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Re: Michael Schlisser – D/O/B 9-2-1959

Dear Mr. Yurowitz:

You have requested my opinion concerning the risks to Michael Schlisser, a former patient of mine who previously suffered an acute aortic dissection, were he to contract Covid-19. As you may be aware, I have done extensive research in connection with the current Covid-19 pandemic. See “Touting Virus Cure, ‘Simple Country Doctor’ Becomes a Right-Wing Star,” *New York Times* (April 2, 2020). That research reveals that there is a dearth of available information concerning the effects of Covid-19 on individuals such as Mr. Schlisser. See Fukuhara et al, “Acute Type A Aortic Dissection during COVID-19 Outbreak,” *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* (Journal Pre-proof Mar. 29, 2020) (noting “the lack of existing data regarding concurrent aortic dissection and COVID-19 infection”).

Despite this lack of research, in my expert medical opinion and experience, Mr. Schlisser is in a significantly higher risk category than most individuals his age. In 2017, Mr. Schlisser suffered an aortic dissection. The precise cause of Mr. Schlisser’s condition remains undetermined. While Mr. Schlisser did undergo certain genetic testing, it cannot be ruled out that his dissection has a genetic origin. As is well known in the medical profession, an aortic dissection is one of the most lethal conditions known to medicine. Mortality rates are over 50%. In view of the lack of certainty regarding the cause for his condition, and the fact that many of the underlying causes for aortic dissection (e.g., hypertension, atherosclerosis) present high risk for contracting Covid-19, Mr. Schlisser has to be assumed to be in the higher-risk category.

My advice to any of my patients who previously suffered from a similar episode is the maintenance of a particularly strict quarantine regimen until a vaccine or other

widely accepted treatment is identified.<sup>1</sup> While I am not completely familiar with quarantine protocols at prison facilities, I cannot imagine that they can be sufficient for someone with Mr. Schlisser's medical background. The anecdotal evidence that I have seen from people in tight quarters such as those in prison-like conditions is that the risk of virus transmission is significant.

It is my strong opinion that Mr. Schlisser should be on home arrest with ankle monitoring if necessary. This would significantly reduce his risk of infection.

A copy of my resume is attached.

*Vladimir Zelenko*

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<sup>1</sup> Much to my chagrin, and despite the success I have personally experience in my practice, not everyone has accepted my recommendation that the risks of Covid-19 can be substantially reduced by a regimen of hydroxychloroquine, azithromycin and zinc sulfate.

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