

# Ενδοθηλιακή βλάβη και Θρόμβωση σε βαρέως πάσχοντες ασθενείς με COVID-19 λοίμωξη

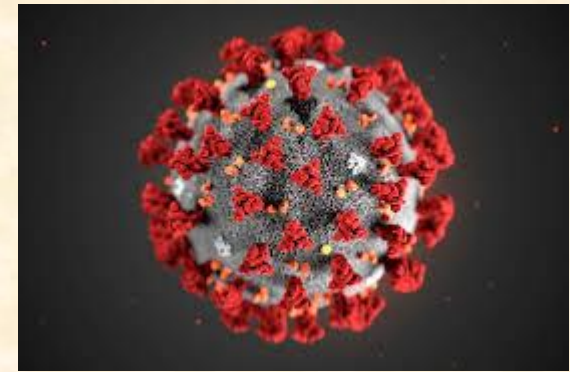
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# COVID-19



- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)
- 20 Jan 2020: International public health emergency
- 11 March 2020: Pandemic
- 131 millions cases/ 2 millions deaths
- Pulmonary and cardiovascular disease: adverse outcomes

# Disease severity classification: NIH criteria

Assess the patient's severity of disease using the criteria:

MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE	CRITICAL
<p>Individuals who have various signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (ANY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fever</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Malaise</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Headache</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste and smell</li> </ul> <p><b>BUT who do NOT have (ANY):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dyspnea</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal chest imaging (if obtained)</li> </ul>	<p>Individuals who show evidence of lower respiratory disease during (ANY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clinical assessment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Imaging</li> </ul> <p><b>AND who have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SpO<sub>2</sub> ≥94% on room air at sea level (in those with normal baseline SpO<sub>2</sub> at rest)</li> </ul>	<p>Individuals who have (ANY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SpO<sub>2</sub> &lt;94% on room air at sea level (in those with normal baseline SpO<sub>2</sub> at rest)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ratio of arterial partial pressure of oxygen to fraction of inspired oxygen (PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub>) &lt;300 mm Hg (if ABG obtained)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> RR &gt;30 breaths/min</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lung infiltrates &gt;50%</li> </ul>	<p>Individuals with (ANY):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory failure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Septic shock</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiorgan dysfunction or failure</li> </ul>

**SEVERE and CRITICAL Severity - Skip to Step 4 (Diagnostic Testing) on Page 2**

# Coagulation abnormalities in COVID -19

- Coagulopathy associated with increased risk of death
- Venous, arterial, microvascular thrombosis
- VTE: 25-49%, AMI, ischemic stroke
- 5-fold increase in all cause mortality
- Different than sepsis DIC
- DIC score usually negative
- High LDH and ferritin
- No signs of hemolysis or schistocytes

# Coagulation characteristics of COVID-19

## Platelet count:

Mildly to moderate reduced in the most severe pts

## PT: Mild

prolongation in a minority of pts

## High fibrinogen:

in all pts

## D-Dimers:

elevated in non survivors

	Survivors	Non-survivors
Platelet count $<150 \times 10^9/L$	30-70%	45-80%
Platelet count $<100 \times 10^9/L$	0-1%	3-5%
Prothrombin time $> 3$ sec. prolonged	0-5%	15-25%
Fibrinogen $< 1.0$ g/L	0%	5-10%
Fibrinogen $> 4.0$ g/L	80-100%	80-100%
D-dimer $> 1$ mg/L (2x ULN)	15-25%	80-90%
D-dimer $> 3$ mg/L (6x ULN)	1-5%	50-70%
Antithrombin $< 80\%$	0%	0-2%



# Risk Factors Associated With Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and Death in Patients With Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pneumonia in Wuhan, China

Chaomin Wu, MD; Xiaoyan Chen, MD; Yanping Cai, MD; Jia'an Xia, MD; Xing Zhou, MD; Sha Xu, MD;

**Table 4. Bivariate Cox Regression of Factors Associated With ARDS Development or Progression From ARDS to Death**

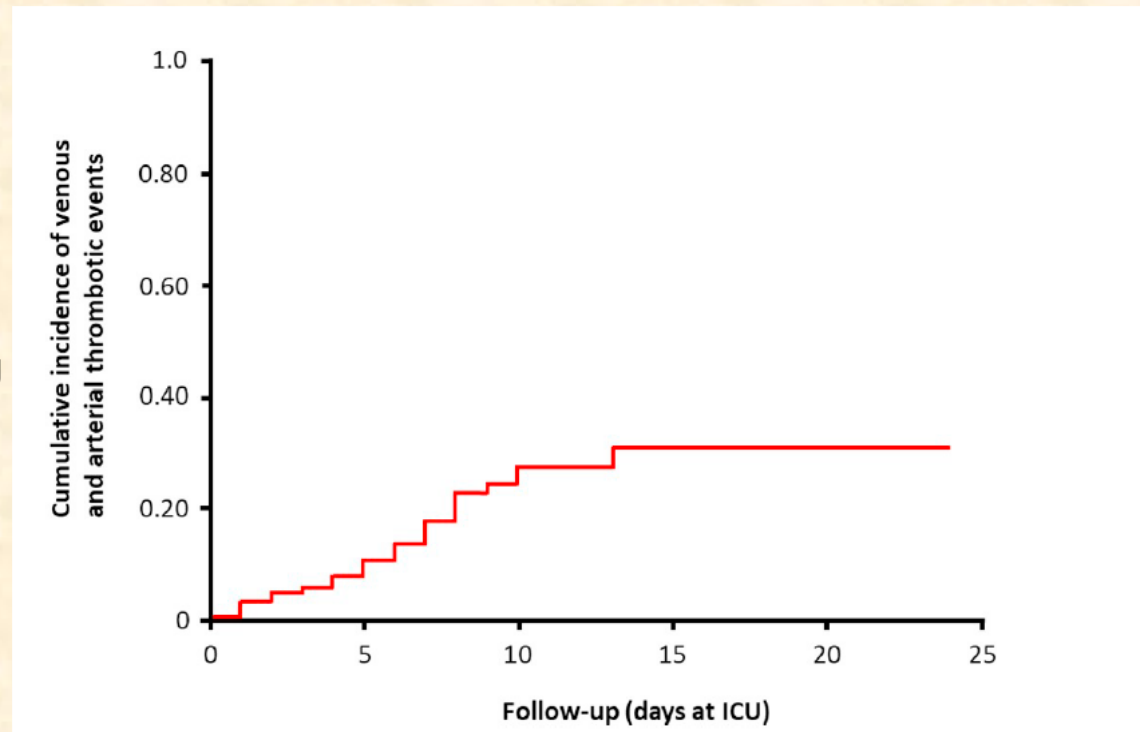
Patient characteristics and findings	ARDS		Death	
	HR (95% CI)	P value	HR (95% CI)	P value
IL-6, pg/L	1.02 (1.00-1.05)	.09	1.03 (1.01-1.05)	.01
Coagulation function				
PT, s	1.56 (1.32-1.83)	<.001	1.08 (0.84-1.38)	.54
APTT, s	0.97 (0.94-1.01)	.13	0.96 (0.91-1.00)	.06
D-dimer, $\mu\text{g/mL}$	1.03 (1.01-1.04)	<.001	1.02 (1.01-1.04)	.002

# Incidence of thrombotic complications in critically ill ICU patients with COVID-19

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- 3 Dutch Hospitals
- 183 pts COVID-19 pneumonia ICU
- 31% thrombotic complications
- VTE 27%
- Arterial thrombosis: 3.7%



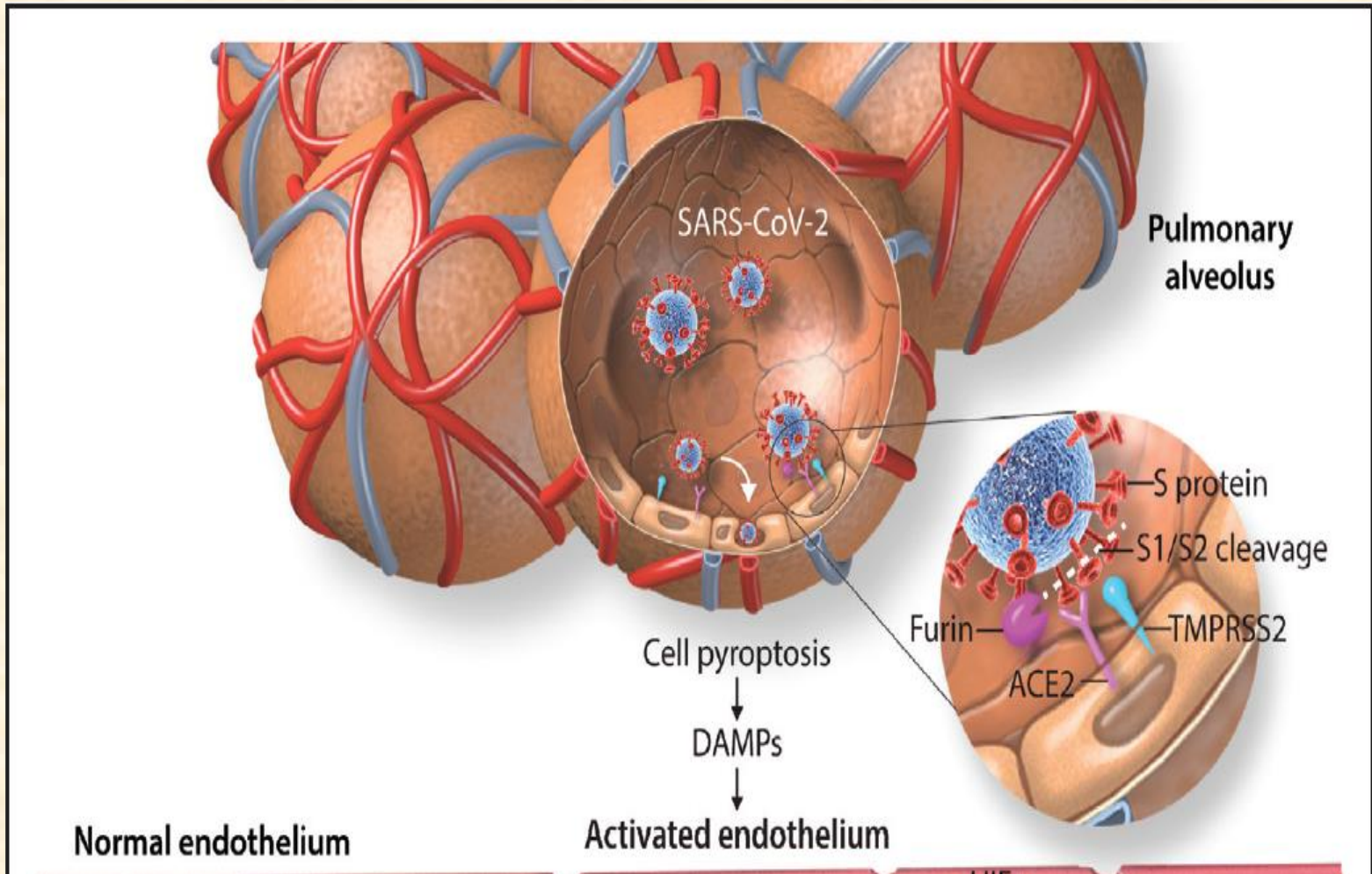
# Pathophysiology of hemostatic disorders in COVID-19

- Local tissue damage caused by SARS-CoV2
- Systemic inflammation and viremia
- Endotheliopathy - Immunothrombosis



# Local tissue damage

- S1 attaches ACE-2 on lung alveolar type II cell
- Pyroptosis
- PRR detect PAMPs and DAMPs
- Chemokines and cytokines
- ARDS
- Alveolar fibrin deposition-Local fibrinolysis-High D-Dimers
- Endothelial damage



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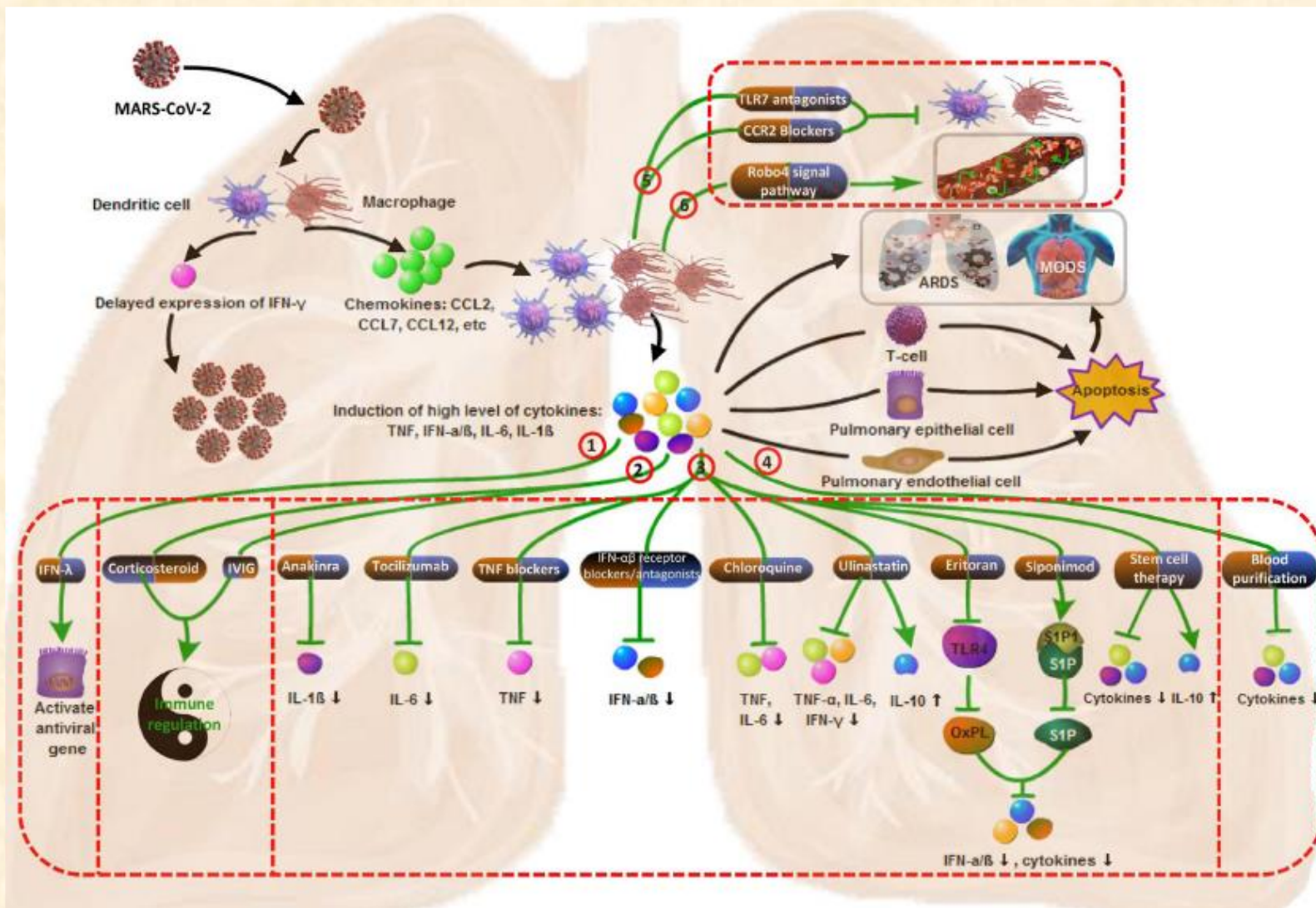
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# Uncontrolled systemic inflammation

- Viremia
- Detection of viral RNA at most tissues
- CRP, Ferritin, neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio, fibrinogen
- Cytokine storm, Macrophage activation syndrome
- IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , IL1 $\beta$
- IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$  strongly associated with survival



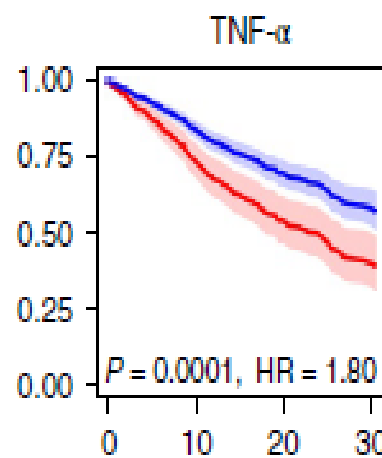
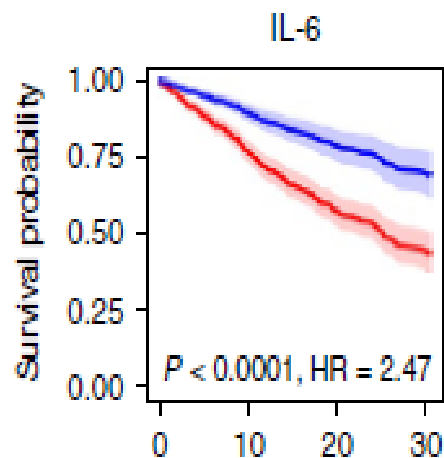




# An inflammatory cytokine signature predicts COVID-19 severity and survival

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IL-6, TNF $\alpha$ :  
independent and  
significant  
predictors of  
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# Endotheliopathy

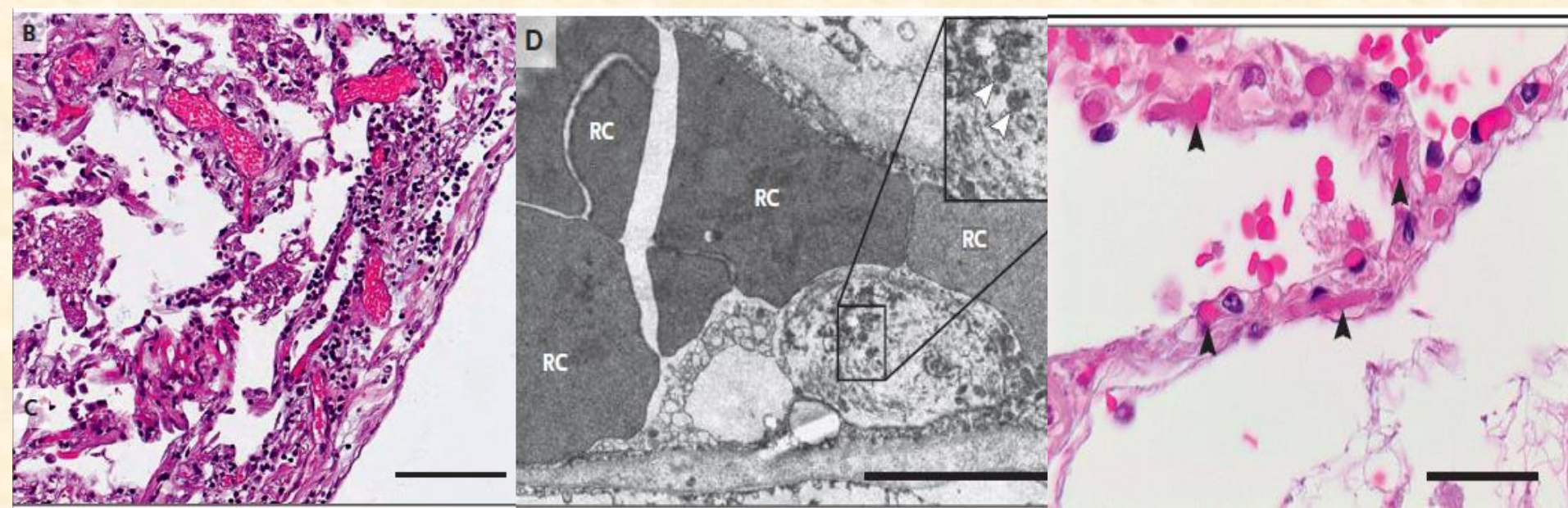
- Viral attack of endothelial cells-ACE2
- Cytokines: Activation of neutrophils and endothelial cells
- Procoagulant phenotype: Upregulation of adhesion molecules, release of VWF, recruitment of platelets and leucocytes
- Upregulation of tissue factor
- Downregulation of natural anticoagulants
- Thrombin generation-Micro and macro vascular thrombosis

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Pulmonary Vascular Endothelialitis, Thrombosis, and Angiogenesis in Covid-19

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Autopsy  
7 lungs from COVID-19 pts  
7 lungs H1N1  
10 control



T-lymphocytic inflammation

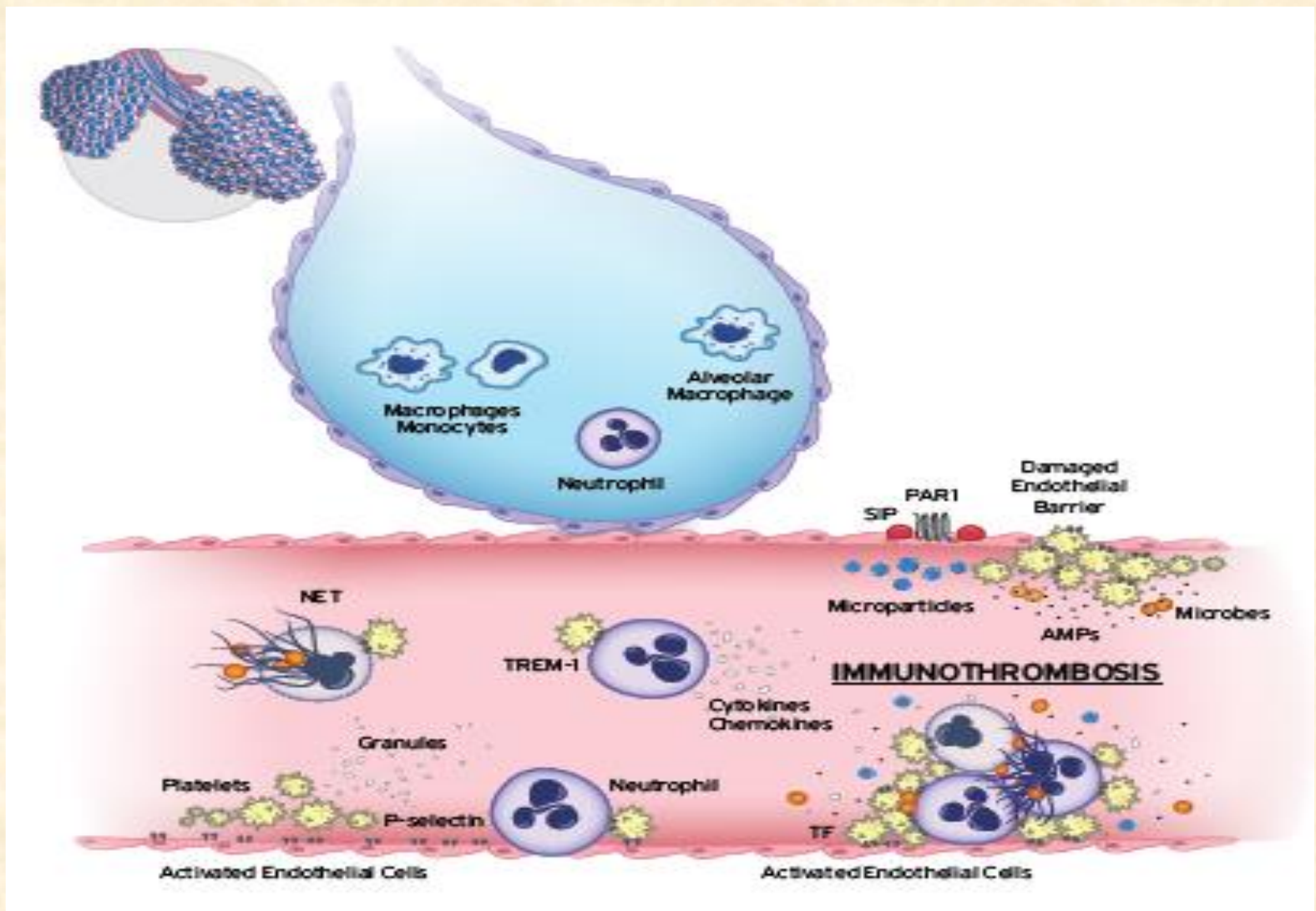
SARS-CoV-2 within the cell membrane

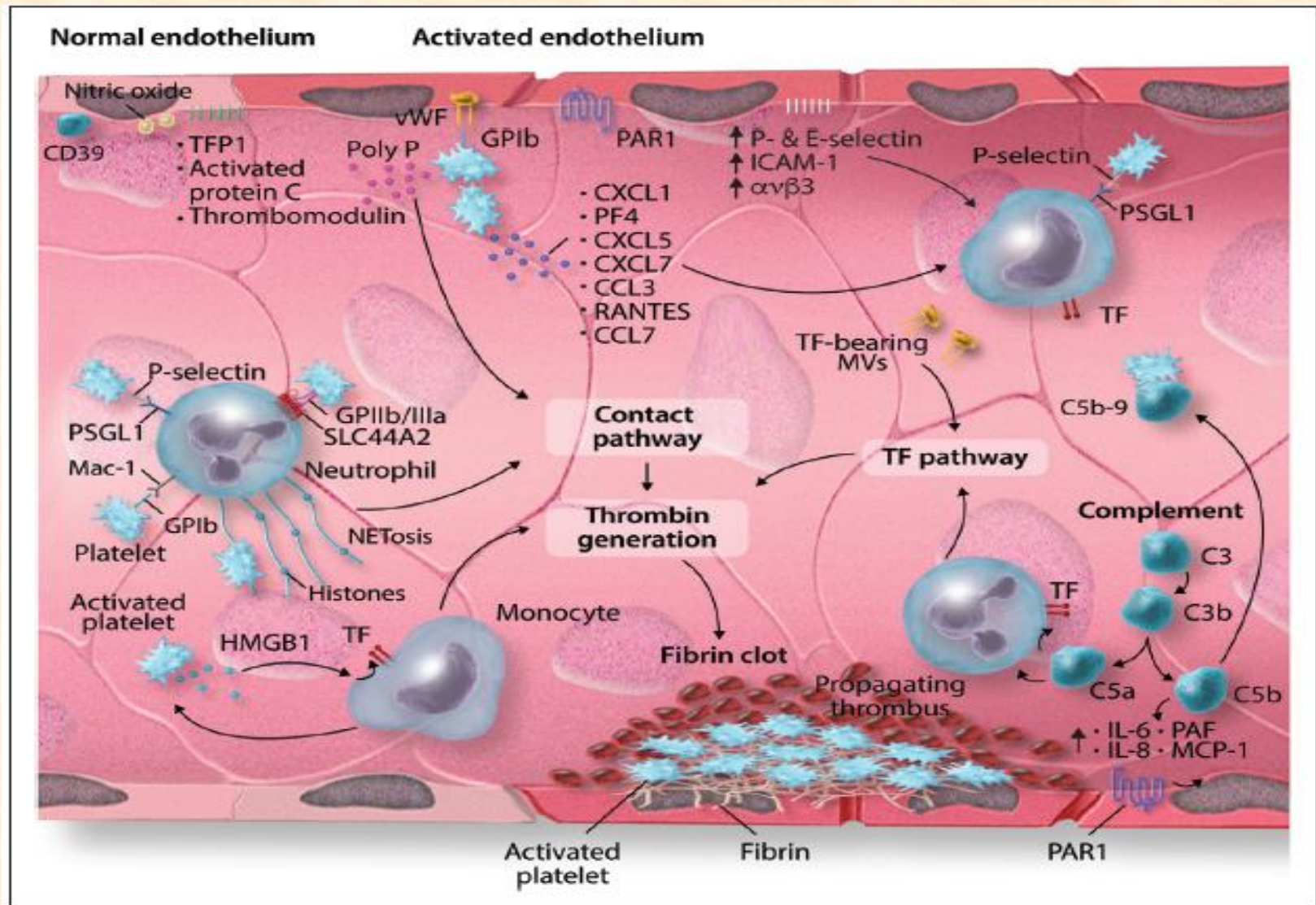
Microthrombi in the alveolar capillaries

# Immunothrombosis

- The pathophysiological role of coagulation in the innate host response to endothelial damage
- Organized recruitment of innate cells and platelets at the site of endothelial damage, regulated by coagulation proteases and inflammatory mediators
- Microthrombi: Complex with antimicrobial properties-inflammatory response, TF expression

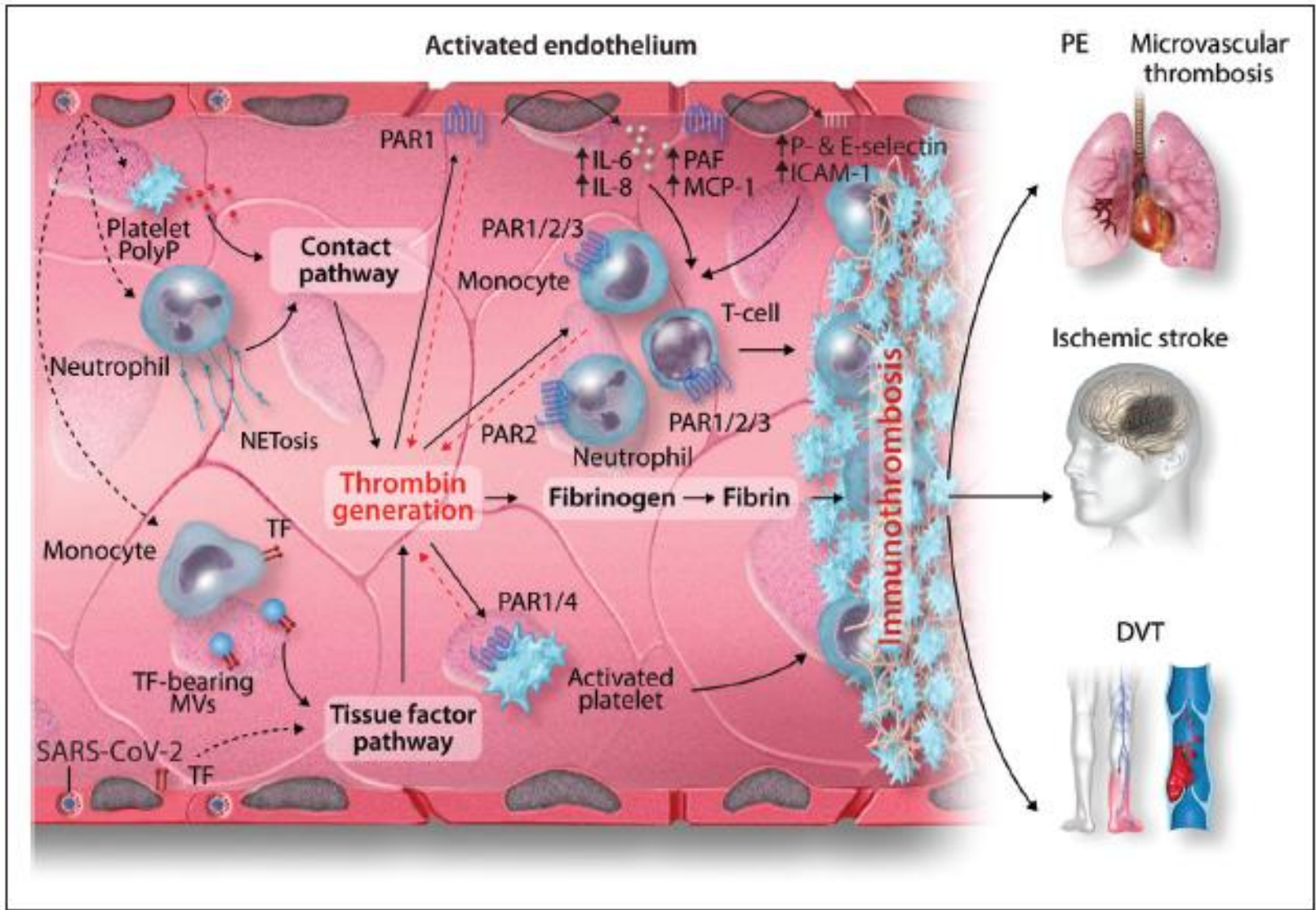






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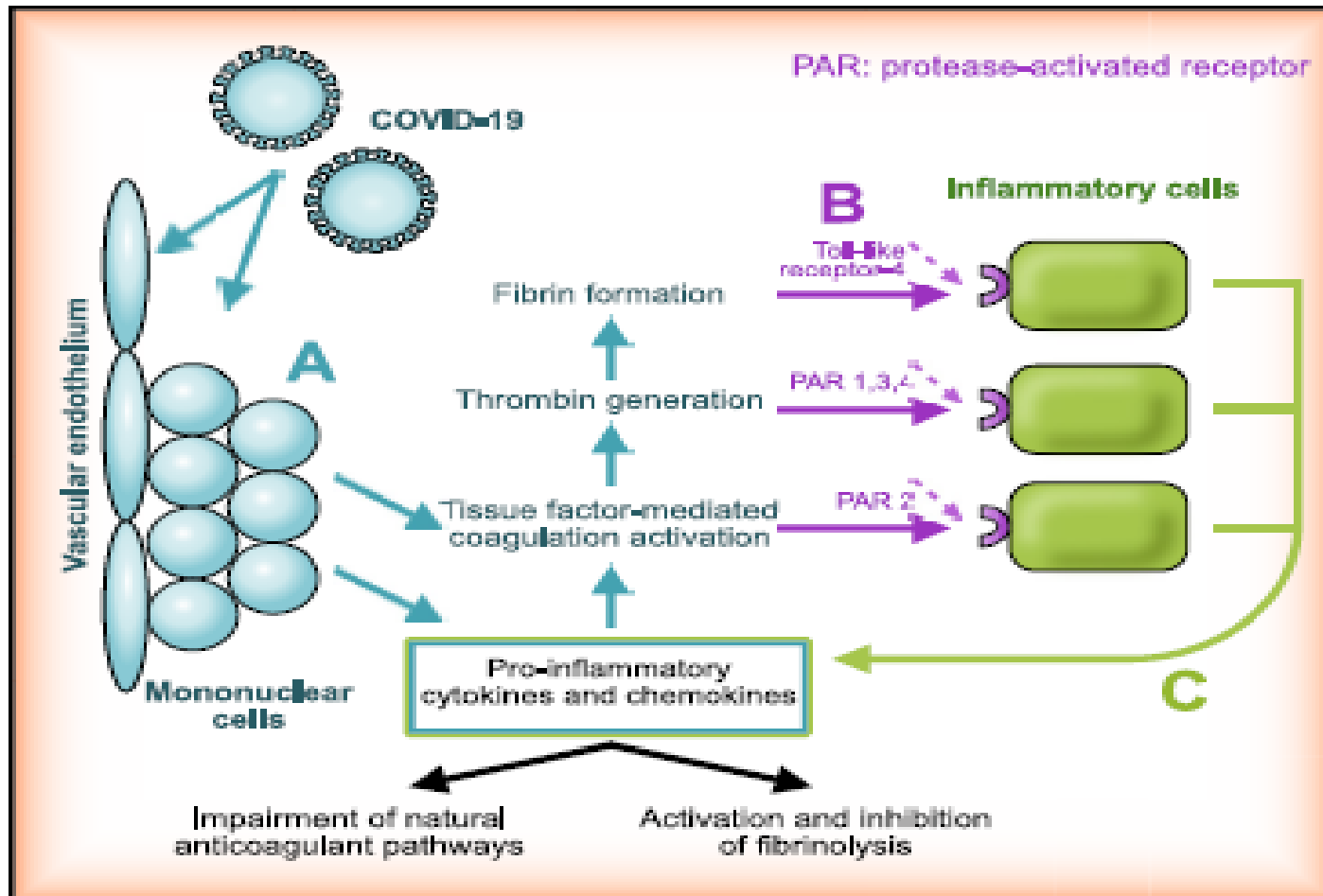


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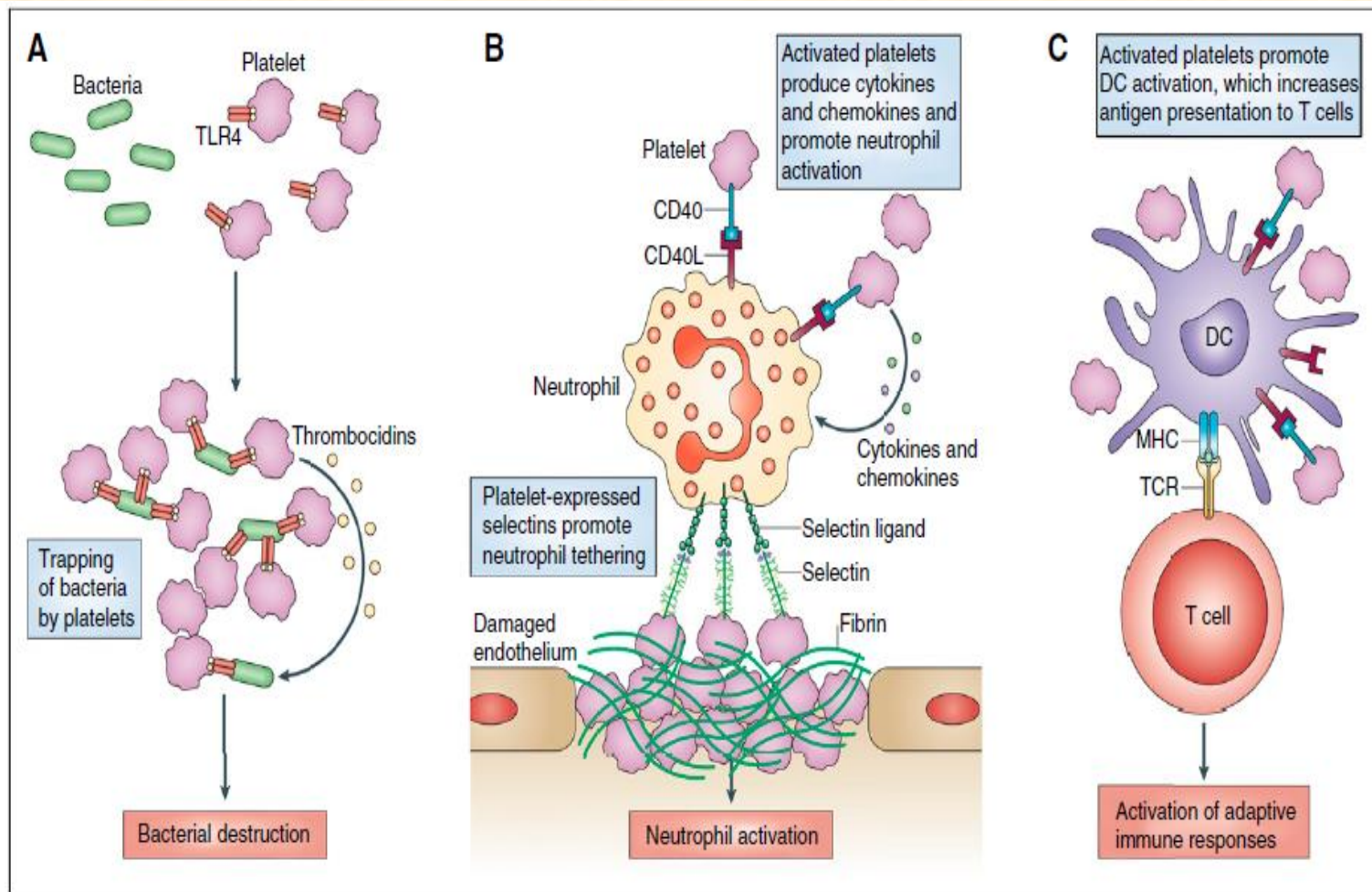
# Thrombin: In the heart of thrombosis and inflammation

- Enzymatic cleavage of fibrinogen to fibrin
- Proinflammatory effects
- PARs: platelets, epithelial cells, immune cells and astrocytes
- A strong platelet agonist
- Activation of leukocytes: cytokines and growth factors (IL-6, IL-8, PAF, ICM-1, P-selectin)
- Modulation of immune response to viruses

Like many other infections, there is significant cross-talk between inflammation and coagulation



# Platelets: The first defense



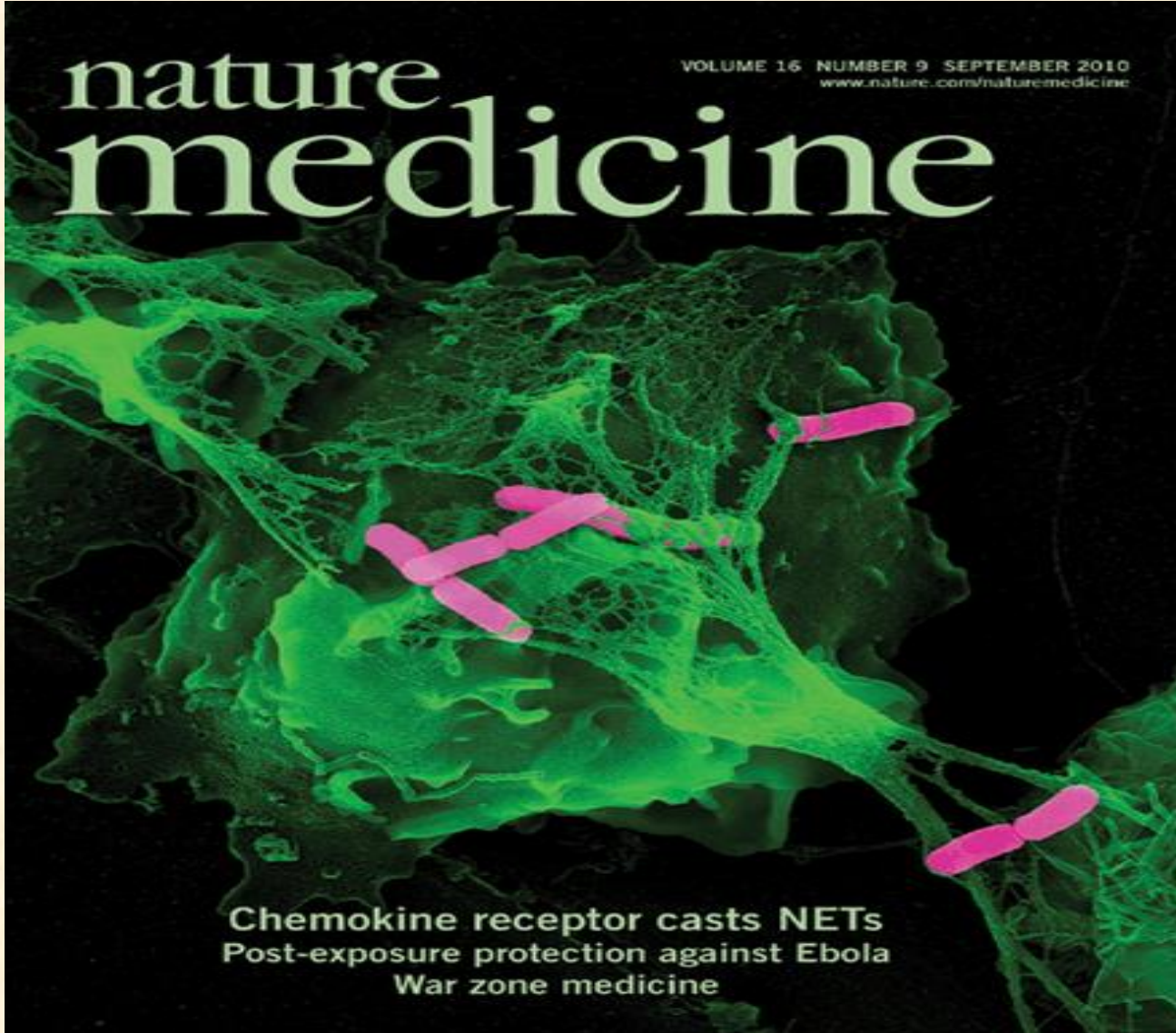


# Neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs)

- Released from activated neutrophils
- Chromatine and proteins of activated neutrophils, MPO, NE
- Antimicrobial properties-trapping microorganisms
- Procoagulant activities: arterial and venous thrombosis
- Activation of platelets and contact system (FXII)
- Excessive inflammatory response
- TRALI, ARDS, SLE, DIC

# nature medicine

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**Chemokine receptor casts NETs**  
Post-exposure protection against Ebola  
War zone medicine

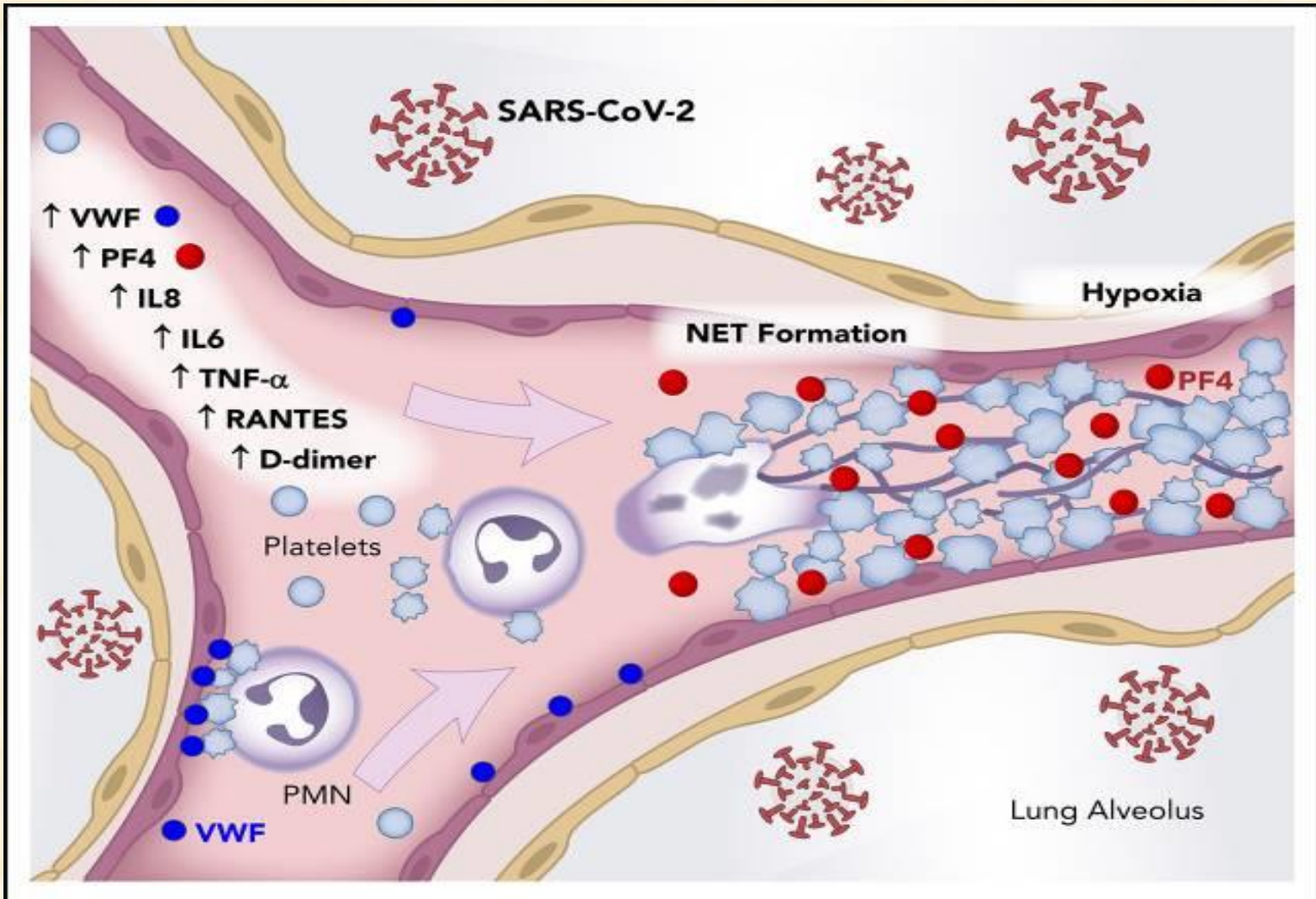


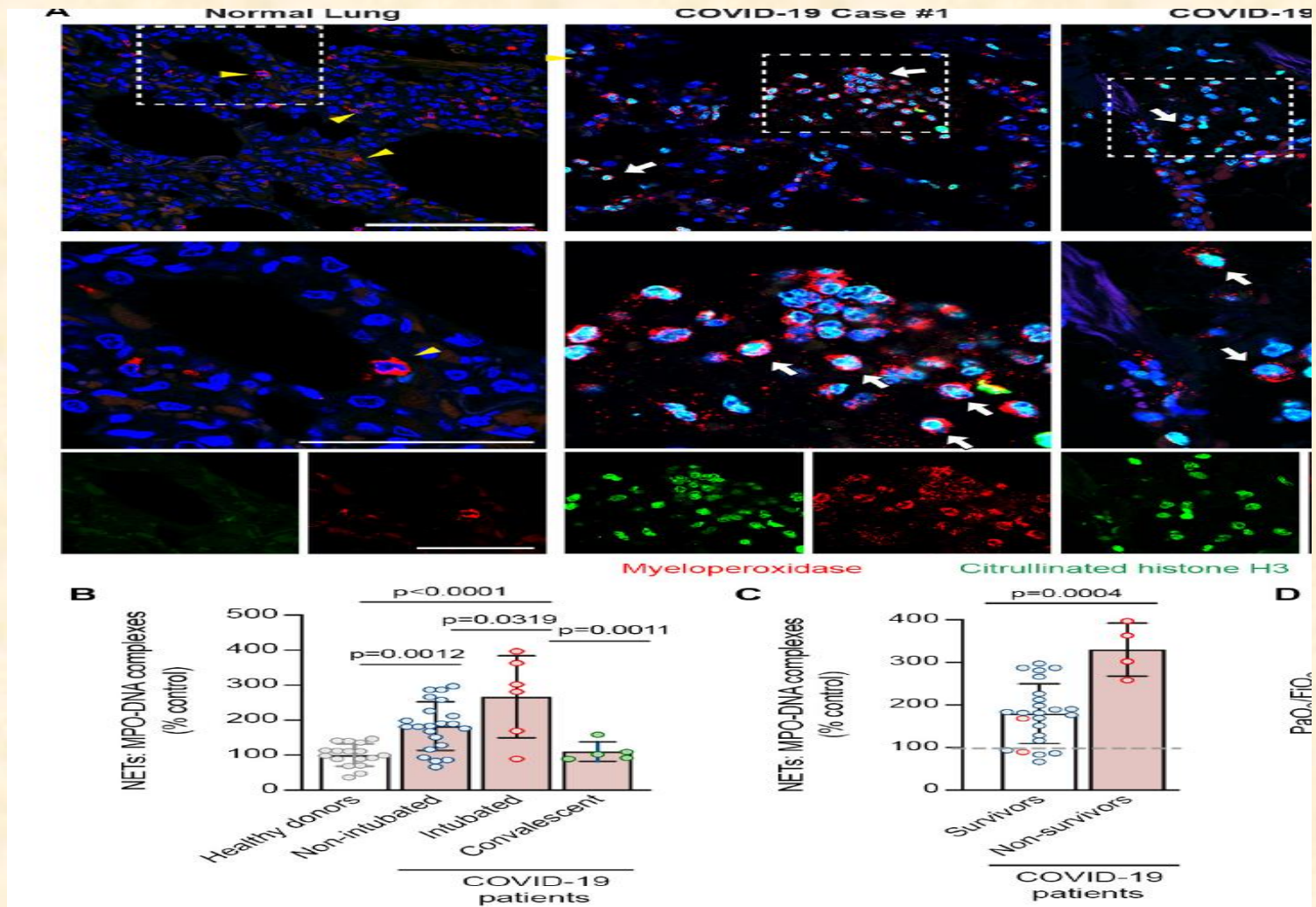


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## **Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs) Contribute to Immunothrombosis in COVID-19 Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome**

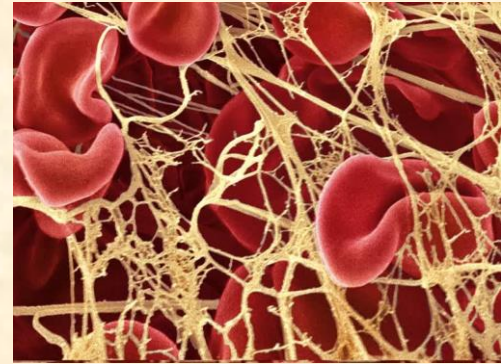
- Prospective cohort study in 33 COVID-19 pts
- NETs, PF-4, cytokines
- NETs increased in COVID-19 intubated pts compared to controls
- Correlation between NETs and respiratory disease severity
- Interaction with platelets in lung vessels
- Potential therapeutic target





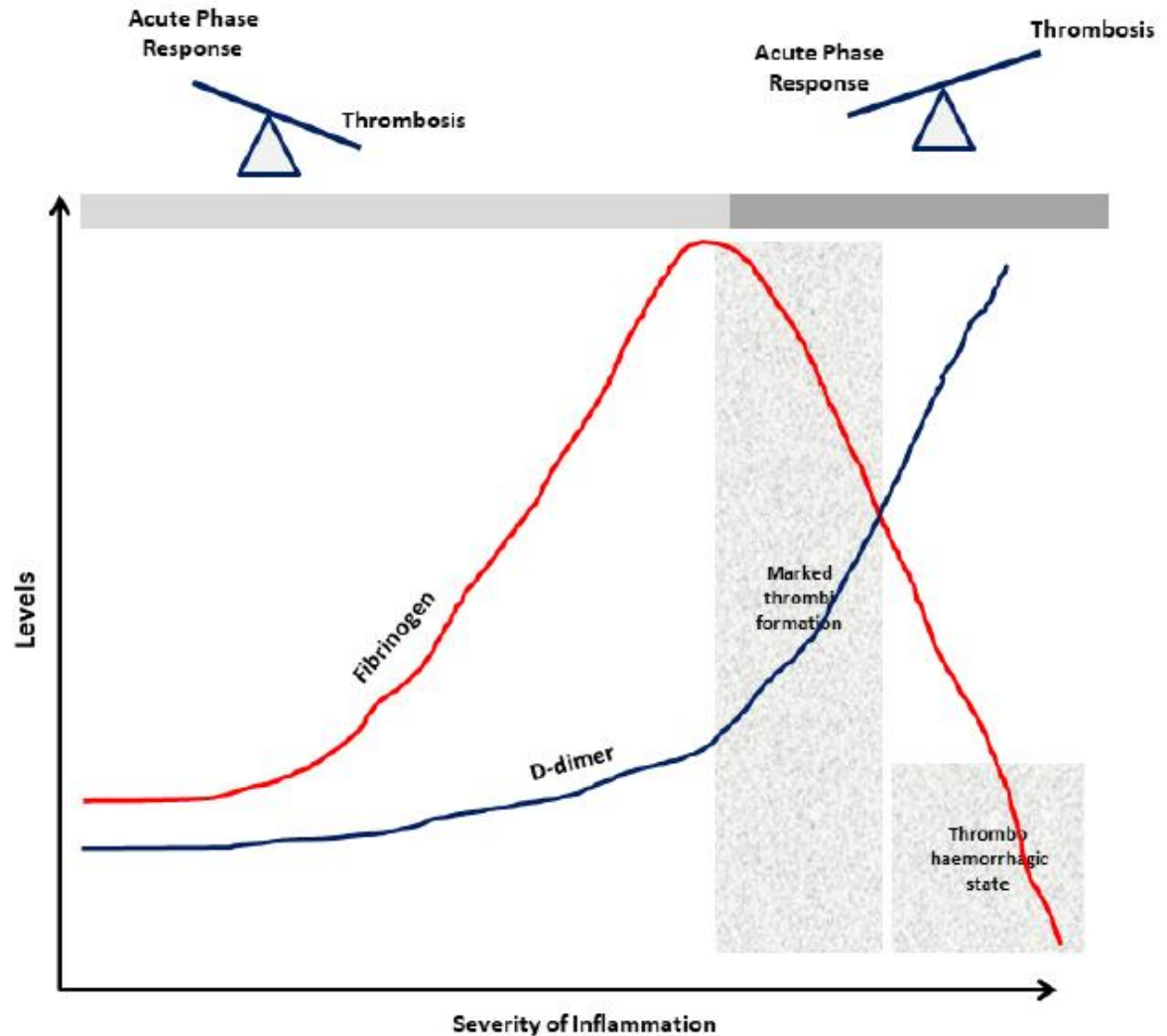


# Fibrinolysis



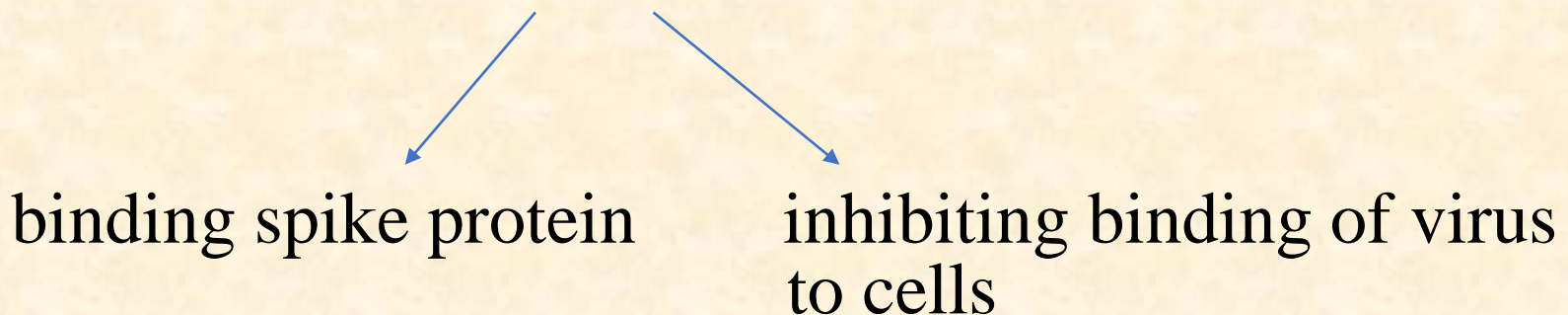
- Initially: acute release of plasminogen activators
- Local fibrinolysis in alveoli (D-Dimers)
- Increase in PAI-1
- Fibrin(ogen) fundamental to survive infection
- Fibrin formation: pathogen entrapment
- Bacteria: Fibrinolysis activators (omptins)
- Dysplasminogenemia: Enhanced survival during infection with *Y.pestis*, *streptococci*, *S.aureus*

Forum article: The protective rather than prothrombotic fibrinogen in  
COVID-19 and other inflammatory states



# Management of coagulation disorders







- LMWH reduces mortality in COVID-19 pts with elevated D-Dimers
- Heparin: AT mediated inhibition of FXa and thrombin
- Heparin: anti-inflammatory effects
- Heparin: antiviral properties



Tang N et al. *J Thromb and Haemost* 2020;18  
Milewska A et al. *J Virol* 2014;88



# Scientific and Standardization Committee communication: Clinical guidance on the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of venous thromboembolism in hospitalized patients with COVID-19

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Standardization Committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis

### VTE prophylaxis in non-ICU hospitalized COVID-19 patients:

1. A universal strategy of routine thromboprophylaxis with standard-dose UFH or LMWH should be used after careful assessment of bleed risk, with LMWH as the preferred agent. Intermediate-dose LMWH may also be considered (30% of respondents).
2. VTE prophylaxis recommendations should be modified based on extremes of body weight, severe thrombocytopenia (ie platelet counts of  $50\,000 \times 10^9$  per liter or  $25\,000 \times 10^9$  per liter) or deteriorating renal function.

### VTE prophylaxis in sick ICU hospitalized COVID-19 patients:

1. Routine thromboprophylaxis with prophylactic-dose UFH or LMWH should be used after careful assessment of bleed risk. Intermediate-dose LMWH (50% of respondents) can also be considered in high risk patients. Patients with obesity as defined by actual body weight or BMI should be considered for a 50% increase in the dose of thromboprophylaxis. Treatment-dose heparin should not be considered for primary prevention until the results of randomized controlled trials are available.
2. Multi-modal thromboprophylaxis with mechanical methods (ie, intermittent pneumatic compression devices) should be considered (60% of respondents).

JAMA | Original Investigation

## Effect of Intermediate-Dose vs Standard-Dose Prophylactic Anticoagulation on Thrombotic Events, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Treatment, or Mortality Among Patients With COVID-19 Admitted to the Intensive Care Unit The INSPIRATION Randomized Clinical Trial

INSPIRATION Investigators

**INTERVENTIONS** Intermediate-dose (enoxaparin, 1 mg/kg daily) (n = 276) vs standard prophylactic anticoagulation (enoxaparin, 40 mg daily) (n = 286), with modification according to body weight and creatinine clearance. The assigned treatments were planned to be continued until completion of 30-day follow-up.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Among patients admitted to the ICU with COVID-19, intermediate-dose prophylactic anticoagulation, compared with standard-dose prophylactic anticoagulation, did not result in a significant difference in the primary outcome of a composite of adjudicated venous or arterial thrombosis, treatment with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, or mortality within 30 days. These results do not support the routine empirical use of intermediate-dose prophylactic anticoagulation in unselected patients admitted to the ICU with COVID-19.

# Coagulopathy and inflammation in COVID-19

- Local inflammation
- Viremia and systemic inflammation
- Endotheliopathy
- Immunothrombosis concept
- Arterial and venous thrombosis
- Uncertainties on anticoagulation
- Need for RCT on therapeutic strategies





*We've all got both  
light and dark  
inside of us.  
What matters  
is the part we choose  
to act on.  
That's who  
we really are*

*Sirius Black*

**Thank you for your attention !!!**