

**To: The HB490 Commission to Study Lyme Disease,**

Please see my verbal public comment below which will be read aloud during the TBDWG Meeting Nov 17 9am.

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Date: 11/16/2020 8:24 AM  
Subject: RE: Verbal Public Comment – November 17

Dear Mr. Tuttle,

We wanted to follow up on your request to provide verbal public comment at the upcoming November 17, 2020 TBDWG meeting. We recently had a randomly selected speaker who is no longer able to participate and you were randomly selected to fill the open spot. Verbal public comment will be held at approximately 9:00am ET on 11/17/2020.

Please confirm with us if you are still available and would like to take this open spot by 11/16/20 at 5:00pm ET or we will move on to the next randomly selected participant.

Sincerely,

Tick-Borne Disease Working Group Staff

## Verbal Public Comment – November 17

**Preferred identification:**

Carl Tuttle  
Member of NH Governor Chris Sununu's **HB490 Commission to Study Lyme Disease:**  
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/details.aspx?id=1515&rbl=1&txtbillnumber=hb490>

This comment is directed to Dr. David Walker, Co-Chair of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group.

During the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting you were recorded saying that persistent infection is a religious belief:

<https://lymediseaseassociation.org/government/federal-government/govt-departments-a-policies/hhs-tbd-working-group/contentious-9-hour-wg-meeting-persistent-infection-a>

[religious-belief-wg-co-chair-says-yes/](#)

Here's what the folks at Johns Hopkins and Northeastern are saying:

1. **A Drug Combination Screen Identifies Drugs Active against Amoxicillin-Induced Round Bodies of In Vitro *Borrelia burgdorferi* Persists from an FDA Drug Library**

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27242757/>

**Excerpt:**

Under experimental stress conditions such as starvation or antibiotic exposure, *Borrelia burgdorferi* can develop round body forms, which are a type of persister bacteria that appear resistant in vitro to customary first-line antibiotics for Lyme disease.

-Does that sound like a religious belief Dr. Walker?

2. **Researchers' discovery may explain difficulty in treating Lyme disease**

<http://www.northeastern.edu/news/2015/06/researchers-discovery-may-explain-difficulty-in-treating-lyme-disease/>

**Excerpt:**

"Northeastern University researchers have found that the bacterium that causes Lyme disease forms dormant persister cells, which are known to evade antibiotics."

3. **Standard antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease does not kill persistent *Borrelia* bacteria.**

<http://droopyyoudi.blogspot.com/2015/08/standart-antibiotic-treatment-for-lyme.html>

**Excerpt:**

-What has tuberculosis and *Borrelia burgdorferi* in common? In the late stage of the disease occurs persistent (tolerant) bacteria, which essentially means that the bacteria lasts and lasts and lasts. They protect themselves against antibiotics and are difficult to treat.

- Both *Borrelia burgdorferi* and tuberculosis is relatively easy to cure in the early stages, even with the use of one antibiotic. In the late stage it is impossible to cure the disease with the same type of treatment in the acute phase, said Dr. Ying Zhang when he visited the year NorVect conference.

-Dr. Ying Zhang is a professor at the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

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4. **Evidence of in vivo existence of *Borrelia* biofilm in borrelial lymphocytomas**

<http://wtmh.com/2016/02/23/unh-discovers-biofilm-in-those-affected-by-lyme-disease/>

**Excerpt:**

“An article by a UNH research team led by Professor Eva Sapi is the first to show that the microorganisms that cause Lyme disease are resistant to treatment due to what’s called a biofilm. A biofilm – which has a protective layer of “slime” – allows the organisms to hide away from antibiotics at the microscopic level.”

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5. **Ceftriaxone Pulse Dosing Fails to Eradicate Biofilm-like Microcolony *B. burgdorferi* Persists Which Are Sterilized by Daptomycin/Doxycycline/ Cefuroxime Drug Combination without Pulse Dosing**

Jie Feng<sup>1</sup>, Shuo Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Wanliang Shi<sup>1</sup> and Ying Zhang

<http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fmicb.2016.01744/abstract>

**Excerpt:**

While the causes for this post-treatment Lyme disease symptoms are unclear, one possibility is due to *B. burgdorferi* persists that are not effectively killed by current antibiotics such as doxycycline or amoxicillin used to treat Lyme disease.

-Does that sound like a religious belief Dr. Walker?

It sounds more like someone has pulled the wool over your eyes Dr. Walker.

We have a public health emergency requiring a **Manhattan Project** to find a cure for this antibiotic resistant/tolerant superbug but the thirty-year established dogma or should I say racketeering scheme identified in the Lisa Torrey vs IDSA RICO lawsuit has brainwashed an entire medical community.

Mark Twain once said, “It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled.”

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> Next Meeting of TBDWG is tomorrow  
> (Tuesday November 17, 2020)  
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> The meeting will be held online via webcast from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
ET. You must register to attend. Pat Smith and Scott Cooper will lead review of Chapter  
7: Clinician and Public Education, Patient Access to Care. The confirmed times and  
agenda items for the meeting will be posted on the TBDWG web page at [https://  
www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2020-11-17/  
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