DGL, or deglycyrrhizinated licorice, is a form of licorice root that has been specially processed to contain only biologically active flavonoids, without glycyrrhizin. The deglycyrrhizinated form of licorice allows for higher dosing of supportive flavonoids, which helps maintain a healthy mucosal surface in the stomach. Traditionally used to support GI-related complaints, research has shown DGL to promote bacterial balance and promotes a healthy esophageal lining. Along with DGL, this tablet also contains aloe vera, slippery elm bark and marshmallow root, all used to soothe the GI tract. Each pleasant-tasting, chewable tablet of DGL contains 500 mg DGL per serving.

Overview
Approximately 25 million Americans suffer from GI mucosal complaints at some point in their lifetime. While such discomfort was originally thought to arise from stress, spicy foods, alcohol consumption, gastric acid production or heredity, today it is known that common bacteria from food is often the root cause. Since almost 80% of pathogens enter the body either through mucosal tissue or stay localized on mucosal surfaces, a healthy mucosal lining is of the utmost importance for digestive health. DGL supports gastrointestinal health by accelerating the secretion rate of mucus by the gastric and esophageal mucosa, helping to protect tissues. This unique licorice extract contains only biologically active flavonoids, without glycyrrhizin, for targeted usage in the GI tract. DGL is delivered as a chewable for optimal breakdown and dispersion in the stomach.1

DGL‡
Historically used to support the gastric mucosa,2 studies have shown glycyrrhetic acid helps maintain high levels of prostaglandins in the stomach by blocking the activity of two enzymes involved in the metabolism of prostaglandins E and F2-alpha, resulting in extra protection for the gastric mucosa.[2] In chewable doses of 760 mg a day for one month, DGL was found to be superior to placebo in promoting a healthy and protective GI mucosa.2 In a study of 874 patients comparing the effects of DGL and cimetidine (another known therapy), it was found that DGL was effective in relieving minor GI discomfort.3

Marshmallow Root‡
Marshmallow root is a traditional demulcent (soothing) herb with a long history of use for coating the gastric lining. Marshmallow root contains mucilage polysaccharides, which swell when mixed with liquid, providing a soothing property to mucous membranes.5 The German Commission E has approved the use of marshmallow root for promoting a normal inflammatory process within the gastric mucosa. The nonofficial British Herbal Compendium 1st edition also indicates marshmallow root for soothing the stomach and intestinal tract.5

Aloe Vera Concentrate‡
Aloe vera, like marshmallow root and slippery elm bark, is a demulcent that has been used throughout history, and has been shown to maintain normal inflammatory balance.
Specifically, studies have shown aloe vera is beneficial to the gastric mucosa due in part by its ability to balance stomach acid levels and promote healthy mucus production.5-8 An animal study examining the effects of aloe vera on gastric acid secretion and gastric mucosal health found aloe vera balanced gastric acid secretion and at low doses protected mucosa from excess gastric acid.9

**Slippery Elm Bark†**
Slippery elm bark is a traditional demulcent that has been used for centuries. Slippery elm bark is rich in mucilage which helps maintain normal inflammatory balance.10

**Directions**
Chew 1-2 tablets per day or as recommended by your health care professional.

**Does Not Contain**
Gluten, yeast, artificial colors and flavors.

**Cautions**
If you are pregnant or nursing, consult your physician before taking this product.

## Supplement Facts

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† These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

## References