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Dear Dr. Fauci,

Nitric Oxide (NO) has been shown to contribute to the pathogenesis of influenza virus-induced pneumonia in mouse model (Zablockiene et al., 2012).

**Zablockiene B, Ambrozaitis A, Kacergius T, Gravenstein S. Implication of nitric oxide in the pathogenesis of influenza virus infection. *Biologija* 2012; 58(1): 15-25.**

NO overproduction in influenza virus pneumonia results from a sustained stimulation of inducible Nitric Oxide Synthase (iNOS) (Akaike et al., 1996).

**Akaike T, Noguchi Y, Ijiri S, Setoguchi K, Suga M, Zheng YM, Dietzschold B, Maeda H. Pathogenesis of influenza virus-induced pneumonia: involvement of both nitric oxide and oxygen radicals. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 1996 Mar 19; 93(6):2448-53.**

NO overproduction in influenza virus-induced pneumonia can generate highly reactive oxygen species, peroxynitrite, via radical coupling reaction of NO with superoxide