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Pandemic Flu Vaccine News

H5N1 vaccine trial shows limited benefit

(CIDRAP News) Mar 30, 2006

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/mar3006vaccine.html>

The first experimental US vaccine for H5N1 avian influenza yielded only modest results in its first clinical trial, generating an adequate immune response in slightly more than half of participants who received a heavy dose, scientists report.

GlaxoSmithKline starts human trials of H5N1 pandemic flu vaccine

(Forbes) Mar 30, 2006

<http://www.forbes.com/home/feeds/afx/2006/03/30/afx2634052.html>

GlaxoSmithKline PLC has started human trials of two pandemic vaccines that Europe's biggest drugmaker hopes will protect people against the H5N1 avian flu virus, in the event it becomes transmissible between people.

Horse Antibodies against The Bird Flu Virus H5N1 Are Effective As Treatment In Mice

(Medical news today) Mar 29, 2006

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=40447>

Antibodies against the bird flu virus H5N1, derived from horses, prevent mice infected with H5N1 from dying from the virus. A study published today in the open access journal Respiratory Research (<http://respiratory-research.com/>) reveals that a dose of 100 ug of horse anti-serum effectively protects infected mice. These results suggest that anti-H5N1 antibodies developed in horses could potentially be used to prevent death from H5N1 influenza, or as early treatment for the disease, in humans.

First Bird-Flu Vaccine Only Partly Effective

(The Wbalchannel) Mar 29, 2006

<http://www.thewbalchannel.com/health/8343269/detail.html>

The nation's first vaccine against bird flu is only modestly effective, producing apparent protection in slightly over half the people who receive two mega-dose shots, initial testing shows. The worrisome findings underscore the urgency of brewing a better vaccine.

New vaccine approach relies on weakened *Listeria*

(CIDRAP News) Mar 28, 2006

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/news/mar2806listr.html>

Researchers have announced a new approach to making a vaccine for the foodborne illness listeriosis that may also bode well for fighting certain other infections, including salmonellosis and tuberculosis.

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Avian Flu News & Information

WHO number of confirmed human cases and deaths:

http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/country/en/index.html

To see the latest numbers of human cases and deaths confirmed by the WHO.

First human case of H5N1 bird flu found in Jordan

(Yahoo) Mar 31, 2006

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060331/wl_mideast_afp/healthflu_jordan_060331163222;_ylt=AvydQJpaBuIF2clzsHdo2V2Tvyli;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU

An Egyptian worker in Jordan is suffering from the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu, the first reported human case of the virus in the country, Jordan's health minister revealed.

New case of H5N1 bird flu found in Cameroon

(People's Daily Online) Mar 30, 2006

http://english.people.com.cn/200603/30/eng20060330_254641.html

Cameroon has confirmed its second case of the deadly H5N1 [bird flu](#) virus in the city of Malape, the Cameroonian Ministry of Livestock, Fishing and Animal Industries said Wednesday.

Second Egyptian dies of bird flu; H5 virus found in mink

(WHO) Mar 29, 2006

http://www.who.int/csr/don/2006_03_29/en/index.html

A second Egyptian has died of H5N1 avian influenza, and the virus may have infected a mink in Sweden, according to recent reports.