

Response from the Doherty Institute:

The Doherty Institute apologises for causing any confusion in relation to the role of garlic as an antiviral. We acknowledge that one of our researcher's comments may have been misinterpreted. Her intention was to communicate potential applications of how garlic might be used to treat some viruses. Garlic is not a treatment for COVID-19 nor influenza A. Further development and formal clinical trials are required to determine if our findings, observed in the laboratory, will translate to clinical benefit in people. The Doherty Institute's work as commissioned by Australian Garlic Producers is now complete.