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Infezione da SARS-CoV-2 come paradigma di infezione sistemica

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COVID-19 and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children and adolescents

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	MIS-C associated with COVID-19	PIMS-TS	MIS-C associated with COVID-19	Complete Kawasaki disease	Incomplete Kawasaki disease	Kawasaki disease shock syndrome
Organisation or publication	WHO ⁶	Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health ³⁹	US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ³⁷	American Heart Association ⁴⁰	American Heart Association ⁴⁰	Kanegaye et al, ⁴¹
Age	0–19 years	Child (age not specified)	<21 years	Child (age not specified)	Child (age not specified)	Child (age not specified)
Inflammation	Fever and elevated inflammatory markers for 3 days or more	Fever and elevated inflammatory markers	Fever and elevated inflammatory markers	Fever lasting 5 days or more*	Fever lasting 5 days or more*	Fever
Main features	Two of the following: (A) rash or bilateral non-purulent conjunctivitis or mucocutaneous inflammation signs (oral, hands, or feet); (B) hypotension or shock; (C) features of myocardial dysfunction, pericarditis, valvulitis, or coronary abnormalities (including echocardiogram findings or elevated troponin or N-terminal pro B-type natriuretic peptide); (D) evidence of coagulopathy (elevated prothrombin time, partial thromboplastin time, and elevated D-dimers); and (E) acute gastrointestinal problems (diarrhoea, vomiting, or abdominal pain)	Single or multiple organ dysfunction (shock or respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, or neurological disorder; additional features (appendix 6 pp 3–4)	Clinically severe illness requiring hospitalisation; and multisystem (two or more) organ involvement (cardiac, renal, respiratory, haematological, gastrointestinal, dermatological, or neurological)	Four or more principal clinical features: (A) erythema and cracking of lips, strawberry tongue or oral and pharyngeal mucosa; (B) bilateral bulbar conjunctival injection without exudate; (C) rash; (D) erythema and oedema of the hands and feet in acute phase and periungual desquamation in subacute phase; and (E) cervical lymphadenopathy	Two or three principal clinical features or a positive echocardiogram	Kawasaki disease-like clinical features and any of the following causing initiation of volume expansion, vasoactive agents, or transfer to the intensive care unit: systolic hypotension based on age, or a decrease in systolic blood pressure from baseline by 20% or more, or clinical signs of poor perfusion



Manifestations associated with COVID-19

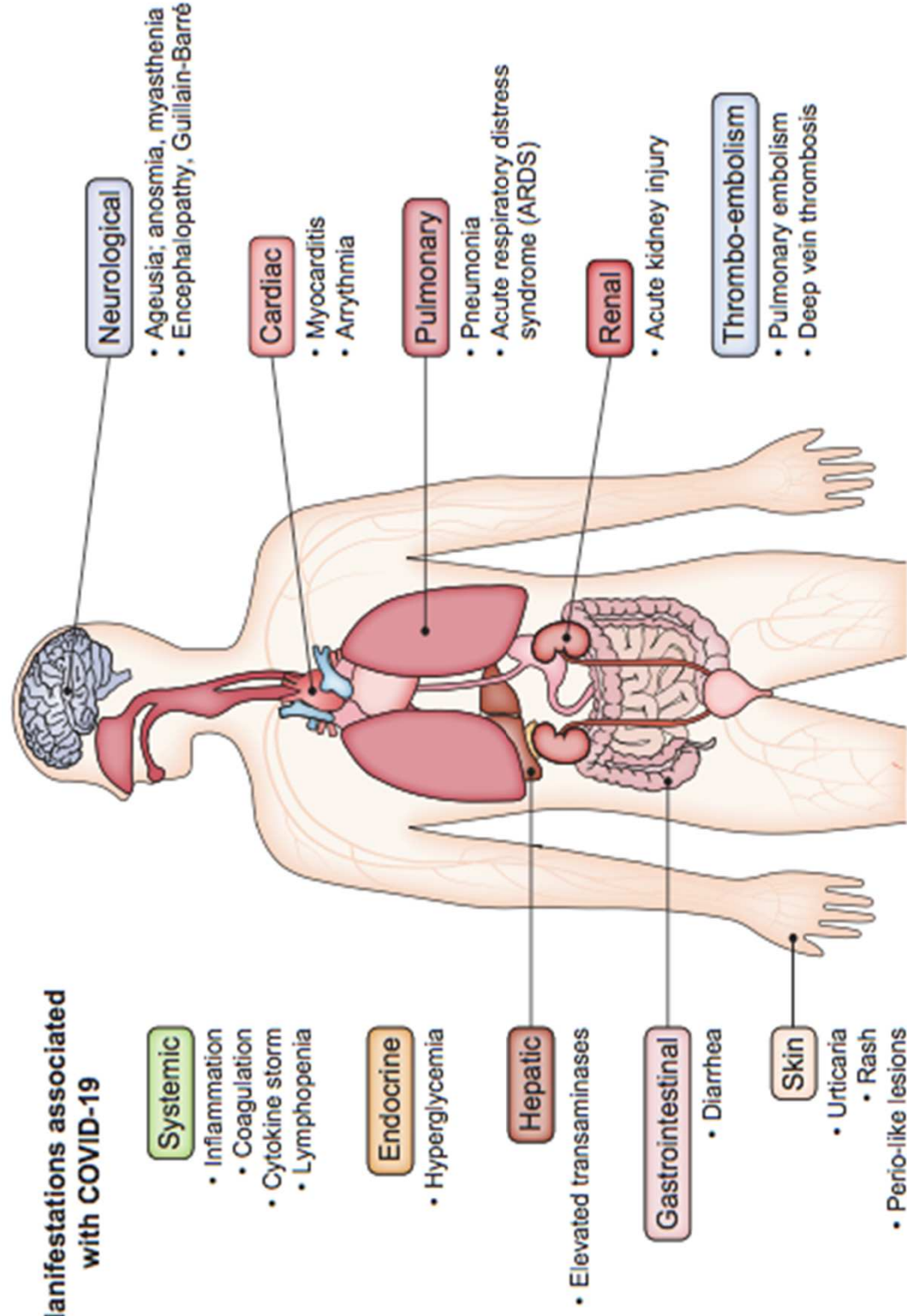


Fig. 3. Systemic manifestations of COVID-19. COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019.

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Self-reported Olfactory and Taste Disorders in Patients With Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Infection: A Cross-sectional Study

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Table 1. Characteristics of Patients With Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Infection Assessed for Taste and Olfactory Disorders (N = 59)

Patients	No. (%)
Age, y, median (IQR)	60 (50–74)
Male sex	40 (67.8)
Days from illness onset to hospital admission, median (IQR)	6 (4–10)
Days from illness onset to the interview, median (IQR)	15 (10–21)
Pneumonia at hospital admission	43 (72.8)
Symptoms at hospital admission	
Fever	43 (72.8)
Cough	22 (37.3)
Dyspnea	15 (25.4)
Sore throat	1 (1.7)
Arthralgia	3 (5.1)
Coryza	1 (1.7)
Headache	2 (3.4)
Asthenia	1 (1.7)
Abdominal symptoms	5 (8.5)
No taste or olfactory disorders	39 (66.1)
With olfactory and/or taste disorders	20 (33.9)
Taste disorders only	
Dysgeusia	5 (8.5)
Ageusia	1 (1.7)
Olfactory disorders only	
Hyposmia	3 (5.1)
Anosmia	0 (0)
Mixed taste and olfactory disorders	
Dysgeusia and hyposmia	2 (3.4)
Dysgeusia and anosmia	2 (3.4)
Ageusia and hyposmia	2 (3.4)
Ageusia and anosmia	5 (8.5)

Autopsy series of 68 cases dying before and during the 1918 influenza pandemic peak

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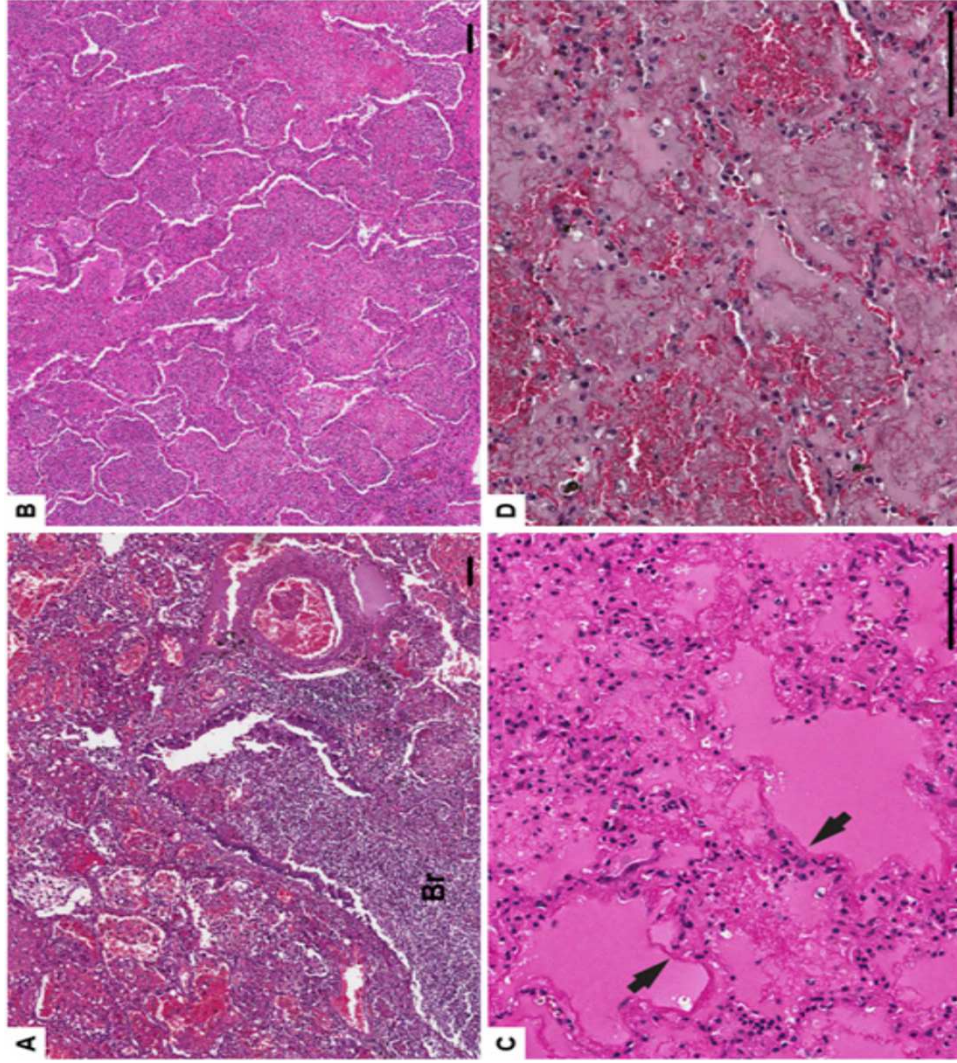


Table 1. Major pulmonary histological diagnoses

Characteristic	No./total no. (%)
Bronchitis	4/4* (100%)
Acute pneumonia	68/68 (100%)
Bronchiolitis	39/68 (57%)
DAD	36/68 (53%)
Acute edema	41/68 (60%)
Acute hemorrhage	27/68 (40%)
Thrombus formation	5/68† (7%)
Pleuritis	10/68 (15%)

*Only 4 of 68 cases had evaluable bronchial tissue.

†One patient with thrombus formation has recently been reported as bearing sickle-cell trait (52).

Postmortem Findings Associated With SARS-CoV-2

Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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TABLE 5. Key Microscopic Lung Pathology Findings

Histopathology	COVID-19		SARS-CoV-1		Higher Proportion	χ^2
	Total	n (%)	Total	n (%)		
DAD*	157	127 (80.9)	54	54 (100.0)	SARS	12.029
Hyaline membranes	157	126 (80.3)	54	49 (90.7)	SARS	3.122
Inflammatory cells†	157	115 (73.2)	54	45 (83.3)	SARS	2.487
Microthrombi	157	93 (59.2)	54	33 (61.1)	SARS	0.059
Hemorrhage	157	56 (35.7)	54	42 (77.8)	SARS	28.643
Vascular injury‡	157	33 (21.0)	54	26 (48.1)	SARS	14.681
Pulmonary embolism	157	13 (8.3)	54	6 (11.1)	SARS	0.393



Viral presence and immunopathology in patients with lethal COVID-19: a prospective autopsy cohort study

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Other disease manifestations		Delirium		5
Thromboembolic events	10 (48%)	Cerebrovascular accident (acute stroke)		2
Deep venous thrombosis	3	Other		3
Pulmonary embolism (thrombosis)	6	Necrotising encephalitis		1
Both	1	Hypoxic encephalopathy		2
Cardiac events	13 (62%)	Suprainfection (%)		9 (43%)
Arrhythmias	12	Aspergillus**		8
Ischaemic events	0	Bacterial		1
Heart failure	1	Viral		0
Renal failure¶	15 (71%)	Autopsy characteristics		
KDIGO stage 1	2	Disease course from symptom onset, days		22 (5-44)
KDIGO stage 2	3	Time from death to autopsy, h		15 (3-88)
KDIGO stage 3	10	Autopsy diagnosis cause of death		
Neurological events	10 (48%)	COVID-19 pneumonia		9 (43%)
		Pulmonary embolism		2 (10%)
		Cerebrovascular accident (acute stroke)		1 (5%)
		Multiorgan failure		7 (33%)
		Other††		2 (10%)



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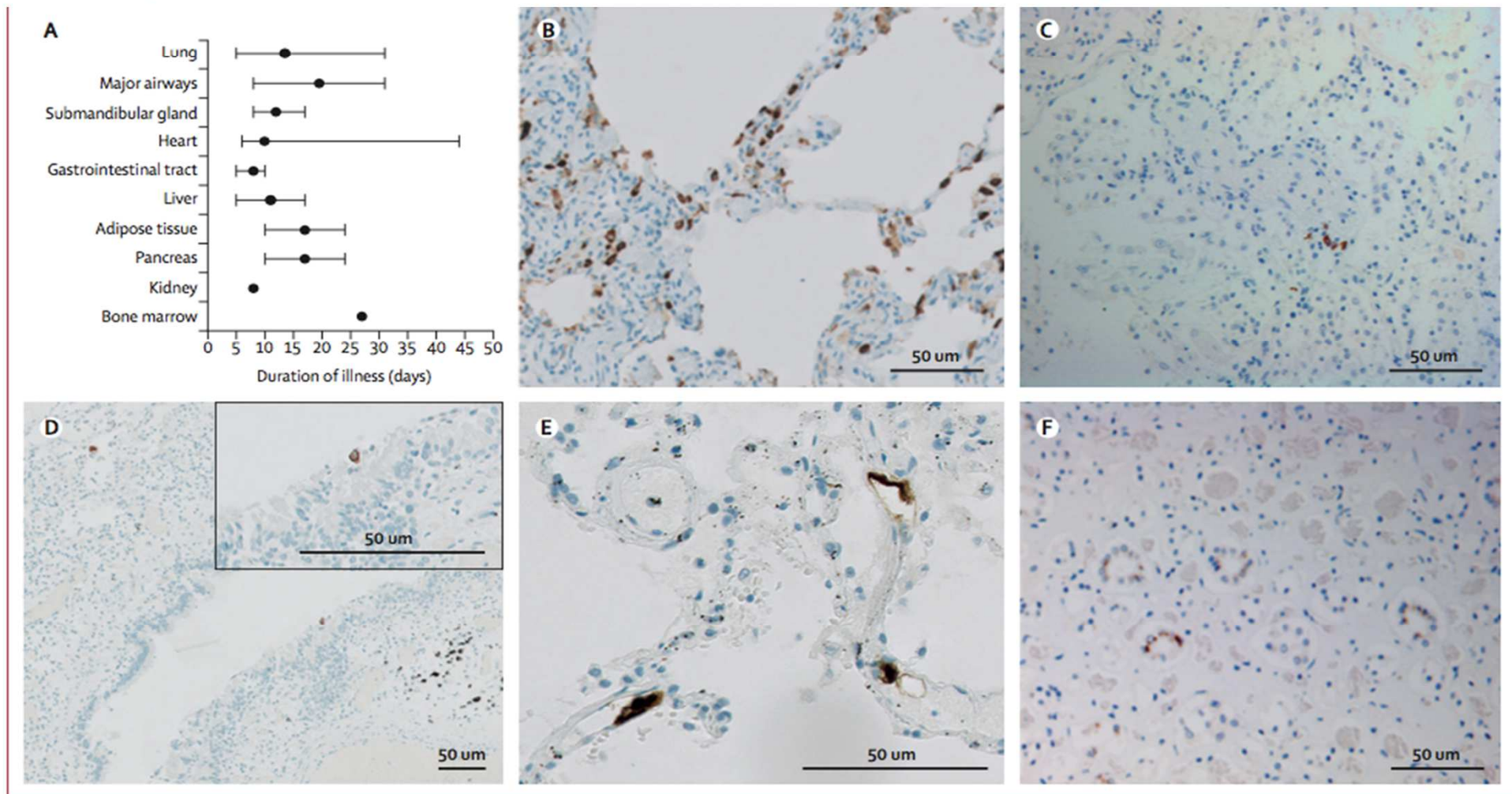


Figure 1: SARS-CoV-2 tropism



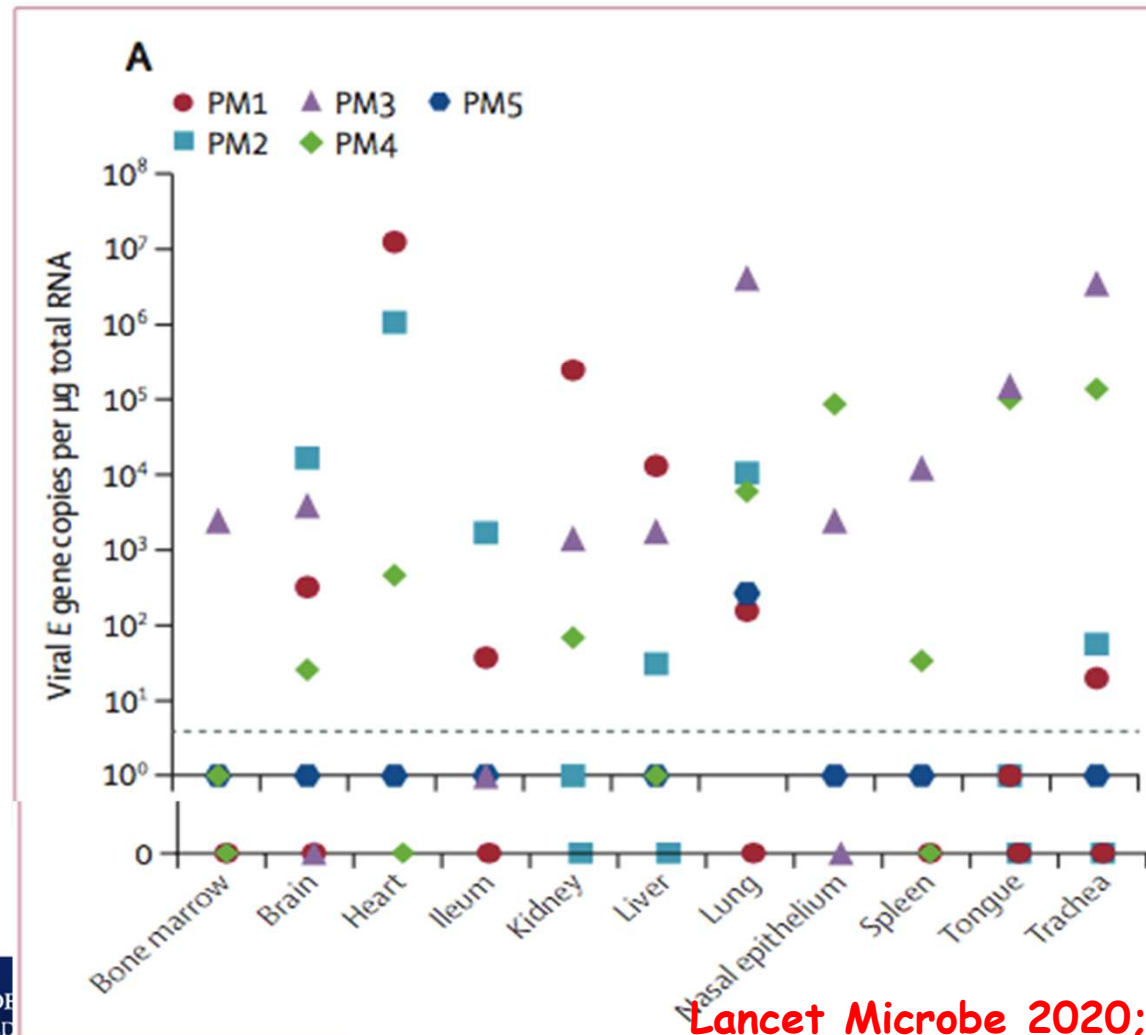
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Histopathological findings and viral tropism in UK patients with severe fatal COVID-19: a post-mortem study

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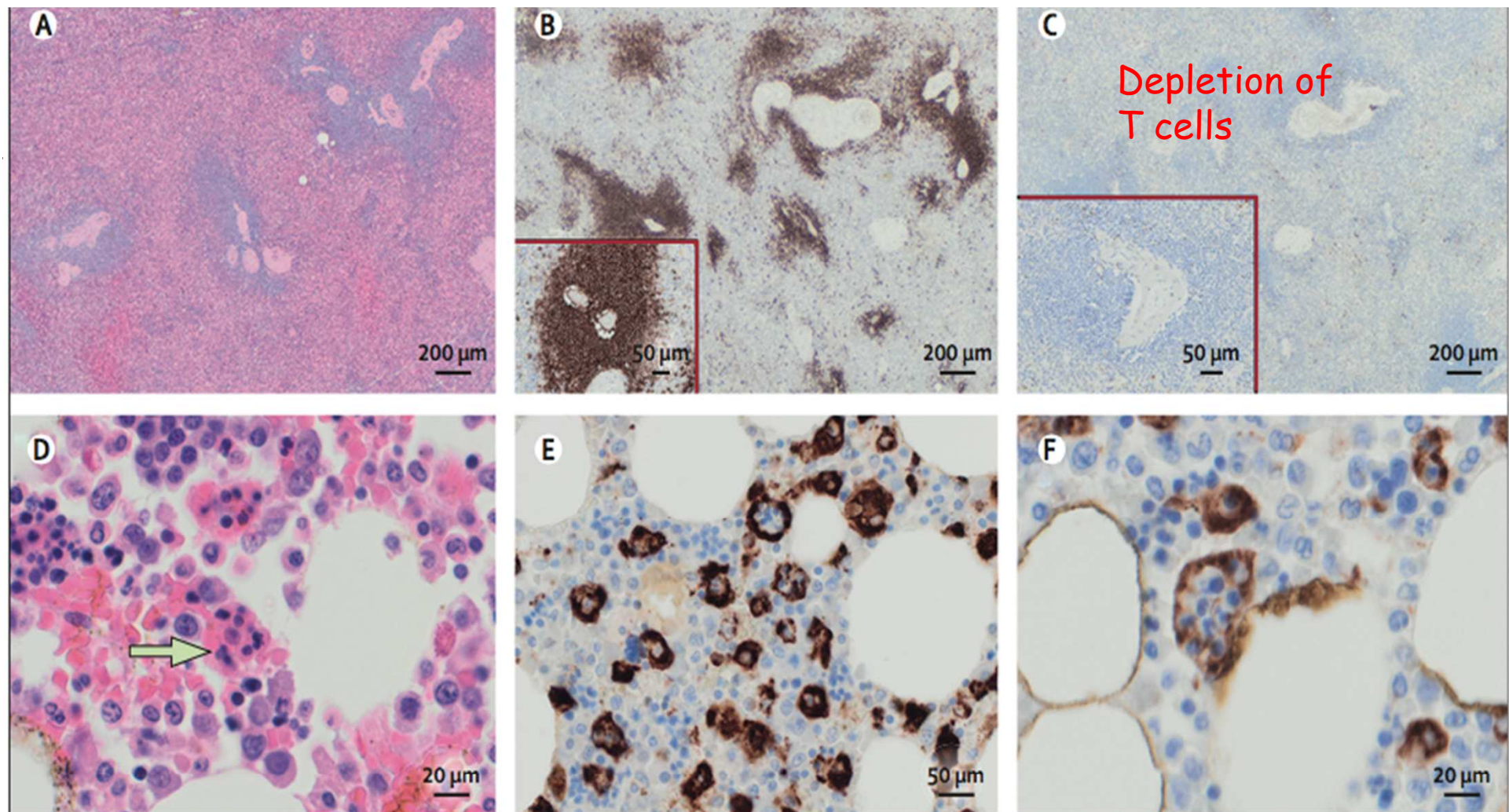


Figure 4: Pathological findings in haematological organs in patients with COVID-19

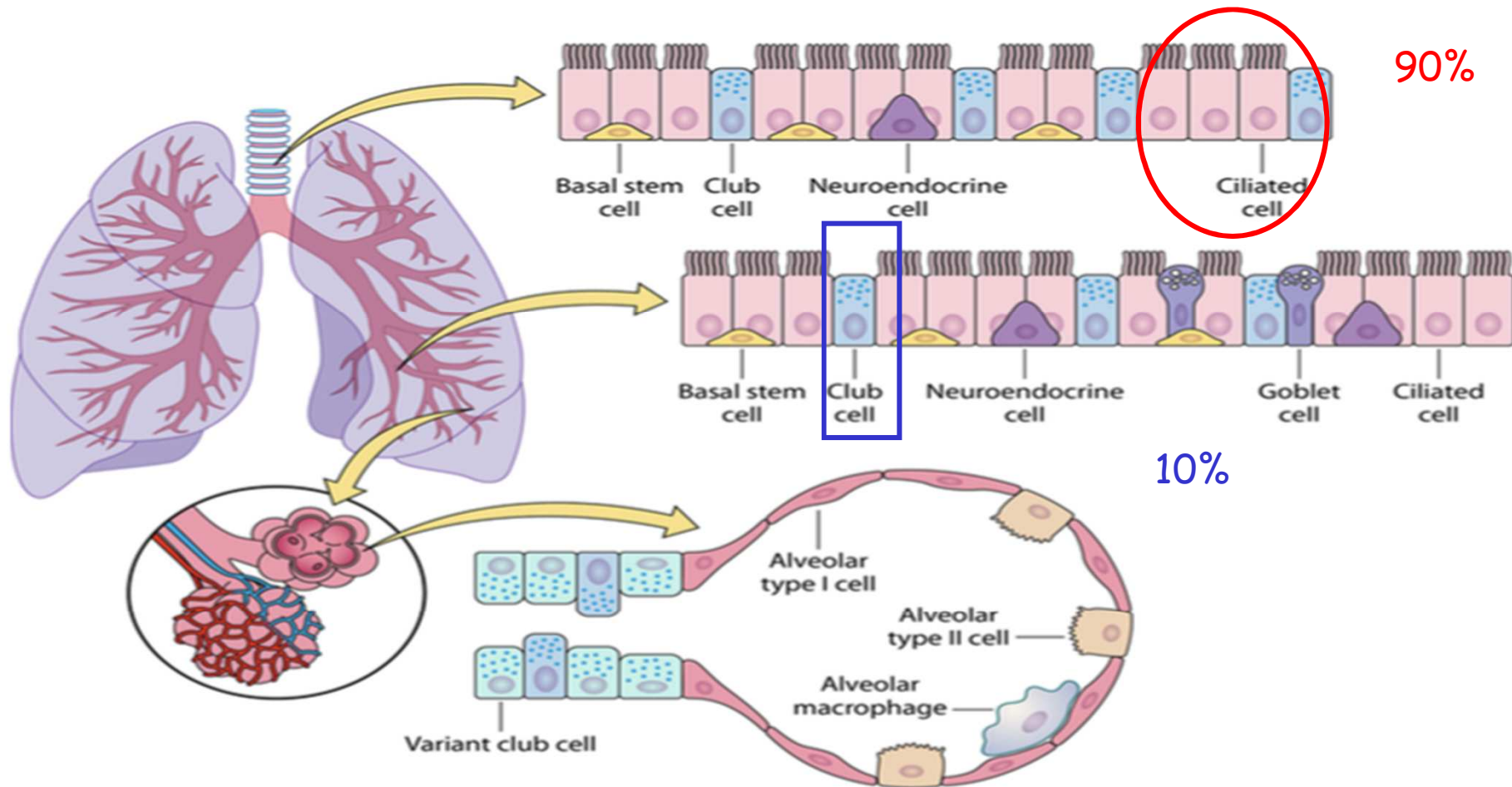
T-cell depletion in the spleen of a 79-year-old woman (PM9) with COVID-19: haematoxylin and eosin staining of the spleen at 10× magnification (A); CD20 staining of spleen indicating presence of B cells (B; 10× magnification), with the insert showing the same region at higher power (20× magnification); and CD3 staining of spleen indicating depletion of T cells (C; 10× magnification), with the insert showing the same region at higher power (20× magnification). Bone marrow phagocytosis in a 97-year-old man (PM8) with COVID-19: haematoxylin and eosin staining of a well preserved bone marrow, with an arrow indicating presence of phagocytosis (D; 40× magnification); and CD68-PGM1 staining of bone marrow indicating presence of phagocytosis (20× [E] and 40× [F] magnification).



Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2): a Systemic Infection

environment. In this model, more than 90% of ciliated cells, less than 10% of club cells, and no basal or goblet cells were infected with SARS-CoV-2 (107). Tindle et al. devel-

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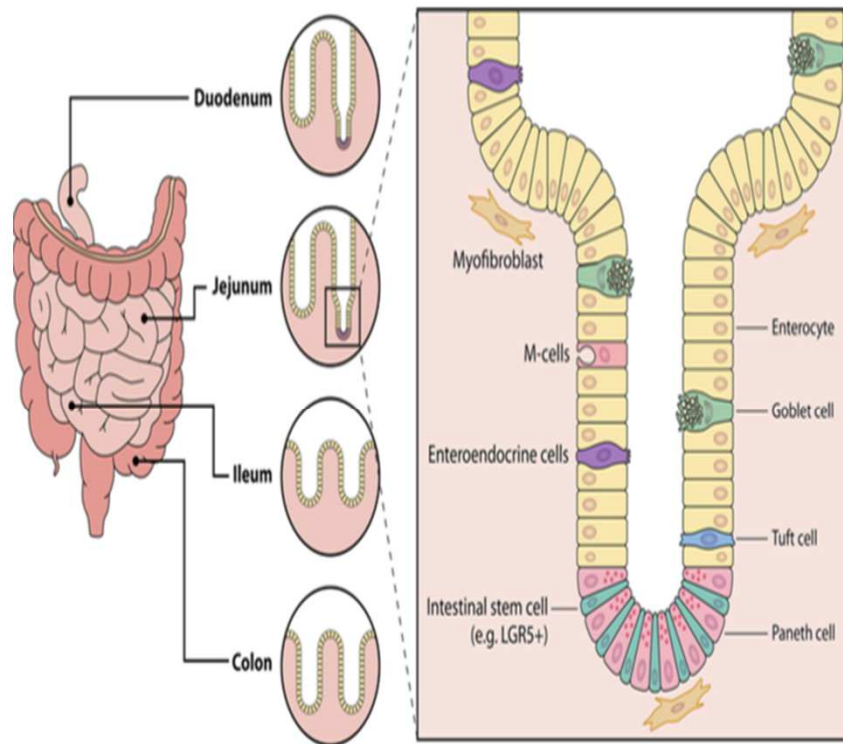


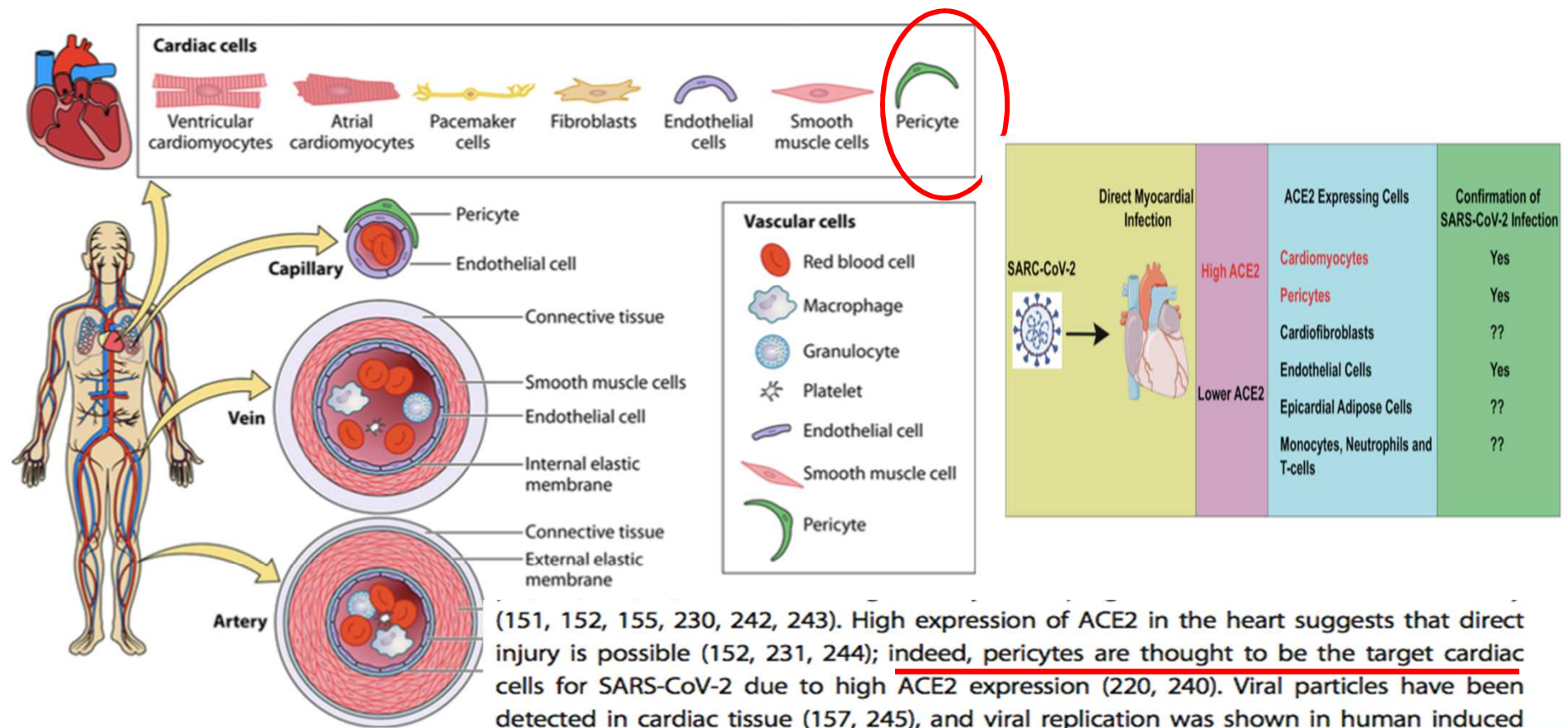
FIG 4 Cell types and their localization in the human intestine.

than that seen in the lungs (139). To be more precise, ACE2 is abundantly expressed in stomach epithelial cells and in enterocytes from the small intestine, including the duodenum, jejunum, and ileum, and it is poorly expressed in colonocytes (140). Unsurprisingly, human colonoids are affected to a lesser extent than organoids deriving from the small intestine (128, 136). Consequently, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 infect only enterocytes and not goblet cells, EECs, tuft cells, or Paneth cells (123, 136). Mature enterocytes express higher ACE2 levels than immature ones, but the levels of replication are comparable. This may indicate that a low level of ACE2 expression is sufficient for the virus to enter the cell (123, 136) or that there is an additional restriction factor present in mature enterocytes. What is interesting is that ACE2 expression increases during gastric (141) and colorectal (142) cancer development. Increased expression of ACE2 is also observed in patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) (143, 144).



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Box 1: Cardiovascular involvement in COVID-19

Clinical Profile:

- Myocarditis and myocardial injury (type 1 and 2)
- Arrhythmia
- Acute coronary syndrome
- Acute cor pulmonale
- Cardiomyopathy
- Cardiogenic shock

Laboratory markers:

- Elevated cardiac-specific troponin and brain natriuretic peptide
- Abnormal EKG (Prolonged QTc intervals, elevated ST)

Potential mechanism/pathophysiology:

- ACE2 has high expression in cardiovascular tissues that support a direct viral injury
- Systemic inflammation



Cardiovascular diseases

Underlying comorbidities

- Hypertension
- Coronary heart disease
- Diabetes mellitus

Cardiovascular complications

Acute cardiac injury

↑ Troponin level

Myocarditis

Direct infection?

Acute coronary syndrome

Heart failure

Arrhythmia

- QT prolongation
- VF or VT
- AF

Thromboembolism

Long-term effect

Common cardiovascular drugs

- ACE inhibitors
- ARBs
- Thiazolidinediones

COVID-19

Viral infection

Susceptibility

Severity

No association?

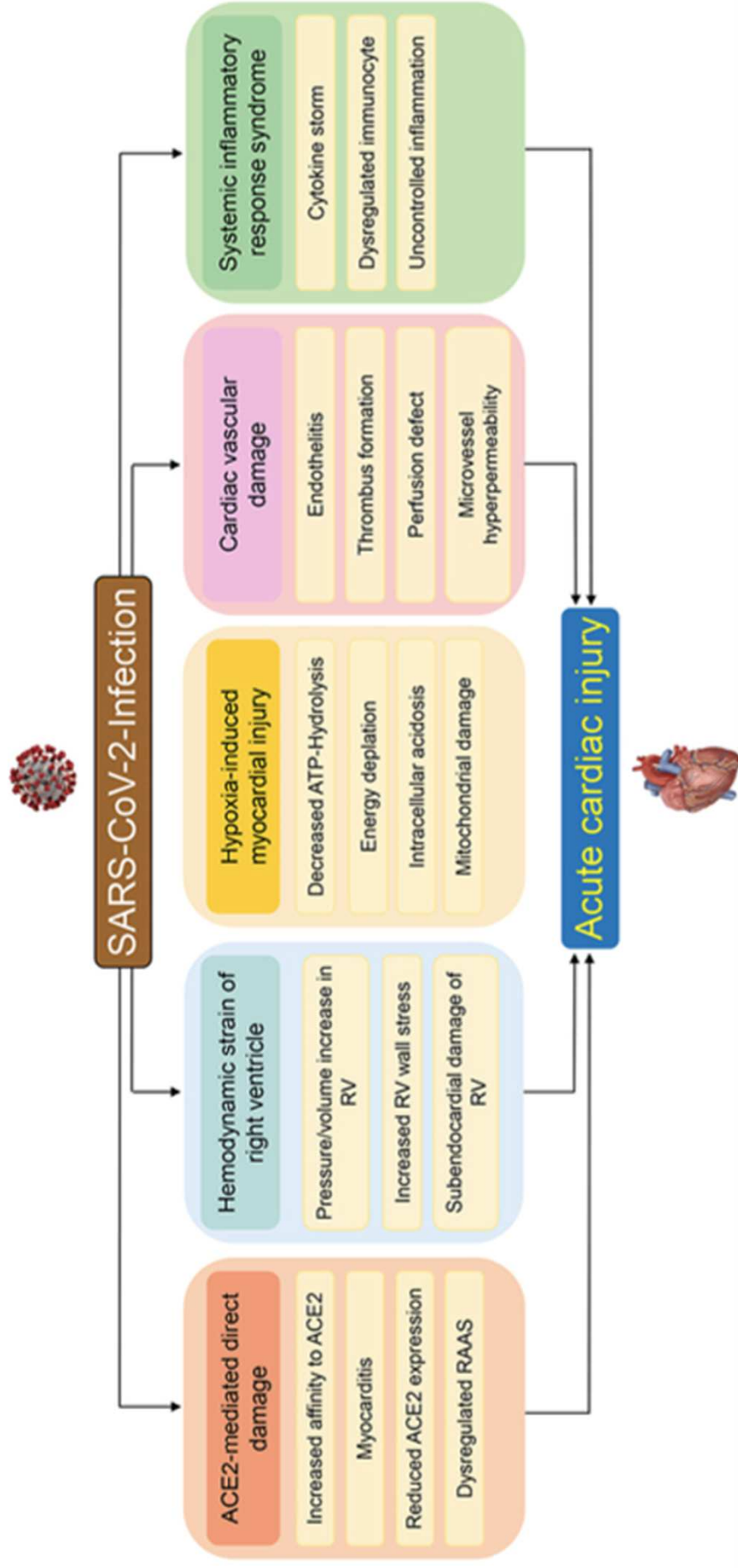
Pneumonia

Acute respiratory distress syndrome

Systemic inflammation

Potential COVID-19 drugs with possible cardiovascular side effects

- Hydroxychloroquine
- Azithromycin
- Lopinavir–ritonavir
- Remdesivir?



Coagulopathy of Coronavirus disease 2019

Two separate pathologic coagulation process

Lung microcirculation (other organs?)
* Vascular and endothelial injury

Microvascular clot formation

Systemic circulation
*Hypercoagulability with hyperfibrinogenemia

Large vessel thrombosis/major thromboembolic sequelae



Coagulopathy of Coronavirus disease 2019

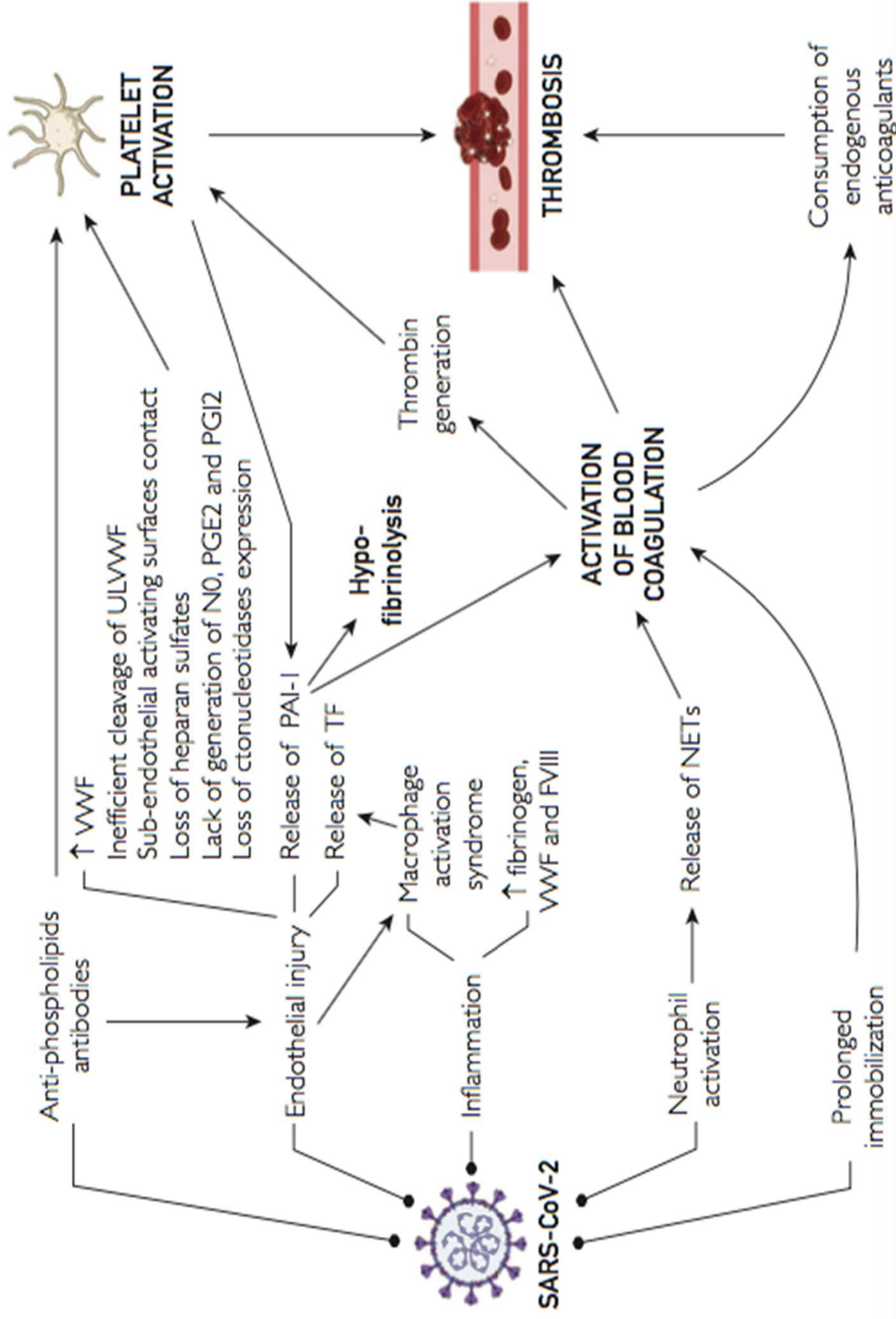
D-dimer increase (46,4%)

Levels > 2.0 mg/L predictive of mortality
(Sen 92.3%; Spec 83.3%)

Platelets counts variable

Thrombocytopenia associated with > 5-fold
risk of severe disease





Stroke, acute coronary syndrome

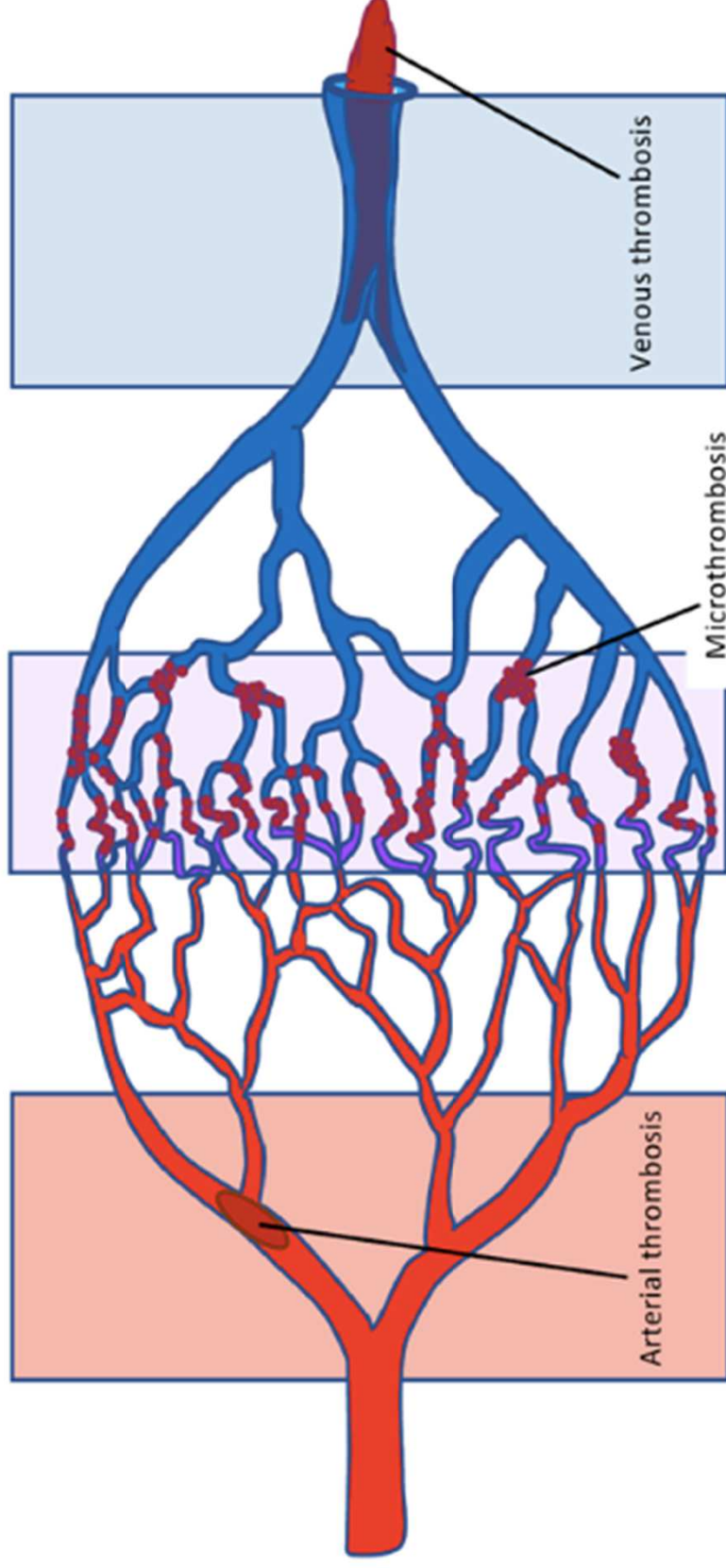
- antiphospholipid antibodies ?
- platelet activation
- increased fibrinogen

Localised intravascular coagulation

- activated coagulation
- leukocyte activation
- endothelial damage

Venous thromboembolism

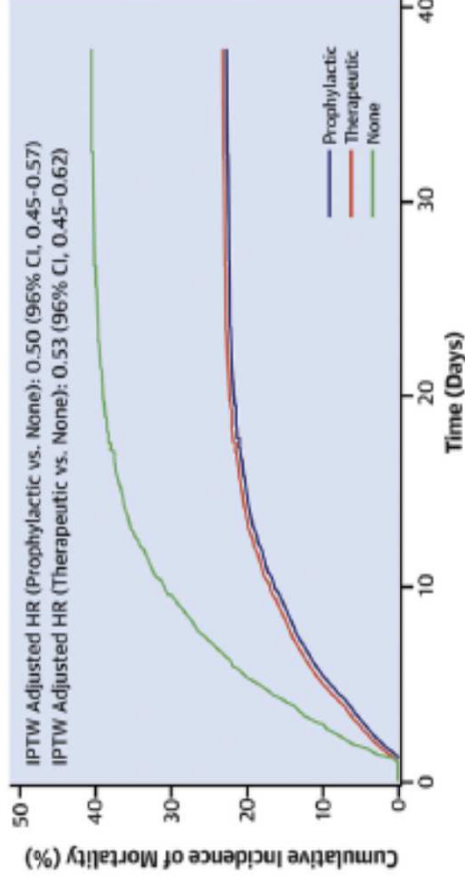
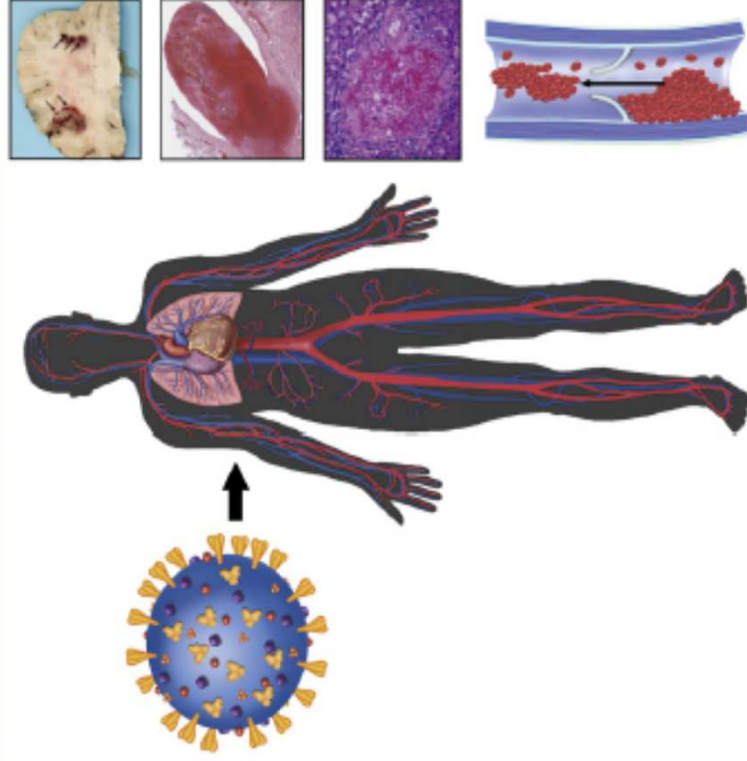
- increased fibrinogen and factor VIII
- activated coagulation
- enhanced platelet-vessel wall interaction



Anticoagulation, Bleeding, Mortality, and Pathology in Hospitalized Patients With COVID-19

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION In-Hospital Anticoagulation and Outcomes in Coronavirus Disease-2019

Thrombosis in COVID-19



Anticoagulation Associated With Better Outcomes

↓ Clinical Trial ↓

Therapeutic vs. Prophylactic LMWH vs. DOAC?

Nadkarni, G.N. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2020;76(16):1815-26.

The clinical spectrum of COVID-19-associated cutaneous manifestations: an Italian multicentre study of 200 adults

TABLE 1. Demographic data and clinical features of 200 patients with COVID-19-associated cutaneous manifestations

Median age at the time of the onset of COVID-19, years (IQR)		57 (40.25-72.25)
Males, n (%)		108 (54)
Females, n (%)		92 (46)
Median latency between cutaneous manifestations and systemic symptoms, days (IQR)*		14 (4-27)
Median duration of cutaneous manifestations, days (IQR)**		12 (8-20)
Cutaneous phenotypes	Urticarial rash, n (%) [§]	19 (10.2)
	Confluent erythematous/maculo-papular/morbilliform rash, n (%) [§]	48 (25.7)
	Papulovesicular exanthem, n (%) [§]	29 (15.5)
	Chilblain-like acral pattern, n (%) [§]	46 (24.6)
	Livedo reticularis-like/racemosa-like pattern, n (%) [§]	4 (2.1)
	Purpuric "vasculitic" pattern, n (%) [§]	13 (6.9)
	Other cutaneous phenotypes, n (%) [§]	28 (15)
	More than one phenotype, n (%)	13 (6.5)



Cutaneous manifestations in patients with COVID-19: a preliminary review of an emerging issue*

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Box 2: Renal involvement in COVID-19

Clinical Profile:

- Acute kidney injury
- Proteinuria
- Hematuria
- Electrolyte imbalances

Role of serum albumin and proteinuria in patients with SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia

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Laboratory markers:

- Elevated urea, serum creatinine
- Elevated cystatin-C

Potential mechanism/pathophysiology:

- Direct viral injury
- Systemic inflammation
- Alterations in renal hemodynamics

Consideration:

- Assess the urine analysis to rule out the hematuria and proteinuria
- Assess and correct the electrolyte imbalance

Results: Serum albumin levels <30 g/L were found in 105/207 (50.7%) patients at hospital admission. Overall, the median albumin value was 29.5 g/L (IQR 25-32.8). A negative association was found between albumin levels and severity of COVID-19 ($P < .0001$) and death ($P = .003$). An inverse correlation was observed between albumin and both C-reactive protein and D-dimer at hospital admission ($r = -.487$ and $r = -.479$, respectively; $P < .0001$). Finally, a positive correlation was found between albumin levels and eGFR ($r = .137$; $P = .049$). Proteinuria was observed in 75% of patients with available data and it did not differ between patients with hypoalbuminemia and those with albumin ≥ 30 g/L (81% and 67%, respectively; $P = .09$).

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Neurological infection with SARS-CoV-2 — the story so far

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Key advances

- Anosmia, encephalopathy and stroke are the most common neurological syndromes associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection¹, though many others have been reported.
- Analysis of human biopsy samples suggests that anosmia results predominantly from SARS-CoV-2 infection of non-neuronal cells in the olfactory epithelium and olfactory bulb², leading to local inflammation and neuronal malfunction.
- A high proportion of patients admitted to intensive care units with COVID-19 develop delirium, and evidence suggests that this is caused by microvascular and inflammatory mechanisms³.
- Autopsy data show activation of astrocytes and microglia in COVID-19, particularly in the brainstem, where there is also infiltration of cytotoxic T cells^{7,9}.
- SARS-CoV-2 can be detected in the brain with PCR and immunohistochemistry, but the evidence to date suggests it is mostly in vascular and immune cells rather than directly infecting neurons^{7,9}.

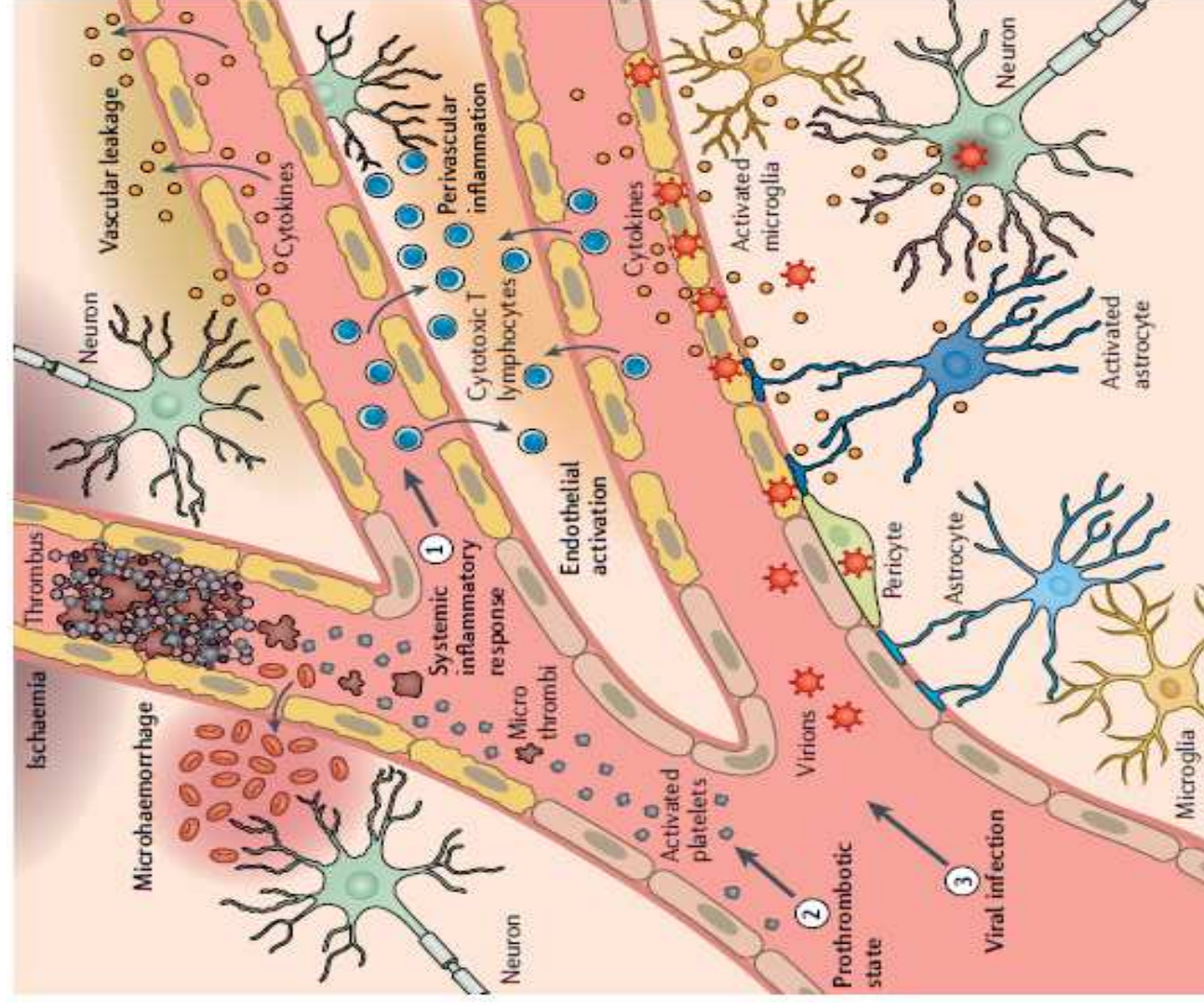


Fig. 1 | Current understanding of predominant COVID-19 neurological disease mechanisms. Mechanisms include a systemic inflammatory response (1), a prothrombotic state (2) and direct viral invasion (3).

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Figure 2. Transsynaptic Viral Spread

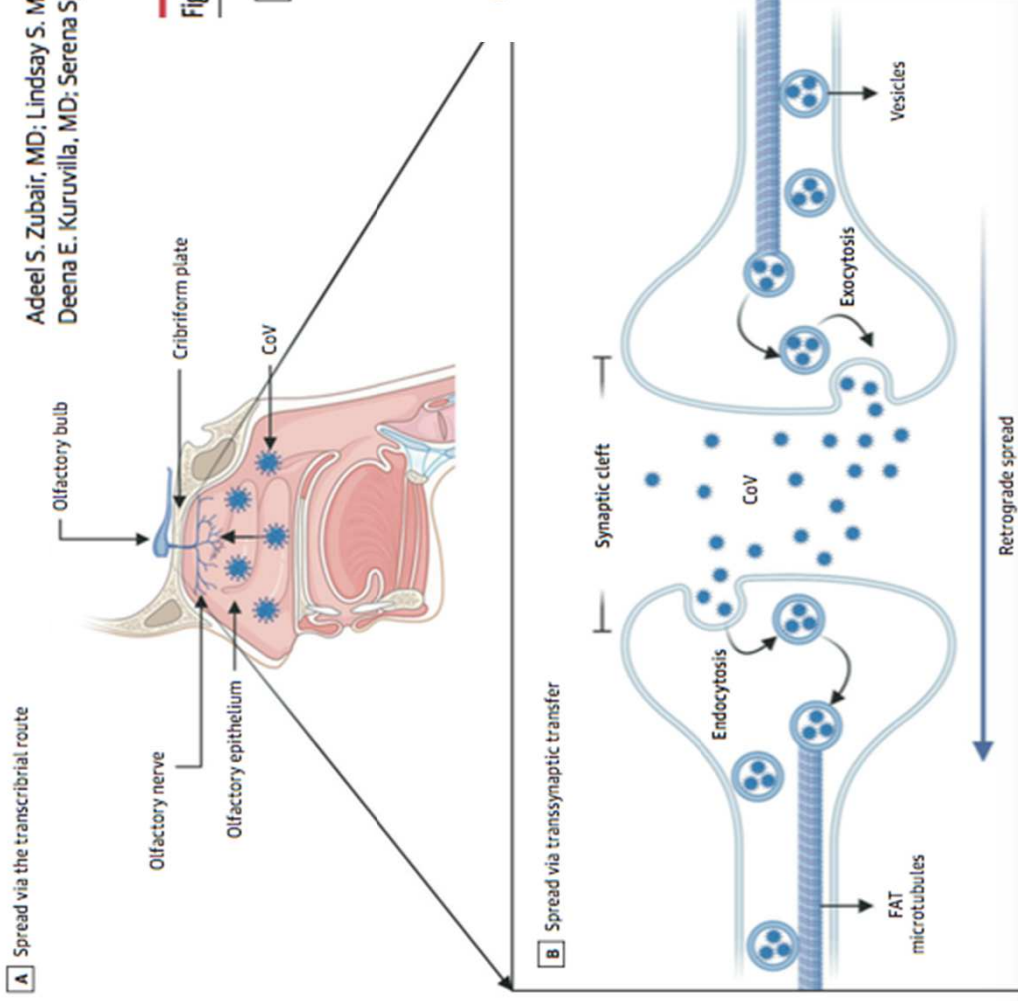


Figure 3. Mechanisms of Spread Across the Blood-Brain Barrier

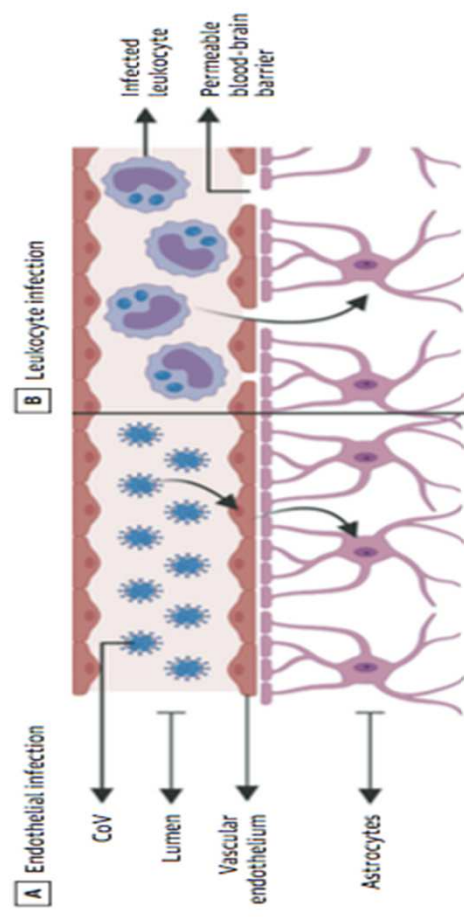
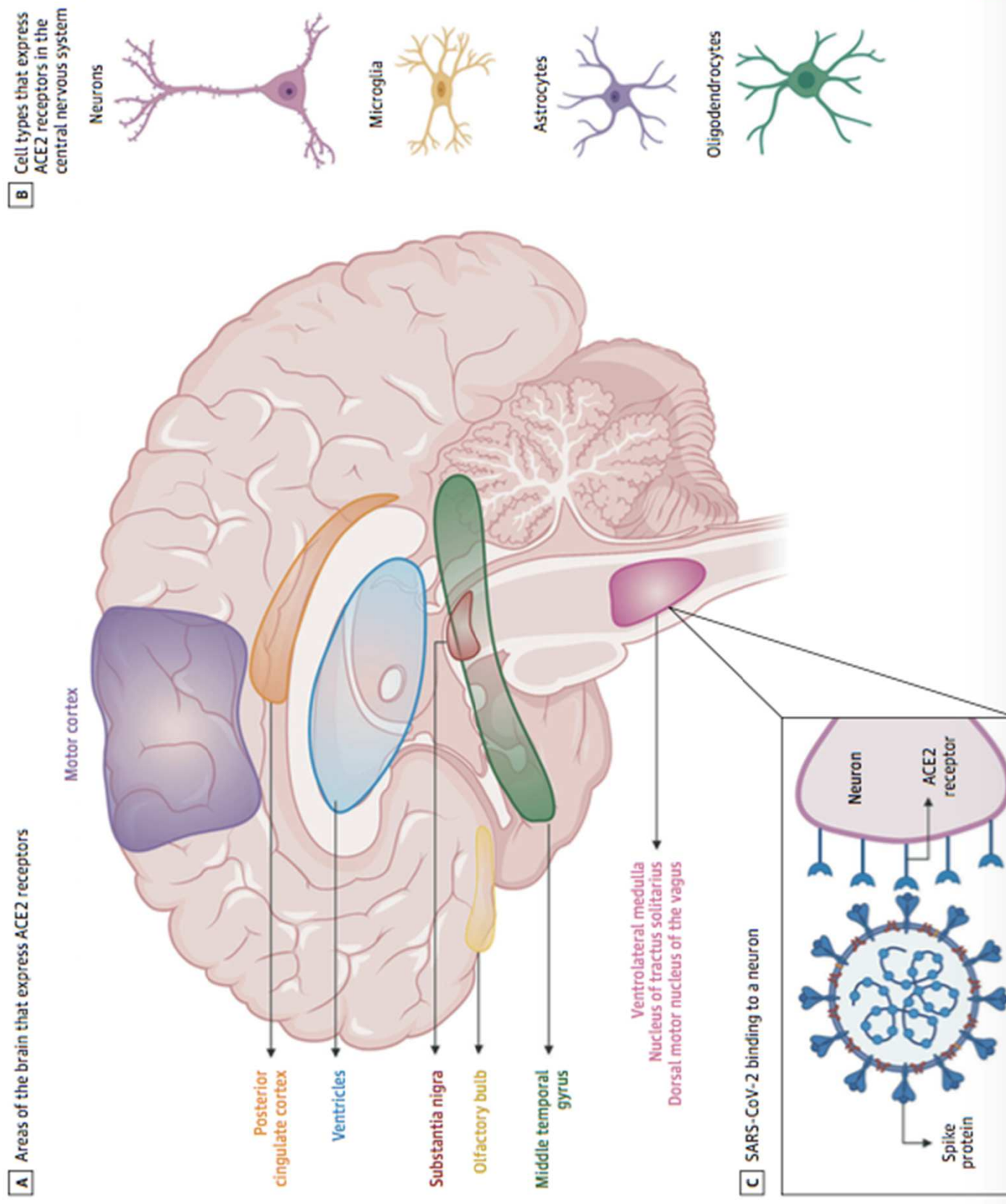


Figure 1. Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme 2 (ACE2) Expression in the Brain



Neurological associations of COVID-19

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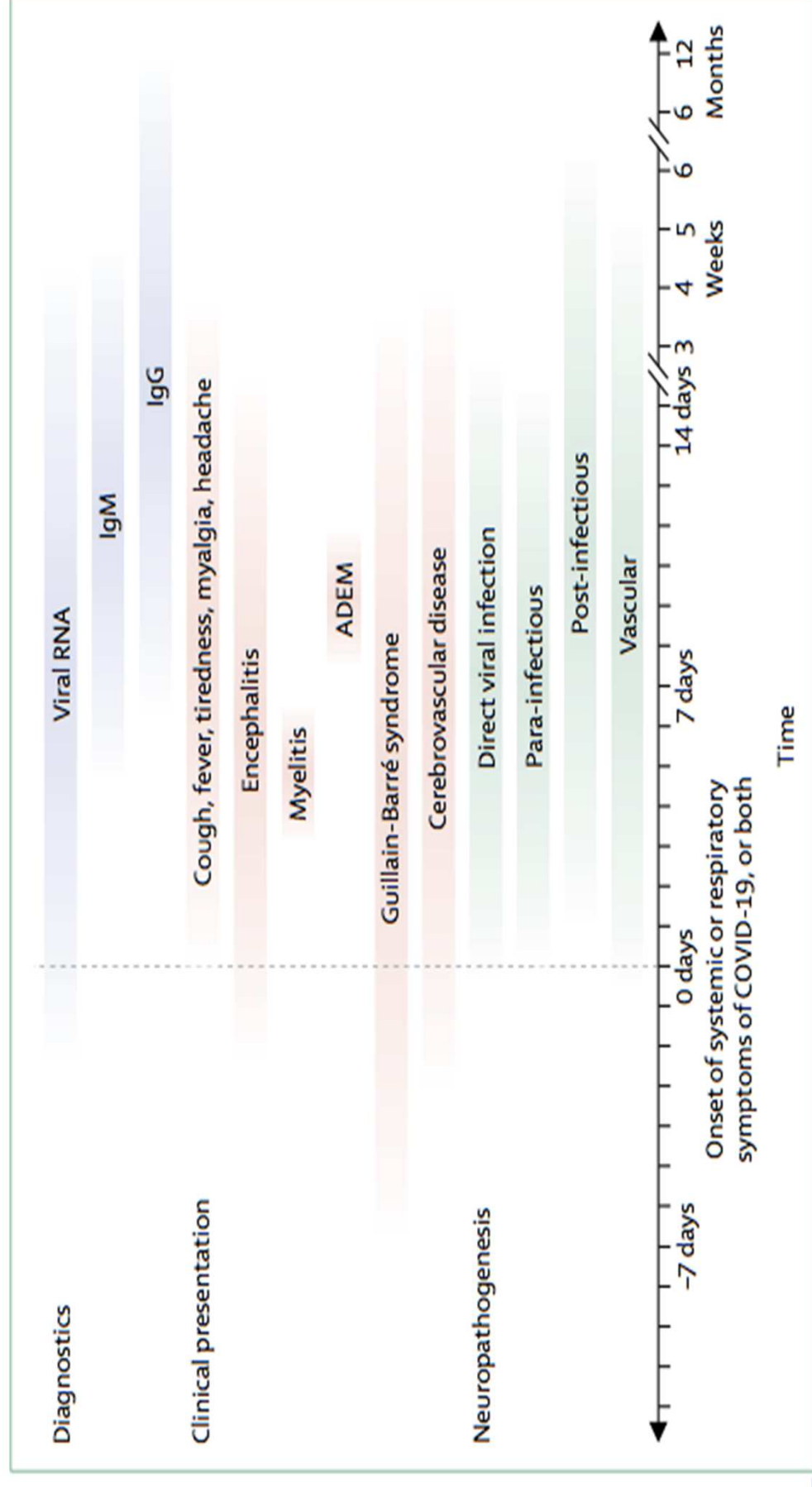


Figure 1: Approximate timeline for positive diagnostic tests, clinical presentation, and pathogenesis in COVID-19-associated neurological disease

Neurological manifestations associated with SARS-CoV-2 and other coronaviruses: A narrative review for clinicians

Table 1 – Prevalence and characteristics of neurological manifestations in COVID-19 patients: data from eight cohort studies.

Authors	Mao et al.	Romero-Sanchez et al.	Mahammedi et al.	Guilmot et al.	Agarwal et al.	Varatharaj et al.	Kremer et al.	Paterson et al.	Meppiel et al.
Setting	China, 3 centers	Spain, 2 centers	Italy, 3 centers	Belgium, 3 centers	USA, 1 center	UK-wide surveillance study	France, 11 centers	UK, 1 center	France, 46 centers
COVID-19 patients, total n (%)	214 (100)	841 (100)	725 (100)	349 (100)	404 (100)	–	–	–	–
COVID-19 patients with neurological symptoms, n (%)	78 (36.4)	483 (57.4)	108 (14.9)	15 (4.3)	295 (73.0)	153	64	43	222
Headache	28 (13.1)	119 (14.1)	13 (1.8)	–	82 (20.3)	–	10	–	24
Dizziness	36 (16.8)	51 (6.1)	4 (0.6)	–	31 (7.7)	–	–	–	5
Altered mental status and/or impaired consciousness	16 (7.5)	165 (19.6)	64 (8.8)	7 (1.5)	86 (21.3)	39	34	–	117
Ataxia	1 (0.5)	–	2 (0.3)	–	20 (5.0)	–	–	–	–
Seizure	1 (0.5)	6 (0.7)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.5)	–	2	1	21
Anosmia	12 (5.6)	41 (4.9)	2 (0.3)	2 (0.6)	18 (4.5)	1	1	–	7
Nerve pain	5 (2.3)	–	3 (0.4)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dysautonomia	–	21 (2.5)	–	–	1 (0.2)	–	–	–	–
Neuropsychiatric	–	167 (19.8)	–	3 (0.9)	–	–	–	–	–
Myalgia	23 (10.7)	145 (17.2)	13 (1.8)	–	131 (32.4)	23	–	–	–
Neurological									



Neurological manifestations associated with SARS-CoV-2 and other coronaviruses: A narrative review for clinicians

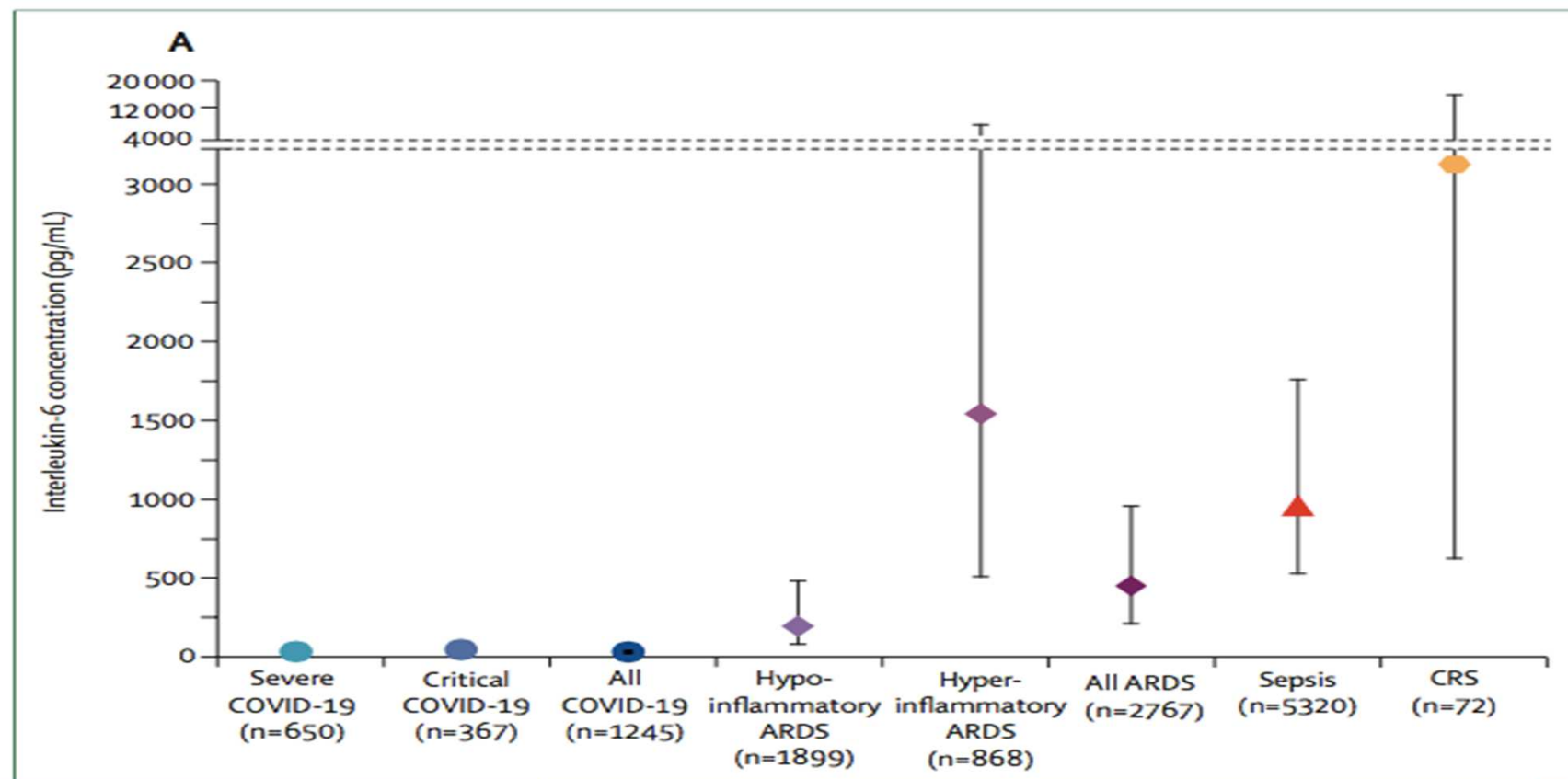
Table 1 – Prevalence and characteristics of neurological manifestations in COVID-19 patients: data from eight cohort studies.

Authors	Mao et al.	Romero-Sanchez	Mahammedi et al.	Guilmot et al.	Agarwal et al.	Varatharaj et al.	Kremer et al.	Paterson et al.	Meppiel et al.
Neurological manifestations, n (%)									
Acute cerebrovascular disease	6 (2.8)	14 (1.7)	42 (5.8)	3 (0.9)	3 (0.7)	77	–	–	57
Ischemic stroke	–	11 (1.3)	34 (4.7)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.5)	57	17	8	52
Hemorrhagic stroke	–	–	6 (0.8)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	9	–	–	5
Cerebral Venous Thrombosis	–	–	2 (0.3)	0	0	2	–	–	1
Posterior reversible encephalopathy	–	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0	0	–	–	–	0
Encephalopathy/encephalitis	–	1 (0.1)	4 (0.6) ^a	10 (2.9) ^c	86 (21.3)	16	19 ^e	21 ^f	88 ^g
Myelitis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Guillain-Barré syndrome and variants	–	1 (0.1)	3 (0.4) ^b	1 (0.3) ^d	0	4	–	7	15 ^h
Isolated oculomotor neuropathy	–	–	–	1 (0.3)	0	–	–	1	2



Cytokine elevation in severe and critical COVID-19: a rapid systematic review, meta-analysis, and comparison with other inflammatory syndromes

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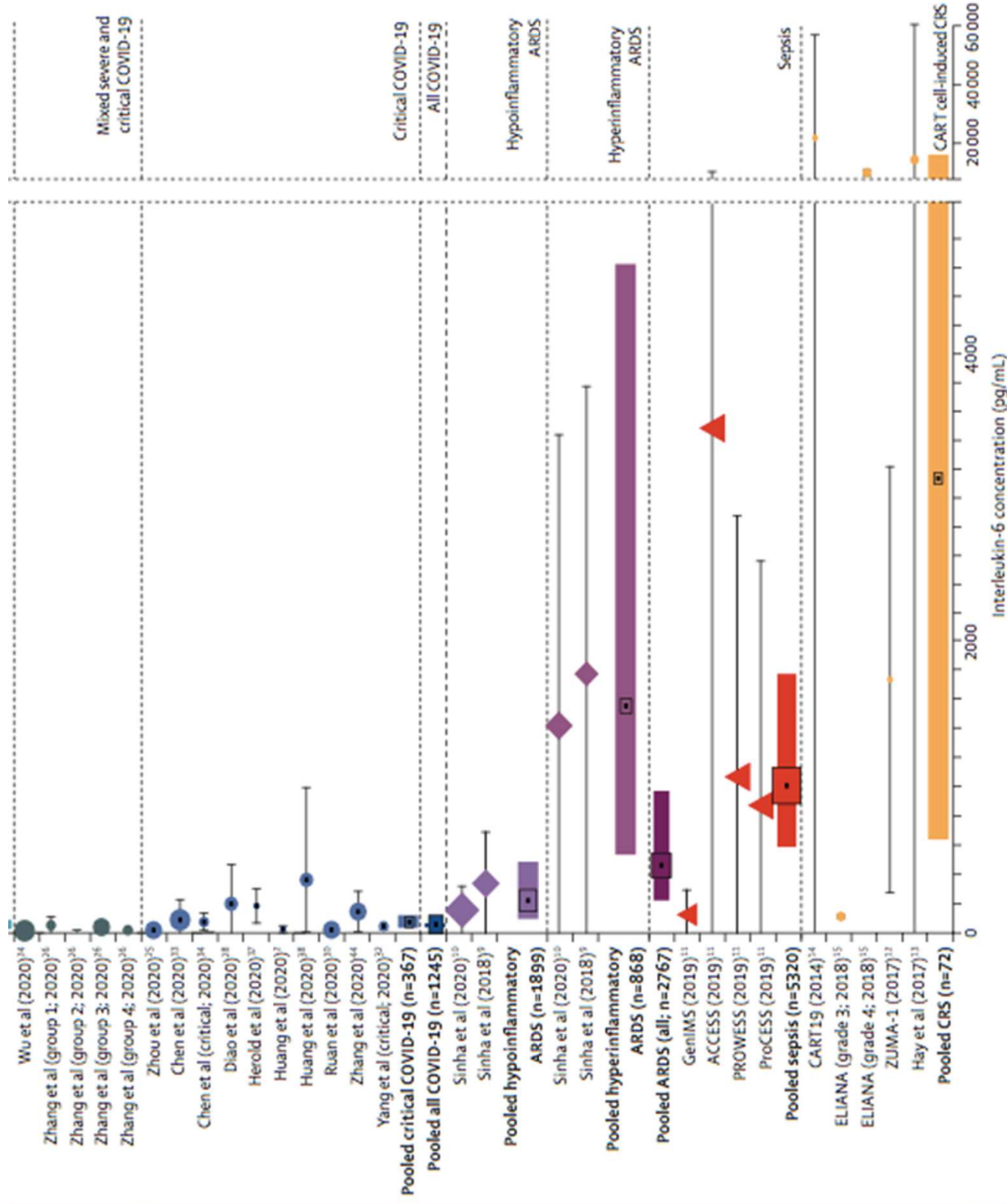
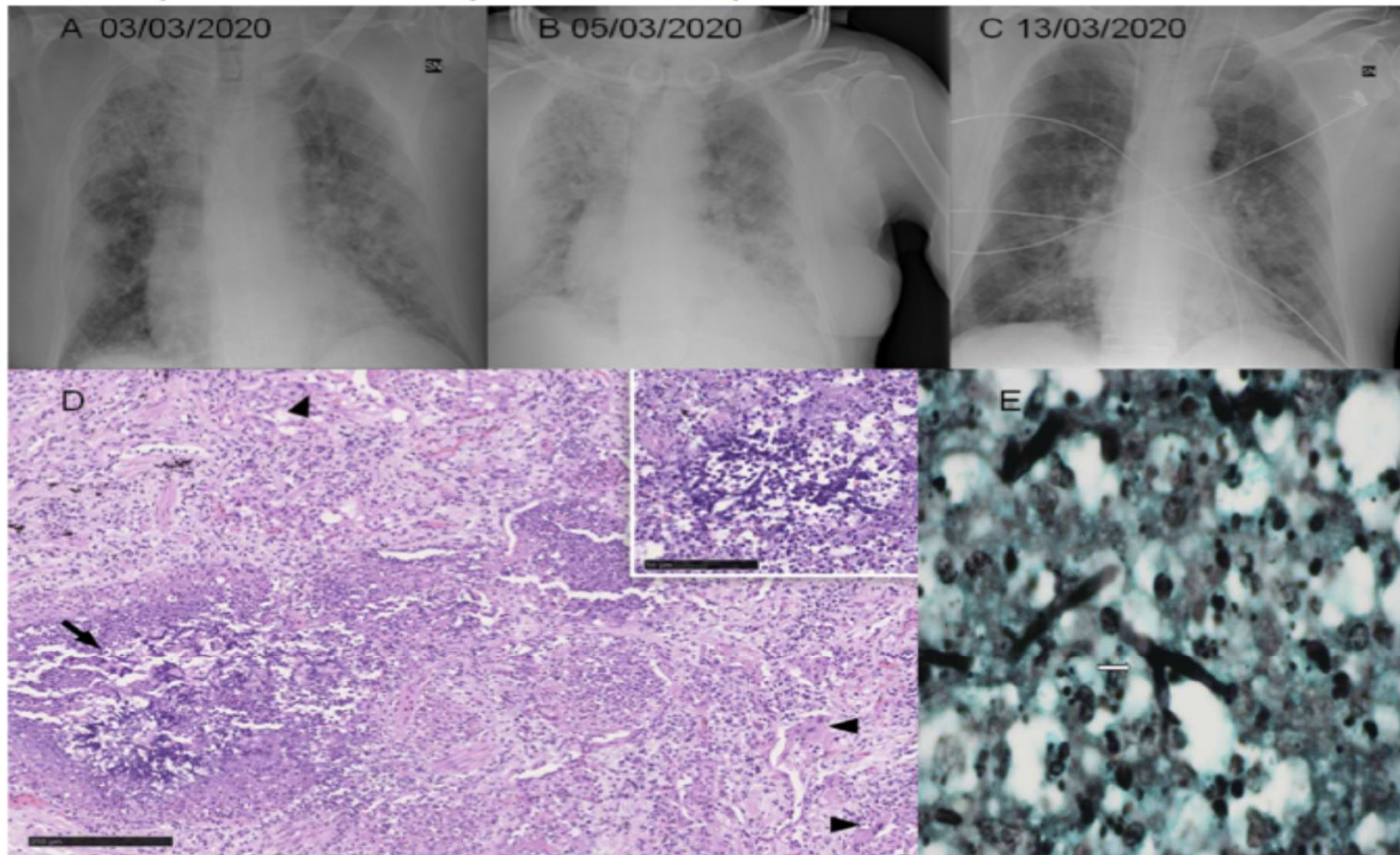


Figure 2: Interleukin-6 concentrations in patients with COVID-19 versus comparison disorders

Invasive pulmonary aspergillosis complicating SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia: A diagnostic challenge

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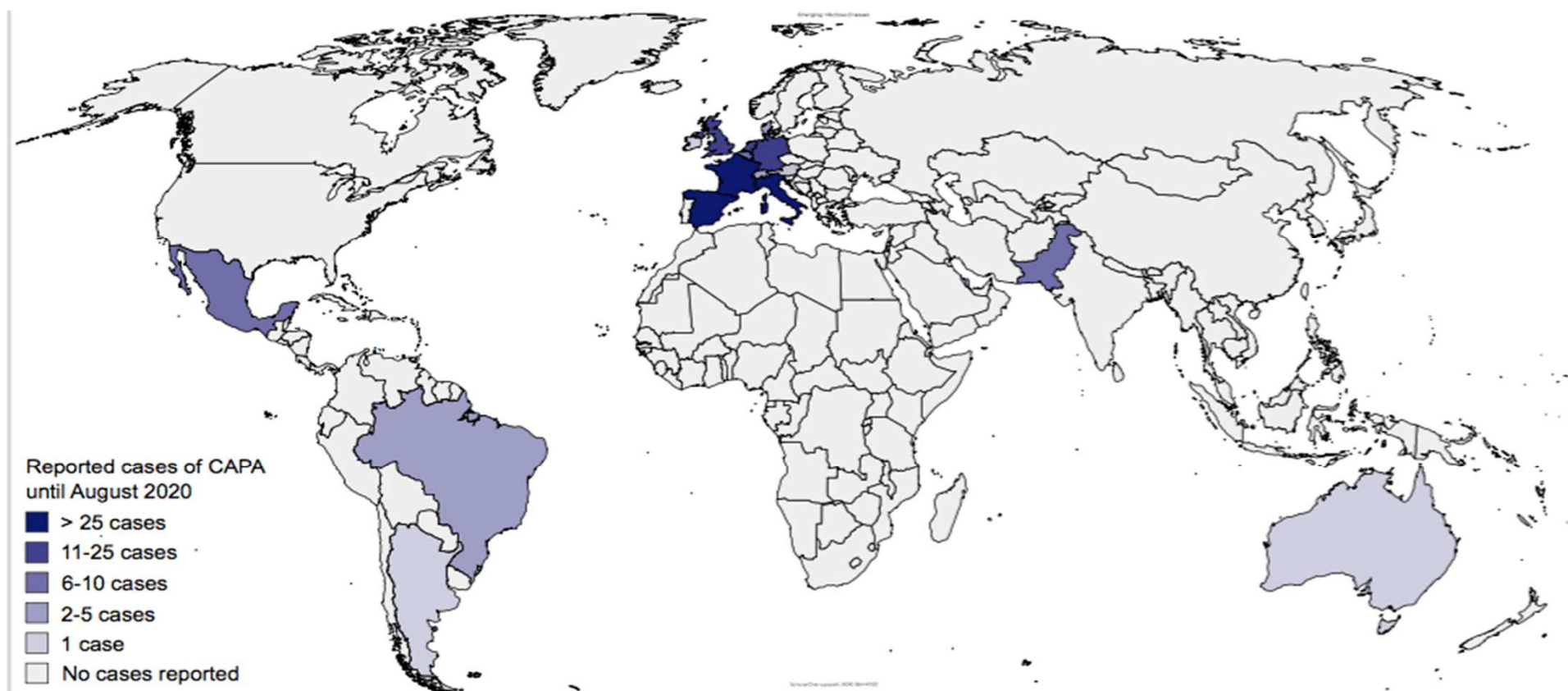
COVID-19 associated pulmonary aspergillosis: An analysis of epidemiological and clinical characteristics of 186 international cases from FungiScope® Registry and the literature

Table 1. Characteristics of 186 patients with CAPA.

	n	%	CAPA consensus definition (27)	
Pathogens *			Proven	7 3.8
<i>A. fumigatus</i>	122	66.0	Probable	82 44.1
<i>A. niger</i>	13	7.0	Possible	19 10.2
<i>A. flavus</i>	10	5.4	Not classifiable ‡	78 41.9
<i>A. terreus</i>	6	3.2		
Mortality			97	52.2
Within 6 weeks			89	47.8
Within 12 weeks			93	50.0



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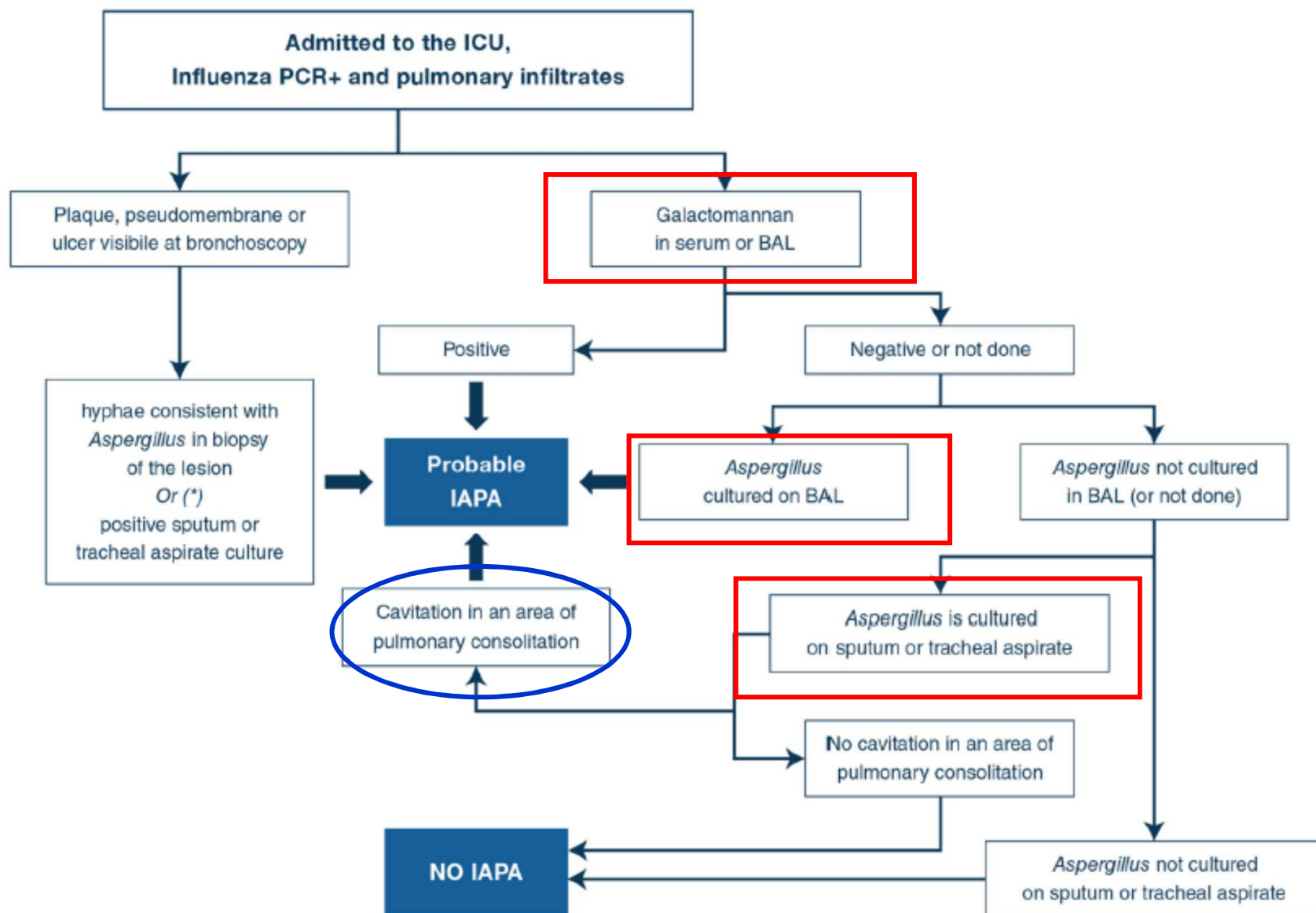


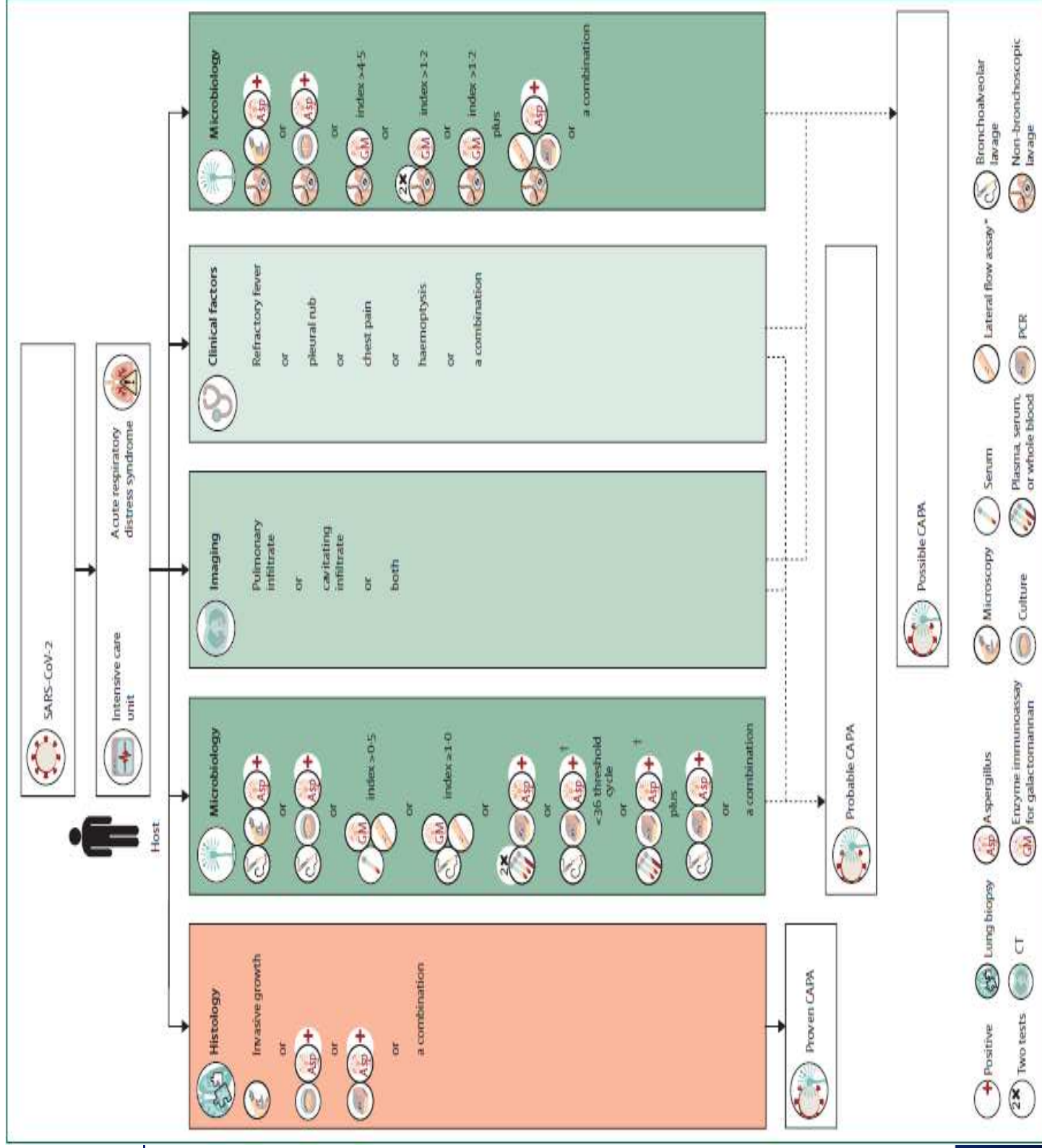
Fig. 1 Flowchart of probable IAPA classification. (*) If hyphae consistent with *Aspergillus* are documented in a biopsy of an airway lesion AND *Aspergillus* is grown from sputum or a tracheal aspirate, the case fulfills the definition of proven IAPA

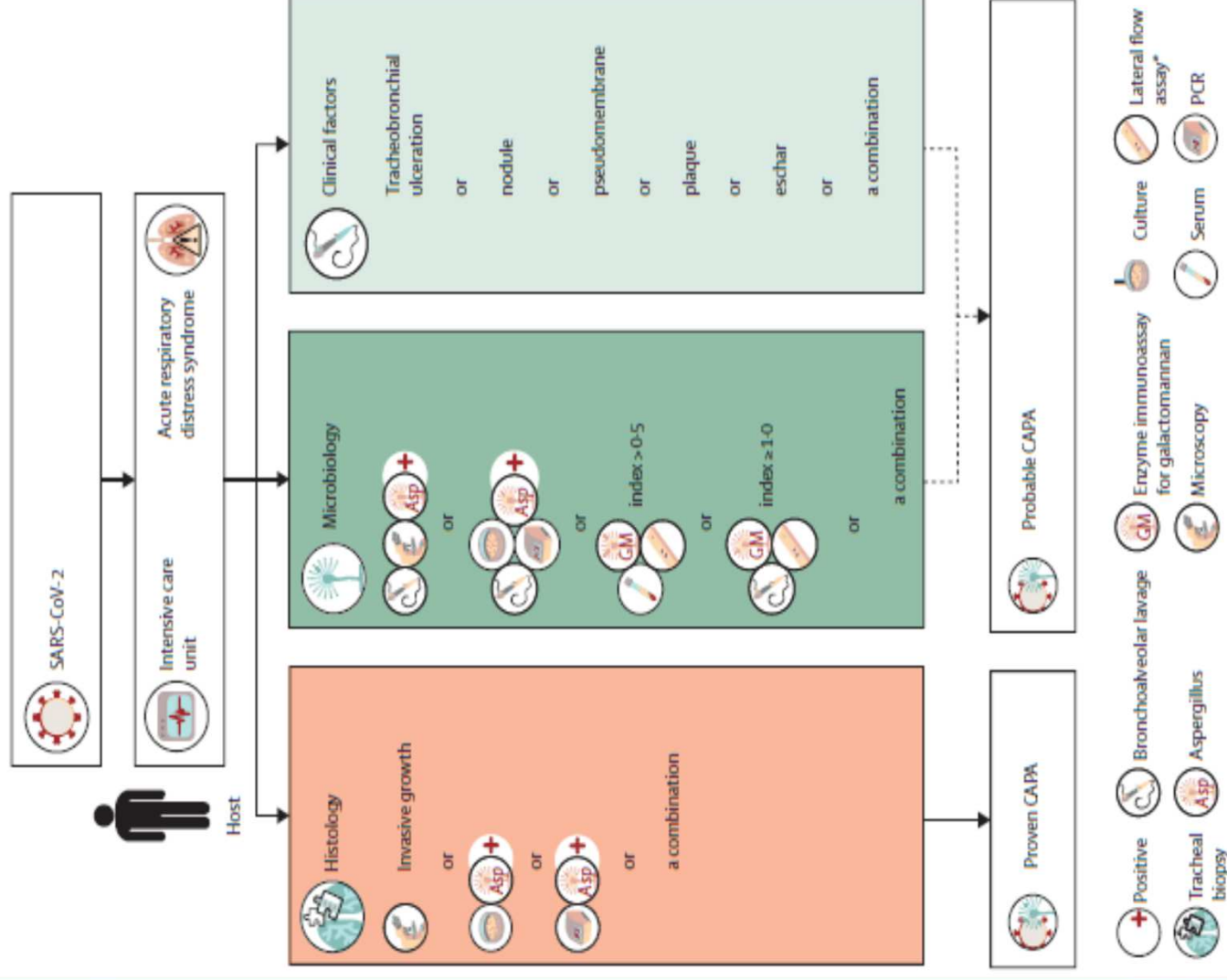


Defining and managing COVID-19-associated pulmonary aspergillosis: the 2020 ECMM/ISHAM consensus criteria for research and clinical guidance

(Continued from previous page)		Host factors	Clinical factors	Mycological evidence	Comments
Proposed case definition for CAPA (adapted from EORTC and MSGERC, AspiCUP[®], and expert case definitions of IAPA⁴⁹)					
Tracheobronchitis or other pulmonary form (proven)		Patient with COVID-19 needing intensive care and a temporal relationship (entry criterion)	--	At least one of the following: histopathological or direct microscopic detection of fungal hyphae, showing invasive growth with associated tissue damage; or aspergillus recovered by culture or microscopy or histology or PCR obtained by a sterile aspiration or biopsy from a pulmonary site, showing an infectious disease process	--
Tracheobronchitis (probable)		Patient with COVID-19 needing intensive care and a temporal relationship (entry criterion)	Tracheobronchitis, indicated by tracheobronchial ulceration, nodule, pseudomembrane, plaque, or eschar seen on bronchoscopic analysis	At least one of the following: microscopic detection of fungal elements in bronchoalveolar lavage, indicating a mould; positive bronchoalveolar lavage culture or PCR; † serum galactomannan index >0.5 or serum LFA index >0.5; ‡ or bronchoalveolar lavage galactomannan index ≥1.0 or bronchoalveolar LFA index ≥1.0 ‡	--
Other pulmonary forms (probable)		Patient with COVID-19 needing intensive care and a temporal relationship (entry criterion)	Pulmonary infiltrate, preferably documented by chest CT, or cavitating infiltrate (not attributed to another cause)	At least one of the following: microscopic detection of fungal elements in bronchoalveolar lavage, indicating a mould; positive bronchoalveolar lavage culture; † serum galactomannan index >0.5 or serum LFA index >0.5; ‡ bronchoalveolar lavage galactomannan index ≥1.0 or bronchoalveolar LFA index ≥1.0; ‡ two or more positive aspergillus PCR tests in plasma, serum, or whole blood; † a single positive aspergillus PCR in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (<36 cycles); † or a single positive aspergillus PCR in plasma, serum, or whole blood, and a single positive in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (any threshold cycle permitted) †	--
Other pulmonary forms (possible) ^{50,51}		Patient with COVID-19 needing intensive care and a temporal relationship (entry criterion)	Pulmonary infiltrate, preferably documented by chest CT, or cavitating infiltrate (not attributed to another cause)	At least one of the following: microscopic detection of fungal elements in non-bronchoscopic lavage indicating a mould; positive non-bronchoscopic lavage culture; † single non-bronchoscopic lavage galactomannan index >4.5; non-bronchoscopic lavage galactomannan index >1.2 twice or more; or non-bronchoscopic lavage galactomannan index >1.2 plus another non-bronchoscopic lavage mycology test positive (non-bronchoscopic lavage PCR or LFA)	--
CAPA=COVID-19-associated invasive pulmonary aspergillosis. EORTC= European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer. IAPA= influenza-associated pulmonary aspergillosis. ICU=intensive care unit. IPA= invasive pulmonary aspergillosis. LFA=lateral flow assay. MSGERC= Mycoses Study Group Education and Research Consortium. * Only one of these criteria required for diagnosis. † In case of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or chronic respiratory disease, the PCR or culture results should be confirmed by galactomannan testing to rule out colonisation or chronic aspergillosis. Galactomannan index should be available: galactomannan-index threshold applies to both enzyme immunoassay and LFA. ‡ Visual reader should be used for a primary result and confirmatory galactomannan testing should be sought. † Classification of possible CAPA will most likely be sufficient to initiate antifungal therapy in the clinic but, in line with other consensus statements, it is not recommended for enrolling patients into clinical trials. Possible CAPA could serve as a secondary endpoint in a randomised prophylaxis study. Additional studies are needed to support the specificity of non-bronchoscopic lavage testing. Non-bronchoscopic lavage is considered a blind application of 10–20 mL saline recovered by aspiration via the closed suction system in an intubated patient. Bronchoalveolar lavage and non-bronchoscopic lavage are currently not considered equal for diagnosing CAPA.					

Table 2: Comparison of case definitions for patients with possible, probable, putative, or proven IPA by algorithm or group





Edward Hopper: distanziamento sociale



Figure 7. Foreshadowing the Social Distancing of COVID-19

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