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Arthritis Drug Studied For Possible Use in Treatment of Asthma

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LAS VEGAS -- Dr. Jorem Seggev, associate professor clinical medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, has recently received a ⁷⁵⁰⁰~~\$5,000~~ grant to begin studying whether the arthritis drug Plaquenil may also be viable in the treatment of asthma.

The research, supported by Sanofi Winthrop Pharmaceuticals of New York, will attempt to learn how Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine) reduces the amount of allergic antibodies produced by white blood cells (lymphocytes). These allergic antibodies are found in cases of asthma and allergy, Seggev said.

Others participating in this study are Dr. Dorothy Hudig, Department of Microbiology at the University of Nevada School of Medicine; and Dr. Robert Hamilton, Johns Hopkins University.

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