



# Place du dosage des NETs dans la prise en charge des maladies critiques dont le sepsis

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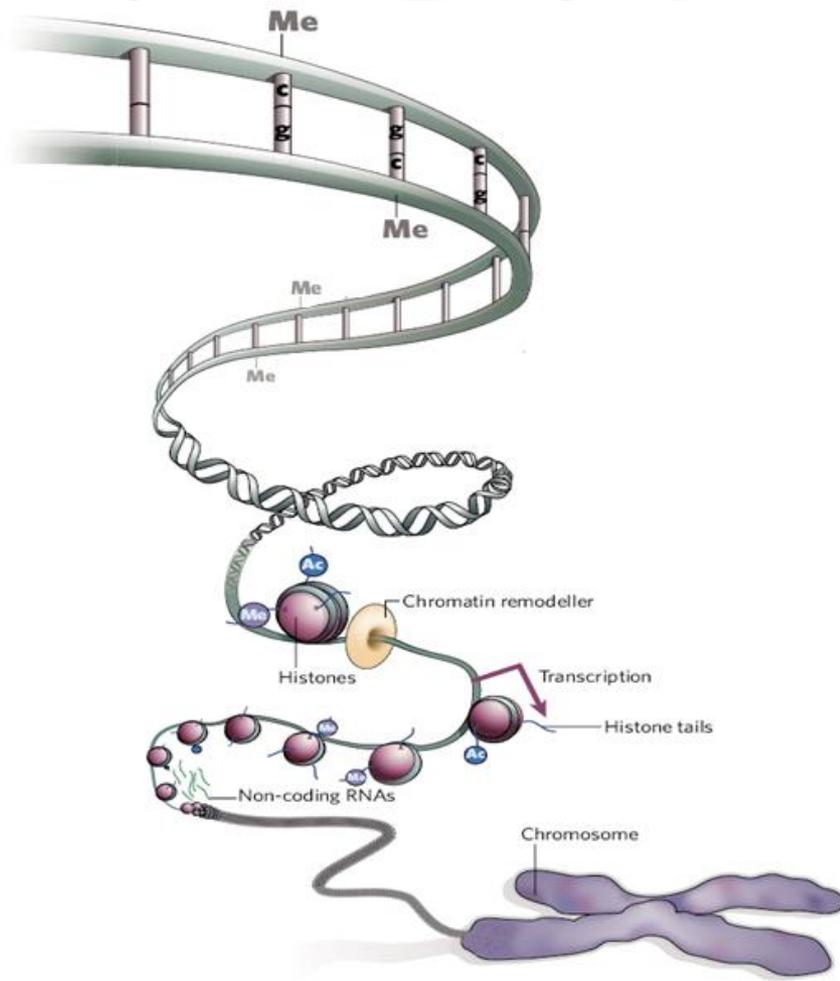


# NETs - Définition



- **Signification ?**
  - Neutrophil Extracellular Traps.
- **Rôles?**
  - *Capture et destruction des agents pathogènes*
  - *Inflammation*
  - *Thrombose*
- **But?**

# Nucléosome- Définition



- Les nucléosomes sont les unités fondamentales de la chromatine, composées d'un segment d'ADN enroulé autour d'un noyau d'histones (protéines).
- Les nucléosomes jouent un rôle crucial dans la compaction de l'ADN dans le noyau des cellules et dans la régulation de l'expression génique.

# Nucléosome



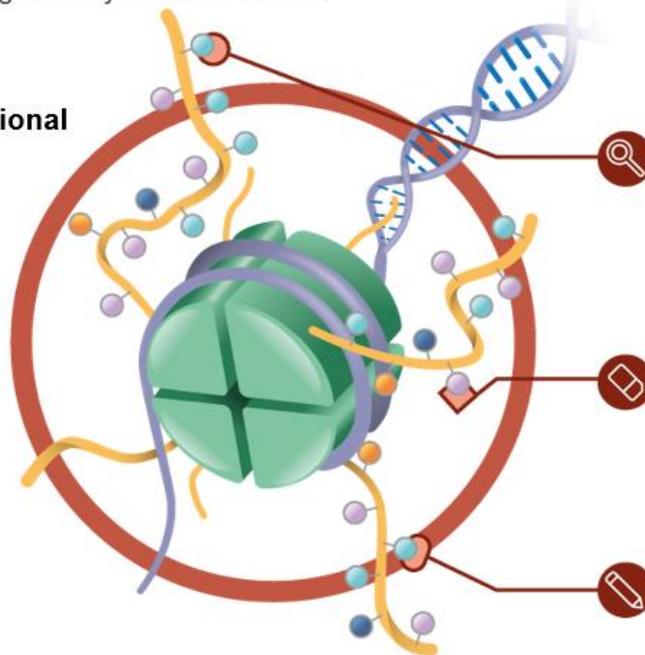
## Nucleosomes Contain A Variety of Modifications Reflecting Functional Activity & Drug Targets

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Measuring and monitoring nucleosome levels and modifications in blood has the potential to aid diagnosis, prognosis and monitoring of many human diseases

### Types of Post-Translational Modification (PTM)

- Me Methylation
- Ac Acetylation
- P Phosphorylation
- C Citrullination



### Writer

An enzyme that adds PTMs

#### Targets

EZH2, DNMT, DOT1L, PRMT

### Eraser

An enzyme that removes PTMs

#### Targets

LSD1, HDAC, TET

### Reader

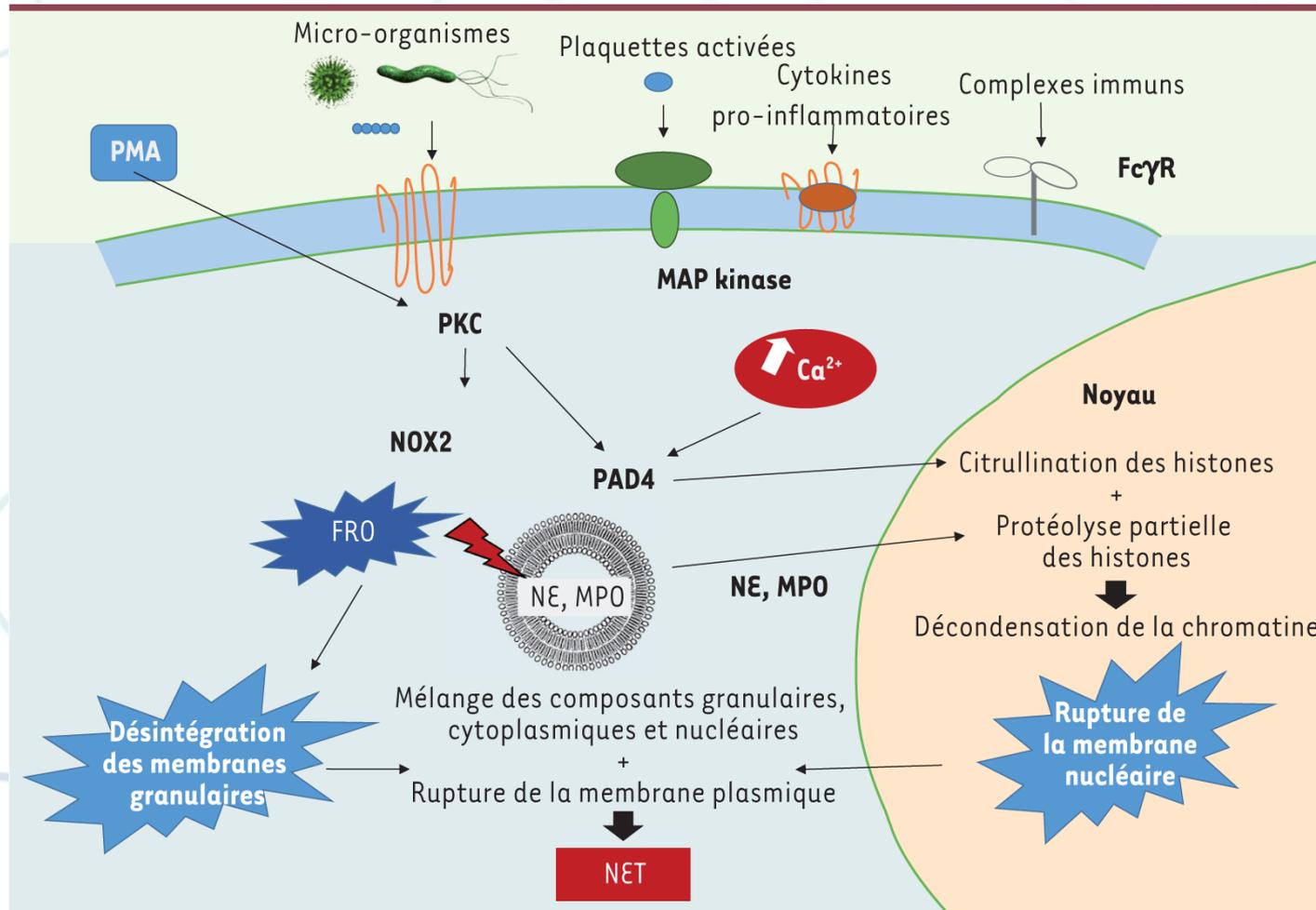
Proteins that recognize PTMs

#### Targets

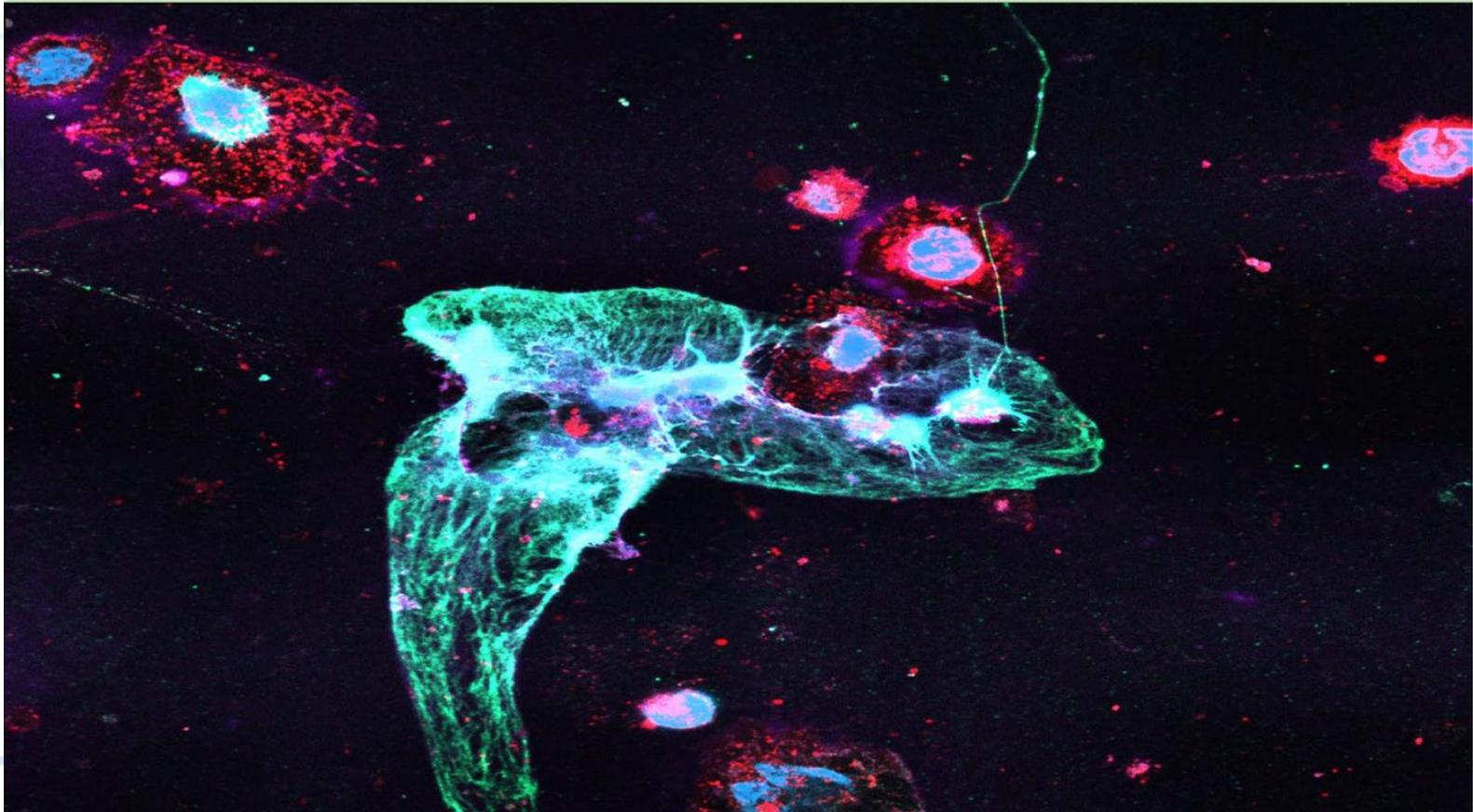
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# Qu'est ce que la NETose?



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## 1. Neutrophil releasing NETs

*Why Immune Cells Extrude Webs of DNA and Protein, The Scientist, Oct 1, 2019*

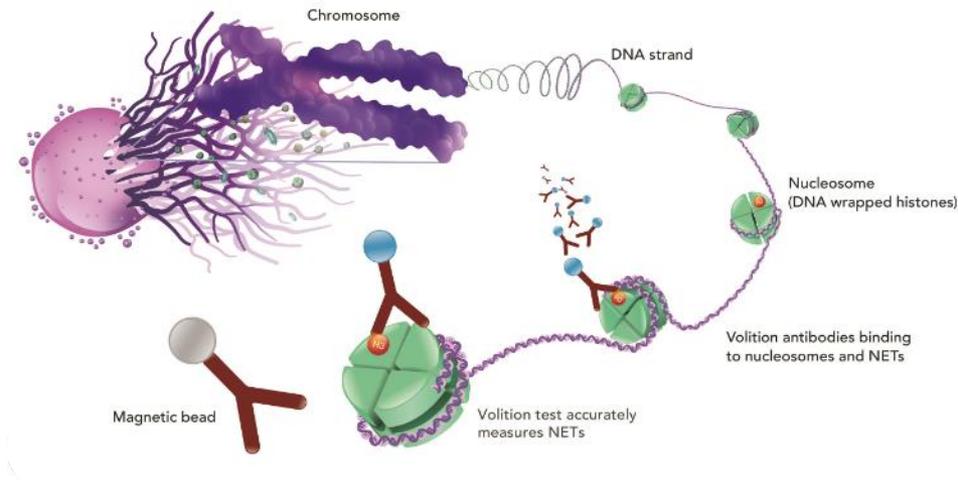


# Comment les doser?

# Nu.Q® technology (across species)



- Plate-forme d'immunodosage épigénétique
- Détermine les niveaux de nucléosomes circulants.
- Profils des épitopes des nucléosomes.
  - Modifications post-traductionnelles des histones.
  - Variants d'histones.
  - Modifications de l'ADN.
- La flexibilité de la plateforme et la diversité des modifications permettent de développer des panels spécifiques à certaines maladies.
- Facile à utiliser :
  - Plasma
  - Faible volume



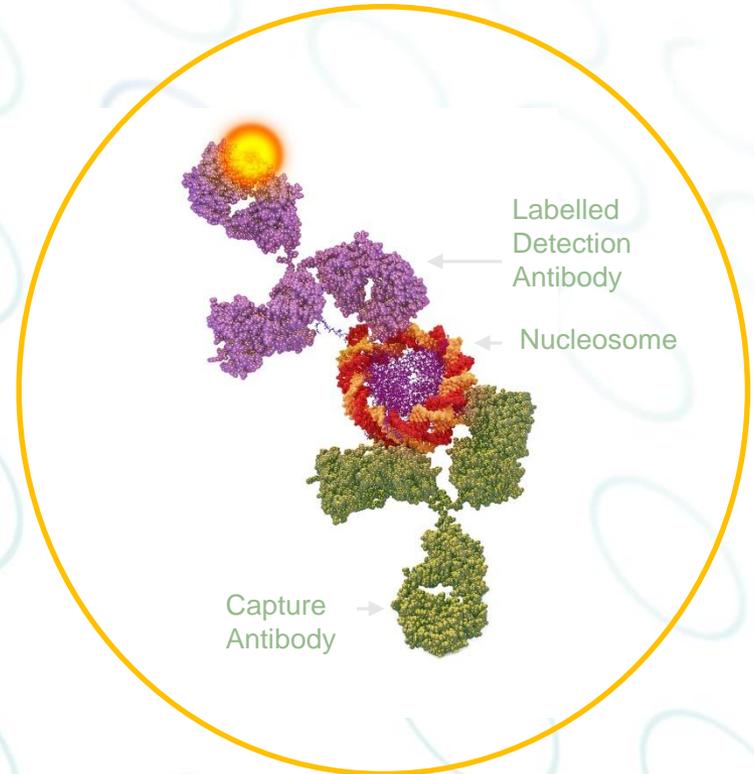
# Nu.Q® technology (across species)



- ELISA plate format (colorimetric assay)



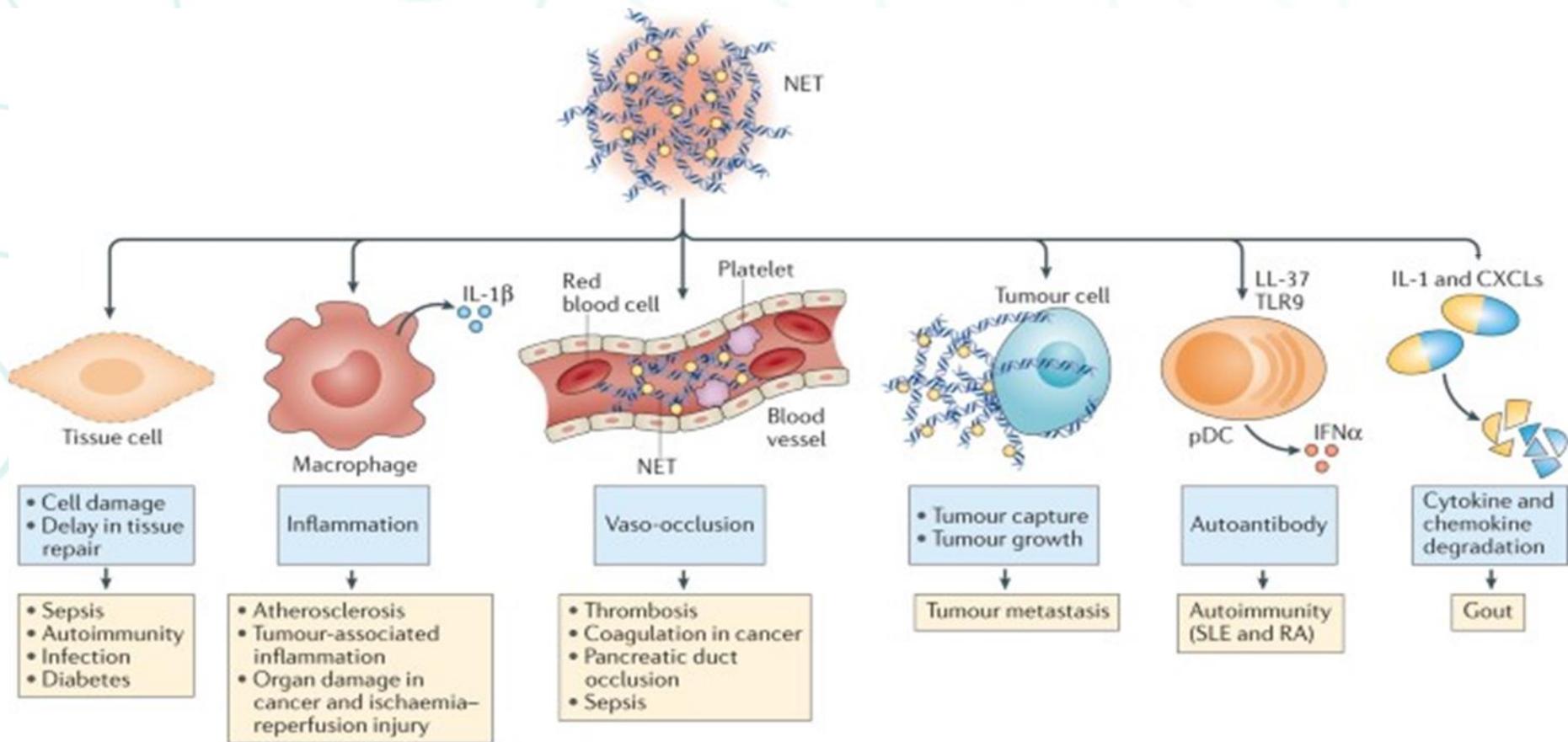
- Automated Magnetic beads format (chemiluminescence assay)





# Quelles sont les applications?

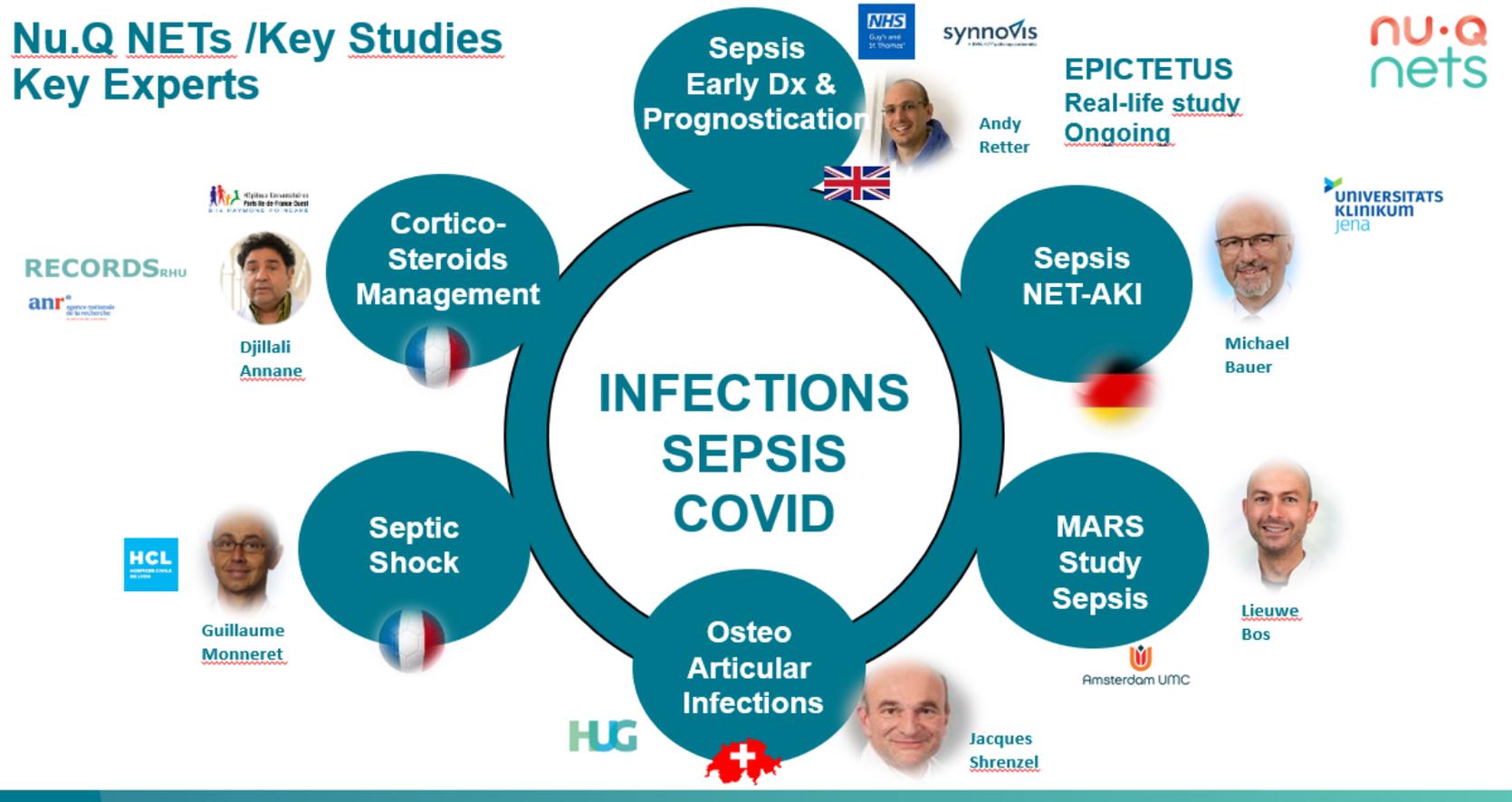
# NETs Clinical Use



# Applications cliniques



## Nu.Q NETs /Key Studies Key Experts





# Applications cliniques Littérature

# SOFA Score

Search "QT interval" or "QT" or "EKG"

**PaO<sub>2</sub>**  
Norm: 75 - 100 mm Hg

**FiO<sub>2</sub>**  
See [Evidence](#) for estimating FiO<sub>2</sub> from oxygen flow/delivery rates

**On mechanical ventilation Including CPAP**  
No Yes

**Platelets, ×10<sup>3</sup>/μL**

≥150	0
100-149	+1
50-99	+2
20-49	+3
<20	+4

**Glasgow Coma Scale**  
If on sedatives, estimate assumed GCS off sedatives

15	0
13-14	+1
10-12	+2
6-9	+3
<6	+4

**Bilirubin, mg/dL (μmol/L)**

<1.2 (<20)	0
1.2-1.9 (20-32)	+1
2.0-5.9 (33-101)	+2

**Related Calcs**

- qSOFA
- APACHE II Score
- Horowitz Index (P/F Ratio)

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**Bilirubin, mg/dL (μmol/L)**

<1.2 (<20)	0
1.2-1.9 (20-32)	+1
2.0-5.9 (33-101)	+2
6.0-11.9 (102-204)	+3
≥12.0 (>204)	+4

**Mean arterial pressure OR administration of vasoactive agents required**  
Listed doses are in units of mcg/kg/min

**No hypotension**

MAP <70 mmHg	+1
DOPamine ≤5 or DOBUTamine (any dose)	+2
DOPamine >5, EPINEPHrine ≤0.1, or norEPINEPHrine ≤0.1	+3
DOPamine >15, EPINEPHrine >0.1, or norEPINEPHrine >0.1	+4

**Creatinine, mg/dL (μmol/L) (or urine output)**

<1.2 (<110)	0
1.2-1.9 (110-170)	+1
2.0-3.4 (171-299)	+2
3.5-4.9 (300-440) or UOP <500 mL/day	+3
≥5.0 (>440) or UOP <200 mL/day	+4

**Result:**  
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Sepsis –related Organ Failure Assessment

# SOFA Score



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Search "QT interval" or "QT" or "EKG"

Search

PaO<sub>2</sub>

FiO<sub>2</sub>  
See [Evidence](#) for flow/delivery

On mechanical Including [CPA](#)

Platelets, ×10

[Glasgow Coma](#)  
If on sedatives sedatives

Bilirubin, mg/

## Result:

Please fill out required fields.

>> Next Steps Evidence Creator Insights

### FACTS & FIGURES

Interpretation:

SOFA Score	Mortality if initial score	Mortality if highest score
0-1	0.0%	0.0%
2-3	6.4%	1.5%
4-5	20.2%	6.7%
6-7	21.5%	18.2%
8-9	33.3%	26.3%
10-11	50.0%	45.8%
12-14	95.2%	80.0%
>14	95.2%	89.7%

Mean SOFA Score	Mortality
0-1.0	1.2%
1.1-2.0	5.4%
2.1-3.0	20.0%
3.1-4.0	36.1%
4.1-5.0	73.1%
>5.1	84.4%

From [Ferreira 2001](#).

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# Circulating Nucleosomes as Potential Markers to Monitor COVID-19 Disease Progression

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## ABSTRACT:

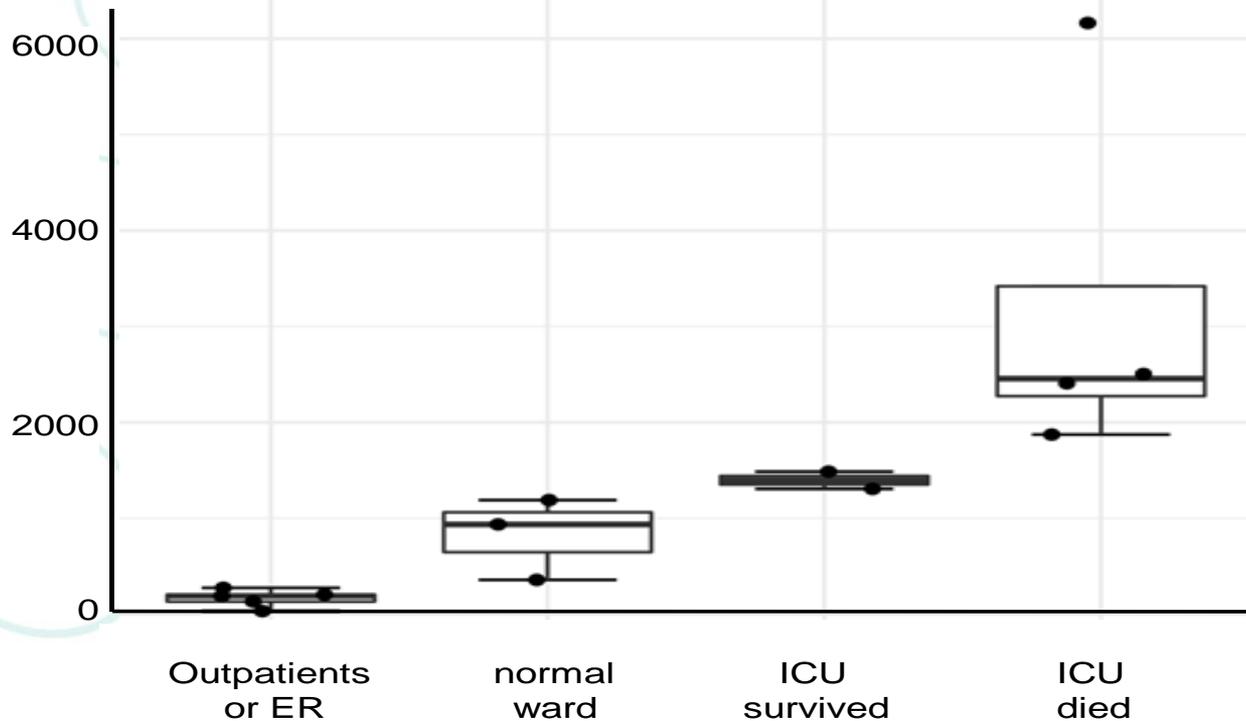
The severity of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) varies significantly with cases spanning from asymptomatic to lethal with a subset of individuals developing Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and death from respiratory failure. To determine whether global nucleosome and citrullinated nucleosome levels were elevated in COVID-19 patients, we tested two independent cohorts of COVID-19 positive patients with quantitative nucleosome immunoassays and found that nucleosomes were highly elevated in plasma of COVID-19 patients with a severe course of the disease relative to healthy controls and that both histone 3.1 variant and citrullinated nucleosomes increase with disease severity. Elevated citrullination of circulating nucleosomes is indicative of neutrophil extracellular trap formation, neutrophil activation and NETosis in severely affected individuals. Importantly, using hospital setting (outpatient, inpatient or ICU) as a proxy for disease severity, **nucleosome levels increased with disease severity and may serve as a guiding biomarker for treatment.** Owing to the limited availability of mechanical ventilators and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) equipment, there is an urgent need for effective tools to rapidly assess disease severity and guide treatment selection. Based on our studies of two independent cohorts of COVID-19 patients from Belgium and Germany, we suggest further investigation **of circulating nucleosomes and citrullination as biomarkers for clinical triage, treatment allocation and clinical drug discovery.**

Front. Mol. Biosci., 18-March 2021

# Nu.Q<sup>®</sup> NETs levels are elevated in COVID-19 and are correlated with disease severity



H3.1-nucleosomes (ng/ml)



Cavaliere et al (2021)  
Circulating Nucleosomes as Potential Markers to Monitor COVID-19 Disease Progression.  
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# AIC Paper: Nu.Q® NETs associated with early mortality and 28-day morbidity



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## Association of pronounced elevation of NET formation and nucleosome biomarkers with mortality in patients with septic shock

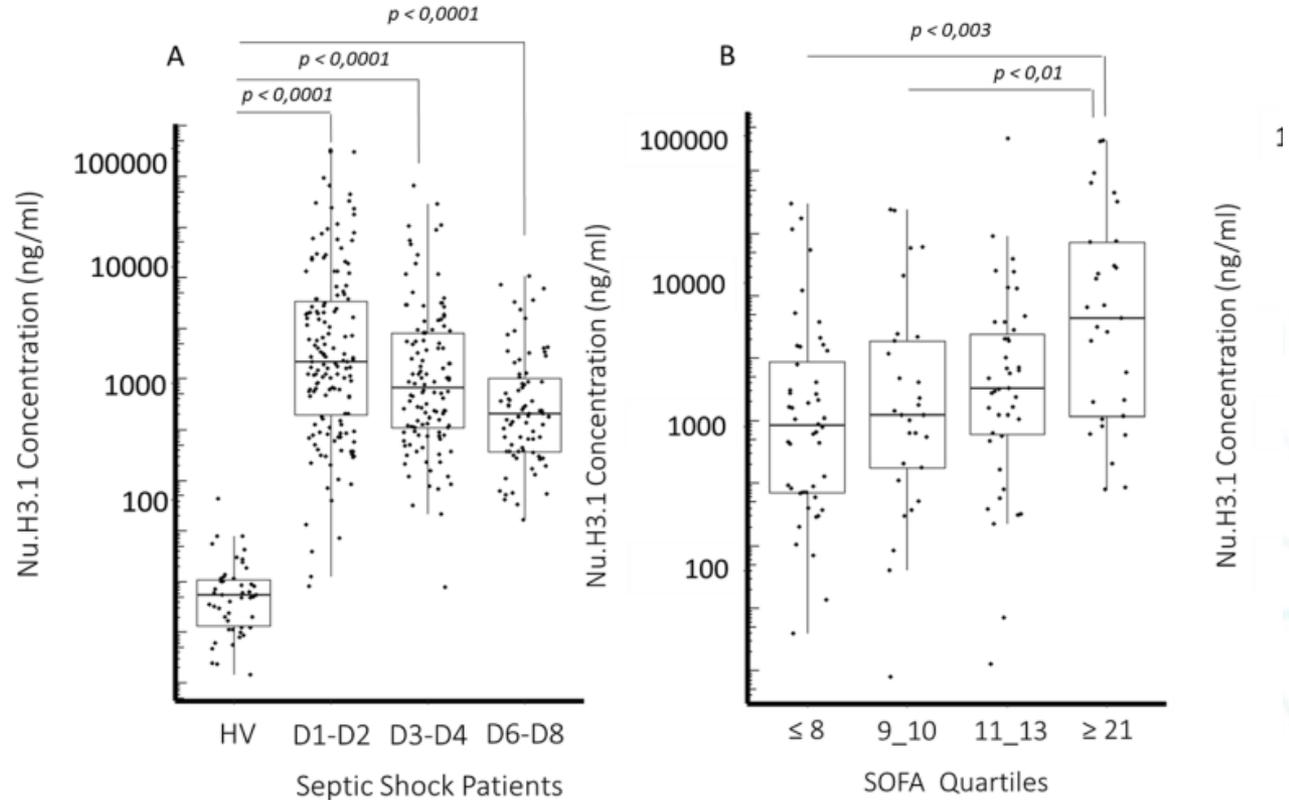
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**Abstract**  
**Background** Understanding the mechanisms underlying immune dysregulation in sepsis is a major challenge in developing more individualized therapy, as early and persistent inflammation, as well as immunosuppression, play a significant role in pathophysiology. As part of the antimicrobial response, neutrophils can release extracellular traps (NETs) which neutralize and kill microorganisms. However, excessive NETs formation may also contribute to pathogenesis, tissue damage and organ dysfunction. Recently, a novel automated assay has been proposed for the routine measurement of nucleosomes H3.1 (fundamental units of chromatin) that are released during NETs formation. The aim of the present study was to measure nucleosome levels in 151 septic shock patients (according to sepsis-3 definition) and to determine association with mortality.  
**Results** The nucleosome H3.1 levels (as determined by a chemiluminescence immunoassay performed on an automated immunanalyzer system) were markedly and significantly elevated at all-time points in septic shock patients compared to the control group. Immunological parameters indicated tremendous early inflammation (IL-6 = 1335 pg/ml at day 1–2) along with marked immunosuppression (e.g., mHLA-DR = 3853 AB/C and CD4 = 338 cell/μL at day 3–4). We found significantly positive correlation between nucleosome levels and organ failure and severity scores, IL-6 concentrations and neutrophil count. Significantly higher values (day 1–2 and 3–4) were measured in non-survivor patients (28-day mortality). This association was still significant after multivariate analysis and was more pronounced with highest concentration. Early (day 1–2) increased nucleosome levels were also independently associated with 5-day mortality. At day 6–8, persistent elevated nucleosome levels were negatively correlated to mHLA-DR values.  
**Conclusions** This study reports a significant elevation of nucleosome in patients during a one-week follow-up. The nucleosome levels showed correlation with neutrophil count, IL-6 and were found to be independently associated with mortality assessed at day 5 or 28. Therefore, nucleosome concentration seems to be a promising biomarker for detecting hyper-inflammatory phenotype upon a patient's admission. Additional investigations are required to evaluate the potential association between sustained elevation of nucleosome and sepsis-induced immunosuppression.  
**Keywords** Sepsis, Septic shock, Inflammation, NETs, NETosis, Nucleosome, Immunosuppression, mHLA-DR

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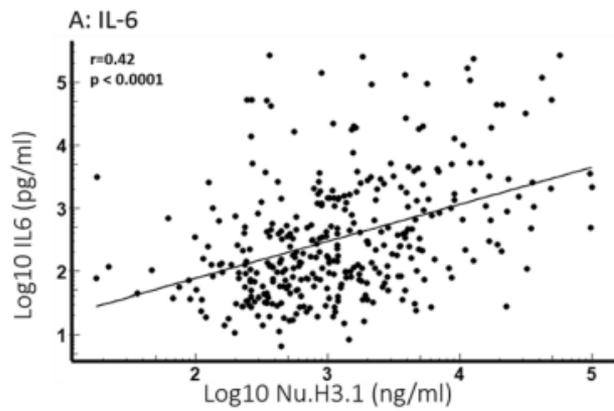
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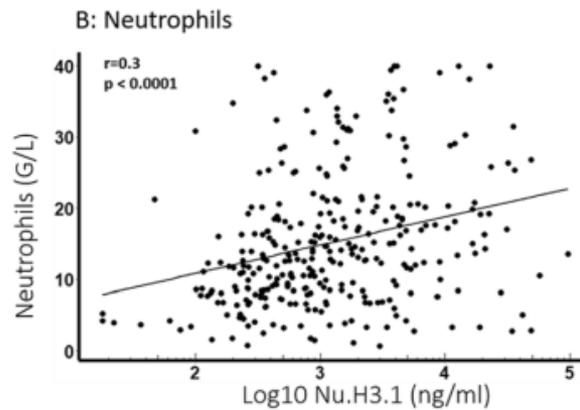
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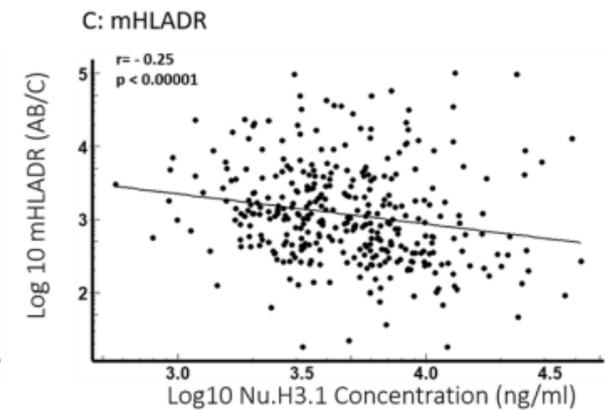
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D1-D2	0.35	< 0.0001
D3-D4	0.32	< 0.001
D6-D8	0.36	< 0.001



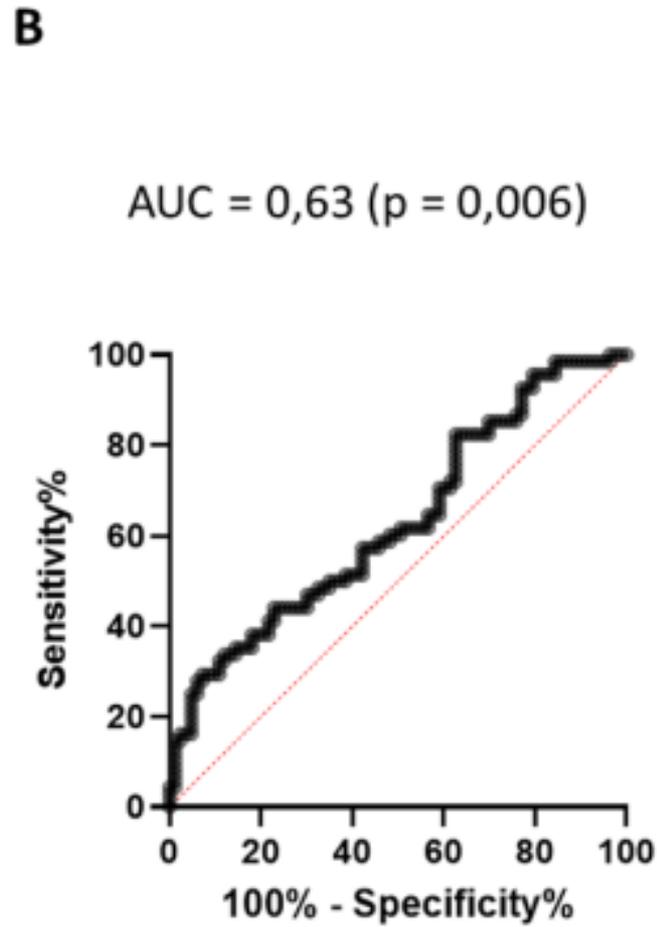
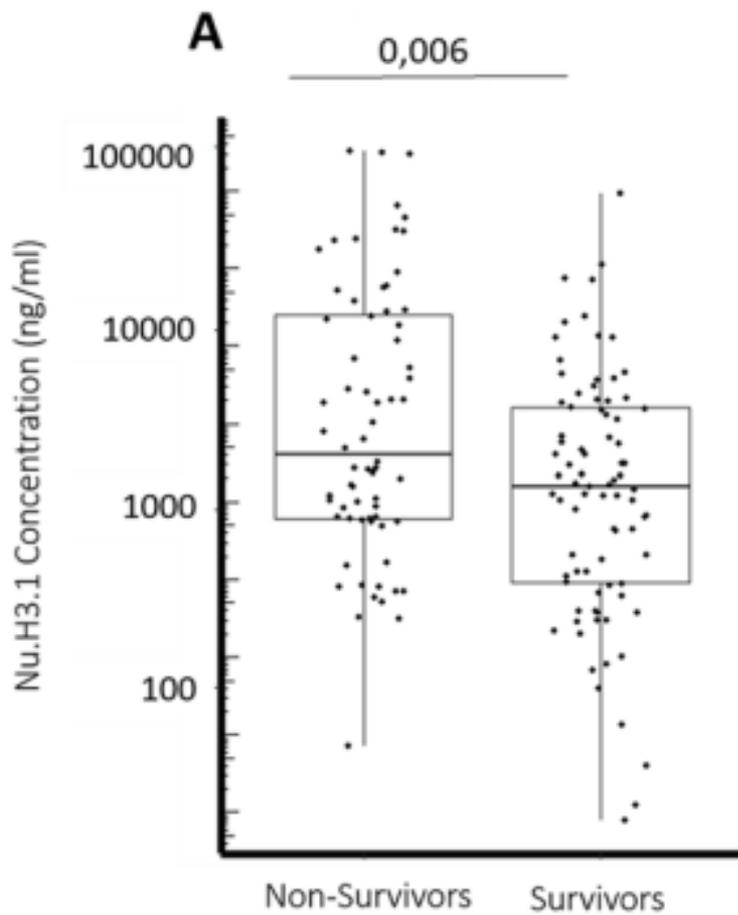
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D6-D8	0.5	< 0.0001

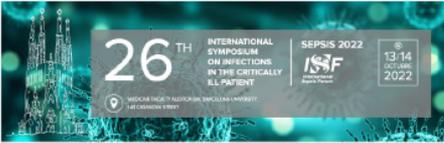


Time Point	r	p
D1-D2	-0.005	0.94
D3-D4	-0.4	< 0.0001
D6-D8	-0.4	< 0.0001

**Fig. 2** Correlation of nucleosome H3.1 levels with immunological parameters. **A** Correlation with IL-6 (345 samples). **B** Correlation with neutrophil count (314 samples). **C** Correlation with mHLA-DR (Spearman correlation test). Figures depict correlations including all samples plots. Below each figure (ABC), tables are presented, providing Spearman's correlation coefficient and p-value calculated at the different time points for the considered parameter

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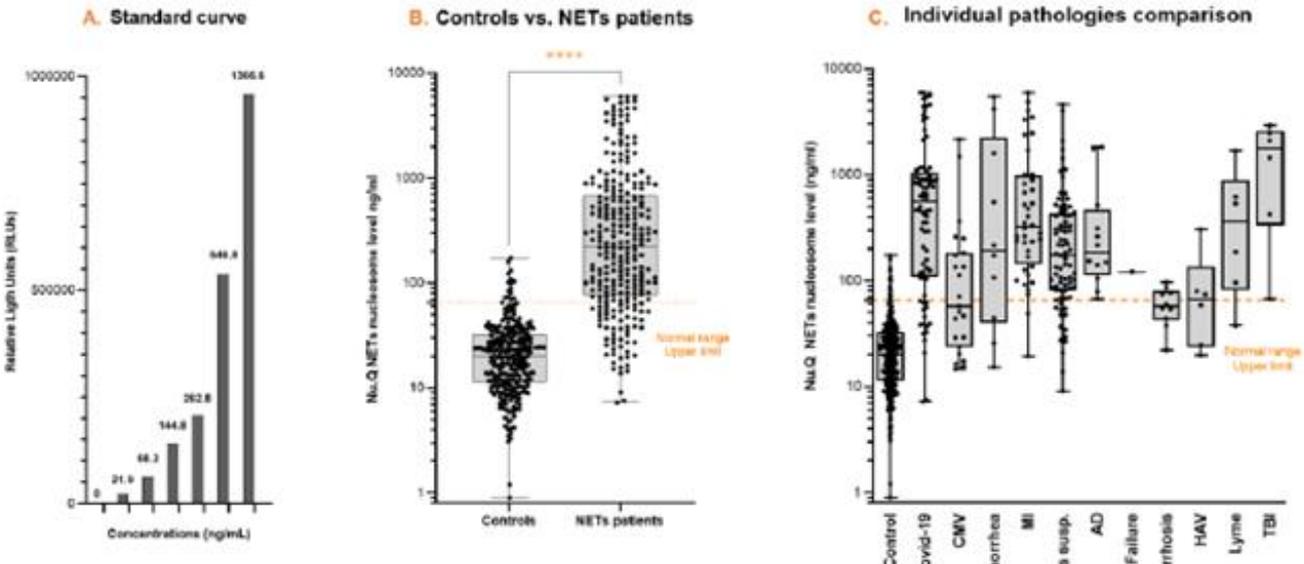




## Detection and evaluation of diseases associated with NETosis in Human Plasma using Nu.Q<sup>®</sup> NETs ChemiLuminescence Immunofluorescent Assay.

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**Assessment of circulating nucleosome levels in the control population, compared to the population of patients with NET-related pathologies. A. Standard curve of the Nu.Q<sup>®</sup> NETs kit. B. Significantly elevated levels of circulating nucleosomes were found in patients with NETs related diseases compared to control population (mean 732,2 ng/mL vs 26,1 ng/mL, p <0.0001). C. All pathologies were individually compared to controls.**



B-C. On this clinical cohort, based on a normal range up to 65 ng/mL, the clinical performances are about 79,3% sensitivity at a specificity of 94,1 %. Boxes represent 25<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup> percentile with median. Whiskers represent min to max variation. \*, \*\*, \*\*\* and \*\*\*\* represent p-value < 0.05, < 0.005, < 0.0005 and < 0.0001, respectively.

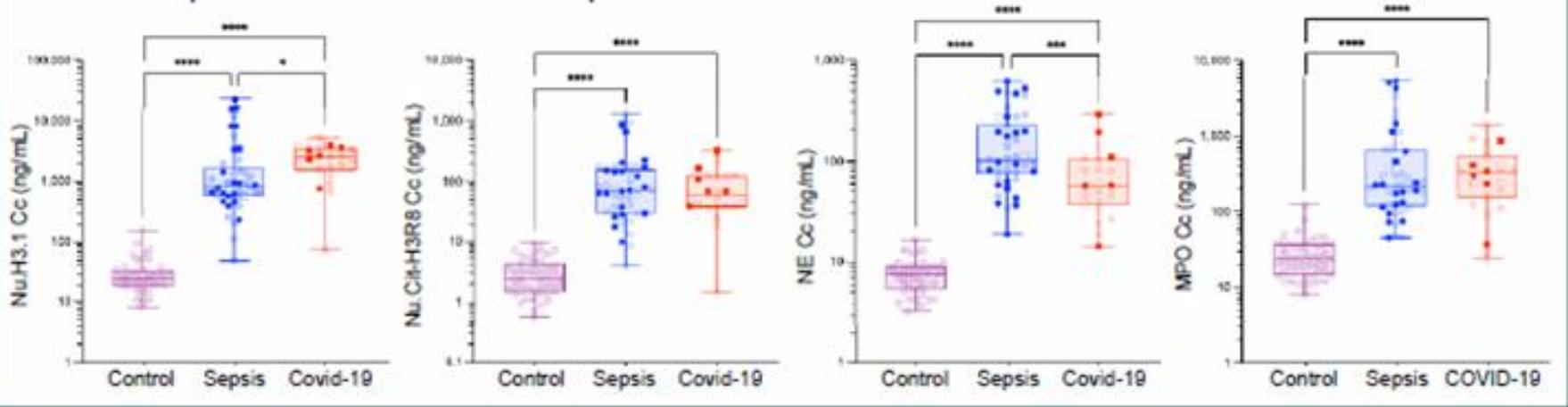


## Circulating nucleosomes are markers of NETosis and correlate with SOFA scores in sepsis

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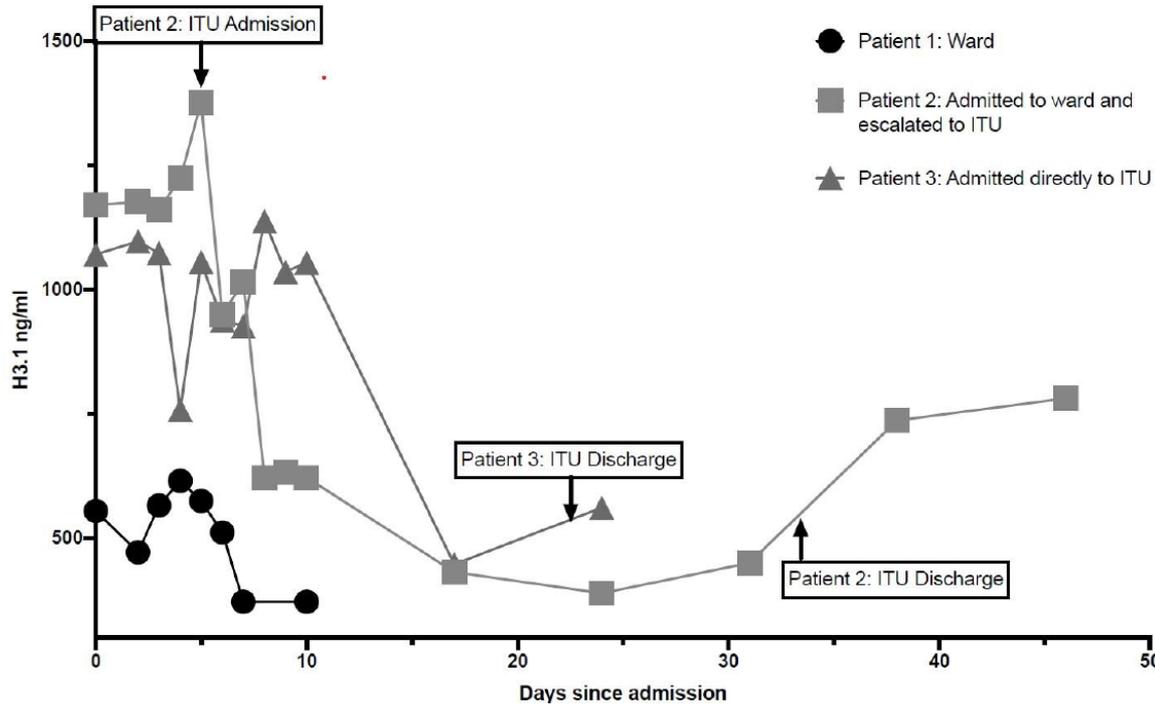
Nu.Q<sup>®</sup>H3.1, Nu.Q<sup>®</sup> Cit-H3R8, NE and MPO were compared. All markers were statistically different in septic shock and critical COVID-19 compared to controls. Only Nu.Q<sup>®</sup>H3.1 and NE were different between septic shock and COVID-19 patients.



# Identifying tools to track hypercoagulability in COVID-19 patients: Exploring global haemostasis (ROTEM) and neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs) immunoassays

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## CONCLUSIONS

- COVID-19 patients demonstrated a hypercoagulable state compared to healthy controls as measured by ROTEM with increased MCF and hypofibrinolysis.
- Although this is a small, exploratory study, the H3.1 nucleosome findings suggest that it may be able to risk stratify on admission and track clinical course.

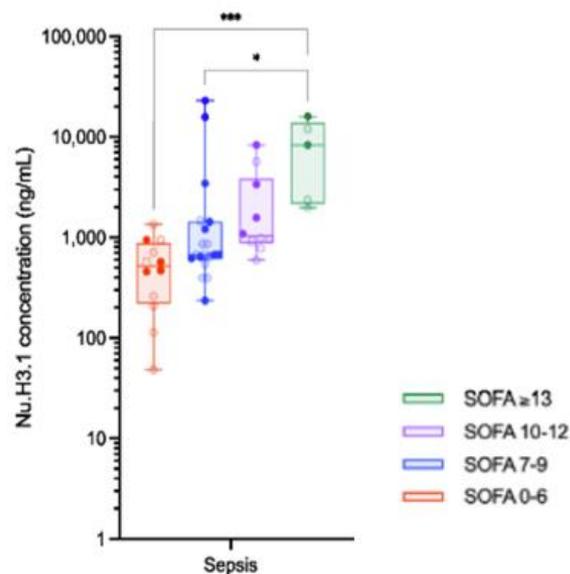
# Corrélation avec le SOFA score



## Nu.Q<sup>®</sup> NETs s levels correlate with SOFA Score in ICU patients with Sepsis



	APACHE-II 0-15	APACHE-II 16-25	APACHE-II 25-35	SOFA 0-6	SOFA 7-9	SOFA 10-12	SOFA ≥ 13
<b>Nu.H3.1 (ng/mL)</b>							
<b>Septic shock</b>	666.4 (133.7-1257.8)	670.0 (215.9-4898.9)	1575.3 (641.4-19,955.7)	517.9 (62.6-1213.9)	673.0 (396.9-15,775.5)	1032.8 (612.7-7993.8)	8285.6 (1980.4-16,068.7)



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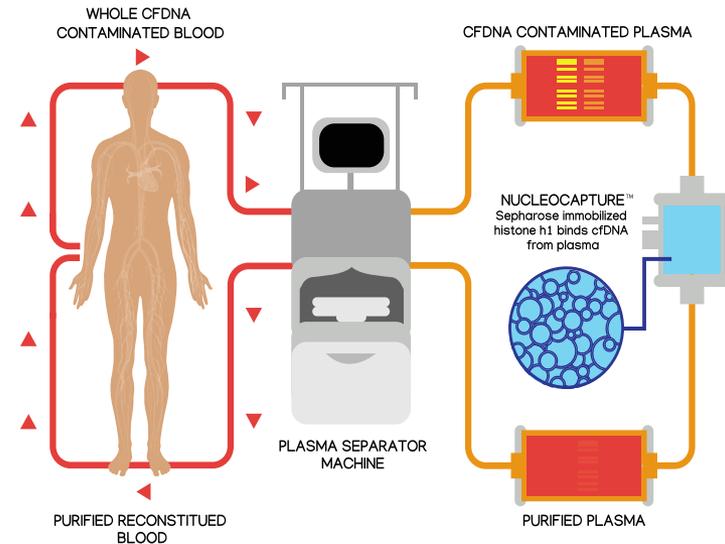
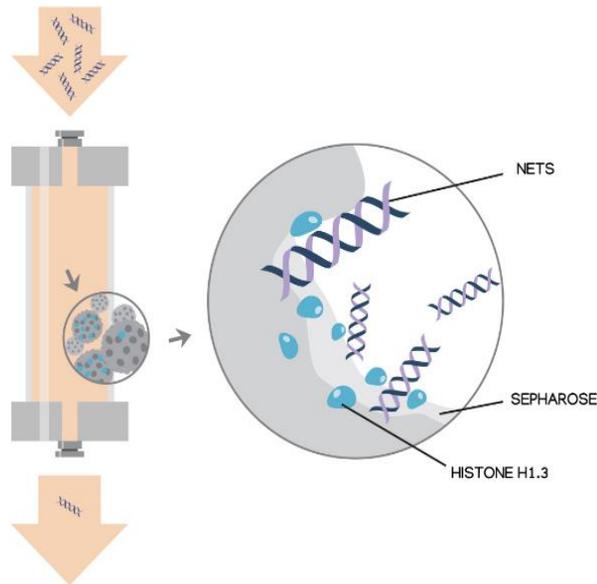
# NucleoCapture: nouvelle thérapie

# NucleoCapture: Novel first-in-class NET depletion Utilising Linker Histone H1.3 binding



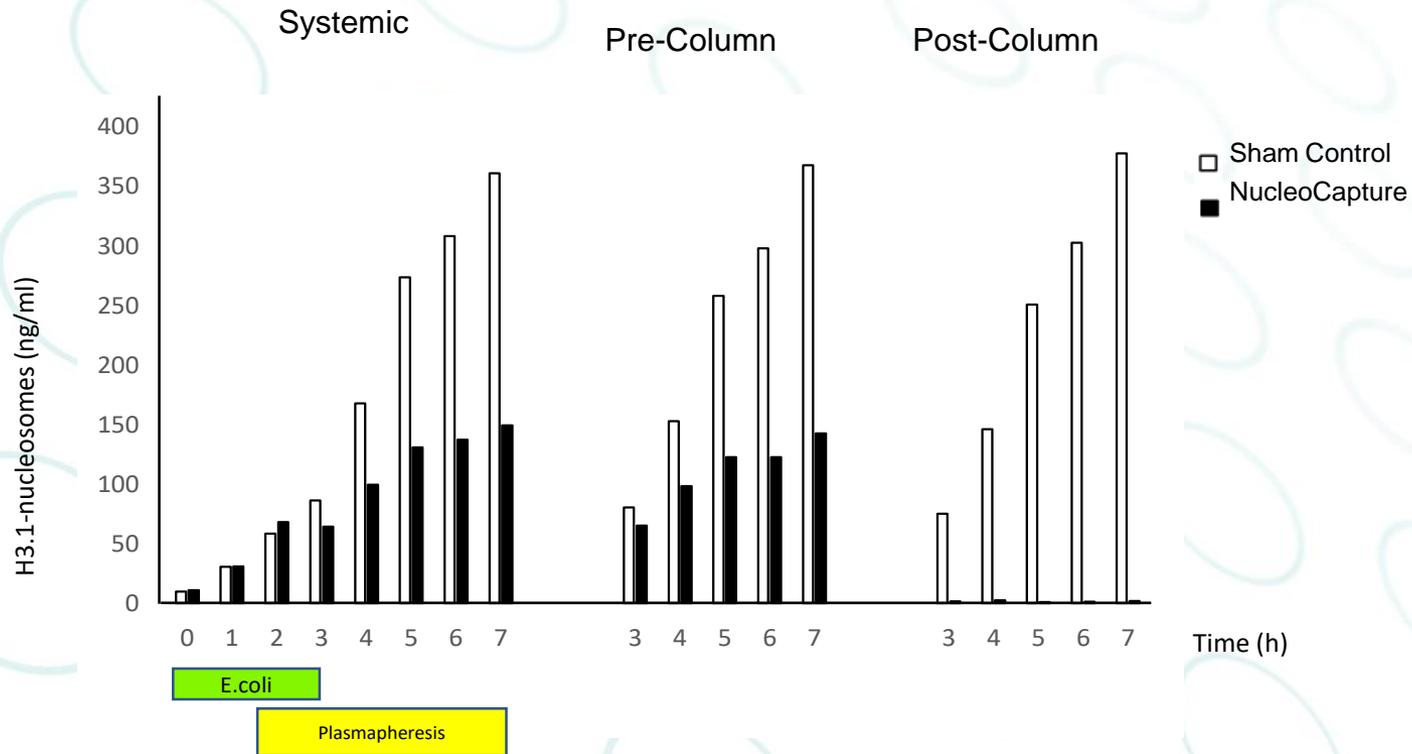
## SELECTIVE CAPTURE OF NETS WITH NUCLEOCAPTURE

### NUCLEOCAPTURE



- In contrast to any potential NET-focused pharmacological interventions NucleoCapture allows the safe removal of excess NETs from blood without compromising the defensive functions of neutrophils
- NucleoCapture was evaluated in a clinically relevant porcine critical care model of sepsis

# NucleoCapture: Up to 99% removed from Plasma



Immunoassay of cell-free nucleosomes using the **Volition Nu.Q<sup>®</sup>-H3.1** assay was found to be the best proxy measurement for monitoring levels of circulating NETs

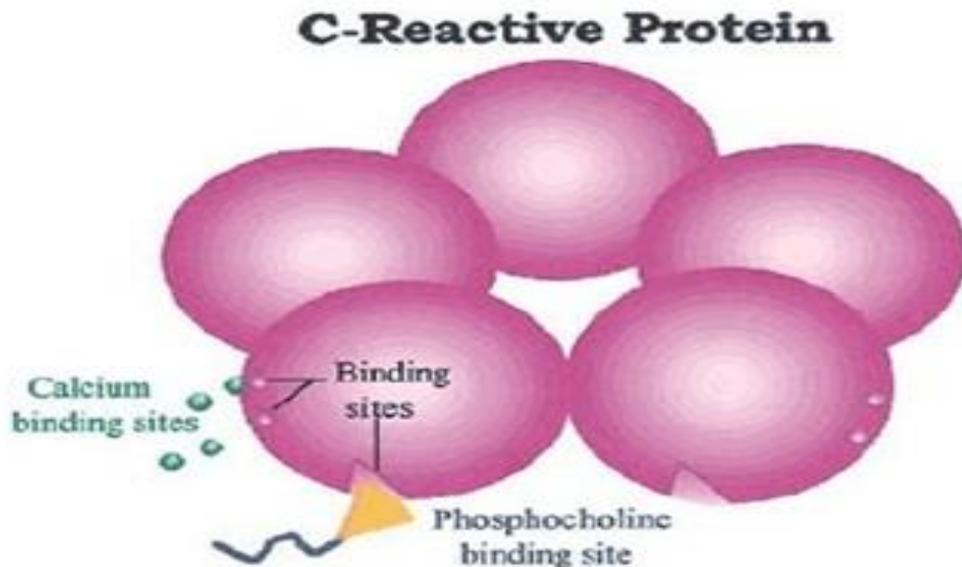


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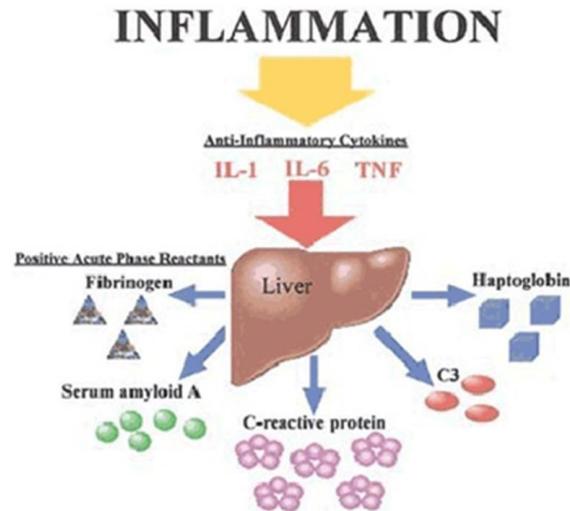
# CRP

La CRP:

- Appartient à la famille des pentraxines, protéines calcium-dépendantes spécialisées dans la fixation de ligands
- Est composée de 5 monomères identiques, (207 AA, masse moléculaire : +/- 23kDa) qui s'organisent en anneau autour d'un pore central



# CRP



- **Mécanisme** : La CRP est une protéine produite par le foie en réponse à l'inflammation.
- **Spécificité** : La CRP est un marqueur non spécifique de l'inflammation.
- **Rôle** : La CRP participe à l'opsonisation des agents pathogènes, facilitant leur élimination par les phagocytes.
- **Comparaison avec les NETs** : Contrairement aux NETs, la CRP n'implique pas directement l'activation des neutrophiles ni la formation de structures complexes. Les NETs sont plus spécifiques aux réponses neutrophiles et aux infections, tandis que la CRP est un indicateur général d'inflammation.

# Vitesse de sédimentation

- Dérive de la méthode de Westergreen (1920) : lecture à 1 heure de la hauteur de la colonne de plasma au-dessus des hématies qui ont sédimenté dans un tube

3 phases :

1. formation de rouleaux
2. sédimentation rapide
3. tassement final de la masse des érythrocytes.



- Bonne sensibilité:98%; mauvaise spécificité: 50%
- VPP:
  - **Mauvaise (46%) chez pts asymptomatiques**
  - **Bonne (89%) chez des pts symptomatiques**

# Vitesse de sédimentation

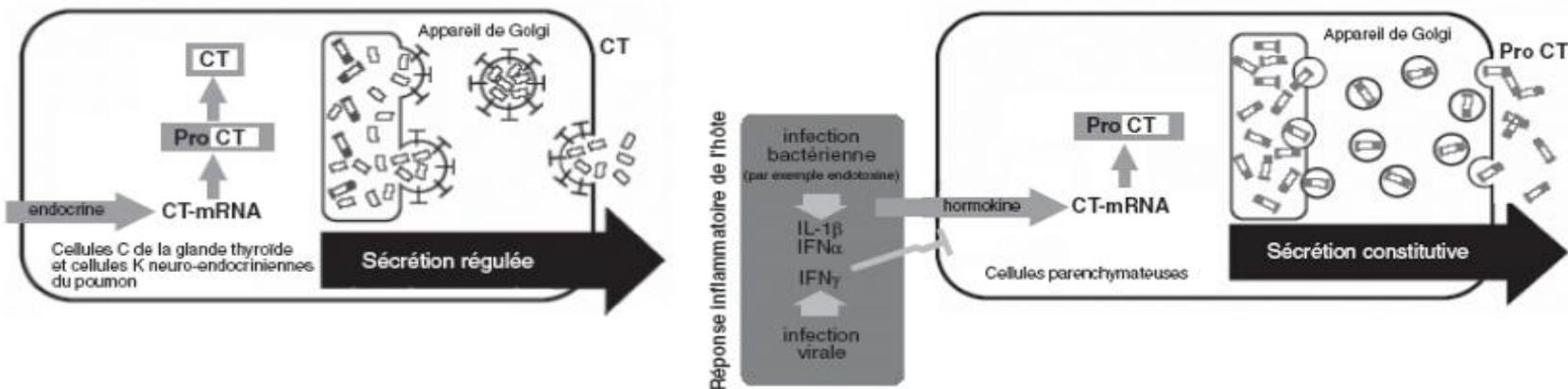


- **Mécanisme** : Mesure de la vitesse à laquelle les GR se déposent au fond d'un tube en une heure.
- **Spécificité** : Marqueur non spécifique. Il est élevé dans diverses conditions inflammatoires, notamment les infections chroniques, les maladies auto-immunes, et les cancers.
- **Rôle** : Pas de rôle direct dans la réponse immunitaire mais sert de mesure indirecte de l'inflammation.
- **Comparaison avec les NETs** : Ne fournit pas d'informations spécifiques sur le type de cellules impliquées dans l'inflammation, contrairement aux NETs qui sont directement liés à l'activité des neutrophiles.

# Procalcitonine

## LA PROCALCITONINE: UNE PRO-HORMONE DE LA CALCITONINE

Morgenthaler N. et al., Clin Lab 2002



**CT** secrétée par cellules C de la thyroïde, en réponse à un stimulus hormonal

**PCT** secrétée par d'autres types cellulaires, en réponse à une stimulation pro-inflammatoire, notamment d'origine bactérienne

# Procalcitonine



- **Spécificité** : Elle est plus spécifique aux infections bactériennes par rapport à la CRP ou à la VS.
- **Rôle** : Elle aide à évaluer la gravité de l'infection et est utilisée pour guider la thérapie antibiotique.
- **Comparaison avec les NETs** : Alors que la PCT est un biomarqueur indiquant la présence d'une infection bactérienne, les NETs sont une réponse active des neutrophiles contre les infections, impliquant directement la capture et la destruction des agents pathogènes.



# Cytokines (IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ )



- **Mécanisme** : Les cytokines comme l'IL-6, le TNF- $\alpha$  et l'IL-1 $\beta$  sont des médiateurs de l'inflammation. Elles sont produites par diverses cellules immunitaires (y compris les neutrophiles, les macrophages, et les lymphocytes) en réponse à des stimuli inflammatoires.
- **Spécificité** : Plus spécifiques que la CRP ou la VS, car elles sont directement impliquées dans l'initiation et la propagation de l'inflammation.
- **Rôle** : Elles orchestrent l'inflammation en activant les cellules immunitaires, en induisant la fièvre, en augmentant la production de protéines de phase aiguë (comme la CRP), et en modulant la réponse immunitaire.
- **Comparaison avec les NETs** : *Les cytokines sont des signaux solubles, agissant souvent à distance, tandis que les NETs sont des structures physiques qui piègent directement les pathogènes. Les NETs sont donc plus directement impliqués dans la neutralisation des agents infectieux, tandis que les cytokines modulent la réponse immunitaire de manière plus large.*

# Les applications futures



## *1. Évaluation des Infections*

**Utilité :** Les NETs jouent un rôle clé dans la réponse immunitaire aux infections bactériennes.

Leur dosage pourrait servir à évaluer la présence et la gravité des infections, en particulier dans des situations où d'autres marqueurs, comme la CRP ou la procalcitonine, ne fournissent pas suffisamment d'informations.

## *2. Identification du Risque Thrombotique*

**Utilité :** Les NETs sont associés à la formation de thromboses, y compris dans des conditions telles que la thrombose veineuse profonde et l'embolie pulmonaire.

Le dosage des NETs pourrait aider à identifier les patients à haut risque de développer des événements thrombotiques.

# Les applications futures



## *3. Diagnostic et Suivi des Maladies Auto-immunes*

**Utilité :** Les NETs sont impliqués dans la pathogénie de diverses maladies auto-immunes, telles que le lupus érythémateux systémique (LES) et la polyarthrite rhumatoïde.

Le dosage des NETs pourrait aider au diagnostic et à surveiller leur progression ou la réponse au traitement.

## *4. Suivi des Maladies Cardiovasculaires*

**Utilité/ Avantage :** Les NETs ont été impliqués dans la pathogénèse de maladies cardiovasculaires, y compris l'athérosclérose. La mesure des NETs pourrait fournir des informations sur l'activité ou la progression de la maladie.



# Conclusion

## Prédiction

Suivi de la progression

IDENTIFICATION DES PATIENTS À HAUT RISQUE

**Évaluation de l'inflammation**

*Surveillance de l'efficacité des traitements*

**opérateurs**

**Prévention des complications post-**

**Approche personnalisée des traitements**



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