

YOUR HOME ADDRESS AND POSTCODE

1st [or later date] in March 2021

[your MP's name and title if any] MP
House of Commons
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear [Mr / Ms / Sir etc MPname]

Ending the Covid-19 pandemic with a cheap, safe “WHO Essential Medicine”: ivermectin

The British Ivermectin Recommendation Development (BIRD) group presented 20 February a rigorous meta-analysis of available clinical trials of the WHO “Essential Medicine” ivermectin, against Covid-19. Dr Tess Lawrie MB ChB PhD requested evaluation by a panel of experts, within a “DECIDE” Evidence-to-Decision (EtD) framework, the standard tool for developing clinical practice guidelines. The overall recommendation was:

The panel recommends ivermectin for the prevention and treatment of covid-19 to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with covid-19 infection, and to prevent covid-19 infection among those at higher risk.

The findings show that ivermectin:

1. is an effective prophylaxis against covid-19, both pre-exposure (e.g. healthcare workers in the NHS) and post-exposure (e.g. family contacts of confirmed cases). This prophylaxis is available now, even where vaccination is not available, or contraindicated.
2. reduces mortality in all stages of a very complex illness, from mild infections, to severe illness in hospital. It also reduces disease progression to more severe stages. If made available to GPs, many more cases could avoid progression to severe illness in hospital.

Currently ivermectin requires import; it is not licensed (though listed in the BNF) and NHS GPs are not able to prescribe it. Yet many lives could be saved, if emergency authorization were issued. It is exceptionally safe, having been used worldwide in literally billions of doses.

Why is this medicine is not already made available to doctors ? Please will you add your voice to those demanding emergency authorisation for this medicine ?

Has this medicine been discussed in Parliament ? Some MPs have mentioned it in the House, but it remains little-known. However it is commonplace in India, and standard for Covid-19 in several Indian States, with conspicuous success. Within the EU, the Czech Republic has recently joined Slovakia and Bulgaria in emergency authorisation. Countries adopting ivermectin as standard policy continue to grow. It is now urgent for the UK to take the accumulating evidence seriously, and act.

Please let me know that you will press HMG for action to make ivermectin available to all NHS doctors. I am your constituent as you will see from my home address.

Yours sincerely

[Your name] (please add credentials especially if medically or scientifically qualified)

Enc: Executive Summary of the BIRD meeting on 20 February

Full Evidence-to-Decision document available from www.e-bmc.co.uk