

# The SQUINTSTAGRAM™

Fighting COVID-19 Misinformation



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As part of our SQUINT for fighting COVID-19 misinformation, we have received multiple SQUINTS with misinformation about the drug Ivermectin. This example SQUINT (see right) claims that Ivermectin is an effective treatment for COVID-19 and has been “approved.”

Ivermectin has been approved in the United States as an antiparasitic drug by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Ivermectin is also used in the United States to treat parasites in animals.

While there have been some reports of positive effects of Ivermectin in clinical applications to date no randomized, controlled trials have been published (Rajter et al at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33065103/>).

Per the National Institute of Health (NIH), Ivermectin has not been approved for use to fight COVID-19 in the United States. The statement referenced below by the NIH notes that Ivermectin is being studied as a potential treatment for COVID-19 but that “results from adequately powered, well-designed, and well-conducted clinical trials are needed to provide more specific, evidence-based guidance on the role of ivermectin for the treatment of COVID-19.”

(<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/statement-on-ivermectin/>).

The medical community is still determining the effectiveness of Ivermectin for the treatment of COVID-19 and it has not been approved in the United States for the treatment of COVID-19.

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