

From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Thu, 27 Feb 2020 04:34:46 +0000
To: Arturo Casadevall
Subject: RE: My OpEd on the WSJ coming out Friday on convalescent serum for Coronavirus

Arturo:

Thank you for your note and for sending the OpEd. Nice Job! I hope that all is well with you.

Best,

Tony

From: Arturo Casadevall (b) (6) >
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b) (6)>
Subject: My OpEd on the WSJ coming out Friday on convalescent serum for Coronavirus

Dear Tony,

I just had an OpEd accepted in the WSJ proposing the use of convalescent sera to stem the coronavirus epidemic. The text of the OpEd is below in blue font (scroll down). I am sure the WSJ will shorten it and edit it but at least you have an advance copy of it. I just wanted you to have it since the WSJ is read widely in DC and I don't want anyone blindsiding you with questions about it.

As you know I have been long proponent of passive antibody therapies in infectious diseases and there is a huge body of historical data supporting this approach. Certainly, with modern blood banking techniques this option can be made quite safe and administration of a few cc's of serum could confer immediate immunity to those who will be exposed – like ER staff. I hope you agree with the message and like it.

Thank you for all you are doing for the country and humanity. If you need me for anything in this crisis rest assured that I am here.

Warm regards,
Arturo

From: Taranto, James <james.taranto@wsj.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Arturo Casadevall (b) (6) >
Subject: Re: Asking for a quick decision on the submitted OpEd on stemming coronavirus epidemic

OK, we'll take this and aim to get it out in Friday's paper, though it will likely need some trimming for space.

Dear Mr. Varadarajan,