

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

1999-2023 Data Documentation, Codebook, and Frequencies

Dietary Supplement Database - Ingredient Information (DSII)

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Component Description

The NHANES Dietary Supplement Database (NHANES-DSD) contains detailed information on the dietary supplements (DS) and non-prescription antacids containing calcium and/or magnesium (antacids) reported by survey participants since NHANES 1999. The NHANES-DSD release consists of three datasets containing information on the following: Dietary Supplement Product Information (DSPI), Dietary Supplement Ingredient Information (DSII), and Dietary Supplement Blend Information (DSBI).

Dietary supplement information from the in-house NCHS Product Label Database (PLD) is publicly released in three files that make up the NHANES-DSD. These files incorporate all products that have been reported by respondents since 1999 from the PLD. With subsequent releases, new products reported will be appended to the NHANES-DSD files.

The in-house PLD database is maintained by NCHS nutritionists. NCHS attempts to obtain a product label for all dietary supplements or antacids reported by participants from sources such as the manufacturer or retailer, the Internet, company catalogs, and the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR). Label information has also been obtained from the [Dietary Supplement Label Database \(DSLDB\)](#), which is a joint project of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) and National Library of Medicine (NLM). The DSLDB contains the full label contents from a sample of dietary supplement products marketed in the U.S. Selected label information is then entered into the PLD including, but not limited to: supplement name; manufacturer and/or distributor; serving size; form of serving size; and ingredients and amounts. The ingredient information entered into the database is taken directly from the supplement facts box on the label or carton. The PLD is used to assist with data editing and then publicly released in the data files (DSPI, DSII, and DSBI).

In addition to entering labels into the PLD database, NCHS created generic and default dietary supplements and antacids, which are also maintained in the database. Generics were created in the database when we had information about a reported supplement, such as the strength of all ingredients, but no brand name. These were generally single ingredient supplements, which included a strength (e.g., vitamin C 500 mg) or multiple vitamins and/or mineral supplements made by a private label manufacturer that was known to us and for which we had a label with identical ingredients and strengths (e.g., brand X all-purpose multivitamin was reported, and we had a label for brand Y, made by the same manufacturer). When all ingredient strengths were unknown, a default supplement was created in the database. Defaults were created for single ingredient and multiple ingredient supplements based on our own data of most frequently reported supplements of that type, based on the survey cycle in which the data was collected. Created default products and the actual products or strengths that were assigned to these defaults are listed in the documentation for the files associated with participants' use of dietary supplements, located on the [NHANES website](#) under the dietary data links.

In 2019, the application used to manage and access NHANES dietary supplement product database was updated to adapt to the .NET environment. This resulted in the new structure of dietary supplement identifiers. Variables DSDPID, DSDIID, DSDBID were added to indicate the updated supplement ID, ingredient ID, and blend component ID, respectively. The variables DSDSUPID, DSDINGID, and DSDBCID now indicate the old versions for supplement ID, ingredient ID, and blend component ID, respectively. In addition, six new variables were included to provide information on supplement reformulations: DSDPRDT, DSDPREID, DSDORGID, DSDSGPF, DSDSEQF, DSDLINRF to indicate the product type, previous product ID, original product ID, sequential group formulation, sequential formulation, and linear formulation, respectively.

Data Processing and Editing

The in-house PLD was used for processing and editing of the dietary supplement data since 1999.

Variables pulled directly from the in-house PLD

DSDSUPP: Name of Supplement

This is the name from the front of the product label. The brand name is generally entered first (i.e., Nature's Way) and then the actual product name (i.e., lutein). Information such as the strength (i.e., 60 mg extract) of the product and other qualifiers that help distinguish a product from a similar product (i.e., mega, super, high potency, time release, chewable, extract) are also listed if they are on the front of the product label. Words like "dietary supplement" and "health claims" are not entered as part of the name.

DSDPID: Supplement ID Number

New Supplement ID is a unique number assigned to each product entered in the inhouse PLD.

DSDPRDT: Product Type

If the supplement was entered by NCHS as a regular product, it is equal to 1. If the supplement was created by NCHS as a generic product, it is equal to 2. Otherwise, if the supplement was created by NCHS as a default product, it is equal to 3. Previous Variable DSDGENRC was replaced by code "2" in DSDPRDT.

DSDSUPID: Supplement ID Number-Old version

Old Supplement ID is a 10-digit identifier assigned to each product entered into the in-house PLD. All identifiable products have a supplement ID beginning with the number "1". The next 3 digits (positions 2-4) are "888" or "881" if the supplement was created by NCHS as a generic or default product; otherwise the digits in positions 2-4 are coded "000" or "001". The next 4 digits (positions 5-8) are sequentially assigned by the system for each product. The last 2 digits (positions 9-10) indicate formulations of the same supplement: the first formulation entered into the database = 00, the first reformulation = 01, the next = 02, etc. Note that these are reformulations of the same product. Different versions of products (e.g., liquid vs. tablet, with iron vs. without iron, regular vs. high potency) are considered as different products thus have different 4-digit numbers in positions 5 to 8. When a product name was entered as "no product information available," "refused," or "don't know," its ID number starts with a string of 6s.

DSDSRCE: Supplement Information Source

The source of each product label is recorded into the PLD. Generic and default products do not have a source code.

DSDTYPE: Supplement Type

The type of supplements is recorded into the database. The supplement types are: infant/pediatric, prenatal, mature, or standard . Products are coded as infant/pediatric when

the product name states "infant, children, child, or kid/s" or has an indication in the title, label, or the form (e.g., animal shapes) of the supplement that it is intended for children. If this is not the case, but the suggested dose or directions indicate dosage for children only, then the code is infant/pediatric, but if dosages for adults are also included, then the product is coded as standard. Products are coded as "Prenatal" when the product name states prenatal or a derivative of this name or has an indication in the title or label that it is intended for pregnant women. If this is not the case, but the suggested dosage or directions indicate dosage for pregnant women only, the product is coded as a prenatal, but if dosages for non-pregnant adults are also included, the product is coded as standard. Products are coded as "mature" when the product name or label includes words such as "mature, senior, geriatric, post-menopausal, or silver" or indicates with other words that it is intended for individuals 50 years and over. All other products are coded as "standard".

DSDSERVQ: Serving Size Quantity

This is the "serving size quantity," which is recorded from the product label's supplement facts panel for which the nutrient amounts are based on.

DSDSERVU: Serving Size Unit

This is the "serving size unit," which is recorded from the product label's supplement facts panel.

DSDPREID: Previous product ID

This represents the parent product from which this current product was derived.

DSDORGID: Original product ID

This represents the original or root product from which this formulation or product was derived.

DSDSGPF: Sequential group formulation

This represents the sequential order of creation from the original product within the group of identical product types.

DSDSEQF: Sequential formulation

This represents the sequential order of creation from the original product.

DSDLINRF: Linear formulation

This represents the direct line of descendency order of creation from the original product. For example- original product being level 1, a product derived from original level 1 product being level 2 and a product derived from the level 2 product being level 3, and so on.

DSDIID: Ingredient ID

This is the new unique ingredient ID created by the PLD for each ingredient recorded from the product label's supplement facts panel.

DSDINGID: Ingredient ID-Old version

This is the old unique ingredient ID created by the PLD for each ingredient recorded from the product label's supplement facts panel.

DSDINGR: Ingredient Name

Ingredient names are recorded from the product label's supplement facts panel.

DSDOPER: Ingredient Operator

This is a symbol =, <, or > that comes from the product label's supplement facts panel.

DSDQTY: Ingredient Quantity

Ingredient quantity is recorded for each ingredient listed from the product label's supplement facts panel. Some nutrient amounts are for a nutrient compound (generally a foreign-made product or an antacid) and these must be converted to an elemental nutrient amount (See Appendix 2 for recommended conversions).

DSDUNIT: Ingredient Unit

Ingredient unit is recorded for each ingredient listed from the product label's supplement facts panel.

NHANES dietary supplement files have vitamin A and E expressed in different units based on what was reported on the product label's supplement facts panel. Vitamin E may be reported in International Units (IU) or micrograms (µg). Vitamin A may be reported as International Units (IU) or as micrograms (µg) of retinol activity equivalents (RAE). Users should be aware of changes in dietary supplement labeling and are advised to use appropriate unit conversions, [Unit Conversions](#).

DSDCAT: Ingredient Category

There are ingredient categories: Vitamin, Mineral, Botanical, Others, Amino Acid. These are assigned by NCHS staff. (Please see Appendix 1: Rules for Classifying Ingredients.)

DSDBCNAM: Blend Component Name

These are the ingredient names found within a blend. Blends in products will not give the actual breakdown of ingredient quantities in the blend. The ingredients will usually just be listed, and most of the time a total blend amount is given. The blend ingredients are released in file DSBI.

DSDPID: Blend Component ID

These are new unique ingredient ID numbers for blend ingredients created by the PLD.

DSDBLID: Blend Component ID-Old version

These are old unique ingredient ID numbers for blend ingredients created by the PLD.

DSDBCCAT: Blend Component Category

There are blend ingredient categories: Vitamin, Mineral, Botanical, Others, Amino Acid. These are assigned by NCHS staff. (Please see Appendix 1: Rules for Classifying Ingredients.)

Variables created for the NHANES-DSD public release files**DSDBLFLG: Blend Flag**

This indicator variable denotes whether an ingredient is a blend or not a blend. If the ingredient is a blend, then blend ingredients are contained in file DSBI.

DSDCNTV: Number of Vitamin(s) in Supplement

This variable indicates the number of vitamins in the supplement, including in blends. All ingredients categorized as "vitamins" in variables DSDCAT and DSDBCCAT are added up to get the number of vitamins in the product. If a product has the same vitamin listed as an ingredient as well as a blend, this vitamin was only counted once. Ingredients that are categorized as a blend (DSDBLFLG=1) in file DSII are not included in this count, but the ingredients within the blend are counted (blend ingredients in file DSBI).

DSDCNTM: Number of Mineral(s) in Supplement

This variable indicates the number of minerals in the supplement, including in blends. All ingredients categorized as "minerals" in variables DSDCAT and DSDBCCAT are added up to get the number of minerals in the product. If a product has the same mineral listed as an ingredient as well as a blend, this mineral was only counted once. Ingredients that are

categorized as a blend (DSDBLFLG=1) in file DSII are not included in this count, but the ingredients within the blend are counted (blend ingredients in file DSBI).

DSDCNTA: Number of Amino Acid(s) in Supplement

This variable indicates the number of amino acids in the supplement, including in blends. All ingredients categorized as "amino acids" in variables DSDCAT and DSDBCCAT are added up to get the number of amino acids in the product. Ingredients that are categorized as a blend (DSDBLFLG=1) in file DSII are not included in this count, but the ingredients within the blend are counted (blend ingredients in file DSBI).

DSDCNTB: Number of Botanical(s) in Supplement

This variable indicates the number of botanicals in the supplement, including in blends. All ingredients categorized as "botanicals" in variables DSDCAT and DSDBCCAT are added up to get the number of botanicals in the product. Ingredients that are categorized as a blend (DSDBLFLG=1) in file DSII are not included in this count, but the ingredients within the blend are counted (blend ingredients in file DSBI).

DSDCNTO: Number of Other Ingredients in Supplement

This variable indicates the number of other ingredients in the supplement, including in blends. All ingredients categorized as "other" in variables DSDCAT and DSDBCCAT are added up to get the number of other ingredients in the product. Ingredients that are categorized as a blend (DSDBLFLG=1) in file DSII are not included in this count, but the ingredients within the blend are counted (blend ingredients in file DSBI).

The NCHS-DSD file may be linked to both the Household dietary supplement data use files and the 24-hour dietary recall interview dietary supplement files by the supplement ID number (DSDPID).

NCHS-DSD contains information on all DS and antacids reported from 1999-2020. New products will be appended as they are reported in future data releases. There are three files. The "Supplement Information" file (DSPI) and the "Ingredient Information" file (DSII) can be linked by supplement ID number (DSDPID), which is a unique product identifier. The "Ingredient Information" file (DSII) and the "Supplement Blend" file (DSBI) can then be linked by the ingredient ID number (DSDIID).

Layout of DSQ_DSD

(DSPI): Supplement Product Information

Variable Name	Label
DSDPID	Supplement ID number
DSDPRDT	Product Type
DSDSUPP	Supplement Name
DSDSRCE	Supplement Information Source
DSDTYPE	Supplement Type
DSDSERVQ	Serving Size Quantity
DSDSERVU	Serving Size Unit
DSDPREID	Previous product ID
DSDORGID	Original product ID
DSDSGPF	Sequential group formulation
DSDSEQF	Sequential formulation
DSDLINRF	Linear formulation
DSDCNTV	Count of Vitamins in the Supplement
DSDCNTM	Count of Minerals in the Supplement
DSDCNTA	Count of Amino Acids in the Supplement
DSDCNTB	Count of Botanicals in the Supplement
DSDCNTO	Count of Other Ingredients in the Supplement
DSDSUPID	Supplement ID number-Old version

(DSII): Supplement Ingredient Information

Variable Name	Label
DSDPID	Supplement ID Number
DSDSUPP	Supplement Name
DSDIID	Ingredient ID Number
DSDINGR	Ingredient Name
DSDOPER	Ingredient Operator (<, =, >)
DSDQTY	Ingredient Quantity
DSDUNIT	Ingredient Unit
DSDCAT	Ingredient Category
DSDBLFLG	Blend Flag
DSDINGID	Ingredient ID Number- Old version

(DSBI): Supplement Blend Information

Variable Name	Label
DSDIID	Ingredient ID Number
DSDINGR	Ingredient Name
DSDBID	Blend Component ID Number
DSDBCNAM	Blend Component Name
DSDBCCAT	Blend Component Category
DSDBCID	Blend Component ID Number-Old version

Analytic Notes

Source of Product Information

The best source of product information is the label itself, but when this cannot be obtained, other sources are used. Information from other sources may not always be an accurate reflection of what is actually on the supplement label. This is true for the supplement's apparent name as well as for the ingredients. The apparent name on the container is most important, since interviewers see the supplement container and record the name as it appears to them. Differences from what appears on the label are particularly noted for information

from the Internet (name and ingredients), the PDR (name), and supplement carton (name). In addition, supplement companies may change the appearance of a label and thus the apparent name without changing the content or may change content with minimal change to the label, or may change both. NCHS attempts to obtain updated labels as they come onto the market, but cannot guarantee complete success. The source of the supplement information is included in the data release.

Using Self-Reported Data

NHANES data are self-reported and recorded by interviewers, and thus may contain inconsistencies or errors. Some inconsistencies have been edited; however, users may notice situations that still need editing. Users are advised to assess the data and edit it as deemed appropriate for the analyses being undertaken.

Codebook and Frequencies

DSDPID - SUPPLEMENT ID NUMBER

Variable Name: DSDPID
SAS Label: SUPPLEMENT ID NUMBER
English Text: Supplement ID number

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1 to 28553	Range of Values	188572	188572	
.	Missing	0	188572	

DSDSUPP - SUPPLEMENT NAME

Variable Name: DSDSUPP

SAS Label: SUPPLEMENT NAME

English Text: Supplement name

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
SUPPLEMENT NAME	Value was recorded	188572	188572	
< blank >	Missing	0	188572	

DSDIID - INGREDIENT ID NUMBER

Variable Name: DSDIID

SAS Label: INGREDIENT ID NUMBER

English Text: Ingredient ID number

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1 to 19815	Range of Values	188572	188572	
.	Missing	0	188572	

DSDINGR - INGREDIENT NAME

Variable Name: DSDINGR

SAS Label: INGREDIENT NAME

English Text: Ingredient Name

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
INGREDIENT NAME	Value was recorded	188572	188572	
< blank >	Missing	0	188572	

DSDOPER - INGREDIENT OPERATOR

Variable Name: DSDOPER

SAS Label: INGREDIENT OPERATOR

English Text: Ingredient operator

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
INGREDIENT OPERATOR	Value was recorded	188572	188572	
< blank >	Missing	0	188572	

DSDQTY - INGREDIENT QUANTITY

Variable Name: DSDQTY

SAS Label: INGREDIENT QUANTITY

English Text: Ingredient quantity

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
0 to 6000000	Range of Values	188571	188571	
.	Missing	1	188572	

DSDUNIT - INGREDIENT UNIT

Variable Name:	DSDUNIT
SAS Label:	INGREDIENT UNIT
English Text:	Ingredient unit

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	mg	109902	109902	
2	IU	14717	124619	
3	%	2770	127389	
4	mcg	36264	163653	
5	gm	14327	177980	
6	mL	87	178067	
7	kcal	6896	184963	
8	DU	121	185084	
9	HUT	165	185249	
10	LU	85	185334	
11	CU	120	185454	
12	endo-PGO	11	185465	
13	AGU	35	185500	
14	PPM	26	185526	
15	Million	227	185753	
16	Billion	680	186433	
17	LacU	32	186465	
18	X	0	186465	
19	PPB	0	186465	
20	Trace	57	186522	
21	Unknown	668	187190	
22	PU	48	187238	
23	SEU	4	187242	
24	InvU	8	187250	
25	°DP	28	187278	
26	HCU	25	187303	
27	CFU	8	187311	
28	GALU	27	187338	
29	ALU	40	187378	
30	FTU	8	187386	
31	NG	3	187389	
32	mcg DFE	798	188187	
33	mcg RAE	179	188366	
34	mg NE	115	188481	
35	SAPU	10	188491	
36	SU	9	188500	

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
37	FIP	15	188515	
38	GDU	5	188520	
39	SKB	3	188523	
40	UNIT	20	188543	
41	ENDO-PG	1	188544	
42	BAU	1	188545	
43	HSU	1	188546	
44	BGU	5	188551	
45	AGSU	1	188552	
46	PC	2	188554	
47	SPU	2	188556	
48	XU	4	188560	
49	ENDO-PGU	2	188562	
50	DPPU	1	188563	
51	PGU	1	188564	
52	DPPIV	1	188565	
53	APU	1	188566	
54	USP	3	188569	
55	AG	0	188569	
56	FCC	3	188572	
.	Missing	0	188572	

DSDCAT - INGREDIENT CATEGORY

Variable Name: DSDCAT

SAS Label: INGREDIENT CATEGORY

English Text: Ingredient category

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Vitamin	66877	66877	
2	Mineral	43731	110608	
3	Botanical	14174	124782	
4	Other	54053	178835	
5	Amino acid	4042	182877	
.	Missing	5695	188572	

DSDBLFLG - BLEND FLAG

Variable Name: DSDBLFLG

SAS Label: BLEND FLAG

English Text: Blend flag

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
1	Ingredient is a blend	5695	5695	
2	Ingredient is not a blend	182877	188572	
.	Missing	0	188572	

DSDINGID - INGREDIENT ID NUMBER - OLD VERSION

Variable Name: DSDINGID

SAS Label: INGREDIENT ID NUMBER - OLD VERSION

English Text: Ingredient ID number - old version

Code or Value	Value Description	Count	Cumulative	Skip to Item
INGREDIENT ID NUMBER - OLD VERSION	Value was recorded	142831	142831	
< blank >	Missing	45741	188572	

Appendix 1: Rules for Classifying Ingredients

VITAMINS

An ingredient is classified as a vitamin if it is:

- A single vitamin listed by its name (e.g., vitamin A)
- A standard chemical form of the vitamin (retinol, retinal, retinoic acid) in synthetic or natural form

A vitamin will be classified as "other" when it exists as:

- A precursor or provitamin to the active form of the vitamin (e.g., 7-dehydrocholesterol, a precursor to Vitamin D)
- A complex, since the ingredient content is unclear (e.g., B-complex)

The following appear in supplements as a source of vitamins and are therefore classified as a vitamin:

- Vitamin A: palmitate, vitamin A acetate, vitamin A palmitate
- Vitamin B-1/Thiamin: thiamin monophosphate or TMP, thiamin mononitrate, thiamin hydrochloride
- Vitamin B-2/Riboflavin: riboflavin mononitrate, riboflavin-5-phosphate sodium
- Vitamin B-3/Niacin
- Vitamin B-5/Pantothenic Acid: pantothenate, calcium pantothenate
- Vitamin B-6: pyridoxine hydrochloride, vitamin B6 hydrochloride
- Vitamin B-12/Cobalamin: cyanocobalamin
- Vitamin C/Ascorbic Acid: ascorbyl palmitate, sodium ascorbate
- Vitamin D/Calciferol: cholecalciferol, ergocalciferol, calcitriol
- Vitamin E/Tocopherol: d-alpha tocopheryl acid succinate, dl-alpha tocopheryl acetate, d-alpha tocopheryl acetate, d-alpha tocopherol, d-alpha tocopheryl, tocopherols, mixed tocopherols, vitamin E acetate, tocotrienol
- Vitamin K/Menadione: phytonadione
- Biotin: Choline, choline bitartrate
- Folic Acid/Folate

MINERALS

An ingredient is classified as a mineral if it is a macro or micromineral (trace element):

- in its elemental form (e.g., iron)
- is the source of the mineral in a supplement (e.g., ferrous gluconate, potassium iodide, nickel chloride)

An ingredient containing a mineral is classified as "other" when it is:

- an enzyme (e.g., boron protease)
- a complex, since the ingredient content is unclear (e.g., Trace Mineral Complex) used as an electrolyte (chloride, potassium, sodium)

The following are classified as minerals:

- Arsenic
- Copper
- Phosphorus
- Barium
- Fluoride
- Selenium
- Boron
- Iodine
- Silicon
- Bromine
- Iron
- Strontium
- Cadmium
- Magnesium
- Sulfur
- Calcium
- Manganese
- Tin
- Chromium
- Molybdenum
- Vanadium
- Cobalt
- Nickel
- Zinc

BOTANICALS

An ingredient is classified as a botanical if it is:

- part of a plant, tree, shrub, herb, etc.

Botanicals may include the following words:

- Extract, Powder
- Leaf, Root, Flower, Stem, Peel, Fruit
- Component of a botanical that specifically mentions it is from the plant (e.g., soy isoflavones, citrus bioflavonoids)

An ingredient containing a botanical is classified as "other" if it is:

- listed only as an unspecified blend
- a chemical structure derived originally from a botanical (e.g., bromelain, the enzyme found in pineapple; Alliin, a phytochemical in garlic; apple cider vinegar)

AMINO ACIDS

An ingredient is classified as an amino acid if it is an essential or nonessential amino acid. It can exist in:

- it's free form (e.g., lysine, glutamine)
- its post-translational form with one or two added groups (e.g., Cystine, Hydroxylysine, Hydroxyproline, Dimethylglycine, and 3-methylhistidine)
- one of its isomeric forms (e.g., L-tyrosine)
- the source of an amino acid in a supplement (e.g., L-lysine monohydrochloride, glutamic acid hydrochloride)

An amino acid would be classified as "other" if it is:

- in its post-translational form with three or more added groups (Trimethylglycine, Tetramethylglycine, etc.)
- an alpha-keto acid (an amino acid with its amino group, NH₃, replaced by a keto group) (e.g., -ketoglutarate)
- a residue of an amino acid (-carboxyglutamic acid also known as GLA)
- as a complex of amino acids (e.g., natural amino acid complex), since the ingredient content is unclear

The following are classified as amino acids:

- Alanine
- Glycine
- Proline
- Arginine
- Histidine
- Serine
- Asparagine
- Isoleucine
- Taurine
- Aspartic
- Acid
- Leucine
- Threonine
- Cysteine
- Lysine
- Tryptophan
- Glutamic
- Acid
- Methionine
- Tyrosine
- Glutamine
- Phenylalanine
- Valine

OTHER

The following are examples of ingredients that would be classified as "other":

- an electrolyte (e.g., chloride, potassium, sodium)
- a hormone (e.g., DHEA, cholesterol), unless if it is the active form of a vitamin (calcitriol)

- an enzyme (e.g., cellulase, glucoamylase)
- Complexes and blends (unless all components are of the same type ex. amino acid blend)
- Bioflavonoids and Isoflavones (if not associated with a plant, in which case it would be classified as a Botanical)
- Vinegars
- Phytochemicals (e.g., lutein, allin)
- Vitamin precursors (e.g., some carotenoids)

Appendix 2: Conversion Factors for Supplement Nutrient Units to Food
Units and for Nutrient Compounds to Elemental Nutrients

INGREDIENT	INGREDIENT_ID	CONVERSION FACTOR
Vitamin A Conversion Factors		
ALPHA CAROTENE	587	1 IU alpha carotene = 7.2 mcg vitamin A
ALPHA CAROTENE	587	1 RAE = 24 mcg alpha carotene
BETA CAROTENE	392	1 IU beta carotene = 0.6 mcg vitamin A
BETA CAROTENE	392	1667 IU beta carotene = 1 mg beta carotene
BETA CAROTENE	392	1 RAE = 12 mcg beta carotene
VITAMIN A*	360	1 IU = 0.3 mcg vitamin A
VITAMIN A*	360	1 RAE = 1 mcg vitamin A
CRYPTOXANTHIN	614	1 RAE = 24 mcg cryptoxanthin
Vitamin D Conversion Factor		
VITAMIN D†	364	40 IU vitamin D = 1 mcg
Vitamin E Conversion Factor		
VITAMIN E‡	365	1 IU = 0.67 mg vitamin E
Calcium Conversion Factors		
CALCIUM CARBONATE	543	40% elemental calcium
CALCIUM L-THREONATE	4003	12.9 % elemental calcium
CALCIUM PANTOTHENATE	395	91.6% pantothenate
Iron Conversion Factors		
FERROUS FUMARATE	782	32.9% elemental iron
IRON FERROCHEL	13380	27.65% elemental iron
Glucosamine Conversion Factors		
GLUCOSAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE	410	83.0% glucosamine
GLUCOSAMINE SULFATE	143	65% glucosamine
GLUCOSAMINE SULFATE .2 KCL	850	29.6% glucosamine
D-GLUCOSAMINE SULFATE.2 NACL	1017	31.3% glucosamine
Magnesium Conversion Factors		
MAGNESIUM ASPARTATE	13643	8.42% elemental magnesium
MAGNESIUM CARBONATE	556	28.9% elemental magnesium
MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE	544	41.7% elemental magnesium
MAGNESIUM PHOSPHATE TRIBASIC	616	27.7% elemental magnesium
MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE	2054	18.3 % elemental magnesium
Vitamin B-6 Conversion Factor		
PYRIDOXINE HYDROCHLORIDE	470	82% vitamin B-6

INGREDIENT	INGREDIENT_ID	CONVERSION FACTOR
Other		
ALUMINUM HYDROXIDE GEL	14221	34.59% elemental aluminum
CHROMIUM NICOTINATE	14270	12.43% elemental chromium
CHROMIUM PICOLINATE	487	12.4% elemental chromium
CHOLINE BITARATE	82	41% choline
CHOLINE CITRATE	2248	41% choline
CREATINE MONOHYDRATE	480	88% creatine
CYSTEINE HCL	776	76.9% cysteine
DOCUSATE SODIUM	109	5.1% sodium
GLUTAMIC ACID HYDROCHLORIDE	653	80.1% glutamic acid
L-CYSTEINE HCL	488	69.0% cysteine
L-GLUTAMIC ACID HCL	611	80.1% glutamic acid
L-LYSINE HCL	743	80.03% lysine
LYSINE HYDROCHLORIDE	2088	80.03% lysine
POTASSIUM CHOLRIDE	287	52.5% elemental potassium
POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE	575	28.7% elemental potassium
POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE MONOBASIC	615	28.7% elemental potassium
THIAMIN MONONITRATE	468	92% thiamin
ZINC PICOLINATE	2629	21.1% elemental zinc
Basic Unit Conversion		
1 gm = 1000 mg		
1 mg = 1000 mcg		

* Conversion factor used for Vitamin A is Retinol, most common form

† Conversion factor for Calciferol

‡ Conversion factor for Alpha Tocopherol, most common form

