Build Your Immunity Community With Zinc Max

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Consumer Insights & Market Trends





Immune health is a priority around the globe





65% of global consumers are more conscious of immunity since Covid-19¹ **67%** of global consumers are interested in products that "boost immune health"² **72%** of global consumers prefer to receive immunity benefits through food and beverage formats²

More than **1** in **3** US consumers are currently taking a zinc supplement to support their immunity³

53% of Americans say their ideal dietary supplement would offer immune support⁴



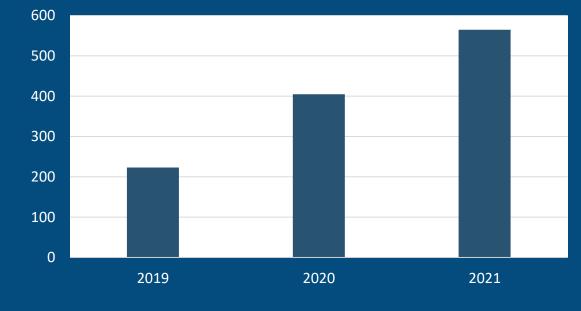




Zinc growth has been fueled by the pandemic, consumer interest in staying healthy

US Zinc retail sales show massive consumer demand in light of pandemic conditions¹: +126.9% in \$ sales +112% in physical volume





US New Product Launches – Supplements with Zinc²





Premium commercial Zinc products highlight chelation and its benefits





How will you build your immunity community?



Nutrition's Impact on Immune Health





How Does Nutrition Impact The Immune System?

Zinc

Helps the immune system work properly and may help wounds heal

Protein Plays a role in the body's immune system, especially for healing and recovery

Vitamin D Supports immune cell production of microbe fighting proteins

Vitamin C Supports the immune system by stimulating the formation of antibodies



Selenium

Supports antioxidant enzymes essential for immune function

Fluids & Electrolytes (Na, K) Helps regulate the body's hydration status

Vitamin A Helps regulate the immune system and protect against infections

Vitamin E

Works as an antioxidant and may support immune function

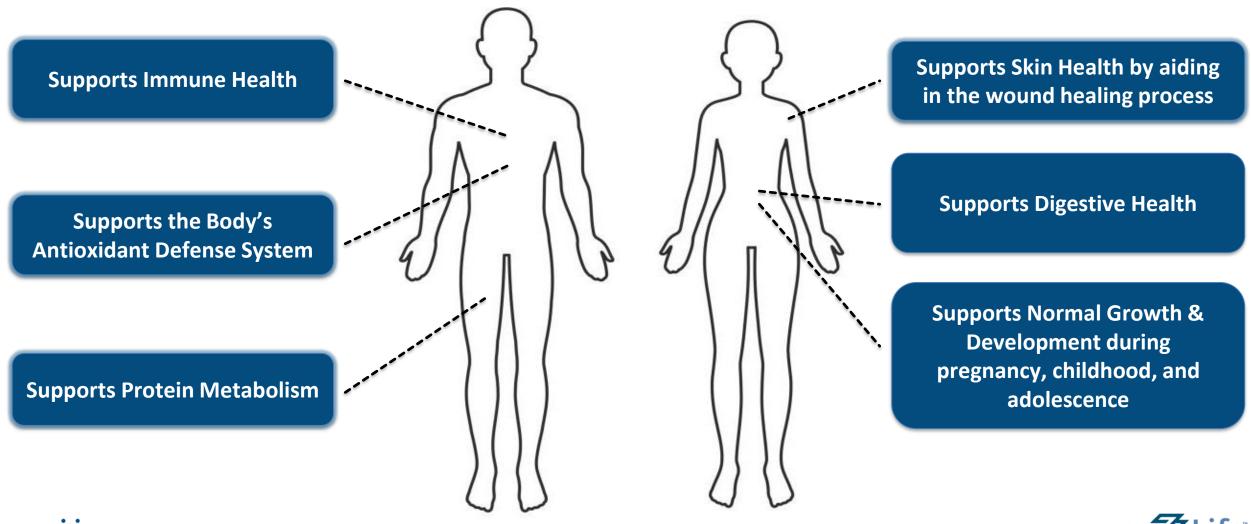


Sources: The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Protect Your Health Through Immune Boosting Nutrition. <u>https://www.eatright.org/health/wellness/preventing-illness/protect-your-health-with-immune-boosting-nutrition</u> CDC, Tips to Prevent Fluid Loss (Dehydration). <u>https://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/homecare/fluidlosstips.htm</u> Harvard Nutrition Source, <u>https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/vitamin-d/</u>



What Does Zinc Do For Me?







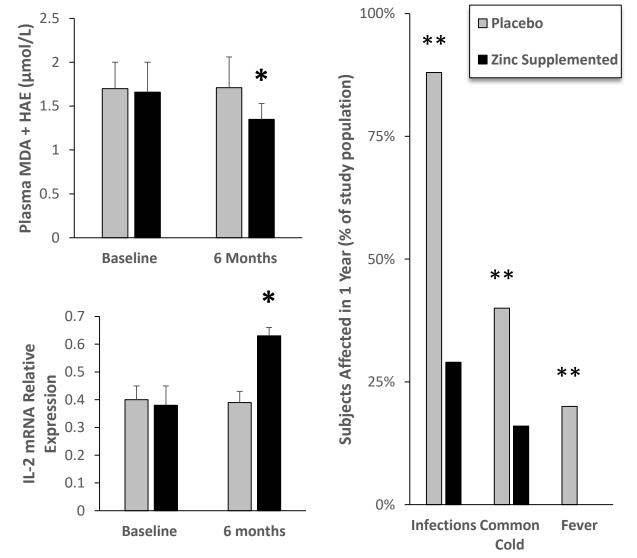


Zinc Supplementation Improves Immune Health

Results & Conclusions

- Zinc supplementation decreased markers of oxidative stress
- Zinc supplementation increased expression of cytokine signaling molecules such as IL-2
- > Zinc supplementation **significantly decreased**:
 - Incidence of infection
 - Incidence of the common cold
 - Incidence of fever

Zinc supplementation improves immune health

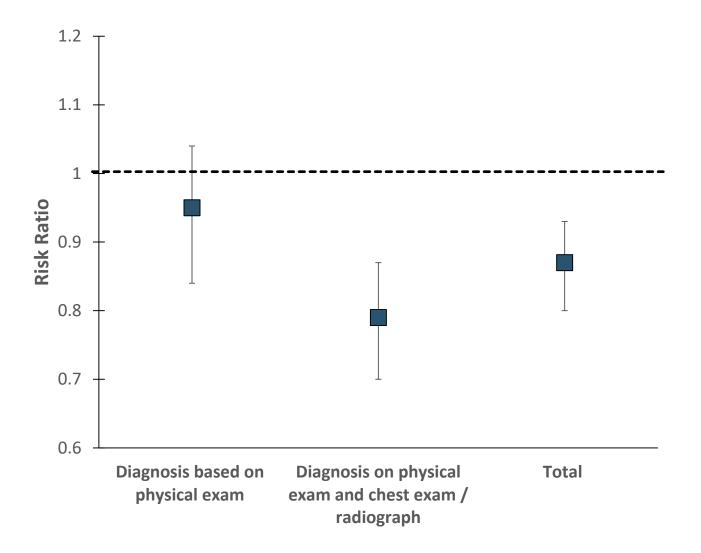




Prasad AS, et al; *Am J Clin Nutr* 2007; 85: 837-844; Mean ± SD; *Significant time x group interaction, p<0.05; **Significant difference between groups, p<0.05



Zinc Supplementation Improves Immune Health In Children



Study Goal

Evaluate the effectiveness of zinc supplementation in the prevention of pneumonia in children aged 2-59 months (~4.9y)

Study Design

Meta analysis of 6 trials, N=5,193 participants

Results & Conclusions

Zinc supplementation (10 – 70 mg/day) reduced the incidence of pneumonia by 13% (RR=0.87; 95% CI: 0.35-0.99)

Zinc supplementation in children is associated with a reduction in the incidence and prevalence of pneumonia



Lassi ZS, et al. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2015; 12: CD005978; *Physical exam based on age specific fast breathing with or without lower chest indrawing; RR +/- 95% CI



Nutrient Gaps & Implications on Immune Health





How Much Zinc Do We Need?

Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for Zinc:

| Age Group | Male | Female | Pregnancy | Lactation |
|-------------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 0-6 months | 2 mg* | 2 mg* | | |
| 7-12 months | 3 mg | 3 mg | | |
| 1-3 years | 3 mg | 3 mg | | |
| 4-8 years | 5 mg | 5 mg | | |
| 9-13 years | 8 mg | 8 mg | | |
| 14-18 years | 11 mg | 9 mg | 12 mg | 13 mg |
| 19+ years | 11 mg | 8 mg | 11 mg | 12 mg |



FDA Daily Value (Adults & Children Age \geq 4y = 11 mg



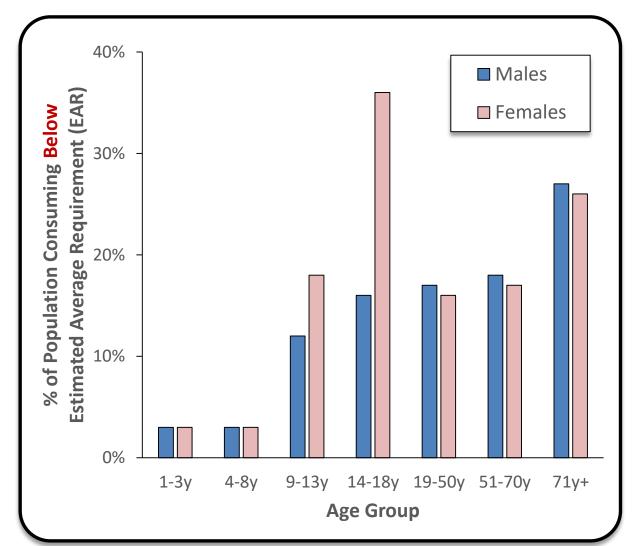


Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, 2001; https://www.fda.gov/media/99069/download; *Adequate Intake

Are We Getting Enough Zinc?

> Zinc inadequacy is common among Americans

- More than 1/3 of teen girls in the United States do not get enough Zinc in their diet
- Nearly 1 in 5 American adults (age 19y+) do not get enough Zinc in their diet
- More than 1 in 4 American seniors (age 71+) do not get enough Zinc in their diet







Zinc Inadequacy Is Recognized By The Dietary Guidelines For Americans

"Zinc-rich complementary foods (e.g., meats, beans, zinc-fortified infant cereals) are important from age 6 months onwards **to support adequate zinc status**, **which supports growth and immune function**"

"Women following a vegetarian or vegan dietary pattern [during pregnancy or lactation] should consult with a healthcare provider to determine whether supplementation of iron, vitamin B12, and/or other nutrients such as choline, zinc, iodine, or EPA/DHA is necessary and if so, the appropriate levels to meet their unique needs"







When You Think Immunity, Think Zinc Chelates

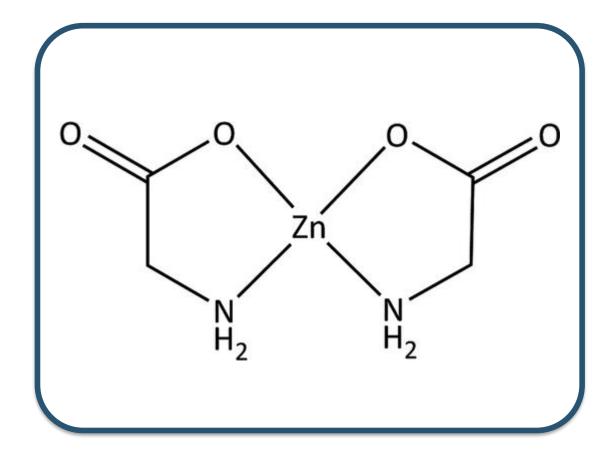




What Are Mineral Chelates?

Chelates are minerals bound to amino acids to improve stability and remain neutral in solution

By remaining neutral, mineral chelates have been shown to **reduce the binding of Anti-Nutrients** and **are better absorbed** than their non-chelated counterparts







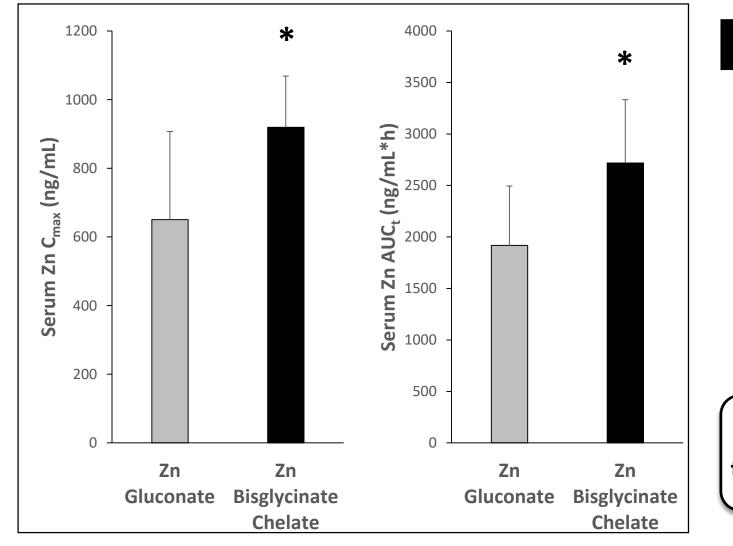
Zinc Bisglycinate Chelate Absorption Is Well Studied

| Author/ Publication | Study Design | Study Population | Duration / Dosage | Primary Outcome | Outcome |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|
| Gandia P, et al. <i>Int J Vitam Nutr Res</i> 2007; 77(4): 243- 248. | Randomized, open, crossover trial | N=12 healthy Females, age 18-28y | 8 Hours 15 mg elemental zinc as: 2n gluconate 2n bisglycinate All subjects received vit B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, B7, cysteine | Serum Zn | Zn Bisglycinate is 43% more bioavailable than Zn gluconate |
| Swan M et al; <i>FASEB</i> J 2008; 22 (1 supp):693.33. (Abstract) | Randomized crossover trial | N=13 healthy Females | <i>4 Hours</i> 50 mg elemental Zn as: Zn Oxide Zn Gluconate Zn Glycinate Zn Picolinate | Plasma Zn | Zn Bisglycinate had best acute uptake |
| DiSilvestro RA, et al; <i>Biol Trace Elem Res,</i> 2015; 168(1): 11-14 | Randomized, double-blind, placebo- controlled trial | N=30 healthy Females; age 18-24y; | 6 weeks 60 mg elemental Zn as: 2n Gluconate Zn Glycinate -or- Placebo (0 mg Zn) | Plasma Zn | Plasma content of zinc is increased by 50% with zinc bisglycinate No significant change on plasma Zn with zinc gluconate or placebo |





Zinc Bisglycinate Demonstrates Superior Absorption



Results & Conclusions

- Zinc Bisglycinate supplementation resulted in a significantly greater maximum serum Zinc concentration than Zn Gluconate
- The bioavailability of Zinc Bisglycinate was
 43.4% higher than that of Zn Gluconate
- Zinc bisglycinate is safe and well tolerated

Zinc Bisglycinate is 43.4% better absorbed than conventional Zinc salts like Zn Gluconate





Why Zinc Max is the Optimal Source of Zinc





Zinc Bisglycinate Chelates by Albion® Minerals

With more than 200 scientific studies, 98 patents and 70 human clinical trials conducted using Albion® Minerals, Balchem is an <u>established market leader</u>. As the pioneer and founder of chelated minerals, the globally trusted Albion Minerals brand continues to deliver high quality, highly bioavailable nutritional solutions through new product innovations.





Introducing NEW Z-life[™] Zinc Max

A 27% Zinc Bisglycinate Chelate with even more bioavailable zinc than ever before

Higher elemental zinc enables a **higher dose** in supplement applications



Formulation efficiency yields a more affordable cost-in-use Zinc Max meets the clean label demands of today's consumers (silica free, not BE, vegan, NGPV)

> Scientific substantiation for zinc bisglycinate chelate suggests **greater bioavailibility** than inorganic mineral salts





Consumer Validated Concept





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Concept: High Absorption Zinc Kids Gummy





Trying to keep your children healthy throughout these unprecedented times has not been easy. With *NEW* **High Absorption Zinc Kids Gummies,** you can rest assured that your kids will receive the proper amount of zinc they need to support their everyday immune health.

Zinc is an essential mineral, responsible for healthy immune function, a key health benefit that **resonates with today's parents**, which is more important than ever.

High **Absorption Zinc Kids Gummies** delivers **5mg** of **zinc** in a chelated form, which means it's **more bioavailable than other zinc products**, maximizing absorption and ensuring proper delivery of the active.

With all natural fruit flavors, these gummies not only taste great, but are great for your kids, too! **High Absorption Zinc Kids Gummies** are available at retailers near you.

Thank You

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