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FYI. I get 100 of these per day.

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Dear Tony:

As I continue to follow the evolution of this disastrous calamity, I continue to think of possible approaches to dealing with therapeutic options that might be "off the beaten trail" but nonetheless worth considering – especially for those patients who are at high risk for debilitation and, possibly, death. I share one such thought with you here.

Several years ago, recombinant Human Growth Hormone (rHGH) was reported to be significantly effective in restoring/enhancing T cell anti-viral activity in patients infected with HIV (citation below):

Growth hormone resurrects adult human thymus during HIV-1 infection

Kiki Tesselaar, Frank Miedema

J Clin Invest. 2008;118(3):844-847. <https://doi.org/10.1172/JCI35112>.

My thought is that since, in many ways, elderly patients afflicted with COVID-19 fall into a similar category, that treatment with