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**Mavrilimumab
COVID-19 Pneumonia and
Hyperinflammation**

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Mavrimumab: Potential Treatment of COVID-19 Pneumonia and Hyperinflammation

Mechanism

- GM-CSF is a key growth factor and cytokine in autoinflammation and autoimmunity.¹
- Mavrimumab is a monoclonal antibody inhibitor targeting GM-CSFR α .

Rationale

- GM-CSF is implicated in the mechanism of excessive and aberrant immune cell infiltration and activation in the lungs thought to contribute significantly to mortality in COVID-19.²
- Robust literature evidence showing a consistent immunophenotype and pathology of ARDS across inflammatory/infectious etiologies (influx of neutrophils and upregulation of immature, pro-inflammatory macrophages).³

Clinical Data

- Evidence of treatment response with mavrimumab observed in an open-label treatment protocol in Italy in 13 non-mechanically ventilated patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia and hyperinflammation.⁴

Differentiation

- Mavrimumab is believed to be the only GM-CSF receptor blocker; other anti-GM-CSF therapeutic approaches inhibit the ligand.
- GM-CSFR α blockade potentially prevents pathogenic cells from infiltrating into the target tissue, and suppresses multiple markers of inflammation (e.g., IL-2R α , IL-6, CRP)^{5,6,7}
- Once hyperinflammation and CRS have begun, anti-virals may be less effective⁸
- Vaccines likely to provide incomplete population immunity + limited supply/access; vaccine does not help once virus occurs⁹

Development Status

- The safety of mavrimumab has been evaluated in a Phase 2 trial: Mavrimumab was dosed in over 550 patients with rheumatoid arthritis through Phase 2b by MedImmune in Europe and achieved prospectively-defined primary safety and efficacy endpoints.
- Kiniksa has engaged with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and is preparing for a potential registrational development program for mavrimumab in COVID-19 pneumonia and hyperinflammation. In parallel, academic investigators in the U.S. and Italy are planning investigator-initiated placebo-controlled-studies.

Emerging Literature Support Rationale for Mavrilimumab in COVID-19

1 Aberrant pathogenic GM-CSF⁺ T cells and inflammatory CD14⁺CD16⁺ monocytes
2 in severe pulmonary syndrome patients of a new coronavirus
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- Recent data provide scientific rationale implicating GM-CSF in the mechanism of excessive and aberrant immune cell infiltration and activation in the lungs thought to contribute significantly to mortality in the disease.
- The emerging data indicate that patients with COVID-19 have elevated serum levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines, including GM-CSF, and interferon-gamma, which are thought to be drivers of a cytokine storm that plays a significant role in clinical complications and acute lung injury.
- Infiltration of immune cells in the lungs of COVID-19 patients, as part of an exaggerated immune response despite falling viral loads, results in severe lung complications.
- These data suggest that it may be the excessive, non-effective host immune response by pathogenic T cells and inflammatory monocytes that causes the severe lung pathology most often associated with mortality.

Mavrilimumab Treatment Protocol in COVID-19 Pneumonia and Hyperinflammation

Improved clinical outcomes compared to matched contemporaneous controls, including earlier weaning from supplemental oxygen, shorter hospitalizations, and no deaths

The mavrilimumab open-label treatment protocol was a prospective, interventional, single-active-arm, single-center pilot experience in Italy.

- Thirteen non-mechanically ventilated patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia and hyperinflammation were treated with a single intravenous dose of mavrilimumab upon admission to the hospital.
- Twenty-six contemporaneous non-mechanically ventilated patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia and hyperinflammation and with similar characteristics upon admission to the hospital, including comorbidities, baseline inflammatory markers and respiratory dysfunction, were evaluated as a control group.
- All patients in the treatment protocol received optimum local standard of care, including protease inhibitors and antiviral therapies.

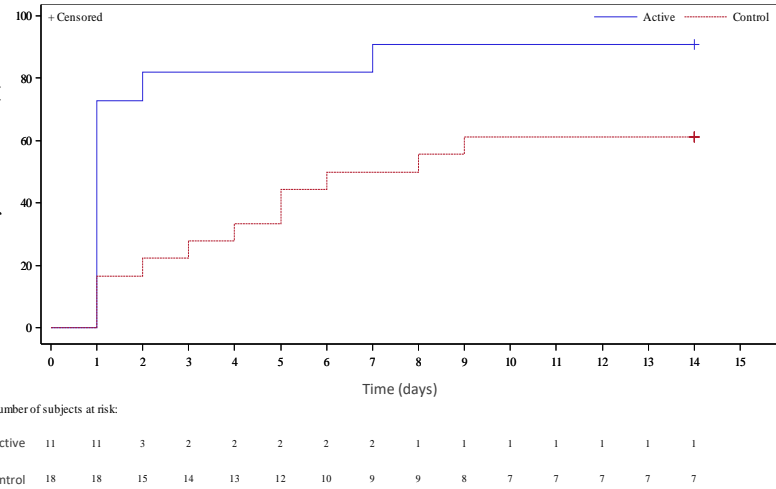
Main outcome: Time to clinical improvement (defined as improvement ≥ 2 categories on a 7-point scale for assessment of clinical status)

Clinical Outcomes:

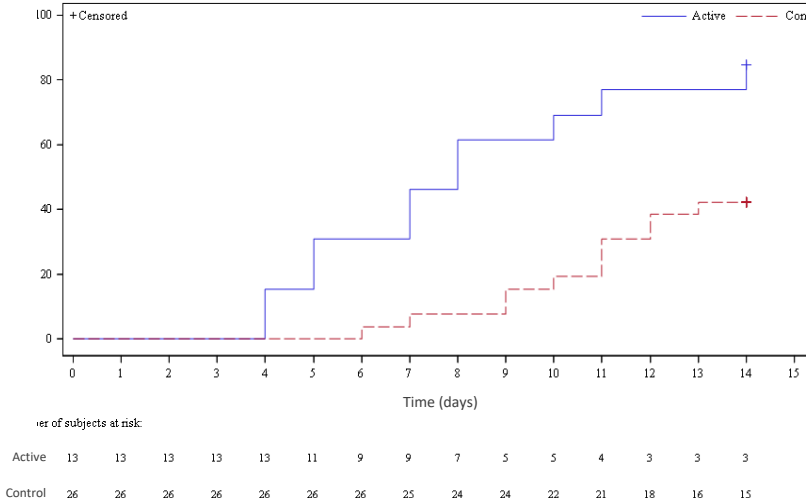
- Over the course of the 14-day follow-up period, mavrilimumab-treated patients experienced greater and earlier clinical improvements than control-group patients, including earlier weaning from supplemental oxygen, shorter hospitalizations, and no deaths.
 - At day 14 of the follow-up period, 85% (n=11/13) of mavrilimumab-treated patients and 42% (n=11/26) of control-group patients had attained the clinical improvement endpoint (defined as improvement of ≥ 2 categories on a 7-point scale for assessment of clinical status) (p=0.017).
 - Mavrilimumab-treated patients reached the clinical improvement endpoint earlier compared to control-group patients (median [95% CI]: 8.0 [5.0–11.0] days vs. NE (not estimable) [11.0–NE], p=0.001).
 - During the 14-day follow-up period, there was a 0% (n=0) incidence of death in mavrilimumab-treated patients compared to 27% (n=7) in control-group patients (p=0.046 for time to death).
 - Eight percent (n=1) of mavrilimumab-treated patients received mechanical ventilation, compared to 35% (n=9) of control-group patients (p=0.077 for time to mechanical ventilation or death).
 - Mavrilimumab-treated patients were discharged from the hospital earlier than control-group patients (median [95% CI]: 10.0 [9.0–12.0] days vs. NE [12.0–NE], p=0.013).
- Mavrilimumab was well-tolerated in all patients, without infusion reactions. P-values above are unadjusted for multiplicity.

Mavrilimumab Treatment Protocol in Patients with COVID-19 Pneumonia & Hyperinflammation Showed Improved Clinical Outcomes Compared to Matched Contemporaneous Controls¹

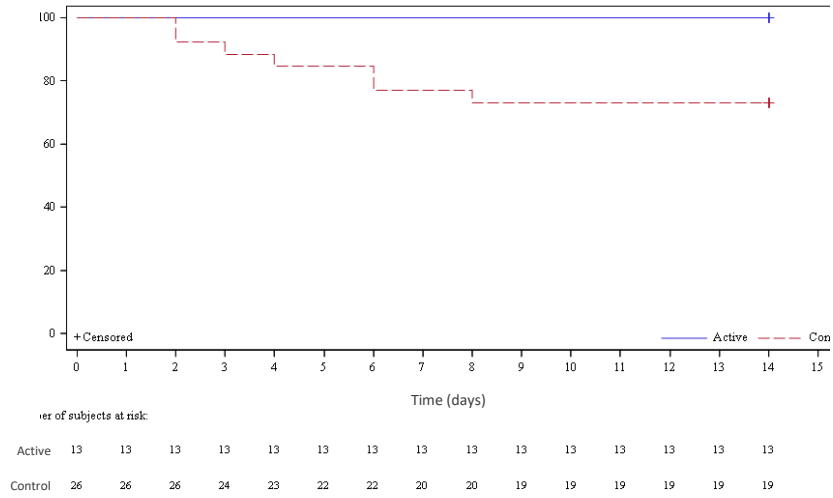
Time to Fever Resolution



Time to Clinical Improvement



Cumulative Survival



Time to resolution of fever was significantly shorter in mavrilimumab-treated patients than control-group patients (median [95% CI] = 1.0 [1.0–2.0] days vs 7.0 [3.0–NE] days, respectively, log-rank $\chi^2=6.75$, $p=0.009$)

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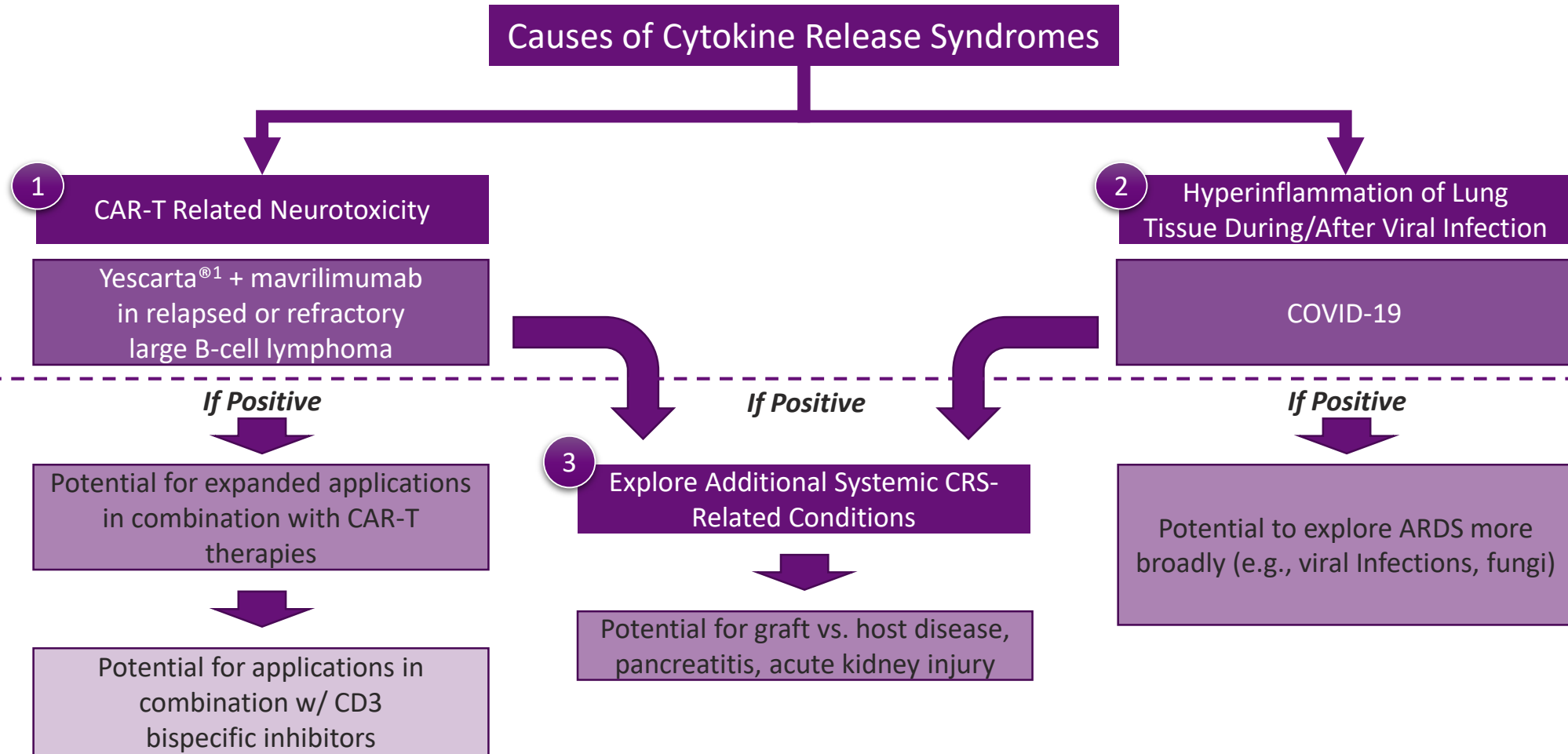
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--- Control-group
 --- Mavrilimumab

1) The treatment protocol with the investigational drug mavrilimumab was conducted by Professor Lorenzo Dagna, MD, FACP, Head, Unit of Immunology, Rheumatology, Allergy and Rare Diseases IRCCS San Raffaele Scientific Institute and Vita-Salute San Raffaele University in Milan, Italy within a COVID-19 Program directed by Professor Alberto Zangrillo, Head of Department of Anesthesia and Intensive Care of the Scientific Institute San Raffaele Hospital and Professor in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele; p-values above are unadjusted for multiplicity.



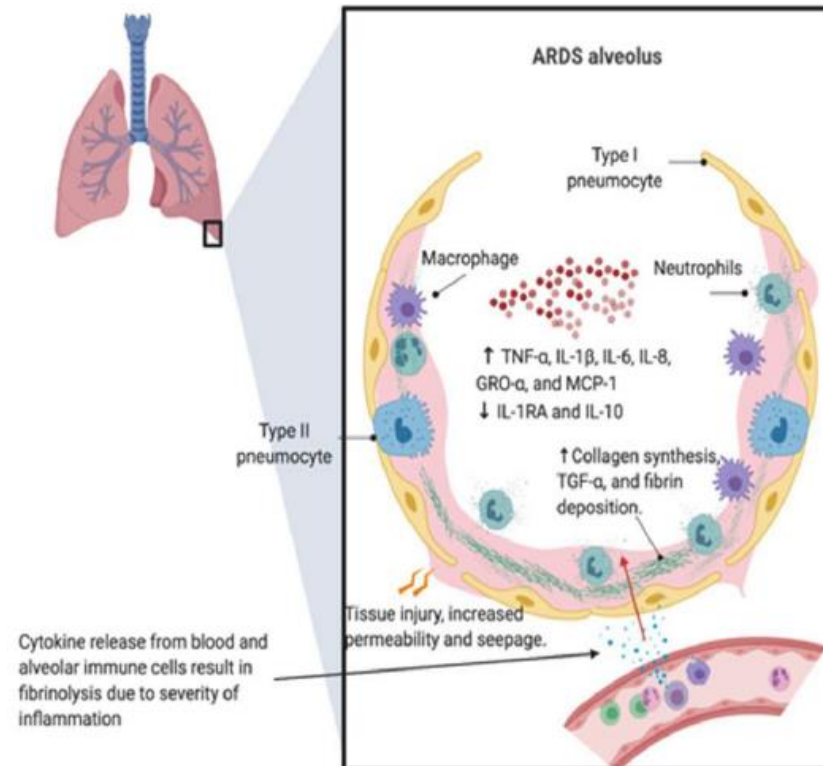
Kiniksa's Development Strategy for Diseases with Cytokine Storm and Hyperinflammation



1) Yescarta® is a registered trademark of Gilead Sciences, Inc., or its related companies; CRS = Cytokine Release Syndrome; Sterner et al., Blood 2019; Mehta et al., The Lancet 2020: [https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)30628-0.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(20)30628-0.pdf)

Viral Infections Causing ARDS (i.e., influenza, H1N1, RSV, COVID-19, etc.) Have an *Inflammatory Pathophysiology*, Primarily Precipitated by Cytokine Storm

- Uncontrolled pro-inflammatory response, originating from the focal infected area, spreading through circulation and manifests as a **multiorgan failure** and **ARDS**
- Inflammation of the alveolar epithelial cells drives development of severe disease, destroying gas exchange and allowing **further viral exposure**
- Approach to treatment is **addressing host response** directly by targeting innate immune pathways that amplify inflammatory signals and contribute to epithelial damage

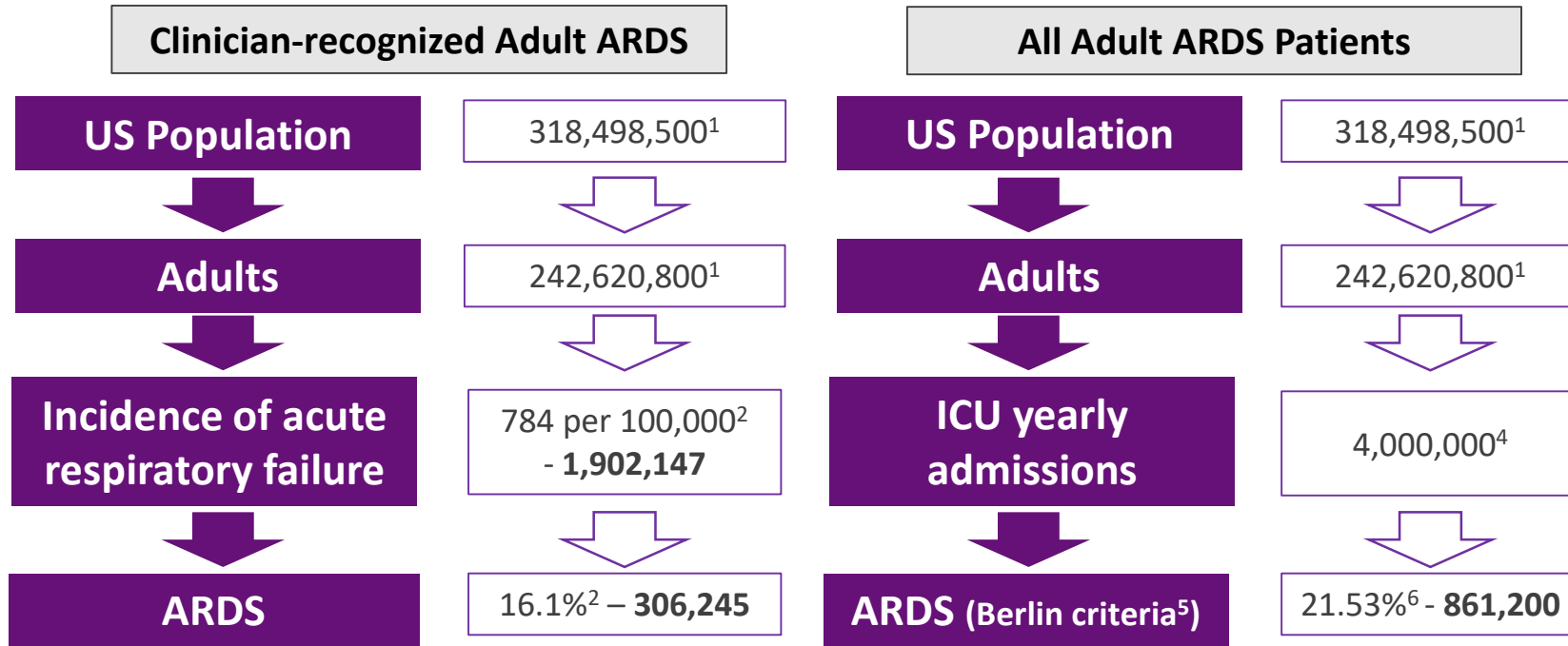


McGonagle, et al., Autoimmunity Reviews (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.autrev.2020.102537>

Under-diagnosis of viral infections causing ARDS

- Viral infection is sufficient to cause severe pneumonia and ARDS, but it can also act in conjunction with or be followed by bacterial agents, (most commonly by *S. aureus* and *S. pneumoniae*)
- Clinicians fail to clinically diagnose influenza in **up to two-thirds** of patients with confirmed influenza

There are between 300k and 860k Cases of Adult ARDS in the U.S. Every Year; Significant Unmet Need Remains in These Populations



- Excludes ARDS associated with COVID-19
- Pediatric ARDS occurs less often
- Most common causes of ARDS are pneumonia (59%) and sepsis (16%)³
- 84.5% of ARDS cases require mechanical ventilation⁷
- Considerable mortality (~40%⁸) with no effective treatments outside mechanical ventilation

~300,000 – 860,000 ARDS Cases Annually in US*

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*There may be different ARDS phenotypes – some of which may not be ideal for GM-CSF inhibition. Further research is needed to understand which patient sub-types would best benefit from treatment with mavrilimumab



Cytokine Cascade Amplification System in the Pathophysiology of ARDS

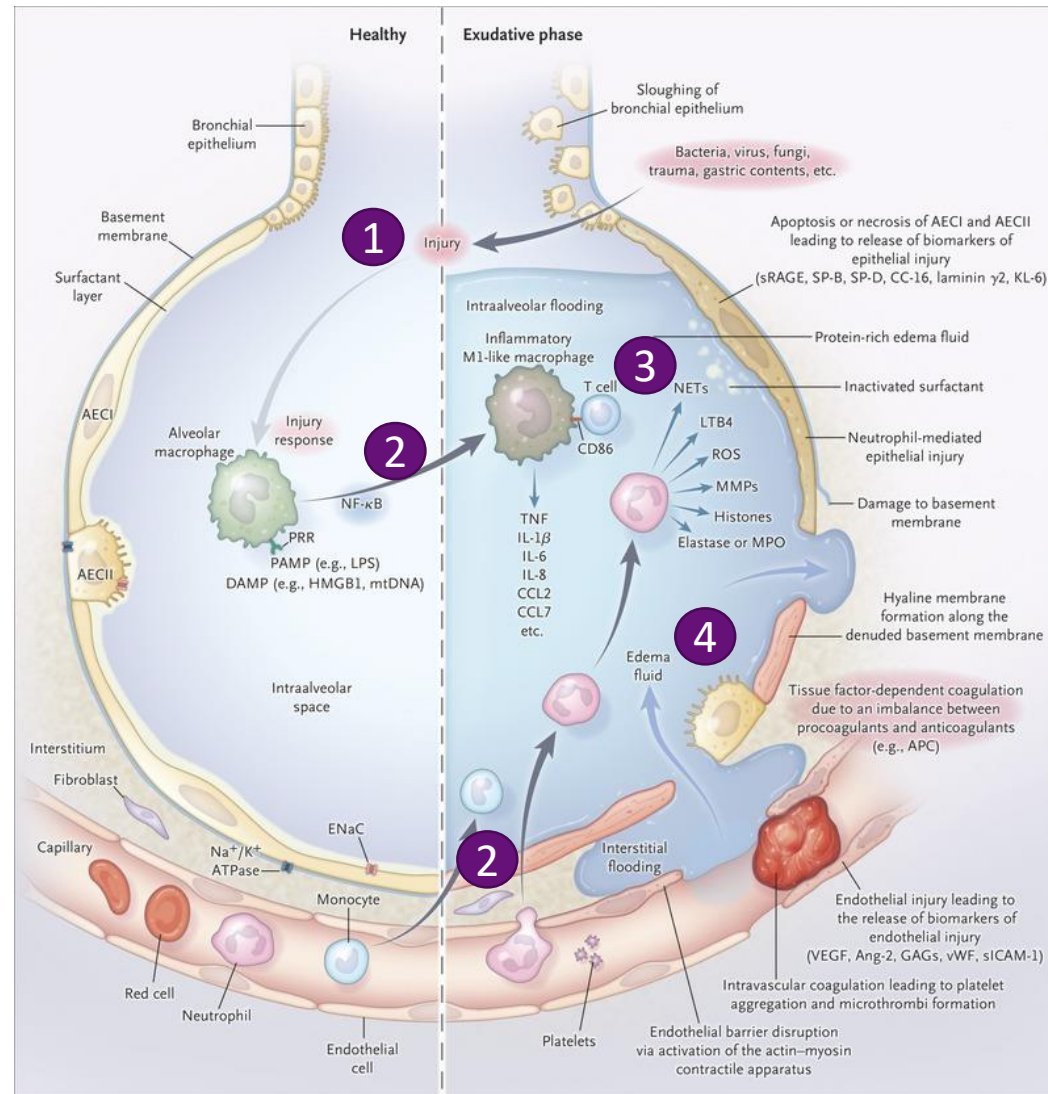
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- Inflammatory insults, either locally from the lungs or systemically from extra-pulmonary sites, affect bronchial epithelium, alveolar macrophages, and vascular endothelium

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- Extensive damage to lung epithelia and endothelia results in an impaired alveolar-capillary barrier.
- Disruption of this barrier allows protein-rich fluid to enter the alveoli causing fluid accumulation in alveolar spaces (pulmonary edema) interfering with gas exchange

Pathophysiology of ARDS (Exudative Phase)



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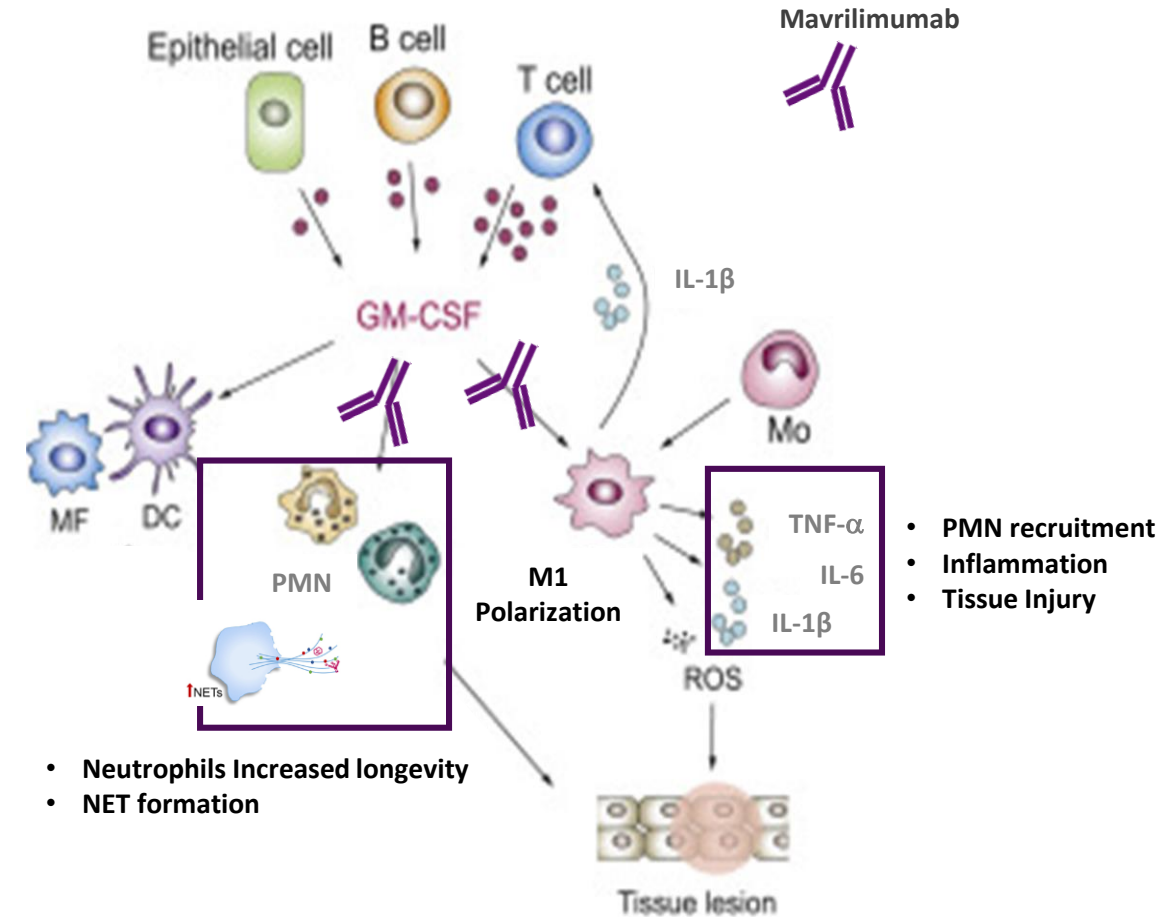
- Resident alveolar macrophages secrete proinflammatory cytokines, leading to **neutrophil** and **monocyte** or **macrophage** recruitment, as well as activation of **alveolar epithelial cells** and **effector T cells**, to promote and sustain inflammation and tissue injury.

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- Hyperactivation of myeloid cells and T-cells produce large amounts of inflammatory cytokines, which in turn lead to **endothelial activation** and microvascular injury ultimately leading to barrier disruption in ARDS which can worsened by mechanical stretch.

The Role of Mavrimumab Throughout the Immune System and its Potential to Treat COVID-19 Pneumonia and ARDS More Broadly

Mechanisms driving ARDS pathophysiology	Targetable by Mavrimumab ⁽⁴⁻¹⁴⁾	Targetable by anti-IL-6 ⁽¹⁵⁻²⁰⁾	Targetable by anti-IL-1 β ⁽²¹⁻²⁶⁾
Recruitment of neutrophils	✓	✓	✓
Neutrophil longevity	✓	Conflicting evidence	
Formation of neutrophil extra cellular traps (NET)	✓		
Activation of AM & polarization to M1-like phenotype	✓		
Th1 inflammation ⁽¹⁻³⁾	✓		
Th17 inflammation ⁽¹⁻³⁾	✓	✓	✓



Evidence of targetable pathways by anti-IL-6

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Evidence of targetable pathways by anti-IL-1 β

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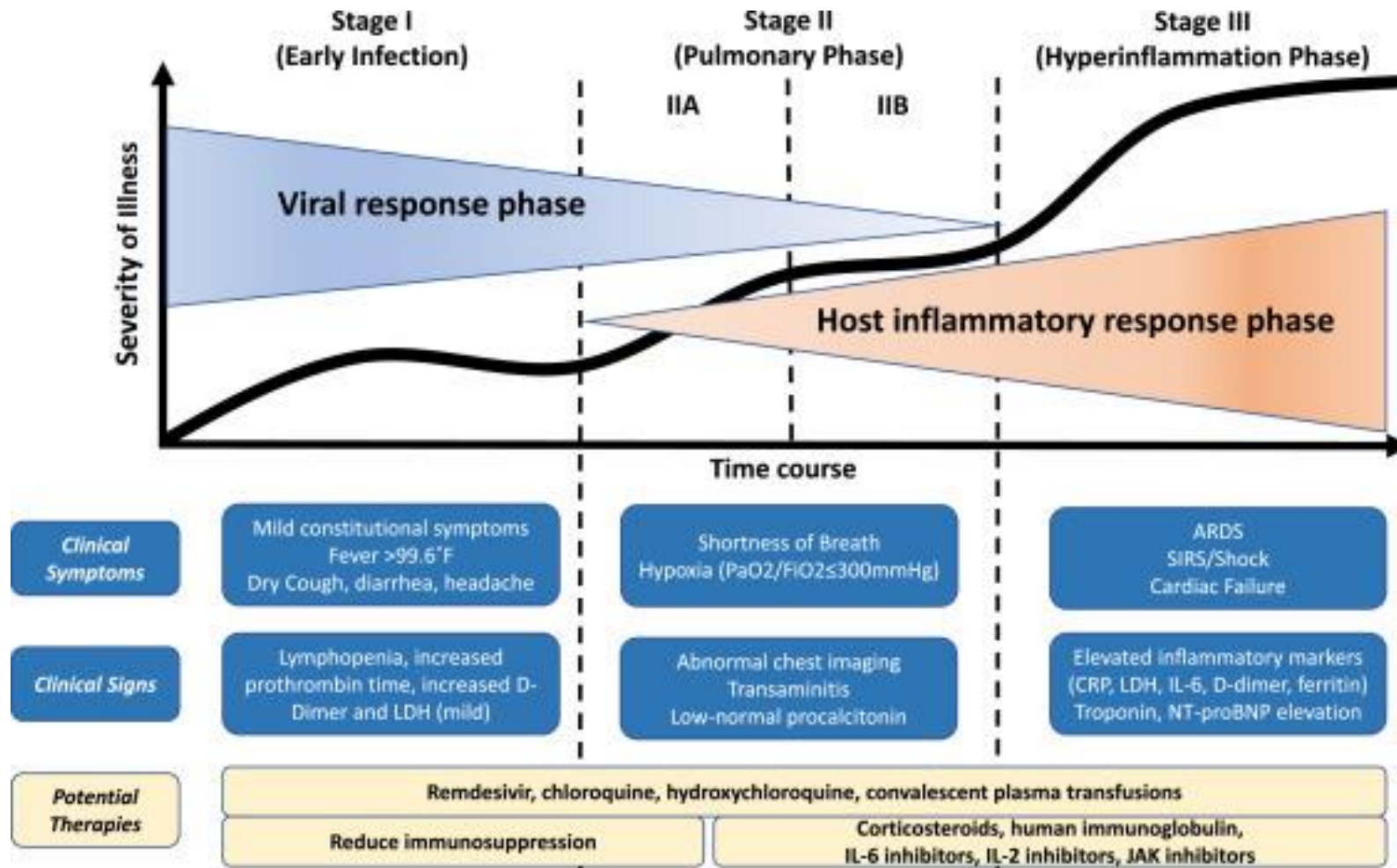
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Escalating Phases of Disease Progression with COVID-19



Source:
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