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To: Engels, Dirk A.
Subject: RE: question as threatened.

Dirk,

Suramin was formulated in 1916 and its indications are African Trypanosomiasis and Onchocerciasis. As far as Onchocerciasis is concerned, with the advent of ivermectin, this (ivermectin) is the recommended treatment in WHO/APOC programme as an onchocerca microfilaricide. In my opinion, Suramin should be removed from the WHO Model List for filariasis.

If you suggest we can take the opinion of Dr. Awadzie, who is on our advisory panel.

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