

# The Truth About Hydroxychloroquine

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At a recent post by [Glenn Reynolds](#), one commenter [wrote](#) “I suspect when the history of this virus is written this is going to be one of the very ugly chapters – the resistance to using the HCQ drug cocktail early in the process. The number of lives it would have saved will be staggering.” Another commenter [wrote](#) “As most know, the media/Democrat politicians/FDA want the use of the hydroxychloroquine/azithromycin/zinc combination to be restricted until late in the course of the infection, when the patient’s infection is well-advanced. As a physician, this baffles me. I can’t think of a single infectious condition — bacterial, fungal, or viral — where the best medical treatment is to delay the use of a anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, or anti-viral until the infection is far advanced.”

There is much more at the link. The comments are well worth the time to study them. Indeed, the chapter on this will be ugly, and will likely end in lawsuits, political consequences, and unnecessary deaths. I’ve had email exchanges with trusted readers on this issue, medical professionals, who are concerned about side effects for certain morbidity indicators. True enough, any medication must be administered by qualified personnel, but we know enough now to understand that it is a safe drug, and effective for the purpose of prophylaxis in this case.

Here are some of the links I’ve supplied on this.

## [Why Hydroxychloroquine Works](#)

## Another Win For Hydroxychloroquine

### The Effectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine: A Note To Dr. Zack Moore

### The FDA Death Toll And Use Of Off-Label Medications

### Promise In The War Against Covid-19

There is more.

### Doctors Urge Earlier Use of Hydroxychloroquine

### Henry Ford uses hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19 symptoms, says benefits outweigh risks

There is actually much more than that, but you get the point. There is copious evidence of its effectiveness and relative safety. My daughter (surgical and ER NP) told me this long ago. There are certainly side effects for all medications, but of the many she has had to prescribe, this one is way down on the list of medications of concern.

But the bureaucracy still resists? Is there no prior evidence of its effectiveness and safety? Why yes, there is.

Chloroquine, a relatively safe, effective and cheap drug used for treating many human diseases including malaria, amoebiasis and human immunodeficiency virus is effective in inhibiting the infection and spread of SARS CoV in cell culture. The fact that the drug has significant inhibitory antiviral effect when the susceptible cells were treated either prior to or after infection suggests a possible prophylactic and therapeutic use.

**This is a conclusion statement by a NIH study on Coronavirus (Covid-19 is SARs, Bat-SARs + some proteins that mimic HIV). This study, entitled “Chloroquine is a potent inhibitor of SARS coronavirus infection and spread,” was completed and published on August 22, 2005, a study of which Dr. Fauci is certainly aware.**

The truth about this effective and safe medication is far more sinister. For political reasons, the administrative state is opposing the very prophylaxis they recommended in 2005 for this disease.

The same bureaucracy is still selling the snake oil that this virus is zoonotic. The two videos below show, based on both genetic analysis and paper trail, this virus has an extremely low probability of being zoonotic. This virus has been studied at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in Canada, Harvard, and at the Wuhan institute. Actual biological material was stolen from the study in Canada, and the Obama administration actually stopped the funding for the study (apparently too late) when they saw the supercharging of the SARs virus that the researchers were pursuing – *with the same visiting collaborating Chinese researcher in all instances.*

The oath to “First, do no harm” apparently means little to nothing when it comes to the comparison of hatred for Mr. Trump. That oath will mean much more when they enter eternity.

Update: Welcome to Instapundit readers (thanks to Glenn for the [link](#)), and welcome again to [WRSA](#) readers. To readers, I appreciate your patronage.

[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Herschel\\_Smith](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Herschel_Smith)

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# Trackbacks & Pingbacks

- [Herschel: The Truth About Hydroxychloroquine | Western Rifle Shooters Association](#)
- [Dr. Fauci knows chloroquine is safe and won't say it, why?](#)

## Comments

On April 13, 2020 at 5:02 am, **Nosmo** said:

Given government's recent obvious and well demonstrated incompetence, plus its gross disrespect of the constitution and the citizenry, I expect it will soon begin to encounter pushback at every level from city to federal, and it will not like it at all.

On April 13, 2020 at 7:02 am, **Quietus** said:

There's little money to be made off this cattle stampede by pushing treatments. Vaccines, is where the money is at. Follow the money. Who benefits? Watch their hands as you wash yours.

Keep in mind that the digital proof of vaccination/immunity that the Other People are pushing, is just a scannable microchip. There will be plenty of room on it to keep track of your Worldbuck credits as you go shopping. The handling of greenbacks and germ-ridden credit cards is to be avoided, for the common good of humanity. That's in the Constitution, under the guise of promoting the general welfare.

On April 13, 2020 at 7:21 am, **Very concerned citizen** said:

I have been reading everything I can get my hands on about HCQ and prerequisite companion treatments. Thank you for the wealth of information. The insanity with regards to treatment is astounding.

All over the world doctors are prescribing this drug for themselves and their families – that alone should be reason enough to let the mass try it.

Can the U.S. even ramp up production? It has to be more than political the reasons why the deep state is silencing its use.

This is without a doubt the most insidious medical scam in history to prevent early treatment and/or prophylactic use.

INSANE.

On April 13, 2020 at 7:43 am, **ragman** said:

The ultimate side effect of not prescribing this is death. I'll guarantee ya that the "physicians" and their families got all they needed. "Do no harm"? Gimmie a break! This pales in the face of infanticide, the officially sanctioned and funded killing of the unborn. And we wonder why God has turned his back on this Evil Empire?

On April 13, 2020 at 7:56 am, **Matt Bracken** said:

If the Epoch Times documentary was shown a few times on network TV, a boycott of Chinese products would start the next day, and a shaming campaign against American companies that use Chinese-sourced parts would also begin. Covid-19 is a biological weapon.

On April 13, 2020 at 8:12 am, **Ned2** said:

Matt, that's wishful thinking.

50% of the population probably couldn't point out China on a map. One solution is for us to impose massive tariffs on Chinese goods, prevent multinational corporations from calling the US their headquarters if more than 10% of their raw materials come from China, and encourage those corporations to return their manufacturing operations back to the US mainland.

Another solution is for us to declare this an act of war by China, and place an immediate ban on all Chinese imports.

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*"...One solution is for us to impose massive tariffs on Chinese goods..."*

Yep. Effective immediately, 20% on *anything and everything* coming from China, increasing by 20% each year. When the whiners say prices will go up, well, what's been the cost so far just in 2020? As a nation we're looking at a *minimum* of \$2 trillion in government spending alone, it'll be a while before the private side accounting is done but I doubt it will be less than that.

Adding a 20%/year tariff gives companies time to build capacity in the U.S., or move out of the U.S., or drop those products they sell that come from China or are assembled from parts made in China. Unfortunately, as Ned2 points out, we seem to have neither the brains nor the balls to do it, which may result in a far higher cost soon.

On April 13, 2020 at 8:58 am, **Jay Gregory** said:

Reminiscent of the DDT rulings of the early 1970's. Since DDT was banned by the EPA millions have died of malaria for no reason other than to satisfy a bureaucratic agenda

On April 13, 2020 at 9:50 am, **Thisisme** said:

This is not about the virus. That's just the hook. It's the collapse and replacement for the USD. Going digital and tracking your account and you so you can't cheat on your taxes or skate on your unsecured loans like credit card bills. And it's the perfect "GrubberCon" because you can't argue when someones subjective health is the doorstep. Where I live the curve is flattening... because not many people were sick to begin with. Now all you do is start being honest about the numbers and when folks are getting tired of it, they check your statements and now things line up with reality so your report is golden at the end when your under the microscope. Start a lie out big and then taper off to the truth for a finally. Makes you look like a saint at the end. A hero is born. I have a way to avoid this in the pandemic... Vaccinate and chip. And by the way, you can carry your bank account on the same chip. Lucky you. A hunch based on tracking these scallywags for 40 years + Something to think about ya?

On April 13, 2020 at 10:18 am, **Georgiaboy61** said:

If hydroxychloroquine can save lives during this pandemic – and the evidence overwhelmingly says that it can – anyone who stands in the

way of using it has the blood of innocents on their hands.

What possible reason can there be for the stonewalling of such a cure? What agenda can be in play?

@ Thisisme: Re: "This is not about the virus. That's just the hook. It's the collapse and replacement for the USD."

As Groucho Marx used to say, give that man a cigar. Everyone knows that there are debts being accrued which cannot be repaid. The only remaining question is who will be left without a chair when the music stops. Who's going to get a financial haircut.

This crisis is being used to disguise the controlled demolition of the U.S. dollar and the economy along with it. More-precisely, the end of the petrodollar regime, which has been in effect since the 1970s. Rather than let it collapse of its own accord, the elites have decided to do a controlled demolition so that they can guide the outcome, at least to some extent.

Billionaire globalist Bill Gates isn't even disguising his intentions any longer, and is being quite up-front and frank about his desire for drastic population reduction, and what he calls "trans-humanism," i.e., the implantation of people with microchips and the roll-out of the fully-digital economy.

Hydroxychloroquine is being held because if a generalized cure makes its way into the mainstream, the need for a vaccine becomes much less, thereby ruining the rationale for it. The same for those "digital certificates of immunity," Dr. Fauci keeps prating on about. The same "vaccines" which could be engineered to include digital taggants and who knows what else. Or perhaps "vaccination" will be used to compel people to give a DNA sample to the authorities, for inclusion in a database somewhere.

When this scheme is revealed in full, the big-shots will soften the implied threat of control by claiming that participation is "voluntary," and that no one will be forced to take part. That's a bald-faced lie. Only those who agree to the new regime will be allowed to have access to the new economy which is being created. Everyone else will

be locked out, on the outside looking in. De facto second-class citizens – or worse.

A fully-digital economy in which cash is obsolete will have no privacy whatsoever, and the oligarchs will simply have to threaten to turn off an individual's account – or drain it of funds with a single keystroke – in order to bring dissidents into line. Moreover, since all “approved” transactions are digital, the central bankers and their pals will be assured of always getting their cut.

Orwell's “1984” and Huxley's “Brave New World” were not supposed to be instructional manuals, but here we are.

On April 13, 2020 at 11:22 am, **John** said:

Purposefully obscuring the efficacy of a treatment to worsen the lethality of this disease doesn't border on treason and terrorism. It IS treason and terrorism.

On April 13, 2020 at 11:55 am, **John C. Randolph** said:

Import tariffs on Chinese goods are paid by AMERICANS, you knee-jerking morons. They only move money from us to the government. They're not “sticking it to the CCP” in any way, shape or form.

Jesus Christ, it's long past time for American schools to try to teach basic economics again.

-jcr

On April 13, 2020 at 12:13 pm, **S Silver** said:

The possible cost of lost opportunity of not using this drug early is globally enormous.

The actual risk of using the drug is globally trivial.

On April 13, 2020 at 12:58 pm, **Ingot9455** said:

Import tariffs on Chinese goods are paid by AMERICANS until AMERICANS have the ability to move manufacturing back in-country.

Then they aren't paid at all. Then we have the benefit of those jobs, that know-how and can-do and manufacturing base.

On April 13, 2020 at 1:11 pm, **Ned2** said:

“Import tariffs on Chinese goods are paid by AMERICANS”  
Actually by American corporations manufacturing in China, who then try to pass the increase in costs on to the end purchaser. If tariffs increase, Americans become less inclined to buy those goods. Who cares if American Corporations manufacturing in China get their panties in a bunch?  
Tariffs are an equalizer for American companies manufacturing IN AMERICA.

As an aside, before the Income Tax in 1913, tariffs paid for our government, infrastructure and all those other things we now get taxed to death for.

On April 13, 2020 at 3:11 pm, **Henry** said:

While it's true that “Import tariffs on Chinese goods are paid by AMERICANS” plus all the other truths in that post, if the tariffs are imposed specifically to reduce demand for certain Chinese goods, they still serve a purpose. Yes, it will raise the cost of those goods to Americans; but if the tariffs are carefully tailored (asking a lot of the fedguy, I know) to target strategic goods that we should be making for ourselves to free us from being held hostage (emergency medical items being a great example), they serve a purpose. The hopeful end result is that the extra money Americans spend on those goods represents the unavoidable cost of our own independence.

The fact that the money goes to the government is deplorable; in an ideal world, it would go to the new native industries satisfying the new need.

And yes, a pissing contest would result in which China then tariffs some of our goods. Then it becomes a staring contest as to who needs who more. If we lose it, we concede our dependency on China, and it's all over but the redecorating.

On April 13, 2020 at 3:48 pm, **ThatWouldBeTelling** said:

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You don't have to look any further than "Orange Man Bad," and Trump is either a total idiot or a sociopath to personally tout it, because this outcome was 100% predictable. Was already discussed as an hypothetical if he were preside over discovering "the cure to cancer."

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The rationale is still there, and almost as strong, for example, by potentially creating herd immunity, prophylaxis is important. A *treatment* like hydroxychloroquine not always going to work, and reread the comments by the doctor Herschel quotes:

*As a physician, this baffles me. I can't think of a single infectious condition — bacterial, fungal, or viral — where the best medical treatment is to delay the use of a anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, or anti-viral until the infection is far advanced.*

So what about all the people who don't seek or are able to get help until it's too late? And there are subpopulations for whom it's a bad idea, for example research has shown that it plus metformin, a common diabetes and metabolic syndrome drug, kills 1/3 of the mice given both. So doctors will need to do histories, and and those patients currently taking metformin, wait until it is sufficiently eliminated by the body.

Etc. The risk for a drug given to someone who's contracted a potentially fatal disease is allowed to be way higher than a vaccine which is given people who are healthy. One reason it's going to take to long to get one or more vaccines available, they have to be tested on a *lot* of people.

On April 13, 2020 at 5:54 pm, **Ricky Bobby** said:

Remember Gropey Joe saying that the cure would be worse than the disease?

Freudian Slip. They suspended his finger licking privileges for the rest of the day and Joey mint condition Lunchbox had to sit in the corner with a bowl of cornpops.

There won't be any return to normal and the boot on your face will be made in Corona. Live Free or don't.

On April 13, 2020 at 8:04 pm, **Thomas** said:

I think our troops got it regular in Vietnam to avoid malaria. There is your studies.

On April 14, 2020 at 11:48 am, **WestcoastDeplorable** said:

The truth is, Big Pharma doesn't like hydroxychloroquine because it's a generic they can't make a fortune with. Hell, the entire prescription costs around \$20. They want to delay using it so they'll have time to develop a "vaccine" they'll patent and charge \$100-\$200 per shot. At least that's what appears to be happening from the reports I've read.

And it's not been proven this thing isn't a Bioweapon..THAT'S what the dems should be investigating, not Trump's actions, which I think has been spot on.

On April 15, 2020 at 1:43 pm, **Elmer** said:

Why in the hell would it be recommended to delay the treatment for COVID-19 until the late stages of the virus in people? That makes absolutely no sense.

If I get COVID-19 I want a doctor who will give me the 10-14 days hydroxychloroquine & azithromycin & zinc combination as soon as I am diagnosed and then send me home to recover so that I don't need to go to hospital. I want to be cured before I end up in an ICU.

Until then.. I" just settle for my multivitamin/mineral supplement with its 15mg zinc along with a 50mg Zinc tablet, Vit C, and about 30,000 IU Vit D. and walk my 12 miles per day outside on our River Trail and without a mask.

On April 15, 2020 at 1:44 pm, **Elmer** said:

I forgot to add that I am 67 years old.

On April 15, 2020 at 1:46 pm, **Elmer** said:

Dr. Stephen Smith of the The Smith Center for Infectious Diseases in East Orange, NJ has shown that no one that has taken the hydroxychloroquine at his hospital for 4 days or more needed to be intubated. Most of the people admitted are already in serious condition.

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On April 15, 2020 at 1:55 pm, **Herschel Smith** said:

@Elmer,

Pls provide link as source.

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On April 15, 2020 at 2:49 pm, **Joe Quinn** said:

Soon, will people positive for COVID-19 who knowingly touch another without giving warning be treated the same as a non-disclosing HIV carrier who engages in unsafe sex without warning? You've got to believe TV commercials are being prepared as you read this.

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