

Sentra AM® PRODUCT INFORMATION

Sentra AM capsules by oral administration. A specially formulated Medical Food product, consisting of a proprietary formulation of amino acids and polyphenol ingredients in specific proportions, for the dietary management of the metabolic processes associated with fatigue and cognitive disorders. (FCD)
Must be administered under physician supervision.

Medical Foods

Medical Food products are often used in hospitals (e.g., for burn victims or kidney dialysis patients) and outside of a hospital setting under a physician's care for the dietary management of diseases in patients with particular, unique or distinctive medical or metabolic needs due to their disease or condition. Congress defined "Medical Food" in the Orphan Drug Act and Amendments of 1988 as "a food which is formulated to be consumed or administered enterally [or orally] under the supervision of a physician and which is intended for the specific dietary management of a disease or condition for which distinctive nutritional requirements, based on recognized scientific principles, are established by medical evaluation." Medical Foods are complex formulated products, requiring sophisticated and exacting technology, and that are used only for a patient receiving active and ongoing medical supervision wherein the patient requires medical care on a recurring basis for, among other things, instructions on the use of the Medical Food. *Sentra AM* has been developed, manufactured, and labeled in accordance with both the statutory definition of a Medical Food and FDA's regulatory labeling guidelines. *Sentra AM* must be used while the patient is under the ongoing care of a physician.

FATIGUE AND COGNITIVE DISORDERS (FCD)

FCD as a Metabolic Deficiency Disease

A critical component of the definition of a Medical Food is that the product must address the distinct nutritional requirements of a particular disease or condition. FDA scientists have proposed a physiologic definition of distinctive nutritional requirements as follows: "the dietary management of patients with specific diseases requires, in some instances, the ability to meet nutritional requirements that differ substantially from the needs of healthy persons. For example, in establishing the recommended dietary allowances for general, healthy population, the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences recognized that different or distinctive physiologic requirements may exist for certain persons with "special nutritional needs arising from metabolic disorders, chronic diseases, injuries, premature birth, other medical conditions and drug therapies. Thus, the distinctive nutritional needs associated with a disease reflect the total amount needed by a healthy person to support life or maintain homeostasis, adjusted for the distinctive changes in the nutritional needs of the patient as a result of the effects of the disease process on absorption, metabolism, and excretion." It was also proposed that in patients with certain disease states who respond to nutritional therapies, a physiologic deficiency of the nutrient is assumed to exist. For example, if a patient with fatigue and cognitive disorders responds to a choline formulation by decreasing perceived fatigue and increasing cognitive function, a deficiency of choline is assumed to exist.

Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders are known to have increased nutritional requirements for choline, flavonoids, and certain antioxidants. Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders frequently exhibit reduced plasma levels of choline and have been shown to respond to oral administration of a choline formulation. Research has shown that choline reduced diets result in a fall of circulating choline. Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders sometimes have activation of the degradation pathways that increase the turnover rate of choline leading to a reduced level of production of acetylcholine for a given choline blood level. Research has also shown that a genetic predisposition to accelerated degradation of choline can lead to increased precursor requirements in certain patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders.

Choline is required to fully potentiate acetylcholine synthesis by brain neurons. A deficiency of choline leads to reduced acetylcholine production by the neurons. Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders frequently consume diets that are choline deficient. Flavonoids potentiate the production of acetylcholine by the neurons thereby reducing fatigue and cognitive impairment. Diets deficient in flavonoid rich foods result in inadequate flavonoid concentrations, impeding acetylcholine production in certain patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders. Acetylcholine in pre-synaptic and post-synaptic ganglia is necessary for neuronal function. Provision of choline, flavonoids, and antioxidants, in specific proportions can restore the production of beneficial acetylcholine, thereby reducing fatigue and improving cognitive function.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Primary Ingredients

Sentra AM is a proprietary formulation of amino acids and other dietary factors to support induction, maintenance, and enhancement of the specific neurotransmitter activity involved in the physiology of FCD. The formulation consists of Choline Bitartrate, Cocoa Extract, L-Glutamic Acid, Acetyl L-Carnitine, Dextrose, Ginkgo Biloba, and Hawthorn Berry. These ingredients fall into the classification of Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) as defined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (Sections 201(s) and 409 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act). A GRAS substance is distinguished from a food additive on the basis of the common knowledge about the safety of the substance for its intended use. The standard for an ingredient to achieve GRAS status requires not only technical demonstration of non-toxicity and safety, but also general recognition of safety through widespread usage and agreement of that safety by experts in the field. Many ingredients have been determined by the FDA to be GRAS, and are listed as such by regulation, in Volume 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 182, 184, and 186.

Amino Acids

Amino Acids are the building blocks of protein. All amino acids are GRAS listed as they have been ingested by humans for thousands of years. The doses of the amino acids, in *Sentra AM* are equivalent to those found in the usual human diet; however the formulation uses specific ratios of the key ingredients to elicit a therapeutic response. Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders may require an increased amount of certain amino acids that cannot be obtained from normal diet alone. Choline, for example, is an essential amino acid. The body cannot make choline and must obtain choline from the diet. Choline is needed to produce acetylcholine. Acetylcholine is required to reduce fatigue and improve cognitive function. Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders have altered choline metabolism. Some patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders have a resistance to the metabolism of choline that is similar to the mechanism found in insulin resistance. Patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders cannot acquire sufficient choline from the diet without ingesting a prohibitively large amount of calories, particularly calories from protein.

Other Ingredients

Sentra AM contains the following "inactive" or other ingredients, as fillers, excipients, and colorings: Gelatin, vegetable magnesium stearate, silicon dioxide, lac-resin, carmine.

Physical Description

Sentra AM is a yellow to light brown powder encapsulated in a clear, dye-free capsule.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Mechanism of Action

Sentra AM acts by providing the nutritional requirements that support the synthesis and physiological activities of neurotransmitters involved in FCD. These nutrients include arginine, choline, GABA, glutamine, histidine, tryptophan, and serine which support the balance of the neurotransmitters GABA, histamine, nitric oxide, serotonin, and acetylcholine that are associated with FCD. Correcting nutritional deficiencies is critical to the physiological functions that must be balanced in the highly integrated and

complex multiple feedback interactions that determine input to the brain. A balance is required between the activities of the excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmitters in the complex relationship between the various activities of the neurotransmitters. An imbalance in the intake of a nutrient or dietary factor which supports the synthesis or activity of any one neurotransmitter can influence the activities of the others, and negatively impact neurotransmitter-mediation. Metabolic efficiency requires an adequate supply of the precursors, delivery to targeted cells. Specific ratios, appropriate timing and uptake stimulation are required to reduce fractional absorption that would otherwise cause the liver to rapidly deaminate the absorbed nutrients.

Targeted Cellular Technology™ a patented integrated molecular system facilitates the uptake and utilization of neurotransmitter precursors by target cells in the nervous system. This 5-component system consists of (1) specific neurotransmitter precursors; (2) a stimulus for the neuronal uptake of the precursors by specific neurons; (3) an adenosine antagonist that blocks the inhibitory effect of adenosine on neuronal activity; (4) a stimulus to trigger the release of the required neurotransmitters from the targeted neurons, and (5) a mechanism to prevent attenuation of the precursor response

Metabolism

Under usual physiological conditions, glutamine, carnitine, and choline are considered nonessential because endogenous synthesis is sufficient to satisfy metabolic demand. When needs are altered due to increase demands as with FCD, the usual rate of synthesis is no longer sufficient and these nutrients become conditionally essential, requiring that supplemental amounts be consumed. The amino acids in *Sentra AM* are primarily absorbed by the stomach and small intestines. All cells metabolize the amino acids in *Sentra AM*. Circulating choline blood levels determine the production of acetylcholine.

Excretion

Sentra AM is not an inhibitor of cytochrome P450 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, or 3A4. These isoenzymes are principally responsible for 95% of all detoxification of drugs, with CYP3A4 being responsible for detoxification of roughly 50% of drugs. Amino acids do not appear to have an effect on drug metabolizing enzymes.

INDICATIONS FOR USE

Sentra AM is intended for the clinical nutritional management of the metabolic processes associated with fatigue and cognitive disorders.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Administration of *Sentra AM* has demonstrated significant functional improvements when used for the nutritional management of the metabolic processes associated with fatigue and cognitive disorders. Administration of *Sentra AM* results in the reduction of fatigue and cognitive impairment.

PRECAUTIONS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS

Sentra AM is contraindicated in an extremely small number of patients with hypersensitivity to any of the nutritional components of *Sentra AM*.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Ingestion of Choline, L-Glutamic Acid, and Acetyl L-Carnitine at high doses of up to 15 grams daily is generally well tolerated. The most common adverse reactions of higher doses — from 15 to 30 grams daily — are nausea, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea. *Sentra AM* contains less than 1 gram of amino acids per dose however, some patients may experience these symptoms at lower doses. The total combined amount of amino acids in each *Sentra AM* capsule does not exceed 400 mg.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Sentra AM does not directly influence the pharmacokinetics of prescription drugs. Clinical experience has shown that administration of *Sentra AM* may allow for lowering the dose of co-administered drugs under physician supervision.

OVERDOSE

There is a negligible risk of overdose with *Sentra AM* as the total amount of amino acids in a one month supply (60 capsules) is less than 30 grams. Overdose symptoms may include diarrhea, weakness, and nausea.

POST-MARKETING SURVEILLANCE

Post-marketing surveillance has shown no serious adverse reactions. Reported cases of mild rash and itching may have been associated with allergies to *Sentra AM* flavonoid ingredients, including Hawthorne Berry, Ginkgo Biloba and Cocoa.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Recommended Administration

For the dietary management of the metabolic processes in patients with fatigue and cognitive disorders. Take (2) capsules once daily or as directed by a physician. As with most amino acid formulations *Sentra AM* should be taken between meals without food to increase the absorption of key ingredients.

How Supplied

Sentra AM is supplied in clear, size 0 capsules in bottles of 60 capsules.

Physician Supervision

Sentra AM is a Medical Food product available by prescription only and may be used per FDA law and product labeling, while patient is under ongoing physician supervision.

Storage

Keep tightly closed in a cool dry place 8-32° C (45-90° F), relative humidity below 50%. *Sentra AM* is supplied in a recyclable plastic bottle with a child-resistant cap.

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