

Long Covid Practitioner Programme

WEBINAR THREE

Presented by Antony Haynes, Nutritional Therapist
BA(Hons), Dip ION, mCNHC, mBANT

1. Monday 23rd September 12 noon

Introduction to Long Covid, review of symptoms, example case history. Review of Nutritional Therapy solutions.

2. Friday 27th September 12 noon

Functional Medicine model of Long Covid from Dr Leo Galland, including blood clotting, viral persistence, and mitochondrial disruption. Nutritional Therapy solutions.

3. Monday 30th September 12 noon

Exploration into Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS) and its involvement in Long Covid symptomology. Nutritional Therapy solutions.

4. Friday 4th October 12 noon

Viral persistence and viral reactivation as causes of Long Covid and the negative impact on heme by spike protein. Nutritional Therapy solutions.

5. Monday 7th October 12 noon

Neurotransmitter imbalances as an explanation for multiple Long Covid symptoms. Nutritional Therapy solutions.

6. Monday 14th October 12 noon

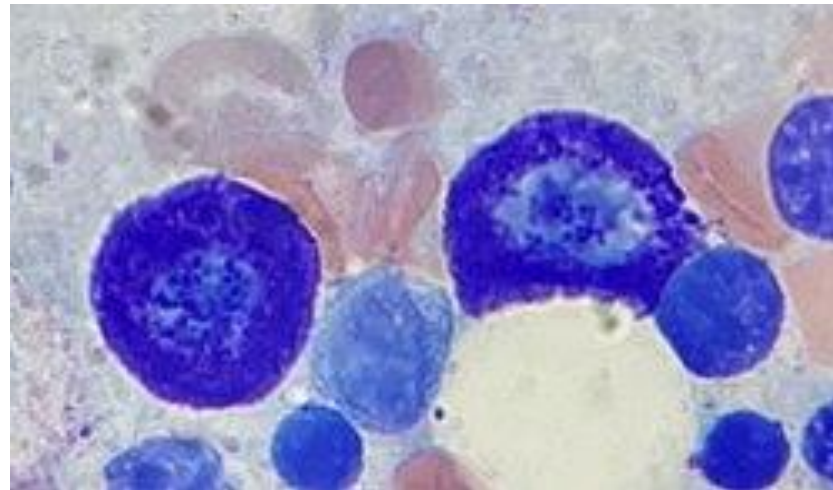
Spike protein pathogenesis. Nutritional Therapy solutions. Review and summary and presentation of Model of Long Covid including lab tests and potential therapeutic interventions.

3. Monday 30th September 12 noon

Exploration into Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS) and its involvement in Long Covid symptomology.

Nutritional Therapy solutions.

Mast Cells



Mast Cells

- Mast cells are primitive cells of the immune system, and are scattered throughout your tissues and organs.
- They are also known as a mastocyte or a labrocyte.
- They do not circulate in your blood.
- Mast cells derive from the bone marrow but unlike other white blood cells, mast cells are released into the blood as mast cell progenitors and do not fully mature until they are recruited into the tissue where they undergo their terminal differentiation.
- Stem cell factor (SCF) is a cytokine essential for mast cell development, proliferation and survival.

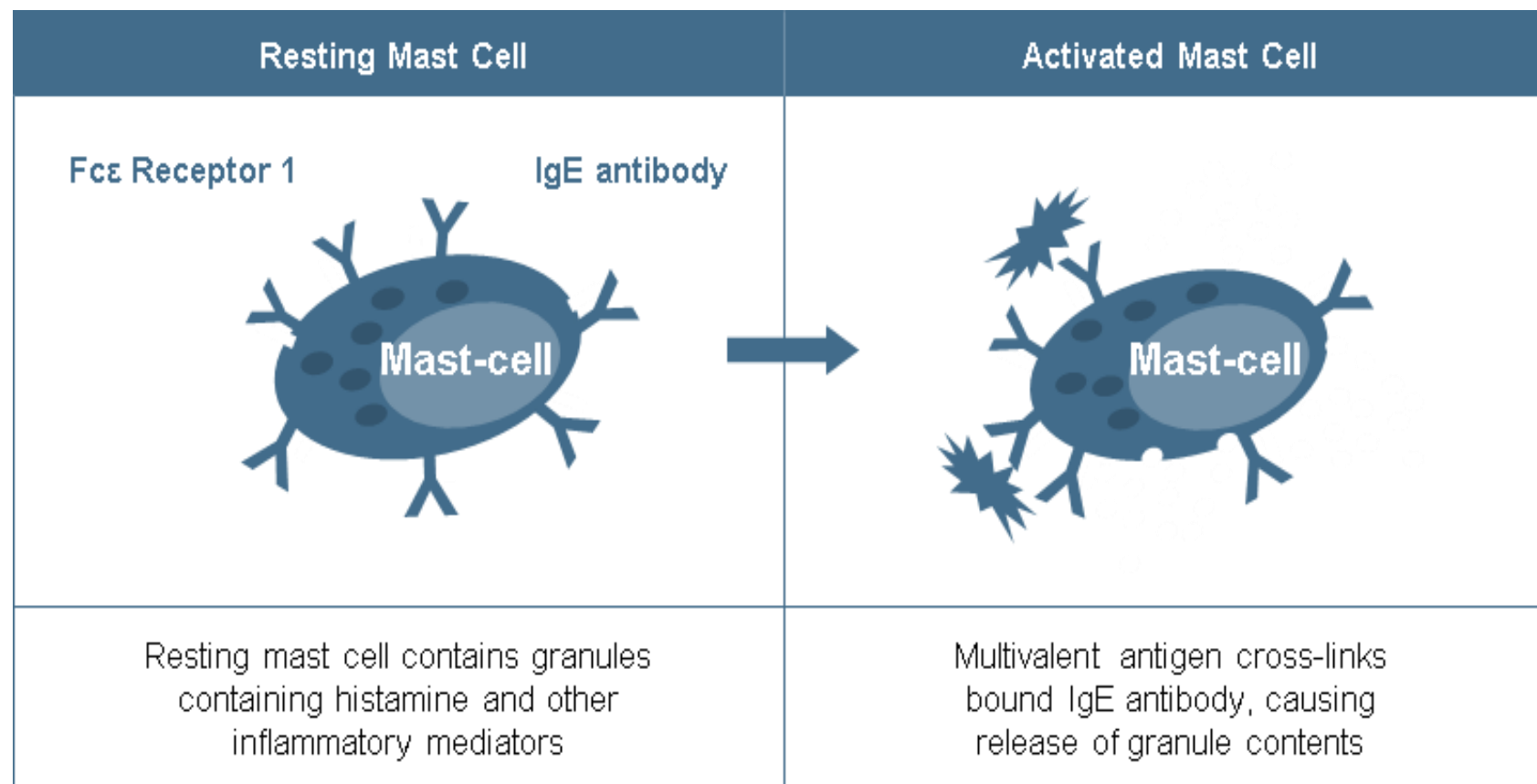
Mast Cells

- Mast cells can be distinguished from other cell types in tissue sections by Toluidine blue staining that stains mast cells blue.
- Mast cells produce and secrete about 200 different chemicals (major ones are detailed in the next slide), called mast cell mediators, and they do so in response to a variety of internal or external triggers, which include food, drugs, temperature, environmental chemicals, physical exertion, and various types of physical trauma.
- Mast cells normally protect against infection, especially fungal or parasitic infection, and they play a major role in acute allergic reactions.
- In a well-functioning immune system, mast cell activation subsides once the trigger is either neutralised or removed.

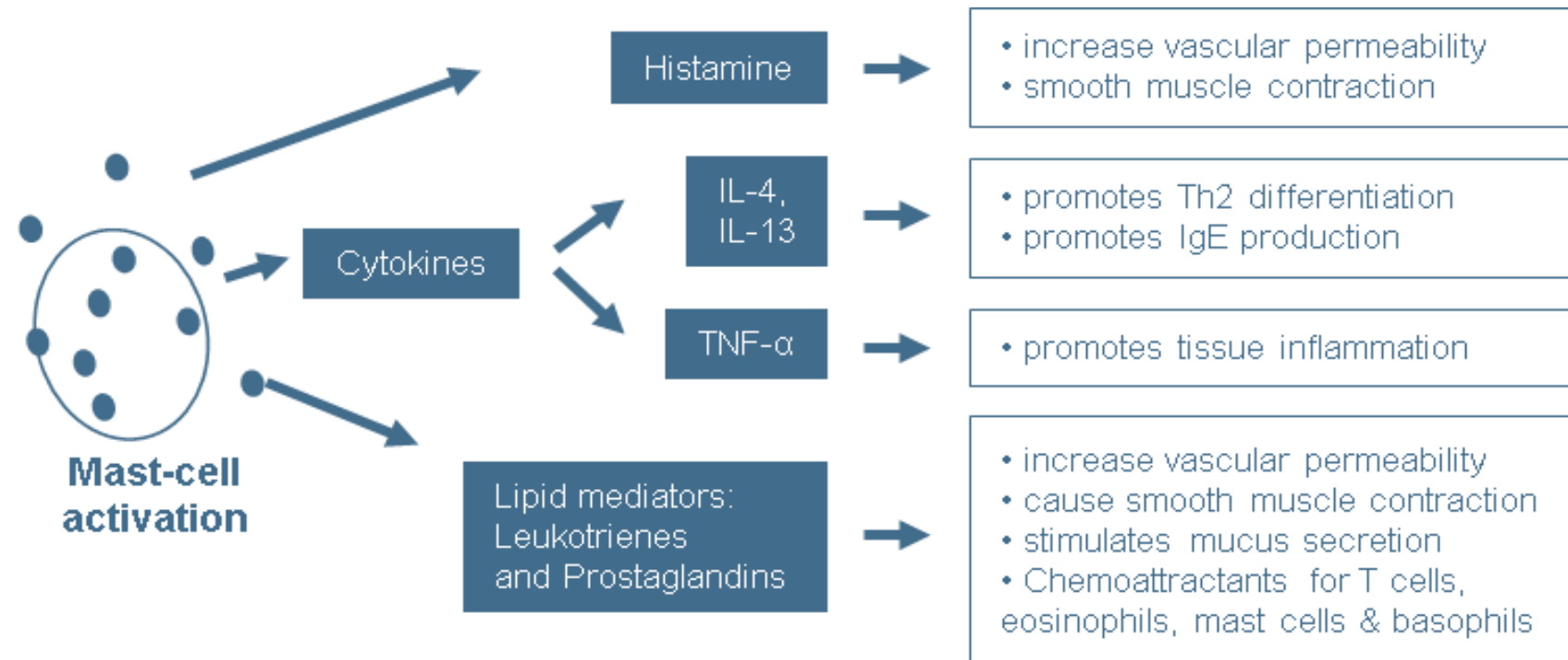
Mast Cell Mediators

- Histamine
 - Leukotrienes (including LTC₄ and LTE₄)
 - Prostaglandin D₂ (PGD₂)
 - Trypsin
 - Chymase
 - Transforming Growth Factor-beta 1 (TGF-β₁)
 - Tumour Necrosis Factor-alpha (TNF-α)
 - Interleukins (IL)
 - Serotonin
 - Substance P
 - Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP)
 - Beta-Hexosaminidase
 - Nerve Growth Factor (NGF)
- These mediators are involved in various physiological processes, including allergic responses, inflammation, and immune modulation.
 - Some of these mediators, such as histamine and leukotrienes, are well-established players in allergic diseases, while others, like TGF-β₁ and NGF, have more nuanced roles in regulating cellular behaviour.
 - It's worth noting that mast cell biology is a complex and diverse.

Mast Cell Activation



Effects of Mast Cell Activation



Mast Cells

- The best known of these mediators is histamine, which produces many symptoms of allergy.
- Mast cell mediators can cause constriction (narrowing) or dilation (widening) of blood vessels; they can also make blood vessels and membranes leaky, so that fluid escapes from them.
- Mast cell mediators may cause pain, swelling, redness, shortness of breath, diarrhoea, high or low blood pressure.
- They contribute to migraine headaches, asthma and irritable bowel syndrome.
- In addition to causing symptoms on their own, mast cell mediators influence the function of more complex and evolved immune cells, like lymphocytes.
- Covid-19 can cause mast cell activation.

Mast Cells

- In some people, once mast cells become activated, they do not “turn off” (i.e. they continue to release mediators that cause any of the above symptoms).
- Like a machine gun with its trigger stuck, they create havoc and random damage, a condition called mast cell activation syndrome (MCAS).
- Mast cell activation may contribute to microthrombosis and endothelitis.
- When patients treated for Long Covid have one of the problems listed above, or do not respond as expected or have unusual adverse reactions to treatments that should be helping them, mast cell activation (MCA) is usually the cause.
- For those people in whom MCAS is pivotal, it can dominate the syndrome or the web as Dr Galland described it, contributing to microthrombosis, endothelitis and T-cell impairment, so recognising its presence and treating it directly is essential.

Never Bet Against Occam



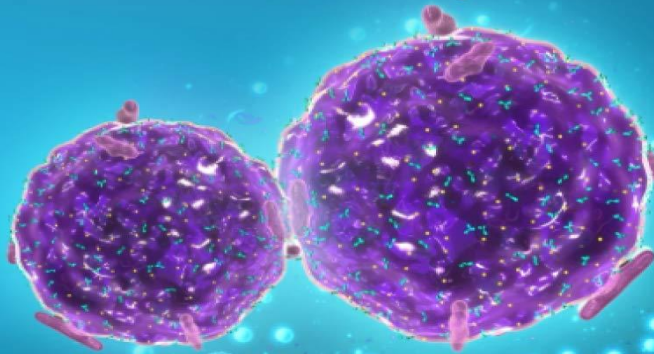
Mast Cell Activation Disease
and the Modern Epidemics of
Chronic Illness and Medical Complexity

LAWRENCE B. AFRIN, M.D.

www.nutri-link.co.uk

MAST CELLS UNITED

A Holistic Approach to
Mast Cell Activation Syndrome



AMBER WALKER

THE TRIFECTA PASSPORT

Tools for Mast Cell Activation Syndrome,
Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome
and Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome



AMBER WALKER

Some Research Papers by Dr Lawrence Afrin

- Afrin LB et al. Diagnosis of mast cell activation syndrome: a global "consensus-2". Diagnosis (Berl). 2020 Apr 22;8(2):137-152. [View Abstract](#)
- Weinstock LB, Pace LA, Rezaie A, Afrin LB, Molderings GJ. Mast Cell Activation Syndrome: A Primer for the Gastroenterologist. Dig Dis Sci. 2021 Apr;66(4):965-982. [View Abstract](#)
- Afrin LB, Butterfield JH, Raithel M, Molderings GJ. Often seen, rarely recognized: mast cell activation disease--a guide to diagnosis and therapeutic options. Ann Med. 2016;48(3):190-201. [View Abstract](#)
- Dorff SR, Afrin LB. Mast cell activation syndrome in pregnancy, delivery, postpartum and lactation: a narrative review. J Obstet Gynaecol. 2020 Oct;40(7):889-901. [View Abstract](#)
- Aich A, Afrin LB, Gupta K. Mast Cell-Mediated Mechanisms of Nociception. Int J Mol Sci. 2015 Dec 4;16(12):29069-92. [View Abstract](#)
- Molderings GJ, Haenisch B, Brettner S, Homann J, Menzen M, Dumoulin FL, Panse J, Butterfield J, Afrin LB. Pharmacological treatment options for mast cell activation disease. Naunyn Schmiedebergs Arch Pharmacol. 2016 Jul;389(7):671-94. [View Abstract](#)
- Seidel H, Hertfelder HJ, Oldenburg J, Kruppenbacher JP, Afrin LB, Molderings GJ. Effects of Primary Mast Cell Disease on Hemostasis and Erythropoiesis. Int J Mol Sci. 2021 Aug 20;22(16):8960. [View Abstract](#)
- Afrin LB, Khoruts A. Mast Cell Activation Disease and Microbiotic Interactions. Clin Ther. 2015 May 1;37(5):941-53. [View Abstract](#)
- Afrin LB, Self S, Menk J, Lazarchick J. Characterization of Mast Cell Activation Syndrome. Am J Med Sci. 2017 Mar;353(3):207-215. [View Abstract](#)
- Afrin LB. Mast cell activation disease and the modern epidemic of chronic inflammatory disease. Transl Res. 2016 Aug;174:33-59. [View Abstract](#)

Some Research Papers by Dr Lawrence Afrin

- **Conclusions**
- MCA symptoms were increased in Long Covid and mimicked the symptoms and severity reported by patients who have MCAS.
- Increased activation of aberrant mast cells induced by SARS-CoV-2 infection by various mechanisms may underlie part of the pathophysiology of Long Covid, possibly suggesting routes to effective therapy.
- Weinstock LB, Brook JB, Walters AS, Goris A, Afrin LB, Molderings GJ. Mast cell activation symptoms are prevalent in Long-COVID. Int J Infect Dis. 2021 Nov;112:217-226. [View Abstract](#)

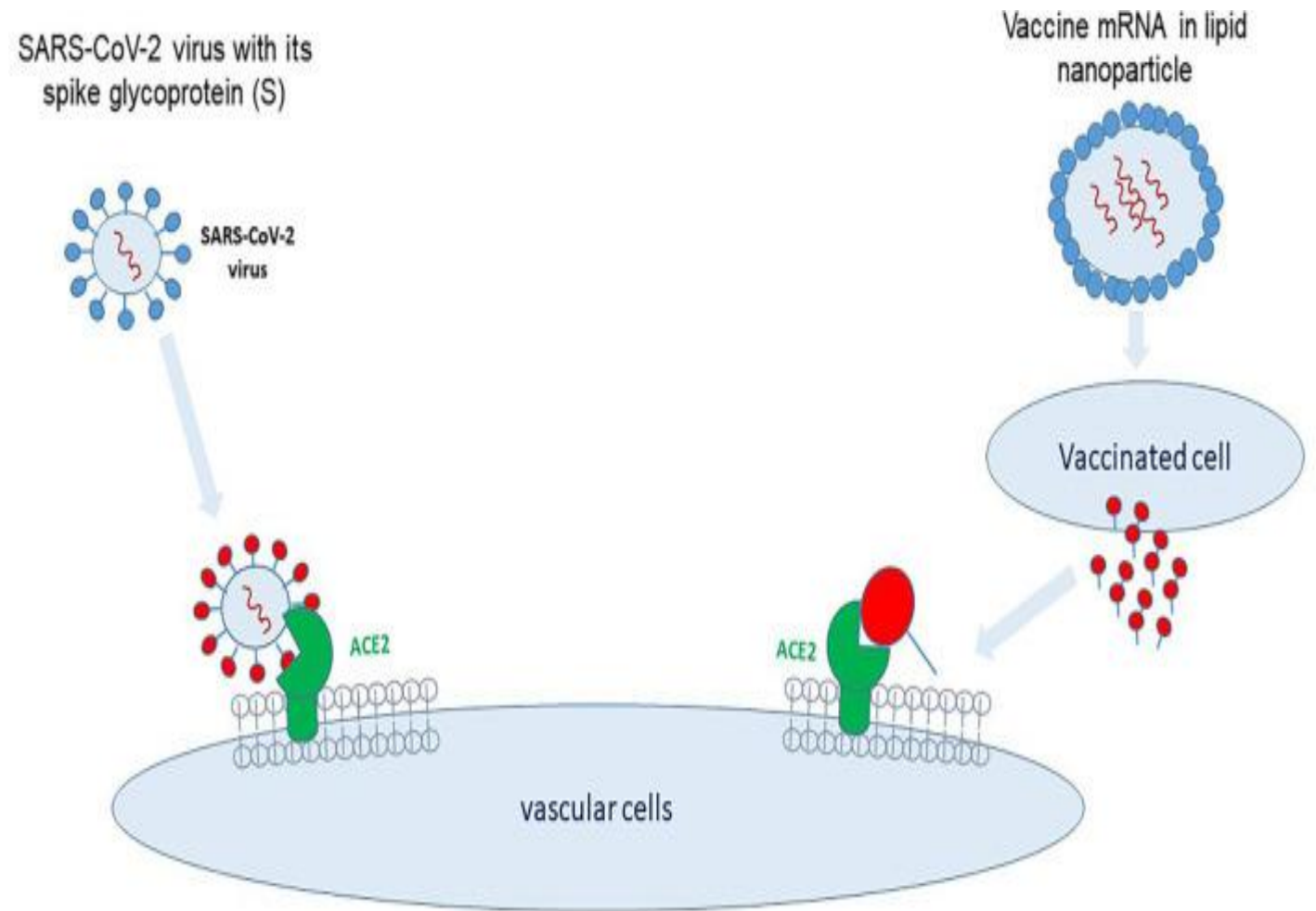


Spike Protein triggers MCAS

- Schieffer et al., 2022 notes that "exposure to the S-protein either by vaccination or SARS-CoV-2 infection may trigger identical immuno-inflammatory cascades resulting in long-Covid symptoms," which further supports the idea that the spike protein may prompt MCAS.
- A therapeutic strategy targeting both, post-VAC and post-SARS-CoV-2 long-Covid symptoms is warranted since exposure to the S-protein either by vaccination or SARS-CoV-2 infection may trigger identical immuno-inflammatory cascades resulting in long-Covid symptoms.

Spike Protein triggers MCAS

- Two sides of the same evil. SARS-CoV-2 binds via its spike protein to the angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE)2-receptor located on multiple cell types, i.e., vascular endothelial cells, immune cells, and pulmonary epithelial cells.
- mRNA vaccines encode for the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein which is synthesised and released by the transfected cells and binds to cells carrying the ACE2-receptor.



Spike Protein triggers MCAS

Key points:

- MCAS shares similar symptoms with Long Covid
- MCAS may be triggered by the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2
- Hyper-inflammation caused by COVID-19 may be mediated by mast cell activation
- Exposure to the S-protein may trigger identical immuno-inflammatory cascades resulting in long-Covid symptoms

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- MCAS is a condition in which the patient experiences repeated episodes of the symptoms of anaphylaxis – allergic symptoms such as hives, swelling, low blood pressure, difficulty breathing and severe diarrhoea.
- High levels of mast cell mediators are released during those episodes. The episodes respond to treatment with inhibitors or blockers of mast cell mediators. The episodes are called “idiopathic” which means that the mechanism is unknown - that is, not caused by allergic antibody or secondary to other known conditions that activate normal mast cells.
- Evaluation for MCAS starts with determining whether the symptoms occur in separate attacks and are typical symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction without a clear cause.

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- Mast cell mediators increase during the episode. Those mediators should be measured during acute episodes and at baseline looking for elevations during symptoms.
- Finally, the improvement with treatment using inhibitors of mast cell mediators completes the diagnosis.
- N.B. “We” do not need any formal diagnosis of MCAS before engaging clients with anti-inflammatory nutritional therapy.

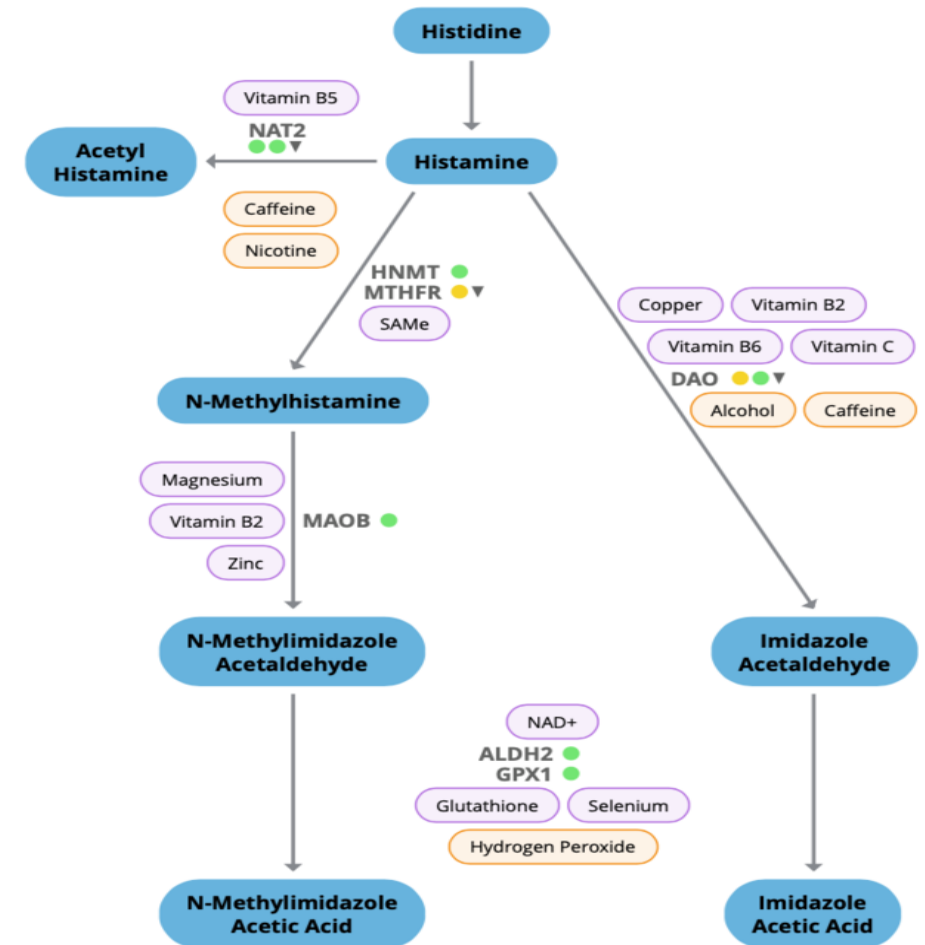
Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS) - Genetics

- Mast cell activation is influenced by a number of genes, so one leading theory is that MCAS occurs in people who have inherited genes that produce hyperactive mast cells, which respond excessively to multiple minor or innocuous triggers.
- Lyons et al., 2021 mentions that "human tryptase genetics" play a role in mast cell-associated disorders, including MCAS. Tryptase is a biomarker used to diagnose mast cell-associated disorders, and variations in the gene encoding tryptase may impact clinical phenotypes.
- Lyons JJ, Yi T. Mast cell tryptases in allergic inflammation and immediate hypersensitivity. Curr Opin Immunol. 2021 Oct;72:94-106. [View Abstract](#)

Genes involved in MCAS & Histamine Intolerance

- Genetic variations related to tryptase and possibly other mast cell-related genes may contribute to susceptibility.
- Histamine Intolerance: Genetic variations affecting methylation pathways may potentially contribute to susceptibility.
- Nervous, Immune: HNMT, MAOB and NAT2
- Methylation: MTHFR
- Gastro Intestinal: ALDH2, DAO and GPX1
- Comparison: Insufficient information is available to directly compare the genes involved in MCAS and histamine intolerance. Further research is needed to clarify the relationship between the two conditions.

Histamine Intolerance



Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- The symptoms most consistent with MCAS are:
- **Skin related symptoms:** itching (pruritus), hives (urticaria), swelling (angioedema) and skin turning red (flushing).
- **Fatigue**
- **Heart related symptoms:** rapid pulse (tachycardia), low blood pressure (hypotension) and passing out (syncope).
- **Lung related symptoms:** wheezing, shortness of breath and harsh noise when breathing (stridor) that occurs with throat swelling.
- **Gastrointestinal tract symptoms:** diarrhoea, nausea with vomiting and crampy abdominal pain.
- **Feelings of being cold** or occasionally hot.

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- A very wide range of environmental triggers may activate symptoms of MCAS, including drugs, insect stings, allergens, pressure, extremes of temperature (hot or cold), sunlight.
- In fact, any new environmental exposure may provoke symptoms of MCAS.
- Because mast cells are found throughout the body and because they release so many mediators with such a variety of effects, potential symptoms of MCAS are numerous and vary greatly from person-to-person.

Some common SYMPTOMS of MAST CELL DISEASE

that are caused by mast cell mediator release

Patients may have a few
or **many** symptoms

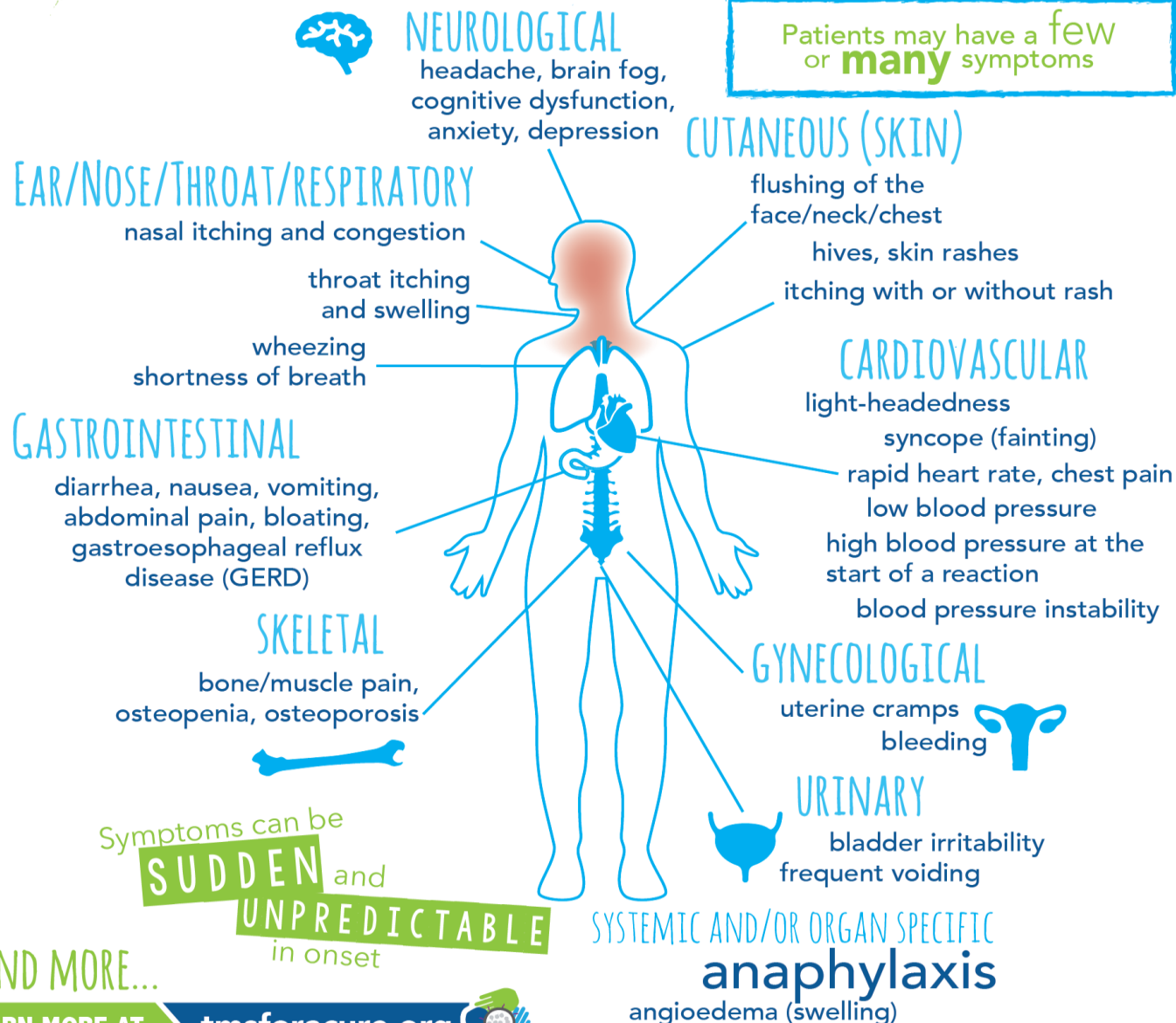


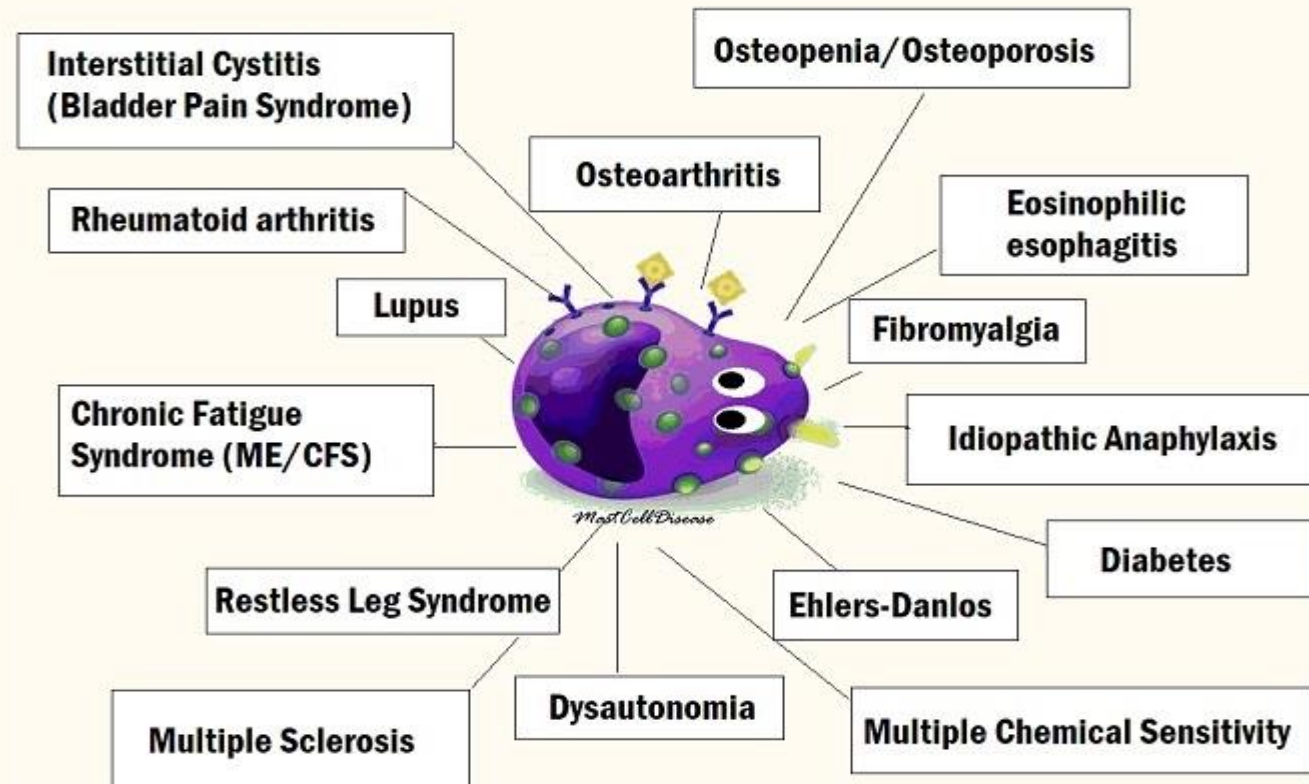
Image from
<https://tmsforcure.org>
- The Mast Cell Disease
Society



Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- Aside from allergic and hypersensitivity disorders, conditions associated with MCAS include fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), migraine, vulvar vestibulitis syndrome, interstitial cystitis (IC), endometriosis, autistic spectrum disorders (ASD), osteoporosis, hypothyroidism, micronutrient malabsorption, POTS (postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome), and joint hypermobility syndromes.
- Researchers believe that chronic release of mast cell mediators may contribute to the formation of each of these conditions or to their symptoms.

Mast Cell Disease Coexisting Conditions



MastCellDisease.com

Image from
mastcelldisease.com

Similarity of Long-Covid & MCAS Symptoms

Long-Covid

- **Heart Related:** palpitations, low blood pressure, chest pains
- **Respiratory:** shortness of breath
- **Digestive:** IBS Symptoms
- **Cognitive / Neurological:** fatigue, headaches, insomnia, anxiety and depression.
- Not being able to think straight or focus ('brain fog')
- Rhinitis
- Poor Exercise Tolerance
- Joint or muscle pain

MCAS

- **Heart Related:** Rapid pulse (tachycardia), low blood pressure (hypotension) & passing out (syncope).
- **Respiratory:** wheezing, shortness of breath and harsh noise when breathing (stridor) that occurs with throat swelling.
- **Digestive:** diarrhoea, nausea with vomiting and crampy abdominal pain.
- **Skin:** itching (pruritus), hives (urticaria), flushing, skin going red.
- Swelling (angioedema)

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- Acute covid exacerbates MCAS in patients who have this condition, which may be hitherto unrecognised and untreated.
- Acute covid-19 causes MCAS in the minority of patients with Long-Covid.
- Mast cells (MCs) are activated by SARS-CoV-2.
- Although only recently recognised, MC activation syndrome (MCAS), usually due to acquired MC clonality, is a chronic multisystem disorder with inflammatory and allergic themes, and an estimated prevalence of 17%.
- Hyperinflammatory cytokine storms in many severely symptomatic Covid-19 patients may be rooted in an atypical response to SARS-CoV-2 by the dysfunctional MCs of MCAS rather than a normal response by normal MCs.
- If proven, this theory has significant therapeutic and prognostic implications.

Organ and system involvement in mast cell activation syndrome. Conditions highlighted in bold are also seen in Covid-19 acute infection and/or post-infectious syndrome.

Organ/system	Symptom/finding
Constitutional	Fatigue, fevers, chills, weight loss, weight gain
Ears, nose and throat	Conjunctivitis, rhinitis, sinusitis, dysosmia/anosmia, tinnitus, hearing loss, dysgeusia/ageusia, sore throat
Neurologic	Headaches, migraines, brain fog, anxiety, depression, insomnia, seizures
Cardiovascular	Chest pain, palpitations, hypotension
Pulmonary	Cough, dyspnoea, wheezing
Urogenital	Frequency, urgency, dysuria, pelvic pain
Oesophageal	Heartburn, dysphagia, globus, chest pain
Stomach	Dyspepsia, nausea, vomiting
Small intestine/colon	Bloating, food intolerance, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, constipation
Hepatic	Elevated transaminases, hepatomegaly
Salivary Glands	Swelling
Lymphatics	Lymphadenopathy
Dermatologic	Flushing, pruritis, urticaria, haemangiomas, nodules, rashes, alopecia
Musculoskeletal	Myalgias, arthralgias, oedema

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

	Mast Cell (MC) Population(s): State(s)		Mast Cell (MC) Population(s): State(s)		Mast Cell (MC) Population(s): State(s)	
Healthy Patient	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent
Unrecognized/ Undiagnosed/ Untreated MCAS Patient	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent	Normal MCs:	Appropriately activated (mild to moderate symptoms)	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent
	Dysfunctional (likely somatically mutated) MCs:	Inappropriately activated (symptoms anywhere from subclinical to severe)	Dysfunctional MCs:	Inappropriately hyperactivated (severe symptoms)	Dysfunctional MCs:	Inappropriately activated (mild to severe symptoms)
Diagnosed/Treated MCAS Patient	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent	Normal MCs:	Appropriately activated (mild to moderate symptoms)	Normal MCs:	Appropriately quiescent
	Dysfunctional (likely somatically mutated) MCs:	Controlled (mild symptoms)	Dysfunctional MCs:	Controlled (mild to moderate symptoms)	Dysfunctional MCs:	Controlled (mild to moderate symptoms)
	Baseline		Acute Infection		Post-Infection	
	Time					

Description of Illustration

- Normal mast cells (MCs) react normally to SARS-CoV-2, participating in driving mild to moderate symptoms through the network of inflammatory cells, and returning to a quiescent state once the virus has been eradicated.
- Some of the MCs will be abnormal/dysfunctional and prone to constitutive and reactive hyperactivation if mast cell activation syndrome (MCAS) is present.
- If MCAS is undiagnosed and thus untreated, the abnormal MCs may react inappropriately and excessively to SARS-CoV-2, driving a hyperinflammatory state via excessive release of their mediators and excessive recruitment (also via their released mediators) of other inflammatory cells.
- If MCAS is diagnosed and treated, the abnormal MCs will be relatively controlled, diminishing their aberrant hyperreactivity to SARS-CoV-2.
- As major stressors (such as infections and hyperinflammation) can induce major escalations in baseline MC dysfunction in MCAS (likely via induction of additional mutations in the stem cells and multipotent progenitors at the root of the patient's population of dysfunctional MCs), the abnormal MCs in MCAS will have potential to drive post-Covid inflammatory syndrome (with clinical specifics dependent on the mutational profiles in the individual patient's MCs), but the severity of that syndrome may be mitigated by recognition/diagnosis of the patient's MCAS and pharmacologic control of the patient's dysfunctional MCs.

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

- Covid-19 infection causes mild to moderate symptoms in the majority of patients. However, these early data also suggest that even if symptoms are just 'mild to moderate' during the acute infection, fibrotic lung damage develops in some, potentially leading to long-term complications for a subset of patients (Spagnolo et al., 2020, Leask, 2020, Lechowicz et al., 2020, George et al., 2020).
- It is well known that over-activated MCs play a crucial role in the development of fibrotic conditions.
- Given that up to 17% of the population is generally pre-disposed to developing syndromes and diseases related to MC activation (Molderings et al., 2013), it is conceivable that people with this predisposition might have increased risk of developing the chronic respiratory, neurologic or other illnesses increasingly being seen following acute Covid-19 illness.

References - Mast Cell Activation Syndrome

- George P.M., Wells A.U., Jenkins R.G. Pulmonary fibrosis and COVID-19: the potential role for antifibrotic therapy. Lancet Respir Med. 2020 doi: 10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30225-3. [Full Paper](#)
- Leask A. COVID-19: is fibrosis the killer? J Cell Commun Signal. 2020;14(2):255. [Full Paper](#)
- Lechowicz K., Drożdżal S., Machaj F. COVID-19: the potential treatment of pulmonary fibrosis associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection. J Clin Med. 2020;9(6):1917. [Full Paper](#)
- Molderings G.J., Haenisch B., Bogdanow M., Fimmers R., Nöthen M.M. Familial occurrence of systemic mast cell activation disease. PLoS One. 2013;8(9) doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0076241. [Full Paper](#)
- Spagnolo P., Balestro E., Aliberti S. Pulmonary fibrosis secondary to COVID-19: a call to arms? Lancet Respir Med. 2020 doi: 10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30222-8. [Full Paper](#)

MCAS & EMFs

- Olle Johansson of Sweden is leading the way with research into the effects of EMFs on mast cell physiology. Johansson describes a phenomenon called electro-hypersensitivity (“EHS”) where certain patients experience reactions to the full-body penetration of electric and magnetic fields in their environment. Specifically, patient labeling of “environmental illness” or “multiple chemical sensitivity” are the strongest predictors of electro-hypersensitivity to EMFs.
- The unnatural environmental trigger of EMFs can cause system-wide symptoms and alterations in the immune system function. Specifically, Johansson noted that “EMFs disturb immune function through stimulation of various allergic and inflammatory responses, as well as effects on tissue repair processes.”
- Johansson describes “hypersensitivity reaction” events and theorises that they are caused by three different types of antigens: (a) infectious agents, (b) environmental disturbances, and (c) self-antigens. EMFs are most certainly considered environmental disturbances.

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

MEDIATORS & TESTS

- Mast cells are known to produce many molecules that cause inflammation, but only a few mediators or their stable breakdown products (metabolites) have been found reliably elevated in episodes of MCAS and measurable in commercial laboratory tests.
- Increases in serum mast cell tryptase (a major mast cell granule protein) and in urine levels of N-methylhistamine, 11B -Prostaglandin F2 α (11B-PGF2 α) and/or Leukotriene E4 (LTE4) are the only useful tests in diagnosis of MCAS.
- Total serum mast cell tryptase should be drawn between 30 minutes and two hours after the start of an episode, with baseline level obtained many days later.
- The urine tests are performed on a 24 hour collection of urine that is started immediately.
- These are not standard laboratory tests.

Tests for Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS) include:

- Increases in serum mast cell tryptase
- Urine levels of N-methylhistamine, 11B-Prostaglandin F2 α (11B-PGF2 α), and/or Leukotriene E4 (LTE4)
- Gene test “[Histamine Intolerance Report](#)” by LifeCodeGx
- Review of medical history and physical exam
- Blood and urine tests to rule out other causes
- Bone marrow tests to confirm diagnosis
- Investigating response to treatment
- Ruling out other diagnoses
- [Mast Cell Activation Syndrome: Tools for Diagnosis and Differential Diagnosis](#)

Histamine Receptors

- Histamine may attach to and activate several different receptors, which have different effects, often complementary to one another, sometimes contradictory to one another.
- The first type of histamine receptor discovered is called the H1 receptor.
- H1 activation dilates blood vessels, producing redness and heat, and makes them leaky, so that blood plasma seeps out from the blood vessels into the surrounding tissues, causing swelling.
- H-1 activation causes many of the symptoms associated with classic allergic reactions, like sneezing and hives.

Histamine Receptors & Blockers

- Standard antihistamine drugs are H-1 receptor blockers.
- H-2 receptors also make blood vessels dilate but they are best known for increasing secretion of stomach acid.
- Drugs that are H-2 blockers are mostly used to reduce stomach acid but may have anti-allergic effects that are additive with those of H-1 antihistamines.
- Famotidine (Pepcid) is an H2 blocker that has been shown to be beneficial in the treatment of acute Covid and Long Covid.
- Both H1 and H2 blockers have shown benefits in Long Covid, not only through relieving symptoms but by enhancing T-lymphocyte function.
- They are first-line treatments for MCAS and for a separate condition called Histamine Intolerance.

Mast Cell Activation Syndrome (MCAS)

TREATMENT

- If indicated by the severity of symptoms, start with epinephrine / adrenaline.
- First generation **histamine type 1 receptor blockers**, diphenhydramine and hydroxyzine can be effective for itching, abdominal discomfort and flushing, but their use may be limited by side effects (sleepiness).
- Second generation antihistamines, including loratadine, cetirizine and fexofenadine, are preferable due to fewer side effects.
- Treatment with **histamine type 2 receptor blockers**, such as ranitidine or famotidine, can be helpful for abdominal pain and nausea.
- Aspirin blocks production of prostaglandin D2 and can reduce flushing.
- Montelukast and zafirlukast block the effects of leukotriene C4 (LTC4) and zileuton blocks LTC4 production, so these reduce wheezing and abdominal cramping.
- Corticosteroids are helpful for oedema, hives and wheezing but should only be used as a last resort.
- Omalizumab (which blocks binding of IgE to its receptors) has been reported to reduce mast cell reactivity and sensitivity to activation which can reduce anaphylactic episodes.

How to Treat MCAS

- Dr Tina Peers (UK MD) successfully treating patients with MCAS for five years.
- She believes that mast cells maybe heavily implicated in the symptoms of Long-Covid.
- Predominantly, we react to infections via mast cells.
- Dysfunctional mast cells over-react to all kinds of stimuli including infections.
- It aligns well with the Long-Covid picture.
- Symptoms observed by Dr Tina Peers in those with MCAS and Long-Covid are compellingly similar.
- Just as one individual with MCAS may manifest differently to another, so it is with Long-Covid. On average there are 7 distinct symptoms for each patient.
- Long-Covid take longer to respond to MCAS patients.
- Viral Persistence may be a factor; this keeps mast cells activated.
- Assess for and treat any infections (e.g. EBV, Lyme Disease) and mould allergy and toxicity.

Tests for Viruses and Mould issues

Armin Labs via AONM

Call us on: 03331 210 305				AONM ARMINLABS ORDER FORM				Email: info@aonm.org			
TEST NO.	TEST NAME		MATERIAL	PRICE	TEST NO.	TEST NAME		MATERIAL	PRICE		
BACTERIA											
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Borrelia Elispot	CPDA	£174	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Parvovirus B19 IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum	£50		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1a	Borrelia iSpot	CPDA	£268	<input type="checkbox"/>	94	TBE IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum	£62		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	CD3-/CD57+/CD56+/CD45+ Cells	Hep & EDTA	£127	TICKPLEX ANTIBODY SCREENING						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Borrelia IgG/IgM ELISA	Serum	£60	<input type="checkbox"/>	74	Tickplex Basic IgG/IgM antibodies (Borrelia)	Serum	£120		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4a	Borrelia IgG/IgM Seraspot	Serum	£138	<input type="checkbox"/>	75	Tickplex Plus IgG/IgM antibodies (Borrelia, Bartonella, Babesia, Ehrlichia, Coxsackie, EBV, Parvovirus B19, Mycoplasma fermentans/pneumoniae, Rickettsia)	Serum	£585		
<input type="checkbox"/>	4b	Borrelia IgG/IgM Immunoblot	Serum	£138	YEASTS & MOULDS						
<input type="checkbox"/>	56	Borrelia miyamotoi Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	103	ToxiFlex Basic (Mycotoxins: Aflatoxin B1, Deoxynivalenol, Fumonisin (B1&B2), Ochratoxin A, Zearalenone)	Serum	£232		
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Borrelia miyamotoi iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	70a	Candida albicans Elispot	CPDA	£83		
<input type="checkbox"/>	57	C6 ELISA (Borrelia)	Serum	£44	<input type="checkbox"/>	70w	Candida albicans iSpot	CPDA	£135		
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Ehrlichia & Anaplasma Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	70	Candida IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies	Serum	£105		
<input type="checkbox"/>	6w	Ehrlichia & Anaplasma iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	72a	Aspergillus Peptide Mix 1b2 Elispot	CPDA	£167		
<input type="checkbox"/>	7a	Anaplasma phagocy. IgM/IgG antibodies	Serum	£87	<input type="checkbox"/>	72w	Aspergillus Peptide Mix 1b2 iSpot	CPDA	£225		
<input type="checkbox"/>	7b	Ehrlichia chaffeensis IgM/IgG antibodies	Serum	£87	AONM TEST PANELS						
<input type="checkbox"/>	9a	Bartonella henselae Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	77	Panel A2 Standard Virus Panel	CPDA & Serum	£479		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9w	Bartonella henselae iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	78	Panel B2 Extended Virus Panel	CPDA & Serum	£737		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Bartonella (henselae + quintana) IgG antibodies	Serum	£87	<input type="checkbox"/>	79	Panel C2 Comp. Bacteria Panel	CPDA, Serum, EDTA & Hep	£910		
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Bartonella (henselae + quintana) IgM antibodies	Serum	£87	<input type="checkbox"/>	80	Panel D2 Stealth Pathogen Panel	CPDA & Serum	£844		
<input type="checkbox"/>	12a	Babesia microti Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	201	Post COVID Viral Reactivation Panel: Light	CPDA & Serum	£344		
<input type="checkbox"/>	12w	Babesia microti iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	202	Post COVID Viral Reactivation Panel: Advanced	CPDA & Serum	£606		
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Babesia IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum	£87	COMPLEMENTARY AND ADDITIONAL TESTS						
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Chlamydia pneumoniae Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	2b	Immune Profile (CD19/CD3-/CD57+/CD56+/CD45+ Cells)	Hep & EDTA	£169		
<input type="checkbox"/>	15w	Chlamydia pneumoniae iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	105	RANTES	Serum	£62		
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Chlamydia pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£60	<input type="checkbox"/>	38	CCP antibodies	Serum	£38		
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Chlamydia trachomatis Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Antinuclear Antibody (ANA) titer	Serum	£25		
<input type="checkbox"/>	17w	Chlamydia trachomatis iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	ds-DNA antibodies	Serum	£26		
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Chlamydia trachomatis IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£60	<input type="checkbox"/>	42	c- and p-ANCA	Serum	£50		
<input type="checkbox"/>	19a	Mycoplasma pneumoniae Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	43	C-Reactive Protein (CRP)	Serum	£18		
<input type="checkbox"/>	19w	Mycoplasma pneumoniae iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	44	Diarrhoea/Coeliac Disease	Serum	£90		
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Mycoplasma pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£60	<input type="checkbox"/>	45	Organ Profile: FBC, CK, Sodium, Potassium, Alk Phos., AST, ALT, GGT, LDH, CHE, Amylase, Lipase, Bilirubin, Uric Acid, Creatinine, eGFR, TSH	Serum & EDTA	£74		
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Yersinia enterocolitica Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Total Protein, Protein Electrophoresis (Albumin, Alpha1-, Alpha2-, Beta, Gamma globulin, Total protein)	Serum	£20		
<input type="checkbox"/>	21w	Yersinia enterocolitica iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Lipid profile (cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL)	Serum	£15		
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Yersinia enterocolitica IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£60	<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Thyroid hormones (TSH, FT3, FT4)	Serum	£64		
<input type="checkbox"/>	23a	Rickettsia Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	49	Thyroid antibodies (TPO abs, TG Abs, TSH receptor Abs)	Serum	£125		
<input type="checkbox"/>	23w	Rickettsia iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	61	Reverse T3	Serum	£49		
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	Rickettsia IgG antibodies (rickettsii + typhi)	Serum	£87	<input type="checkbox"/>	87	Zonulin antibodies	Serum	£64		
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Rickettsia IgM antibodies (rickettsii + typhi)	Serum	£87	<input type="checkbox"/>	88	TNF Alpha antibodies	Serum	£38		
<input type="checkbox"/>	101	Campylobacter jejuni IgG/IgA Immunoblot	Serum	£131	<input type="checkbox"/>	89	Interleukin 6 (IL-6) antibodies	Serum	£64		
<input type="checkbox"/>	102	Helicobacter pylori ELISA IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£63	<input type="checkbox"/>	90	Interleukin 2 (IL-2) Receptor antibodies	Serum	£64		
VIRUSES											
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	EBV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)	CPDA	£132	<input type="checkbox"/>	92	Anti-DNase B	Serum	£18		
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	EBV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies	Serum	£138	<input type="checkbox"/>	93	Anti-Streptolysin O	Serum	£21		
<input type="checkbox"/>	28b	HSV 1 + 2 Elispot	CPDA	£132	<input type="checkbox"/>	96	Immunoglobulin levels IgA/IgM/IgG	Serum	£39		
<input type="checkbox"/>	28w	HSV 1 + 2 iSpot	CPDA	£225	VITAMINS						
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	HSV 1 + 2 IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies	Serum	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Vitamin D3 (25 OH)	Serum	£42		
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	CMV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)	CPDA	£132	<input type="checkbox"/>	52	Vitamin B6 Pyridoxine	EDTA	£49		
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	CMV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies	Serum	£62	<input type="checkbox"/>	53	Vitamin B12	Serum	£22		
<input type="checkbox"/>	31a	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Elispot	CPDA	£83	<input type="checkbox"/>	54	Vitamin B9 Folate	Serum	£22		
<input type="checkbox"/>	31w	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) iSpot	CPDA	£135	<input type="checkbox"/>	91	Biotin (Vitamin B7/Vitamin H)	Serum	£42		
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	VZV IgG/IgM/IgA antibodies	Serum	£83							
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Coxsackievirus A7 + B1 IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£124							
<input type="checkbox"/>	86	Echovirus IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£86							
<input type="checkbox"/>	95	Enterovirus IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	£49							
<input type="checkbox"/>	34a	HHV-6 Elispot	CPDA	£83							
<input type="checkbox"/>	34w	HHV-6 iSpot	CPDA	£135							
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	HHV-6 IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum	£78							
<input type="checkbox"/>	35a	HHV-7 Elispot	CPDA	£83							
<input type="checkbox"/>	35w	HHV-7 iSpot	CPDA	£135							
<input type="checkbox"/>	35b	HHV-7 IgG antibodies	Serum	£44							
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	HHV-8 IgG antibodies	Serum	£44							

VIRUSES		
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	EBV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	EBV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	28b	HSV 1 + 2 Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	28w	HSV 1 + 2 iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	HSV 1 + 2 IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	CMV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	CMV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	31a	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	31w	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	VZV IgG/IgM/IgA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Coxsackievirus A7 + B1 IgG/IgA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	86	Echovirus IgG/IgA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	95	Enterovirus IgG/IgA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	34a	HHV-6 Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	34w	HHV-6 iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	HHV-6 IgG/IgM antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	35a	HHV-7 Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	35w	HHV-7 iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	35b	HHV-7 IgG antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	HHV-8 IgG antibodies

Tests for Viruses and Mould issues

Armin Labs via AONM

YEASTS & MOULDS		
<input type="checkbox"/>	103	ToxiPlex Basic (Mycotoxins: Aflatoxin B1, Deoxynivalenol, Fumonisin (B1&B2), Ochratoxin A, Zearalenone)
<input type="checkbox"/>	70a	Candida albicans Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	70w	Candida albicans iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	70	Candida IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	72a	Aspergillus Peptide Mix 1&2 Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	72w	Aspergillus Peptide Mix 1&2 iSpot

Call us on: 03331 210 305

AONM ARMINLABS ORDER FORM

Email: info@aonm.org

TEST NO.	TEST NAME	MATERIAL	PRICE	TEST NO.	TEST NAME	MATERIAL	PRICE
BACTERIA							
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Borrelia Elispot	CPDA	E174	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Parvovirus B19 IgG/IgM antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	1a	Borrelia iSpot	CPDA	E268	<input type="checkbox"/>	94	TBE IgG/IgM antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	CD3-/CD57+/CD56+/CD45+ Cells	Hep & EDTA	E127	TICKPLEX ANTIBODY SCREENING		
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Borrelia IgG/IgM ELISA	Serum	E60	<input type="checkbox"/>	74	Tickplex Basic IgG/IgM antibodies (Borrelia)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4a	Borrelia IgG/IgM Seraspot	Serum	E138	<input type="checkbox"/>	75	Tickplex Plus IgG/IgM antibodies (Borrelia, Bartonella, Babesia, Ehrlichia, Coxsackie, EBV, Parvovirus B19, Mycoplasma fermentans/pneumoniae, Rickettsia)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4b	Borrelia IgG/IgM Immunoblot	Serum	E138	YEASTS & MOULDS		
<input type="checkbox"/>	56	Borrelia miyamotoi Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	103	ToxiPlex Basic (Mycotoxins: Aflatoxin B1, Deoxynivalenol, Fumonisin (B1&B2), Ochratoxin A, Zearalenone)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Borrelia miyamotoi iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	70a	Candida albicans Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	57	C6 ELISA (Borrelia)	Serum	E44	<input type="checkbox"/>	70w	Candida albicans iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Ehrlichia & Anaplasma Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	70	Candida IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	6w	Ehrlichia & Anaplasma iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	72a	Aspergillus Peptide Mix 1&2 Elispot
<input type="checkbox"/>	7a	Anaplasma phagocyt. IgM/IgG antibodies	Serum	E87	<input type="checkbox"/>	72w	Aspergillus Peptide Mix 1&2 iSpot
<input type="checkbox"/>	7b	Ehrlichia chaffeensis IgM/IgG antibodies	Serum	E87	AONM TEST PANELS		
<input type="checkbox"/>	9a	Bartonella henselae Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	77	Panel A2 Standard Virus Panel
<input type="checkbox"/>	9w	Bartonella henselae iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	78	Panel B2 Extended Virus Panel
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Bartonella (henselae + quintana) IgG antibodies	Serum	E87	<input type="checkbox"/>	79	Panel C2 Comp. Bacteria Panel
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Bartonella (henselae + quintana) IgM antibodies	Serum	E87	<input type="checkbox"/>	80	Panel D2 Stealth Pathogen Panel
<input type="checkbox"/>	12a	Babesia microti Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	201	Post COVID Viral Reactivation Panel: Light
<input type="checkbox"/>	12w	Babesia microti iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	202	Post COVID Viral Reactivation Panel: Advanced
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Babesia IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum	E87	COMPLEMENTARY AND ADDITIONAL TESTS		
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Chlamydia pneumoniae Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	2b	Immune Profile (CD19/CD3-/CD57+/CD56+/CD45+ Cells)
<input type="checkbox"/>	15w	Chlamydia pneumoniae iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	105	RANTES
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Chlamydia pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E60	<input type="checkbox"/>	38	CCP antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Chlamydia trachomatis Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Antinuclear Antibody (ANA) titer
<input type="checkbox"/>	17w	Chlamydia trachomatis iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	ds-DNA antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Chlamydia trachomatis IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E60	<input type="checkbox"/>	42	c- and p-ANCA
<input type="checkbox"/>	19a	Mycoplasma pneumoniae Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	43	C-Reactive Protein (CRP)
<input type="checkbox"/>	19w	Mycoplasma pneumoniae iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	44	Diarrhoea/Coeliac Disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Mycoplasma pneumoniae IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E60	<input type="checkbox"/>	45	Organ Profile: FBC, CK, Sodium, Potassium, Alk Phos., AST, ALT, GGT, LDH, CHE, Amylase, Lipase, Bilirubin, Uric Acid, Creatinine, eGFR, TSH
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Yersinia enterocolitica Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Total Protein, Protein Electrophoresis (Albumin, Alpha1-, Alpha2-, Beta, Gamma globulin, Total protein)
<input type="checkbox"/>	21w	Yersinia enterocolitica iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Lipid profile (cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL)
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Yersinia enterocolitica IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E60	<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Thyroid hormones (TSH, fT3, fT4)
<input type="checkbox"/>	23a	Rickettsia Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	49	Thyroid antibodies (TPO abs, TG Abs, TSH receptor Abs)
<input type="checkbox"/>	23w	Rickettsia iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	61	Reverse T3
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	Rickettsia IgG antibodies (rickettsii + typhi)	Serum	E87	<input type="checkbox"/>	87	Zonulin antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Rickettsia IgM antibodies (rickettsii + typhi)	Serum	E87	<input type="checkbox"/>	88	TNF Alpha antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	101	Campylobacter jejuni IgG/IgA Immunoblot	Serum	E131	<input type="checkbox"/>	89	Interleukin 6 (IL-6) antibodies
<input type="checkbox"/>	102	Helicobacter pylori ELISA IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E63	<input type="checkbox"/>	90	Interleukin 2 (IL-2) Receptor antibodies
VIRUSES							
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	EBV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)	CPDA	E132	<input type="checkbox"/>	92	Anti-DNAse B
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	EBV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies	Serum	E138	<input type="checkbox"/>	93	Anti-Streptolysin O
<input type="checkbox"/>	28a	HSV 1 + 2 Elispot	CPDA	E132	<input type="checkbox"/>	96	Immunoglobulin levels IgA/IgM/IgG
<input type="checkbox"/>	28w	HSV 1 + 2 iSpot	CPDA	E225	VITAMINS		
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	HSV 1 + 2 IgG/IgA/IgM antibodies	Serum	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Vitamin D3 (25 OH)
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	CMV Elispot (2 antigens: lytic + latent)	CPDA	E132	<input type="checkbox"/>	52	Vitamin B6 Pyridoxine
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	CMV IgG/IgM + anti-EBNA antibodies	Serum	E62	<input type="checkbox"/>	53	Vitamin B12
<input type="checkbox"/>	31a	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Elispot	CPDA	E83	<input type="checkbox"/>	54	Vitamin B9 Folate
<input type="checkbox"/>	31w	Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) iSpot	CPDA	E135	<input type="checkbox"/>	91	Biotin (Vitamin B7/Vitamin H)
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	VZV IgG/IgM/IgA antibodies	Serum	E83			
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Coxsackievirus A7 + B1 IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E124			
<input type="checkbox"/>	86	Echovirus IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E86			
<input type="checkbox"/>	95	Enterovirus IgG/IgA antibodies	Serum	E49			
<input type="checkbox"/>	34a	HHV-6 Elispot	CPDA	E83			
<input type="checkbox"/>	34w	HHV-6 iSpot	CPDA	E135			
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	HHV-6 IgG/IgM antibodies	Serum	E78			
<input type="checkbox"/>	35a	HHV-7 Elispot	CPDA	E83			
<input type="checkbox"/>	35w	HHV-7 iSpot	CPDA	E135			
<input type="checkbox"/>	35b	HHV-7 IgG antibodies	Serum	E44			
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	HHV-8 IgG antibodies	Serum	E44			

Tests for Viruses and Mould issues

- Via Regenerus Labs

RealTime Lab Inc - RT001

Mycotoxin Panel E8400

Environmental Toxicity

Urine

Turn Around Time: 10 Days

Mosaic Diagnostics (formerly) Great Plains - CMI42

MycoToxin

Environmental Toxicity

Urine

Turn Around Time: 22 Days

- Sample Reports: [Mycotoxin Panel \(RealTime Lab\)](#) and [Mycotoxin \(Mosaic Diagnostics\)](#)

DAO & HNMT

- DAO (diamine oxidase) & HNMT (H-n-methyltransferase) are the two enzymes that break down histamine.
- MTHFR & MAOB also play roles in the process of degrading histamine.

Nutrients required to support these enzymes:

- DAO Vitamin B2, B6
- HNMT Folate, B12, B6, B2 (methylation), zinc, magnesium
- MTHFR Folate, B12, B6, B2 (methylation)
- MAOB Vitamin B2, magnesium, zinc

Cromolyn

- Cromoglicic acid (INN) - also referred to as cromolyn (USAN), cromoglycate (former BAN), or cromoglicate - is traditionally described as a mast cell stabiliser, and is commonly marketed as the sodium salt sodium cromoglicate or cromolyn sodium.
- This drug prevents the release of inflammatory chemicals such as histamine from mast cells.

Luteolin as Mast Cell Stabiliser and Anti-Histamine

- Tsilioni et al., 2024 states that luteolin is significantly more potent than cromolyn in inhibiting the release of histamine, tryptase, metalloproteinase-9, and vascular endothelial growth factor from cultured human mast cells.
 - Hao et al., 2022 reports that luteolin inhibits Fc epsilon RI- and Mas-related G protein-coupled receptor X2 (MRGPRX2)-mediated mast cell activation, including degranulation and release of cytokines in vitro.
 - Kritas et., 2013 confirm that luteolin belongs to a flavone group of compounds called flavonoids, which has anti-oxidant properties, inhibits some cancer cell proliferation and exerts a regulatory effect on mast cell-mediated inflammatory diseases and allergy.
-
- Tsilioni I, Theoharides T. Luteolin Is More Potent than Cromolyn in Their Ability to Inhibit Mediator Release from Cultured Human Mast Cells. *Int Arch Allergy Immunol.* 2024;185(8):803-809. [View Abstract](#)
 - Hao Y, Che D, Yu Y, Liu L, Mi S, Zhang Y, Hao J, Li W, Ji M, Geng S, Shi J. Luteolin inhibits FcεRI- and MRGPRX2-mediated mast cell activation by regulating calcium signaling pathways. *Phytother Res.* 2022 May;36(5):2197-2206. [View Abstract](#)
 - Kritas SK, Saggini A, Varvara G, Murmura G, Caraffa A, Antinolfi P, Toniato E, Pantalone A, Neri G, Frydas S, Rosati M, Tei M, Speziali A, Saggini R, Pandolfi F, Cerulli G, Theoharides TC, Conti P. Luteolin inhibits mast cell-mediated allergic inflammation. *J Biol Regul Homeost Agents.* 2013 Oct-Dec;27(4):955-9. [View Abstract](#)

Quercetin as Mast Cell Stabiliser and Anti-Histamine

- Quercetin is more effective than cromolyn in inhibiting IL-8 and TNF release from LAD2 mast cells stimulated by substance P.
- Moreover, Quercetin reduces IL-6 release from hCBMCs in a dose-dependent manner. Quercetin inhibits cytosolic calcium level increase and NF-kappa B activation.
- Interestingly, Quercetin is effective prophylactically, while cromolyn must be added together with the trigger or it rapidly loses its effect.
- In two pilot, open-label, clinical trials, Quercetin significantly decreased contact dermatitis and photosensitivity, skin conditions that do not respond to conventional treatment. In summary, Quercetin is a promising candidate as an effective mast cell inhibitor for allergic and inflammatory diseases, especially in formulations that permit more sufficient oral absorption.
- Weng Z, Zhang B, Asadi S, Sismanopoulos N, Butcher A, Fu X, Katsarou-Katsari A, Antoniou C, Theoharides TC. Quercetin is more effective than cromolyn in blocking human mast cell cytokine release and inhibits contact dermatitis and photosensitivity in humans. PLoS One. 2012;7(3):e33805. [Full Paper](#)

LAD2 Mast Cells

- Laboratory of allergic diseases 2 (LAD2) human mast cells were developed over 15 years ago and have been distributed worldwide for studying mast cell proliferation, receptor expression, mediator release/inhibition, and signaling.

Curcumin inhibits Mast Cell Activation

- Curcumin inhibits PAR2- and PAR4-mediated human mast cell activation, not by inhibition of trypsin activity but by block of extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) phosphorylation pathway.
- Curcumin can inhibit the expression of inflammatory mediators by suppressing NF-κB activation in human mast cell line 1, HMC-1. Curcumin inhibits the ERK, JNK, p38 MAPK, and NF-κB pathways.
- Regulation of cytokine secretion from mast cells by curcumin is also an important therapeutic strategy for inflammatory diseases.
- Baek OS, Kang OH, Choi YA, Choi SC, Kim TH, Nah YH, Kwon DY, Kim YK, Kim YH, Bae KH, Lim JP, Lee YM. Curcumin inhibits protease-activated receptor-2 and -4-mediated mast cell activation. Clin Chim Acta. 2003 Dec;338(1-2):135-41. [View Abstract](#)
- Kinney SR, Carlson L, Ser-Dolansky J, Thompson C, Shah S, Gambrah A, Xing W, Schneider SS, Mathias CB. Curcumin Ingestion Inhibits Mastocytosis and Suppresses Intestinal Anaphylaxis in a Murine Model of Food Allergy. PLoS One. 2015 Jul 6;10(7):e0132467. [Full Paper](#)
- Makuch S, Więcek K, Woźniak M. The Immunomodulatory and Anti-Inflammatory Effect of Curcumin on Immune Cell Populations, Cytokines, and In Vivo Models of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Pharmaceuticals (Basel). 2021 Apr 1;14(4):309. [Full Paper](#)

How to Treat MCAS

- Low histamine diet
- Drinks can block histamine breakdown
- Some foods elicit histamine release
- Address any infection
- Address spike protein

Anti-histamine drugs

- Type 1 anti-histamine – trial and error process – “go low and slow” – 2-3 X per day
- Type 2 anti-histamine (prescribed) – 40mg per day (e.g. Famotidine)
- Mast Cell Stabiliser (leukotriene inhibitor) (prescribed)(e.g. Montelukast)

Vitamins & Minerals & Plant Extracts

- Vitamin D – 3,000 iu
- Vitamin C - 1000mg x 3 (natural anti-histamine)
- Niacin – 100mg-250mg +
- Zinc - 15-30 mg
- Selenium - 100mcg per day
- Magnesium – 100mg 2-3 X per day
- Help with methylation: MTHF, active B12, active B6
- Quercetin 300mg – x 3 per day
- Luteolin 100mg – x 3 per day
- Curcumin – 500mg = x 2-3 per day

Foods that may inhibit histamine breakdown

- Tea, especially green tea, which contains catechins that can inhibit DAO activity.
- Coffee, which contains caffeine and other compounds that can inhibit DAO and HNMT activity.
- Dark chocolate, which contains flavanols that can inhibit DAO activity.
- Berries, such as blueberries and raspberries, which contain anthocyanins that can inhibit DAO activity.
- Cruciferous vegetables, such as broccoli and cauliflower, which contain sulforaphane that can inhibit HNMT activity.
- Isoflavones, found in soybeans and soy products (directly inhibit DAO or HNMT).
- Flavanones, found in citrus fruits and juices (directly inhibit DAO or HNMT).
- Phenolic acids, found in apples and apple juice (directly inhibit DAO or HNMT).

• How relevant is this information?

Supplements vs MCAS

Nutritional Supplements to consider

- Aller Aid L92 (AR) – 1 before each meal
- Quercetin 300 (AR) – 1 before each meal
- CurcumRx™ (BR) – 1 with two or three meals
- Magnesium Powder (AR) – 1 scoop in water 2-3X a day
- Mg-Zyme (BR)(100mg) – 1 with one or two meals
- Homocysteine Plus (AR) – 1 with two or three meals
- Bio-ADEK-Mulsion (BR) – 5 drops with dinner
- Microliposomal C (AR) – 1 teaspoon twice daily
- No Flush Niacin (AR) – 1 with lunch
- Zn-Zyme Forte (BR) (25mg) – 1 with dinner
- Se-Zyme Forte (BR)(100mcg) – 1 with breakfast & dinner

Specific Information about Luteolin

Specific Information about Luteolin

- Luteolin is a flavonoid that is present in many fruits, vegetables, and medicinal herbs. It is the principal yellow dye compound that is obtained from the plant *Reseda luteola*.
- Luteolin was first isolated in pure form, and named, in 1829 by the French chemist Michel Eugène Chevreul.
- Flavonoids protect plants from microbes and other environmental threats and provide us with a range of health benefits - and Luteolin has many of them.

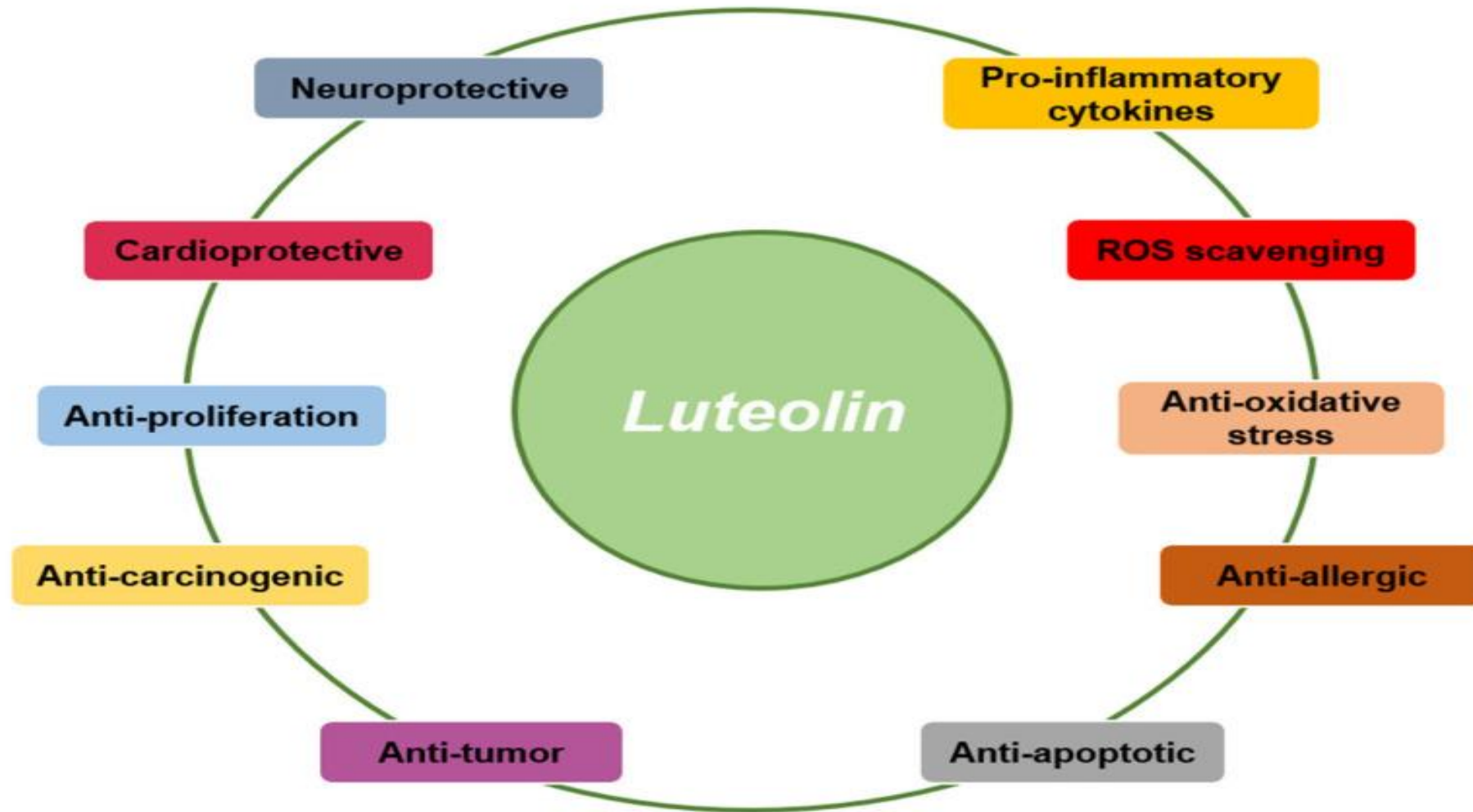
Luteolin as anti-inflammatory agent

- Research shows that luteolin may reduce or prevent chronic inflammation.
- In cell studies, luteolin inhibits TNF-alpha and IL-6 released via suppressing NF-κB. TNF-alpha and IL-6 are linked to many chronic diseases caused by elevated inflammatory cytokines.
- In other research, luteolin reduces IL-6 (interleukin 6), an inflammatory cytokine produced in response to bacterial infections.
- In microglial cells, luteolin and another flavonoid, apigenin, suppress IL-31 and IL-33. IL-31 is an inflammatory cytokine produced by activated T lymphocytes, and it plays a role in chronic inflammatory diseases.
- All in all, the research shows luteolin as a specific anti-inflammatory to target elevated TNF, IL-6, IL-31, and IL-33.
- Through protecting against inflammatory cytokine over-production, luteolin protects against oxidative stress in cells.

Luteolin as anti-inflammatory agent

- Luteolin appears to be an excellent candidate for alleviating pain in chronic inflammatory conditions (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, inflammatory bowel disease), inhibiting major inflammatory mediators involved in manifestation of pain as a symptom of the disease.
- Based on its strong anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties shown in preclinical studies, luteolin can inhibit the major components of pain pathogenesis in neuropathy, namely oxidative stress and neuroinflammation, that lead to nerve damage and chronic pain.
- Moreover, as we described previously, there is evidence that it can also show analgesic effect via interaction with GABAA receptors.
- Luteolin appears (from preclinical and clinical data) to have a very good safety profile, making it even more appealing for clinical implementation.

Biological Activities of Luteolin

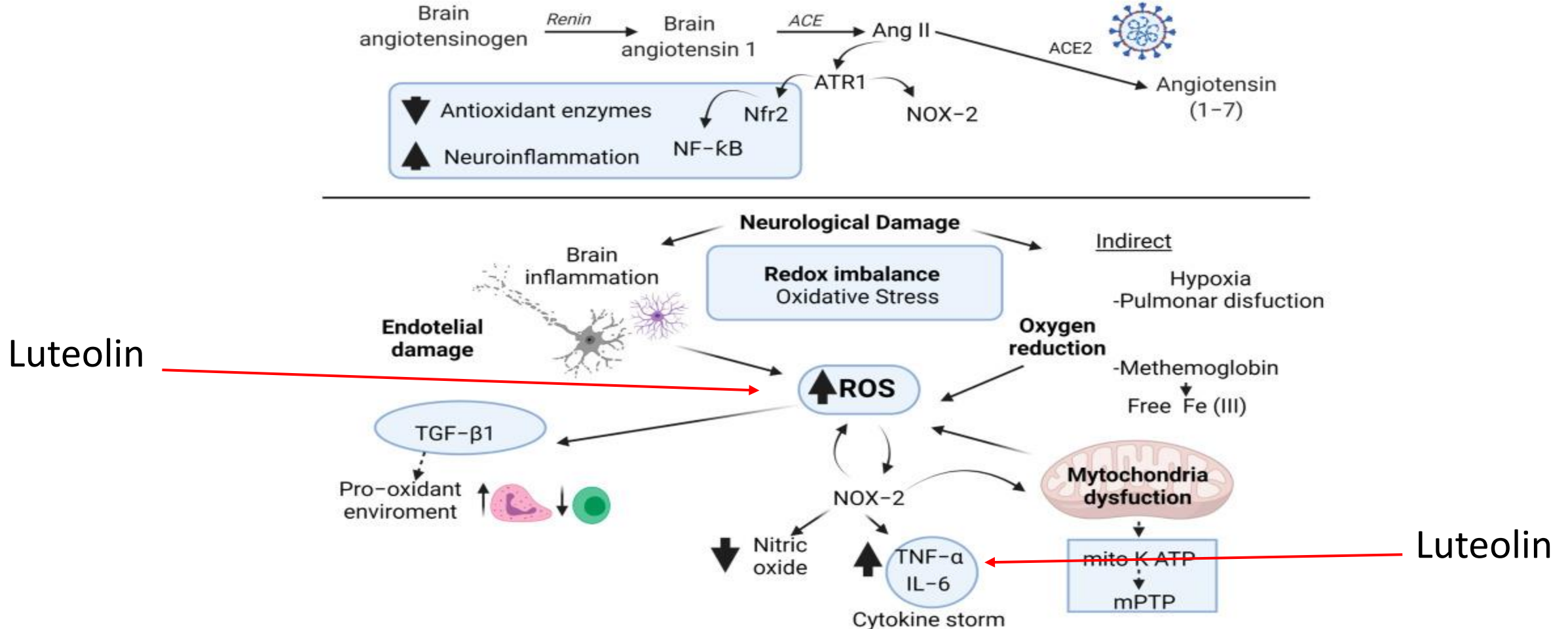


Luteolin as mast cell stabiliser and anti-histamine

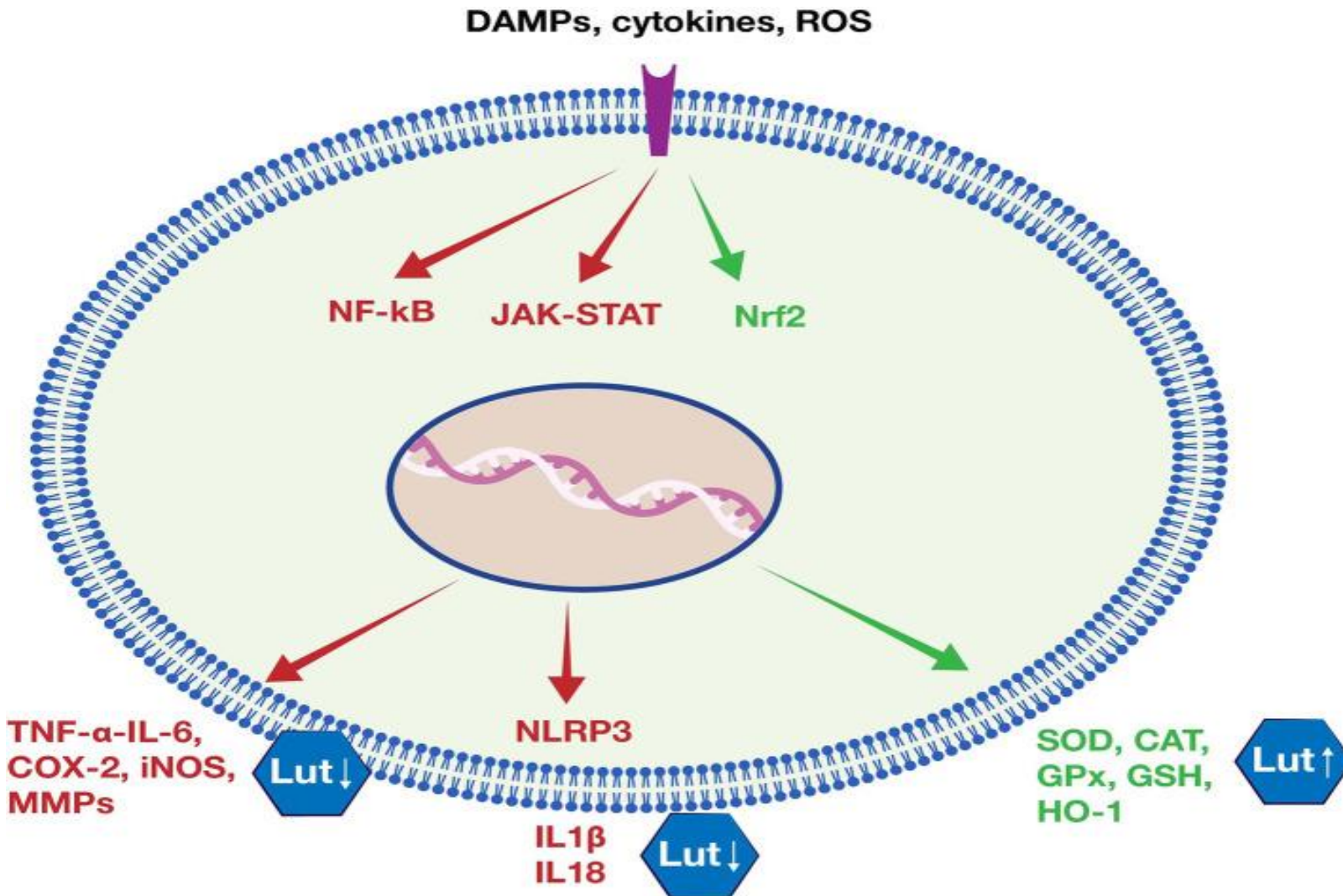
- References

- Kempuraj D, Tagen M, Iliopoulou BP, Clemons A, Vasiadi M, Boucher W, House M, Wolfberg A, Theoharides TC. Luteolin inhibits myelin basic protein-induced human mast cell activation and mast cell-dependent stimulation of Jurkat T cells. Br J Pharmacol. 2008 Dec;155(7):1076-84. [Full Paper](#)
- Jeon IH, Kim HS, Kang HJ, Lee HS, Jeong SI, Kim SJ, Jang SI. Anti-inflammatory and antipruritic effects of luteolin from Perilla (P. frutescens L.) leaves. Molecules. 2014 May 27;19(6):6941-51. [Full Paper](#)
- Cárdenas-Rodríguez N, Bandala C, Vanoye-Carlo A, Ignacio-Mejía I, Gómez-Manzo S, Hernández-Cruz EY, Pedraza-Chaverri J, Carmona-Aparicio L, Hernández-Ochoa B. Use of Antioxidants for the Neuro-Therapeutic Management of COVID-19. Antioxidants (Basel). 2021 Jun 17;10(6):971. [Full Paper](#)

Mechanisms of neuronal damage related to redox imbalance in COVID-19 & Long Covid

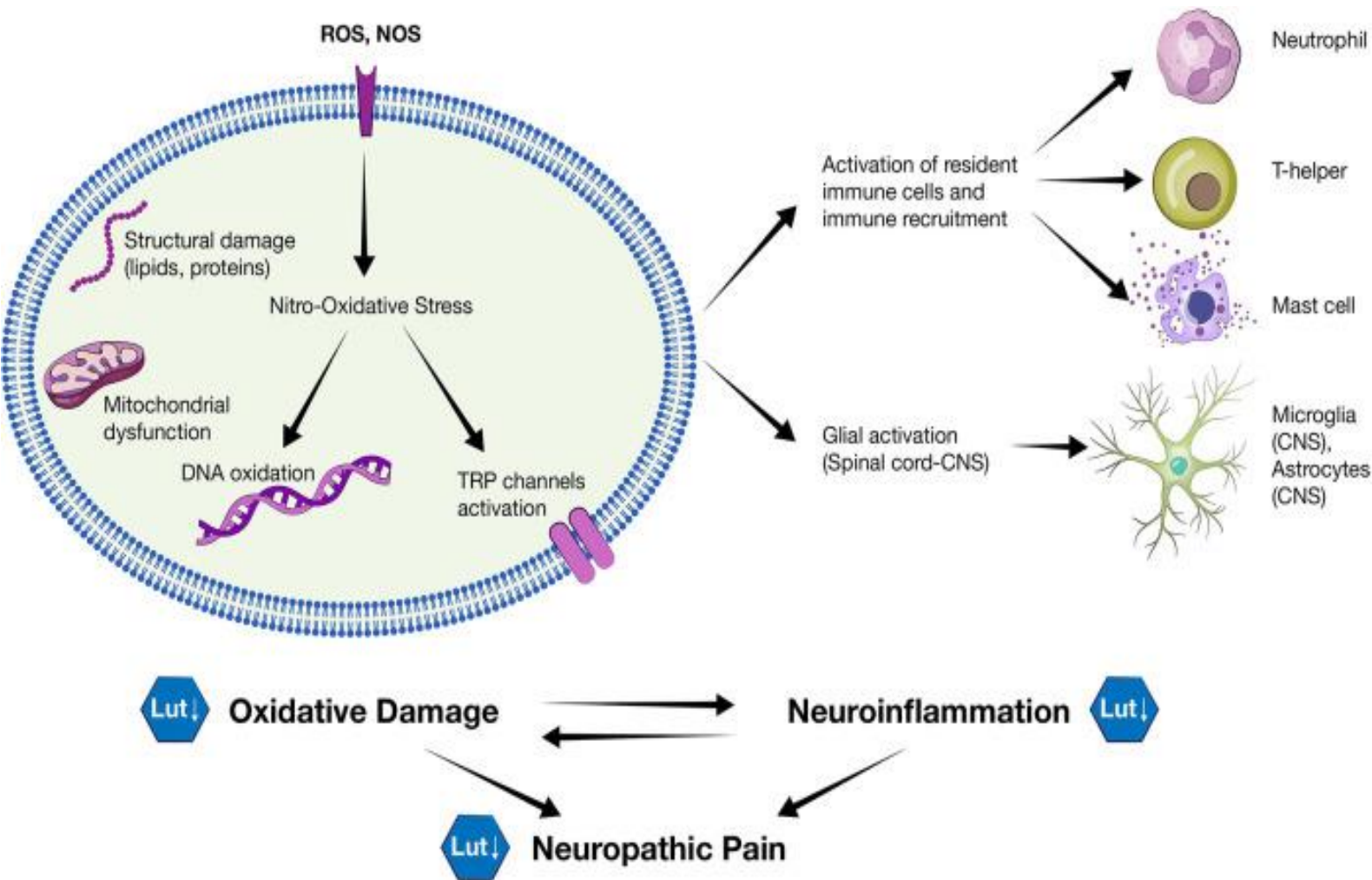


Luteolin's anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects



- Luteolin inhibits major inflammatory signaling pathways (e.g., NF-κB, JAK-STAT, NLRP3), leading consequently to reduced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators (e.g., TNF-α, IL-6, COX-2, iNOS, MMPs, IL1β, IL18).
- Moreover, luteolin seems able to activate the major antioxidant factor Nrf2, and increase the expression of antioxidant enzymes (e.g., SOD, CAT, GPx, GSH, HO-1).

Oxidative damage and neuroinflammation in neuropathy can be inhibited by luteolin



- An illustration of the pathogenetic mechanisms implicated in neuropathic pain.
- ROS and NOS can induce nitro-oxidative damage in the vulnerable neuronal cells and activation of TRP channels which are involved in neuropathic pain transduction.
- Neuroinflammation - induced from neuronal cell damage - involves the activation of resident immune cells and glial activation.
- Oxidative damage and neuroinflammation, which are considered to be reciprocal processes, **can be inhibited by luteolin**.

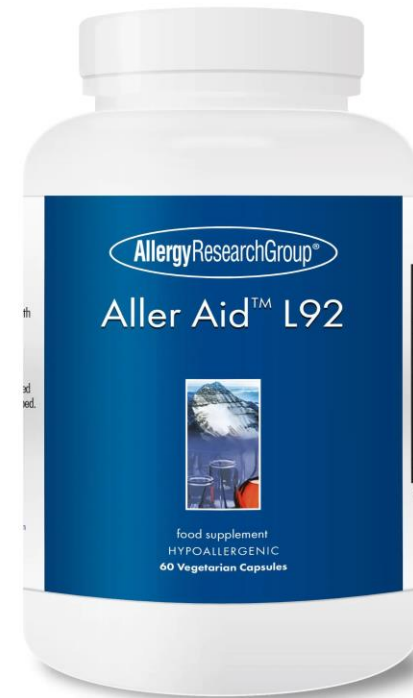
Luteolin inhibits SAR-CoV-2 replication

- Luteolin, as well as curcumin, quercetin, melatonin, capsaicin, EGCG, ellagic acid, and others, inhibits SARS-Cov-2 replication.
- Cárdenas-Rodríguez N, Bandala C, Vanoye-Carlo A, Ignacio-Mejía I, Gómez-Manzo S, Hernández-Cruz EY, Pedraza-Chaverri J, Carmona-Aparicio L, Hernández-Ochoa B. Use of Antioxidants for the Neuro-Therapeutic Management of COVID-19. Antioxidants (Basel). 2021 Jun 17;10(6):971. [Full Paper](#)

Aller Aid™ L92 (AR)

Per 1 capsule

- BOSWELLIN® (Boswellia serrata resin)(Standardised to 70% Boswellic Acid) - 265mg
- Vitamin C (as Ascorbic Acid) - 250mg
- Luteolin - 100mg
- Lactobacillus acidophilus L-92® - 11mg



Specific Information about Cannabidiol (CBD), the Endocannabinoid System (ECS) & MCAS

Cannabidiol (CBD)

- One option for helping those with MCAS that is gaining traction is Cannabidiol (CBD), a natural compound found in hemp. While research into CBD for MCAS is still in its early stages, there's a growing body of evidence suggesting its potential to influence the very systems involved in MCAS and its flare-ups.
- **The Endocannabinoid System (ECS)**
- Your body has a built-in regulatory system specifically designed to maintain balance and promote well-being. This is the role of the endocannabinoid system (ECS), a complex network of receptors and signaling molecules naturally produced within the body. (1)

Vital roles of the Endocannabinoid System (ECS)

- The ECS plays a crucial role in regulating various physiological processes, including: (2, 3, 4, 5)
- **Inflammation:** The ECS helps modulate inflammatory responses, preventing excessive immune system activation.
- **Pain:** ECS receptors are found throughout the nervous system, influencing pain perception and transmission.
- **Immune Function:** The ECS plays a role in immune cell activity and helps maintain a balanced immune response.
- **Sleep:** The ECS is involved in regulating sleep cycles and promoting relaxation.
- **Mood:** Emerging research suggests the ECS may influence mood and emotional regulation.

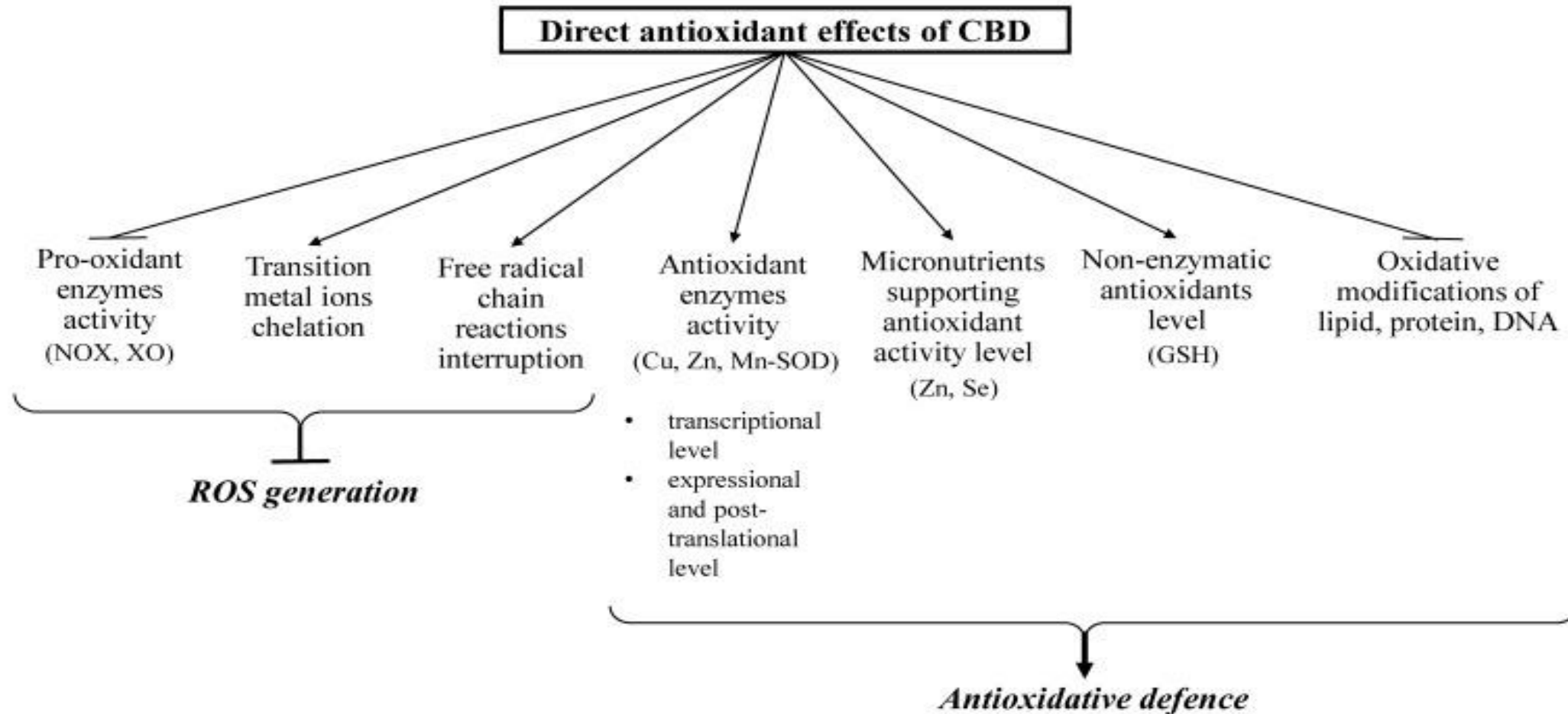
The Endocannabinoid System (ECS)

- The ECS functions by producing its own natural cannabinoids, called endocannabinoids. These endocannabinoids bind to specific receptors located on various cells throughout the body. When activated, these receptors trigger a cascade of signals that influence various physiological functions.
- Cannabinoids, like CBD, share a structural similarity with our body's natural endocannabinoids. While CBD doesn't directly bind to the same receptors, it's believed to interact with the ECS in other ways.
- Here's where the potential for CBD to influence health comes in. CBD may:
 - Modulate the enzyme activity that breaks down endocannabinoids, allowing them to remain active for longer periods.
 - Interact with other receptors in the body, potentially influencing ECS signaling indirectly.
 - Influence the production of endocannabinoids by the body.

The Endocannabinoid System (ECS) & MCAS

- While the exact mechanisms by which CBD interacts with the ECS are still being explored, this potential interaction offers a framework for understanding how CBD might influence various physiological processes, including those relevant to MCAS.
- **Anti-inflammatory Properties and Immune Modulation:**
- MCAS is characterised by excessive inflammation. Studies suggest CBD may possess anti-inflammatory properties. For example, research indicates CBD might influence the activity of cytokines, signaling molecules involved in the inflammatory response. (6) Additionally, CBD might interact with the immune system, potentially promoting a more balanced immune response. (7)

Direct antioxidant effects of CBD

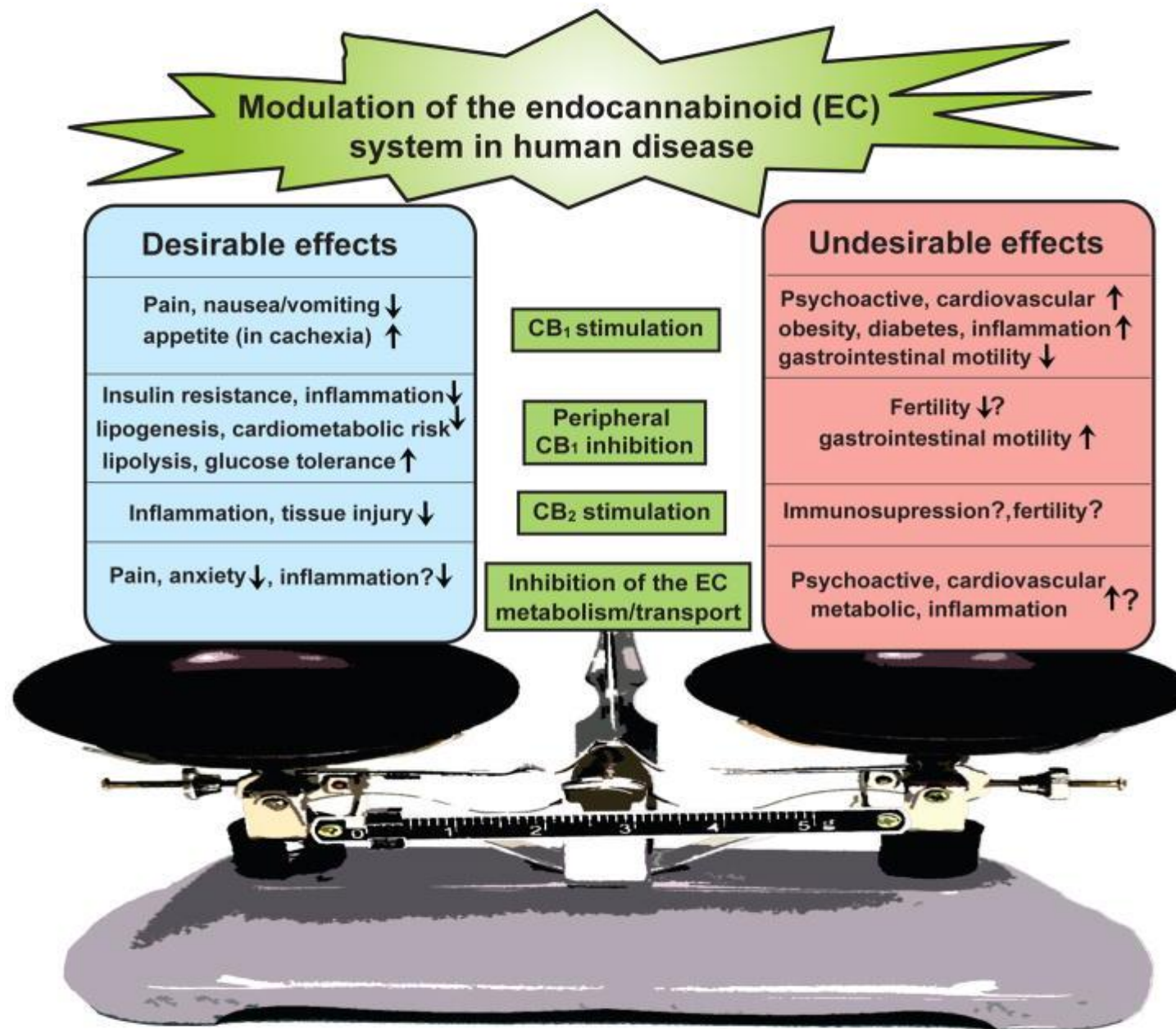


The Endocannabinoid System (ECS) & MCAS

- **Mast Cell Stabilisation & Potential for Reduced Histamine Release:**
- Mast cells are central players in MCAS, and their activation leads to histamine release, triggering various symptoms. Some studies suggest CBD might influence mast cell function. For instance, preliminary research indicates CBD may interact with certain receptors or enzymes involved in mast cell activation and histamine release. (8)
- **Impact on Gut Health:**
- There's growing interest in the gut-mast cell connection; digestive issues feature in many MCAS patients. Early research suggests CBD might positively influence gut health by promoting beneficial gut bacteria and reducing inflammation in the gut lining. (9) While the link between CBD and gut health in MCAS specifically needs further investigation, it's an interesting area to explore.

The Endocannabinoid System (ECS) & MCAS

- The research on CBD and its potential benefits for MCAS is still in its early stages, but the initial findings are encouraging. The potential impact on gut health, where some MCAS symptoms originate, adds another layer of potential benefit. As research continues to evolve, CBD may become a valuable tool in the comprehensive management of MCAS.



Cannabidiol (CBD) & MCAS - References

1. Pacher P, Kunos G. Modulating the endocannabinoid system in human health and disease--successes and failures. FEBS J. 2013 May;280(9):1918-43. [Full Paper](#)
2. Guindon J, Hohmann AG. The endocannabinoid system and pain. CNS Neurol Disord Drug Targets. 2009 Dec;8(6):403-21. [Full Paper](#)
3. Pandey R, Mousawy K, Nagarkatti M, Nagarkatti P. Endocannabinoids and immune regulation. Pharmacol Res. 2009 Aug;60(2):85-92. [Full Paper](#)
4. Kesner AJ, Lovinger DM. Cannabinoids, Endocannabinoids and Sleep. Front Mol Neurosci. 2020 Jul 22;13:125. [Full Paper](#)
5. Lu HC, Mackie K. Review of the Endocannabinoid System. Biol Psychiatry Cogn Neurosci Neuroimaging. 2021 Jun;6(6):607-615. [Full Paper](#)
6. Atalay S, Jarocka-Karpowicz I, Skrzydlewska E. Antioxidative and Anti-Inflammatory Properties of Cannabidiol. Antioxidants (Basel). 2019 Dec 25;9(1):21. [Full Paper](#)
7. Almogi-Hazan O, Or R. *Cannabis*, the Endocannabinoid System and Immunity-the Journey from the Bedside to the Bench and Back. Int J Mol Sci. 2020 Jun 23;21(12):4448. [Full Paper](#)
8. Nayak AP, Loblundo C, Bielory L. Immunomodulatory Actions of Cannabinoids: Clinical Correlates and Therapeutic Opportunities for Allergic Inflammation. J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract. 2023 Feb;11(2):449-457. [Full Paper](#)
9. De Filippis D, Esposito G, Cirillo C, Cipriano M, De Winter BY, Scuderi C, Sarnelli G, Cuomo R, Steardo L, De Man JG, Iuvone T. Cannabidiol reduces intestinal inflammation through the control of neuroimmune axis. PLoS One. 2011;6(12):e28159. [Full Paper](#)

CBD Oil

- [100% Organic C*B*D Oil | NutriGold](#)
- 100% raw Canabidol™ oil containing 500mg C*B*D (5%), as well as terpenes, phytocannabinoids and essential oils from Cannabis Sativa L. plant buds grown legally in the UK.
- Nutrigold Canabidol™ C*B*D oil is extracted from the buds of Cannabis Sativa L. (hemp) plants grown organically and legally in the UK and with a fully traceable manufacturing process. All Canabidol™ products are considered by the MHRA and Home Office to be legal, legitimate and have met all the required standards.
- Our Canabidol™ C*B*D oil contains 500mg cannabidiol (C*B*D), an important bioactive component of cannabis plants renowned for revolutionary health promoting properties. The raw oil is carefully extracted to isolate and remove all the unwanted compounds, including tetrahydrocannabinoid (THC; the psychoactive component of cannabis), whilst maximising levels of C*B*D, synergistic phytocannabinoids, terpenoids, essential oils and other beneficial compounds found in this specially bred cannabis strain.
- Each batch of oil is rigorously and independently tested to ensure maximum quality, purity and C*B*D potency and to ensure that the THC content is <0.05%, which four times lower than the UK legal limit of 0.2% for THC in C*B*D (hemp) oil products.



Supplements vs MCAS (V2)

Nutritional Supplements to consider

- Aller Aid L92 (AR) – 1 before each meal
- Quercetin 300 (AR) – 1 before each meal
- Magnesium Powder (AR) – 1 scoop in water 2-3X a day
- Mg-Zyme (BR)(100mg) – 1 with one or two meals
- Homocysteine Plus (AR) – 1 with two or three meals
- Bio-ADEK-Mulsion (BR) – 5 drops with dinner
- Microliposomal C (AR) – 1 teaspoon twice daily
- No Flush Niacin (AR) – 1 with lunch
- Zn-Zyme Forte (BR) (25mg) – 1 with dinner
- Se-Zyme Forte (BR)(100mcg) – 1 with breakfast & dinner

- CBD Oil (NutriGold) – build up to as high as 14 drops twice daily to determine benefit

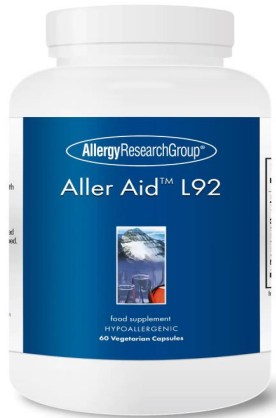
Most Relevant Supplements ?

Mast Cell Activation

Quercetin 300 (AR)



Aller Aid L92 (AR)



CBD Oil
(NutriGold)



CurcumRx™ (BR)



No-Flush Niacin (AR)



Magnesium Powder (AR)



THE END

TIME FOR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

4. Friday 4th October 12 noon

Viral persistence and viral reactivation as causes of Long Covid and the negative impact on heme by spike protein. Nutritional Therapy solutions.