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Vision Alert

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New Drop Treatment Possible for Macular Degeneration and Cataracts!

Othera pharmaceuticals has recently announced that it is proceeding with phase 2 clinical trials for its topical eye drop OT-551. This drop is a very potent topical antioxidant. It has shown great promise in preventing or arresting cataract development specifically in patients who have had intra-ocular surgery. It also may help in both early stage and advanced macular degeneration by protecting against retinal cell death in the macula.

This drug, although potentially very helpful, is a number of years away from being available clinically. However, this is further evidence that we are getting closer and closer to effective treatments for macular degeneration and possibly preventing cataract formation. This possibly could reduce the frequency of cataract surgeries performed. Although cataract surgery is one of the safest and most effective eye surgeries performed, there are numerous potential complications of the surgery, some of which are potentially blinding. Cataract surgery is the most frequently performed surgery in the United States for people over the age of 65.