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Your Excellency, President Dr. Von der Leyen! Dear colleague!

In the current health and economic crisis, a crucial component for the resolution of the problems we face is the quick availability of a vaccine or an effective causal therapy. In the last few weeks, a large number of experiences with treating the virus have been collected.

However, many medical questions regarding the therapy of persons sick with SARS-Cov2 remain or doctors charged with treating the patients do not have the necessary overview of which treatment was effective for a concrete case in another country.

In order to help improve the therapy, the development of a register (database), which could quickly be filled with as much medical information as possible, seems useful and important to us. This would allow for the exchange of medical and care-related experiences and for the collection and statistically significant evaluation of evidence concerning effective application of various therapies and medications.

We therefore propose and kindly request your support for such a register, in particular by promoting it across Europe, in order to allow for as much information as possible to be provided for scientific analysis and for daily therapeutic purposes. Of course, all data would be anonymized.

We have a finalized concept for such a register and are convinced that the EU has an essential role to play and therefore ask for your support in this endeavor, which we consider important and urgent.

With kind regards,

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