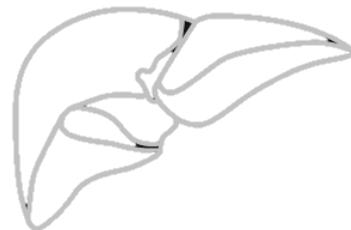


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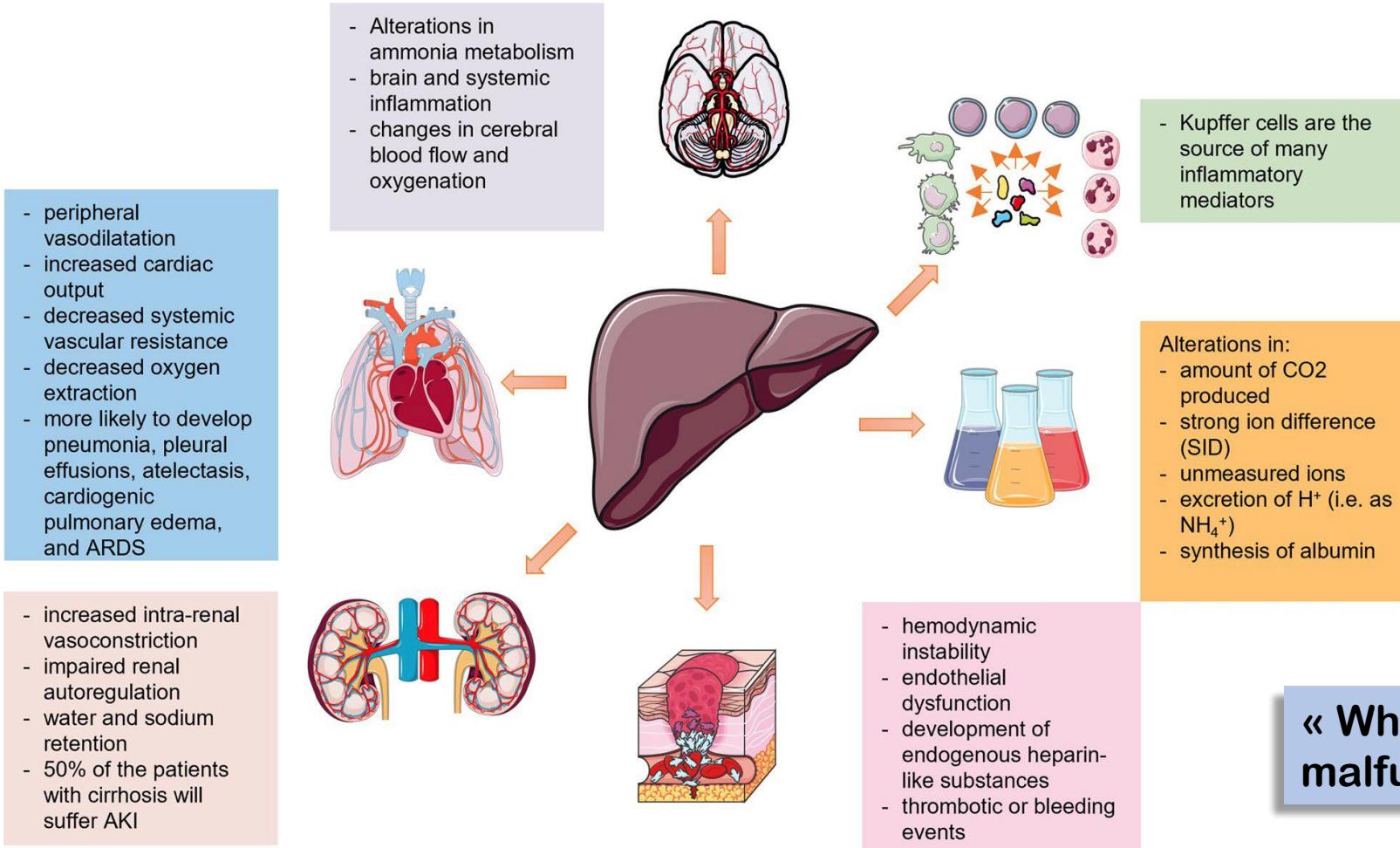
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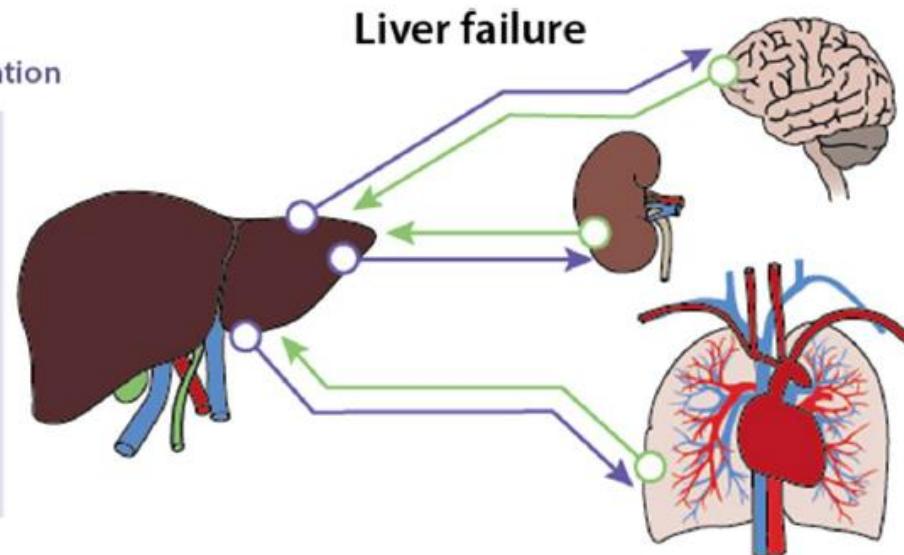
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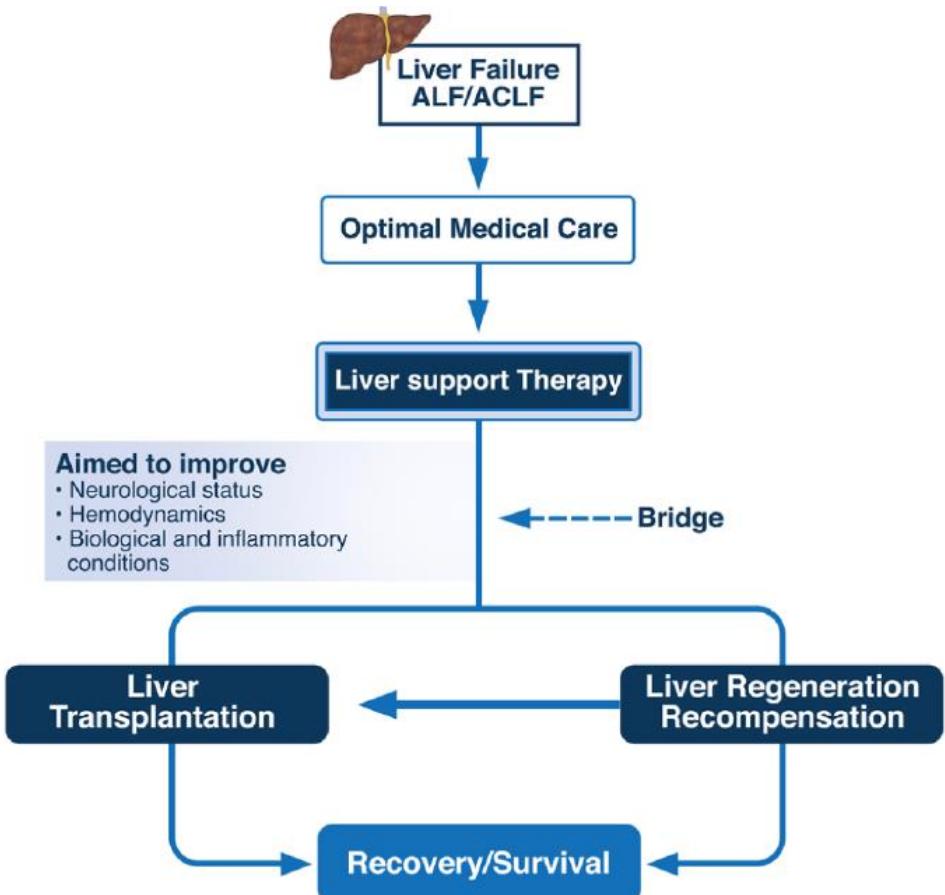
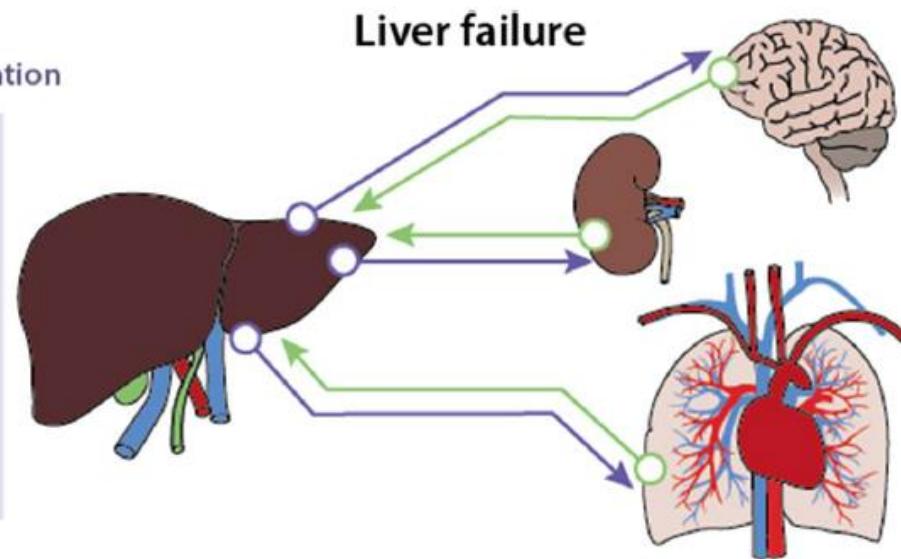
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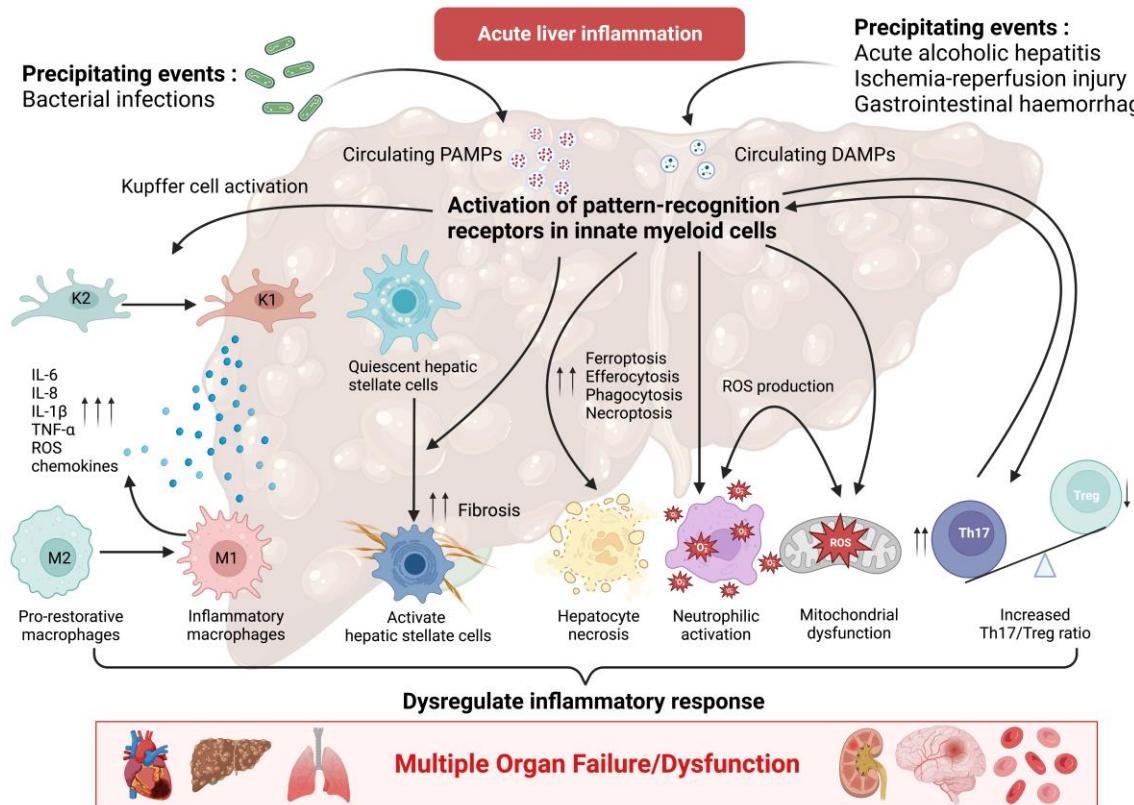
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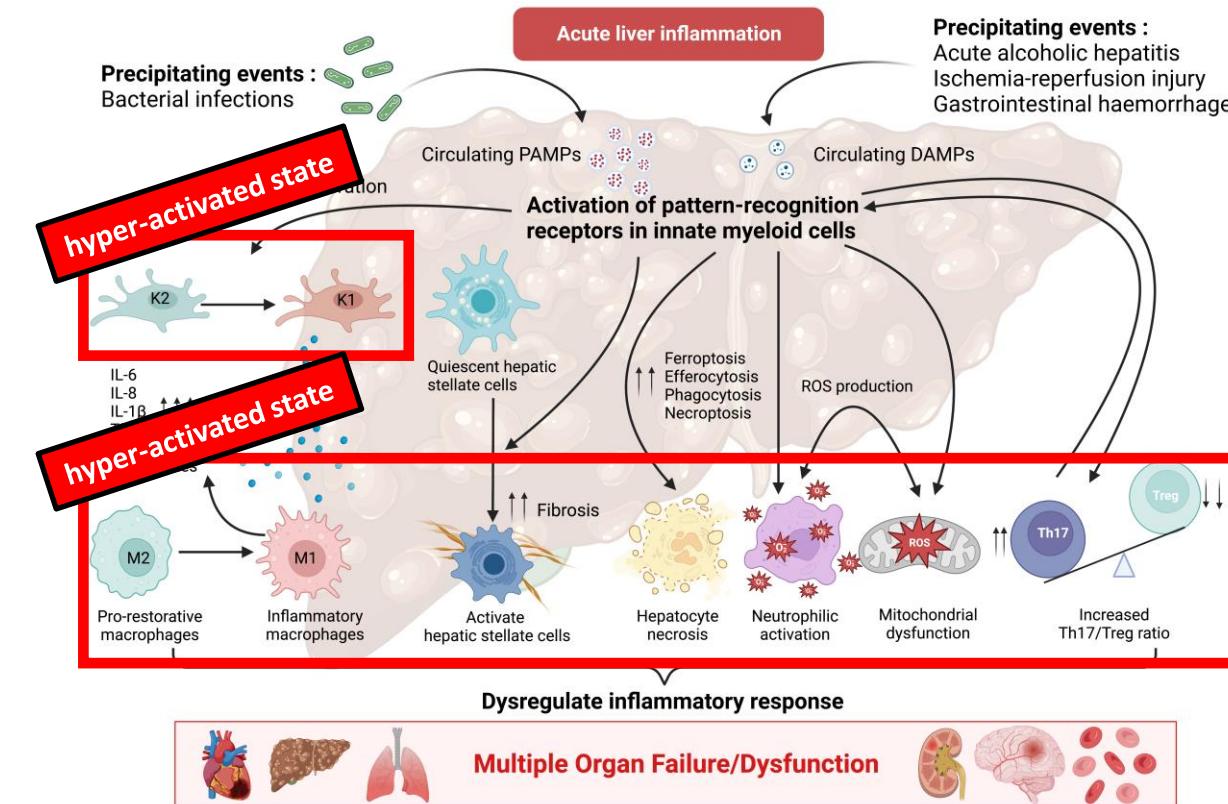
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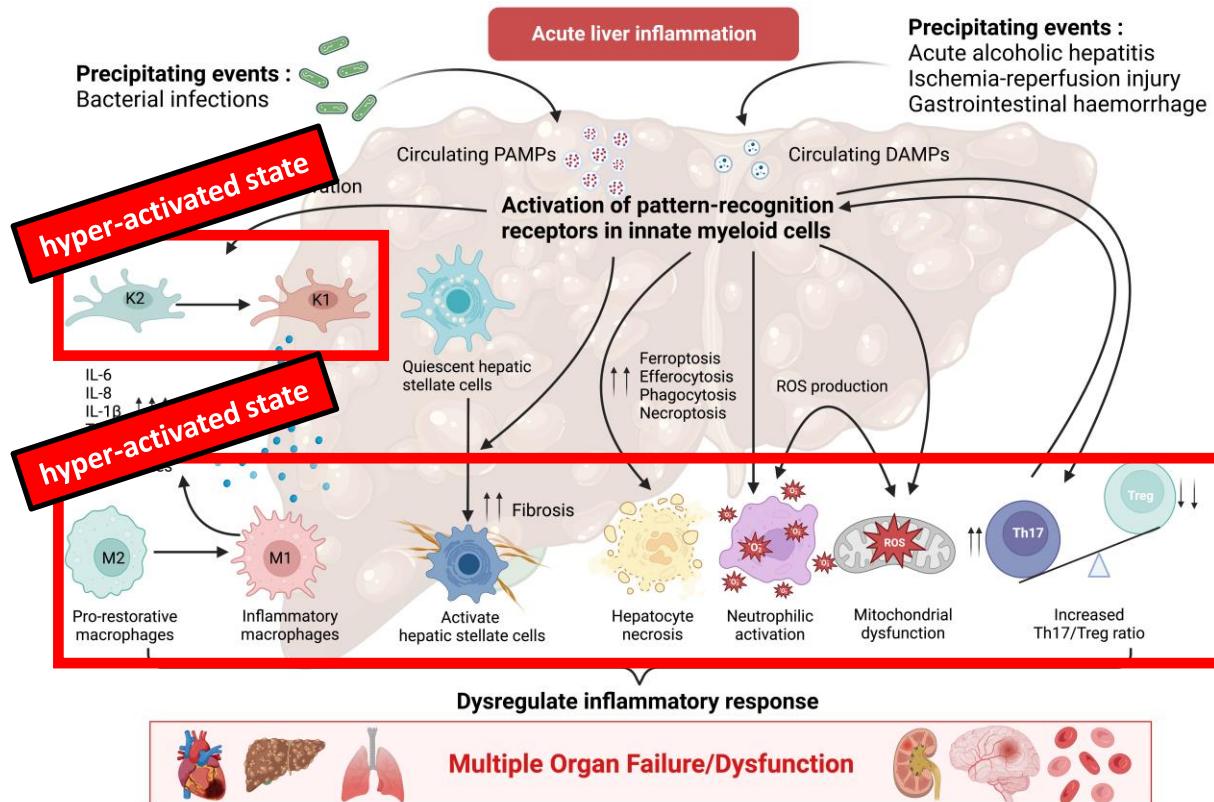
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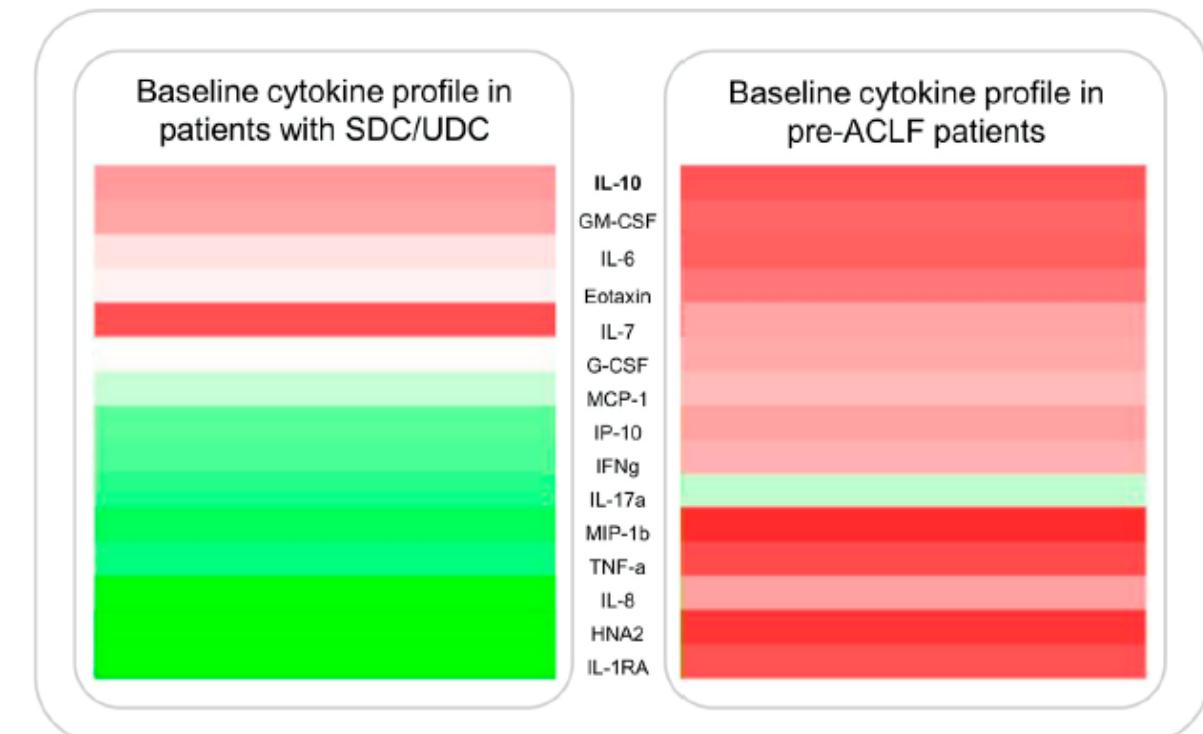
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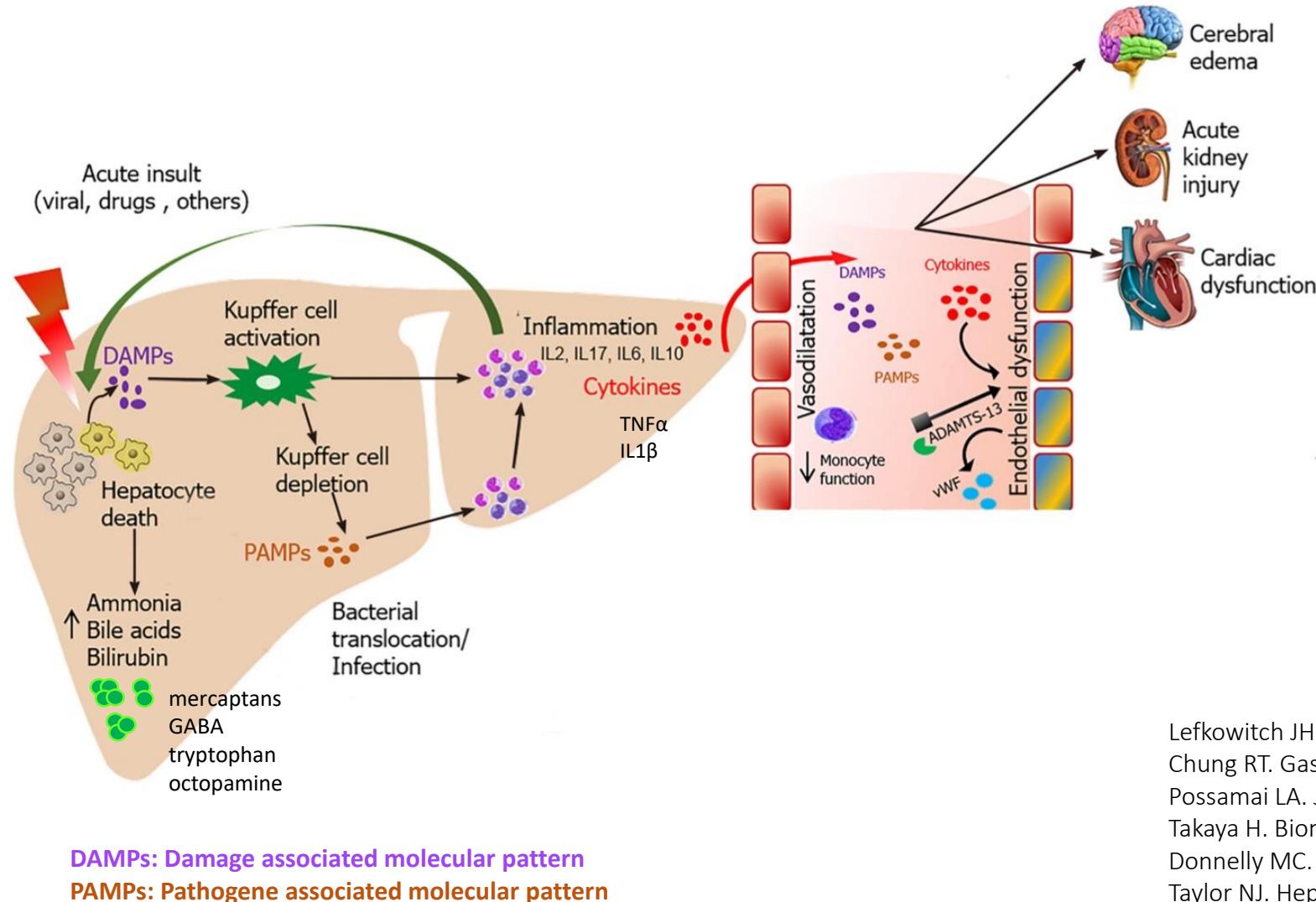
« maladaptive » acute inflammation



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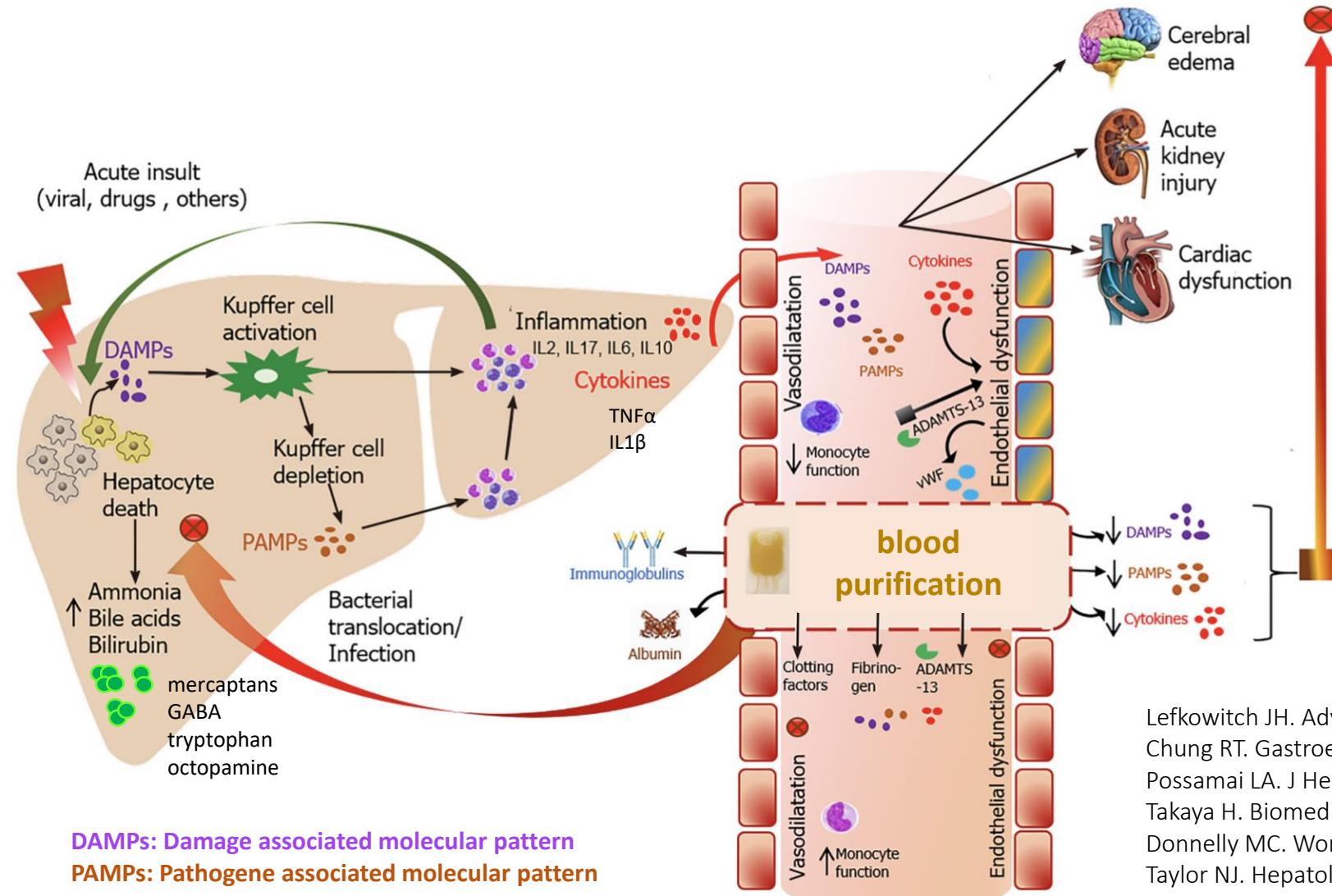
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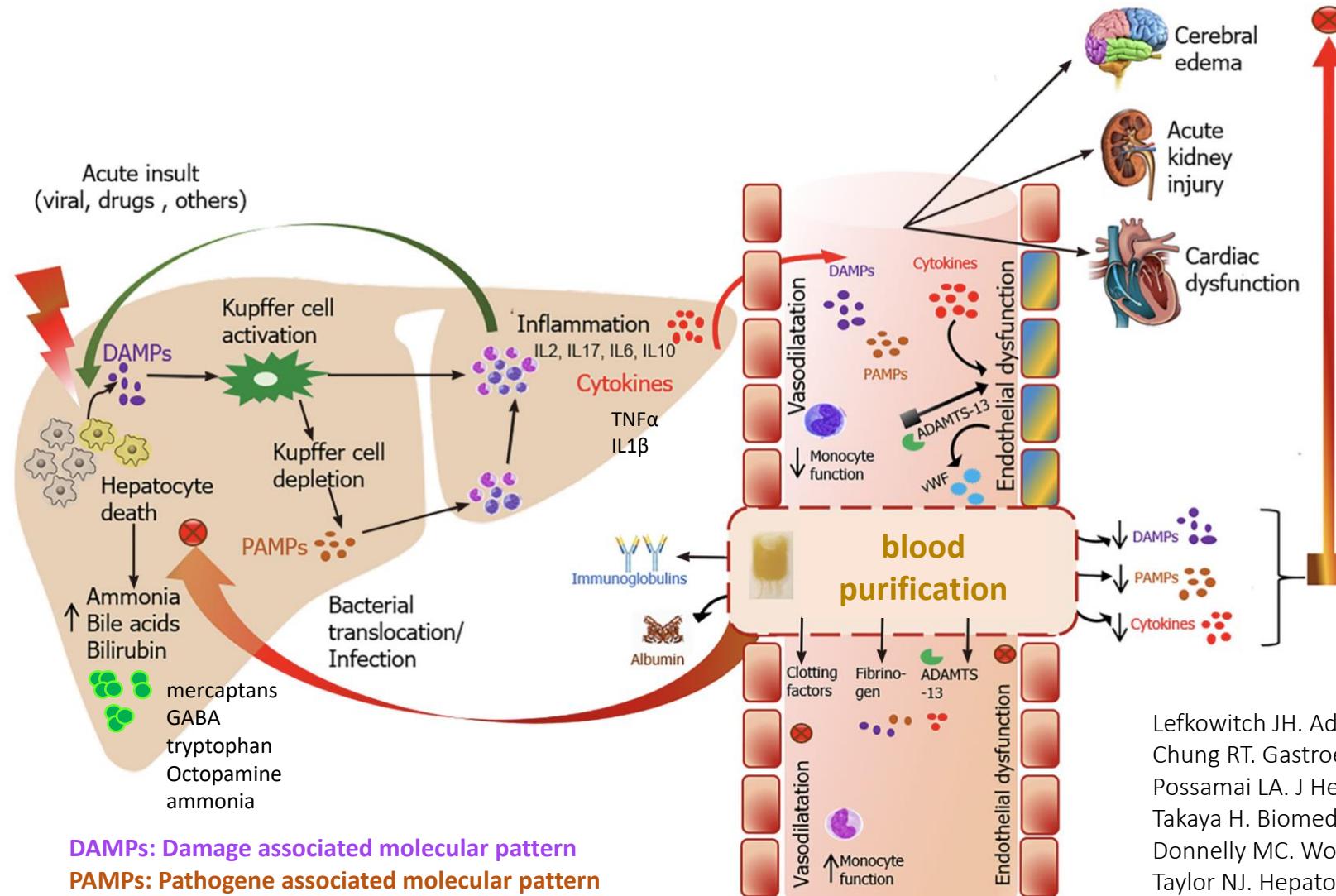
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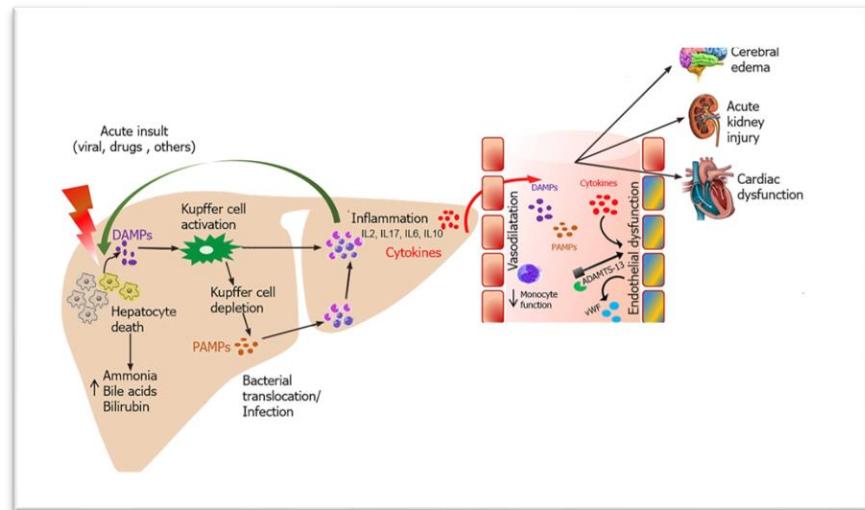
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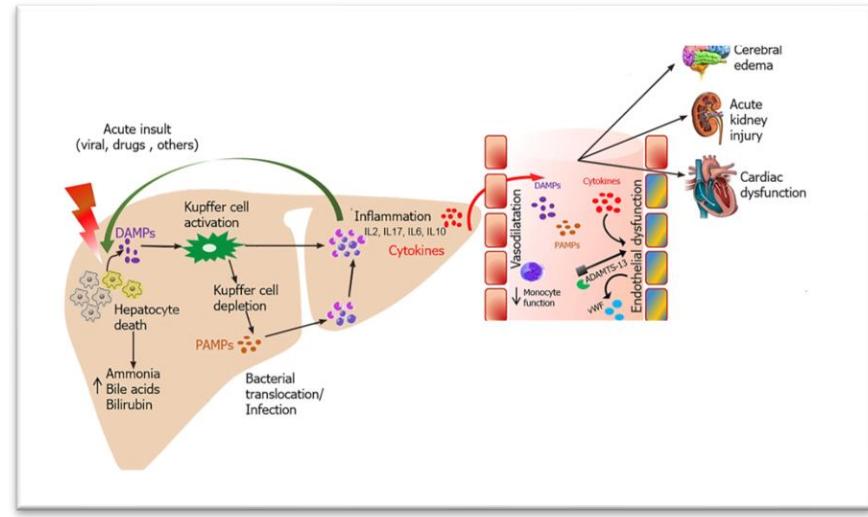


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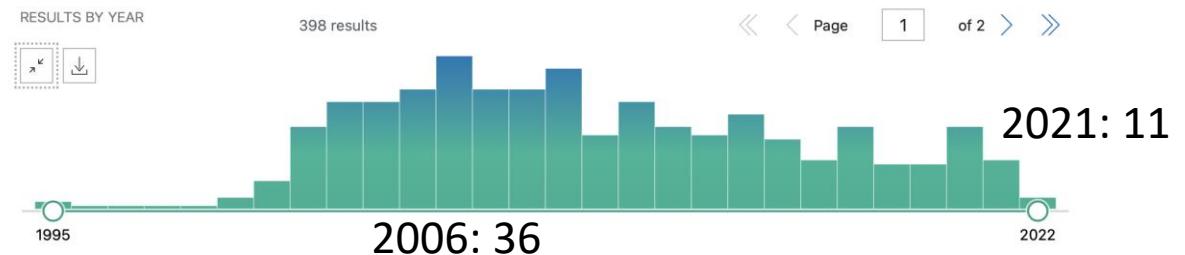


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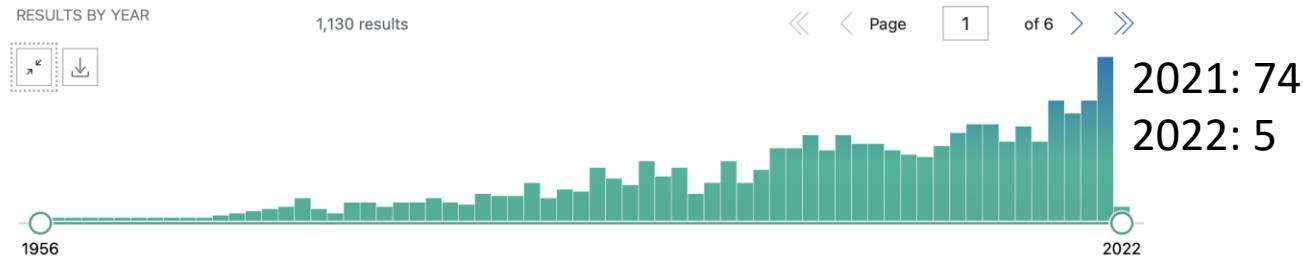


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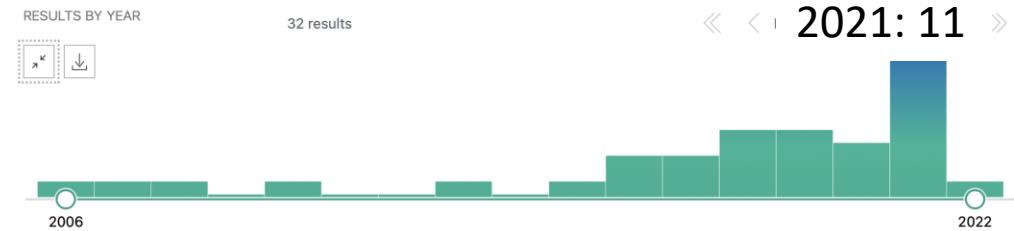
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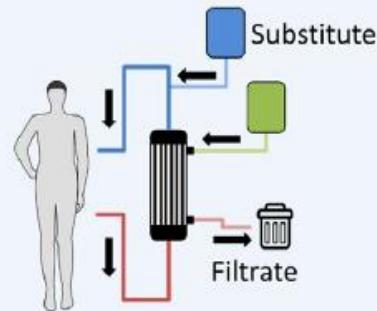
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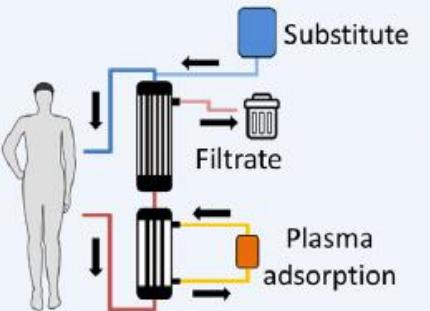
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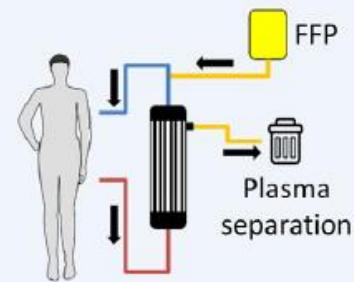
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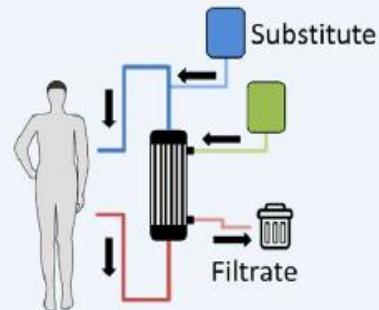
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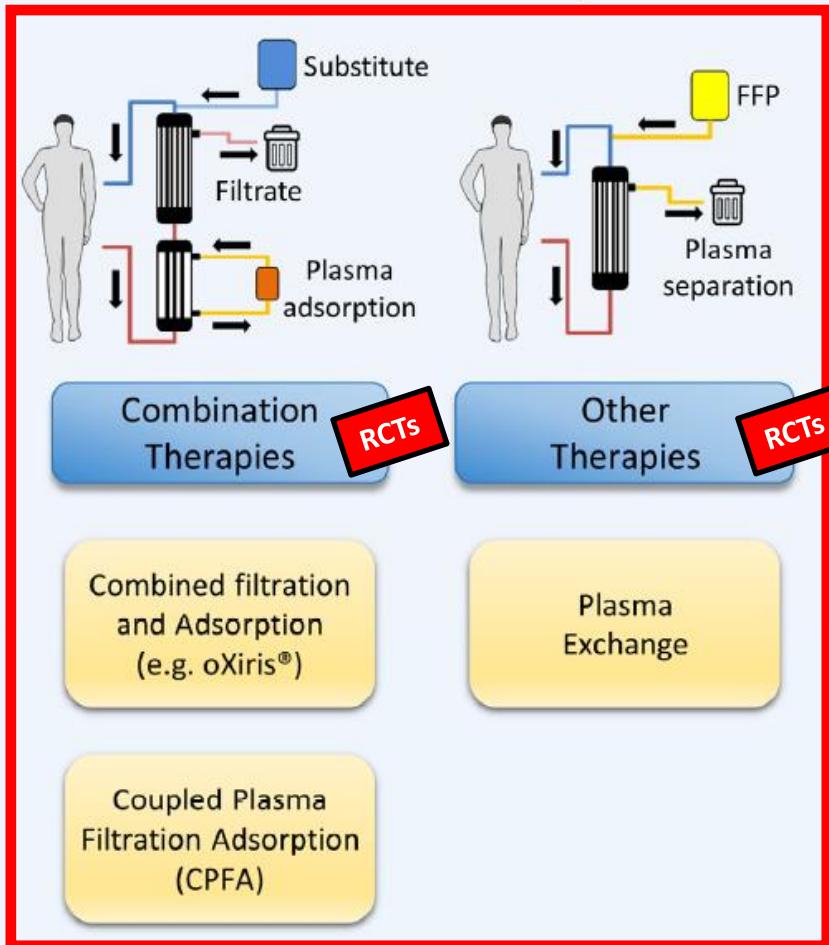
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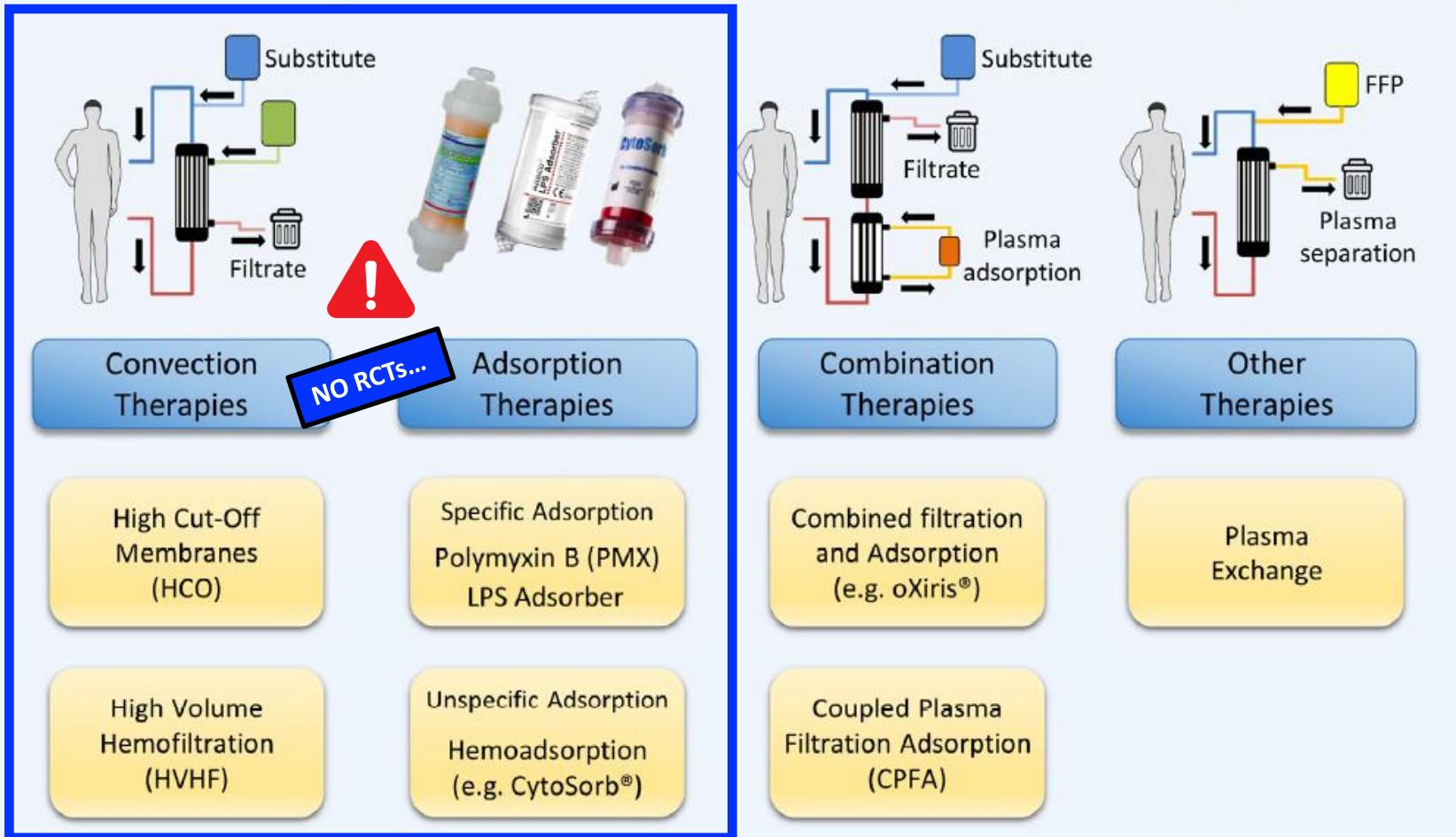
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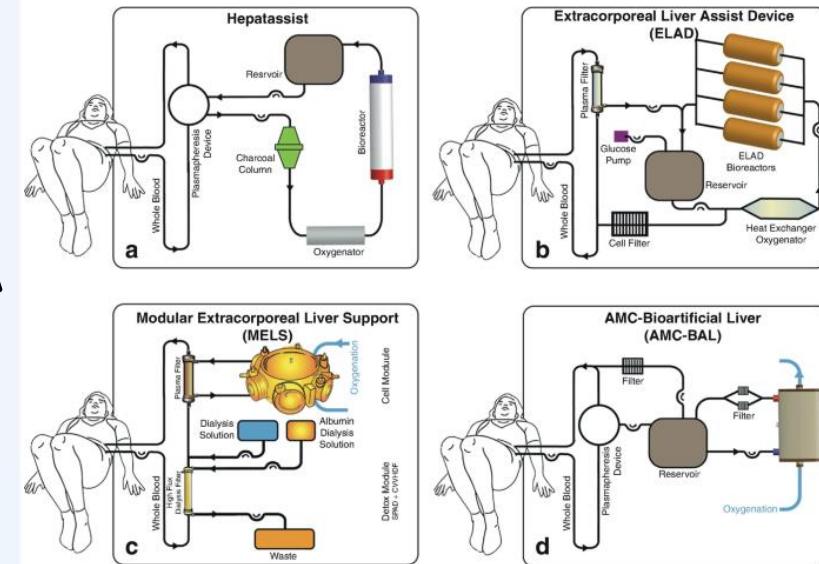
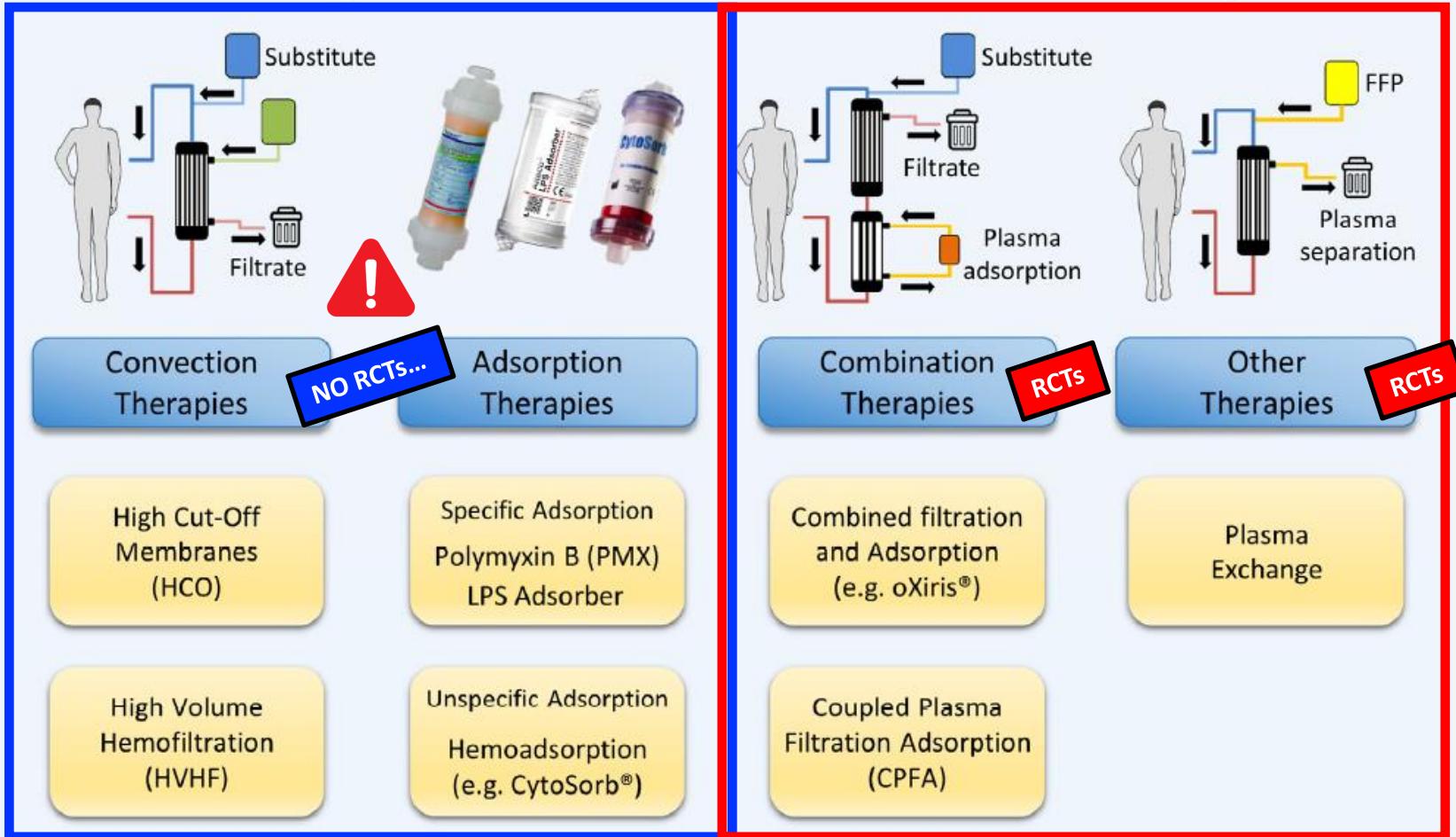
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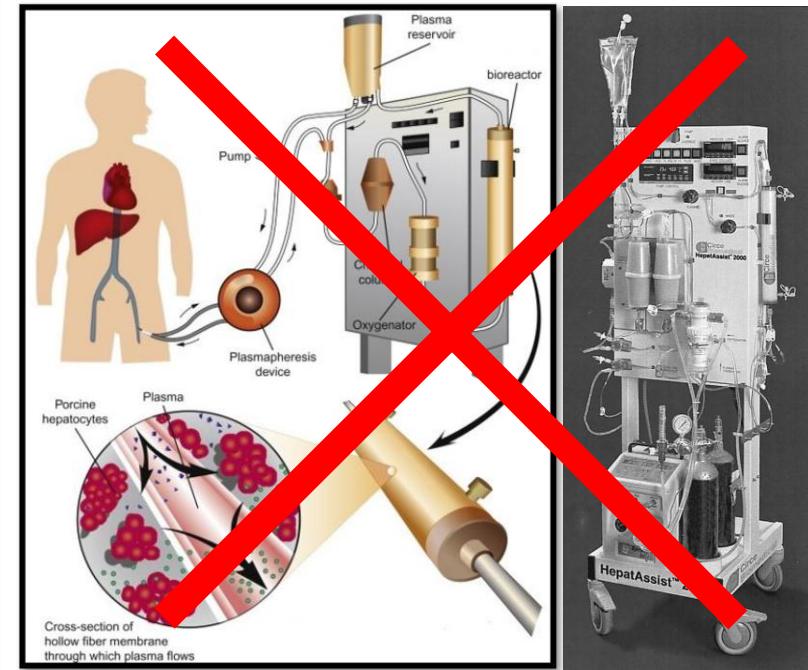
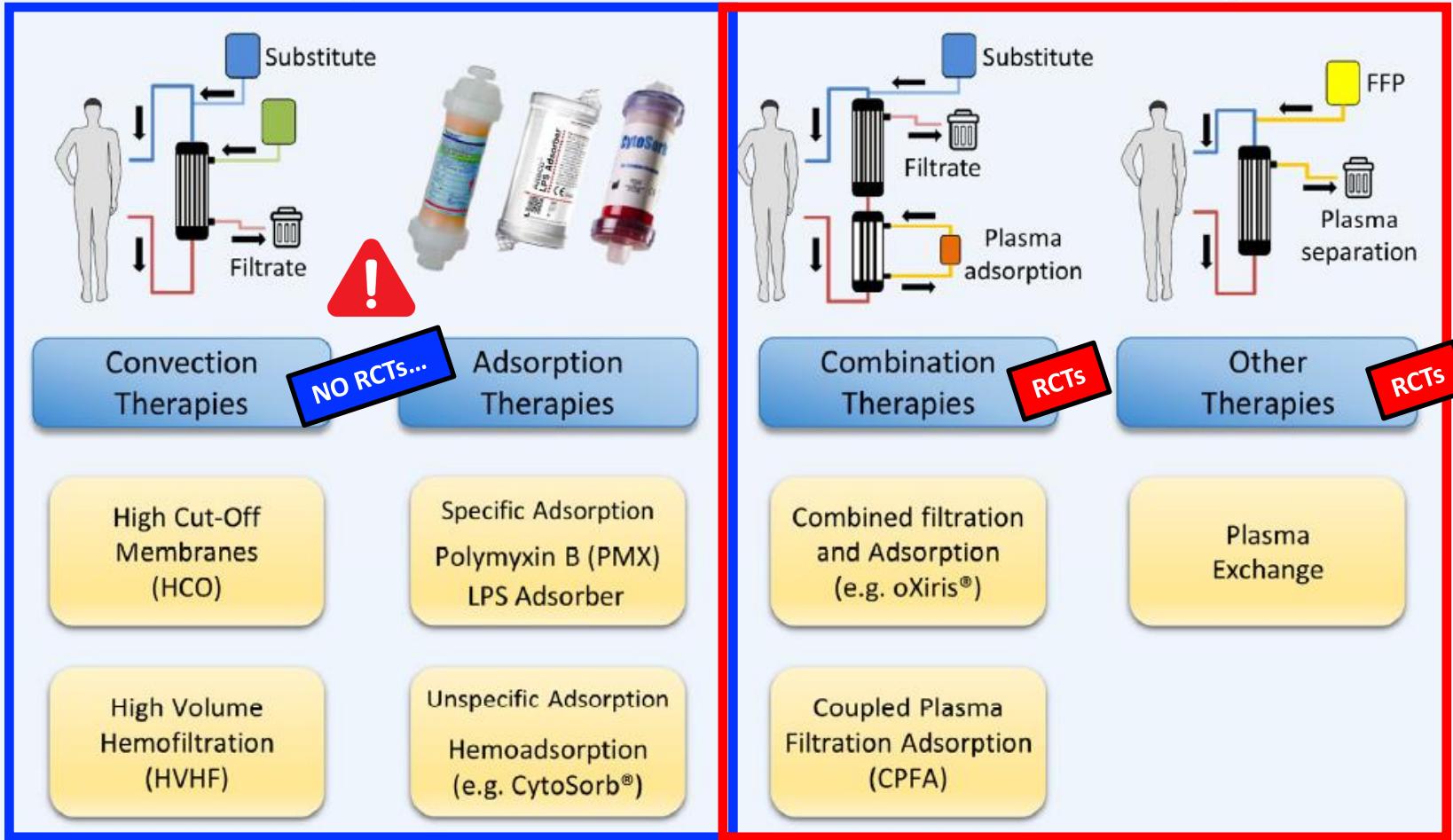
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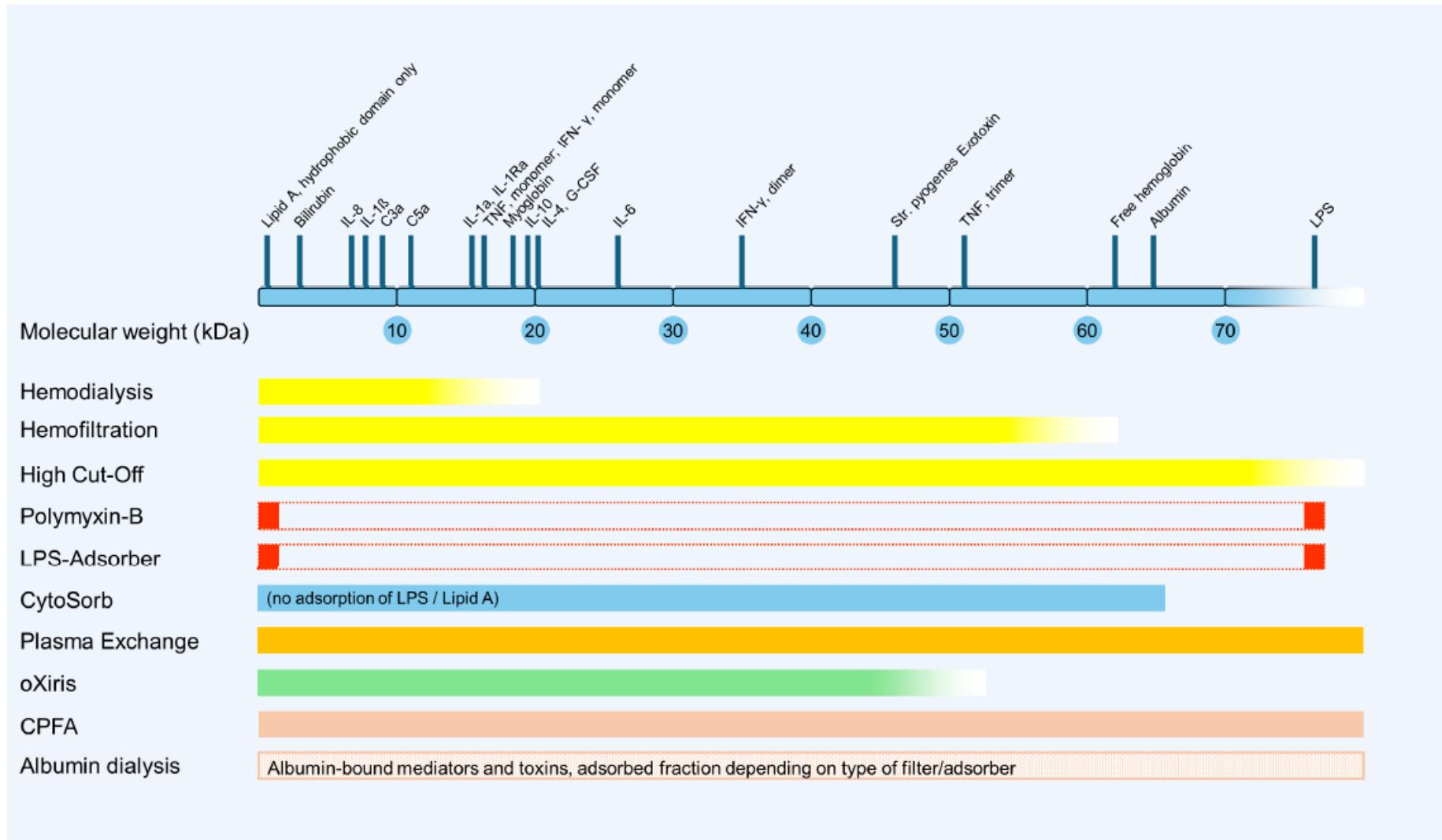
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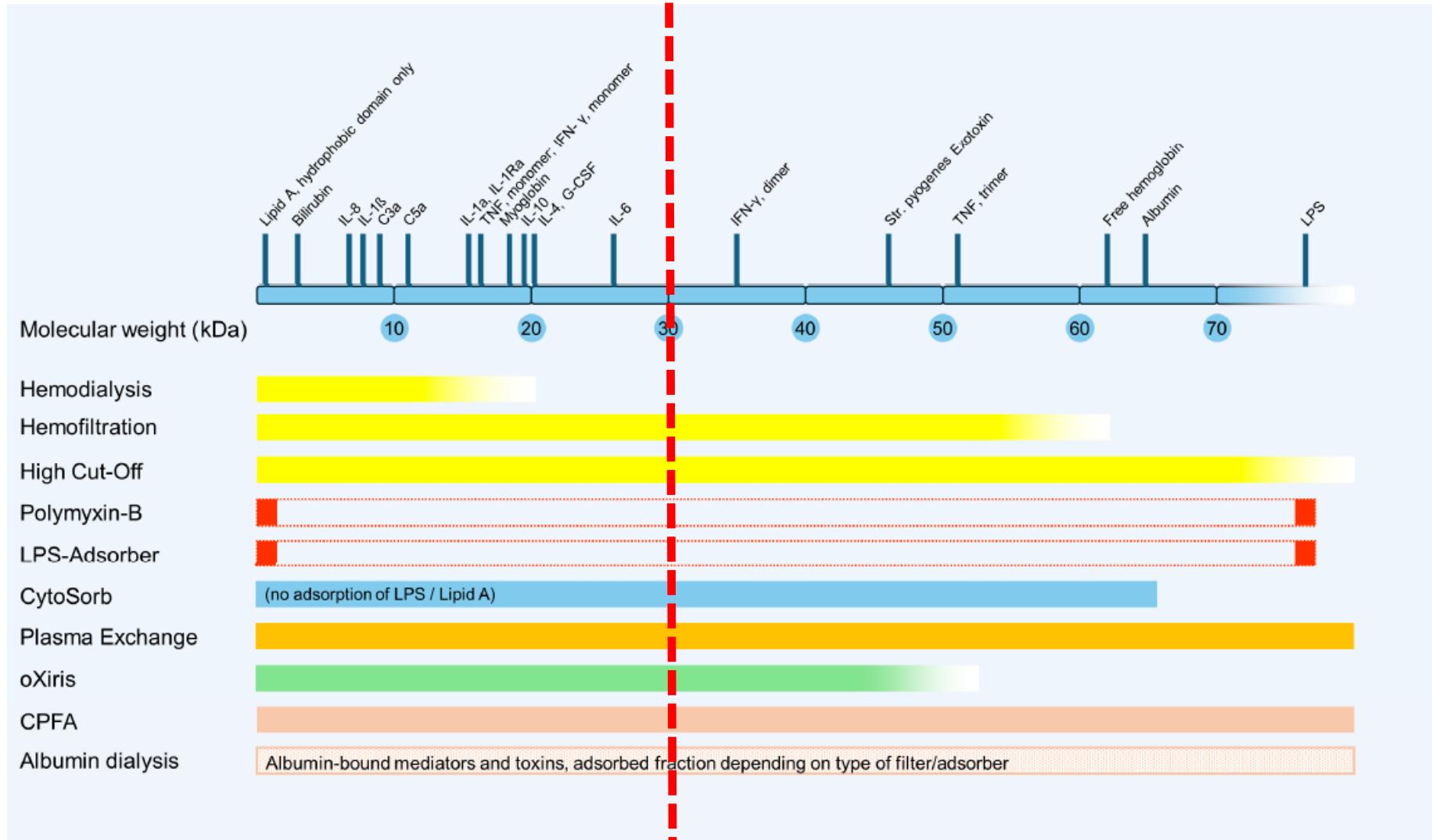


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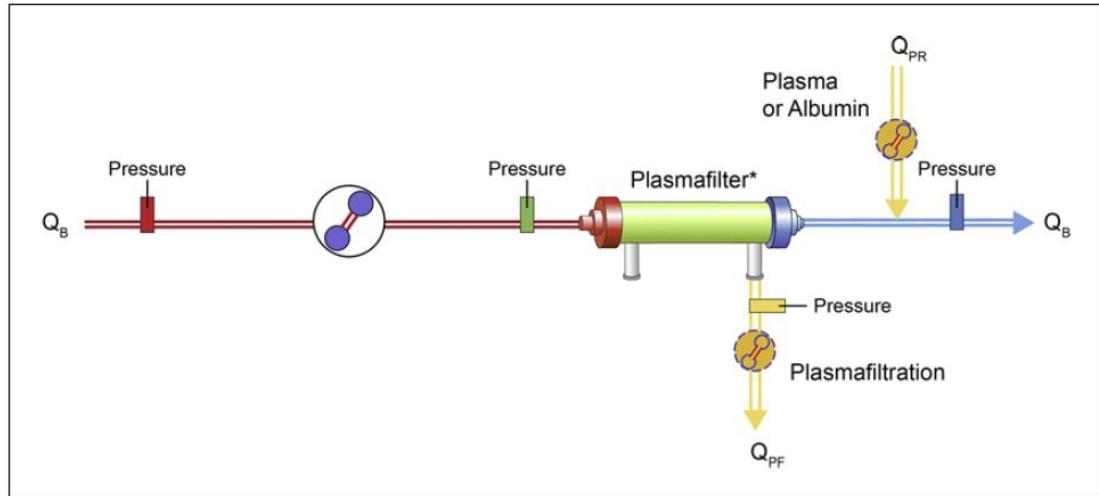
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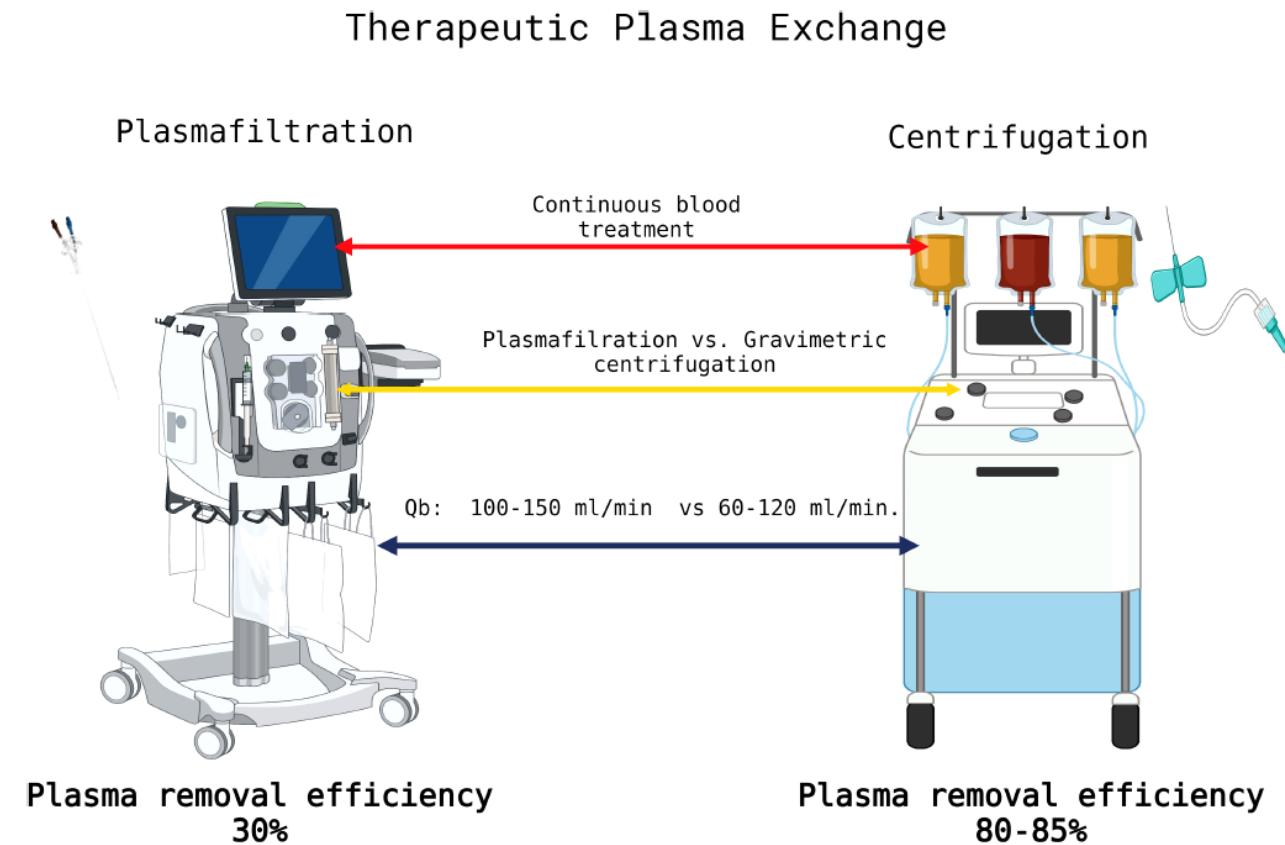
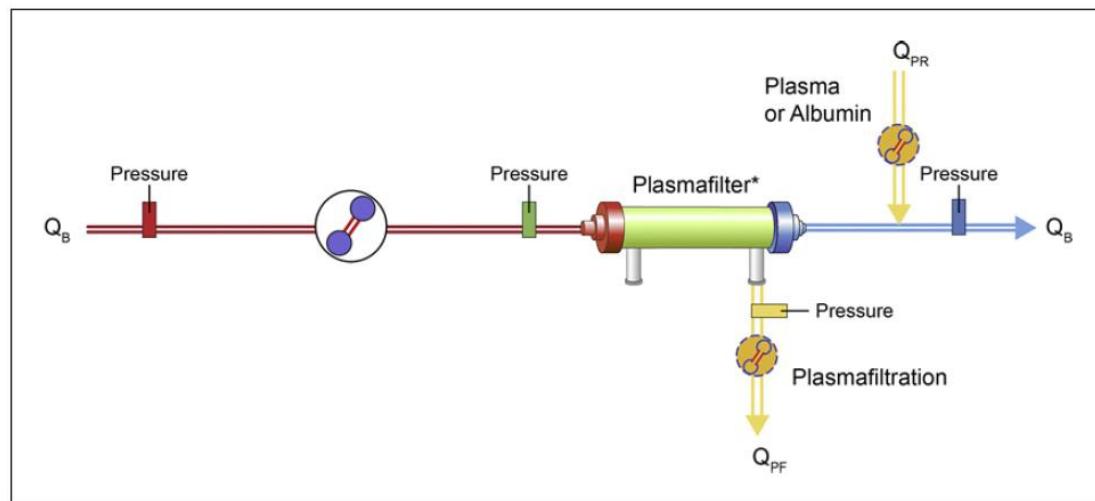
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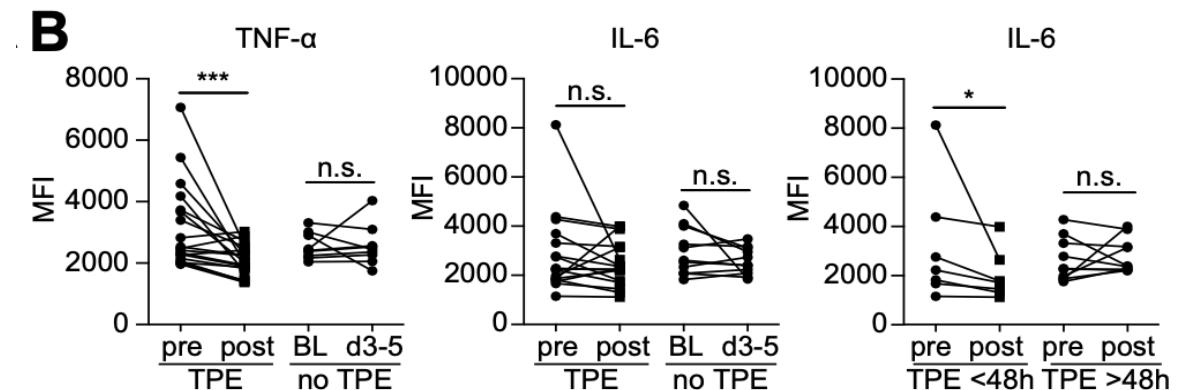
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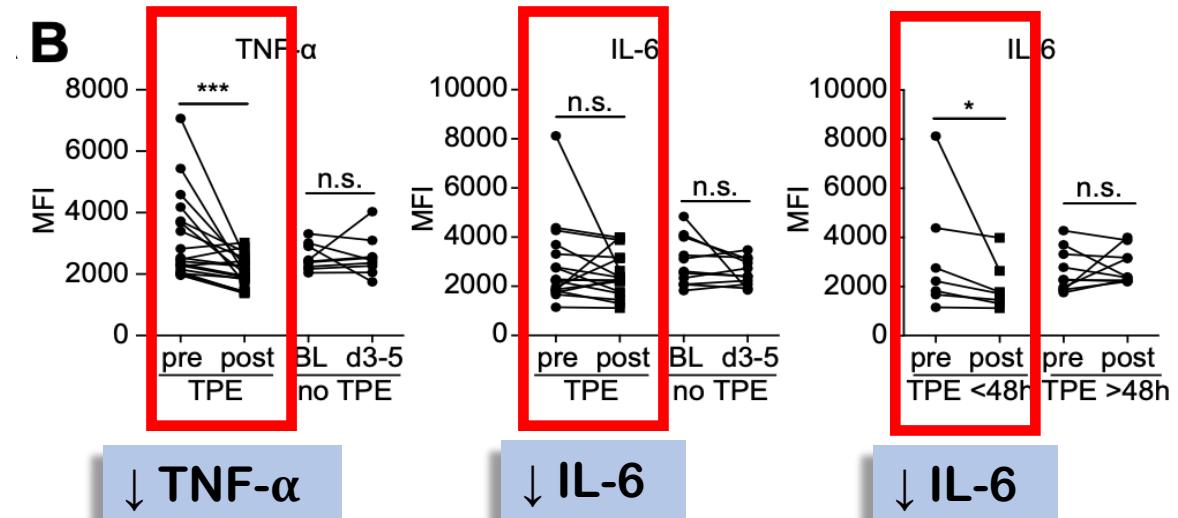
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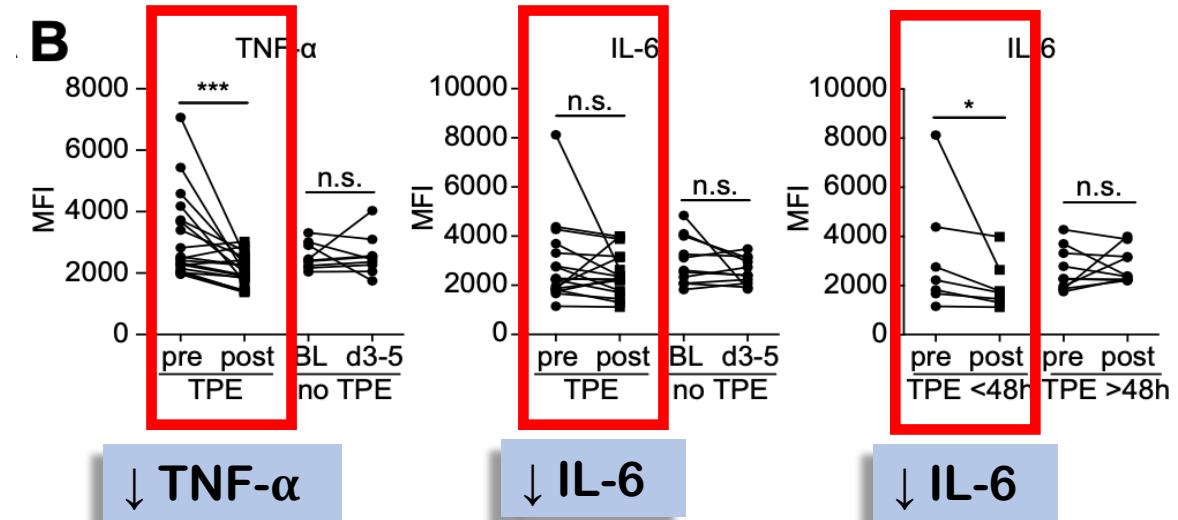
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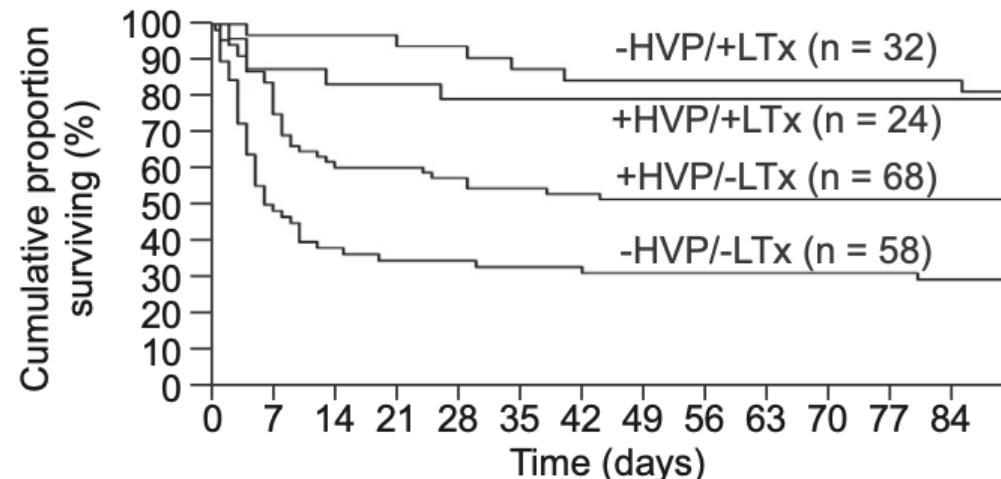
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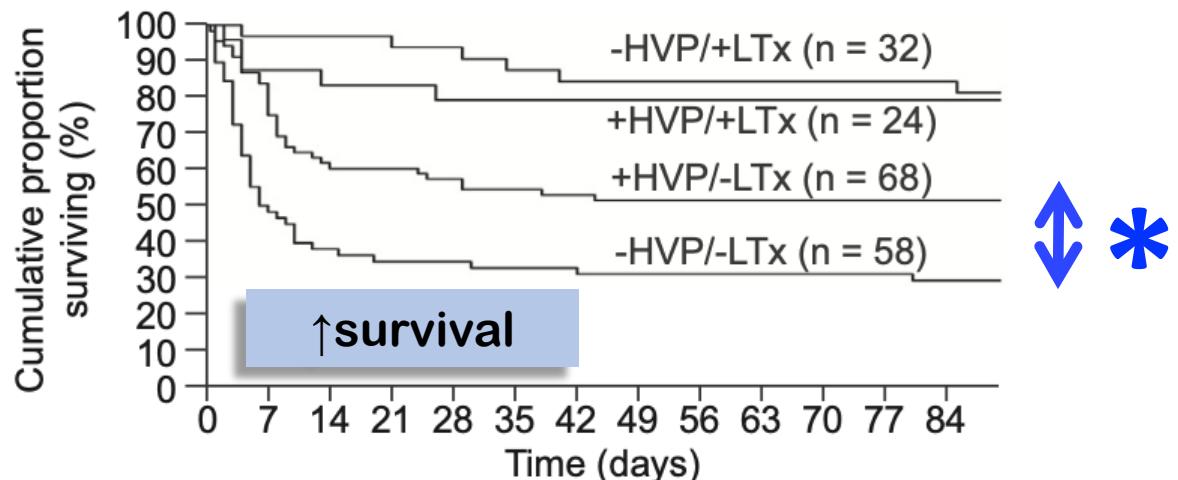
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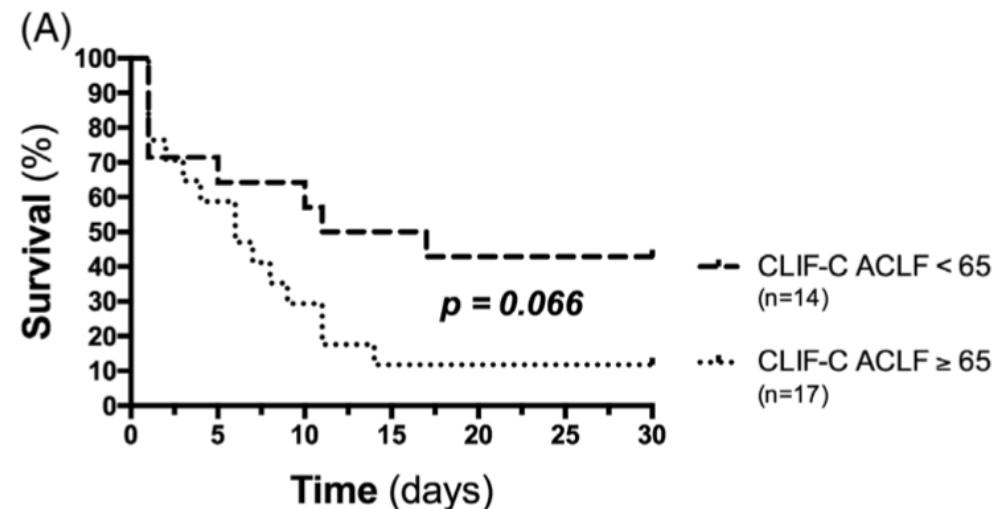
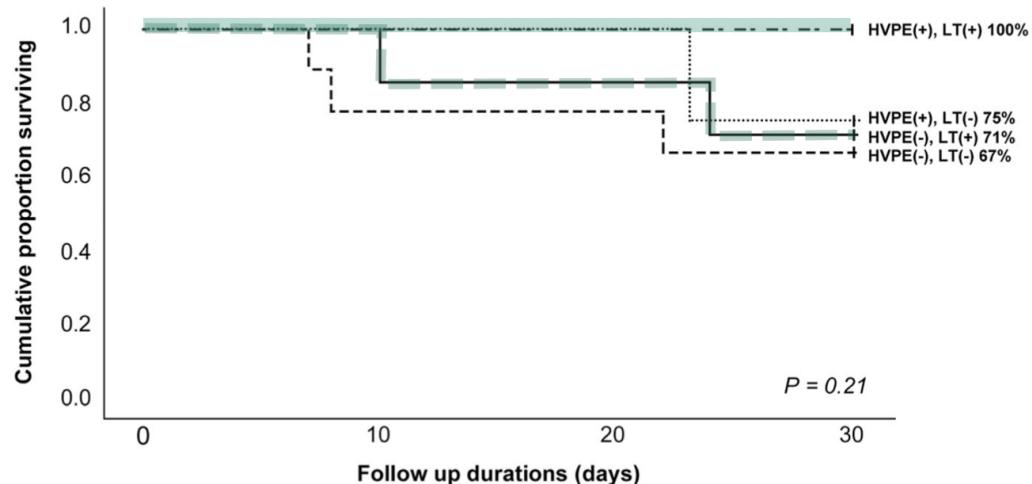
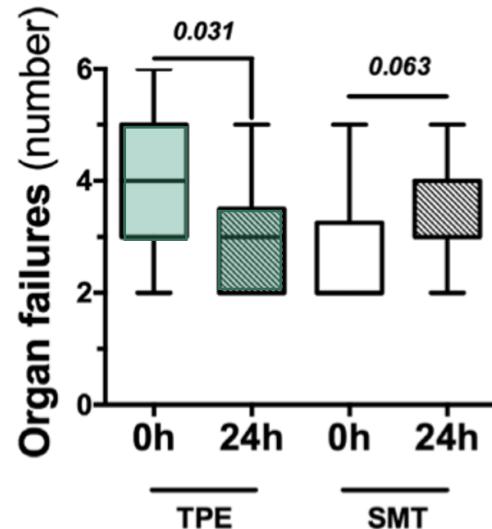
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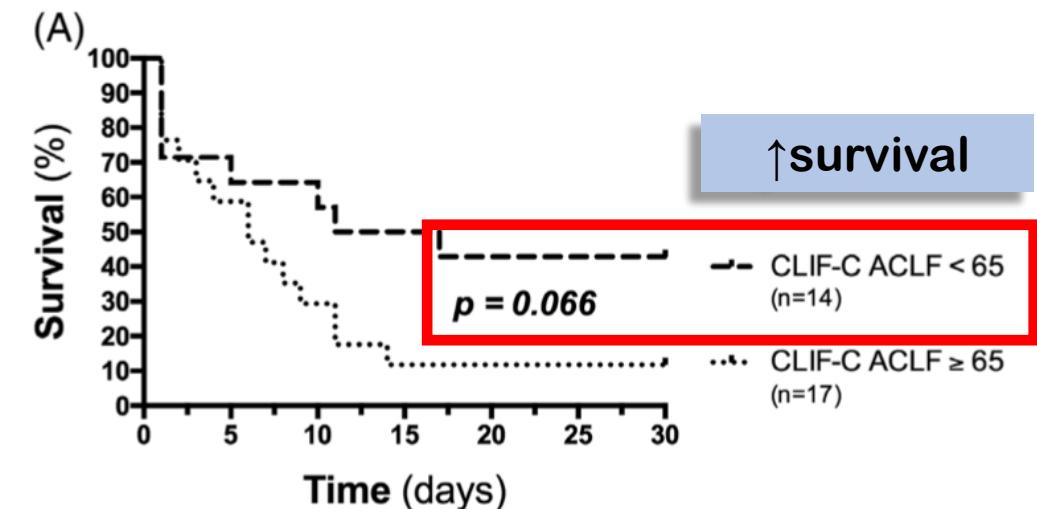
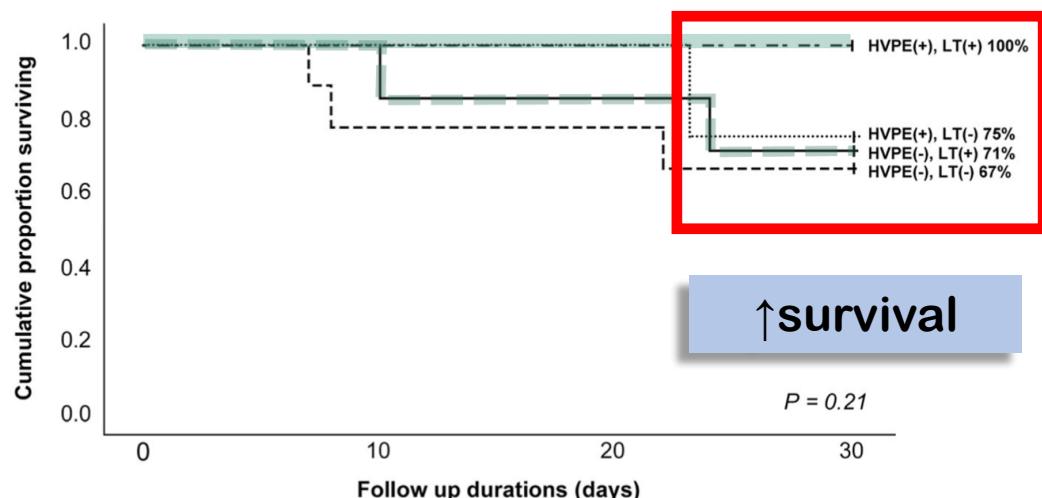
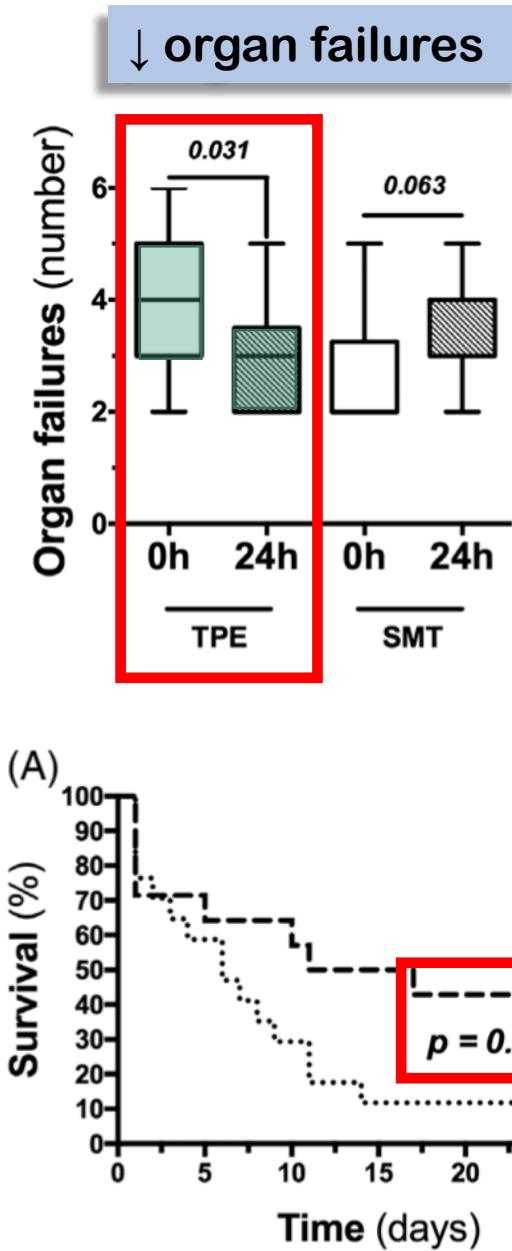


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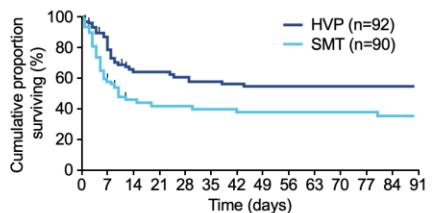
### ACUTE LIVER FAILURE

Incidence: <10/1,000,000/yr	Procedure	Recommendation	Category
	TPE-HV*	Grade 1A	I
	TPE	Grade 2B	III
# reported patients: >300	RCT	CT	CS
TPE-HV	1(183)	0	0
TPE	1(120)	1(158)	40(878)
CR			

\*TPE-HV = TPE-high volume, not in routine use in US

### Artificial and bioartificial liver devices

- Liver-assist devices are intended to provide a 'bridge' to LTx or recovery of liver function, reducing the need for transplant
  - Experience with 'liver support devices' to date has been disappointing
  - High-volume plasma exchange improved outcome in an RCT in ALF\*



#### Recommendations

Grade of evidence	Grade of recommendation
II-1	1
I	1
I	2

\*HVP defined as exchange of 8–12 or 15% of ideal body weight with fresh frozen plasma, for 3 days was superior to SMT regarding transplant-free and overall hospital survival  
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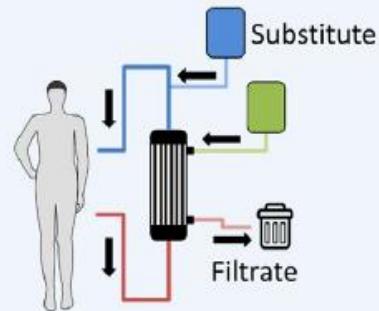
- 1 – 1.5 plasma mass ( $100 \cdot \text{Hte} \times 0.7 \times \text{weight}$ )
- e.g. for 70 kg adult: 3.5 L (50-55 mL/kg)
- HV-PE: 8-12 L
- replacement with albumin or FFP
- daily until recovery or OLT (> 3 HV-PE)



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# Extracorporeal Artificial Liver Support: let's talk about techniques

## Extracorporeal Blood Purification Techniques



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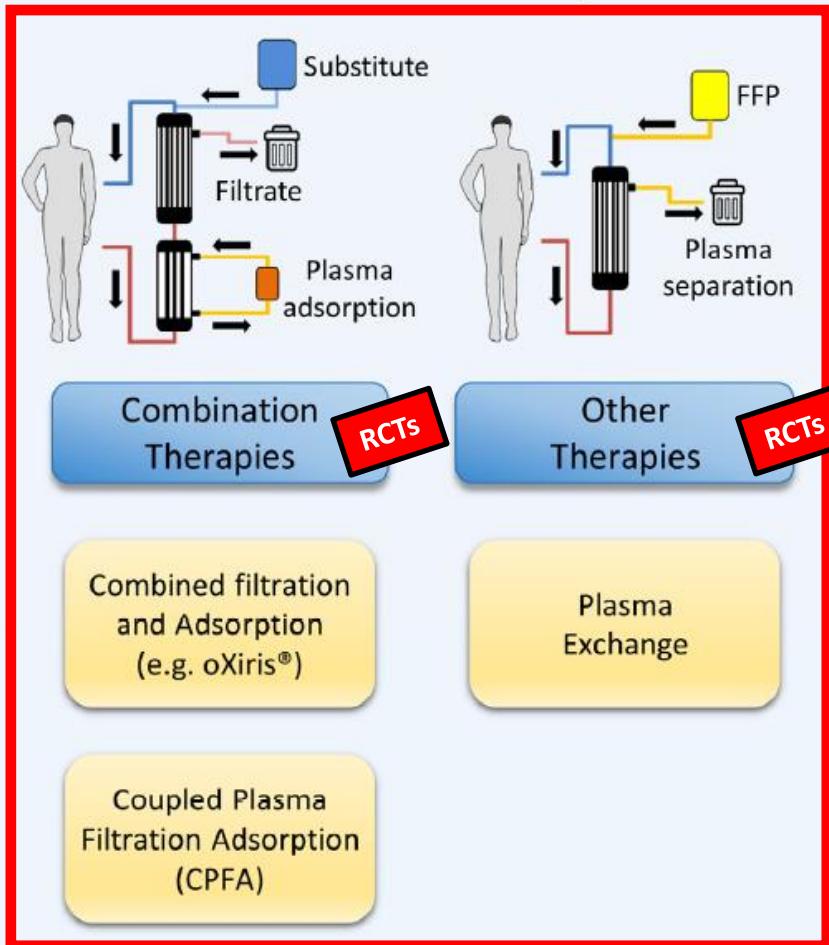
Adsorption  
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High Cut-Off  
Membranes  
(HCO)

High Volume  
Hemofiltration  
(HVHF)

Specific Adsorption  
Polymyxin B (PMX)  
LPS Adsorber

Unspecific Adsorption  
Hemoabsorption  
(e.g. CytoSorb®)



Combination  
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Other  
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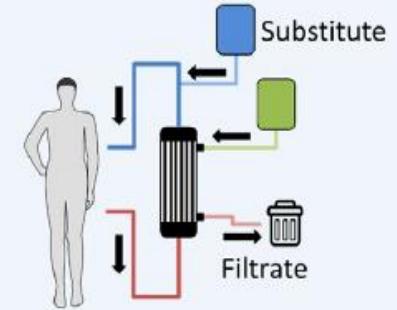
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Plasma  
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# Molecular Adsorbent Recirculating System: MARS®

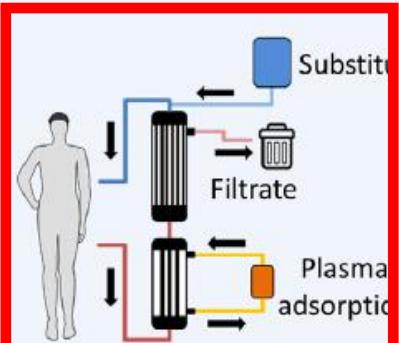
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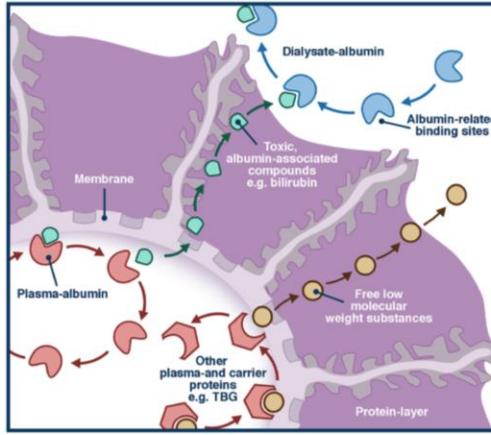


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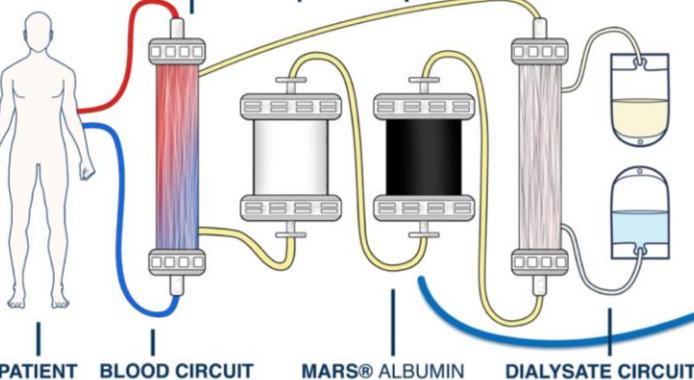
RC's

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and Adsorption  
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Start of treatment



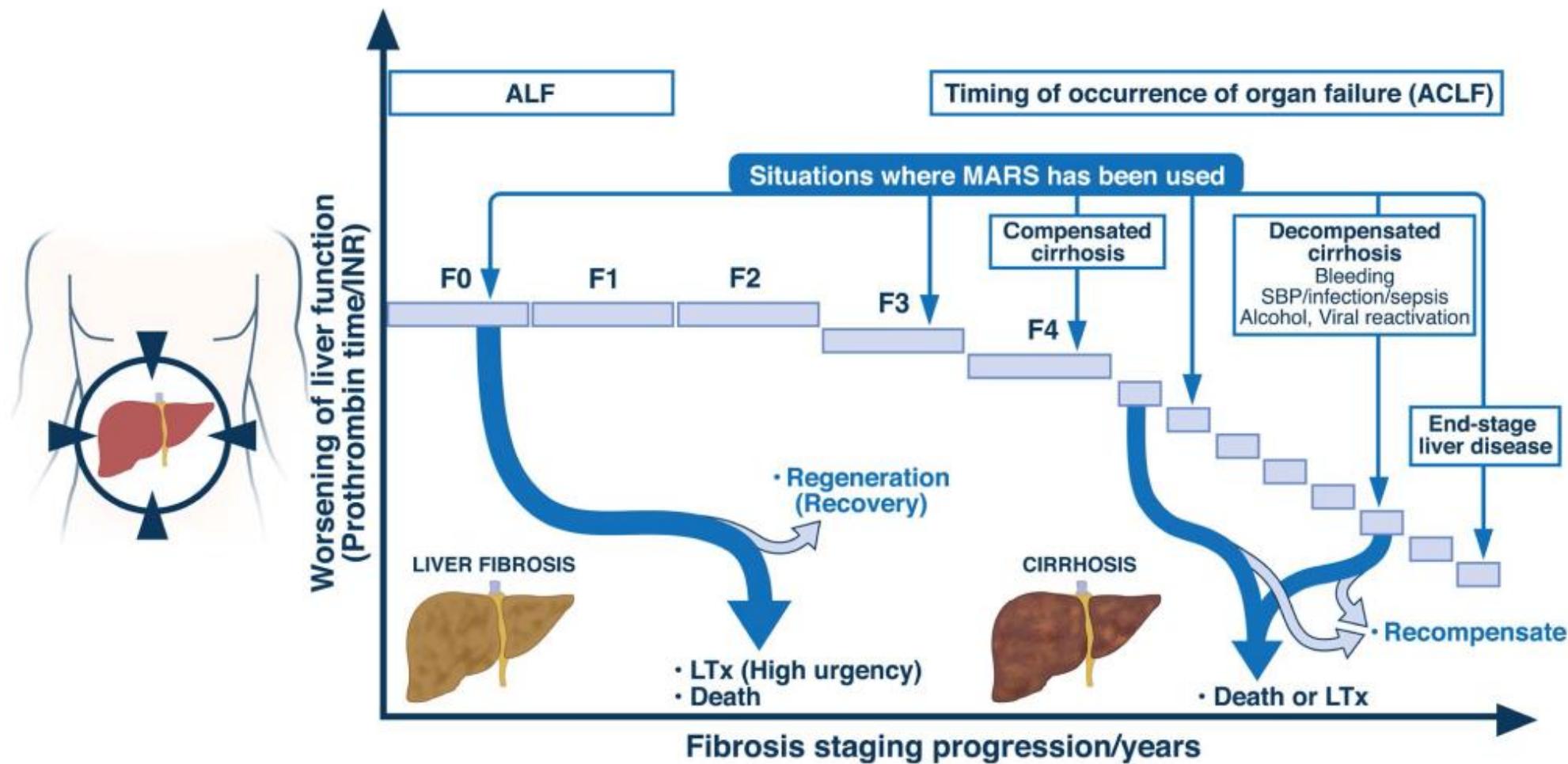
End of treatment



Toxic substances removed by MARS

- Bilirubin total and conjugated
- Bile acids
- Aromatic amino-acids
- Ammonia, Tryptophan, Thiols
- Short and medium chain fatty acids
- Indol/Phenol metabolites
- Paracetamol, Prostacyclines
- Urea, Creatinine, Lactate
- Copper, Digoxine, Nitric Oxide
- Benzodiazepines
- TFN-alpha, Cytokines

# Molecular Adsorbent Recirculating System: MARS®



# MARS® therapy leads to improved outcomes in several RCTs

First author, year	Design	Indication	No. of patients	Main results
Mitzner, 2000 [41]	RCTs	ACLF—HRS	13	Survival improvement at 28 days Increase urine output. Decrease creatinine levels Removal of albumin bound and water-soluble substances
Heemann, 2002 [40]	RCTs	ACLF—severe cholestasis	24	Survival improvement at 28 days Improvement of HE, hemodynamics, renal function, and reduction of bilirubin
Schmidt, 2003 [97]	RCTs	ALF	13	Improvement of systemic hemodynamics Reduction of MAP and SVRI Reduction of Cardiac Index and heart rate
Sen, 2004 [27]	RCTs	ACLF	18	Significant improvement of HE Significant decrease of NOx levels
Novelli, 2005 [98]	Retrospective	ALF, ACLF, PNF, PDF	116	Significant decrease of bilirubin, ammonia, lactates and creatinine Significant improvement of Glasgow coma scale
Laleman, 2006 [29]	RCTs	ACLF	18	MARS™ significantly attenuates the hyperdynamic circulation in ACLF Significantly reduces SVRI and MAP, associated to a decrease of NOx levels
Hassanein, 2007 [39]	RCTs	ACLF—HE	70	Significant improvement of 2 grades of HE Significant faster improvement of HE Not designed to assess survival improvement
El Banayosy, 2007 [9]	RCTs	ALF due to cardiogenic shock	40	Trend to higher survival at 28 days ( $p=0.061$ ) in the MARS treated group
Kantola, 2008 [22]	Comparative retrospective	ALF	159	No statistically significant difference in survival between the MARS™ and the control group patients at 28 days Trend to higher 6-months survival in the MARS™ group ( $p=0.07$ ) and in transplanted patients ( $p=0.06$ ) Survival without LTx was significantly higher in the MARS™ group ( $p=0.03$ )
Parés, 2010 [53]	Pilot	Refractory pruritus in cholestatic liver	20	Important decrease in pruritus in 75% of the patients (72% in the VAS) Significant bile acids reduction (41% after treatment and 37% after 1 month)
Leckie, 2012 [54]	Pilot	Refractory pruritus in cholestatic liver diseases	15	Immediate and complete response in 11 patients (73.3%), partial response in 2 and no response in 2 patients Mean VAS and Itchiness score improved significantly (both $p<0.001$ ) with improvement in the patient's perception of their quality of life Duration of acceptable relief in responders was 3.3 months (range 2–5)
Saliba, 2013 [19]	RCTs	ALF	102	No significant improvement in 6- and 12-months survival Significant improvement of transplant free survival in patients that received $\geq 3$ MARS™ sessions Significant improvement in the probability to be transplanted
Banares, 2013 [38]	RCTs	ACLF	187	No significant improvement in 28- and 90-days survival Significant decrease of bilirubin and creatinine levels Short term beneficial effects in hepatic encephalopathy and HRS
Gerth, 2017 [100]	Comparative Non-randomized	ACLF	101	Significant reduction of 14-days mortality rate in the MARS™ group ( $p=0.004$ ), especially in patients with ACLF grades 2 and 3 Significant decrease of bilirubin and creatinine
Banares, 2019 [32]	Meta-analysis of individual patient data from 3 RCTs	ACLF	285	Significant survival improvement in patients receiving HIT both in the entire cohort (10-day survival: 98.6% vs. 82.8%, $p=0.001$ ; 30-day survival: 73.9% vs. 64.3%, $p=0.032$ ), and within the ACLF patients (10-day survival: 97.8% vs. 79.6%, $p=0.001$ ; 30-day survival: 73.3% vs. 58.5%, $p=0.041$ ) HIT increased survival independently of ACLF grade Independent predictors of survival were age, MELD score, ACLF grade, number of MARS™ sessions received and intensity of MARS™ therapy
MacDonald, 2021 [25]	Propensity-score matched controls 1:4	ALF	520	Significant 21-day transplant-free survival improvement in patients receiving MARS™. Significant improvement (pre vs. post MARS™) in mean arterial pressure, creatinine, lactate, and ammonia for all. In non-acetaminophen ALF ( $n=53$ ), MARS™ significantly improved bilirubin, creatinine and ammonia

↑survival

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↑HE

↑hemodynamics

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↑renal failure

↑survival

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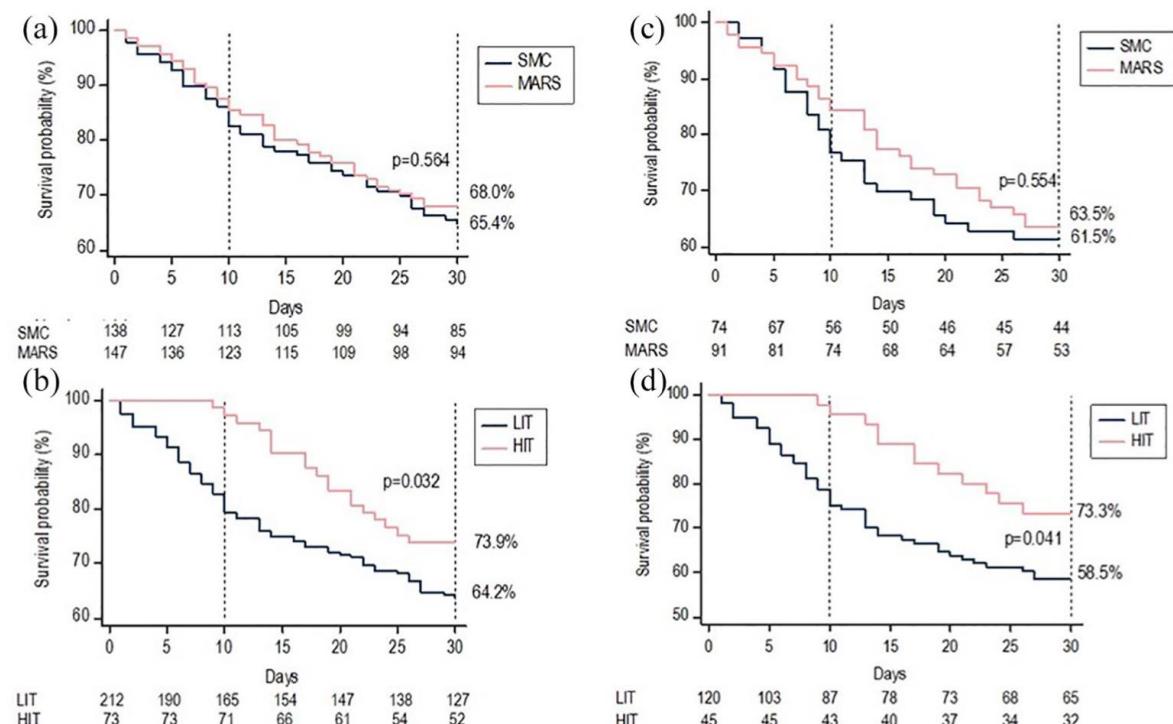


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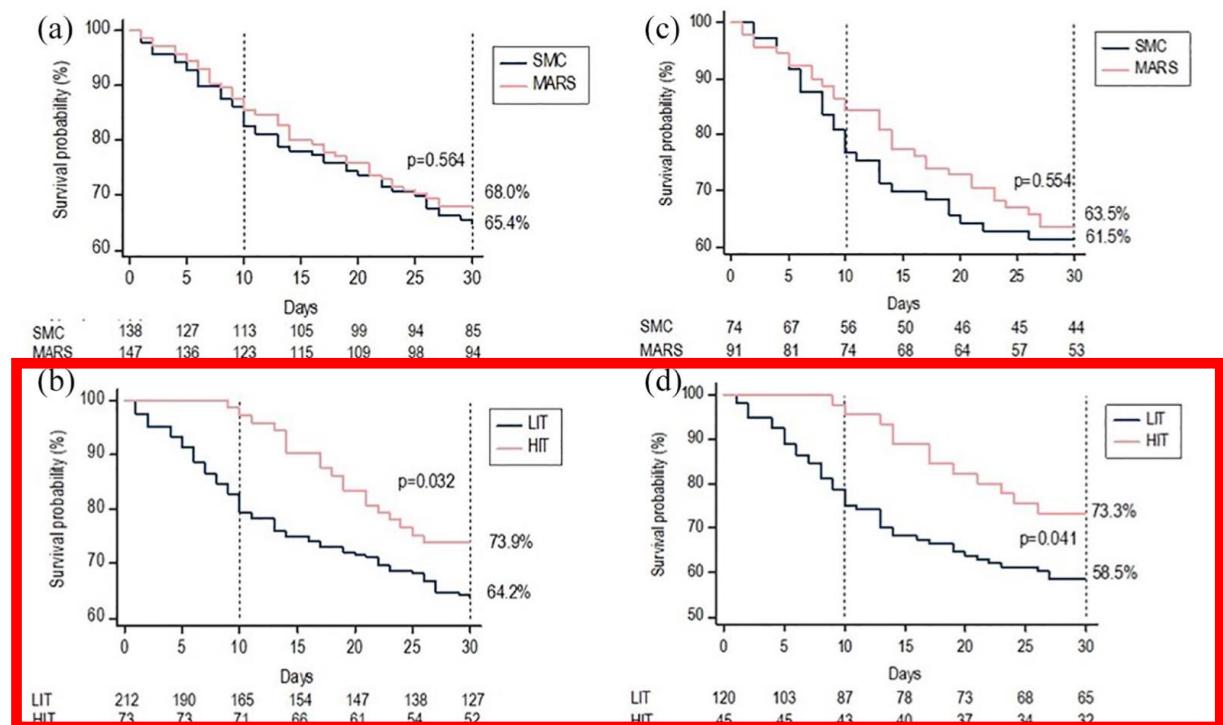
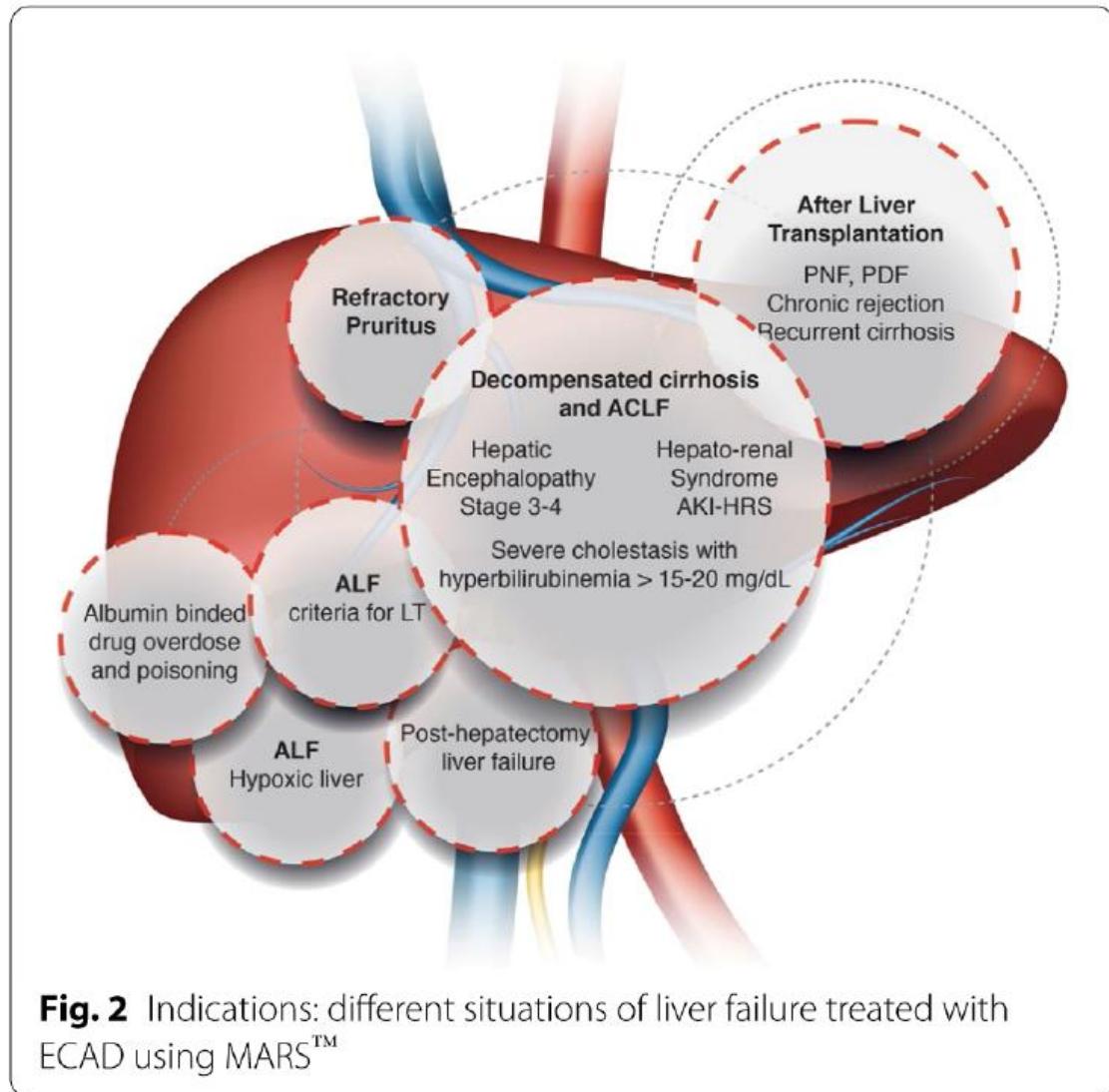


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ALF with HE (II-III)



bridge to transplant



early ACLF with refractory HE



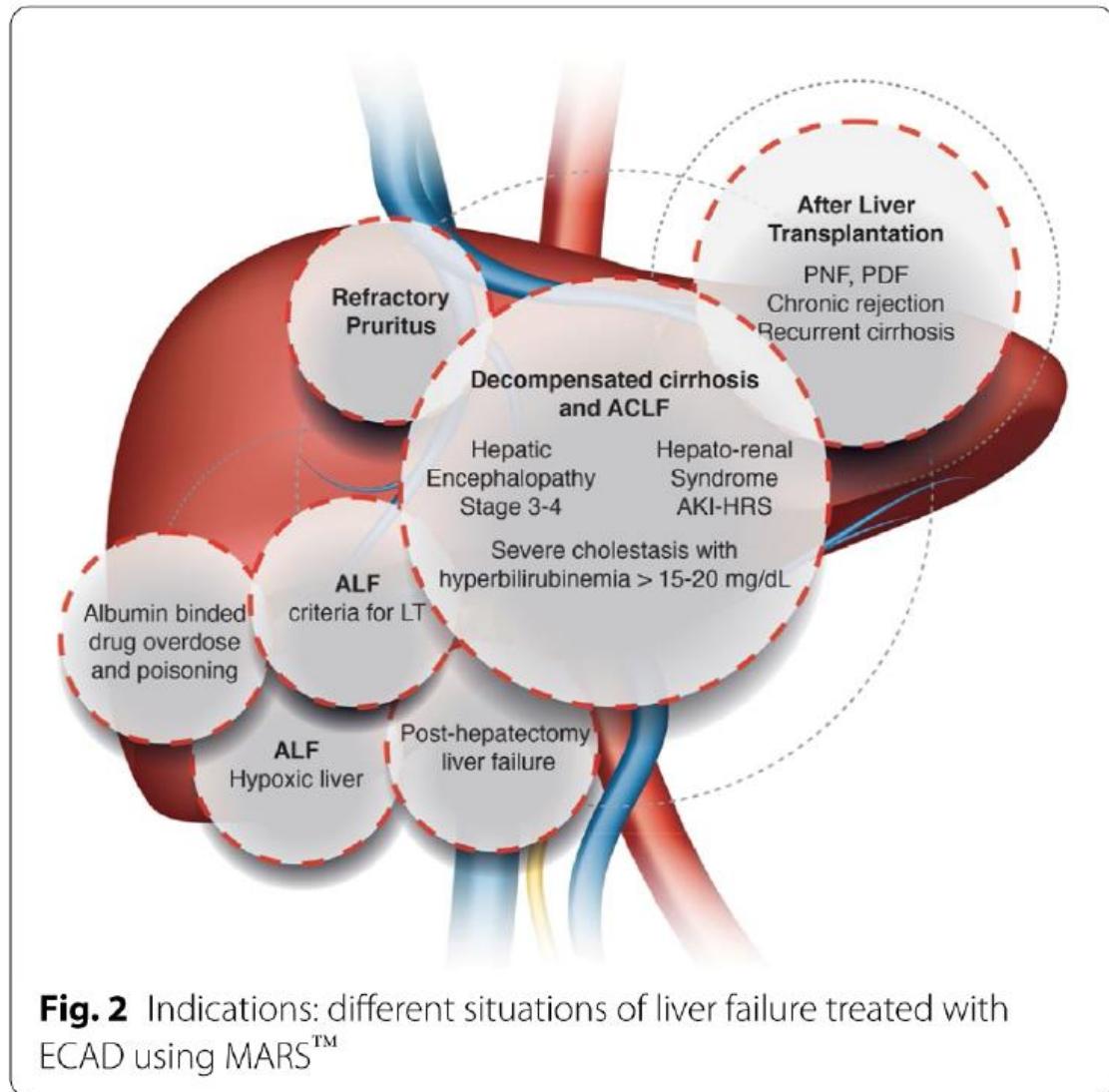
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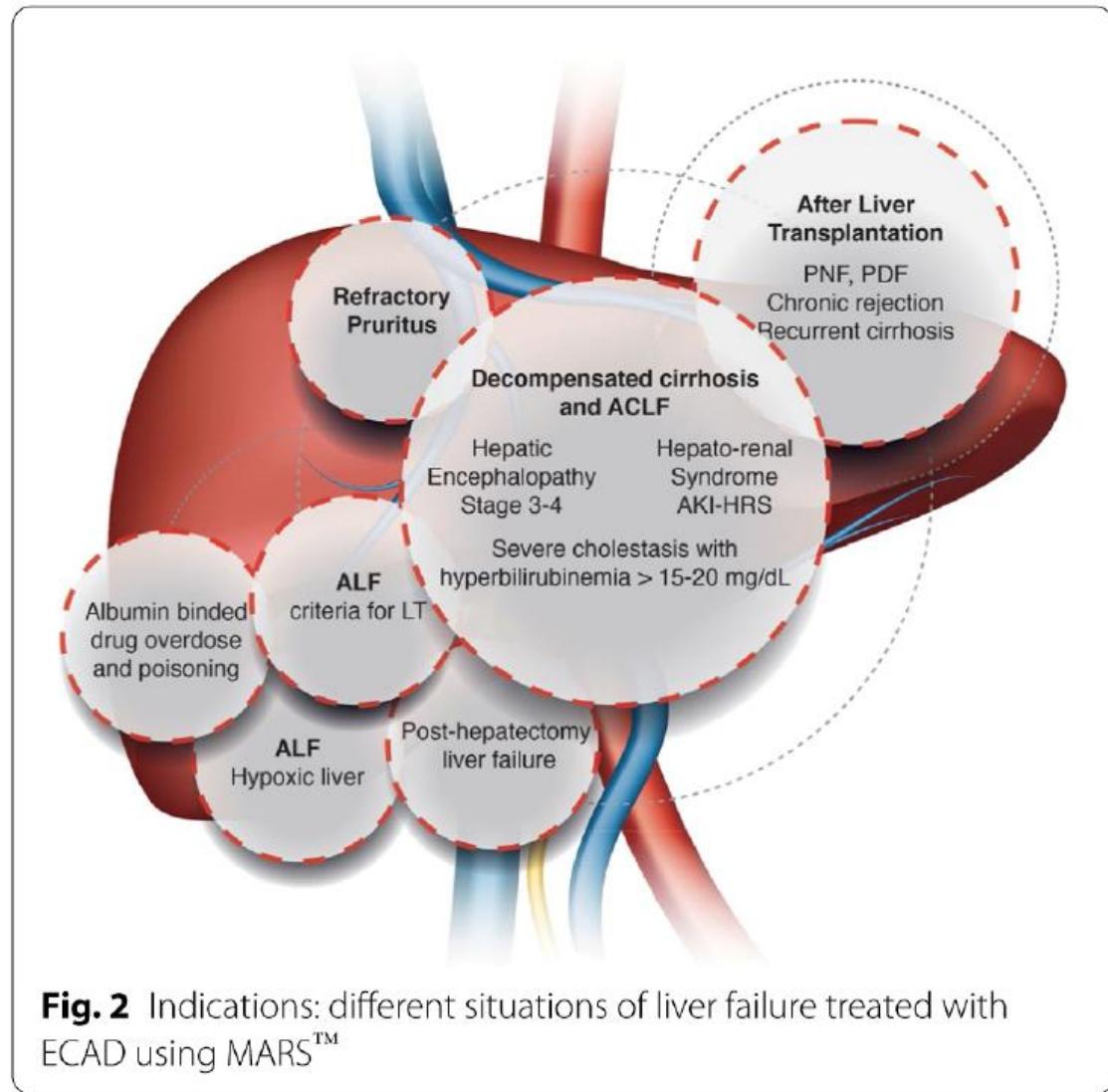
bridge to transplant



- 6-8 hours session +++
- 5 sessions in 7-10 days
- 3 first sessions: D1-D2-D3

→ Early and intensive MARS® Therapy

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bridge to transplant



ALF with multiple organ failures



uncontrolled sepsis or septic shock



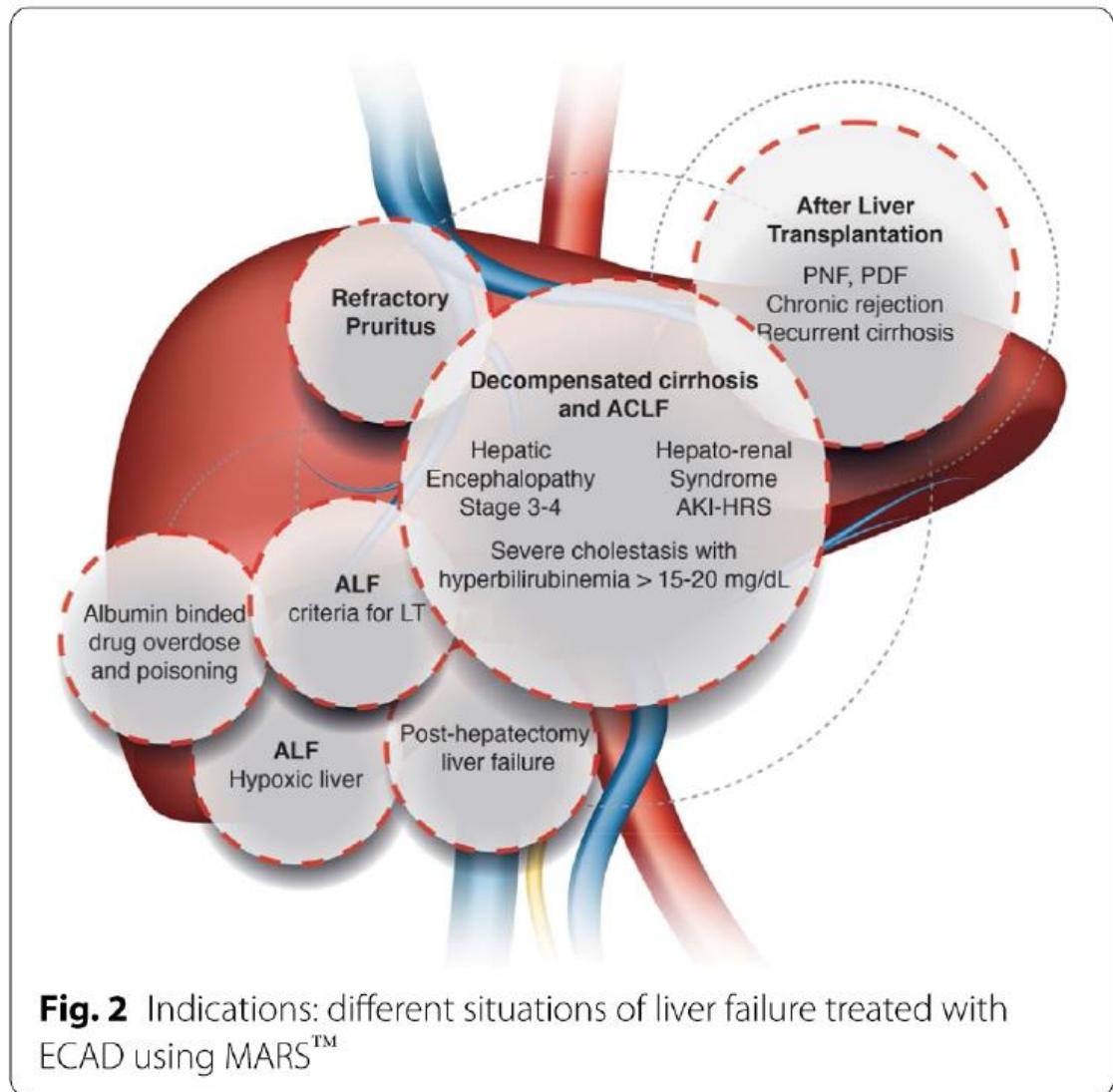
ARDS



ACLF – OF grade > III



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Platelets < 40 000 / mm<sup>3</sup>

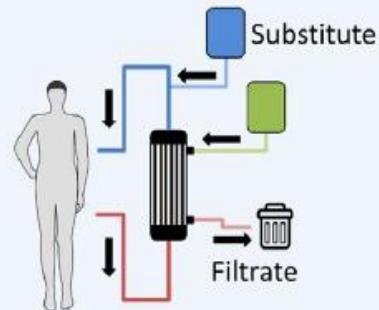


INR > 2.5

FN < 1g/L

# Extracorporeal Artificial Liver Support: let's talk about techniques

## Extracorporeal Blood Purification Techniques



Convection  
Therapies



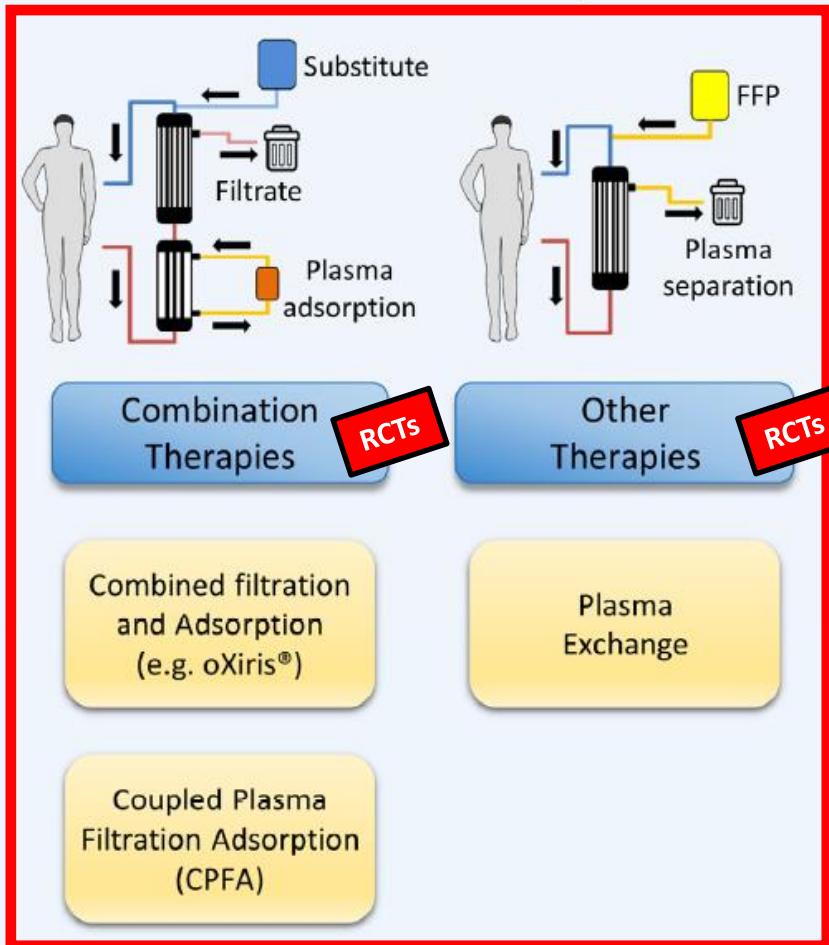
Adsorption  
Therapies

High Cut-Off  
Membranes  
(HCO)

High Volume  
Hemofiltration  
(HVHF)

Specific Adsorption  
Polymyxin B (PMX)  
LPS Adsorber

Unspecific Adsorption  
Hemoabsorption  
(e.g. CytoSorb®)



Combination  
Therapies

Other  
Therapies

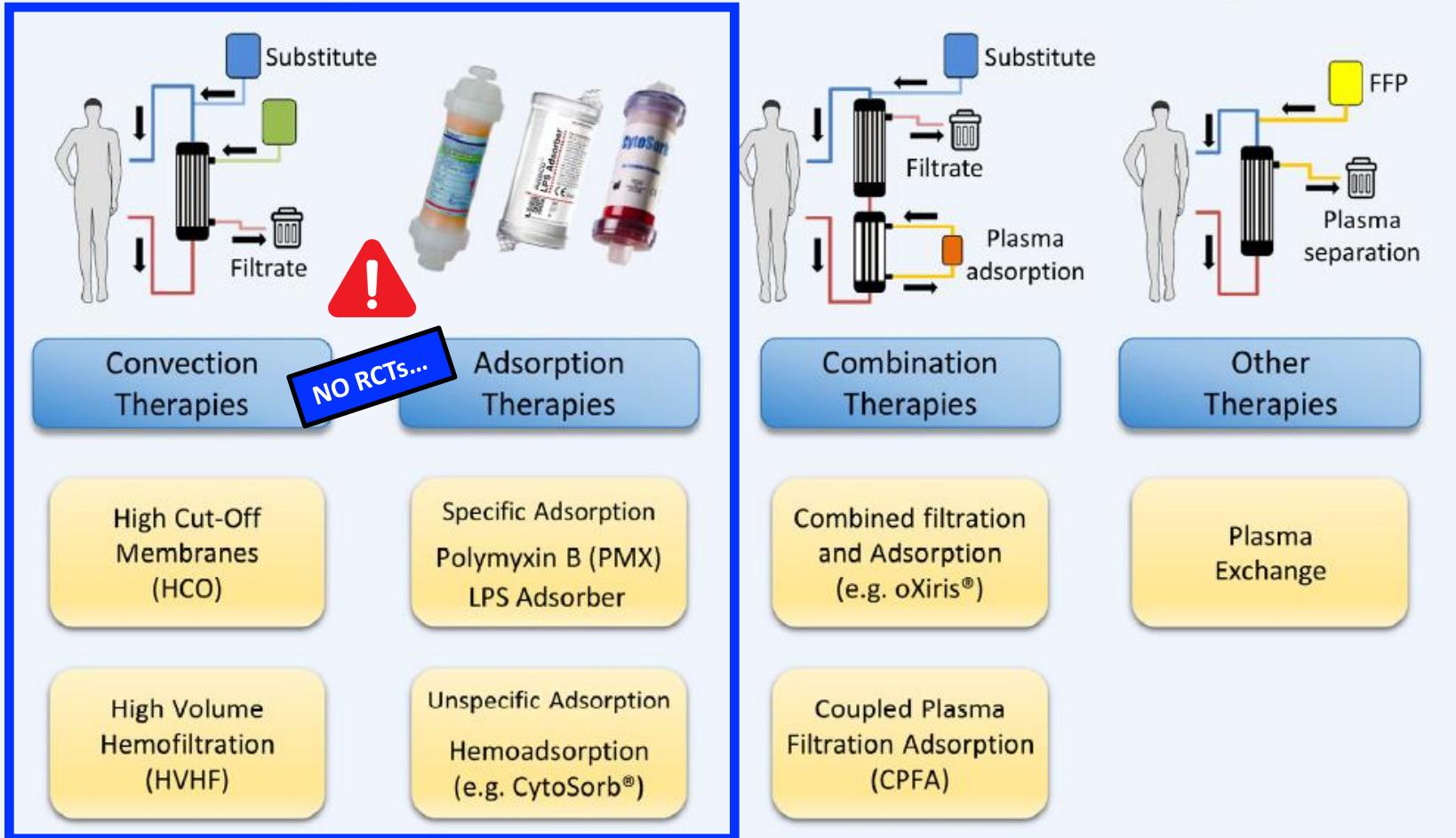
Combined filtration  
and Adsorption  
(e.g. oXiris®)

Plasma  
Exchange

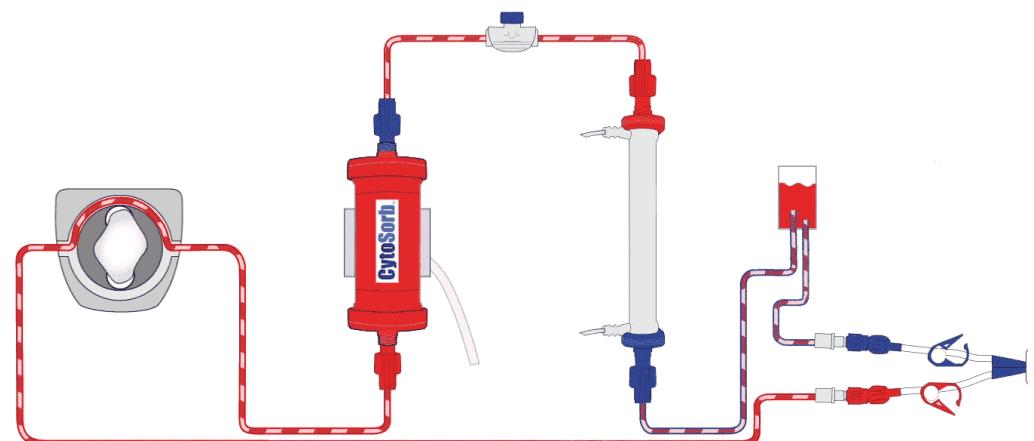
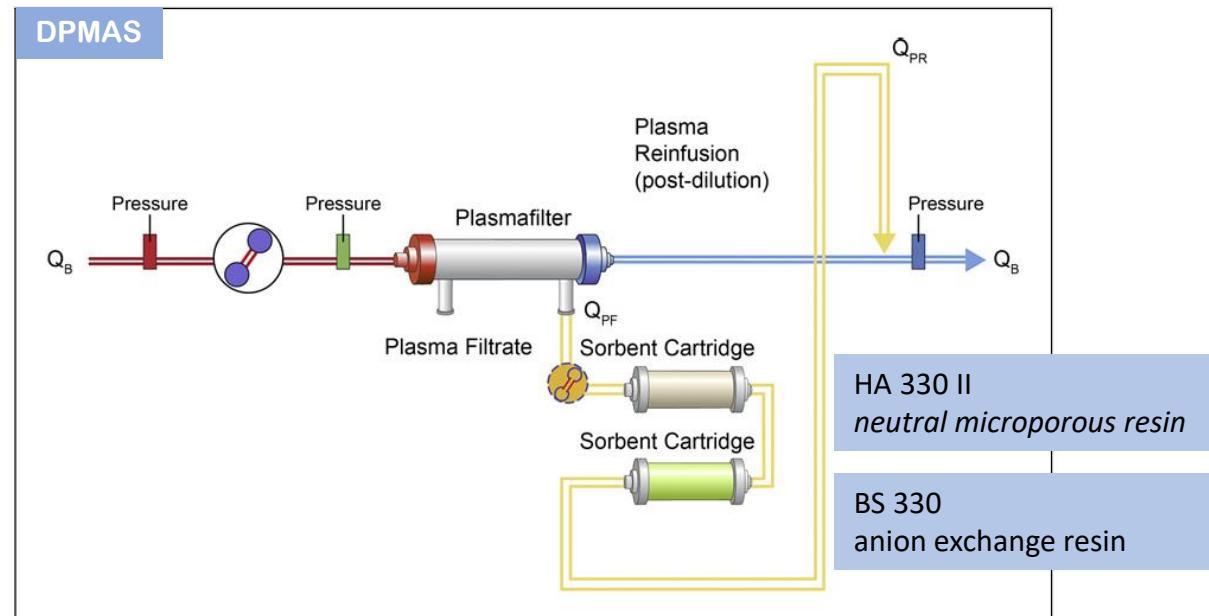
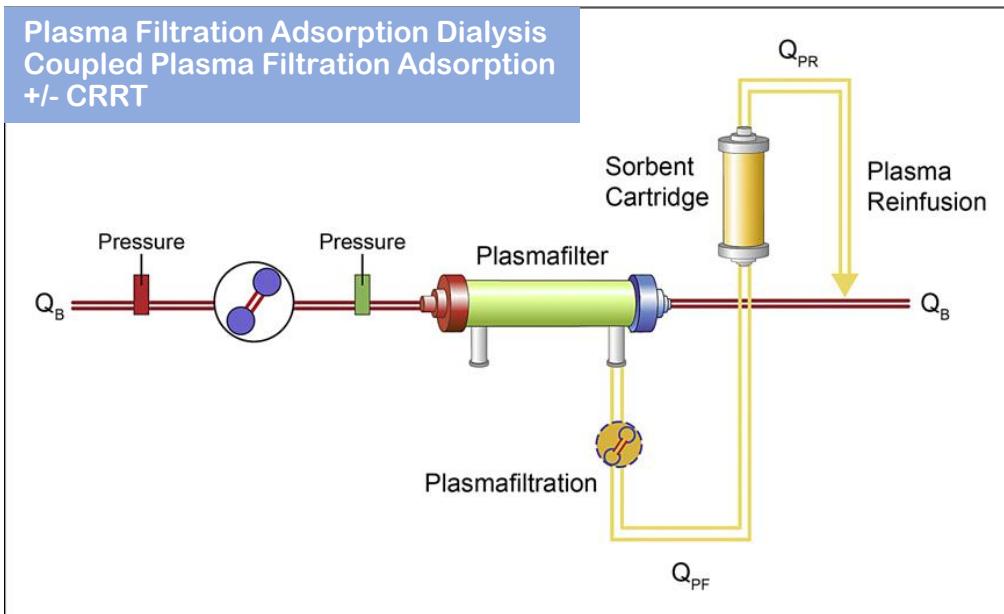
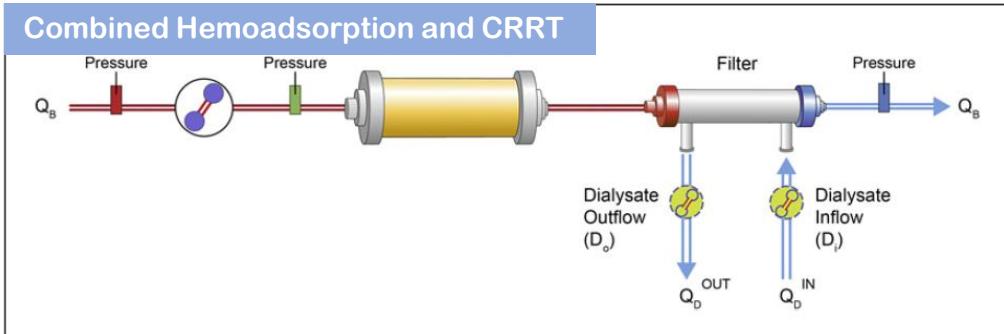
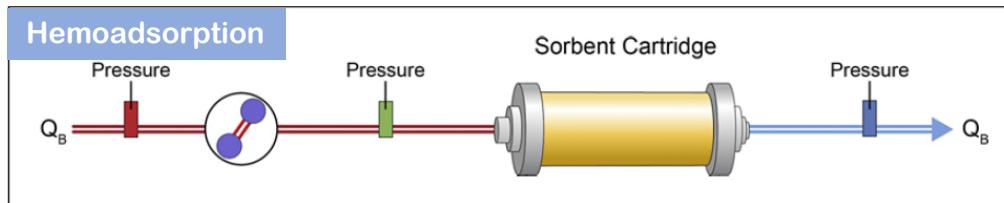
Coupled Plasma  
Filtration Adsorption  
(CPFA)

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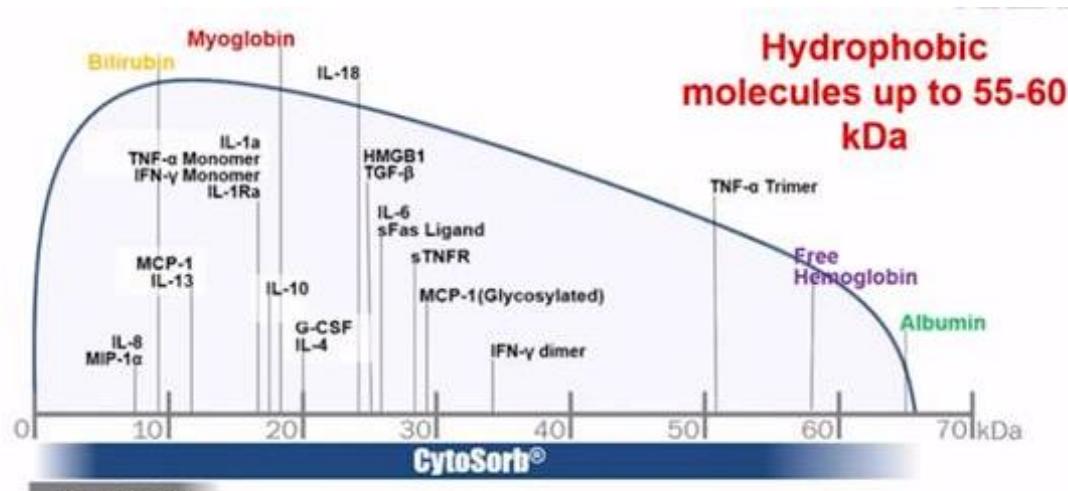


# Hemoadsorption

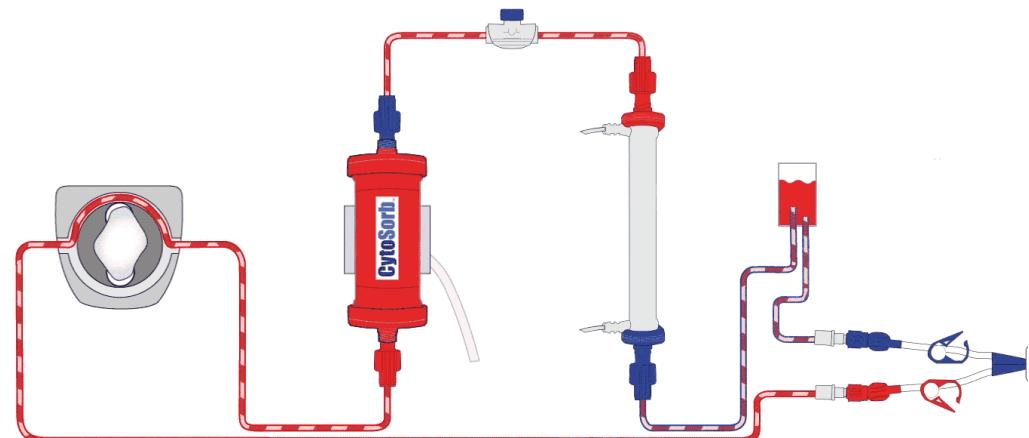
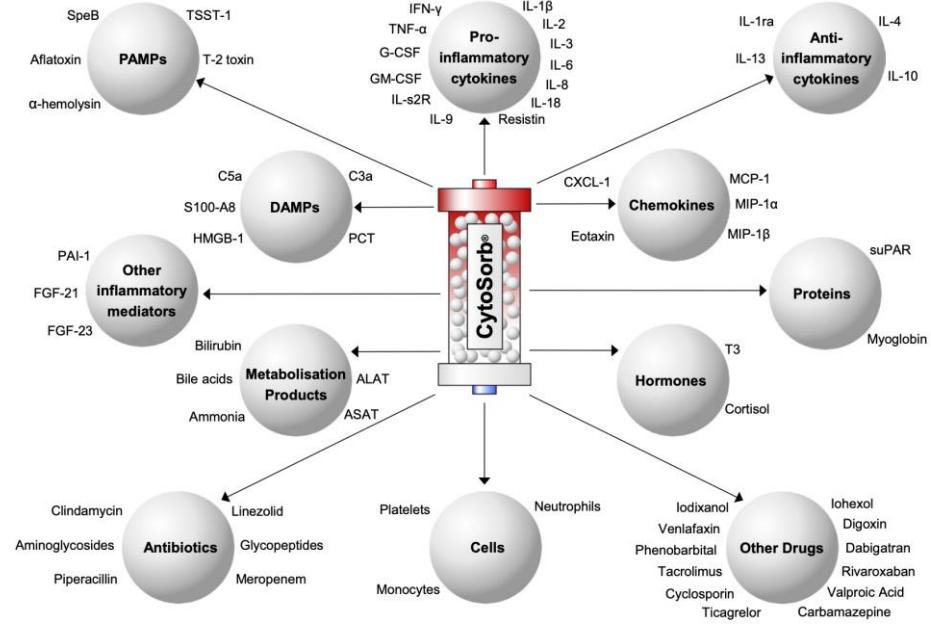


# CYTOSORB®

## Hémo-adsorption



Biocompatible porous polymer microbeads  
Adsorption in pores and surface adsorption  
Surface membrane about 45.000 m<sup>2</sup>



# Hémo-adsorption: biological efficacy

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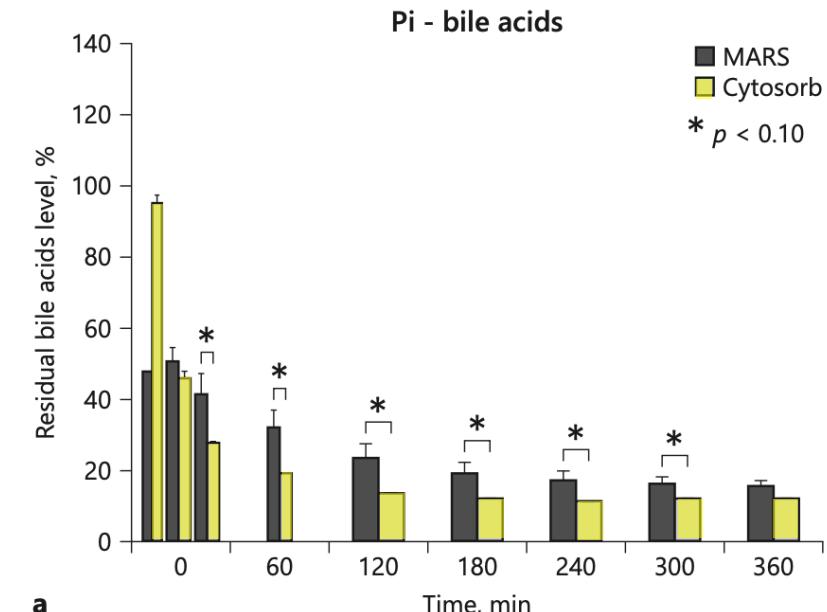
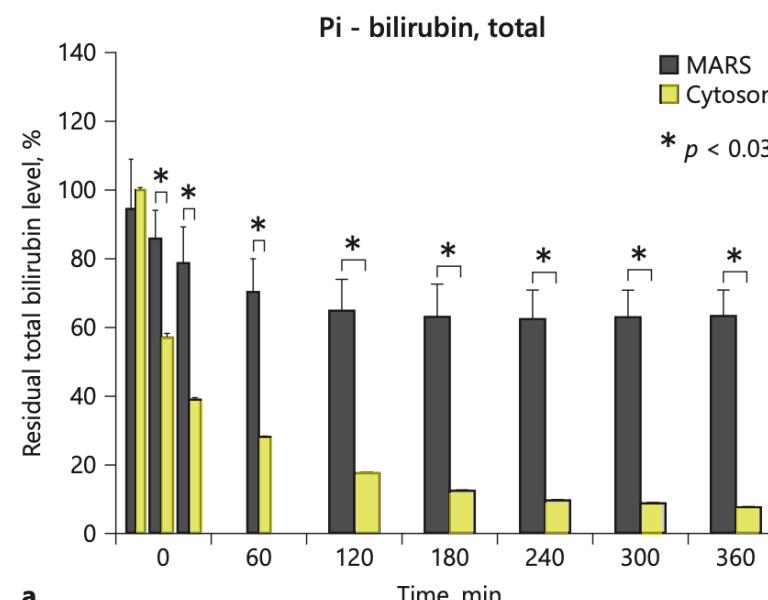
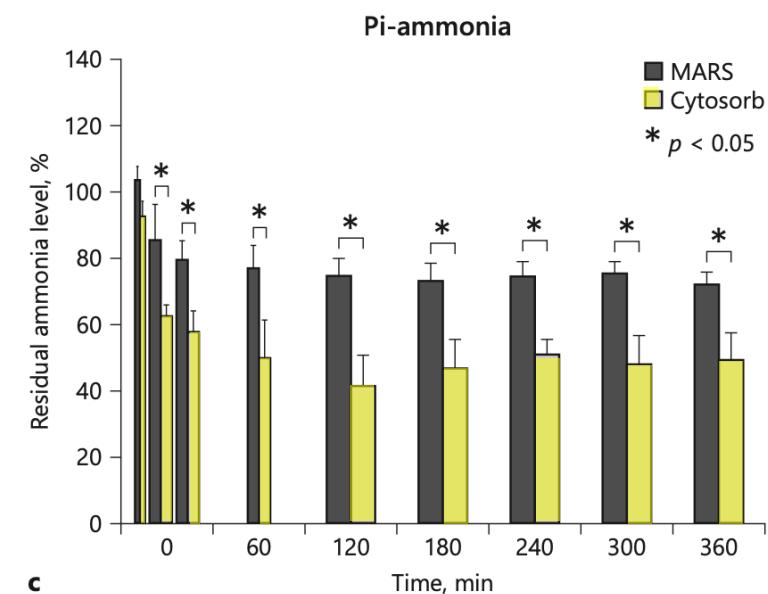
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*In Vitro*

→ CYTOSORB ® > MARS ® for bilirubin and ammonia clearance

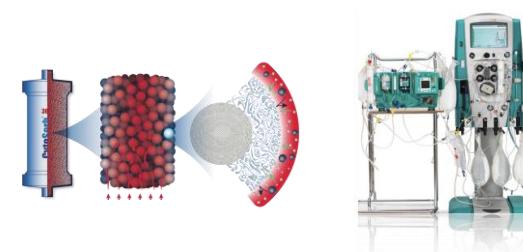


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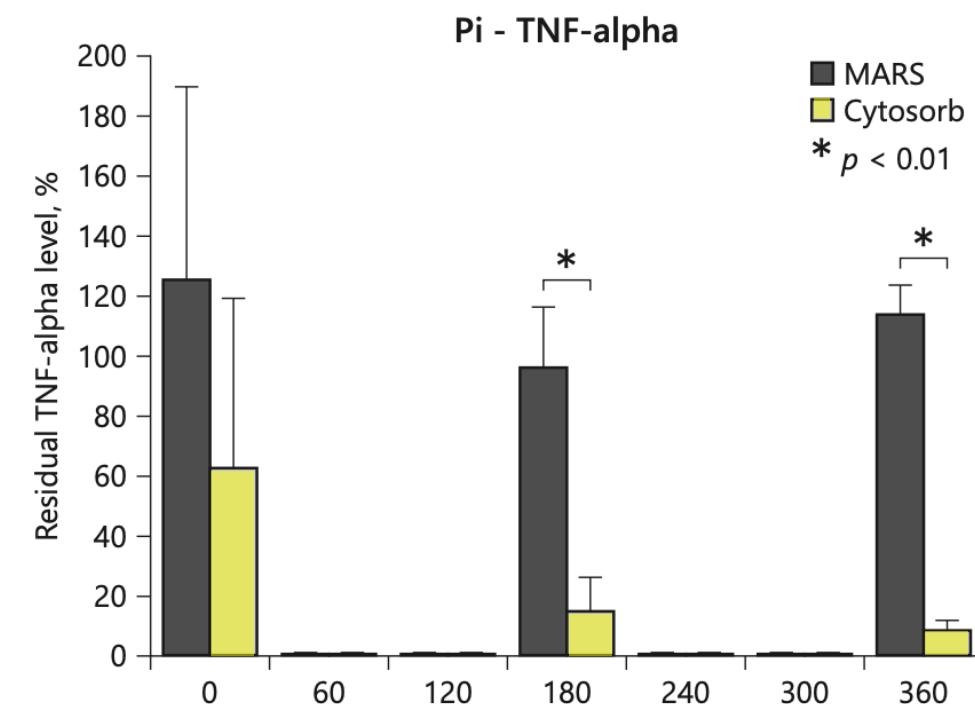
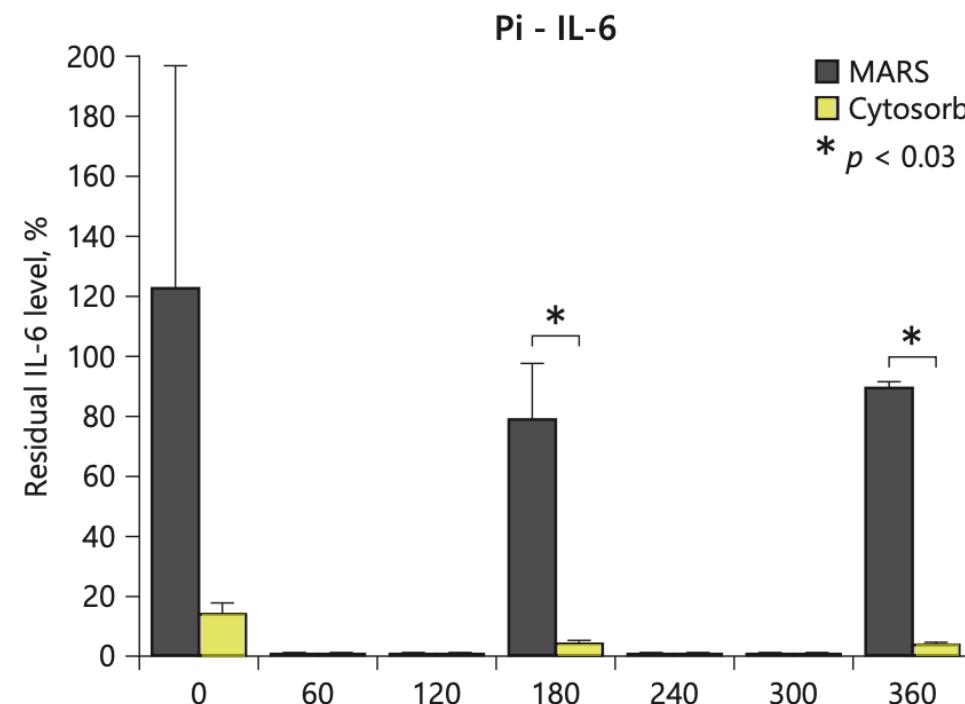
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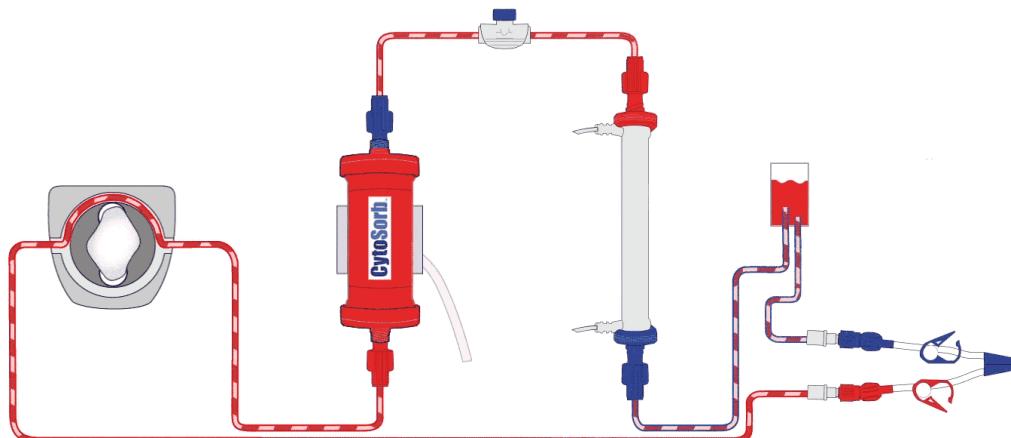
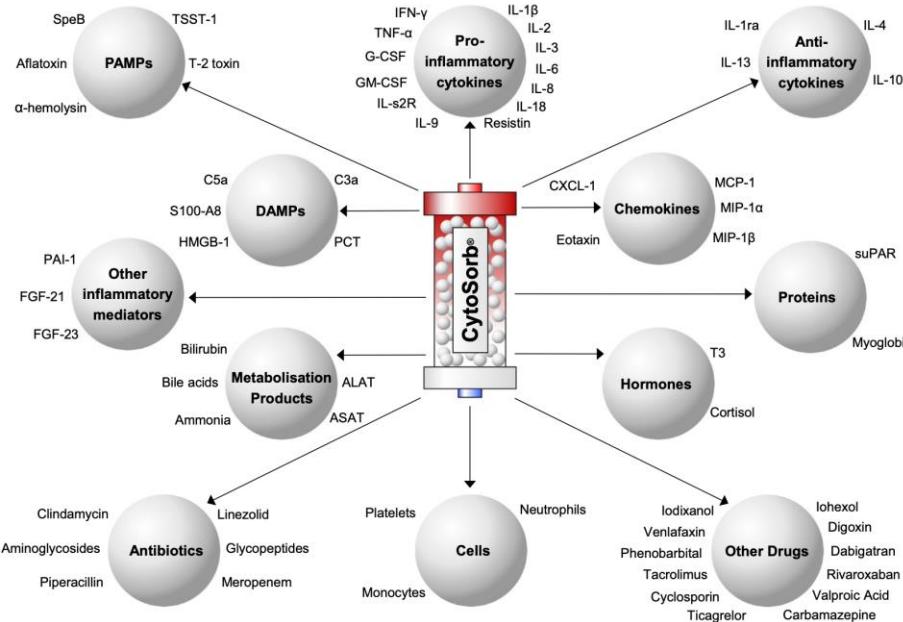


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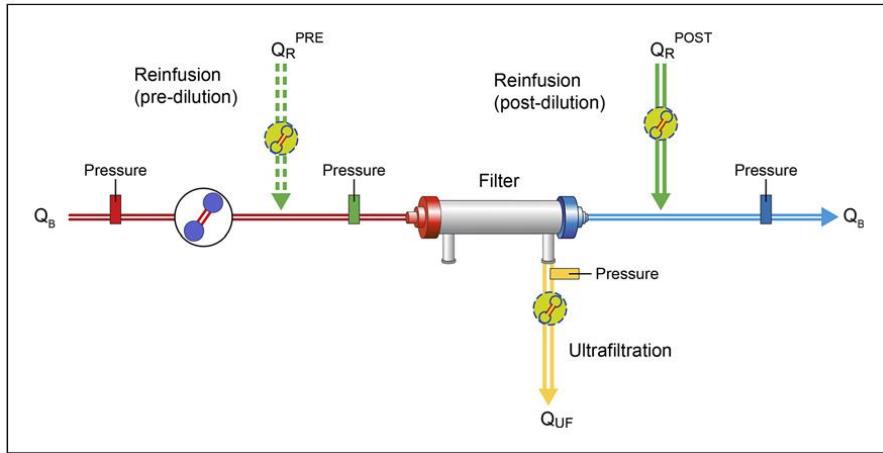
# Hémo-adsorption: clinical efficacy ?



We do not know yet...

No RCTs

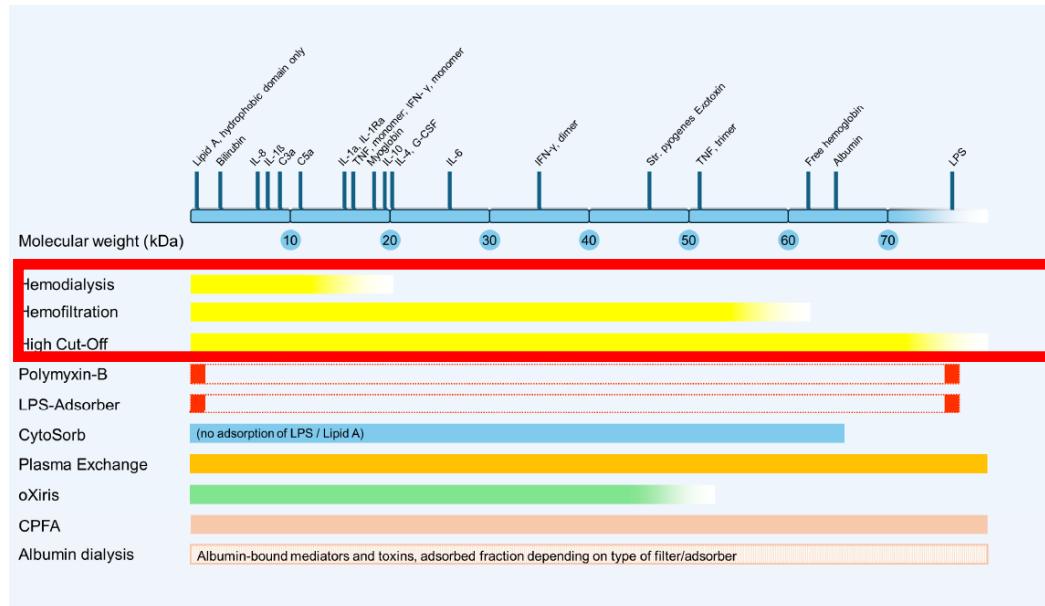
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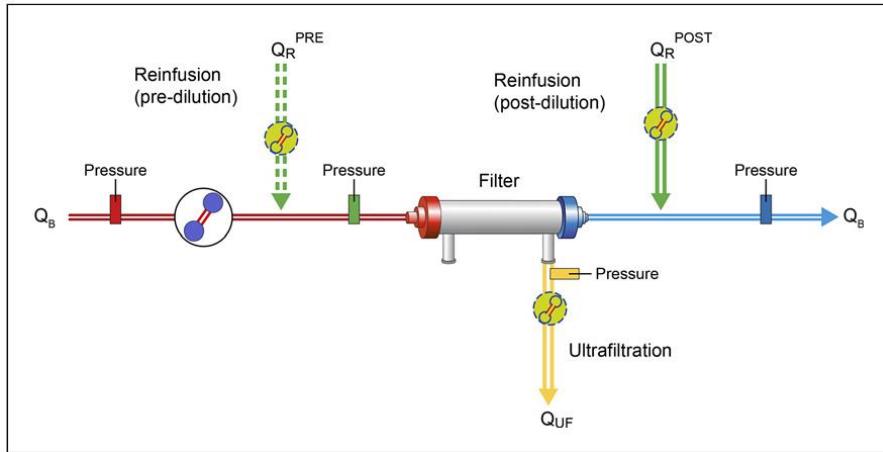
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Pores size 20 nm (*versus* 10nm)  
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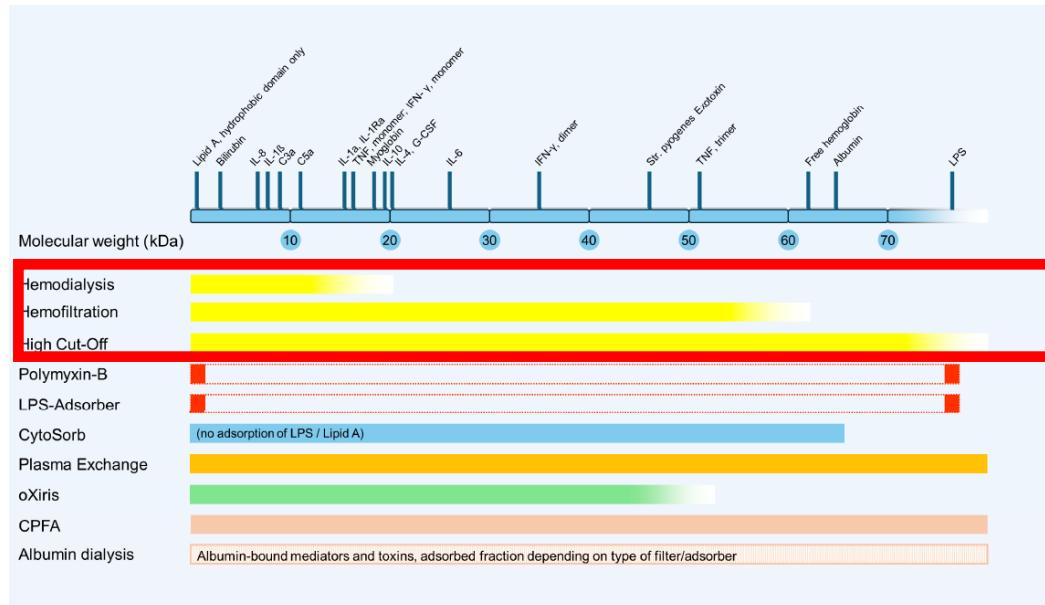
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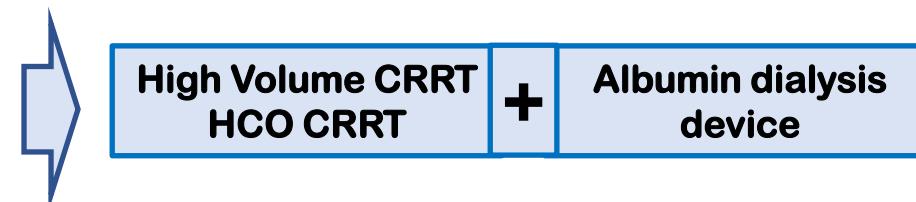
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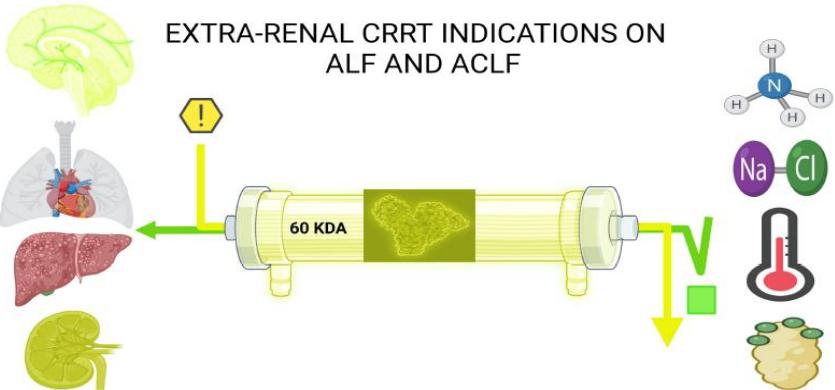
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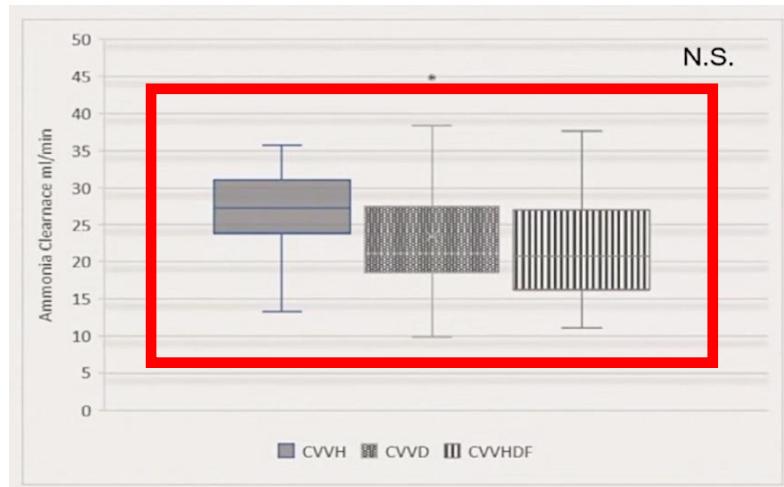
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- Australia, New Zealand
- 723 patients with ALF
- **EARLY and INTENSE CRRT decreases Ammonia levels**
- **Ammonia levels**
- CVVHF=CVVHD=CVVHDF



Details of CRRT Management	Characteristic	Patients (n = 54)
Timing of CRRT, hr, median (IQR)	Time from admission to CRRT	4.0 (2.0–4.5)
	Cumulative duration of CRRT <sup>a</sup>	75 (57–78)
CRRT dosing, mL/kg/hr, median (IQR)	CRRT hourly rate	43 (37–61)

↓ ammonia levels  
20 mL /min

# Conclusion (1)

Bayesian Network Meta-analyses identified MARS and PE as best strategy in ALF and ACLF

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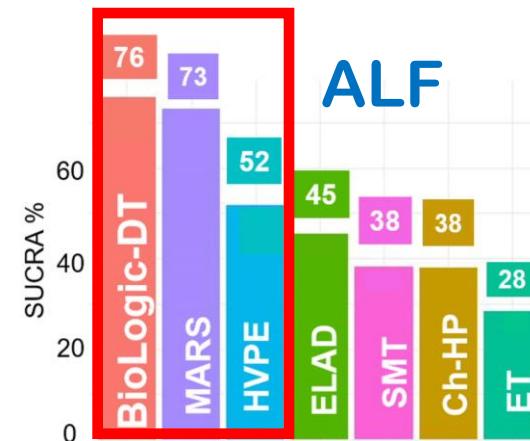
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ALF



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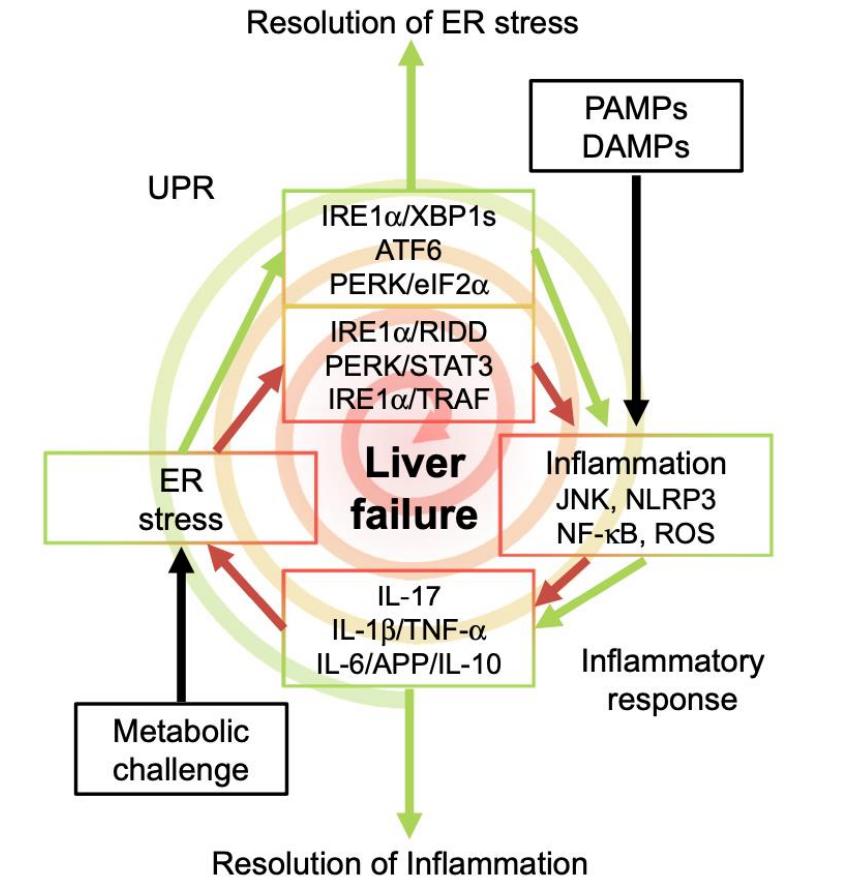


Plasma Exchanges



MARS / SPAD / Prometheus®

- Early course
- Intensively
- Before refractory multiple organ failure
- Bridge to (potential) transplantation
- Bridge to decision
- New studies are eagerly awaited and needed.

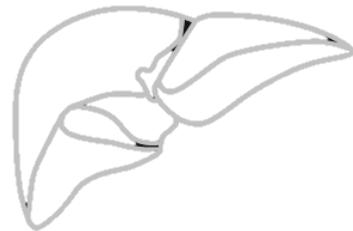


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