

Review of: "A Harmless Avian Vaccine Virus Could Be Developed into an Off-the-Shelf “Antibiotic” for Viruses"

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The article represents possible mitigation measures for a viral outbreak. The article is crisp and appreciable. Further evidence may strengthen the applications of the putative antiviral antibiotic R903/78 drug candidate. Clones of the same drug may be provided to different laboratories to replicate the efficacy experiments. The idea of using non-pathogenic viruses as novel antiviral strategies is attractive and promising; however, the experimental and Phase I and II clinical trials in several geographical locations to cover the different genetic make-ups is essential. Larger sample sizes in clinical trials are important.