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## New drugs on trial

ALTHOUGH there is not yet a specific vaccine to protect humans against the H5N1 virus, drugs prototypes offering protection against the strain are being produced.

Antiviral drugs, such as Tamiflu, which are already available and are being stockpiled by countries including the UK, may help limit symptoms and reduce the chances the disease will spread. Scientists say it may be helpful to have stocks of other drugs from the same family, such as Relenza (zanamivir).

### Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en)  
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>
- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/)  
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[www.survivebirdflu.co.nz](http://www.survivebirdflu.co.nz)

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