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COMING VERY SOON: *Halloween Science* - The Truth about Ernst & Singh

For the last four months, William Alderson, a founding trustee of H:MC21, has worked on a thorough critique of Ezard Ernst's and Simon Singh's book *Trick or Treatment?*, a book which according to its authors "tell[s] you the truth about alternative medicine" and does so with "an unparalleled level of rigour, authority and independence".

By analysing the authors' own arguments and evidence for accuracy, consistency and reliability, the critique finds nineteen major faults in Ernst and Singh's approach and concludes that *Trick or Treatment?* has "no validity as a scientific examination of alternative medicine".

In our last e-news we told you that *Halloween Science* would be out in March but we decided to send it to a few more reviewers first. The 120-page critique will be made available free on our website in April, together with a ten page summary version and a one page abstract. We shall also be publicising our findings as widely as possible.

NEWS

In view of the fierce attacks on Jeremy Sherr's work on AIDS in Tanzania, the following news are significant:

A study at Bastyr University, Seattle, USA found positive immunologic, haematologic and clinical effects of high dilution growth factors/cytokines in HIV/AIDS patients. (Cytokines are proteins that are produced by cells; they interact with cells of the immune system in order to regulate the body's response to disease and infection, and also mediate normal cellular processes in the body). This [link](#) will take you to a summary of the study.

We were made aware of this study by Zeus News (www.zeusinfoservice.com). This excellent service only costs £1 a month to subscribe to, and provides regular information about homeopathic news.

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO FUND THIS CHARITY

Thanks a lot to those who donated money after our appeal last month, raising a total of £280 before claiming Gift Aid.

Even now there are thousands of people who use homeopathy but do not know about our campaign. If every one of you on this email list (over 6,000 people) donated just one

pound, we could advertise *Halloween Science*, attracted many more signatures and promote the whole campaign more widely.

Please donate now – every £ helps!!

Click [here](#) and you will be taken to PayPal.

You do not need to have a PayPal account; scroll down the PayPal page and on your left you will find a possibility to pay by debit or credit card.

And if you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to send us the Gift Aid Form, which you can download [here](#).

Or get together with a few friends or patients, collect a donation from each and send us a cheque (made out to H:MC21) to

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Thanks a lot!

BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER

These are exciting times at H:MC21: *Halloween Science* is to be published soon, and other interesting projects are in the pipeline.

For example, we are preparing a funding application for the PCT survey. The responses we have received so far from supporters have been absolutely invaluable, so don't stop writing to your PCT. They have shown us that there really does appear to be a weakness in the system for deciding whether homeopathy is available on the NHS, and an official survey will be able to make the most of the evidence.

Why not join our small, international team of enthusiastic homeopaths working for the promotion of homeopathy in the UK?

We are currently looking for

- a treasurer (aprox. two days a month)
- a minutes secretary (approx. one day a month)
- someone to manage our monthly e-newsletter (approx. one day a month)

ALL our work is done on voluntary basis, though expenses are paid. All three posts involve attending our monthly meetings (which usually take place either in London or near Milton Keynes)

Go to our website www.homeopathyworkedforme.org and find out more about us. Or contact us at trustees@homeopathyworkedforme.org if you want to find out more about becoming a trustee or member.

SIGNATURES

Please keep collecting signatures!

There really are thousands of people who would sign if they only knew about the campaign. Wearing the badge is effective, as people ask about it, about the campaign and about homeopathy, so until the end of April we shall send a free badge to everyone donating £5 or more. Don't let that stop you ordering extra badges, though. Just click on the [link](#) and scoll down the page, where you will find three buttons to order 10, 20 or 50 bagdes via PayPal.

And don't forget to send us your completed lists.

Next update of signatures numbers will be on our website soon.