

### Appendix 3: Description of excluded patients

	Number of participants, n	% of total number of participants excluded
<b>Reasons for ineligibility (n=229)</b>		
Could not be randomised within three months of diagnosis	53	23.1
Visual fields did not meet criteria	53	23.1
Secondary glaucoma and Primary Angle-Closure Glaucoma	24	10.5
Patient unable to provide informed consent	20	8.7
Unreliable visual fields	14	6.1
Did not meet eligibility criteria	12	5.2
Not advanced glaucoma	11	4.8
Unable to undergo incisional surgery	9	3.9
Non-English speaker	6	2.6
Female who is pregnant, nursing, planning a pregnancy or not using reliable contraception	1	0.4
Did not attend appointments	1	0.4
Other clinical reason	27	11.8
Other non-clinical reason	3	1.3
<b>Reasons for declining to take part (n=268)</b>		
Patient declined to give a reason	74	27.6
Patient does not want surgery	50	18.7
Lifestyle factors e.g. work or family commitments	42	15.7
Does not wish to participate in a trial	37	13.9
Does not wish to be randomised	23	8.6
Preference for medical or for surgery	22	8.2
Other reasons	35	13.1