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### Protein & Creatine Superblend: Product Overview & Comparison

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### **Protein & Creatine Superblend Product Overview**

**Protein & Creatine Superblend** is a unique, unflavoured formula providing 20g protein, 3g creatine, and 400mg of adaptogenic mushroom extracts per serving, to support optimal muscle health, strength, performance, and recovery.

Developed by expert nutritionists at DR.VEGAN®, **Protein & Creatine Superblend** combines three different types of protein – pea, pumpkin and hemp – which ensures a full spectrum of 18 amino acids, alongside creatine monohydrate and mushrooms, in one convenient daily 30g serving, with zero additives, flavourings or artificial sweeteners. Protein & Creatine is the most comprehensive option to gain vital nutrients for optimal muscle health and energy metabolism. Mushrooms are included to help reduce pro-inflammatory cytokines and help protect against oxidative stress.

**Protein & Creatine Superblend** can be taken alongside DR.VEGAN's award winning range of supplements to provide essential nutrients for muscle health, including OsteoFriend®, the most advanced formula for bone health.

### Why are Protein & Creatine important?

Healthy muscles are essential for our physical health throughout life, particularly when exercising and as we age. Our muscles help main a good posture and healthy joint mobility, but as muscle loss increases with age, the risk of falls or injury increases.

Protein is vital for normal muscle function, and it works with creatine which when taken daily enhances the effects of resistance training on muscle strength.

Standard protein supplements contain only one type of protein, providing a limited range of amino acids, and don't contain creatine, which is increasingly studied for numerous benefits for our muscles and brain. Most standard protein supplements also contain flavourings, additives, and artificial sweeteners such as stevia, which can impact the gut microbiome and raise glycaemic levels.

Protein & Creatine Superblend is not only uniquely comprehensive, with zero additives, artificial flavours, or sweeteners, it is also a more convenient way of supplementing with these important nutrients which are typically provided as separate supplements. In its unflavoured powder form, a 2-tablespoon serving can be taken daily by mixing it into any drinks, food, yoghurts, or smoothies of your choice.

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### **Protein & Creatine Superblend Key Ingredient profile**

The 6 active ingredients in Protein & Creatine Superblend are at optimal doses and in their most bioavailable forms to target the key pathways for muscle health.

**Pea Protein:** Pea Protein is rich in lysine and provides a balance of branched-chain amino acids (BCAAs) including leucine, isoleucine, and valine, which are essential for muscle protein synthesis, recovery, and maintenance of lean body mass. Pea protein is easily digestible, allowing your body to utilise the amino acids it contains, and doesn't cause bloating or stomach upsets that some other proteins can cause.

**Pumpkin Seed Protein:** Naturally rich in magnesium, zinc, iron and phosphorous, which are all important for muscle function, bone health and metabolic processes. Pumpkin seed protein also contains polyphenols and phytosterols which have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that support joint health.

**Hemp Protein:** Hemp is rich in arginine and glutamine which support vascular health, immune function, and muscle recovery. Hemp protein contains polyunsaturated fatty acids and is high in alphalinolenic acid (ALA, an Omega 3), providing a favourable Omega 6:3 ratio. The fatty acids contribute to anti-inflammatory effects, supporting cardiovascular and joint health. Hemp protein is also a good source of magnesium, phosphorous, potassium and iron, supporting bone health, energy metabolism, and red blood cell function.

**Creatine**: Creatine is a naturally occurring compound in the body that has been shown to improve muscle strength, endurance, support a higher training capacity, and is helpful in elderly individuals to reduce the incidences of muscle wasting, and supporting healthy ageing. In the body, creatine converts into creatine phosphate which regenerates the energy of muscles.

**Reishi Mushroom:** Reishi is a medicinal mushroom containing triterpenoids and polysaccharides that reduce pro-inflammatory cytokines. Lowering inflammation may help reduce muscle soreness and support recovery after exercise. Reishi is also rich in antioxidant compounds which protect against oxidative stress that can contribute to muscle fatigue. Studies also show Reishi may enhance glucose uptake and energy production.

**Cordyceps Mushroom**: An adaptogen and traditionally used to enhance energy, stamina, and recovery, Cordyceps contain bioactive compounds including cordycepin and polysaccharides that can increase energy production in muscle cells, supporting endurance and performance, particularly in high-intensity or prolonged exercise. Studies also suggest Cordyceps may enhance oxygen uptake in muscles, reduce fatigue, and enhance endurance.

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## **How does Protein & Creatine Superblend Compare?**

Below is a table comparing the DR.VEGAN® Protein & Creatine Superblend formula and dosages with a selection of leading protein supplements promoted for muscles and energy. The table provides a breakdown of each product's ingredients, and highlights in red those with additives, sugar, artificial sweeteners or flavourings which can affect the gut microbiome. Ingredient information and dosages are taken from brands' websites.

DR.VEGAN's Protein & Creatine Superblend by DR.VEGAN® is the only formula containing a combination of each of the following:

- 20g protein
- 3 different types of protein
- 3g of creatine
- Zero additives, flavouring, or artificial sweeteners, sugar, or stevia.

		DR.VEGAN* Protein & Creatine Superblend	Free Soul Vegan Protein Blend - Flavoured	Form Nutrition Unflavoured Protein	Bulk All in One Recovery - Flavoured	MyProtein Origin Protein + Creatine - Flavoured	NuZest Clean Lean Protein - Flavoured	Vivo Life Clean Protein - Unflavoured
RRP		£26.99	£24.99	£26.00	£33.99	£39.99	£36.00	£33.99
Pack Size	g	450	600	520	1000	1125	500	900
Serving Size	g	30	30	26	60	45	25	30
Servings		15	20	20	17	25	20	30
Protein per 30g Serving	g	20.0	17.0	17.8	17.5	20.0	24.0	21.0
Creatine per 30g Serving	g	3.0	-	-	2.5	3.3	-	-
Reishi Mushrooms	mg	200	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cordyceps Mushrooms	mg	200	-	-	-	-	-	-
Price per serving		£1.80	£1.25	£1.30	£2.04	£1.60	£1.80	£1.13
Types of Protein		3	2	3	1	1	1	3
Amino Acids		18	N/A	18	N/A	N/A	18	N/A
Additional nutrients		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Unflavoured Option		Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Additives		-	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	-
Flavouring		-	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Sugar, Stevia or Artificial Sweeteners		-	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-