# PC Liver Detox



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#### Discussion

The term "Dual-Phase Optimizers" refers to those substances with the ability to simultaneously influence and "optimize" the activity of certain phase I and phase II detoxification enzyme systems. Optimizers generally upregulate or induce phase II enzymes; however, optimizing phase I enzymes may mean downregulating them, without totally inhibiting them, when they are too high. Dual-phase optimizers may further balance the phases of detoxification by supporting antioxidant defense systems and binding free radicals formed between the two phases.\*

Examples of dual-phase optimizers in PC Liver Detox include ellagic acid from pomegranate, catechins from green tea extract, and glucosinolates from watercress powder. Ellagic acid induces phase II enzymes at the gene level and ensures these are not over-induced by modulation of CYP1A (cytochrome P450 1A) activities.<sup>[1,2]</sup> In addition, ellagic acid can bind directly to DNA to protect it and can also bind directly to some toxic substances to promote their excretion. The catechins in green tea support antioxidant activity and may bind directly to toxic substances as well, performing dual functions during detoxification. When toxic substances are encountered, catechins modulate detoxification by limiting phase I enzyme production.<sup>[3]</sup> Glucosinolates are precursors to isothiocyanates. Watercress, in particular, is metabolized by gut flora into phenylethyl isothiocyanate (PEITC), which, like the other ingredients above, can selectively inhibit phase I enzymes and induce the activities of phase II enzymes.<sup>\*[4]</sup>

Liver detoxification is further supported with the inclusion of silymarin (milk thistle seed extract), artichoke leaf extract, and alpha-lipoic acid, all of which are selected for their hepatoprotective properties. These key players also promote glutathione production and assist with antioxidant protection.\*<sup>[5-7]</sup>

Additional ingredients in this formula are present to support vital phase II detoxification pathways. Key ingredients that support methylation include methylsulfonylmethane (MSM), methylcobalamin (B12),and 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (folate).<sup>[9]</sup> 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (5-MTHF) is present as Quatrefolic<sup>®</sup> (a stable, bioavailable form of folate) to support methylation, energy generation, and phase I and phase II activity. Calcium D-glucarate has been added to support glucuronidation. Sulfate donors sodium sulfate and N-acetyl-cysteine (NAC) are especially important in cases of heavy-metal burden because they support glucathione production and the sulfation pathway.<sup>\*[9-13]</sup>

PC Liver Detox is designed to be part of a comprehensive detoxification protocol that includes adequate highquality protein, carbohydrates, fats, and fiber. The resulting combination provides micronutrients to support the active phases of detoxification and macronutrients to support energy production, amino acid conjugation, and elimination.\*

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## **Supplement Facts**

Serving Size: 2 Capsules Servings Per Container: 60

Amount	Per Serving	%Daily Valu
Vitamin B6 (as pyridoxal 5'-phosphate)	25 mg	1250%
Folate (as 6(S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt <sup>+</sup> )	200 mcg	50%
Vitamin B12 (as methylcobalamin)	100 mcg	1667%
Artichoke Aqueous Extract (Cynara scolymus)(leaf)(2.5% cynarin)	300 mg	**
Watercress (Nasturtium officinale) (aerial parts)	250 mg	**
Milk Thistle Extract (Silybum marianum)	131.25 mg	**
(seed)(80% silymarin)		
Pomegranate Extract ( <i>Punica granatum</i> )(hull)(40% ellagic acid)	125 mg	**
Alpha-Lipoic Acid	100 mg	**
N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine	100 mg	* *
Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous	100 mg	**
Green Tea Aqueous Extract (Camellia sinensis)(leaf)	93.75 mg	**
(80% polyphenols, 60% catechins, 30% EGCG, 6% caffeine)		
Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM)	50 mg	**
Calcium D-Glucarate	50 mg	**
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** Daily Value not established.		

Other Ingredients: HPMC (capsule), stearic acid, magnesium stearate, silica, medium-chain

triglycerides, and microcrystalline cellulose.

†Quatrefolic® is a registered trademark of Gnosis S.p.A. Patents pending.

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#### **Does Not Contain**

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

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### Directions

Take two capsules twice daily, or as directed by your healthcare practitioner.

Children and pregnant or lactating women should consult their healthcare practitioner prior to use. Do not use if tamper seal is damaged.