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Dear DR SABUROVA,

### Re: MR ROMEN SAVESK

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**Last Consult: 22 May 2024**

#### Background

1. Severe post-COVID vaccination side-effects.
2. Episode of chronic fatigue post-viral infection – 2004 - full recovery after five years with dietary change.
3. Likely immune-related cardiac complications – pericarditis/pericardial effusion noted one year after symptoms (MRI).
4. Pigmented purpuric dermatosis – most likely part of the vaccine reaction syndrome.

#### Medications

Hydroxychloroquine 200mg daily, Cannimed cannabis oil – 10 1ml bd, Melatonin 5mg nocte, Oxycodone 5mg prn, Sumatriptan (yet to trial).

#### Previous drugs causing side-effects

Modafinil, Amitriptyline, prednisone

#### Previous drug trials

Colchicine, Cannimed cannabis oil 10:10, Advantan fatty ointment

Romen was seen in follow-up today. It looks like the ivermectin may have helped with his gut a little bit. He has ceased it since and started hydroxychloroquine from 30th April 2024. He has been getting vivid nightmares but he is keen to stick with it to see whether there is any improvement in the cardiac symptoms. If there is no improvement with hydroxychloroquine, we could trial mycophenolate although I feel pessimistic that he would improve.

He still are going through a variety of insurance and other procedures with regard to work.

From my perspective it looks like the hydroxychloroquine is causing quite a lot of side effects but the patient was quite happy to continue it. He is getting some visual blurring and for that I asked him to have a optometrist review especially if it gets worse. Occasionally hydroxychloroquine can cause symptoms of visual blurring, usually is a deal breaker for most patients.

Follow-up will be in 6 months.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Suren Jayaweera**

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