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Yasoo Health releases new formulation of vitamin E

The first-ever liquid and water-soluble form of vitamin E that includes all eight members of its family was released on the market this week.

Aqua-E was developed by Yasoo Health Inc., one of the incubator companies housed in the East Tennessee State University Innovation Laboratory. Scientists say the new formulation is rich in the four tocopherols and the four tocotrienols that comprise the vitamin E family. Many of the forms are difficult to obtain at adequate levels through a standard diet.

Developers say the new product allows consumers to receive the maximum health benefit from their vitamin E supplement. It will also be a preferable alternative to the many people — estimated in some studies as high as 30 percent of the population — who have trouble swallowing pills.

A primary drive behind Yasoo's development of Aqua-E was to help patients with specific diseases receive proper levels of nutrition.

"Aqua-E was created to help meet the needs of people who either have difficulty absorbing vitamin E or who are unable to swallow capsules," said Dr. Andreas Papas, president of Yasoo Health.

Papas holds a Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry and is an adjunct professor at the ETSU James H. Quillen College of Medicine.

Diseases associated with malabsorption include cholestasis, cystic fibrosis, Crohn's and ulcerative colitis (IBD), alcoholic hepatitis, other liver diseases, and AIDS. It is important to note that malabsorption also occurs in the elderly and with other serious disease conditions and some drug therapies.

Aqua-E, a colorless and odorless liquid with neutral taste, is being evaluated in human clinical studies at the ETSU College of Medicine for specific diseases and conditions involving malabsorption. It mixes easily with most beverages and water, and is free of animal products, yeast, wheat, added colors or flavors, sweeteners and salt.



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