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5-HTP is contraindicated in those with carcinoid tumors and should be avoided during use of SSRI and tricyclic antidepressant medications and for two weeks after discontinuation of MAO inhibitors.

VITAMIN B12 (METHYLCOBALAMIN) & FOLIC ACID (5-METHYLTETRAHYDROFOLATE and 5-FORMYTETRAHYDROFOLATE) are cofactors in the production of s-adenosylmethionine (SAMe). SAMe is a well-known methyl donor that is essential for proper neurological function. Elevated homocysteine levels are often a sign of vitamin B12 and folate deficiency. Studies are now showing that patients with major depression are more likely to have elevated homocysteine, low folate (particularly red cell folate) and low vitamin B12 in the blood. Supplementation with both folate and B12 have been shown to improve treatment response. Research has shown that a subset of individuals with a MTHFR (methylene tetrahydrolfate reductase) polymorphism do not efficiently convert folic acid to the active 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (5-MTHF) form due to genetic enzyme deficiencies, thus leading to homocysteinemia, mood changes and possible cognitive impairment.*

PYRIDOXAL 5' PHOSPHATE (COENZYME VITAMIN B6) is involved in the metabolism of amino acids and glycogen. It is a coenzyme in the synthesis of nucleic acids, hemoglobin, neurotransmitters (e.g., serotonin, dopamine, norepinephrine, and gamma amino butyric acid), and many other compounds. Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate is a coenzyme for over 100 enzymes, including the transaminases (some liver specific) and decarboxylases. Along with folic acid and vitamin B12, vitamin B6 promotes healthy homocysteine metabolism. Clinical research has shown its effectiveness in treating depression and anxiety in women suffering from PMS.*

L-THEANINE is a non-protein amino acid found naturally in Camellia sinensis (green tea). L-theanine has mood-modulating activity and modest antioxidant activity. Its effects on mood modulation may be through direct effects on GABA receptors or through indirect effects on the metabolism and release of other neurotransmitters such as dopamine. Another benefit of L-theanine is its ability to enhance alpha wave activity of the brain. Alpha waves have a mood-modulating benefit while maintaining alertness. ADVERSE REACTIONS/ PRECAUTIONS: There are no known adverse reactions to L-theanine. However, due to lack of study, it is currently recommended that pregnant and nursing mothers avoid L-theanine.

GABA (Gamma Amino Butyric Acid) is an inhibitory amino acid that acts directly as a neurotransmitter. GABA, like L-theanine, has mood-modulating activity and anti-stress benefits.*

LITHIUM is present in the human diet in ultra-trace amounts and is found in some natural mineral waters and colloidal minerals. Fish, processed meat, milk, milk products, eggs, potatoes, and vegetables are rich sources of this mineral. It has been suggested that lithium, at low dosage levels, has a generally beneficial effect on human behavior. High prescription doses are often prescribed for mood-stabilizing effects.

REFERENCES:

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