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# Profiling of immune dysfunction in COVID-19 patients allows early prediction of disease progression

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November 16, 2020

Re: Life Science Alliance manuscript #LSA-2020-00955-T

Dr. Andre F Rendeiro  
Weill Cornell Medicine  
New York

Dear Dr. Rendeiro,

Thank you for transferring your manuscript entitled "Longitudinal immune profiling of mild and severe COVID-19 reveals immune dysfunction and allows prediction of clinical progression" to Life Science Alliance (LSA).

For a brief overview, the manuscript was reviewed at one of our sister journals, where it was rejected due to lack of advance over another recently published manuscript. As per LSA's mission, we do not consider lack of conceptual advance to be a hindrance to publication of a well done study. LSA editors reviewed the manuscript and the accompanying reviewers' comments, and determined that the study is publishable at LSA pending following minor revisions,

- + Respond to R1's concern about the use of younger healthy donors as controls with discussion drawing the readers' attention to this caveat and a discussion on how this impacts the conclusions drawn (R1 pt1)
- + Clarify the need to stratify severe COVID-19 patients as incubated vs not (R1 pt 3)
- + Improve data presentation (R2, main point and pt1)
- + Tone down the focus on longitudinal aspect of the data as pointed out by R2 (pt 2)
- + Improve designation of MDSCs in patients and discuss and compare the recent Schultze-Schrepping et al Cell manuscript (R2 pt 3)

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Thank you for this interesting contribution to Life Science Alliance. We are looking forward to receiving your revised manuscript.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 2020

RE: Life Science Alliance Manuscript #LSA-2020-00955-TR

Giorgio Inghirami  
Weill Cornell Medicine

Dear Dr. Inghirami,

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript entitled "Profiling of immune dysfunction in COVID-19 patients allows early prediction of disease progression". We would be happy to publish your paper in Life Science Alliance pending final revisions necessary to meet our formatting guidelines.

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December 4, 2020

RE: Life Science Alliance Manuscript #LSA-2020-00955-TRR

Giorgio Inghirami  
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1300 York Avenue  
New York 10065

Dear Dr. Inghirami,

Thank you for submitting your Research Article entitled "Profiling of immune dysfunction in COVID-19 patients allows early prediction of disease progression". It is a pleasure to let you know that your manuscript is now accepted for publication in Life Science Alliance. Congratulations on this interesting work.

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Sincerely,

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