



# Long-/Post-Covid-Symposium

## Long-Covid: Klinik und Stand der (Labor-)Diagnostik

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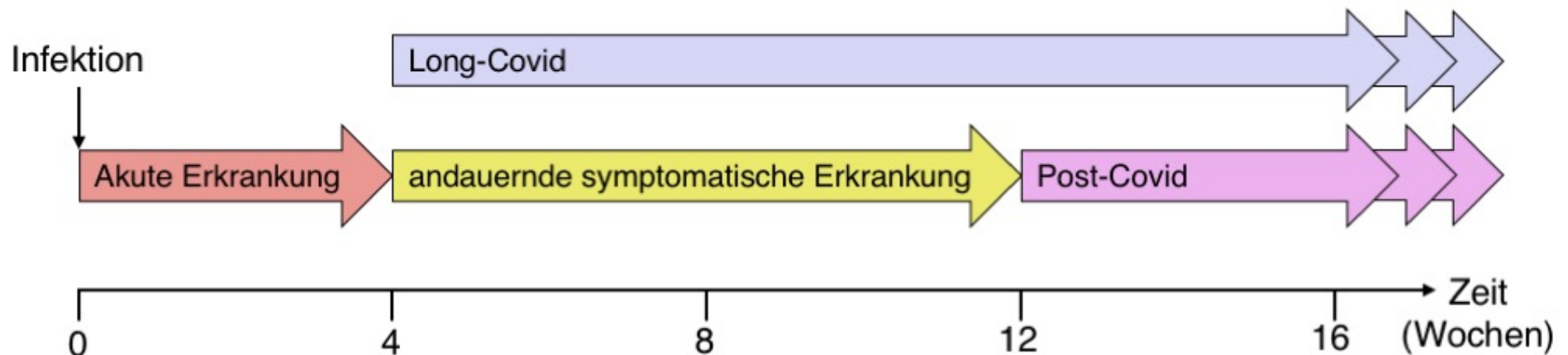
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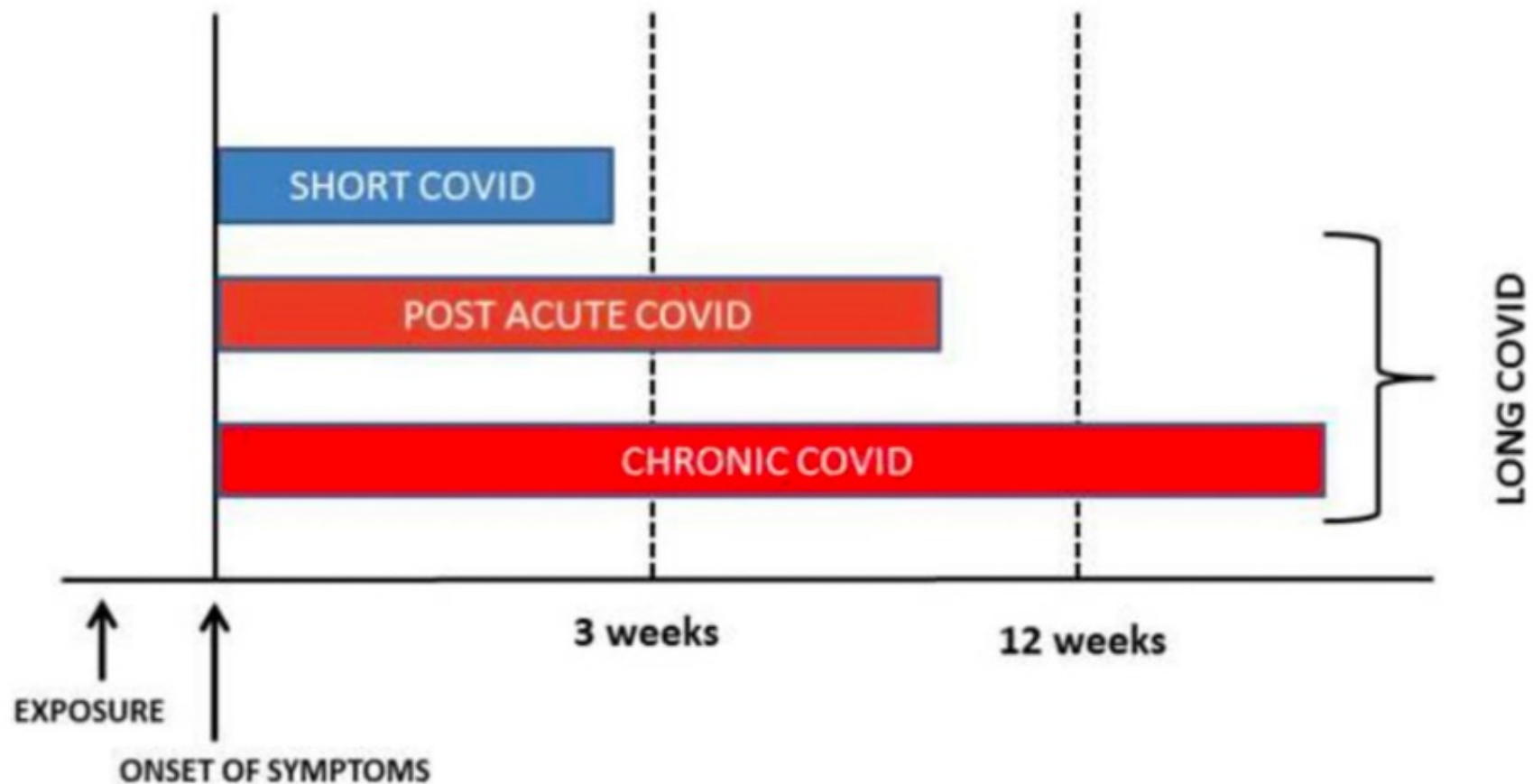
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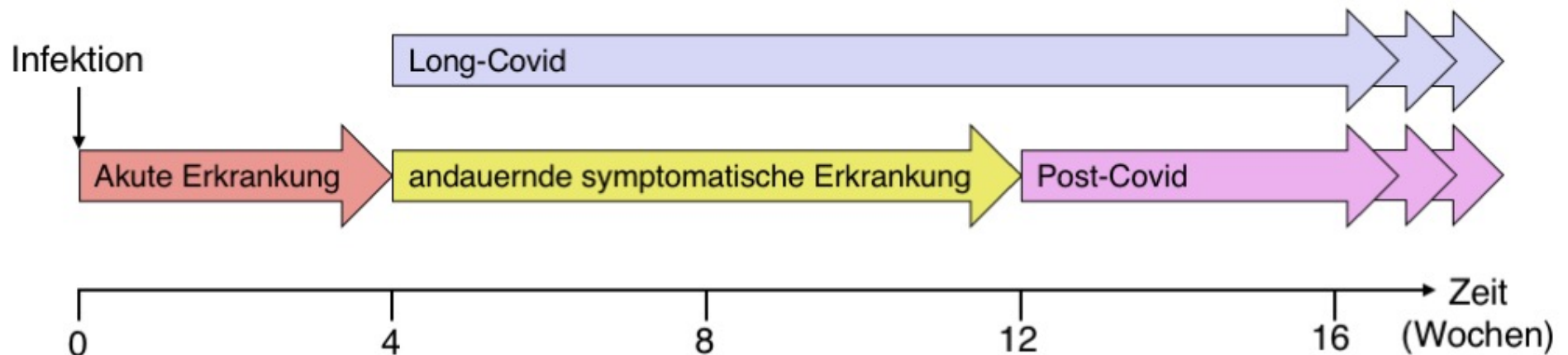
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NEWS FEATURE | 09 June 2021

## **The four most urgent questions about long COVID**

**Scientists are starting to get insights into the lingering disorder that affects some people infected with SARS-CoV-2 – but many mysteries remain unsolved.**

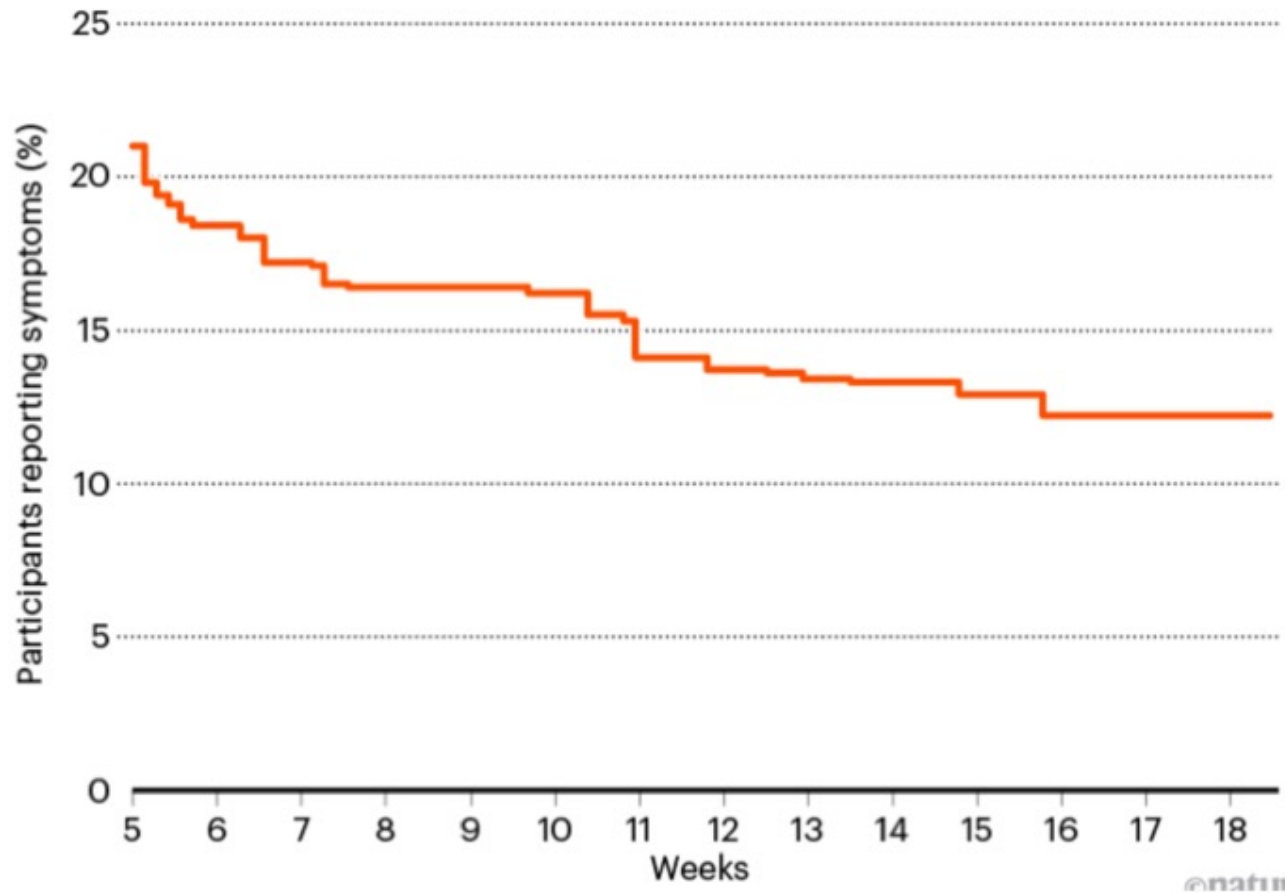
Michael Marshall

Nature News 09.06.2021

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## UNCERTAIN ENDPOINT

The UK Office for National Statistics (ONS) tracked more than 20,000 people following a positive COVID-19 test, to determine how long their symptoms lasted. The ONS considers 'long COVID' to be the persistence of symptoms for more than four weeks.









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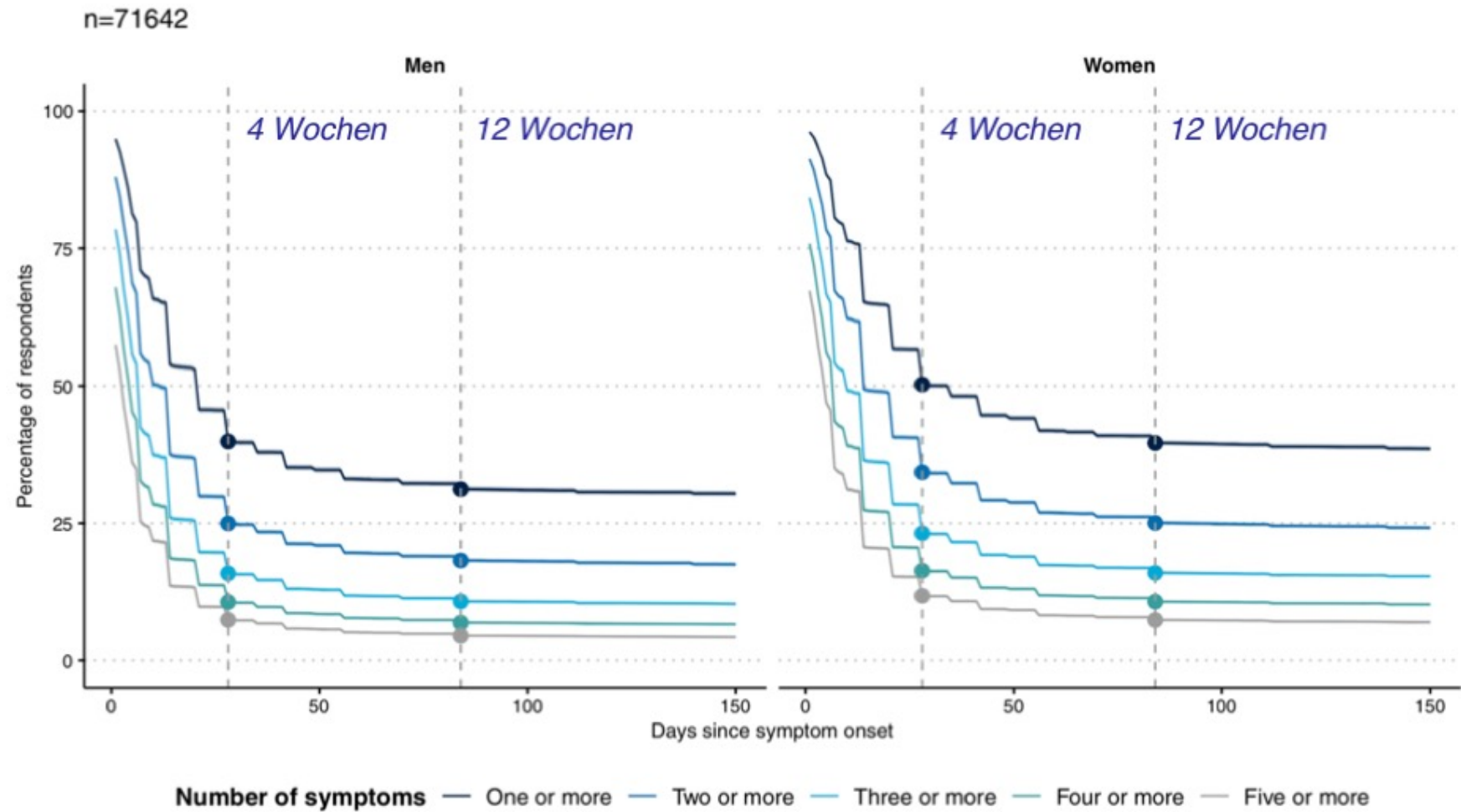
## Persistent COVID-19 symptoms in a community study of 606,434 people in England

Matthew Whitaker <sup>1,2,11</sup>, Joshua Elliott<sup>3,4,11</sup>, Marc Chadeau-Hyam <sup>1,2</sup>, Steven Riley<sup>1,5,6</sup>, Ara Darzi <sup>3,7</sup>,  
Graham Cooke <sup>3,4,8,12</sup>, Helen Ward <sup>3,5,8,12</sup> & Paul Elliott <sup>1,2,3,8,9,10,12</sup>✉

- Cross sectional study
- 508,707 people took part in REACT-2 rounds 3 to 5
- 92,116 respondents reported previous COVID-19 in rounds 3 to 5
- at 12 weeks, 37.7% of those in rounds 3 to 5 reported one or more symptoms



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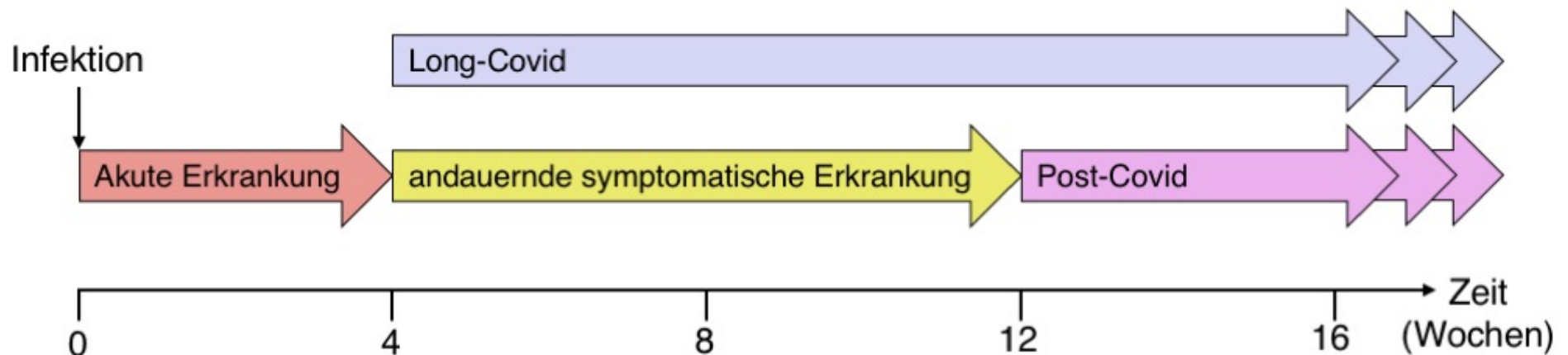
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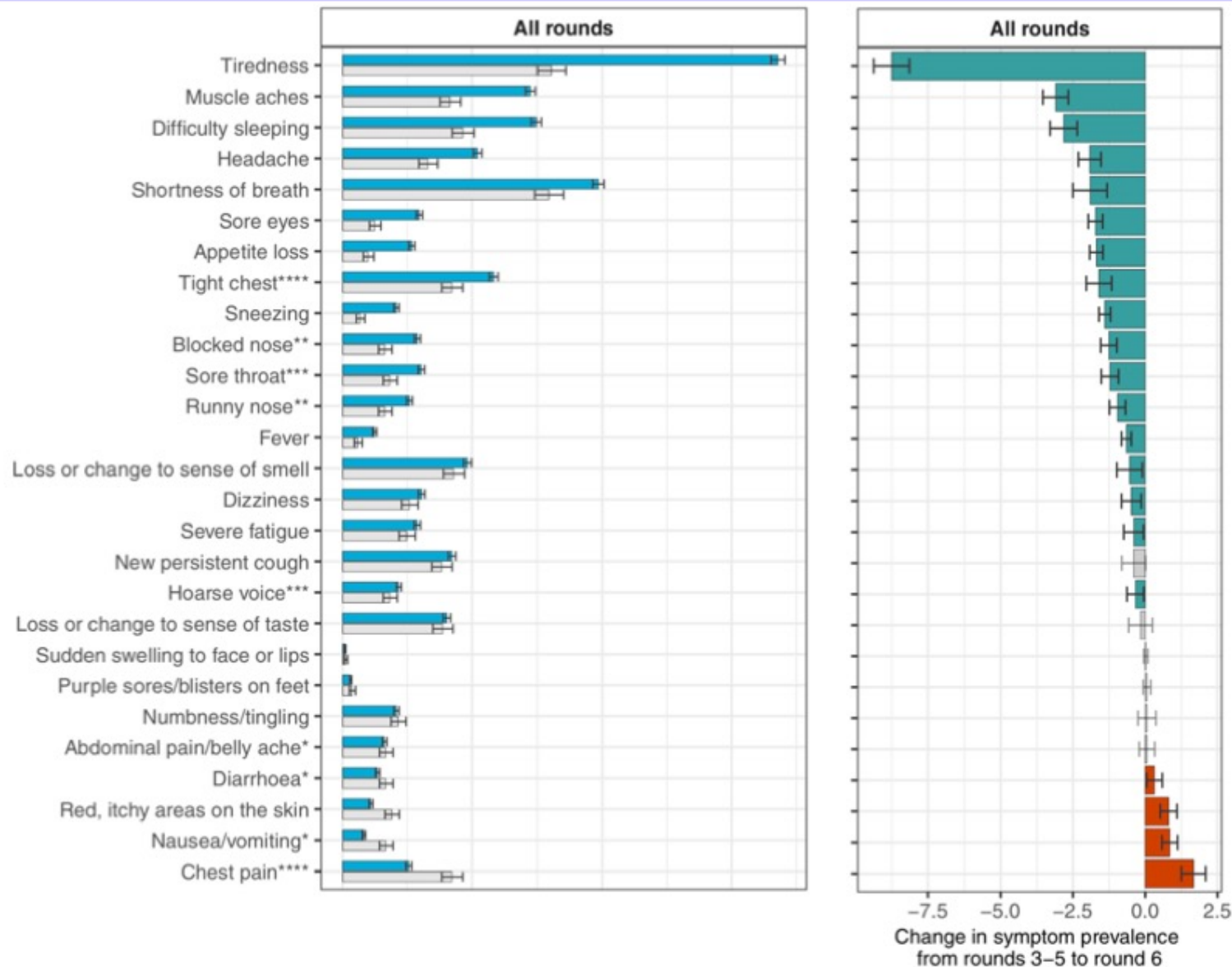
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*Runde 6 fand 3 bis 8 Monate nach den Runden 3 - 5 statt.*

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9. Depression
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11. Erschöpfung
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13. Gastrointestinale Beschwerden (Durchfall, Verstopfung, Reflux)
14. Kopfschmerzen
15. Gedächtnisstörungen
16. Gelenkschmerzen
17. Muskelschmerzen/Spasmen
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19. Neu auftretende Allergien
20. Gefühl von Kribbeln
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AWMF S1-Leitlinie unterscheidet 4 Subtypen:

1. "Post-Intensive-Care-Syndrome" (PICS) nach intensivmedizinischer Behandlung der akuten Phase
2. Auftreten von Folgekrankheiten wie kardiovaskulären Komplikationen, kognitiven Leistungsstörungen oder einer post-traumatischen Belastungsstörung mit zeitlicher Latenz nach COVID-19 Erkrankung
3. Deutlichen Erschöpfungssymptomatik und Belastungsinsuffizienz mit/ohne Dyspnoe, welche die Teilhabe am Sozial- und Arbeitsleben deutlich beeinträchtigt
4. Unterschiedlichen Beschwerden, die den Alltag nicht wesentlich beeinträchtigen



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## AWMF S1-Leitlinie Long- / Post-COVID vom 17.8.2022

Die Deutsche Gesellschaft für Pneumologie hat 2021 die AWMF S1-Leitlinie Long/Post-COVID initiiert. In einem breiten interdisziplinären Ansatz wurde diese S1-Leitlinie basierend auf dem aktuellen Wissensstand gestaltet.

Die klinische Empfehlung beschreibt die aktuellen Long bzw. Post-COVID-Symptome, diagnostische Ansätze und Therapien.

Neben der allgemeinen und konsentierten Einführung wurde ein fachspezifischer Zugang gewählt, der den aktuellen Wissensstand zusammenfasst.

Die Leitlinie hat einen explizit praktischen Anspruch und wird basierend auf dem aktuellen Wissenszugewinn vom Autorenteam weiterentwickelt und adaptiert.

an der Leitlinie der Arbeitsgemeinschaft der wissenschaftlichen medizinischen Fachgesellschaften (AWMF) sind 28 deutsche medizinische Fachgesellschaften beteiligt. Umfang: 122 Seiten, 412 zitierte und aufgeführte Referenzen.

AWMF S1-Leitlinie Long/ Post-COVID (Stand 17.8.2022)

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## Zusammenfassung

- Unterschiedliche Definitionen für Long- und Post-Covid; weitere Einteilungen in Verwendung.
- Long-Covid stützt sich auf alle Symptome, die 4 Wochen nach Erkrankungsbeginn noch vorhanden sind oder in der Folge neu auftreten.
- WHO benennt 25 typische Long-Covid-Symptome, weitere Symptome in der Fachliteratur beschrieben.
- Die meisten Symptome verringern sich nach Monaten, einige wenige verstärken sich.
- AWMF S1-Leitlinie unterscheidet 4 Subtypen.



# Klinische und gesellschaftliche Relevanz



Corona-Folgen

## Nicht genug Geld für Long-Covid-Versorgung?

*Stand: 17.05.2022 10:26 Uhr*

**Patientenschützer fordern den Staat auf, Long Covid endlich ernst zu nehmen. Für die Versorgung von Patienten gebe es nicht genug Geld. Die Sieben-Tage-Inzidenz sinkt derweil weiter.**

<https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/corona-long-covid-patientenschuetz/>

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WHO-Bericht

## Mehr psychische Krankheiten durch Corona

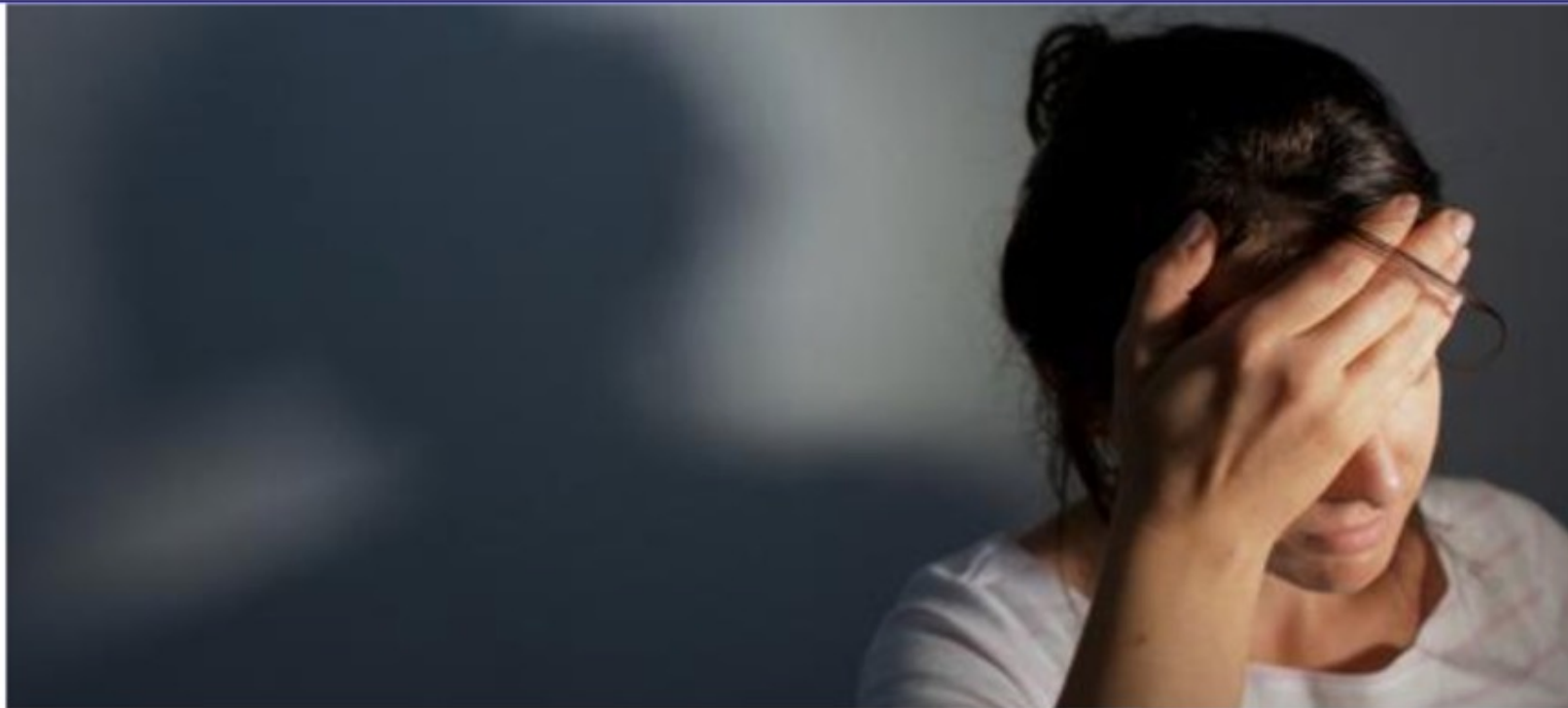
*Stand: 17.06.2022 09:14 Uhr*

**Depressionen, Angststörungen, Süchte - die Corona-Pandemie hat laut der WHO weltweit zu einem starken Anstieg psychischer Krankheiten geführt. Fast eine Milliarde Menschen seien davon betroffen.**

<https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/europa/who-corona-anstieg-psychi/>

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Folgen des Coronavirus

## Ein Fünftel chronisch erschöpft

*Stand: 21.09.2022 14:08 Uhr*

Eine Vergleichsstudie liefert weitere Erkenntnisse über das Fatigue-Syndrom nach einer Corona-Erkrankung. Ein knappes Fünftel der Infizierten hat demnach nach mehr als sechs Monaten noch Beschwerden.

<https://www.tagesschau.de/wissen/gesundheit/coronavirus-erschoepfung-101.html>



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## Zusammenfassung

- Long-Covid gewinnt immer mehr an Bedeutung.
- ca. 10% bis 20% aller an Covid-19 Erkrankten zeigen mehr oder weniger ausgeprägte Long-Covid-Symptome.
- Long-Covid tritt auch nach milden primären Verläufen auf.
- Long-Covid belastet das Gesundheitssystem aufgrund der hohen Fallzahlen erheblich.
- Long-Covid hat auch eine hohe gesellschafts- und sozialpolitische Relevanz, da viele davon Betroffene für lange Zeit arbeitsunfähig sind.

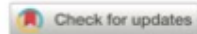


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## Preliminary Guidelines for the Clinical Evaluation and Management of Long COVID

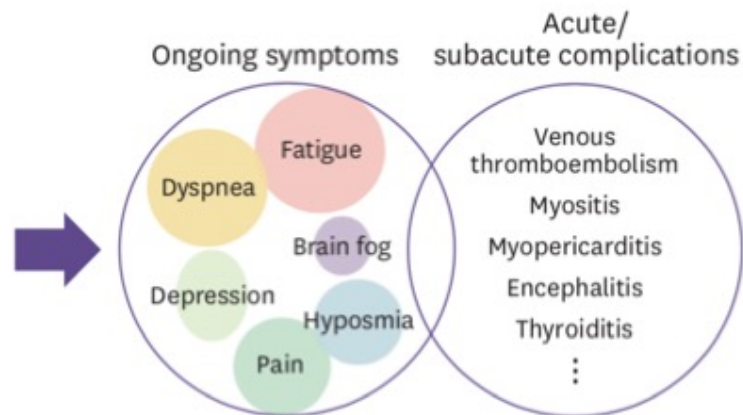
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### Continuum of post COVID-19 conditions

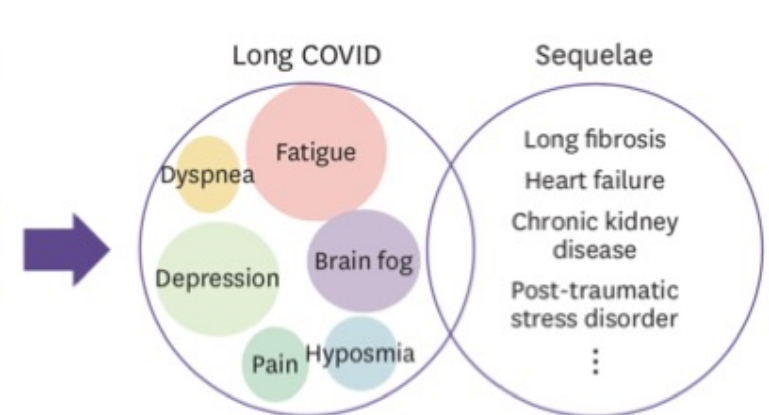
Acute COVID-19 (<4 weeks)



Post-acute COVID-19 (4 - 12 weeks)



Long COVID (>12 weeks) and sequelae



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**Table 1.** Overall and time-specific incidence of long COVID symptoms

Symptom	Meta-analysis <sup>a</sup> , % (95% CI)	Domestic (241 subjects)	
		>6 months %	>12 months %
<b>Systemic</b>			
Fever	1.1 (0.2 - 4.7)	1.2	0
Fatigue	31.0 (23.9 - 39.0)	25.3	16.2
Dizziness	4.5 (2.5 - 7.9)	14.9	10.4
<b>Cardiopulmonary</b>			
Cough	8.2 (4.9 - 13.4)	8.7	7.1
Sputum	5.5 (3.2 - 9.2)	8.7	7.1
Sore throat	4.7 (2.4 - 8.9)	12	7.1
Dyspnea	25.1 (17.9 - 34.0)	5.4	2.9
Chest pain/chest discomfort	6.4 (3.2 - 12.4)	8.3	4.6
Palpitation	9.7 (6.0 - 15.3)	2.5	2.5
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>			
Anorexia	17.5 (4.1 - 51.0)	5.4	2.9
Nausea/vomiting	6.7 (1.6 - 23.6)	6.2	0.8
Abdominal discomfort	18.0 (11.5 - 26.1)	8.7	5
<b>Neurological</b>			
Headache	4.9 (2.3 - 10.1)	12.4	4.6
Seizures/cramps	1.3 (0.5 - 2.9)	0.4	0
Taste disturbance	13.5 (9.0 - 19.9)	6.6	3.3
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<b>Neurocognitive</b>			
Concentration impairment	26.0 (21.0 - 31.7)	25.3	22.4
Memory impairment	17.9 (5.3 - 46.3)	25.7	19.9
Other cognitive impairment	17.8 (0.1 - 98.2)	25.3	21.2
<b>Psychological</b>			
Depression	8.1 (4.1 - 15.1)	24.9	17.8
Anxiety	18.7 (9.0 - 35.3)	24.1	16.2
Sleep disorder (insomnia)	18.2 (9.6 - 31.6)	21.2	13.3
Post-traumatic stress disorder	9.1 (3.7 - 21.0)	7.9	5
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>			
Muscle pain/myalgia	11.3 (6.2 - 19.8)	6.2	1.7
Joint pain/arthritis	9.4 (5.7 - 15.0)	11.2	6.6
<b>Other</b>			
Hair loss	14.3 (5.3 - 33.2)	17	14.9
Skin rash	2.8 (1.0 - 8.2)	10.8	6.6

<sup>a</sup>Meta-analysis was conducted on a total of 10,951 patients with confirmed or clinically suspected COVID-19 in 12 countries, 12 weeks or more from the onset of symptoms.

COVID, coronavirus disease; CI, 95% confidence interval.

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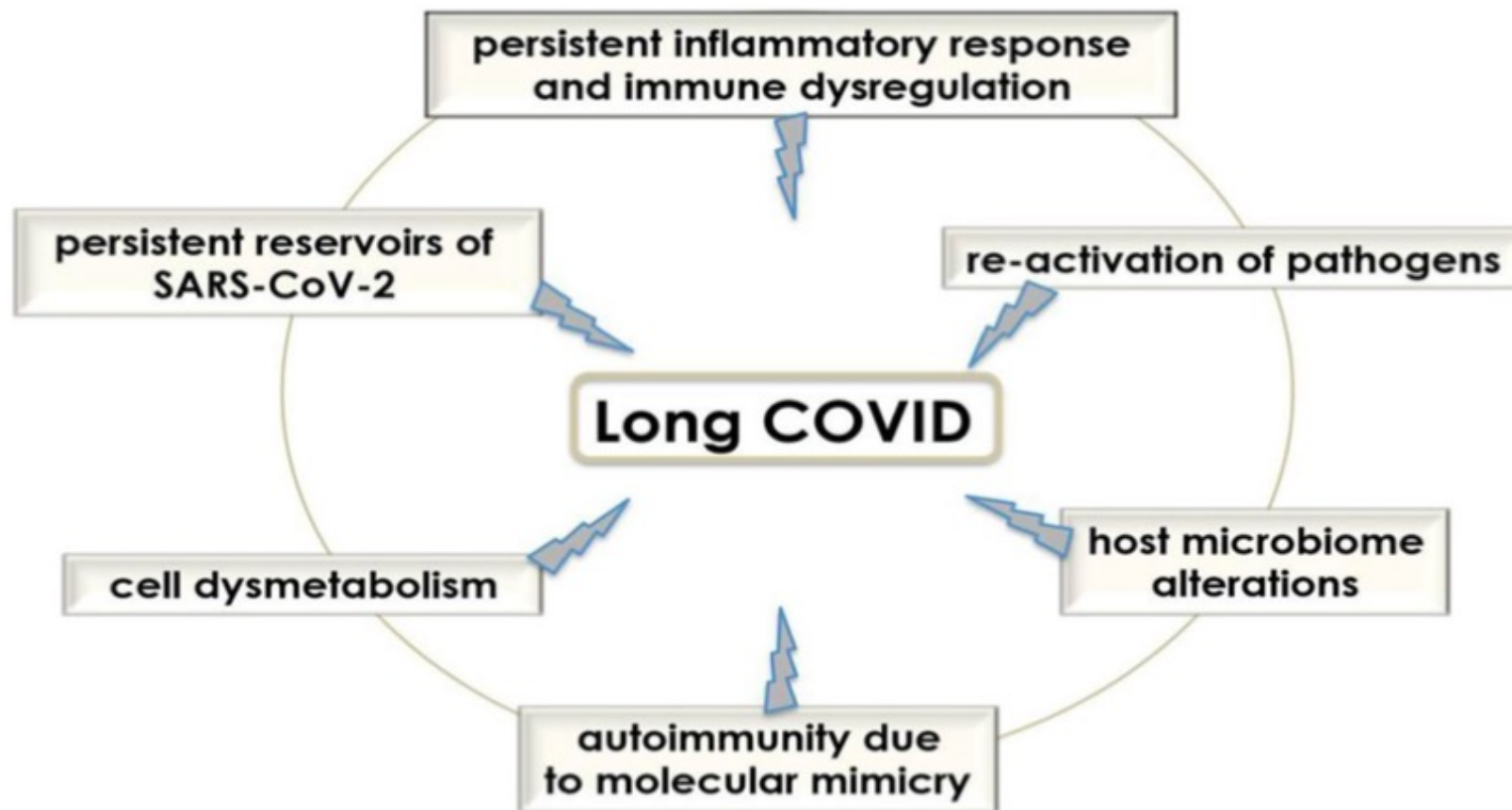
## Zusammenfassung

- Long-Covid ist eine Multiorgan-Erkrankung.
- Es gibt eine Vielzahl von Symptomen, von denen aber keines in allen Fällen vorhanden ist.
- Jeder Patient präsentiert eine individuelle Verteilung der beschriebenen Symptome.
- Die Häufigkeit einiger Symptome nehmen in den ersten Monaten relativ rasch ab, wie z.B. Dyspnoe, Anorexie, Schwindel, Erbrechen, Kopfschmerzen, Geschmacksstörungen, Muskelschmerzen.
- Andere, insbesondere psychoneurologische Symptome, persistieren dagegen für lange Zeit, wie z.B. Parästhesien, Konzentrations- und Erinnerungsverlust, Depressionen sowie auch Haarausfall.



# Mögliche Long-Covid Pathomechanismen

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Batiha et al., Virol J 19 (2022) 158

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REVIEW

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## Pathophysiology of Post-COVID syndromes: a new perspective

Gaber El-Saber Batiha<sup>1</sup>, Hayder M. Al-kuraishy<sup>2</sup>, Ali I. Al-Gareeb<sup>2</sup> and Nermeen N. Welson<sup>3\*</sup>

### Key summary points

- Post-COVID (PCS) syndrome may progress in association with the development of mast cell activation syndrome (MCAS).
- High D-dimer levels and blood urea nitrogen were observed to be risk factors associated with pulmonary dysfunction in COVID-19 survivors 3 months post-hospital discharge with the development of PCS.
- Persistence of inflammatory reactions, autoimmune mimicry, and reactivation of pathogens together with host microbiome alterations may contribute to the development of PCS.
- MCAS is treated by antihistamines, inhibition of synthesis of mediators, inhibition of mediator release, and inhibition of degranulation of mast cells.

Batiha et al., *Viol J* 19 (2022) 158

# Mögliche Long-Covid Pathomechanismen

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- Persistenz/Reaktivierung von SARS-CoV-2
- Induktion von Auto-Antikörpern / Autoimmunerkrankungen
- Reaktivierung anderer Viren (z.B. Herpes-Viren) oder anderer Krankheitserreger
- Auftreten von Neuinfektionen (andere Erreger)
- Langanhaltende Gewebeschädigung einschließlich gestörter Mikrovaskularisierung
- Veränderung des Mikrobioms (Dysbiose)
- Nebenwirkungen von Covid-19 Therapien



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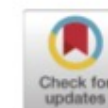
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## Case Report

A case report of SARS-CoV-2 confirmed in saliva specimens up to 37 days after onset: Proposal of saliva specimens for COVID-19 diagnosis and virus monitoring<sup>☆</sup>



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## ABSTRACT

We present the case of a 71-year-old man who, despite becoming asymptomatic after having some mild symptoms of COVID-19, had SARS-CoV-2 RNA detected for 37 days after onset, from his concentrated and purified saliva specimens using sugar chain-immobilized gold nanoparticles. It was suggested that the early morning saliva specimens were more likely to show positive results than those obtained later in the day.

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## **Coronavirus 'ghosts' found lingering in the gut**

**Scientists are studying whether long COVID could be linked to viral fragments found in the body months after initial infection.**

Heidi Ledford

Nature News 11.05.2022

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## INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

### Postacute COVID-19 is Characterized by Gut Viral Antigen Persistence in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases



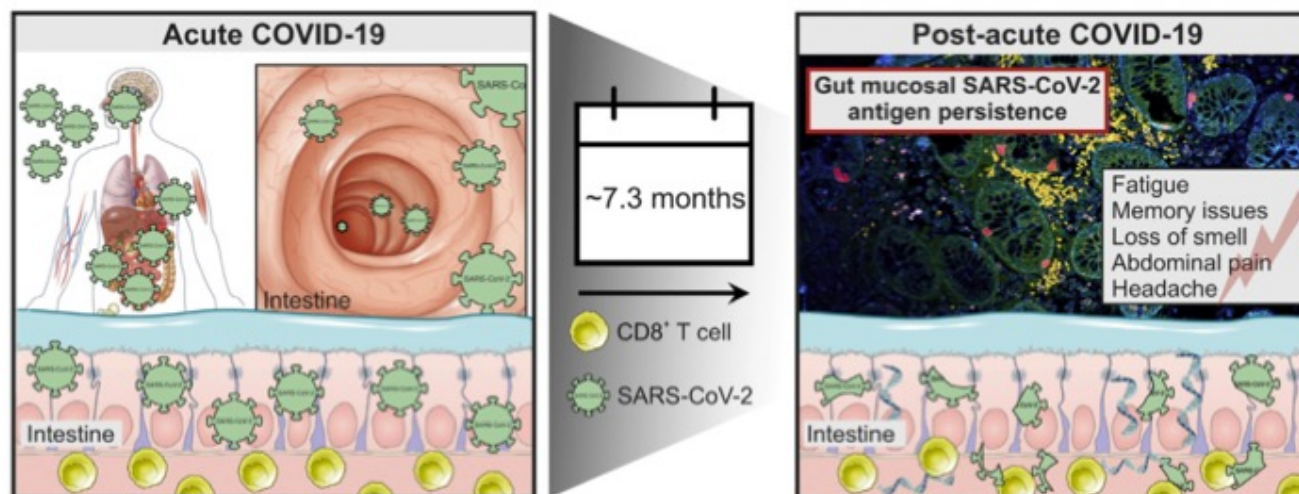
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Main results:

Biopsies positive for SARS-CoV-2 by RT-PCR and Immunostaining for up to 7 months.

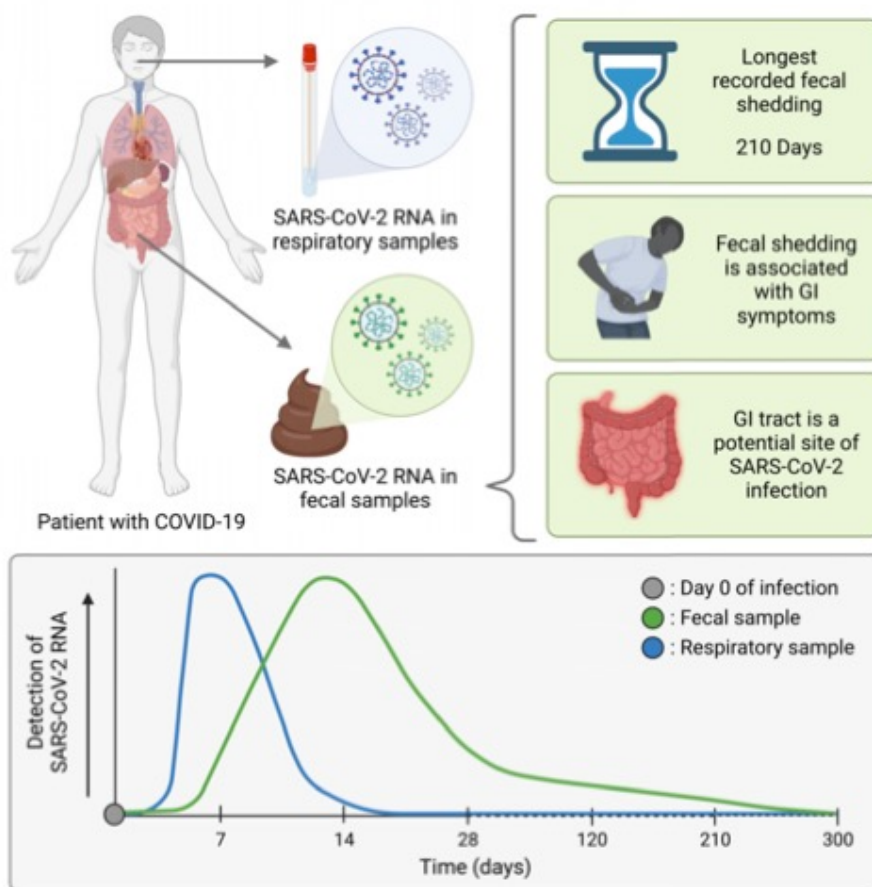
No infectious particles found.



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# Mögliche Persistenz von SARS-CoV-2

Gastrointestinal symptoms and fecal shedding of SARS-CoV-2 RNA suggest prolonged gastrointestinal infection



Aravind Natarajan, Soumaya Zlitni, Erin F. Brooks, ..., Jason R. Andrews, Prasanna Jagannathan, Ami S. Bhatt  
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## Highlights

Approximately one-half of COVID-19 patients shed fecal RNA in the week after diagnosis

Four percent of patients with COVID-19 shed fecal viral RNA 7 months after diagnosis

Presence of fecal SARS-CoV-2 RNA is associated with gastrointestinal symptoms




SARS-CoV-2 likely infects gastrointestinal tissue

Med 3 (2022) 1-17 (Cell Press)



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## Reverse-transcribed SARS-CoV-2 RNA can integrate into the genome of cultured human cells and can be expressed in patient-derived tissues

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Prolonged detection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) RNA and recurrence of PCR-positive tests have been widely reported in patients after recovery from COVID-19, but some of these patients do not appear to shed infectious virus. We investigated the possibility that SARS-CoV-2 RNAs can be reverse-transcribed and integrated into the DNA of human cells in culture and that transcription of the integrated sequences might account for some of the positive PCR tests seen in patients. In support of this hypothesis, we found that DNA copies of SARS-CoV-2 sequences can be integrated into the genome of infected human cells. We found target site duplications flanking the viral sequences and consensus LINE1 endonuclease recognition sequences at the integration sites, consistent with a LINE1 retrotransposon-mediated, target-primed reverse transcription and retroposition mechanism. We also found, in some patient-derived tissues, evidence suggesting that a large fraction of the viral sequences is transcribed from integrated DNA copies of viral sequences, generating viral-host chimeric transcripts. The integration and transcription of viral sequences may thus contribute to the detection of viral RNA by PCR in patients after infection and clinical recovery. Because we have detected only subgenomic sequences derived mainly from the 3' end of the viral genome integrated into the DNA of the host cell, infectious virus cannot be produced from the integrated subgenomic SARS-CoV-2 sequences.

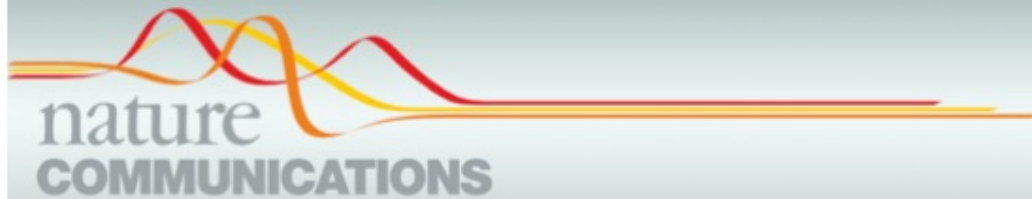
### Significance

An unresolved issue of SARS-CoV-2 disease is that patients often remain positive for viral RNA as detected by PCR many weeks after the initial infection in the absence of evidence for viral replication. We show here that SARS-CoV-2 RNA can be reverse-transcribed and integrated into the genome of the infected cell and be expressed as chimeric transcripts fusing viral with cellular sequences. Importantly, such chimeric transcripts are detected in patient-derived tissues. Our data suggest that, in some patient tissues, the majority of all viral transcripts are derived from integrated sequences. Our data provide an insight into the consequence of SARS-CoV-2 infections that may help to explain why patients can continue to produce viral RNA after recovery.

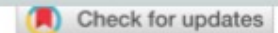
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# Induktion von Autoimmunreaktionen



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## New-onset IgG autoantibodies in hospitalized patients with COVID-19

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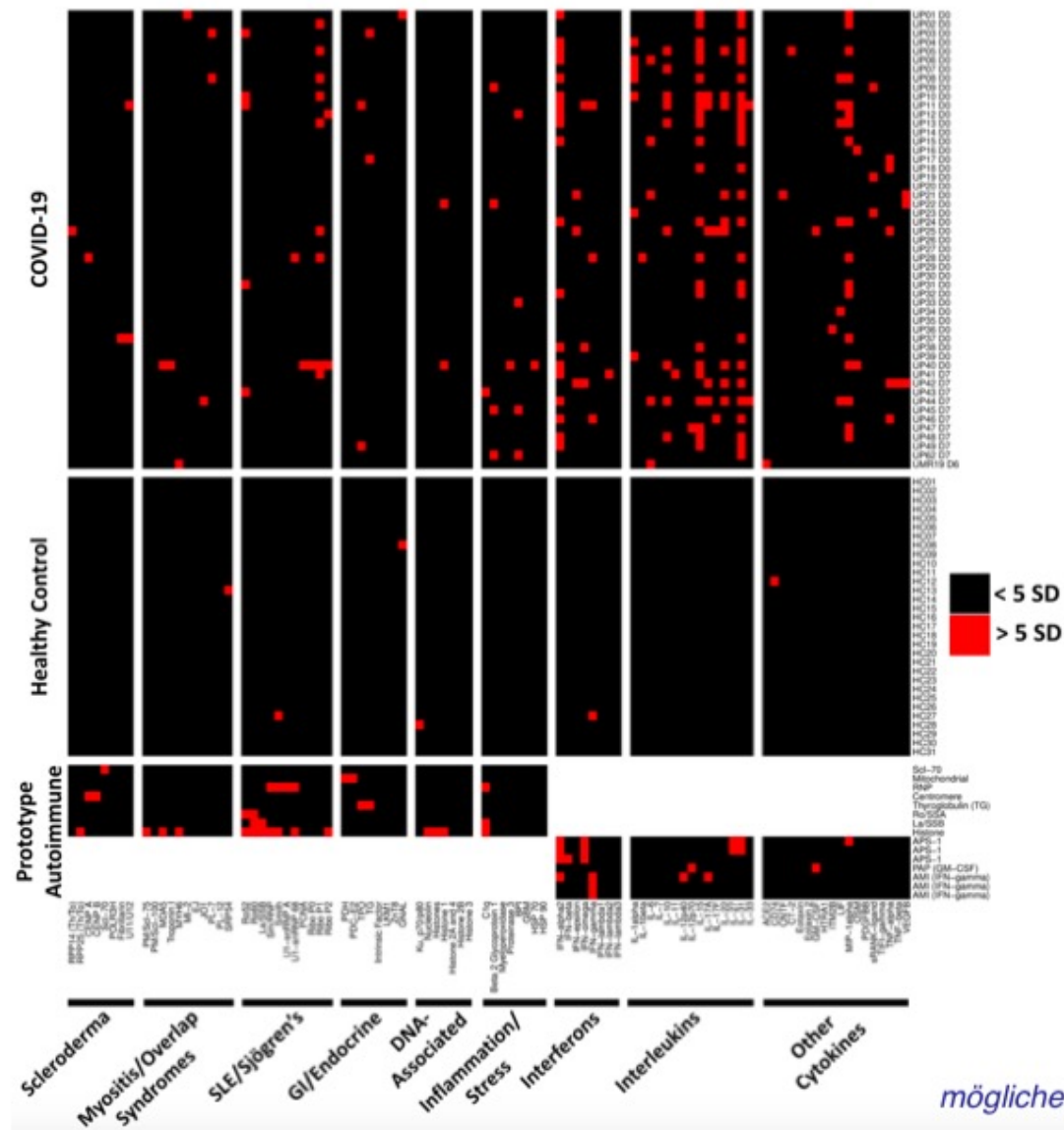
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COVID-19 is associated with a wide range of clinical manifestations, including autoimmune features and autoantibody production. Here we develop three protein arrays to measure IgG autoantibodies associated with connective tissue diseases, anti-cytokine antibodies, and anti-viral antibody responses in serum from 147 hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Autoantibodies are identified in approximately 50% of patients but in less than 15% of healthy controls. When present, autoantibodies largely target autoantigens associated with rare disorders such as myositis, systemic sclerosis and overlap syndromes. A subset of autoantibodies targeting traditional autoantigens or cytokines develop de novo following SARS-CoV-2 infection. Autoantibodies track with longitudinal development of IgG antibodies recognizing SARS-CoV-2 structural proteins and a subset of non-structural proteins, but not proteins from influenza, seasonal coronaviruses or other pathogenic viruses. We conclude that SARS-CoV-2 causes development of new-onset IgG autoantibodies in a significant proportion of hospitalized COVID-19 patients and are positively correlated with immune responses to SARS-CoV-2 proteins.

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# Induktion von Autoimmunreaktionen

## Diverse functional autoantibodies in patients with COVID-19

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COVID-19 manifests with a wide spectrum of clinical phenotypes that are characterized by exaggerated and misdirected host immune responses<sup>1-6</sup>. Although pathological innate immune activation is well-documented in severe disease<sup>1</sup>, the effect of autoantibodies on disease progression is less well-defined. Here we use a high-throughput autoantibody discovery technique known as rapid extracellular antigen profiling<sup>7</sup> to screen a cohort of 194 individuals infected with SARS-CoV-2, comprising 172 patients with COVID-19 and 22 healthcare workers with mild disease or asymptomatic infection, for autoantibodies against 2,770 extracellular and secreted proteins (members of the exoproteome). We found that patients with COVID-19 exhibit marked increases in autoantibody reactivities as compared to uninfected individuals, and show a high prevalence of autoantibodies against immunomodulatory proteins (including cytokines, chemokines, complement components and cell-surface proteins). We established that these autoantibodies perturb immune function and

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## Autoimmunity is a hallmark of post-COVID syndrome

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### Abstract

Autoimmunity has emerged as a characteristic of the post-COVID syndrome (PCS), which may be related to sex. In order to further investigate the relationship between SARS-CoV-2 and autoimmunity in PCS, a clinical and serological assessment on 100 patients was done. Serum antibody profiles against self-antigens and infectious agents were evaluated by an antigen array chip for 116 IgG and 104 IgM antibodies. Thirty pre-pandemic healthy individuals were included as a control group. The median age of patients was 49 years (IQR: 37.8 to 55.3). There were 47 males. The median post-COVID time was 219 (IQR: 143 to 258) days. Latent autoimmunity and polyautoimmunity were found in 83% and 62% of patients, respectively. Three patients developed an overt autoimmune disease. IgG antibodies against IL-2, CD8B, and thyroglobulin were found in more than 10% of the patients. Other IgG autoantibodies, such as anti-interferons, were positive in 5–10% of patients. Anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibodies were found in > 85% of patients and were positively correlated with autoantibodies, age, and body mass index (BMI). Few autoantibodies were influenced by age and BMI. There was no effect of gender on the over- or under-expression of autoantibodies. IgG anti-IFN- $\lambda$  antibodies were associated with the persistence of respiratory symptoms. In summary, autoimmunity is characteristic of PCS, and latent autoimmunity correlates with humoral response to SARS-CoV-2.

**Keywords:** Post-COVID syndrome, Post-COVID, Long COVID, Post-acute COVID-19, COVID-19, Autoimmunity, Autoantibodies, Latent autoimmunity, Antigen array

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**Table 1** Main IgG autoantibodies found in patients with post-COVID syndrome

Anti-Tg	14 (14.0%)	Anti-Ku (p70/p80)	6 (6.0%)
Anti-CENP-B, CENP-A	9 (9.0%)	Anti-MDA5	6 (6.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ F	9 (9.0%)	Anti-PL-7	6 (6.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ 4B	8 (8.0%)	Anti-U1-snRNP (68, A, C, B)	6 (6.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ D	8 (8.0%)	Anti-Histone	5 (5.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ I	8 (8.0%)	Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ G	5 (5.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ J1	8 (8.0%)	Anti-IFN- $\beta$ , IFN- $\beta$ 1	5 (5.0%)
Anti-GAD65	7 (7.0%)	Anti-PM/Scl75	5 (5.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ C	7 (7.0%)	Anti-CD8B	18 (18.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ H2	7 (7.0%)	Anti-IL-2	10 (10.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ Wa	7 (7.0%)	Anti-Collagen V	8 (8.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\omega$	7 (7.0%)	Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ A	8 (8.0%)
Anti-La/SS-B	7 (7.0%)	Anti-Aldolase C	6 (6.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ B2	6 (6.0%)	Anti-IL-17F	6 (6.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$ K	6 (6.0%)	Anti-SRP54	6 (6.0%)
Anti-IFN- $\lambda$ 1	6 (6.0%)	Anti-PTH	5 (5.0%)

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## Patients with severe COVID-19 do not have elevated autoantibodies against common diagnostic autoantigens

**Methods:** Acute and post-acute serum (from 1 to 26 ICU days) was collected from 18 ICU COVID-19-positive patients at three to six time points; 18 ICU COVID-19-negative patients (sampled on ICU day 1 and 3); 21 ward COVID-19-positive patients (sampled on hospital day 1 and 3); and from 59 healthy uninfected controls deriving from two cohorts. Levels of IgG autoantibodies against 23 autoantigens, commonly used for autoimmune disease diagnosis, were measured in serum samples using MSD<sup>®</sup> U-PLEX electrochemiluminescence technology (MSD division Meso Scale Discovery<sup>®</sup>), and results were compared between groups.

**Results:** There were no significant elevations of autoantibodies for any of the markers tested in patients with severe COVID-19.

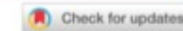
**Conclusions:** Sample collections at longer time points should be considered in future studies, for assessing the possible development of autoantibody responses following infection with SARS-CoV-2.

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# Post-akutes Infektionssyndrom



## Unexplained post-acute infection syndromes

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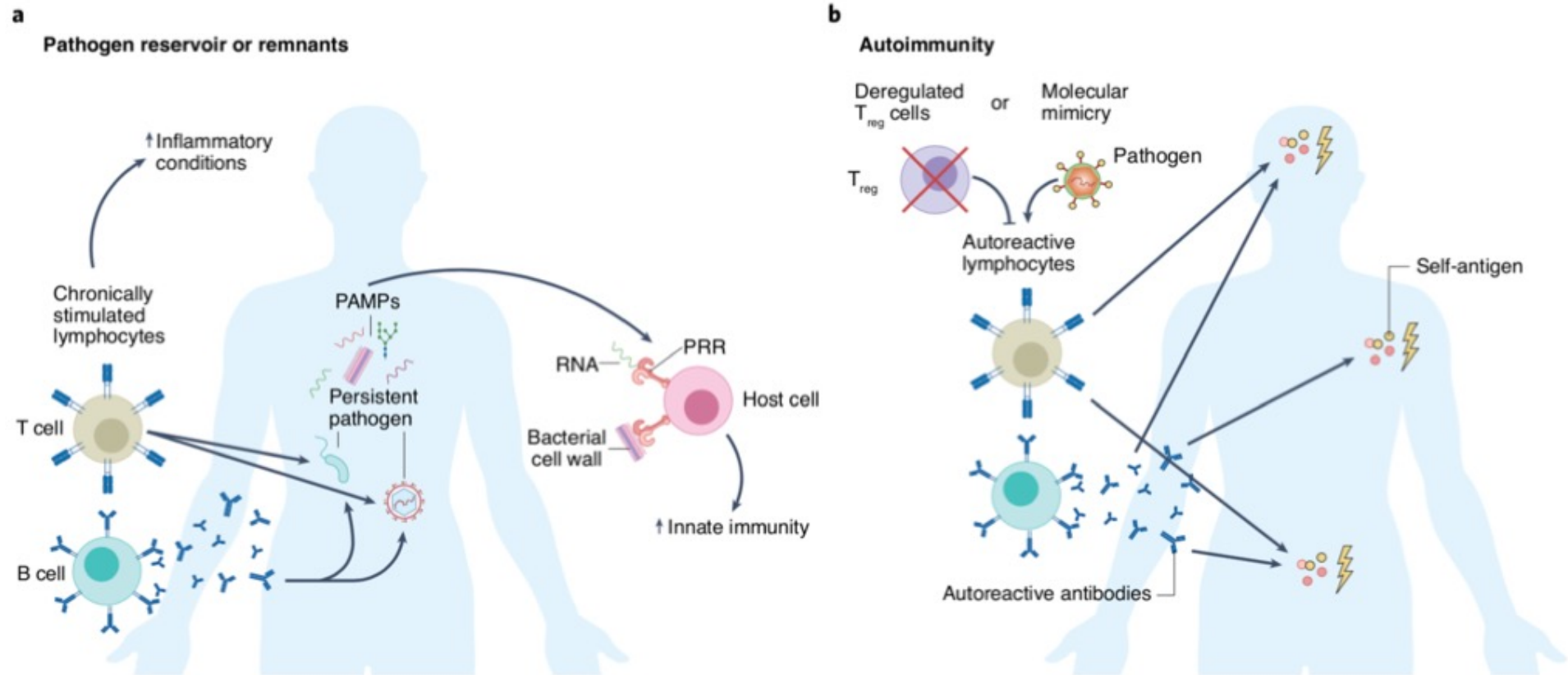
SARS-CoV-2 is not unique in its ability to cause post-acute sequelae; certain acute infections have long been associated with an unexplained chronic disability in a minority of patients. These post-acute infection syndromes (PAISs) represent a substantial healthcare burden, but there is a lack of understanding of the underlying mechanisms, representing a significant blind spot in the field of medicine. The relatively similar symptom profiles of individual PAISs, irrespective of the infectious agent, as well as the overlap of clinical features with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), suggest the potential involvement of a common etiopathogenesis. In this Review, we summarize what is known about unexplained PAISs, provide context for post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC), and delineate the need for basic biomedical research into the underlying mechanisms behind this group of enigmatic chronic illnesses.

**Table 1 | Overview of unexplained PAISs associated with documented infections**

Pathogen	Name of PAIS		
Viral pathogens		Chikungunya	Post-chikungunya chronic inflammatory rheumatism (pCHIK-CIR) Post-chikungunya disease
SARS-CoV-2	Post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC) Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome (PACS) Long COVID	EBV	No name
		West Nile virus	No name
		Ross River virus <sup>a</sup>	No name
		Coxsackie B <sup>a</sup>	No name
Ebola	Post-Ebola syndrome (PES) Post-Ebola virus disease syndrome (PEVDS)	H1N1/09 influenza <sup>a,b</sup>	No name
		VZV <sup>a,b</sup>	No name
Dengue		Non-viral pathogens	
Polio	Post-dengue fatigue syndrome (PDFS)	<i>Coxiella burnetii</i>	Q fever fatigue syndrome (QFS)
		<i>Borrelia</i> <sup>c</sup>	Post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome (PTLDS)
SARS	Post-SARS syndrome (PSS)	<i>Giardia lamblia</i> <sup>a,d</sup>	No name

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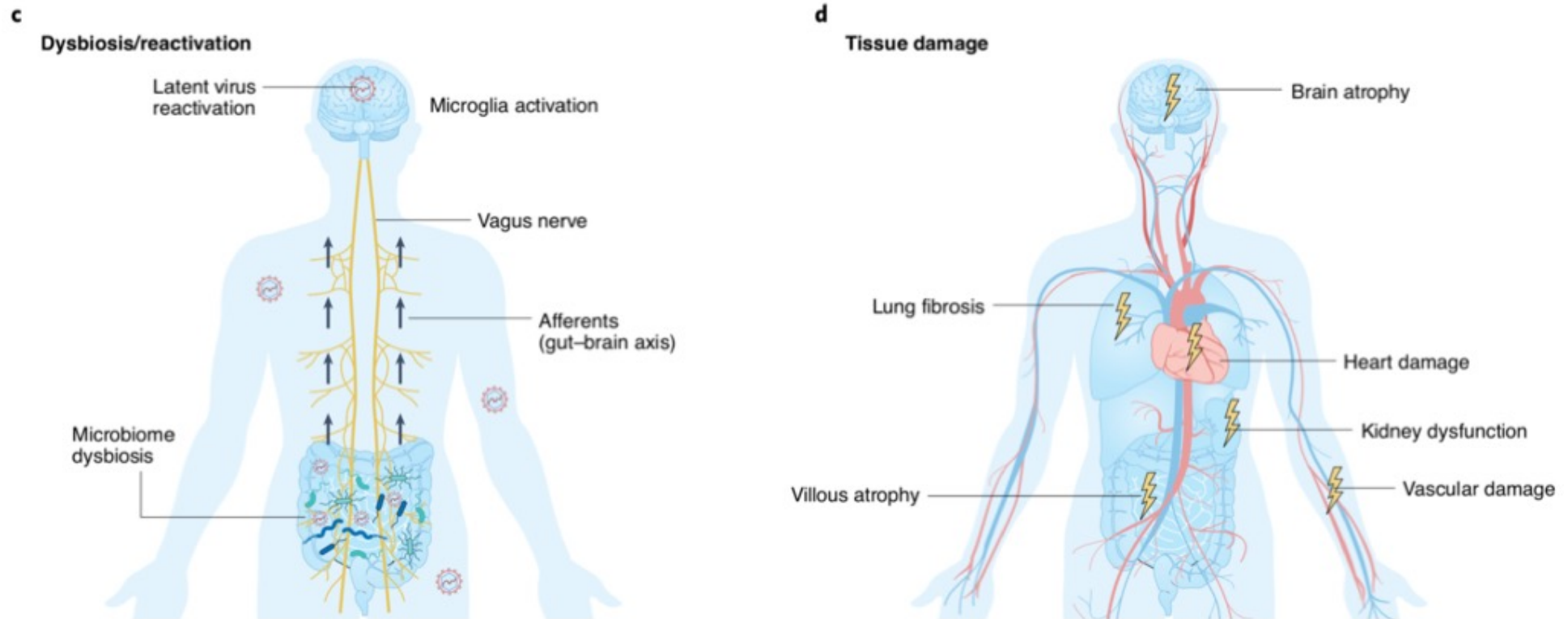
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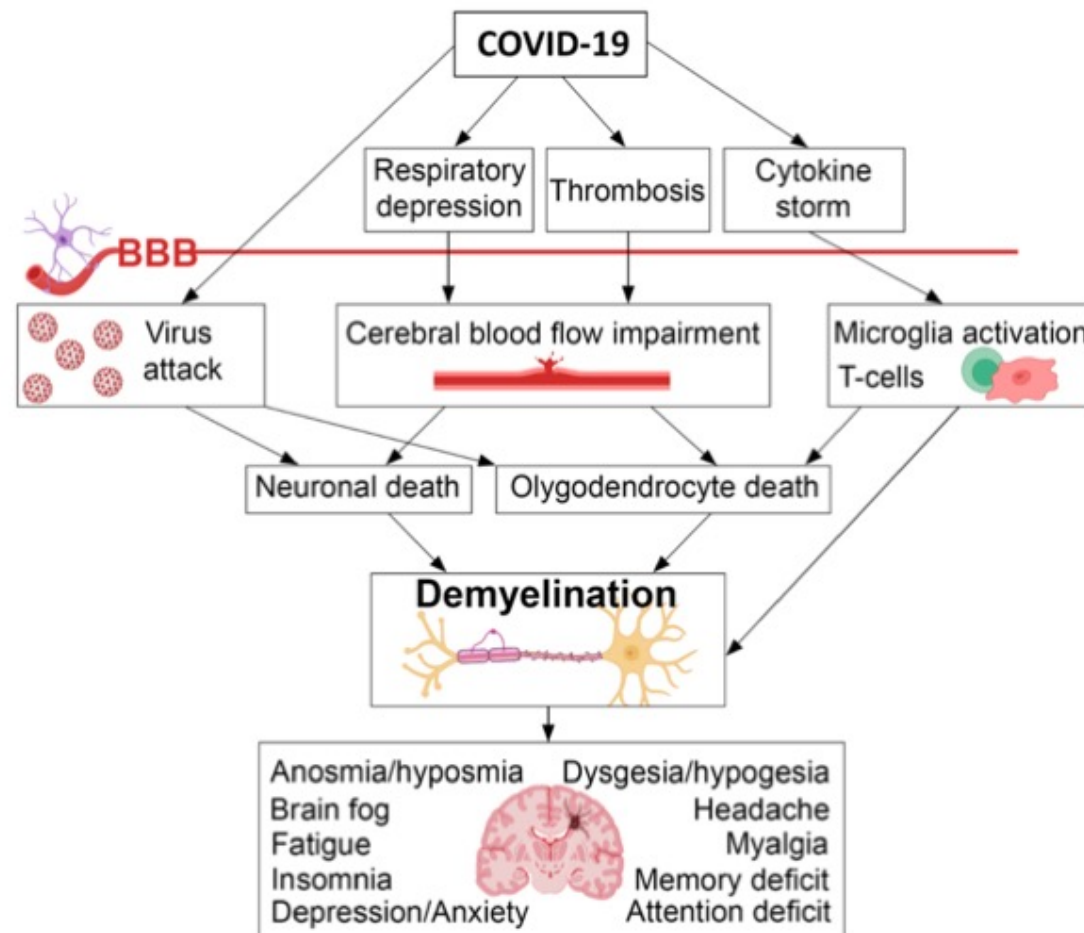


# Long-Covid – neuronale & mentale Defekte

Review

## Role of Demyelination in the Persistence of Neurological and Mental Impairments after COVID-19

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## The neurobiology of long COVID

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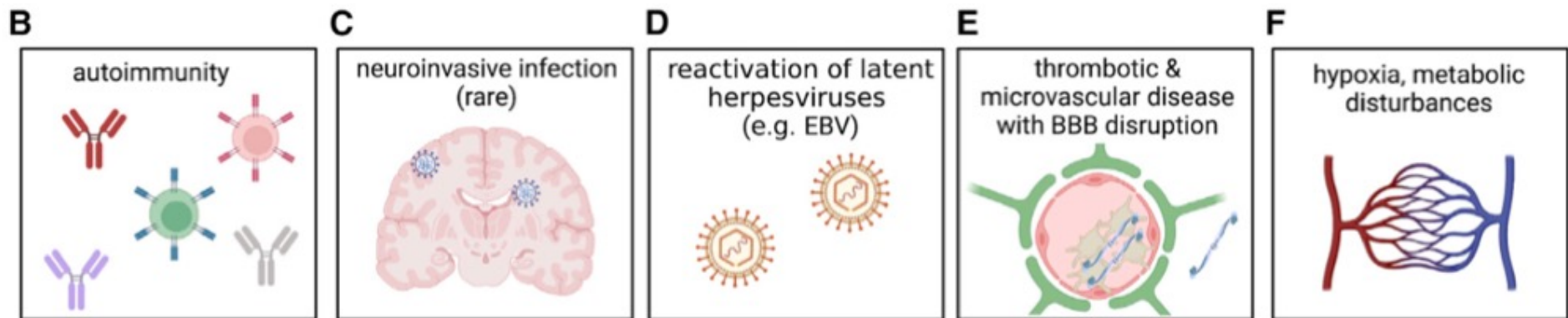
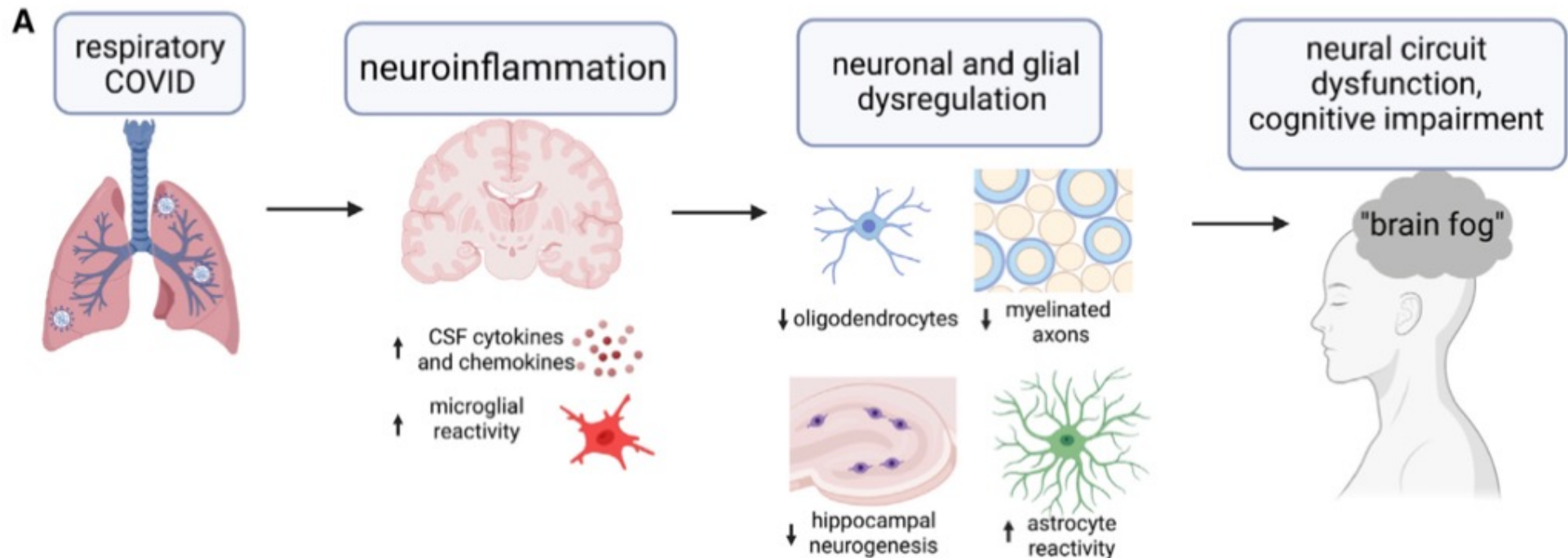
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### SUMMARY

Persistent neurological and neuropsychiatric symptoms affect a substantial fraction of people after COVID-19 and represent a major component of the post-acute COVID-19 syndrome, also known as long COVID. Here, we review what is understood about the pathobiology of post-acute COVID-19 impact on the CNS and discuss possible neurobiological underpinnings of the cognitive symptoms affecting COVID-19 survivors. We propose the chief mechanisms that may contribute to this emerging neurological health crisis.

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# Long-Covid – kardiovaskuläre Schäden

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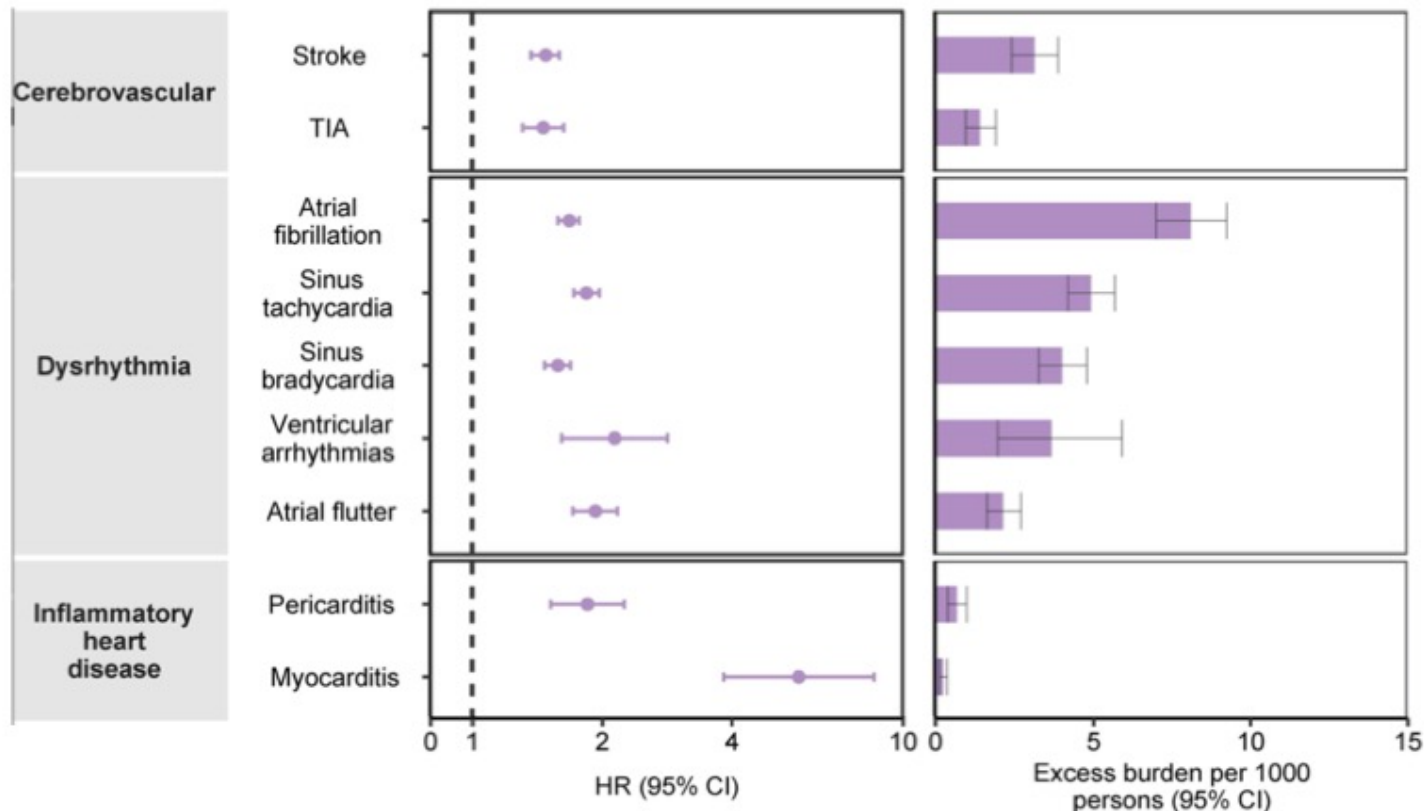
## Long-term cardiovascular outcomes of COVID-19

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The cardiovascular complications of acute coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are well described, but the post-acute cardiovascular manifestations of COVID-19 have not yet been comprehensively characterized. Here we used national healthcare databases from the US Department of Veterans Affairs to build a cohort of 153,760 individuals with COVID-19, as well as two sets of control cohorts with 5,637,647 (contemporary controls) and 5,859,411 (historical controls) individuals, to estimate risks and 1-year burdens of a set of pre-specified incident cardiovascular outcomes. We show that, beyond the first 30 d after infection, individuals with COVID-19 are at increased risk of incident cardiovascular disease spanning several categories, including cerebrovascular disorders, dysrhythmias, ischemic and non-ischemic heart disease, pericarditis, myocarditis, heart failure and thromboembolic disease. These risks and burdens were evident even among individuals who were not hospitalized during the acute phase of the infection and increased in a graded fashion according to the care setting during the acute phase (non-hospitalized, hospitalized and admitted to intensive care). Our results provide evidence that the risk and 1-year burden of cardiovascular disease in survivors of acute COVID-19 are substantial. Care pathways of those surviving the acute episode of COVID-19 should include attention to cardiovascular health and disease.

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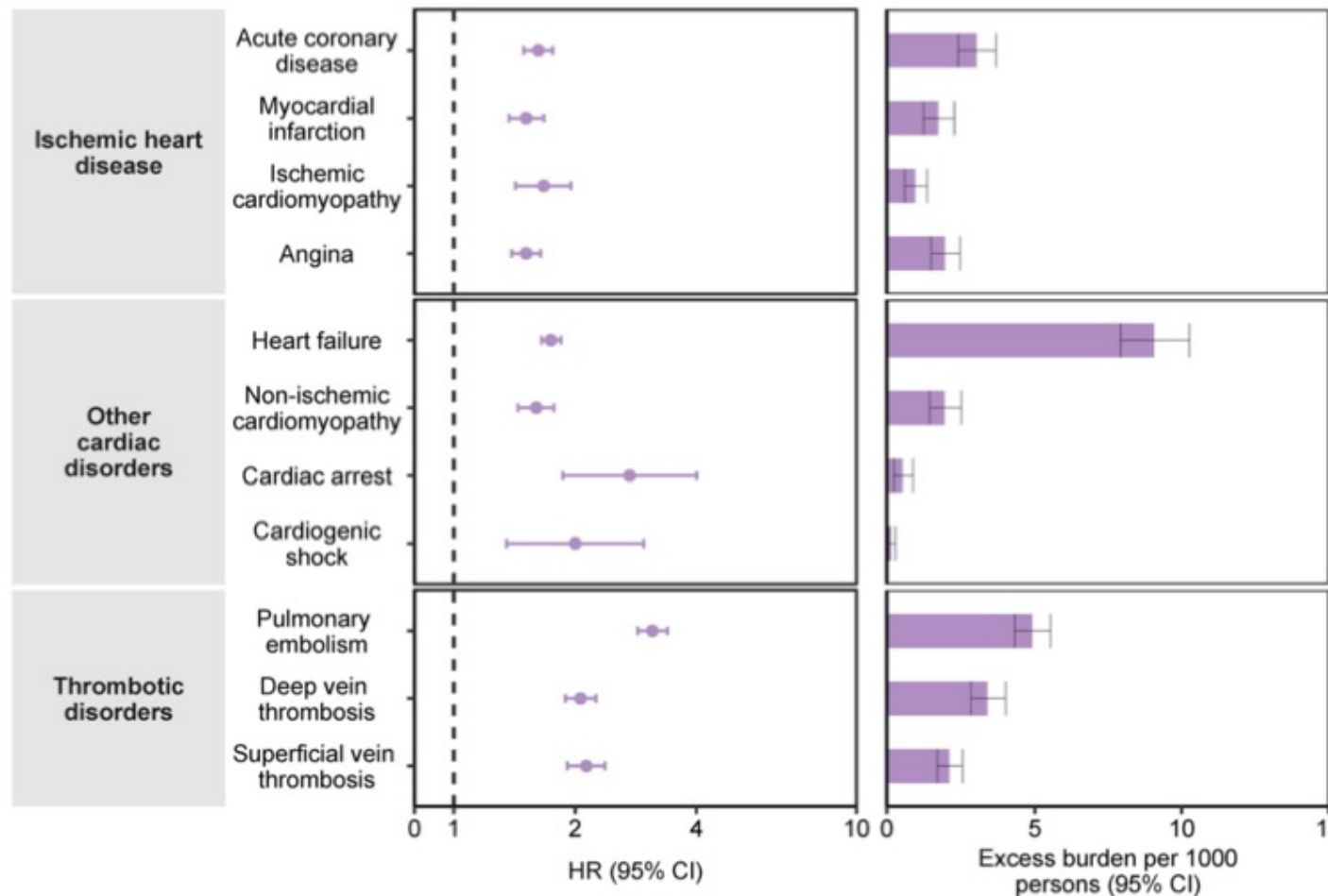
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**Extended Data Fig. 2 | Risks and 12-month burdens of incident post-acute COVID-19 cardiovascular outcomes in participants without any history of cardiovascular outcomes prior to COVID-19 exposure compared to the contemporary control cohort.** Outcomes were ascertained 30 days after the COVID-19 positive test until the end of follow-up. COVID-19 cohort without any history of cardiovascular outcomes (N = 126,575) and contemporary control cohort without any history of cardiovascular outcomes (N = 5,010,542). Adjusted hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals are presented. Length of the bar represents the excess burden per 1000 persons at 12 months and associated 95% confidence intervals are also shown. TIA, transient ischemic attack.

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# Long-Covid – Diabetes mellitus

## Risks and burdens of incident diabetes in long COVID: a cohort study

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### Research in context

#### Evidence before this study

We searched PubMed for human studies published between Dec 1, 2019, and Sept 6, 2021, using terms “COVID-19”, “SARS CoV-2” or “long COVID”, and “diabetes”, with no language restrictions. Small studies (<1000 people) limited to short follow-up periods (up to 3 months) showed that people with COVID-19 might be at increased risk of incident diabetes. A large-scale in-depth assessment of the risks and burdens of incident diabetes over a longer time horizon has not been done. In this study, we aimed to examine the post-acute risk and burden of diabetes in people who survived the first 30 days of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

#### Added value of this study

In this study involving 181 280 people with COVID-19, 4 118 441 contemporary controls, and 4 286 911 historical controls, we provide estimates of risks and 12-month burdens of incident diabetes outcomes. Our results suggest that beyond the first 30 days of infection, COVID-19 survivors exhibited increased risks and burdens of incident diabetes

and antihyperglycaemic use. The risks and burdens were significant among those who were non-hospitalised and increased in a graded fashion according to the care setting of the acute phase of the disease (that is whether people were non-hospitalised, hospitalised, or admitted to intensive care during the acute phase of COVID-19). The risks and associated burdens were evident in comparisons versus both the contemporary control group and the historical control group.

#### Implications of all the available evidence

Altogether, there is evidence to suggest that beyond the acute phase of COVID-19, survivors might be at an increased risk of developing incident diabetes, and increased risk of incident antihyperglycaemic use in the post-acute phase of the disease. Diabetes should be considered as a facet of the multifaceted long COVID syndrome. Post-acute care strategies of people with COVID-19 should integrate screening and management of diabetes.

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# Mögliche Long-Covid Pathomechanismen

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## Zusammenfassung

- Viele Hinweise auf mögliche Mechanismen gefunden.
- Persistenz von SARS-CoV-2 im Darm unwahrscheinlich, aber nicht ausgeschlossen.
- Genomische Integration von revers transkribierter SARS-CoV-2 DNA und dessen Expression nachgewiesen.
- Induktion von Auto-Antikörpern nachgewiesen; sehr vielfältig insbesondere auch gegen Cytokine und deren Rezeptoren.
- Post-akutes Infektionssyndrom analog zu andere Infektionskrankheiten offensichtlich bei SARS-CoV-2 sehr ausgeprägt.
- Mehrere Mechanismen offensichtlich an ZNS-Schädigung geteilt.
- Zahlreiche Biomarker entdeckt.

# Biomarker für Long-Covid - Labordiagnostik

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## SOLM-Biomarker nach Organmanifestation (1)

### Herzbeteiligung

- hs kardiales Troponin
- NT-proBNP
- Myoglobin
- Herzmuskel Ak-Screening

### Neurologisch Beteiligung

- anti-Acetylcholin-Rez. Ak
- anti-GABA Ak
- anti-NMDAR Ak
- anti-CASPR2 Ak
- anti-MOG AK
- anti-Myelin Ak
- anti-GAD Ak
- oligoklonale Banden
- Reiber Schema

### Lungenbeteiligung

- pO<sub>2</sub>
- LDH

### Leber-/Pankreas-Beteiligung

- AST
- ALT
- $\gamma$ GT
- AP
- Bilirubin
- Lipase und Pankreas-Amylase

### Nierenbeteiligung

- Kreatinin / eGFR
- Harnstoff
- Urinstatus/Sediment
- ANCA-Screening



# Biomarker für Long-Covid - Labordiagnostik

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## SOLM-Biomarker nach Organmanifestation (2)

### Diabetes

- Glucose / HbA1c
- anti-Insulin Ak
- anti-GAD Ak und anti-IA2 Ak
- anti-Tyrosinphosphatase Ak

### Chronisch Inflammation

- hsCRP
- TNF $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$
- löslicher IL2-Rezeptor
- ANA-Screening
- ds-DNS-Ak
- CCP-Ak
- Zirkulierende Immunkomplexe
- Lupus-Antikoagulans
- CK
- Rheumafaktor

### EBV-Reaktivierung

- EBV-IgG/IgM
- EBV nuclear antigen 1 IgG
- EBV early antigen IgG
- EBV heterophile Ak
- T-Cellspot© EBV
- EBV-PCR

### Hämatologie/Gerinnung

- Ferritin
- D-Dimere
- Thrombozyten
- Prothrombinzeit (Quick)
- aPTT
- anti-Annexin Ak
- anti-Cardiolipin Ak
- anti- $\beta$ 2 Glykoprotein AK

# Ausblick

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- Long-Covid erst seit 2 Jahren bekannt – daher ist die maximale Dauer und der langfristige Verlauf noch nicht bekannt.
- Da ständig neue Covid-19 Infektionen auftreten, wird es auch ständig neue Long-Covid Fälle geben.
- Ständig werden neue Erkenntnisse publiziert, neue Pathomechanismen entdeckt.
- Daraus werden ständig neue Biomarker abgeleitet.
- Neue Biomarker werden auch ständig durch den Vergleich von Long-Covid-Fällen mit Vergleichskollektiven gefunden.
- Daher muß die Labordiagnostik ständig an die neuen Erkenntnisse angepaßt werden.
- Diagnostische Labore sollten selbst Studien koordinieren.



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## Long COVID after breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 infection

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The post-acute sequelae of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection—also referred to as Long COVID—have been described, but whether breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 infection (BTI) in vaccinated people results in post-acute sequelae is not clear. In this study, we used the US Department of Veterans Affairs national healthcare databases to build a cohort of 33,940 individuals with BTI and several controls of people without evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection, including contemporary (n = 4,983,491), historical (n = 5,785,273) and vaccinated (n = 2,566,369) controls. At 6 months after infection, we show that, beyond the first 30 days of illness, compared to contemporary controls, people with BTI exhibited a higher risk of death (hazard ratio (HR) = 1.75, 95% confidence interval (CI): 1.59, 1.93) and incident post-acute sequelae (HR = 1.50, 95% CI: 1.46, 1.54), including cardiovascular, coagulation and hematologic, gastrointestinal, kidney, mental health, metabolic, musculoskeletal and neurologic disorders. The results were consistent in comparisons versus the historical and vaccinated controls. Compared to people with SARS-CoV-2 infection who were not previously vaccinated (n = 113,474), people with BTI exhibited lower risks of death (HR = 0.66, 95% CI: 0.58, 0.74) and incident post-acute sequelae (HR = 0.85, 95% CI: 0.82, 0.89). Altogether, the findings suggest that vaccination before infection confers only partial protection in the post-acute phase of the disease; hence, reliance on it as a sole mitigation strategy may not optimally reduce long-term health consequences of SARS-CoV-2 infection. The findings emphasize the need for continued optimization of strategies for primary prevention of BTI and will guide development of post-acute care pathways for people with BTI.

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## Interpretation der Ergebnisse der Studie von Al-Aly et al.:

- Die derzeit verfügbaren Impfungen schützen vor schweren Verläufen, aber leider nicht vor Covid-19 Infektionen.
- Covid-19 wird inzwischen von vielen Experten nicht mehr als Pandemie, sondern Endemie bezeichnet; SARS-CoV-2 kann nicht eliminiert werden.
- Es ist daher wahrscheinlich, daß sich letztlich ein sehr hoher Anteil der Bevölkerung, einschließlich der vollständig Geimpften, infizieren wird.
- Ohne Impfung führen ca. 10% bis 20% der Infektionen zu Long-Covid.
- Long-Covid betrifft alle Altersgruppen.
- Bei Break-through-Infektionen (BTI) von vollständig Geimpften beträgt die OR für Long-Covid im Vergleich zu Ungeimpften laut Al-Aly et al. 66%.
- Folglich muß auch bei vollständiger Impfung der gesamten Bevölkerung langfristig mit einer Inzidenz von Long-Covid von ca. 6% bis 13% gerechnet werden (die Prävalenz kann derzeit nicht abgeschätzt werden).

# Gesamt-Zusammenfassung

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- Long-Covid ist eine große Herausforderung für unser Gesundheitssystem und letztlich auch die gesamte Gesellschaft, einschließlich Arbeitsmarkt.
- Es ist mittelfristig mit einer weiteren Zunahme der Prävalenz von Long-Covid zu rechnen, da ständig neue Fälle hinzukommen und die Heilungserfolge noch nicht genau abgeschätzt werden können.
- Die klinische Diagnostik ist schwierig, weil nur der zeitliche Zusammenhang mit einer akuten Covid-19 Erkrankung eindeutig ist und sehr unterschiedliche Manifestationen beobachtet werden.
- Eine gute Labordiagnostik kann die klinische Diagnosestellung verbessern und auch zur Kontrolle des Therapieerfolgs beitragen. Leider wurde bisher noch kein hochspezifischen Biomarker für Long-Covid entdeckt, so daß mehrere Marker kombiniert werden müssen.
- Es werden ständig neuer Marker entdeckt und damit die Labordiagnostik kontinuierlich verbessert.
- Weitere Studien werden dringend benötigt, um die Diagnostik und Therapie von Long-Covid zu verbessern.

# Labordiagnostik von Long-Covid bei LADR

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### Symbole & Abkürzungen:

- CB Citrat-Blut
- CF Citrat-Fluorid
- EB EDTA-Blut
- EPG EDTA-Plasma, gefroren
- SEG Serum, gefroren
- S Serum
- U Urin



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<sup>4</sup> = Erfasst Z.n. Impfung / Infektion, z. Zl. keine Aussagen zur Immunität möglich. Eine Testung ohne direkten Bezug zu einer klinischen Covid-19-Symptomatik ist gemäß EBM keine vertragsärztliche Leistung.

<sup>2</sup> = ggf. Erweiterung / Bestätigung / Immunoblot | <sup>3</sup> = Nur eine Testung ohne medizinische Notwendigkeit ist gemäß EBM keine vertragsärztliche Leistung. **Intermed Service-Formular exklusiv für die Einsender der LADR Labore · Artikel-Nr. 117749 (2022.07/20.000)**



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