



NutraIngredients-Awards granted for clinical study project with the food supplement 5-ALA + SFC as an immune system enhancer for COVID-19 vaccines

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photonamic GmbH & Co KG (Photonamic) is pleased to announce that it's wholly-owned subsidiary SBI ALApromo GmbH, a company focused on the development of 5-ALA in various formulations as food supplements and cosmetics, together with Vedic Lifescience (www.vediclifesciences.com) has won an award from Nutra Ingredients Awards 2023 in the category "Nutrition Research Project". The clinical study project was sponsored by SBI ALA Promo GmbH and conducted by the clinical research organization Vedic Lifesciences in India.

The award was granted for the clinical development of the food supplement 5-ALA + SFC as an immune system enhancer for COVID-19 vaccines. Initial results have shown that 5-ALA+SFC may improve IgG titers against the SARS-CoV2 antigen, and is well-tolerated. While the end of the pandemic is unclear, COVID-19 vaccine efficacy has been questioned in recent times. The judges by Nutra Ingredients Awards commented: "The project is well described, and the benefits of the product that are tested are well explained and documented. The pandemic has had a big impact globally and products that may boost the immune systems and vaccines is of great interest."

For more information about the Nutrition Research Project and the awards, please see www.NutraIngredients-Awards.com

About photonamic GmbH & Co KG

photonamic is a German-based company involved in the development of 5-ALA in various applications for medical use as well as food supplement and cosmetics for which it's subsidiary SBI ALApromo GmbH was formed. As a member of the SBI group with its parent company SBI ALApharma Hong Kong, photonamic has developed 5-ALA for the fluorescence-guided resection of glioblastoma, which is marketed as Gliolan®, Gleolan™ or Alabel™. Also, photonamic has developed a medicated plaster containing 5-ALA for the treatment of actinic keratosis, which is marketed as Alacare®.