

ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE NUTRITION

The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), founded in 1973, is based in Washington, D.C., and is the leading trade association representing dietary supplement manufacturers and ingredient suppliers. CRN member companies produce a large portion of the dietary supplements marketed in the United States and globally. The companies manufacture popular national brands as well as the store brands marketed by major supermarkets, drug stores and discount chains. They also market products through natural food stores and mainstream direct selling companies. In addition to complying with a host of Federal and state regulations governing dietary supplements, the manufacturer and supplier members also agree to adhere to voluntary guidelines for manufacturing and marketing and agree to comply with CRN's Code of Ethics. CRN has approximately 100 member companies, including voting and associate members.

CRN's mission is to sustain and enhance a climate for its member companies to responsibly develop, manufacture and market dietary supplements and nutritional ingredients. CRN provides its member companies with expertise and action in the areas of scientific and regulatory affairs, government affairs, media outreach and communications, and international affairs. CRN takes a leadership role to advocate for public policy based on sound science that permits consumers to have access to a wide variety of high quality, safe and beneficial dietary supplements.

CRN's scientific and regulatory staff includes recognized experts in nutrition and a practitioner of integrative medicine. John Hathcock, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Scientific & International Affairs, has decades of experience in evaluating the safety of nutrients and other dietary ingredients, having been a professor at Iowa State University and a senior scientist at the Food and Drug Administration before joining CRN in 1995. Douglas "Duffy" MacKay, N.D., Vice President, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs, is a licensed Naturopathic Doctor who has served as a medical consultant to companies in the dietary supplement industry and who also has hands-on experience as a practitioner of integrative medicine. Taylor Wallace, Ph.D., FACN, Senior Director, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs, earned his graduate degrees from The Ohio State University, was formerly with the International Life Sciences Institute, and is an active author and reviewer of articles relating to nutrition. Members of the CRN science staff, as well as Andrew Shao, Ph.D., former Senior Vice President, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs, reviewed this paper and provided valuable assistance and commentary.

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