

Radavirsen performs well in early influenza trial

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A phase 1 clinical trial published in the *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* found that radavirsen—an antisense oligomer that inhibits the production of certain influenza proteins—is safe and well-tolerated in healthy individuals. Additional studies on radavirsen's potential as a treatment for influenza are warranted

In the 56-participant trial, pharmacokinetic analyses indicated that at 8mg/kg, radavirsen is expected to be effective in the treatment of influenza.

"This is the first demonstration of the safety and tolerability and pharmacokinetics of an <u>antisense oligonucleotide</u> for the treatment of influenza A," wrote the authors of the study.

More information: John H. Beigel et al, Safety, Tolerability, and Pharmacokinetics of Radavirsen (AVI-7100), an Antisense Oligonucleotide Targeting Influenza A M1/M2 translation, *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* (2017). DOI: 10.1111/bcp.13405

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