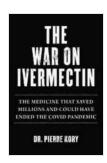
## The Medicine That Saved Millions And Could Have Ended The COVID Pandemic

The story of ivermectin is a fascinating one. It is a drug that has been used to treat millions of people with river blindness and other diseases. It is also a drug that has been at the center of a fierce debate about its use to treat COVID-19.



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#### The Discovery of Ivermectin

Ivermectin was discovered in 1975 by a team of Japanese scientists led by Satoshi Ōmura. Ōmura was studying soil samples from a golf course in Japan when he discovered a new strain of bacteria that produced a compound that was active against a variety of parasites.

Ōmura and his team named the new compound ivermectin. They soon discovered that ivermectin was effective against a wide range of parasites, including those that cause river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, and scabies.

#### Ivermectin for River Blindness

In 1987, ivermectin was approved for use to treat river blindness in Africa. River blindness is a parasitic disease that can cause blindness. It is spread by the bite of a black fly.

Ivermectin has been very effective in treating river blindness. In the years since it was approved for use, the number of cases of river blindness in Africa has decreased by more than 90%. Ivermectin is now considered to be one of the most important medicines in the fight against river blindness.

#### **Ivermectin for Other Diseases**

Ivermectin is also effective against a variety of other diseases, including lymphatic filariasis, scabies, and onchocerciasis. Lymphatic filariasis is a parasitic disease that can cause swelling of the arms, legs, and genitals. Scabies is a skin disease caused by a mite. Onchocerciasis is a parasitic disease that can cause blindness.

Ivermectin has been used to treat millions of people with these diseases. It is a safe and effective drug that has had a major impact on the lives of many people.

#### **Ivermectin for COVID-19**

In 2020, ivermectin was investigated as a potential treatment for COVID-19. Several studies found that ivermectin was effective in reducing the symptoms of COVID-19 and in preventing the development of severe disease.

However, other studies found that ivermectin was not effective in treating COVID-19. The World Health Organization (WHO) does not recommend

the use of ivermectin to treat COVID-19.

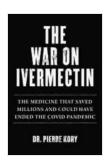
#### The Controversy

The use of ivermectin to treat COVID-19 has been controversial. Some people believe that ivermectin is a safe and effective treatment for COVID-19, while others believe that it is not effective and that it can be dangerous.

The controversy surrounding ivermectin is likely to continue for some time. However, it is important to remember that ivermectin is a safe and effective drug that has been used to treat millions of people with river blindness and other diseases.

Ivermectin is a remarkable drug that has saved millions of lives. It is a safe and effective treatment for a variety of diseases, including river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, scabies, and onchocerciasis.

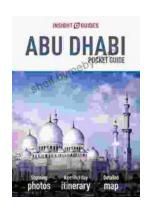
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