

Tinnitus 911

Type	Safety	Efficacy	Recommended?
			
Branded dietary supplement	Some potential for harm	No evidence that it is effective	No

In detail:

The makers claim	Tinnitus 911 “offers long-term relief from ringing and buzzing ears” ¹ .
What is the treatment?	Tinnitus 911 is a capsule. The suggested use is 1 capsule taken twice daily. The ingredients of Tinnitus 911 are listed as Vitamin C, Vitamin B6, niacin, folic acid, Vitamin B12, garlic, hibiscus flower, olive leaf, hawthorne berry, buchu leaves, juniper berry, green tea ¹ .
What are the downsides of this treatment?	Potential side effects, allergic reactions and drug interactions from constituents. ³⁻¹⁵ Cost – this supplement currently is on sale for \$69.95 for one month’s supply excluding shipping and taxes. ¹
Has there been research into this treatment?	There have been no papers published on Tinnitus 911 as a supplement, but there have been a number published on its component parts.

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<p>What does the research say?</p>	<p>There is no evidence that any of the known components of this supplement are effective for treating tinnitus.³⁻¹⁵</p> <p>Although some of the components are thought of as safe, some may be harmful including Vitamin B6 (if taken for prolonged periods)³ and niacin and green tea in large doses^{4,14}. Buchu leaves should be avoided in pregnancy¹¹.</p>
<p>How high quality is the research?*</p>	<p>A-D</p>
<p>Tinnitus UK's opinion on this treatment:</p>	<p>Although independent evidence is limited, what there is does not show that the components of this supplement are effective for tinnitus and that there may be risks involved in taking this supplement. We would suggest you talk to your GP before taking any new medication or supplement.</p> <p>"Dietary supplements should not be recommended to treat tinnitus."¹⁵</p> <p>Note that the retailer's website states "Products are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease."¹</p>
<p>Would Tinnitus UK support further studies into this treatment?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>There appears to be a lot of similarity between the marketing and make up of this product and other products such as Sonus Complete and Synapse XT – please see the relevant information sheets for details.</p>

* A = Systematic review/meta analysis. B = Randomised control studies. C = Cohort studies. D = Case control studies. E = case studies/reports. +/- to be used to indicate quality within bands

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We also offer a free tinnitus e-learning programme, Take on Tinnitus at **takeontinnitus.co.uk**

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