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**CEASE AND DESIST DEMAND**

VIA EMAIL TO [info@austincompoundingpharmacy.com](mailto:info@austincompoundingpharmacy.com) and [drugschnorr@gmail.com](mailto:drugschnorr@gmail.com)

Tom Schnorr  
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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 <https://www.facebook.com/austincompounding> and <https://www.facebook.com/AustinCompoundingPharmacyNorth>, where you direct consumers to <http://austincompoundingpharmacy.com/>, <https://capitolchemist.com/>, and <https://letsasktom.com/>, where consumers may purchase supplements, place orders for prescription drugs, and schedule personal consultations with you. We have determined that you are unlawfully advertising that certain products treat or prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Some examples of Coronavirus prevention or cure claims on your websites include:

- On your website at <http://austincompoundingpharmacy.com/covid-19-info/>, accessible by clicking “COVID-19 INFO” in the website navigation menu, you state,

“COVID-19 ADVICE SESSION

Work directly with Tom and his network of healthcare providers to get you the treatment you desire and answer any questions you might have about COVID-19.

**\$100 – BOOK NOW** [Button that links [https://letsasktom.com/book-an-appointment/.](https://letsasktom.com/book-an-appointment/)]

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

**DOWNLOAD THE IVERMECTIN ORDER FORM HERE** [Button that links to PDF 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/)]

## **TOM’S PICKS FOR COVID-19**

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.

You can buy the Corona 6-Pack [link to <https://capitolchemist.com/products/corona-6-pack-save-50>], FLEW-Away [link to <https://capitolchemist.com/products/flew-away>], and much more on our online store [link to <https://capitolchemist.com/>]...

## **IVERMECTIN RESEARCH**

This website [link to <https://ivmmeta.com/>] provides real-time meta analysis of 42 different studies on Ivermectin and COVID-19.

100% of the studies have shown positive effects!...”

- On your website at <https://capitolchemist.com/products/corona-6-pack-save-50> you state:

“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.

2) Vitamin D3 - stimulates the immune system and appears to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 and other viruses. Take between 10,000 IU and 20,000 IU for prevention, or 50,000 IU daily if infected.

3) Buffered Vitamin C - raises one’s immune system, and is currently being used in several countries to fight COVID-19. Take 200mg twice a day for prevention, or 1000mg every hour if infected.

4) Vitamin A - reduces susceptibility to COVID-19. Take 20,000 IU daily for prevention, or 40,000 IU daily if infected. Make sure to take this WITH FOOD, and do not take if pregnant.

5) Zinc - has a protective anti-inflammatory effect, and may help fight virus replication. Take 10-15mg daily with food for prevention, or 15-50mg with food if infected)

6) Melatonin - blocks replication of SARS-CoV-2. Take 1mg a day for prevention, or 5mg a day if infected.

(Worth noting that Viracid barely missed the cut and is a strong #7 to have in your arsenal! Take 1 capsule twice a day for prevention, or 1 capsule every hour for 12 hours if infected.)”

- On your social media website at <https://www.facebook.com/austincompounding>, you state:
  - “Noone [sic] needs to die[.] Ivermectin does work”  
[Post on September 7, 2021.]
  - “Ideal new treatments for COVID-19 would help halt the progression of disease in patients prior to the need for a ventilator and provide a rescue treatment for

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](https://www.austincompounding.pharmacy) [sic].” This post includes a link to your website at <https://www.austincompounding.pharmacy/toms-picks-for-covid-19>.

[Post on April 12, 2020.]

- “Have you checked this out?” This post includes a graphic that states: “COVID 19 TOM’S PICKS CALL US FOR SHIPMENT OR COME ON BY.” This post also includes a link to a newsletter available at <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/COVID-19-TOM-S-PICKS--CALL-US-FOR-SHIPMENT-OR-COME-ON-BY.html?soid=1101943690210&aid=03sjpFAPf6M> in which you state:

- **“COVID-19 INFORMATION**

Austin Compounding Pharmacy is your source for the latest information regarding COVID-19 and maintaining your health....

**LATEST COVID-19 INFORMATION – LEARN MORE**

**Tom’s Picks for Corona START NOW!**

1. Flew-Away...
2. Vitamin D3...
3. Viracid...
4. Vit C Buffered/lyposomal...
5. Vit A...
6. Melatonin...
7. Zinc...
8. Probiotics....
9. Rx item-Glutathione via nebulizer...
10. Quercetin...
11. Nu-Hist (D-Hist etc.)...
12. Sinatrol, Intestin-ol, etc....
17. Prescription Drugs that are working: HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE 200MG & a Zpak, IVERMECTIN....

IF YOU HAVE ANY SHORTNESS OF BREATH, ASTHMA, COPD, ALLERGIES ASK YOUR DOCTOR FOR A PRESCRIPTION FOR GLUTATHIONE 300MG CAPS FOR NEBULIZER

#30 CAPS FOR \$85. NEBULIZER \$55 (MIGHT FIND THE COMP-AIR NEC801 OMRON ON AMAZON) FOR COVID TRY TO DO AT LEAST ONE TREATMENT A DAY....”

[Post on April 12, 2020; you also provided links to newsletters that included substantially similar statements, including the list of “Tom’s Picks for Corona,” in posts on April 11, April 10, April 4, April 3, April 2, and March 31, 2020. You also provided links to these newsletters in posts to the Austin Compounding

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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](mailto: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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