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## cure coronavirus

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**CLAIM:** Tonic water or quinine supplements can be used to prevent or treat coronavirus symptoms.

**AP'S ASSESSMENT:** False. Medical experts say as of now there is no proven medication or home remedy that can cure coronavirus.

**THE FACTS:** Posts circulating on Facebook and

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eat the new

coronavirus because the drinks contain quinine. Other posts tout a combination of tonic water and zinc, an idea that gained traction after a St. Louis chiropractor posted a video recommending the combination.

Experts say there is no scientific evidence that quinine would have any impact if used in this way. The concentration used

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the used in some

ts, said Dr.

[REDACTED] Humberto Choi, a  
pulmonologist at  
Cleveland Clinic.

“I would not  
encourage anyone to  
drink tonic water to  
prevent or treat  
covid at all,” said Dr.  
Michael Angarone,  
assistant professor  
of infectious  
diseases at  
Northwestern  
University Feinberg  
school of Medicine.

The U.S. Food &  
Drug Administration  
states that in  
carbonated  
beverages as a flavor,  
the level of quinine

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r as taking tonic

r and zinc, Choi

said while zinc has been studied to see if it could help protect organs against low oxygen supply in cases of severe lung infection or inflammation, it has not been proven to treat the infection itself.

“I don’t think people should be fooled to think they are ingesting something that is causing any benefit to them,” he said.

Quinine is a compound found in the bark of the

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The drugs are

quinine and

hydroxychloroquine

are the synthetic

form of quinine.

Social media users

appear to be

suggesting there is

no difference

between quinine and

hydroxychloroquine,

which has been

touted by President

Donald Trump as a

treatment for

coronavirus.

Hydroxychloroquine

has not been

approved as a drug

to treat coronavirus

and medical experts

have not concluded

whether the drug is

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s of therapeutic

acy are pretty

shaky,” said Dr.

David Hamer, a

professor at Boston

University School of

Public Health and

School of Medicine

and physician at

Boston Medical

Center.

Tonic water

companies like

Fever-Tree are now

debunking the myth

on their websites.

Fever-Tree says anti-

malaria drugs

“contain a

significantly higher

amount of quinine

than tonic water.”

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tonic water for  
anything other than  
making a tasty drink  
to keep your spirits  
up during this  
difficult time,” the  
company states on  
its website.

It’s not the first time  
tonic water has been  
promoted as a cure.  
Tonic water has also  
been falsely  
suggested as a way to  
cure malaria.

“You have to be  
mindful of people  
touting miracle  
cures or cure all or  
miracle drugs for  
coronavirus,” Dr.  
Angarone said.

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ing effort to

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misinformation that  
is shared widely  
online, including  
work with Facebook  
to identify and  
reduce the  
circulation of false  
stories on the  
platform.

Here's more  
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Facebook's fact-  
checking program:  
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