Pandemia da COVID-19 luci ed ombre

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Infezioni Virali : il salto di specie

Animale

Uomo

Uomo

Possibile

Virus Ebola

Altissima Infettività
Altissima Letalità

Trasmissione cutanea

Molto Raro
SARS, MERS, Influenza Suina

Bassa Infettività
Alta Letalità

Trasmissione respiratoria
Scarsa diffusione

SARS COV 2: il salto di specie

Virus influenzali H5 e H7

Passaggio interumano
mai riportato

Animale

Uomo

Uomo

Come è Avvenuto?

Diffusione rapidissima

Alta Infettività
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Trasmissione
Respiratoria / altro?

Il recettore

RESEARCH

CORONAVIRUS

In situ structural analysis of SARS-CoV-2 spike reveals flexibility mediated by three hinges

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The spike protein (S) of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is required for cell entry and is the primary focus for vaccine development. In this study, we combined cryo-electron tomography, subtomogram averaging, and molecular dynamics simulations to structurally analyze S in situ. Compared with the recombinant S, the viral S was more heavily glycosylated and occurred mostly in the closed prefusion conformation. We show that the stalk domain of S contains three hinges, giving the head unexpected orientational freedom. We propose that the hinges allow S to scan the host cell surface, shielded from antibodies by an extensive glycan coat. The structure of native S contributes to our understanding of SARS-CoV-2 infection and potentially to the development of safe vaccines.

A HIDDEN SPIKE

The spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 is coated in sugar molecules, or glycans, which disguise it from the immune system. It can hinge at three points on the stalk, giving it flexibility.

La subunità S1 viene separata dalla S2 da una proteasi di membrana TMPRSS2

La sub unità S2 permette la fusione Delle membrane virali e dell' ospite

Cell Article

SARS-CoV-2 Cell Entry Depends on ACE2 and TMPRSS2 and Is Blocked by a Clinically Proven Protease Inhibitor

Graphical Abstract

SARS-CoV	SARS-CoV-2
(as of 16.02.2020)	
- Disease -	COVID-19
Winter 2002	Winter 2019
- Emergence -	
8,096	51,857
- Cases -	
774	1,669
- Deaths -	
26	25
- Countries affected -	

Attachment Receptor

ACE2

Spike Protein Priming by Cellular Proteases

TMPRSS2

Clinically-approved inhibitor available

Neutralization Efficiency by SARS Convalescent Sera

Yes (High)

Yes (Moderate)

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In Brief
The emerging SARS-coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) threatens public health. Hoffmann and coworkers show that SARS-CoV-2 infection depends on the host cell factors ACE2 and TMPRSS2 and can be blocked by a clinically proven protease inhibitor. These findings might help to establish options for prevention and treatment.

VIRAL ENTRY UP CLOSE

Virus and host-cell membranes fuse after the TMPRSS2 enzyme cuts a SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. This exposes hydrophobic amino acids in the spike that rapidly embed themselves into the nearest membrane — that of the host cell.

Source: Janet Iwasa, Univ. Utah; Graphic: Nik Spencer/Nature

La proteina spike presenta un sito di clivaggio per la proteasi FURINA

Sito di clivaggio della furina (un enzima proteolitico) che è presente tra la subunità 1 (S1) e la subunità 2 (S2) della Spike (S) di Sars-CoV-2.

Si tratta 4 residui amino-acidici, Prra (prolina-arginina-arginina-alanina), corrispondenti appunto a 12 nucleotidi (quindi 4 codoni, CCT-CGG-CGG-GCA), inseriti in una posizione strategica tra la serina 680 e l'arginina 681 della proteina Spike.

L'ingresso nella cellula può avvenire anche per endocitosi

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR OPEN

Remdesivir and chloroquine effectively inhibit the recently emerged novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in vitro

La idrossiclorochina blocca la via della endocitosi

I primi studi di replicazione furono condotti in linee cellulari che **non esprimevano la TMPRESS2**. L'ingresso nella cellula era quindi dipendente dalla endocitosi

Terapi antivirale: Risultati molto deludenti

Nonostante siano state testate grandi librerie di farmaci potenzialmente capaci di inibire la replicazione virale, non si è ancora individuato un farmaco clinicamente efficace.

LIFE CYCLE OF THE PANDEMIC CORONAVIRUS

A simplified account of how SARS-CoV-2 enters and exits cells.

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Clinical research
29 August 2021
By Julia Robinson

Everything you need to know about the COVID-19 therapy trials

There are thousands of clinical trials investigating treatments and preventative measures for COVID-19.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Remdesivir for the Treatment of Covid-19 — Final Report

J.H. Beigel, K.M. Tomashek, L.E. Dodd, A.K. Mehta, B.S. Zingman, A.C. Kalil, E. Hohmann, H.Y. Chu, A. Luetkemeyer, S. Kline, D. Lopez de Castilla, R.W. Finberg, K. Dierberg, V. Tapson, L. Hsieh, T.F. Patterson, R. Paredes, D.A. Sweeney, W.R. Short, G. Touloumi, D.C. Lye, N. Ohmagari, M. Oh, G.M. Ruiz-Palacios, T. Benfield, G. Fätkenheuer, M.G. Kortepeter, R.L. Atmar, C.B. Creech, J. Lundgren, A.G. Babiker, S. Pett, J.D. Neaton, T.H. Burgess, T. Bonnett, M. Green, M. Makowski, A. Osinusi, S. Nayak, and H.C. Lane, for the ACTT-1 Study Group Members*

Le Varianti del SARS COV 2

RESEARCH

RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY

CORONAVIRUS

Effect of natural mutations of SARS-CoV-2 on spike structure, conformation, and antigenicity

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Variante	Escape Vaccinale	Fitness	Diffusione	Mutazione
Inglese	+	alta	Media	Maggiore Affinità ACE2 Sito Clivaggio Furina
Sud Africana	++++	bassa	Limitata	Proteina spike
Brasiliana	++++	Poco studiata?	Limitata	Proteina spike
Indiana	++	Altissima	Elevatissima	Sito Clivaggio Furina
Peruviana	+	Media	Limitata	Maggiore Affinità ACE2

Le Varianti del SARS COV 2

Mutazioni del sito di legame la Furina

Variante	% dei Recettori idrolizzati dalla Furina	Mutazione Sito proteolitico Furina
Wild	50%	PRRA
Inglese	>50%	HRRRA
Indiana	>75%	RRRRA

La efficienza replicativa in vitro della Variante Delta è molto elevata

CSH Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
bioRxiv
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bioRxiv posts many COVID19-related papers. A reminder: they have not been formally peer-reviewed and should not guide health-related behavior or be reported in the press as conclusive.

New Results

Delta spike P681R mutation enhances SARS-CoV-2 fitness over Alpha variant

Yang Liu, Jianying Liu, Bryan A. Johnson, Hongjie Xia, Zhiqiang Ku, Craig Schindewolf, Steven G. Widen, Zhiqiang An, Scott C. Weaver, Vineet D. Menachery, Xuping Xie, Pei-Yong Shi
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I vaccini

Produttore	Tipo di vaccino	Stato di utilizzo
Pfizer BionTec	m RNA	In uso
Moderna	m RNA	In uso
GSK CureVac	m RNA	In sviluppo?
Astra Zeneca	Vettore virale	In uso
Sputnik	Doppio Vettore virale	In uso
Johnson & Johnson	Vettore virale	In uso
SinoVac	Virus inattivato	In uso
Novovax	Proteico/adiuvante	In sviluppo ?
Sanofi	Proteico/adiuvante	In sviluppo

Il diavolo è nei dettagli!

The screenshot shows the Science journal website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Science', 'Contents', 'News', 'Careers', and 'Journals', along with a 'Sign up for alerts' button. Below the navigation, there are search filters for 'From' and 'To' with date input fields. A 'Citation' section allows users to narrow their search by limiting possible values for citation fields, with input fields for DOI, Volume, Issue, and First page number or elocation ID. On the right side, there are two news articles. The first article is titled 'What went wrong with CureVac's mRNA vaccine?' by Jon Cohen, dated June 25th, 2021. The second article is titled 'What went wrong with CureVac's highly anticipated new mRNA vaccine for COVID-19?' by Jon Cohen, dated June 18th, 2021. Both articles discuss the use of unmodified mRNA and the advantages of its formulation.

Produttore	Tipo di vaccino	Efficacia clinica di utilizzo
Pfizer BionTec	m RNA pseudouridina	Ottima risposta
Moderna	m RNA pseudouridina	Ottima risposta
GSK Cure Vac	m RNA -naturale-	Effetti collaterali Interferon mediati Riduzione della dose Risposta insufficiente

Vaccino Novavax: Difficoltà a standardizzare le dosi

Contributo governativo
1,75 miliardi di dollari

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Novavax, based in Gaithersburg, Maryland, announced a setback this week in its quest for U.S. Food and Drug Administration emergency use authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine. ALYSSA SCHUKAR/REDUX

COVID-19 vaccinemaker Novavax faces manufacturing setback

By **Meredith Wadman** | Aug. 6, 2021, 6:15 PM

Effetti collaterali

Produttore	Tipo di vaccino	Effetti Collaterali/ Problemi
Pfizer BioNTec	m RNA	Miocarditi Porpora Trombocitopenica
Moderna	m RNA	Nessuno
GSK Cure Vac	m RNA	Sindrome influenzale grave Scarsa efficacia
Astra Zeneca	Vettore virale	VITT
Sputnik	Vettore virale	Mancanza dati
Johnson & Johnson	Vettore virale	VITT (1 caso in fase 3) Trombosi Gulliam Barrè
Novovax	Proteico/adiuvante	Non testato
Sanofi	Proteico/adiuvante	Non testato

La VITT

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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BACKGROUND

Vaccine-induced immune thrombocytopenia and thrombosis (VITT) is a new syndrome associated with the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 adenoviral vector vaccine against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. Data are lacking on the clinical features of and the prognostic criteria for this disorder.

METHODS

We conducted a prospective cohort study involving patients with suspected VITT who presented to hospitals in the United Kingdom between March 22 and June 6, 2021. Data were collected with the use of an anonymized electronic form, and cases were identified as definite or probable VITT according to prespecified criteria. Baseline characteristics and clinicopathological features of the patients, risk factors, treatment, and markers of poor prognosis were determined.

RESULTS

Among 294 patients who were evaluated, we identified 170 definite and 50 probable cases of VITT. All the patients had received the first dose of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine and presented 5 to 48 days (median, 14) after vaccination. The age range was 18 to 79 years (median, 48), with no sex preponderance and no identifiable medical risk factors. Overall mortality was 22%. The odds of death increased by a factor of 2.7 (95% confidence interval [CI], 1.4 to 5.2) among patients with cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, by a factor of 1.7 (95% CI, 1.3 to 2.3) for every 50% decrease in the baseline platelet count, by a factor of 1.2 (95% CI, 1.0 to 1.3) for every increase of 10,000 fibrinogen-equivalent units in the baseline D-dimer level, and by a factor of 1.7 (95% CI, 1.1 to 2.5) for every 50% decrease in the baseline fibrinogen level. Multivariate analysis identified the baseline platelet count and the presence of intracranial hemorrhage as being independently associated with death; the observed mortality was 73% among patients with platelet counts below 30,000 per cubic millimeter and intracranial hemorrhage.

CONCLUSIONS

The high mortality associated with VITT was highest among patients with a low platelet count and intracranial hemorrhage. Treatment remains uncertain, but identification of prognostic markers may help guide effective management. (Funded by

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Frammenti del m RNA spliced

(si con astra zeneca no con J J)

Ceppo dell' Adeno Virus

(carico negativamente)

Settembre 2021

Cosa abbiamo imparato da una vaccinazione con un 1,7 miliardi di dosi?

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NEWS FEATURE | 04 June 2021

Six months of COVID vaccines: what 1.7 billion doses have taught scientists

At a pivotal moment in the pandemic, *Nature* explores key questions about the vaccines that countries are racing to deliver while viral variants spread around the globe.

Effetti collaterali :

con incidenza < 1:100000 sono difficili da tracciare in studi registrativi,

ma diventano evidenti con milioni di somministrazioni contemporanee

Protocollo vaccinale

vaccino	Intervallo dosi	Proposta	Evidenze a supporto
Pfizer BionTec	15-45 giorni	Terza dose	Livelli anticorpi neutralizzanti
Moderna	15-45 giorni	Terza dose	Livelli anticorpi neutralizzanti
Astra Zeneca	90 giorni	Seconda dose con vaccino a RNA	nessuna
Johnson & Johnson	Mono dose	nessuna	In corso studio con seconda somministrazione

La terza dose: le perplessità del WHO

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The WHO is right to call a temporary halt to COVID vaccine boosters

Richer countries should focus on ramping up vaccine supply to the billions who are still waiting for their first dose.

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The screenshot shows a Nature editorial article from August 17, 2021. The main headline is 'The WHO is right to call a temporary halt to COVID vaccine boosters'. The sub-headline reads: 'Richer countries should focus on ramping up vaccine supply to the billions who are still waiting for their first dose.' There is a 'Download PDF' button and a 'Related Articles' section with four links. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 26/08/2021.

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NEWS FEATURE | 05 August 2021

COVID vaccine boosters: the most important questions

Concerns over waning immunity and SARS-CoV-2 variants have convinced some countries to deploy extra vaccine doses – but it's not clear to scientists whether most people need them.

Even Callaway

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**La efficacia rimane elevata contro le forme gravi
Da somministrare solo a gruppi ristretti
es Trapiantati
Nazioni «ricche» 60% vaccinati
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USA: già 1,5 mln di terze dosi
In Italia dal 20 settembre

Risposta anticorpale

285 pazienti, tutti positivi:

↖ alle IgG entro **19 giorni** dall'esordio dei sintomi;

↖ alle IgM entro **20-22 giorni** dall'esordio dei sintomi.

Entrambi i titoli di IgG e IgM raggiungono il **plateau entro 6 giorni** dalla seroconversione.

Antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 in patients with COVID-19
Long et Al. Nature 29 Apr 2020

Extended Data Fig. 4 | Dynamic changes of the SARS-CoV-2 specific IgM. Time course of the virus-specific IgM level in 20 patients experienced IgM titer plateau. IgM in each patient reached plateau within 6 days since IgM became positive.

Extended Data Fig. 3 | Dynamic changes of the SARS-CoV-2 specific IgG. Time course of the virus-specific IgG level in 19 patients experienced IgG titer plateau. IgG in each patient reached plateau within 6 days since IgG became positive.

Correlati di Protezione

Teams around the world are racing to determine what level of neutralizing antibodies or another immune marker is most closely associated with a vaccine's effectiveness. They're seeking what's known as a correlate of protection.

Nature Agosto 2021

<https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-021-02158-6>

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Non è chiaro quale parametro biologico sia indicativo di una protezione
NEL SINGOLO PAZIENTE

Correlati di protezione: Vaccino Pfitzer BionTec vs Sino Vac

Vaccino	Struttura del vaccino	Efficacia	Titolo anticorpale
Pfitzer BioNtec	m RNA	80- 90 %	10
SinoVac	Virus Inattivato	50-90 %	1

Titolo del Messaggero del 22-7-2021:
Flop del Vaccino cinese:
col Pfitzer 10 volte più anticorpi

A quali gruppi di popolazione è necessario somministrare una terza dose?

**Dati Pfizer e Moderna:
Riduzione degli anticorpi neutralizzanti**

**Livelli anticorpali totali?
Anticorpi neutralizzanti?
Dati di popolazione?
Altro??**

**Dati epidemiologici
Trapiantati
Immuno depressi
Pazienti oncologici
Over 65
Sindrome di Down**

BMJ settembre 2021

The screenshot shows the New York Times website interface. The main headline reads: "F.D.A. Panel Recommends Pfizer Boosters for Those Over 65 or at High Risk". Below the headline, there are two bullet points: "The same advisers voted against boosters for young adults. But people over 65 or at risk should get the shots six months after their second dose, the panel said." and "The narrower recommendation complicates the Biden administration's hopes to start rolling out the shots next week and offer them more broadly." To the right of the main article, there are two smaller headlines: "C.D.C. Study Shows Pfizer Vaccine's Protection Wanes" and "A Manhattan restaurant hostess was assaulted after asking to see proof of vaccination for three tourists, the police said." The website also features a search bar, navigation links for various sections (World, U.S., Politics, etc.), and a Google Translate widget.

Immunità di gregge

Dynamics of Population Immunity Due to the Herd Effect in the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Immunità di gregge

Carica virale nei soggetti vaccinati

Not Peer reviewed

Risk disinhibition may lead vaccinated people to increase behaviors that expose them to SARS-CoV-2 infection, and individuals who are infected despite vaccination could serve as sources of onward transmission to others.

Immunità di gregge

Trasmissione nei vaccinati
Disuguaglianze tra nazioni
Nuove varianti
Immunità non permanente
Comportamento sociale

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Gli hot spot

La Campagna vaccinale

At Covid Summit, Biden Sets Ambitious Goals for Vaccinating the World

But his plans face a tough road as pressure grows for big pharmaceutical companies to share their vaccine technologies with poorer nations.

President Biden hosted a daylong summit meeting on Wednesday to address the coronavirus pandemic with world leaders. Doug Mills/The New York Times

Stati Uniti 1,1 MLD di dosi
Italia 45 MLN di dosi

COVAX

CEPI

The nature of the scientific process during a pandemic, with its unrelenting influx of new data and constantly evolving understanding of it, makes health communication incredibly challenging.

That reality, combined with botched messaging from public health agencies, has emboldened vaccine opponents.

Con una comunicazione trasparente ed onesta. Distinguendo quello che è scienza da quello che è ricerca: la scienza è un patrimonio di conoscenze grosso modo acquisite che non è più ragionevole mettere in discussione. La ricerca è una parte della scienza ancora oggetto di discussione con margini di incertezza che vanno comunicate con onestà.

La ipersemplicizzazione porta a messaggi contrastanti per cui le persone non si fidano.

I non vaccinati

Spaventati / confusi

Auto gestiti

Negazionisti

No Vax

-
- Ministro della salute
 - Consulenti del ministro della salute
 - Presidente Istituto superiore di Sanità
 - Componenti Istituto superiore di Sanità
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Perché ci sono persone che scelgono di fidarsi di Facebook e non delle istituzioni? Come si può recuperare questa fiducia ?

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COVID 19 : il salto di specie

DISEASE SEVERITY

PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

(Recommendations are listed in order of preference in each category below; however, all options are considered acceptable.)

**Not Hospitalized
or
Hospitalized but Does Not Require
Supplemental Oxygen**

No specific antiviral or immunomodulatory therapy recommended

The Panel **recommends against** the use of **dexamethasone (AI)**

See the Remdesivir section for a discussion of the data on using this drug in hospitalized patients with moderate COVID-19.^a

**Hospitalized and Requires
Supplemental Oxygen**

(but Does Not Require Oxygen Delivery
Through a High-Flow Device,
Noninvasive Ventilation, Invasive
Mechanical Ventilation, or ECMO)

Remdesivir 200 mg IV for one day, followed by remdesivir 100 mg IV once daily for 4 days or until hospital discharge, whichever comes first **(AI)^{b,c,d}**

or
Remdesivir (dose and duration as above) plus **dexamethasone^e** 6 mg IV or PO for up to 10 days or until hospital discharge, whichever comes first **(BIII)^f**

If **remdesivir** cannot be used, **dexamethasone^e** may be used instead **(BIII)**

**Hospitalized and Requires Oxygen
Delivery Through a High-Flow Device
or Noninvasive Ventilation**

Dexamethasone^{d,e} plus **remdesivir** at the doses and durations discussed above **(AII)^f**

or
Dexamethasone^{d,e} at the dose and duration discussed above **(AI)**

**Hospitalized and Requires Invasive
Mechanical Ventilation or ECMO**

Dexamethasone^{d,e} at the dose and duration discussed above **(AI)**

or
Dexamethasone^e plus **remdesivir** for patients who have recently been intubated at the doses and durations discussed above **(CII)^f**

Rating of Recommendations: A = Strong; B = Moderate; C = Optional

Rating of Evidence: I = One or more randomized trials with clinical outcomes and/or validated laboratory endpoints; II = One or more well-designed, nonrandomized trials or observational cohort studies; III = Expert opinion

- a) The Panel finds the available data insufficient to recommend either for or against routine treatment with remdesivir for all hospitalized patients with moderate COVID-19. However, the Panel recognizes there may be situations in which a clinician judges that remdesivir is an appropriate treatment for a hospitalized patient with moderate disease (e.g., a person who is at a particularly high risk for clinical deterioration).
- b) Remdesivir therapy may be extended to up to 10 days if no substantial clinical improvement is seen at Day 5.
- c) The Panel recognizes there are theoretical rationale for adding dexamethasone to remdesivir in patients with rapidly progressing COVID-19.
- d) For patients who initially received remdesivir monotherapy and progressed to requiring high-flow oxygen supplementation or noninvasive ventilation, dexamethasone should be initiated and remdesivir should be continued until the treatment course is completed.
- e) If dexamethasone is not available, an alternative corticosteroid such as prednisone, methylprednisolone, or hydrocortisone can be used (BIII).
- f) The combination of remdesivir and dexamethasone has not been studied in clinical trials; however, there are theoretical reasons for combining these drugs.

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Remdesivir for 5 or 10 Days in Patients with Severe Covid-19

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Confronto con studio clinico randomizzato in cui la somministrazione di remdesivir per 5 giorni mostra più benefici che la somministrazione per 10 giorni.

Figure 2. Oxygen Support on Day 14 According to Oxygen Support on Day 5.

Shown is the distribution of oxygen-support status on day 14 for the 5-day and 10-day treatment groups according to oxygen-support status at day 5 of therapy. Percentages are based on patients with both day 5 and day 14 oxygen-support data available and exclude those with missing oxygen-support data for day 14. Oxygen-support status is derived from the clinical status according to the seven-point ordinal scale, as follows: 1, death; 2, receiving invasive mechanical ventilation; 3, receiving high-flow oxygen; 4, receiving low-flow oxygen; 5 or 6, breathing ambient air; and 7, discharge. Data on high-flow oxygen were missing for 1 patient in the 10-day group; data on low-flow oxygen were missing for 3 patients in the 5-day group and 6 patients in the 10-day group, and data on ambient air were missing for 3 patients in the 5-day group.

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Fig. 2 | Seroconversion time of the antibodies against SARS-CoV-2. **a**, Seroconversion type of 26 patients who were initially seronegative during the observation period. The days of seroconversion for each patient are plotted. **b-d**, Six representative examples of the three seroconversion type: synchronous seroconversion of IgG and IgM (**b**), IgM seroconversion earlier than that of IgG (**c**) and IgM seroconversion later than that of IgG (**d**).

Seguita seroconversione in 26 pazienti.

Mediana seroconversione sia per IgG che per IgM: **13 giorni** dall'inizio dei sintomi.

3 modelli di seroconversione

- seroconversione **sincrona** di IgG e IgM per 9 pazienti su 26;
- seroconversione **prima delle IgM** e poi delle IgG per 7 pazienti su 26;
- seroconversione **prima delle IgG** e poi delle IgM per 10 pazienti su 26.

Correlati di Protezione

- ▶ Epitopi Lineari : Risposta T mediata
- ▶ Epitopi Conformazionali : Risposta anticorpale

Non è chiaro quale parametro biologico sia indicativo di una protezione

Teams around the world are racing to determine what level of neutralizing antibodies or another immune marker is most closely associated with a vaccine's effectiveness. They're seeking what's known as a correlate of protection.

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Il recettore

Risposta anticorpale

285 pazienti, tutti positivi:

↖ alle IgG entro **19 giorni** dall'esordio dei sintomi;

↖ alle IgM entro **20-22 giorni** dall'esordio dei sintomi.

Entrambi i titoli di IgG e IgM raggiungono il **plateau entro 6 giorni** dalla seroconversione.

Antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 in patients with COVID-19
Long et Al. Nature 29 Apr 2020

Extended Data Fig. 4 | Dynamic changes of the SARS-CoV-2 specific IgM. Time course of the virus-specific IgM level in 20 patients experienced IgM titer plateau. IgM in each patient reached plateau within 6 days since IgM became positive.

Extended Data Fig. 3 | Dynamic changes of the SARS-CoV-2 specific IgG. Time course of the virus-specific IgG level in 19 patients experienced IgG titer plateau. IgG in each patient reached plateau within 6 days since IgG became positive.

Ingresso per endocitosi

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- Se volete - prosegue lo scienziato - a questo punto sta ad ognuno di noi decidere, da buoni seguaci di Guglielmo di Occam, quale ipotesi sia più parsimoniosa. Quella dell'origine naturale postula la presenza di un virus in natura che abbia la sequenza di 12 nucleotidi del sito di clivaggio per la furina con i 2 codoni appaiati CGG-CGG, e richiede una spiegazione di come il virus sia partito dalla provincia di Yunnan, dove stanno i pipistrelli a migliaia di km da Wuhan, per far partire l'epidemia nel mercato del pesce di Huanan, che sta ad un tiro di schioppo dal Wuhan Institute of Virology (dove si studiano, appunto, i coronavirus umani). Tuttavia nemmeno l'ipotesi del virus da laboratorio è molto occamista, in quanto al momento non c'è assolutamente alcuna prova che dei ricercatori, a Wuhan o altrove, abbiano creato e inserito dentro RaTG13 la sequenza di 12 nucleotidi di cui sopra". Da qui la conclusione: al momento nessuna delle due ipotesi è certa, ma entrambe sono plausibili e vanno indagate.

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Remdesivir for the Treatment of Covid-19 — Final Report

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- Trial clinico randomizzato multicentrico condotto nel periodo compreso tra il 21/02/2020 e il 19/04/2020
- 1062 pazienti COVID-19 ospedalizzati con segni di infezione delle basse vie respiratorie e malattia severa
- Assegnati in modo randomizzato al trattamento con remdesivir (200 mg dose di carico e 100 mg come dose giornaliera per la durata di 10 giorni) e pazienti trattati con placebo per 10 giorni
- Outcome primario: durata del ricovero, valutando sia la dimissione che la capacità di controllo dell'infezione. Condizioni cliniche al momento del ricovero, definite secondo la scala ordinale a 7 stadi, e variabilità a 15 giorni secondo la medesima stadiazione.

Remdesivir

Risultati:

- Pazienti che hanno ricevuto remdesivir hanno mostrato tempi di ricovero ridotti (10 giorni) rispetto a coloro che hanno ricevuto placebo (15 giorni) con un miglioramento clinico maggiore a 15 giorni nella scala ordinale raggiunto con più rapidità
- Il miglioramento clinico è stato maggiore nei pazienti trattati con un iniziale stadio clinico 5 e più in generale con stadi clinici inferiori

Strategie attuali stanno valutando l'associazione di remdesivir con modificatori della risposta immune, come inibitori delle JAK chinasi come baricitinib nel trial ACTT-2, e in combinazione con Interferon beta-1a nel trial ACTT-3.

La proteina spike presenta un sito di clivaggio per la proteasi FURINA

VIRAL ENTRY UP CLOSE

Virus and host-cell membranes fuse after the TMPRSS2 enzyme cuts a SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. This exposes hydrophobic amino acids in the spike that rapidly embed themselves into the nearest membrane — that of the host cell.

Source: Janet Iwasa, Univ. Utah; Graphic: Nik Spencer/Nature

Sito di clivaggio della furina (un enzima) che taglia la subunità 1 (S1) e la subunità 2 (S2) della proteina spike. I residui amino-acidici, Prra (proline) e Rrra (arginina) corrispondenti appunto a 12 nucleotidi (CGG-GCA), inseriti in una posizione strategica tra la serina 680 e l'arginina 681 della proteina Spike.

Terapia Antivirale COVID 19

Nonostante siano state testate grandi librerie di farmaci potenzialmente capaci di inibire la replicazione virale, non si è individuato nessuna molecola potenzialmente attiva.

La campagna vaccinale

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Christie Aschwanden

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Nuove varianti
Immunità non permanente
Comportamento sociale

The whack-a-mole Strategy

II Virus

Correlati di Protezione: Vaccino Pfitzer BionTec

- ▶ A 14 gg dalla prima dose:
- ▶ Risposta anticorpale molto bassa o nulla
- ▶ Protezione clinicamente rilevante

Come definire nel tempo
la necessità di una terza dose?

Livelli anticorpali totali?
Anticorpi neutralizzanti?
Dati di popolazione?
Altro??