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## CONFLICT OF INTEREST





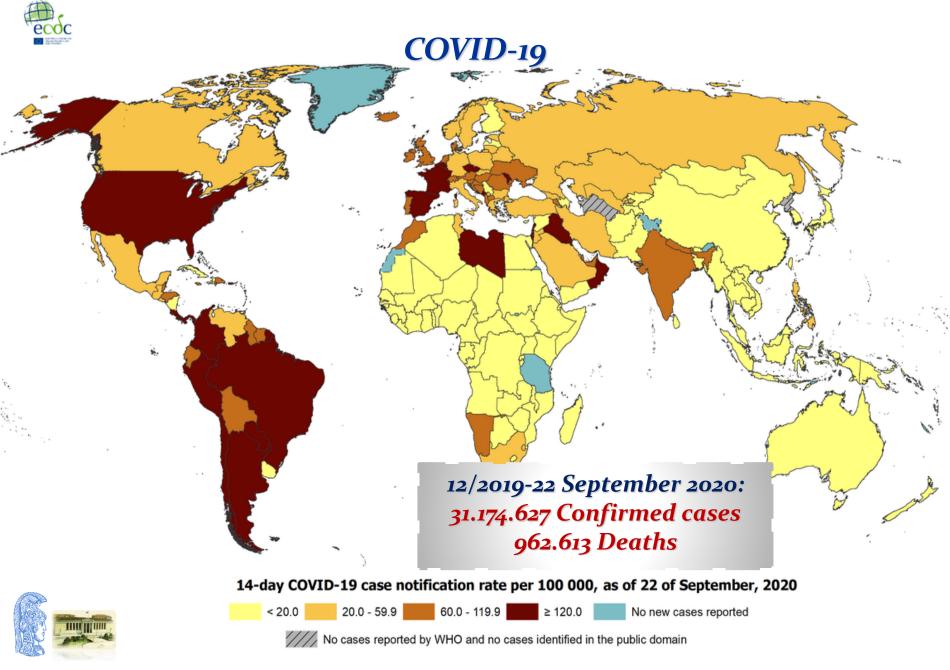
#### Ιστορική αναδρομή

- Δεκέμβριος 2019 : Wuhan China
  - ✓ ασθενείς με πνευμονία που τάχιστα εξελίσσετο σε ΑΑ και ARDS
- 17 Ιανουαρίου 2020 : ταυτοποίηση αιτίου

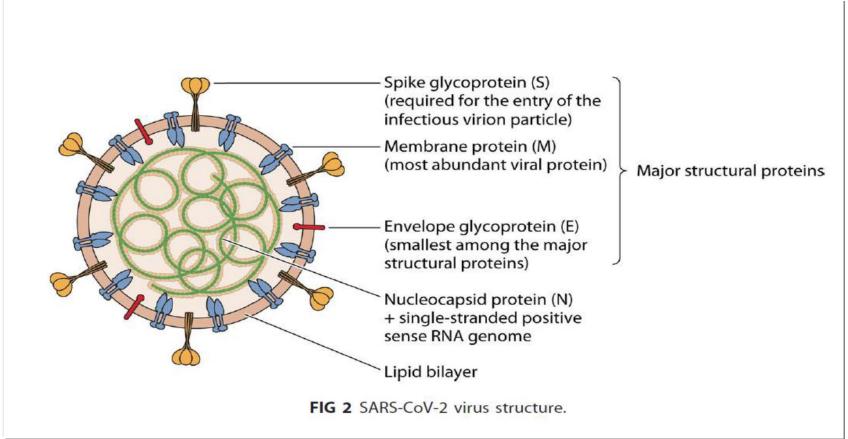
Στη πρόσφατη ιστορία της Ιατρικής ίσως είναι η μόνη λοίμωξη που μέσα σε 2 μήνες από ενδημία χαρακτηρίσθηκε πανδημία

- 20 Μαρτίου 2020 : lockdown
- **Ιούνιος 2020** : μεγάλη μείωση κρουσμάτων στην Ελλάδα
- **Σεπτέμβριος 2020** : 2° κύμα





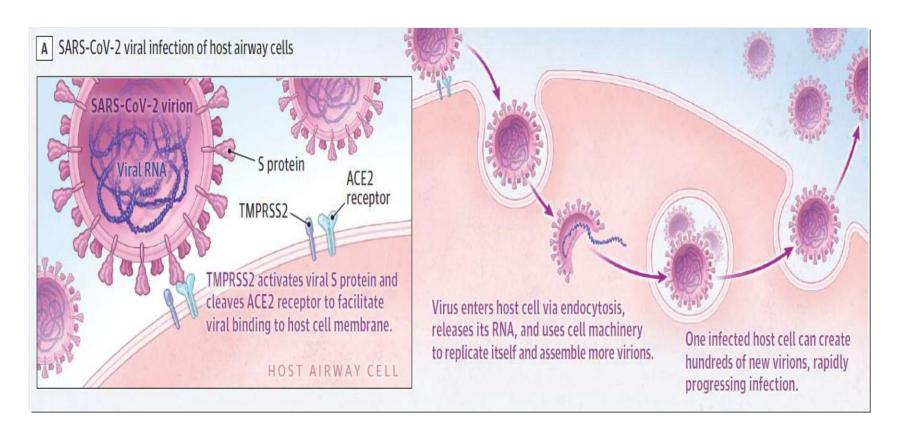
#### Δομή του ιού





Dhama K et al - 2020.- Coronavirus disease 2019–COVID-19. Clin Microbiol Rev 33:e00028-20. https://doi.org/10.1128/CMR.00028-20.

#### Είσοδος του ιού στον ανθρώπινο οργανισμό

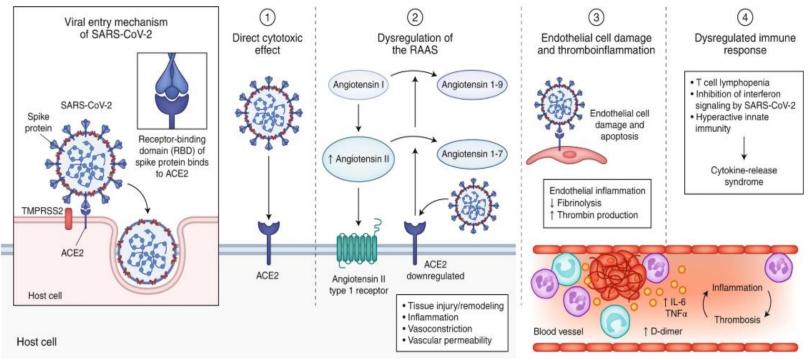




### Παθοφυσιολογία

#### Fig. 1: Pathophysiology of COVID-19.

From: Extrapulmonary manifestations of COVID-19





#### ACE2 Υποδοχέας

- Lung alveolar epithelial cells
- Enterocytes of the small intestine
- Arterial and venous endothelial cells
- Arterial smooth muscle cells



#### ΑCE2 Υποδοχέας

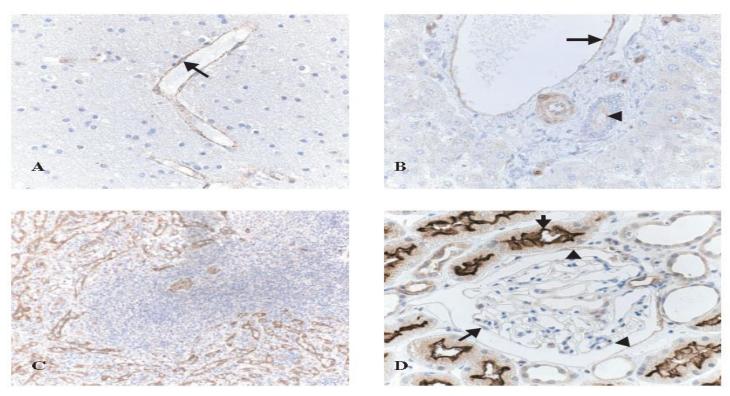


Figure 4. In the brain (A), ACE2 is expressed only in endothelium (arrow) and vascular smooth muscle cells. In the liver (B), Kupffer cells, hepatocytes, and the endothelium of sinusoids are negative. Luminal staining in bile ducts is occasionally observed (arrow-head). Vascular endothelium (arrow) and smooth muscle cells are positive. In the spleen (C), ACE2 is not expressed in cells of the immune system. Vascular and red pulp sinus endothelium is positive. In the kidney (D), ACE2 is present in glomerular visceral (arrow) and parietal (arrow-head) epithelium, in the brush border (short arrow) and cytoplasm of proximal tubular cells, and in the cytoplasm of distal tubules and collecting ducts



#### Παράγοντες κινδύνου

#### Μεγάλη ηλικία

Κατά την πορεία φάνηκε ότι στόχο της λοίμωξης αποτελούν και

- οι νεότερες ηλικίες
- άτομα χωρίς συνυπάρχοντα νοσήματα

#### Συνυπάρχοντα νοσήματα

- Σακχαρώδης Διαβήτης ΙΙ
- Αρτηριακή Υπέρταση
- Χρόνιες νόσοι του αναπνευστικού
- Ανοσοκαταστολή
- Ενεργή κακοήθεια
- Παχυσαρκία



#### Παχυσαρκία

#### Demographic and clinical features of critically ill patients with COVID-19 in Greece: The burden of diabetes and obesity



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#### 90 ασθενείς από όλες τις ΜΕΘ της Ελληνικής Επικράτειας

Parameters	Group A N = 21 (23.3%)	Group B N = 24 (26.7%)	Group C N = 45 (50%)	p-value
Age (years)	<pre>&lt;55 Madian /OF 75th paraentile)</pre>	56-65	<u>&gt;</u> 66	
BMI (kg/m²)	Median (25–75th percentile) 30.8 (28–35.1)	29.4 (26.5–32.9)	27.7 (26–29.3)	0.003*

Parameters	Group A N = 21 (23.3%)	Group B N = 24 (26.7%)	Group C N = 45 (50%)	p-value
Mechanical ventilation				0.636
No	2 (9.5)	3 (12.5)	3 (6.7)	
Yes	19 (90.5)	21 (87.5)	42 (93.3)	
Outcome				0.902
Death in ICU	7 (35)	8 (34.8)	11 (25.6)	
Discharged	3 (15)	3 (13)	6 (14)	
Still in ICU	10 (50)	12 (52.2)	26 (60.4)	



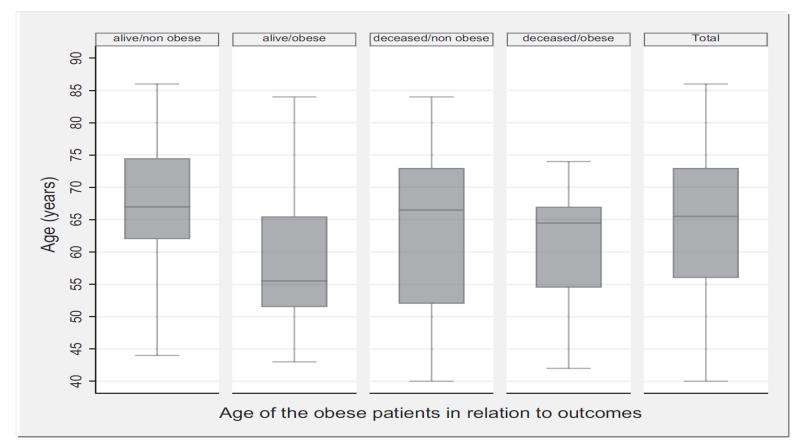
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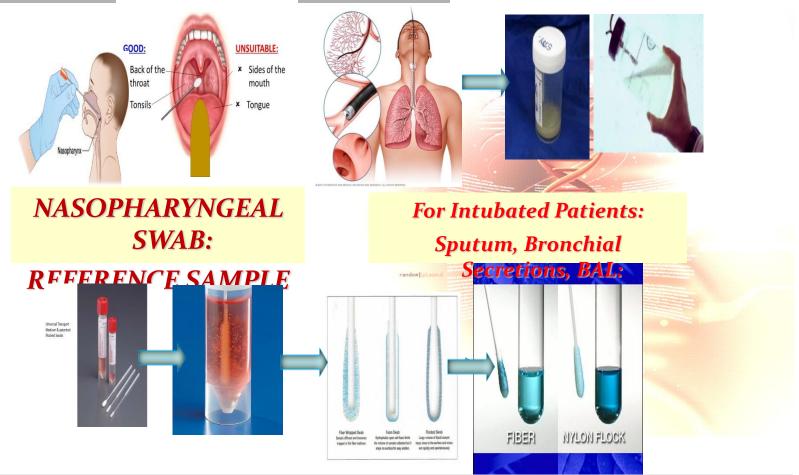
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#### **DIRECT MOLECULAR DETECTION**





ATTENTION! USE OF "Synthetic Flocked Swab" (Low material's adsorption for efficient Vortex elution)

# WHICH MOLECULAR METHODS?

Table 1. Advantages and disadvantages of molecular diagnostic methods for detection of

SARS-CoV-2.

Gene expert

NAAT extraction method	Advantages	Disadvantages	
rRT-PCR	Reference method, high	Long TAT without automation	
	sensitivity and specificity,		
	compatibility with automation		
	and multi-panels	C.	
Nested PCR	Increased sensitivity due to	Longer TAT and lower	
	the added pre-amplification	specificity due to the higher	
	step	risk of contamination	
RT-LAMP	Shorter TAT	Possible slightly lower	
		sensitivity	
RT-iiPCR		Possible slightly lower	
		sensitivity	

Automation, high sensitivity

and specificity, molecular

rapid test

High costs, limited number of

samples per time

Diagnostic strategies for SARS-CoV-2 infection and interpretation of microbiological results

Caruana G et al.
CMI 2020; Accepted Article
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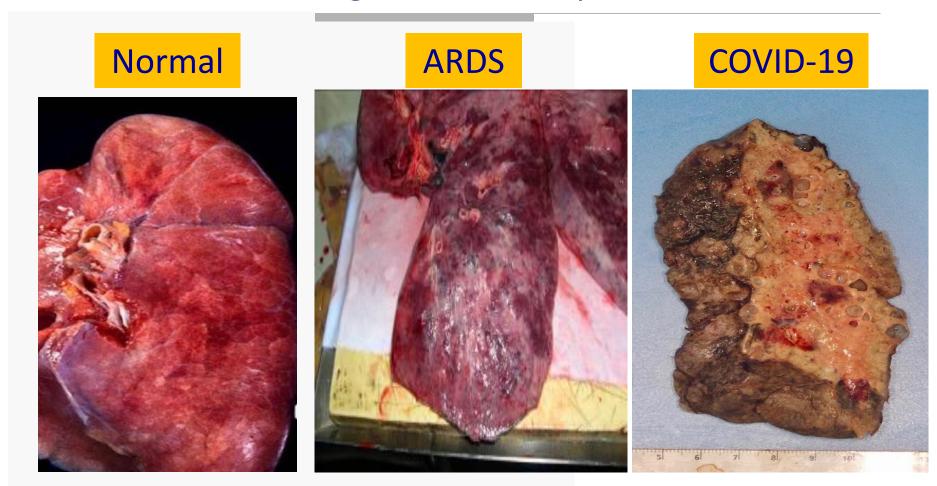


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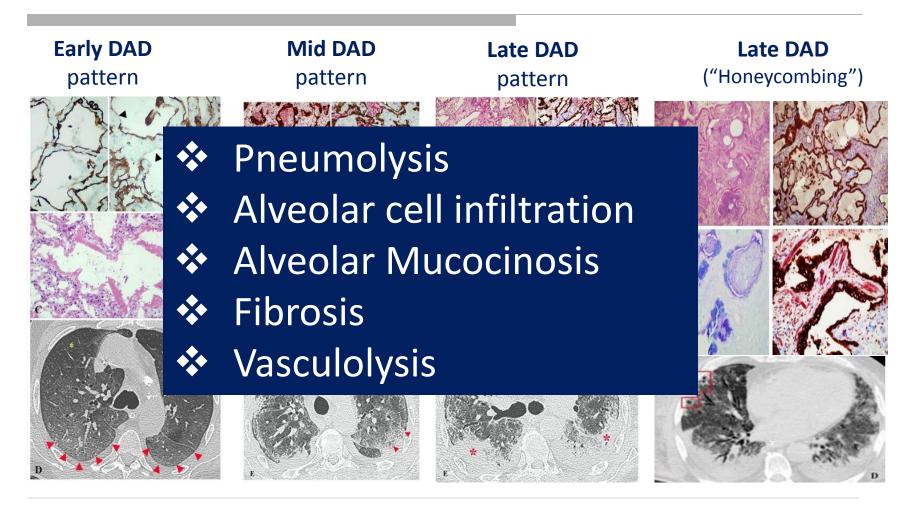
- Η νόσος COVID-19 πρέπει να θεωρείται σαν
- Πνευμονίτις
- Οξεία ενδοθηλίτις και διάχυτη θρόμβωσις
- Πιθανή μυοκαρδίτις
- Κατάσταση που προκαλεί βλάβες σε «δευτεροπαθή» όργανα



#### Post-mortem findings in CoVID-19 pneumonia



#### Fibrosis & evolution of CoVID-19



#### Distinct phenotypes in CoVID-19 patients

#### Phenotype 1

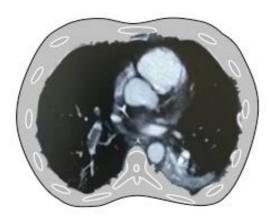
multiple, focal, over-perfused ground glass opacities and normally aerated areas

#### Phenotype 2

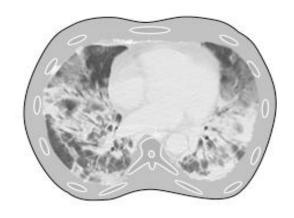
atelectasis and peribronchial opacities inhomogeneously distributed and hypoperfused

#### Phenotype 3:

patchy ARDS-like pattern inhomogeneously distributed and hyper and hypoperfused







#### CT lung evolution in CoVID-19

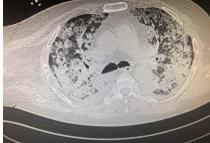


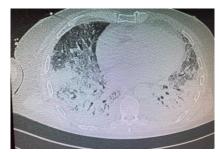
In critically ill patients



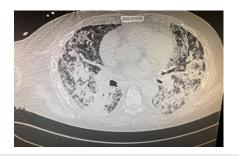


Phenotype 1 is rare Phenotype 3 is frequent





Phenotype 3
evolves in pneumolysis,
fibrosis,
& complicated with VAP



Less is more = Primum non nocere!

Close down the lungs and keep them resting to minimize ventilator-induced lung injury Expiration Inspiration

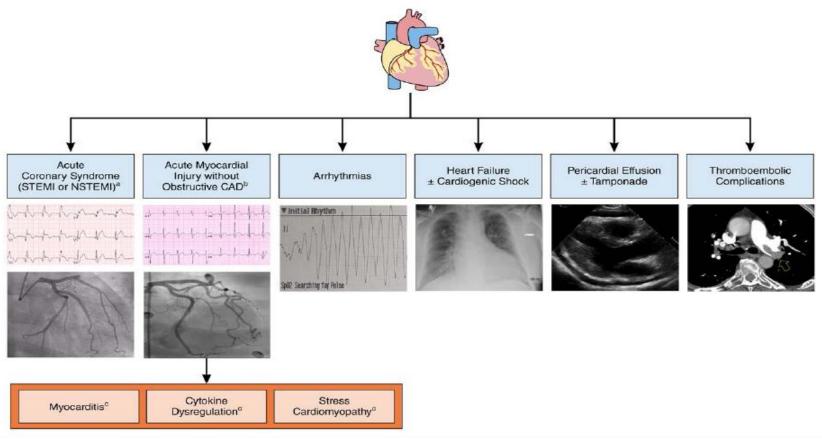




Just "gently" ventilate the aerated lung keeping atelectasis the consolidated lungs at rest!

Minimal PEEP for minimal SatO<sub>2</sub>(88-95%)/PaO<sub>2</sub>(55-80 mmHg)
Minimal Right Ventricle impairment!

## Καρδιακή νόσος





#### Καρδιακή νόσος

#### Wuhan/China

- 3-12% μυοκαρδίτις
- 40-60% κοιλιακές αρρυθμίες

#### Πρόσφατα δεδομένα

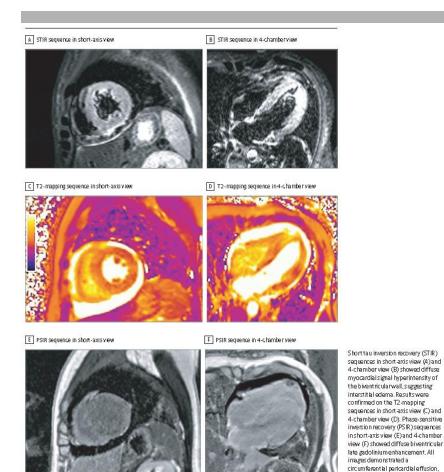
- Μυοκαρδιακή βλάβη 7-23% των νοσηλευομένων
- Επιβεβαιωμένη μυοκαρδίτις<10%</li>

#### Mt Sinai, NY

- 2736 patients admittedto Feb 27 April 12
- ☐ 36% had an elevated troponin-I (>0.03 ng/ml)
- 3.1% had a troponin-I >0.1ng/ml on admission
- 6.3% had a troponin-l >0.1ng/ml at any point



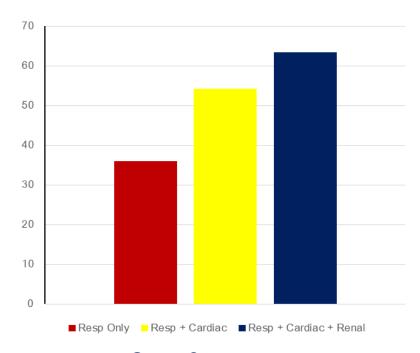
## Καρδιακή νόσος



#### Mortality by level of organ support

Mortality (%)

especially around the right ventricle.



**Organ Support** 



Riccardo et al JAMA Cardiol 2020
Derived from <a href="https://www.icnarc.org">www.icnarc.org</a> sept 7 report

#### Καρδιακή νόσος - Μακροπρόθεσμες βλάβες

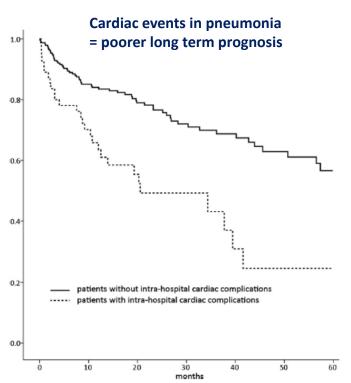
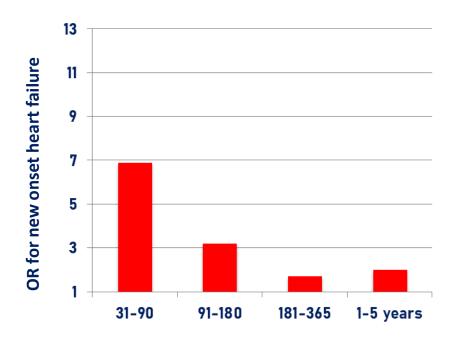


Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier estimates of time to primary outcome events (death for any cause) in patients with or without intrahospital cardiac complications.

#### New onset heart failure post pneumonia

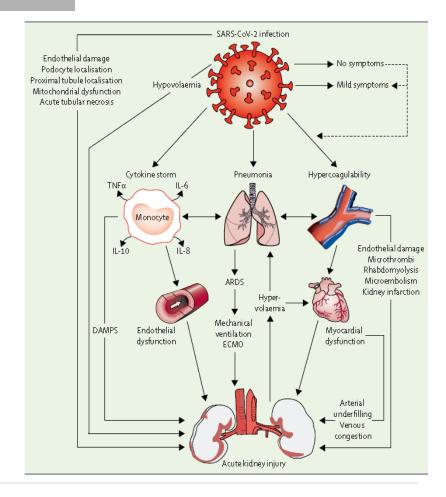


Time post discharge (days)



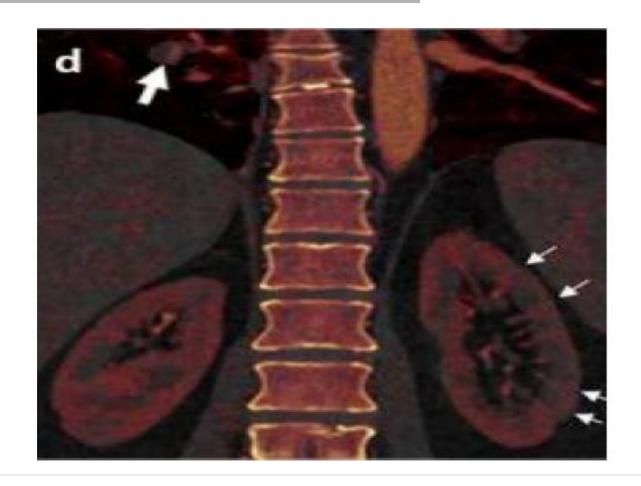
#### Νεφρική νόσος

- Primary vs secondary
  - Probably secondary
- ☐ Pei et al J Am Soc Nephrol 2020
  - 333 patients : China
  - 251 (75.4%) abnormal urine dipstick
  - 35 (10.5%) developed AKI
- ☐ ICNARC 26% dialysis need
- New York ICU 31% (Cummings et al Lancet 2020)
- Autopsy series mostly acute tubular necrosis (Vasquez-Bonilla et al Hum Pathol 2020)





## Νεφρική νόσος





#### Προσβολή ΚΝΣ

- Anosmia / ageusia : up to 2/3rds
- Ischaemic stroke
  - 2-6% in hospitalised patients, higher in severe disease
  - 6 % Wuhan (Li et al), 2% Milan (Lodigiana et al),
  - 23% France (Helms et al) ICU population
- Encephalopathy
- Encephalitis
  - 8 cases reported to date
- ☐ Guillain-Barre
  - 19 cases reported to date
- ☐ Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis and myelitis
  - 2 cases reported to date



#### Προσβολή ΚΝΣ

- ☐ Kironomos et al Radiology 2020
  - 185 consecutive Hospitalised patients with COVID-19
  - 222 brain CT, 47 brain MRI, 7 spinal MRI
  - 74% of the MRI's showed microvascular pathology
  - 44% had leukoencephalopathy
- ☐ Bryce et al, 2020
  - Autopsy 6/20 microthrombi and acute infarction



#### Προσβολή ΚΝΣ

Possible accelerated dementia

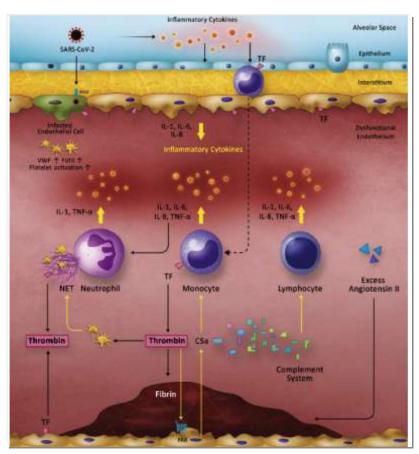
Heneka et al Alzheimer Res Ther 2020

- Depression and chronic fatigue
- Concerns over possible increased Parkinsons
  - 3-5x increase post 1918 H1N1

Beauchamp et al J Parkinsons Dis 2020



#### Υπερπηκτική φάση



Απευθείας προσβολή ενδοθηλιακών κυττάρων μέσω του υποδοχέα ACE2



Έκφραση ιστικού παράγοντα (TF), ενεργοποίηση αιμοπεταλίων και αυξημένα επίπεδα VWF/FVIII

Παραγωγή θρομβίνης και σχηματισμός θρόμβων

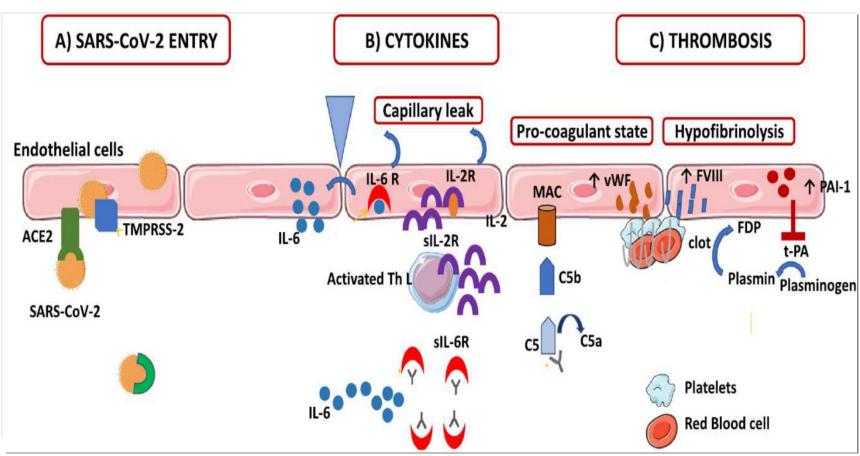


- 1. με την δράση της στα αιμοπετάλια, προάγοντας τον σχηματισμό NET (neutrophil extracellular trap) στα ουδετερόφιλα
- 2. ενεργοποιώντας το ενδοθήλιο μέσω του υποδοχέα PAR που απελευθερώνει C5A και οδηγεί στην περαιτέρω ενεργοποίηση των μονοκυττάρων





#### Υπερπηκτική φάση





## Συστηματική Ενδοθηλίτις

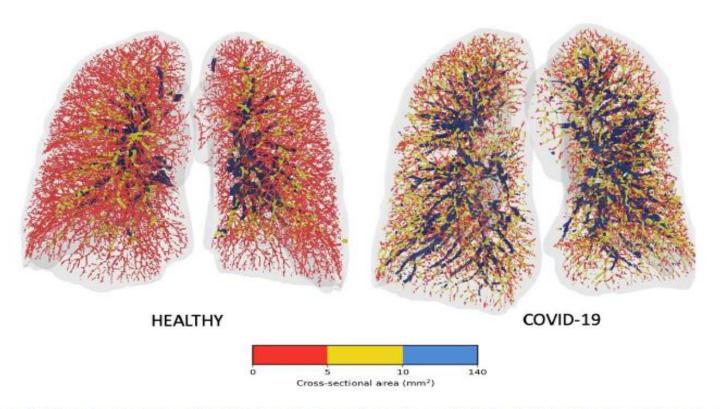
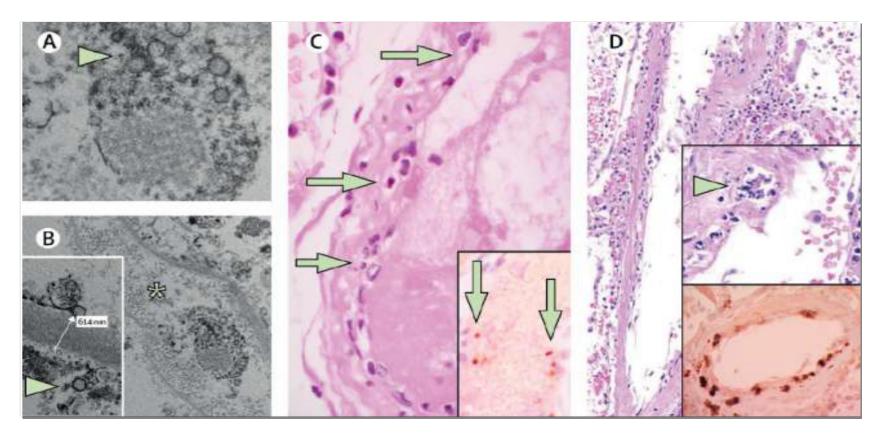


Figure 4: Visual representation of the blood vessels colored according to their size. Red denotes the small vessels, yellow the mid-size vessels and blue the larger vessels.

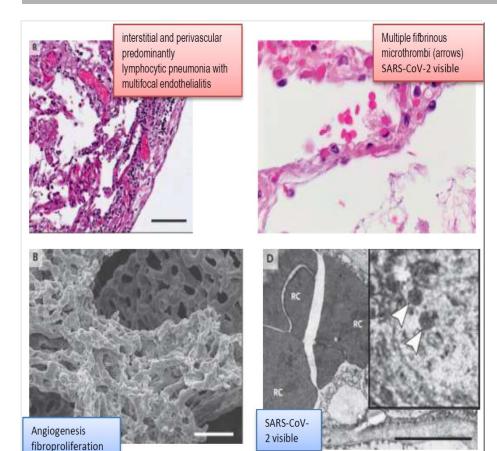


## Ενδοθηλίτις





#### COVID-19 vs Influenza : ενδοθηλιακές βλάβες



#### COVID-19 : Πνεύμων

- Σοβαρή ενδοθηλιακή βλάβη
- Παρουσία ιών ενδοκυττάρια
- Κατεστραμμένες μεμβράνες

#### Μικροαγγειοπάθεια

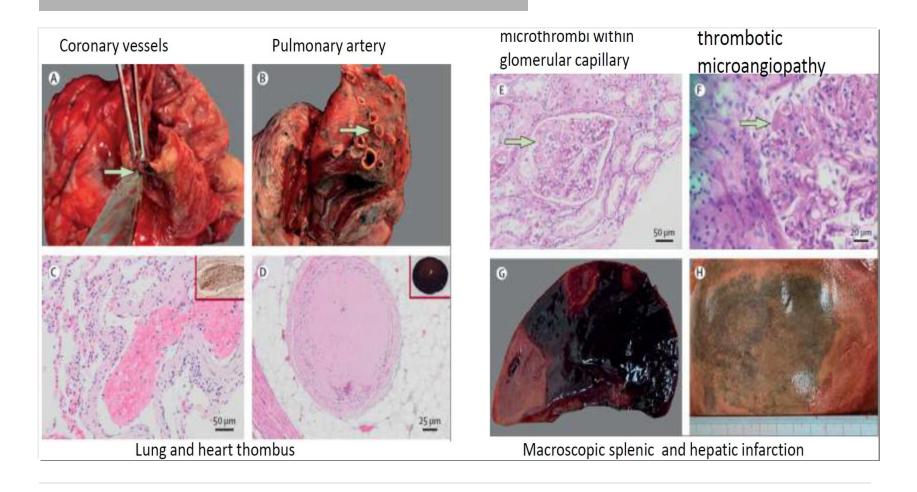
- Οι μικροθρόμβοι στα κυψελιδικά τριχοειδή είναι 9 φορές περισσότεροι απότι στην γρίπη.

#### Αγγειογένεσις

- 2.7 φορές περισσότερη απότι στην γρίπη



## Θρομβωτικά συμβάματα



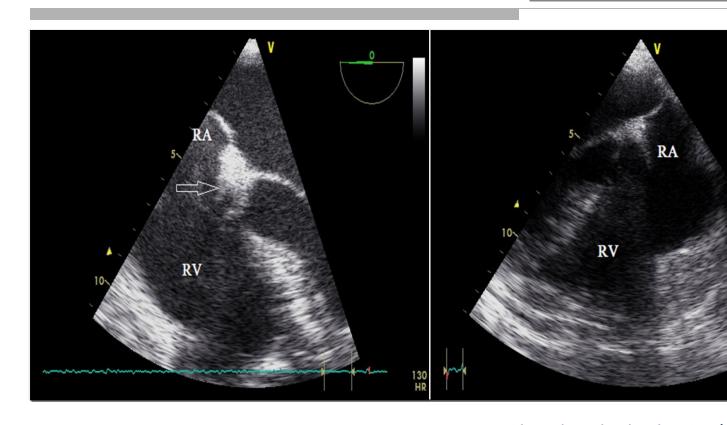
Hanley et al - Lancet Microbe 2020 Published Online August 20, 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(20)30115-4

## Θρομβωτικά συμβάματα

#### A Severe COVID-19 Case Complicated by Right Atrium Thrombus

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TEE, mid-esophageal 4-chamber view (ICU day15)

Thrombus in the right atrium

TEE, mid-esophageal 4-chamber view (ICU day36)
No evidence of residual thrombus



#### Προσβολή άλλων οργάνων

- ☐ GIT
  - Diarrhoea
  - Abdominal pain
- Liver
  - Mild elevations LFT's common
  - Severe hepatitis is extremely uncommon
- □ Skin
  - Vasculitis (covid-toes), erythema, urticaria, chicken-pox like lesions
- Kawasaki-like syndrome in children



#### Influenza Associated Pulmonary Aspergillosis (IAPA)

#### Influenza patients

- requiring hospitalization: ~0.1% (mortality 4%)
- requiring intensive care:  $\sim$ 5 10% (mortality: 20 25%)

#### **IPA in ICU patients with Influenza: 19%**

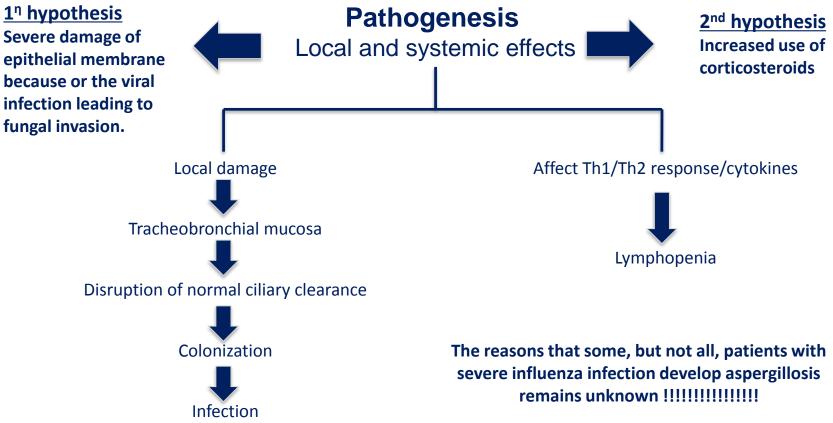
- 14% in non-immunosuppressed patients
- 32% in immunosuppressed patients
- 5% in control group (CAP with neg. airway influenza PCR)

#### Influenza = Independent risk factor for IPA (aOR 5.2 (95% CI, 2.6-10.3)

- Other risk factors: high APACHE II, male sex, corticosteroids
- → use of corticosteroids contra-indicated in influenza

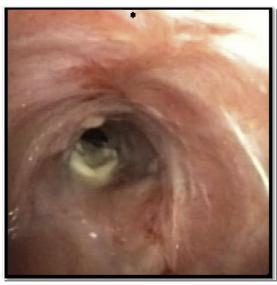


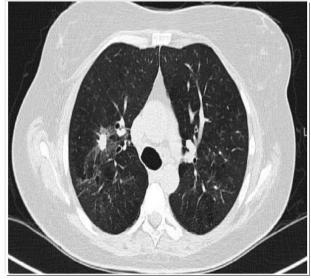
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Tracheobronchitis with obstruction

Tracheal stenosis



#### COVID-19-Associated Pulmonary Aspergillosis

#### Multiple case report and limited case series

- Largest cohort so far: Whyte et al. (CID 2020)
- Multicenter, prospective cohort
- Study focus: ICU patients with deteriorating respiratory function one week post COVID diagnosis → mycological examination with blood deep respiratory samples, Total n=135
- IFD: 26.7% IPA: 14.1%, yeast infection: 12.6%
- Risk factors for IPA: <u>corticosteroid use</u> and chronic respiratory disease
- Overall mortality: 38% (53% in patients with IFD)



and

## Αλγόριθμοι και κριτήρια για διάγνωση

Factor	IAPA	CAPA		
Host/Risk	57% EORTC/MSGERC host factor negative [9]	85% EORTC/MSGERC host factor negative [59, 60]		
	IAPA associated with corticosteroid use [7]	IPA developed in SARS-2003-infected patients receiving corticosteroids [61]		
		Lymphopenia and chemokine-producing monocyte-derived FCN1 + macrophages causing hyperinflammation [62]		
Virus	Cell entry through sialic acids-2,6Gal: epithelial layer in lung including larger airways [63]	Cell entry through ACE2: type 2 pneumocytes and ciliated cells [64]		
	Immune modulation by suppression of the NADPH oxidase complex [65]	No evidence for immunomodulatory effect on known antifungal host defense mechanisms, although this has not been extensively studied yet		
Fungal infection	Invasive <i>Aspergillus</i> tracheobronchitis in up to 55% of patients [7–9]	Invasive Aspergillus tracheobronchitis not yet reported [59, 60]		
	Median time between ICU admission and IAPA diagnosis 2–3 days [7–9]	Median time between ICU admission and CAPA diagnosis 6 days [59]		
Aspergillus diagnostics	BAL GM positive in > 88% [7–9]	BAL GM commonly positive, diagnostic performance currently unknown [59, 60]		
	Serum GM positive in 65% [7–9]	Serum GM positive in 3 of 14 (21%) COVID-19 patients [59, 60]		
Secondary infections	In 80 of 342 (23.4%) ICU patients, most frequent pathogens <i>S. pneumoniae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> and <i>S. aureus</i> [66]	In four of 13 (31%) ICU patients, pathogens not specified [67]		
ICU mortality	45% in IAPA compared with 20% in influenza without IAPA ( $p$ < 0.0001) [9]	33% in CAPA cases compared with 17% in COVID-19 without CAPA ( $p\!=\!0.4$ ) [59] (although mortality rates due to COVID-19 without CAPA vary enormous between countries and we have no clear data yet on the true mortality in ICU of COVID-19)		



## Άλλες μυκητιακές λοιμώξεις

Invasive pulmonary fusariosis in an immunocompetent critically ill patient with severe COVID-19

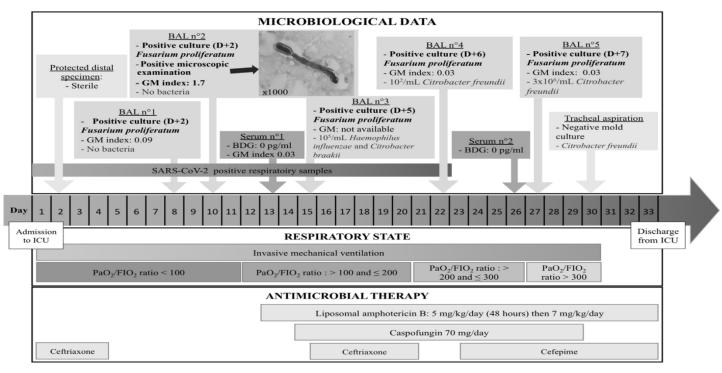


Fig. 1. Timeline for an immunocompetent patient who developed invasive pulmonary fusariosis during severe COVID-19. Day 1 is the day the patient was admitted to the intensive care unit. D, days; BAL, bronchoalveolar lavage; GM, galactomannan index determination; BDG, β-D-glucan dosage.



## Θεραπεία- Υδροξυχλωροκίνη

#### Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine

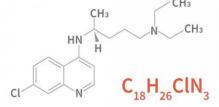
#### CHLOROQUINE

Sold under different brand names (Example: Nivaquine Aralen, Resochin)



#### **HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE**

Variant of chloroquine, generally well tolerated Sold as Plaquenil



ALSO USED IN

Autoimmune diseases like lupus and rheumatoid arthritis

Some types of sun allergies

MAIN USE

To treat and prevent malaria

- ◆ METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
   Oral (available as injectable solution)
- RISK

Very dangerous, can lead to cardiac damage, damage of the retina; overdose lead to death. Do not use without medical advice Clinical trials are ongoing in Europe and United States to study the effectiveness of the medicines against COVID-19

In France, hydroxychloroquine can be administered to coronavirus patients in hospitals under medical supervision

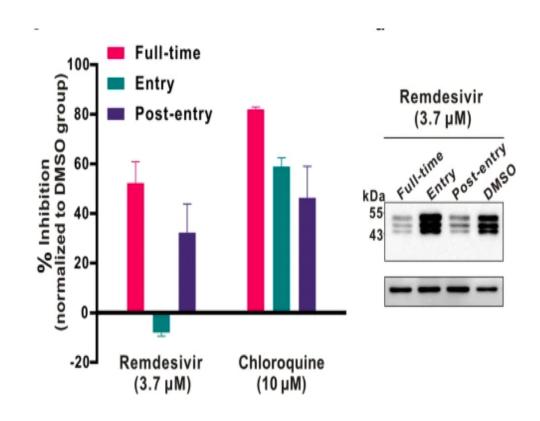




#### Θεραπεία- Χλωροκίνη/Υδροξυχλωροκίνη

- ☐ Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine
  - antimalarial drugs that elicit immunomodulatory effects and are therefore also used to treat autoimmune conditions
    - ✓ systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis
- ☐ Potential **broad-spectrum antiviral drug** 
  - via alkalinization of the phagolysosome, which inhibits the pH-dependent steps of viral replication.
  - By interfering with the glycosylation of cellular receptors of SARS-CoV
  - Chloroquine has an immune-modulating activity, which may synergistically enhance its antiviral effect in vivo
- ☐ Chloroquine : active *in vitro* against multiple other viruses but
  - has not proven fruitful in clinical trials
  - Worse clinical outcomes in human studies of Chikungunya virus infection

## Υδροξυχλωροκίνη- *In vitro* activity



- Vero E6 cells were infected with nCoV-2019 BetaCoV/ Wuhan in the presence of varying concentrations of chloroquine.
- Efficacies were evaluated
  - by quantification of viral copy numbers in the cell supernatant via quantitative real-time RT-PCR (qRT-PCR)
  - confirmed with visualization of virus nucleoprotein (NP) expression through immunofluorescence microscopy at 48 h post infection



- Hydroxychloroquine, more potent than chloroquine in vitro.
- Less toxic
- Based on PK models
  - a loading dose of 400 mg PO BID, followed by 200 mg BID for 4 days.
- In February, 2020, 7 clinical trial registries were found in Chinese Clinical Trial Registry (http://www.chictr.org.cn) for using HCQ
- ☐ The US FDA granted emergency use authorization for chloroquine
- ☐ A consensus statement from a multicenter collaboration group in China,
  - chloroquine phosphate 500 mg (300 mg base) twice daily PO for 10 days may be considered in patients with COVID-19 pneumonia.
  - 100 patients have demonstrated significant improvement with this regimen without documented toxicity

- FRANCE : hydroxychloroquine → more potent therapy
  - improved safety profile to treat and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
  - One study in France evaluated patients treated with hydroxychloroquine against a control group who received standard of care.
  - After dropping 6 patients from the analysis for having incomplete data, the 20 remaining patients receiving hydroxychloroquine had improved nasopharyngeal clearance of the virus on day 6 (70% [14/20] vs 12.5% [2/16])
- ☐ FRANCE: between 12 March and 31 March 2020
  - 181 patients (18-80 years) with SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia who required oxygen but not ICU
  - Hydroxychloroquine (treatment group) versus standard care
  - survival without transfer to the ICU at day 21 was 76 vs 75%
  - Overall survival at day 21 was 89% vs 91% in the control group
  - Survival without ARDS at day 21 was 69% vs 74%
  - No benefit

- ☐ 1400 COVID-19 patients : New York
- ☐ Hydroxychloroquine : in 811 patients
  - it was associated with a higher risk of intubation or death
  - HR 2.37
  - Patients who received hydroxychloroquine were older, were more likely to have comorbidities, and had more severe illness
- ☐ April 2020 :FDA / EMA bans its use outside of clinical trials



- ☐ WHO. "Solidarity" clinical trial for COVID-19 treatments
- RECOVERY trial investigators. https://www.recoverytrial.net

- □ Data from controlled trials suggest that they do not provide a clinical benefit for patients with COVID-19
  - RECOVERY trial investigators. No clinical benefit from use of hydroxychloroquine in hospitalised patients with COVID-19. https://www.recoverytrial.net/news/statement-from-the-chief-investigators-of-the-randomised-evaluation-of-covid-19-therapy-recovery-trial-on-hydroxychloroquine-5-june-2020-no-clinical-benefit-from-use-of-hydroxychloroquine-in-hospitalised-patients-with-covid-19.
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  - Cavalcanti AB, Zampieri FG, Rosa RG, et al. Hydroxychloroquine with or without Azithromycin in Mild-to-Moderate Covid-19. N Engl J Med 2020.



## Θεραπεία- Αζιθρομυκίνη

- Pros
  - Macrolide
  - Anti-inflammatory effect
  - Possible bacterial co-infection in patients with pneumonia
  - Rate of bacterial co-infection 11%
- ☐ Cons
  - No direct action on coronaviruses
  - Side effects (cardiotoxicity) when combined with chloroquine
  - Azithromycin and hydroxychloroquine →QTc prolongation



#### Θεραπεία- Υδροξυχλωροκίνη + Αζιθρομυκίνη

- ☐ Multicenter, randomized, open-label, three-group, controlled trial
- no supplemental oxygen or a maximum of 4 liters /min
- 667 patients radomised to 3 arms 1:1:1
  - standard care
  - standard care plus hydroxychloroquine (400 mg twice daily)
  - standard care plus hydroxychloroquine (400 mg twice daily) plus azithromycin at a dose of 500 mg once daily for 7 days
  - the proportional odds of having a higher score on the seven-point ordinal scale at 15 days was not affected by either hydroxychloroquine alone (odds ratio, 1.21; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.69 to 2.11; P = 1.00) or hydroxychloroquine plus azithromycin
  - Prolongation of the corrected QT interval and elevation of liver-enzyme levels were more frequent in patients receiving hydroxychloroquine, alone or with azithromycin, than in those who were not receiving either agent.



#### Προφύλαξη με Υδροξυχλωροκίνη

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
  - Within 4 days after exposure
  - placebo or hydroxychloroquine (800 mg once, followed by 600 mg in 6 to 8 hours, then 600 mg daily for 4 additional days)
- 821 asymptomatic participants
  - 87.6% (high-risk exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 contact)
  - Incidence of new illness compatible with Covid-19
  - Hydroxychloroquine (49 of 414 [11.8%])
  - Placebo (58 of 407 [14.3%]), p=0.35
  - Side effects: more common with hydroxychloroquine (40.1% vs. 16.8%)

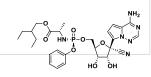


#### Θεραπεία με Remdesivir (RDV)

- In vitro activity against an array of RNA virus families including:
  - Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Pneumoviridae, and Coronaviridae
- Intravenous administration once daily via 30-120 min infusion
  - Loading dose: RDV 200mg
  - Maintenance dose: RDV 100mg
  - Available in injection solution and lyophilized powder for reconstitution
- Inhaled RDV formulation is under investigation
- ☐ RDV is not suitable PO due to almost complete first pass metabolism
- Metabolism is thought to be predominantly mediated by hydrolase activity
- ☐ Major routes of elimination include renal (74%) and biliary (18%)





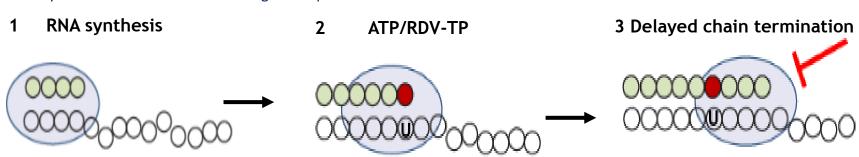


#### Θεραπεία με Remdesivir (RDV)

Remdesivir (RDV) is a prodrug of a nucleoside analog that inhibits viral RNA-dependent RNA polymerase with broad spectrum antiviral activity observed in vitro against member of several viral families including filoviruses (e.g. Ebola) and coronaviruses (e.g. SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV)<sup>4</sup>

#### **RDV Mode of Action**

- RDV intracellularly undergoes rapid conversion to active nucleoside triphosphate (RDV-TP), GS-443902<sup>4</sup>
- **RDV-TP** is efficiently incorporated into the nascent RNA chain by viral RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) resulting in delayed RNA chain termination during viral replication<sup>4,5</sup>



#### Θεραπεία με Remdesivir (RDV)

#### Grein G. NEJM 2020

#### 53 patients treated with Remdesivir

- ≥ 30 patients (57%) were receiving MV
- ➤ 4 (8%) were ECMO.

#### Follow-up of 18 days

- ➤ <u>36 patients (68%)</u> improvement in oxygen-support
- > 25 patients (47%) were discharged
- > 7 patients (13%) died
- Insufficient statistical power
- Treatment started late
- Absence on data regarding virus recovery
- No data on Rem R.



#### Wang. Lancet 2020

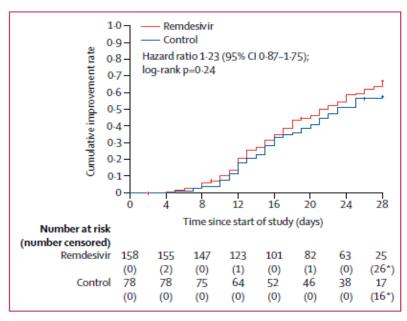


Figure 2: Time to clinical improvement in the intention-to-treat population Adjusted hazard ratio for randomisation stratification was 1.25 (95% Cl 0.88–1.78). \*Including deaths before day 28 as right censored at day 28, the number of patients without clinical improvement was still included in the number at risk.



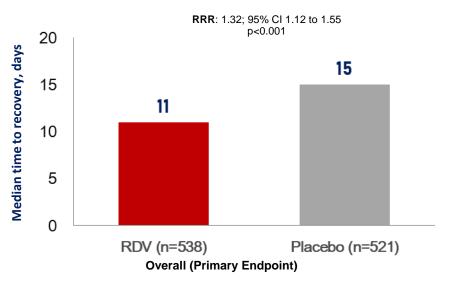
## Θεραπεία με Remdesivir (RDV)- Κλινικές μελέτες

Data Source		Target N	Hospitalized patients			Placebo or			
			Moderate	Severe	Critical	Standard of Care	Key Question	Data Available- Key Publication	
NIH) NIAID  ACTT1 NCT04280705	Randomized Double blind	1063	M	S	С	P	Is RDV safe and effective treatment for COVID-19 patients?	Beigel NEJM May 2020: RDV superior to PBO in time to recovery <sup>1</sup>	
GS-US-540-5773 NCT04292899	Randomized Open label	400		S			Is a 5 day treatment course as effective and safe as a 10 day course of RDV?	Goldman NEJM May 2020: Similar 5 day/10 day efficacy in severe COVID-19 (non- mechanically ventilated) <sup>2</sup>	
GILEAD  Non-RDV GS-US-540-5807	Real-world, Retrospective	818*		S		SoC	Is RDV effective when compared to RW non-RDV cohort?	Olender Clinical Infectious Diseases July 2020: RDV was associated with significantly improved recovery compared with standard of care (p<0.001) <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>\*</sup>N = non-RDV cohort. 312 patients were inc. in RDV cohort within this study

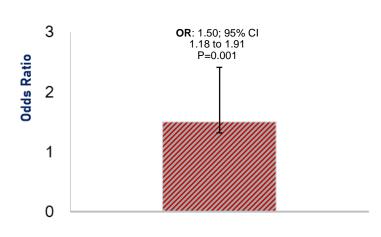
#### NIAID Study (ACTT-1)

#### Preliminary efficacy results of RDV compared to placebo



RDV produced 32% faster time to recovery and reduced time to recovery from 15 to 11 days compared to placebo

#### Improvement at Day 15\*



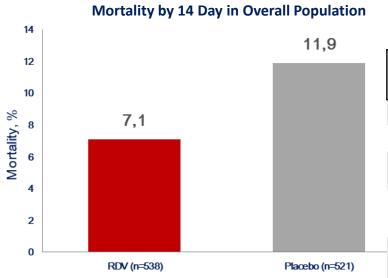
**Overall (Secondary Endpoint)** 

RDV produced 50% higher rate of clinical improvement on the ordinal scale compared to placebo

\*Improvement/recovery was defined as the first day during the 28 days after enrollment on which a patient satisfied categories 1,2, or 3 on the eight category ordinal scale



## NIAID Study (ACTT-1)



#### Recovery and Death by Day 14 according to Ordinal Score at Baseline

Baseline ordinal scale	4		5		6		7	
	RDV (n=67)	Placebo (n=60)	RDV (n=222)	Placebo (n=199)	RDV (n=98)	Placebo (n=99)	RDV (n=125)	Placebo (n=147)
Number of Recoveries	61	47	177	128	47	43	45	51
Median days (95% CI)	5 (4-6)	6 (4-8)	7 (6-8)	9 (7-11)	16 (NE-10)	22 (NE-12)	(NE-NE)	28 (NE-22)
RRR (95% CI)*	1.38 (0.94, 2.03)		1.47 (1.17, 1.84)		1.20 (0.79, 1.81)		0.95 (0.64, 1.42)	
Deaths HR (95% CI)	0.46 (0.04-5.08)		0.22 (0.08, 0.58)		1.12 (0.53, 2.38)		1.06 (0.59, 1.92)	

There was a non- statistically significant trend toward lower mortality in the RDV group vs the placebo group by Day 14

RDV was associated with shorter time to recovery and survival benefit among patients with a baseline ordinal score of 5



#### NIAID Study (ACTT-1)

#### Preliminary Results of NIAID Study (ACTT-1): Safety Summary

Organ Class	Serious AEs	Remdesivir (N= 541) No. (%)	Placebo (N=522) No. (%)	
Any System Organ Class	Any	114 (21.1)	141 (27.0)	
Renal and urinary	Acute kidney injury <sup>a</sup>	4 (0.7)	7 (1.3)	
	Glomerular filtration rate decreased <sup>a</sup>	3 (0.6)	2 (0.4)	
Infections and infestations	Pneumonia viral	3 (0.6)	7 (1.3)	
Respiratory, Thoracic and	Respiratory failure	28 (5.2)	42 (8.0)	
mediastinal disorders	Acute respiratory failure	9 (1.7)	12 (2.3)	
Vascular disorder	Hypotension	2 (0.4)	12 (2.3)	

#### SAEs were numerically lower in RDV (21%) compared to placebo (27%)

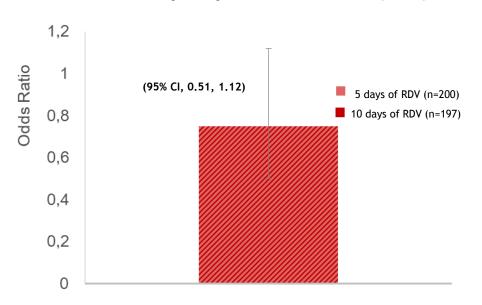


<sup>4</sup> SAE events (2 in each arm) were judged by site investigators to be related to the study product

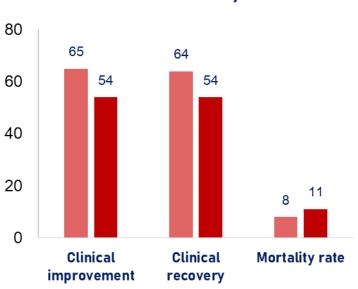
a. The combined number of subjects with either glomerular filtration rate decreased and/or acute kidney injury are 7 for Remdesivir and 9 for Placebo.

## **SIMPLE Study**

#### 10-to-5 days Adjusted Odds Ratio (aOR)



#### Observed Rates at Day 14

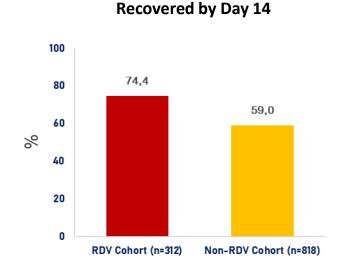


- Clinical improvement- defined as an improvement of two or more points from baseline on a predefined 7-point scale, ranging from hospital discharge to increasing levels of oxygen support to death
- Clinical recovery- defined as no longer requiring oxygen support or discharged from the hospital

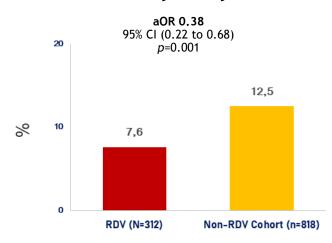


#### Analysis of RDV vs Standard of Care

Phase 3 trial and a retrospective cohort of patients with severe COVID-19 treated with SoC



#### Mortality at Day 14



By Day 14, RDV was associated with significantly improved recovery and 62% reduced odds of death compared to a retrospective RW standard of care cohort

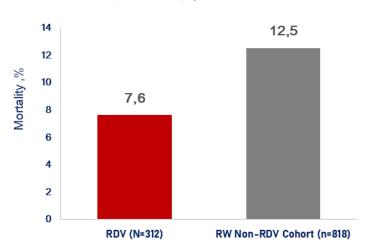


#### Mortality at Day 14: RDV vs Placebo or SoC

ACTT- 1: Mortality by Day 141\* HR: 0.70 95% CI (0.47 to 1.04) 14 11,9 12 Mortality, % 7,1 4 2 0 RDV (n=538) Placebo (n=521) Ordinal scale<sup>3</sup> 5 6 Deaths 0.46 0.22 1.12 1.06 HR (95% CI) (0.04, 5.08)(0.08, 0.58)(0.53, 2.38)(0.59, 1.92)

#### Study 5773/ RW Study 5807 Analysis Mortality at Day 14<sup>2</sup>

aOR 0.38 95% CI (0.22 to 0.68), p=0.001



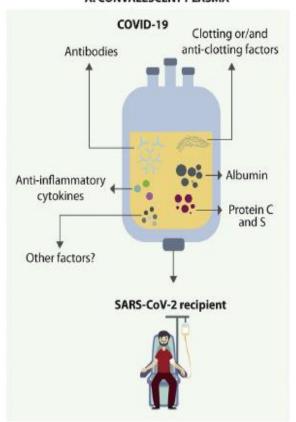
Hospitalized patients on RDV numerically trended towards lower mortality vs placebo with a survival benefit in those requiring supplemental O<sub>2</sub><sup>1</sup>

RDV used in clinical trial was associated with 62% reduced odds of death compared to a RW- SoC cohort <sup>2</sup>

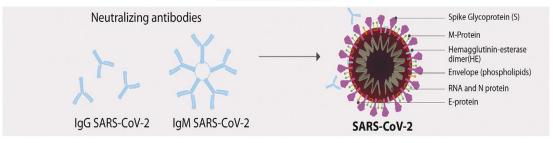


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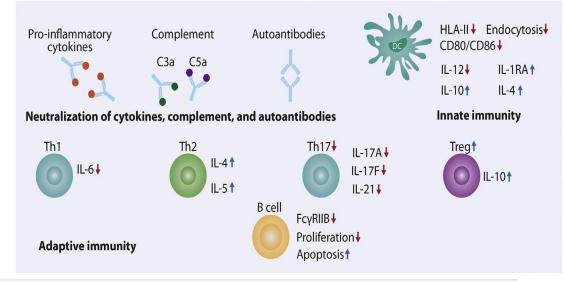
#### A. CONVALESCENT PLASMA



#### **B. ANTIVIRAL EFFECTS**



#### C. IMMUNOMODULATORY EFFECTS





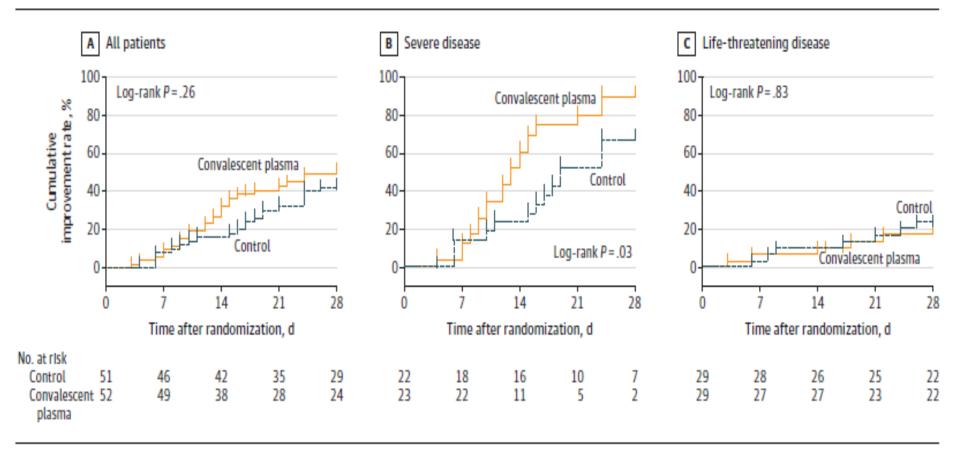
#### JAMA | Original Investigation

# Effect of Convalescent Plasma Therapy on Time to Clinical Improvement in Patients With Severe and Life-threatening COVID-19

#### A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Figure 2. Time to Clinical Improvement in Patients With COVID-19



Non-intubated patients treated

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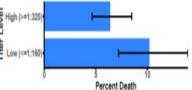
#### Θεραπεία με πλάσμα

# COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Reduction in Death at 7 Days





Statistically significant 37% reduction in mortality in those treated with high titer convalescent plasma (p=.03)



High titer corresponds approximately to Ortho VITROS S/C level ≥ 12

# recipients of convalescent plasma should be COVID-19 positive patients with se

According to the FDA, eligible

 COVID-19 positive patients with severe disease (dyspnea, respiratory frequency ≥ 30/min, blood oxygen saturation 93% or less, partial pressure of arterial oxygen to fraction of inspired oxygen ratio less than 300, and/or lung infiltrates > 50% within 24 to 48hours)

#### OR

- a life-threatening disease (respiratory failure, septic shock, multiple organ dysfunction)
- Patients must give informed consent

#### Θεραπεία με πλάσμα – Δότες

- Eligible donors could be recovered COVID-10 patients who had been proven positive either by a diagnostic test (nasopharyngeal swab at the time of illness, or antibody-positive patients on whom a diagnostic test had not been perforemd during their illness.
- The level of neutralizing a antibody titers should be greater than 1:160 whereas a titer of 1:80 could be deemd acceptable
- Symptoms must have resolved completely at least 28 days prior to donation
- Alternatively a symptom-free interval of at least 14 days prior to donation and negative results in oner or more nasopharyngeal swabs or in blood based molecula diagnostic tests are necessitated
- Male donors are eligible
- Special attention to female donors who should be negative for HLA antibodies in case of previous pregnance.
- General donor eligibility requirements along with the additional criteria for plasmapheresis should be also met including infection status control

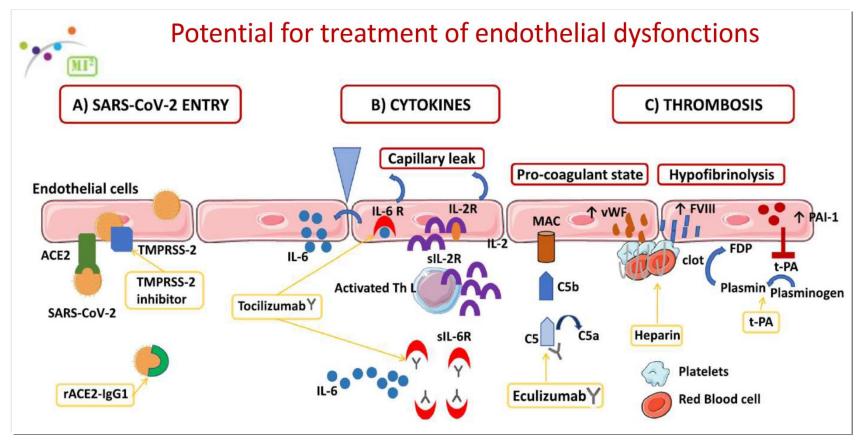
#### Θεραπεία με πλάσμα – Ασφάλεια

Known SE and hazards associated with plasma transfusion include
Transfusion-transmitted infections (e.g. HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C)
Allergic reactions
Anaphylactic reactions
Febrile non-hemolytic reactions
Transfusion-related acute lung injury (TRALI)
Transfusion-associated cardiac overload (TACO)
Hemolytic reactions
Hypothermia
Metabolic complications

Post-transfusion purpura have also been described



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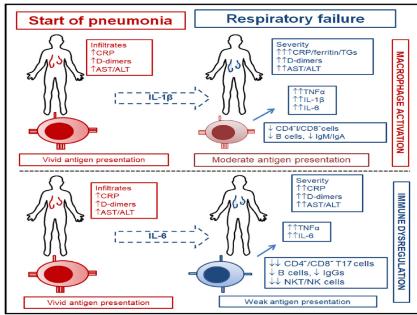
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## Complex Immune Dysregulation in COVID-19 Patients with Severe Respiratory Failure

**Graphical Abstract** 



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#### In Brief

Proper management of COVID-19 mandates better understanding of disease pathogenesis. Giamarellos-Bourboulis et al. describe two main features preceding severe respiratory failure associated with COVID-19: the first is macrophage activation syndrome; the second is defective antigen-presentation driven by interleukin-6. An IL-6 blocker partially rescues immune dysregulation *in vitro* and in patients.



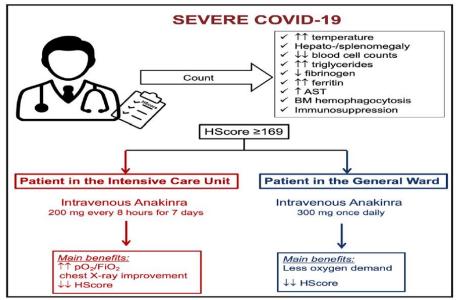
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# Favorable Anakinra Responses in Severe Covid-19 Patients with Secondary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis

#### **Graphical Abstract**



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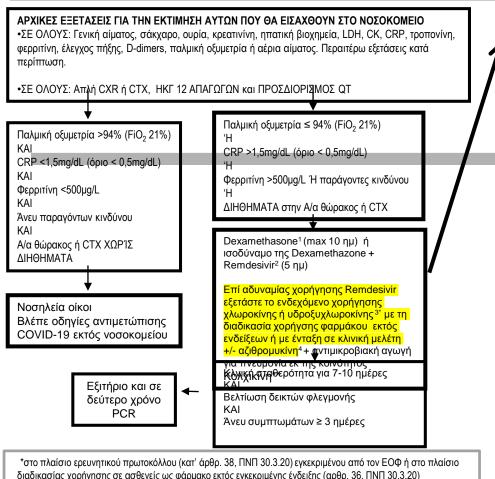
COVID-19 suggests the use of immunomodulation therapies. Dimopoulos et al. describe eight cases of COVID-19 patients who all had secondary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis and showed favorable responses in respiratory function upon treatment with the interleukin-1 receptor antagonist Anakinra.

Complex immune dysregulation in severe



# ΘΕΡΑΠΕΥΤΙΚΟΣ ΑΛΓΟΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΑΣΘΕΝΟΥΣ ΜΕ COVID-19 ΛΟΙΜΩΞΗ ΣΤΟ ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ 27/8/20

#### Οι οδηγίες θα αναπροσαρμόζονται σύμφωνα με νεότερα επιστημονικά δεδομένα για την νόσο COVID-19



\*στο πλαίσιο ερευνητικού πρωτοκόλλου (κατ' άρθρ. 38, ΠΝΠ 30.3.20) εγκεκριμένου από τον ΕΟΦ ή στο πλαίσιο διαδικασίας χορήγησης σε ασθενείς ως φάρμακο εκτός εγκεκριμένης ένδειξης (αρθρ. 36, ΠΝΠ 30.3.20)
\*\*σε ασθενείς με γνωστή καρδιοπάθεια ή ισχυρές ενδείξεις καρδιοπάθειας, στο πλαίσιο ερευνητικού πρωτοκόλλου εγκεκριμένου από τον ΕΟΦ ή στο πλαίσιο των προϋποθέσεων του αρθρ. 36, περ.α-β, παρ.1

¹ Dexamethasone 6 mg/day ή Methylprednisolone 32 mg/day ή Prednisone 40 mg/day. ²Remdesevir: 200mg την πρώτη ημέρα και στη συνέχεια 100mg/ημέρα για 5-10 ημέρες. Προσοχή διακοπή της χορήγησης εάν ALT>5X ΦΤ ή GFR <30ml/min. ³Υδρόξυχλωροκίνη: 400mg x 2 την πρώτη ημέρα και 200mg X 2 /ημέρα x 7 ημέρες (λήψη με φαγητό ή γάλα) ή Φωσφορική χλωροκίνη: 500mg x 2 για 5-7 ημέρες. ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ για πιθανή καρδιοτοξικότητα: παράταση QT> 500msec, Myasthenia gravis, porphyria, επιληψία και αλληλεπιδράσεις με άλλα φάρμακα – βλέπε http://www.covid19-druginteractions.org. ⁴Αζιθρομυκίνη: 500mg x 1 επί 3 ημέρες.

- SatO₂ ≤ 93%
- PaO₂/FiO₂ < 300 mm Hg
- Αναπνοές > 24/min
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• ARDS/ανάγκη μηχανικού αερισμού
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• Shock
ή/και
• Κλινικοεργαστηριακά δεδομένα συνδρόμου απελευθέρωσης κυτταροκινών

- ↑ CRP >5mg/dL)
- ↑ Φερριτίνης (> 1000 μg/L)
- ↑ LDH (> 250 U/L)
- ↑ D-dimers (>1000 ng/mL)
- ↓ λεμφοκυττάρων (< 800/μL)

Επιδείνωση αναπνευστικής λειτουργίας

- Αποκλεισμός βακτηριακής επιλοίμωξης (μέτρηση προκαλσιτονίνης, διεύρυνση του φάσματος της αντιμικροβιακής αγωγής)
   Αναζάτηση άλλων απέρως επιδείνωσης της επιδείνωσης καρδιακής
- Αναζήτηση άλλων αιτίων επιδείνωσης, π.χ. επιδείνωση καρδιακής ανεπάρκειας, μυοκαρδίτιδας οξύ στεφανιαίο σύνδρομο, πνειμονική εμβολή, φαρμακευτική τοξικότητα
- Εάν ο ασθενής δεν έχει λάβει Remdesivir ή dexamethasone χορηγήστε
   Remdesivir + dexamethasone (10 ημ)
- Εάν η επιδείνωση συνέβη υπό Remdesevir + dexamethasone, εξετάστε τη δυνατότητα χορήγησης πλάσματος( https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04408209),Tocilizumab, Anakinra ή άλλου ερευνητικού φαρμάκου στο πλαίσιο κλινικής μελέτης ή χορήγησης φαρμάκου εκτός ενδείξεων όπως 'Tocilizumab, Anakinra

Οι νοσηλευόμενοι ασθενείς με COVID-19 πρέπει να λαμβάνουν θρομβοπροφύλαξη.

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