results of the clinical trial showed that the

patients who were given chloroquine had a

significant reduction in their body temperature.

The clinical trial also showed better recovery

among the patients who were given

chloroquine and hydroxy chloroquine.°\*°

Hydroxychloroquine treatment is significantly

associated with viral load reduction as well as

disappearance in COVID-19 patients. Further,

the outcome is reinforced by azithromycin. The

role of lopinavir and ritonavir in the treatment

of COVID-19 is uncertain. A potential benefit

was suggested by preclinical data, but

additional data has failed to confirm it.

Tocilizumab is an immunomodulating agent

used as adjunct therapy in some protocols

based on a theoretical mechanism and limited

preliminary data.°°

15 HOME CARE

Home management may be appropriate for

patients with mild infection who can be

adequately isolated in the outpatient setting.

Management of such patients should focus on

prevention of transmission to others, and

monitoring for clinical deterioration, which

should prompt hospitalisation. Interim

recommendations on home management of

patients with COVID-19 can be found on