

Long Covid Pathogen Reactivation: Testing and Therapeutic Options

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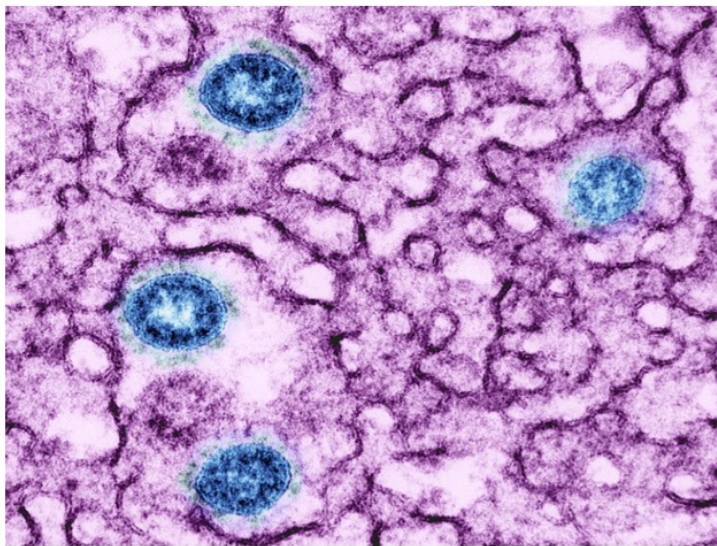
Study Aug. 2022 investigating the link between Long COVID and herpes viruses

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Could long COVID be linked to herpes viruses? Early data offer a hint

Low cortisol levels and herpes-virus reactivation are associated with prolonged COVID-19 symptoms, preliminary research suggests.

Emily Waltz



Particles of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (blue) inside an infected cell. Credit: NIH/SPL

Source: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-02296-5#:~:text=Low%20cortisol%20levels%20and%20herpes,19%20symptoms%2C%20preliminary%20research%20suggests.&text=Researchers%20looking%20for%20biological%20drivers,of%20a%20stress%20hormone1.>

“Most strikingly, the study found ... hints that in people with long COVID, **Epstein-Barr virus**, which can cause mononucleosis, and **Varicella Zoster virus**, which causes chickenpox and shingles, might recently have been **‘reactivated’**. **Both** of these viruses are in the herpes family, persist indefinitely in the body after infection and **can start to multiply again after a period of quiescence.**”

"Long COVID Symptoms Likely Caused by Epstein-Barr Virus Reactivation"

> Pathogens. 2021 Jun 17;10(6):763. doi: 10.3390/pathogens10060763.

Investigation of Long COVID Prevalence and Its Relationship to Epstein-Barr Virus Reactivation

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Abstract

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) patients sometimes experience long-term symptoms following resolution of acute disease, including fatigue, brain fog, and rashes. Collectively these have become known as long COVID. Our aim was to first determine long COVID prevalence in 185 randomly surveyed COVID-19 patients and, subsequently, to determine if there was an association between occurrence of long COVID symptoms and reactivation of Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) in 68 COVID-19 patients recruited from 30.3% (56/185), which COVID symptoms. No control subjects in our for EBV early antigen-significant ($p < 0.001$, subjects 21-90 days at or concurrently with C may not be a direct re induced EBV reactivati...



We found that **66.7% (20/30)** of long-term long COVID subjects versus **10% (2/20)** of long-term control subjects were positive for EBV reactivation

"We found similar rates of EBV reactivation in those who had long COVID symptoms for months, as in those with long COVID symptoms that began just weeks after testing positive for COVID-19," said coauthor David J. Hurley, PhD, a professor and molecular microbiologist at the University of Georgia. **"This indicated to us that EBV reactivation likely occurs simultaneously or soon after COVID-19 infection."**

Source: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34204243/>; <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20210623/Epstein-Barr-virus-reactivation-may-be-the-cause-of-long-COVID-symptoms.aspx>; <https://world.org/EBV/>

High EBV results post COVID, backed up by hundreds of lab tests

EBV EliSpot (lytic+latent)

1 EBV EliSpot (lytic) ! 657 SI

0-1 = negative

2-3 = weak positive

> 3 = positive

1 EBV EliSpot (latent) ! 65 SI

0-1 = negative

2-3 = weak positive

> 3 = positive

The result of the EliSpot test indicates current cellular activity against Epstein-Barr-Virus (EBV).

Explanation of EBV antigens:

EBV-lytic antigen: sign for replication of infectious EBV virions

EBV-latent antigen: sign for EBV latency with no production of infectious EBV virions

CMV reactivation and virus-induced immune dysfunction may be underestimated as a driver

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Does reactivation of cytomegalovirus contribute to severe COVID-19 disease?

Cecilia Söderberg-Nauclér [✉](#)

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Abstract

The majority of people infected with SARS-CoV-2 are asymptomatic or have mild to moderate symptoms. However, for unknown reasons, about 15 % have severe pneumonia requiring hospital care and oxygen support, and about 5 % develop acute respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock, and multiorgan failure that result in a high mortality rate. The risk of severe COVID-19 is highest among those who are over 70 years of age. Why severe COVID-19 develops in some people but not others is not understood. Could some cases involve reactivation of latent cytomegalovirus (CMV)?

Source: [1. Söderberg-Nauclér, C. Does reactivation of cytomegalovirus contribute to severe COVID-19 disease?. *Immun Ageing* **18**, 12 \(2021\). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12979-021-00218-z>; \[2. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35101103/>\]\(https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35101103/\)](#)

“CMV reactivation and virus induced immune dysfunction may be under-estimated as a driver of immuno-pathogenesis in patients with severe COVID-19.”¹

“... diagnosing CMV in COVID-19 patients could be well worth the effort.”¹

“Intriguingly, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 and cytomegalovirus may potentiate each other, since they share some innate immune pathways.”²

Our lab and others are seeing a definite correlation between COVID/Long COVID and CMV reactivation

CMV EliSpot

1 CMV EliSpot ! 13 SI

0-1 = negative
2-3 = weak positive
> 3 = positive

The result of the EliSpot test indicates current cellular activity against Cytomegalo-Virus.

May 2019, before COVID diagnosis

CMV EliSpot

1 CMV Lytisch ! 279 SI

0-1 = negative
2-3 = weak positive
> 3 = positive

1 CMV Latent ! 79 SI

0-1 = negative
2-3 = weak positive
> 3 = positive

The result of the EliSpot test indicates current cellular activity against Cytomegalo-Virus.

Explanation of CMV antigens:

CMV-lytic antigen: sign for replication of infectious CMV virions

June 2020, after COVID

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Herpes Simplex Virus also reactivating with COVID-19



Article

Herpes Simplex Virus Re-Activation in Patients with SARS-CoV-2 Pneumonia: A Prospective, Observational Study

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“Conclusions: our study shows a high incidence of HSV-1 reactivation both virologically and clinically in patients with SARS-CoV-2 severe pneumonia”¹

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Herpesvirus infections and post-COVID-19 manifestations: a pilot observational study

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Abstract

The global spread of SARS-CoV-2 points to unrivaled mutational variation of the virus, contributing to a variety of post-COVID sequelae in immunocompromised subjects and high mortality. Numerous studies have reported the reactivation of "sluggish" herpes virus infections in COVID-19, which exaggerate the course of the disease and complicate with lasting post-COVID manifestations CMV, EBV, HHV6). This study aimed to describe clinical and laboratory features of post-COVID manifestations accompanied by the reactivation of herpes virus infections (CMV, EBV, HHV6). 88 patients were recruited for this study, including subjects with reactivation of herpes viruses, 68 (72.3%) (main group) and 20 (27.7%) subjects without detectable DNA of herpesviruses (control group): 46 (52.3%) female and 42 (47.7%) male; median age was 41.4 ± 6.7 years. Patients with post-COVID manifestations presented with reactivation of EBV in 42.6%, HHV6 in 25.0%, and EBV plus HHV6 in 32.4%. Compared with controls, patients with herpes virus infections presented with more frequent slight fever temperature, headache, psycho-neurological disorders, pulmonary abnormalities and myalgia ($p < 0.01$), activation of liver enzymes, elevated CRP and D-dimer, and suppressed cellular immune response ($p \leq 0.05$). Preliminary results indicate a likely involvement of reactivated herpes virus infections, primarily EBV infections in severe COVID-19 and the formation of the post-COVID syndrome. Patients with the post-COVID syndrome and reactivation of EBV and HHV6 infections are at high risk of developing various pathologies, including rheumatologic diseases.

Keywords COVID-19 · Herpes virus · Epstein–Barr virus · Rheumatology · An autoimmune disease

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August 2022: Reactivation of HHV-6 and EBV

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Presence and clinical impact of human herpesvirus-6 infection in patients with moderate to critical coronavirus disease-19

Katia Lino, Lilian S. Alves, Jessica V. Raposo, Thalia Medeiros, Cintia F. Souza, S. de Paula, Jorge R. Almeida [✉](#)

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Cohort of 67: “We found that 15/67 (22.4%) patients had detectable EBV and 3/67 (4.5%) had detectable HHV-6”

[► Viruses](#). 2022 Aug 25;14(9):1872. doi: 10.3390/v14091872.

Epstein-Barr Virus and Human Herpesvirus-6 Reactivation in Acute COVID-19 Patients

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Abstract

Beyond their pulmonary disease, many COVID-19 patients experience a complex constellation of characteristics, including hyperinflammatory responses, autoimmune disorders, and coagulopathies. However, the pathogenesis of these aspects of COVID-19 is obscure. More than 90% of people are latently infected with the lymphotropic herpesviruses Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) and/or Human Herpesvirus-6 (HHV-6). Some of the inflammatory features of COVID-19 resemble clinical syndromes seen during EBV and HHV-6 infection, and these latent viruses can be reactivated by inflammatory mediators. We hypothesized that EBV and HHV-6 reactivation might be a common feature of early COVID-19, particularly in patients with more inflammation. We tested for EBV and HHV-6 reactivation in 67 patients acutely hospitalized with COVID-19 using previously validated quantitative PCR assays on the plasma. In our cohort, we found that 15/67 (22.4%) patients had detectable EBV and 3/67 (4.5%) had detectable HHV-6. This frequency of activation is somewhat more than the frequency

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Coxsackie virus and myocarditis/pericarditis as coinfections in COVID-19

Fulminant myocarditis as an early presentation of SARS-CoV-2

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Abstract

Myocarditis is well known to be caused by viral infections such as herpes virus 6 and parvovirus B19. However, during the current emerging outbreak of SARS-CoV-2, there have been few case reports describing myocarditis as a possible presentation. In our case re-

“Myocarditis is well known to be caused by viral infections such as **Coxsackie virus group B**, human herpes virus 6 and parvovirus B19.”¹

“Both types of [**Coxsackie**]viruses (A and B) can cause meningitis, myocarditis, and pericarditis”²

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COVID-19 AND COXSACKIE B COINFECTION: A RARE CASE OF ACUTE PERICARDITIS

[AMANDA ENG](#), [NIKISHA PANDYA](#), and [RATTAN PATEL](#)

... this is the first case presenting **pericarditis caused by COVID 19 and Coxsackieviruses B (CV-B) coinfection.**

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Signs of Echovirus reactivation, too, in the form of Echovirus-6 meningitis

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Increased detection of Echovirus 6-associated meningitis in patients hospitalized during the COVID-19 pandemic, Israel 2021–2022

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Background: Outbreaks of enteroviral meningitis occur periodically and may lead to hospitalization and severe disease.

Objective: To analyze and describe the meningitis outbreak in patients hospitalized in Israel in 2021–2022, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Results: In December 2021, before the emergence of the SARS-CoV-2 omicron variant, an off-season increase in enterovirus (EV) infections was observed among patients hospitalized with meningitis. In January 2022, enterovirus cases decreased by 66% in parallel with the peak of the Omicron wave, and then increased rapidly by 78% in March (compared with February) after a decline in Omicron cases. Sequencing of the enterovirus-positive samples showed a dominance of echovirus 6 (E-6) (29%) before and after the Omicron wave. Phylogenetic analysis found that all 29 samples were very similar and all clustered in the E-6 C1 subtype. The main E-6 symptoms observed were fever and headache, along with vomiting and neck stiffness. The median patient age was 25 years, with a broad range (0–60 years).

Conclusion: An upsurge in enterovirus cases was observed after the decline of the SARS-CoV-2 omicron wave. The dominant subtype was E-6, which was present prior to the emergence of the omicron variant, but increased rapidly only after the omicron wave decline. We hypothesize that the omicron wave delayed the rise in E-6-associated meningitis.

Reactivation of Enteroviruses (Coxsackie, Echovirus) also evident in many cases

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range	Chart
EBV-latent antigen: sign for EBV latency with no production of infectious EBV virions				
Coxsackie IgG-/IgA-antibodies				
4 Coxsackie-IgG Typ A7 (IFT)	+	1:10000	< 1:100	[..... *>
4 Coxsackie-IgG Typ B1 (IFT)	+	1:10000	< 1:100	[..... *>
7 Coxsackie-Virus IgA A7 (IFT)	+	1:10	< 1:10	[..... *>
7 Coxsackie-Virus IgA B1 (IFT)	+	1:100	< 1:10	[..... *>

The specific positive Coxsackie-Virus Type A7/B1-IgG-/IgA-antibodies indicate current humoral immune responses against Coxsackie-Virus Type A7 and Coxsackie-Virus Type B1 (recent infection with Coxsackie-Virus Type A7/B1?).

The test system is highly specific for Coxsackie Virus antibodies. Other Enterovirus antibodies (for example Echovirus IgG/IgA-antibodies) are not detectable.

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Can Covid lead to reactivation of Lyme Disease?

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OPEN Correlation between COVID-19 severity and previous exposure of patients to *Borrelia* spp.

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“increased levels of *Borrelia*-specific IgGs strongly correlated with COVID-19 severity and with the risk of hospitalization”

Source: Szewczyk-Dąbrowska A et al. Correlation between COVID-19 severity and previous exposure of patients to *Borrelia* spp. Sci Rep. 2022 Sep 24;12(1):15944

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Abstract

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“Increased levels of *Borrelia*-specific IgGs strongly correlated with COVID-19 severity and risk of hospitalization.”

Peer-reviewed studies now beginning to appear

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Corona With Lyme: A Long COVID Case Study

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Abstract

The longevity of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has necessitated continued discussion about the long-term impacts of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Many who develop an acute COVID-19 infection will later face a constellation of enduring symptoms of varying severity, otherwise known as long COVID. As the pandemic reaches its inevitable endemicity, the long COVID patient population will undoubtedly grow and require improved recognition and management. The case presented describes the three-year arc of a previously healthy 26-year-old female medical student from initial infection and induction of long COVID symptomatology to near-total remission of the disease. In doing so, the course of this unique post-viral illness and the trials and errors of myriad treatment options will be chronologized, thereby contributing to the continued demand for understanding this mystifying disease.

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Keywords: dysautonomia, covid long haul syndrome, pots, mc/cfs, post-viral illness, lyme disease, pacs, post-covid syndrome, long covid, covid-19

Introduction

As the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) global pandemic enters its third year, its persistence will undoubtedly result in a sustained rise in the population of patients suffering from its unique post-viral illness syndrome, long COVID. Current estimates of the prevalence of long COVID suggest nearly half of all hospitalized patients and a third of all non-hospitalized patients who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 will endure long-term sequelae regardless of a symptomatic or asymptomatic initial infection [1]. The World Health Organization provides a consistent definition for these long-term sequelae included under the long COVID umbrella:

"Post COVID-19 condition occurs in individuals with a history of probable or confirmed SARS CoV-2 infection, usually 3 months from the onset of COVID-19 with symptoms and that last for at least 2 months and cannot be explained by an alternative diagnosis. Common symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, cognitive dysfunction but also others and generally have an impact on everyday

Source: Thor DC, Suarez S. Corona With Lyme: A Long COVID Case Study. Cureus. 2023 Mar 24;15(3):e36624.

Many luminaries in the field have seen clinical indications

Dr. Richard Horowitz: Has been alluding to this since the start of the Pandemic, many presentations and podcasts

Dr. Joe Burrascano: Yes (numerous statements in interviews)

Dr. Robert Bransfield: A Tale of Two Pandemics
<https://aonm.org/webinars/>

Dr. Joseph Jemsek: Lyme Borreliosis Complex and COVID-19
<https://aonm.org/view-past-webinars/>

Dr. Daniel Kinderlehrer: has heard of this “most often in association with Bartonella and Mycoplasma, both capable of causing serious autoimmune problems”

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 Re: How “long covid” is shedding light on postviral syndromes

Dear Editor,


Chronic medical conditions like M.E., Fibromyalgia, Chronic Lyme Disease/PTLDS and long COVID all share similar symptoms as your article suggests, but the implication that Lyme disease fits into the same category from an etiological point-of-view, and is not a persistent infection, nor immunological in nature requires elucidation.

Although there has been a long ongoing debate on the nature of persistent symptoms in Lyme disease, recent published research from Johns Hopkins University, the University of New Haven and Stamford University have all implicated biofilm/‘persister’ forms of Borrelia as one of the reasons why symptoms persist in this chronically ill population. Clinical studies on dapsone combination therapy as well as disulfiram as ‘persister’ drug regimens have been shown to have benefit in relieving symptoms in the CLD/PTLDS population, and the published medical literature has found up to 16 reasons why symptoms may persist. A review of the literature reveals that long COVID and chronic Lyme disease share certain etiological overlaps based on published literature, including possible persistent infection, reactivation of infection (EBV, HHV6), autoimmunity and immune dysfunction, POTS/dysautonomia, and mitochondrial dysfunction.

In the United States, 87% of our health care costs and 70% of our deaths are due to chronic disease, and chronic infections and environmental toxins are not regularly considered in the work-up. In the case of COVID, disadvantaged populations exposed to high levels of pollution fared poorly during the pandemic due to higher levels of free radical/oxidative stress, and with chronic Lyme disease, environmental toxicity

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Considerable % of respiratory pathogens in CV-19: Chlamydia/Mycoplasma pneumoniae and others

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Researchers report 21% COVID-19 co-infection rate

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A **research letter** published yesterday in *JAMA* found that rates of COVID-19 co-infections with other respiratory pathogens are 21%, higher than previously thought, suggesting that identification of another pathogen may not rule out the presence of the novel coronavirus.

Also, a **letter** yesterday in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* detailing survey results on 272 primary care physicians in Lombardy, Italy, who cared for about 400,000 COVID-19 patients found that 40% had symptoms suggestive of the disease, and most had to buy their own personal protective equipment (PPE) and educate themselves on coronavirus management.



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Co-infection rate higher than thought
Early in the pandemic, reports from China indicated that co-infection of COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens was uncommon, suggesting that patients who tested positive for other pathogens could be assumed to not have the novel coronavirus.

Some sites tested the specimens for COVID-19 as well as influenza A and B, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), non-COVID-19 coronaviruses, adenovirus, parainfluenza 1 through 4, human metapneumovirus, rhinovirus/enterovirus, *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, and *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*.

Source: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/researchers-report-21-covid-19-co-infection-rate;>
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Chlamydia pneumoniae lives in the mucosal membranes, but can also act as a reservoir of chronic infection

Porritt and Crother

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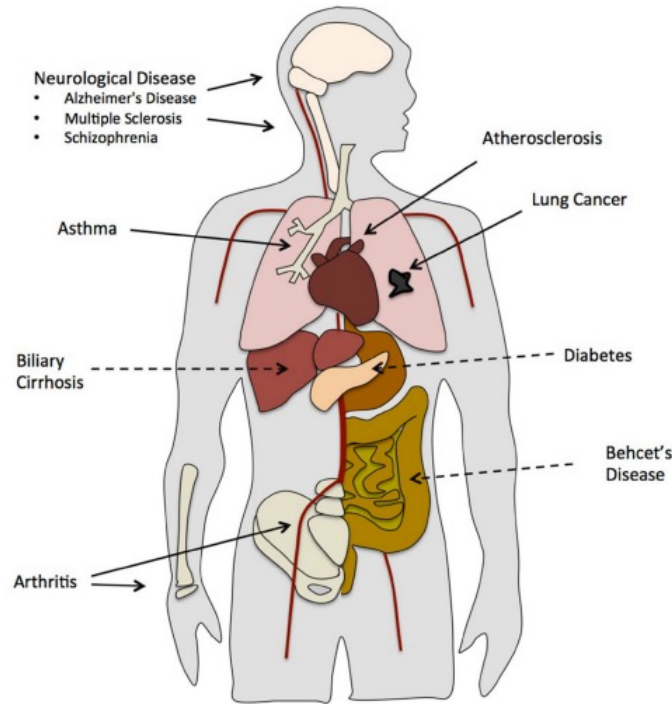


FIG. 1: *C. pneumoniae* infection and inflammatory disease. In addition to pneumonia, *C. pneumoniae* infection may contribute to a range of inflammatory diseases including asthma and lung cancer. Dissemination of *C. pneumoniae* from the lung throughout the body can possibly lead to atherosclerosis, arthritis, and neurological diseases. Some evidence suggests that *C. pneumoniae* may also be associated with biliary cirrhosis, diabetes, and Behcet's disease.

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"Chlamydia pneumoniae has long been found to be a clinically relevant coinfection ... **causes arthritis but also affects the nervous system and the heart**, which renders the differential diagnosis difficult...²

Specifically, *C. pneumoniae* has been demonstrated to elicit ROS overproduction by upregulating NOX and cyclooxygenase (COX-2) and downregulating antioxidant enzyme systems, such as catalase, SOD-1, and thioredoxin-1 [65]. There is also evidence that *C. pneumoniae*-induced oxidative stress may contribute to **endothelial dysfunction** by decreasing eNOS expression and, hence, nitric oxide synthesis in endothelial cells [66,67]. ... *C. pneumoniae* is able to survive in monocytes/macrophages, considered as a **reservoir of chronic infection**.³

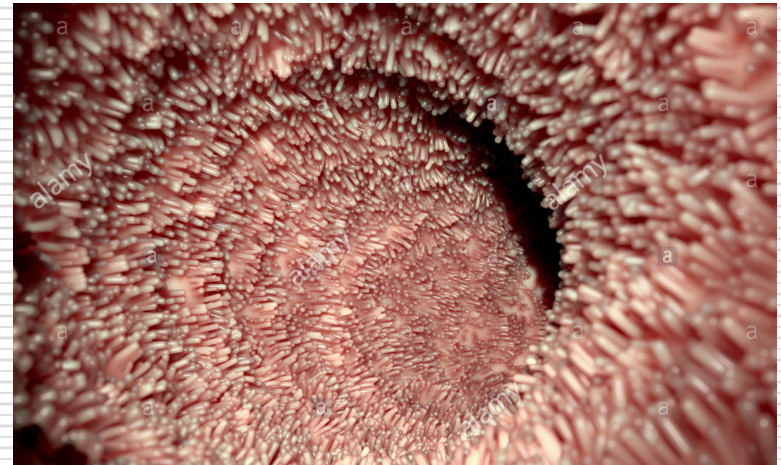
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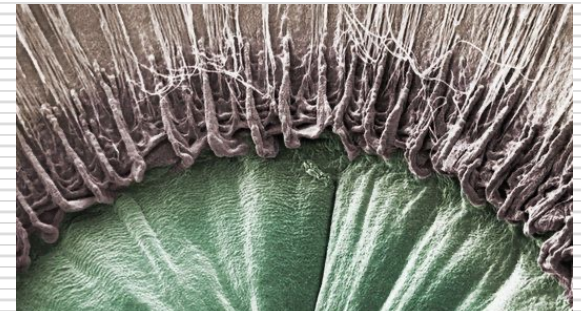
Mycoplasma: huge affinity for mucous membranes

Mycoplasmas populate mucous membrane systems associated with ciliary structures:

- Entire respiratory system
- Small intestine
- Vagina, fallopian tubes and uterus
- Vesicles of the brain that circulate cerebrospinal fluid,
- Cilia of the eyes' photoreceptors
- Synovial tissues in the joints



Most mycoplasmal symptoms come from infection and damage of cilia. Mycoplasma use inflammation to make epithelial and endothelial structures more porous, penetrating to deeper cilia, giving access even to the mitochondria.



Source: *Ciliary and Flagellar Membranes*. Bloodwood, E (Ed.), 1990, Springer; Prince OA et al. *In Vitro Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Mycoplasma pneumoniae Colonization of Human Airway Epithelium*. [Infect Immun](#). 2014 Feb; 82(2): 579–586

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- Therapeutic options

NEW: ArminLabs Post-COVID Viral Reactivation Panels: Basic and Advanced

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Post-COVID Reactivated Infection Panels

PATIENT INFORMATION		BARCODE (Lab use only)	ORDERING DR/PRACT
Patient FIRST NAME:			Time of Blood Draw:
Patient SURNAME:		Clinic:	
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY):		Date (DD/MM):	Street Address:
SEX (please circle): nonbinary male female			Material/Quantity <input type="checkbox"/> CPDA (yellow) <input type="checkbox"/> Serum (orange)
Street Address:		AONM HELPLINE: +44 (0) 3331 210 305	
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County:	Country:		
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Basic: Post-COVID Viral Reactivation Panel		
<input type="checkbox"/>	EBV EliSpot, t-cell test, lytic only	CPDA
	CMV EliSpot, t-cell test, lytic only	CPDA
	VZV IgG/IgM/IgA antibodies	Serum
	Coxsackie A7 & B1 IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum

Advanced reactivated infection panel includes further viruses, and bacteria

Advanced: Post-COVID Reactivated Infection Panel		
<input type="checkbox"/>	EBV EliSpot, t-cell test, lytic only	CPDA
	CMV EliSpot, t-cell test, lytic only	CPDA
	VZV IgG/IgM/IgA antibodies	Serum
	Coxsackie A7 & B1 IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum
	HSV 1 & 2 IgG/IgM/IgA antibodies	Serum
	HHV6 EliSpot, t-cell test	CPDA
	Chlamydia pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum
	Mycoplasma pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum

Electronic checklist helps decide which coinfections to test for in Post-COVID; fills automatically



Name, first name Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Your current and former symptoms Please click on the boxes next to the symptoms that you suffer from		X
1	Stomach ache, gut problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Anaemia	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Diarhoea intermittent, intestinal crampings/pain	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Fever or feverish feeling	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Lack of concentration, memory loss, forgetfulness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Encephalitis/Inflammation of the brain	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Yellowish colour of the skin/eyes	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Painful joints or swollen joints	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	General aches and pains, tendon problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Flu-like symptoms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Rash(es), striae, exanthema	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Small red/purple spots of the skin	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Heart problems, disturbed cardiac rhythm	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Cough, expectoration, "air-hunger"	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Headache, dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Impaired liver function/ liver laboratory values	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Pneumonia, bronchitis	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Swollen lymph nodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Enlargement of the spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Fatigue / exhaustion, intermittent or chronic CFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Muscle pain, muscle weakness	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Shivering, chill	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Blurred, foggy, cloudy, flickering, double vision	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Nausea, vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Dark urine	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Itching or pain when urinating	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Tingling, numbness, "burning" sensations	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Neck pain, neck stiffness	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Shoulder pain	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ranked in order of priority:
CPn, Mycoplasma and the Herpesviruses draw for first place here ↓

Below you'll find the number of the symptoms for each of the infections that we test for and the ranking, in which order you should test for them

Ranking of the infections	No. of symptoms	Rank
Chlamydia pneumoniae	4	1
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	4	1
Yersinia	2	3
Campylobacter	2	3
HSV 1/2	4	1
EBV	4	1
CMV	4	1
VZV	3	2
HHV 6	4	1
Parvovirus	3	2
Coxsackie-Virus	3	2
Echovirus	2	3

Where to find the checklists: www.aonm.org – ArminLabs tab



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Seminal "Frontiers" article: S1 protein in Post-COVID patients up to 15 months post infection ...



Persistence of SARS CoV-2 S1 Protein in CD16+ Monocytes in Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC) up to 15 Months Post-Infection

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The recent COVID-19 pandemic is a treatment challenge in the acute infection stage but the recognition of chronic COVID-19 symptoms termed post-acute sequelae SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC) may affect up to 30% of all infected individuals. The underlying mechanism and source of this distinct immunologic condition three months or more after initial infection remains elusive. Here, we investigated the presence of SARS-CoV-2 S1 protein in 46 individuals. We analyzed T-cell, B-cell, and monocytic subsets in both severe COVID-19 patients and in patients with post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC). The levels of both intracellular (CD14⁺CD16⁺) and extracellular (CD14⁺CD16⁺)

"This means the body has literally been sprayed with the virus and it spends 15 months, in a sense, trying to clean out the spike protein from our tissues. No wonder people have Long-COVID syndrome."

Board-certified internist and cardiologist Dr. Peter McCullough, <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1149250505479349>, minute 6.18

> Clin Infect Dis. 2023 Feb 8;76(3):e487-e490. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciac722.

Persistent Circulating Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Spike Is Associated With Post-acute Coronavirus Disease 2019 Sequelae

Zoe Swank^{1 2 3}, Yasmeen Senussi^{1 2 3}, Zachary Manickas-Hill⁴, Xu G Yu^{1 4 5}, Jonathan Z Li^{1 5}, Galit Alter^{4 6}, David R Walt^{1 2 3}

Confirmed a year later, in Feb. 2023 ↑

Source: Patterson BK et al. Persistence of SARS CoV-2 S1 Protein in CD16+ Monocytes in Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC) up to 15 Months Post-Infection. Front Immunol. 2022 Jan 10;12:746021.

... so it's likely important to counter the spike protein in those suffering Long Covid/post-Covid reinfection

Nattokinase

> *Molecules*. 2022 Aug 24;27(17):5405. doi: 10.3390/molecules27175405.

Degradative Effect of Nattokinase on Spike Protein of SARS-CoV-2

Takashi Tanikawa ¹, Yuka Kiba ², James Yu ³, Kate Hsu ³, Shinder Chen ³, Ayako Ishii ⁴, Takami Yokogawa ², Ryuichiro Suzuki ⁵, Yutaka Inoue ¹, Masashi Kitamura ²

Dandelion extract

New Results

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Common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) efficiently blocks the interaction between ACE2 cell surface receptor and SARS-CoV-2 spike protein D614, mutants D614G, N501Y, K417N and E484K *in vitro*

Hoai Thi Thu Tran, Nguyen Phan Khoi Le, Michael Gigl, Corinna Dawid, Evelyn Lamy
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Nigella sativa

Thymoquinone: shield and sword against SARS-CoV-2

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Autophagy/Mitophagy

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SARS-CoV-2-mediated dysregulation of metabolism and autophagy uncovers host-targeting antivirals

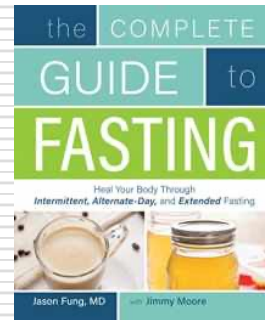
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Supporting autophagy particularly vital because SARS-CoV-2 and reactivated pathogens disable it*

Interventions

Dietary

Calorie restriction/intermittent fasting



Complete Guide To Fasting: Heal Your Body Through Intermittent, Alternate-Day, and Extended Fasting

Exercise

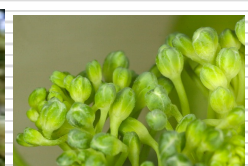
> [Front Physiol.](#) 2019 Aug 22;10:1088. doi: 10.3389/fphys.2019.01088. eCollection 2019.

Regular Endurance Exercise Promotes Fission, Mitophagy, and Oxidative Phosphorylation in Human Skeletal Muscle Independently of Age

Estelle Balan ¹, Céline Schwalm ¹, Damien Naslain ¹, Henri Nielens ², Marc Francaux ¹, Louise Deldicque ¹

Herbal/nutraceutical

E.g. Urolithin A, Spermidine, Resveratrol (Japanese knotweed), Curcumin, Berberine, Quercetin, Sulphurophane



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Monolaurin and Baicalein with evidenced antibacterial efficacy

Monolaurin

An organic compound derived from lauric acid. Found in coconut oil (highest natural source), and breast milk. A bioactive lipid with proven antimicrobial properties.

“Monolaurin is a bioactive lipid from medium-chain fatty acids that have been proven safe for consumption, **has a broad spectrum as an antibacterial**, boosts the immune system, and acts as an antiviral.”¹

"The most effective antimicrobial compounds against all morphological forms of the two tested *Borrelia* sp. were baicalein and **monolaurin**. This might indicate that the presence of fatty acid and phenyl groups is important for comprehensive antibacterial activity.”²



Bioactive monolaurin as an antimicrobial and its potential to improve the immune system and against COVID-19: a review

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Abstract

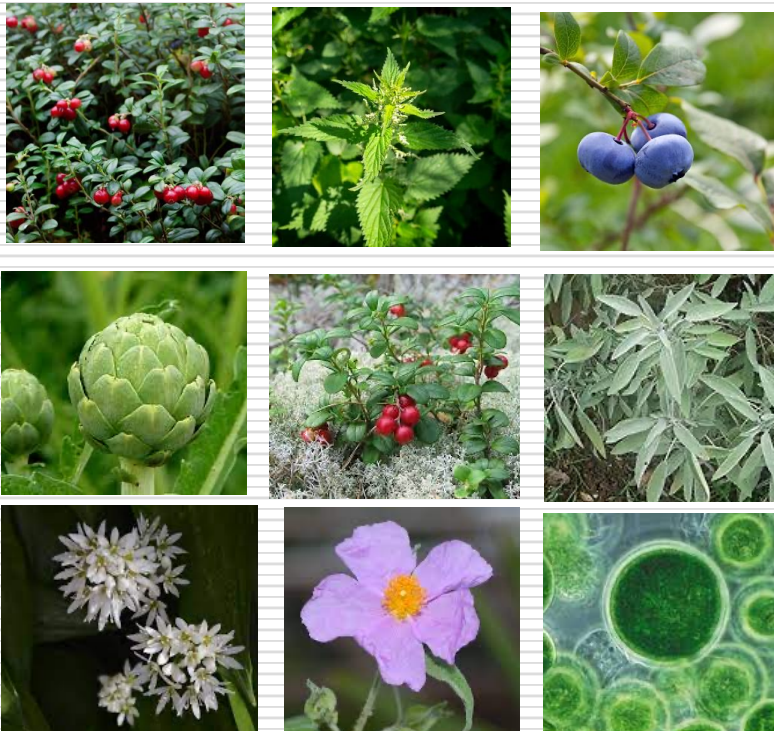
Monolaurin is monoacylglycerol which is a bioactive lipid since it can affect the human biological systems. This review discusses the bioactive properties of monolaurin, especially its role as an antibacterial, immune system enhancement, and its ability as an antiviral so that it has the potential to fight against various viral attacks. Monolaurin can act as an antibacterial in inhibiting the growth of several pathogenic bacteria, especially gram-positive bacteria. Monolaurin is known to be able to enhance the immune system through modulation of various immune systems, controlling pro-inflammatory cytokines, activating and attracting leukocytes to the site of infection. Monolaurin can also act as an antiviral, especially against enveloped viruses, such as Maedi-visna virus, vesicular stomatitis, herpes simplex-1, measles, HIV, cytomegalovirus, influenza, and corona. Monolaurin inhibits the virus through the mechanism of the disintegration of the viral membrane, prevents binding of the viral protein to the host-cell membrane, inhibits the process of assembling the viral RNA, and the process of virus maturation in the replication cycle. Therefore monolaurin has the potential for human consumption to boost the immune system and ward off various virus attacks, including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), which is the cause of COVID-19 which became a pandemic in the world.

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Many phytonutrients with action against the pleomorphic form of *Borrelia*, the “round body” or cyst form

Chlorella pyrenoidosa, Stinging Nettle extract, Bilberry extract, Cranberry extract, Lingonberry fruit powder, Artichoke extract, Sage leaf extract, Wild garlic, *Cistus incanus*

A review of the literature reveals that long COVID and chronic Lyme disease share certain etiological overlaps based on published literature, including possible persistent infection, reactivation of infection



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Pleomorphic forms of *Borrelia burgdorferi* induce distinct immune responses

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For reactivated viral infections (1/2)

Herpes, especially Epstein Barr, Cytomegalovirus, Varicella Zoster virus

Liquorice: Its component glycyrrhizin is particularly responsible for its antiviral activity; “novel way to interrupt latency” of EBV¹

Andrographis paniculata: Andrographolide, the active extract from plants of the Andrographis genus, has broad-spectrum antiviral properties: “miraculous compound to restrain virus replication and virus-induced pathogenesis ... shown to inhibit transcription of EBV IE genes and the production of EBV virions”²

Scullcap/Baicalein: Noted antiviral properties, also against Coxsackie³

Dandelion: Blocks the interaction between ACE2 cell surface receptor and SARS-CoV-2 spike protein⁴

Artemisia annua: “Artemisia annua L. extracts inhibit the *in vitro* replication of SARS-CoV-2 and two of its variants.”⁵ “...the bioactivity of artemisinin and its semisynthetic derivative artesunate is even broader and includes the inhibition of certain viruses, such as human cytomegalovirus and other members of the *Herpesviridae* family (e.g., herpes simplex virus type 1 and Epstein-Barr virus)”⁶



Artemisia annua
Artemisia

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For the reactivated infections (2/2)

Herbal and nutraceutical remedies contd.

Nigella sativa (Black Seed oil): Black Seed oil from *Nigella sativa* seeds has been found to act against seasonal allergic rhinitis, avian influenza and cytomegalovirus.^{1, 2} It has virucidal activity against herpes simplex³



Quercetin and zinc: Quercetin acts as an ionophore and carries the zinc deep into the cell⁴

Curcumin: Antiviral and immunomodulatory⁵, “improves mitochondrial dynamics regarding mitochondrial biogenesis and mitophagy”⁶



Cistus incanus tea – demonstrated antiviral action on several viruses, including SARS-CoV-2⁷



The amino acid L-Lysine appears to apply universally across the entire family of herpes viruses⁸

Support for immunity/natural killer cell activity:

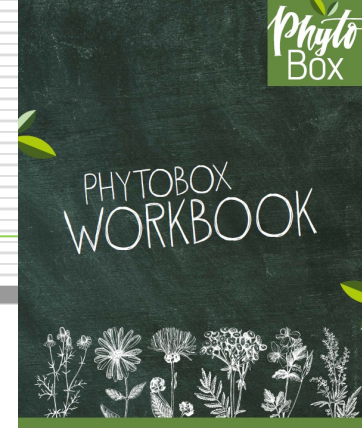
Glutathione – liposomal; N-Acetyl Cysteine: precursor to GSH, mucolytic and perturbs SARS-CoV-2 spike protein conformation⁹; releases histamine however¹⁰, beware with MCAS

Enzymatically modified rice bran

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Many of these ingredients available in the PhytoBox range



INGREDIENTS:



PhytoBox NO. 01

Support for Borrelia and intracellular infective pathogens

INGREDIENTS (4 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Monolaurin	900 mg	-
Baikal skullcap extract	1000 mg	-

PHYTOBOX NO. 02

Support for neuroborreliosis and neuropathic dysfunctions

INGREDIENTS (2 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Andropogon paniculata extract 4:1	400 mg	-
Uncaria rhyonchophylla	320 mg	-
thereof Ginsenosides	256 mg	-
Polygonum cuspidatum	168,4 mg	-
thereof trans-Resveratrol	159,8 mg	-
Grape fruit seed extract	60 mg	-
thereof Bioflavonoids	27 mg	-

PHYTOBOX NO. 03

Breakdown of pleomorphic forms and support of detoxification & purification

INGREDIENTS (4 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Chlorella pyrenoidosa	800 mg	-
Stinging Nettle extract 10:1	160 mg	-
Bilberry extract	160 mg	-
thereof Anthocyanidins	40 mg	-
Cranberry extract	160 mg	-
thereof Polyphenols	40 mg	-
Lingonberry fruit powder	160 mg	-
Artichoke extract 12:1	160 mg	-
thereof Cynarin	4 mg	-
Sage leaf extract 4:1	100 mg	-
Wild garlic herb extract 4:1	50 mg	-
Cistus incanus	50 mg	-

*RQ = Reference quantity for daily intake

PHYTOBOX NO. 04

Anti-inflammatory support

INGREDIENTS (4 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
OPC Grape seed extract	200 mg	-
thereof Polyphenols	190 mg	-
thereof OPC	100 mg	-
Curcuma Extract	200 mg	-
thereof Curcuminoids	180 mg	-
thereof Curcumin	140 mg	-
Rutin Powder	189,4 mg	-
thereof Rutin	179,8 mg	-
Polygonum cuspidatum	147,4 mg	-
thereof trans-Resveratrol	140 mg	-

PHYTOBOX NO. 05

Synbiotic with prebiotic

INGREDIENTS (4 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Acacia fibre	1.400 mg	-
thereof dietary fibre	1.260 mg	-
Bacterial cultures	ca. 12* 10 ¹⁰ CFUs**	-
Biotin	50 µg	100
Niacin	16 mg	100
Riboflavin	14 mg	100

**CFUs = colony forming units

PHYTOBOX NO. 06

For chronic opportunistic virus infections, especially the herpes viruses

INGREDIENTS (3 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Zinc	10 mg	100%
Triphala extract	600 mg	-
thereof tannins	240 mg	-
Propolis extract	120 mg	-
thereof flavonoids	17 mg	-
Lemon balm extract	100 mg	-
thereof rosmarinic acid	3 mg	-
Pomegranate extract	100 mg	-
thereof ellagic acid	40 mg	-
Thyme extract	80 mg	-
thereof essential oil	16 mg	-
Ginger extract	50 mg	-

PHYTOBOX NO. 07

Support in cytokine storms

INGREDIENTS (4 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Licorice root extract	880mg	-
thereof glycyrrhizin	26mg	-
Shiitake extract	650mg	-
Black cummin extract	600mg	-
Astaxanthin	4mg	-

PHYTOBOX NO. 08

Support in Bartonella infection

INGREDIENTS (2 CAPSULES):	DAILY DOSAGE	%RQ*
Houttuynia cordata extract 4:1	150 mg	-
Oregano extract	90 mg	-
thereof rosmarinic acid	18 mg	-
Fenugreek seed 8:1 extract	75 mg	-
thereof saponins	15 mg	-
Cinnamon extract 10:1	50 mg	-
Liquorice root	27 mg	-
Willow bark dry extract	25 mg	-
thereof Salicin	3,75 mg	-
Cistus incanus extract	25 mg	-
thereof polyphenols	16,25 mg	-
Grapefruit seed extract	25 mg	-
thereof flavonoids	11,25 mg	-
Cloves 4:1 extract	17 mg	-
thereof flavonoids	11,25 mg	-
Uncaria rhyonchophylla 10:1 extract	4,75 mg	-
thereof indole alkaloids	0,9 mg	-
Garlic 15:1 extract	3,5 mg	-
thereof alliin	0,9 mg	-

*RQ = Reference quantity for daily intake



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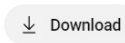
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