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Thanks, Paolo.

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Dear Tony,

I talked with Dr. Viecca this morning who shared additional information about his protocol. They started from the pathological observation that all patients dying of Covid-19 pneumonia had diffuse pulmonary microthrombosis. Since they detected almost exclusively white thrombi, they reasoned that they had to block platelet activation/aggregation, while heparin would be ineffective at that stage. Thus, they treated a first group of five critical patients with potent anti-aggregant therapy (Tirofiban/Aggrastat) and apparently in all of them the pO2 started to rise within less than 2 hours, they got off the ventilators and went on to full recovery. Viecca is an interventional cardiologist (b) (4)

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I sent copy of his protocol and contact information to Joe.

Let me know if I can be of any further help. All the best,

Paolo