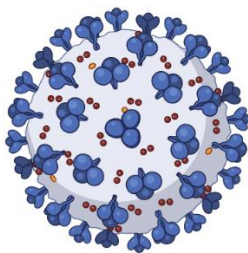


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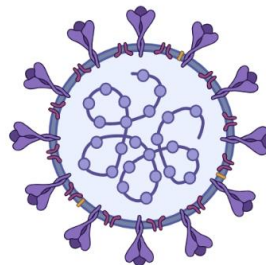
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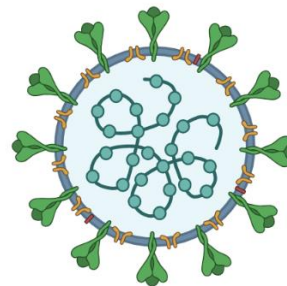
- COVID-19 virus: Transmission & Pathogenesis
- Origins of the virus
- History of the virus
- Vaccinations
- Variants
- Our paper selection



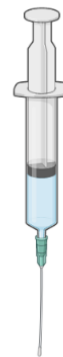
SARS-CoV-2



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SARS-CoV



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Clinical Presentation



Headache



Nausea



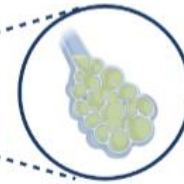
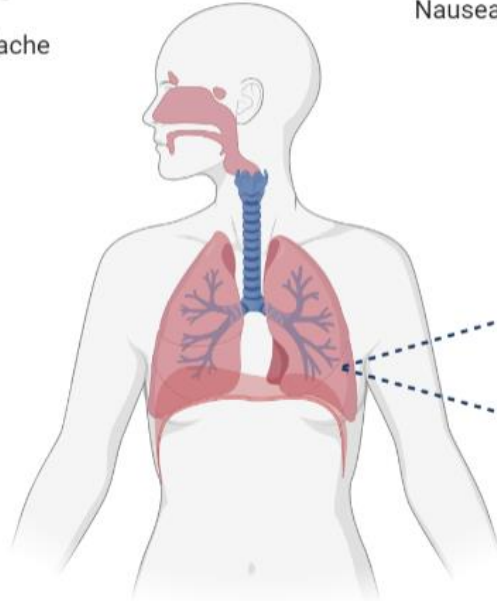
Fever



Anosmia

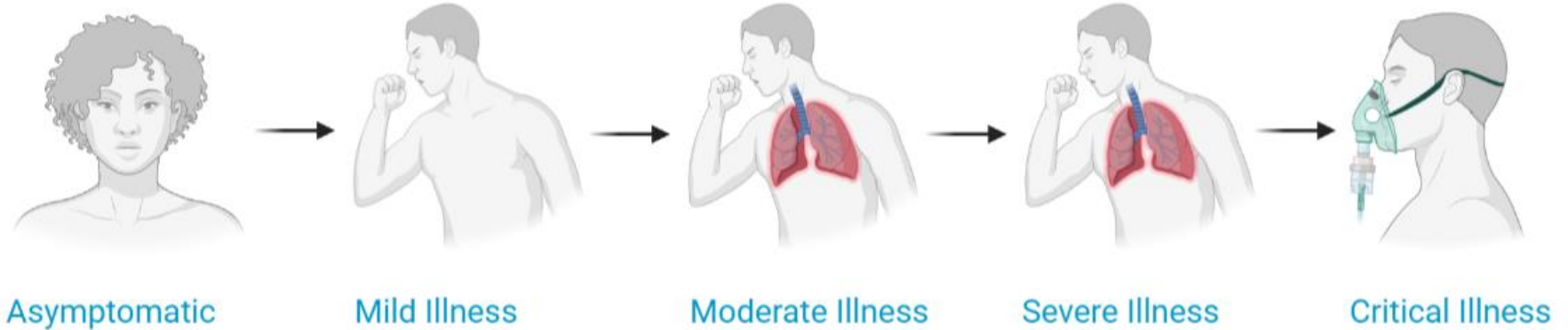


Coughing, difficulty
breathing



Pneumonia in
severe cases

Disease Progression



Variants of Concern: Disease Progression

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B.1.1.7

Discovered:
Dec. 14 2020



B.1.351

Discovered:
Dec. 18 2020



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Discovered:
Dec. 4 2020



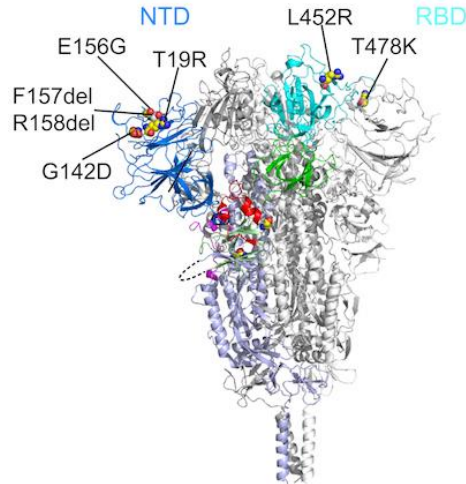
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Discovered:
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B.1.1.529

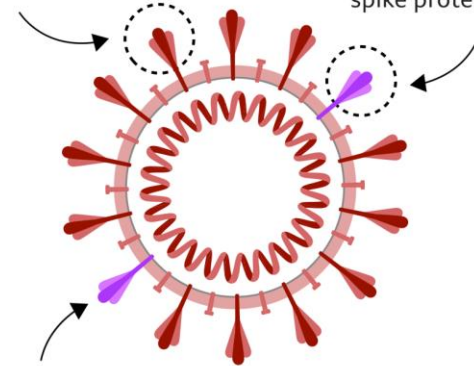
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Delta (B.1.617.2)

Spike protein helps
the virus enter human
cells

New variant has 32
mutations on the
spike protein

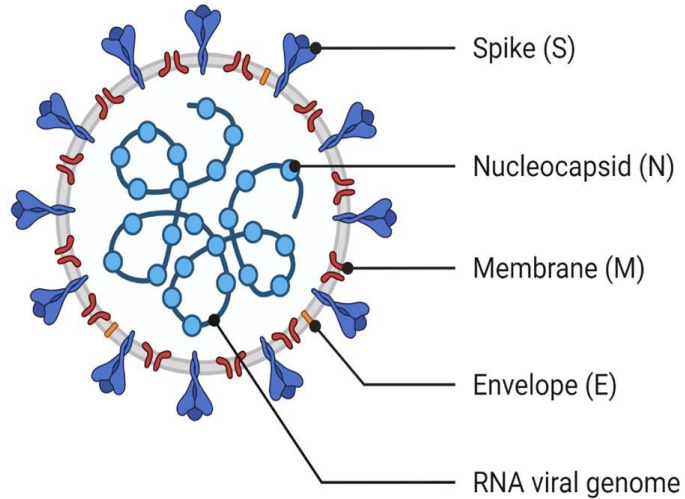
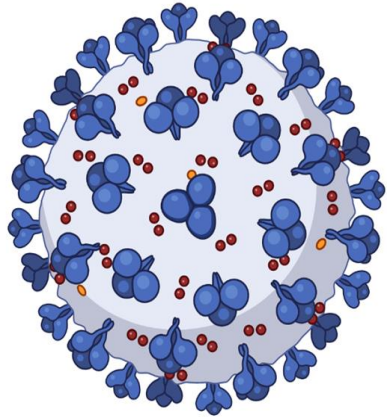


New variant has 10 mutations
on the 'receptor binding domain'
- which gains entry to cells

(BBC News, 2021)

(Boston Children's Hospital, 2021)

Genome and Structure



ACE2

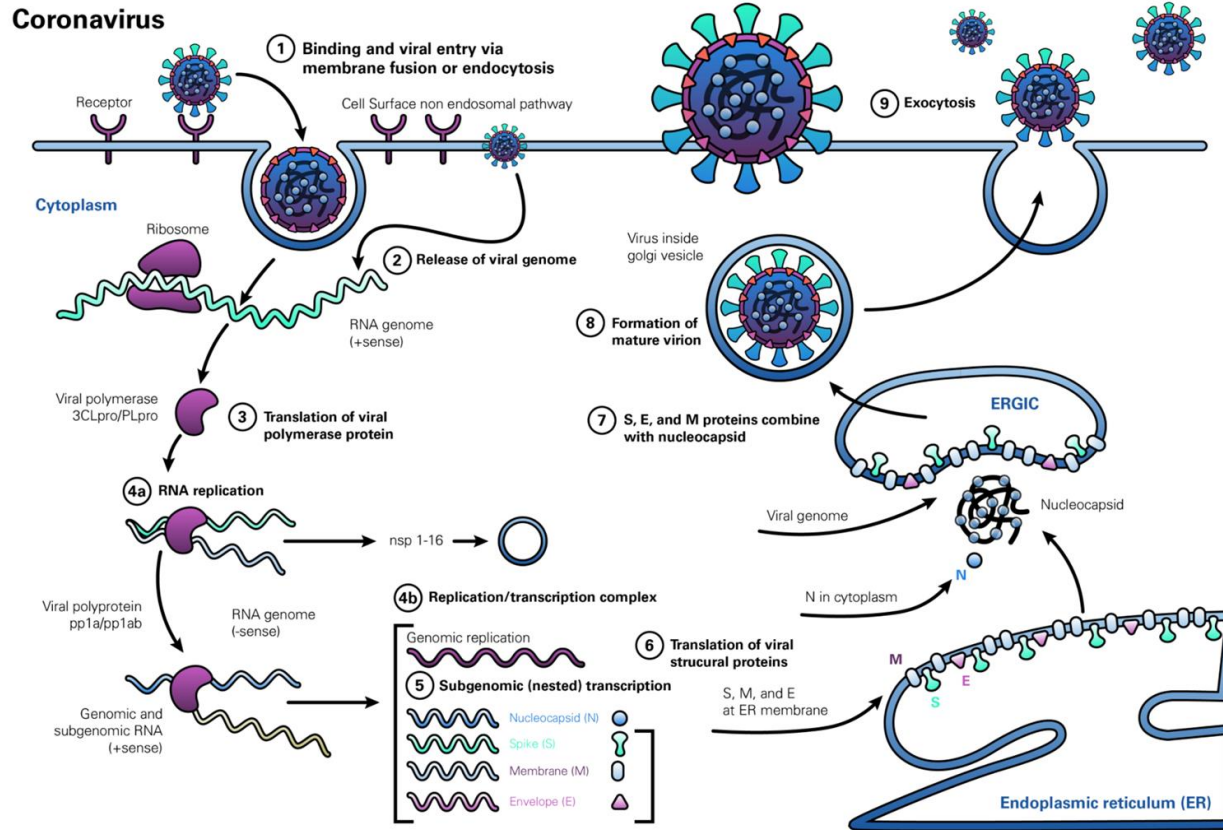


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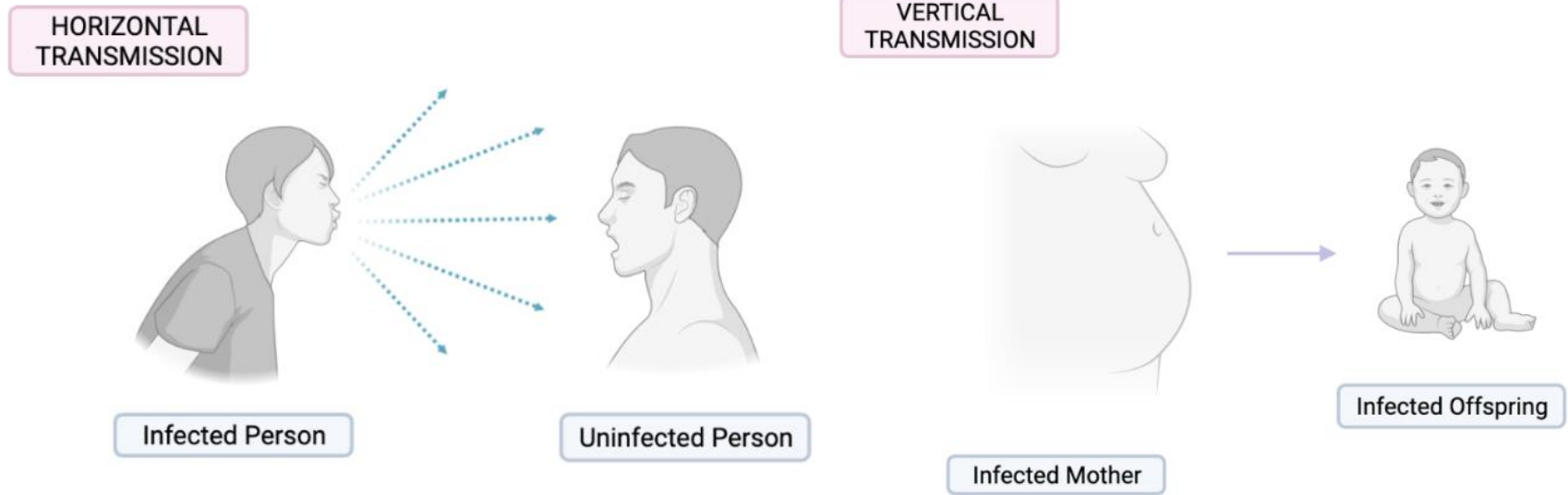


Epithelial cell

Viral Life Cycle



Transmission - Introduction & Infectious Period



Common Modes of Transmission

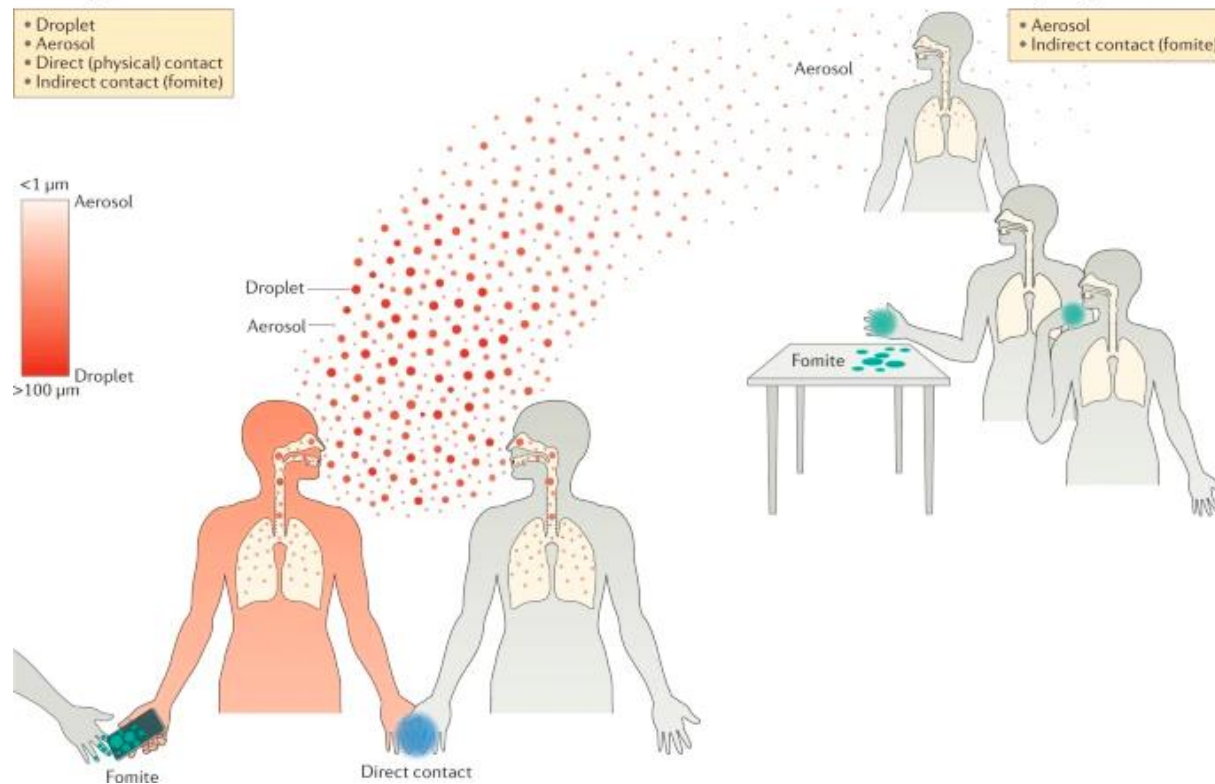
Short-range transmission

- Droplet
- Aerosol
- Direct (physical) contact
- Indirect contact (fomite)

<1 μm Aerosol



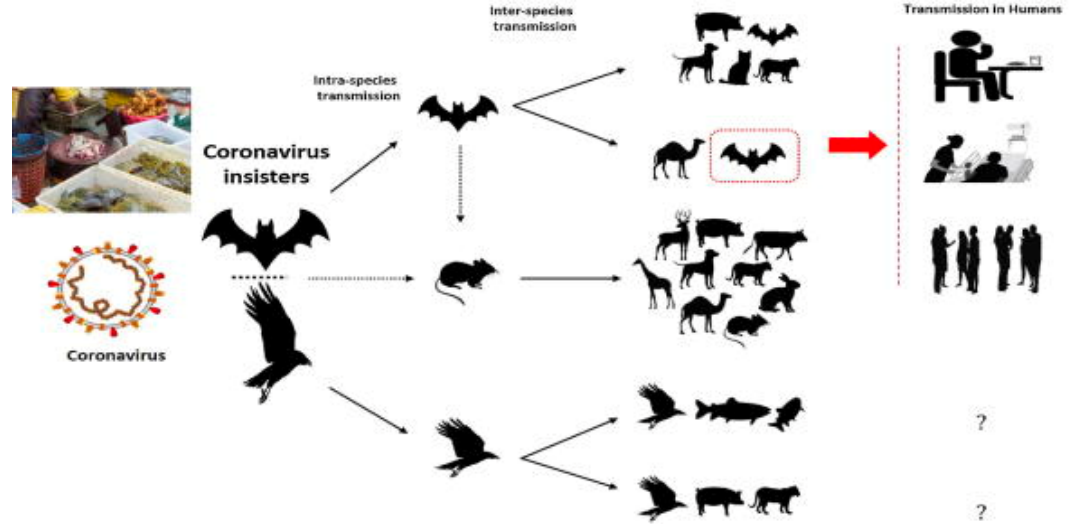
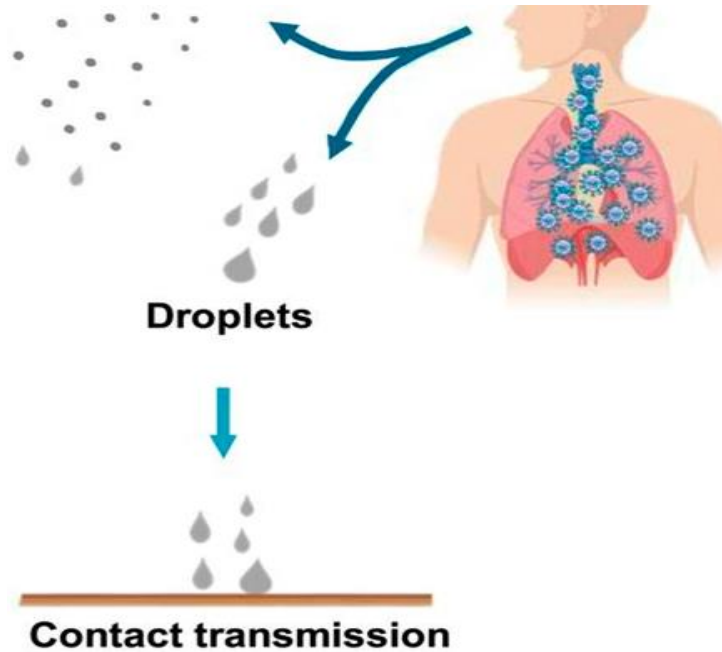
>100 μm Droplet



Long-range transmission

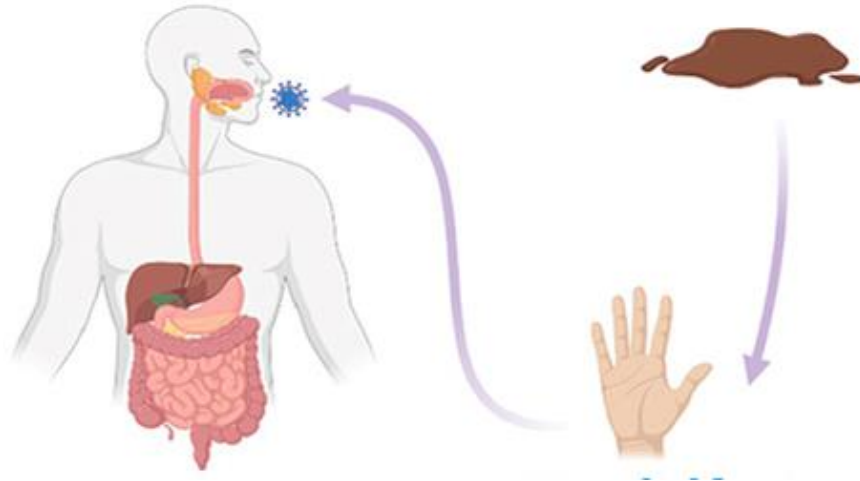
- Aerosol
- Indirect contact (fomite)

Rare Modes of Transmission

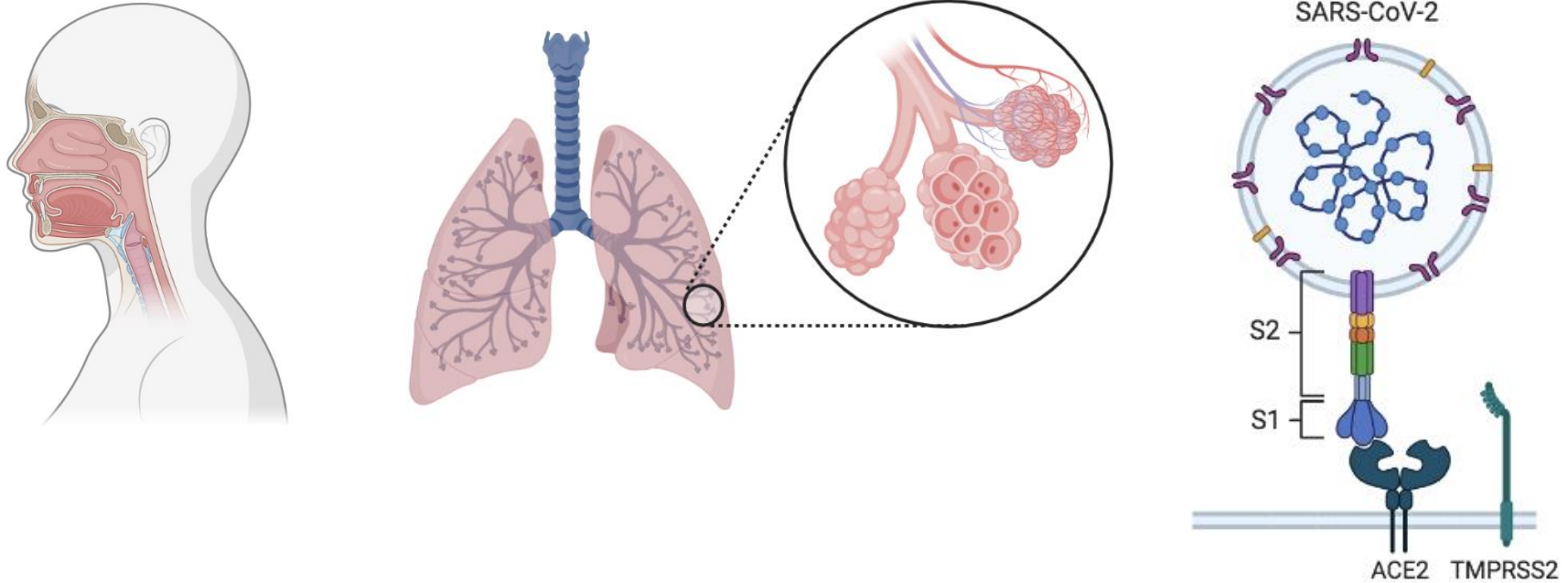


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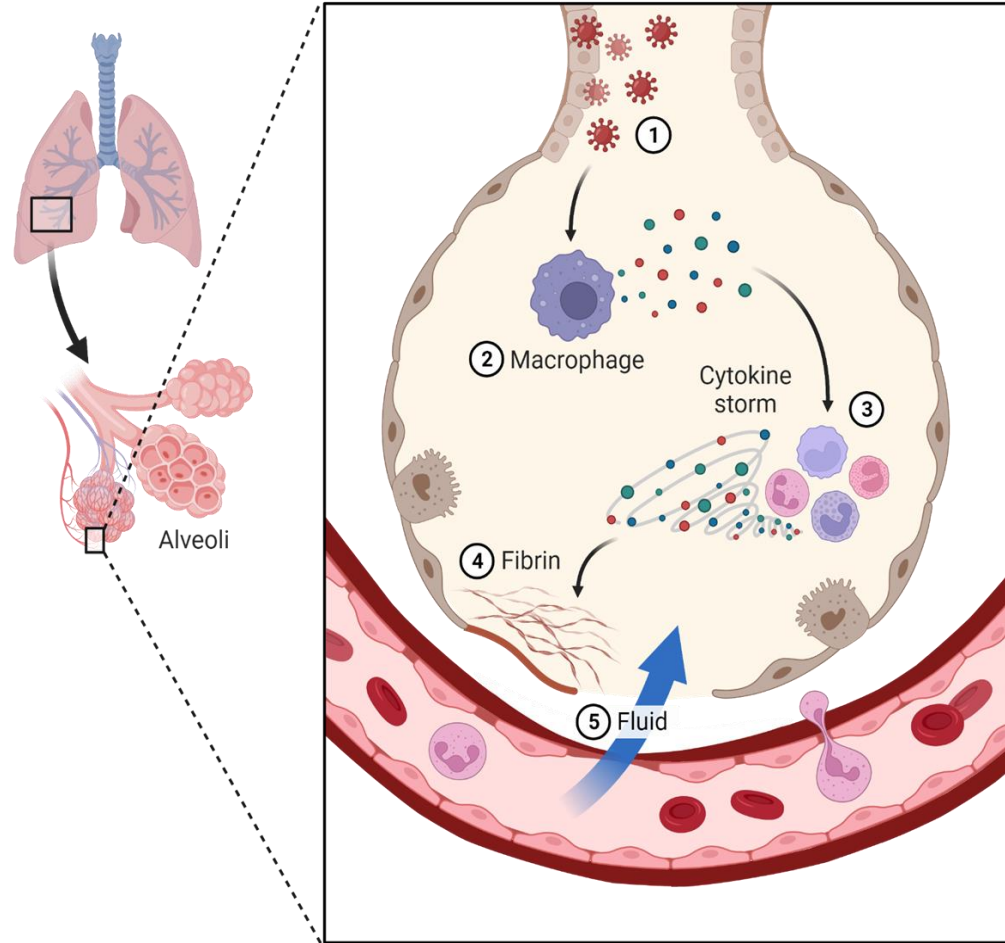
Fecal-oral transmission



Pathogenesis - Early Stages of Infection

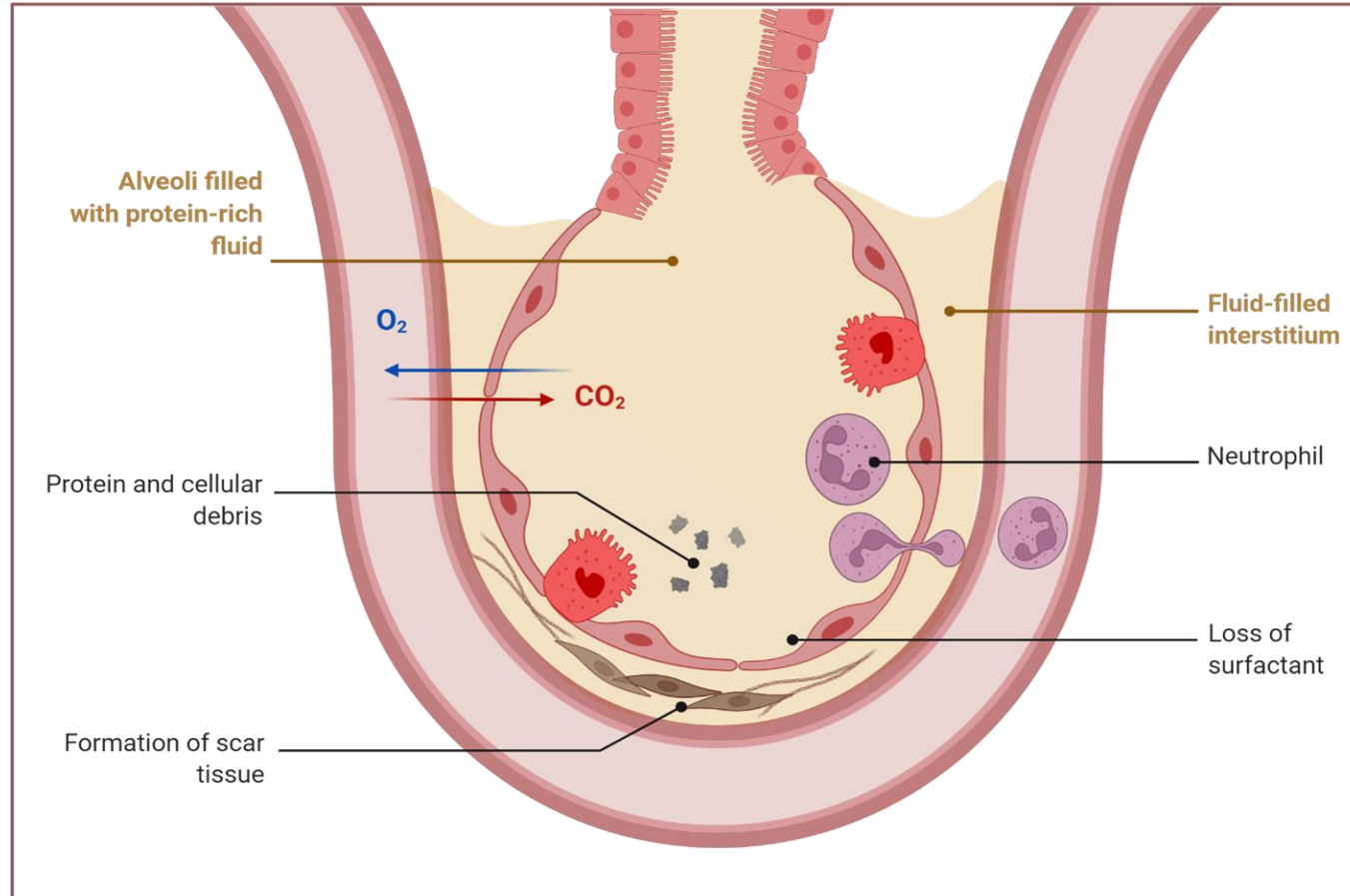


COVID-19 Cytokine Storm

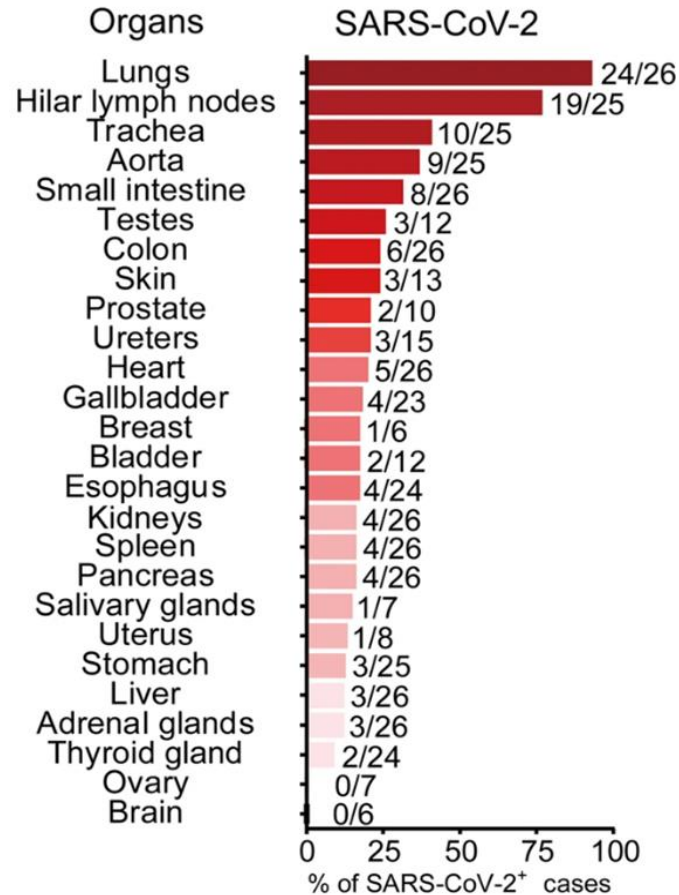


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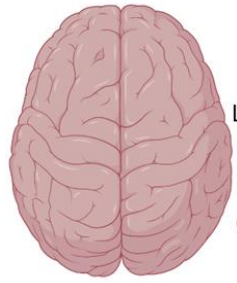
- Flooding compromises gas exchange
- Fibrosis reduces gas exchange surface area
- Loss of surfactant reduces compliance



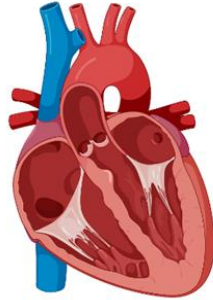
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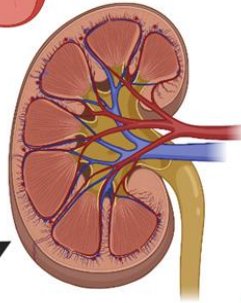
SARS-CoV-2 Viremia & Systemic Infection



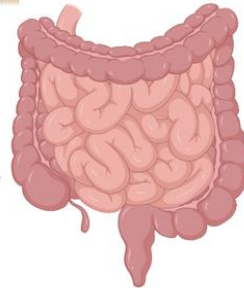
Headache
Dizziness
Loss of balance
Sensory deprivation
Impaired consciousness



Arrhythmia
Chest Pain



Proteinuria
Kidney Failure



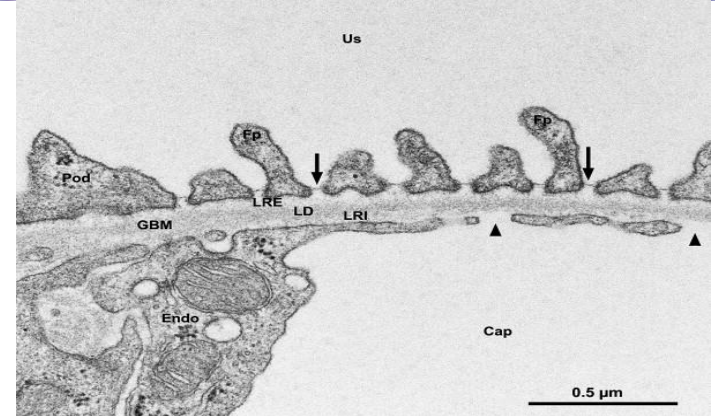
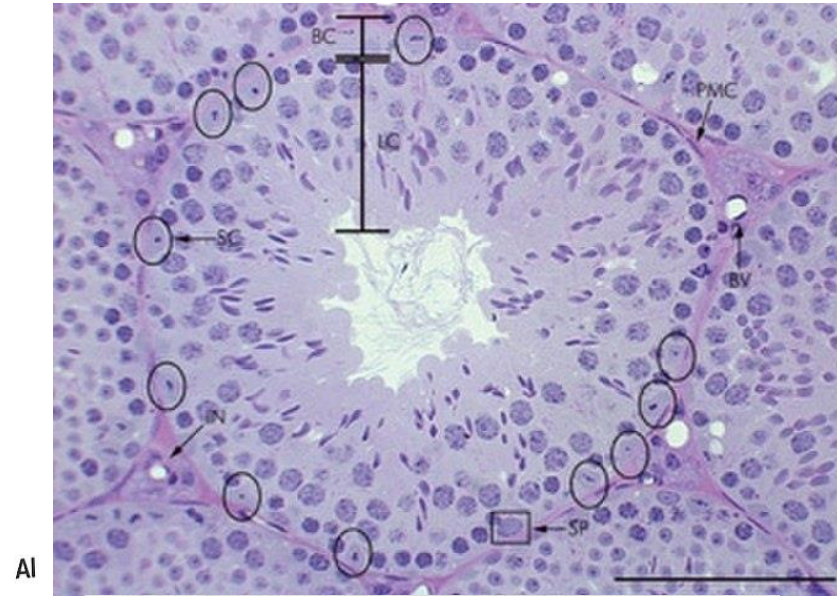
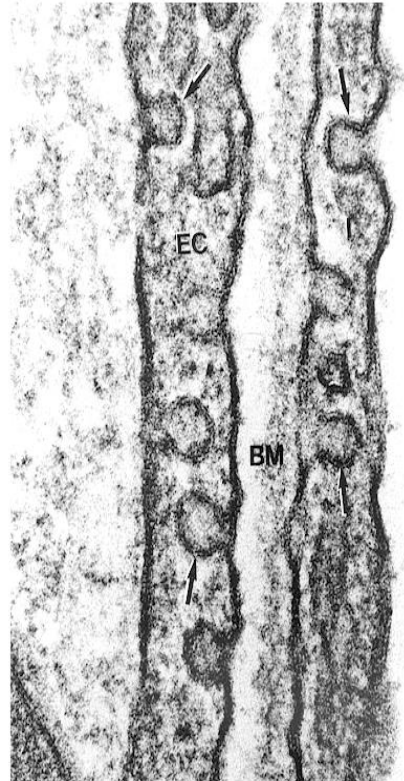
Nausea
Diarrhea
Anorexia
Reduced Blood Pressure/ Volume

14 Days Before
Viremia



Knowledge Gaps

- Are physiological barriers being penetrated en route to infection sites?
- If so, how?
- Key host cell targets for systemic dissemination and infection of protected regions?
- Differences in viral entry for extrapulmonary tissue?



Knowledge Gaps

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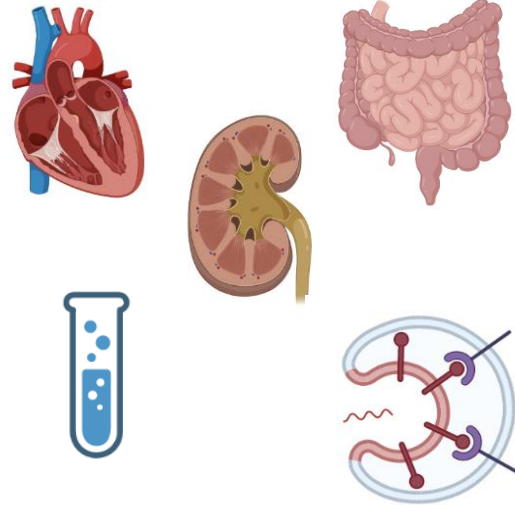
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Conclusion & Next Steps

- COVID-19 disease migration from pulmonary tissue to targets such as the heart, kidney and intestines
- Understanding the binding mechanism employed to target non-pulmonary tissue
- Potential therapeutic applications
- Mechanisms of cell infiltration and replication
- Understanding COVID-19 strains and mutants



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