

Withania Complex

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 Passion Flower (*Passiflora incarnata*)

Withania Complex: Adrenal & Nervous System Support

Withania Complex is a unique combination of Licorice root, Withania (Ashwaganda) root, Skullcap herb and Korean Ginseng root.*

Stress: rise to the challenge and adapt

The body has developed defense mechanisms to deal with life-threatening dangers. The stress response ('fight-or-flight' reaction) helps your body adapt. The body moves into 'high gear' by providing energy, speed and concentration to fight or to run. The body does this through nerve and hormonal signals, prompting the adrenal glands to release a surge of hormones.¹ The adrenal glands sit on top of the kidneys, and are made of two parts: the cortex and the medulla. An important group of hormones produced by the adrenal cortex are the glucocorticoids. Their functions include enhanced resistance to stress and support for your health.^{2*}

Modern life presents many challenges, which the body's natural defenses may struggle to deal with. If constantly activated, your body's response to stress may make you more vulnerable to difficulty sleeping, digestive upset or poor concentration. This is due to the continuing exposure to stress hormones, less reserve energy and a less healthy stress response.^{1,3*}

Withania Complex: packed full of tonics

A tonic is popularly thought of as something that makes you feel better, stronger or healthier. Natural clinicians use tonics to strengthen body systems (such as the nervous system), to replenish the body's vital reserves and to assist the body to adapt to stress. There are many different kinds of tonics, as shown below.*

General body tonic	Examples: Ashwaganda, Korean Ginseng
A herbal substance that improves the tone, vigor and function of the whole body. ⁴	
Nerve tonic – also known as nerve	Example: Skullcap
Herbs used by natural clinicians that nurture the nervous system. They help restore normal function to the nervous system when slightly out of balance. ⁵ In cases of nervousness and stress, nerve tonics may help the body to relax.	
Adrenal tonic	Example: Licorice
To Western natural clinicians an adrenal tonic supports the healthy functioning and tone of the adrenal glands, particularly the cortex. Improving the tone of the adrenal cortex supports the normal secretion of hormones from the gland and helps the body adapt when challenged by temporary stress. ⁶	
Harmonizing tonic – also known as 'Harmony' remedy	Examples: Korean Ginseng, Licorice
From the Chinese tradition, these restorative tonics are used to help the body adapt and restore equilibrium when experiencing temporary stress. They also support the adrenal cortex. Licorice is considered to be gently nourishing, and Korean Ginseng supports vital energy. ⁶	
Adaptogen	Examples: Ashwaganda, Korean Ginseng

Supplement Facts

Serving size:	1 tablet	
Servings per container:	40, 120	
Amount per Serving		%DV
Calories	3	
Calcium	40 mg	4%
Skullcap herb 4:1 extract from <i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i> herb 470 mg	117.5 mg	†
Licorice root 7:1 extract from <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> root 750 mg	107 mg	†
Withania (Ashwaganda) root 10:1 extract from <i>Withania somnifera</i> root 950 mg	95 mg	†
Korean Ginseng root 5:1 extract from <i>Panax ginseng</i> root 100 mg	20 mg	†
Containing ginsenosides as Rg ₁ and Rb ₁ 1.68 mg		
† Daily Value (DV) not established.		

Other ingredients: Calcium acid phosphate, cellulose, silica, sodium starch glycollate, maltodextrin, hypromellose and magnesium stearate.

Caution: Contraindicated in high blood pressure, edema (water retention), congestive heart failure, low blood potassium, pregnancy and lactation. Discontinue during an acute infection or fever.

Product No	Content
M1482	40 Tablets
M1488	120 Tablets

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A Phytotherapist's Passion

"Philosopher and teacher Rudolf Steiner once said that, for every human illness, somewhere in the world there exists a plant which is the cure. I believe that there is a healing potential locked inside plants which is integral with their evolution, just as it is part of human evolution to learn to tap this wonderful gift of Nature."

Herbs used by natural clinicians to improve the body's resistance to stress and promote normal physiologic function.⁴

How Withania Complex Keeps You Healthy

Promotes vitality, cognitive function and nervous system health when experiencing temporary stress

Ashwaganda has been used in India as a general body tonic to provide normal energy during temporary stress, and to gently strengthen the nervous system.^{7,8} As a nerve tonic, natural clinicians have used Skullcap to support vitality, cognitive function and nervous system health, particularly during temporary stress.^{9,10*}

In the traditional Chinese system, Korean Ginseng is also used to support the nervous system.¹¹ The adaptogenic and harmonizing tonic action of Ashwaganda, Korean Ginseng and Licorice helps the body adapt when experiencing temporary stress.*

In uncontrolled clinical trials Ashwaganda:¹²⁻¹⁴

- demonstrated tonic activity in children
- improved vitality in healthy men over 50 years old
- eased occasional sleep difficulty, improved cognitive function and supported physical endurance in trainee mountaineers.*

Promotes healthy adrenal gland function

Licorice was found in clinical observations recorded in the 1950s to support the adrenal cortex.¹⁵ This is a good thing, but high doses of Licorice over a long period of time can cause an adverse effect. For this reason it is important to only take Licorice at the dosage recommended by your health care professional.*

What Makes Withania Complex Unique

Withania Complex is unique in the professional herbal products industry because:

- It states on the label exactly how much each tablet contains of the important plant constituents (ginsenosides (Rg₁ and Rb₁))
- MediHerb tests the quantity of glycyrrhizin, ginsenosides (Rg₁ and Rb₁) and the major withanolides in Licorice, Korean Ginseng and Ashwaganda raw materials

Unique Manufacture & Analytical Testing

Quality and safety ensured

- Manufactured in Australia to the high standards of international pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practice
- Raw materials and finished product are subjected to tough quality standards, including stringent testing to guard against substitution of Skullcap (*Scutellaria lateriflora*) with other species of *Scutellaria* or replacement with the toxic herb Germander (*Teucrium* spp.)
- Use of the *correct* chemical standards to *accurately* quantify the withanolides in Ashwaganda raw materials

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