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Please respond to them. Thanks.

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**Subject:** COVID-1

Dear Dr. Fauci,

On behalf of the International Cytokine and Interferon Society, please find attached a letter from us as clinicians and scientists committed to developing and implementing therapeutic interventions targeted against global viral infection outbreaks. We propose that high priority be given to evaluating the therapeutic antiviral activities of IFN- $\alpha$ /bc (clinically approved formulations) against COVID-19 which poses a potential threat to global health. Further information is detailed in the attached. The ICIS would be happy to provide the scientific and clinical expertise for this program and welcome further discussion. In particular Dr. Eleanor Fish copied above has the track record and expertise in this area.

Sincerely,

**Kate A. Fitzgerald | Professor of Medicine**  
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