

United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

June 16, 2020

WARNING LETTER

VIA EMAIL TO drrozitamosh@gmail.com Dr. Rozita Moshtagh Naturopathic Medicine Clinic 5210 Balboa Ave Suite F San Diego, CA 92117

Re: Unsubstantiated claims for Coronavirus prevention or treatment

Dear Dr. Moshtagh:

This is to advise you that FTC staff reviewed your website at www.drrozita.com on June 11, 2020. We also reviewed your social media website at www.facebook.com/drrozitamoshtagh/, where you direct consumers to your website www.drrozita.com, where they can schedule IV Therapy sessions, Vitamin Injections, and purchase other products and services. We have determined that you are unlawfully advertising that certain products or services prevent or treat Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Some examples of Coronavirus prevention or treatment claims include:

- "WE offer Anti COVID-19/Anti Coronavirus Natural Antivirals and IV Therapy"
 [See www.drrozita.com]
- "Vitamin C Iv offered at our clinic now for immune, cancer, Coronavirus"

[Links to an article titled, "IV Vitamin C for Hospital Use for COVID-19," at https://www.consultdranderson.com/iv-vitamin-c-for-hospital-use-for-covid-19/, which states, "In the primary document (IVAA-COVID-19) is a summary any hospital can use to base IV Vitamin C therapy for COVID-19 using the most common Chinese IVC data with COVID patients...."]

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[See Facebook post from April 25, 2020 at 2:09 a.m. on www.facebook.com/drrozitamoshtagh/, reposting Facebook post from April 25, 2020 at 2:07 a.m. on www.facebook.com/rozita.moshtagh]

• "Schedule Your High Dose IV Vitaimin [sic] C

KEEP Covid-19 AWAY.

Vitamin C IV antiviral, anticancer, immune booster Www.drrozita.com"

[See Facebook post from March 22, 2020 at 1:53 a.m. on www.facebook.com/drrozitamoshtagh/]

It is unlawful under the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 41 *et seq.*, to advertise that a product can prevent, treat, or cure human disease unless you possess competent and reliable scientific evidence, including, when appropriate, well-controlled human clinical studies, substantiating that the claims are true at the time they are made. For COVID-19, no such study is currently known to exist for the products and services identified above. Thus, any coronavirus-related treatment or prevention claims regarding such products and services are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence. You must immediately cease making all such advertising claims.

You are also advised to review all other claims for your products and services and immediately cease making claims that are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence.

Within 48 hours, please send a message to Richard Cleland, Assistant Director via electronic mail at releland@ftc.gov describing the specific actions you have taken to address the FTC's concerns. If you have any questions regarding compliance with the FTC Act, please contact Richard Cleland at 202-326-3088.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Quaresima Acting Associate Director Division of Advertising Practices