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### **Summary for the Product *LADYMEL-DAY***

*LADYMEL-DAY* is a product from Zuf Globus which aims at balancing the level of female hormones mainly during perimenopause and menopause when hormonal balance can be disrupted. The product is recommended for healthy women during perimenopause and menopause, who wish to modulate the hormonal balance thus helping the woman to cope with symptoms like hot flashes, nervousness and restlessness that are associated with menopause and PMS. *LADYMEL-DAY* components support a healthy female hormonal system and fight agents caused by stress.

The bees' feed utilized for producing *LADYMEL-DAY* is comprised by a unique blend of herbs which are known for their biological activities on the female hormonal system. The biological activities produced by the chemical constituents of these herbs are recorded on the WHO monographs and are corroborated by numerous peer-reviewed scientific publications.

The product is offered in two versions (day and night). The elements of each formula take into consideration the natural biological clock and the female circadian rhythms determining the sleep patterns which involve the control of the production of melatonin.

*LADYMEL-DAY* herbal components assist to adapt to many and varied environmental and psychological stresses by supporting the female hormonal system during menopause and PMS.

The main biological activities of *LADYMEL-DAY* related to its herbal components is listed below:

1) *Trifolium pratense*

The major active chemicals found in *Trifolium pratense* are isoflavones, mainly Genistein and its metabolites Equol, Isoequol and Dehydroequol. These compounds have strong anti-inflammatory as well as estrogenic effects. Different concentrations of isoflavones present in this herb are also associated with a significant increase of thyroid hormones levels in plasma.

2) *Vitex agnus-castus*

Two major group of compounds are found in this plant: Flavonoids (Casticin, Cymaroside and Chrysoptanol D are the major) and Diterpenes (Vitexilactone, Rotundifuran and Vitexlactam A). These herbal compounds are recognized by the monographs to play a role in the symptomatic treatment of gynecological disorders including premenstrual syndrome, menstrual irregularities, dysmenorrhea etc.

In addition, there is evidence that an extract from the fruits may prolong lactation in breastfeeding women.

3) *Matricaria recutita*

This plant's essential oil comprises mainly the compounds chamazulene,  $\alpha$ -bisabolol and their related sesquiterpenes. Apigenin is the major flavonoid, constitute up to 8%. These compounds are mainly used for treating gastric and digestive discomfort as well as for the treatment of restlessness and in mild cases of insomnia.

4) *Eleutherococcus senticosus*

*Eleutherococcus senticosus*, also called Siberian ginseng, was reported to have adaptogenic/ anti-stress activity and may boost mental performance. In addition, it may stimulate the immune system. *Eleutherococcus senticosus* also shows anti-microbial activity.

#### 5) *Calendula officinalis*

The major constituents of this herb are triterpene saponins (2–10%) based on oleanolic acid (i.e. calendulosides) and flavonoids (3-O-glycosides of isorhamnetin and quercetin).

Polysaccharides isolated from *Calendula* were reported to enhance phagocytosis by human granulocytes, thus supporting the immune system.

#### 6) *Medicago sativa*

There are numerous reports from *in vivo* studies showing that *Medicago sativa* can lower blood cholesterol levels. In addition, it may relieve menopause symptoms.

#### 7) *Mentha piperita*

The two major constituents of this herb are the monoterpenes menthol (30–55%) and menthone (14–32%). Both compounds are known for their biological activity on gastric and digestive discomfort. There are some reports that the essential oil can have analgesic effect as well improving cognitive performance.

#### 8) *Actaea racemosa*

The major constituents include the cycloartanol-based triterpenes acteol, actein, cimigenol and cimicifugoside. Isoflavones were also identified.

Experimental data indicates the effects of these compounds on the female hormonal system. Clinical data support the use of this herb to treat symptoms of menopause such as hot flashes, sleeping disorders and nervousness.

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herbal substances in the formula**

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