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By NICOLE KARLIS PUBLISHED AUGUST 22, 2021 10:00AM (EDT)



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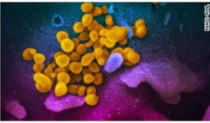


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(CNN) — A cheap, generically available anti-depressant may reduce the risk of severe Covid-19 disease by close to a third in people at high risk, researchers reported Wednesday.

A trial among about 1,500 patients in Brazil showed those who took the drug, known as fluvoxamine, were less likely to progress to severe disease and to require hospitalization.



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The drug, sold under the brand name Luvox, is a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) most often used to treat obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and depression. But it can affect inflammation, said Dr. Angela Reiersen, an associate professor of psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis who worked on the study, published in The Lancet Global Health.

"Fluvoxamine may reduce the production of inflammatory molecules called cytokines, that can be triggered by SARS-CoV-2 infection," Reiersen said in a statement. The drug may also reduce blood platelets, which may affect the clotting effects of coronavirus infection.

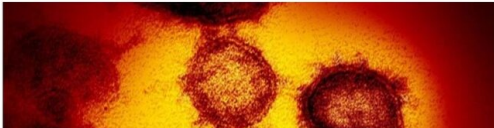
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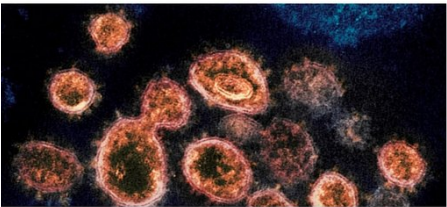
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Vancouver, Canada (26 August 2021) In June 2020, The TOGETHER Trial was established as an adaptive platform randomised clinical trial to test a range of potential treatments for COVID-19 that might be suitable for clinical use in a community setting in Brazil and other low- and middle-income countries. The trial specifically tested each treatment's potential to prevent clinical worsening of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization.

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The results, while not peer reviewed, were recently presented before the US National Institutes of Health and Health Organization by Cytel Principal Scientist and TOGETHER Trial co-Principal Investigator, Professor Ec McMaster University.

Speaking of the fluvoxamine results, Mills said, "This is a massive finding of benefit to public health. There is treatment for early COVID that has been shown to prevent the need for hospitalization."



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