

On Friday, November 8, 2013 2:16 PM, William Halford <halford@siumed.edu> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Would love to look everyone's blood antibody response sooner, but my lab currently consists of myself and 1 graduate student and anything I do with you guys or your blood is extra and on top of what I get paid to do.....so, this is the reason for the long delay. If my graduate student gets to it before I do, I will pass along the results.....and I will update you on Mexico once I know more.

- Bill

On 11/8/2013 1:38 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

> Oh I didnt know you were not checking them for so long. So far I have no negative symptoms from the last injection and do not expect I will as it is already healed up. I will let you know in the coming weeks if I notice improvements.

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> Please let us know how things go in Mexico.

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> Thanks,

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> [REDACTED]

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> On Friday, November 8, 2013 10:04 AM, William Halford <halford@siumed.edu> wrote:

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> Hi [REDACTED]

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> A lot of the antibodies raised against the HSV-2 vaccine should cross-react with HSV-1 proteins. I am still a few months away from being able to run the blood tests on everyone's blood draws. Given that I will be gone in Montana from December to July 2014, I may not get to the blood until I return next August.

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> At this point, I am less interested in the immunology theory of how the HSV-2 vaccine works, and more interested in the more immediate / more pressing question of "Does it work?" Moving forward, I will be interested to hear from you with regard to whether your genital herpes symptoms (1) got worse after the vaccine, (2) stayed the same before and after the vaccine, or (3) got better and/or decreased in frequency after the vaccine.

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> Regarding a blood test for HSV-1, 6 months seems like a reasonable

> amount of time to let your body adapt to the vaccine and the HSV-1
> infection and find its new equilibrium / setpoint.

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> - Bill

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> On 11/7/2013 3:36 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

>> I was wondering if the vaccine is successful in fighting my hsv-1 then would my hsv-1 antibodies increase over time or only the hsv-2 antibodies? I'm thinking the hsv-1 as those would be the antigens that are presented but I dont know thats why Im asking you.

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>> Also, I may get a blood test to measure both of the antibodies. How long should I wait? I was thinking maybe 6 months to allow time for the vaccine to fight the hsv-1.

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>> I would also be interested to know if you detected a significant amount of antibodies in our last bloodwork. I dont know if you check for both types or just the hsv-2

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>> No hurry...I know you are busy.

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>> Thanks,

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