

# MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC EBV INFECTION

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To learn more about the pathophysiology of EBV and other interventional options, return to the Provider's Corner of our website to upload:

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*Clinical Considerations & Protocols for Epstein Barr, Cytomegalo and Human Herpesvirus-6, by Christopher Bump, DC-MS, IFMCP*



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RISKS BEYOND FATIGUE

# COMPLICATIONS OF EBV INFECTION

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Nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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Multiple sclerosis

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Hodgkin lymphoma

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Burkitt lymphoma

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Lupus

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Rheumatoid arthritis

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Inflammatory bowel disease

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Type 1 diabetes

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Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

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Celiac disease


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Hashimoto's thyroiditis



Article | [Published: 12 April 2023](#)

## **Chromosomal fragile site breakage by EBV-encoded EBNA1 at clustered repeats**

[Julia Su Zhou Li](#) , [Ammal Abbasi](#), [Dong Hyun Kim](#), [Scott M. Lippman](#), [Ludmil B. Alexandrov](#) & [Don W. Cleveland](#) 

## **Clonally expanded B cells in multiple sclerosis bind EBV EBNA1 and GlialCAM**

## **Epstein–Barr virus is an agent of genomic instability**

**A protein from Epstein–Barr virus called EBNA1 has been shown to bind to and break human chromosome 11, producing instability in the genome that might cause a predisposition to cancer.**

CLINICAL TOUCHPOINTS  
**MANAGEMENT**

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Mitochondrial

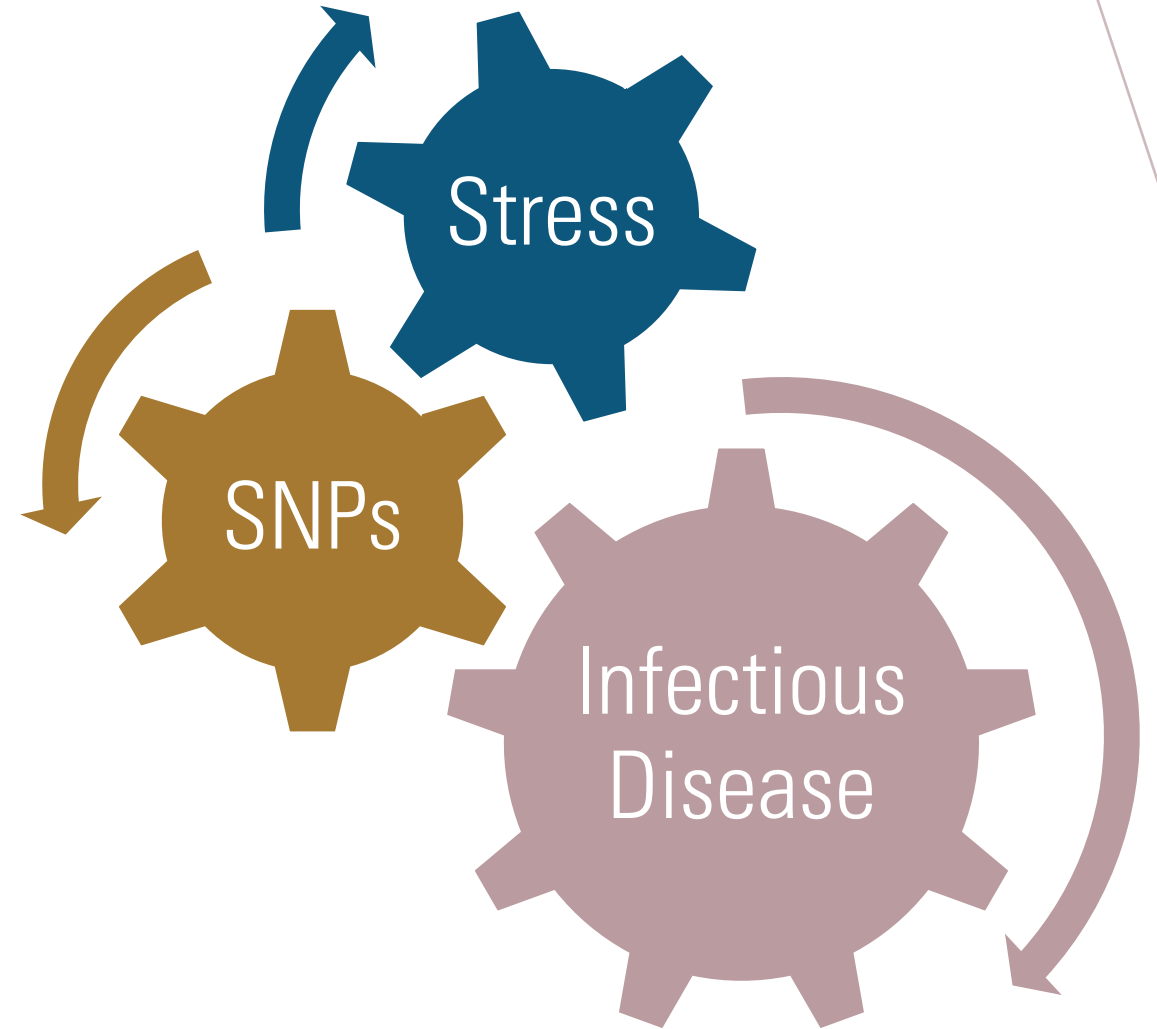
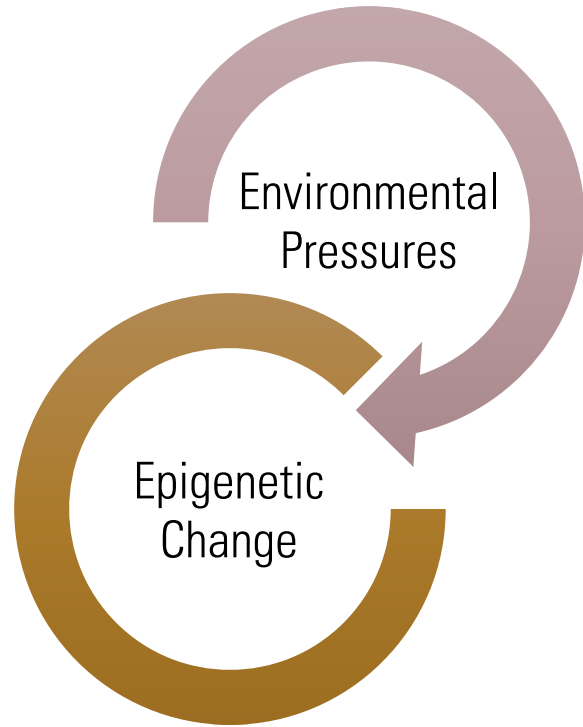
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Immune System

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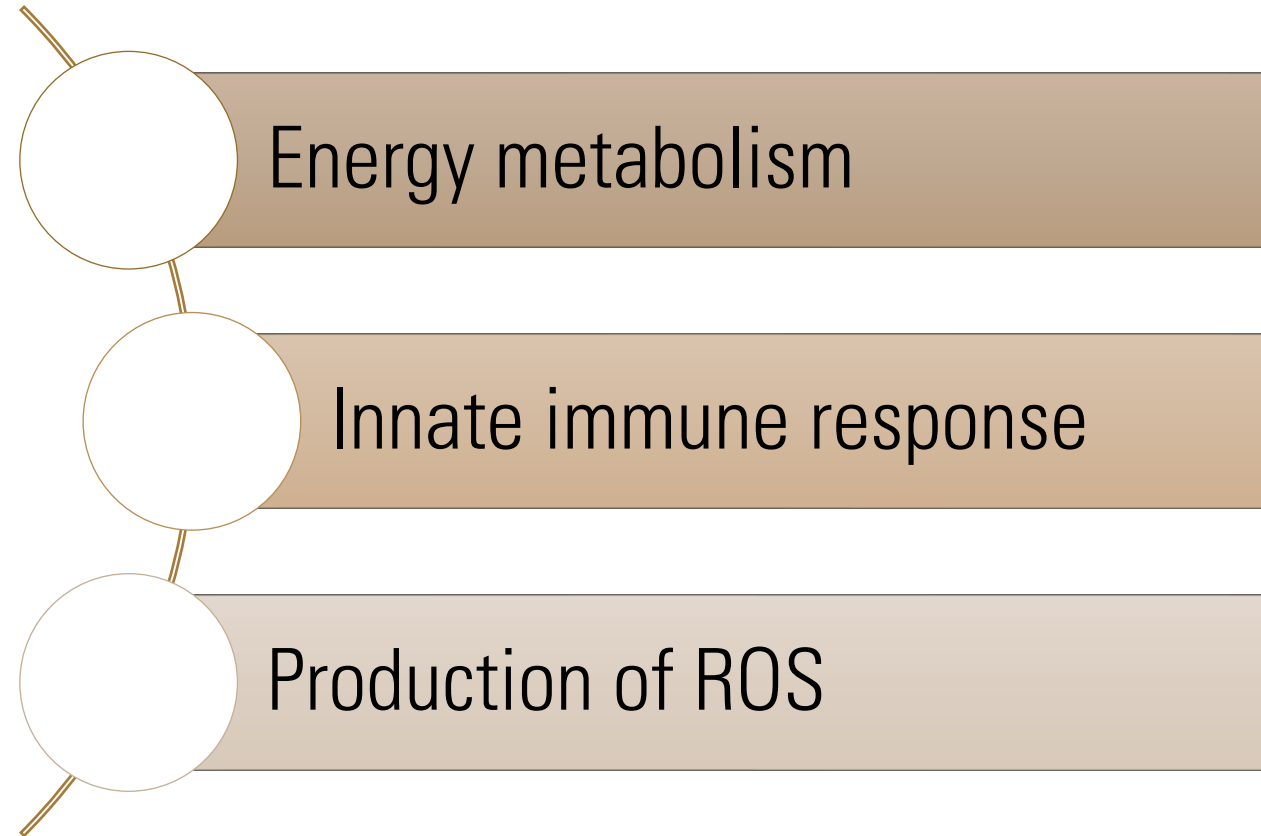
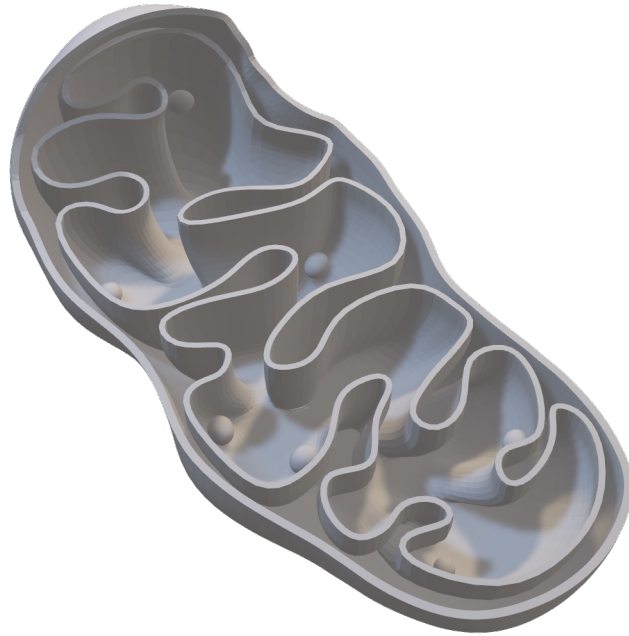
Antiviral Support

# BACKGROUND PRESSURES





# MITOCHONDRIA ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS



# DRIVERS OF MITOCHONDRIAL DYSFUNCTION

01

GENOMIC

02

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Micronutrient insufficiencies
- Pollution

03

HORMONAL

- Testosterone
- Estrogen

04

BODY  
COMPOSITION

- BMI > 25 kg/mg
- IL-6

05

INFECTIOUS  
DISEASE

- SARS-CoV-2
- Epstein Barr Virus (EBV)
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

# GENOMIC DRIVERS

## 01

### DIRECT

- TOMM40
- CBS
- GLRX
- MTHFD1

## 02

### INDIRECT

- PPARGC1A
- CDH13
- SGSM2
- CACNA1C

## "METABOLIC-OXIDATIVE STRESS INFLAMMATORY SPIRAL"

Thompson, E. A., et al. (2021). Metabolic programs define dysfunctional immune responses in severe COVID-19 patients. Cell reports, 34(11), 108863.

### Epstein Barr Virus

- Induces ACE2 expression
- Drives mitochondrial dysfunction
- Infects T cells and B cells

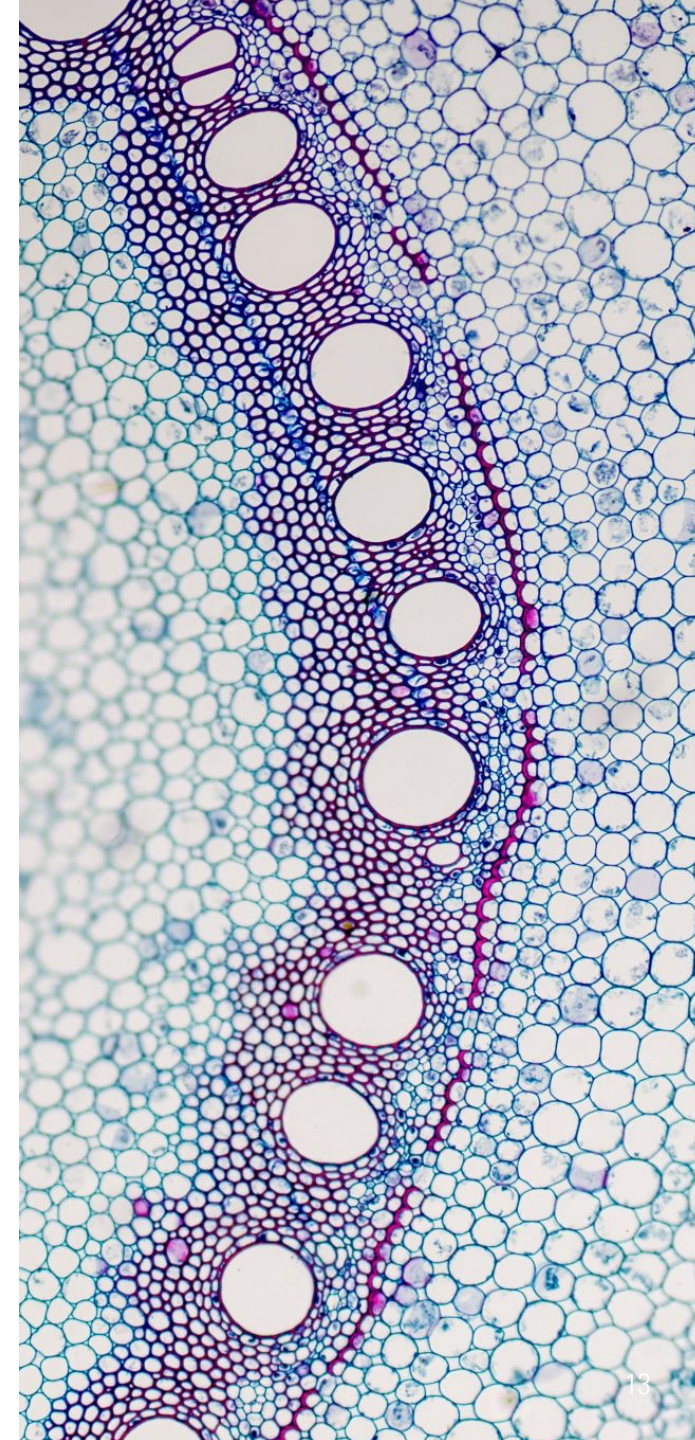
- Mitochondrial homeostasis
  - Essential for sustained killing by cytotoxic T cells

XIE, L., SHI, F., LI, Y., LI, W., YU, X., ZHAO, L., ZHOU, M., HU, J., LUO, X., TANG, M., FAN, J., ZHOU, J., GAO, Q., WU, W., ZHANG, X., LIAO, W., BODE, A. M., & CAO, Y. (2020).

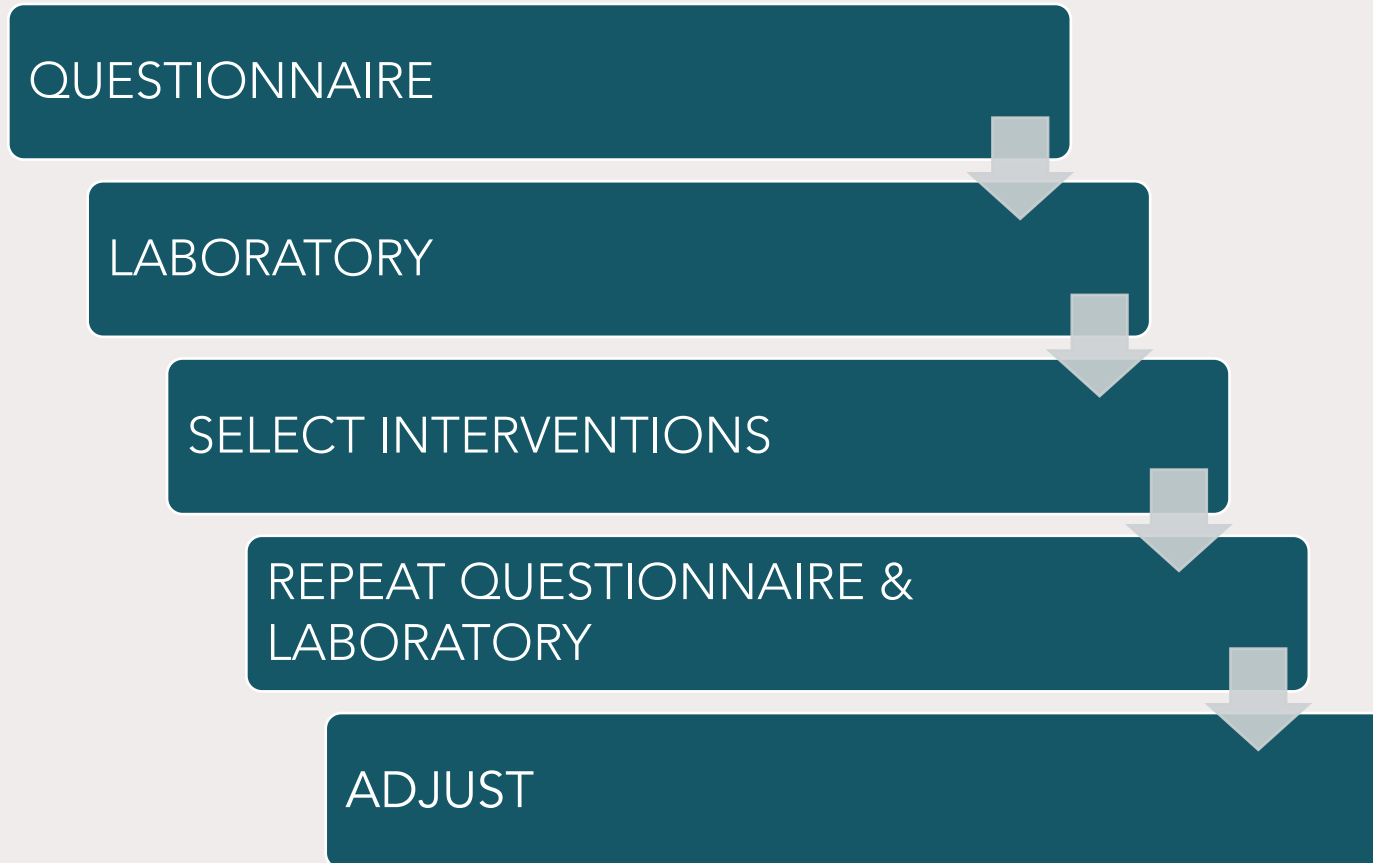
**DRP1-DEPENDENT  
REMODELING OF  
MITOCHONDRIAL  
MORPHOLOGY  
TRIGGERED BY EBV-  
LMP1 INCREASES  
CISPLATIN  
RESISTANCE.**

SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION  
AND TARGETED  
THERAPY, 5(1), 56.

- Alters mitochondrial dynamics & DNA replication
- Enhances glycolysis via latent membrane protein 1 (LMP1) and dynamin related protein 1 (Drp1)
- Decreases mitochondrial biogenesis and autophagy through metabolic reprogramming of monocytes, which ultimately increases apoptosis and compromises immune surveillance
- Modulates c-Myc activity and glutaminolysis and thus aerobic glycolysis
- Enhances the activity of glutaminase-1 (GLS-1) isoforms in mitochondria, which ultimately drives oncogenesis



# CLINICAL PROCESS



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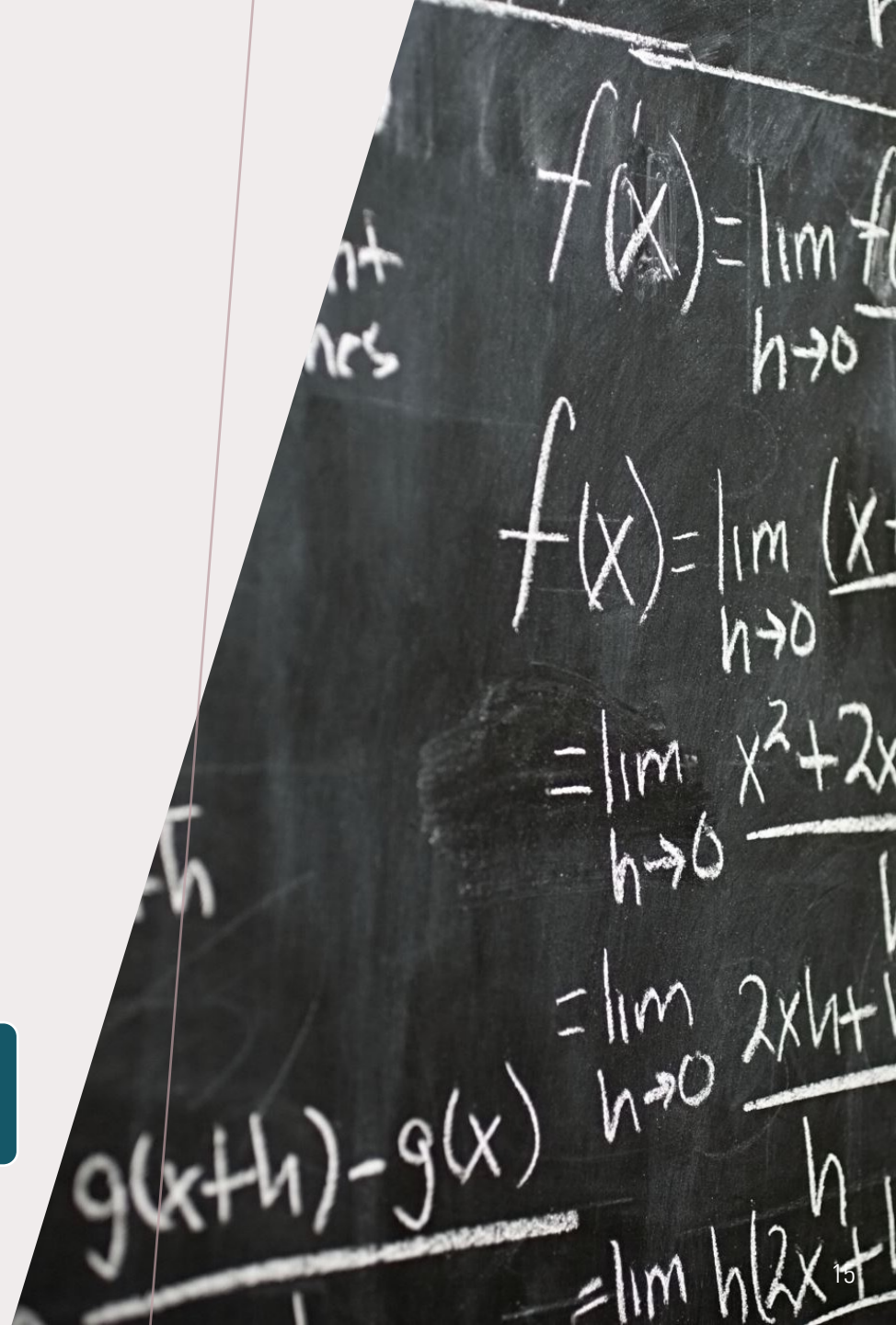
QUESTIONNAIRE

LABORATORY

SELECT INTERVENTIONS

REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE &  
LABORATORY

ADJUST



# QUESTIONNAIRE

## Goal

- To standardize clinical insight and support monitoring

## Limitations

- No validated EBV questionnaire

## Rationale

- Relationship between EBV and multiple sclerosis





# MODIFIED FATIGUE IMPACT SCALE (MFIS)

**I have been less alert**

**I have had difficulty paying attention for long periods of time**

**I have been unable to think clearly**

**I have been clumsy and uncoordinated**

**I have been forgetful**

**I have had to pace myself in physical activities**

**I have been less motivated to do anything that requires physical effort**

**I have been less motivated to participate in social activities**

**I have been limited in my ability to do things away from home**

**I have trouble maintaining physical effort for long periods**

**I have had difficulty making decisions**

Embedded in a larger questionnaire to  
audit multiple sclerosis symptoms

Minimum interval: q4 weeks, 21  
questions

Results divided into several  
subsections

Physical

Cognitive

Psychosoci  
al

Total Score

# CLINICAL PEARL QUESTIONNAIRE

*Our use of a questionnaire has proven to be useful prior to, during and after treatment, for a minimum of 6 months.*



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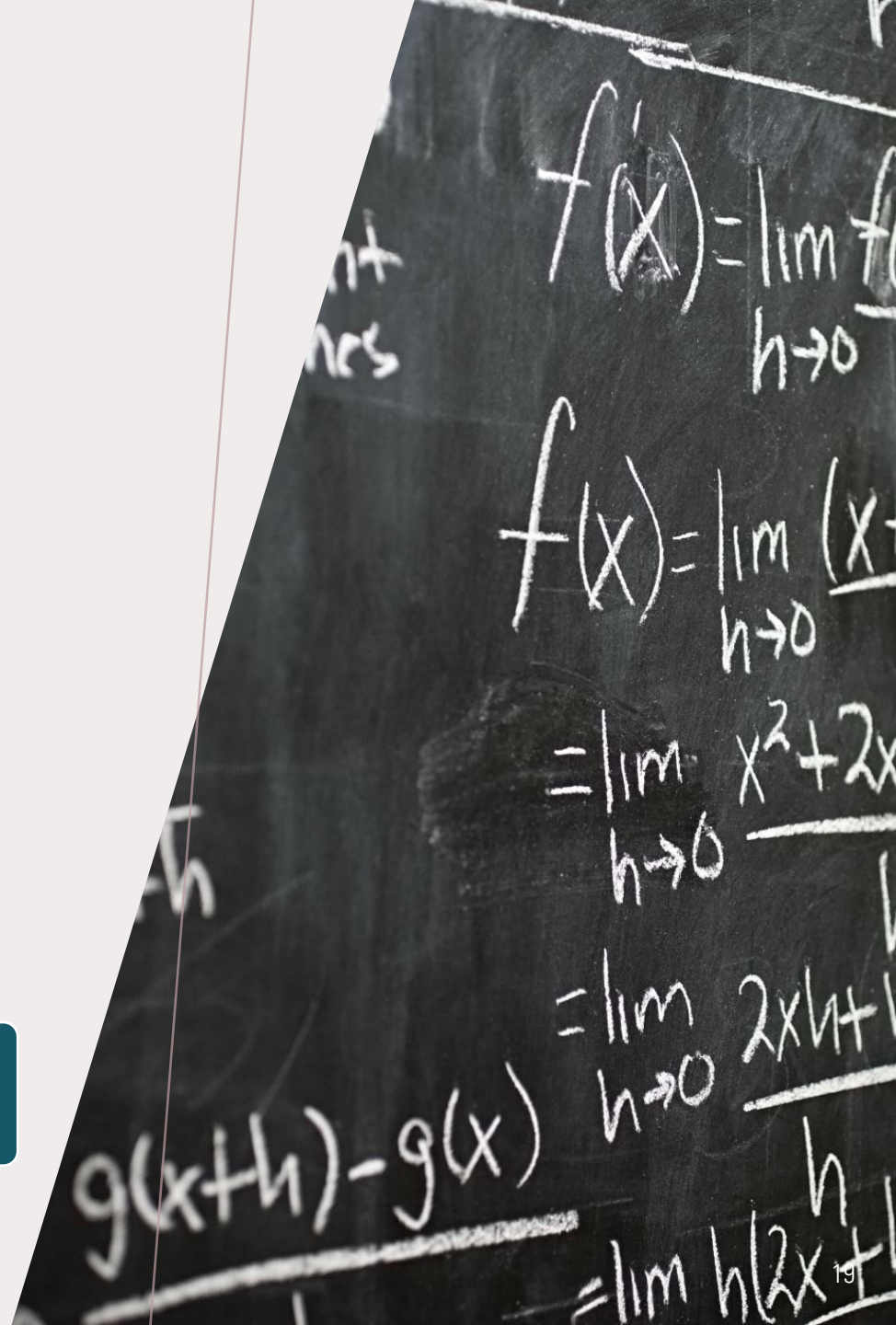
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LABORATORY TESTING

SELECT INTERVENTIONS

REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE &  
LABORATORY

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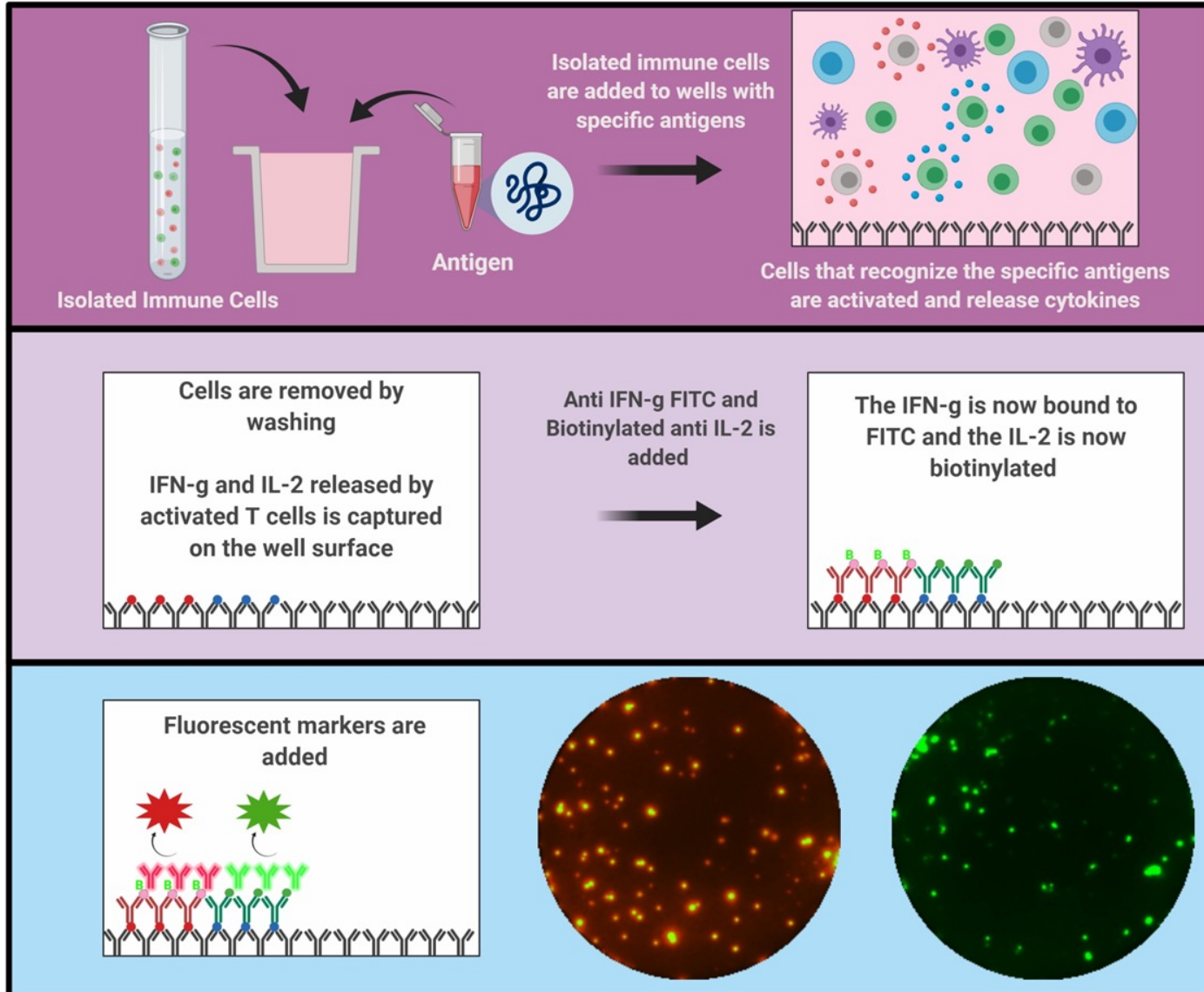
# LABORATORY

## Goals

- Calibrate viral load and **lytic vs. latent** status
- Calibrate immune status - CBC
- Optional
  - Adrenocortical competency - cortisol
  - Mitochondrial function
  - Micronutrient testing



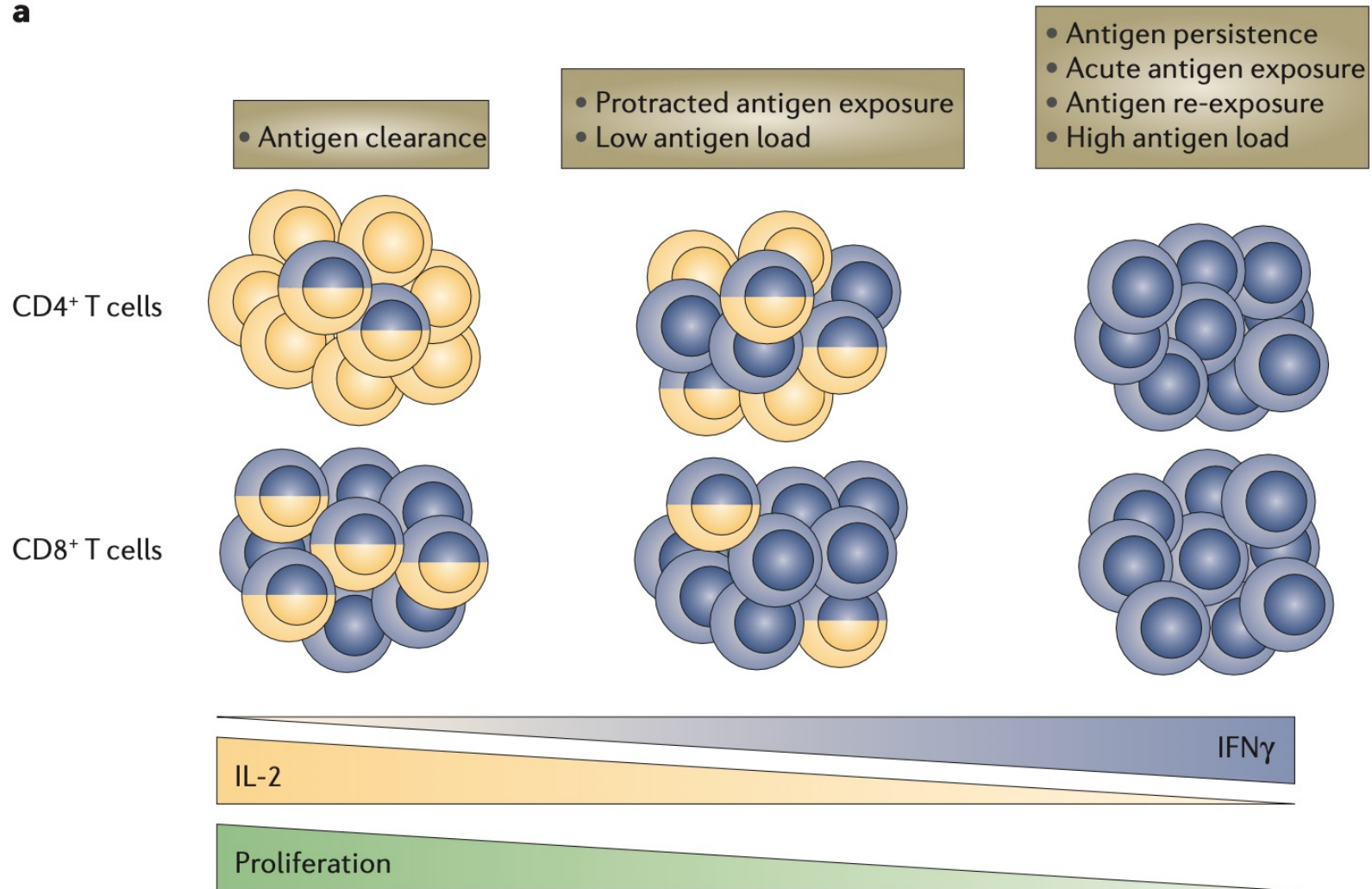
# HOW TO MONITOR SPECIFIC T-CELL SUBSETS



- PBMCs (white blood cells) are isolated
- Plated on a pre-coated plate
- Specific antigens are used for re-stimulation
- After over night incubation cells are washed away
- Released cytokines are visualized
- Each spot represents one antigen specific T-cell of the patient

PANTALEO, G., & HARARI, A. (2006). FUNCTIONAL SIGNATURES IN ANTIVIRAL T-CELL IMMUNITY FOR MONITORING VIRUS-ASSOCIATED DISEASES. NATURE REVIEWS. IMMUNOLOGY, 6(5), 417–423.

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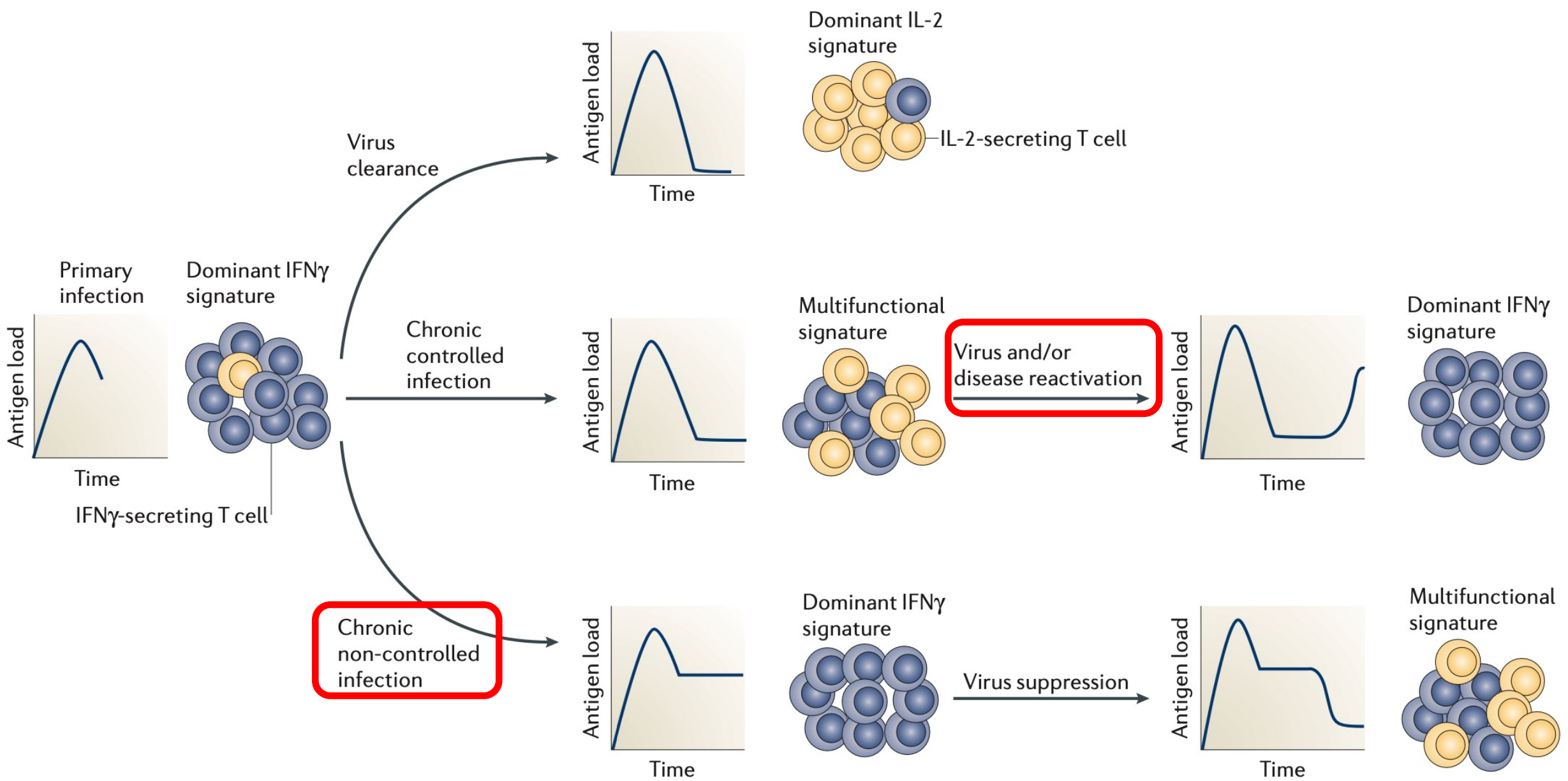
# CLINICAL PEARL

## INFECTOLAB TESTING

InfectoLab testing may be repeated every 12-16 weeks based on the lifespan of T cells. Our practice typically tests at 16-week intervals, but we may also test at 8 weeks if we're looking to validate prior clinical decision making.

*Aside: Immunologists use an IgG that is 5x greater than normal as an indication of EBV reactivation.*







# CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT INFECTOLAB TESTING - NEW

We have started using the Functional Immune Assessment in our more challenging cases. Outcome data is pending.



# CLINICAL PEARL INTERVENTIONS

*In our experience, no single intervention solves the problem of chronic EBV infection.*

*Scaffolding within a category (e.g. multiple antivirals) or across categories (e.g. immune and antiviral support) is a pre-requisite for success as is a good understanding of patient needs and an iterative approach to care.*



# CLINICAL PROCESS

QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

SELECT INTERVENTIONS

- Antiviral, Immune Support, and/or Mitochondrial

REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

ADJUST





## NIH IN VITRO DATA – HUMIC ACID & EBV

EFFECTIVE INHIBITORY CONCENTRATION AT 50% (IC<sub>50</sub>) AND 90% (IC<sub>90</sub>) OF HUMIC ACID (HA) vs. REFERENCE COMPOUND WITH SELECT HERPESVIRIDAE

	IC <sub>50</sub> mcg/mL		IC <sub>90</sub> mcg/mL	
	HA	Acyclovir	HA	Acyclovir
HSV2 - Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 <sup>a</sup>	2.5	1.1 – 1.3	6.7	9.5
EBV - Epstein Barr Virus <sup>b</sup>	>50	1.8 – 2.4	>50	16.3
	HA	Gancyclovir	HA	Gancyclovir
hCMV – Human Cytomegalovirus <sup>a</sup>	32.3	0.3 – 0.76	47	0.6 – 1.3
	<sup>a</sup> Human foreskin fibroblast cells; <sup>b</sup> Daudi cells			



# CLINICAL PEARL HUMIC ACID

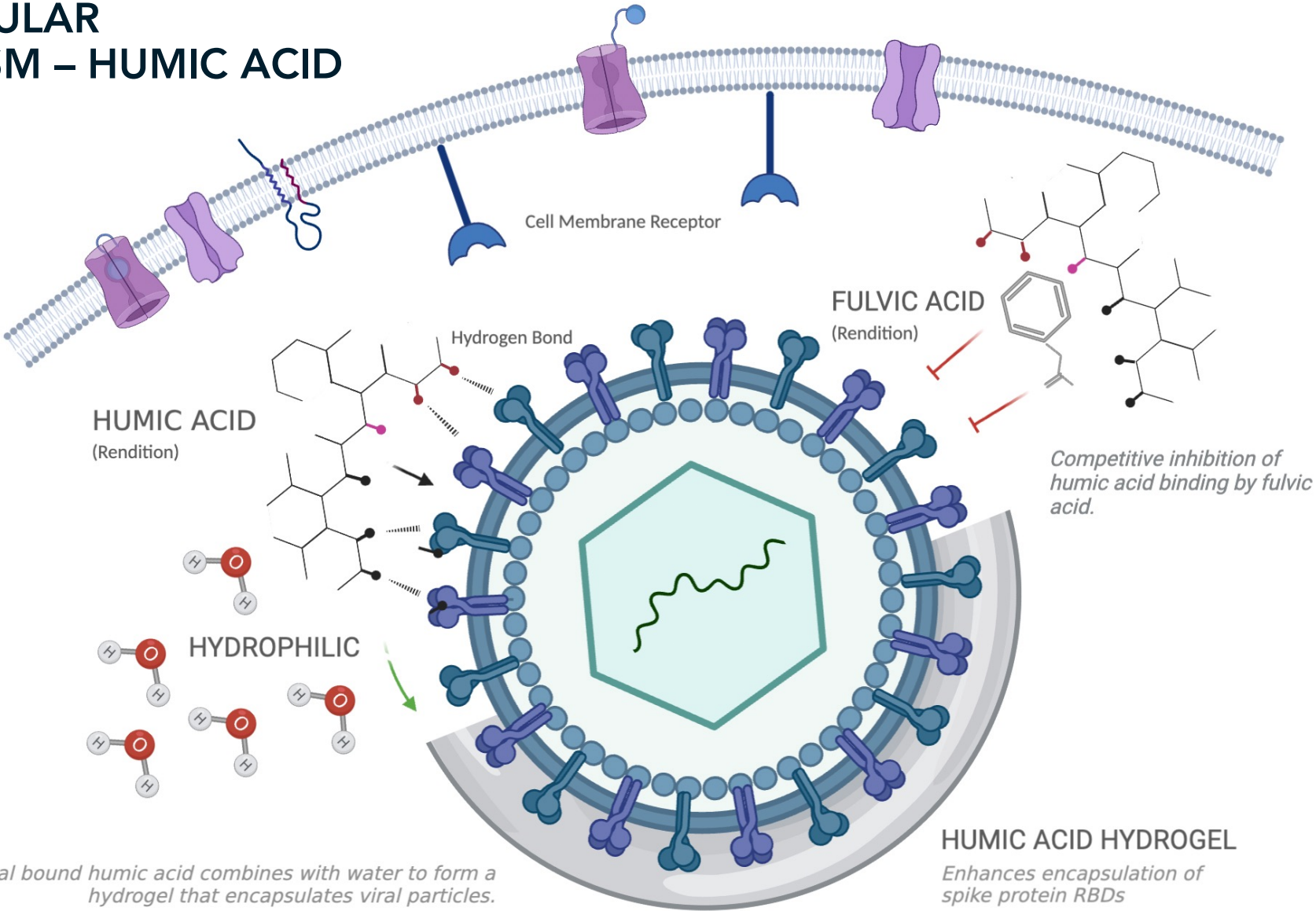
Baseline IC<sub>50</sub> and IC<sub>90</sub> EBV & Varicella data was the least promising of all *in vitro* testing performed for humic acid; however, Humavir's enhancements unexpectedly made it clinically relevant in the management of EBV, but **ONLY** in **tandem** with other products. VZV has not been tested.

Dr. Herbst was the first to use Humavir in combination with Andrographis EP80 to improve clinical outcomes.

In our experience and others, none of the products cited in this presentation stand on their own vs. EBV, but they work well together.



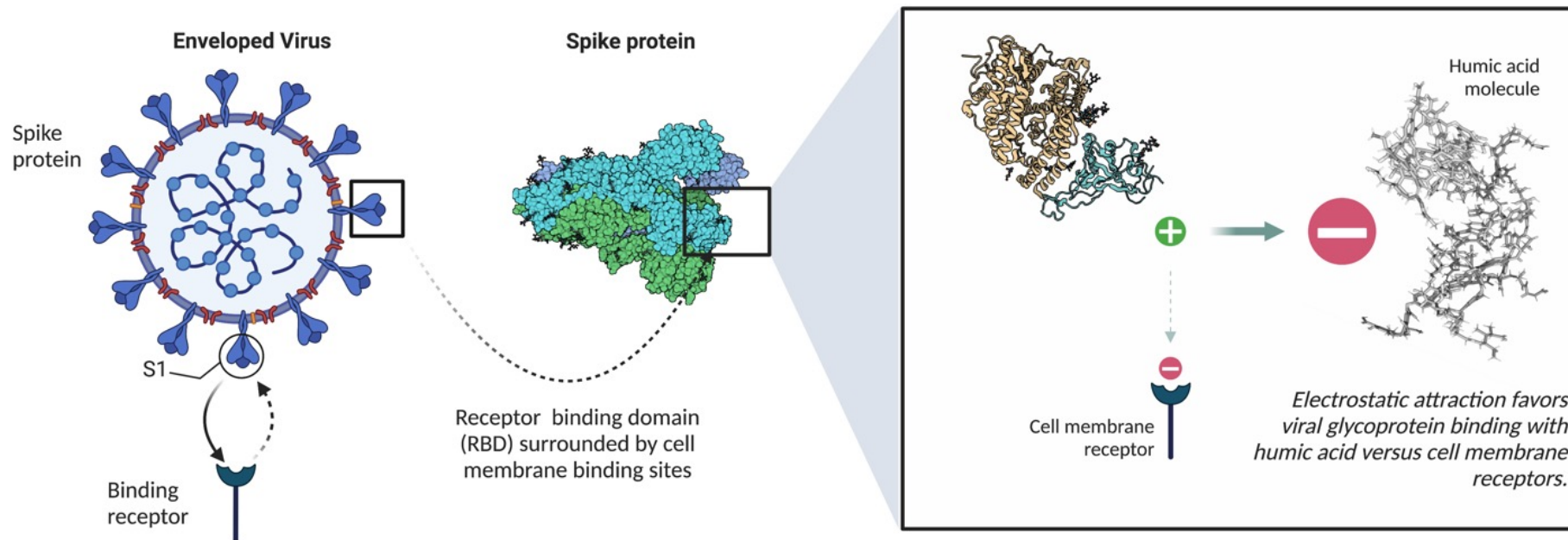
# EXTRACELULAR MECHANISM – HUMIC ACID



Socol, D. C. (2023). Clinical review of humic acid as an antiviral: Leadup to translational applications in clinical humeomics. *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, 13, 1018904.

## Figure 2: Binding Mechanism of Humic Acid with Spike Proteins

Net negatively charged humic acid binds to positively charged viral glycoproteins to inhibit viral binding to target cell membrane receptors.



**OPEN** **Humic acid inhibits HBV-induced autophagosome formation and induces apoptosis in HBV-transfected Hep G2 cells**

Received: 11 July 2016

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Published: 06 October 2016

Kishor Pant<sup>1</sup>, Ajay K. Yadav<sup>1</sup>, Parul Gupta<sup>1</sup>, Abhishek Singh Rathore<sup>1</sup>, Baibaswata Nayak<sup>2</sup> & Senthil K. Venugopal<sup>1</sup>

*Article*

**Andrographolide Inhibits Epstein–Barr Virus Lytic Reactivation in EBV-Positive Cancer Cell Lines through the Modulation of Epigenetic-Related Proteins**

Praphatson Malat<sup>1,2</sup> , Tipaya Ekalaksananan<sup>1,2</sup> , Chukkris Heawchaiyaphum<sup>3</sup>, Supawadee Suebsasana<sup>4</sup>, Sittiruk Roytrakul<sup>5</sup> , Yodying Yingchutrakul<sup>5</sup>  and Chamsai Pientong<sup>1,2,\*</sup> 



CLINICAL PEARL

# ANDROGRAHPIS

*EuroMedica's Andrographis EP80 is the most potent Andrographis in the market. It is marketed exclusively by EuroMedica.*

*Some providers have successfully managed EBV by combining Andrographis EP80 with Humavir where the former did not provide adequate improvement on its own.*



LIU, C., NADIMINTY, N., TUMMALA, R., CHUN, J. Y., LOU, W., ZHU, Y., SUN, M., EVANS, C. P., ZHOU, Q., & GAO, A. C. (2011).

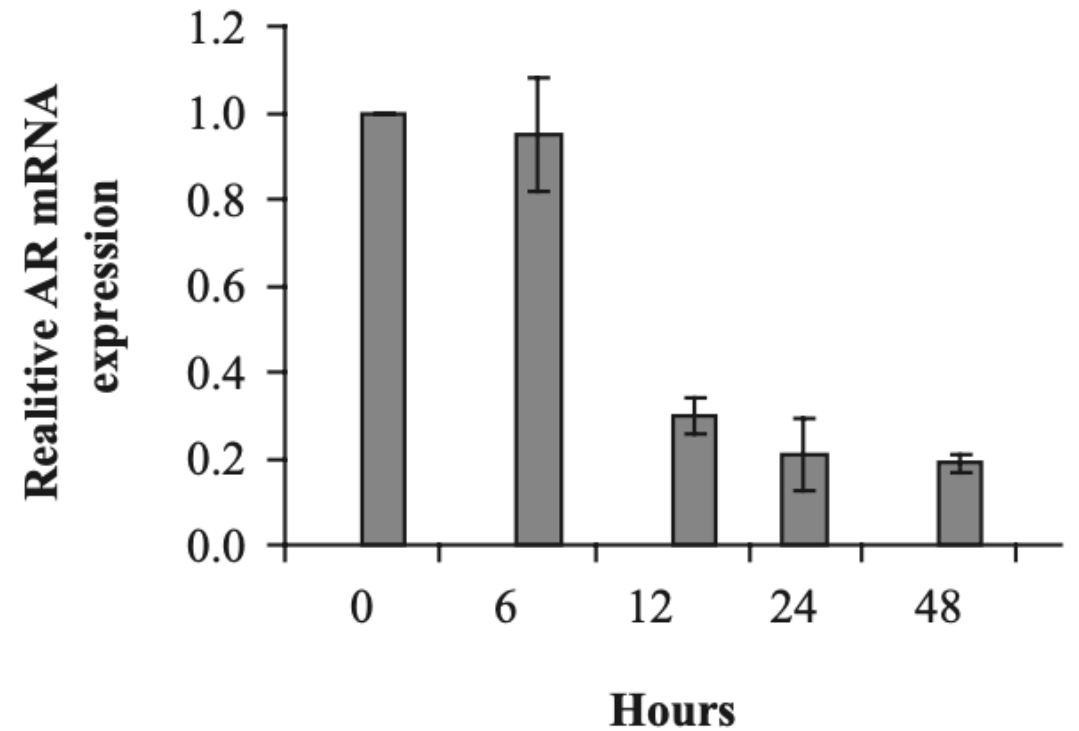
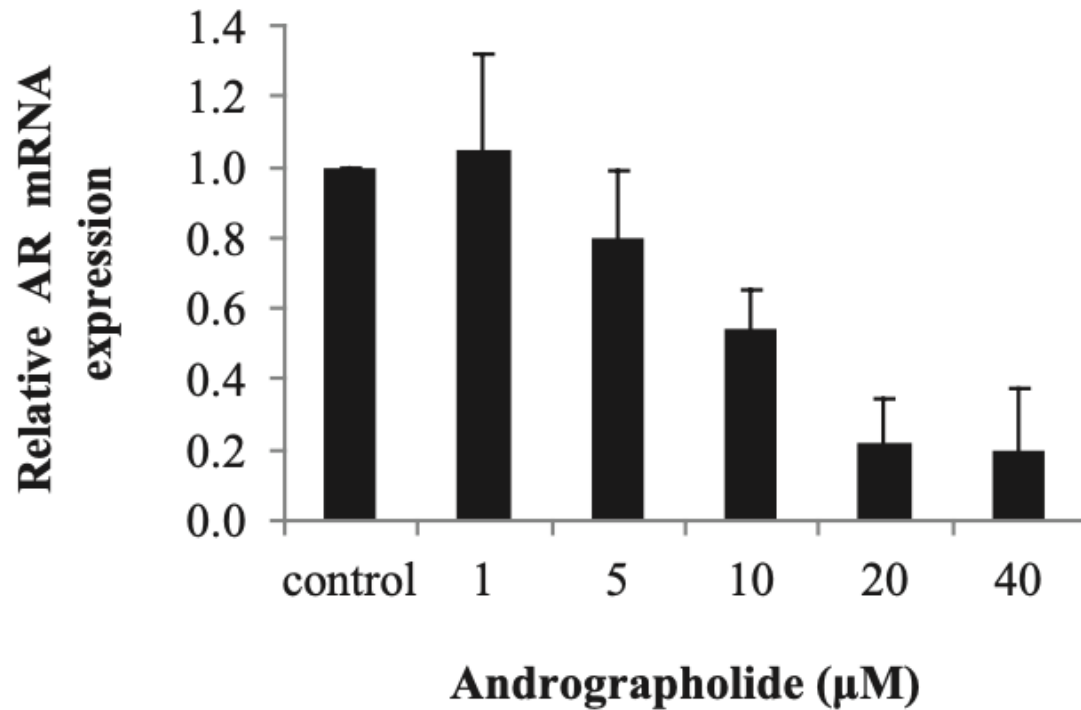
**ANDROGRAPHOLIDE TARGETS ANDROGEN RECEPTOR PATHWAY IN CASTRATION-RESISTANT PROSTATE CANCER.**

GENES & CANCER, 2(2), 151–159.  
[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1177/1947601911409744](https://doi.org/10.1177/1947601911409744)

Andrographolide  
**down-regulates  
androgen receptor  
expression** at both  
mRNA and protein  
levels, prevents its  
nuclear translocation,  
and inhibits  
transactivation of its  
target genes.



LIU, C., NADIMINTY, N., TUMMALA, R., CHUN, J. Y., LOU, W., ZHU, Y., SUN, M., EVANS, C. P., ZHOU, Q., & GAO, A. C. (2011). **ANDROGRAPHOLIDE TARGETS ANDROGEN RECEPTOR PATHWAY IN CASTRATION-RESISTANT PROSTATE CANCER.** GENES & CANCER, 2(2), 151–159.  
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## SELECT INTERVENTIONS

- Immune Support and Mitochondrial

### **Immune Support**

Transfer Factor PlasMyc  
Th1 vs. Th2 Support  
Thymosin Alpha-1  
Fludrocortisone  
Glutathione

### **Mitochondrial Support**

Alpha Lipoic Acid  
Acetyl-L-Carnitine  
CoQ10, PQQ, B Vitamins,  
phosphatidylcholine, ...

CLINICAL REFRESHER

# TRANSFER FACTORS

Transfer factors are immune proteins produced by lymphoid cells that can be cultivated from lymphocytes, egg yolks or colostrum.



## CLINICAL REFRESHER

# Th1 vs. Th2 PATHWAYS

Th1 cells activate the cellular immunity in response to an intracellular infection with bacteria or viruses. The cytokine footprint of this response includes IFN-gamma, IL-2 and TNF- $\alpha$  proliferation, which stimulate macrophage to kill pathogens. Th1 cells are also responsible for driving the emergence of cytotoxic T cells, which kill infected cells directly.

The hallmark of the Th2 pathway is an antibody-mediated immune response and includes the recruitment of B cells to make antibodies and eosinophilic activation. While the Th1 response is associated with viral and bacterial infections, the Th2 response is associated with parasitic and helminth infections. Associated cytokines include IL-21, IL-22, and TGF- $\beta$ .



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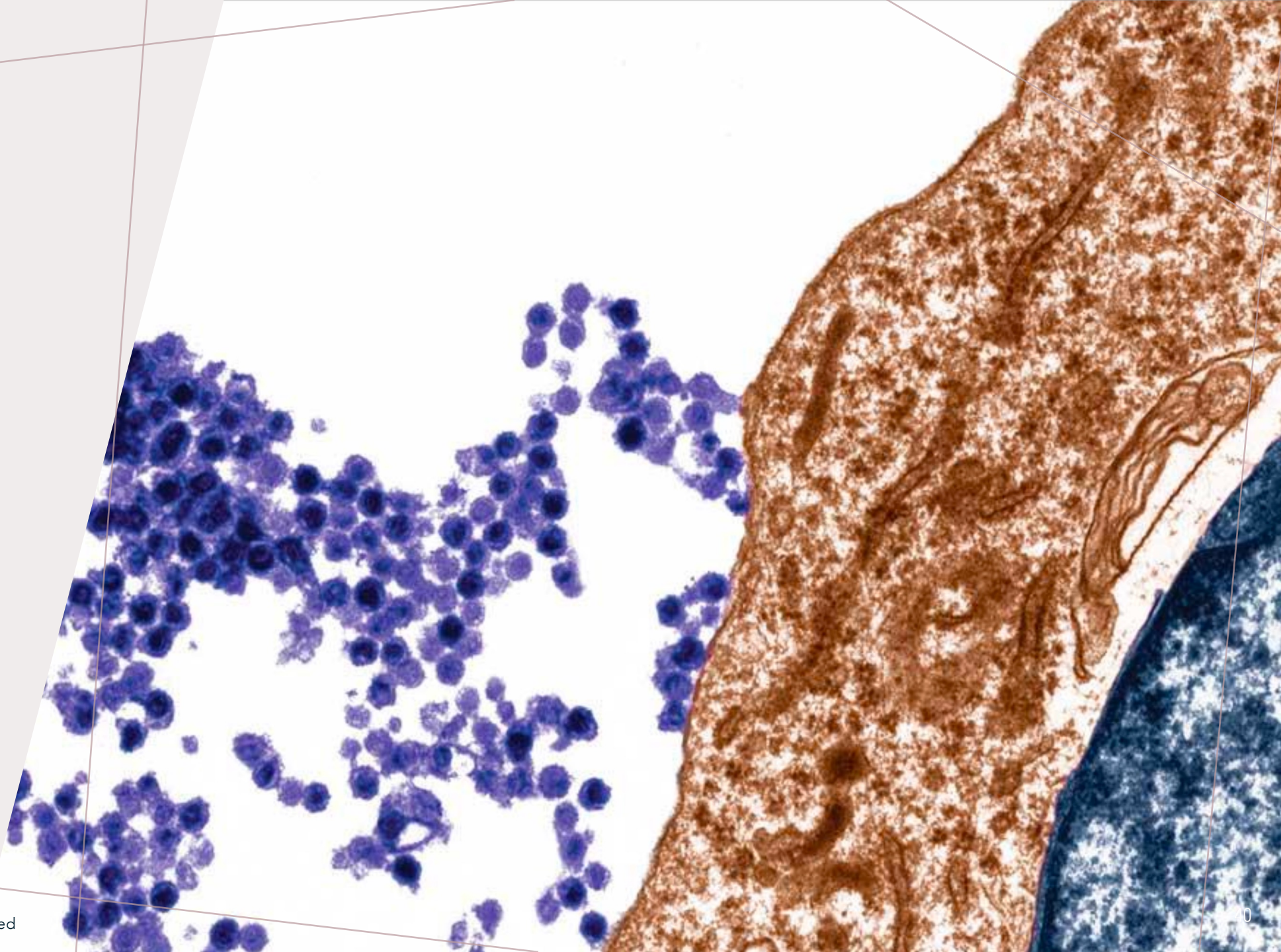
## GLUTATHIONE

The immune system requires “intermediate levels” of reduced glutathione to function properly. For patients with a glutathione insufficiency, use of a liposomal glutathione is a temporary interventional option but not per se best practice in the opinion of this provider. Use of liposomal glutathione replacement, regardless of whether a person carries a GCLC and/or NFE2L2 SNP and/or others, disrupts downstream activity of the Antioxidant Response Element (ARE) while creating a larger challenge in the ROS/oxidative stress domain. A presentation scheduled for February 2024 on updating the paradigm for managing oxidative stress will offer more detail on this point plus relevant workarounds. In the interim, consider IF2000™ as a substitute product to promote glutathione production by using the **precursor method** without imposing the negative feedback on the broader system.

Dröge, W., & Breitkreutz, R. (2000). Glutathione and immune function. The Proceedings of the Nutrition Society, 59(4), 595–600. <https://doi.org/10.1017/s0029665100000847>



# CLINICAL CASES







## 28 Y/O FEMALE, PROFOUND CHRONIC FATIGUE

*The biggest thing is that I want to have more capacity athletic wise. Before the whole EBV stuff, I was doing something physical every day. It helps my mental health so much. (4.26.2022)*

### Engagement Benchmarks:

- Exercise tolerance : None
- Employment: Self employed, not applicable
- Children: Deferred pregnancy given EBV burden



## PROOF OF CONCEPT: DRIVING LYTIC EBV INFECTION TO LATENT

28 Y/O FEMALE, PROFOUND CHRONIC FATIGUE

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS DOS: 1.28.2022

STARTED CARE: 3.1.2022

BIOMARKER	RESULT (U/mL)	INTERPRETATION
CMV Ab (IGG/IGM)	< 0.60	Negative
CMV Ab (IGM)	< 30	Negative
EBV Early Antigen D Ab (IGG)	> 150	Positive Negative: < 9
EBV Viral Capsid Ag Ab (IGM)	< 36	Negative
EBV Nuclear Ag Ab (IGG)	< 18	Negative



# LYTIC TO "LATENT" EBV INFECTION

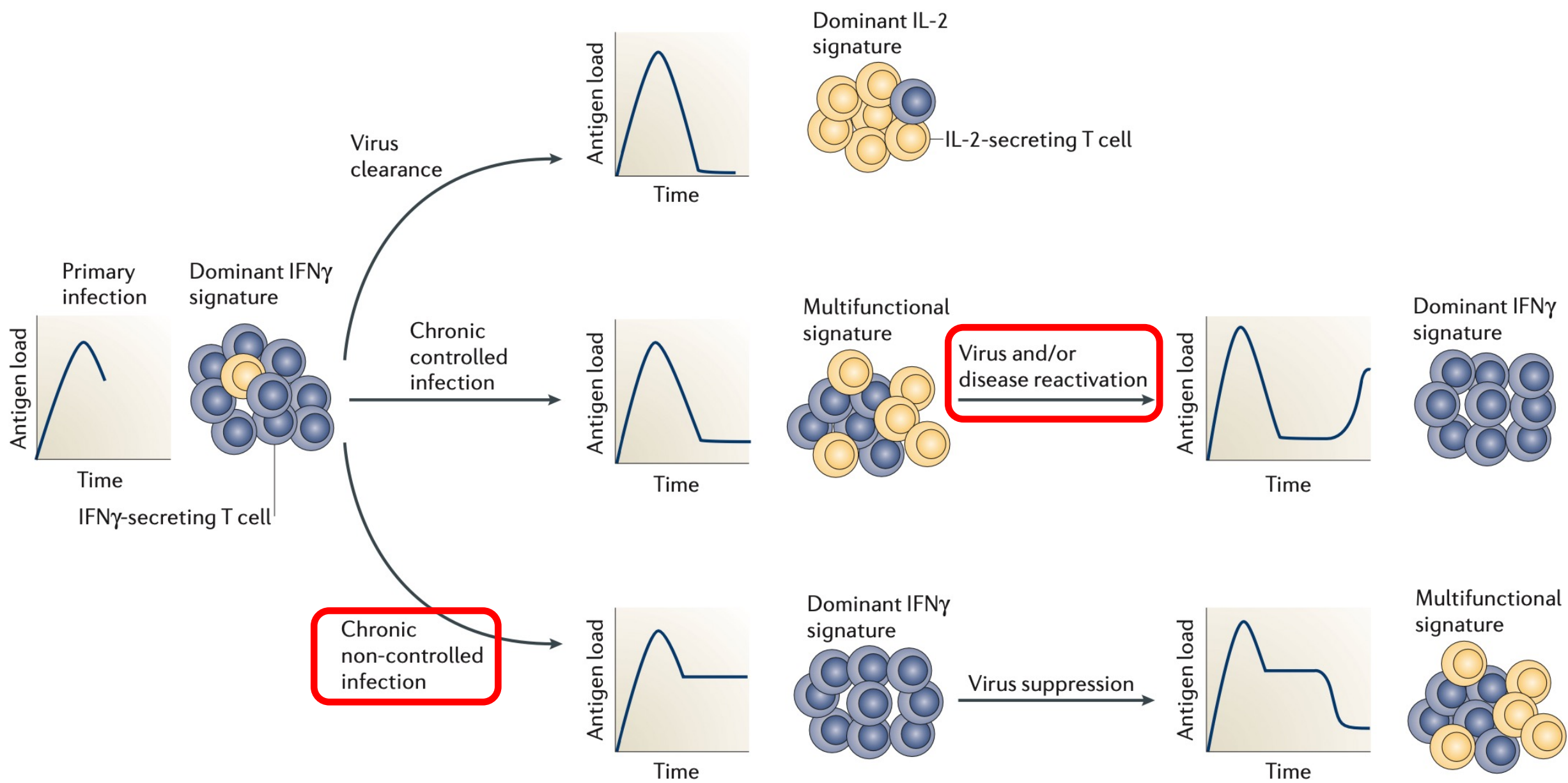
28 Y/O FEMALE, CHRONIC FATIGUE. INFECTOLAB DOS: 6.7.2022

## EBV EARLY ANTIGEN D AB (IGG)

129.00 H U/mL

U/mL	Interpretation
<9.00	Negative
9.00-10.99	Equivocal
>10.99	Positive

Test Name	Value	SI	Reference Range	Interpretation
Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*	0.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99 ≥4.00
Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*	0.67	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99 ≥4.00
Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*	0.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99 ≥4.00
Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*	0.33	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99 ≥4.00





## LYTIC TO "LATENT" EBV INFECTION

28 Y/O FEMALE, CHRONIC FATIGUE. INFECTOLAB DOS: 7.12.2023

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3129 Long Haul Viral</b>					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	0.00	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	1.00	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	0.00	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
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<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.50	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$



EASY (PROOF OF CONCEPT)

# CLINICAL PROCESS

## QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

- Quest Diagnostics and InfectoLab

## SELECT INTERVENTIONS

- Antiviral: Humavir 1 bid
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc, 1 qd x 1week and then 2 qD
- Mitochondrial Support: Omega-3, Primal Multi (Baseline)

## REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

- MFIS – q2 months
- InfectoLab – 4 month window



CLINICAL PEARL

# THERAPEUTIC ENDPOINT

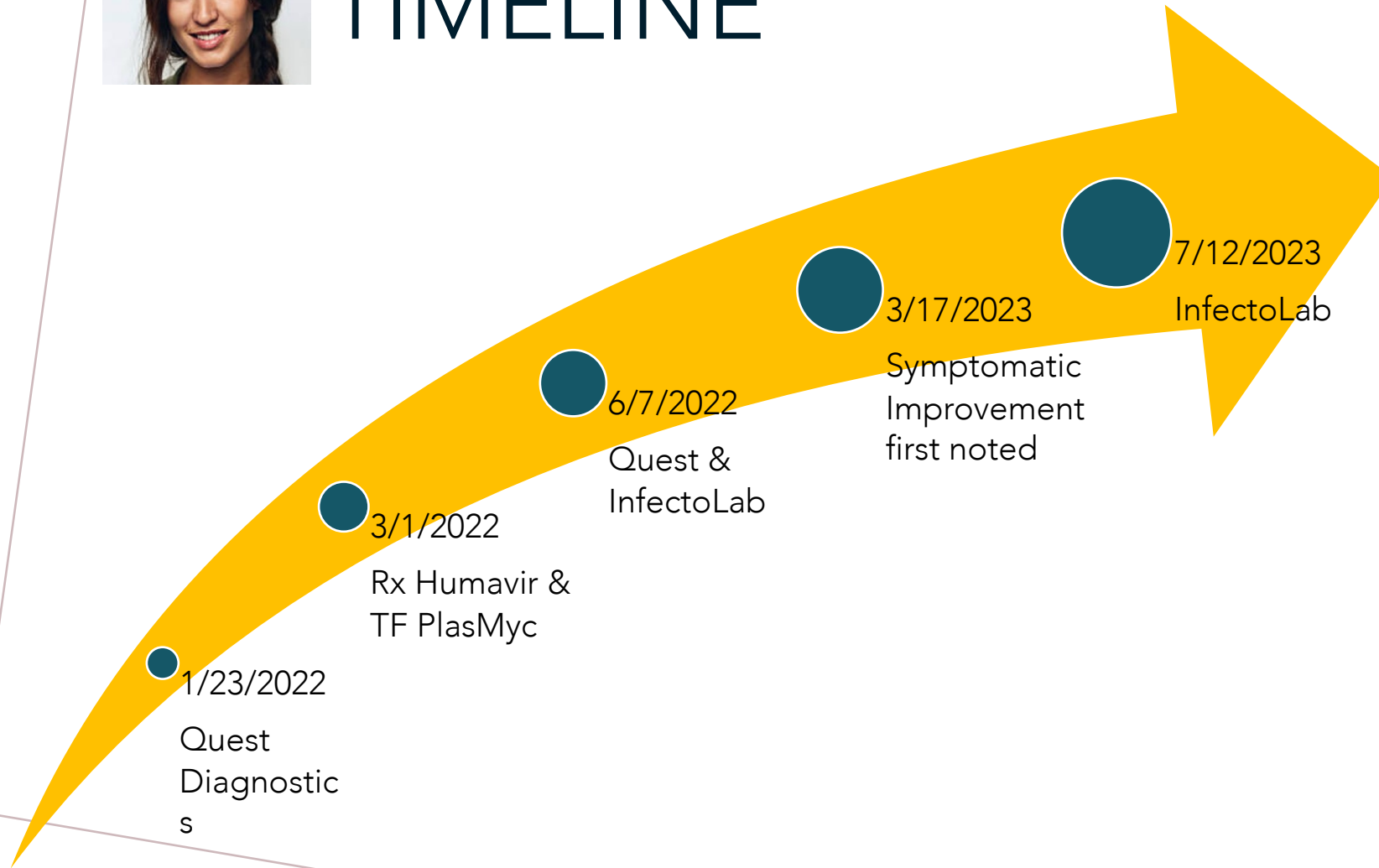
After cessation of Transfer Factor and Humavir, patient symptoms rebounded. She was restarted on her regimen and symptoms resolved. No laboratory testing was performed to assess the patient's status objectively.

As of October 2023, patient is using Humavir 1x qD and no TF PlasMyc with success.





# TIMELINE



3.17.23,, no edits

*My depression is very much a symptom of my EBV. All I can feel is a general fatigue. The fact that I can see that through the winter, that I was no longer feeling good, it didn't dawn on my that it was my depression or the EBV.*

*The level of clarity this past week while being back on the PlasMyc with the Humavir is remarkable. It's like my brain can think clearly. And I can see that my depression is intrinsically linked to this.*

4/26.23, no edits

*Since starting the Humavir & PlasMyc my energy has been far greater than it was the 6 months prior, such that I think that when I got my first flu shot, every time that I thought my energy was back, it dissipated. I now realize, oh wow, I really was fatigued for the past 2 years.*



COMMUNITY PROVIDER

# UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

I started going through premature ovarian failure at 35 and went through menopausal symptoms by 38. I was trying to not start hormone replacement therapy and find root cause. My sixth physician I found, an Internal Medicine/Integrative Medicine MD, had me tested for EBV and after testing positive, start your supplements. I have ovulated every month since. I have had three ovulation cycles in a row, and this has not happened for me for almost four years. Your supplement has completely changed my life.



## CHRONIC EBV INFECTION

38 Y/O MALE, CHRONIC FATIGUE

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Active-duty Special Operator

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Traumatic Brain Injury (blast & blunt trauma)

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Partial Androgen Deficiency

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“Weak immune system”

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Chronic musculoskeletal pain

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Chronic fatigue

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Relapsing RUQ pain

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Highly organized

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Trains in austere environments routinely

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No respite

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Subject to deployment

CLINICAL PEARL

# CONFOUNDERS?

## TESTOSTERONE & NALTREXONE THERAPY

This patient was started on TESTOSTERONE therapy in April 2022, and then on NALTREXONE 4.5mg daily to assist in management of TBI, chronic fatigue and chronic pain. Testosterone positively influences immune function.

For details on the potential value of naltrexone in the context of "chronic fatigue and myalgic encephalomyelitis" caused by EBV infection, see the reference below.

<https://casereports.bmj.com/content/13/1/e232502>





# CLINICAL PROCESS

## QUESTIONNAIRE

- Baseline MFIS: **72/84**, 10.6.2022

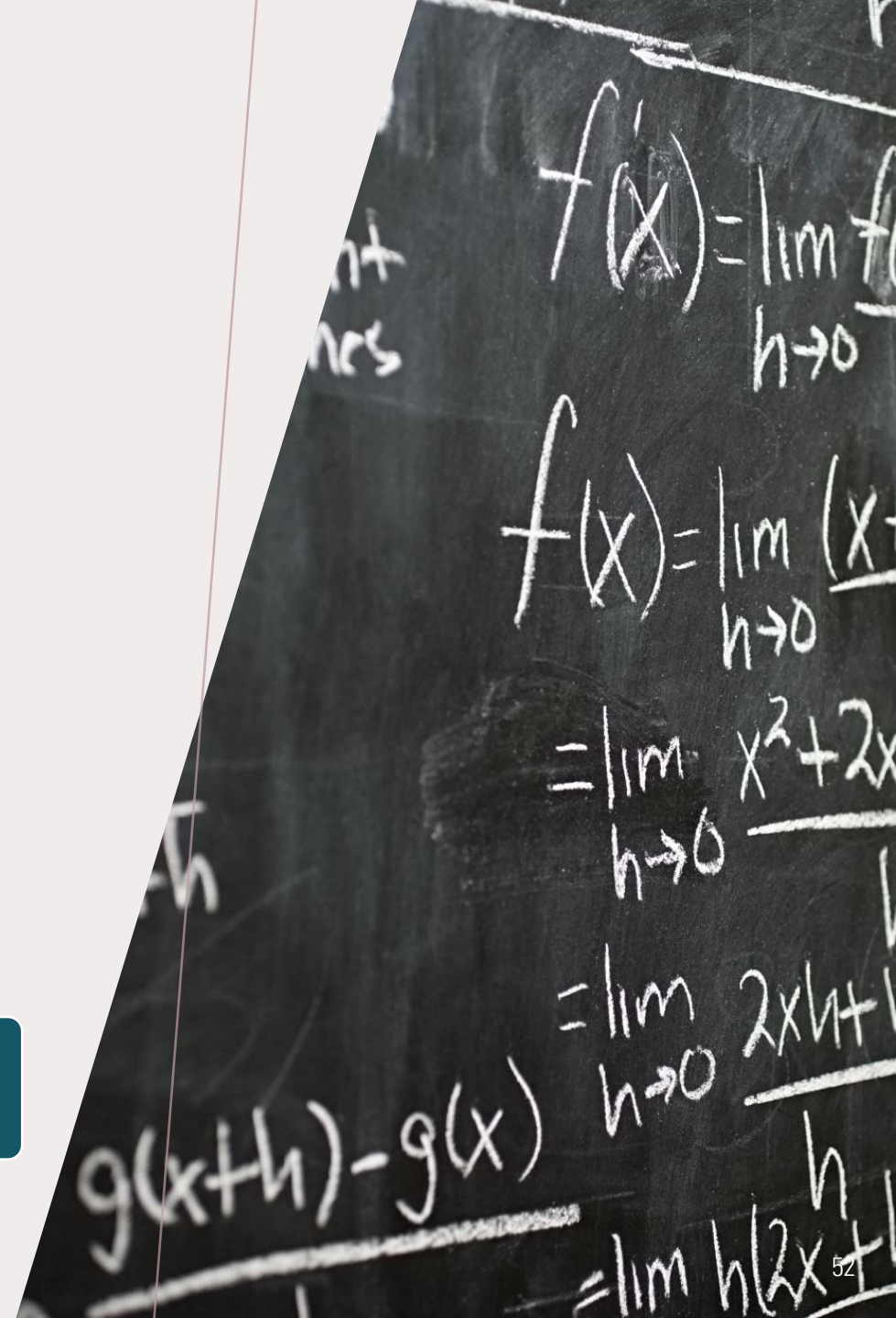
## LABORATORY TESTING

- CBC 6.16.2022; InfectoLab, 9.13.2022

## SELECT INTERVENTIONS

## REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

## ADJUST





# "LYTIC" EBV INFECTION

38 Y/O MALE

CBC DOS: 6.16.2022; INFECTOLAB DOS: 9.13.2022

WHITE BLOOD CELL

3.1 L

3.9 - 11.4

K/ul

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3081 Chronic Fatigue Lytic &amp; Latent</b>					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	0.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.76	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	0.33	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.62	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Epstein Barr Virus <u>Latent</u> Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	14.33	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.66	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Epstein Barr Virus <u>Lytic</u> Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	34.67	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.66	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00



# MOST CHALLENGING CASE CLINICAL PROCESS

## QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

- Quest Diagnostics and InfectoLab

## SELECT INTERVENTIONS (9.30.2022)

- Antiviral: Humavir 1 bid
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc, 1 qd x 1week and then 2 qD
- Mitochondrial Support: Custom Formula

## REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

- MFIS – 8 weeks
- InfectoLab – 16 weeks





HARD, STEP #1

# CLINICAL PROCESS

## QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

- Quest Diagnostics and InfectoLab

## INTERVENTIONS (9.30.2022)

- Antiviral: Humavir 1 bid
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc, 1 qd x 1week and then 2 qD
- Mitochondrial Support: Custom Formula

## REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE (11.29.2022)

- MFIS – **51/84** (Baseline: 72)





## REACTIVATED "LYTIC" EBV INFECTION

38 Y/O MALE; COVID 19: 6.23.2022; DOS: 2.9.2023

WHITE BLOOD CELL

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3.9 - 11.4

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### FINAL REPORT

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3116 EBV Lytic and Chronic Spot</b>					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	4.50	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	1.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	46.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	1.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00





HARD, STEP #2

# CLINICAL PROCESS

## LABORATORY

- Last InfectoLab: 9.13.2022, 2.9.2023
- Last CBC: 6.16.2022, 2.9.2023

## UPDATE INTERVENTIONS (2.14.23)

- Antiviral: Humavir 2 BID
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc 2 BID to 3 BID
- Mitochondrial Support: Custom Formula

## QUESTIONNAIRE (3.23.23)

- MFIS: 56/84 (Prior: 51/84, 11.29.2022)





HARD, STEP #3

# CLINICAL PROCESS

Pressure of forthcoming deployment and schedule for laboratory redraws prompted reconsideration of approach. Started ANDROGRAPHIS EP80.



UPDATE INTERVENTIONS (3.15.2023 & 4.27.2023)

- Antiviral: Humavir 2 BID & **ANDROGRAPHIS EP80 1 BID x2 weeks and then increased to 2 BID**
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc 3 BID & Fludrocortisone 0.1mg BIW
- Mitochondrial Support: Custom Formula





## REACTIVATED "LYTIC" EBV INFECTION

38 Y/O MALE

POST-COVID; DOS: CBC **3.29.23**, INFECTOLAB DOS: **PENDING**

WHITE BLOOD CELL	4.0	3.9 - 11.4	K/ul
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5.8.2023

Interval laboratory, VA WBC = 5.0.

WBC is trending appropriately, which is atypical per the patient, but symptoms by MFIS are stagnant.

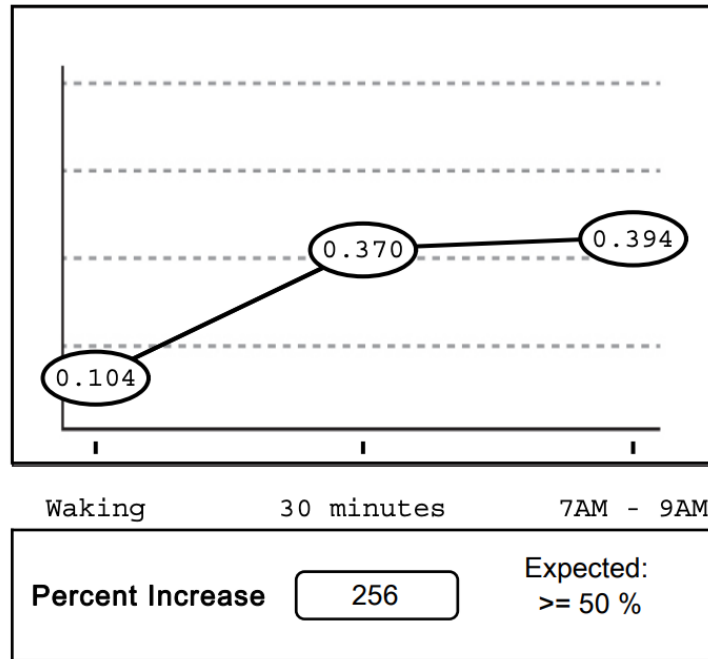


# REACTIVATED "LYTIC" EBV INFECTION

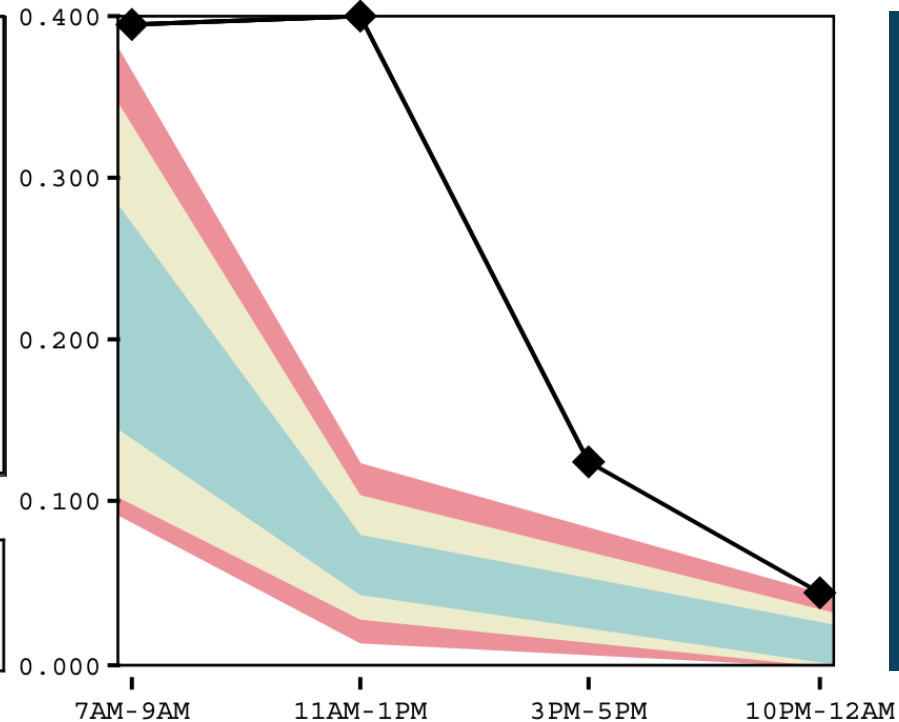
38 Y/O MALE

ADRENOCORTEX PROFILE W/ CORTISOL AWAKENING RESPONSE, DOS: **5.30.2023**

Cortisol Awakening Response

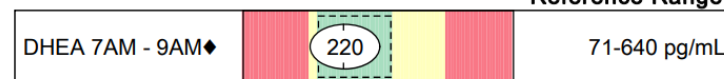


Salivary Cortisol

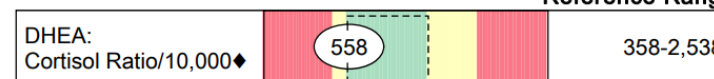


*This is reflective of how I feel. And I have lived this way for years. Everything that I have been through professionally, and then add in family, kids, and life - this makes sense. I'm always training and always stressed*

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Reference Range





HARD #4

# CLINICAL PROCESS

## LABORATORY

- Last InfectoLab: 9.13.2022, 2.9.2023
- Last CBC: 6.16.2022, 2.9.2023
- Adrenocortex Profile: 5.30.2023

## UPDATE INTERVENTIONS (5.30.23)

- Unchanged: Humavir 2 BID + Andrographis EP80 2 BID + TF PlasMyc 3 BID + Mitochondrial Support
- Immune Support: **FLUDROCORTISONE 0.1mg BIW**

## LABORATORY

- InfectoLab, scheduled in 2 months to validate approach; early relative to T-cell compartment turnover timeline





## REACTIVATED "LYTIC" EBV INFECTION

38 Y/O MALE

POST-COVID; INFECTOLAB DOS: **7.10.2023**

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3116 EBV Lytic and Chronic Spot</b>					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	3.00	SI	$\leq 2.00$	<b>2.01-3.99</b>	$\geq 4.00$
Test indicates borderline Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.50	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	<b>17.00</b>	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	<b><math>\geq 4.00</math></b>
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.50	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$

EBV Lytic IFN-gamma:  
% change from peak: -63%  
% change from prior: -56.4%



HARD, STEP #5

# CLINICAL PROCESS

## LABORATORY

- Last InfectoLab: 9.13.2022, 2.9.2023, 7.10.2023
- Last CBC: 6.16.2022, 2.9.2023
- Adrenocortex Profile: 5.30.2023

## UPDATE INTERVENTIONS (7.13.23)

- Antiviral: Humavir 2 BID & Andrographis EP80 1 BID
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc 3 BID & Fludrocortisone 0.1mg BIW
- Mitochondrial Support: Custom Formula

## QUESTIONNAIRE

- MFIS Pending. On base. States, "I'm feeling better (more energy), but not 100%."

## LABORATORY

- InfectoLab scheduled 9.15.2023





## PRE-DEPLOYMENT PREP

Prior to deployment, patient's spouse had been encouraging the use of Thymosin Alpha-1. Given demands of pre-deployment preparations, client started oral "Thymogen." Clinical value is not known. No other changes were made to patient regimen.

Lapse in MFIS Questionnaire completion was due to pre-deployment commitments.





## REACTIVATED "LYTIC" EBV INFECTION

38 Y/O MALE

POST-COVID; INFECTOLAB DOS: **9.5.2023, PRE-DEPLOYMENT**

### FINAL REPORT

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3116 EBV Lytic and Chronic Spot</b>					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	1.50	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Latent Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.50	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	<b>5.00</b>	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	<b><math>\geq 4.00</math></b>
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Epstein Barr Virus Lytic Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	1.00	SI	<b><math>\leq 2.00</math></b>	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$

**EBV Lytic IFN-gamma**  
% change from peak: -89%  
% change from prior: -70.6%  
*Treatment interrupted by deployment*



# PRE-DEPLOYMENT MODIFICATIONS

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Decrease: Humavir 1 BID

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Continue Fludrocortisone 0.1mg BIW  
TF PlasMyc 1 BID

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Suspended Thymogen (questionable value)

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Reserve Andrographis EP80

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## SUMMARY

# TIMELINE, DOSE MAXIMUMS & LINKS

### INITIAL TREATMENT TIMELINE

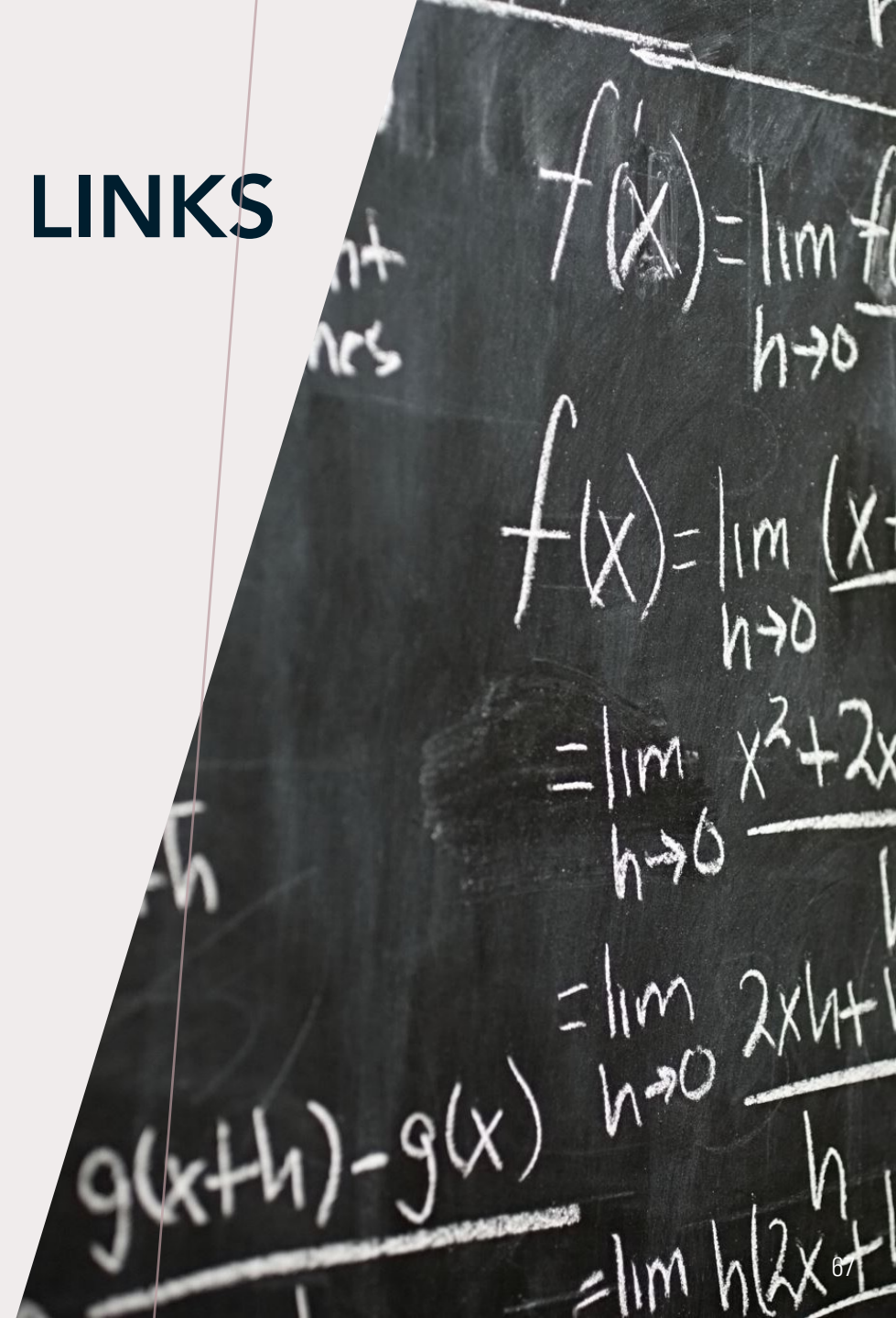
- Up to 12 months based on patient adherence and case complexity

### DOSE MAXIMUMS

- Humavir: Up to 2 capsules 3x daily
- Andrographis EP80: Up to 2 capsules 2x daily
- TF PlasMyc: Up to 3 capsules 3x daily
- Fludrocortisone: Lowest effective dose
- Thymosin Alpha-1: Based on compounding source
- Th1 vs. Th2 Support: Per product

### QUESTIONNAIRE

- [Modified Fatigue Impact Scale](#), 21 questions
- [Fatigue Impact Scale](#), 40 questions



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ENTEROIMMUNOLOGICAL INFLUENCES

Gut dysfunction imposes significant stress on the immune system. Though this presentation does not provide guidance on this thread, the diversity of the microbiome and status of the commensal microbiome is relevant to supporting immune function. Interventions include prebiotics, probiotics, and polyphenols, to name but a few.



CLINICAL PEARL

# CONCLUDING REMARK

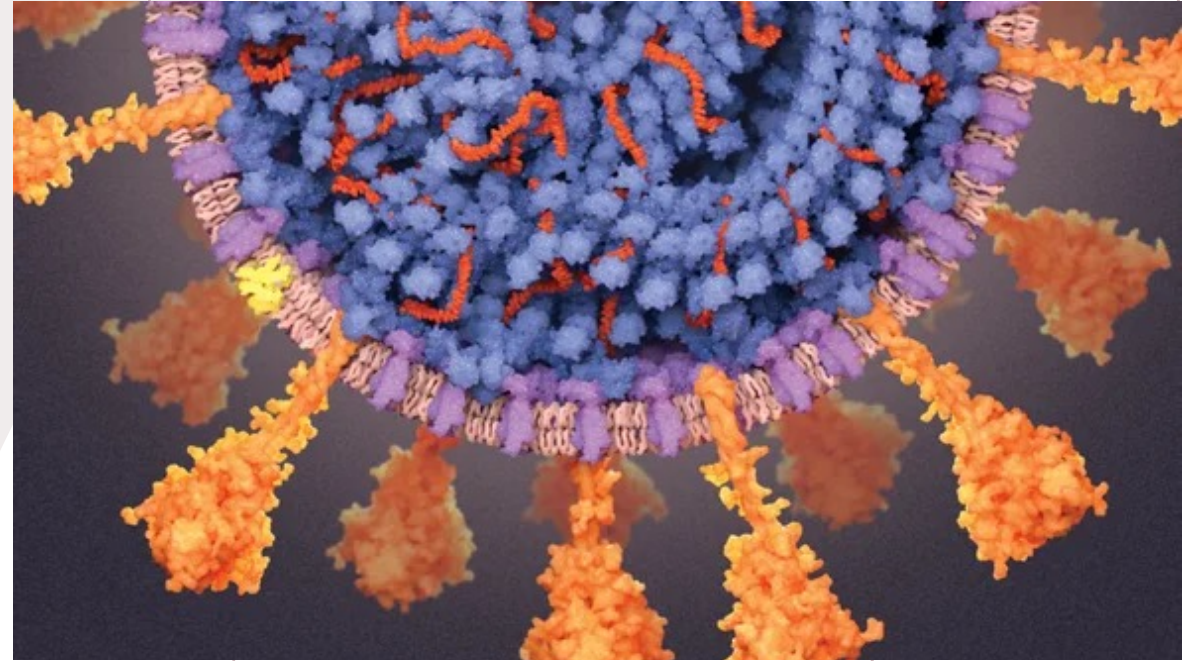
We found that the greatest limitation to successful management of Chronic EBV and related symptoms is clinical flexibility. Positive outcomes are dependent on an iterative approach to care.

Unfortunately, it also seems that to maintain resolution of the chronic EBV infection, some level of ongoing monitoring and therapy is required in many cases. We rely on the MFIS questionnaire to provide early subjective insight and release the questionnaire q30 days for at least 6 months.



# SUPPLEMENTAL SARS-COV-2

MITOCHONDRIAL DYSFUNCTION  
EBV REACTIVATION



Veronica Falconieri Hays; Source: Lorenzo Casalino, Zied Gaieb and Rommie Amaro, U.C. San Diego (spike model with glycosylations)

DEFINITION  
**LONG COVID**

- Persistent fatigue, brain fog, sleep difficulties, arthralgia, pharyngitis, myalgia, headaches, fever, gastrointestinal upset, and skin rashes with a variety of presentations three or more months after primary COVID infection that did not exist prior to an individual's COVID-19 infection (CDC)

# SCAFFOLDING – COVID & EBV

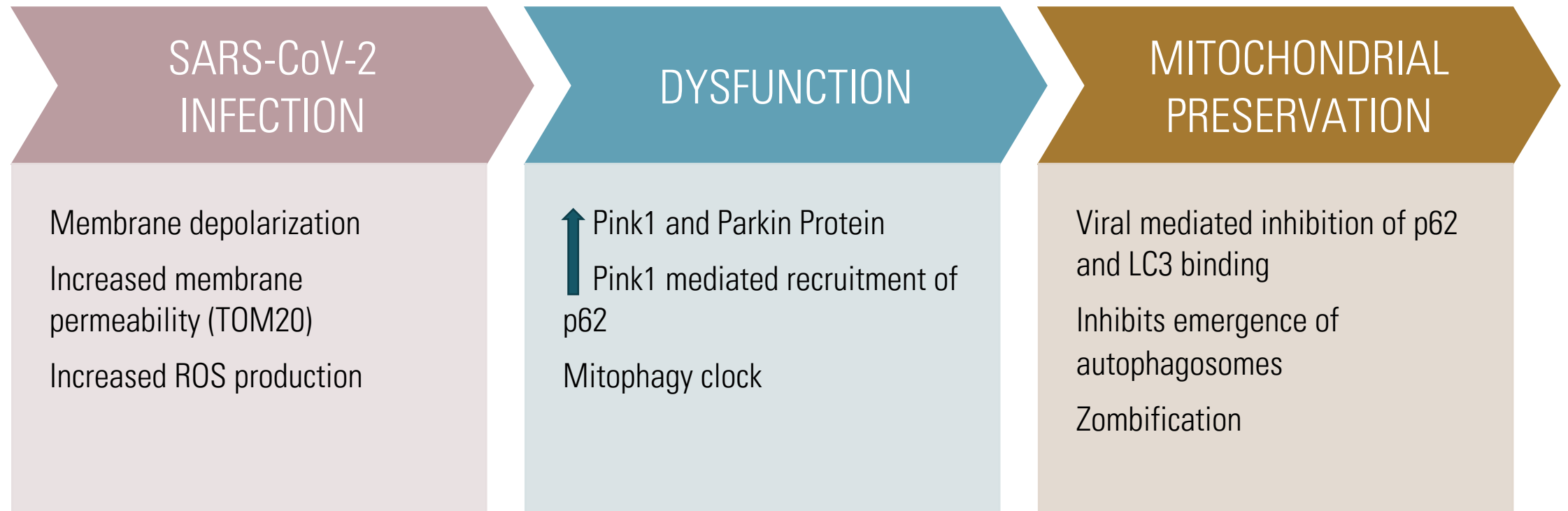
- Dysfunctional mitochondria can be a source of oxidative stress, which in turn, further compromises mitochondrial recovery due to feedback and their role in inflammatory signaling....

... Even if corona virus is cleared, mitochondrial imbalance can continue for some time; the second EBV whammy, whether coincident, or caused by reactivation due to reduced immune function, only makes this worse.



# SARS-COV-2 CAUSES MITOCHONDRIAL DYSFUNCTION AND MITOPHAGY IMPAIRMENT

SHANG, C., LIU, Z., ZHU, Y., LU, J., GE, C., ZHANG, C., ... & LI, X. (2022). FRONTIERS IN MICROBIOLOGY, 12, 4159.



# "METABOLIC-OXIDATIVE STRESS INFLAMMATORY SPIRAL"

Thompson, E. A., et al. (2021). Metabolic programs define dysfunctional immune responses in severe COVID-19 patients. Cell reports, 34(11), 108863.

## EBV

- Induces ACE2 expression & entry of SARS-CoV-2 binding to epithelial cells
- Drives mitochondrial dysfunction
- Infects T & B cells

## SARS-CoV-2

- (+) Subset of T cells with an altered metabolic profile are linked to disease severity and upregulation of voltage dependent anion channel 1 (VDAC1) expression.
- VDAC1: Part of a complex that regulates the exchange of ATP and ADP between the mitochondria and cytosol, associated with mitochondrial cell death signaling and autoimmunity
- T cell changes → prone to mitochondrial apoptosis → secondary lymphopenia

- Mitochondrial homeostasis
  - Essential for sustained killing by cytotoxic T cells

# PREVALENCE OF LONG HAUL COVID



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

- Household Pulse Survey

- Phase 1: 19%

- Phase 3.5, June 1, 2022

- Phase 2: 7.5%

- Phase 3.6, September 14, 2022

- Symptomatic > 90 days

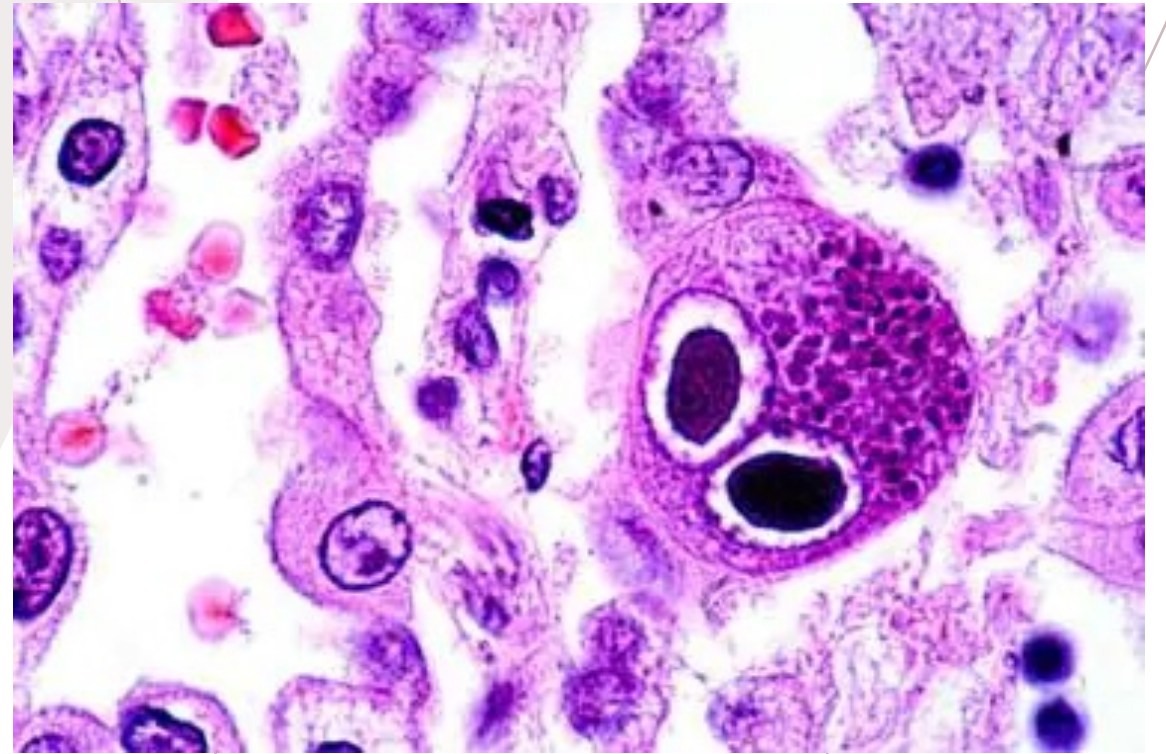
- Cooperative effort: CDC, Census Bureau & National Center for Health Statistics

# INVESTIGATION OF LONG COVID PREVALENCE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS REACTIVATION

Gold, J. E., Okyay, R. A., Licht, W. E., & Hurley, D. J. (2021), Pathogens, 10(6), 763

- Prevalence, Long COVID
  - 185 candidates applied for study
  - (+) Historical COVID-19 infection verified
  - (+) None aware of intent to study long COVID
  - (+) Symptomatic at least **30 days** after initial infection
  - **30.3%** (56/185)
- Prevalence, Long-Term COVID
  - (+) Symptomatic at least **90 days** after diagnosis
  - Laboratory: EBV early antigen or EBV viral capsid antigen,  $p < 0.001$ , Fisher's exact test
  - **66.7%** (20/30) showed evidence of EBV reactivation
- Prevalence, Short-Term COVID
  - (+) Symptomatic between **21-90 days** after diagnosis
  - **66.7%** (6/9) showed evidence of EBV reactivation

# SUPPLEMENTAL CMV





## CMV INFECTION - BASELINE

36 Y/O FEMALE, CHRONIC FATIGUE. INFECTOLAB DOS: 6.1.2022

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3065 Chronic Viral Lytic and Latent</b>					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	9.00	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.00	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	28.50	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.00	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$



EASY (PROOF OF CONCEPT)

# CLINICAL PROCESS

## QUESTIONNAIRE & LABORATORY

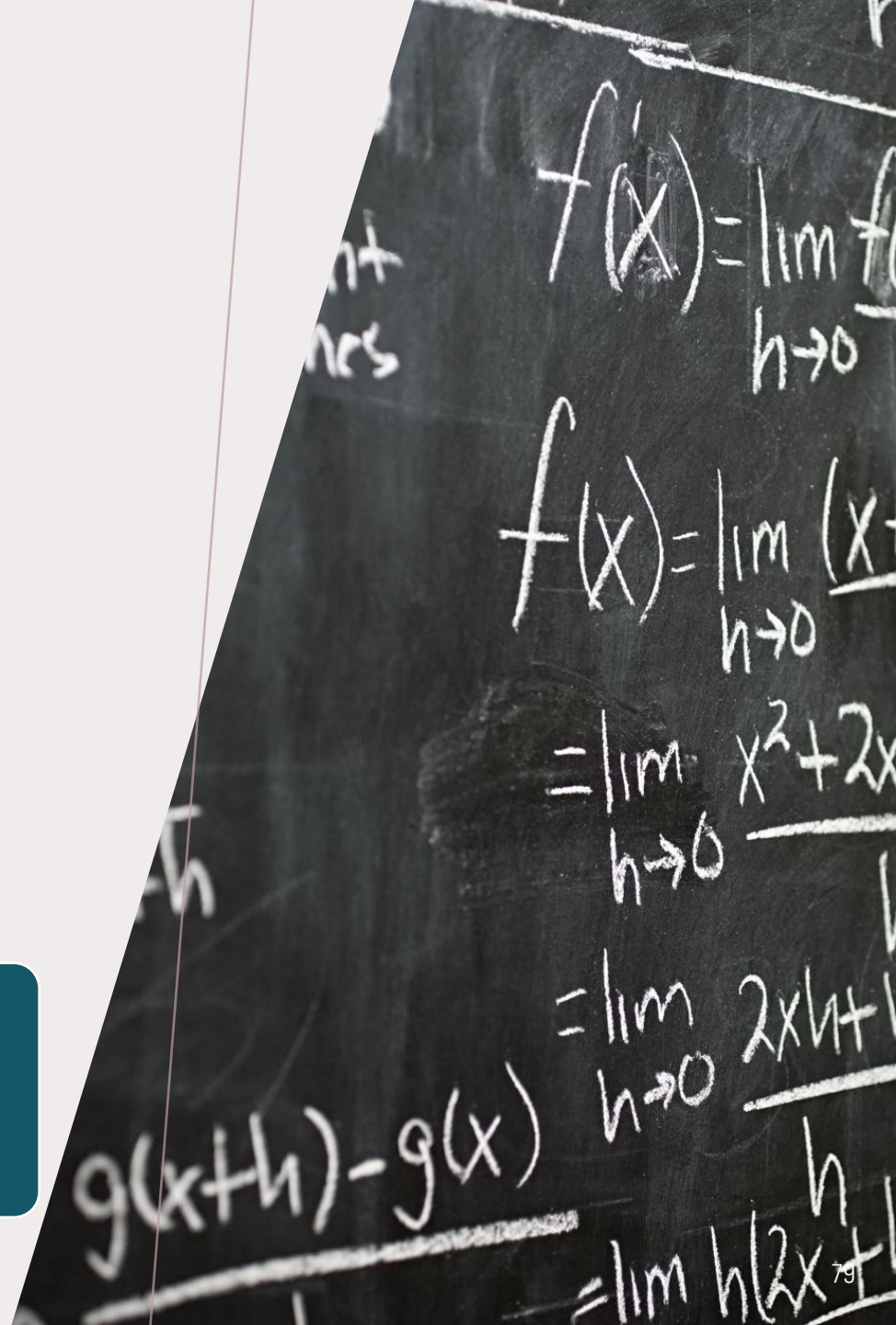
- Quest Diagnostics and InfectoLab

## SELECT INTERVENTIONS

- Antiviral: Humavir 1 bid
- Immune Support: TF PlasMyc, 1 qd x 1week and then 2 qD
- Mitochondrial Support: Omega-3

## REPEAT QUESTIONNAIRE

- MFIS – q2 months





## CMV INFECTION

36 Y/O FEMALE, CHRONIC FATIGUE NEARLY RESOLVED. **INFECTOLAB DOS: 10.12.22**  
**TX: HUMAVIR & TRANSFER FACTOR**

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3117 CMV IE-1 and pp65 Spot</b>					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	0.92	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	2.85	SI	≤2.00	<b>2.01-3.99</b>	≥4.00
Test indicates borderline Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00

**(+) COVID DX: 10.19.2022**

Coincidental lab draw on same date as COVID diagnosis via PTP





## CMV INFECTION

36 Y/O FEMALE, **RESURGENT** CHRONIC FATIGUE, POST COVID.  
**INFECTOLAB DOS: 2.9.23**

# CMV Reactivation

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3065 Chronic Viral Lytic and Latent</b>					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	14.50	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	1.50	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interferon gamma (IFN-<math>\gamma</math>)*</b>	23.50	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.50	SI	$\leq 2.00$	2.01-3.99	$\geq 4.00$



CMV INFECTION: 36 Y/O FEMALE, RESURGENT CHRONIC FATIGUE, **POST COVID**  
**INFECTOLAB DOS: 5.3.23; TX: HUMAVIR & TRANSFER FACTOR**

Analysis	Result	Units	Reference Range		
			Negative	Borderline	Positive
<b>3065 Chronic Viral Lytic and Latent</b>					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	5.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus IE1 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interferon gamma (IFN-γ)*</b>	6.00	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00
Test indicates positive Interferon gamma (IFN-γ) active T-Lymphocytes.					
<b>Cytomegalovirus pp65 Interleukin-2 (IL-2)*</b>	0.50	SI	≤2.00	2.01-3.99	≥4.00

**IMPROVED CMV SIGNATURE – but still symptomatic**



36 Y/O FEMALE, RESURGENT CHRONIC FATIGUE; DOS: 5.3.23

## COVID LONG HAULER PANEL

### LH CYTOKINE 14 PANEL

IL-2	10.0	HIGH	pg/mL	1.6 - 7.0
IL-4	124.9	HIGH	pg/mL	2.3 - 6.2
IL-6	872.5	HIGH	pg/mL	1.4 - 3.0
IL-8	126.2	HIGH	pg/mL	5.4 - 21.0
IL-10	6.4	HIGH	pg/mL	0.7 - 1.2
IL-13	32.1	HIGH	pg/mL	1.5 - 6.1
GM-CSF	33.7	NORMAL	pg/mL	5.8 - 77.0
SCD40L	11286	HIGH	pg/mL	35.0 - 9236.0
CCL3 (MIP-1 ALPHA)	52.3	HIGH	pg/mL	3.5 - 33.0
CCL4 (MIP-1 BETA)	26.7	NORMAL	pg/mL	1.5 - 93.0
CCL5 (RANTES)	9475.1	NORMAL	pg/mL	7.2 - 11800.0
TNF-ALPHA	102.0	HIGH	pg/mL	3.7 - 11.0
IFN-GAMMA	138.7	HIGH	pg/mL	1.8 - 3.5
VEGF	137.4	HIGH	pg/mL	2.0 - 12.3
LONG HAULER INDEX	5.56	HIGH	INDEX	< 0.70

## CLINICAL PEARLS

# CYTOMEGALOVIRUS

CMV will always yield an IL-2 finding on T-cell compartment testing, but magnitude of IL-2 signature should improve with interventions and time.



Recall: CMV is more responsive to unenhanced humic acid than EBV based on NIH testing (Slide 28). Enhancements also make it more effective.



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