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EVIDENCE OF CONVALESCENT PLASMA EFFICACY IN THE SIREN-C3P0 TRIAL

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Abstract:	



The SIREN-C3PO trial contains substantial signals of COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CCP) efficacy. The authors show that if hospitalizations on the day of treatment are excluded (as they are unlikely to be treatment related) the primary outcome is found 24% less often in the CCP arm (p = .07).

We find three other indicators of advantage to CCP recipients, all statistically significant.

1. Dyspnea emerged in 6.7% of controls, but in 2.3% of the CCP treated (P < .05).

2. Hospitalizations (including deaths) after the day of treatment were found in 12.8% of the CCP treated but in 19.6% of controls (p = .035).

3. Symptom worsening after the first day occurred in 34.9% of CCP recipients, but in 41.9% of controls (p < .05)

These signals of convalescent plasma efficacy should have allowed the study to continue to its pre-specified sample size, and not to be terminated for futility when just 59% of the targeted population had been recruited. While these findings do not prove CCP efficacy, they constitute evidence that should not have been ignored. ould not nave