

First Country Bans Ivermectin, a Lifesaver for COVID — Will the US be Next?

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Ivermectin, a cheap generic drug used for hookworm, heartworm and scabies, with a half life causing it to remain in your system for months, is used as a “worming” medicine in children, dogs, horses. Due to its tremendous value as a highly safe and effective drug, a [Nobel Prize was awarded to its developers](#) in 2015.

Serendipitously, it was found to be **extremely effective in Covid-19**, for both [prevention](#) and treatment. It is even effective at a late stage of illness, unlike hydroxychloroquine. The drug seems to work against SARS-CoV-2 even better than antimalarials. Unlike the chloroquine drugs, its efficacy was only established during the past several months. Many [studies](#) now prove its value in Covid-19.

Ivermectin’s routine use in places like Africa probably contributed to Africa’s extraordinary resistance to Covid-19, where rates of death are a small fraction what they are in the US. Most African countries have reported [death rates from Covid-19 between 1% and 10% that of the US](#).

A US [Senate hearing led by Senator Ron Johnson](#) on December 8 called as witnesses doctors who were using the drug, who discussed its extreme benefit in the Covid epidemic.

That appears to have initiated a firestorm of fake news about how the drug is dangerous, unproven, and should not be used for Covid. The [Associated Press](#) led the way, employing journalist [Beatrice Dupuy](#), who [specializes in debunking Covid ‘misinformation,’](#) and who previously wrote for Teen Vogue. The AP also used [Facebook’s opaque “fact checking” system](#). Then other media outlets followed.

On Christmas Eve, 16 days after the Senate hearing that gave ivermectin its first broad publicity, [the government of South Africa banned its use and importation as a treatment for Covid](#). No specific safety issue was cited as the reason. There is no specific safety issue; the drug is extremely safe, although a large burden of dead worms can sometimes sicken a patient.

The chloroquine drugs are also very effective treatments for early Covid, but their use for this purpose has been obfuscated, banned, and interfered with using a huge number of techniques. I created a [list of 53 different strategies](#) that have been employed to prevent chloroquine drugs from being used against Covid in many countries. The strategies were enormously effective. Few doctors and patients have any idea that real “magic bullets” exist to cure Covid. Fewer still have realized that by preventing access to highly effective drugs, our rulers deliberately prolong the pandemic and maximize the deaths.

Make no mistake: proper use of chloroquine drugs or ivermectin (all cheap and generic) would be a game changer. They would end the Covid-19 pandemic, with or without vaccines.

The banning of ivermectin in South Africa is a TRIAL BALLOON—if the powers that be can get away with it there, they will start banning it elsewhere. Do everything in your power to prevent this from happening. Please spread the word. Get your doctor to prescribe the drug for you. Write letters to the newspaper. Please DO SOMETHING!

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