

## Post COVID Syndrom – aktueller Stand der Wissenschaft



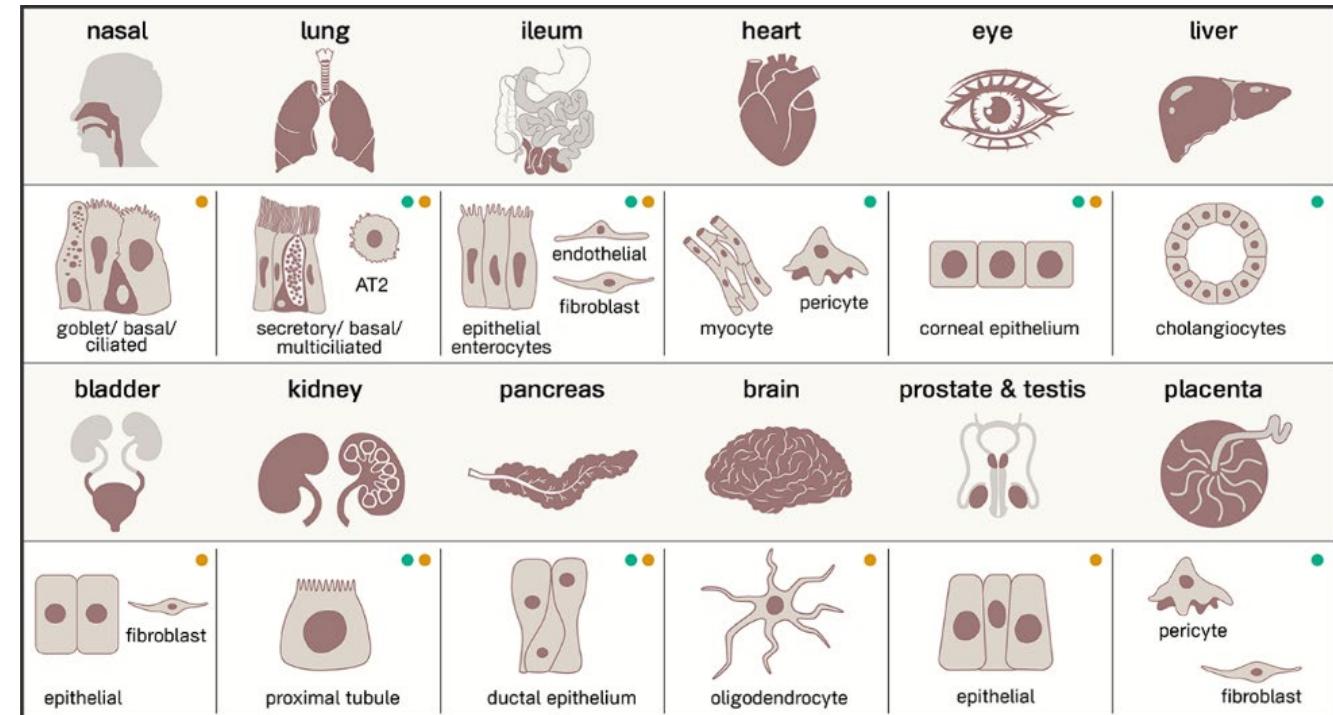
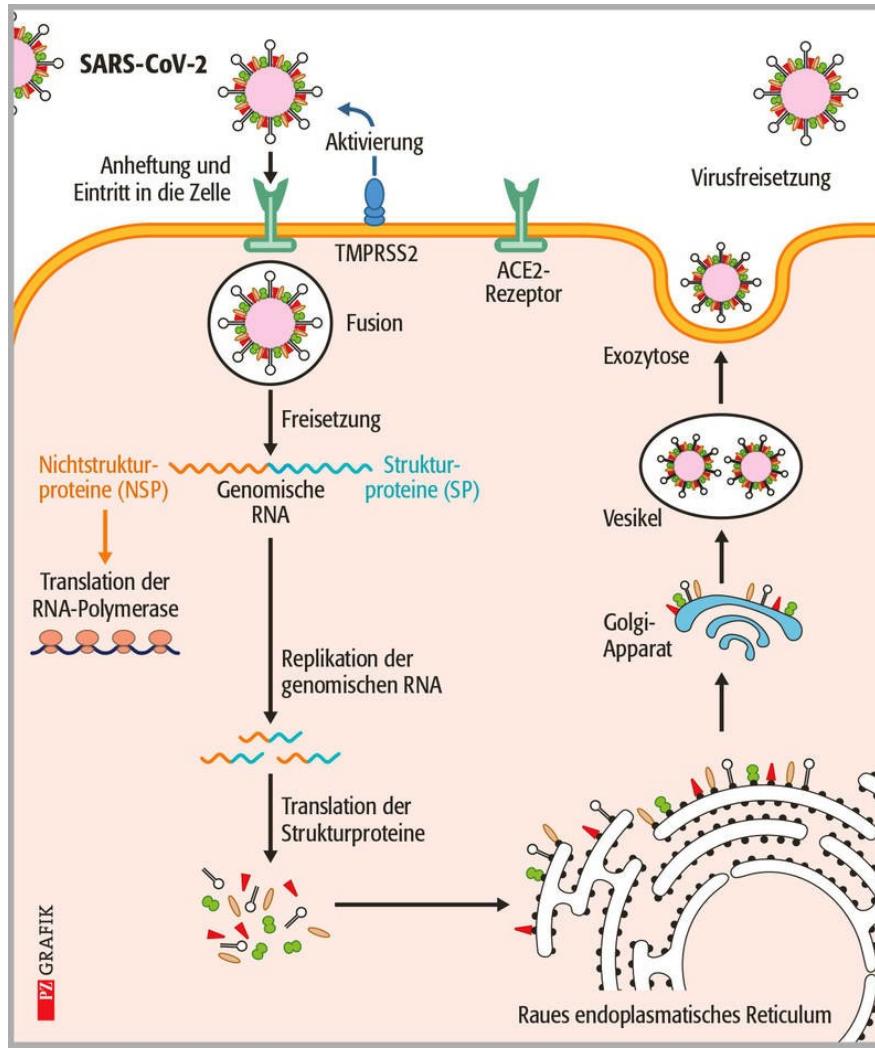


Long-Covid-Forscherin über Corona

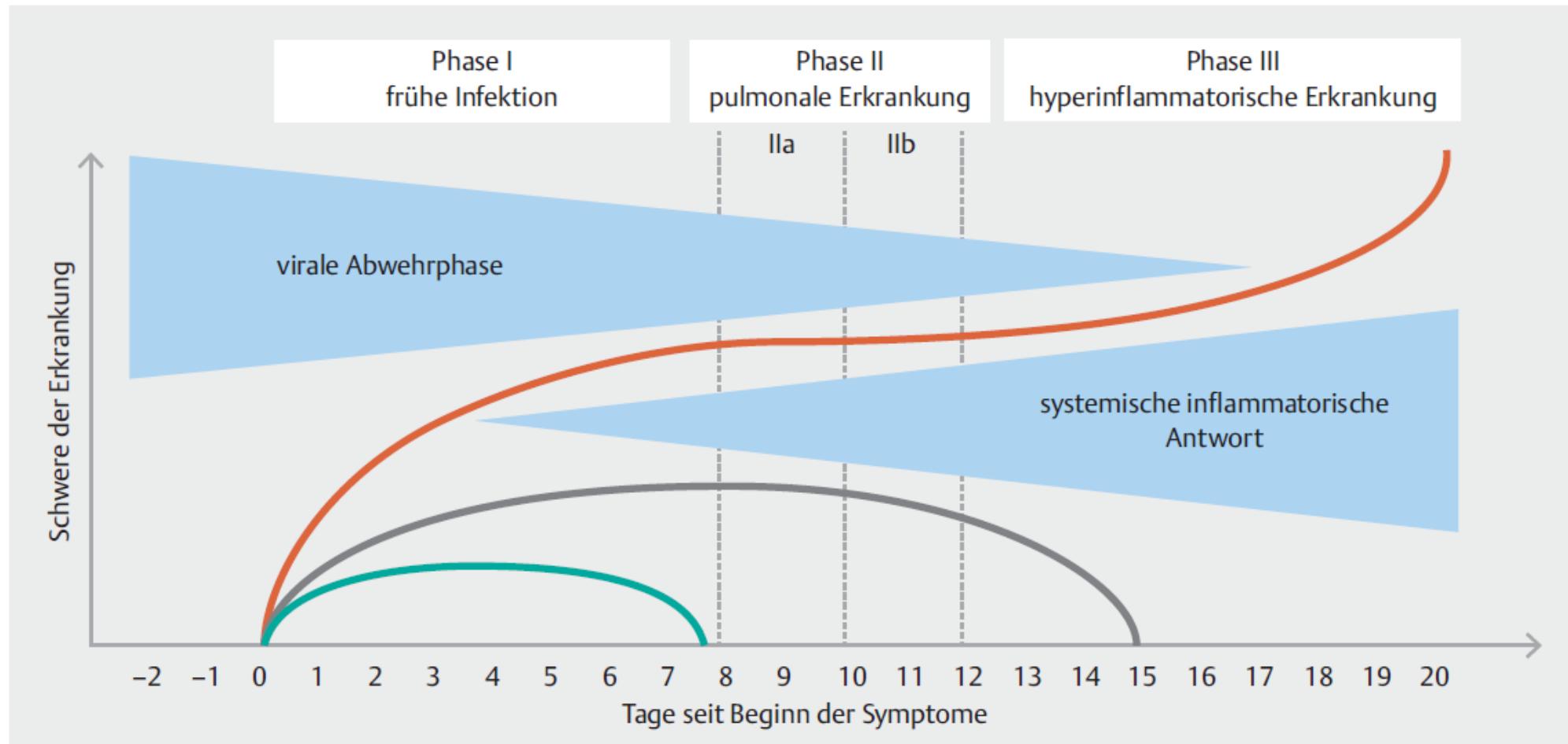
**»Diese Krankheit kann Leben zerstören«**

**S+** Yale-Professorin Akiko Iwasaki gehört zu den weltweit besten Immunologinnen: Hier verrät sie, wie sie gegen toxische Chefs kämpft, was Long-Covid-Erkrankten helfen könnte und warum sie bis heute Maske trägt.

# COVID-19 – Spike Protein und ACE2 Rezeptor

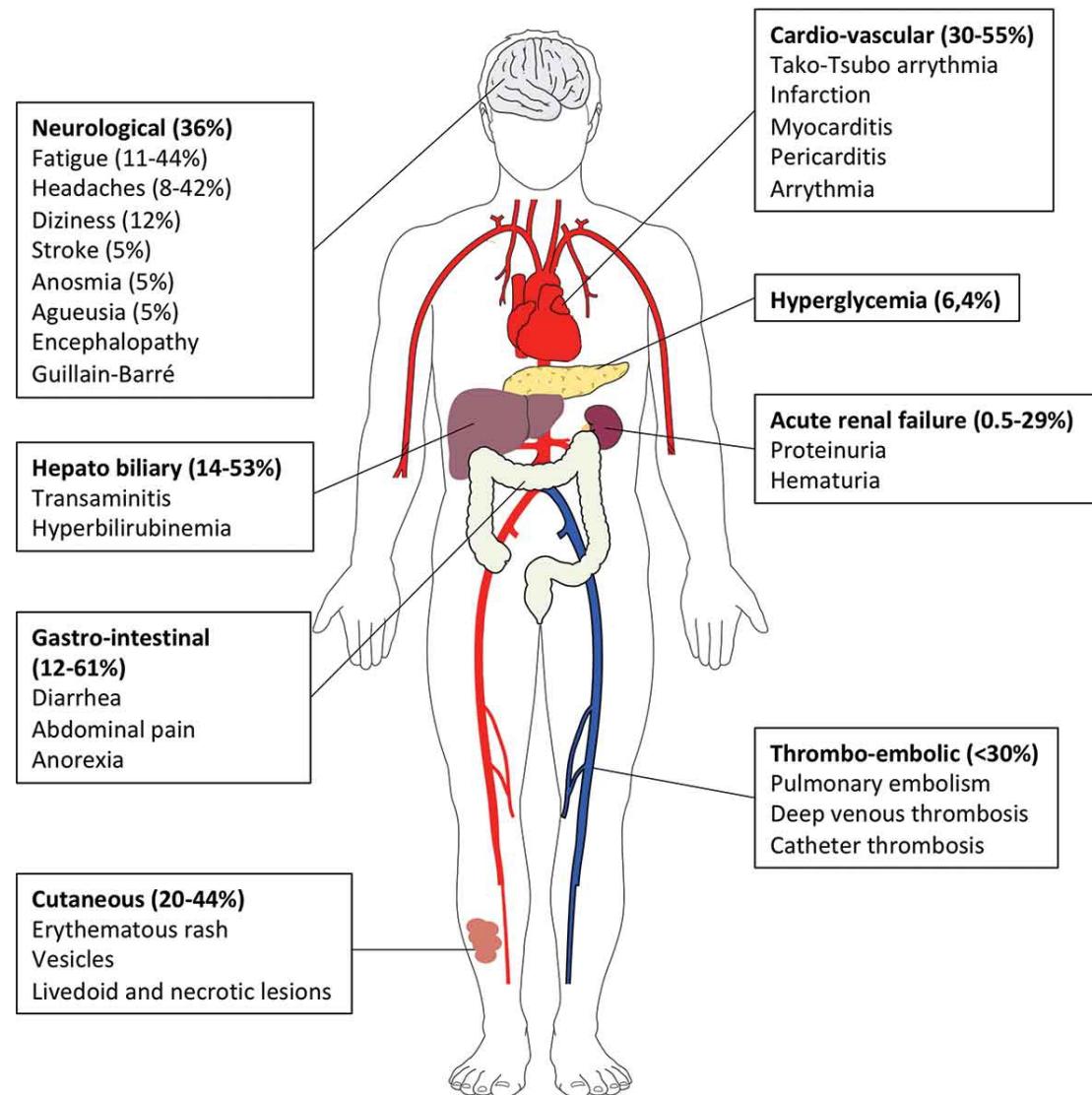


# COVID-19 akute Erkrankung – klinischer Verlauf

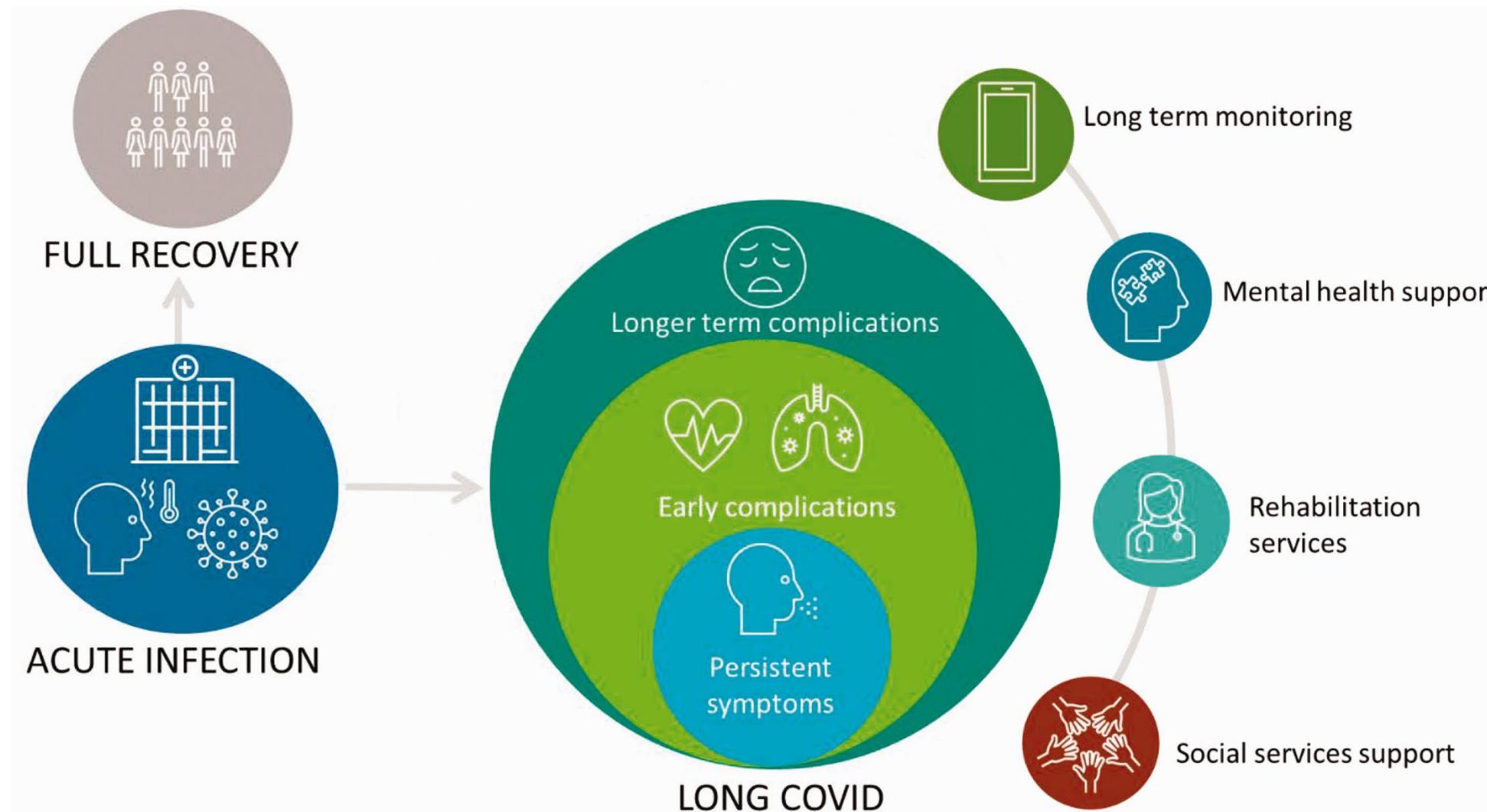


► Abb. 1 Bedeutung der viralen Abwehr und der systemischen inflammatorischen Antwort für die Klinik von Patienten mit COVID-19. Klinische Verläufe von COVID-19 (leicht: grün; schwer: grau; kritisch: rot) werden im zeitlichen Verlauf dargestellt [14, 15].

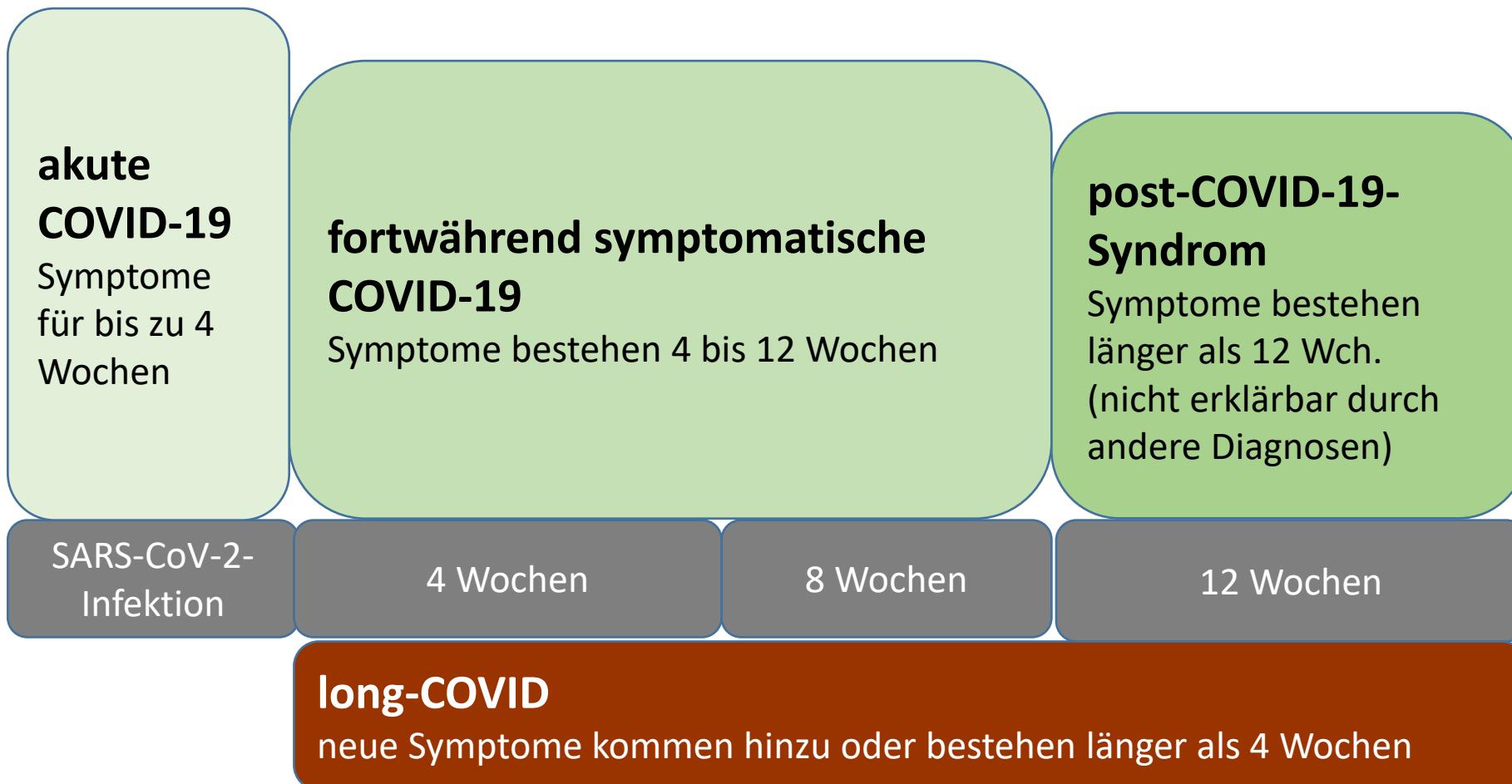
# COVID-19 – Extrapulmonale Symptome



# COVID-19 Klinische Verlaufsformen



# COVID 19 Nomenklatur



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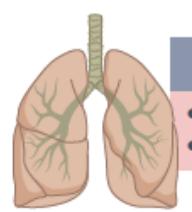
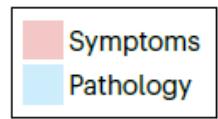
## A clinical case definition of post COVID-19 condition by a Delphi consensus

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Post COVID-19 condition occurs in individuals with **a history of probable or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection, usually 3 months from the onset of COVID-19 with symptoms that last for at least 2 months and cannot be explained by an alternative diagnosis.** Common symptoms include **fatigue, shortness of breath, cognitive dysfunction** but also others (see [Table 3](#) and [Annex 2](#)) which generally have an **impact on everyday functioning.** Symptoms may be **new onset**, following initial recovery from an acute COVID-19 episode, or **persist** from the initial illness. Symptoms may also **fluctuate or relapse** over time. A separate definition may be applicable for children.

# Symptomspektrum post-COVID 19 Syndrom

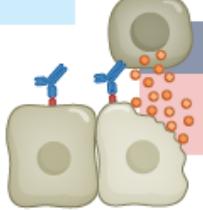


Heart	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chest pain</li><li>Palpitations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cardiac impairment</li><li>Myocardial inflammation</li><li>POTS</li></ul>

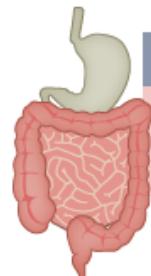


Lungs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cough</li><li>Dyspnoea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Abnormal gas exchange</li></ul>

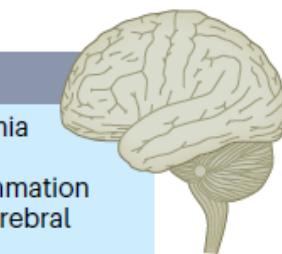
Pancreas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diabetes</li><li>Pancreas injury</li></ul>



Immune system
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Autoimmunity</li><li>MCAS</li></ul>

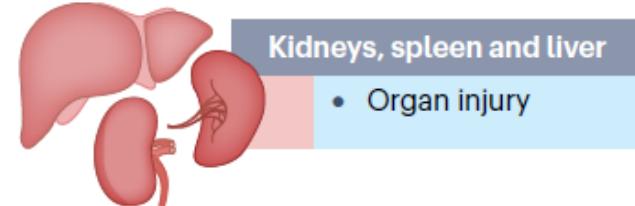


Gastrointestinal tract	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Abdominal pain</li><li>Nausea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gut dysbiosis</li><li>Viral persistence and viral reservoir</li></ul>



## Neurological system

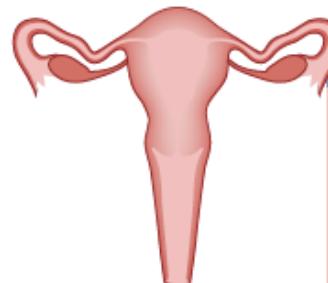
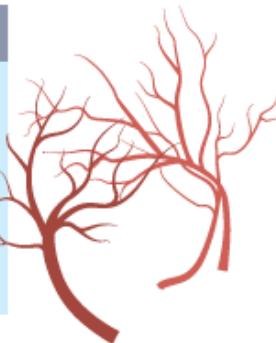
- Cognitive impairment
  - Fatigue
  - Disordered sleep
  - Memory loss
  - Tinnitus
- Dysautonomia
  - ME/CFS
  - Neuroinflammation
  - Reduced cerebral blood flow
  - Small fibre neuropathy



## Kidneys, spleen and liver

- Organ injury

Blood vessels	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fatigue</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coagulopathy</li><li>Deep vein thrombosis</li><li>Endothelial dysfunction</li><li>Microangiopathy</li><li>Microclots</li><li>Pulmonary embolism</li><li>Stroke</li></ul>

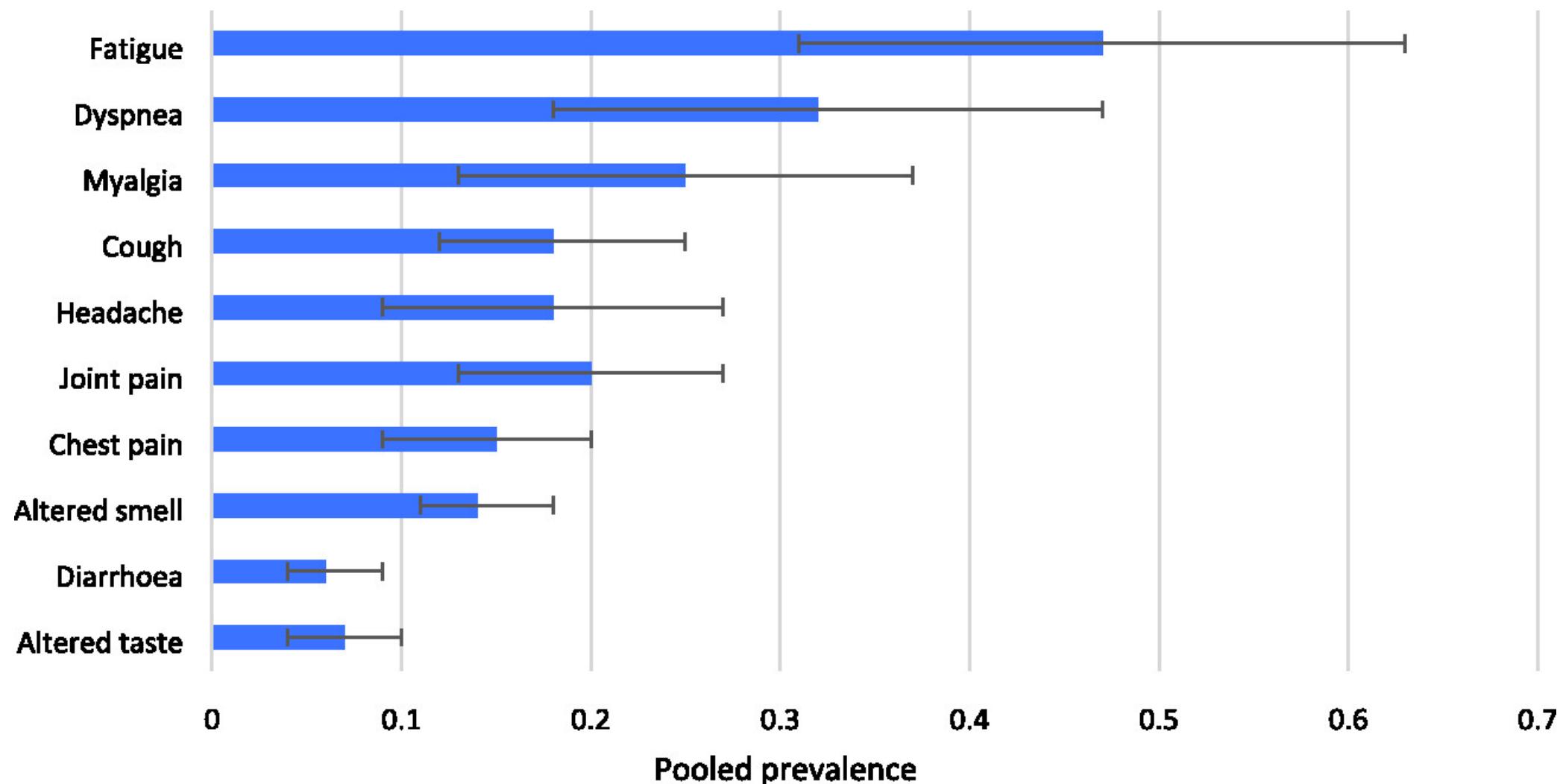


## Reproductive system

- Erectile dysfunction
  - Increased severity and number of premenstrual symptoms
  - Irregular menstruation
- Reduced sperm count

65.000.000 Fälle weltweit  
10–30% Inzidenz in ambulanten Fällen  
50–70% Inzidenz in hospitalisierten Fällen

# Häufigkeit von Post-COVID-Symptomen



# Post COVID – Herausforderung Diagnostik

## Organbezogene Störungen mit morphologischem Substrat bei PCS

Organ	klinische Symptomatik	morphologische Manifestation und Befunde		patho-physiologische Mechanismen
		Bildgebung	Histologie, Immunhistologie, Molekularpathologie	
<b>olfaktorisch/gustatorisches System siehe auch „ZNS und PNS“</b>	Verlust oder Verminderung der Riech- u. Geschmackssinne (- Dysgeusie, Anosmie)	CT und MRT: diffus erhöhte Signalintensität des Riechkolbens, hyperintensive Foci oder Mikroblutungen, Verklumpung und Ausdünnung der Riechhäute (e46)	Leukozyten-Infiltration der Lamina propria mit apoptotischer Schädigung von Geschmacksknospen, Riechnervenfasern und zentralnervösem Riechzentrum Autopsie: fokale Atrophie des olfaktorischen Epithels (37)	ACE2-Rezeptoren im ZNS (olfaktorischer Bulbus, Amygdala, Hippocampus, Temporallappen, posteriorer cingulärer Cortex, Hirnstamm)
<b>Lunge, obere Atemwege</b>	Dyspnoe, persist. Husten, Exazerbation von Asthma (38)	CT: persistierende Veränderungen, z. B. Milchglas-trübung, interstitielle Verdickungen, periphere Retikulation, Fibrosierung, Bronchiektasien (e1)	unspezifische interstitielle Pneumonie (UIP), diffus alveolare Fibrose und Vernarbung, organisierende Pneumonie (e47), Endothelitis, Mikrohämorrhagien (e48), IHC-Nachweis von ACE2 <sup>+</sup> in der Lunge (spez. Typ-II-Pneumozyten und Alveolarmakrophagen) (e49)	persist. SARS-CoV-2-RNA im Lungengewebe (Virusreservoir) mit Überaktivierung der Alveolarepithelien (ACE2 <sup>+</sup> ) u. Reduktion der Alveolarmakrophagen, Entwicklung einer chron. vernarbenden Entzündung (e21); Nachweis von „profibrotic macrophage responses“ (e50, e51)
<b>Herz/Myokard</b>	atyp. Brustschmerz, thorakales Druckgefühl, Tachykardie, Palpitation (38, 39), Lungenstauung, Herzrhythmusstörungen, Perikardreiben	cMRI: COVID-19-assoziierte myokardiale Inflammation (e51)	endomyokardiale Biopsien: aktive lymphozytäre Inflammation (e51), Thromben in kleinen und größeren kardialen Gefäßen (39, e48), IHC-Nachweis von ACE2 <sup>+</sup> in den Myozyten (e49)	persist. virale Last induziert in ACE2 <sup>+</sup> -Myozyten und Myokardium Entzündung mit proinflammatorischen Zellen, infiltrierenden Monozyten, Neutrophilen und plasmazytoiden dendritischen Zellen (e21)
<b>Gehirn (ZNS) und peripheres Nervensystem (PNS) siehe auch „olfaktorisch/gustatorisches System“</b>	Müdigkeit, Fatigue, Nebel im Gehirn („brain fog“), Kopfschmerzen, Gedächtnis/Konzentrationsstörungen, diverse psychiatrische Alterationen, Taubheitsgefühl, Tremor	18F-FDG-PET-basiertes Neuroimaging: hypometabolische ZNS-Regionen (olfaktorischer Gyrus, Temporallappen, inkl. Amygdala, Hippocampus, Hypothalamus, Hirnstamm, Kleinhirn) (e52)	virale Neuroinvasion, neuroimmunologische Reaktion im peripheren und zentralen Nervensystem mit gestörter Blut-Hirn-Schranke; autoptischer Nachweis von ACE2 in Zellen des Hirnstamms	Hypothese: neurotropes SARS-CoV-2 (infiziert neuronale Zellkulturen und Organoide) befällt ACE2 <sup>+</sup> -Zellen (Neurone, Astrozyten) und Zellen des Hirnstamms (e53)

# Risikofaktoren für das post COVID Syndrom

## KASTEN

### Risikofaktoren für ein Post-COVID-Syndrom (2, 24, 33–36, e41–e44)

- **biografische Faktoren**
  - kaukasische Bevölkerung
  - mittleres Lebensalter
  - weibliches Geschlecht
- **vorbestehende Erkrankungen**
  - Asthma bronchiale
  - schlechte psychische Gesundheit
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Bluthochdruck
  - Fettleibigkeit
- **COVID-19-spezifisch**
  - multiple (> 5) akute Symptome
  - hohe akute Viruslast
  - niedrige baseline SARS-CoV-2-IgG
  - Durchfall
  - Impfstatus

(Aus [6]: Abdruck mit freundlicher Genehmigung der BÄK)



# Long COVID Forschung – eine Herausforderung

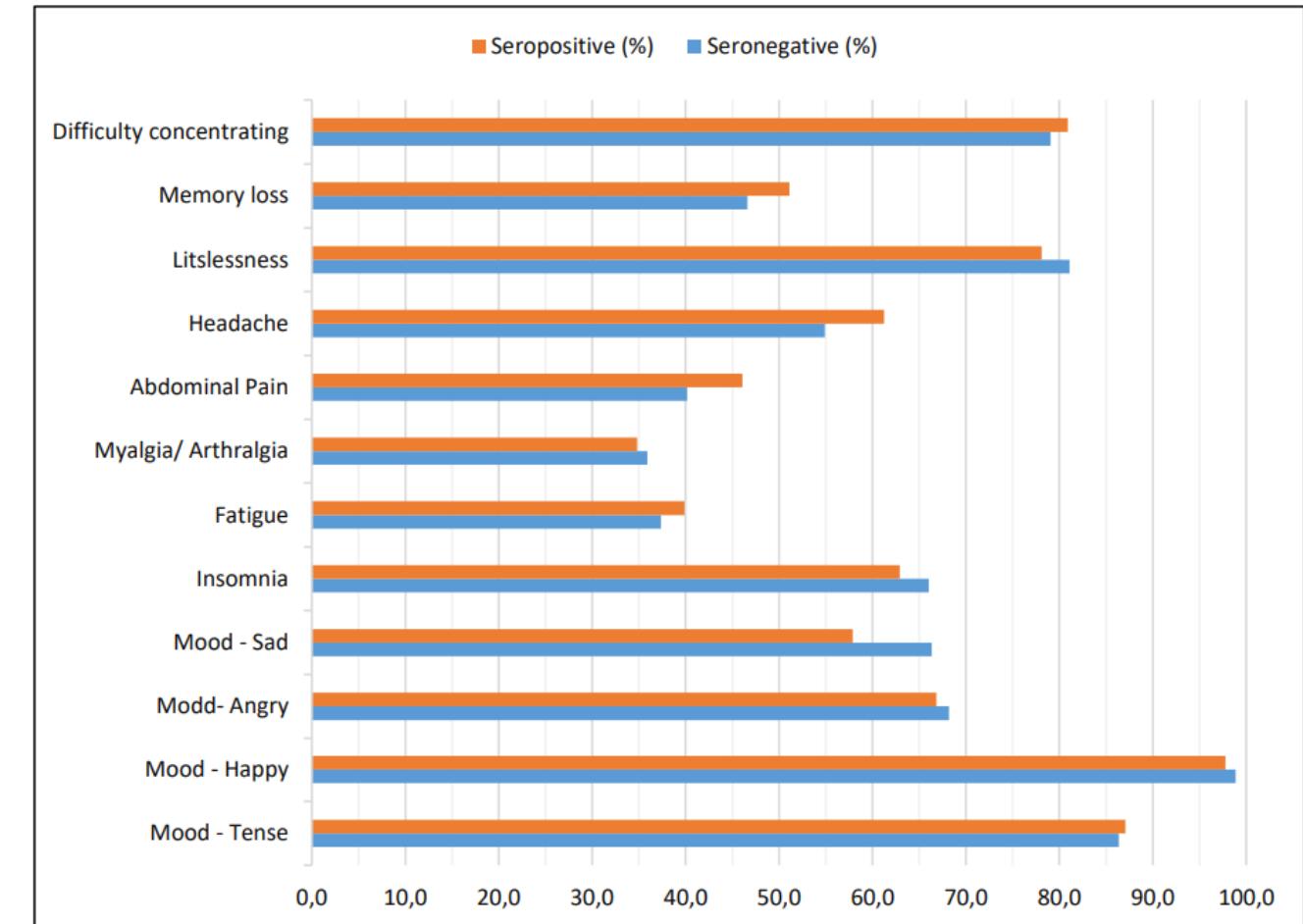
## Hintergrundrauschen

- Initiale Vermischung mit Post-Intensive Care Syndrom
- Durch eine intensivmedizinische Behandlung verursacht, z.B.:
  - Muskelschwäche
    - 30% nach Beatmung
    - 50% nach Blutvergiftung
  - Kognitive Probleme, Nervenschäden
    - 30-80% nach längerem Aufenthalt

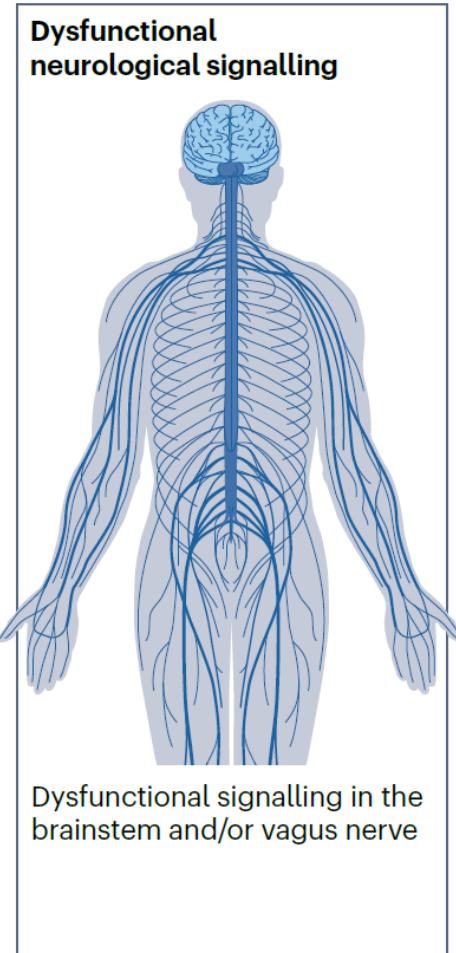
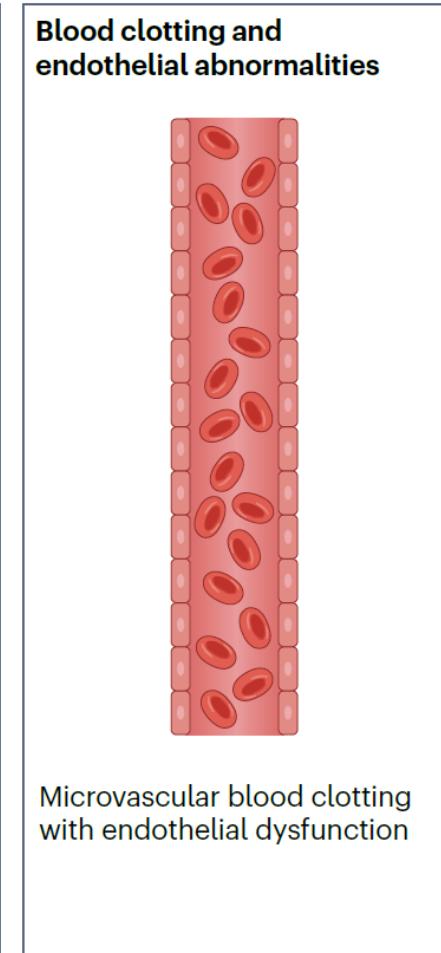
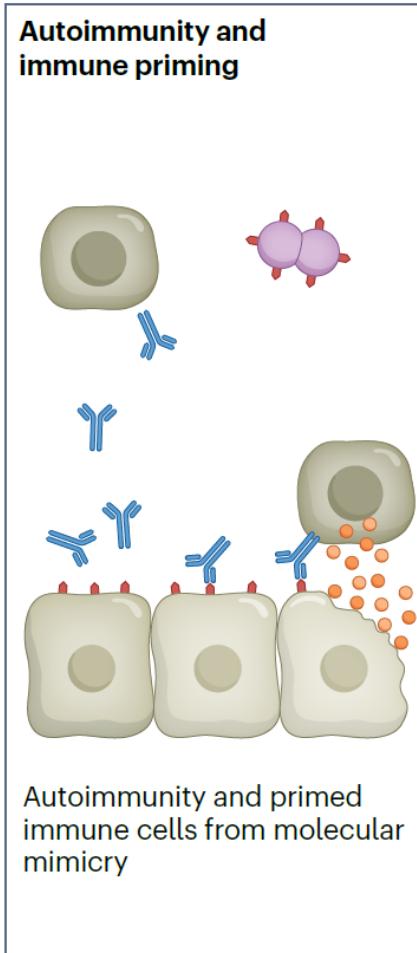
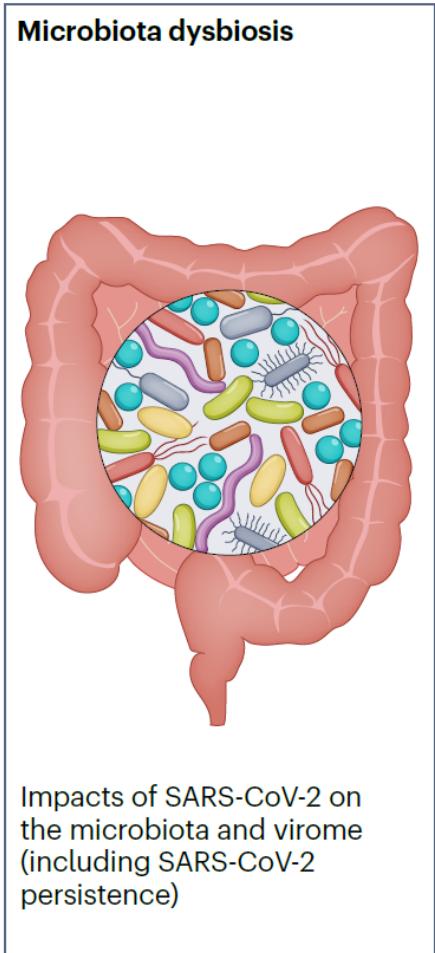
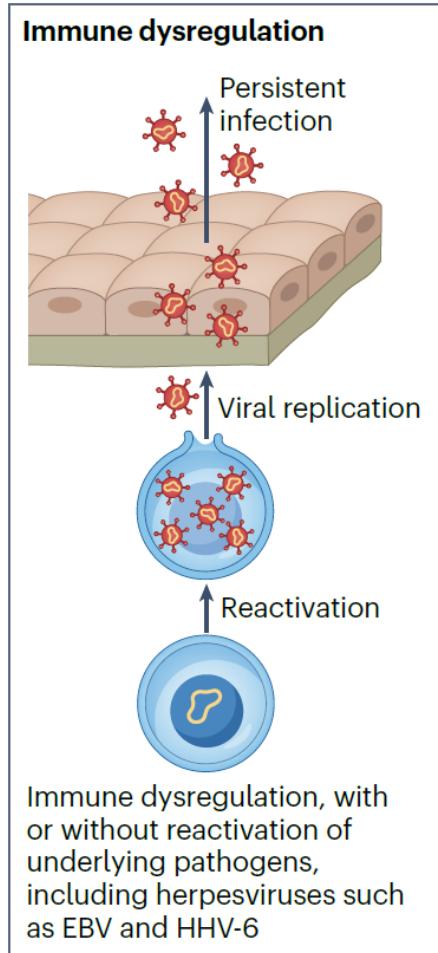


# Long COVID Forschung – eine Herausforderung Hintergrundrauschen

- 1.560 Schülerinnen und Schüler (Klasse 8-12) in Sachsen
- 1.365 (88%) seronegativ, 188 (12%) seropositiv
- Keine signifikanten Unterschiede bzgl. Symptome zwischen den Gruppen



# Potentielle Ursachen



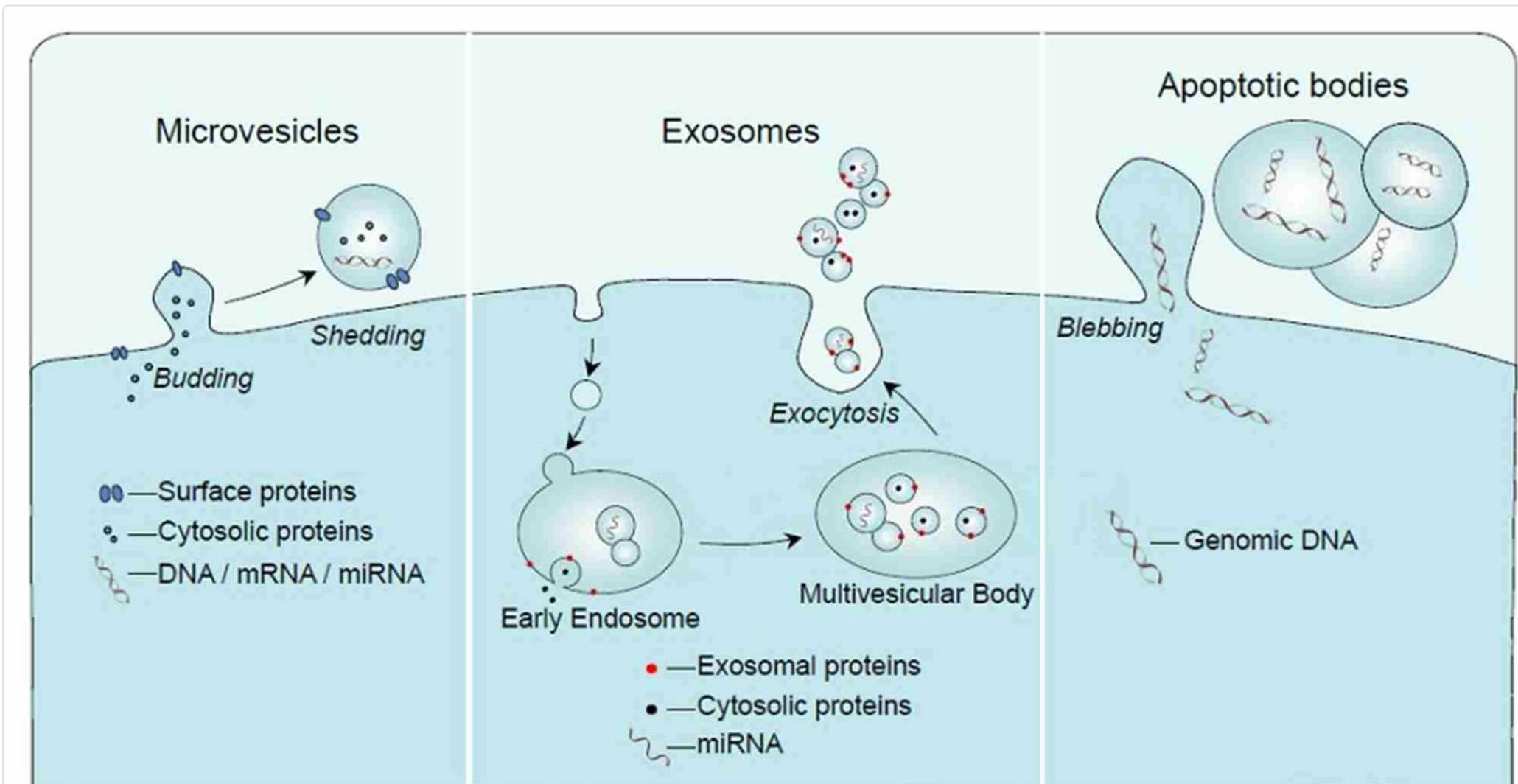
# Potentielle Ursachen – Virale Persistenz

	RNA Protein	PASC symptoms	Location
<b>Tissue (biopsy)</b>			
Goh et al. <sup>39</sup>	✓	S, N	✓ Appendix, skin and breast tissues 163 and 426 d after COVID-19
Zollner et al. <sup>38</sup>	✓	N	✓ Gut mucosa/epithelium tissue ~7 months after COVID-19
deMelo et al. <sup>27</sup>	✓	N	✓ Olfactory neuroepithelium tissue 110–196d after COVID-19
Gaebler et al. <sup>33</sup>	✓	N	No Intestinal tissue ~4 months after COVID-19
Cheung et al. <sup>114</sup>	✓	S, N	NM Colon, appendix, ileum, hemorrhoid, liver, gallbladder and lymph nodes 9–180 d after COVID-19
Hany et al. <sup>29</sup>	NM	N	NM Gastric and gallbladder tissues 274–380 d after COVID-19
Miura et al. <sup>30</sup>	✓	N	No Adenoid tonsil, adenoid tissue, nasal cytobrush and nasal wash from children with no documented COVID-19 or upper airway infection in the month before collection
Xu et al. <sup>37</sup>	✓	NM	No Child adenoid and tonsil tissue up to 303 d after COVID-19
Peluso et al. <sup>24</sup>	✓	NM	✓ Colorectal lamina propria tissue 158–676 d after COVID-19
Yao et al. <sup>25</sup>	✓	S,N	✓ Fungiform papillae tongue tissue 6–63 weeks after COVID-19
<b>Tissue (autopsy)</b>			
Stein et al. <sup>31</sup>	✓	N	NM Dozens of human body and brain tissue types at least 31d and up to 230 d after COVID-19
Roden et al. <sup>32</sup>	✓	NM	NM Lung tissue up to 174 d after COVID-19
Rendiero et al. <sup>26</sup>	NM	S	NM Lung tissue up to 359 d after COVID-19
<b>Stool</b>			
Natarajan et al. <sup>115</sup>	✓	NM	✓ Stool up to 230d after COVID-19
Yonker et al. <sup>84</sup>	✓	S, N	✓ RNA in stool of children with MIS-C 13–62d after COVID-19, S and N protein in plasma
Jin et al. <sup>116</sup>	✓	S	NM Neonatal stool in infants born to mothers whose COVID-19 symptoms resolved more than 10 weeks before delivery
<b>Blood</b>			
Schultheiß et al. <sup>40</sup>	NM	S1	✓ Plasma at a median time of 8 months after COVID-19
Swank et al. <sup>41</sup>	NM	S, S1, N	✓ Plasma up to 12 months after COVID-19
Peluso et al. <sup>44</sup>	NM	S1, N	✓ Plasma neuron-derived EVs 35–84 d after COVID-19
Peluso et al. <sup>42</sup>	NM	S1, S, N	✓ Plasma up to 16 months after COVID-19
Craddock et al. <sup>45</sup>	✓	S	✓ Spike linked to EVs in samples obtained at least 8–12 weeks (up to 1 year) after COVID-19
Tejerina et al. <sup>117</sup>	✓	NM	✓ Plasma at a median time of 55d after COVID-19 (also found in stool/urine at the same median time point)

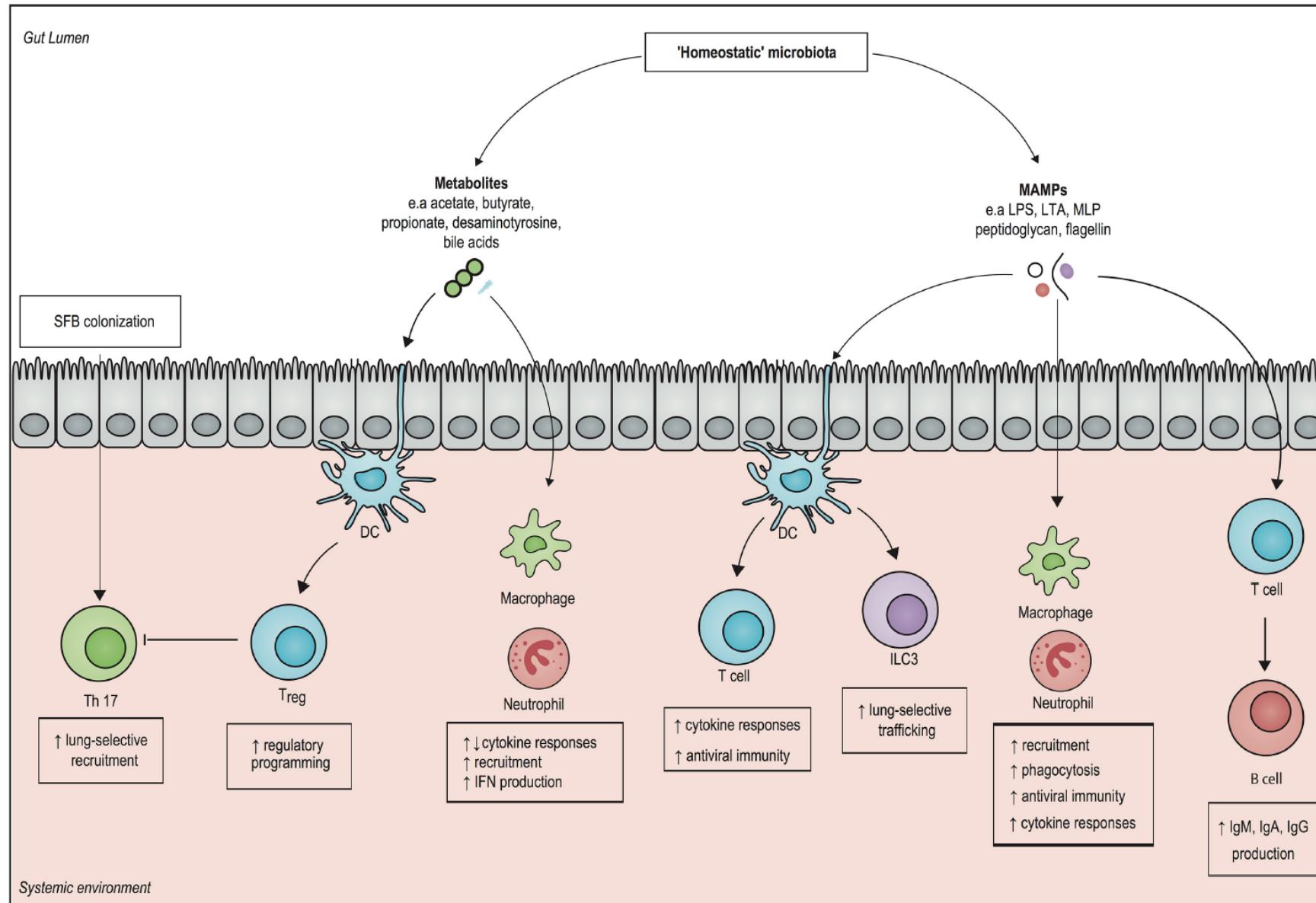
✓, identified; No, not present; NM, not measured; S and S1, spike protein.

# Potentielle Ursachen – Virale Persistenz

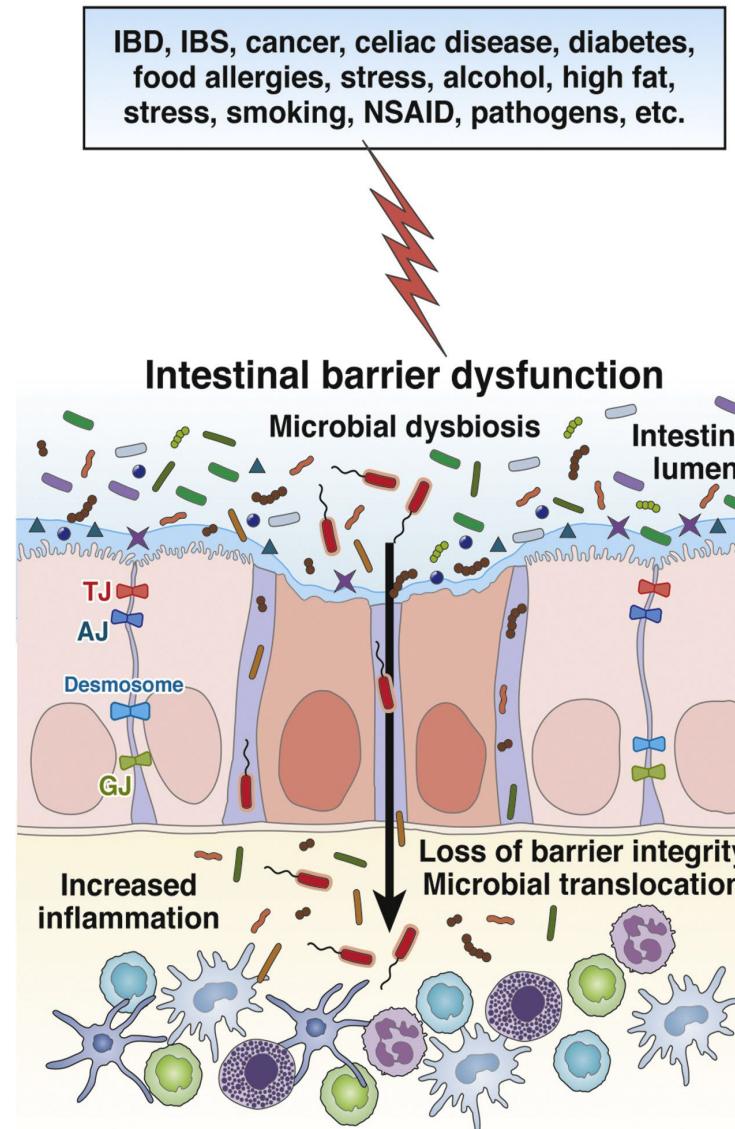
## Rolle extrazellulärer Vesikel



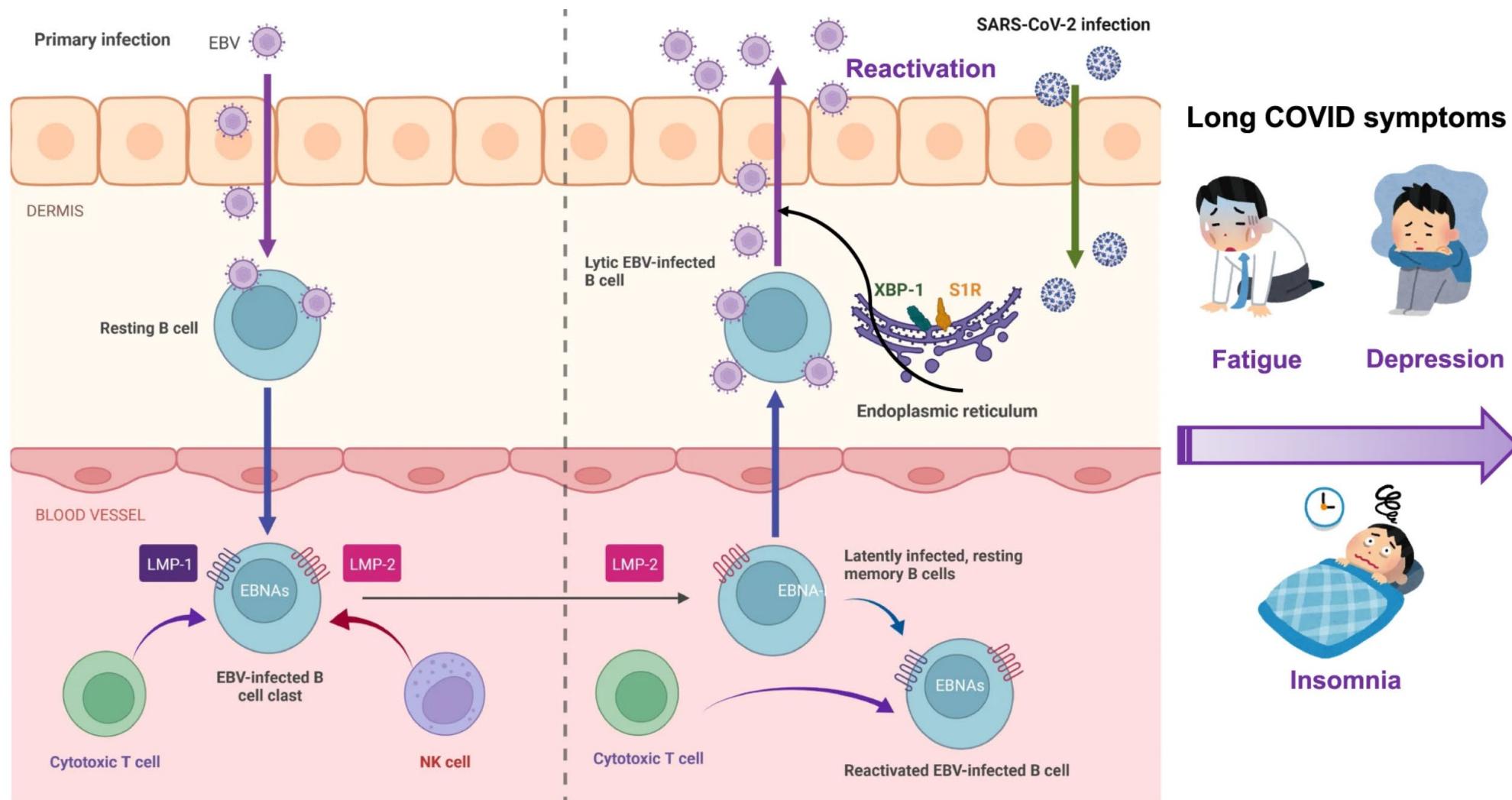
# Darm-Immunachse



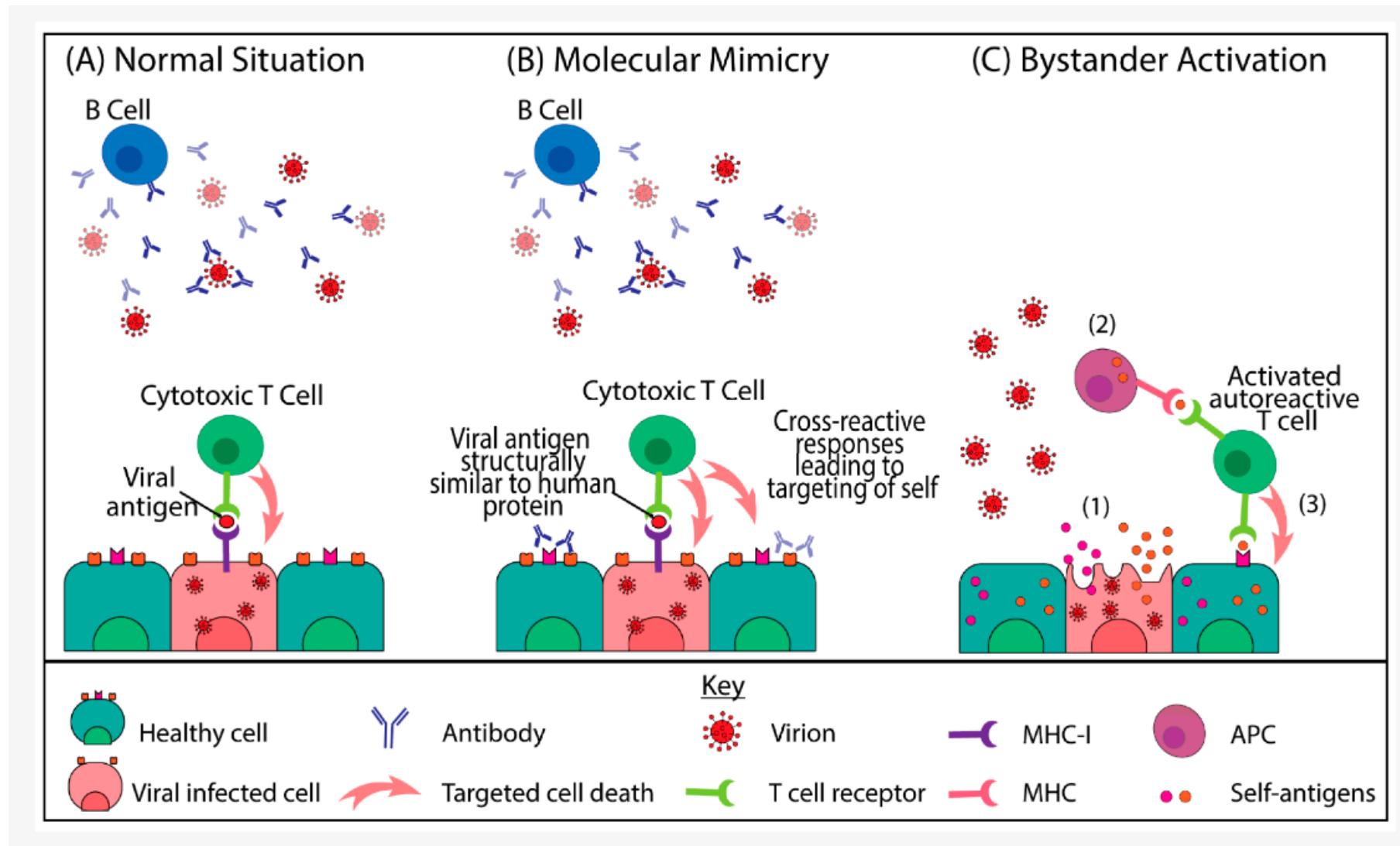
# Intestinale Barrierestörung → Inflammation



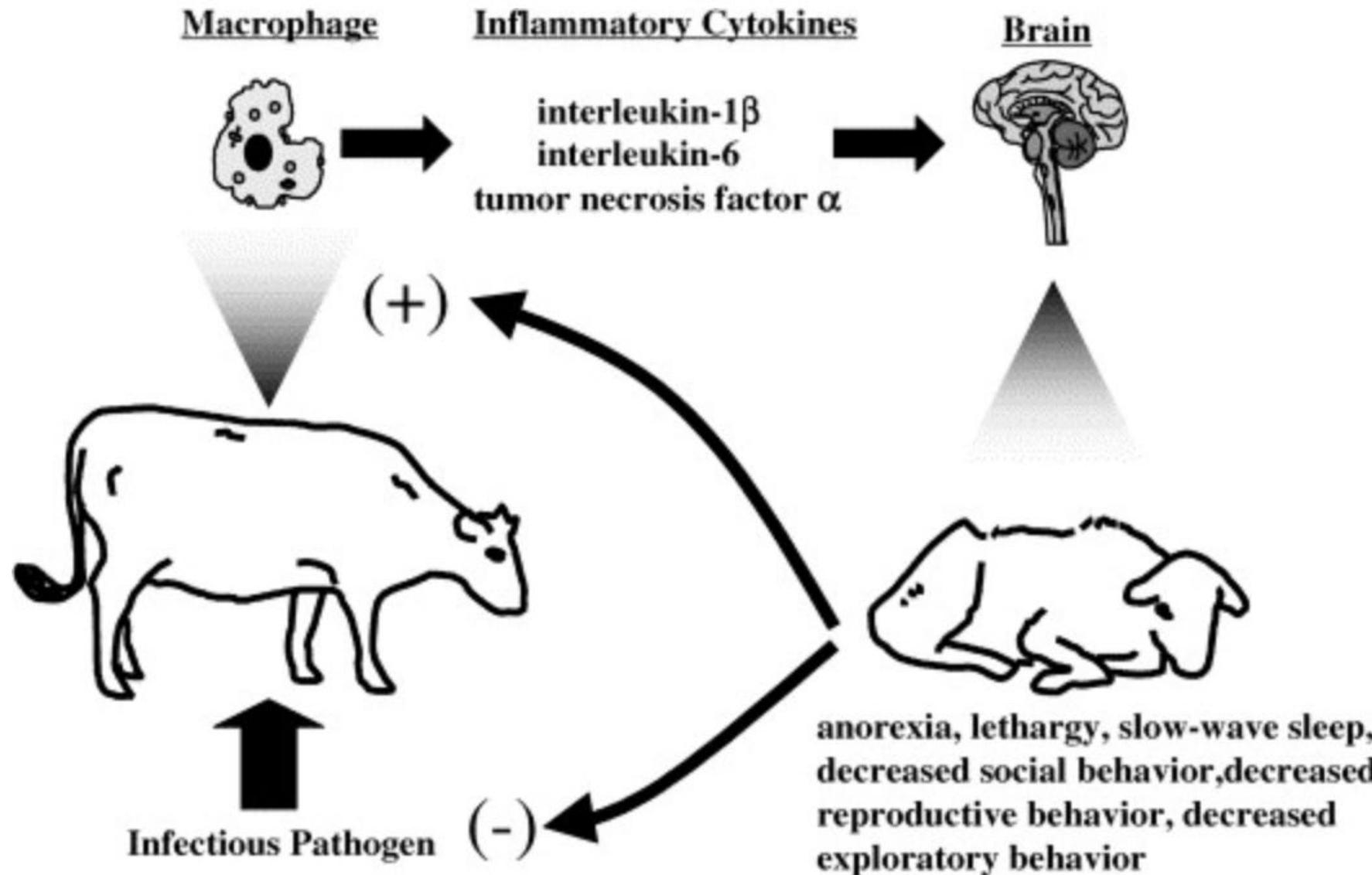
# EBV Reaktivierung → Inflammation



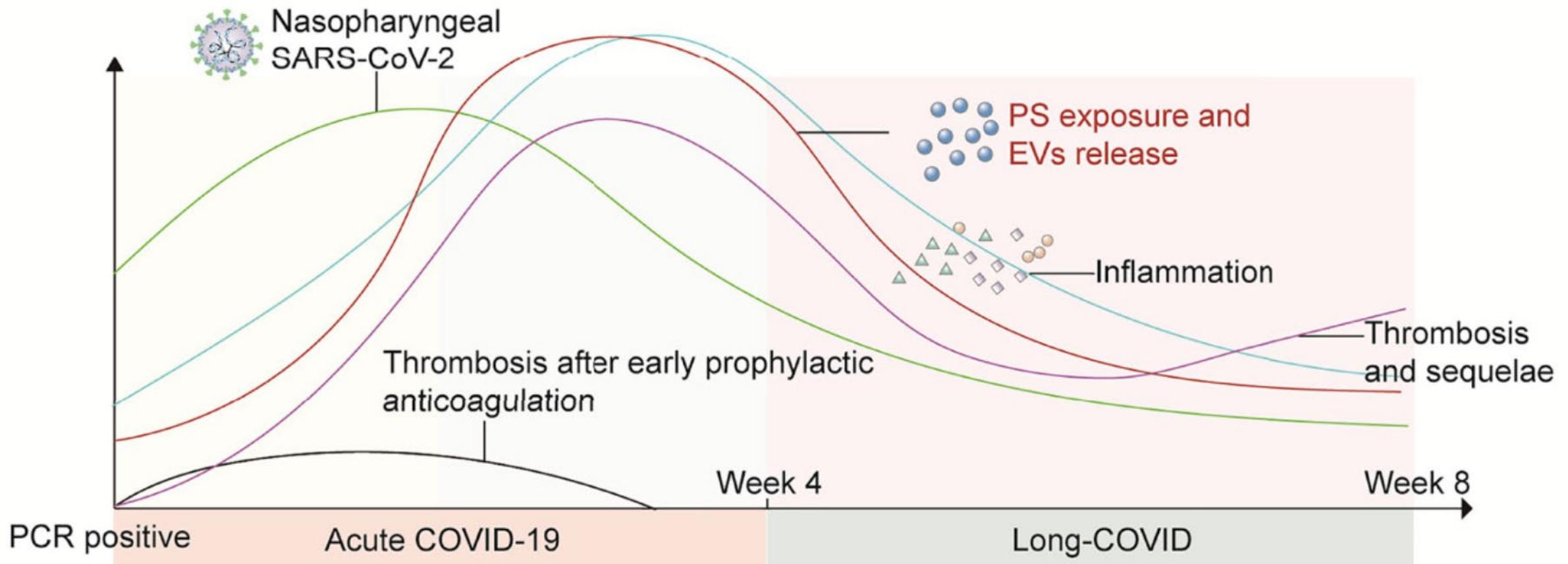
# Molekulares Mimikry → Inflammation



# Inflammation → Vagus → Krankheitsverhalten



# Inflammation → Thrombosen → Inflammation



# Inflammation → Thrombosen → Inflammation

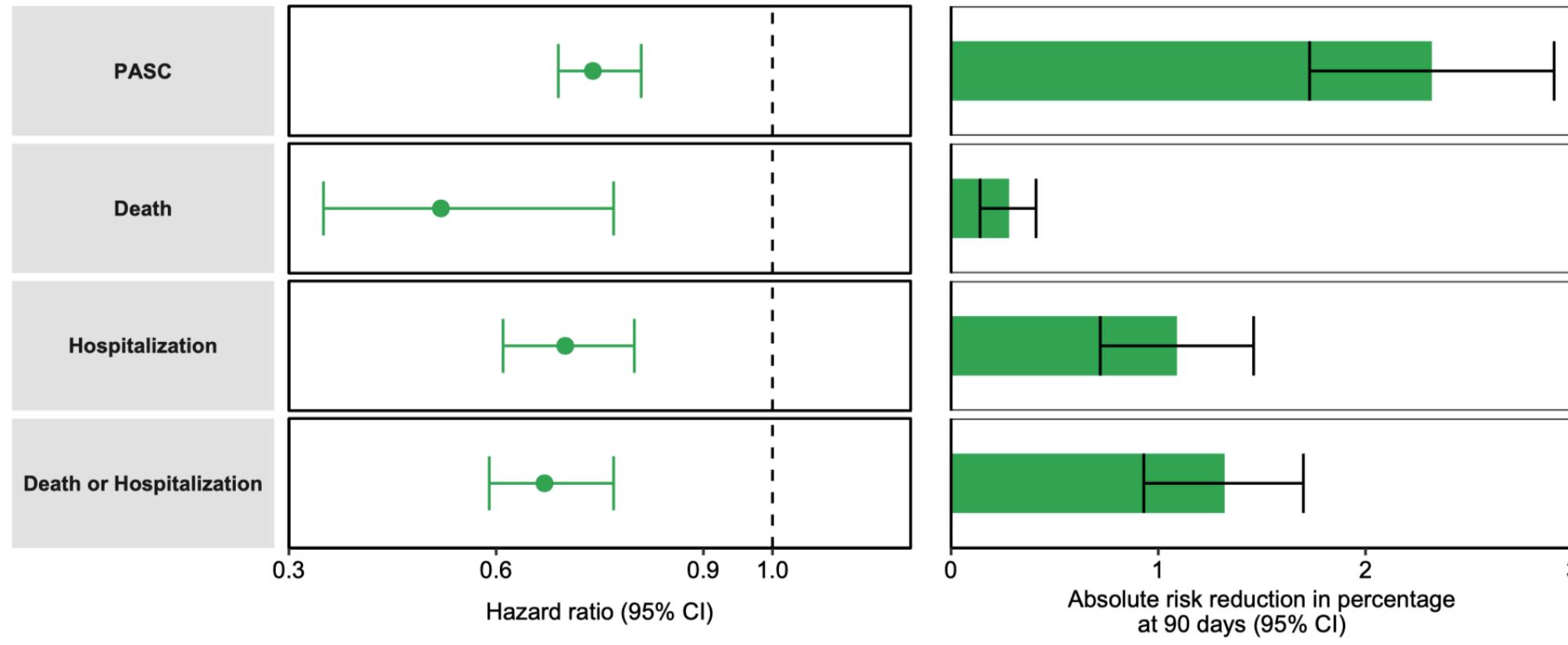
References	Population	Purpose	Results	Conclusions
(Giannis et al., 2020)	N=4906	Postdischarge thromboembolic outcomes and mortality	VTE was diagnosed in 76 patients (1.55%) postdischarge and included 44 DVTs (0.90%), 42 PEs (0.85%), 2 splanchnic vein thrombosis (0.04%), and 3 other vein thromboses (0.06%). The cumulative incidence of thrombosis (including arterial and venous events) at day 30 following discharge was 2.5%; the cumulative incidence of venous thromboembolism alone at day 30 postdischarge was 0.6%.	Postdischarge VTE, ATE, and ACM occurred frequently after COVID-19 hospitalization. Postdischarge anticoagulation reduced risk by 46%. The rates of thrombosis and hemorrhage appear to be similar following hospital discharge for COVID-19.
(Patell et al., 2020)	N=163	Postdischarge thrombosis and hemorrhage		
(Pasini et al., 2021)	N=75	Serum metabolic profile in pasc syndrome: clinical implication	All patients had very high serum concentrations of ferritin and D-Dimer. 73% had elevations in erythrocyte sedimentation rate and CRP. 27% had elevations in LDH.	The persistence of altered D-Dimer levels raises the possibility of long-term risks of thromboembolic disease.
(Pretorius et al., 2021)	N=49	Investigate whether the persistent symptoms of long-COVID are due to the presence of persistent circulating plasma microclots that are resistant to fibrinolysis.	The plasma samples from long COVID/PASC still contain large anomalous (amyloid) deposits (microclots).	Clotting pathologies in both acute COVID-19 infection and in long COVID/PASC might benefit from following a regime of continued anticoagulation therapy to support the fibrinolytic system function.
(von Meijenfeldt et al., 2021)	N=52	Studied the hemostatic status of patients with a resolved COVID-19 infection.	One patient developed a deep vein thrombus with small pulmonary embolisms in the 4 months after hospital discharge. PAI-1 levels were higher in patients compared with controls, both on admission and at 4-month follow-up.	COVID-19 patients have sustained prothrombotic changes as evidenced by enhanced thrombin-generating capacity and decreased plasma fibrinolytic potential at 4 months after hospital discharge.

Zwischen 1,6 und 2,5% Thrombosen bei Entlassung





# Protektive Maßnahmen – frühe Therapie



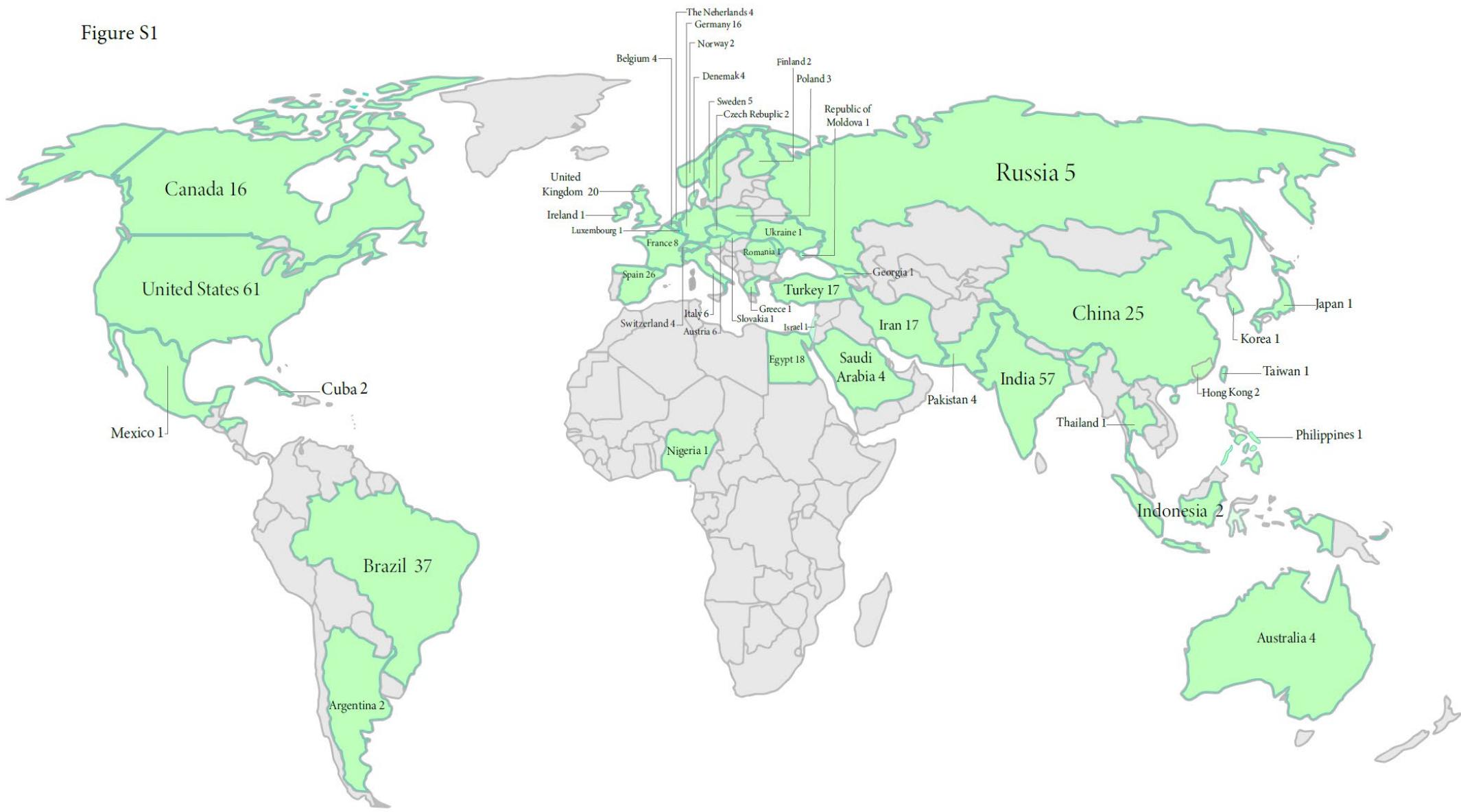
Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir in der Frühphase reduziert Wahrscheinlichkeit  
von post COVID

# Preventive Maßnahmen - Impfung



# Therapiestudien alle Kategorien

Figure S1



N=388

# Therapiestudien alle Kategorien - Ansätze

- Rehabilitation (168)**
- Exercise (51)
  - General rehabilitation including telerehabilitation (46)
  - Respiratory muscle training (17)
  - Cognitive rehabilitation (7)
  - Virtual reality rehabilitation (7)
  - Breathing and chest mobilization exercises (6)
  - Olfactory training (6)
  - Yoga rehabilitation (6)
  - Heart rate variability biofeedback (2)
  - Vocal-based respiratory training (2)
  - Activity tracker and a bespoke mobile phone application
  - Akili Interactive digital treatment AKL-T01
  - Benson's relaxation technique
  - BREATHE program for long COVID
  - Counterweight-Plus/DiRECT diet weight management program
  - Long COVID optimal health program
  - Lymphatic drainage massage
  - Manual therapy (hand operated technique and breathing exercises)
  - Neurofeedback therapy
  - Nex/Connected Wellness
  - Online singing, breathing and wellbeing program (ENO Breathe)
  - PowerBreathe® and Therosold PEP® tools
  - Proprioceptive training
  - Rehabilitation robot (Luna by EGZOTech)
  - REMM-HIIT
  - Slow-paced breathing
  - Sniffin' sticks Duftquartett
  - Whole body vibration training

- Pharmacotherapy (77)**
- Clochicine (5)
  - Nintedanib (4)
  - Pirfenidone (4)
  - Ivermectin (2)
  - Methylprednisolone (2)
  - Mometasone (2)
  - Montelukast (2)
  - Prednisolone (2)
  - Treamid (bisamide derivative of dicarboxylic acid) (2)
  - Anhydrous enol-oxaloacetate
  - Apixaban
  - Atorvastatin
  - AXA1125
  - Bioarginina C
  - Budesonide
  - Caffeine
  - Cerebrolysin
  - Donepezil
  - Echinochrome A
  - Erythropoietin
  - Famotidine
  - Fampridine (sustained release)
  - Fibrotac
  - Gabapentin
  - Immulina™ (spirulina)
  - ImmunoSEB + ProbioSEB CSC3 (probiotic complex)
  - Intranasal Insulin
  - Ibdulast
  - Ivabradine
  - Lactoferrin
  - Leronlimab

- Pharmacotherapy Cont.**
- Loratadine
  - LYT-100 (deupirafenide)
  - Metoprolol succinate
  - Mycophenolate mofetil
  - MYMD1® (Isomysomine)
  - Naltrexone
  - Niagen (vitamin B3)
  - Omni-Biotic® Pro-Vi 50
  - Pentoxifylline
  - Pimozide
  - Prednisone
  - Prospekta
  - Remdesivir
  - Rivaroxaban
  - Rosuvastatin
  - RSLV-132
  - Ruconest
  - S-1226 (8%)
  - Sacubitril / Valsartan
  - Sodium pyruvate nasal spray
  - Somatropin
  - Sulodexide
  - Taxifolin Aqua
  - Temelimumab (formerly GNbAC1)
  - Theophylline
  - TNX-102
  - Vitamin D3
  - Vortioxetine
  - Xltran Plus™ or Xltran™
  - Zofin™ (formerly Organicell Flow)

- Complementary and Alternative Medicine (64)**
- TCM (25)
  - Ayurveda (24)
  - Homeopathic medications (4)
  - ADAPT-232 (Chisan®)
  - Coenzyme Q10
  - Cracie bojungki-tang extract
  - Curcumin/boswellia serrata/ascorbic acid mixture
  - Gyeongbang gyeongok-go
  - Hanpoong Soonsimhwani
  - IMMUNODAAT™ botanical ingredient
  - Nutraceuticals
  - Omega-3 (Eicosapentaenoic acid + docosahexaenoic acid)
  - Targeted wellness formula C™
  - 5-aminolevulinic acid phosphate

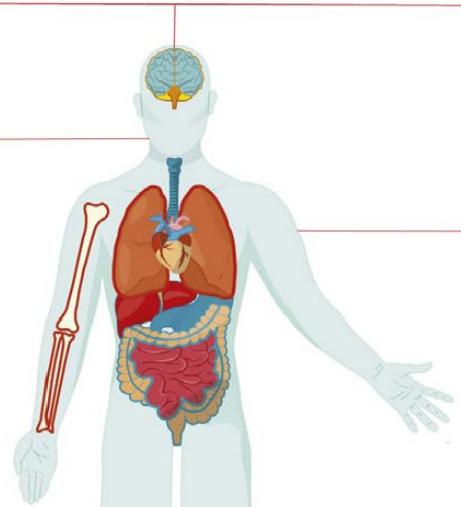
## Others (43)

- Transcranial current direct stimulation (9)
- Photobiomodulation (4)
- Transcutaneous auricular vagus nerve stimulation (4)
- Electrical stimulation (2)
- Hyperbaric oxygen (2)
- Allogeneic culture-expanded adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells
- Allogenic marrow stromal cells
- Bone marrow mesenchymal stem cell derived extracellular vesicles
- CIMAvax-EGF
- Cold knee casts
- Cranial electrotherapy stimulation
- High tone power therapy
- Hope Biosciences adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells – allogeneic (HB-adMSCs)
- Human immunoglobulin G
- Hydrogen-oxygen generator with nebulizer
- Inogen One® G4 (portable oxygen concentrator)
- Intraoperative use of PEEP - Fixed and individualized
- Lactobacillus plantarum 299v in fermented oat drink
- Microcannula harvest adipose derived tissue stromal vascular fraction (SVF)
- MON002 (autologous monocytes)
- Personalized multidisciplinary day-hospital intervention
- Plasma exchange
- Platelet rich plasma
- Pulsed ultrasound
- Resistive capacitive monopolar radio frequency at 448 kHz (INDIBA®)
- Stellate ganglion block
- Whole-body cryotherapy

Symbols next to each intervention represent the targeted system:

Pulmonary system:   
 Cardiovascular system:   
 Non-system specific:   
 Mental health:

Musculoskeletal system:   
 Nervous system:   
 Gastrointestinal system:



# Therapiestudien alle Kategorien - Vergleichbarkeit

The top 20 primary outcome measures in terms of frequency (N)

Rank	Primary outcome measures	N
1	6-minute walk test	58
2	Pulmonary function testing	43
3	Changes in symptoms of PACS	24
4	36-Item Short-Form Survey	23
5	Cardiopulmonary exercise test/peak oxygen consumption ( $\text{VO}_2 \text{ max}$ )	20
6	European Quality of Life 5 Dimensions 5 Level Version	19
7	Visual Analogue Scale	17
8	Fatigue Severity Scale	16
9	Post-COVID-19 Functional Status Scale	12
10	Sniffin' Sticks Test	12
11	Modified Medical Research Council Dyspnea Scale	10
12	Chalder Fatigue Scale (CFQ-11)	9
13	Fibrosis in high-resolution computed tomography of the lung	9
14	Incidence of treatment-emergent adverse effects	9
15	Inspiratory muscle strength or maximal inspiratory pressure	9
16	Borg Dyspnea Scale	8
17	Changes in blood oxygenation	8
18	Fatigue Assessment Scale	8
19	Handgrip strength dynamometer	8
20	Routine blood test	7
20	SGRQ	7

PACS, post-acute COVID-19 syndrome; SGRQ, St. George's Respiratory Questionnaire.

# Therapiestudien – Randomisierte Kontrollierte Studien



Trial	Interventions under comparison	PC/subtype	Country	Current state	No. of subjects	NCT
Immunomodulatory						
Phase 2 RCT	IgG vs. methylprednisolone vs. saline	PC neurological	USA	Recruiting	45	NCT05350774
Phase 3 RCT (open)	Atorvastatin vs. standard care	LC neurocognitive	Australia	Recruiting	400	NCT04904536
Phase 2 RCT	Plasma Exchange Therapy vs. sham	PC	Spain	not yet recruiting	50	NCT05445674
Phase 2 RCT	Immunoabsorption vs. sham	PC ME/CFS (CCC) and autoantibodies	Germany	Not yet recruiting	66	NCT05710770
Phase 3 RCT	Montelukast vs. placebo	LC respiratory	Spain	Recruiting	284	NCT04695704
Phase 2 RCT	Ampligen vs. saline	PC ME/CFS (CDC)		Not yet recruiting	80	NCT05592418
Phase 3 RCT	Prednisolone (low dose) vs. placebo Vitamin B1/6/12 vs. placebo	PC	Germany	Recruiting	340	NCT05638633
Phase 2 RCT	Efgartigimod vs. placebo	PC POTS	USA	Recruiting	42	NCT05633407
Phase 2/3 RCT adaptive	Ibudilast vs. Pentoxifylline vs. placebo	PC	Canada	Not yet recruiting	1,000	NCT05513560
Phase 2 RCT	Baricitinib vs. placebo	PC cognitive	USA	Not yet recruiting	30	NCT05858515
Phase 2 RCT	BC007 aptamer vs. placebo	LC fatigue	Germany/ Europe	Not yet recruiting	114	EudraCT2022-003452-14
Phase 4 RCT	Loratadine vs. placebo	LC	India	Not yet recruiting	64	CTRI/2022/07/043679

# Therapiestudien – Randomisierte Kontrollierte Studien

TABLE 1 Randomized controlled trials in PCS registered in clinical trial platforms\*.



Trial	Interventions under comparison	PC/subtype	Country	Current state	No. of subjects	NCT
<b>Vascular</b>						
Phase 2 RCT	Hyperbaric oxygen therapy vs. sham	PC or LC	Sweden	Recruiting	80	NCT04842448
	Vericiguat vs. placebo	PC ME/CFS (CCC or IOM) and endothelial dysfunction	Germany	Not yet recruiting	104	NCT05697640
<b>Antiviral</b>						
Phase 2 RCT	Paxlovid vs. Ritonavir vs. placebo	PC	USA	Recruiting	200	NCT05576662
Phase 2 RCT	Temelimab vs. placebo	PC neuropsychiatric	Switzerland	Recruiting	200	NCT05497089
Phase 3 RCT	Meplazumab (anti-CD147) vs. placebo	PC (at least one symptom)	China	Not yet recruiting	144	NCT05813587
<b>Neuro-modulators</b>						
Phase 4 RCT (open)	Dextroamphetamine vs. app	PC cognitive	USA	Recruiting	120	NCT05597722
Phase 2 RCT	Low-dose Naltrexone (LDN) vs. placebo	PC ME/CFS	Canada	Not yet recruiting	160	NCT05430152
Phase 2 RCT	Lithium vs. placebo	LC fatigue and/or brain fog	USA	Recruiting	50	NCT05618587
Phase 2 RCT	Vortioxetine vs. placebo	PC cognitive	Canada	Complete	200	NCT05047952
Phase 2 RCT	Fampridine vs. placebo	PC cognitive	Switzerland	Recruiting	44	NCT05274477
Phase 2 RCT	Ketamine vs. placebo	PC depressive	USA	Recruiting	12	NCT05690503

\*ClinicalTrials.gov, <https://clinicaltrials.gov/>; EU Clinical Trials Register <https://www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/>; International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP), <https://www.who.int/clinical-trials-registry-platform> (date 22.5.2023); RCT, randomized controlled trial; PC: Post-COVID-19 Condition or Syndrome, LC: Long Covid; NCT: National Clinical Trials Number = ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier.

# Impfung bei bestehendem post COVID

Bei bestehendem Post-COVID führte die COVID-19-Impfung zu einer Modifikation (Verbesserung und Verschlechterung) der Post-COVID-Symptome, die teilweise nur passager anhielt

(Arnold DT, et al., *Ann Intern Med.* 2021;174:1334–1336. doi: 10.7326/M21-1976.  
Ayoubkhani D, et al. *BMJ.* 2022;377:e069676. doi: 10.1136/bmj-2021-069676.  
Gaber TA-ZK et al., <https://www.bjmp.org/content/are-mrna-covid-19-8>.  
Strain WD et al., 2022;10:652. doi: 10.3390/vaccines10050652. )

In einer Studie konnte eine Reduktion der Post-COVID-induzierten Hausarztbesuche berichtet werden

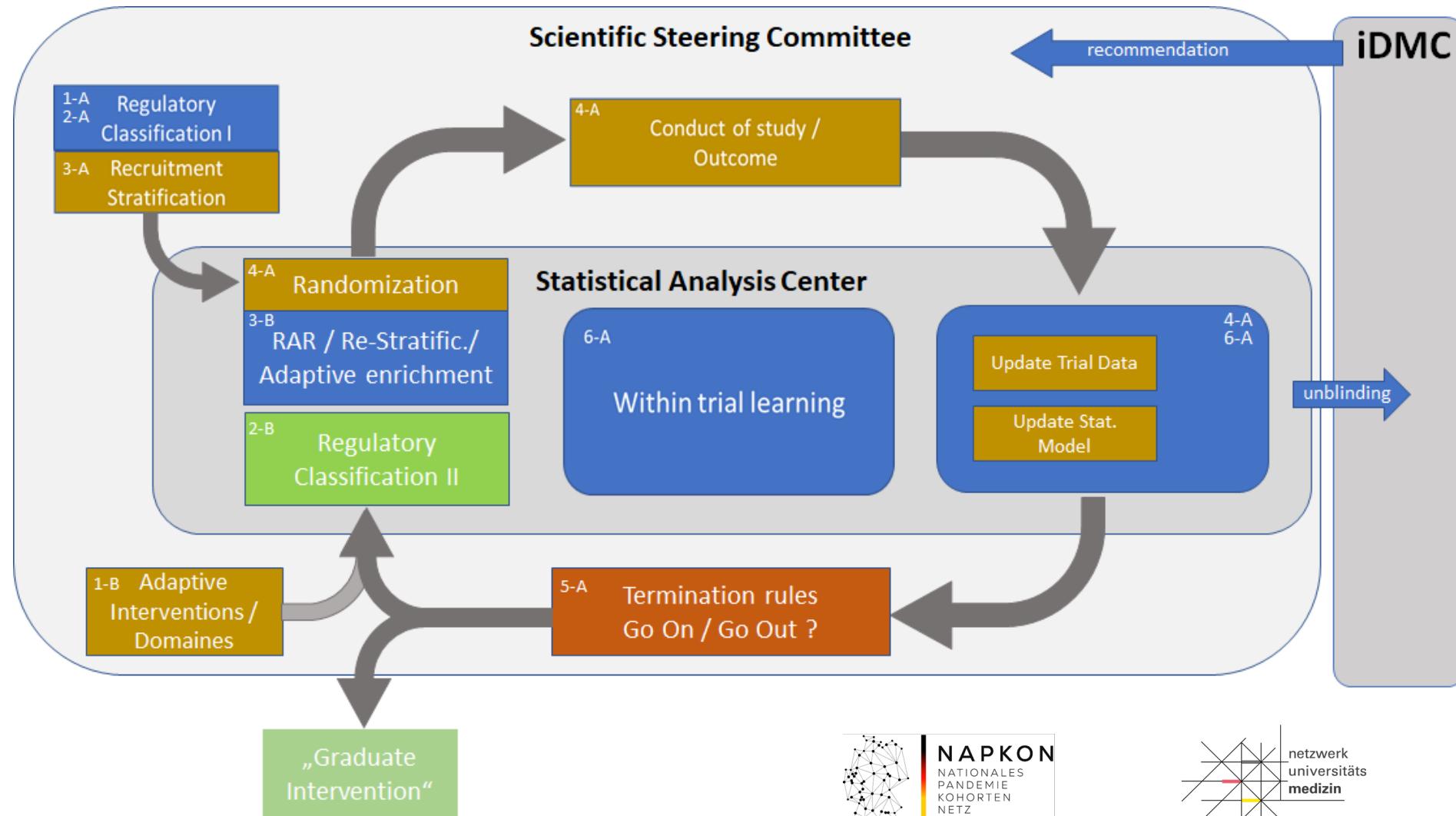
(Whittaker HR, et al. *BMJ.* 2021 doi: 10.1136/bmj-2021-065834)

Zwei Studien konnten keinen Einfluss der Impfung auf Post-COVID nachweisen

(Peghin M, et al. *Clin Microbiol Infect.* 2022 doi: 10.1016/j.cmi.2022.03.016.  
Wisnivesky JP, et al (2022). <https://link.springer.com/10.1007/s11606-022-07465-w>.)

Ein therapeutischer Effekt kann aus der vorliegenden Evidenz nicht sicher abgeleitet werden.

# Ausblick: RAPID – Randomized Assessments of Post COVID Syndrome Treatments

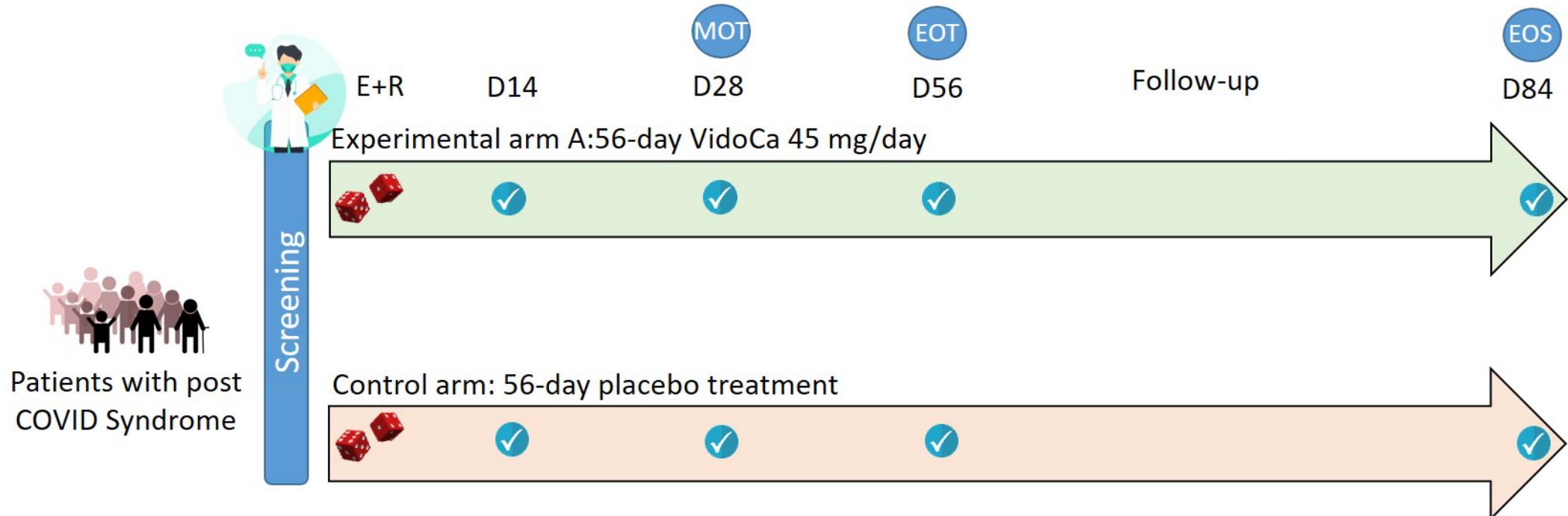


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Dihydroorotate Dehydrogenase (DHODH) Inhibitior → hemmt Synthese des Nukleotides Pyrimidin →

- a) Blockade der intrazellulären viralen Replikation → breite Wirksamkeit gegenüber verschiedenen Viren SARS-CoV-2, EBV, CMV und andere
- b) Hemmung der Lymphozytenaktivierung → Reduktion der Freisetzung von Zytokinen (Botenstoffe der Entzündung) → anti-entzündliche Aktivität

# Studienablauf

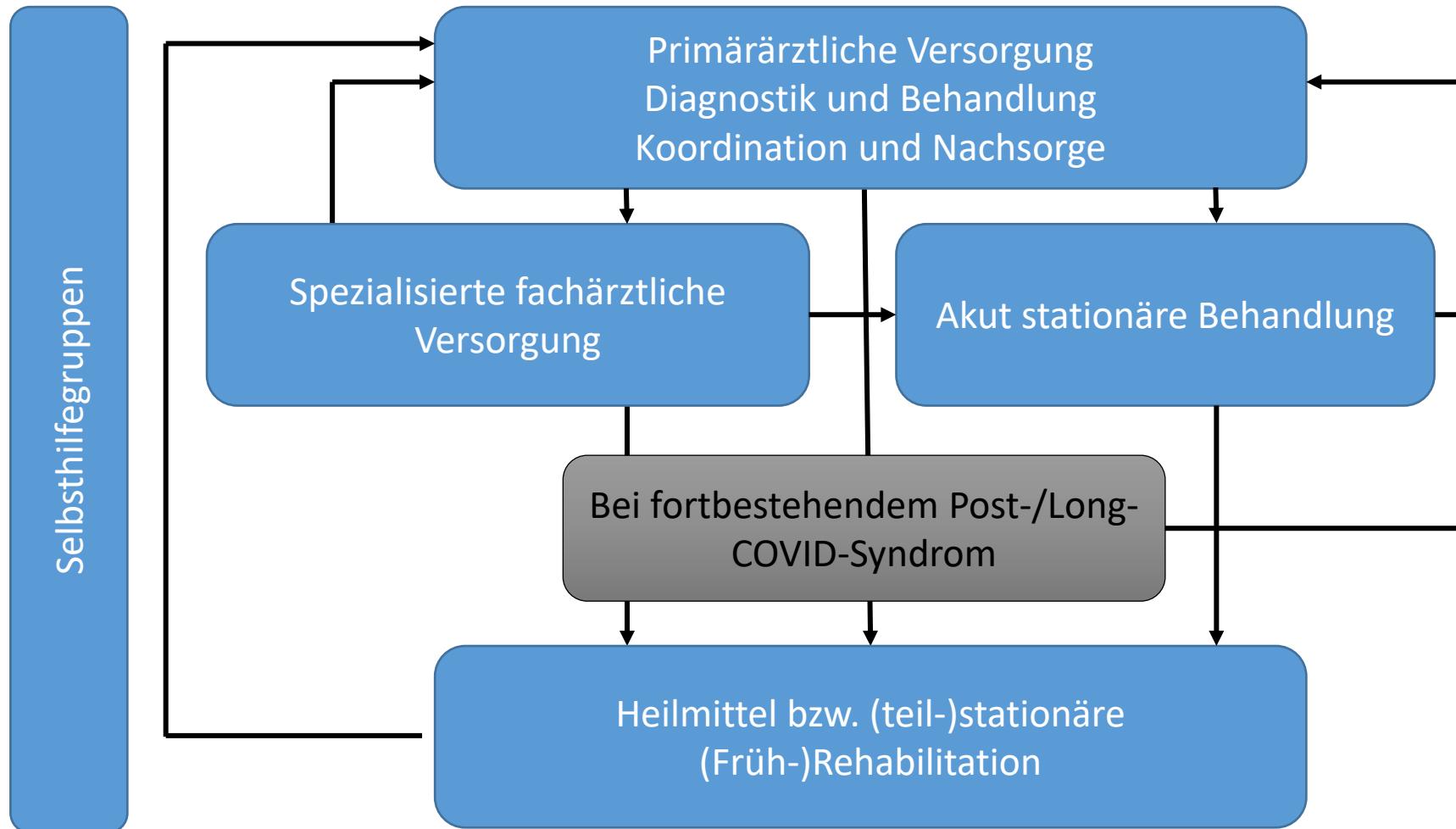


**E+R = Enrolment and randomization**

**EOT = end of treatment**

**EOS = end of study**

# Versorgungskonzept



# Hilfreiche Informationen



START | AKTUELLES | ÄRZTE/FORSCHER\*INNEN | WAS IST ME/CFS? | LONG COVID | POLITIK | PRESSE | FAQ | WIR

## Was ist Long COVID?

Long COVID umfasst Symptome, die nach einer akuten COVID-19-Erkrankung neu auftreten und Wochen oder Monate nach Erkrankungsbeginn anhalten.



Symptome



Häufigkeit



Long COVID &  
ME/CFS



Pathophysiologie



Diagnostik



Therapie



Herausforderungen

[Was ist Long COVID? — Deutsche Gesellschaft für ME/CFS \(mecfs.de\)](#)

# Zusammenfassung

- Das post COVID Syndrom ist eine reale Erkrankung
- Höchst variabler Schweregrad und klinische Präsentation
- Entstehung von post COVID noch nicht vollständig geklärt, aber es gibt Fortschritte:
  - Viruspersistenz
  - Immunologisches Mimikry
  - Mikrobiomveränderungen
  - Thrombotische Aktivität
  - Vagusinflammation
- Patient:innen als wichtige Treiber der Beschreibung und Erforschung
- Betreuung von Patient:innen in post COVID Ambulanzen zeitintensiv und teuer
- Gleichzeitig hohe Nachfrage → fast alle Ambulanzen überfüllt
- Erste Therapiestudien weltweit initiiert



Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit.

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