

Tinnitus Guard

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

In detail:

The makers claim	The makers claim that Tinnitus Guard “eliminates ear noise.” ¹
What is the treatment?	Tinnitus Guard is a capsule. The suggested use is two capsules taken daily. ¹ The ingredients of Tinnitus Guard are listed as Vitamin C, niacin, Vitamin B6, folic acid, Vitamin B12, hawthorne leaf and flower, garlic, olive leaf, hibiscus flower, buchu leaf, uva ursi, juniper berry, green tea ¹ .
What are the downsides of this treatment?	Potential side effects, allergic reactions and drug interactions from constituents. ²⁻¹⁴ Cost. Tinnitus Guard costs \$62.96 for 30 days supply (excluding taxes and shipping) ¹ .
Has there been research into this treatment?	There have been no papers published on Tinnitus Guard 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.²⁻¹⁴</p> <p>Although some of the components are thought of as safe, some may be harmful including Vitamin B6 and Uva ursi (if taken for prolonged periods)^{4,12} and green tea in large doses¹¹. Uva ursi and buchu should be avoided in pregnancy^{11 12}.</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."¹⁶</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 Tinnitus 911 and Silencil – 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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