



Genetics for a healthy pregnancy

matergen™ analyzes the genetic factors that predispose women to gestational diabetes, as well as disorders of folic acid and vitamin B12 metabolism.

matergen™ helps pregnant women to prevent:

- Neural tube defects in baby
- Early miscarriage
- Preterm birth
- Gestational diabetes
- Intrauterine growth restriction

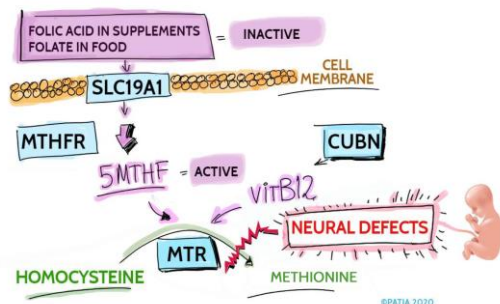
matergen™ informs the proper type of folate supplement required: folic acid or its active form, 5-MTHF.

matergen™ recommends **Vitamin B12** supplementation.

The future baby and folic acid

The first days of the embryo are extremely critical: Cells of the future baby are programmed and formed. Folic acid plays a crucial role during these first days by providing the carbon units required for DNA and histone methylation, and it contributes to the synthesis of amino acids, neurotransmitters, purines and nucleic acids.

Folic acid is key for the formation of the neural tube, which is an early element in the development of the brain and spinal cord.



Genes, folic acid and homocysteine

matergen™ analyzes the MTHFR gene, which encodes the MethyleneTetraHydroFolate Reductase enzyme. This enzyme metabolizes ingested (inactive) folic acid, converting it into its active form 5-MethyleneTetrahydrofolate (5-MTHF) that is required in many cell functions.

matergen™ detects MTHFR genetic polymorphisms, which may lead to a deficient folic acid metabolism capacity, an insufficient amount of the active form of folate and increased blood homocysteine levels, which is associated with a higher risk of neural tube malformations.

Women carrying these genetic polymorphisms may take the active form of folate: 5-MTHF as a preventative.

matergen™ also detects SLC19A11, MTR, and CUBN polymorphisms, which may lead to deficient folic acid and vitamin B12 transport and metabolism.

Malformations and severe complications

Many publications show that alterations in the metabolism of folic acid and vitamin B12 cause elevated levels of homocysteine that are associated with:

- Neural tube defects: spina bifida and anencephaly.
- Congenital malformations of the tongue and palate.
- Cardiac malformations.
- Miscarriages.
- Low newborn weight.
- Premature birth.
- Premature separation of the placenta.



Between 40-60% of women may lack the capacity to adequately metabolize the supplemented folic acid, and therefore expose the fetus to an increased risk of malformations.

These women would benefit from taking 5-MTHF, not folic acid, prior to conception and during pregnancy.

Gestational diabetes

Gestational diabetes affects 1 out of 8 pregnancies. **matergen™** detects genetic polymorphisms associated with a higher risk, enabling early intervention to prevent gestational diabetes and its associated complications in both the mother and her baby.

- **Macrosomia**
- **Birth by C-section**
- **Hypoglycemia and seizures**
- **Obesity and type 2 diabetes**

An algorithm facilitates the assessment of the genetic risk for gestational diabetes with high sensitivity and specificity (AUC = 0.74).

Mothers with gestational diabetes have up to 70% risk of developing type 2 diabetes in the 10 years after birth. Babies born from a pregnancy with gestational diabetes have up to 60% risk of obesity and type 2 diabetes. Preventing gestational diabetes in the mother also improves the baby's cardiometabolic future.

Results report

matergen™ provides specific genotype-based recommendations for a healthy pregnancy.



Scientifically sound

matergen™ analyzes 12 genetic variants associated with the development of gestational diabetes, as well as folic acid and vitamin B12 metabolism.

matergen™ has been validated in large cohort studies, after SNPs selection based on its predictive power and location in functionally relevant genetic loci.

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is indicated for all women planning or in their first weeks of pregnancy

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A DNA sample is used for genetic analysis of future mothers to improve the health of both mother and baby.

Buccal swab or blood sample

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