Glaucoma Supplements

Although more research is needed, the following supplements may be beneficial adjuncts to conventional glaucoma treatment. Some combination glaucoma formulas with multiple herbs and nutrients, such as Glauco-Health (glaucohealth.com) and iFolia (oneearthherbs.squarespace.com) also are available.

Supplement	Benefits Seen in Human Trials	Dose
Black Currant Anthocyanins	 Lowered intraocular pressure (IOP) Slowed visual field deterioration Increased ocular blood flow¹⁻³ 	50 mg daily
Citicoline	• Slowed visual field deterioration ^{4,5}	500 to 1,000 mg daily
Forskolin	 Lowered IOP (decreased aqueous humor inflow)⁶⁻⁸ 	15 mg forskolin (150 mg of 10% <i>Coleus</i> forskohlii extract) twice daily*
Ginkgo Biloba Extract	Increased ocular blood flow Improved visual field ⁹	120 to 160 mg daily*
Magnesium	• Improved visual field ¹⁰	300 mg daily
Mirtogenol (Extracts of bilberry [Mirtoselect] and French maritime pine bark [Pycnogenol])	 Lowered IOP Stabilized or improved visual field Improved ocular blood flow^{11,12} 	120 mg Mirtogenol (80 mg Mirtoselect and 40 mg Pycnogenol) once or twice daily**
Palmitoylethanolamide	 Lowered IOP Improved visual field¹³⁻¹⁵ 	300 mg twice daily

^{*} Avoid if taking prescription blood thinner or daily aspirin.

^{**} May lower blood glucose; use with caution if taking diabetes medications.

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