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Dear Professor Butler

PRINCIPLE: request for interim data on “paused” ivermectin arm

We note from press reports and the PRINCIPLE website that the ivermectin “arm” of PRINCIPLE is “currently paused due to temporary supply issues”.

We are updating our Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of ivermectin in Covid-19 (*Am. J. Therap.* **28**, e434-e460) and should like to request your interim results as at the “pause” point, ideally via de-identified Individual Participant Data (IPD).

You may be aware of recent critiques of meta-analyses based on summary data only (e.g. Lawrence *et al. Nat. Med.* **27**(11), 1853). There is growing advocacy elsewhere for access to de-identified IPD for all clinical trials.

Although meta-analyses based on IPD are considerably more laborious than those based on summary data, it is clear that new standards are being called for.

As a large and visible clinical trial of ivermectin, we should like to request interim results for the ivermectin and control arms and de-identified IPD for inclusion in our updated Systematic Review.

Please let us know your terms and data protection requirements for release of your de-identified IPD.

Yours sincerely

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