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The Cocktail Cure

Tired of ringing in the New Year with ringing-of-the-head syndrome? Me, too. But before buying into the buzz about RU-21, I checked up on Hollywood's little helper of choice. Engineered post-World War II for hard-drinking KGB spies, this toxic avenger is said to do more than cure hangovers: It allegedly prevents them entirely. Though not FDA-approved, its ingredients (vitamins and natural compounds) got a green light from *BL*'s in-house chemist (okay, a friend with a Ph.D. in organic chem). So I gave it the old college try: popped the pills and downed kamikazes like a freshman. I woke up confused. Signs indicated a boozy night (mussed hair, missing shoe), but my head was clear and stomach stable. At \$9 for 20 tabs, this could be habit-forming. (www.clubru21.com) —ROSE REIS

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