## THE SHIELD AGAINST VISCERAL FAT



# **VAZGUARD®**

BERGAMOT INDENA PHYTOSOME™



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#### WHAT IS VAZGUARD®?

VAZGUARD® is a standardized extract from Bergamot - Citrus bergamia Risso et Poiteau in the Indena Phytosome™ form,

Bergamot, has been endemic in the Mediterranean area for several centuries and currently its production is limited to the Calabria region in Southern Italy where is traditionally considered as "the King of citrus fruits" and where it is exclusively sourced by Indena.

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

VAZGUARD® is standardized to contain 14-18% of total bergamot flavanones by HPLC.

#### SUGGESTED USE AND DOSE

VAZGUARD® is a light yellow powder for use in nutritional supplements formulations.

Suggested dose: 500 mg twice a day - equivalent to about a glass of bergamot juice.

#### References

- <sup>1</sup> Formisano C. et al, J. Agric. Food Chem. 67, 3159-3167 (2019).
- <sup>2</sup>Rondanelli M. et al., Phytotherapy Res, (2020).
- <sup>3</sup> Riva A. et al., J Appl. Microb Res., 3 (2), 45-51 (2020).
- <sup>4</sup> Indena data on file, manuscript in preparation.

#### WHAT MAKES VAZGUARD® UNIQUE?

VAZGUARD® is effective thanks to the power of its unique mix of polyphenols, enhanced by Indena Phytosome™ proprietary technology: in particular, flavonoids – found in bergamot – are responsible for its higher antioxidant power compared to other plants from the *Citrus* genus.

Notably, **VAZGUARD**<sup>®</sup> shares the same phytochemical profile as bergamot juice, a common edible fruit.<sup>1</sup>

VAZGUARD® plays the role of a perfect metabolic health shield

In a double-blind placebo-controlled study, **VAZGUARD®** could significantly optimize by -12% the visceral adipose tissue (VAT p<0,0001) in over 60 volunteers:<sup>2</sup>

- significant results could be observed within 1 month;
- the optimization of VAT translated into a global improvement of the glycolipidemic (glycemia and HOMA index) and lipid profile (total cholesterol, LDL, LDL/HDL ratio, Apo-B/Apo-A ratio);
- positive modulation of body composition related to parameters such as fat mass and body weight;
- the supplementation supported also the healthy normalization of liver function as reflected by transaminases;

All of this is achieved with just 500 mg twice a day – the same amount of polyphenols found in about a glass of bergamot juice.<sup>1</sup>

VAZGUARD® is the first bergamot ingredient with a scientifically demonstrated beneficial effects on human gut microbiota as proven in an ex-vivo study.<sup>3</sup>

A very recent pre-clinical investigation has proven VAZGUARD® to act as a GLP-1 modulator, validating its potential role as a companion ingredient for subjects undergoing pharmacologic treatments.<sup>4</sup>



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