

COVID-19 DRUG TRIALS, EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENTS AND VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

Dexamethasone will likely now be standard-of-care! This Sept 2 JAMA [editorial](#) summarizes the results of 3 publications in that issue describing randomized controlled clinical trials, all confirming efficacy of dexamethasone against Covid-19.

StatNews has been doing a first-rate job at tracking the progress of all therapies and vaccines under investigation.

<https://www.statnews.com/feature/coronavirus/drugs-vaccines-tracker/>

The NY Times is another resource

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/science/coronavirus-vaccine-tracker.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/science/coronavirus-drugs-treatments.html>

as is FiercePharma

<https://www.fiercepharma.com/topic/coronavirus>

and the Milken Institute

https://milkeninstitute.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Covid19%20Tracker_WEB.pdf

I'm surprised this [report](#) from China published on May 8 in *Lancet* has gotten so little attention, showing data that interferon-beta is effective.

Hung et al, "Triple combination of interferon beta-1b, lopinavir-ritonavir, and ribavirin in the treatment of patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19: an open-label, randomised, phase 2 trial"

I've had one [publication](#) and one [preprint](#) appear recently, the former slightly Covid-related, the second describing the use of a repurposed drug against Covid.