



TASTEASE-M GUMMIES: A unique combination of nutrients & botanicals to enhance immunity, attention, mental focus and cognitive function

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ABSTRACT

Gummy bears (German: *Gummibär*) are small, fruit gum candies, similar to a jelly baby. The candy is roughly 2 cm (0.8 in) long and shaped in the form of a bear. The gummy bear Tastease-M is a unique combination of nutrients & botanicals demonstrated to enhance immunity, attention, mental focus and cognitive function. It is formulated in a tasty gummy form for ease of administration due to the fact that any nutrient deficiency can impair brain function. Tastease-M contains DHA & colostrums for optimum immunity. This review summarises the current available scientific literature regarding the effect of TASTEASE-M Gummies, A Nutritional Support For Attention, Mental focus & cognitive functioning along with immune enhancing colostrum.

Keywords: TASTEASE-M Gummies, Nutritional Support For Attention, Mental focus, cognitive functioning, immune enhancing colostrum.

INTRODUCTION

The Colostrum is a mixture of carbohydrate, protein, growth factors, blood cells and immunoglobulins. It is yellow, thick and sticky in nature. The bovine Colostrum has therapeutic potential to the human being as it contains near about 90 useful components.

Colostrum is a form of milk produced by the mammary glands in late pregnancy and continues through the early few days of breast feeding. It is thick in consistency, yellowish to orange in colour and sticky in nature.

1. The volume of Colostrum produced per day is very less but its nutritional value is high for the newborn. It is low in fat but high in carbohydrate, protein and antibodies which keep the baby healthy. Colostrum can be defined as the milk produced in the first 48 hours after delivery which is rich in nutritional value. It contains immunoglobulins, antimicrobial peptides and other bioactive molecules including growth factors. Colostrum plays an important role in the nutrition, growth and

development and also contributes to the immunologic defense of neonates.

2. Primarily Colostrum exerts its laxative action for encouraging the evacuation of meconium (Baby's first stool). This clears the excessive bilirubin to prevent jaundice. The immunoglobulin A (Ig A) or antibodies helps to protect the mucus membrane of throat, lungs and intestine of the infant. The white blood cells or leukocytes protect the infant from viral and bacterial infections.
3. Colostrum is natural and 100 percent safe vaccine. Many scientific studies have been reported on the nutritional and therapeutic importance of Colostrum (bovine or human). The Colostrum should not only be considered as nutrient but also an agent providing protection to newborn against new environment [1-4].

Colostrum is thick yellow mammary secretion and lasts for 2-4 days after the lactation has started. The scientific literature reveals that Bovine Colostrum contains around 90 useful components; few of them are presented in Fig. 1.

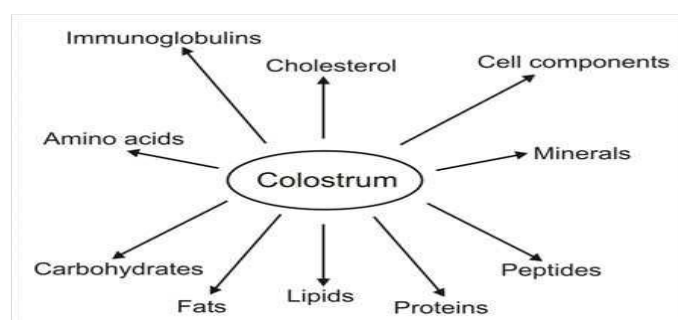


Fig 1: Colostrum contains around some of useful components

The main two components are immune factors and growth factors. It also contains vitamins, minerals, amino acids, proteins, fats and carbohydrates [5]. Colostrum is the specific first diet of mammalian neonates. Bovine Colostrum ultrafiltrate contains 1.16g/L protein, 0.24g/L immunoglobulin G (IgG) and less than 0.24 EU/ml endotoxin [6].

a) Proteins and peptides

Many amino acids, proteins, enzymes and peptides are present in human Colostrum and milk which plays variety of roles to keep the neonate healthy. The enzymes are α amylase, lactoperoxidase, protease and vitamin binding protein etc.

Casein

Casein in human milk appears to be present almost exclusively in micellar form. Casein is not a single entity but is a group of protein subunits, associated and linked together, with organic and inorganic ions into micelles.

Lactoferrin

Lactoferrin, a red-colored iron-binding protein in human milk, was first isolated by Johansson [7]. Lactoferrin (LF), also known as lactotransferrin (LTF), is a globular multifunctional protein with antimicrobial activity (bactericide, fungicide) and is part of the innate defense. It is a glycoprotein present at a concentration of ~ 7 g/L in human Colostrum [8].

Lactoferrin facilitates iron absorption, acts as an antimicrobial agent and stimulates growth of various cells [9]. Lactoferrin binds the iron and makes it unavailable to *E. coli* in the intestine and inhibits bacterial growth [10].

Growth factors

Colostrum contains many hormones like prolactin, somatostatin, oxytocin, leutinizing hormone releasing hormone, thyroid stimulating hormone, thyroxine, calcitonin, estrogen and progesterone. These hormones influence thyroid gland, hypothalamus, sexual gland, adrenal and pancreatic gland [11].

Growth hormone (GH) and growth hormone releasing factor (GHRF)

GH and GHRF are present in human Colostrum and bovine Colostrum. Human Colostrum contains ~ 41 ng/L of GHRF [12]. Suckling neonates have high circulating concentration of GH [13]. GH may have direct mitogenic effect [14]. Peptide growth factors are present in Colostrum which can regulate or modulate intestinal growth and development. Nonpeptide trophic factors viz glutamine, polyamines and

nucleotides present in colostrum play an important role in developing and maintaining GI mucosal mass and modulating immune system [2].

Epidermal growth factor (EGF)

It is a 53- amino acid peptide present in human Colostrum. Its concentration in human Colostrum is $200\mu\text{g/L}$ [15].

Transforming growth factor (TGF) α

It is a 50 amino acid molecule present in human Colostrum at much lower concentration $2.2- 7.2\mu\text{g/L}$ [16]. TGF- α stimulates gastrointestinal growth and repair, inhibits acid secretion, stimulates mucosal repairing after injury and increases gastric mucin concentration [17].

Transforming growth factor (TGF) β

Human milk contained latent, but not free, TGF-beta 1, and especially TGF-beta 2, both of which may be activated by gastric acid pH [18]. It is structurally distinct from TGF- α and has many diverse functions. In bovine Colostrum TGF- β is present in very high concentration ($20-40\text{mg/L}$) [1]. It is a key component in mediating its ability to maintain GI integrity in suckling neonates [19].

Insulin like growth factors (IGF)

IGF is also known as somatomedins. Two types of IGF are found in Colostrum viz. IGF-I and IGF-II. Both have similar structure to proinsulin and it is possible that they exert insulin like action at higher concentration. Bovine Colostrum contains much higher concentration ($500\mu\text{g/L}$) of IGF-I than human Colostrum ($18\mu\text{g/L}$) [20]. IGF-I is known to promote protein build-up [21]. IGF-II is present in bovine Colostrum at much lower concentration and has anabolic activity [22]. IGF in bovine and human Colostrum are present in both free and bound form.

Platelet derived growth factor (PDGF)

PDGF present in Colostrum is a disulphide linked polypeptide consisting of two chains. PDGF is a potent mitogen for fibroblast and arterial smooth muscle cells. Exogenous oral administration of PDGF has been shown to facilitate ulcer healing [2].

Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)

Human Colostrum contains VEGF at a concentration of $\sim 75\mu\text{g/L}$. It is a homodimeric heparin binding glycoprotein with potent angiogenic, mitogenic and vascular permeability enhancing activities [23].

Cytokines

Colostrum contains many cytokines including interleukin (IL) 1 β , IL-6, IL-10, tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α) and granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factors. Cytokines trigger acute cellular responses such as chemotaxis, protein synthesis and cellular differentiation in picomolar or nonomolar concentration .

Colostrinin

Bovine Colostrum contain a proline rich polypeptide (PRP) complex called colostrinin. The complex shows immunomodulatory actions. It is a cytokine like factor that acts as an inducer of interferon gamma [24]. Recently it is found that colostrinin have a beneficial effect in Alzheimer's disease [25].

Immunoglobulins

Human Colostrum and mature milk contains high concentration of secretory immunoglobulin-A (S-IgA). S-IgA is quite resistant to trypsin digestion [26]. The presence of immunologically active cells in Colostrum which produces antibodies to antigens has profound implications for infant's survival and future health interventions²⁶. The human Colostrum contains neutralizing antibodies against many infectious agents including entero-viruses. Major portion of the proteins present in Colostrum consists of immunoglobulins. In human Colostrum IgA predominates (120g/L) [27]. IgA acts in the intestine and limit the multiplication of bacterial and viral antigens Within the digestive tract. Human Colostrum contains large number of antibodies called secretory immunoglobulin (IgA). colostrum actually works as a safe and effective oral vaccine. IgA protect the baby from harmful viruses and bacteria. In human Colostrum IgA is present in free as well as in association with cellular and non-cellular elements [28].

Alpha amylase

The presence of α -amylase in human milk has long been recognized. The concentration of α -amylase is high in Colostrum and declines rapidly thereafter [29].

Lactoperoxidase

Recently Langbakk and Flatmark were able to show that lactoperoxidase is present in human colostrum [30]. The specific assays performed on Colostrum and human milk reveals the presence of γ -glutamyl transferase³¹, acid phosphatase, alkalinephosphotase, lactic and malic dehydrogenase, N-acetyl- α -hexosamidase, ribonuclease and xanthineoxidase. It is found that activity of some enzymes is higher in Colostrum than in mature milk.

Protease and protease inhibitor

Human Colostrum has an inhibitory effect on trypsin activity *invitro*. The molecular weight of inhibitor found in the Colostrum is 6000-10000 and is heat and acid stable.

Vitamin binding protein

Cobalamin (Vitamin_{B12}) for its absorption requires binding protein called cobalamin binding protein (CblBP). The concentration of CblBP is considerably higher in Colostrum than in mature milk.

Corticosteroid binding protein

The presence of corticosteroid binding protein in human Colostrum has been proved by Payne et al. This protein is found in whey and has a molecular weight of 93000 and its concentration is higher in Colostrum than in mature milk. It is similar to serum corticosteroid binding globulin.

Glycoprotein

Glycoprotein from human Colostrum has been isolated by the researchers. The non-orosomuroid glycoprotein from Colostrum and mature milk has stimulating effect on growth of *lactobacillusbifidus*. This glycoprotein is reported as a proteolyte fragment of human casein.

Biotin and Biotinidase

Human milk contains relatively high concentration of biotin. However the concentration of biotin is much higher in mature milk (0.81 μ g/100ml) than in Colostrum. Biotinidase is present in human Colostrum and mature milk. The biotinidase activity in Colostrum is about 5 times higher than that of milk. This enzyme regulates the metabolism of biotin.

b) Vitamins

Rich alimentary supply of the vitamin is essential in early childhood. Maternal milk; particularly COLOSTRUM is usually an excellent source of vitamin A and β -carotene in 440 and 428 μ g/L concentration respectively⁴³. Human Colostrum contains β -carotene⁴⁴. The concentration of carotenoids in Colostrum is eight times more than the mature milk¹⁰.

Vitamin A

Vitamin A content of Colostrum and transitional milk is very high and it is found that its concentration is independent of Vitamin A status of mother.

Cobalamin (Cbl)

Sampson and McClelland reported the presence of Cbl in human milk. The Cbl levels found in human COLOSTRUM was almost eight fold greater than those of milk collected after a month of lactation.

Choline

Choline is an organic compound, classified as a water-soluble essential nutrient and usually grouped within the Vitamin B complex. This natural amine is found in the lipids that make up cell membranes and in the neurotransmitter acetylcholine. Adequate intakes (AI) for this micronutrient between 425 to 550 milligrams daily, for adults, have been established. Human Colostrum contains choline in aqueous as well as in lipid fractions. In aqueous fraction free choline, phosphocholine and glycerophosphocholine are present while lipid fraction contains phosphatidylcholine and sphingomyelin. Choline is an essential constituent of membrane phospholipids.

c) Miscellaneous Minerals

Different types of minerals are also present in human Colostrum. The concentration of them viz. copper, iron, selenium and zinc is 400-600, 400-800, 15 and 4000-5000 μ g/L respectively. The ratio of zinc to copper was found to be 13 in human Colostrum⁴⁹. The same amount of

chromium is found in human Colostrum and mature milk. The average concentration of chromium in breast milk is 0.18 µg/L. Human Colostrum contains high concentration of sodium than mature milk¹⁰.

Cholesterol

Human Colostrum and mature milk contain >0.26mmol/L of cholesterol.

Sialic acid

Sialic acid is a generic term for the *N*-or *O*substituted derivatives of neuraminic acid, a monosaccharide with a nine-carbon backbone. It is *also* the name for the most common member of this group, N-acetylneuraminic acid (Neu5Ac or NANA). Three types of sialic acids are present in human Colostrum viz. oligosaccharide bond, protein bound and free sialic acid. The concentration of sialic acid is highest in Colostrum and decreases by nearly 80% over the next three months.

Fatty acid

Long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid viz. docosahexanoic acid and arachidonic acid are present in human milk and plays

an important role in neural maturation of breast feed neonates. The concentration of total protein, fat and lactose is more in Colostrum during first 24 hours.

Cellular components

Colostrum contains two types of macrophages viz macrophages engorged with fat droplets and phagocytic macrophages with abundant lysozymes and synthesizing immunoglobulins. Human Colostrum has inherent Positive anti-infective properties due to the presence of cellular components. Colostrum is rich in cells ~3-8x10 cells/ml. The macrophages, neutrophils, T and B-lymphocytes and epithelial cells have been reported in human milk. Tcells comprise more than 50% of the lymphocyte of Colostrum.

Others

Human Colostrum also contains lysozyme and corticosteroids.

COMPOSITION

TASTEASE-M Gummies, A Nutritional Support For Attention, Mental focus & cognitive functioning along with immune enhancing colostrum.

Composition

Each 2.5 g gummy is made out of :		
Piyusha Ghana (Colostrum)		100 mg
Shaivala (Ceratophyllum Demersum)	Plant	100 mg
Shankhpushpi (Convolvulus Pluricaulis Choisy)	(W.P.)	50 mg
Sigru (Moringa Oleifera Lam)	(Lf.)	5 mg
Draksa (Vitis Vinifera Linn.)	(Frt.)	15 mg
Brahmi (Bacopa Monnieri (Linn.) Wettst.)	(W.P.)	50 mg
Sugar (Sita)		Q.s.
Liquid Glucose		Q.s.
Pectin		Q.s.
Flavors		Q.s.

Nutritional benefits of Piyusha Ghana (colostrum)

Colostrum contains high concentration of carbohydrate, protein and low fat, it delivers its nutrients in very concentrated low volume form. Near about 20 times more protein is present in Colostrum as compared to the milk produced later. It is rich in lipids, mineral salts, vitamins and immunoglobulins¹.

Role in hyperbilirubinemia

Colostrum has mild laxative effect which facilitates the passing of meconium (baby's first stool). This process clears excess of bilirubin which is produced in large quantities at birth due to reduction in blood volume and helps to prevent jaundice.

Shielding action

Immunoglobulin (IgA) present in Colostrum helps to protect the mucous membrane in the throat, lungs and intestine of newborn. The large number of leukocytes in Colostrum can destroy disease causing bacteria and viruses.

Antidiarrheal action

A study on bovine Colostrum suggests that cryptosporidium (a parasite of human GI tract causing life threatening diarrhea) associated diarrhea in AIDS can be controlled after the treatment with hyper immune bovine Colostrum.

Action on immune system

Breast feeding improves the health of children. The greatest significance of Colostrum is host defense, prevention of autoimmunity, and development of the digestive system; however, the underlying mechanisms for these effects are not well understood. Based on recent evidence it is found that the cytokines are involved in these processes¹⁸. Researchers now believe that Colostrum may be the jump start; one needs to fight infection or immune related chronic diseases such as cancer, AIDS etc. The immune boosting property of Colostrum is attributed to molecules called transfer factors. Colostrum also proved to be an effective anti-cancer agent by boosting immune system and by preventing iron from reaching and nourishing cancer cell with the help of phytic acid. Phytic acid is a powerful antioxidant and found in very high concentration in Colostrum. Without optimal immune protection we are susceptible to conditions ranging from common cold, flu, various stages of immune deficiency, cancer and even AIDS.

Actions on GI tract

Recent studies suggest that colostrum fractions or individual peptides present in Colostrum will mitigate the symptoms of acid reflux. It might be useful for the treatment of wide variety of gastrointestinal tract disorders⁷. Colostrum contains multitude of healthful components that work for adults as

well as the newborn. The ingestion of Colostrum by newborns helps the profound growth and maturity of esophagus, stomach, small intestine. This is due to the hormones and growth promoting peptides present in Colostrum. Healing of tissues damaged by ulcer, trauma burns and surgery can be facilitated using the growth factors present in Colostrum.

Antiallergic action

Praline rich polypeptide (PRP) present in colostrums can work as a regulatory substance of the thymus gland. It has been demonstrated that PRP inhibits the overproduction of lymphocytes and T-cells and reduces major symptoms of allergies and autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and myasthenia gravis.

Importance in athletics and body building

Bovine Colostrum builds muscle and improves athletic performance without side effects. The muscles will become stronger and younger. Colostrum by nature helps to promote both strength and good health.

Use in chronic fatigue syndrome

Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) is believed to be caused by the Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV). The virus causes an over-reaction of the immune system. The immune system becomes overburdened and immunity is burnout. The result is feeling of complete exhaustion. Colostrum is best remedy for CFS as it can boost the immune system.

Miscellaneous uses of Colostrum

The strengthening of immune system is important in the lyme disease. Lyme disease, or borreliosis, is an emerging infectious disease caused by at least three species of bacteria belonging to the genus *Borrelia*. Bovine Colostrum is safe way to enhance immunity. Early diagnosis and treatment with Colostrum can prevent the complications. Components of Colostrum promote the rapid healing, stop bleeding and leave the nostrils clear when applied to bleeding nostrils. Colostrum is really all-in-one medicine because it has tremendous potential for fight against any diseased condition. It is rich source of carbohydrate, protein, growth factors, blood cells, lysozyme and immunoglobulins.

Nutrients in TASTEASE-M

- ▶ **DHA (DOCOSAHEXAENOIC ACID) (Shaivala Ceratophyllum Demersum)** - DHA plays an integral role in functioning of cell membrane including nerve cells that has been form to be deficient in children with attention deficiency, & hyper activity disorders.

Other Benefits of DHA : Supports brain and eye development function.

- ▶ **BACOPA MONNIERA (Brahmi) [Bacopa Monnieri (Linn.) Wettst.]** - Bacopa monniera has been found to enhance learning in children. Administration of this herb has shown to increase memory and improve reaction & performance timing. It contains bacosides which can improve learning, memory & overall mental function. Bacosides are known to help promote better kinase functioning in your brain. Bacopa has been successful in beneficially affecting the retention of learned information. It helps reduce the rate of short term forgetting while increasing retention speeds.

OLIGOMERIC PROANTHOCYANIDINS (OPC)

(Draksa (Vitis Vinifera Linn.) - OPC extracted from grape seed contains flavonoids and antioxidants which has membrane stabilizing activity, attributes which contribute to decrease in blood brain barrier permeability by OPC's. A number of anecdotal reports from parents and practicing physicians have noted supplementation, with OPC's helped improve attention and mitigate, distractibility in pediatric population.

COLOSTRUM (Piyusha Ghana) : The first milk secreted at the time of parturition and it is vital for developing strong immunity & providing essential building blocks for strength & growth. It contains high levels of protein molecules, known as factors that regulate cell division, enhance cell growth & repair, helps to protect against infection & promote brain development. Lactoferrin in colostrum helps to improve memory and/or learning speed and/or promote brain maturation under physiological, i.e. non-pathological conditions.

CLITOREA TERNATEA (Shankhapushpi (Convolvulus Pluricaulis Choisy)) : It acts as a nervine tonic that enhances learning, academic performance & improves mental ability. It helps calm over anxiety in children. This is used as a cognitive ability enhancer. These ingredients are widely known to increase certain brain chemicals that are involved in thinking, learning & memory.

MORINGA EXTRACT (Sigru (Moringa Oleifera Lam)) : Standardized to 1% Chromium, helps to maintain normal blood sugar levels which are essential for optimal learning and comprehension. Our highly bioavailable plant based chromium from moringa extract has been added to the formulation to assure proper carbohydrate metabolism.

Supplement Facts

Presentation: Gummies

Usage:

- Helps to support immunity.
- Helps to support improved memory & comprehension.
- Provides essential building blocks for growth.
- Delivers highest level of efficacy with most bioavailable form.

Contra-indications: Product is contra-indicated in persons with Known hypersensitivity to any component of the product hypersensitivity to any component of the product.

Recommended usage: 1-2 Gummies twice a day.

“Do not exceed the recommended daily dose”

Administration: Taken by oral route at anytime with food.

Precautions: Do not exceed the recommended daily dose.

Warnings: If you are taking any prescribed medication or has any medical conditions always consults doctor or healthcare practitioner before taking this supplement.

Side Effects: Very Mild side effects like nausea, headache and vomiting in some individuals may be observed.

Storage: Store in a cool, dry and dark place.

CONCLUSION

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