Appendix 1—Hydroxychloroquine

Drug Information

Hydroxychloroquine is a drug that is well known and has been used for many years around the world for conditions such as Malaria and Rheumatoid Arthritis, but is not currently used to treat infections like COVID-19.

Side-effects

The common side effects (experienced by less than 10% of people who take the medication) are:

- abdominal pain;
- decreased appetite;
- diarrhoea;
- headache;
- nausea;
- skin reactions;
- vomiting.

Hydroxychloroquine occasionally causes blurred vision, which typically resolves once the medication is stopped. If you develop any problems with your vision, please stop taking the medication immediately, seek clinical advice, and do not drive or operate any heavy machinery.

The drug might lower blood sugar levels in some people. If this happens, you might feel hungry, sweaty, dizzy, have a faster or pounding heart-beat. If you develop these symptoms, please eat something sweet and seek clinical advice if the symptoms persist.
Appendix 2 — Azithromycin

Drug Information
Azithromycin is a widely used antibiotic, but is not currently used to treat infections like COVID-19.

Side-effects
The common side effects are:
• abdominal pain
• headache
• nausea
• vomiting
• diarrhoea
• flatulence

May also cause:
• dizziness
• insomnia
• altered taste
• pins and needles
• changes in vision or hearing
• rash
• itching
• joint pains
• fatigue