

Pro Guard SB



Clinical Applications

- Helps Maintain a Healthy Intestinal Microecology*
- Supports Bowel Regularity*
- Supports Gastrointestinal-Based Immunity*

Pro Guard SB is ideal for individuals seeking a well-rounded supplement to support a healthy balance of intestinal flora, cellular health, and immune health. It features four probiotic strains, including the extensively studied HN019 strain of *Bifidobacterium lactis*, plus *Saccharomyces boulardii* (Sb), a non-pathogenic yeast, to further complement healthy gastrointestinal ecology. Gastro-resistant, vegetarian capsules provide an innovative solution for targeted delivery of sensitive ingredients to the small intestine, as they alleviate exposure to the low pH environment of the stomach. Additionally, each capsule is sealed in a nitrogen-purged blister pack to provide protection from heat, moisture, and oxygen, factors known to compromise probiotic stability.*

All HERA Health Care Formulas Meet or Exceed cGMP Quality Standards

Discussion

Diversity of gut microflora is characteristic of a healthy GI microbiome and contributes to overall health and vitality by promoting optimum digestion, assimilation, gut integrity, motility, and efficient removal of toxins and wastes. Many internal and external influences, including stress, a poor diet, food sensitivities, medication, environmental factors, and certain disease conditions, can impact the microbial balance within this fine-tuned community. Their impact can allow potential colonization by pathogenic organisms and disrupt a healthy balance, which can result in adverse effects ranging from GI symptoms to impaired immune response.^[1-3] Probiotics are part of the key to promoting the optimal balance of the microbiome,^[4] whether they originate from dietary sources or from supplements. Probiotic yeasts, such as *Saccharomyces boulardii*, also play a role in gut ecology by supporting intestinal barrier function and integrity.*

Common challenges associated with probiotic supplementation are maintaining the stability of the organisms during distribution and shelf life and, after they are swallowed, the survival of the organisms as they travel through the digestive tract to the targeted tissue. To help ensure stability, HERA Health Care packages Pro Guard SB capsules in sealed, nitrogen-purged blister packs to serve as protection from factors proven to compromise the stability of probiotics, such as heat, moisture, and oxygen. Careful selection of organisms is another way HERA Health Care helps ensure stability and digestive survivability. To further support resistance to low pH and the delivery of microorganisms to the small intestines, HERA Health Care encapsulates the ingredients in gastro-resistant DRcaps™. These specially designed, innovative capsules help slow exposure of actives to stomach acid to promote a more targeted release.*

HOWARU® (*Bifidobacterium lactis* HN019) Discovered in 1899, *B lactis* play a key role in the human microflora throughout a person's life. Researchers have identified strain HN019 as having excellent probiotic potential based on its ability to survive the transit through the human gastrointestinal tract, adhere to epithelial cells, and proliferate.^[5] *B lactis* HN019 has been extensively studied, and its safety and effectiveness are well-accepted.^[6,7] To assess the impact of *B lactis* HN019 supplementation on whole-gut transit time in adults, subjects (N = 100) were given daily doses of 17.2 billion colony-forming units (CFU), 1.8 billion CFU, or placebo for 14 days. Decreases in mean whole-gut transit time over the 14-day study period were statistically significant in the high-dose group and the low-dose group, but not in the placebo group.^[7] This level of dosing also supported other parameters of healthy GI function, as were self-reported by patient survey.^[7] In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled human dietary intervention study, 80 subjects older than 60 years who took supplementary *B lactis* HN019 had statistically significant increases in the beneficial organisms bifidobacteria and lactobacilli.*^[8]

***Lactobacillus acidophilus* (*Lactobacillus acidophilus* La-14)** This common inhabitant of the human microbiome is also found in some traditional fermented milks (e.g., kefir) and is widely used in probiotic foods and supplements with a history of safe human consumption. The *L acidophilus* La-14 strain is of human origin and has been identified as a type A1 *L acidophilus*, showing excellent adhesion to human epithelial cell-lines.*^[9,10]

***Lactobacillus plantarum* (*Lactobacillus plantarum* Lp-115)** Isolated from plant material, the *L plantarum* strain is abundantly present in lactic acid-fermented foods, such as olives and sauerkraut. In vitro studies have shown that *L plantarum* Lp-115 has excellent adhesion to epithelial cell lines.^[11] In addition, *L plantarum* is resistant to low pH conditions and survives the presence of bile at duodenal concentrations.*^[11,12]

***Bifidobacterium longum* (*Bifidobacterium longum* BI-05)** The *B longum* BI-05 strain is well-accepted as safe for human consumption. *B longum* is resistant to low pH and bile salts and is well-suited to the intestinal environment.*^[12]

Saccharomyces boulardii *S boulardii* might be most well-known by consumers for its role as the type of yeast used in the widely popular kombucha beverages. Extensive research in both European and American peer-reviewed journals has shown that this natural, non-pathogenic yeast has multiple mechanisms of action that support healthy gut ecology. In a 2010 systematic review and meta-analysis of 31 randomized placebo-controlled treatment arms in 27 trials (encompassing 5,029 adult study patients), *S boulardii* was found to be significantly efficacious in 84% of those treatment arms.^[13] *S boulardii* was also found to be efficacious for use in children in a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled

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Supplement Facts

Serving Size: 1 Capsule
Servings Per Container: 30

	Amount Per Serving	%Daily Value
<i>Saccharomyces boulardii</i>	250 mg (5 Billion CFU [†])	**
Proprietary Blend	174 mg (15 Billion CFU [†])	**
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> La-14 ^{S1} <i>Bifidobacterium longum</i> Bl-05 ^{S2} <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> Lp-115 ^{S3}		
<i>Bifidobacterium lactis</i> HNO19 ^{S4}	50 mg (15 Billion CFU [†])	**

** Daily Value not established.

Other Ingredients: Capsule (hypromellose, gellan gum, and water), hydroxypropyl cellulose, ascorbyl palmitate, and silica.

† Colony-Forming Unit

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Directions

Take one capsule daily, or as directed by your healthcare professional. Consult your healthcare professional prior to use. Individuals taking medication should discuss potential interactions with their healthcare professional.

Formulated To Exclude

Wheat, gluten, soy, animal and dairy products, fish, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts, egg, ingredients derived from genetically modified organisms (GMOs), artificial colors, artificial sweeteners, and artificial preservatives.

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