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VIA EMAIL TO info@austincompoundingpharmacy.com and drugschnorr@gmail.com

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Re: Unsubstantiated claims for Coronavirus prevention and treatment

Dear Mr. Schnorr:

This is to advise you that in October 2021, FTC staff reviewed your websites at <http://austincompoundingpharmacy.com/>, <https://capitolchemist.com/>, and <https://letsasktom.com/>. We have also reviewed your social media websites at

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Taking Ivermectin once a week will decrease your risk of infection and reduce the severity if you do contract COVID-19.

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order form at <http://austincompoundingpharmacy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/9.10.21-Covid-order-PATIENT-RX.pdf>, which consumers can fill out and fax or email to you for “COVID 19 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ORDERS” that will be “READY FOR PICK UP IN 2 HOURS FOR ACTIVE INFECTION.” The order form includes items available by prescription only (e.g., Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine, and Azithromycin) and “CORONA SIX PACK SUGGESTIONS” that are available without a prescription (e.g., Flew-Away, Vitamin D3, Zinc, Vitamin C, Melatonin, Viracide, and NU Hist. The order form also includes a “PREVENTION PROTOCOL” and an “EARLY OUTPATIENT PROTOCOL” for COVID-19 from the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance.]

[Graphic that shows someone’s hand repelling a spiky cell that is the typical representation of a coronavirus, with the text: “Big News: Peer Reviewed Study Demonstrates Efficacy of Ivermectin in Prophylactics and Treatment of COVID – And it Won’t Kill You!...” Clicking on this graphic links to [https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/05/big-news-peer-reviewed-study-demonstrates-efficacy-ivermectin-prophylactis-treatment-covid-wont-kill/.](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/05/big-news-peer-reviewed-study-demonstrates-efficacy-ivermectin-prophylactis-treatment-covid-wont-kill/)]

This one-pager [link to <http://austincompoundingpharmacy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/8.14.21-Covid-order-PATIENT-RX.pdf>, discussed above] summarizes Tom’s findings so far on COVID-19.

“The ‘Corona 6-Pack’ is a collection of the 6 most essential supplements you need to prime your immune system and fight back against COVID-19. Tom has done extensive research over the last 6 months in preparing this list! Save \$50 by buying the entire 6-pack.

The 6 supplements are:

1) Flew-Away - also known as Leucozepin, is a natural Fuzheng compound clinically shown to alleviate fatigue and boost immune function. Take 1 teaspoonful daily for prevention, or twice a day if infected.

patients with severe disease. Medications are needed that are affordable and available in quantities sufficient to treat large numbers of infected people. A clinical trial involving two such medications began April 29, 2020 and plans to enroll 500 participants. Check out the link below for more information <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04365985>.” In a comment on this post you state: “We are happy to be of service. Ask the pt [sic] to visit our webpages for covid orders and triage protocol. We will fill the same day for positive patient and 4-6 for prevention requests.”

[Post on September 28, 2020.]

“Is there a way to reduce the severity of viral infections? A recent study conducted by researchers from Singapore and Duke Medical School evaluated the effect of daily doses of oral vitamin D3 1000 IU, magnesium 150mg, and vitamin B12 500mcg on COVID progression to severe outcome in older patients. This combination (DMB) was chosen because the relatively safe nutrients help to reduce the inflammatory response to viral infections. The study compared all consecutive hospitalized COVID-19 patients aged 50 and above in a tertiary academic hospital who received DMB upon admission if they did not require oxygen therapy, to a control group of patients who did not take DMB. Significantly fewer DMB patients required oxygen therapy or admission to the intensive care unit (17.6% of patients who took DMB vs 61.5% who did not).” This post includes a graphic that states “COVID-19 Update.”

[Post on July 2, 2020.]

“High doses of vitamin C may help to reduce the effects of coronavirus. These ultra-high doses of vitamin C are proposed to fight the massive immune response and subsequent respiratory failure seen in coronavirus infection by suppressing the over-reactive inflammatory response in the lungs and slowing down the virus’ ability to reproduce and spread. High dose vitamin C can be delivered intravenously which makes it easier for the body to absorb and use. But oral vitamin C can also be helpful. A special form of over-the-counter liposomal Vitamin C can be taken at frequent intervals. Ask our pharmacist for more information.” This post includes graphic that states “Vitamin C for Coronavirus.”

[Post on May 8, 2020.]

“Please download my Corona 6 Pak suggestions from AustinCompounding.Pharmacy [sic].” This post includes a link to your website at <https://www.austincompounding.com> Tw [Ve atamps]TJE2s-2 (ins)-1 (5 (f)2-93).i4 2 T1 (1 (po

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Pharmacy North Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AustinCompoundingPharmacyNorth>, on the same dates.]

It is unlawful under the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 41 et seq., to advertise that a product or service can prevent, treat, or cure human disease unless you possess competent and reliable scientific evidence, including substantiating that the claims are true at the time they are made. For COVID-19, no such study is currently known to exist for the products identified above. Thus, any coronavirus-related prevention or treatment claims regarding such products are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence.

You are also advised to review all other claims for your products and immediately cease and desist from making claims that are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence. You must immediately cease and desist making all such claims.

Violations of the FTC Act may result in legal action seeking a Federal District Court injunction. In addition, pursuant to the COVID-19 Consumer Protection Act, Section 1401, Division FF, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, P.L. 116-260, marketers who make deceptive claims about the treatment, cure, prevention, or mitigation of COVID-19 are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$43,792 per violation and may be required to pay refunds to consumers or provide other relief pursuant to Section 19(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 57b(b).

Within 48 hours, please send a message to Richard Cleland, Assistant Director via electronic mail at rcleland@ftc.gov certifying that you have ceased making unsubstantiated claims for the products identified above. If you have any questions regarding compliance with the FTC Act, please contact Richard Cleland at 202-326-3088.

Very truly yours,

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