

## APPLICATIONS

- Antioxidant Support
- Healthy Immune-Function Support
- Detox Support
- Healthy Inflammatory-Response Support



## INTRODUCTION

Glutathione is the most significant endogenous intracellular antioxidant and exists as part of an endogenous antioxidant defense system that helps maintain redox homeostasis.\*<sup>1,2</sup> Glutathione is a tripeptide consisting of glutamate, cysteine, and glycine. At any given time, 10–15% of cellular glutathione is located within the mitochondria, and because mitochondria are unable to synthesize their own glutathione, they must import it from the cytosol.<sup>3</sup> Maintaining intracellular glutathione levels helps protect the body from oxidative stress.\*<sup>1</sup>

Endogenous glutathione helps protect from free radicals and xenobiotics; protects membranes from lipid peroxidation; and participates in protein synthesis and degradation, including DNA synthesis and cell proliferation.\*<sup>3</sup> Glutathione is most concentrated in the liver, kidney, erythrocytes, and leukocytes, and is a sensitive indicator of cell health and function.\*<sup>4</sup> Glutathione's role as an antioxidant is perhaps its most well-known function, followed by its role in supporting healthy detoxification, though its importance in various bodily processes extends beyond these two functions.\*<sup>3</sup>

Though glutathione is present in some foods, blood levels do not appear to correspond to dietary intake.<sup>5</sup> There have been similar challenges with supplements, in that most glutathione supplements are poorly soluble, have inadequate membrane solubility, and undergo extensive first-pass metabolism.<sup>1</sup> When encapsulated in a lipid bilayer, liposomal glutathione is more absorbable in the small intestine, with better bioavailability, and may help maintain intracellular glutathione levels already within the normal range.\*<sup>2</sup> Compared to regular glutathione, the liposomal form is able to provide up to 100-fold support.\*<sup>2</sup>

NutraMedix Liposomal Glutathione contains LiposoMax®, a highly bioavailable form of glutathione that is encapsulated in a lipid bilayer to improve absorption. NutraMedix rigorously follows current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs), as do our suppliers, including stringent ID testing, microbial testing, and heavy-metal testing. This testing is conducted on both the raw material and after encapsulation.

## ANTIOXIDANT SUPPORT

Studies show glutathione may help maintain endogenous antioxidant support.\*<sup>6,7</sup>

In a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial with non-liposomal glutathione, 54 participants were randomly assigned to 250 mg of glutathione, 1,000 mg of glutathione, or a placebo, daily for 6 months. In the 250 mg group, there was significant support for maintaining normal glutathione levels in plasma and erythrocytes.\* In the 1,000 mg group, there was significant support for maintaining healthy glutathione levels in lymphocytes in addition to plasma and erythrocytes.\* At 3 months, the 1,000 mg group experienced significant support for NK cell activity.\* The researchers concluded that daily glutathione consumption increased body-compartment stores of glutathione.\*<sup>6</sup>

In a clinical pilot study, 12 healthy participants ages 50 to 80 were randomly assigned to either 500 mg or 1,000 mg of liposomal glutathione daily for 1 month. Participants' blood and urine samples were analyzed at 1, 2, and 4 weeks. Within 2 weeks, there was significant support of glutathione levels in whole blood, plasma, erythrocytes, and peripheral blood mononuclear

cells.\* The researchers added that larger studies with more participants are needed, as are studies directly comparing liposomal and non-liposomal glutathione supplementation.\*<sup>7</sup>

An older mouse study comparing liposomal and non-liposomal glutathione showed that while both raised glutathione levels, liposomal glutathione resulted in better hepatic antioxidant support.\*

Because endogenous glutathione plays an important role in many cellular processes, disruptions to glutathione homeostasis affect cell function, which may impact health.\*<sup>9</sup> One study found an inverse relationship between total serum glutathione (GSH) and several health conditions.\*<sup>10</sup> Glutathione levels also decrease with age.<sup>10</sup>

## HEALTHY IMMUNE-FUNCTION SUPPORT

For healthy immune function, lymphoid cells—the NK cells of innate immunity and the B and T cells of adaptive immunity—must have sufficient glutathione, and changes to this glutathione supply can affect a healthy immune response.\*<sup>11</sup> Endogenous glutathione, as the most significant intracellular antioxidant, plays a major role in the immune response.\*<sup>12,13</sup> Consequently, when there is a redox imbalance, the immune response may be negatively affected.

Human studies have shown that supplementation with 1,260 mg of liposomal glutathione may help maintain levels of TH<sub>1</sub> cytokines, IL-1-beta, IL-12, interferon-gamma, and TNF-alpha already within the normal range, helping maintain a normal immune response.\*<sup>12</sup>

In one study, participants were randomly assigned to 1,260 mg of liposomal glutathione or a placebo in addition to standard treatment, daily for 3 months. The addition of liposomal glutathione helped support a healthy immune response, maintaining TH<sub>1</sub> cytokines, interferon-gamma, TNF-alpha, IL-2, and IL-6 levels already within the normal range.\*<sup>14</sup>

In a similar clinical study, participants were given 1,260 mg of liposomal glutathione daily for 3 months. The participants were able to maintain normal redox homeostasis in all blood compartments, as well as glutathione levels already within the normal range.\*<sup>15</sup>

## DETOX SUPPORT

Glutathione is an important part of the body's endogenous detoxification system, protecting from oxidative stress, alcohol, heavy metals, and persistent organic pollutants.\* Endogenous glutathione supports both phase I and phase II hepatic detoxification and facilitates excretion from both cells and body.\*<sup>16</sup>

## HEALTHY INFLAMMATORY-RESPONSE SUPPORT

Glutathione may help with healthy inflammatory-response support.\* In one study, mice were given either intravenous glutathione or liposomal glutathione daily for 30 days. While both forms of glutathione helped maintain normal antioxidant capacity and healthy inflammatory-response support, the liposomal glutathione exhibited stronger support.\*<sup>17</sup>

## SAFETY AND CAUTIONS

Glutathione is generally well tolerated. Side effects appear to be limited to non-oral forms of use, including rash in topical application and shortness of breath in nebulization.<sup>5</sup> There are no currently known interactions with pharmaceutical drugs.<sup>5</sup>

Safety is not documented in breastfeeding or pregnant women, or in children under age 3, due to insufficient safety research.

**\*This statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to treat, cure, or prevent any diseases.**

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