 50mg, wild pansy 50mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

_Echinacea Extract_ (Solgar)
Vegicaps; Raw echinacea aerials powder 300mg, standardised echinacea root powdered extract (5mg [4%] echinacosides) 125mg, PhytO2X ä (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid).

Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

_Echinacea Forte_ (A.Vogel)
Tablets; _Echinacea purpurea_ herb and root extract 750mg equiv. to 810mg of whole fresh plant.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

_Echinacea Herbal Complex_ (Vega)
Capsules; Echinacea (angustifolia and purpurea) leaf/root powder 750mg, echinacea (angustifolia and purpurea) root extract (5:1) 140mg (min. 4% echinacosides) equiv. to 1450mg echinacea leaf/root herb.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

_Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex_ (Vega)
Capsules; Echinacea (purpurea) root extract 5:1 equiv. to herb 250mg (min. 4% echinacosides), ginseng korean (panax) root extract 5:1 equiv. to herb 250mg (min. 20% ginsenosides), astragalus root extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 200mg, deglycrrhised liquorice root extract 50mg (<1% glycyrrhizin), ginger root powder 50mg, ginkgo biloba leaf powder 50mg, schisandra fruit powder 50mg, shiitake mushroom powder 50mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

_Echinacea (Purpurea & Angustifolia)_ (Health Aid)
Tablets; _Echinacea purpurea_ extract 180mg equiv. to 900mg raw echinacea powder (standardised for min 4% polyphenols), echinacea tri spectrum 25mg equiv. to 100mg echinacea powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

_Echinacea Root 500mg_ (FSC)
Tablets; Echinacea root (_Echinacea purpurea_) extract equiv. to dried herb powder 500mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
**Echinacea Throat Spray** (A.Vogel)  
Spray; Tinctures of: fresh *Echinacea purpurea* (echinacea) herb 190mg, fresh *salvia officinalis* (sage) leaves 95mg, fresh *Echinacea purpurea* (echinacea) root 10mg.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Echinaforce®** (A.Vogel)  
Tablets; 6.2 mg echinacea (*Echinacea purpurea*) herb and root concentrate equiv. to 270mg whole fresh plant or 60mg of whole dried plant.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Echinaforce® Forte** (A. Vogel)  
Tablets; 1,140mg of *Echinacea purpurea* extract from fresh herb and 60mg of extract from fresh root.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Herbal Booster™** (HealthAid) see Guarana

**Immuno baby** (Erba Vita)  
Syrup; Quantities for maximum daily dose (15ml): Blackcurrant buds 0.3ml, rosehip berries 0.3ml, *Echinacea angustifolia* root dry extract 150mg (0.1% of echinacoside 0.15mg), tabebuia bark dry extract 75mg (3.8% naphthoquinone 2.85mg), cat’s claw dry extract 75mg (1.05% of total alkaloids ossindolici 0.79mg).  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Milk Thistle & Artichoke** (Higher Nature) see Milk Thistle

**Perfectil** (Vitabiotics)  
Capsules; Echinacea extract equiv. to 195mg, burdock extract equiv. to 80mg, vitamin D 2.5mcg, vitamin E 40mg, vitamin C 30mg, thiamin 10mg, riboflavin 5mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 20mg, folacin 500mcg, vitamin B12 9mcg, biotin 45mcg, pantothenic acid 40mg, iron 12mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 200mcg, manganese 2mg, silicon 3mg, copper 2mg, chromium 50mcg, selenium 100mcg, cysteine 10mg, betacarotene 5mg, PABA 30mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Phytocold** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules; Powdered roots of *Echinacea purpurea* 250mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Uva-ursi complex** (A.Vogel) see Uva-Ursi

**Wintervits®** (HealthAid) see Tragacanth

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**ELDER**  
*Sambucus nigra*

**Family:** Caprifoliaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Bark peeled from branches, air-dried flowers, fresh & dried leaves, fresh & dried ripe fruit, dried roots, fresh leaves.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Common cold, feverish conditions⁹, 28, 45, 129, 130.  
**Major:** Respiratory disorders such as coughs, laryngitis, shortness of breath⁹, 28, 129, 130.  

**Cautions:** Diabetics²⁸.  

**Contraindications:** None known.  

**Side-effects:** Dizziness, headache, convulsions, GI distress, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, tachycardia²⁸.
ELDERBERRY

**Drug interactions:** Iron, magnesium\textsuperscript{28}, antidiabetics, morphine, phenobarbital\textsuperscript{130}.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried flowers, 3-5 gm in infusion; liquid extract (1:1, 25\% ethanol), 3-5 ml; tincture (1:5, 25\% ethanol), 10-25 ml\textsuperscript{45}.

4.3.2.1 **Performance Detox** (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**Allergforte**\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Nettle

**Altaflora**\textsuperscript{®} **Gastrogel** (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

**Echinacea & Black Elderberry** (Higher Nature) see Echinacea

**Elderberry** (HealthAid) Liquid; Elderberry extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of elderberry herb in 1ml). Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Immune +** (Higher Nature) Tablets; 40mg black elderberry standardised extract (2\% total flavanoids), 25mg bilberry standardised extract (2\% anthocyanidins), 25mg blackcurrant fruit 4:1 extract (min. 2\% anthocyanidins), 500mg vitamin C, 2.5mg zinc. Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Mucovit**\textsuperscript{®} **Sciroppo Adulti** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia

**Mucovit**\textsuperscript{®} **Sciroppo bambini** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia

**Sambucol For Children** (Sambucol) Liquid; Black elderberry (berry extract) 0.95g, vitamin C 32.5mg. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Sambucol**\textsuperscript{®} **Immuo Forte Formula** (Sambucol) Liquid; Black elderberry (berry extract) 1.9g, zinc (as gluconate) 1.3mg, vitamin C 55mg. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Sambucol**\textsuperscript{®} **Original Formula** (Sambucol) Liquid; Black elderberry (berry extract) 1.9g. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

ELDERBERRY

**see Elder**

ELECAMPANE

*Inula helenium*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** Dried or fresh rhizome.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Bronchitis, coughs, bronchial catarrh, dry irritating cough in children\textsuperscript{9, 28, 45, 131}.

*Others:* Urinary tract infections, worm infestations (roundworm, threadworm, hookworm, whipworm)\textsuperscript{9}, stomach ulcers, menstrual complaints, headaches\textsuperscript{28}.

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to other plants in the Asteraceae family\textsuperscript{9}, pregnancy, lactation\textsuperscript{28, 45}.~ 52 ~
Side-effects: Occasional allergic reactions\textsuperscript{28, 45}.

Drug interactions: Hypoglycaemic & antihypertensive treatment\textsuperscript{9}.

\textbf{EPHEDRA}

\textit{Ephedra sinica}

Family: Ephedraceae

Medicinal Parts: Young canes, dried rhizome with roots.

Indications:\textsuperscript{14, 28, 132, 134}

Principal: Asthma, allergies, nasal congestion, related upper respiratory symptoms.

Major: Bronchitis, hayfever, colds\textsuperscript{28, 134}.

Others: Weight gain\textsuperscript{133}, decreased libido\textsuperscript{14}.

Cautions: For short term use only due to danger of addiction\textsuperscript{28, 133}.

Contraindications: Diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, hyperthyroidism, thyrotoxicosis, individuals under 18 years, anorexia, bulimia, states of anxiety and restlessness, insomnia, depression, suicidal tendency, mental, emotional or behavioural disorders, stomach ulcers, pheochromocytoma, angle-closure glaucoma, use before or during strenuous exercise, use with other stimulants\textsuperscript{28}.

\textsuperscript{55} Ephedra has become liable to abuse as a stimulant and slimming aid. The US FDA banned all the dietary supplements containing ephedrine alkaloids\textsuperscript{28}.

\textbf{Dose}: Three times daily: Dried root, 1.5-3 gm in decoction; liquid extract (1:1, 25\% ethanol), 1-2 ml; tincture (1:5, 25\% ethanol), 3-5 ml\textsuperscript{45}.

Side-effects: Headache, dizziness, irritability, motor restlessness, sleeplessness, urinary disorders, nausea, vomiting, tachycardia, cardiac arrhythmias, myocardial infarction, haemorrhagic or ischaemic stroke, seizures\textsuperscript{28, 133}.

Drug interactions:

Contraindicated: Isocarbixazid, cyclopropane, halothane, selegiline, rasagiline.

Major risk: Iproniazid, MAOIs, procarbazine, pargyline, nialamide, furazolidine, tranylcypromine, phenelzine, caffeine.

Moderate risk: Guanethidine, iobenguane, bethanidine, theophylline, sodium bicarbonate and other antacids.

Potential interactions: Antihypertensives, cardiac glycosides, corticosteroids, digoxin, NSAIDs, phenylpropanolamine, pseudoephedrine, reserpine\textsuperscript{14, 28, 134}.

Dose: Depends in the alkaloids content in the form used. Ephedra is administered as a comminuted herb, as well as other galenic preparations for internal use\textsuperscript{28}.
**EUCALYPTUS**

*Eucalyptus globulus*

**Family:** Myrtaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Oil extracted from fresh leaves and branch tips; dried leaves.

**Indications:**
- **Principal:** Infections of the upper respiratory tract including common cold, catarrh, bronchitis, sore throat, sinusitis, asthma\(^5, 8, 9, 19, 28\).
- **Major:** Rheumatism, wounds, burns, ulcers (topically)\(^5, 19, 28\).
- **Minor:** Insect repellent\(^5, 28\).

**Cautions:** Eucalyptus may interfere with hypoglycaemic control in diabetics\(^28\).

**Contraindications:** Eucalyptus oil: should not be administered internally to children, people with inflammatory GI tract disease or impaired liver function or during pregnancy\(^19\); should not be applied to the face, especially of infants and young children because of the risk of bronchospasm and irritation\(^28\).

**Side-effects:** GI upset\(^19\) (nausea, vomiting), burning epigastric pain, esophagitis, diarrhoea may occur occasionally\(^28\), urticaria, contact dermatitis, skin irritation with topical application\(^5\).

**Drug interactions:** CNS depressants, drugs metabolized by CYP 450, hypoglycaemic agents\(^5, 28\).

**Dose:** *Internal*: Dried leaf in infusion, 4-6 gm daily, average single dose 2g; Tincture (1:5 in 45% ethanol), 5-20 ml daily\(^19\).

- **Alito Fresco e Balsamico** (Sella)  
  Spray; Eucalyptus, aniseed, lemon, common sage, thyme.  
  Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

- **Altacura® Broncotuss** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

- **Ivy-Thyme Complex** (A.Vogel) see Thyme

- **Jointace Gel** (Vitabiotics) see Ginger

- **Jointace Patch** (Vitabiotics) see Ginger

- **Mucovit® Sciroppo Adulti** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia

- **Mucovit® Sciroppo Bambini** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia

- **Natural Herbal Inhalant Oil** (Numark)  
  Oil; Eucalyptus leaf oil, peppermint oil, cajuput oil, juniper berry oil, clove oil.  
  Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

- **Neem Cream** (A.Vogel) see Neem

- **Neem Oil** (A.Vogel) see Neem

- **Neuralta® Migren** (Alta Care) see Peppermint

- **Pectovit®** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia

- **Potter’s Decongestant Pastilles** (Potter’s)  
  Pastilles; Eucalyptus oil 0.6%v/w, menthol 0.8% w/w.  
  Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
**EVENING PRIMROSE**

*Oenothera biennis*

**Family:** Onagraceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fixed oil from the seed.

**Indications:**  
**Internal**  
*Principal:* Atopic eczema\(^{135}\), mastalgia\(^{136, 5, 9, 28, 137}\).  
*Major:* PMS, menopausal symptoms, perimenopausal hot flushes, ADHD in children, high cholesterol levels\(^{138}\), chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes\(^{5, 9, 14, 28, 137}\).  
*Minor:* Rheumatoid arthritis\(^{139}\), hypertension, thrombosis, autoimmune disease such as multiple sclerosis, Raynaud’s phenomenon\(^{139, 5, 9, 19, 28}\).  
*Others:* Asthma, whooping cough, GI disorders\(^{5}\).

**External**  
For the relief of dry or inflamed skin\(^{137}\).

**Contraindications:** Patients with epilepsy\(^{5, 28, 135}\).

**Side-effects:** Mild GI effects such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, flatulence & bloating\(^{5, 9, 28}\); seizures in schizophrenic patients that were treated with EPO along with phenothiazine medications\(^{28}\).

**Drug interactions:** Oral anticoagulants, antiplatelets, phenothiazines\(^{5, 28, 137}\).

**Dose***:  
*Atopic eczema:* Adults 4-8 gm daily in divided doses; Pediatrics 2-4 gm daily in divided doses.  
*Mastalgia:* 3-4 gm daily in divided doses\(^{28}\).

**Cardiosterol\(^{®}\) Krill** (Alta Care)  
Capsules; Omega 3, gelatin, glycerol, EPO, water, astaxanthin.  
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Cardiosterol\(^{®}\) SLO** (Alta Care)  
Capsules; Omega 3, shark liver oil (20% alkylglycerols), EPO (71% omega 6 & omega 9).  
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Chalet\(^{®}\) Hair Stimulant** (Alta Care) see Saw Palmetto

**Ellegyn\(^{®}\) Cysti** (Alta Care) see Cranberry

**Evening Primrose** (HealthAid)  
Cream, lotion; Sweet almond oil, evening primrose, rosemary oil, geranium oil.

*** Treatment with EPO may require up to 3 months duration before positive results are attained for all indications listed above\(^{28}\).
Soap; EPO, lavender, ylang-ylang.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Evening Primrose 500mg** (Quest)
Capsules; EPO 500mg, providing 10% GLA.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Evening Primrose 1000mg** (Quest)
Capsules; EPO 1000mg, providing 10% GLA.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Pure first cold pressed EPO 520mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil** (HealthAid)
Oil; Pure EPO 1000mg (10% GLA).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Evening Primrose Oil 500mg** (HealthAid)
Capsules; EPO 500mg, which provides: GLA 50mg (min. GLA 10%), vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Evening Primrose Oil 500mg** (Lamberts)
Capsules; EPO 500mg, vitamin E 10mg, GLA 45mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Evening Primrose Oil 500mg** (Numark)
Capsules; EPO 500mg of which GLA 43mg.
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**Evening Primrose Oil 500mg** (Power Health)
Capsules; EPO 500mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil 500mg** (Solgar)
Softgels; EPO 500mg providing: linoleic acid 365mg, gamma linolenic acid (GLA) 50mg, oleic acid 35mg, palmitic acid 30mg, other fatty acids 20mg, vitamin E 9mg.
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

**Evening Primrose Oil 500mg High Strength** (Vega)
Capsules; Evening primrose seed oil 500mg (providing GLA 9.5% 47.5mg), vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg** (HealthAid)
Capsules; EPO 1000mg, which provides: GLA 100mg (min. GLA 10%), vitamin E 20mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg** (Healthlife)
Capsules; EPO 1000mg of which GLA 80mg, vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg** (Lamberts)
Capsules; EPO 1000mg providing 84mg GLA, vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg** (Numark)
Capsules; EPO 1000mg of which GLA 80mg.
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**Evening Primrose Oil 1000mg Extra High Strength** (Vega)
Capsules; Evening primrose seed oil 1000mg (providing GLA 9.5% 95mg), vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil 1300mg** (HealthAid)
Capsules; EPO 1300mg, vitamin E 13.4mg, which provides: cis-linoleic acid (73%) 949mg, GLA 130mg, oleic acid
(7.5%) 98mg, other fatty acids (10%) 130mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Evening Primrose Oil Formula (Vega)
Capsules; Evening primrose seed oil powder 33% 250mg (min. 10% GLA),
green tea leaf extract 30mg (min. 40% polyphenols), magnesium oxide 30mg,
vitamin C (as calcium ascorbate) 30mg, vitamin E 20mg, niacin 18mg, zinc 7.5mg,
iron 7mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin B6 4mg, beta carotene 2.4mg, vitamin
B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, manganese 0.25mg, folate 200mcg, iodine 150mcg,
selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg, vitamin D2 5mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Evening Primrose Oil with Starflower Oil 1000mg (Lamberts)
Capsules; EPO and starflower oil 1000mg, GLA 120mg, vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Nicosolven® Astaxanthin (Alta Care)
Capsules; Omega 3 (449.5mg), gelatin (139.0mg), glycerol (53.9mg), EPO (50.0mg), water (9.65mg), astaxanthin (0.5mg).
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

Omega 3 & 6 (Quest)
Capsules; EPO 500mg of which LA 280mg, GLA 80mg, fish oil concentrate 250mg.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

One A Day Pure Cod Liver Oil Plus
Evening Primrose (Seven Seas)
Capsules; 650mg cod oil blend providing 200mg omega-3 nutrients of which 162mg EPA & DHA, 200mg EPO of which 15.2mg GLA, 5mcg vitamin D.
Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

Organic Optimum Oil (FSC) see Flaxseed

Premenstrual Formula (Vega) see Oats

Pure Evening Primrose Oil (Efamol)
Capsules; Pure EPO 1000mg of which GLA 115mg, vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

Pure Evening Primrose Oil (Seven Seas)
Capsules; EPO 1000mg providing 74mg GLA, Vitamin E 6.7mg.
Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

Royal 3 (HealthAid)
Capsules; EPO 500mg, Korean ginseng extract (5:1) 250mg, royal jelly (natural) 150mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Wellwoman (Vitabiotics) see Starflower

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**EYEBRIGHT**

*Euphrasia officinalis*

**Family:** Scrophulariaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** The flowering plant.

**Indications:**

**Principal:** Eye complaints including blepharitis, conjunctivitis, stye, eye fatigue symptoms, eye strain, oversensitivity to light, weeping eyes, functional eye disorders of muscular & nervous origin.9, 28

**Others:** Cough, hoarseness.28
Cautions/Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: None known following the proper administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose:
Dried herb: 2-4 gm or by infusion 3 times daily.
Liquid extract: (1:1 in 25% alcohol) 2-4 ml 3 times daily.
Tincture: (1:5 in 45% alcohol) 2-6 ml 3 times daily⁹.

Eyebright (HealthAid)
Liquid; Eyebright extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of eyebright herb in 1ml).
Tablets; Eyebright extract powder (4:1) 138mg equiv. to 550mg of powder, raw eyebright powder 250mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

EyeVit (HealthAid)
Prolonged release tablets; Eyebright 120mg, alfalfa 50mg, rutin 25mg, L-glutamine 60mg, L-cysteine 25mg, bioflavenoids 30mg, vitamin A 751mcg, beta-carotene 3mg, vitamin D 2.5mcg, vitamin E 16.8mg, vitamin C 50mg, riboflavin 25mg, niacin 30mg, zinc 1.4mg, selenium 25mcg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Organic Aloe Vera (dr.organic®) see Aloe Vera

Fennel

Foeniculum vulgare

Family: Umbelliferae
Medicinal Parts: Seeds, oil extracted from ripe fruit and dried ripe fruit.

Indications:
Internal
Principal: Dyspeptic complaints including flatulence, infantile colic, eructation, sluggish digestion, appetite suppressant, feeling of fullness¹⁴, ¹⁹, ²⁸, ¹⁴⁰, ¹⁴¹.

External
Principal: Idiopathic hirsutism¹⁴², conjunctivitis, blepharitis (as an eye wash), sore throat, pharyngitis (as a gargle)¹⁹, ²⁸.

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to other plants of the Umbelliferae family, pregnancy, pediatrics¹⁹, ²⁸.

Side-effects: Cross sensitivity among patients with celery allergy²⁸, allergic reactions of the skin and respiratory tract¹⁹.

Drug interactions: Ciprofloxacin⁶³, ¹⁴³.

Dose: Daily dose: 5-7 gm drug; 10-20 gm fennel syrup or fennel honey,
or 5-7.5 gm of compound fennel tincture\textsuperscript{19}.

\textbf{2-Day Detox Plan} (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

\textbf{4.3.2.1 Performance Detox} (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

\textbf{4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night} (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

\textbf{4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic} (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

\textbf{Altadrine\textsuperscript{\textregistered} Lipodrainer} (Alta Care) see Nettle

\textbf{Altaflora\textsuperscript{\textregistered} Gastrogel} (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

\textbf{Candaway\textsuperscript{TM}} (Lamberts) see Cinnamon

\textbf{Carbogas} (Sella)
Tablets; Sweet fennel extract, angelica extract, stinging nettle extract.
Local Distributor: Premier Healthcare

\textbf{CarbonFlor\textsuperscript{\textregistered}} (Erba Vita) see Aniseed

\textbf{Colic Baby} (Erba Vita) see Linden

\textbf{FENUGREEK}
\textit{Trigonella foenum-graecum}

\textbf{Family:} Leguminosae-Fabaceae

\textbf{Medicinal Parts:} Ripe, dried seeds.

\textbf{Indications:}
\textbf{Internal}

\textbf{Principal:} Non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus\textsuperscript{144, 145}, hypercholesterolaemia, hyperlipidaemia\textsuperscript{146, 147, 5, 14, 19, 28}.

\textbf{Major:} Digestive disorders (including constipation, dyspepsia & gastritis), gastric ulcers\textsuperscript{148}, loss of appetite\textsuperscript{149}, especially in convalescence\textsuperscript{5, 9, 19, 28}, to increase milk production\textsuperscript{19, 150}.

\textbf{Minor:} Upper respiratory catarrh\textsuperscript{19, 150}.

\textbf{Others:} Tuberculosis, menopausal symptoms\textsuperscript{151}.
**FENUGREEK**

**External**

*Principal:* Local inflammation, wounds, leg ulcers, eczema, burns, boils\(^5, 9, 19, 28\).

**Cautions:** Monitor patients with thyrotoxicosis when using the herb at doses above usual dietary intake\(^5\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy (except in small amounts as food flavouring)\(^5, 9, 19, 28\), known allergy to the herb or to chickpeas because of possible cross-reactivity\(^5\).

**Side-effects:** Mild GI symptoms such as diarrhoea & flatulence, rare allergic reactions\(^5, 19\).

**Drug interactions:** Antidiabetic agents, anticoagulants, low molecular weight heparins, thrombolytic agents\(^28, 147\).

**Dose:**

*Internal:* 6 gm of the drug or equivalent preparations.

*External:* 50 gm of powdered drug to 250 ml of water\(^19\).

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate** *(Arkopharma)*

Capsules; Fenugreek extract 100mg, grape extract 100mg, bean pod extract 80mg, green tea extract 60mg, maté extract 60mg, kola extract 60mg, green coffee extract 60mg, dandelion extract 50mg, artichoke extract 50mg, cinnamon extract 40mg.

Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Cholestro-Vit Formula** *(Vega)* see Garlic

**Colestroforte\(\textsuperscript{TM})* *(HealthAid)*

Tablets; Fenugreek seed powder 100mg, gugulipid extract (3:1) 100mg, artichoke extract (3:1) 50mg, fermented red rice yeast 200mg, inositol hexanicotinate 125mg, pantethine 50mg, chromium 100mcg, L-taurine 50mg, oat bran fiber 10mg, soy isoflavone concentrate 100mg.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Coloclear Extra** *(Higher Nature)* see Flaxseed

**Fenugreek** *(Arkopharma)*

Capsules; Fenugreek seed powder 495mg.

Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Fenugreek** *(HealthAid)*

Capsules; Fenugreek seed powder 200mg, fenugreek seed extract 100mg (standardised for min 60% saponins).

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**FootCare Cream** *(Himalaya)*

Cream; Fenugreek, turmeric, sal tree, honey.

Local Distributor: Grefed Worldwide Trading

**Testofen\(\textsuperscript{TM})* *(Power Herbs)*

Capsules; Fenugreek extract 300mg standardised to 50% fenuside.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
FEVERFEW
*Tanacetum parthenium*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Migraine prophylaxis, arthritis, rheumatic diseases.
*Major:* Cough, colds, fever, allergies.
*Others:* Tinnitus, vertigo, toothache, insect bites, asthma, menstrual disorders, difficulty during labor.

**Cautions:** Patients on platelet aggregation inhibitors such as aspirin and dipyridamole.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, breastfeeding, children under 2 years of age, hypersensitivity to plants in the Asteraceae family.

**Side-effects:** Mouth ulcers, GI symptoms, allergic dermatitis, lip swelling, glossitis.

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, thrombolytic agents, antiplatelet agents, NSAIDs.

**Dose:** Daily dose: dried herb, 50-200 mg (normally in tablets or capsules); tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 5-20 drops.

**Feverfew** (HealthAid)
- Liquid; Feverfew extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of feverfew herb in 1ml).
- Tablets; Feverfew powder 250mg (standardised for min 0.2% parthenolide).

**Local Distributor:** Galea & Galea

**Feverfew Herbal Complex** (Vega)
- Capsules; Feverfew leaf powder 240mg, feverfew leaf extract (4:1) 190mg (min. 2.5% parthenolides) equiv. to 1000mg feverfew leaf herb.

**Local Distributor:** Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

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FLAXSEED
*Linum usitatissimum*

**Family:** Linaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Oil extracted from the seeds.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Reduce mortality in coronary heart disease.†††
*Minor:* Bronchitis, coughs, constipation, irritable colon, diverticulitis, burns (applied externally).

†††† The oil should be kept out of direct light and in refrigeration to preserve it; should never be heated as it becomes mutagenic.

**Indications:**
*Minor:* Hypercholesterolaemia, arthritis.
*Major:* Insulin sensitivity/metabolic syndrome; Sjogren’s syndrome; breast, colon, & prostate cancer.

**Local Distributor:** Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
FLAXSEED

Others: Colons damaged by laxative abuse, gastritis, enteritis, mild rectal inflammation\(^9,28\).

Cautions: Overweight people (should only use the whole seeds) due to the considerable caloric content of the fixed oil\(^28\).

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to other members of the family Compositae, pregnancy, intestinal obstruction, stricture of the oesophagus and in the GI area, acute inflammatory illness of the intestine, oesophagus and stomach entrance\(^5,9,28\).

Side-effects: Loose stools rarely\(^5\).

Drug interactions: May delay the absorption of other drugs taken simultaneously (flaxseed contains mucilage & cellulose)\(^28\), anticoagulants, antiplatelets\(^158\).

Dose:
Lower cholesterol: 35-50 gm daily of the crushed seed as a fiber supplement.
Decrease platelet aggregation: 1 to 2 tablespoonfuls flaxseed oil daily.
Constipation: 1 dessertspoon of whole or bruised (not ground) seed with at least 150 ml of liquid 2 to 3 times daily.
Topical: 30-50 gm flaxseed flour for a hot moist cataplasm or compress\(^28\).

Active Women’s Multivitamins & Minerals (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

AntiStress (Erba Vita) see Maca

Bromelain Complex (Vega) see Aloe Vera

Coloclear Extra (Higher Nature)
Capsules; High lignan flax 900mg, fennel seed 150mg, fenugreek seed 150mg, liquorice root 90mg, cloves 60mg, aloe vera 30mg, lactobacillus sporogenes 18 million viable organisms.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Flax Seed Oil 1000mg (HealthAid)
Capsules; Flax seed oil 1000mg, vitamin E 2mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Flax Seed Oil 1000mg (Lamberts)
Capsules; Flax seed oil 1000mg, alphalinolenic acid 500mg, linoleic acid 122mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Flax Seed Oil 1000mg (Power Health)
Capsules; Flax seed oil 1000mg of which alpha linolenic acid 484mg, vitamin E 10mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Linoforce\(^\text{®}\) (A.Vogel)
Granules; 100g typically contains: Linseed 43.03g, senna leaves 12.91g, alder buckthorn 1.07g, crystallised sucrose 12.05g, vanilla 0.02g, ginger essence 0.02g, excipients to 100g.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Menopace\(^\text{®}\) Plus (Vitabiotics) see Sage

Menovital\(^\text{®}\) (HealthAid) see Dong Quai

Omega Excellence Flax Seed Oil 1000mg (Higher Nature)
Capsules; Alpha-linolenic acid (omega 3 EFA) 329mg, linoleic acid (omega 6 EFA) 103mg, oleic acid (omega 9 FA) 103mg‡‡‡.

‡‡‡ Flax Seed Oil is rich in omega 3 EFA & alpha-linolenic acid. It also provides the omega 6 EFA linoleic acid & oleic acid, and the omega 9 monounsaturated FA.
Oil; 5ml provides: alpha-linolenic acid 2890mg, linoleic acid 585mg, monounsaturates 720mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Organic Flax Oil** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Organic flax seed oil 500mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Organic Optimum Oil** (FSC)
Capsules; Omega 3, 6 and 9 essential fatty acids in the ratio 2:1:1 by blending certified organic flaxseed, sunflower, evening primrose and sesame seed oils.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Tri-Omega EFA** (Sci-MX)
Capsules; Flaxseed oil, EPO, blackcurrant oil, cold water fish omega-3 oil, vitamin E.
Local Distributor: Ruth & Marcel Degabriele

**wellKiD® Smart Chewable** (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Flaxseed oil powder (providing 20% omega-3 fatty acids) 114mg, vitamin A 400mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 40mg, vitamin B1 0.9mg, vitamin B2 0.8mg, vitamin B3 9mg, vitamin B6 0.7mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 3mcg, biotin 25mcg, pantothenic acid 4mg, magnesium 75mg, iron 7mg, zinc 7.5mg, copper 100mcg, manganese 0.2mg, selenium 20mcg, chromium 10mcg, iodine 75mcg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

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**GAMBOGE**

*Garcinia hanburyi*

**Family:** Guttiferae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Resin extracted from the plant.

**Indications:** Digestive disorders, particularly constipation\textsuperscript{28, 161}.  
**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, breastfeeding, stomach pain, ulcers or obstruction, Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, appendicitis\textsuperscript{161}.

**Side-effects:** Abdominal pain, vomiting\textsuperscript{28, 161}.

**Drug interactions:** Digoxin, warfarin, diuretics, stimulant laxatives, corticosteroids\textsuperscript{161}.

**Dose:** The appropriate dose of gamboge depends on several factors such as the user’s age, health, and several other conditions. There is not enough scientific information to determine an appropriate range of doses for gamboge\textsuperscript{28, 161}.
GARLIC

Family: Liliaceae
Medicinal Parts: Whole fresh bulb, dried bulb, oil of garlic.

Indications:
Principal: Hypertension, hypercholesterolaemia, arteriosclerosis & atherosclerosis, diabetes with hyperlipidaemia, peripheral arterial occlusive disease⁵, ⁸, ⁹, ⁴⁵, ¹⁶², ¹⁶³, ¹⁶⁴, ¹⁶⁷.

Major: Infections including tinea pedis, tinea corporis, tinea cruris, vaginitis, *Helicobacter pylori* infection¹⁶⁵, common cold prevention¹⁶⁶, colorectal cancer¹⁶², ⁵, ⁲⁸, ¹⁶⁷.

Minor: Respiratory infections and catarrhal conditions, whooping cough, bronchitis, GI ailments particularly digestive disorders with flatulence and GI spasms⁵, ²⁸, ⁴⁵.

Others: Menstrual pains, corns, calluses, otitis, muscle pain, neuralgia, arthritis, sciatica²⁸, ⁴⁵.

Cautions/Contraindications:
Garlic may increase risk of bleeding and should be discontinued at least 10 days before elective surgery, breastfeeding⁵, ⁸, ²⁸.

Side-effects: Breath & body odour⁸, allergic reaction, nausea, heartburn, flatulence, abdominal pain, diarrhea⁵, ⁹, ²⁸.

Drug interactions: Anticoagulants particularly warfarin, antiplatelets, ACE inhibitors, alcohol, chlorzoxazone, isoniazid, protease inhibitors, saquinavir⁵, ¹⁴, ²⁸, ¹⁶⁷.

Dose: Average daily dose: 4 gm of garlic or 8 gm of essential oil. One fresh garlic clove, 1 to 2 times daily²⁸.

Active Mature 50+ (Vega) see Aloe Vera

Arthur’s Formula Ltd (Power Health) see Devil’s Claw

Cardiohealth Formula (Vega)
Capsules; Deodorised garlic clove extract 10:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 0.5% allicin content), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 20% anthocyanadins), vitamin C 60mg, vitamin E 40mg, L-taurine 25mg, pantothenic acid 12mg, cayenne fruit powder 12mg, chinese red yeast 10mg, grape seed extract 10mg (min. 95% polyphenols), N,N-dimethylglycine 10mg, soy isoflavones concentrate 10mg, niacin 9mg, vitamin B6 8mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, vitamin B2 2.8mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, co-enzyme Q10 2mg, pine bark extract 2mg (min. 70% proanthocyanadins), folate 800mcg, manganese 0.5mcg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg, vitamin B12 4mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Cardiosterol® Garlic + Co. Q10 (Alta Care)
Capsules; Garlic oily macerate 501mg, gelatin 82.1mg, water 13.9mg, ubidecarenone 10.3mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.
**Cholestro-Vit Formula** (Vega)
Capsules; Deodorised garlic clove extract 10:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 0.5% allicin content), oat bran 100mg, Chinese red yeast 50mg, fenugreek seed extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 50mg, soya lecithin powder 25mg, vitamin C 60mg, choline bitartrate 25mg, inositol 25mg, L-methionine 25mg, pantothenic acid 12mg, niacin 9mg, vitamin B6 8mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, vitamin B12 4mcg, niacinamide 9mg, folate 800mcg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Cranberry Plus Formula** (Vega) see Cranberry

**Garlic** (Wassen)
Tablets; Garlic granules 320mg which typically provides 1600mcg of allicin (equiv. to 960mg of fresh garlic).
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Garlic Extra High Strength (Deodorised)** (Vega)
Capsules; Deodorised garlic standardised clove extract (10:1) 150mg (min. allicin content 750mcg) providing fresh garlic bulb 1500mg, Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ 260mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 416mg, prebiotic acacia gum 208mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Garlic Max 4000** (HealthAid)
Capsules; 40mg pure garlic extract.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Garlic Oil** (Solgar)
Softgels; Garlic oil concentrate 1mg from approx 500mg fresh garlic bulbs in a natural base of safflower oil.
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

**Hawthorn Compound** (Power Herbs) see Buckwheat

**HeartMax™** (HealthAid) see Grapeseed

**Hi-Garlic Perles Odourless** (Power Health)
Capsules; Deodorised garlic oil 2mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Kyolic Garlic 1000** (Quest)
Tablets; Aged garlic extract 1000mg.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Multiglucos Tolerance Factor** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Odourless Garlic** (Healthlife)
Capsules; Odourless garlic powder 2mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Odourless Garlic** (NutraHealth)
Capsules; Odourless garlic oil 2mg.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Odourless Garlic Gems** (FSC)
Capsules; Odourless garlic 2mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Odourless Garlic Pearls** (Numark)
Capsules; Garlic oil 2mg.
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**One A Day Pure Cod Liver Oil Plus Garlic** (Seven Seas)
Capsules; 800mg cod liver oil blend providing 160mg omega-3 nutrients of which 120mg EPA & DHA, 6mg garlic extract, 5mcg vitamin D.
Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

**Super Strength Supergar 8000** (Higher Nature)
Tablets; 500mg extra high allicin garlic (providing 8000ppm allicin, 20,000ppm alliin and 8500ppm thiosulfinates).
Local Distributor: Health Plus
**Swiss Garlic** (A. Vogel)
Capsules; 270mg rapeseed oil extract of fresh garlic, equiv. to 270mg of fresh garlic.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Triple G - Ginseng, Ginkgo, Garlic** (Power Health) see Ginseng Korean

**Wellman** (Vitabiotics) see Siberian Ginseng

**Whole Bulb Garlic** (FSC)
Capsules; Dried garlic 300mg equiv. to fresh garlic 1070mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**GENTIAN**
*Gentiana lutea*

**Family:** Gentianaceae
**Medicinal Parts:** Root and rhizome.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Dyspepsia, flatulence\(^5,9,28,45\).
*Major:* Loss of appetite\(^5,9,28,45\).
*Others:* Anorexia, GI atony\(^9,45\).

**Cautions:** Pregnancy\(^5\).

**Contraindications:** Stomach or duodenal ulcers\(^5,9,28,45\).

**Side-effects:** Headache\(^5,9,28,45\), nausea & vomiting with high doses\(^5\).

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Average daily dose: 1 gm of the drug; daily dose: 2-4 gm. Average daily dose of tincture: 1-4 ml 3 times daily. Liquid extract: 2-4 gm; root 2-4 gm\(^28\).

**Kalms** (Lanes) see Valerian

**GERANIUM**
*see Cranesbill*

**GINGER**
*Zingiber officinale*

**Family:** Zingiberaceae
**Medicinal Parts:** Rhizome.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Sore throat, upper respiratory tract infections, motion sickness, morning sickness in pregnancy\(^168,169,170\), postoperative nausea\(^171\), chemotherapy-induced nausea\(^172,173\).
*Major:* Dyspeptic complaints, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis\(^174\), migraine\(^175\), anorexia\(^5,28,45,177\).
*Minor:* Colds, shortness of breath\(^28\).
Others: Primary dysmenorrhoea\textsuperscript{176}, mastitis (externally)\textsuperscript{5}.

Cautions: Gastric ulcers or reflux, gallstones, children under 6 years, pregnancy. Suspend use of high dose supplements (>10g) 1 week before major surgery\textsuperscript{5}.

Side-effects: Gastric irritation, heartburn, bloating, contact dermatitis with topical use\textsuperscript{5}.

Drug interactions: Anticoagulants (warfarin), antiplatelets, thrombolytic agents, nifedipine\textsuperscript{5,28,177}.

Dose:
Liquid extract (1:2): 0.7-2.0 ml/day.
Dried root: 1-3 gm daily in divided doses or 1-2 gm taken as a single dose for nausea and vomiting.
Infusion: 4-6 slices of fresh ginger steeped in boiling water for 30 minutes\textsuperscript{5}.

Allergforte\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Nettle

Altasterol\textsuperscript{®} Stimulant (Alta Care)
Ampoules; Hydroglycerin extracts of: ginger extract, wild yam extract, red vine leaf extract, fructose, guarana powder, acerola extract, vanilla flavour, ginseng root, vitamin C, cinnamon essential oil, black pepper essential oil.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex (Vega) see Echinacea

Femmevit\textsuperscript{®} (HealthAid) see Starflower

Gastro-Vit Formula (Vega) see Aloe Vera

Ginger (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Ginger root powder 365mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

Ginger (Lamberts)
Capsules; Ginger root 14,400mg (provided by 120mg of a 120:1 extract).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Ginger (Quest)
Tablets; Ginger root extract 250mg, providing gingerols & essential oils.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

Ginger Root (HealthAid)
Liquid; Ginger root 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of ginger root herb in 1ml).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ginger Root Extract (HealthAid)
Tablets; Standardised ginger root extract (4:1) 138mg (standardised to contain at least 5% ginerols extract) equiv. to 550mg of ginger root powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ginger Root (Zingiber officinale) 280mg (Power Herbs)
Capsules; Ground ginger root 280mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Herbal Booster\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Guarana

Jointace Chondroitin (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Ginger root extract equiv. to 40mg, glucosamine sulphate 500mg, chondroitin sulphate 200mg, vitamin D3 5mcg, vitamin E 20mg, vitamin C 30mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 10mcg, zinc 5mg, manganese 2mg, copper 0.5mg, selenium 60mcg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Jointace Collagen (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Ginger root extract equiv. to 40mg, glucosamine sulphate 500mg, chondroitin sulphate 50mg, vitamin D3...
5mcg, vitamin E 20mg, vitamin C 30mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 10mcg, zinc 5mg, manganese 2mg, copper 0.5mg, selenium 60mcg, collagen 150mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Jointace Fizz** (Vitabiotics)
Effervescent tablets; Glucosamine sulphate 500mg, chondroitin 100mg, vitamin C 60mg, magnesium 50mg, ginger extract 40mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Jointace Gel** (Vitabiotics)
Gel: Ginger oil, eucalyptus oil, sweet orange oil, clove oil, lavender oil, fennel oil, menthol, glucosamine sulphate, chondroitin sulphate.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Jointace Patch** (Vitabiotics)
Patches; Ginger oil, eucalyptus oil, sweet orange oil, clove oil, lavender oil, fennel oil, menthol, glucosamine sulphate, chondroitin sulphate.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**JointCare Sport** (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

**JointWise** (Vega)
Syrup; Glucosamine hydrochloride 500mg, chondroitin sulphate 100mg, omega-3 fish oil 700mg (providing EPA 170mg, DHA 115mg), cod liver oil 300mg (providing EPA 20mg, DHA 30mg), vitamin A 400mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, ginger extract 3.5mg, pineapple juice concentrate 1466mg, orange juice concentrate 353mg, medium chain triglycerides 0.2mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**MSM Glucosamine Joint Complex**
(Higher Nature) see Celery

**No-Gas® enzimi** (Giuliani)
Tablets; Passionflower, German chamomile, ginger.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**SiberSlim™** (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

**Slim-Rite** (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

**VeinTain®** (Lamberts)
Capsules; Ginger 3600mg, ginkgo biloba 3000mg (providing 14.4mg flavonglycosides), cinnamon bark 1500mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**V-Vein™** (HealthAid) see Horse Chestnut

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**Ginkgo**

**Ginkgo biloba**

**Family:** Ginkgoaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf, seeds separated from the fleshy outer layer.

**Indications:**

**Principal:** Mild to moderate dementia of the Alzheimer type, memory loss.

**Major:** Acute ischaemic stroke, generalized anxiety disorder, peripheral vascular disease including intermittent claudication & Raynaud’s syndrome.

**Minor:** Vertigo, tinnitus, sudden deafness.

**Others:** Macular degeneration,
glaucoma, retinopathy, prevention of altitude sickness, PMS, asthma, sexual dysfunction, cancer prevention.

Cautions: If unusual bleeding or bruising occurs stop use immediately, history of convulsive disorders, suspend use for 1 week prior to major surgery.

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the herb or any of its constituents, pregnancy.

Side-effects: GI upset, headache, dizziness.

Drug interactions: Aminoglycosides, antiplatelets, antiepileptics, benzodiazepines, calcium-channel blockers, ciclosporin, cisplatin, doxorubicin, haloperidol, insulin, NSAIDs, phenobarbital, propranolol, protease inhibitors, proton pump inhibitors, risperidone, St. John’s Wort, theophylline, tolbutamide, trazodone, valerian, warfarin and related drugs.

Dose:
Asthma: 40 mg three times daily.
Dementia & memory impairment: 120-240 mg standardised extract daily in divided doses.
Intermittent claudication, vertigo: 120-320 mg standardised extract daily in divided doses.
Normal tension glaucoma: 120 mg standardised extract daily.

Active Mature 50+ (Vega) see Aloe Vera

Brain Fuel Formula (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 20% anthocyanadins), siberian ginseng root extract (10:1) 100mg (min 0.8% eleutherosides), vitamin C 60mg, choline bitartrate 50mg, inositol 50mg, L-glutamic acid 50mg, L-glutamine 50mg, L-phenylalanine 50mg, L-tyrosine 50mg, niacin 36mg, pantothenic acid 12mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, acetyl L-carnitine 5mg, alpha lipoic acid 5mg, vitamin B6 4mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, vitamin B12 2mcg, folate 400mcg, manganese 0.25 mg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Brainvit® (HealthAid) see Brahmi

Cellulite Formula (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 20% anthocyanadins), kelp seaweed powder 60mg (providing min. 0.1% iodine), acetyl L-carnitine 60mg, potassium 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, choline bitartrate 30mg, inositol 30mg, niacin 18mg, L-arginine 10mg, L-lysine 10mg, L-methionine 10mg, L-tyrosine 10mg, PABA 10mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, vitamin B12 1mcg, folate 400mcg, manganese 0.25mg, selenium 100mcg, biotin 200mcg, copper 50mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Centrum Performance (Centrum)
Tablets; Vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 26.8mg, vitamin C 120mg, vitamin B1 4.2mg, vitamin B2
4.8mg, vitamin B6 6mg, vitamin B12 18mcg, folic acid 400mcg, niacin 36mg, biotin 40mcg, panthothenic acid 10mg, vitamin K 25mcg, calcium 100mg, phosphorus 48mg, iron 14mg, magnesium 45mg, zinc 7.5mg, iodine 150mcg, copper 700mcg, manganese 4mg, potassium 80mg, chloride 72mg, chromium 120mcg, molybdenum 75mcg, selenium 70mcg, ginkgo biloba extract 60mg, ginseng extract 50mg.

Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex (Vega) see Echinacea

Efalex (Efamol)
Capsules, liquid; Fish oil (of which omega-3 nutrients, DHA, EPA), ginkgo biloba standardised leaf extract (providing 24% ginkgoflavone bilobalides), phosphatidylserine, vitamin E, folic acid, vitamin B12.
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

Efalex Active 50+ (Efamol)
Capsules; Fish oil (of which omega-3 nutrients, DHA, EPA), ginkgo biloba standardised leaf extract (providing 24% ginkgoflavone glycosides, 8% ginkgolide and bilobalides), phosphatidylserine, vitamin E, folic acid, vitamin B12.
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

Gericaps® Active (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

Gincosan (Pharmaton)
Capsules; Standardised ginkgo biloba extract, standardised Panax Ginseng extract.
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

Ginkgo (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Ginkgo leaf powder 250mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

Ginkgo 6000mg (Lamberts)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba leaves 6000mg (provided by 120mg of a 50:1 extract), flavonglycosides 28.8mg, ginkgolides A, B and C and bilobalide 7.2mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Ginkgo Biloba (A.Vogel)
Liquid; Tinctures of fresh ginkgo biloba leaves, extract in alcohol (66% v/v).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Ginkgo Biloba (HealthAid)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 1:4 (equiv. of 250mg of ginkgo biloba herb) in 1ml.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ginkgo Biloba (NatraHealth)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba standardised extract equiv. to 6000mg, providing 28.8mg ginkgo flavonglycosides, 7.2mg terpene lactones.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

Ginkgo Biloba (Quest)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 150mg, providing ginkgo flavonglycosides 36mg, ginkgolides A, B & C 4.5mg, bilobalide 3.8mg.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

Ginkgo Biloba 500mg (FSC)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract equiv. to dried herb powder 250mg, ginkgo biloba dried herb powder 250mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Ginkgo Biloba Herbal Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf powder 400mg, ginkgo biloba leaf extract (50:1) 60mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides & 6% terpene lactones).
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Ginkgo Biloba Leaf 180mg (Power Herbs)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf powder 180mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Ginkgo Biloba Leaf Extract (Solgar)
Vegicaps; Standardised ginkgo biloba leaf
powdered extract 90mg (providing 21.6mg [24%] ginkgoflavoglycosides, 5.4mg [6%] terpene lactones), raw ginkgo biloba leaf powder 45mg, PhytoO2X ä (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid).

Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

GinkoVital™ (HealthAid)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba (50:1) extract 100mg (equiv. to 5000mg of ginkgo biloba powder) standardised to 24% flavones glycosides & 6% terpine lactones.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ginkgo Vital 3™ (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

Goldcare 50+ (Vitabiotics)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba extract 10mg, vitamin D 10mcg, vitamin E 20mg, vitamin C 80mg, vitamin B1 12mg, vitamin B2 5mg, vitamin B3 20mg, vitamin B6 20mg, folic acid 500mcg, vitamin B12 20mcg, pantothentic acid 10mg, iron 6mg, magnesium 75mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 130mcg, manganese 2mg, copper 1mg, boron 1mg, chromium 100mcg, selenium 150mcg, citrus bioflavonoids 16mg, natural mixed carotenoids 3mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

HaemoVit Liquid Gold™ (HealthAid) see Sarsaparilla

Hematinic Blood Co-Factors (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 20% anthocyanadins), Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ 100mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple & mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 160mg, prebiotic acacia gum 80mg, bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 80mg, vitamin C 60mg, niacin 36mg, citrus bioflavonoids 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, niacin 54mg, pantothenic acid 18mg, zinc 15mg, iron 14mg, vitamin B6 6mg, vitamin B2 4.8mg, vitamin B1 4.2mg, folate 600mcg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg, vitamin K 100mcg, vitamin B12 10mcg.

Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Mega Potency Ginkgo 6000 (Higher Nature)
Tablets; 120mg ginkgo biloba guaranteed standardised extract 50:1 providing minimum: 24% ginkgo flavones glycosides, 6% terpine lactones (ginkgolides A, B, C & bilobalides).

Local Distributor: Health Plus

Memory Plus Formula (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bacopa leaf extract 150mg (min. 20% bacosides), soy lecithin powder 67mg, choline bitartrate 50mg, inositol 50mg, niacin 36mg, acetyl L-carnitine 30mg, alpha lipoic acid 30mg, L-glutamic acid 30mg, L-glutamine 30mg, L-tyrosine 30mg, pantothenic acid 12mg, vitamin B6 4mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, folate 400mcg, manganese 0.25mg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg, vitamin B12 2mcg.

Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Multi Antioxidant Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg, green tea leaf extract 20mg, grape seed extract 5mg, pine bark extract 2mg, broccoli floret extract 5mg, Vega phytoantioxidant Base™ 100mg providing apple & mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 160mg, prebiotic acacia gum 80mg, bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 80mg, vitamin C 60mg, niacin 36mg, citrus bioflavonoids 30mg, vitamin E 20mg, pantothentic acid 12mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, vitamin B6 4mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, alpha lipoic acid 18mg, zinc 15mg, iron 14mg, vitamin B6 6mg, vitamin B2 4.8mg, vitamin B1 4.2mg, folate 600mcg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg, vitamin K 100mcg, vitamin B12 10mcg.

Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
acid 2mg, L-glutathione 2mg, lycopene 7.5% 2mg, N,N-dimethylglycine 2mg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Multigluco Tolerance Factor** (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 20% anthocyanadinis), deodorized garlic clove extract 10:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 0.5% allicin content), java plum fruit extract 100mg (min. 2.5% bitter principles), vitamin C 60mg, taurine 50mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin E 10mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, co-enzyme Q10 2mg, L-glutathione 2mg, lutein esters 2mg, lycopene 2mg, manganese 0.5mg, folate 400mcg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Neuroforte** (HealthAid)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba extract (50:1) 20mg (equiv. to 1000mg of ginkgo biloba powder, contains min. 24% flavoglycosides), vitamin C 60mg, nicotinamide 18mg, vitamin B6 2mg, magnesium 100mg, lecithin 50mg, L-phenylalanine 100mg, L-tyrosine 100mg, L-glutamine 100mg, choline 50mg, inositol 50mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Opticare Formula 20:20** (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 120mg (min. 20% anthocyanadinis), grape seed extract 2mg (min. 95% polyphenols), citrus bioflavonoids 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, niacin 36mg, vitamin E 20mg, pantothenic acid 12mg, taurine 10mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, vitamin B6 4mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, vitamin B12 2mcg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, co-enzyme Q10 2mg, L-glutathione 2mg, lutein esters 2mg, lycopene 2mg, manganese 0.5mg, folate 400mcg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Powerplus** (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

**Refreshall** (Lamberts)
Tablets; Ginkgo biloba 3000mg, lemon balm 500mg, sage 500mg, rosemary 50mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Sexovit forte** (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

**Triple G - Ginseng, Ginkgo, Garlic** (Power Health) see Ginseng Korean

**Vein Support Formula** (Vega)
Capsules; Ginkgo biloba leaf extract 50:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 24% ginkgoflavonglycosides, 6% terpene lactones), bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 100mg (min. 20% anthocyanadinis), rutin bean extract 60mg, pine bark extract 2mg (min. 70% proanthocyanadinis), citrus bioflavonoids 60mg, hesperidin 60mg, vitamin C 120mg, niacin 18mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, manganese 0.5mg, folate 200mcg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**VeinTain** (Lamberts) see Ginger

**Venalta** (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

**V-Vein** (HealthAid) see Horse Chestnut
GINSENG KOREAN
Panax ginseng

Family: Araliaceae
Medicinal Parts: Dried lateral roots.

Indications:
Principal: Physical or mental exhaustion, stress, fatigue
Major: Hyperglycaemia, erectile dysfunction, menopausal symptoms, thrombotic & cardiovascular diseases, degenerative conditions associated with aging.
Minor: Cancer prevention.
Others: Gastroprotection during heart surgery.

Cautions: Cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hyper and hypotensive disorders, with all steroid therapy.

Contraindications: Acute illness, haemorrhage, during the acute period of coronary thrombosis, pregnancy, use of other stimulants.

Side-effects: Insomnia, epistaxis, headache, nervousness, vomiting.

Drug interactions: Albendazole, alcohol, antidiabetics, digoxin assays, guarana, MAOIs, tamoxifen and other oestrogen antagonists, warfarin and related drugs, zidovudine.

Dose: Daily dose (taken in the morning): dried root, 0.6-2 gm or by decoction.

Altacura® Ginseng (Alta Care)
Ampoules; Panax ginseng root dry extract 1000mg, guarana powder extract 500mg, magnesium 75mg, orange flavour 50mg, vitamin B6 2mg, purified water.
Capsules; Panax ginseng root 400mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

Altacura® Infludrink (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

Altasterol® Stimulant (Alta Care) see Ginger

Centrum Performance (Centrum) see Ginkgo

Day-vit® Active (HealthAid)
Tablets; Ginseng 50:1 extract 12mg (standardised to 25% ginsenosides) equiv. to 600mg Panax ginseng powder, CoQ10 5mg, vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 1.4mg, riboflavin 1.6mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 2mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg, biotin 150mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin K 30mcg, calcium 100mg, phosphorus 50mg, iron 14mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, copper 1000mcg, manganese 2mg, potassium 50mg, selenium 100mcg, chromium 40mcg, molybdenum 50mcg, chloride 45mg, L-lysine HCl 25mg, L-carnitine

Panax ginseng should not be taken continuously for periods exceeding 3 months; occasional use or courses of 1 month followed by a 2-month interval are recommended.
34mg, di-methionine 40mg, L-arginine HCl 40mg, choline bitartrate 50mg, inositol 50mg, lutein 2mg, silica 10mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Echinacea

**Flodol® Artro** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Gentlemen’s ThreeTM** (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Koregin® standardised Korean ginseng extract (5:1) 350mg, standardised muira puama extract (10:1) 240mg (bark & root), standardised saw palmetto fruit extract (10:1) 160mg, pumpkin seed oil 50mg, zinc 3.5mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Gericaps® Active** (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Standardised *Panax ginseng* extract 120mg, ginkgo biloba extract 30mg, vitamin A 1.5mg, vitamin D 10mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 5mg, riboflavin 5mg, niacin 20mg, vitamin B5 5mg, vitamin B6 6mg, vitamin B12 3mcg, folic acid 500mcg, inositol 50mg, biotin 150mcg, di-methyl amino ethanol bitartrate 20mg, DL-methionine 30mg, choline bitartrate 50mg, calcium 75mg, phosphorus 58mg, iron 15mg, copper 2mg, potassium 2mg, iodine 300mcg, manganese 2.5mg, magnesium 10mg, zinc 4mg, selenium 50mcg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Gincosan** (Pharmaton) see Ginkgo

**Ginkgo Vital 3TM** (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

**Ginsana** (Pharmaton)  
Capsules, syrup; Standardised *Panax ginseng* root extract.  
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation.

**Ginseng Forte** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules; *Panax ginseng* root powder 310mg, *Panax ginseng* root extract 70mg, together providing 50mg ginsenosides, equiv. to 2000mg ginseng dried root.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Ginseng Korean Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Ginseng Korean Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

**Ginseng Forte** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules; *Panax ginseng* root powder 310mg, *Panax ginseng* root extract 70mg, together providing 50mg ginsenosides, equiv. to 2000mg ginseng dried root.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Ginseng Korean Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Ginseng Korean Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

**Ginseng Forte** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules; *Panax ginseng* root powder 310mg, *Panax ginseng* root extract 70mg, together providing 50mg ginsenosides, equiv. to 2000mg ginseng dried root.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Herbal 3** (HealthAid) see Pumpkin

**JointCare Sport** (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Korean ginseng extract 10mg, ginger extract 6mg, glucosamine sulphate 200mg, omega-3 nutrients 100mg, chondroitin sulphate 50mg, GLA 5mg, vitamin E 5mg, beta-carotene 2mg, calcium 135mg, iron 7mg, zinc 7.5mg, selenium 25mcg.  
Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

**Korean Ginseng** (HealthAid)  
Liquids; Korean ginseng extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of Korean ginseng herb) in 1ml.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Korean Ginseng** (NatraHealth)  
Tablets; Korean ginseng extract.  
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Korean Ginseng** (Numark)  
Tablets; Korean ginseng extract 60mg, equiv. to 6000mg herb.  
Local Distributor: Premier HealthCare

**Korean Ginseng 1200mg** (Lamberts)  
Tablets; Korean ginseng extract 1200mg (min. 20mg ginsenosides).  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Korean Ginseng 250mg** (HealthAid)  
Capsules; 250mg Korean ginseng powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Korean Ginseng Extract** (IL HWA)
Capsules, tea bags; Pure *Panax ginseng* extract.
Local Distributor: Tongil Trading Co. Ltd.

**Korean Ginseng with Multivitamins & Minerals** (Red Kooga)
Tablets; Korean ginseng root extract 37.5mg (equiv. to Korean ginseng root powder 300mg), vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 1.4mg, riboflavin 1.6mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 2mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, calcium 140mg, phosphorus 110mg, iron 14mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, copper 500mcg, manganese 1mg, selenium 50mcg.
Local Distributor: George Borg Barthet Ltd.

**Koregin® 3000** (HealthAid)
Capsules; Korean ginseng 5:1 extract 600mg, standardised to 8% ginsenosides, equiv. to 3000mg of ginseng root powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Kwai® ACE** (Kwai)
Tablets; Dried garlic 300mg, vitamin A 540mcg, vitamin C 80mg, vitamin E 20mg.
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

**Kwai® One-A-Day** (Kwai)
Tablets; Dried garlic 300mg.
Local Distributor: Vivian Corporation

**Male Formula** (HealthAid)
Tablets; 250mg korean ginseng extract 2:1 equiv. to 500mg powder, standardised 5% ginsenosides; 150mg ashwagandha extract, standardised to 1.5% withanolides, 1% alkaloids; 100mg velvet bean extract 4:1 equiv. to 400mg powder; 100mg muira puama extract 4:1 equiv. to 400mg powder; 100mg pumpkin extract 4:1 equiv. to 400mg powder; 100mg damiana extract 4:1 equiv. to 400mg powder; 100mg maca extract 5:1 equiv. to 500mg powder; 60mg pussy willow extract 4:1 equiv. to 240mg powder; 50mg cinnamon extract; 50mg kola nut extract 4:1 equiv. to 200mg powder; 50mg puncture vine extract; 25mg saw palmetto.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Male Max™** (HealthAid)
Tablets; 250mg korean ginseng standardised extract 2:1, 150mg ashwagandha standardised extract, 100mg velvet bean extract 4:1, 100mg muira puama extract 4:1, 100mg guarana extract 4:1, 100mg pumpkin extract 4:1, 100mg damiana extract 4:1, 100mg cinnamon extract, 100mg maca extract 5:1, 60mg pussywillow extract 4:1, 50mg kola nut 4:1, 25mg puncture vine standardised extract, 25mg Saw Palmetto standardised.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**MegaMulti™** (HealthAid)
Prolonged release tablets; Ginseng 100mg, rutin 25mg, vitamin A 750mcg, vitamin D 6.25mcg, vitamin E 2mg, vitamin C 300mg, thiamin 50mg, riboflavin 65mg, niacin 75mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folacin 300mcg, vitamin B12 5mcg, biotin 0.08mg, pantothenic acid 60mg, calcium 50mg, iron 10mg, zinc 4mg, iodine 150mcg, choline 20mg, chromium 6mcg, copper 35mcg, inositol 40mg, manganese 0.10mg, para amino benzoic acid 30mg, selenium 10mcg, citrus bioflavonoids 30mg, L-lysine 60mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**MSM Glucosamine Joint Complex**
(Higher Nature) see Celery

**Multibionta® Activate** (Seven Seas)
Capsules; Ginseng extract 10mg (equiv. to ginseng root 40mg), schisandra fruit 7.5mg, vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 1.4mg, riboflavin 1.6mg,
niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 2mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg, biotin 0.15mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, calcium 90mg, phosphorus 38mg, iron 5mg, magnesium 45mg, zinc 5mg, iodine 100mcg, chloride 4.5mg, chromium 25mcg, manganese 0.4mg, molybdenum 25mcg, selenium 30mcg, potassium 5mg, coenzyme Q10 2mg.

Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

Multibionta® Probiotic Multivitamin 50+ (Seven Seas)
Capsules; Ginseng extract 20mg (equiv. to 80mg ginseng root), bilberry extract 1mg (equiv. to 100mg fresh bilberry), vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 1.4mg, riboflavin 1.6mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 2mg, folic acid 200mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg, biotin 0.15mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, calcium 90mg, phosphorus 38mg, iron 5mg, magnesium 45mg, zinc 5mg, iodine 100mcg, manganese 0.4mg, chromium 25mcg, molybdenum 25mcg, selenium 30mcg, chloride 4.5mg, potassium 5mg, lutein 100mcg.

Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

Neovita® (Savoy Laboratories)
Capsules; Ginseng 100mg, vitamin A 2400IU, thiamin mononitrate 2.5mg, riboflavin 2.5mg, pyridoxine 1mg, calciferol 240IU, dl-alpha tocopheryl acetate 2mg, cyanocobalamin 4.9mcg, nicotinamide 20mg, calcium pantothenate 10mg, ascorbic acid 40mg, magnesium oxide 10mg, zinc oxide 5mg, magnesium sulphate 2mg, copper sulphate 2mg, ferrous sulphate 33mg, lecithin 9.5mg, calcium phosphate 100mg.

Syrup; Ginseng extract 17.5mg (equiv. to 87.5mg root), vitamin A 450IU, thiamin hydrochloride 625mcg, riboflavin 625mcg, pyridoxine 250mcg, cyanocobalamin 0.875mcg, ascorbic acid 4.2mg, sodium ascorbate 6.525mg, calciferol 45IU, nicotinamide 5mg, d-panthenol 1.25mg.

Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

Pharmaton® (Pharmaton)
Capsules; Standardised ginseng extract G115 (made from the roots of Panax ginseng) 40mg, vitamin A 2667IU, biotin 150mcg, thiamin 1.4mg, riboflavin 1.6mg, pyridoxine 2.0mg, cyanocobalamin 1mcg, ascorbic acid 60mg, cholecalciferol 200IU, dl-alpha tocopherol acetate 10mg, nicotinamide 18mg, folic acid 100mcg, iron 10mg, calcium 100mg, copper 2mg, magnesium, 10mg, zinc 1mg, selenium 50mcg, lecithin 100mg.

Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

Power Ginseng GX 2500+ (Power Health)
Capsules; Korean ginseng extract 100mg containing typically 30% ginsenosides.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Powerplus™ (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

Revive (Kelkin) see Guarana

Royal 3 (HealthAid) see Evening Primrose

Sexovit® forte (HealthAid)
Tablets; 60mg Korean ginseng 10:1 extract (standardised to 20% ginsenosides) equiv. to 600mg powder, 50mg ginkgo biloba extract (standardised to 24% glycosides & 6% terpenoids), 100mg vitamin C, 67mg vitamin E, 15mg zinc, 200mcg selenium, 250mg L-arginine HCl, 50mg L-carnitine, 50mg L-methionine, 50mg L-phenylalanine.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Triple G - Ginseng, Ginkgo, Garlic (Power Health)
Tablets; Pure korean ginseng powder 250mg, standardised 24% ginkgo biloba extract 60mg, pure garlic powder 2mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
GOLDENSEAL
Hydrastis canadensis

**Family**: Ranunculaceae  
**Medicinal Parts**: Root, rhizome.

**Indications**:  
**Internal**  
*Principal*: Digestive ailments including infectious diarrhoea, hypercholesterolaemia \(^{190}\), CHF \(^{5,28,45}\).  
*Minor*: Menorrhagia, dysmenorrhea, peptic ulcer, colds & fever, recurrent ear infections, vaginitis, urinary tract infections \(^{5,28}\).  
**External**  
*Principal*: To clean wounds, skin infections including ringworm & athlete’s foot \(^{5,9,28}\).  
*Major*: Reduce haemorrhoids, soothe canker sores \(^{5}\).  
*Others*: Conjunctivitis, blepharitis \(^{9}\).

**Cautions**: Not to be used as a douche due to potential for mucous membrane irritation \(^{5,28}\).

**Contraindications**: Kidney disease, pregnancy, lactation, hypertension, people with glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase deficiency \(^{5,9,28,45}\).

**Side-effects**: Digestive disorders, mucous membrane irritation, constipation, excitatory states, hallucinations, occasionally deliria if taken over an extended period \(^{5,9,28}\).

**Drug interactions**: Benzodiazepines, cytochrome P450 3A4-metabolized drugs, indinavir, paclitaxel, vitamin B \(^{28,191}\).

**Dose**: Three times daily: dried rhizome & root, 0.5-1 gm; tincture (1:10, 60% ethanol), 2-4 ml; liquid extract (1:1, 60% ethanol), 0.3-1 ml \(^{5,45}\).

**Echinacea 1000mg & Goldenseal 2000mg** (Lamberts) see Echinacea.

**Golden Seal** (HealthAid)  
Liquid; Golden seal extract 1:5 (equiv. of 200mg of golden seal herb) in 1ml.  
Tablets; Golden seal root powder 315mg, standardised golden seal root extract 160mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Healthy Mega** (HealthAid) see Buckwheat
GOTU KOLA
Centella asiatica

Family: Apiaceae
Medicinal Parts: Leaf, stem.

Indications:
Principal: Skin scars, ulcers, burns\textsuperscript{192} & wounds\textsuperscript{193, 194}, memory enhancement, neurodegenerative disorders\textsuperscript{28, 195}.
Major: Rheumatism, venous insufficiency circulatory disorders, anxiety, epilepsy\textsuperscript{196, 197}.
Minor: Prevention of cancer, diabetic microangiopathy, oedema, venous hypertension\textsuperscript{197}.
Others: Leprosy, eczema\textsuperscript{197}.

Cautions: Diabetes, hyperlipidaemia\textsuperscript{28}.

Contraindications: Pregnancy\textsuperscript{28}.

Side-effects: Skin irritation (when used topically), photosensitization, infertility\textsuperscript{28}.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Daily dose: 0.6 gm of dried leaves or infusion taken 3 times daily; normal single dose is 0.33 to 0.68 gm\textsuperscript{28}.

Brainvit\textsuperscript{®} (HealthAid) see Brahmi

Gotu Kola (HealthAid)
Liquid; Gotu Kola extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of gotu kola herb) in 1ml.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Herbal Booster\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Guarana

Organic Aloe Vera (dr.organic\textsuperscript{®}) see Aloe Vera

Venalta\textsuperscript{®} (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

GRAPESEED
Vitis vinifera

Family: Vitaceae
Medicinal Parts: Seeds, grape skins.

Indications:
Principal: Fluid retention, peripheral venous insufficiency, capillary resistance, diabetic retinopathy\textsuperscript{5, 28, 198, 200}.
Major: Eye strain, hyperlipidaemia, enhances dermal wound healing, aging skin, cancer\textsuperscript{5, 198, 199, 200}.
Minor: Pancreatitis, preventing reperfusion injury, reduces sun burn\textsuperscript{5}.
Others: Headache, dysuria, scabies, gonorrhoea, haemorrhoids, vomiting\textsuperscript{28}.

Cautions/Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: Dry, itchy scalp, dizziness, headache, hypertension,
hives, indigestion, nausea

**Drug interactions:** Warfarin & other anticoagulants, ascorbic acid, midazolam.

**Dose:**

*To protect against free radical damage (oxidation):* 25 - 150 mg of a standardised extract (40 - 80% proanthocyanidins or 95% OPC value), 1 - 3 times daily.

**Chronic venous insufficiency:** 150 - 300 mg daily.

**Oedema:** 200 - 400 mg daily for 10 - 30 days.

4.3.2.1 **Shape Up Ultimate** (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

**Altadrine® Day Burner** (Alta Care) Ampoules; Grapeseed, bromelain, green tea, papaya, artichoke, dandelion, fructose, magnesium citrate, bladderwrack, witch hazel, meadowsweet, exotic fruit aroma, vitamin C, vitamin E, vitamin B6, beta-carotene, lemon juice, wild carrot, tomato, selenium yeast, buckwheat, potassium sorbate, sodium benzoate.

Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Altadrine® Night Burner** (Alta Care) see Green Tea

**Altasterol® Stimulant** (Alta Care) see Ginger

**Antioxidant Selenium-ACE Formula** (Vega) see Bilberry

**Cardiohealth Formula** (Vega) see Garlic

**Citricidal™** (Higher Nature) Liquid; Grapefruit seed extract concentrate.

**Grapeseed Extract** (HealthAid) Tablets; Grapeseed seed extract 100mg.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Eyewise®** (Lamberts) Tablets; Grapeseed 500mg (provided by 10mg of a 50:1 extract), bilberry 200mg (provided by 50mg of a 4:1 extract), blackberry 200mg (provided by 50mg of a 4:1 extract), lutein 10mg, zeaxanthin 400mcg.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Grapeseed Antioxidant Formula** (FSC) Capsules; Grapeseed extract 50mg (providing 25mg polyphenols 50%), selenium 15mcg, green tea leaf 50mg, citrus bioflavonoid 60mg, bilberry fruit 20mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Grapeseed Extract** (HealthAid) Tablets; Grapeseed extract (500:1) 100mg containing 95% total phenolic compounds.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**HeartMaxTM** (HealthAid) Capsules; Grapeseed extract 25mg, garlic oil (100:1) 1.25mg equiv. to 125mg of fresh garlic bulb, lycopene 5mg, chromium 50mcg, fish oil concentrate 400mg which provides 132mg EPA & 88mg DHA, L-carnitine 125mg, L-aurine 125mg, lecithin 100mg, alpha lipoic acid 50mg, coenzyme Q10 30mg, citrus bioflavonoids 5mg.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Herbal Booster™** (HealthAid) see Guarana

**Horse Chestnut Complex** (Lamberts) see Horse Chestnut

**Multi Antioxidant Complex** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Multi Max®** (Lamberts) Tablets; Grapeseed 500mg (provided...
by 1 mg of a 500:1 extract), vitamin A 1948 mcg, vitamin D 5 mcg, vitamin E 25 mcg, vitamin C 150 mcg, thiamin 25 mcg, riboflavin 25 mcg, niacin 25 mcg, vitamin B6, folic acid 400 mcg, vitamin B12 10 mcg, biotin 0.15 mcg, pantothenic acid 25 mcg, calcium 62 mg, iron 14 mg, magnesium 50 mg, zinc 15 mg, iodine 150 mcg, choline bitartrate 25 mg, inositol 25 mg, PABA 25 mg, manganese 4 mg, copper 1.2 mg, molybdenum 500 mcg, selenium 200 mcg, chromium 200 mcg.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Multi-Max® Advance** (Lamberts) see Turmeric

**Opticare Formula 20:20** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Perfectil Platinum** (Vitabiotics) see Green Tea

**Phytobronz** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Grape seed extract, vitamin E, carotenoids, squalene, starflower oil, IHA (Intense Helio Active) Arkopharma’s unique compound of natural extract of red palm oil, capsicum & tomato.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**TotallyWise** (Vega) see Green Tea

**Venalta®** (Alta Care)
Capsules; Omega 3 (350 mg), grape seed extract, grape seed skin (37.5 mg), grapeseed whole fruit 12.5 mg.
Patches; Acrylates copolymer, propylene glycol, grapeseed extract, horse chestnut extract, butcher’s broom extract, gotu kola extract, ginkgo biloba extract, glycine soya oil, lavender oil, peppermint oil, sweet orange oil, limonene, Linalool.
Syrup; Honey sugar free 6400 mg, cranberry juice 2000 mg, grapeseed 400 mg, barley 280 mg, witch hazel 250 mg, cranberry extract 200 mg, butcher’s broom root 200 mg, soya isoflavones 150 mg, Dioscorea 100 mg, bilberry flavour 10 mg, sodium benzoate 10 mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Venalta® Ampoules** (Alta Care)
Ampoules; Red Vine leaf extract 3750 mg, barley extract 2500 mg, buckwheat extract 1000 mg, witch hazel extract 1000 mg, vitamin C 60 mg, vitamin E 10 mg, grapefruit natural flavour 50 mg, citrus limonum 10 mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Venis® Sollievo** (Erba Vita)
Gel; Grapeseed extract, butcher’s broom extract, blueberry extract, ivy extract, escin, lavender oil.
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Vitiven® ultra cold** (Arkopharma) see Butcher’s Broom

**Wellman® Tricologic** (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Proanthocyanidins (red grape extract) 5 mg, vitamin D 15 mcg, vitamin E 60 mcg, vitamin C 180 mcg, vitamin B1 10 mcg, vitamin B2 8 mcg, vitamin B3 36 mcg, vitamin B6 10 mcg, folic acid 400 mcg, vitamin B12 20 mcg, biotin 150 mcg, pantothenic acid 90 mg, magnesium 50 mg, iron 8 mg, zinc 15 mg, copper 100 mcg, manganese 0.5 mg, selenium 150 mcg, chromium 50 mcg, iodine 150 mcg, PABA 30 mg, silicon 15 mg, beta-carotene 2 mg, lignans 150 mg, choline 100 mg, myoinositol 50 mg, N-acetyl cysteine 50 mg, L-cystine 50 mg, L-methionine 50 mg, L-lysine 50 mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Wellwoman Tricologic®** (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Grapeseed extract 5 mg, vitamin D 20 mcg, vitamin E 60 mcg, vitamin C 60 mg, vitamin B1 10 mg, vitamin B2 8 mg, vitamin B3 36 mg, vitamin B6 10 mg, folic acid 400 mcg, vitamin B12 20 mcg, biotin 150 mcg, pantothenic acid 90 mg, magnesium 50 mg, iron 14 mg, zinc.
15mg, copper 1000mcg, manganese 2mg, selenium 150mcg, chromium 50mcg, iodine 150mcg, silicon 60mg, natural mixed carotenoids 3mg, hydrolysed marine collagen 200mg, L-cystine 100mg, L-methionine 50mg, inositol 90mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

GREEN COFFEE

Coffea arabica

Family: Rubiaceae

Medicinal Parts: Seed.

Indications:
Principal: Stimulation of the nervous system, increasing arousal and vigilance, reducing fatigue\textsuperscript{202}.

Major: Diarrhoea, inflammation of the mouth & pharynx, festering wounds\textsuperscript{28, 202}.

Minor: Hepatitis, oedema, neuralgia, migraine, fever, asthma, to treat opium and alcohol intoxication\textsuperscript{28, 202}.

Cautions: Patients with sensitive cardiovascular systems, kidney diseases, hyperthyroidism, higher disposition to convulsions, certain psychic disorders (including panic anxiety states), pregnancy\textsuperscript{28}.

Side-effects: Hyperacidity, stomach irritation, diarrhoea, reduced appetite, sleeplessness, anxiety, tremor, nervous restlessness, palpitations and withdrawal headaches\textsuperscript{28}.

Drug interactions: Antidiabetics, antihypertensives, iron compounds, nicotine, phenylpropanolamine\textsuperscript{203}.

Dose: Average daily dose: 9 gm of ground drug; Average single dose: 3 gm of powder\textsuperscript{28}.

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

Green Coffee (Quest) Tablets; Green coffee bean extract 200mg, chlorogenic acids 90mg.

Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

Green Coffee Bean (Power Health) Capsules; Green coffee bean powder 133mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Pure Green Coffee Extract (Lamberts) Tablets; Decaffeinated green coffee extract 200mg.

Local Distributor: Health Plus
GREEN TEA

Camellia sinensis

**Family:** Theaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Atherosclerosis, hypercholesterolaemia, dental caries, gingivitis, cancer prevention.

*Major:* Sunburn protection, weight loss, weight maintenance.

*Minor:* Inflammatory bowel disease, diabetes.

*Others:* Headache, diarrhoea, fatigue, vomiting, dyspepsia & other digestive symptoms, migraine.

**Cautions:** Weak cardiovascular system, renal disease, hyperthyroidism, elevated susceptibility to spasm.

**Contraindications:** Hypertension, cardiac arrhythmias, severe liver disease, anxiety disorders, insomnia.

**Side-effects:** CNS stimulation, diuresis, hyperacidity, gastric irritation, reduction in appetite when consumed in large amounts.

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, hypoglycaemic agents, iron, CNS stimulants, CNS depressants, diuretics, drugs metabolized by CYP1A2.

**Dose:** 3-5 cups of green tea per day.

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**4.3.2.1 Performance Detox** (Arkopharma)  
Vials; Green tea, maté, pawpaw, kola, turmeric, elder, fennel, celery, chicory, barley malt, fructo-oligosachharides.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules;  
Yellow day capsule: Green tea extract 85.5mg, maté extract 85.5mg, barley malt powder 45mg, kola seed powder 39mg, fennel fruit powder 30mg, celery seed powder 15mg.  
Brown night capsule: Lemon balm extract 60mg, grape seed extract 60mg, kidney bean powder 60mg, hawthorn powder 20mg, chicory powder 20mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic** (Arkopharma)  
Liquids; Green tea leaves, green coffee beans, fennel seed, maté leaves, guarana seeds, celery stalks and leaves, chicory roots, dandelion roots, kola seeds, black radish roots.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate** (Arkopharma)  
see Fenugreek

**Active Women's Multivitamins & Minerals** (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

**Altadrine® Aquadrain** (Alta Care)  
Capsules; Green tea leaf 250mg, sodium carbonate 50mg, potassium carbonate 50mg, magnesium gluconate 50mg.  
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Altadrine® Day Burner** (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

**Altadrine® Lipodrainer** (Alta Care) see Nettle
**Altadrine® Night Burner (Alta Care)**
Ampoules; Aqueous extracts of: cherry peduncle 4000mg, green tea 800mg, dandelion roots 800mg, stinging nettle aerial parts 680mg, meadowsweet 400mg, red vine leaf 400mg, ground ivy 240mg, orange concentrated juice 454mg, orange flavour 40mg, lemon flavour 40mg, bladderwrack 15mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Antioxidant Selenium-ACE Formula** (Vega) see Bilberry

**Bodylean® CLA Plus** (HealthAid)
30 CLA capsules & 30 bodylean tablets; Each CLA capsule contains 1000mg CLA oil (80% CLA) derived from sunflower & safflower oil, which provides 800mg free CLA. Each bodylean tablet contains 100mg green tea polyphenols, 125mg L-ornithine, 125mg L-carnitine, 125mg creatine, 15mg CoQ10, 200mcg chromium.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Carboslim® Phase 2** (HealthAid)
Capsules; 100mg standardised green tea extract (min. 60% polyphenols & 35% catechins), 500mg phase 2 (from kidney bean extract), 100mcg chromium.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Diet Shake** (Sci-MX)
Powder; Green tea extract, corn source maltodextrin, whey protein concentrate, soya protein isolate, skimmed milk, milk protein concentrate, cocoa powder, fructose, insulin fibre, MCT-oil, rice starch, conjugated linoleic acid, whey protein isolate, egg albumin, cellulose gum, potassium, lactase enzymes, niacin, iodine, folic acid, biotin.
Local Distributor: Ruth & Marcel Degabriele

**Evening Primrose Oil Formula** (Vega) see Evening Primrose

**Grapeseed Antioxidant Formula** (FSC) see Grapeseed

**Green Tea** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Green tea leaf powder 390mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Green Tea** (HealthAid)
Liquid; 1:4 extract of *Camellia sinensis* (equiv. of 250mg green tea extract and 100mg polyphenols). Tablets; Green tea extract 100mg (equiv. to 1000mg of green tea powder).
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Green Tea 1000mg** (Power Herbs)
Tablets; Green Tea (5:1) extract 200mg equiv. to green tea 1000mg (40% catechins).
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Kelp Plus Greens Formula** (Vega) see Kelp

**Maxijoint Formula** (Vega) see Bilberry

**Menopause® Plus** (Vitabiotics) see Sage

**Menopause Formula** (Vega) see Starflower

**Molkosan Vitality** (A.Vogel)
Powder; Green tea extract, maize starch, concentrated whey powder, lactic acid, fructose, orange flavour.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Multi Antioxidant Complex** (Vega) see Ginkgo

**Multibionta® Immune Support Probiotic Multivitamin** (Seven Seas)
Capsules; Green tea extract 100mg,
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vitamin E 20mg, vitamin C 150mg, folic acid 400mcg, zinc 7.5mg, selenium 100mcg, total bioflavonoids 30mg.
Local Distributor: Associated Drug Co. Ltd.

*Multi-Max® Advance* (Lamberts) see Turmeric

*Perfectil Platinum* (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Bio marine collagen 100mg, lycopene extract 5% 5mg, grape seed extract 7.5mg, pine bark extract 4mg, green tea extract 10mg, blackcurrant seed oil 25mg, alpha lipoic acid 20mg, enzyme Q10 2.5mg, betacarotene 2mg, vitamin D3 2.5mcg, vitamin E 25mg, vitamin C 45mg, thiamin 4mg, riboflavin 2mg, niacin 9mg, vitamin B6 5mg, folacin 200mcg, vitamin B12 4.5mcg, betain 75mcg, pantothenic acid 20mg, iron 6mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 7.5mg, iodine 100mcg, copper 500mcg, manganese 0.25mg, selenium 500mcg, chromium 25mcg, silicon 25mcg, L-cysteine 10mcg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

*Pine Bark Complex* (Vega) see Scotch Pine

*Premenstrual Formula* (Vega) see Oats

*Rejuvadeen Formula* (Vega)
Capsules; Soy protein isolate 100mg; Vega Bio-Marine Complex™ 100mg providing chitosan 30mg, glucosamine sulphate 30mg, blue green algae 10mg, chlorella broken cell algae 10mg, kelp seaweed 10mg, spirulina algae 10mg; vitamin C 60mg; citrus bioflavonoids 20mg; collagen type II 20mg; zinc 15mg; beta 1,3 glucans 10mg; green tea leaf powder 10mg (min. 60% polyphenols); L-cysteine; silicon 10mg; vitamin E 10mg; grape seed extract 5mg (min. 95% polyphenols); L-glutathione 5mg; soy isoflavone concentrate 5mg (min. 40% isoflavones); superoxide dismutase 5mg; beta carotene 4.8mg; vitamin B6 2mg; vitamin B2 1.6mg; vitamin B1 1.4mg; manganese 0.5mg; copper 250mcg; selenium 250mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

*SiberSlim™* (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

*TotallyWise* (Vega)
Multivitamin & mineral tablet; Vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D3 10mcg, vitamin E 20mg, vitamin C 120mg, thiamin 2.8mg, riboflavin 3.2mg, niacin 36mg, vitamin B6 4mg, folic acid 400mcg, vitamin B12 2mcg, biotin 300mcg, pantothenic acid 12mg, calcium 200mg, magnesium 75mg, iron 14mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, manganese 2mg, chromium 120mcg, molybdenum 10mcg, copper 1mg, selenium 25mcg, silicon 1mg.
Omega-3 fish oil capsule; Concentrated fish oil 630mg (providing EPA 150mg, DHA 100mg), total omega-3 fatty acids 320mg, sweet orange oil 16.2mg, olive oil 9.3mg, tomato lipids 0.7mg, medium chain triglycerides 0.3mg.
Antioxidant tablet; Alpha lipoic acid 20mg, CoQ10 2mg, N-acetyl cysteine 40mg, beta-carotene 2mg, lycopene 1.5mg, lutein esters 1.5mg, pomegranate extract 7mg, green tea extract 10mg, grape skin extract 5mg, querceptin 5mg, soy isoflavones 5mg (providing 2mg isoflavones), soy protein isolate 18mg, pine bark extract 1mg, bilberry extract 10mg, blackberry extract 5mg, blackcurrant extract 5mg, blueberry extract 5mg, blackcherry extract 5mg, watercress extract 5mg.
Prebiotic & probiotic capsule; Lactobacillus acidophilus CUL60, lactobacillus acidophilus CUL21, bifidobacterium lactis CUL34, bifidobacterium bifidum CUL20.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
**griffonia (5-HTP)**

**Griffonia simplicifolia**

**Family:** Leguminosae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Seeds.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Depression, anxiety, other psychiatric and neurological disorders where there is a deficiency of neural serotonin, insomnia\(^28,213\).  
**Major:** Fibromyalgia, obesity, chronic headache, migraine\(^28\).  
**Minor:** To reduce risk of artery & heart spasm, management of Parkinson’s disease & epilepsy\(^28\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, lactation\(^28\).

**Side-effects:** Heartburn, stomach pain, flatulence, diarrhoea, vomiting, decreased libido\(^28,213\).

**Drug interactions:** Carbidopa, MAOIs, SSRIs\(^28,213\).

**Dose:**  
**Depression:** 50 mg three times daily.  
**Insomnia:** 100-300 mg before bedtime.  
**Fibromyalgia:** 100 mg three times daily\(^28,213\).

**5-HTP (HealthAid)**  
Prolonged release tablets; 50mg 5-HTP from *Griffonia simplicifolia* seed extract.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**5-HTP (Solgar)**  
Vegicaps; 5-HTP (from standardized Griffonia simplicifolia seed extract) 100mg, valerian root powdered extract 100mg, magnesium 50mg, vitamin B6 10mg.  
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

**Vitalize Regenerative Formula** (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng

**Wellwoman 50+** (Vitabiotics)  
Tablets; Lutein esters 2mg, green tea extract 20mg, phosphatidylcholine 10mg, Co-Q10 2mg, L-carnitine 10mg, alpha lipoic acid 20mg, citrus bioflavonoid complex 10mg, natural mixed carotenoids 2mg, vitamin D 10mcg, vitamin E 15mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 14mg, riboflavin 4mg, niacin 30mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folacin 500mcg, vitamin B12 5mcg, biotin 50mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, iron 10mg, magnesium 25mg, zinc 15mg, manganese 0.5mg, copper 1000mcg, selenium 120mcg, chromium 75mcg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**WellTeen® Plus Omega-3** (Vitabiotics) see Cranberry

**Zinc-C Formula** (Vega)  
Tablets; Green tea leaf extract 100mg (min. 40% polyphenols), rutin bean extract 30mg, vitamin C 240mg, pantothenic acid 60mg, citrus bioflavonoids 30mg, hesperidin 30mg, zinc 15mg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg.  
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
**GRINDELIA**

*Grindelia robusta*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried leaves, flowering branches.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Catarrhs of the upper respiratory tract\(^{19}\), cough, bronchitis\(^{28}\).  
*Others:* Asthma, whooping cough\(^{19}\).

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** Gastric or renal irritation rarely\(^{19}\).

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Daily dose: 4-6 gm of the drug or 3-6 gm of grindelia fluid extract; tincture (1:10 or 1:5, ethanol 60-80% v/v), 1.5-3 ml\(^{19}\).

**Broncovit** (Erba vita)  
Syrup; Grindelia summit 1125mg, extracts of maidenhair fern summit 900mg, common sundew flowered plant 675mg, iceland moss whole plant 675mg, peppermint leaves 675mg, blackcurrant berries 450mg, dry extract of grapefruit seed 11.25mg, peppermint essential oil 22.5mg, acacia honey 5625mg, vitamin C 22.5mg.

Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**GrinTuss** (Aboca)  
Paediatric & adult syrup; Plant extracts of grindelia, plantain, helichrysum.  
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Mucovit® Sciroppo Adulti** (Erba Vita)  
Syrup; Acacia honey 11250mg, grindelia flower heads 1135mg, vegetal extracts: eucalyptus leaves 900mg, scotch pine buds 675mg, thyme flowers and leaves 675mg, european elder flowers 675mg, fir buds and berries 450mg, adhatoda vasica leaves 225mg, scotch pine needles essential oil 22.5mg, vitamin C 22.5mg.  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Mucovit® Sciroppo Bambini** (Erba Vita)  
Syrup; Acacia honey 5625mg, grindelia flower heads 675mg, vegetal extracts of eucalyptus leaves 450mg, scotch pine buds 450mg, european elder flowers 450mg, fir buds and berries 450mg, thyme flowers and leaves 225mg, vitamin C 22.5mg, orange peel essential oil 22.5mg.  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Pectovit** (Erba Vita)  
Ointment; Grindelia extract, eucalyptus essential oil, pine essential oil, lavender essential oil, tea tree oil, niaouli essential oil.  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.
GUARANA
Paullinia cupana

Family: Sapindaceae
Medicinal Parts: Seeds.

Indications:
Principal: Chemotherapy-related fatigue\(^{214, 215}\); lack of alertness, energy or stamina\(^{5, 216, 217}\).
Major: To promote weight loss, enhance athletic performance\(^{5, 28, 215}\).
Others: Headache, dysmenorrhea, fever, digestion problems\(^{28}\).

Cautions: Patients taking other drugs or herb supplements containing caffeine or any other stimulant products, diabetes, sensitive cardiovascular system, renal disease, hyperthyroidism, gastric ulcers, chronic headache, pregnancy, nursing mothers\(^{5, 28}\).

Contraindications: Hypertension, cardiac arrhythmias\(^{5}\).

Side-effects: Nervousness, restlessness, irritability, insomnia\(^{14}\).

Drug interactions:
Antihypertensives, Ephedra & kava herbal medicines\(^{215}\), OTC nasal decongestants, sedating antihistamines, antinausea agents\(^{14}\), diuretics, anticoagulants, antiplatelets, digoxin\(^{5}\).

Dose:
Cognition, alertness, mood: 37.5-75 mg every 6 hours.
Other indications: 2.5-4 gm guarana/day\(^{5}\).

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

Altacura\(^{®}\) Ginseng (Alta Care) see Ginseng Korean

Altacura\(^{®}\) Infludrink (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

Altadrine\(^{®}\) Fat Burner (Alta Care) see Bitter Orange

Altasterol\(^{®}\) Stimulant (Alta Care) see Ginger

Cellusite\(^{TM}\) (HealthAid) see White Willow

Guaramax\(^{®}\) 1000 (HealthAid) Capsules; Guarana seed 4:1 extract 250mg, standardised to 10% caffeine, equivalent to 1000mg guarana seed powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Guarana 500mg (Power Herbs) Capsules; Stoneground amazon guarana seeds 500mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Herbal Booster\(^{TM}\) (HealthAid) Liquid; Red grape juice, purified water, gotu kola, muira puama, guarana seed, Echinacea (Echinacea angustifolia), Siberian ginseng, disodium hydrogen phosphate anhydrous, citric acid, potassium sorbate, sodium benzoate. Tablets; Guarana powder 250mg, siberian ginseng 175mg, bee pollen 50mg, gotu kola 20mg, bissy nut 20mg, spirulina 20mg, ginger root 20mg, mullein 20mg, liquorice 20mg, hawthorn berry 20mg, yellow dock 20mg, papaya fruit 20mg, capsicum 19mg, pepsin 1mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
GUAR GUM

*Cyamopsis tetragonoloba*

**Family:** Leguminosae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Whole plant.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Diabetes mellitus\(^{218}\), post prandial hyperglycaemia\(^{219}\) & glucosuria, hyperlipoproteinaemia\(^{28,220}\).  
*Others:* Night blindness, dyspeptic complaints, anorexia, constipation\(^{28,220}\).

**Cautions:** Adequate intake of fluid to prevent bolus formation and oesophageal obstruction\(^{28}\).

**Contraindications:** Diseases of the oesophagus, stomach, and intestine, which might hinder passage of the chyme\(^{28}\).

**Side-effects:** Feeling of fullness, nausea, wind & diarrhoea particularly at the beginning of treatment\(^{28}\).

**Drug interactions:** Acetaminophen, nitrofurantoin, digoxin, bumetanide, metformin, phenoxymethylpenicillin, some formulations of glibenclamide, slowed absorption of oral contraceptives, potentiation of insulin\(^{14}\).
GYMNEMA

Gymnema sylvestre

Family: Asclepiadaceae

Medicinal Parts: Leaf.

Indications:
Principal: Type 1 & type 2 diabetes, hypercholesterolaemia, hypertriglyceridaemia.
Major: Sweet taste suppression & weight loss.

Cautions: Monitor blood glucose levels closely when used in conjunction with insulin and hypoglycaemic agents, pregnancy.

Side-effects: Gastric irritation, hepatotoxicity.

Drug interactions: Hypoglycaemic agents, insulin.

Dose: 400-600 mg/day in divided doses with meals.

Chitosan Complex (HealthAid) Capsules; 50mg Gymnema sylvestre extract, 700mg shellfish shell fibre (chitosan), vitamin C 40mg.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

HAWTHORN

Crataegus laevigata

Family: Rosaceae

Medicinal Parts: Extracts of leaf and flower are most commonly used, although the berries may also be used.

Indications:
Principal: Arrhythmias, hypertension, angina pectoris, atherosclerosis, NYHA functional class II CHF.
Major: Hyperlipidaemia, anxiety.
Minor: Connective tissue disorders, kidney & bladder stones.

Others: Herpes simplex infection.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, children under 12 years of age.

Side-effects: Sweating, nausea, fatigue, rash on the hands, headache, dizziness, palpitations, sleepiness, agitation, GI symptoms.
HOODIA

**Drug interactions:**
Antihypertensives, cardiac glycosides\(^5,227,229\).

**Dose:** 160-900 mg of a native water-ethanol extract of the leaves or flowers; 1.5-3.5 gm as infusion or decoction\(^19,227\).

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night**
(Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**Hawthorn** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Hawthorn powder 350mg, providing at least 1.5% flavonoids.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Hawthorn 2500mg** (Lamberts)
Tablets; Hawthorn 2500mg (providing 500mg of a 5:1 extract) providing flavonoids 10mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Hawthorn Berry** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Hawthorn berry extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of hawthorn berry herb) in 1ml.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Hawthorn Berry 500mg** (FSC)
Tablets; Hawthorn berry extract equiv. to 500mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Herbal Booster\(^{TM}\)** (HealthAid) see Guarana

**Hawthorn Compound** (Power Herbs) see Buckwheat

**Tranquil\(^{TM}\)** (HealthAid)
Capsules; 250mg hawthorn oil macerate (2:1); 100mg hawthorn extract (1:1); 50mg viburnum extract (10:1) equiv. to 500mg raw viburnum powder; 50mg *Valeriana officinalis* extract (5:1) equiv. to 250mg raw valerian root powder; 25mg magnolia extract; 25mg St. John’s Wort extract (10:1); 2.5mg passionflower extract (4:1), equiv. to 10mg raw powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**V-Vein\(^{TM}\)** (HealthAid) see Horse Chestnut

HOODIA

*Hoodia gordonii*

**Family:** Asclepiadaceae
**Medicinal Parts:** Aerial parts.

**Indications:** Appetite suppression\(^{28,230}\).

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** 400mg twice daily\(^{231}\).

**Magnolia, Valerian, St. John’s Wort Complex** (HealthAid)
Capsules; Hawthorn oil macerate (2:1) 250mg, hawthorn powder extract (1:1) 100mg, viburnum extract (10:1) 50mg, valerian extract (5:1) 50mg, St. John’s Wort extract (10:1) 25mg, passionflower extract (4:1) 2.5mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
HOPS

*Humulus lupulus*

**Family:** Cannabaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Dried strobiles.

**Indications:**

**Principal:** Restlessness, nervousness, anxiety, sleep disturbances\(^5, 9, 28, 45, 232, 233\).

**Major:** Menopause, headache, indigestion\(^5, 28, 234\).

**Minor:** Neuralgia\(^235\), to wean patients off pharmaceutical sedative medicines, leg ulcers, oedema\(^5, 28\).

**Cautions:** When given in conjunction with other central nervous system depressants, antipsychotics or alcohol due to its sedative effect\(^28\).

**Contraindications:** Oestrogen-dependent tumours, depression, pregnancy\(^5, 9, 28, 45\).

**Side-effects:** Drowsiness (with excessive use), systemic urticaria, allergic dermatitis, respiratory allergy, anaphylaxis, on contact with the herb or oil\(^5, 28\).

**Drug interactions:** Pharmaceutical sedatives, anti-oestrogenic drugs, cocaine, paracetamol, diazepam, phenobarbital\(^5, 28, 236\).

**Dose:** Up to three times daily and before going to bed: dried strobiles, 0.5-1 gm or in infusion; liquid extract (1:1, 45% ethanol), 0.5-1 ml; tincture (1:5, 60% ethanol), 1-2 ml\(^5, 45\).

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**Calma Baby** (Erba Vita) see Linden

**Chalet® Hair Stimulant** (Alta Care) see Saw Palmetto

**Controller® Natural Sleep** (Alta Care) see Linden

**Dormeasan®** (A.Vogel) see Valerian

**Ellegyn®** (Alta Care)

Patches; Hops extract, soya oil, acrylates copolymer, triethanolamine, glycine, propylene glycol, ethoxy-diglycol.

Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Kalms** (Lanes) see Valerian

**Menophase** (Higher Nature) see Schisandra

**Natrasleep** (Natra) see Valerian

**Quiet Life** (Lanes)

Tablets; Motherwort powder 34.00mg, hops powder 75.00mg, passiflora powder 58.00mg, lettuce aqueous powdered extract 29.00mg, valerian dry extract 50.00mg, thiamin hydrochloride (vit B1) 0.71mg, riboflavin (vit B2) 0.57mg, nicotinamide 4.59mg.

Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Silvia® Feminin Formula** (Alta Care)

Ampoules; Soya 999mg, hops 333mg, wild yam 333mg, melilot flower 1500mg, magnesium 100mg, sage leaf 30mg, red mandarin essential oil 17mg, iron 14mg, borage oil 10mg, EPO 10mg.

Syrup; Blueberry juice 5190mg, honey sugar free 3000mg, soya extract 600mg (6-10% isoflavones), sage leaf extract 500mg, wild yam extract 250mg (6-10% disogenina), hops extract 200mg, papaya
Silvia® Women (Alta Care)
Patches; Hops extract, acrylates copolymer, triethanolamine, glycine soya oil, propylene glycol, ethoxy-diglycol.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

HOREHOUND
Marrubium vulgare

Family: Labiatae
Medicinal Parts: Whole herb, collected during flowering.

Indications:
Internal
Principal: Respiratory catarrh, acute & chronic bronchitis, whooping cough, poor digestion\(^9,28\).
Major: Type 2 diabetes\(^237\), hypercholesterolaemia\(^238\), hypertension.
Minor: Loss of appetite, bloating & flatulence, diarrhoea, jaundice, painful menstruation\(^28\).

External
Ulcers, skin damage, mouth and throat infections\(^28\).

Cautions: Heart disease, GI disorders\(^239\).

Contraindications: Pregnancy\(^28,239\).

Side-effects: Rash, arrhythmias, hypotension, decreased blood sugar, vomiting, diarrhoea\(^239\).

Drug interactions: SSRIs, ondansetron, bromocriptine\(^239\).

Dose: Average daily dose: 4.5 gm of the drug; 30 to 60 ml pressed juice\(^28\).

Erbalax® Delicato Capsule (Erba Vita)
see Rhubarb

HORNY GOAT WEED
Herba epimedii

Family: Berberidaceae
Medicinal Parts: Leaf.

Indications:
Principal: Decreased male sexual function\(^240,241,242\), osteoporosis\(^243\).
Major: Arthralgia\(^241\), rheumatoid arthritis\(^244\).
Minor: Age related learning and memory impairment\(^241,242\), asthma\(^245\).

Contraindications: Heart disease, mood disorders\(^241\).

Side-effects: Aggressiveness, irritability, fever, tachyarrhythmia, hypomania\(^241,246\).
Drug interactions: Phosphodiesterase type-5 inhibitors\textsuperscript{244}.

**HORSE CHESTNUT**
*Aesculus hippocastanum*

**Family:** Hippocastanaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Seed. Less commonly bark, flower & leaf.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Vascular insufficiency, especially varicose veins\textsuperscript{247}, venous ulcers\textsuperscript{248, 249}, haemorrhoids & inflammation\textsuperscript{5, 9, 14, 19, 28}.  
*Major:* Oedema, swelling, pain, itching, feeling of heaviness, nocturnal cramp in the lower legs\textsuperscript{247}, menstrual pain\textsuperscript{5, 19, 28}.  
*Minor:* Bruising, sprains, spinal problems, diarrhoea, fever, enlarged prostate\textsuperscript{5, 9, 28}.  
*Others:* Arthritis, rheumatism\textsuperscript{28}.

**Cautions:** *Aesculus hippocastanum* should be taken with food; should be avoided by people with infectious or inflammatory conditions of the GI tract, including celiac disease and malabsorption disorders; pregnancy & breast feeding\textsuperscript{5}.

**Contraindications:** Should not be applied topically to broken or ulcerated skin\textsuperscript{5}; hepatic or renal insufficiency\textsuperscript{250}.

**Side-effects:** Gastric irritation, skin irritation, dizziness, nausea, headache, pruritus\textsuperscript{5, 9, 14, 19}.

**Drug interactions:** Warfarin, heparin, salicylates, antiplatelet drugs\textsuperscript{14, 28, 250}, digoxin\textsuperscript{251}.

**Dose:** 50-100 mg escin twice daily. The dose may be reduced to a maintenance dose of 50 mg escin once daily after 8 weeks\textsuperscript{5, 250}.

*Flodol*\textsuperscript{\textregistered} (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Horse Chestnut** (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Horse chestnut powder 1000mg (standardised to contain 20% aescin).  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Horse Chestnut Complex** (Lamberts)  
Tablets; Horse Chestnut 1390mg providing aescin 50mg (provided by 278mg of a 5:1 extract), butcher’s broom 56.25mg (provided by 14.06mg of a 4:1 extract), rutin 12.5mg, grapeseed 125mg (provided by 2.5mg of a 50:1 extract).  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Organic Aloe Vera** (dr.organic\textsuperscript{®}) see Aloe Vera

**Organic Pomegranate** (dr.organic\textsuperscript{®}) see Pomegranate

**Organic Tea Tree** (dr.organic\textsuperscript{®}) see Tea tree

**Venaforce**\textsuperscript{®} (A.Vogel)  
Tablets; 157.5mg – 225.0mg horse chestnut extract from fresh seeds, corresponding to 50mg triterpene
glycosides.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Venagel (A.Vogel)  
Gel; Horse chestnut seeds extract.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Venalta® (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

Vitiven® ultra cold (Arkopharma) see Butcher’s Broom

HORSERADISH

Armoracia rusticana

Family: Brassicaceae  
Medicinal Parts: Roots, leaves.

Indications:  
Principal: Nasal congestion, sinusitis5, 9, 28, 252.  
Major: Urinary tract infections, bronchitis252, joint & tissue inflammation5, 28.  
Minor: Gall bladder disorders, reducing oedema5, 28.  
Others: As an abortifacient5.

Cautions: People with stomach & intestinal ulcers, kidney disorders, hypothyroidism, patients receiving thyroxine5, 9.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, lactation, children under 4 years of age9, 28.

Side-effects: GI upsets, vomiting, diarrhoea, irritation of mucous membranes5; irritation, blistering or allergic reactions with skin contact of fresh horseradish5, 9.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: 2-20 g/day of the root or equivalent preparations before meals.  
Topical preparations with a maximum of 2% mustard oil content5, 9.
HORSETAIL
Equisetum arvense

Family: Equisetaceae
Medicinal Parts: Barren stems.

Indications:
Principal: Urinary tract complaints including cystitis, prostatitis, urethritis, enuresis.
Major: Kidney & bladder stones, post-traumatic & static oedema, wounds, burns.
Minor: Brittle fingernails, loss of hair, rheumatic diseases, chilblains.

Cautions: Consult a doctor when the drug is utilized as a bath additive in cases of major skin lesions, acute skin lesions of unknown origin, major feverish and infectious diseases, cardiac insufficiency, hypertonia.

Contraindications: Oedema due to impaired heart or kidney function.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: Lithium.

Dose: 6 gm of herb daily administered with plenty of fluids; Liquid extract: 1 to 4 ml 3 times daily; Tea: 2-3 gm per cup repeatedly during the day between mealtimes.

Horsetail (HealthAid)
Liquid; Horsetail extract 1:5 (equiv. of 200mg of horsetail herb) in 1ml.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

HYDRANGEA
Hydrangea arborescens

Family: Hydrangeaceae
Medicinal Parts: Dried rhizomes and roots.

Indications:
Principal: Bladder and kidney stones.
Major: Other genito-urinary complaints such as cystitis, urethritis & prostatitis.
Minor: Enlarged prostate gland.

Contraindications: Pregnancy.

Side-effects: Contact dermatitis, gastro-enteritis.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Three times daily: dried rhizome and root, 2-4 gm or by decoction; liquid extract 1:1 in 25% alcohol, 2-4 ml; tincture 1:5 in 45% alcohol, 2-10 ml.
HYSSOP

Hyssopus officinalis

**Family:** Labiatae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves, flower tips.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Bronchitis, common colds, chronic nasal catarrh, coughs, asthma.  
*Major:* Sore throat, hoarseness (as a gargle), congested nose due to colds (topically).  
*Minor:* For the gentle stimulation of circulation, intestinal catarrhs.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** None known at therapeutic dose levels.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Adults, three times daily: dried herb, usually in infusion, 2-4g; liquid extract 1:1 in 25% ethanol, 2-4ml; tincture 1:5 in 45% alcohol, 5-10ml.

ICELAND MOSS

Cetraria islandica

**Family:** Parmeliaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried thallus.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Irritation of the oral and pharyngeal mucous membranes and accompanying dry cough, hoarseness, sore throat.  
*Major:* Bronchitis, bronchial asthma, respiratory catarrh, loss of appetite.  
*Minor:* Gastritis, digestive complaints, nausea and vomiting (in particular in pregnancy and with migraine).  
*Others:* Gastric & duodenal ulcers, irritable bowel syndrome, cachexia, tumours.

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Adults: three or four times daily: 1-2 gm of dried lichen as a decoction or infusion; tincture (1:5 in 40% alcohol), 1-1.5ml; equivalent preparations.

*Broncovit®* (Erba vita) see Grindelia

*Isla Cassis*  
Lozenges; Aqueous iceland moss extract 80mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

*Isla Mint*  
Lozenges; Aqueous iceland moss extract 80mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
**Isla Moss**
Lozenges; Aqueous iceland moss extract 80mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Organic Pomegranate** (dr.organic®) see Pomegranate

**Organic Tea Tree** (dr.organic®) see Tea tree

**IVY LEAF**
*Hedera helix*

**Family:** Araliaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Chronic inflammatory bronchial conditions including cough, bronchitis\textsuperscript{8, 14, 28}.
*Minor:* Gout, rheumatism, burns, wounds, calluses, rheumatic complaints, phlebitis\textsuperscript{28}.

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** GI upset, contact dermatitis with large doses\textsuperscript{14}.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Average daily dosage: 0.3 gm of drug; equivalent preparations\textsuperscript{8}.

**Prospan** (BioRevive)
Syrup; Dried ivy leaf 0.7g/100ml.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**ISPAGHULA HUSK**
*See Psyllium*

**JUNIPER**
*Juniperus communis*

**Family:** Cupressaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Essential oil from berry cones, berry.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Dyspeptic complaints, cystitis & other benign urinary tract disorders\textsuperscript{9, 19, 28}.
*Major:* Appetite stimulant, rheumatism, arthritis, gout\textsuperscript{9, 19, 28}.
*Minor:* To regulate menstruation, to relieve menstrual pain\textsuperscript{28, 258}.
*Others:* Severe irritation resulting from bronchitis, diabetes\textsuperscript{9, 28}.

**Cautions:** Hyperglycaemia; hypokalaemia; external administration for large skin wounds, acute skin
KARELA

Momordica charantia

Family: Curcubitaceae
Medicinal Parts: Fruit, leaves.

Indications:
Principal: Diabetes\textsuperscript{259, 260}, cancer (breast\textsuperscript{261}, gall bladder\textsuperscript{5}, lung, colon\textsuperscript{262}), HIV\textsuperscript{263}.
Major: Hypercholesterolaemia\textsuperscript{260}, worms, viral conditions\textsuperscript{263}, GI complaints, headaches\textsuperscript{5, 28}.
Minor: As an emmenagogue in reproductive health, psoriasis, wounds (externally)\textsuperscript{5, 28}.

Cautions: Diabetics while monitoring their blood sugar levels regularly\textsuperscript{28}.

Contraindications: Hypoglycaemia, pregnancy, lactation, people with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency\textsuperscript{5, 28}.

Side-effects: Headache, hypoglycaemic coma, convulsions in children\textsuperscript{5, 14}.

Drug interactions: Antidiabetic agents, cholesterol lowering drugs\textsuperscript{5, 14, 28}.

Dose:
Diabetes: Aqueous extract of bitter melon fruit juice containing 100 gm of fruit in 100ml of extract taken daily\textsuperscript{5}.

Contraindications: Hypoglycaemia, feverish diseases, cardiac insufficiency, hypertonia\textsuperscript{9, 28}.

Contraindications: Renal disease, pregnancy, lactation\textsuperscript{9, 19, 28}.

Side-effects: Prolonged use or overdosing may cause kidney damage\textsuperscript{19}.

Drug interactions: Loop diuretics, spironolactone, thiazide diuretics, triamterene\textsuperscript{63}.

Dose: Daily dose: from 2 gm up to a maximum of 10 gm of dried juniper berries, equiv. to 20-100 mg of the essential oil\textsuperscript{19}.
Diaglucoforte™ (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Karela fruit extract 100mg, milk thistle seed extract 75mg, purple rice extract 200mg, alpha lipoic acid 75mg, zinc 7.5mg, folacin 200mcg, chromium 100mcg, copper 0.5mg, manganese 1mg, potassium 50mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Karela (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Karela extract 179mg (equiv. to 1250mg karela powder).  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Kelp

Laminaria hyperborea

Family: Fucaceae  
Medicinal Parts: Leaves.

Indications:
Principal: Hypothyroidism, goiter\(^9, 14, 28, 261\).  
Major: Arthritis, rheumatism, obesity\(^9\).  
Minor: Diabetes, cancer\(^261\).

Cautions: Not to be consumed for a long period of time\(^28\), CNS stimulants\(^14\), patients with bleeding disorders or taking drugs that may increase the risk of bleeding, diabetes, hypoglycaemia\(^261\).

Contraindications: Pregnancy, breast feeding\(^261\).

Side-effects: Increase or decrease in blood thyroid hormone levels, acne-type skin lesions, acne exacerbation, brassy taste, increased salivation, stomach irritation, kidney & nerve toxicity, bleeding, reduced blood platelet count\(^261\).

Drug interactions: Thyroid medications including levothyroxine and iodine\(^14\), ginkgo, garlic, saw palmetto, diuretics\(^261\).

Dose: Dried herb: 5-10 gm or infusion 3 times daily; Liquid extract (1:1 in 25% alcohol): 4-8 ml 3 times daily\(^9\).

Boldo Multi-Herbal Complex (Healthlife) see Boldo

Cellusite™ (HealthAid) see White Willow

Cellulite Formula (Vega) see Ginkgo

Cider Trim (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Kelp, soybean oil, cider vinegar, vitamin B6, yellow beeswax, lecithin.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Cidiet (Power Health)  
Capsules; Vitamin B5 4mg, kelp powder 50mg (providing iodine between 30mcg and 50mcg), dry apple cider vinegar powder 80mg, lecithin 200mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Colloidal Minerals Plus Kelp Formula (Vega)  
Capsules; Fossilized plant humus powder 350mg, kelp seaweed powder 150mg (providing iodine 150mcg (min. 0.1%)).  
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
**KIDNEY BEAN**

*Phaseolus vulgaris*

**Family:** Fabaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Pods, beans.

**Indications:** Urinary tract infections, kidney and bladder stones.\(^{28}\)

**Cautions/Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** No health hazards known in conjunction with the proper administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** The recommended daily dose is 5 to 15 gm of herb.\(^{28}\)

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night** (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate** (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

**SiberSlim™** (HealthAid) see Siberian Ginseng

**KOLA NUT**

*Cola acuminata*

**Family:** Sterucliaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Cotyledon.

**Indications:**  
**Internally**  
**Principal:** Lack of stamina.\(^{8, 9, 14, 28, 265}\)

**Major:** Depression, tiredness, poor appetite.\(^{9, 28, 265}\)  
**Minor:** Migraine headache, diarrhoea.\(^{14, 28, 265}\)

**Externally**  
**Wounds, inflammation.\(^{28}\)

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*Formula VM-75* (Solgar) see Buckwheat

*Healthy Mega* (HealthAid) see Buckwheat

*Kelp* (Power Health)  
Tablets: Kelp 500mg providing iodine on average between 300 and 495mcg. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

*Kelp Plus Greens Formula* (Vega)  
Capsules: Kelp seaweed powder 300mg (providing iodine 300mcg (min 0.1%)), green tea leaf extract 10mg (min. 40% polyphenols), blue green algae 30mg, chlorella broken cell algae 30mg, spirulina algae 30mg. Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

*Menopause* (Higher Nature) see Schisandra

*MSM Glucosamine Joint Complex* (Higher Nature) see Celery

*Rejuvadeen Formula* (Vega) see Green Tea
Contraindications: Pregnancy, stomach or duodenal ulcers\textsuperscript{8, 9, 28}.

Side-effects: Insomnia, hyperexcitability, nervousness, restlessness, stomach complaints\textsuperscript{8, 9, 14, 28}.

Drug interactions: Antihypertensives\textsuperscript{14}, halofantrine, bitter orange, ephedra\textsuperscript{265}.

Dose: Daily dosage: 2 to 6 gm of kola nut drug, usually taken 1 to 3 gm three times daily; 0.25 to 0.75 gm of kola extract; 2.5 to 7.5 gm of kola liquid extract; 10 to 30 gm of kola tincture; 60 to 180 gm of kola wine\textsuperscript{28}.

4.3.2.1 Performance Detox (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate (Arkopharma) see Fenugreek

Altadrine® Lipodrainer (Alta Care) see Nettle

Herbal Booster\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Guarana

Male Formula (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

Male Max\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

LA VENDER

Lavandula officinalis

Family: Labiatae

Medicinal Parts: Flower.

Indications:

Principal: Anxiety, insomnia, lack of concentration\textsuperscript{5, 8, 14, 28}.

Major: Dyspepsia, bloating\textsuperscript{8}, alopecia, perineal discomfort following childbirth, burns, insect bites\textsuperscript{5}.

Minor: Migraine, neuralgia, minor cuts & bruises, strained muscles, acne, eczema\textsuperscript{5, 28}.

Others: Varicose ulcers, loss of voice (in a gargle)\textsuperscript{5}.

Cautions: Topical preparations should be tested on a small area of skin before widespread application\textsuperscript{5, 28}.

Contraindications: Pregnancy & lactation\textsuperscript{28}.

Side-effects:

Major: Drowsiness, GI disturbance, skin irritation\textsuperscript{5, 28}.

Minor: Prepubertal gynecomastia in boys\textsuperscript{5}.

Drug interactions: Pharmaceutical sedatives, antidepressants\textsuperscript{5}.

Dose:

Infusion (tea): 1.5gm dried flowers in 150ml water.
LEMON BALM

Melissa officinalis

Family: Labiatae

Medicinal Parts: Aerial parts.

Indications:

Internally
Principal: Anxiety, nervousness, insomnia\(^5, 8, 28, 266, 267\).

Major: To improve cognitive function, Alzheimer’s disease\(^268, 269\), gastrointestinal conditions associated with spasm and nervousness\(^5, 8, 28, 267\).

Externally
Herpes simplex type 1, rheumatism, nerve pain, stiff neck\(^5, 28\).

Cautions: Limit alcohol intake, diabetes, alcohol dependence, liver disease\(^270\).

Contraindications: Hypothyroidism, pregnancy\(^5, 270\).

Side-effects: Drowsiness\(^270\).

Drug interactions: Barbiturates, cholinergic drugs\(^5, 270\).

Dose: Fresh herb: 1.5-4.5 gm two-three times daily; Infusion: 1.5-4.5
gm in 150 ml water; *Fluid extract* (1:1) (g/ml): 6-12 ml/day; *Ointment*: 700 mg/g ointment applied four times daily for herpes simplex infection⁵.

4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night
(Arkopharma) see Green Tea

*Calma Baby* (Erba Vita) see Linden

*Candiclear* (Higher Nature) see Thyme

*Colic Baby* (Erba Vita) see Linden

*Controller* (Alta Care)
Patches; Lemon balm, roman chamomile, neroli essential oil, bitter orange, olibanum essential oil.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

*Controller® Natural Sleep* (Alta Care) see Linden

*Melissa Leaf Extract* (HealthAid)
Capsules; Melissa leaf extract 4:1 (lemon balm) 138mg equiv. to 550mg of Melissa leaf powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Refreshall®* (Lamberts) see Ginkgo

*Sedivitax* (Aboca) see Passionflower

**LEMONGRASS**
*Cymbopogon citratus*

**Family:** Poaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Dried leaves, oil.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* GI symptoms, as a mild astringent⁸, ²⁸.
*Major:* Lumbago, neuralgic & rheumatic pain, sprains, colds, bronchitis, fever²⁸.
*Minor:* Insect repellent⁸.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy²⁸.

**Side-effects:** Rarely, allergic reactions⁸, ²⁸.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** 2g of dried leaf in 150ml of water; two fresh minced leaves or 2 gm of powdered dried leaf is used²⁸.

*Citronella Geranium Aerosol Free Nebuliser* (Sella)
Spray; Citronella essential oil 5%, geranium essential oil 0.5%.
Local Distributor: Premier Healthcare

*Citronella Geranium for Children* (Sella)
Cream; Citronella essential oil 5%, geranium essential oil 0.5%.
Local Distributor: Premier Healthcare

*Citronella Geranium Stick* (Sella)
Cream; Citronella essential oil 5%, geranium essential oil 0.5%.
Local Distributor: Premier Healthcare
LICORICE

_Glycyrrhiza glabra_

**Family**: Leguminosae

**Medicinal Parts**: Root, stolon.

**Indications**:  
*Principal*: Peptic ulcer\(^{271, 272}\), dyspepsia, dermatitis\(^{273, 5, 9, 14, 28, 45, 274}\).  
*Major*: Viral infections (SARS-associated CV, HIV, influenza, HSV-1)\(^{271, 275, 276}\), respiratory tract infections\(^{276}\), chronic stress\(^{5, 9, 28, 45, 274}\).  
*Minor*: Chronic fatigue syndrome, polycystic ovary disease, preventing diabetic complications, menopause, weight loss, Addison’s disease\(^5, 28\).  
*Others*: Rheumatism\(^{277}\), arthritis, adrenocorticoid insufficiency\(^{45}\).

**Cautions**: Hypertension (or a genetic predisposition to hypertension), fluid retention, men with a history of impotence, infertility or decreased libido\(^{5, 9}\).

**Contraindications**: Hypokalaemia, cirrhosis of the liver, hypotonia, severe renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, pregnancy\(^{5, 9, 14, 28, 45}\).

**Side-effects**:  
*Principal*: Hypercortisolism, pseudohyperaldosteronism, hypokalaemia, hypertension, encephalopathy, oedema, weight gain.  
*Major*: Hypokalaemic paralysis, rhabdomyolysis, juvenile hypertension, decreased testosterone.  
*Minor*: Visual disturbance, dropped head syndrome\(^{5, 9, 14, 28, 45}\).

**Drug interactions**: Anticoagulants, antihypertensives, chemotherapy (paclitaxel & vinblastine), corticosteroids, digitalis glycosides, diuretics, iron compounds, laxatives, oral contraceptive pill, potassium, ulcer-healing drugs, warfarin, drugs metabolized by liver enzymes CYP3A4, 2B6, 2C9, 2E1 or 1A1\(^{5, 14, 28, 274}\).

**Dose**: Fluid extract (1:1): 2-4 ml three times daily or 15-40 ml/week; Root: 5-15 g/day; Tea: pour 150 ml of boiling water over 1 teaspoon (2-4 gm) licorice root, simmer for 5 minutes and filter through a tea strainer after cooling\(^5\).

**2-Day Detox Plan** (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

**Altaflora® Gastrogel** (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

**Coloclear Extra** (Higher Nature) see Flaxseed

**DigestivAid No Acid** (ESI)  
Chewable tablets; Carbonated calcium 160mg, licorice 120mg, fossil coral 100mg, apple pectin 30mg, papaya 16.5mg.  
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Echinacea

**Erbalax® Delicato Sciroppo** (Erba Vita) see Rhubarb

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LINDEN

Tilia species

Family: Tiliaceae
Medicinal Parts: Flowers.

Indications:
Principal: Cough, bronchitis, catarrh of the respiratory tract, feverish colds, infectious diseases8, 9, 28, 45, 278, 279.
Major: Hypertension279, restlessness, anxiety28, 45, 280, 281.
Minor: Migraine, hysteria, raised arterial pressure associated with arteriosclerosis and nervous tension8, 9, 28, 281.
Others: Leg ulcers28.

Cautions: Cardiac disorders, pregnancy, lactation9.

Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: No side-effects known in conjunction with proper administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Three time daily: dried inflorescence, 2-4 gm in infusion, preferably taken hot; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 2-4 ml; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 4-10 ml45.

Alkagin® (Istituto Ganassini)
see Mallow

Calma Baby (Erba Vita)
Syrup; Per 20ml: Fructolysat® mixture of linden inflorescence 0.612ml, lemon balm leaves 0.594ml, chamomile flowers 0.594ml; passionflower aerial part 200mg; hops flowers 100mg; sweet orange flowers 100mg; lavender flowers 100mg.
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.
Linseed

Colic Baby (Erba Vita)
Syrup: Fructolysat® mixture (10%) of linden inflorescence 34%, lemon balm leaves 33%, chamomile flowers 33%; dry extract of fennel seeds 2% (0.1% essential oil); cumin seeds 0.35%; coriander seeds 0.3%.
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

Controller® Natural Sleep (Alta Care)
Ampoules; Hops flower extract, linden extract, lemon balm flower extract, verbena extract, honey, magnesium, bitter orange flower, vitamin B6.
Syrup; Ananas juice 5240mg, honey sugar free 3000mg, St. John’s Wort 600mg, linden extract 500mg, lemon balm 250mg, chamomile 200mg, valerian 150mg, ananas aroma 50mg, sodium benzoate 10mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

Linseed
see Flaxseed

Luffa
Luffa aegyptica

Family: Cucurbitaceae
Medicinal Parts: Fruit.

Indications:
Principal: Prevention for infections or colds, treatment for nasal catarrh, sinusitis.
Others: Cough, chronic bronchitis.

Cautions/Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: None known.

Luffa Complex (A.Vogel)
Tablets, nasal spray; Extracts of: Luffa, American spikenard, heartseed, golden thryallis, chapparal, okoubaka, toothpick weed.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Fructolysat® is the total extract and concentrate (1:2) of the vital whole fresh plant, in fructooligosaccharides.
MACA
*Lepidium meyenii*

**Family:** Brassicaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Root.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Male sexual dysfunction\(^{282, 283, 284}\), decreased epididymal sperm count\(^{285}\), psychological symptoms (including anxiety & depression) and sexual dysfunction in postmenopausal women\(^{286, 292}\).

*Major:* Learning & memory impairment\(^{287}\), prostatic hyperplasia\(^{288, 289}\), diabetes, hypercholesterolaemia\(^{290, 292}\).

*Minor:* Protection against UVA, UVB and UVC\(^{291, 292}\).

**Cautions:** Pregnant, breastfeeding, breast tenderness (decrease dosage), children under 12 years of age\(^{292}\).

**Contraindications:** Patients with thyroid conditions\(^{293}\).

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None documented.

**Dose:** 1 dried maca extract 450 mg capsule 3 times daily taken orally with food\(^{293}\).

**AntiStress** (Erba Vita)
Capsules; Micronized powder of siberian ginseng root, dry extract of maca root, micronized powder of maca root, dry extract of rosero, dry extract of *Zizyphus jujube spinosa* seed, flax oil microencapsulated, linolenic acid, linoleic acid, oleic acid, dry extract of Jiao Gu Lan leaves, L-teenina (extract from green tea leaves), vitamin B6, vitamin B1, vitamin B12.

Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Maca** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Maca extract 1:10 (equiv. of 100mg of maca herb) in 1ml.
Tablets; Maca powder 500mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Male Formula** (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

**Male Max**™ (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

**Wellman® Conception** (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Vitamin A 750mcg, vitamin D 15mcg, vitamin E 30mg, vitamin C 90mg, vitamin B1 12mg, vitamin B2 15mg, vitamin B3 18mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folic acid 400mcg, vitamin B12 75mcg, biotin 150mcg, pantothenic acid 10mg, magnesium 60mg, iron 6mg, zinc 15mg, copper 1000mcg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 150mcg, chromium 50mcg, Peruvian maca 250mg, lycopene extract 1.5mg, pine bark extract 30mg, octacosanol 3mg, inositol 40mg, L-glutathione 2.5mg, L-arginine 10mg, Siberian ginseng extract 30mg, co-enzyme Q10 2mg, L-carnitine tartarate 50mg, citrus bioflavonoids 10mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
MAGNOLIA

Magnolia glauca

Family: Magnoliaceae
Medicinal Parts: Bark.

Indications:
Principal: Stomach pain, gastroenteritis, flatulence, vomiting & diarrhoea associated with indigestion, poor appetite, fullness & distension of the abdomen\textsuperscript{28, 294}.
Major: Fever (malarial fever, fever of a typhoid type), pain & inflammation of rheumatism & gout, upper respiratory tract infections & spasms including asthma, coughs, profuse phlegm in the lungs, shortness of breath and fullness & pressure in the chest area\textsuperscript{294}.
Minor: Obesity & weight management, substitute for tobacco\textsuperscript{294}.

Contraindications: Pregnancy, breast-feeding\textsuperscript{294}.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: 600mg as a powder or liquid extract once or twice daily at mealtimes\textsuperscript{28, 294}.

Magnolia Extract (HealthAid)
Tablets; Magnolia extract 500mg (standardised to contain 2\% Honokiol), Philodendron amurense extract 250mg (standardised to contain 0.1\% berberine), passionflower extract (1:4) 120mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Tranquil\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid) see Hawthorn

MAIZE

see Corn Silk

MALLOW (High Mallow)
Malva sylvestris

Family: Malvaceae
Medicinal Parts: Leaves, roots, flowers.

Indications:
Principal: Cough, bronchitis, inflammation of the mouth & pharynx\textsuperscript{28, 295}.

Major: Gastroenteritis, bladder complaints, wound management (used externally for the latter indication)\textsuperscript{28}.

Cautions/Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: None known in conjunction with the proper
administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

**Dose:** Average daily dose: 5 gm of the drug; Tea: drink 2 to 3 times a day.

*Alkagin®* (Istituto Ganassini)
Cleansing solution, ovules; Extracts of mallow, linden & calendula.
Gel; Mallow extract, linden extract, marigold extract, aloe vera, peppermint, panthenol, hyaluronic acid, hydrolyzed glycosaminoglycan.

**MARIGOLD**
*Calendula officinalis*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** The flowers are primarily used, but the stems, younger leaves, seeds and roots all have medicinal properties.

**Indications:**
*Principal:* Poorly healing wounds, minor burns & scalds (including sunburns), mosquito bites & bee stings, cuts, sprains, bruises, inflammatory skin lesions

*Major:* Varicose veins, haemorrhoids, crural ulcer, prophylaxis & treatment of bedsores, conjunctivitis

*Minor:* Gastric & duodenal ulcers, gastrointestinal inflammatory disorders, gingivitis, amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, epistaxis

**Others:** Eczema, proctitis, frostbite [External use].

**Cautions:** Patients with confirmed allergy to herbs or foods from the Compositae family.

**Contraindications:** Internal use in pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** Irritant dermatitis [External use].

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** *Dried herb:* 1-2 gm as an infusion daily in divided doses;
*Liquid extract* (1:2): 15-30 ml/week for internal use or 1.5-4.5 ml/day in divided doses; dilute 1:3 for external application; *Tincture* (1:5): 0.3-1.2 ml three times daily.

*Alkagin®* (Istituto Ganassini) see Mallow
**MARSHMALLOW**

*Calendula* (HealthAid)
Cream; Sweet almond oil, calendula, lavender oil, ylang-ylang.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Calendula Cream* (Nelsons)
Cream; *Calendula officinalis* tincture 0.9% v/w.
Local Distributor: Serolf Trading Agency

*Hypercal™* (Nelsons)
Cream; *Calendula officinalis* tincture 0.45% v/w, *Hypericum perforatum* tincture 0.45% v/w.
Local Distributor: Serolf Trading Agency

*Organic Aloe Vera* (dr.organic®) see Aloe Vera

*Organic Aloe Vera Gel Infused with Cucumber, Witch Hazel and Calendula* (dr.organic®) see Aloe Vera

*Otolaya* (Inebios)
Nasal spray solution; Himalaya salt rich in trace elements including copper, *Calendula officinalis*, glycerine.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

*Silvia® Women Formula* (Alta Care) see Guarana

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**MARSHMALLOW**

*Althaea officinalis*

**Family:** Malvaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf, root.

**Indications:**

**Internal**

*Principal:* Dry irritating coughs\(^{303}\), respiratory catarrh & bronchitis, irritation & inflammation of the oral and pharyngeal mucosa\(^{304, 305, 8, 9, 19, 28}\).

*Major:* Digestive tract disorders (including enteritis & peptic ulcer\(^{304}\)), urinary tract disorders (including cystitis & urethritis)\(^{305, 9, 19}\).

**External**

*Principal:* Mouth & throat inflammations (as a gargle)\(^{304, 8, 9, 19, 28}\).

*Major:* Skin disorders including abrasions, fissures, insect stings, boils, abscesses & ulcers\(^{9, 19}\).

**Cautions:** Marshmallow may interfere with existing hypoglycaemic therapy\(^9\).

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** Concurrent use may result in impaired drug absorption. Administration of marshmallow should be separated by at least two hours from that of other orally-administered drugs\(^{28}\).

**Dose:** Up to three times daily:
dried leaf, 2-5 gm as an infusion or equivalent preparation; liquid extract (1:1 in 25% ethanol), 2-5 ml. Topically: 5% powdered leaf in an ointment base\(^8, 19\).

*Altaflora® Transit* (Alta Care) see Rhubarb
**MATÉ**  
*Ilex paraguariensis*

**Family:** Aquifoliaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Mental & physical fatigue, headache,
headache\(^8, 9, 19, 28, 306\).  
*Major:* Mild depression, rheumatic pains\(^9, 19, 28, 307\).  
*Minor:* Adjuvant in slimming regimens\(^14\), oliguria\(^19\).  
*Others:* As a prophylaxis against fever and infection\(^28\).

**Cautions:** Hypertension, cardiac disorders, pregnancy, lactation\(^9\).

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** Anxiety, tremors, palpitations, withdrawal headaches, nervousness, restlessness, insomnia\(^9, 14\).

**Drug interactions:** Centrally acting drugs, OTC nasal decongestants, sedating antihistamines, antinausea agents. The metabolic clearance of caffeine from the body may be enhanced or retarded by concomitant use of certain other drugs\(^14, 19\).

**Dose:** Three times daily: 1-2 gm of dried leaf or an equivalent preparation such as an infusion or liquid extract 1:1 in 25% alcohol\(^19\).

**4.3.2.1 Performance Detox** (Arkopharma)  
see Green Tea

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Day & Night**  
(Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Organic** (Arkopharma)  
see Green Tea

**4.3.2.1 Shape Up Ultimate** (Arkopharma)  
see Fenugreek

**Biofreeze® Pain Relieving Gel** (Biofreeze)  
Gel; Natural menthol, *Ilex paraguariensis* extract.  
Local Distributor: Collis William Ltd.

**Zotrim** (Nature’s Remedies)  
Tablets; Maté extract 27.5%, guarana extract 23.3%, damiana extract 9%.  
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

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**MEADOWSWEET**  
*Filipendula ulmaria*

**Family:** Rosaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Aerial parts.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Supportive therapy for colds, cough, bronchitis, fever, gastrointestinal conditions (hyperacidity, acidic dyspepsia, peptic ulceration)\(^5, 8, 9, 28, 45, 308\).

*Major:* Conditions associated with mild to moderate pain – rheumatism of joints & muscles\(^5, 9, 28, 308\).
Minor: Gout, bladder & kidney disease\textsuperscript{5, 9, 28, 308}.

Cautions: Asthmatics\textsuperscript{9}.

Contraindications: Salicylate sensitivity, pregnancy\textsuperscript{5, 9, 45}.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: Anticoagulant or antiplatelet drugs (warfarin, aspirin, simple analgesics)\textsuperscript{5, 14, 308}.

Dose: Fresh flowers: 2.5-3.5 gm/day; fresh herb: 4-5 g/day; Infusion: Steep 2-3 gm in 150 ml boiled water for 10 minutes and drink as hot as tolerable; fluid extract: (1:1) (gm/ml): 2-3 ml/day\textsuperscript{5}.

2-Day DetoxPlan (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

\textit{Altacura}\textsuperscript{®} Broncotuss (Alta Care)
Syrup; Orange concentrate 98.65g, glycerol 1.20g, vitamin C 60mg, meadowsweet extract 20mg, propolis 14mg, orange flavour 14mg, thyme extract 10mg, eucalyptus extract 10mg, sodium methyl parahydroxybenzoate 10mg, potassium sorbate 10mg, aspartame 2mg, potassium acesulfame 2mg, lemon flavour 1mg.

Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

\textit{Altacura}\textsuperscript{®} Influtuss (Alta Care)
Syrup; Lemon concentrate 96.65g, honey 2.00g, glycerol 1.20g, vitamin C 60mg, xanthane 24mg, zinc gluconate 15mg, propolis 14mg, potassium sorbate 10mg, meadowsweet extract 10mg, sodium methyl parahydroxybenzoate 10mg, aspartame 2mg, potassium acesulfame 2mg, lemon flavour 1mg.

Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

\textit{Altadrine}\textsuperscript{®} Day Burner (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

\textit{Altadrine}\textsuperscript{®} Night Burner (Alta Care) see Green Tea

\textit{Flodol}\textsuperscript{®} (Alta Care)
Patches; Meadowsweet, liquorice, arnica, horse chestnut, devil’s claw, bromelain, papaya, juniper, peppermint, yu zhu, propylene glycol.

Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

\textit{Flodol}\textsuperscript{®} Artro (Alta Care)
Ampoules; Pawpaw juice 1g, pineapple juice powder 1g, magnesium citrate 150mg, lithothamne powder algae 60mg, potassium citrate 35mg, sodium citrate 20mg, iron citrate 15mg, calcium citrate 10mg, manganese chloride 1g, meadowsweet 0.5g, ginseng root 0.5g, stinging nettle aerial parts 1.5g, great burdock 1g, blackcurrant leaves 0.5g, fructose 40mg, blackcurrant natural flavor 10mg, lemon juice 150mcg, essential oils: angelica 150mcg, caraway 150mcg, coriander 150mcg, rosemary 150mcg.

Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.
Melilot
See Sweet Clover

Milk Thistle
*Silybum marianum*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit, leaves.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Liver diseases\(^{309,311}\),\(^{312}\) – hepatocyte repair, supportive treatment in patients with alcoholic liver disease\(^{313}\) with cirrhosis and/or abnormal liver function, acute viral hepatitis\(^{314}\), hepatitis C infection, liver damage following exposure to chemical toxins, diabetes\(^{319}\), jaundice, to prevent hepatotoxicity after poisoning with the mushroom *Amanita phalloides*, chemoprevention, treatment of cancer\(^{310,311,315,5,8,14,28,45,320}\).

*Major:* Dyspeptic complaints such as flatulence and bloating\(^{310}\), hypercholesterolaemia\(^{309,317}\), to stimulate milk production\(^{318}\), depression\(^{319,5,28,45}\).

*Minor:* Loss of appetite, haemorrhoids, psoriasis, skin cancer prevention\(^{309,5,28,45}\).

**Contraindications:** Known allergy to the Asteraceae family\(^5\).

**Drug interactions:** Cisplatin, metronidazole, nifedipine, protease inhibitors, pyrazinamide, warfarin\(^5,14,28,320\).

**Dose:** Average daily recommended dose: 12-15 gm of milk thistle seed in divided doses; Liquid extract (1:1): 4-9 ml/day; liquid extract (1:2): 30-60 ml/week\(^5\).

**2-Day Detox Plan** (HealthAid)
Liquid; Milk thistle extract (1:3), tamarind pulp concentrate (4:1), dandelion root extract (1:3), artichoke leaf extract (1:3), meadowsweet herb extract (1:3), burdock extract (1:3), oregon grape root extract (1:3), liquorice root extract (1:3), fennel seed extract (1:3), yellow dock root extract (1:3), swedish bitters extract (1:3), prune juice.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Diaglucoforte™** (HealthAid) see Karela

**Herbal Female Complex** (Solgar) see Black Cohosh

**High Strenght Milk Thistle Extract** (Lifeplan)
Tablets; Milk thistle 175mg of which silymarin 140mg.

Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Livercare®** (HealthAid)
Prolonged release tablets; Milk thistle seed powder 250mg, dandelion root
Milk Thistle

powder 100mg, barberry root powder 100mg, turmeric powder 100mg, artichoke powder 100mg, methionine 100mg, choline 100mg, inositol 100mg, taurine 100mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Milk Thistle (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Milk thistle powder.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

Milk Thistle (A.Vogel)
Liquid; Each ml contains tincture of milk thistle fruit (1:2) 923mg equiv. to 461mg fruit.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Milk Thistle (HealthAid)
Liquid; Milk thistle extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of milk thistle herb) in 1ml.
Tablets; Milk thistle powder 125mg, milk thistle extract 15mg standardised for min. 80% silymarin (equiv. to 375mg of milk thistle powder).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Milk Thistle (HealthAid)
Liquid; Milk thistle extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of milk thistle herb) in 1ml.
Tablets; Milk thistle powder 125mg, milk thistle extract 15mg standardised for min. 80% silymarin (equiv. to 375mg of milk thistle powder).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Milk Thistle (Power Herbs)
Tablets; Milk thistle extract 125mg (providing silybin 100mg).
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Milk Thistle 4500mg (Lamberts)
Tablets; Milk Thistle 8580mg (provided by 286mg of a 30:1 extract) providing silymarin 200mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Milk Thistle & Artichoke (Higher Nature)
Capsules; 200mg milk thistle standardised extract (80% silymarin, 30% silybin), 150mg artichoke leaf standardised extract (2.5% cynarin), 50mg schisandra fruit extract 5:1, 20mg Echinacea (Echinacea purpurea) extract 4:1.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Milk Thistle Complex (HealthAid)
Tablets; Milk thistle seed powder 250mg, dandelion root powder 100mg, barberry root powder 100mg, turmeric powder 100mg, artichoke powder 100mg, choline citrate 100mg, inositol 100mg, taurine 100mg, methionine 100mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Milk Thistle Herbal Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Milk thistle seed extract 100mg (min. 80% silymarin, 30% silybin), milk thistle seed powder 100mg (equiv. to 200mg milk thistle seed herb); Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 320mg; prebiotic acacia gum 160mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Milk Thistle Herb Extract (Solgar)
Vegicaps; Raw milk thistle herb powder 300mg, standardised milk thistle seed powdered extract 175mg (total flavonoids including silymarin 140mg [80%]), PhytoO2X Æ (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid).
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

Milk Thistle Plus (FSC)
Capsules; Milk thistle extract 125mg (standardised to 80% silymarin), oregan grape powder 50mg, dandelion 50mg, schisandra root 50mg, curcmin white herb 50mg, artichoke leaf 50mg, burdock whole root 50mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
MINT
see Peppermint

MUIRA-PUAMA
Ptychopetalum olacoides

**Family**: Olacaceae
**Medicinal Parts**: Roots, bark.

**Indications**:
*Principal*: Prevention of sexual disorders, to promote sexual function\(^{28, 321, 323}\).
*Major*: Depression, to enhance memory, nervousness\(^{28, 321, 322, 323}\).
*Minor*: Diarrhoea, loss of appetite\(^{28}\).

**Cautions**: Use with caution if taking medicines that act on the central nervous system\(^{321}\).

**Contraindications**: None known.

**Side-effects**: None known.

**Drug interactions**: Analgesics, anticoagulants, anti-platelets, MAOIs, SSRIs, steroid hormones\(^{324}\).

**Dose**: Daily dose for internal use: 0.5 gm of drug; for liquid extract and decoction: 0.5 to 2 ml 3 times daily; for external use, the herb can be added to baths\(^{28}\).

*Chalet® Hair Stimulant* (Alta Care) see Saw Palmetto

*Gentlemen’s Three\(^{TM}\)* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Herbal 3* (HealthAid) see Pumpkin

*Herbal Booster\(^{TM}\)* (HealthAid) see Guarana

*Male Formula* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Male Max\(^{TM}\)* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Muira Puama* (HealthAid) Liquid; Muira Puama extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of muira puama herb) in 1ml.
Tablets; Muira Puama leaf extract and raw powder (4:1) 140mg equiv. to 560mg of muira puama leaf powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
MULLEIN
Verbascum densiflorum

Family: Scrophulariaceae
Medicinal Parts: Flower.

Indications:
Principal: Bronchitis, tracheitis, coughs & colds, catarrh of the upper respiratory tract, asthma5, 28, 45, 325.
Major: Wounds, burns, bruises, haemorrhoids, pruritis, to soften the skin, chronic otitis media (topical use)5, 45.
Minor: Inflamed mucosa, sore throat5, 45.

Cautions/Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: Contact dermatitis5.

Drug interactions: None noted.

Dose: Fluid extract (1:1): 1.5-2 ml twice daily; tincture (1:5): 7.5-10 ml twice daily; Dried leaf: 12-24 gm/day; decoction: 1.5-2 gm of herb in 250 ml of cold water, bought to boil for 10 minutes, taken twice daily5.

Herbal Booster™ (HealthAid) see Guarana

Tusserbe® Fluid (ESI)
Syrup: Mountain pine 6ml, small plantain 6ml, thyme 6ml, mullein 6ml.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

MYRRH
Commiphora molmol

Family: Burseraceae
Medicinal Parts: Gum resin, stem, leaves.

Indications:
Principal: Oral or pharyngeal inflammation, bed sores, minor wounds, haemorrhoids326 [externally as a tincture], respiratory conditions, mouth ulcers, gingivitis327 [as a mouthwash], pharyngitis [as a gargle], respiratory catarrh326, 328, 329, 5, 9, 14, 28, 45.
Major: Hyperlipidaemia, hypercholesterolaemia, hypertriglyceridaemia5.
Minor: Dysmenorrhoea, amenorrhoea, menopausal symptoms328, 5.
Others: Schistosomiasis329, acne5.

Contraindications: Known allergy, pregnancy5, 28.

Side-effects: Restlessness, mild abdominal discomfort, GI symptoms such as diarrhoea & nausea5, 14.

Drug interactions: Diabetic medication, lipid-lowering medication, anticoagulant & antiplatelet medication, diltiazem, propranolol5, 28.

Dose: Three times daily: Myrrh
tincture (1:5, 90% ethanol). For external use apply undiluted tincture. As a gargle or mouthwash: 5ml of tincture in a glass or water.

**Ad-muc**® (Merz) see Chamomile, German

**Echinacea & Black Elderberry** (Higher Nature) see Echinacea

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**NASTURTNIUM**  
*Tropaeolum majus*

**Family**: Tropaeolaceae  
**Medicinal Parts**: The whole flowering plant & the seeds.

**Indications**:  
*Principal*: Recurrent urinary tract infections.  
*Majors*: Catarrh of the upper respiratory tract, cough, bronchitis.  
*Minor*: Mild muscular pain, menstrual disorders, hair loss, infected & poorly healing wounds [externally].  
*Others*: Scurvy, tuberculosis.

**Contraindications**: GI ulcers, kidney diseases, infants or small children.

**Side-effects**: Contact dermatitis.

**Drug interactions**: None known.

**Dose**: Daily dose: extract: 14.4 mg taken 3 times daily; infusion: 2 to 3 cups per day; pressed juice: 30 gm per day.

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**NEEM**  
*Antelaea azadirachta*

**Family**: Meliaceae  
**Medicinal Parts**: Bark, leaves, branches, seeds, latex.

**Indications**: Inflammatory and febrile diseases (including malaria and leprosy), dyspeptic complaints, worm infestations.

**Contraindications**: None known.

**Side-effects**: No health hazards or side effects are known in conjunction with the proper administration of designed therapeutic dosages.

**Drug interactions**: None known.

**Dose**: There is not enough scientific evidence to safely recommend the use of neem.

**Herbal Cream** (HealthAid) see Arnica

**Neem Cream** (A.Vogel)  
Cream; Neem leaf extract, eucalyptus, rosemary, beeswax, sunflower oil, sweet almond oil.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus
**Neem Leaf Herbal Complex (Vega)**
Capsules; Neem leaf extract 200mg (min. 2.5% bitter principles); Vega Phytoantioxidant Base\textsuperscript{TM} 85mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 136mg, prebiotic acacia gum 68mg; artemesia leaf powder 50mg; black walnut husk powder 20mg; grapefruit seed extract 20mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Neem Oil (A.Vogel)**
Oil; Neem oil, sweet almond oil, bergamot, rosemary, eucalyptus.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

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**NETTLE**
*Urtica dioica*

**Family:** Urticaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf, root.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Benign prostatic hyperplasia\textsuperscript{333} & difficulties in passing urine\textsuperscript{334} (root), allergic rhinitis\textsuperscript{335} (leaf extracts), arthritic conditions (whole nettle extracts)\textsuperscript{5, 8, 14, 28, 45, 336}.

*Major:* Kidney & bladder stones\textsuperscript{5, 28}, hereditary hair loss, chilblains.

*Minor:* Diarrhoea, colon diseases, internal bleeding, chronic skin eruptions such as eczema\textsuperscript{5, 9, 28}.

*Others:* Dysentery; dandruff & oily hair [externally]\textsuperscript{28}.

**Cautions:** Known sensitivities or allergies to the herb\textsuperscript{5, 28}; swelling or fluid retention caused by heart failure, kidney conditions (avoid use of nettle’s aerial parts, especially with excessive amounts of water)\textsuperscript{337}.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy\textsuperscript{5, 28}, breast-feeding, diabetic patients\textsuperscript{337}.

**Side-effects:** GI discomfort, allergic reactions (skin afflictions, oedema), urticaria, pruritus\textsuperscript{5, 28, 19, 45, 337}.

**Drug interactions:** Diuretics, antiplatelets, anticoagulants (including heparin & warfarin), antihypertensive medicines, finasteride, anticonvulsants, hypoglycaemic drugs\textsuperscript{5, 337}.

**Dose:**

*Leaf:* Dry extract: 0.6-2.1 g/day in divided doses; liquid extract (1:2): 2-6 ml/day.

*Root:* 4-6 g/day cut root\textsuperscript{5, 9}.

**Allergforte\textsuperscript{TM}** (HealthAid)
Tablets; Stinging nettle extract 100mg, elderberry powder 50mg, bromelain powder 50mg, ginger powder 50mg, chickweed powder 50mg, turmeric extract (4:1) 31.5mg, querceptin 75mg, vitamin C 30mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Altadrine\textsuperscript{®} Lipodrainer** (Alta Care)
Syrup; Ananas concentrated juice 6425mg, sugar free honey 3000mg, bromelaine 250mg, carrot powder 150mg, stinging nettle leaf 80mg, kola nut 50mg,
bitter orange fruit 50mg, green tea leaf 50mg, tomato powder 50mg, paullina cubana 30mg, fennel fruit 30mg, sodium benzoate 10mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Altadrine® Night Burner** (Alta Care) see Green Tea

**Carbogas** (Sella) see Fennel

**Chalet® Hair Stimulant** (Alta Care) see Saw Palmetto

**Cysticcare®** (HealthAid) see Cranberry

**Flodol® Artro** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

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**OATS**

*Avena sativa*

**Family:** Poaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** The whole flowering plant, including the oat straw and the seed.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Hyperlipidaemia\(^{338,339}\), hypertension\(^{340}\), pruritus, blood sugar regulation (diabetes)\(^{341}\).

*Major:* Libido, exhaustion, insomnia, anxiety, neurasthenia, GI complaints, consequences of nicotine abuse\(^{5,8,28}\).

*Minor:* Rheumatism, bladder weakness, gout, kidney ailments\(^{28}\).

**Cautions:** Oat bran products should be taken with large amounts of water to assure that the fiber is well dispersed in the bowel\(^{28}\).

**Contraindications:** Patients with coeliac disease, intestinal obstruction\(^{5}\),\(^{28}\).

**Side-effects:** Flatulence, anal irritation\(^{5}\).

**Drug interactions:**

Antihypertensives, lipid-lowering medications including statins\(^{5,28}\).

**Dose:** 1-4 gm three times daily of oatmeal or straw; 20-40 ml/week 1:2 tincture\(^{5}\).

**CarbonFlor®** (Erba Vita) see Aniseed

**Cholestro-Vit Formula** (Vega) see Garlic

**ColestroforteTM** (HealthAid) see Fenugreek

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**MSM Glucosamine Joint Complex**

(Higher Nature) see Celery

**Nettle Leaf** (HealthAid)

Liquid; Nettle leaf extract 1:4 (equiv. of 250mg of nettle leaf herb) in 1ml.
Tablets; Nettle leaf extract and raw powder (4:1) 140mg equiv. to 560mg of nettle leaf powder.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Prostavital®** (HealthAid) see Pumpkin

**Urtica** (A.Vogel)

Liquid; Tincture of organically grown fresh stinging nettle leaves and root, extracted in alcohol (50% v/v).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

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**OLIVE**

*Olea europaea*

**Family:** Oleaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit, leaf.

**Indications:**  
*Olive leaves*  
**Principal:** Arteriosclerosis, hypertension,  
**Major:** Symptomatic relief in osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, fever, asthma, tonsillitis, pharyngitis, diabetes.
**Minor:** Bacterial (such as bronchitis & tonsillitis), fungal (such as vaginal candidiasis, *Tinea pedis* & *Tinea capitis*) and viral infections (such as herpes simplex).

*Olive Oil*  
**Principal:** Hypertension, hypercholesterolaemia, psoriasis, eczema, sun burn, mild burns, rheumatism.
**Major:** Used as a laxative to soften impacted faeces, gallbladder inflammation, flatulence, cancer prevention (prostate, colon & breast).
**Minor:** Roemhel syndrome, GI ulcers, kidney stones.

**Cautions:** Known allergies to the Oleaceae family of plants, biliary tract stones.
Contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: Seasonal respiratory allergies.

Drug interactions: Hypoglycaemic agents, hypertensive agents.

Dose: Olive leaf extract: 5ml three times daily with water or juice if necessary. Olive oil: Should replace dietary intake of saturated fats and be consumed as part of a Mediterranean style diet.

OREGON GRAPE
Mahonia aquifolium

Family: Berberidaceae
Medicinal Parts: Roots.

Indications:
Principal: Scaly skin, psoriasis, eczema.
Major: Bronchitis, diarrhoea, gastritis, cholecystitis, liver & gallbladder conditions.

Contraindications: Pregnancy.

Side-effects: No health hazards or side effects are known in conjunction with the proper administration of designed therapeutic dosages.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Fluid extract: 10-20 drops diluted and taken every 3-4 hours as needed; Tincture: 20-40 drops per day; standardized alkaloid extracts: 250 mg per day.

2-Day DetoxPlan (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle
**PAPAYA**

*Carica papaya*

**Family:** Caricaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves, fruit.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* GI digestion complaints, inflammations and ulcers in the gastro-duodenal area\(^1\), \(^2\), \(^8\), \(^3\).  
*Major:* Pancreas excretion insufficiency, intestinal parasites\(^2\).  
*Minor:* Damage to the urinary tract & stones, haemorrhoids, diabetes\(^1\), \(^4\).  
*Others:* Cough, bronchitis\(^2\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, patients taking oral anticoagulants\(^1\), \(^2\).

**Side-effects:** Allergic reactions, including asthma attacks\(^2\).

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants\(^2\).

**Dose:** Dosage depends on the composition of the enzyme substitute preparation\(^2\).

50 Plus Once A Day (Quest) see Buckwheat

Altaflora® Gastrogel (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

Bromelain Complex (Vega) see Aloe Vera

Day-vit® Probio (HealthAid) see Buckwheat

Dietrim (Vitabiotics) see Cinnamon

DigestivAid No Acid (ESI) see Licorice

Digestizyme® (Lamberts)  
Capsules; Papain 50,000PU, bromelain 120,000PU, lipase 125LU, amylase 5000DU, protease 4.5 10,000HUT, protease 3.0 10SAPU, glucoamylase 9AGU, cellulase 200CU.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Digeston™ (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Papain 80mg, papaya enzyme 5mg, bromelain 50mg, pepsin 150mg, betain hydrochloride 100mg, pancreatin 75mg, amylase 10mg, protease 10mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Enzyme Digest (Quest)  
Tablets; Papain 4.17mg, amylase 10mg, lipase 5.56mg, bromelain 5mg, betaine HCl 100mg, peppermint oil 0.25mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

Flodol® (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

Flodolor® Flexi (Alta Care)  
Syrup; Ananas juice 5390mg, honey sugar free 3000mg, papaya 600mg, ananas 500mg, olmaria 250mg, devil’s claw 200mg, ananas aroma 50mg, sodium benzoate 10mg.  
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

Healthy Mega (HealthAid) see Buckwheat

Altadura® Influtuss (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

Altacura® Influtuss Extra (Alta Care)  
Tablets; Sorbitol 313.4mg, papaya fruit dried extract 60.0mg, vitamin C 60.0mg, propolis dried extract 30.0mg, zinc oxide 18.7mg, magnesium stearate 5.0mg, lemon flavour 5.0mg, mint essential oil 3.0mg, silica 2.0mg, curcuma 2.0mg, aspartame 0.4mg, potassium acesulfame 0.4mg.  
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

Altadrine® Day Burner (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

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**Herbal Booster™** (HealthAid) see Guarana

**Neuralta® Plus** (Alta Care)
Syrup; Ananas juice 5390mg, royal jelly 1600mg, honey sugar free 1289mg, papaya 600mg, ananas 500mg, olmaria 250mg, devil’s claw 200mg, ananas aroma 50mg, vitamin B1 100mg, vitamin B6 10mg, vitamin B12 1000mcg, sodium benzoate 10mg.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Silvia® Feminin Formula** (Alta Care) see Hops

**Super Once A Day Timed Release** (Quest)
Tablets; Vitamin A 750mcg, beta carotene 6mg, alpha carotene 90mcg, cryptoxanthin 21.2mcg, zeaxanthin 18mcg, lutein 13.6mcg, folacin 200mcg, biotin 50mcg, vitamin C 150mg, vitamin D 10mcg, vitamin E 34mg, thiamin 39mg, riboflavin 50mg, niacin 50mg, vitamin B6 41mg, vitamin B12 50mcg, pantothenic acid 50mg, calcium 158mg, phosphorus 91mg, iron 15mg, magnesium 60mg, zinc 10mg, iodine 100mcg, manganese 1mg, copper 1000mcg, molybdenum 25mcg, chromium 25mcg, selenium 32.5mcg, vanadium 25mcg, choline bitartrate 50mg, inositol 50mg, methionine 50mg, PABA 50mg, bioflavonoids 28.6mg, lysine HCl 22mg, lecithin 100mg, papain 2mg, rutin 2mg, hesperidin 10mg, betaine HCl 12mg, cysteine 0.6mg.
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**PARSLEY**
*Petroselinum crispum*

**Family:** Umbelliferae
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf, root, seed.

**Indications:**
**Principal:** Urinary tract complaints including cystitis, dysuria & renal gravel.
**Major:** Digestive complaints such as flatulence, dyspepsia & intestinal colic.
**Minor:** Dysmenorrhoea, functional amenorrhoea, myalgia (internal or topical use), rheumatic conditions.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, lactation, inflammatory kidney disorders.

**Side-effects:** Rarely contact allergic reactions of skin.

**Drug interactions:** Lithium, warfarin.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried herb, 2-4 gm or in infusion; liquid extract (1:1 in 25% alcohol), 2-4 ml.

**Aquaflo®** (HealthAid) see Dandelion
**Colonease** (HealthAid) see Aloe Vera
**Cysticare®** (HealthAid) see Cranberry
**Formula VM-75** (Solgar) see Buckwheat

**Interfresh™** (HealthAid)
Capsules; Safflower oil 65mg, parsley seed oil 15mg, peppermint oil 15mg, chlorophyll 3mg, menthol 0.75mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Prostate Formula** (Vega) see Saw Palmetto
PASSIONFLOWER

Passiflora incarnata

**Family:** Passifloraceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Aerial parts, particularly leaves.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Anxiety, nervous restlessness, insomnia, insomnia.  
*Major:* Generalised seizures, neuralgia.  
*Minor:* Diarrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, decreased libido.  
*Others:* Haemorrhoids (externally), opiate addiction, cough, cancer.

**Caution:** Pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** Drowsiness is possible with excessive doses.

**Drug interactions:** Benzodiazepines (additive effects at high doses), barbiturates (additive CNS effects), anticoagulants (increased risk of bleeding).

**Dose:** Up to four times daily: dried herb 0.5-2 gm, liquid extract (1:1 in 25% ethanol) 0.5-2 ml, tincture (1:8 in 25% ethanol) 2-4 ml.

**Calma Baby** (Erba Vita) see Linden

**Magnolia Extract** (HealthAid) see Magnolia

**Magnolia, Valerian, St. John’s Wort Complex** (HealthAid) see Hoodia

**Vitamin B6** (Quest)  
Tablets; Vitamin B6 50mg, parsley leaf powder 12.5mg (equiv. to 50mg parsley leaf powder).  
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Passion Flower** (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Passiflora extract 250mg (equiv. to 1000mg passiflora powder).  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Phytocalm** (Arkopharma)  
Capsules; Passiflora powdered dried aerial parts 230mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Quiet Life** (Lanes) see Hops

**Sedivitax** (Aboca)  
Capsules; Passionflower leaves multi-fractionated lyophilized concentrate, valerian powdered root, lemon balm leaf powder, California poppy tops powder, valerian root lyophilized concentrate, lemon balm leaves lyophilized concentrate, marjoram essential oil, lavender essential oil.  
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Tranquil** (HealthAid) see Hawthorn

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PAU D’ARCO
Tabebuia avellanedae

**Family:** Bignoniaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Inner bark.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Candida & yeast infections, colds, flu and other upper respiratory bacterial and viral infections.  
*Major:* Urinary tract infections, GI problems, constipation, psoriasis, dermatitis, arthritis, diabetes, bladder & prostate infections, ulcers.  
*Minor:* Allergies, sexually transmitted diseases (syphilis, gonorrhea), cancer & leukemia.

**Contraindications:** Children, pregnant women.

**Side-effects:** Nausea & vomiting, bruising & bleeding at higher doses.

**Drug interactions:** Oral anticoagulants, NSAIDs.

**Dose:** One-half to one cup bark and/or heartwood decoction taken orally 2-4 times daily.

*Candiclear* (Higher Nature) see Thyme

**Pau D’Arco** (HealthAid)  
Liquid; Pau D’Arco extract 1:4 (equiv. of 250mg of Pau D’Arco herb) in 1ml.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

PEONY
Paeonia officinalis

**Family:** Paoniacaeae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Roots, seeds, flowers.

**Indications:**  
*Roots*  
*Major:* Neurasthenia, neuralgia, migraines, allergic disorders such as excitability, epilepsy.  
*Minor:* Whooping cough, cramps, rheumatism.  

*Flowers*  
*Major:* Epilepsy, menstrual cramps & irregularities, fissures (including those associated with haemorrhoids), ailments of the respiratory tract.

**Minor:** As an emetic, abortifacient, for diseases of the skin & mucous membranes, gout, rheumatoid arthritis.

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** Gastroenteritis with vomiting, colic and diarrhoea.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** *Flowers:* One cup of infusion daily; *Root:* tincture: 30 to 50 drops daily.
PEPPERMINT

*Mentha piperita*

**Family:** Lamiaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf, stem.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Irritable bowel syndrome, nervousness, anxiety, stress.  
*Major:* Daytime sleepiness, fatigue, low mood, neuralgia, myalgia; symptomatic treatment of digestion problems including dyspepsia, flatulence, gastritis, enteritis; spasmodic complaints of the GI tract, as well as the gall bladder & bile ducts.  
*Minor:* Headache; postoperative nausea; respiratory tract infections.  
*Others:* Decreased libido, hiccups, menorrhagia.

**Cautions:** Avoid non-enteric-coated peppermint in patients with reflux oesophageal symptoms, avoid chewing enteric-coated capsules as it may cause heartburn, avoid use of peppermint oil on the face of infants and small children.

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to peppermint oil, biliary duct occlusion, gall bladder inflammation, severe liver damage, early pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** Contact dermatitis.

**Drug interactions:** Felodipine, simvastatin, cyclosporin, drugs metabolised by the CYP3A4 liver enzyme, digitalis glycosides, caffeine, food (may compromise the enteric coating of some commercially available peppermint oil capsules).

**Dose:** Average daily dose: 3 to 6 gm of drug, 5 to 15 gm of tincture; equivalent preparations.

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**Interfresh™** (HealthAid) see Parsley

**Karbofin Forte** (ESI) see Fennel

**Migrastick** (Arkopharma)
Roll-on; Peppermint 35%, lavender oil 17%, isopropyl myristate 48%.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Natural Herbal Inhalant Oil** (Numark) see Eucalyptus

**Neuralta® Migren** (Alta Care)
Patches; Peppermint, scotch pine, eucalyptus, cloves, sweet orange, lemon.
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

**Peppermint Oil** (Lamberts)
Capsules; Peppermint oil 50mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Potter’s Sugar Free Cough Pastilles** see Licorice

**Snoreeze Oral Strips** (Snoreeze)
Strips; Pectin, water, glycerine, peppermint oil, cellulose, sorbitan stearate, polysorbate 60, vitamin E, menthol, aspartame, potassium sorbate, sodium saccharin, acesulfame K, hyaluronic acid, guar gum, citric acid, brilliant blue FCF.
Local Distributor: Svea Distributors Co. Ltd.

**Snoreeze Throat Spray** (Snoreeze)
Spray; Water, glycerine, sorbitan stearate, polysorbate 60, cellulose, peppermint oil, vitamin E, potassium sorbate, sodium benzoate, citric acid, xanthan gum, hyaluronic acid, guar gum.
Local Distributor: Svea Distributors Co. Ltd.

**Venalta®** (Alta Care) see Grapeseed

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**PINEAPPLE**

*Ananas comosus* *

**Family:** Bromeliaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit.

**Indications:**

**Principal:** Bruising, swollen and painful joints, wounds, burns14, 28, 368.

**Major:** Post traumatic and postoperative swelling especially of the nasal and paranasal sinuses8, inflammation, febrile conditions, digestive complaints14, 28, 368, water retention.

**Others:** Constipation, amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea28.

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.

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*The active substance in pineapple is bromelain – a proteolytic enzyme.*

**Side-effects:** Gastric complaints, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, allergic sensitivity14, 28.

**Drug interactions:** Amoxicillin, tetracycline, oral anticoagulants, platelet-inhibiting drugs14, 368.

**Dose:** Adults: 500 – 2000 mg daily28.

**Altadrine® Lipodrainer** (Alta Care) see Nettle

**Altaflora® Gastrogel** (Alta Care) see Aloe Vera

**CarbonFlor®** (Erba Vita) see Aniseed

**Flodol® Artro** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet
**PINE BARK**

*Flodolor® Flexi* (Alta Care) see Papaya

*JointWise* (Vega) see Ginger

*Neuralta® Plus* (Alta Care) see Papaya

**PINE BARK**

*see Scotch Pine*

**PLANTAIN**

*Plantago major*

**Family:** Plantaginaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Bronchial congestion (phlegm), inflammation of the oropharyngeal mucosa\(^8,\,14\).  
*Major:* Intermittent fever, ulcers, sores, dyspepsia, GI complaints, diarrhoea\(^8,\,14,\,28\).  
*Minor:* Diabetes, scurvy, hypertension, gout\(^28\).  
*Others:* Cystitis, haematuria, haemorrhoids with bleeding and irritation\(^9\).

**Cautions:** Pregnancy\(^9\).

**Side-effects:** Allergic contact dermatitis\(^9\), migraine headaches\(^28\).

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** *Dried leaf:* 2-4 gm or by infusion three times daily; *liquid extract* (1:1 in 25% alcohol) 2-4 ml three times daily; *tincture* (1:5 in 45% alcohol) 2-4 ml three times daily\(^9\).

**POMEGRANATE**

*Punica granatum*

**Family:** Punicaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Root, bark, fruit, peel of fruit, flowers.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Hypercholesterolaemia\(^369\), hypertension, atherosclerosis, tapeworm infestation and other intestinal parasites, sore throat, candidosis associated with denture stomatitis\(^370,\,371,\,375\).  
*Major:* Diarrhoea\(^372\), dyspepsia, malignant breast cancer\(^371\), wounds\(^373,\,375\).  
*Others:* Haemorrhoids, dysentery, leprosy\(^371\), asthma & COPD\(^374,\,375\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnant & nursing women\(^28,\,375\).
Side-effects: Gastric irritation including cramps, vomiting and diarrhoea with high doses\textsuperscript{28,375}.

Drug interactions: Drugs metabolised by CYP2D6, antihypertensive drugs, rosuvastatin\textsuperscript{375}.

Dose: Tapeworm treatment: \textit{As a decoction}: 4 doses of 6ml with 2 hour intervals between doses accompanied before treatment and after treatment by a laxative. \textit{As a macerate}: 3 doses of 65ml with a duodenal probe at 30 minute intervals; a laxative is administered after an hour\textsuperscript{28}.

\textbf{Organic Pomegranate} (dr.organic\textsuperscript{®})
Lip balm; Pomegranate, shea butter, beeswax, vitamin E.
Toothpaste; Pomegranate, arnica, silica, aloe vera, Iceland moss, horse chestnut, tea tree.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

\textbf{PRICKLY ASH}
\textit{Zanthoxylum americanum}

Family: Rutaceae
Medicinal Parts: Bark, berries.

Indications:
\textit{Principal}: Rheumatic disorders, Raynaud’s syndrome, fever, inflammation\textsuperscript{9,28,45,376}.
\textit{Major}: Colic, flatulence, intermittent claudication, toothache\textsuperscript{9,28,376}.
\textit{Minor}: Hypotension, diarrhoea, cough, asthma, worm infestations\textsuperscript{28}.

Contraindications: Pregnancy\textsuperscript{45}.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Three times daily: dried bark, 1-2 gm or in decoction; liquid extract (1:1, 45\% ethanol), 1-2 ml; tincture (1:5, 45\% ethanol), 2-5 ml\textsuperscript{45}.

\textbf{V-Vein\textsuperscript{TM} (HealthAid)} see Horse Chestnut

\textbf{PSYLLIUM}
\textit{Plantago ovata}

Family: Plantaginaceae
Medicinal Parts: Seed coat.

Indications:
\textit{Principal}: Chronic constipation, weight loss aid (increase feeling of satiety), hyperlipidaemia (psyllium reduces LDL cholesterol & triglycerides and should be used as an adjunct to a low-fat diet)\textsuperscript{377,378}, diabetes\textsuperscript{379,380}, irritable bowel syndrome\textsuperscript{381,5,8,28}.
\textit{Major}: Disorders were easy bowel movement with a loose stool are desirable e.g. in patients with anal fissures and haemorrhoids\textsuperscript{8,28}.
\textit{Others}: Colorectal cancer\textsuperscript{28}. 
PSYLLIUM

Cautions: If there is difficulty in regulating diabetes mellitus\(^5\), pancreatic insufficiency\(^28\).

Contraindications: Partial or complete bowel obstruction, colonic impaction, stenosis of the GI tract\(^5,28\).

Side-effects: Flatulence; bloating; mild abdominal discomfort; allergy characterized by chest tightness, wheezing & urticaria; oesophageal obstruction (psyllium should not be consumed dry)\(^5,28\).

Drug interactions: Calcium, iron, zinc, lithium, coumarin derivatives, vitamin B12, cardiac glycosides (take psyllium at least 1 hour before or after ingestion of the above named compounds), hypoglycaemic agents\(^5\).

Dose: 12 to 40 gm of the drug daily. Powder products should be administered as 1 teaspoonful (3.4 gm to 6.0 gm drug) in 8 oz. of fruit juice or cool water. Stir briskly or shake for 3 to 5 seconds depending on the specific product. Psyllium may be taken up to 3 times daily\(^28\).

Erbalax® Delicato Sciroppo (Erba Vita) see Rhubarb

Fibre Dophilus (HealthAid) Tablets; Psyllium 100mg, acidophilus bifidus 17mg, acidophilus lactobacillus 5mg, microcrystalline cellulose 100mg. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ispaghula (Arkopharma) Capsules; Ispaghula seed husk powder 430mg. Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

Lepicol (Healthy Bowels) Capsules, Powder: Psyllium husk fine powder, fructo-oligosaccharides, probiotic cultures. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Psyllium Husk 1000mg (HealthAid) Capsules; Psyllium husk 500mg. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Psyllium Husk Fibre (HealthAid) Powder; Psyllium husk fibre. Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Psyllium Husk Fibre (Vega) Capsules; Psyllium seed husk fibre 450mg. Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Slimaide Formula (Vega) Capsules; Psyllium husk fibre 60mg, conjugated linoleic acid powder 33% 250mg, acetyl L-carnitine 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, choline bitartrate 30mg, inositol 30mg, niacin 18mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, manganese 0.25mg, chromium 200mcg, folate 200mcg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg, vitamin B12 1mcg. Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
**PUMPKIN**

*Cucurbita pepo*

**Family:** Curcurbitaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Seeds.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Symptomatic treatment of micturition disorders in the early stages of benign prostatic hyperplasia\(^{19, 28, 382, 383, 384}\).

*Major:* Irritable bladder prevention, treatment of calcium oxalate kidney stones\(^{19, 28, 384}\).  

*Minor:* Intestinal parasites particularly tapeworm\(^{28, 384}\).

**Cautions:** If used concomitantly with warfarin, monitor INR and symptoms of excessive bleeding\(^{28}\).

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** Warfarin.

**Dose:** 10-30 gm of pumpkin seed, as ground seed or an equivalent amount of ethanolic extract or pumpkin seed oil\(^{19}\).

*Bromelain Complex* (Vega) see Aloe Vera

*Gentlemen’s Three™* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Herbal 3* (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Pumpkin seed oil 100mg, korean ginseng extract (5:1) 70mg (equiv. to 350mg ginseng powder), muira puama extract (10:1) 24mg (equiv. to 240mg muira puama powder), saw palmetto extract (12:1) 13mg (equiv. to 160mg herb powder), zinc 3mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Male Formula* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Male Max™* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Prostate Formula* (Vega) see Saw Palmetto

*Prostavital®* (HealthAid)  
Capsules; 200mg pumpkin seed oil, 30mg saw palmetto berries 12:1 extract, 10mg stinging nettle 5:1 extract, 5mg pygeum bark (standardised extract, min 2% sterols), 200mg L-glutamic acid, 120mg vitamin C, 100mg magnesium, 100mg lecithin, 90mg wheatgerm oil, 60mg vitamin E, 50mg L-alanine, 25mg zinc, 10mg vitamin B6, 3mg lycopene, 500mcg copper, 50mcg chromium, 50mcg selenium.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Pumpkin Seed Oil* (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Pumpkin seed oil 1000mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Pumpkin Seed Oil 500mg* (Power Health)  
Capsules; Pumpkin seed oil 500mg providing polyunsaturated fatty acids 265mg, vitamin A 229.4mcg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.
PYGEUM

Prunus africana

Family: Rosaceae
Medicinal Parts: Bark.

Indications:
Principal: Treatment of lower urinary tract symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia stages I and II, with signs such as nocturia, polyuria & urinary retention, where diagnosis of prostate cancer is negative.\(^5, 28, 385\).
Others: Impotence, reduced fertility & sexual performance, sphincter disorders, male baldness.\(^5, 28\).

Cautions: Paediatrics, pregnancy, lactation.\(^28\).

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the herb.\(^5\).

Side-effects: Mild GI discomfort.\(^5\).

Drug interactions: 5α-reductase inhibitors, saw palmetto.\(^28\).

Dose: 50-100 mg twice daily of extract standardised to 12-13% sterols.\(^5\).

Prostavital\(^\circledast\) (HealthAid) see Pumpkin

RASPBERRY

Rubus idaeus

Family: Rosaceae
Medicinal Parts: Leaves, fruit.

Indications:
Principal: To facilitate parturition, diarrhoea, stomatitis, tonsillitis.\(^5, 9, 19, 28, 386\).
Major: Dyspeptic complaints, externally as a wash for superficial wounds and ulcers.\(^5, 9, 19, 386\).
Others: Painful and profuse menstruation, influenza, fever, diabetes, vitamin deficiency.\(^8, 19\).

Cautions: Peptic ulceration, GI conditions associated with inflammation. Avoid in constipation.\(^5, 28\).

Contraindications: Early stages of pregnancy. Raspberry preparations should only be taken during the final 8-10 weeks of pregnancy.\(^9, 19\).

Side-effects: GI discomfort, constipation.\(^5, 19\).

Drug interactions: Iron, calcium, magnesium (separate the administration of these substances by at least 2 hours).\(^5\).

Dose: 2-3 times daily: dried leaf 3-4 gm, or as a 5% infusion or equivalent extract. Higher doses of up to twice this amount (maximum: 24 gm dried leaf per day) have also been recommended.\(^19\).

Raspberry Leaf Extract (HealthAid) Capsules; Raspberry extract 125mg (equiv. to 500mg raspberry powder), raspberry powder 400mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
RED CLOVER
*Trifolium pratense*

**Family**: Fabaceae  
**Medicinal Parts**: Flower head, leaf.

**Indications:***  
**Principal**: To relief menopausal symptoms (particularly hot flushes), mastalgia, premenstrual syndrome, prostate cancer prevention\(^5, 28, 387, 388, 389\).

**Major**: BPH, osteoporosis prevention\(^5, 390\).

**Minor**: Eczema, psoriasis\(^5, 9, 28, 45, 388\).  
**Others**: Cough, bronchitis\(^45\).

**Cautions**: In patients with conditions that may be aggravated by increased oestrogen level such as endometriosis or uterine fibroids\(^5\).

**Side-effects**: Infertility and growth disorders have been reported in grazing animals\(^5, 9, 28\).

**Drug interactions**: Anticoagulants, oestrogens, tamoxifen\(^5, 28, 388\).

**Dose**:  
**Menopausal symptoms**: 40-82 mg daily of red clover-derived isoflavones.  
**Osteoporosis prevention**: 44-86 mg daily of red clover-derived isoflavones.  
**BPH symptom relief**: 40-80 mg daily of red clover-derived isoflavones\(^5\).

Menovital\(^\text{®}\) (HealthAid) see Dong Quai

RHODIOLA
*Rhodiola rosea*

**Family**: Crassulaceae  
**Medicinal Parts**: Root.

**Indications:***  
**Principal**: Low mental and physical performance, fatigue, altitude sickness\(^28, 391, 392, 393\).

**Major**: Stress, depression, low mood\(^28, 393, 395\).

**Minor**: Anaemia, impotence, infections, GI ailments\(^28, 391, 392\).

**Contraindications**: Patients with bipolar disorder\(^28\).

**Side-effects**: Interfere with sleep, cause vivid dreams during the first few weeks. Therefore best to take dose early in the day\(^28\).

**Drug interactions**: Pepper (diminish antidepressant effect of rhodiola)\(^393\).

**Dose**: 50 to 200 mg daily\(^28\).

AntiStress\(^\text{®}\)(Erba Vita) see Maca

Rhodiola (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Rhodiola root extract 350mg (standardised for min 1% salidrozid and 40% polyphenols), rhodiola root powder 150mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Rhodiola Herbal Complex (Vega)  
Capsules; Rhodiola root extract 300mg (min. 2.8% salidrosides, 70%
**RHUBARB**

*Rheum palmatum*

**Family:** Polygonaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried root, rhizome.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Occasional constipation, conditions in which a soft stool is desirable, e.g. haemorrhoids\(^9,28,45,396\).  
*Major:* Diarrhoea (at low doses)\(^9,28\), liver disease\(^396\), gastroenteritis\(^45\).  
*Minor:* Painful teething in children, burns (externally), abdominal pain, oedema, tenesmus\(^28\).

**Cautions:** Avoid by individuals suffering from arthritis, kidney disease or urinary problems\(^9\); pregnancy; breastfeeding\(^9,28\).

**Contraindications:** Intestinal obstruction, acute inflammatory intestinal disease, appendicitis, abdominal pain of unknown origin\(^28,45\).

**Side-effects:** Spasmodic GI complaints\(^28\).

**Drug interactions:** Cardiac glycosides (long term use of rhubarb may lead to potassium deficiency)\(^28\).

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**Rhodiola Root Extract** (Solgar)  
**Vegicaps:** Standardised rhodiola root powdered extract 250mg (providing 2.5mg [1%] salidrozid, 60mg [24%] polyphenols), raw rhodiola root powder 100mg, PhytO2X \(\ddagger\) (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid).  
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

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**Erbalax® Delicato Capsule** (Erba Vita)  
**Capsules:** Micronized powders: rhubarb rhizome 246mg, alder buckthorn bark 164mg, gentian root 82mg, common mallow leaves 82mg, horehound heads 82mg. Dry extracts: fennel seed 82mg titrated and standardized 0.5% essential oil (0.41mg), dandelion root 82mg titrated and standardized 2% inulin (1.64mg).  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

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**Erbalax® Delicato Sciroppo** (Erba Vita)  
**Syrup:** Rhubarb rhizome dry extract 1.286g, tamarind fruit juice concentrate
1.286g, psyllium seeds micronized powder 286mg, liquorice root 143mg.
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

Erbalax® Forte Compresse (Erba Vita)
see Senna

Eucarbon® (Trenka) see Senna

Vegilax® (HealthAid) see Blessed Thistle

RICE

Oryza sativa

Family: Poaceae
Medicinal Parts: Seeds.

Indications:
Principal: For recovery from disorders of the GI tract; illnesses of the GI tract including stomach upsets, heartburn, indigestion, nausea, diarrhoea.
Major: Boils, sores, swellings, skin blemishes (externally).
Minor: Diabetes, spontaneous perspiration, pneumonia, diseases of the colon.
Others: Breast & stomach cancer, warts.

Cautions/contraindications: None known.
Side-effects: None known.
Drug interactions: None known.
Dose: The seeds are boiled in water and ingested. It is recommended to follow label instructions.

Alkagin® (Istituto Ganassini) see Mallow
ColestroforteTM (HealthAid) see Fenugreek

Organic Tea Tree (dr.organic®) see Tea tree

ROSE HIP

Rosa canina

Family: Rosaceae
Medicinal Parts: Petals, rose hips with/without seeds, seeds.

Indications:
Principal: Lower urinary tract disorders, kidney stones, gallstones, prevention and treatment of colds, chills, and influenza-type infections, febrile conditions.
Major: Arthritis, rheumatic disorders, gout, biliary complaints, colic.
Minor: Prevention and treatment of vitamin C deficiencies, gastric juice deficiencies.
Others: As an eyewash.

Cautions/contraindications: None known.
Side-effects: None known.
Drug interactions: None known.
**Rose Hip**

**Dose:** 2 gm drug as a single daily dose

*Cellusite*TM (HealthAid) see White Willow

*Ester-C® 1000mg Plus Vitamin C* (Solgar) see Acerola

*Ester-C Formula* (Vega)
Tablets; Vitamin C 240mg, citrus bioflavonoids 25mg, hesperidin 10mg, rose hip powder 10mg, rutin bean extract 10mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

*Formula VM-75* (Solgar) see Buckwheat

*Hip & Thigh Formula* (HealthAid) see White Willow

*Kangavites* (Solgar)
Chewable tablets; Calcium 64mg, magnesium 32mg, vitamin C 60mg, fruit and vegetable powders (red beet, carrot, strawberry, apple, broccoli, apricot) 56mg, niacin 10mg, natural source betacarotene 1.4mg, natural source vitamin E 10mg, iron 2.5mg, pantothenic acid 5mg, biotin 50mcg, vitamin B6 1mg, zinc 1.5mg, riboflavin 0.85mg, thiamin 0.75mg, vitamin A 150mcg, soya lecithin powder 2.5mg, choline 500mcg, vitamin D2 2.5mcg, folic acid 100mcg, copper 25mcg, manganese 250mcg, bioflavonoids 150mcg, vitamin B12 3mcg, selenium 2.5mcg, iodine 22.5mcg, inositol 500mcg, rosehip powdered extract (4:1) 500mcg, chromium 5mcg.

Local Distributor: Natural Remedies

*Nutri baby* (Erba Vita)
Vials; Acacia honey, pear juice, blueberry juice, cod liver oil containing vitamin D, rosehip berries containing natural vitamin C, vitamin E, wheat germ oil, freeze-dried royal jelly, vitamin A.
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

*Rosehip* (HealthAid)
Tablets; Rosehip extract 150mg (equiv. to 3000mg rosehip powder), vitamin C 60mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Vitamin C 1000mg* (Lamberts)
Tablets; Vitamin C 1000mg, rose hip 100mg, citrus bioflavonoid complex 50mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

*Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) 1000mg High Strength* (Vega) see Buckwheat

*Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) 1500mg Super Strength* (Vega) see Buckwheat

*Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) Slow Release 1000mg* (Vega)
Tablets; Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid) 1000mg, rose hip powder 25mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

*Vitamin C – Time 1000mg* (Lamberts)
Tablets; Vitamin C 1000mg, rose hip powder 50mg, citrus bioflavonoid complex 50mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus
ROSELE

Hibiscus sabdariffa

Family: Malvaceae
Medicinal Parts: Flowers.

Indications:
Principal: Loss of appetite, colds that affect the respiratory tract and stomach, hypertension\(^28,400\).
Minor: Carbuncles, swelling and inflammation of the skin, scalding, conjunctivitis, herpes zoster\(^28\).

Cautions/contraindications: None known.

Side-effects: None known.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Available as a tea preparation: pour boiling water over 1.5 gm comminuted drug and strain after 5 to 10 minutes\(^28\).

ROSEMARY

Rosmarinus officinalis

Family: Labiatae
Medicinal Parts: Leaf.

Indications:
Principal: To increase mental concentration, neuroprotective effect\(^401\), digestive complaints including dyspepsia, flatulence & bloating, hypotension\(^5,8,9,19,28,402\).
Major: Chemoprotective & adjunct in cancer therapy (mainly in breast cancer), headache, rheumatic conditions\(^8\), myalgia, sciatica, neuralgia, alopecia\(^5,9,19,28,402\).
Minor: Toothache, eczema, insect repellent, wound healing, sodium-lauryl-sulfate-induced irritant contact dermatitis [topically]\(^5,19\).

Contraindications: Pregnancy\(^5,9,28\).

Drug interactions: Iron, anticoagulants, drugs dependent on P-glycoprotein transport\(^5\).

Dose:
Internal daily dose: Dried leaf, 4-6 gm or as an infusion or liquid extract (1:1 in 45% alcohol).
External use: As an infusion for compresses or hair rinses. As a tincture (1:5, 70% ethanol). As a bath additive, a decoction from 50 gm of dried leaf to a full bath. Essential oil (4-6%) diluted with almond oil or in semi-solid preparations for application to joints, muscles etc\(^19\).

Candiclear (Higher Nature) see Thyme
CarbonFlor\(^\circledR\) (Erba Vita) see Aniseed
Evening Primrose (HealthAid) see Evening Primrose
Flodol\(^\circledR\) Artro (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet
ROSEROOT

**Herbal Cream** (HealthAid) see Arnica

**Neem Cream** (A. Vogel) see Neem

**Neem Oil** (A. Vogel) see Neem

**Refreshall®** (Lamberts) see Ginkgo

ROSEROOT

*see Rhodiola*

**RUTIN†**

*see Buckwheat*

SAFFLOWER

*Carthamus tinctorius*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae

**Medicinal Parts:** Flowers, seeds, oil extracted from its embryos.

**Indications:**

**Principal:** Cardiovascular disease, hypertension, hypercholesterolaemia, atherosclerosis, arrhythmias. Inhibition of thrombus formation, delayed, heavy & painful menstruation, male sterility, dead sperm excess disease, pain & swelling associated with trauma. Rheumatism particularly rheumatoid arthritis, sciatica.

**Minor:** Pertussis, chronic bronchitis, chronic gastritis, atrophic gastritis, constipation caused by medicines for mental illnesses, chronic nephritis.

**Contraindication:** Pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Average daily dose is 3 gm of decoction; single dose is 1 gm.

**Bodylean® CLA Plus** (HealthAid) see Green Tea

**Interfresh™** (HealthAid) see Parsley

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† Rutin is a citrus flavonoid glycoside found in buckwheat.
SAFFRON
*Crocus sativus*

**Family:** Iridaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Stigma, style.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Menorrhagia, amenorrhea, painful labour\(^\text{28, 409, 410}\).  
*Major:* Indigestion, colic, bronchitis, sore throat, headache, vomiting, fever, skin hyperpigmentation, acne, depression\(^\text{409, 410}\).  
*Minor:* Insomnia, measles, jaundice, dysentery, cholera, psoriasis\(^\text{409, 410}\).  
*Others:* Cancer treatment and prevention (fibrosarcoma, cervical epitheloid carcinoma, breast carcinoma)\(^\text{410, 411}\).

**Cautions:** Patients taking anticoagulant or antiplatelet drugs\(^\text{412}\).  
**Contraindication:** Pregnancy\(^\text{28}\).  
**Side-effects:** None known.  
**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants\(^\text{412}\).  
**Dose:** 3-9 gm daily\(^\text{412}\).  

*Saffron* (HealthAid)  
Capsules: Saffron extract (6:1) 14.75mg (equiv. to 177mg of Saffron powder).  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

SAGE
*Salvia officinalis*

**Family:** Labiatae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaf.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Hot flushes and hyperhidrosis associated with menopause\(^\text{413}\), poor memory, dementia\(^\text{5, 8, 9, 19, 28, 414}\).  
*Major:* Inflammation of mouth or throat mucosa, such as pharyngitis, tonsillitis, stomatitis, gingivitis, glossitis, digestive disorders such as dyspepsia, flatulence, poor digestion & bloating\(^\text{5, 8, 9, 19, 28, 415}\).  
*Minor:* Lack of appetite\(^\text{5}\).  
*Others:* Asthma, cancer\(^\text{5, 416}\).

**Cautions:** Sage oil can irritate the skin when used topically; internal use of the essential oil should be closely monitored\(^\text{5}\); epileptics\(^\text{19}\).  
**Contraindications:** Pregnancy, lactation\(^\text{19}\).  
**Side-effects:** Occasional allergic reactions with topical use\(^\text{5}\).  
**Drug interactions:** Iron, calcium, magnesium (reduced absorption of these minerals when taken with sage)\(^\text{5}\).  
**Dose:**  
*Infusion of dried herb:* 1-4 gm three times daily.  
*Tincture (1:1):* 1-4 ml three times daily.  
*Essential oil:* 2-3 drops in 100 ml water several times daily.
Gargle or rinse (use warm infusion):
2.5 gm cut leaf in 100ml water; or 2-3
drops essential oil in 100 ml water;
or use 5 ml fluid extract diluted in a
glass of water, several times daily^5.

Alito Fresco e Balsamico (Sella) see
Eucalyptus

Colonease (HealthAid) see Aloe Vera

Essential Oil of Sage 50mg (Power
Herbs)
Capsules; Sage essential oil 50mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Menopace® Plus (Vitabiotics)
Tablets; Botanical tablet: Soy isoflavone
extract 120mg, sage extract 250mg, green
tea extract 50mg, flaxseed lignans 50mg,
Multivitamin tablet: Vitamin A 750mcg,
vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 30mcg, vitamin
C 45mg, vitamin B1 10mg, vitamin B2
5mg, vitamin B3 20mg, vitamin B6 10mg,
folic acid 500mcg, vitamin B12 9mcg,

SARSAPARILLA

Smilax species

Family: Smilacaceae
Medicinal Parts: Rhizome, root.

Indications:
Principal: Skin disorders such as
psoriasis & eczema, rheumatoid
arthritis^9, 14, 28, 45.
Minor: Inflammation of the urinary
organs^28.

Cautions/contraindications: None
known.

Side-effects: Stomach complaints and
queasiness may occur in rare cases^28.

Drug interactions: Digitalis
glycosides, bismuth^14.

Dose: Three times daily: dried root,
2-4 gm or in decoction; liquid extract
(1:1, 50% ethanol), 2-4 ml^45.

HaemoVit Liquid Gold™ (HealthAid)
Liquid (200ml); 10ml contains:
sarsaparilla extract 10mg, ginkgo biloba
leaf extract 10mg, birch leaf extract
10mg, malt extract 1000mg, honey
220mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamine 1.4mg,
riboflavin 2.2mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin
B6 2mg, folic acid 400mcg, vitamin
B12 2mcg, pantothenic acid 8mg, iron
14mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, lysine
SAW PALMETTO

*Serenoa repens*

**Family:** Arecaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried ripe fruit.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Micturition disorders (such as weak flow, incomplete voiding, frequent daytime and night time urination) associated with mild to moderate BPH\(^5,9,14,19,28,417,418,419,420,421\).  
*Major:* Androgenetic alopecia\(^420,422\), chronic prostatitis and pelvic pain\(^5,420\).  
*Minor:* Impotence, male infertility, decreased libido\(^5\).

**Cautions:** Patients with hormone-dependent cancers\(^28\). If symptoms of BPH worsen, blood is detected in the urine, or acute urinary retention occurs, professional reassessment is required\(^5\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy\(^5,9,28\).

**Side-effects:** Occasionally, minor GI complaints\(^19,28\).

**Drug interactions:** Finasteride (and other 5-alpha reductase inhibitors), androgenic agents, anticoagulants\(^4,421\).

**Dose:** Daily dose: 320 mg of saw palmetto fruit lipidosterolic extract; dried fruit, 204 gm\(^19\).

*Chalet® Hair Stimulant* (Alta Care)  
Capsules; Omega 3 (350mg), saw palmetto (100mg), EPO (50mg) (71% omega 6 & omega 9).  
Syrup; Blueberry juice 5790mg, honey sugar free 3000mg, saw palmetto extract 400mg, hops yeast 300mg, muira puama extract 250mg, stinging nettle extract 200mg, blueberry aroma 50mg, sodium benzoate 10mg.  
Local Distributor: Ultra Pharma Ltd.

*Gentlemen’s Three™* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Herbal 3* (HealthAid) see Pumpkin

*Male Formula* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Male Max™* (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

*Prostasan®* (A. Vogel)  
Capsules; Saw Palmetto extract 320mg.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

*Prostate Formula* (Vega)  
Capsules; Saw Palmetto berry extract 150mg (min. 40-45% fatty acids), saw palmetto berry powder 100mg, pumpkin seed powder 50mg, cayenne fruit powder 30mg, parsley leaf powder 30mg, niacin 18mg, zinc 15mg, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin E 10mg, vitamin B6 2mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, vitamin B12 1mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, manganese 0.25mg, chromium 200mcg, copper 200mcg, folate 200mcg, selenium 200mcg.  
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.
SCHISANDRA

Schisandra chinensis

**Family:** Schisandraceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Liver damage, hepatoprotection\(^5,28,423,424,425\).

*Major:* Decreased resistance to physical and emotional stress\(^5,425\).

*Minor:* Chronic cough, dyspnoea, diarrhoea, night sweats, irritability, palpitations, insomnia, asthma\(^5,28,424,426\).

*Others:* In combination with other herbal medicines to treat infection\(^5,28,424\).

**Contraindications:** Patients with epilepsy, severe hypertension, intracranial pressure\(^28\).

**Side-effects:** Rarely, mild GI discomfort, appetite suppression, hives\(^5,28\).

**Drug interactions:** Drugs metabolised by CYP 3A4 (particularly nifedipine), tacrolimus, warfarin and related drugs\(^5,424\).

**Dose:** Dried fruit: 1.5-6 gm/day.

Liquid extract (1:2): 3.5-8.5 ml/day or 25-60 ml/week\(^5\).

**Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex** (Vega) see Echinacea

**Menophase** (Higher Nature)
Capsules; 25mg Schizandra berry extract 5:1, 25mg siberian ginseng, 5.25mg sage leaf extract 5:1, 5mg hops, 5mg angelica, 5mg kelp, 5mg dandelion, 60mg vitamin E (200iu), 50mg hesperidin complex, 25mg vitamin C, 22mg magnesium, 10mg niacin, 5mg vitamin B6, 2.5mg zinc.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Milk Thistle and Artichoke** (Higher Nature) see Milk Thistle

**Milk Thistle Plus** (FSC) see Milk Thistle

**Multibionta® Activate** (Seven Seas) see Ginseng Korean
SCOTCH PINE

*Pinus species*

**Family:** Pinaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Tar extracted from trunks, branches and roots, oil extracted from fresh needles, branch tips or fresh twigs.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Bronchitis, congestive diseases of the upper & lower respiratory tract, common cold, cough.  
*Major:* Neuralgia, rheumatism, muscle pain, poor circulation.  
*Minor:* Weak ligaments of the upper ankle joint, eczema, urticaria.

**Cautions:** Patients with extensive skin injuries, acute skin diseases, feverish or infectious diseases, cardiac insufficiency, or hypertonia should not use the drug as a bath additive.

**Contraindications:** Bronchial asthma, whooping cough.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** *Internal daily dose:* 2 to 3 gm drug several times a day. *External, as a bath additive:* 100 gm alcoholic extract in a full bath. *Semi-solid preparations:* 20 to 50% ointment to be rubbed in several times a day.

**Menopause Formula** (Vega) see Starflower  
**Mucovit<sup>®</sup> Sciroppo Adulti** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia  
**Mucovit<sup>®</sup> Sciroppo Bambini** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia  
**Multi Antioxidant Complex** (Vega) see Ginkgo  
**Neuralta<sup>®</sup> Migren** (Alta Care) see Peppermint  
**Pectovit<sup>®</sup>** (Erba Vita) see Grindelia  
**Perfectil Platinum** (Vitabiotics) see Green Tea  
**Pine Bark Complex** (Vega) Capsules; Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ 385mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple & mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1, equiv. to herb 616mg, prebiotic acacia gum 308mg; Mixed herb polyphenols extract 30mg providing: blueberry fruit extract 15mg, green tea leaf extract 15mg; pine bark extract 30mg. Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.  
**Totally Wise** (Vega) see Green Tea  
**Vein Support Formula** (Vega) see Ginkgo  
**Vitalize Regenerative Formula** (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng  
**Wellman<sup>®</sup> Conception** (Vitabiotics) see Maca
SENNA
Cassia species

**Family:** Fabaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves, fruit, flowers.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Constipation[^9][^14][^28][^45][^42]  
*Major:* For evacuation of the bowel prior to diagnostic tests of the GI and colorectal area[^28].

**Caution:** Avoid prolonged use[^9].

**Contraindications:** Intestinal obstruction, acute inflammatory intestinal disease, appendicitis[^9][^28][^45].

**Side-effects:** Spasmodic GI complaints. Prolonged use may lead to electrolyte losses, especially of potassium, albuminuria and haematuria, pigmentation of the intestinal mucosa and damage of the myenteric plexus[^28][^45][^428].

**Drug interactions:** Licorice, corticosteroids, digitalis glycosides, potassium-depleting diuretics, quinidine[^28][^428][^429].

**Dose:** Unless otherwise prescribed, daily dose (taken at bedtime): preparations containing 10-60 mg of hydroxyanthracene glycosides. Stimulant laxatives should only be taken for short periods (maximum of 10 days)[^45].

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**Erbalax® Forte Compresse** (Erba Vita)  
Tablets; Micronized powders of: Senna leaves 312mg, aloe dried juice 288mg, cascara bark 252mg, rhubarb rhizome 120mg, frangula bark, fennel fruits 54mg, liquorice root 54mg, clove nails 54mg, peppermint essential oil 2.4mg.  
Local Distributor: E.J. Busuttil Ltd.

**Eucarbon®** (Trenka)  
Tablets; Senna, rhubarb, charcoal vegetable, sulphur purified.  
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Linoforce®** (A. Vogel) see Flaxseed

**Prune & Senna** (FSC)  
Capsules; Prune extract equiv. to prune powder 125mg, senna extract 12mg (20% sennosides).  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Senna** (HealthAid)  
Tablets: Senna extract 180mg equivalent to 900mg of senna powder.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Sollievo** (Aboca)  
Tablets; Senna powder 122mg (standardised to 2.5% sennosides), cape aloe juice 91.7mg (standardised to 18% aloin A & B), dandelion powder 91mg, chicory powder 32mg, fennel powder 27mg, caraway powder 23mg, boldo powder 7mg, cumin powder 6mg, essential oil of fennel.  
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Vegilax®** (HealthAid) see Blessed Thistle
SHIITAKE MUSHROOM

*Lentinus edodes*

**Family:** Pleurotaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fruiting body.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Cancer-prevention (sarcomas)\(^{431}\), heart disease, hyperlipidemia (including high blood cholesterol)\(^{432}\), hypertension\(^{433}\).  
*Major:* Infectious disease, hepatitis, diseases involving depressed immune function (including AIDS), frequent colds and flu, bronchial inflammation\(^{432, 434}\).  
*Minor:* Environmental allergies, fungal (especially *Candida*) infections\(^{435}\).  
*Others:* Regulating urinary incontinence\(^{435}\).

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.

SIBERIAN GINSENG

*Eleutherococcus senticosus*

**Family:** Araliaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Root, rhizome.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Stress, fatigue, lack of stamina\(^{5, 9, 28, 45, 437, 438, 439, 440}\).  
*Major:* Tendency to infection, depression\(^{5, 28, 439}\).  
*Minor:* Upper respiratory tract conditions\(^{439}\).  
*Minor:* Sleep disturbances\(^{439}\), impotence, loss of appetite, pain & weakness in the hip and knee joints, rheumatoid arthritis\(^{28}\).

**Cautions:** Individuals who are highly energetic, schizophrenic\(^9\), diabetics\(^5\).

**Contraindications:** Cardiovascular disease or hypertension\(^5, 28\).

**Side-effects:** None known following the proper administration of designated therapeutic dosages.

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, digoxin, chemotherapy, antidiabetic agents, influenza virus vaccine\(^5, 28, 439\).

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Side-effects: Allergic dermatitis, diarrhoea, mild pressure on the chest (disappear when shiitake is stopped)\(^{436}\).

**Drug-interactions:** Anticoagulants, NSAIDs\(^{433}\).

**Dose:** Patients over 18 years, 6-16 gm of the whole, dried shiitake mushroom daily, or 1-3 gm powdered extract\(^9\).

*Echinacea Plus Ginseng & Astragalus Herbal Complex* (Vega) see Echinacea  
*Vitalize Regenerative Formula* (Vega) see Siberian Ginseng
SIBERIAN GINSENG

Dose: Daily dose: dried root and rhizome, 2-3 gm

Active Women’s Multivitamins & Minerals (Vega)
Tablets; Siberian ginseng root extract 10:1, equiv to herb 500mg; flaxseed seed powder 100mg; bilberry fruit extract 4:1, equiv to herb 60mg; green tea leaf extract 30mg, magnesium oxide 90mg, niacin 90mg, acetyl L-carnitine 30mg, alpha lipoic acid 30mg, pantothenic acid 30mg, PABA 30mg, zinc 15mg, iron 14mg, choline bitartrate 10mg, inositol 10mg, vitamin B6 (10mg), vitamin B2 (8mg), vitamin B1 (7mg), vitamin C (60mg), vitamin E (30mg), vitamin K (100mcg), vitamin B12 (5mcg), vitamin D2 (5mcg), beta carotene 4.8mg, folate 600mcg, manganese 0.5mg, biotin 450mcg, chromium 300mcg, copper 300mcg, selenium 300mcg, iodine 150mcg, molybdenum 100mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Ginkgo Vital 3™ (HealthAid)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng extract (5:1) 150mg, ginkgo biloba extract (50:1) 100mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ginseng Siberian Herbal Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Ginseng siberian root powder 200mg; ginseng siberian root extract (10:1) 150mg (min. 0.8% eleutherosides) equiv. to 1700mg ginseng siberian root herb; Vega Phytoantioxidant BaseTM providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 80mg, prebiotic acacia gum 40mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Menovital® (HealthAid) see Dong Quai

Omega-H3 (Vitabiotics) see Buckwheat

Powerplus™ (HealthAid)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng extract (5:1) 250mg, Korean ginseng extract (5:1) 150mg, Ginkgo biloba extract (50:1) 100mg, soyabean oil 430mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Sibergin® 2500 (HealthAid)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng 5:1 extract 500mg (equiv. to 2500mg of ginseng root powder).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

† Eleutherococcus senticosus should not be taken continuously for periods exceeding 3 months; occasional use or courses of 1 month followed by a 2-month interval are recommended

Energizer Formula (Vega)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng root extract (10:1) 500mg (min. 0.8% eleutherosides); damiana leaf powder 100mg, pantothenic acid 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, acetyl L-carnitine 30mg, octacosanol 30mg, L-arginine 25mg, L-methionine 25mg, niacin 36mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, vitamin B6 4mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, vitamin B12 1mcg, manganese 0.25mg, folate 200mcg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

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Active Women’s Multivitamins & Minerals (Vega)
Tablets; Siberian ginseng root extract 10:1, equiv to herb 500mg; flaxseed seed powder 100mg; bilberry fruit extract 4:1, equiv to herb 60mg; green tea leaf extract 30mg, magnesium oxide 90mg, niacin 90mg, acetyl L-carnitine 30mg, alpha lipoic acid 30mg, pantothenic acid 30mg, PABA 30mg, zinc 15mg, iron 14mg, choline bitartrate 10mg, inositol 10mg, vitamin B6 (10mg), vitamin B2 (8mg), vitamin B1 (7mg), vitamin C (60mg), vitamin E (30mg), vitamin K (100mcg), vitamin B12 (5mcg), vitamin D2 (5mcg), beta carotene 4.8mg, folate 600mcg, manganese 0.5mg, biotin 450mcg, chromium 300mcg, copper 300mcg, selenium 300mcg, iodine 150mcg, molybdenum 100mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Ginkgo Vital 3™ (HealthAid)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng extract (5:1) 150mg, ginkgo biloba extract (50:1) 100mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Ginseng Siberian Herbal Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Ginseng siberian root powder 200mg; ginseng siberian root extract (10:1) 150mg (min. 0.8% eleutherosides) equiv. to 1700mg ginseng siberian root herb; Vega Phytoantioxidant BaseTM providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1 equiv. to herb 80mg, prebiotic acacia gum 40mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Herbal Booster™ (HealthAid) see Guarana

Menovital® (HealthAid) see Dong Quai

Omega-H3 (Vitabiotics) see Buckwheat

Powerplus™ (HealthAid)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng extract (5:1) 250mg, Korean ginseng extract (5:1) 150mg, Ginkgo biloba extract (50:1) 100mg, soyabean oil 430mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Sibergin® 2500 (HealthAid)
Capsules; Siberian ginseng 5:1 extract 500mg (equiv. to 2500mg of ginseng root powder).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Fem-X (HealthAid)
Tablets; Siberian ginseng extract (15:1)
**Siberian Ginseng**

- **Siberian Ginseng** (Arkopharma)  
  Capsules; Siberian ginseng powder 250mg (0.2% eleutherosides).  
  Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

- **Siberian Ginseng** (HealthAid)  
  Liquid; Siberian ginseng extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of Siberian ginseng herb).  
  Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

- **Siberian Ginseng** (Power Health)  
  Capsules; Siberian ginseng extract 5:1 100mg equiv. to fresh whole root 500mg.  
  Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

- **Siberian Ginseng** (Quest)  
  Tablets; Siberian ginseng root extract 35mg, providing eleutherosides 280mcg.  
  Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

- **Siberian Ginseng 250mg** (HealthAid)  
  Capsules; Siberian ginseng 250mg.  
  Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

- **Siberian Ginseng 1500mg** (Lamberts)  
  Tablets; Siberian ginseng 1500mg equiv. to 100mg of a 15:1 extract, eleutheroside E 660mcg, eleutheroside B 150mcg.  
  Local Distributor: Health Plus

- **SiberSlim™** (HealthAid)  
  Tablets; Siberian eleuthero extract (15:1) 60mg, ginger extract (20:1) 50mg, guarana extract 40mg, apple cider vinegar 50mg, hydroxycitric acid 50mg, seaweed 50mg, white kidney bean 50mg, L-arginine HCl 50mg, L-methionine 50mg, L-ornithine HCl 50mg, green tea extract 20mg, chromium 47.25mcg.  
  Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

- **Vitalize Regenerative Formula** (Vega)  
  Capsules; Siberian ginseng root extract 10:1 equiv. to herb 500mg (min. 0.8% eleutherosides), pantothenic acid 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, bilberry fruit extract 4:1 equiv. to herb 50mg (min. 0.5% allicin content), green tea leaf extract 50mg (min. 40% polyphenols), shiitake mushroom powder 50mg, niacin 36mg, acetyl L-carnitine 25mg, creatine 25mg, malic acid 25mg, octacosanol 25mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, vitamin B6 4mg, vitamin B2 3.2mg, vitamin B1 2.8mg, alpha lipoic acid 2mg, pine bark extract 2mg (min. 70% proanthocyanadins), folate 400mcg, manganese 0.25mg, selenium 100mcg, copper 50mcg, vitamin B12 2mcg.  
  Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

- **Wellman** (Vitabiotics)  
  Capsules; Siberian ginseng 20mg, garlic 20mg, bioflavonoids 10mg, PABA 20mg, vitamin A 750mcg, vitamin D3 5mcg, vitamin E 20mg, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin B1 12mg, vitamin B2 5mg, vitamin B3 20mg, vitamin B6 9mg, folacin 500mcg, vitamin B12 9mcg, biotin 0.05mg, pantothenic acid 10mg, iron 6mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, manganese 3mg, copper 1500mcg, chromium 50mcg, selenium 150mcg, silicon 10mcg, arginine 20mg, methionine 20mg, natural mixed carotenoids 5mg.  
  Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

- **Wellman 50+** (Vitabiotics)  
  Tablets; Siberian ginseng 20mg, Co-Q10 2mg, L-carnitine 10mg, citrus bioflavonoid complex 10mg, lutein esters 2mg, phosphatidylcholine 10mg, L-glutathione 5mg, L-arginine 20mg, L-methionine 20mg, natural mixed carotenoids 3mg, PABA 10mg, vitamin A 800mcg, vitamin D3 15mcg, vitamin E 15mg, vitamin C 80mg, vitamin B1 14mg, vitamin B2 4mg, vitamin B3 36mg, vitamin B6 9mg, folacin 500mcg, vitamin B12 20mcg, biotin 50mcg, pantothenic acid 10mg, iron 6mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, magnesium 0.5mg, copper 1mg, chromium 75mcg, selenium 150mcg, silicon 10mg.  
  Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

- **Wellman® Conception** (Vitabiotics) see Maca

- **Wellman® Sport** (Vitabiotics)  
  Tablets; Siberian ginseng extract 50mg,
citrus bioflavonoids 60% 10mg, natural mixed carotenoids 2mg, vitamin A 750mcg, vitamin D 15mcg, vitamin E 30mg, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin B1 12mg, vitamin B2 5mg, vitamin B3 24mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folic acid 400mcg, vitamin B12 15mcg, biotin 75mcg, pantothenic acid 10mg, iron 6mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, manganese 0.5mg, copper 1000mcg, octacosanol 3mg, L-tyrosine 50mg, L-arginine 20mg, L-lysine 20mg, alpha lipoic acid 20mg, L-carnitine tartarate 50mg, co-enzyme Q10 10mg. Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

SLIPPERY ELM

*Ulmus rubra*

**Family:** Ulmaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried inner bark.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** GI conditions including gastritis, acid dyspepsia, gastric reflux, peptic ulcers, IBS.  
**Major:** Inflamed skin conditions, wounds, burns, to draw out boils & abscesses.  
**Minor:** Bronchitis, cystitis, intestinal parasites.  
**Others:** Gout, rheumatism, inflamed joints, toothache.

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy.

**Side-effects:** Contact dermatitis.

**Drug interactions:** Iron.

**Dose:** Powdered bark (1:10) in hot water, 5-20 ml; equivalent tablets or other dosage forms. May be taken as often as required. For topical applications, as a poultice using mucilage of suitable viscosity.

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Slippery Elm (HealthAid)  
Tablets; Slippery elm extract 140mg equiv. to 560mg of slippery elm powder.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

SORREL

*Rumex acetosa*

**Family:** Polygonaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fresh leaves, whole herb.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Acute and chronic inflammation of the nasal passages and respiratory tract.  
**Major:** An adjuvant in antibacterial therapy.

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Adults’ daily dose: 2 coated tablets or 50 drops (with 19% ethanol) taken 3 times daily.
ST. JOHN’S WORT
Hypericum perforatum

**Family**: Clusiaceae/Clusiaceae

**Medicinal Parts**: Aerial parts, flowering tops.

**Indications**:
**Principal**: Mild to moderate depression \(^5,9,19,28,441,442,443,444,445\).

**Major**: Low mood, anxiety and insomnia, particularly if associated with menopause, seasonal affective disorder, PMS \(^5,9,28,445,446,447\).

**Minor**: Obsessive compulsive disorder \(^448\), polyneuropathy, herpes infection, smoking cessation \(^5\).

**Others**: Sciatica, GI conditions (such as oesophagitis & peptic ulcers) \(^5\).

**Topical Use**: Acute dermatitis, myalgia, first-degree burns \(^5,28\).

**Cautions**: People with fair skin undergoing UV treatment should use high doses of St. John’s Wort with caution. Suspend use of St. John’s Wort 2 weeks prior to major surgery. Pregnancy \(^5,9,28\).

**Contraindications**: History of photosensitivity or hypersensitivity to St. John’s Wort \(^28\).

**Side-effects**: GI symptoms, photosensitivity, other skin conditions and agitation \(^5\).

**Drug interactions**: General anesthetics, antidiabetics, antiepileptics, long-term use of benzodiazepines, bupropion, buspirone, caffeine, calcium channel blockers, ciclosporin, digoxin, eplerenone, etoposide, tyramine-rich food, hormonal contraceptives, irinotecan, lithium, loperamide, methylphenidate, NNRTIs, opioids, protease inhibitors, proton pump inhibitors, SSRIs, statins (atorvastatin and simvastatin but not pravastatin), tacrolimus, talinolol, theophylline, tibolone, tricyclic antidepressants, triptans, voriconazole, warfarin and related drugs, methadone \(^5,28,445,449\).

**Dose**: Adult daily dose: 450-1050 mg (typically 900mg) of dry extracts (4:7:1, 50-60% ethanol); 900 mg of hydroalcoholic extract standardised to 3-6% of hyperforin and 0.12-0.28% of hypericin; 3-4.5 ml of tincture (1:5, ethanol 50% v/v); equivalent preparations \(^19\).

*It is advised that patients using St. John’s Wort long term have their doses reduced slowly when discontinuing use* \(^5\).

**Controller® Natural Sleep** (Alta Care) see Linden

**Hypercal** \(^\text{TM}\) (Nelsons) see Marigold

**Hyperforce** \(^\circledR\) (A.Vogel)
Tablets; 40-73 mg St. John’s Wort extract.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Magnolia, Valerian, St. John’s Wort Complex** (HealthAid) see Hoodia

**St. John’s Wort** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; St. John’s Wort standardised extract 185mg.
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**St. John’s Wort** (HealthAid)
**STARFLOWER**

*Borago officinalis*

**Family:** Boraginaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Oil from seeds, leaves.

**Indications:**  
**Oil**  
*Principal:* Cardiovascular disease, platelet aggregation. Starflower oil is a source of GLA, an omega-6 fatty acid and is extensively used in diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, menopausal symptoms, PMS, allergic rhinitis, rheumatoid arthritis, ADHD, weight loss, hypertension, ulcers and cancer\(^{14, 28, 450, 451, 452, 453}\).

*Leaves* (Not to be used internally but as an emollient poultice)  
*Principal:* Fever, upper respiratory tract infections, inflammation (especially kidney and bladder disorders), swelling\(^9, 14, 28, 451\).  
*Major:* Eczema, infantile seborrheic dermatosis, hypertension, depression\(^28\).

**Cautions:** Avoid excessive or prolonged ingestion of starflower due to its toxic pyrrolizidine alkaloid constituents\(^28, 451\).

**Contraindications:** Schizophrenic and/or epileptic patients and in those receiving epileptogenic drugs (starflower oil may cause temporal lobe epilepsy)\(^28\). Pregnancy and breastfeeding\(^14, 28\).

**Side-effects:** GI discomfort\(^28\), status epilepticus\(^452\).

**Drug interactions:** Antiplatelet drugs, NSAIDs, phenothiazines, warfarin.
and related drugs, iron\textsuperscript{28,451}.

**Dose:**

- **Atopic dermatitis/eczema:** 2-3 gms borage oil daily in divided doses.
- **Rheumatoid arthritis:** 6-7 gms of borage oil (equivalent to 1.4 gms of GLA content) daily in 3 divided doses after meals.

**Topical:** **Atopic dermatitis/eczema:** Cream containing 3% to 10% borage oil content: apply twice daily\textsuperscript{28}.

**Biocosmetics Starflower Oil** (Power Health)
Discaps; Starflower oil 250mg (containing on average 23% of its fatty acids as GLA), vitamin E 8mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Borage Oil 500mg** (Power Health)
Capsules; Borage oil 500mg providing GLA 130mg, linolenic acid 184mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Evening Primrose Oil with Starflower Oil 1000mg** (Lamberts) see Evening Primrose

**Femmevit**\textsuperscript{®} (HealthAid)
Tablets; Starflower oil powder 150mg, chamomile extract 50mg, oat seed extract (10:1) (equiv. to 400mg of oat seed powder) 40mg, ginger root extract (20:1) (equiv. to 1000mg of ginger root powder) 50mg, vitex agnus-castus (5:1) (equiv. to 100mg of agnus castus powder) 20mg, natural mixed carotenoids 120mg, vitamin D3 5mcg, vitamin E 33mg, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin B1 10mg, vitamin B2 10mg, vitamin B3 18mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folacin 400mcg, vitamin B12 10mcg, iron 14mg, magnesium 150mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, chromium 200mcg, selenium 50mcg, PABA 50mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Hi-Active Formula** (Vega) see Oats

**Menopause Formula** (Vega)
Capsules; Starflower seed oil powder 33% 100mg (providing min. 20% GLA), green tea leaf extract 20mg (min. 40% polyphenols), pine bark extract 2mg (min. 70% proanthocyanadins), magnesium oxide 60mg, vitamin C 60mg, soy isoflavone concentrate 25mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 10mg, vitamin E 10mg, zinc 7.5mg, iron 7mg, pantothenic acid 6mg, beta carotene 4.8mg, alpha lipoic acid 4mg, vitamin B2 1.6mg, vitamin B1 1.4mg, folic 500mcg, manganese 0.5mg, selenium 200mcg, copper 100mcg, vitamin B12 5mcg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Menovital**\textsuperscript{®} (HealthAid) see Dong Quai

**Perfectil Plus** (Vitabiotics)
Capsules; Starflower seed oil 200mg, blackcurrant oil 50mg, omega-6 fatty acids 121mg, lycopene extract 6mg, coenzyme Q10 5mg, omega-3 fish oil 300mg (providing DHA 150mg, EPA 30mg), lutein esters 6mg.
Tablets; Vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 40mg, vitamin C 60mg, thiamin 8mg, riboflavin 4mg, niacin 18mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folacin 500mcg, vitamin B12 9mcg, biotin 45mcg, pantothenic acid 40mg, iron 12mg, magnesium 75mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 200mcg, manganese 0.5mg, copper 1mg, chromium 50mcg, selenium 100mcg, cystine 10mg, natural and mixed carotenoids 2mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Phytobronz** (Arkopharma) see Grapeseed

**Starflower Oil** (Arkopharma)
Capsules; Starflower oil (24% GLA).
Local Distributor: Pharmacos Ltd.

**Starflower Oil** (HealthAid)
Oil; 15 drops provide on average: pure starflower oil (borage oil) 1000mg which contains GLA 230mg (23%).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
**SUNDEW**

*Starflower Oil* (Higher Nature)  
Capsules; Starflower oil 1000mg, providing 204mg GLA.  
Local Distributor: Health Plus

*Starflower Oil 1000mg* (HealthAid)  
Capsules; Starflower oil 1000mg (contains 23% GLA), vitamin E 20mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

*Starflower Oil (Omega-6) Plus Soya Lecithin* (Vega)  
Capsules; Soya lecithin powder 150mg; Starflower seed oil powder 33% 150mg (providing GLA 20% 10mg); Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1, equiv. to herb 224mg, prebiotic acacia gum 112mg.  
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

*Wellwoman* (Vitabiotics)  
Capsules; Starflower oil 100mg, EPO 100mg, citrus bioflavonoids 10mg, natural mixed carotenoids 2mg, vitamin D 5mcg, vitamin E 30mg, vitamin C 60mg, vitamin B1 10mg, vitamin B2 5mg, vitamin B3 36mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folacin 400mcg, vitamin B12 20mcg, biotin 50mcg, pantothenic acid 6mg, iron 12mg, magnesium 100mg, zinc 12mg, vitamin K 90mcg, manganese 2.5mg, copper 1500mcg, selenium 100mcg, chromium 50mcg, PABA 30mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**SUNDEW**

*Drosera ramentacea*

**Family:** Droseraceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Whole herb.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Respiratory problems particularly coughing fits and dry coughs\(^9,28\).  
*Major:* Asthma, warts\(^9,28\).  
*Minor:* Chronic bronchitis with peptic ulceration or gastritis, gastric ulceration\(^9\).

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** The daily average dose is 3 gm drug. The dosage of the infusion when used as a broncholytic is 1 cup, 3 to 4 times daily\(^28\).

*Broncovit*® (Erba Vita) see Grindelia

*Tusserbe® Sed* (ESI)  
Syrup; Red poppy 6ml, hollyhock 6ml, sundew 6ml, lichen 6ml, ivy 6ml.  
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.
SWEET CLOVER
*Melilotus officinalis*

**Family:** Fabaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Flowering herb.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Complaints arising from chronic venous insufficiency in the legs, such as varicose veins and associated pains, swelling, nocturnal cramp, itching and feeling of heaviness\(^{19, 28, 454}\).  
*Major:* Oedema, inflammation, cutaneous capillary fragility, haemorrhoids\(^ {19, 28, 454}\).  
*Minor:* Phlebitis, indigestion and flatulence, minor sleep disorders, rheumatic pains, burns\(^ {19, 28}\).  
*Others:* Bruises, sprains, superficial bleeding [external use]\(^ {19, 28}\).

**Cautions:** Patients taking aspirin\(^ {19}\).  
**Side-effects:** In rare cases headaches\(^{19}\), transitory liver damage is possible in susceptible individuals (monitor liver enzymes)\(^ {28}\).  
**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants\(^ {19, 454}\).  
**Dose:** Adult daily dose: preparations containing the equivalent of up to 10 gm dried herb, in divided doses. For preparations of known coumarin content, the equivalent of up to 30 mg of coumarin, or up to 1 mg/kg body weight\(^ {19, 28}\).

*Silvia\textsuperscript{®} Feminin Formula* (Alta Care) see Hops

STINGING NETTLE
*see Nettle*

TAMARIND
*Tamarindus indica*

**Family:** Fabaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Fruit pulp, dried seeds.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Acute or chronic constipation\(^ {14, 28, 455}\).  
*Major:* Liver and gallbladder ailments, stomachache, fever\(^ {14, 28, 455}\).  
*Minor:* Gastric ulceration\(^ {456}\), obesity\(^ {457}\).  
*Others:* Bilious vomiting, pharyngitis, stomatitis, haemorrhoids\(^ {28}\).

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.  
**Side-effects:** None known.  
**Drug interactions:** Aspirin (increased bioavailability leading to GI bleeding)\(^ {14}\).
TEA TREE

Melaleuca alternifolia

Family: Myrtaceae
Medicinal Parts: Essential oil from leaves and branches.

Indications:
Principal: Acne vulgaris, athlete’s foot, onychomycosis.
Major: Dandruff, cystitis.
Minor: Vaginitis, cervicitis, gingivitis, MRSA infection.
Others: Cold sores, head lice eradication.

Contraindications: Eczematous or inflamed skin (may cause irritation). The essential oil should not be used internally in the form of an oral rinse that is not swallowed or as a vaginal douche.

Side-effects: Contact dermatitis. Diarrhoea, CNS toxicity, and coma may occur if sufficient quantities are ingested.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose:
Onychomycosis: 100% essential oil applied twice daily.
Tinea pedis: 10% essential oil in cream base applied twice daily.
Acne: 5% essential oil in cream or gel base applied twice daily.
Vaginitis: Intravaginally applied tampons saturated in a 1% emulsified solution, vaginal pessaries containing 0.2 gm essential oil.
Cervicitis: Intravaginally applied tampons saturated in a 20% emulsified solution.

Aloe Vera ESI® (ESI) see Aloe Vera

Herbal Cream (HealthAid) see Arnica

Organic Aloe Vera Gel Infused with Organic Tea Tree Oil and Arnica (dr. organic) see Aloe Vera

Organic Pomegranate (dr.organic) see Pomegranate

Organic Tea Tree (dr.organic) Cream; Tea tree, aloe vera, sesame seed oil, cocoa butter.
Lip balm; Tea tree oil, shea butter, beeswax, vitamin E.
Mouthwash; Tea tree oil, Iceland moss, grapefruit.
Nail solution; Tea tree oil, undecylenic acid, sweet almond oil, rice bran oil, jojoba oil, vitamin E.
Oil; Tea tree.

Dose: 10 to 50 gm of cleaned tamarind paste, pure or with other purgatives daily; taken in fruit cubes.

2-Day Detox Plan (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

Erbalax® Delicato Sciroppo (Erba Vita) see Rhubarb

HCA (Higher Nature) Tablets; Tamarind fruit extract 750mg, providing hydroxycitric acid (HCA) (60%) 450mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Lass-B (Erba Vita) see Dandelion
Stick; Tea tree, arnica.
Toothpaste; Tea tree oil, aloe vera, silica, Iceland moss, horse chestnut.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Rash Relief Cream** (Rapaid) see Aloe Vera

**Tea Tree** (Bios Line)
Ointment; Sweet almond oil 3%, tea tree essential oil 0.5%, lavender essential oil 0.5%, olive glycerine maceration 2%, thyme hydrolat 5%.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Tea Tree** (HealthAid)
Cream, lotion; Sweet almond oil, tea tree.

**Tea Tree** (Nelsons)
Cream; *Melaleuca alternifolia*.
Local Distributor: Serolf Trading Agency

**Tea Tree Balm** (Power Health)
Balm; Tea tree oil, aqua, cetearyl alcohol, petrolatum.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

**Tea Tree & Witch Hazel Cream** (Lanes) see Witch Hazel

**Teenstick** (Arkopharma) see Clove

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**THYME**

_Thymus vulgaris_

**Family:** Labiatae

**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves, flowering tops.

**Indications:**

**Principal:** Respiratory tract infections (particularly bronchitis)⁵, ⁹, ¹⁹, ²⁸, ⁴⁶₃, ⁴⁶₄.  
**Major:** Diarrhoea, gastritis, dyspepsia, skin disinfection in minor wounds (topical use)⁵, ⁹, ¹⁹, ²⁸.

**Minor:** Inflammations of the mouth and throat, enuresis in children⁵, ⁹, ¹⁹, ²⁸, ⁴⁶₃.

**Others:** Insect bites and stings, athlete’s foot & other fungal infections, scabies, lice, oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma⁴⁶₄, ⁵, ⁹, ¹⁹, ²⁸.

**Cautions:** Enterocolitis, congestive heart failure⁵, pregnant women¹⁹.

**Contraindications:** People who are allergic to the Labiatae family⁵.

**Side-effects:** Nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, convulsions, cardiac or respiratory arrest if taken internally; contact dermatitis with topical use⁵, ²⁸.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** The recommended daily dose is 10 gm drug with 0.03% phenol, calculated as thymol. When using a liquid extract, 1 to 2 gm is taken 1 to 3 times daily. The single dose for the infusion is 1.5 gm drug, or 1 to 2 gm drug per cup of water taken several times a day. The dose for the powder is 1 to 4 gm drug twice daily²⁸.

**Alito Fresco e Balsamico** (Sella) see Eucalyptus

**Altacura® Broncotuss** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet
TRAGACANTH

Candiclear (Higher Nature)
Capsules; Thyme 25mg, rosemary 25mg, lemon balm 25mg, Pau D’arco 25mg, calcium octanoate 175mg, magnesium octanoate 175mg.
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Ivy-Thyme Complex (A. Vogel)
Liquid; Tinctures of fresh ivy herb 40%, thyme herb 35%, licorice dried root

TRAGACANTH

Astragalus gummifer

Family: Fabaceae
Medicinal Parts: Gum-like exudation from trunk and branches.

Indications:
Principal: Constipation28.

Cautions: Maintain adequate fluid intake (insufficient intake can lead to obstruction ileus & oesophageal closure)28.

Side-effects: Allergic reactions in rare cases28.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: A typical single dose is 1 tsp granulated drug (approximately 3 gm) added to 250 to 300 ml liquid for oral administration28.

Astragalus (HealthAid)
Liquid; Astragalus extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of astragalus herb in 1ml).
Tablets; Astragalus root powder 545mg (standardised for min 0.5% glycosides and 70% polysaccharides).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Herbal Female Complex (Solgar) see Black Cohosh

Wintervits® (HealthAid)
Tablets; Astragalus powder 230mg, echinacea (Echinacea purpurea) extract (4:1) 225mg, maitake mushroom powder 225mg, rutin 100mg, propolis extract (4:1) 150mg, white willow bark 50mg, vitamin C 1000mg, zinc 15mg, calcium 100mg, quercetin 30mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea
**TURMERIC**

*Curcuma domestica*

**Family:** Zingiberaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried secondary rhizome.

**Indications:**  
**Principal:** Cancer prevention (notably for GI, colorectal & prostate cancer)\(^{465, 466}\), osteoarthritis\(^{467}\) and other inflammatory conditions – inflammatory bowel disease, pancreatitis\(^{468, 469, 470}\).  
**Major:** Hyperlipidaemia, cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, stroke\(^{471}\), dyspepsia\(^{468}\), peptic ulcers\(^{5, 14, 28, 470}\).  
**Minor:** Chronic anterior uveitis\(^{469}\), oral submucous fibrosis\(^{5}\).  
**Others:** Jaundice, skin infections, psoriasis\(^{5, 468}\).

**Cautions:** Avoid high doses in males and females wanting to conceive, suspend concentrated extracts 1 week prior to major surgery\(^{5}\).

**Contraindications:** Bile duct obstruction\(^{5, 28}\), breast cancer patients treated with cyclophosphamide\(^{5}\), hyperacidity or GI ulcers, pregnancy\(^{28}\).

**Side-effects:** Contact dermatitis\(^{5, 28}\).

**Drug interactions:** Beta-blockers, midazolam\(^{470}\), anticoagulants, cyclophosphamide\(^{5}\).

**Dose:** The average daily dose is 1.5 to 3 gm of drug. The powder should be taken 2 to 3 times daily after meals; the tea (2 to 3 cups) should be taken between meals. The tincture dose is 10 to 15 drops 2 to 3 times daily\(^{28}\).

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**4.3.2.1 Performance Detox** (Arkopharma) see Green Tea

**Allergforte**\(^{TM}\) (HealthAid) see Nettle

**Altacura\(^{®}\) Influtuss** (Alta Care) see Meadowsweet

**Altacura\(^{®}\) Influtuss Extra** (Alta Care) see Papaya

**Atrotone**\(^{®}\) (HealthAid)  
Prolonged release tablets; Turmeric powder 100mg, green lipped mussel powder 350mg, glucosamine sulphate 250mg, free glucosamine 195mg, chondroitin sulphate 200mg, methyl sulfinyl methane 150mg, collagen type II 100mg, manganese 2mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**DLPA & Turmeric** (Quest)  
Tablets; DL-Phenylalanine 250mg, curcumin 100mg, black pepper extract providing piperine 2.5mg.  
Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**FootCare Cream** (Himalaya) see Fenugreek

**JointWise Complete Multipack** (Vega)  
**Hard capsules:** Turmeric 35mg, MSM complex 10mg, calcium 85mg.  
**Tablets:** Glucosamine 1500mg, chondroitin 1200mg.  
**Soft capsules:** Marine omega 3 fatty acids and fish oil 1000mg.  
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

**Livercare**\(^{®}\) (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle
Milk Thistle Complex (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

Multi-Max® Advance (Lamberts) Tablets; Turmeric extract 50mg, green tea extract 50mg, grapeseed extract 10mg, vitamin A 781mcg, vitamin D 10mcg, vitamin E 30mg, vitamin C 120mg, thiamin 5mg, riboflavin 4mg, niacin 4mg, vitamin B6 10mg, folic acid 500mcg, vitamin B12 500mcg, biotin 0.15mg, pantothenic acid 12mg, vitamin K 40mcg, calcium 100mg, iron 7mg, magnesium 50mg, zinc 15mg, iodine 150mcg, manganese 4mg, copper 1.2mg, selenium 200mcg, chromium 200mcg, choline bitartrate 5mg, inositol 5mg, PABA 5mg, lutein 2mg.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

Osteoflex® (HealthAid) Prolonged release tablets; Glucosamine sulphate 500mg, of which: free glucosamine 390mg, chondroitin sulphate 400mg, vitamin C 100mg, turmeric powder equivalent 100mg, manganese 2mg, hyluronic acid 55mg.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Osteoflex® Plus (HealthAid) Prolonged release tablets; Glucosamine sulphate 500mg, of which: free glucosamine 390mg, chondroitin sulphate 400mg, vitamin C 100mg, turmeric powder equivalent 100mg, manganese 2mg, hyluronic acid 55mg.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Turmeric 10,000mg (Lamberts) Tablets; Turmeric spice 10,000mg (as a 500mg extract).

Local Distributor: Health Plus

Turmeric Root Extract (HealthAid) Tablets; Curcumin powder extract 350mg (derived from turmeric) standardised for a min 95% curcuminoids, turmeric powder 150mg, bromelain 20mg.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

UV A-URSI

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Family: Ericaceae

Medicinal Parts: Leaves.

Indications:
Principal: Urinary tract infections9, 28, 45, 472.
Major: Cystitis, urethritis, dysuria, pyelitis, lithuria9, 28.

Cautions: Not for unsupervised, prolonged use28.

Contraindications: Kidney disorders, irritated digestive disorders, acidic urine, pregnancy, lactation, children under 12 years. It should not be administered with substances that cause acidic urine since it reduces its antibacterial effect9, 28, 45.

Side-effects: Individuals with gastric sensitivity may experience nausea, vomiting and/or stomachache28, 45.


Dose: Unless otherwise prescribed, three to four times daily: dried leaf, 1.5-2.5 gm or in infusion or cold aqueous extract; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 1.5-2.5 ml; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 2-4 ml. Treatment should be of short duration (maximum of 7 days). An ‘alkaline’ diet, high in vegetables and fruit,
should be taken during treatment\textsuperscript{45}.

**Aquaflow\textsuperscript{®}** (HealthAid) see Dandelion

**Boldo Multi-Herbal Complex** (Healthlife) see Boldo

**Slim-Rite** (HealthAid) see Alfalfa

**Uva Ursi** (HealthAid)

Liquid; Uva ursi extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of uva ursi herb) in 1ml.

Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Uva-ursi complex** (A.Vogel)

Liquid; Tinctures of fresh aerial parts of bearberry 75\%, Echinacea herb 23.75\%, fresh Echinacea root 1.25\%.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Vegilax\textsuperscript{®}** (HealthAid) see Blessed Thistle

**Vitamin B12** (Quest)

Tablets; Vitamin B12 500mcg, uva ursi leaf extract 25mg (equiv. to 100mg herb powder).

Local Distributor: Pharma MT Ltd.

**Saw Palmetto 1000mg & Uva Ursi 100mg** (Power Herbs) see Saw Palmetto

**VALERIAN**

*Valeriana officinalis*

**Family:** Valerianaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Roots, rhizome.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Insomnia, anxiety and psychological stress states\textsuperscript{5, 9, 14, 28, 45, 473, 474, 475}.

*Major:* Restlessness, muscle spasm & cramping (associated with dysmenorrhoea)\textsuperscript{5, 9, 28, 45, 474, 476}.

*Minor:* Fibromyalgia, benzodiazepine withdrawal\textsuperscript{5}.

**Cautions:** When driving a car or operating heavy machinery when high doses are used\textsuperscript{5}, pre-existing liver disease, pregnancy & breastfeeding\textsuperscript{28}.

**Side-effects:** Rarely, GI complaints and contact allergies\textsuperscript{28}.

**Drug interactions:** Alcohol, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, caffeine, chlorzoxazone, dextromethorphan\textsuperscript{5, 28, 474}.

**Dose:** Unless otherwise prescribed, up to three times daily: dried root and rhizome, 1-3 gm or by infusion; tincture (1:5, 70\% ethanol), 3-5 ml; equivalent preparations\textsuperscript{45}.

**5-HTP** (Solgar) see Griffonia

**Controller\textsuperscript{®} Natural Sleep** (Alta Care) see Linden

**Dormeasan\textsuperscript{®}** (A.Vogel)

Liquid; Valerian extract and hops extract obtained from freshly harvested organically cultivated valerian root and hops.

Local Distributor: Health Plus

**Kalms** (Lanes)

Tablets; Hops powder 45mg, valerian extract 135mg, gentian extract 90mg.

Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

**Magnolia, Valerian, St. John’s Wort**
VELVET BEAN

Mucuna pruriens

Family: Fabaceae
Medicinal Parts: Seeds, hairs on the pod.

Indications:
Principal: Parkinson’s disease477, 478, 479.
Major: Impotence, erectile dysfunction479.
Minor: To increase testosterone, anabolic/androgenic aid to stimulate growth hormone, as a weight loss aid479.
Others: Worm infestation28, 479.

Contraindications: Pregnancy479.

Side-effects: Itching, burning and inflammation if stinging hairs are in contact with the skin28.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Decoction: ½ to 1 cup twice daily; 1-2 gm twice daily of seed powder (tablets or capsules)479.

Male Formula (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

Male MaxTM (HealthAid) see Ginseng Korean

VELVET BEAN

Complex (HealthAid) see Hoodia

Natrasleep (Natra)
Tablets; Hops powders extract (5:1) 33.4mg, valerian powder extract (4:1) 62.5mg.
Local Distributor: Collis Williams Ltd.

Quiet Life (Lanes) see Hops

Sedivitax (Aboca) see Passionflower

Tranquili™ (HealthAid) see Hawthorn

Valerian (HealthAid)
Tablets; Valerian root powder 50mg, valerian root extract 215mg (standardised for min 0.8% valeric acid).
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Valerian 270mg (Power Herbs)
Capsules; Valerian root powder 270mg.
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

Valerian 1600mg (Lamberts)
Tablets; Valerian 1600mg (provided by 400mg of a 4:1 extract).
Local Distributor: Health Plus

Valerian Herbal Complex (Vega)
Capsules; Valerian root powder 300mg; valerian root extract (4:1) 150mg (min. 0.8% valerenic acid) equiv. to 900mg valerian root herb; Vega Phytoantioxidant Base™ 45mg providing antioxidants and prebiotics: apple and mixed wild berries concentrate 8:1, equiv. to herb 72mg, prebiotic acacia gum 36mg.
Local Distributor: Alfred Gera & Sons Ltd.

Valerian Root (HealthAid)
Liquid; Valerian extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of valerian herb) in 1ml.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

Valerian Root Extract (Solgar)
Vegicaps; Raw valerian root powder 300mg, standardised valerian root extract (providing 1mg [0.8%] valerenic acid) 150mg, PhytO2X ä (powdered blend of beta-carotene prep. and ascorbic acid).
Local Distributor: Natural Remedies
WHITE WILLOW
*Salix species*

**Family:** Salicaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Bark.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, fever, headaches\(^9, 14, 28, 45, 480\).  
*Major:* Lower back pain\(^481\).  
*Minor:* Gout\(^9, 28, 45\).

**Cautions:** Pregnancy, children, gastric or duodenal ulcers, hemophilia, asthma, diabetes\(^5, 28\).

**Contraindications:** Salicylate hypersensitivity\(^5, 28\).

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** Anticoagulants, salicylate drugs, aspirin, NSAIDs\(^5, 28\).

**Dose:** Unless otherwise prescribed, three times daily: dried bark, 1-2 gm or in decoction; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 1-2 ml; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 5-8 ml; standardised dosage forms containing 20-40 mg of total salicin\(^45\).

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ARTHUR’S FORMULA LTD (Power Health) see Devil’s Claw

**Cellusite™** (HealthAid)  
Tablets; 200mg white willow bark extract 2:1, 100mg dandelion, 66mg kelp, burdock 60mg, butcher’s broom 60mg, 40mg guarana seed extract (1:4), 20mg rose hip, 20mg blessed thistle, 10mg buchu, 10mg cough grass, 10mg hydrangea, 10mg uva ursi, 10mg juniper berry, 66mg apple cider vinegar, quercetin 60mg, potassium 40mg, 32mg lecithin, 20mg dimethylglycine.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**Hip & Thigh Formula** (HealthAid)  
Tablets; White willow bark 100mg, dandelion root 50mg, kelp 33mg, burdock powder 30mg, butcher’s broom 30mg, guarana (extract 4:1) 20mg, rose hip 10mg, blessed thistle 10mg, buchu 5mg, cough grass 5mg, hydrangea 5mg, uva ursi 5mg, juniper berry 5mg, apple cider vinegar 33mg, quercetin 30mg, lecithin 16mg.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

**White Willow Bark** (HealthAid)  
Liquid; White willow bark extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of white willow herb) in 1ml.  
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

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WILD LETTUCE
*Lactuca virosa*

**Family:** Asteraceae/Compositae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Insomnia, restlessness & nervous excitability, particularly in children\(^9, 45, 482\).  
*Major:* Irritable cough, whooping cough, asthma\(^9, 28, 45, 482\).  
*Minor:* Rheumatic pains, atherosclerosis\(^9, 28, 45, 482\).  
*Others:* Urinary tract disorders\(^28, 482\).
**WILD OREGANO**

*Origanum vulgare*

**Family:** Labiatae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Leaves.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Colds and flu, bacterial and viral infections including herpes simplex virus outbreaks.  
*Others:* Coughs, dyspepsia, painful menstruation, rheumatoid arthritis, urinary tract disorders.

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.  
**Side-effects:** None known.  
**Drug interactions:** CNS depressants.

**Dose:** Unless otherwise prescribed, three times daily: dried leaf, 0.5-4 gm or by infusion; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 0.5-4 ml.

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**WILD YAM**

*Dioscorea villosa*

**Family:** Dioscoreaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Root, rhizome.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Topical HRT for women.  
*Major:* PMS, dysmenorrhoea, postmenopausal vaginal dryness, osteoporosis, to increase energy and libido in men and women.  
*Minor:* Acute phase of rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatic and arthritic ailments, biliary and intestinal colic.  
*Others:* Diverticulitis, cholecystitis, nausea in pregnancy.

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.  
**Side-effects:** Nausea, vomiting & diarrhoea with large doses.  
**Drug interactions:** Indomethacin, oestrogen containing drugs.

**Dose:** Three times daily: dried root, 2-4 gm or by infusion or decoction; liquid extract (1:1 in 45% alcohol), 2-4 ml; tincture (1:5 in 45% alcohol), 2-10 ml.

**Altasterol® Stimulant** (Alta Care) see Ginger.
**WITCH HAZEL**

*Hamamelis virginiana*

**Family:** Hamamelidaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Bark, leaf.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Haemorrhoids, wounds & burns, localized inflamed swellings of skin & mucous membranes\(^9,14,28,488\).  
*Major:* Haematemesis, haemoptysis, menstrual complaints\(^9,28\).  
*Minor:* Varicose veins\(^9,28\).

**Cautions:** Avoid long term administration as it may lead to liver damage\(^9,28\), pregnancy & breastfeeding\(^14\).

**Contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** Contact dermatitis\(^14\).

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** *Daily dosage:* Decoction: 250 ml water with 5-10 gm drug or washes or pultrices; 2 to 3 gm to 150 ml water as a gargle solution. Suppositories: 0.1-1 gm drug 3 times daily. Tea: 1 cup 2-3 times daily between meals; liquid extract: 2-4 ml 3 times daily\(^28\).
WOLFBERRY

*Lycium barbarum*

**Family:** Solanaceae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Dried berries, root bark.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Ophthalmic disorders (treatment or prevention of visual degeneration)\(^{28, 489, 490, 491, 492}\).  
*Major:* Hypertension, diabetes\(^{491, 492, 493, 494}\).  
*Minor:* Erectile dysfunction, cancer, inflammation\(^{28, 492}\).

**Contraindications:** Pregnancy\(^{28}\).

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** Antidiabetic agents, warfarin\(^{492, 495}\).

**Dose:** *Daily dose:* Drug/tea: 6-12 gm or 6-15 gm, depending on the literature source\(^{28}\).

*Goji Berry 500mg* (Power Health)  
Capsules; Goji berry powder 125mg equiv. to fresh goji berries 500mg.  
Local Distributor: Kemimport Ltd.

WOOD BETONY

*Betonica officinalis*

**Family:** Labiatae  
**Medicinal Parts:** Basal leaves.

**Indications:**  
*Principal:* Headaches, pain in the facial region\(^{496}\).  
*Major:* Nervous stress, emotional tension, premenstrual complaints, sinusitis headaches & nasal congestion when used in combination with other herbs (including comfrey & linden)\(^{28, 496}\).  
*Minor:* Nosebleeds\(^{496}\).

**Others:** Cough, bronchitis, asthma\(^{28}\).

**Cautions/contraindications:** None known.

**Side-effects:** None known.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** The infusion can be taken daily. The total daily dosage of the powder is 1-2 gm, to be taken in 3 separate doses. The fresh leaves may be boiled and used for wounds and swelling\(^{28}\). 
WORMWOOD
Artemisia absinthium

Family: Asteraceae/Compositae
Medicinal Parts: Aerial shoots, leaves.

Indications:
Principal: Dyspeptic complaints including flatulence & mild GI spasms, loss of appetite\textsuperscript{19, 497}.
Major: Stimulations of weak and underactive digestions\textsuperscript{19}.
Minor: As a tonic with general strengthening effect in debility and convalescence, especially in influenza and colds; worm infestations\textsuperscript{19, 28, 498}.

Cautions: Continuous use of wormwood is not advisable\textsuperscript{28}.

Contraindications: History of seizures and gastric or duodenal ulcers, pregnancy, breastfeeding\textsuperscript{19, 28}.

Side-effects: None at recommended dose levels. Depending on the thujone content, excessive doses can lead to vomiting, severe diarrhoea, dazed feelings spasms and hallucinations\textsuperscript{19, 28}.

Drug interactions: Phenobarbital, iron\textsuperscript{28}.

Dose: Three times daily: dried herb, 1-2 gm as an infusion; liquid extract 1:1 in 25% alcohol, 1-2 ml; tincture 1:10 in 70% alcohol, 5-10 ml\textsuperscript{19}.

Duration of treatment should not exceed 3-4 weeks\textsuperscript{19}.

Wormwood (HealthAid)
Capsules; Wormwood freeze dried herb 350mg.
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea

YARROW
Achillea millefolium

Family: Asteraceae/Compositae
Medicinal Parts: Flowerhead.

Indications:
Principal: Bruises, swelling, strains, fever, colds\textsuperscript{9, 14, 28, 45, 499, 500}.
Major: Essential hypertension\textsuperscript{501}, amenorrhoea, loss of appetite, dyspeptic complaints\textsuperscript{9, 14, 28, 45, 500}.
Minor: Thrombotic conditions, diarrhoea, dysentery\textsuperscript{9, 500}.
Others: Liver disease, cancer\textsuperscript{499}.

Contraindications: Known hypersensitivity to yarrow or other Compositae\textsuperscript{14, 45}, pregnancy\textsuperscript{28, 499}.

Side-effects: Contact dermatitis\textsuperscript{14, 28}.

Drug interactions: None known.

Dose: Unless otherwise prescribed, three times daily: dried herb, 2-4 gm in infusion; liquid extract (1:1, 25% ethanol), 1-2 ml; tincture (1:5, 25% ethanol), 2-4 ml; pressed juice from fresh herb, 3-5 ml\textsuperscript{45}.
YELLOW DOCK

*Yellow Dock*

*Rumex crispus*

**Family:** Polygonaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Roots.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Constipation⁹.

*Major:* Psoriasis⁹, acute & chronic inflammation of the nasal passages and respiratory tract²⁸.

*Minor:* Obstructive jaundice⁹.

**Cautions:** Avoid excessive use, pregnancy, breastfeeding⁹.

**Contraindications:** Existing intestinal obstruction⁹.

**Side-effects:** Overuse may cause abdominal cramps and diarrhoea, and prolonged use may lead to intestinal atrophy and hypokalaemia⁹.

**Drug interactions:** None known.

**Dose:** Dried root: 2-4 gm or by decoction three times daily; liquid extract (1:1, in 25% ethanol), 2-4 ml three times daily; tincture (1:5, in 45% alcohol), 1-2 ml three times daily⁹.

2-Day DetoxPlan (HealthAid) see Milk Thistle

*Aquaflow®* (HealthAid) see Dandelion

*Herbal Booster™* (HealthAid) see Guarana

*Vegilax®* (HealthAid) see Blessed Thistle

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**YELLOW MELILOT**

*see Sweet Clover*

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**YOHIMBE**

*Pausinystalia yohimbe*

**Family:** Rubiaceae

**Medicinal Parts:** Bark.

**Indications:**

*Principal:* Erectile dysfunction, decreased libido¹⁴, ²⁸, ⁵⁰².

**Contraindications:** Liver & kidney disease, chronic inflammation of the sexual organs or prostate gland, history of gastric or duodenal ulcers, psychiatric patients, pregnancy, breastfeeding, children under 12 yrs of age²⁸.

**Side-effects:** GI upset, anxiety, hypertension, headache, agitation, rash, tachycardia, frequent urination¹⁴, ²⁸, ⁵⁰².
**Drug interactions**: Tyramine-containing food, alcohol, antihypertensive agents, antidepressants & other centrally-acting drugs\(^{14,28}\).

**Dose**: *Erectile dysfunction*: 10 mg three times daily. *Erectile impotence*: 5.4 mg (1 tablet) three times daily. Therapy should not exceed 10 weeks\(^{28}\).

**YUCCA**

*Yucca schidigera*

**Family**: Agavaceae  
**Medicinal Parts**: Leaves.

**Indications**:  
*Principal*: Hypertension, hypercholesterolaemia\(^{9,503,504}\).  
*Major*: Arthritis, joint pain\(^{9,505}\).  
*Minor*: To clean wounds and prevent infections, to clear up and prevent acne (topically)\(^{504}\).

**Cautions**: Pregnancy, lactation\(^{9}\).

**Side-effects**: None known.

**Drug interactions**: None known.

**Dose**: There is no proven safe or effective dose for yucca.

**Yucca Root** (HealthAid)  
Liquid: Yucca root extract 1:3 (equiv. of 330mg of yucca herb) in 1ml.  
Tablets: Yucca root extract (4:1) 140mg (equiv. to 560mg of yucca root powder). 
Local Distributor: Galea & Galea


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Dr Edward Bach was a Physician and Homeopath who spent his life searching for the purest methods of healing. Dr Bach discovered 38 remedies which he split into seven different groups and can be combined to suit the individual. The flower remedies are made from wild plants, trees and bushes. They work by treating the individual rather than the disease or its symptoms and are a gentle way to manage your emotions and rediscover the positive side of ourselves.

Each of the 38 Bach™ Original Flower Remedies is unique and helps to treat a different emotion. Most people find it reasonably easy to select their own remedies. All you need to do is find the remedy (or remedies) that seem to reflect your situation, mood or personality the best. You can mix up to seven together at a time. All the states described are everyday human emotions that we all feel from time to time. Even the most negative state has a corresponding positive quality that shows us what we can be when we are fully ourselves. Above all, you can use them to be yourself.

**RESCUE Remedy®**

RESCUE Remedy has been used by generations and is trusted as a safe, gentle and effective remedy to help restore inner calm, control and focus. It’s relied upon for a wide range of everyday stressful situations as it can be taken by anyone, anywhere.

RESCUE Remedy is made up of a five individual flower essences that help you cope with the different emotional aspects of stressful situations: **Rock Rose** is used for terror and panic - **Impatiens** addresses irritation and impatience - **Clematis** is for inattentiveness and a lack of focus - **Star of Bethlehem** is for shock - **Cherry Plum** helps with irrational thoughts and a lack of self control.
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