

Best, Francis

From: Pardis Sabeti [REDACTED] (b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:38 PM
To: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)>
Cc: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)>
Subject: Re: seeking your advice on a COVID-19 question

Dear Francis and Tony,

Thank you for a great conversation. Jacob, Bronwyn, and I stayed on a moment after you left and talked about how inspired we are by each of you and by the camaraderie between you two. Jacob added those two are national treasures, and Bronwyn and I wholeheartedly agreed.

Grateful for you both,

Pardis

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 8:21 AM Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Pardis,

See attached paper that argues there may be a significant difference in virulence of the COVID-19 clade that predominates on the west coast compared to the east coast. Tony Fauci and I would like to know [REDACTED] (b) (5)

Also attached is a MedRxiv preprint that describes major differences in pathogenicity of different viral strains. I just got this [REDACTED] (b) (5)

Can I talk with you later today after you have a chance to review this?

Thanks, Francis

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