

Arches Tinnitus Formula

Type	Safety	Efficacy	Recommended?
			
Branded dietary supplement	Evidence of harm	Evidence that it has no effect	No

In detail:

The makers claim	<p>"Clinically proven"¹</p> <p>"recommended by thousands of leading ENT doctors"¹</p>
What is the treatment?	<p>Arches Tinnitus Formula a capsule. It is suggested that two capsules are taken twice daily for a minimum of 100 days¹.</p> <p>The ingredients of Arches Tinnitus Formula are listed as Ginkgo biloba extract, zinc picolinate and deodorized garlic¹.</p>
What are the downsides of this treatment?	<p>Potential side effects, allergic reactions and drug interactions from Ginkgo biloba².</p> <p>Cost - the suggested 100 days supply costs \$129.80¹.</p>

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Has there been research into this treatment?	Although there have been no papers published on Arches Tinnitus Formula as a supplement, there are a number of papers on the effects of Ginkgo biloba and zinc.
What does the research say?	<p>The limited evidence does not demonstrate that Ginkgo biloba is effective for tinnitus when this is the primary complaint.³</p> <p>It does not reduce the intensity of tinnitus or improve quality of life.⁴</p> <p>There is no evidence that the use of a zinc supplement^{5 6} or garlic⁷ improves symptoms in adults with tinnitus.</p>
How high quality is the research?*	A
Tinnitus UK's opinion on this treatment:	<p>Although independent evidence is limited, what there is does not show that the components of this supplement are effective for tinnitus. The potential side effects may cause serious harm. 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"⁸</p>
Would Tinnitus UK support further studies into this treatment?	No
Comments	Practice guidelines do not recommend the use of Ginkgo biloba as a treatment for tinnitus ^{9 10} .

* 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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