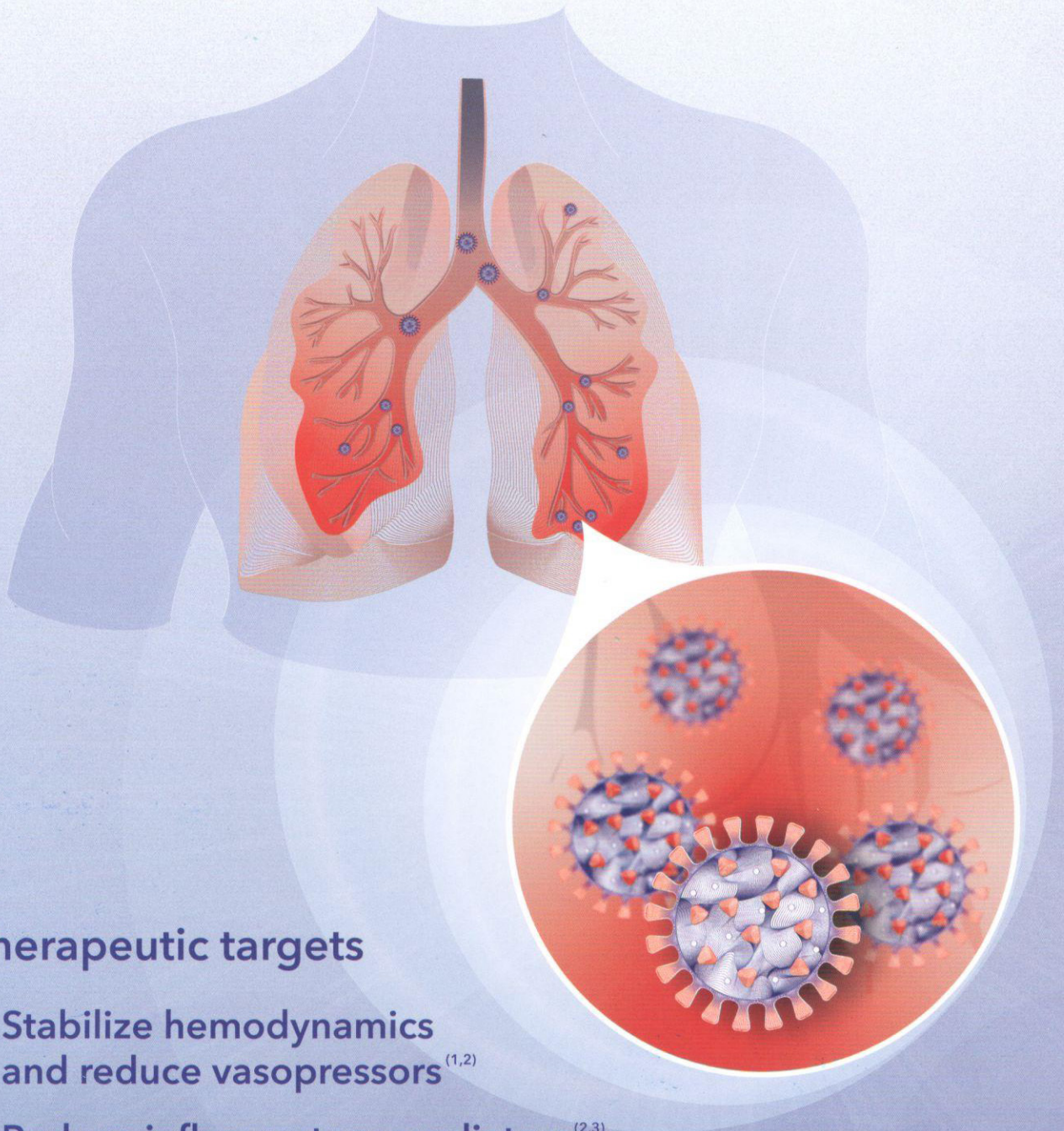


## CytoSorb Therapy

Manage cytokine storm in patients with COVID-19



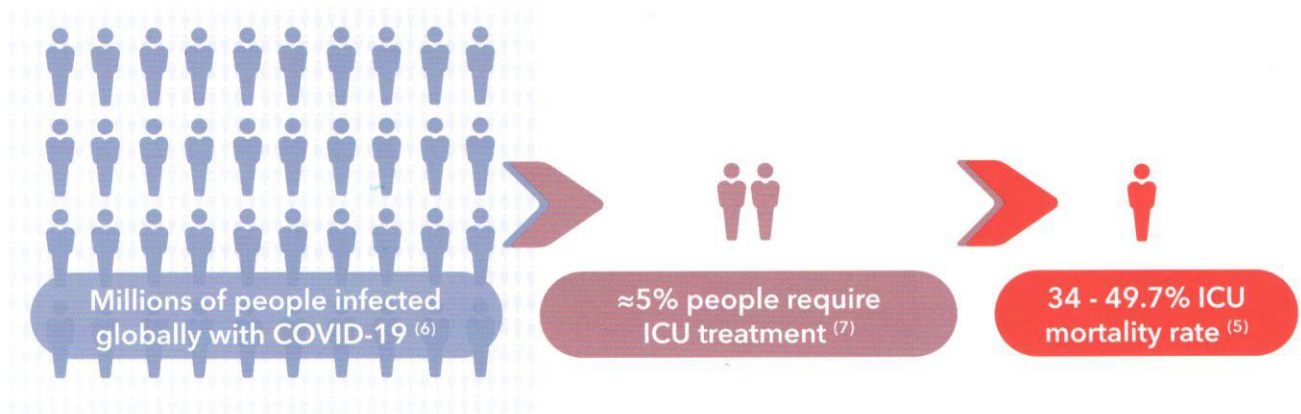
### Therapeutic targets

- Stabilize hemodynamics and reduce vasopressors<sup>(1,2)</sup>
- Reduce inflammatory mediators<sup>(2,3)</sup>
- Support lung function<sup>(1,4)</sup>



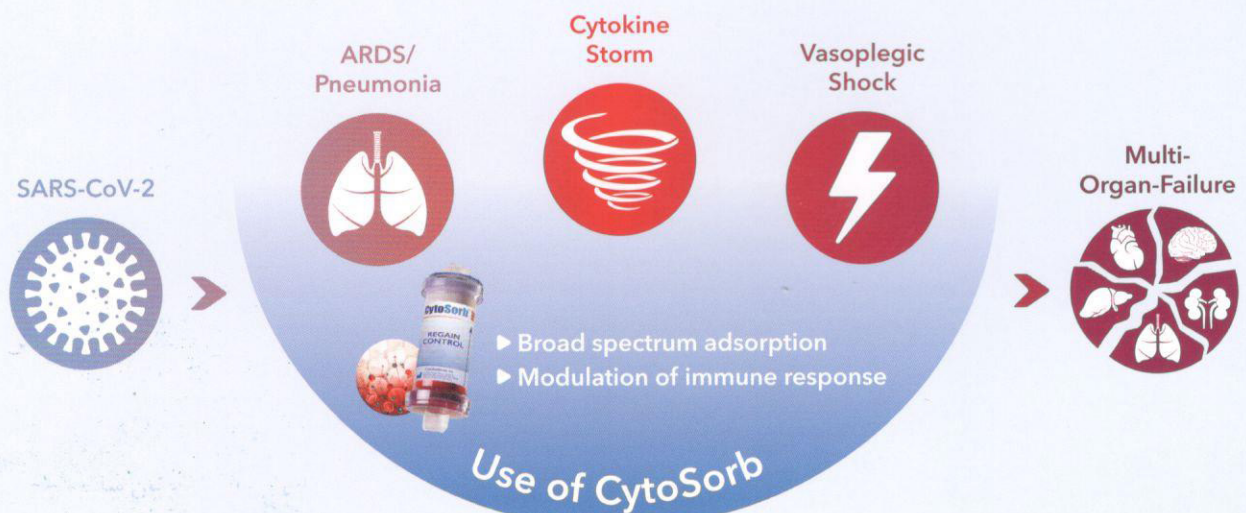
## Background

Limited treatment options are currently available for critically-ill COVID-19 ICU patients who may experience mortality rates up to 50%.<sup>(5)</sup>



### ► Action of CytoSorb Therapy

CytoSorb Therapy reduces cytokines and targets the underlying pathophysiology in critically-ill COVID-19 patients. Cytokine storm may be a key component in many critically-ill COVID-19 patients and controlling the inflammatory response may be as important as targeting the virus.<sup>(8)</sup>



### ► Use of CytoSorb Therapy

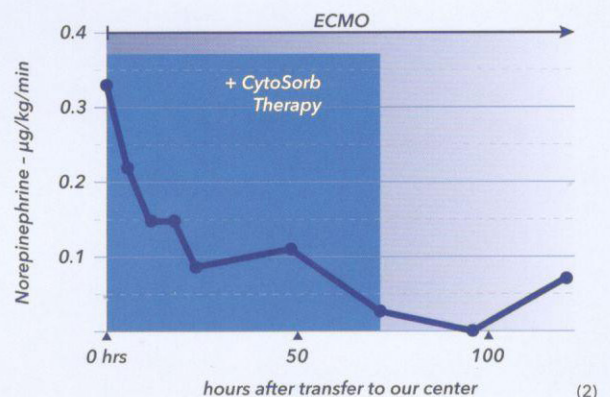
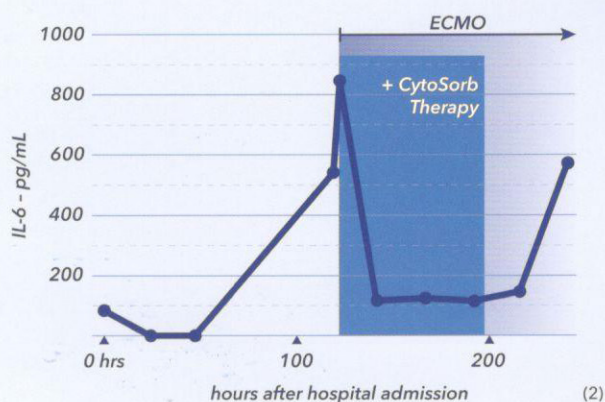
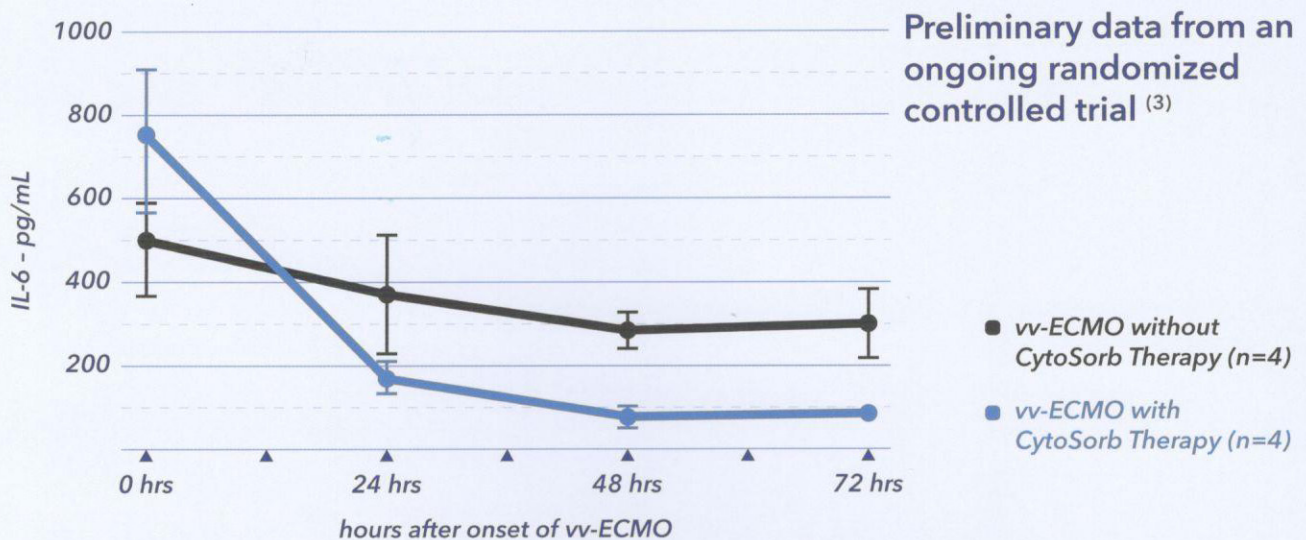
Formal and expert recommendations for CytoSorb Therapy are now in place in many countries. The FDA in USA granted CytoSorb Therapy Emergency Use Authorization for use in critically-ill COVID-19 patients with imminent or confirmed respiratory failure.





## Current status

- Preliminary data in COVID-19 patients have shown reductions in IL-6, enhancements in oxygenation and hemodynamics <sup>(1,2,3,4)</sup>



### ➤ CytoSorb Therapy has demonstrated:

- To be a crucial adjunctive therapy in treating critically-ill COVID-19 patients. <sup>(4,10,11)</sup>
- Rapid hemodynamic stabilization in patients with refractory septic shock and cytokine storm. <sup>(12,13,14)</sup>
- The potential to improve lung function in sepsis-associated ARDS patients. <sup>(12,13)</sup>
- The potential to support the liver dysfunction frequently seen in severe COVID-19 cases. <sup>(15,16)</sup>
- Promising results in haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), which can resemble severe cases of COVID-19. <sup>(17,18)</sup>
- An excellent safety profile in other situations with a dysregulated immune response. <sup>(19,20)</sup>

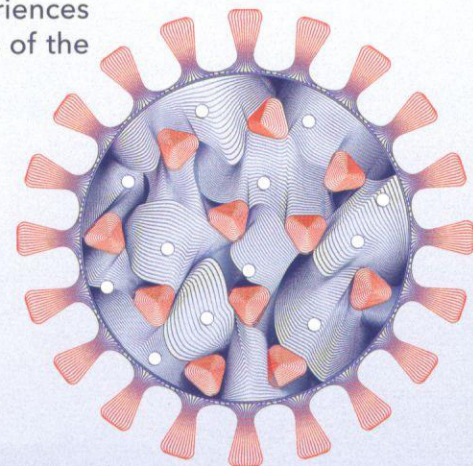
**CytoSorb Therapy may be a promising and important therapeutic option to help manage the serious complications caused by cytokine storm and hyperinflammation in critically-ill COVID-19 patients. <sup>(4,10,11,21)</sup>**



## ➤ Criteria for considering CytoSorb in COVID-19 patients

Based on international guideline recommendations, as well as experiences in the field, CytoSorb Therapy should be considered, if one or more of the following criteria is met without response to standard therapy:

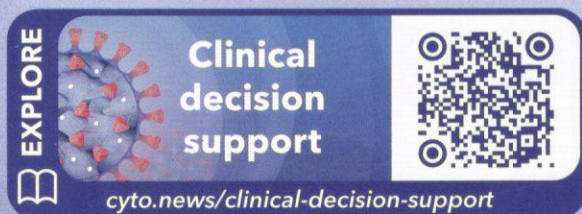
- Refractory vasoplegic shock ( $NE > 0.3 \mu\text{g/kg/min}$ , lactate $\uparrow$ ) <sup>(22,\*)</sup> ?
- Moderate ARDS <sup>(22)</sup> ?
- ECMO / ECLS <sup>(22)</sup> ?
- AKI stage III with start CRRT <sup>(23)</sup> ?
- H-Score suggesting sHLH <sup>(17,18)</sup> ?



\* Start CytoSorb Therapy early, preferably within 6 hours of the onset of shock.

*"In order to improve the chances of patients with severe COVID-19 associated ARDS with a correspondingly high mortality, as a standard approach, CytoSorb should be integrated into the ECMO system directly from the start of ECMO therapy in every COVID-19 patient"*

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