# Digestive Enzymes

# With Betaine

## **DESCRIPTION**

Digestive Enzymes with Betaine is a natural dietary digestive supplement specifically formulated with bile, active digestive enzymes and betaine, which acts synergistically to assist in the healthy functioning of fat, protein and carbohydrate digestion.

## **FUNCTIONS**

The pancreas supplies the major digestive enzymes that catalyze the breakdown of fats, carbohydrates and protein so that the breakdown products can be absorbed in the upper small intestine. Although fat digestion starts in the mouth with salivary lipase, most triglycerides are digested by pancreatic lipase, which is secreted by the exocrine pancreas into the duodenum of the intestine. Pancreatic lipase cleaves triglycerides into monoglycerides and free fatty acids, which are efficiently absorbed in the upper small intestine.

Some carbohydrate digestion takes place in the mouth by salivary amylase, but pancreatic amylase is the major carbohydrate-digesting enzyme. It breaks down starches into maltose and maltotriose, which are further hydrolyzed into glucose by the disaccharidases of the mucosal cells, and then absorbed.

Protein digestion is initiated in the stomach by pepsin and hydrochloric acid, which denature and divide large proteins into smaller polypeptides. The addition of betaine in this formulation helps existing stomach acid better digest proteins as they enter the stomach. The pancreatic proteinases, trypsin and chymotrypsin, break down these polypeptides into free amino acids and di-or tri-peptides, which are directly absorbed by the intestinal mucosa.

Digestive Enzymes with Betaine provides high levels of catalytically active pancreatic enzymes that are specific for fats, carbohydrates and proteins.

Bromelain acts to help prevent allergens from crossing the gastrointestinal tract, and assists in the breakdown of large macromolecular protein complexes. This reduces the chance that these complexes will leave the stomach untouched or in large fractions retaining their recognizable antigenic form that could pass through gastric or intestinal lesions, thereby inducing an allergenic response.



Digestive Enzymes with Betaine may be a useful nutritional adjunct for individuals who wish to supplement their diets with digestive enzymes.

## **FORMULA** (WW #10315)

#### Two Tablets Contain:

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Betaine hydrochloride	330 mg
Pepsin 1:10,000	195 mg
Bromelain 600 GDU/g	260 mg
(pineapple [Ananas comosus fruit] enzyme)	
Papain 2000 USP units/mg	260 mg
(papaya [Carica papaya] enzyme)	
Ox bile extract	260 mg
Pancreatin USP 8X	250 mg
Amylase	50,000 USP units
Protease	50,000 USP units
Lipase	4,000 USP units
Fennel seed powder	50 mg
Other ingredients: Dicalcium phosphate, cellulose,	
vegetable stearin, peppermint leaf flavor, silica, magnesium	
stearate and food glaze with peppermint oil.	

This product contains no dairy, yeast, wheat, soy, preservatives, artificial colors or flavors

## SUGGESTED USE

Adults take 2 tablets at mealtime, or as directed by a healthcare professional.

## SIDE EFFECTS

Warning: Do not take if you suffer from gastric ulcers, gastritis, or persistent abdominal pain. Not recommended for children under 12.

## **STORAGE**

Store in a cool, dry place. Keep out of reach of children.

## **INDICATIONS**

These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

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