

antibiotic

The crocodile has an amazing immune system. This enhanced immune system prevents life threatening infections occurring which might follow savage territorial fights, often leaving the animals with gaping wounds and missing limbs.

The croc's ability to restrict blood flow also comes in handy in these circumstances - restricting blood flow and minimizing serious blood loss from badly wounded areas.



Scientists in Australia are analysing crocodile blood in the hope of developing a powerful antibiotic for humans after tests showed that the croc's immune system is a much more potent killer of the HIV virus than is that of humans.

