

# Mécanismes pathogènes dans le COVID Long

## Hypothèses immunitaires et virologiques

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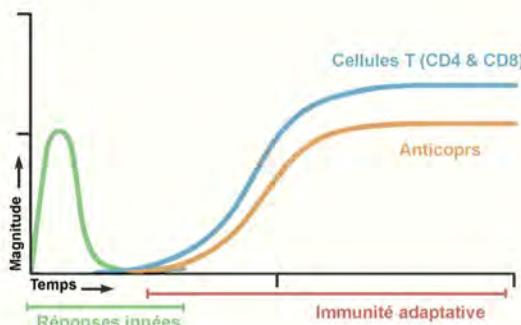
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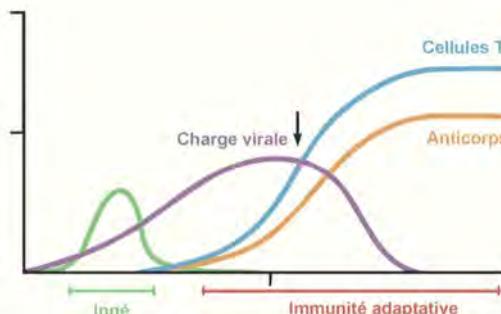


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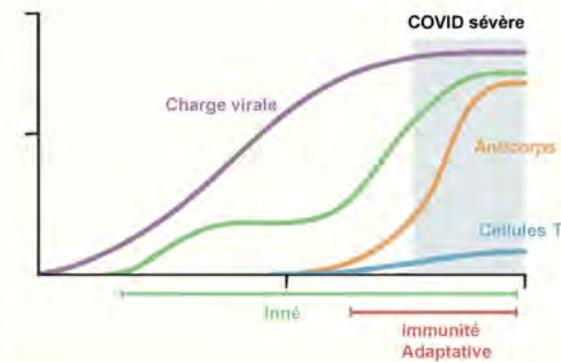
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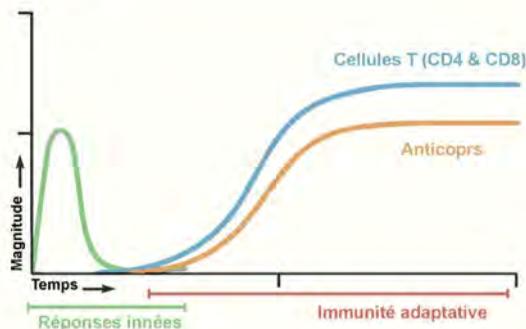
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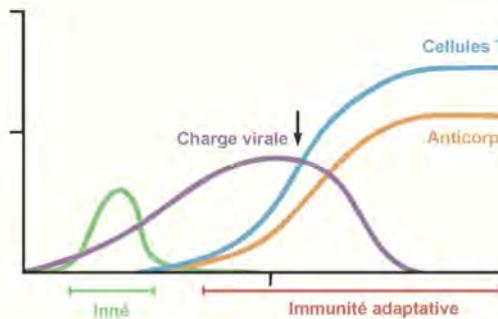
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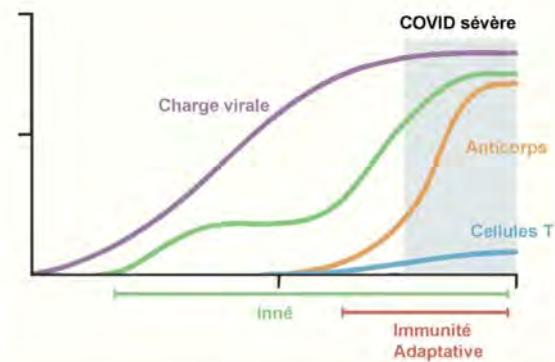
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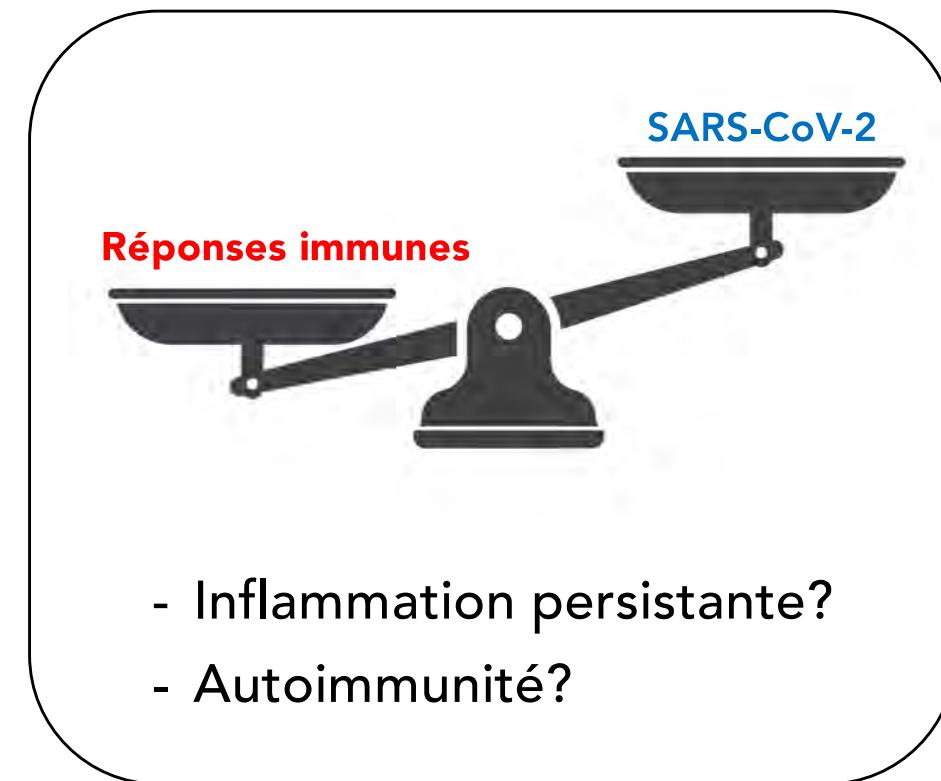
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RéPLICATION VIRALE PERSISTANTE  
Réponse innée persistante -> inflammation

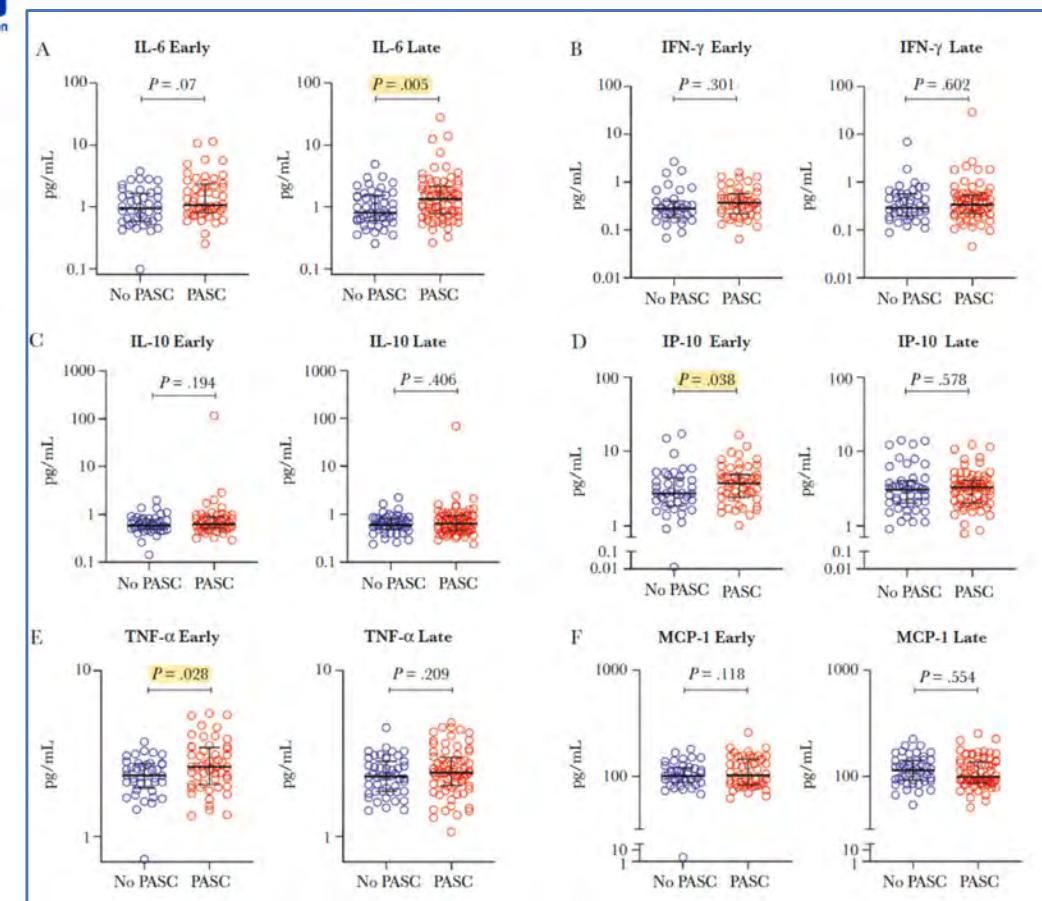
# Réponses immunes exacerbées dans le COVID Long ?



## Markers of Immune Activation and Inflammation in Individuals With Postacute Sequelae of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Infection

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- n=121 patients (n=48 no PASC; n=73 PASC)
- Documented SARS-CoV-2 infection
- PASC : at least 1 symptom at >90 days
- 78% not hospitalized
- History of autoimmune disease:
  - No PASC : 2%
  - PASC: 11% ( $P=0.08$ )



Persistent immune activation may be associated with Long COVID

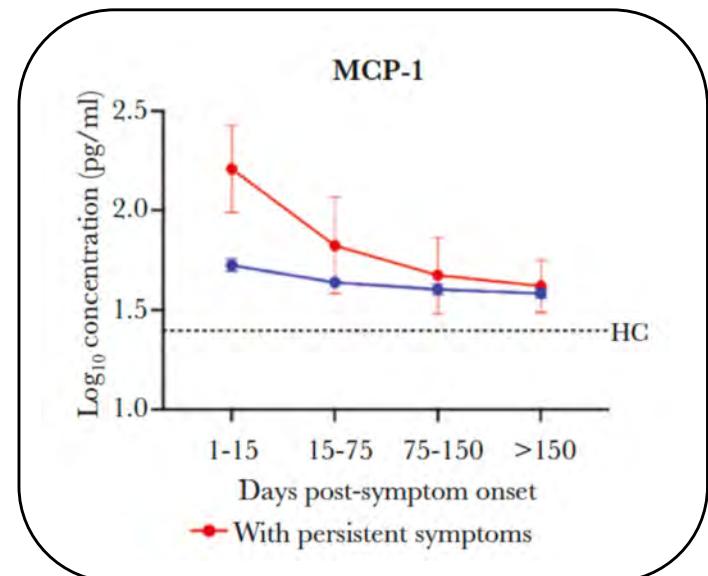
## Persistent Symptoms and Association With Inflammatory Cytokine Signatures in Recovered Coronavirus Disease 2019 Patients

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Variable	All Patients (n = 183)	No Persistent Symptoms (n = 161)	Persistent Symptoms at Day 90 or 180 (n = 22)	PValue <sup>a</sup>
<b>Demographics</b>				
Female sex	45 (24.6)	38 (23.6)	7 (31.8)	.43
Age, years	44 (33–56)	43 (31–55)	50.5 (39–66)	<b>.042</b>
<b>Severity</b>				
Mild <sup>b</sup>	81 (44.3)	75 (46.6)	6 (27.3)	.040
Moderate	47 (25.7)	43 (26.7)	4 (18.2)	
Severe	55 (30.1)	43 (26.7)	12 (54.6)	

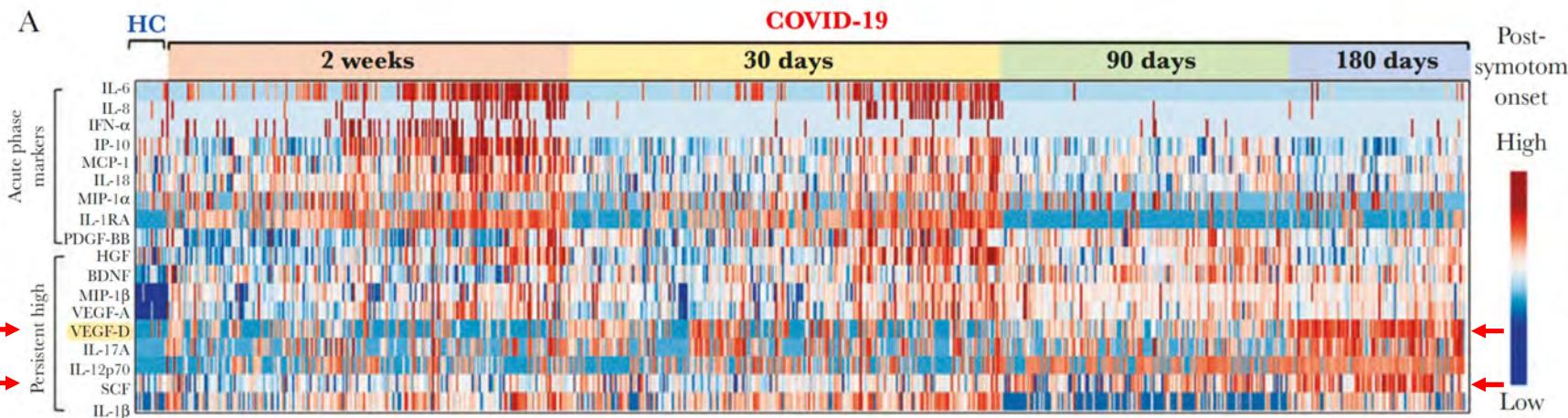
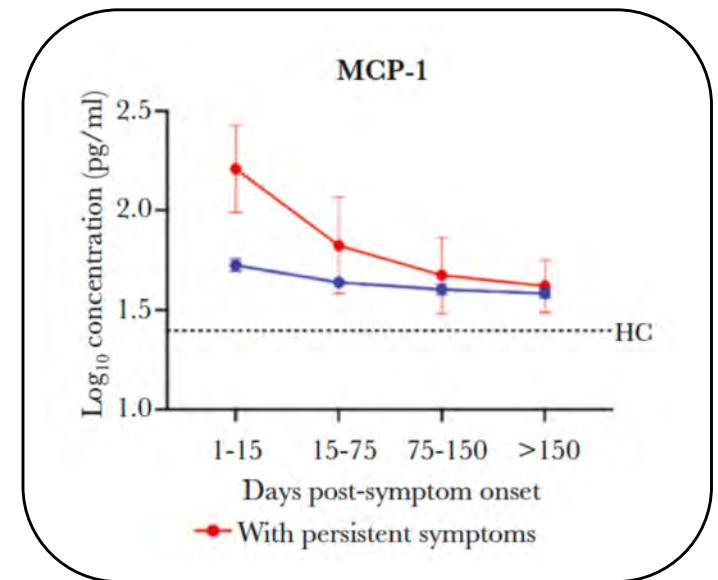
Patients with persistent symptoms: 7% at day 90, 11% at day 180  
 (lower than in European and American cohorts)



Stronger inflammation during acute infection in patients who develop persistent symptoms

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Angiogenesis / endothelial inflammation  
during the late recovery phase?

# Syndrome d'Activation des Mastocytes (SAMA) dans le COVID Long ?

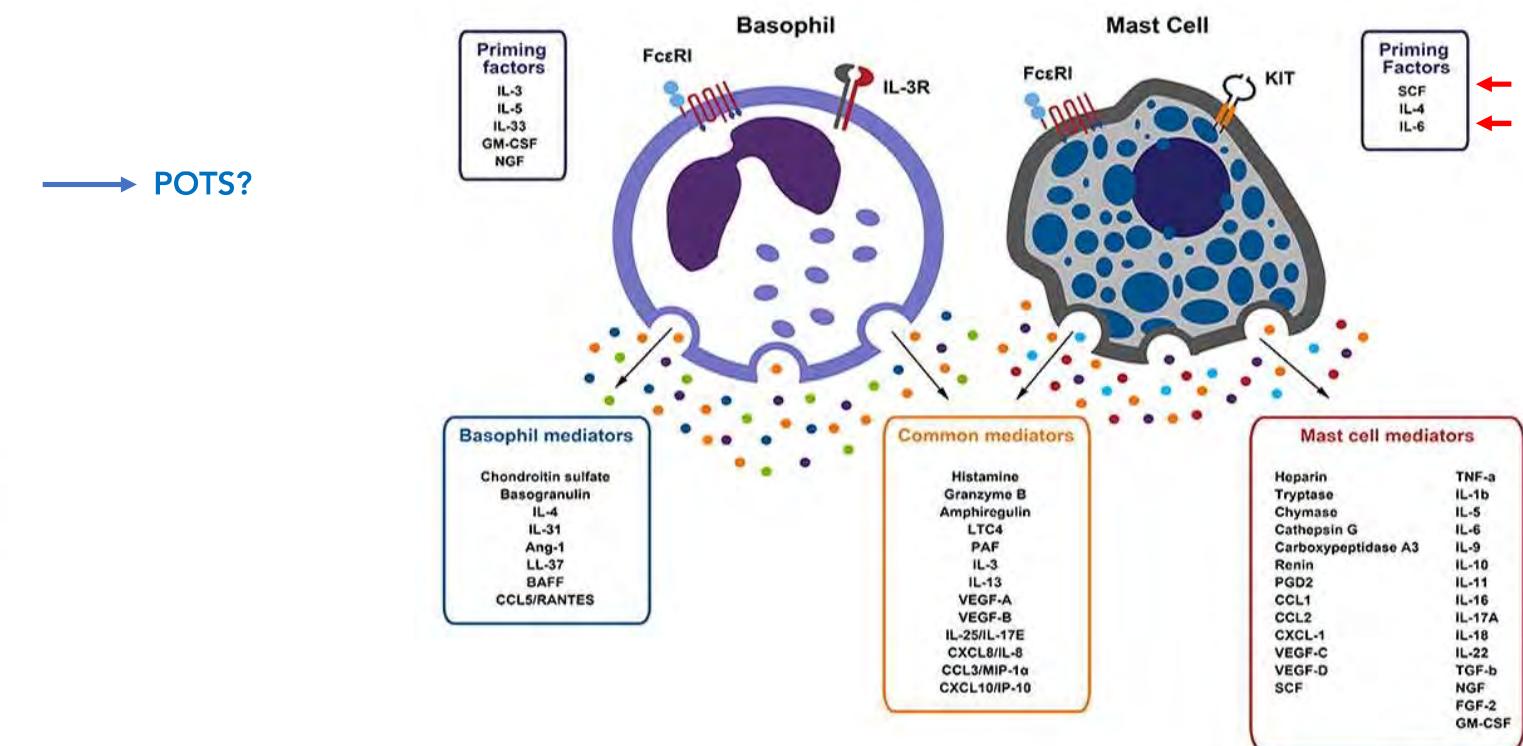
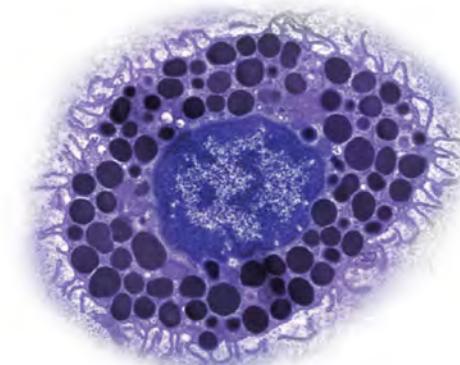
## MCAS: inappropriate activation of mastocytes

- Release of granule content, including histamine, heparin, proteases (such as tryptase), ...
- De novo synthesis of arachidonic metabolites (prostaglandin D2, leukotriene E4, ...)
- Chemokine and cytokine secretion (TNF-a, ...)

## MCAS associated symptoms:

- Tachycardia, hypotension, syncope
- Pruritus, urticaria, angioedema
- Wheezing, shortness of breadth
- Gastrointestinal symptoms

→ POTS?



Original research

## Long COVID following mild SARS-CoV-2 infection: characteristic T cell alterations and response to antihistamines

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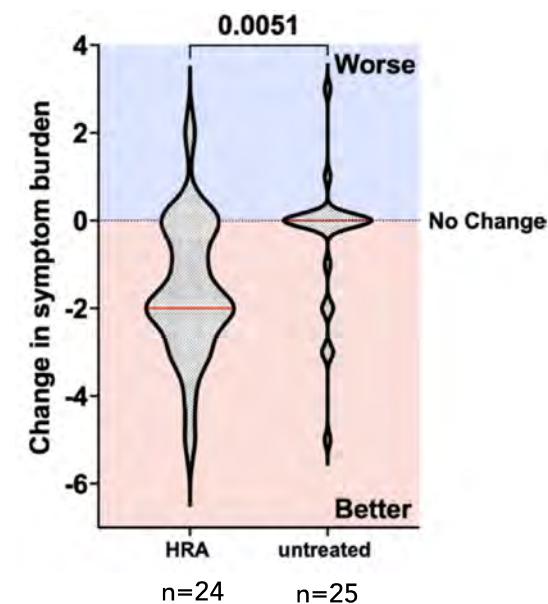
Glynne P, et al. *J Investig Med* 2021;0:1–7. doi:10.1136/jim-2021-002051

**Table 1** Clinical features of study participants

Clinical characteristics	Long COVID (symptomatic, n=49)	Post-COVID controls (asymptomatic, n=16)
Age range (median)	25–65 (43)	25–72 (34.5)
Female (%)	30 (61.2%)	8 (50%)
Allergy or atopy	16 (32.7%)	1 (5.8%)
Mean days from acute COVID to study testing	271.8 days	321.6 days
Vaccination history at time of recruitment (at least one dose)	1/49 (2.0%)	14 (87.5%)
SARS-CoV-2 antibodies detected	20/49 (40.8%)	13/16 (81.3%)

### Treatment with Histamine Receptor Antagonists (HRA)

Combination of H1 (loratadine) and H2 (famotidine or nizatidine)  
HRA for > 4 weeks

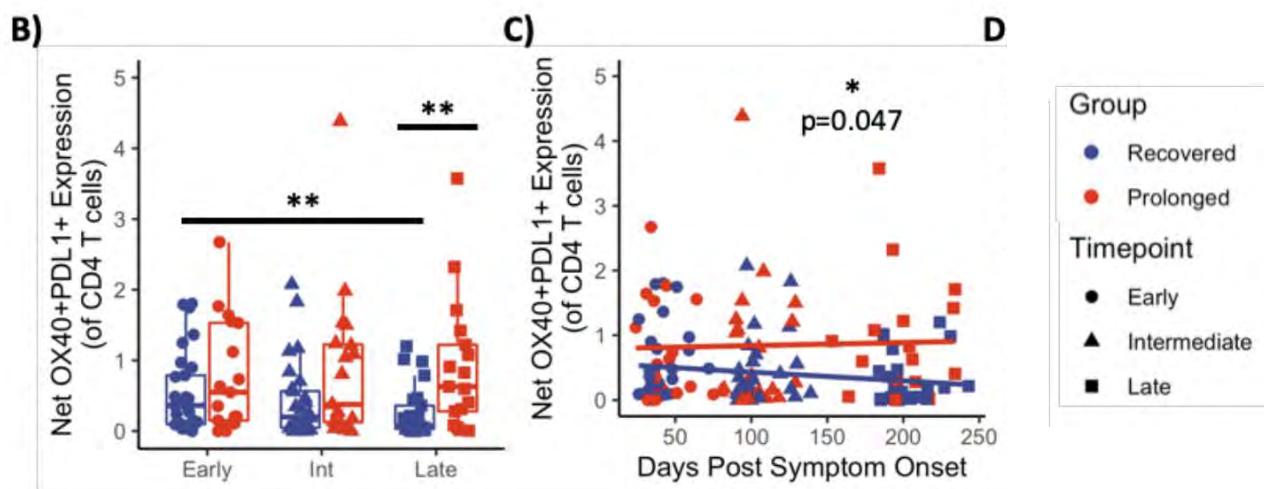


Possible beneficial effects of HRA in Long COVID

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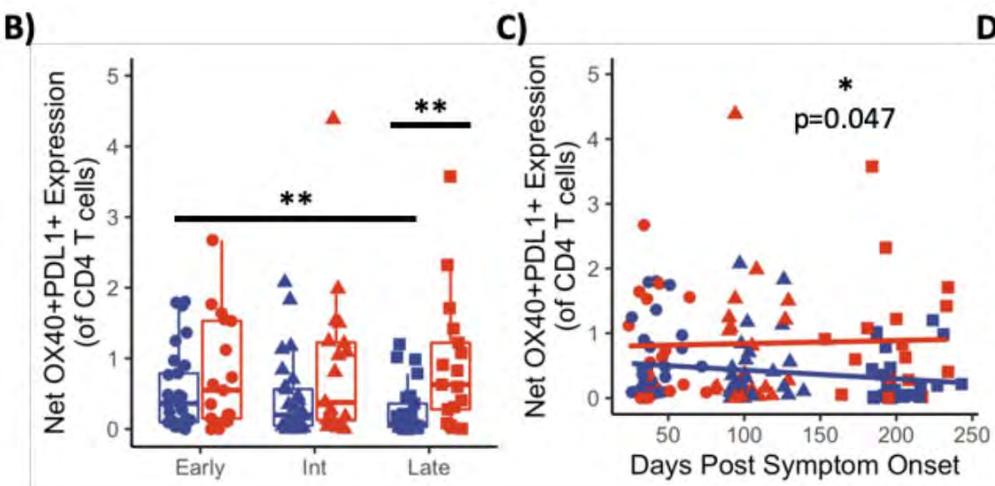
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Possible confounder: difference in severity of the original SARS-CoV-2 infection between groups



	Overall (n=50)	Prolonged (n=20)	Recovered (n=30)
Symptom Duration	14 (1-208)	73.5 (30-208)	10 (1-20)
Hospitalized during COVID-19 infection	10 (20%)	10 (50%)	0 (0%)
Peak Ordinal Score	2 (2-7)	3 (2-7)	2 (2-2)
Age	51 (20-86)	51.5 (27-86)	50.5 (20-82)



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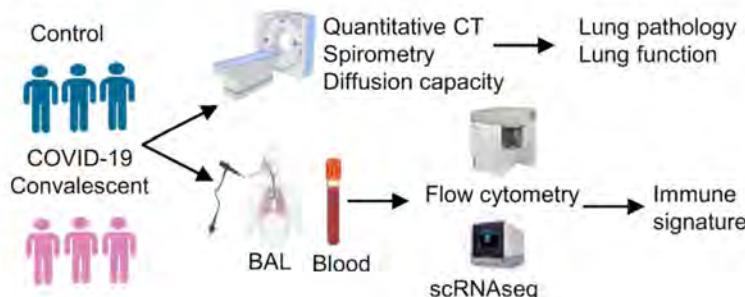
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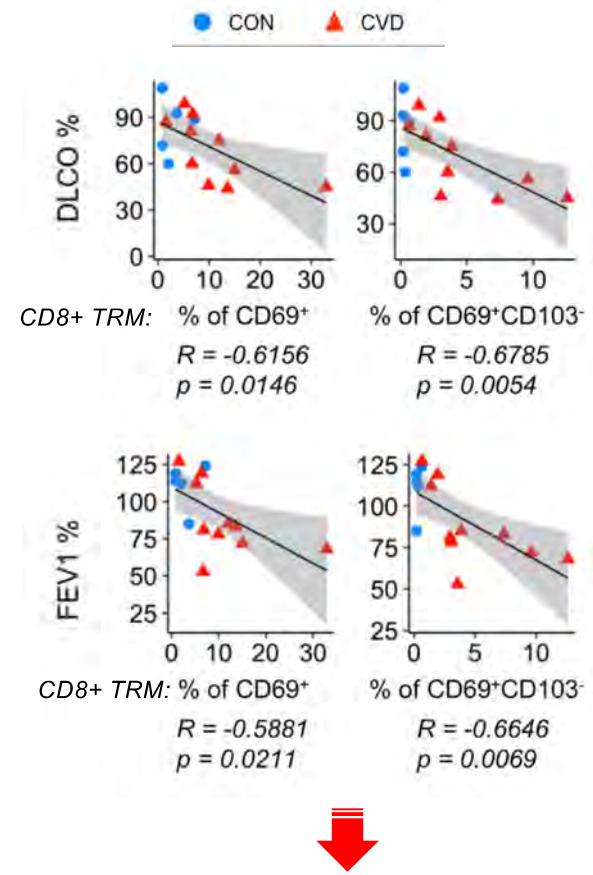
## COVID patients

- > 60 years old
- had severe pneumonia
- Experience persistent respiratory dysfunction

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	Controls n=5	COVID n=10
Sex	CON 4M/1F	CVD 7M/3F
Age (Avg)	69.6 ± 6.18	68.4 ± 6.62
TLC (%), Avg)	100.5 ± 11.5	70.4 ± 11.4
FVC (%), Avg)	118 ± 17.9	85.5 ± 22.7
DLCO (%), Avg)	84 ± 17.0	68.5 ± 19.8
FEV1 (%), Avg)	110.8 ± 13.6	87.8 ± 22.6
Dyspnea (MRC score)		2.1 ± 1.14
Cough (%)		30
Fatigue (%)		50
Inability to return to work (%)		30

DLCO: diffusion capacity for carbon monoxide  
FEV1: forced expiratory volume in 1 s



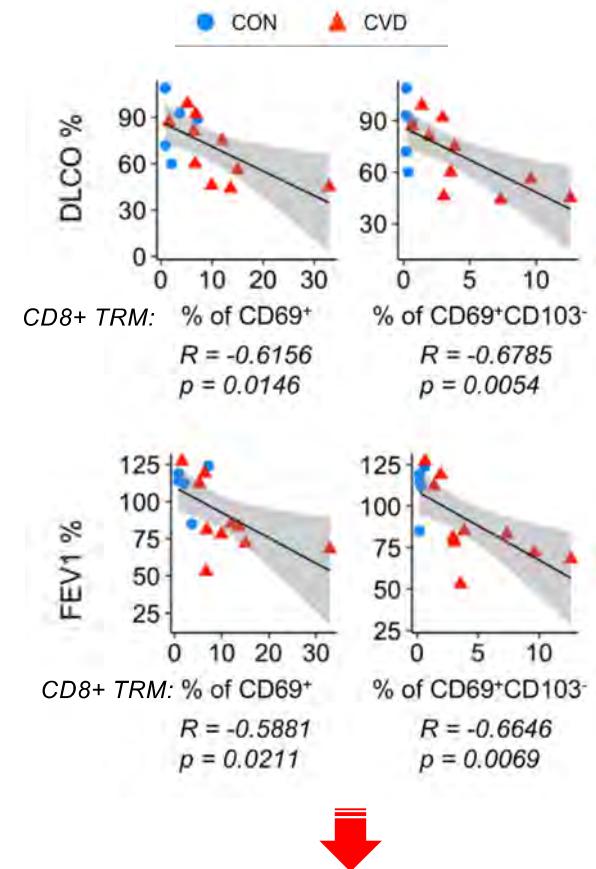
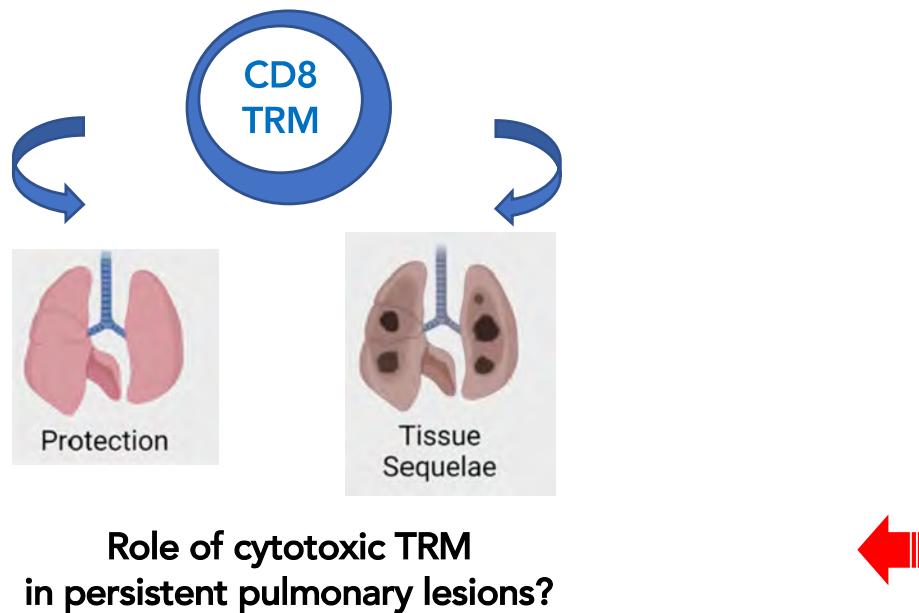
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Inverse association between the presence of activated Tissue Resident Memory CD8+ T cells and pulmonary function



## Functional autoantibodies against G-protein coupled receptors in patients with persistent Long-COVID-19 symptoms

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**Table 1**  
Overview of post-COVID-19 symptoms and accompanying GPCR- $\gamma$ AABs.

Patient no.	Gender	Age (years)	Running no.	Symptom class		Symptoms		Neuro-active $\gamma$ AABs	Vasoactive $\gamma$ AABs			Neuro- and vasoactive $\gamma$ AABs	RAS-specific $\gamma$ AABs	
				Neuro*	Cardiovasc**	Neuro*	Cardiovasc**		Noc- $\gamma$ AAB <sup>§</sup>	$\beta_2$ - $\gamma$ AAB <sup>\$</sup>	$\alpha_1$ - $\gamma$ AAB <sup>&amp;</sup>	ETA- $\gamma$ AAB <sup>#</sup>	M <sub>2</sub> - $\gamma$ AAB <sup>%</sup>	AT1- $\gamma$ AAB <sup>?</sup>
1	F	48	1	x	x	Fatigue, Alopecia, Anomic aphasia	Tachycardia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
7	F	55	2	x	x	Fatigue, Alopecia	Tachycardia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
11	F	39	3	x	x	Fatigue, Alopecia	Tachycardia	x	x			x	x	x
19	F	34	4	x	x	Fatigue, PoTS, Tremor	Tachycardia	x	x			x	x	x
22	F	34	5	x	x	Fatigue, Alopecia	Tachycardia	x	x			x	x	x
29	F	49	6	x	x	PoTS	Tachycardia	x	x			x	x	x
26	M	28	7	x	x	PoTS	Tachycardia, Hypertension	x	x			x	x	x
30	M	55	8	x	x	PoTS	Bradycardia		x			x	x	x
27	M	69	9	x	x	PoTS, Attention deficit	Tachycardia	x	x			x	x	x
31	M	44	10	x	x	Attention deficit	Bradycardia		x			x	x	x
3	F	56	11	x	x	Fatigue, Attention deficit	Tachycardia, Arrhythmia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
21	F	28	12	x	x	Attention deficit, Tremor, Dysautonomia	Arrhythmia	x				x	x	x
18	F	53	13	x	x	Tremor, Attention deficit	Tachycardia		x			x		
20	M	54	14	x	x	Attention deficit	Tachycardia, Hypertension					x	x	
14	F	57	15	x	x	Fatigue, Anomic aphasia	Arrhythmia, Hypertension	x	x			x	x	x
23	F	50	16	x	x	Eczema, Alopecia		x		x	x	x	x	x
28	M	65	17	x	x	Smell/Taste disorder.	Tachycardia, Myocarditis	x	x			x	x	x
24	F	33	18	x	x	Fatigue, PoTS	n.a.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	M	42	19	x	—	Fatigue, Alopecia	n.a.		x		x	x	x	x
4	M	50	20	x	—	Fatigue	n.a.		x		x	x	x	x
5	F	45	21	x	—	Fatigue	n.a.		x		x	x	x	x
6	F	36	22	x	—	Tremor, Alopecia, Dysautonomia	n.a.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
9	F	50	23	x	—	Fatigue	n.a.	x	x		x	x	x	x
10	F	48	24	x	—	Fatigue	n.a.		x		x	x	x	x
12	F	53	25	x	—	Fatigue, Attention deficit	n.a.	x	x		x	x	x	x
15	F	46	26	x	—	Fatigue, Alopecia, Polyneuropathy	n.a.	x	x		x	x	x	x
17	F	49	27	x	—	Fatigue, PoTS, Tremor	n.a.		x		x			
25	F	58	28	x	—	Attention deficit, Neuropathy	n.a.		x	x	x	x	x	x
13	F	26	29	x	—	Fatigue	n.a.		x		x	x	x	x
8	M	71	30	—	—	Symptom free	Symptom free		x	x	x	x	x	x
16	M	54	31	—	—	Symptom free	Symptom free	x	x		x	x	x	x

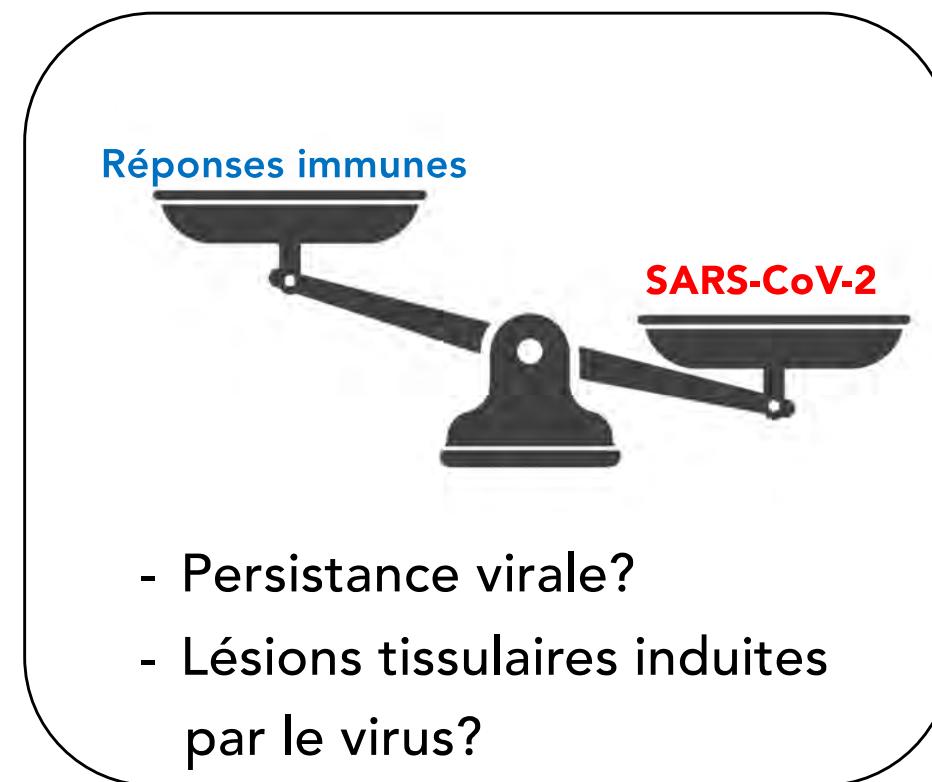
Neuro\* = neurological symptoms; Cardiovasc\*\* = cardiovascular symptoms, n.a. = not applicable, PoTS = postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome; NOC- $\gamma$ AAB<sup>§</sup> = functionally active autoantibody against the nociceptin receptor,  $\beta_2$ - $\gamma$ AAB<sup>\$</sup> = autoantibody targeting the beta<sub>2</sub>-adrenoceptor,  $\alpha_1$ - $\gamma$ AAB<sup>&</sup> = autoantibody targeting the alpha<sub>1</sub>-adrenoceptor, ETA- $\gamma$ AAB<sup>#</sup> = autoantibody targeting the endothelin receptor, M<sub>2</sub>- $\gamma$ AAB<sup>%</sup> = autoantibody targeting the muscarinic receptor, AT1- $\gamma$ AAB<sup>?</sup> = autoantibody targeting the angiotensin II AT1 receptor, MAS- $\gamma$ AAB<sup>#</sup> = autoantibody targeting the MAS receptor

Detectable autoantibodies  
against multiple GPCRs in Long  
COVID patients



Contribution to  
dysautonomia and  
cardiovascular symptoms?

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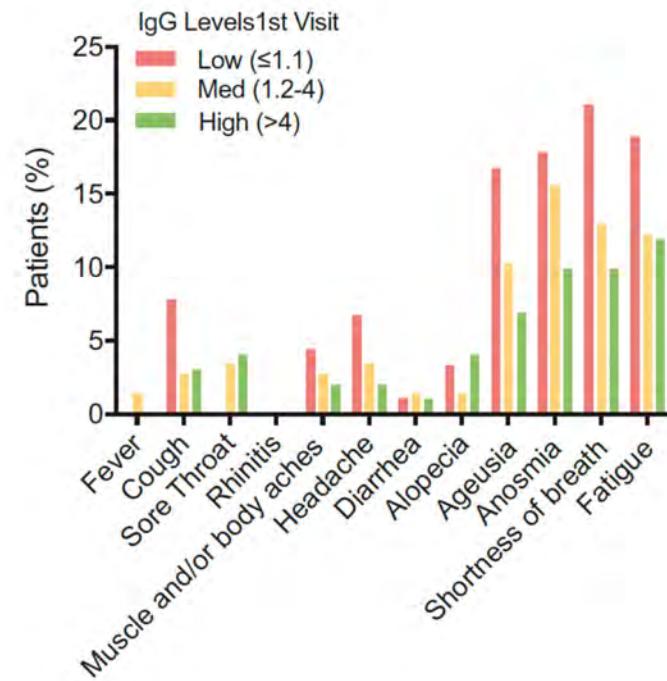


Research paper

Post-COVID syndrome in non-hospitalised patients with COVID-19: a longitudinal prospective cohort study

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- Longitudinal study of PCR+ patients with no or mild symptoms during acute SARS-CoV-2 infection
- 353 patients completed the 3 visits:
  - 123 with persistent symptoms
  - 230 without symptoms



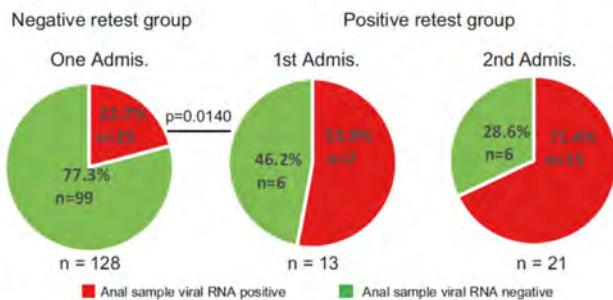
Low SARS-CoV-2-specific IgG at the first visit is associated with persistent symptoms at the third visit (month 7)

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# A compromised specific humoral immune response against the SARS-CoV-2 receptor-binding domain is related to viral persistence and periodic shedding in the gastrointestinal tract

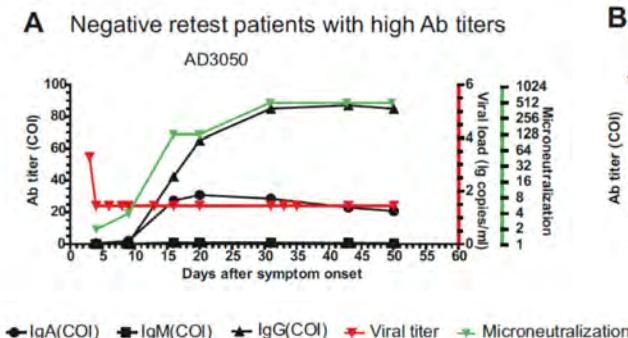
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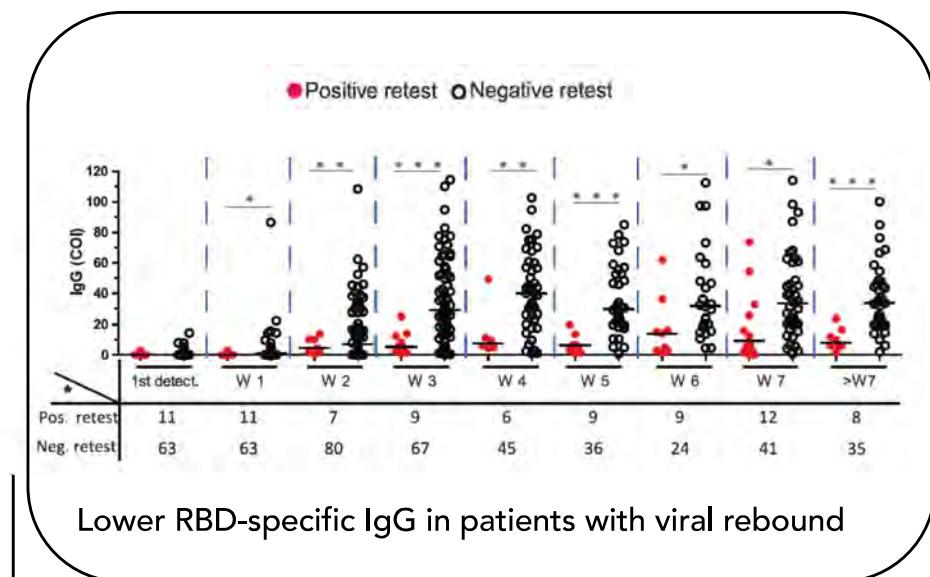


More frequent detection of SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA in anal samples of patients who retest PCR+ after the acute stage

Preferential persistence of SARS-CoV-2 in the gastrointestinal tract?



Example of viral rebound



Lack of a robust antibody response may be associated with viral persistence

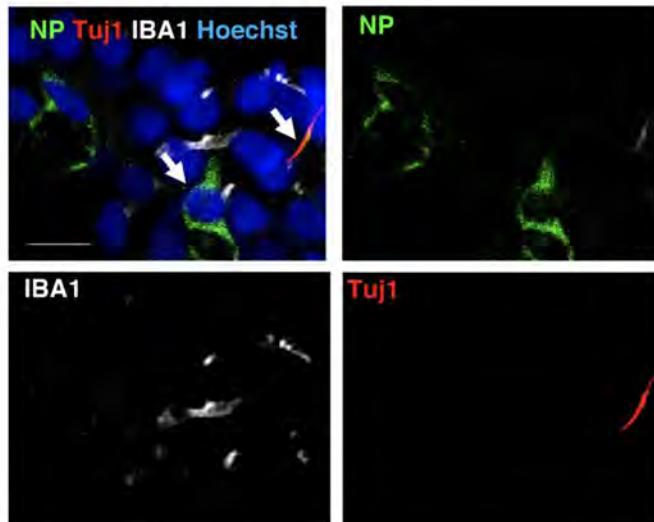
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## CORONAVIRUS

## COVID-19-related anosmia is associated with viral persistence and inflammation in human olfactory epithelium and brain infection in hamsters

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Post-COVID-19, Case # 10 with persistent signs



Persistence of viral antigen (NP+) in the olfactory epithelium

Inflammation: presence of Iba1+ MF/microglia in the epithelium

Link with anosmia?

**Table S4. Individual features at inclusion of the participants with persistent olfactory dysfunction.**

Patient	COVID #6	COVID #8	COVID #9	COVID #10	CONTROL: Normosmic COVID #7
Years/Sex	24/M	43/F	71/F	56/F	47/M
Clinical features at the 1 <sup>st</sup> episode	Anosmia -Ageusia	Anosmia -Ageusia	Anosmia -Ageusia	Anosmia -Ageusia-Vertigo	Normosmia-headache
Long lasting clinical features at inclusion	Anosmia-Parosmia-Ageusia	Intermittent anosmia-Asthenia-Burning sensations-Stereotypical crises: wriggling nose, left arm pain, left intercostal pain	Hypnosmia-Ageusia-Paresthesia-memory loss-concentration	Hypnosmia-asthenia-vertigo-queasiness-paresthesia-burning sensations-memory loss-hypermotility-thoracic oppression diarrhea, oesophageal pain	Normosmia-Dysgeusia-vertigo-paresthesia-asthenia-trembling of the face, nose, arms, legs
Treatments	-	Antiviral(hydroxychloroquine)-antihistaminic-Zinc	Antidepressant (fluoxetine)-B-blockant	-	Antalgic (aspirine)-antiepileptic
Comorbidities*	-	Flammer syndrome- Allergy	Overweight-allergy	-	-
Smoking status	Nonsmoker	Nonsmoker	Previous (24years ago)	Nonsmoker	Current
Time between the first disease symptoms <sup>b</sup> and inclusion	110	136	156	196	141
Time between the first disease symptoms <sup>b</sup> and olfactory loss	15	45	35	0	Not applicable
SARS-CoV-2 PCR in the nasopharynx	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg	Neg
SARS-CoV-2 PCR in the olfactory mucosa <sup>c</sup>	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos
RdRp gene, genomic RNA (copy number/ $\mu$ L <sup>d</sup> )	(<200)	(3.43. 10 <sup>5</sup> )	(4.35. 10 <sup>5</sup> )	(1.68. 10 <sup>5</sup> )	(1.88. 10 <sup>5</sup> )
E gene, genomic RNA (copy number/ $\mu$ L <sup>d</sup> )	(<200)	(2.20. 10 <sup>4</sup> )	(4.54. 10 <sup>4</sup> )	(1.80. 10 <sup>4</sup> )	(1.16. 10 <sup>4</sup> )
E gene, subgenomic RNA (copy number/ $\mu$ L <sup>d</sup> )	(<2000)	(<2000)	(<2000)	(<2000)	(<2000)
OMP RNA PCR	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos	Pos
SARS-CoV-2 antigens in the olfactory mucosa	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
SARS-CoV-2 serology	Neg	Pos	Pos	Pos	Neg



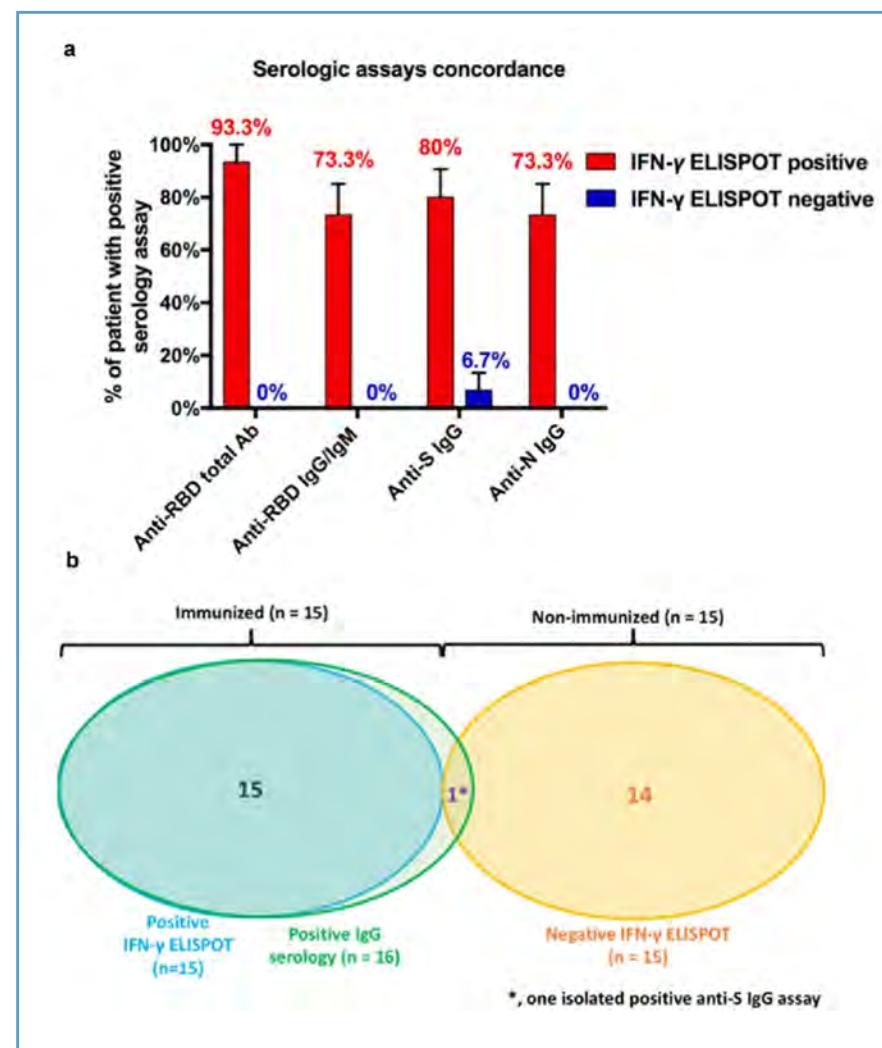
Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in the olfactory mucosa of Long COVID patients

## Refining “Long-COVID” by a Prospective Multimodal Evaluation of Patients with Long-Term Symptoms Attributed to SARS-CoV-2 Infection

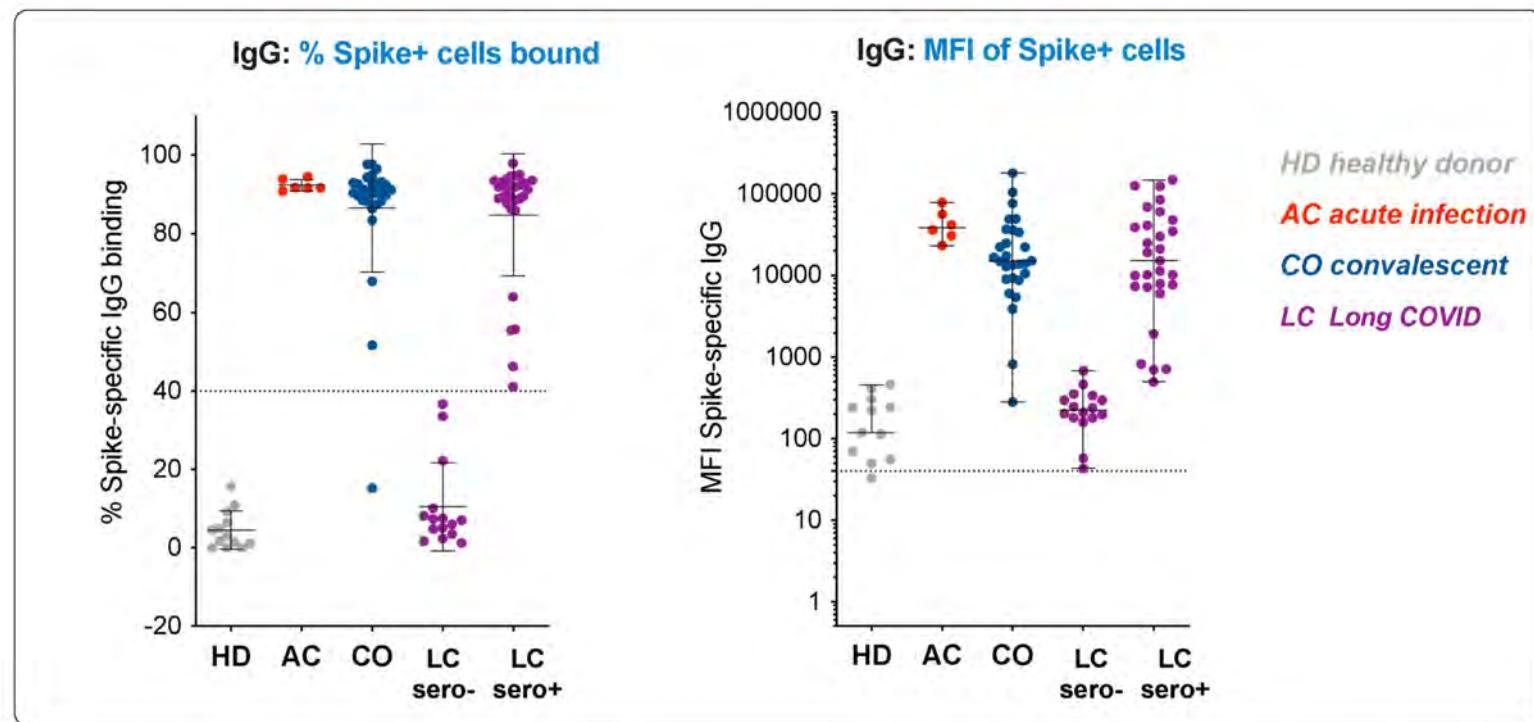
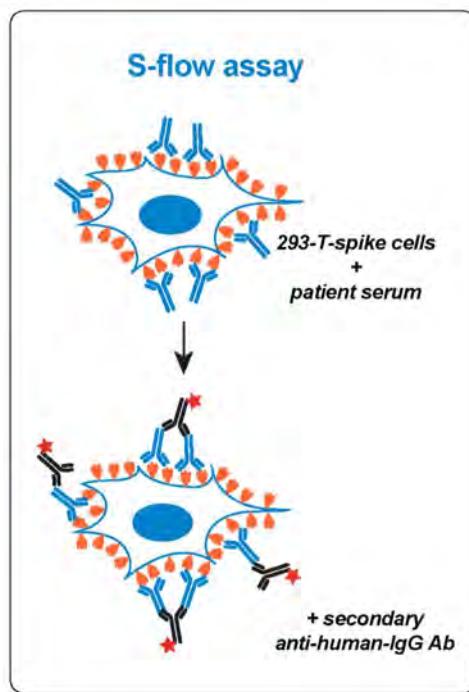
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Characteristics, % (n/N)	Total (N = 30)	Immunized (N = 15)	Non-immunized (N = 15)	Convalescent COVID-19 (N = 17)
Demographics				
Age (median, (IQR))	40 (35–54)	40 (31–58)	39 (35–45)	40 (31–45)
Female sex	60 (18/30)	46.7 (7/15)	73.3 (11/15)	76.4 (13/17)
Close contact with confirmed COVID-19 patients	43.3 (13/30)	46.7 (7/15)	40 (6/15)	29.4 (5/17)

- Two groups of Long COVID patients: with or without detectable adaptive responses 
- No significant differences in symptoms except for higher thoracic oppression in the « non-immunized » group



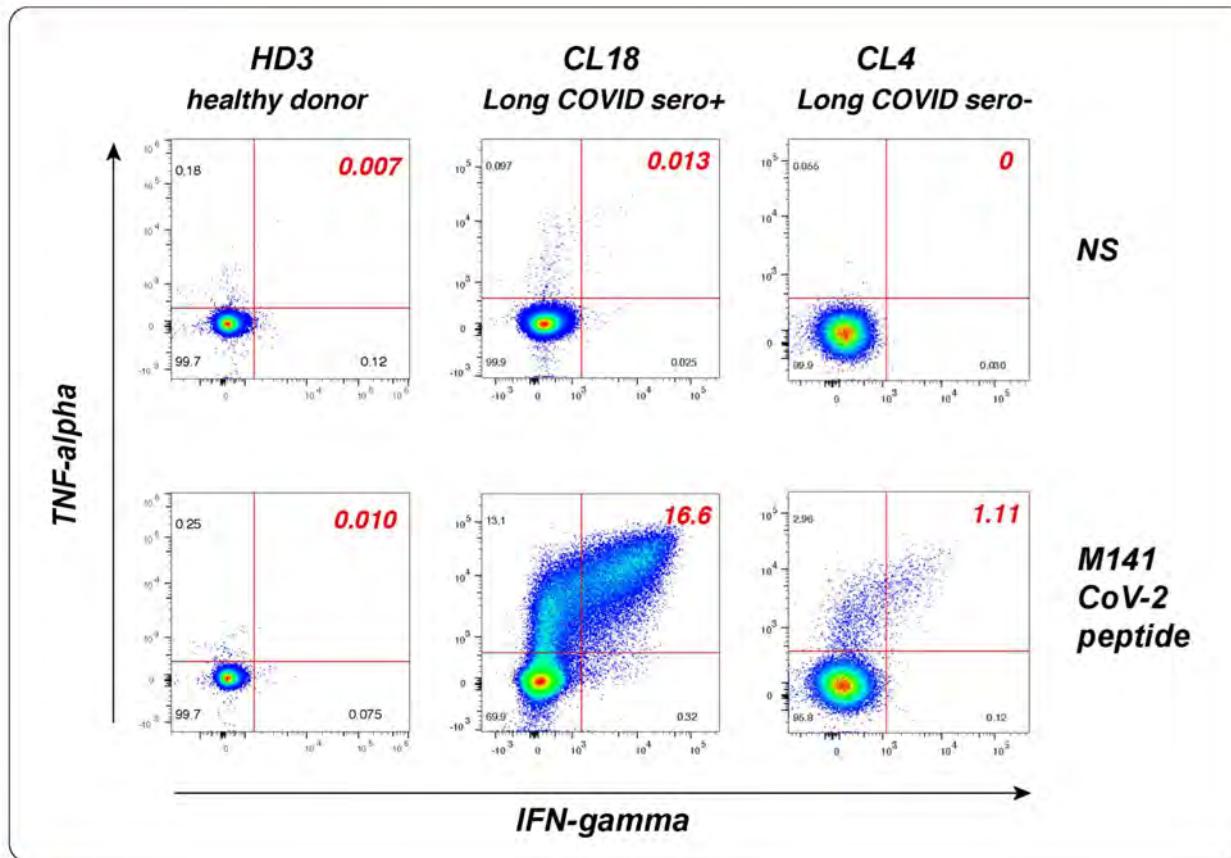
# Antibody responses in Long COVID patients



S-flow assay by I. Staropoli  
in O. Schwartz Unit

➡ Antibody measurements distinguish two groups of Long COVID patients

# CD4+ T cell responses in Long COVID patients



Examples of primary CD4+ T cell line responses to a SARS-CoV-2 M peptide

- strong response to M141 in one seropositive Long Covid patient
- weaker but detectable response in one seronegative Long Covid patient



Suggests previous infection in the seronegative patient

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## Anti-spike antibody response to natural SARS-CoV-2 infection in the general population

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- 7,256 UK COVID-19 Infection Survey participants who were PCR+
- 24% were seronegative
  - Older
  - Lower initial viral load
  - Fewer symptoms

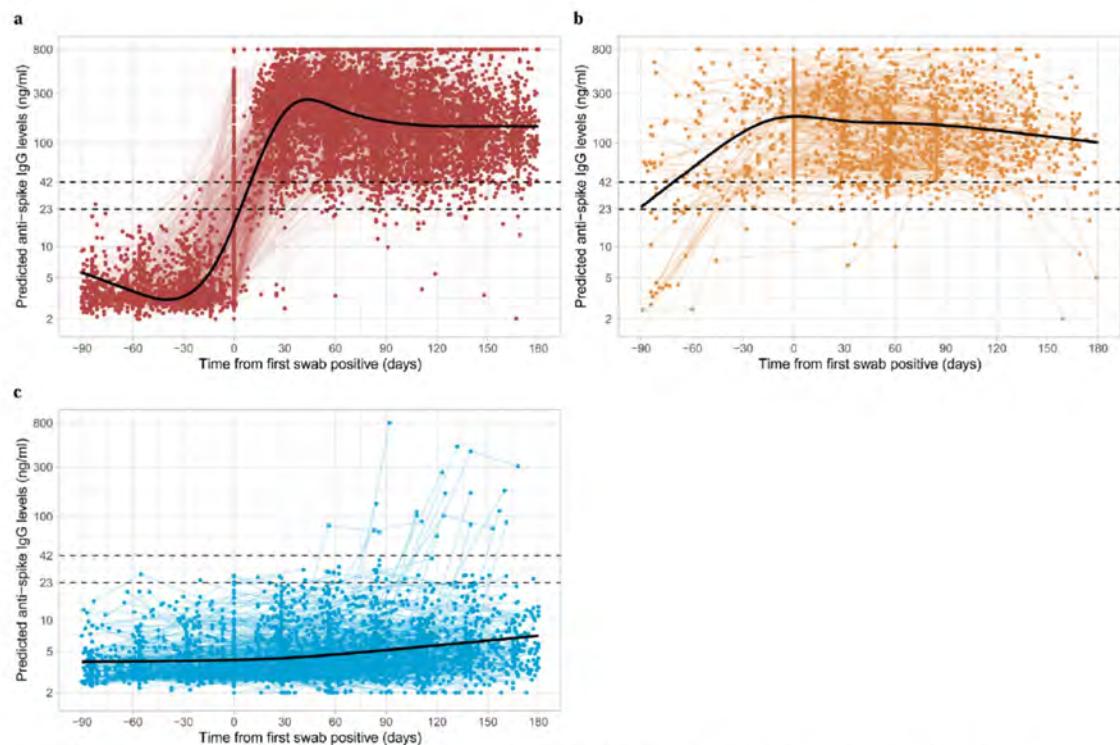
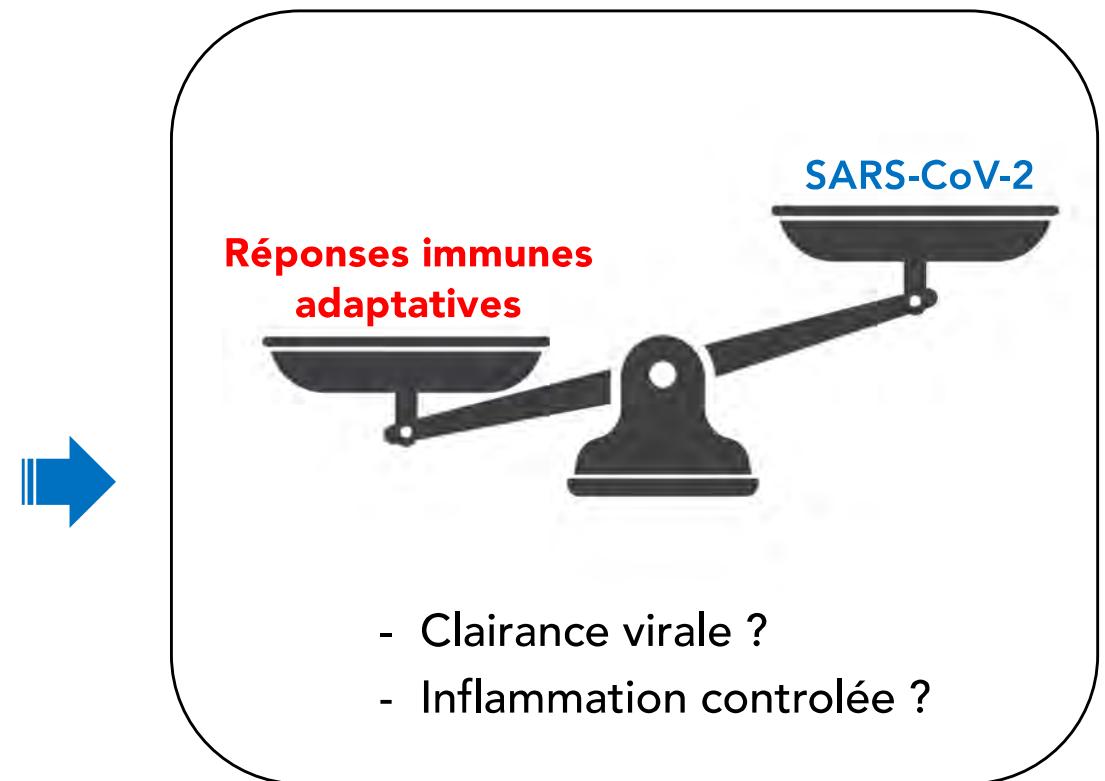
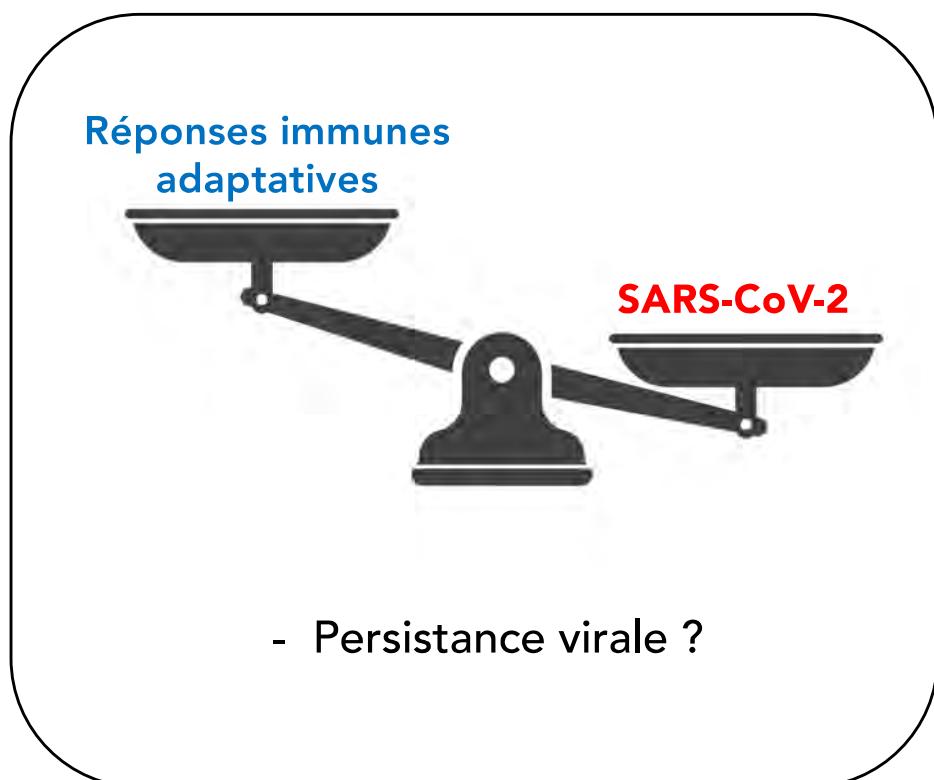


Fig. 1 Individual trajectories for 7256 participants infected with SARS-CoV-2 by class identified from latent class mixed models.



Persistently low or absent antibodies in a significant fraction of the SARS-CoV-2 infected population

# Evaluer l'effet de la vaccination dans le COVID Long



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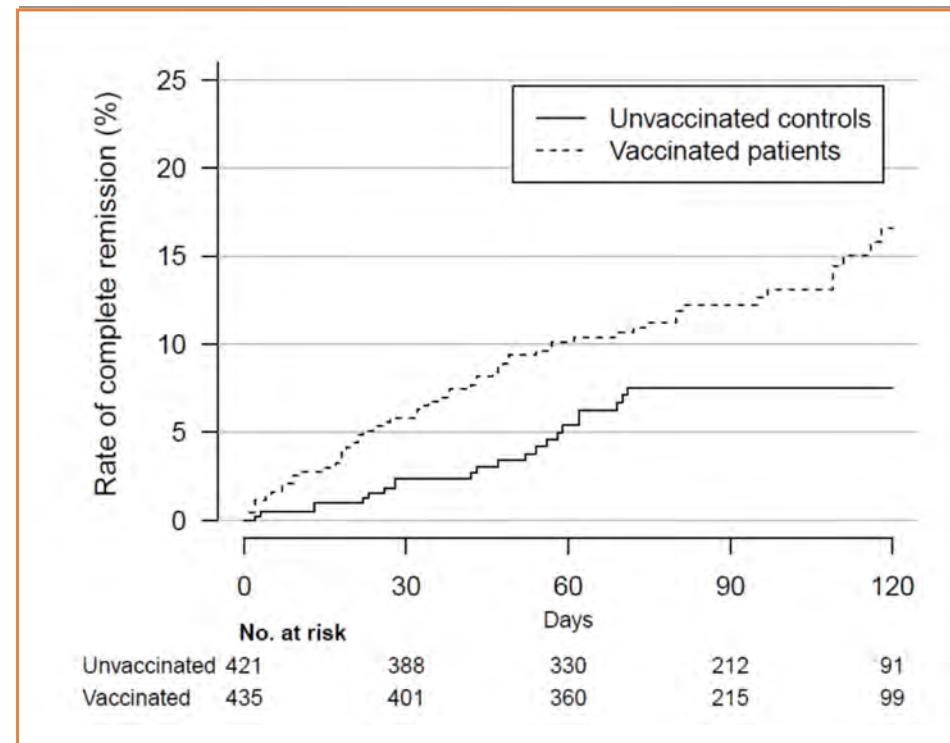
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An immunological component to Long COVID  
that may be amenable to intervention

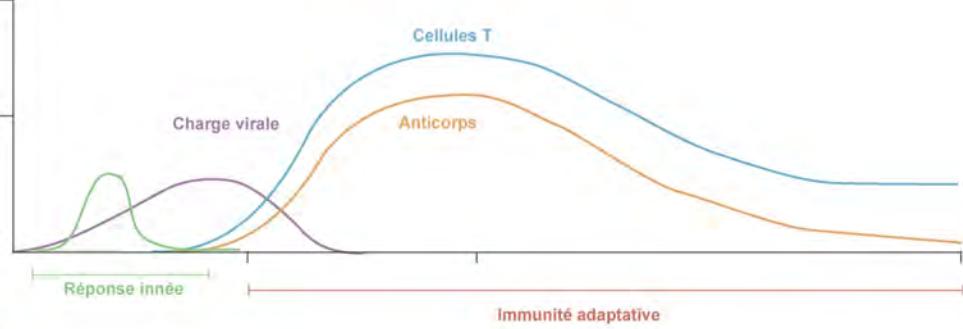


Vaccination doubled the rate of Long COVID patients in complete remission at 120 days

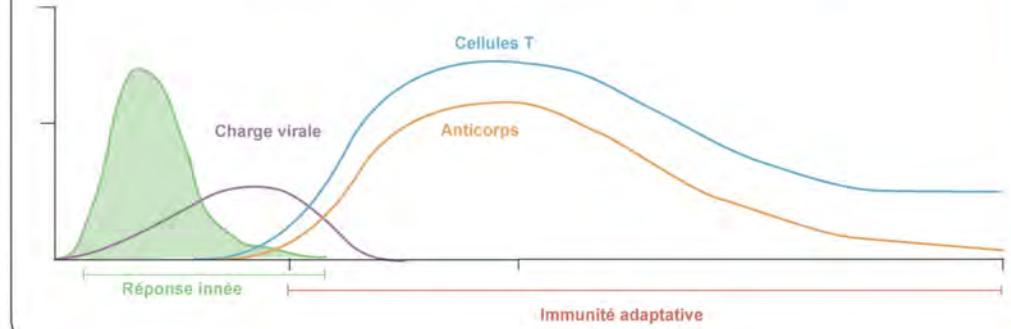
## Conclusions :

# Possibles mécanismes pathogènes du COVID Long (1)

Infection SARS2 modérée



COVID Long - Réponse innée excessive

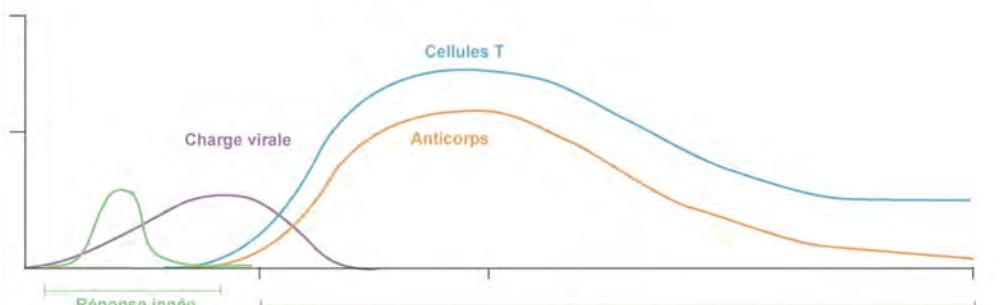


Effets délétères d'une inflammation précoce :

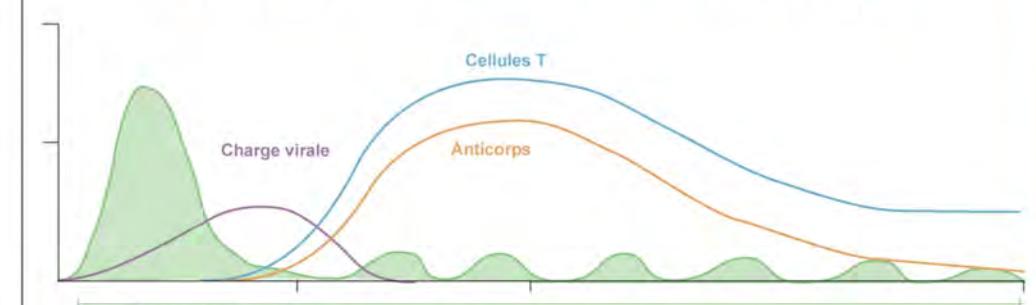
- Micro-caillots dans les capillaires ?
- Dommage neuronal ou vasculaire ?
- Autre ?

## Possibles mécanismes pathogènes du COVID Long (2)

Infection SARS2 modérée



COVID Long - Réponse innée excessive et prolongée



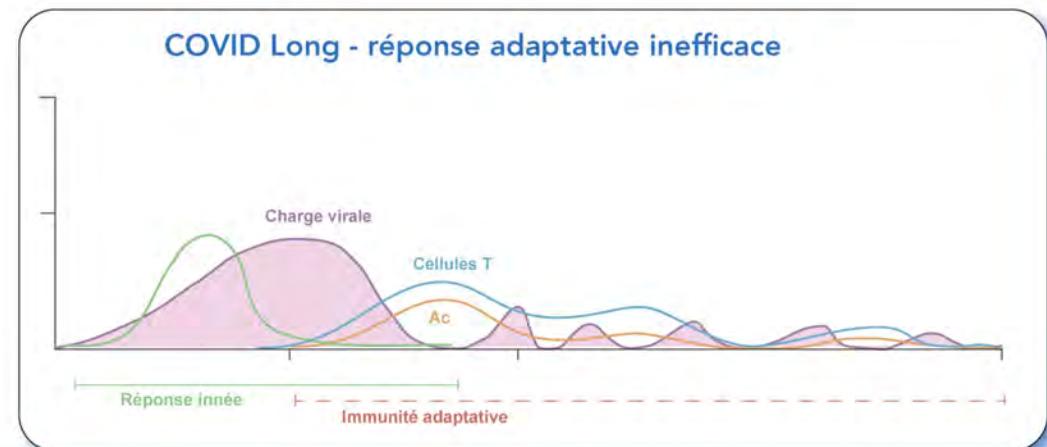
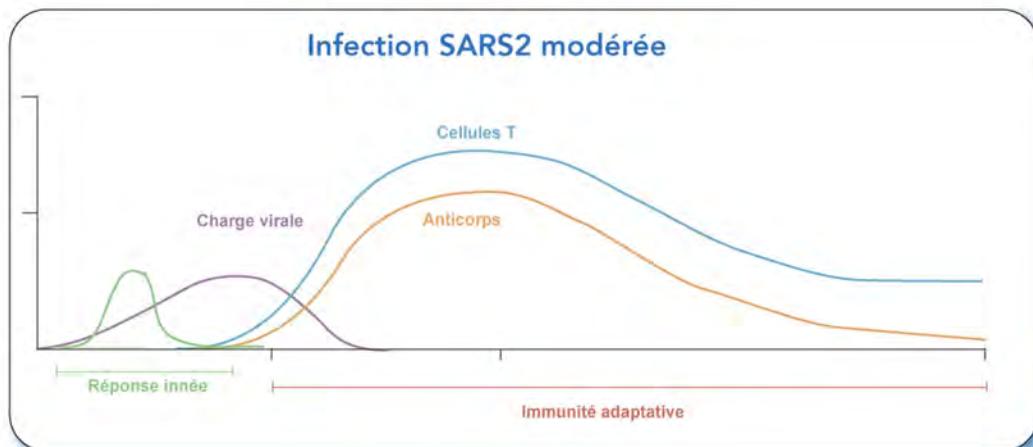
- Traitement anti-inflammatoire ?
- Traitement anti-histaminique ?



- Inflammation chronique ?
- Activation des mastocytes ?
- Risque accru d'autoimmunité ?



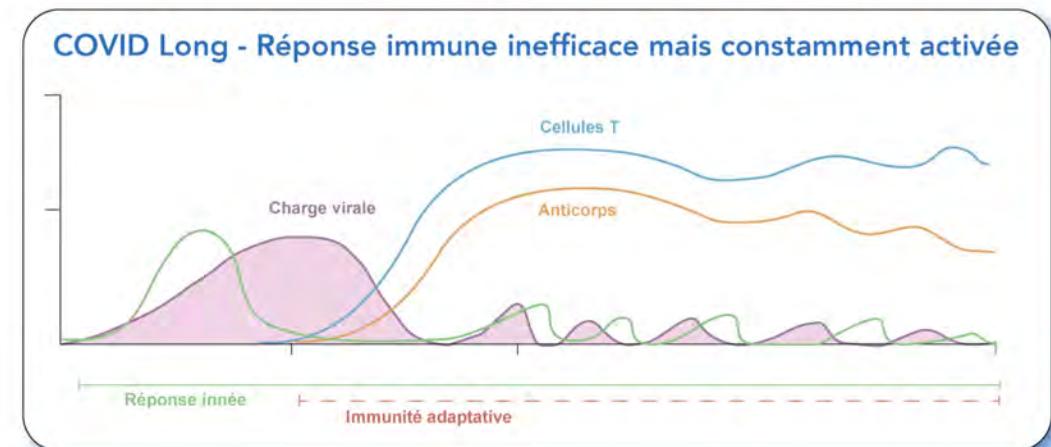
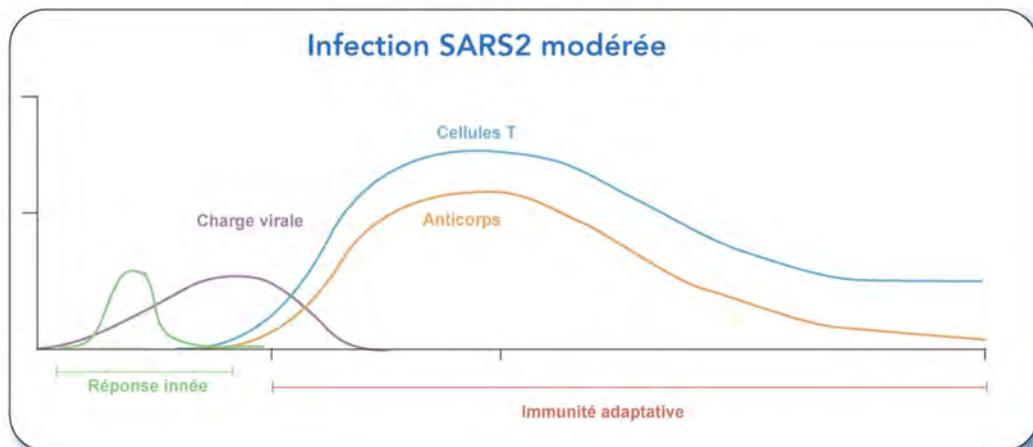
# Possibles mécanismes pathogènes du COVID Long (3)



- Vaccination ?
- Traitement antiviral ?



## Possibles mécanismes pathogènes du COVID Long (4)



- Différents types de COVID Long ?
- Besoin d'analyser la qualité des réponses immunes antivirales



- Réponses adaptatives de forte intensité mais de faible qualité
- Persistance virale dans sites sanctuaires ?
- Inflammation persistante

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