

HEADACHES

Vitamin B3

Dilates blood vessels;
Increases serotonin.

Carnitine

Implicated in migraine pathophysiology due to its role in mitochondrial energy metabolism.

Lipoic Acid

Enhances mitochondrial energy metabolism.

CoQ10

Aids mitochondrial metabolism;
May prevent migraines.

Vitamin B2

Effective for migraine prevention,
aids mitochondrial energy metabolism.

Vitamin D & Calcium

Small trials show benefit with combined supplementation.

Magnesium

Efficacious for migraine prevention in several trials; Magnesium deficiency can cause arterial spasm and its role in neurotransmission may explain the migraine-magnesium depletion link.

Vitamin C

Newly discovered role in neural tissue may explain its clinical benefit in a double blind trial on headache frequency.

Vitamin B12

Scavenges nitric oxide, which is implicated in migraine pathogenesis.

Glutathione

Low levels of glutathione peroxidase implicated in migraine etiology.

Folate

MTHFR gene linked to migraines. This gene raises folate requirements.

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