

Hello everybody,

Welcome to OUBT's second newsletter of the term! We hope you all continue to be safe and well. It is with great excitement that we announce our first event of the term and our first virtual event ever. See below for how to find out everything you ever wanted to know about antivirals, and for some of the latest biotech news.

Best wishes and take care,

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1. Events

- Wednesday 27th May - Coronavirus antivirals Q&A with JL Kiappes

Following Professor Zitzmann's [talk](#) in the recent Covid conversations, we are very excited to have the lovely Dr JL Kiappes with us to answer your questions about how the Zitzmann lab is exploring options to treat coronavirus. JL is a lecturer in Biochemistry and a post-doc in the Zitzmann lab.

Catch up on her talk [here](#) and find all the details on our upcoming event [here](#) on our Facebook page and on our Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/oxford-university-biotech-society-supported-by-the-oxford-foundry-18728580744>

2. News

- Issues with Oxford Covid-19 vaccine

We will be discussing the antiviral approach to coping with coronavirus with JL. Here is why it might be so important, if the vaccines are not as effective as was promised: <https://blogs.sciencemag.org/pipeline/archives/2020/05/18/criticism-of-the-oxford-coronavirus-vaccine>

- Moderna vaccine initial results

However, there are many other potential vaccine candidates. See how the Moderna vaccine measures up to the Oxford vaccine: <https://blogs.sciencemag.org/pipeline/archives/2020/05/18/first-results-from-modernas-coronavirus-vaccine>

- Environmental effects of lockdown

A positive effect of Coronavirus and lockdown has been on our planet, with carbon emissions slashed. Will this be the beginning of a new green future or will we quickly revert to our old ways? Take a look at the data here: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01497-0>