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**Statement of the Virgin Coconut Oil Association of the Philippines (VCOP)
regarding the report on the PGH study on the use of VCO to treat hospitalized
COVID-19 patients**

A recent news report was released stating that: "hospitalized Covid-19 patients did not significantly benefit from VCO as adjunct therapy." This was based on a recently completed clinical trial conducted at the Philippine General Hospital (PGH).

As a group, we wish to declare that:

1. VCOP supports the DOST program to search for affordable, effective and science-based responses to COVID-19.
2. A previous study has already shown that VCO is effective for mild cases of COVID-19 which can prevent progression to serious cases of COVID-19. This is also consistent with the testimonials that we have gathered from those who took VCO for mild COVID-19.
3. VCO should be studied further as prophylaxis against this virus. Prevention is an essential strategy.
4. Pharmaceutical companies have not been successful in developing safe and effective anti-covid drugs despite the millions of dollars that they have spent. The drugs that are being used in hospitals now are very expensive and of partial efficacy only.
5. According to some experts, the COVID-19 pandemic may have reached the endemic stage. This means that we will have to co-exist with this virus. Therefore, it is imperative that we develop a more holistic and affordable strategy against this virus. We believe that VCO can be part of that strategy.
6. We must remain **OPEN-MINDED, THOROUGH, and AGGRESSIVE** in undertaking scientific studies on the use of Virgin Coconut Oil against this virus.

VCO is a natural, sustainable, and highly renewable resource of our country that is accessible and affordable for all Filipinos.

Sincerely yours,



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