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La sepsi e l'encefalo

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Il medico curante e i dottori dicevano trattarsi di una febbre puerperale nella quale su cento probabilità novantanove erano di morte.

Tutto il giorno ella ebbe febbre, delirio e deliquio.

A mezzanotte la malata giaceva priva di sensi e quasi senza polso.

Si aspettava la fine da un momento all'altro.

Anna Karenina
di Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy
parte IV cap. XVII
1877

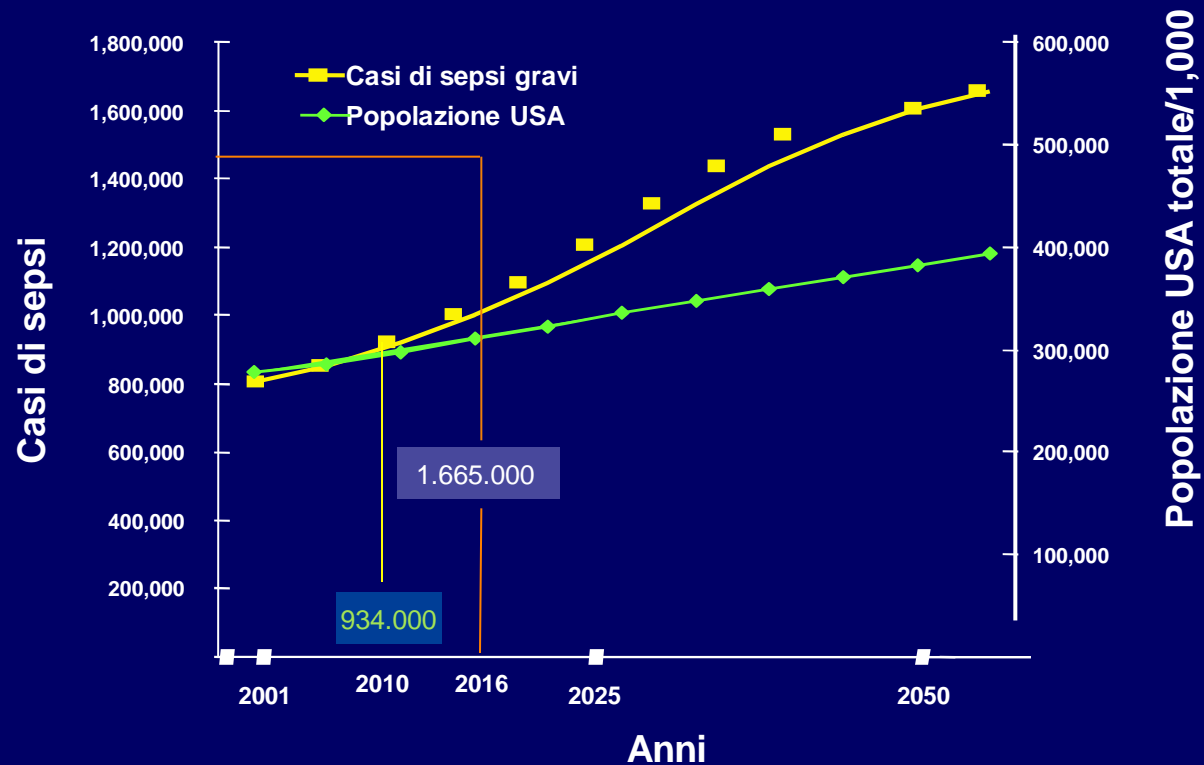
Sepsi Grave – Shock Settico

Incremento progressivo del 1.5% dei casi/anno (dati US Census)

1995

~750,000
casi di Sepsi Grave
all'anno negli Stati
Uniti*

Oggi-Domani



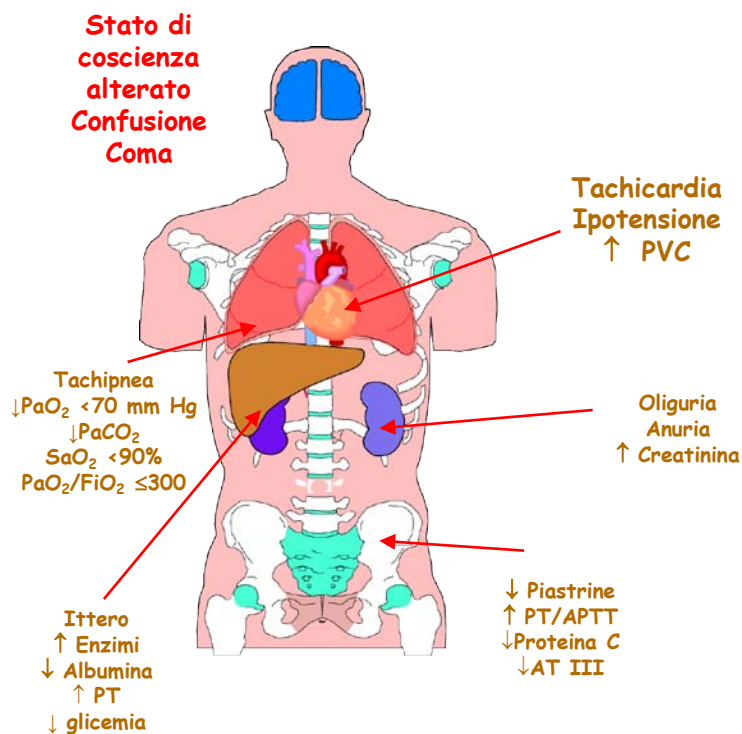
*Angus DC. *Crit Care Med.* 2001

- ✓ Circa 1.665.000 casi/anno negli USA (2015) con un tasso di mortalità che può raggiungere il 50%
- ✓ I casi di sepsi rappresentano circa il 75% delle patologie trattate nelle UTI
- ✓ Nelle UTI la sepsi e le sue complicanze sono la più frequente causa di elevata mortalità
- ✓ La mortalità per sepsi rimane alta nonostante i notevoli progressi in tema di diagnosi e terapia



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Si stima il 9-71% dei pazienti diagnosticati per sepsi presentano sintomi di encefalopatia associata alla sepsi (SAE)



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Sepsis-associated encephalopathy (SAE)

The syndrome is defined by diffuse cerebral dysfunction that accompanies sepsis in the absence of direct CNS infection, structural abnormality or other types of encephalopathy (for example, hepatic or renal encephalopathy)

Impact of encephalopathy on mortality in the sepsis syndrome

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1333 pz. con sepsi, encefalopatia in 307 casi (23%)

TABLE 1. Mortality by clinical status in patients with sepsis

Clinical Status ^a	No. Dead/No. Pts. (%) ^b	p Value
Mental Status		
Acute altered	147/302 (49)	—
Preexisting altered	158/383 (41)	—
Normal	142/549 (26)	<.000001 ^c

TABLE 3. Relation between blood culture result and AAMS

Blood Culture Result	No. Patients	No. with AAMS	% AAMS
No organism	583	136	23.3 ^a
Gram-negative	269	76	28.3
Gram-positive	218	55	25.2
Fungemia	13	3	23.1
Total	1083	270	24.9

In summary, alteration in mental status are common in septic patients, and are associated with significantly higher mortality.

Sintomi e segni di SAE

Segni e sintomi più frequenti

Delirio
Agitazione
Stato confusionale
Disturbi comportamentali
Disattenzione
Convulsioni
Coma

Segni e sintomi più rari

tremore a battito d'ali
mioclono
tremori

Segni e sintomi eccezionali

impegno nn. cranici
segni di lateralità



Table 4—Independent Risk Factors for the Agitation

Predictive Risk Factors	Odds Ratio	95% CI
Age \geq 65 yr*	2.21	0.83–5.93
Medical cause of ICU admission*	3.04	0.85–10.54
Sepsis	2.61	1.03–6.58
Alcohol abuse	3.32	1.12–10.00
Use of sedatives in 48 h before onset of agitation	4.03	1.62–10.40
Body temperature \geq 38°	4.52	1.80–11.49
Sodium level \leq 134 mmol/L	4.87	1.58–14.99
Sodium level \geq 143 mmol/L	4.95	1.95–12.54
Long-term psychoactive drug user	5.63	1.32–23.70

*These risk factors are not significant.

Sepsis is an independent risk factor for agitation
(Jaber S. et al – ICM - 2006)

Delirium as a Predictor of Mortality in Mechanically Ventilated Patients in the Intensive Care Unit

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JAMA. 2004;291(14):1753-1762. doi:10.1001/jama.291.14.1753.

Sepsis is a major cause of delirium ~ 50%

REVIEW

Sepsis-associated encephalopathy: not just delirium

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Delirium is often the first manifestation of sepsis, providing a useful diagnostic clue.

Delirium epidemiology in critical care (DECCA): an international study

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232 patients
41 had SAE
17.7%

Table 1. Comparison of baseline data between two groups

Items	SAE groups	Non-SAE groups	<i>P</i> values
Age (years)	54±18	51±14	0.300
Sex (male/female, <i>n</i>)	27/14	130/61	0.854
Types of concurrent diseases (<i>n</i> (%))			
Hypertension	8 (19.5)	37 (19.4)	0.567
Diabetes	3 (7.3)	21 (11.0)	0.471
Coronary heart disease	4 (9.8)	18 (9.4)	0.573
Obstructive lung disease	3 (7.3)	11 (5.8)	0.718
Types of primary diseases (<i>n</i> (%))			
Multiple trauma	7 (17.1)	24 (12.6)	0.451
Severe pancreatitis	5 (12.3)	40 (20.9)	0.276
Severe pneumonia	6 (14.6)	15 (7.9)	0.225
Abdominal infections	14 (34.1)	53 (27.7)	0.187
Urinary tract infections	3 (7.3)	8 (4.2)	0.416
Blood diseases	1 (2.4)	7 (3.7)	0.572
Connective tissue diseases	1 (2.4)	5 (2.6)	0.713
Others	4 (9.8)	39 (20.4)	0.126
APACHE II score	22±7 ↑	17±7	0.000
GCS score	10±4 ↓	13±3	0.000

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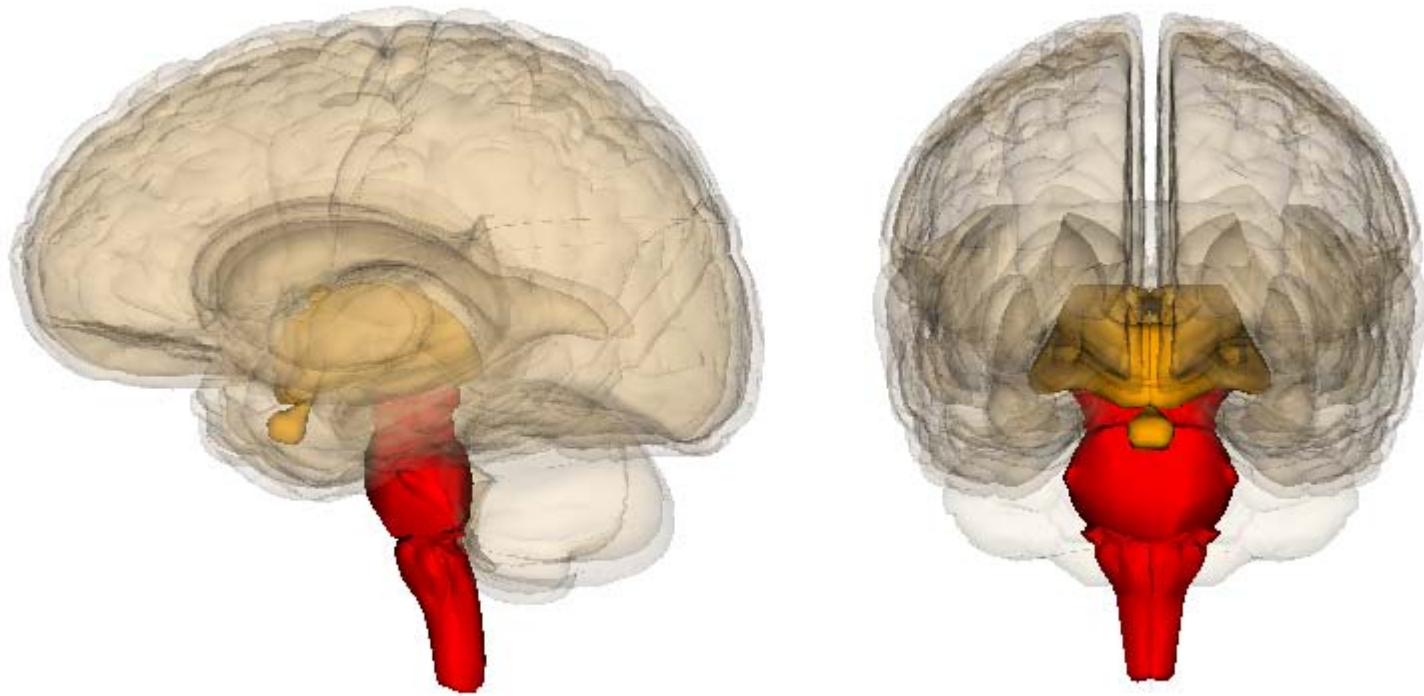
Patients with biliary tract infections and intestinal infections caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Acinetobacter* spp, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, and *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, were more prone to develop sepsis-associated encephalopathy.

Comparison of major sites of infection and bacteriological categories between two groups (n (%))

Items	SAE group	Non-SAE group	P values
Sites of infection			
Pulmonary infections	17 (41.46)	64 (33.51)	0.214
Biliary tract infections	10 (24.39)	24 (12.57)	0.050
Intestinal infections	18 (43.90)	52 (27.23)	0.029
Blood-borne infections	6 (14.63)	15 (7.85)	0.142
Urinary tract infections	2 (4.88)	9 (4.71)	0.610
Skin and soft tissue infections	8 (19.51)	22 (11.52)	0.131

Bacteriological categories	SAE group	Non-SAE group	P values
Proportion of pathogen detection	29 (70.73)	85 (44.50)	0.003
<i>E. coli</i>	11 (26.83)	27 (14.14)	0.061
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	2 (4.88)	9 (4.71)	0.610
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	3 (7.32)	9 (4.71)	0.449
<i>Acinetobacter</i> *	16 (39.02)	33 (17.28)	0.005
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> *	10 (24.39)	16 (8.38)	0.011
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i> *	5 (12.19)	2 (1.05)	0.002
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> *	5 (12.19)	6 (3.14)	0.028
Hemolytic <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1 (2.44)	4 (2.09)	0.625
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	1 (2.44)	3 (1.57)	0.556
<i>Enterococcus feces</i> *	10 (24.39)	18 (9.42)	0.015
<i>Candida</i>	5 (12.19)	14 (7.33)	0.344
<i>Yeast genera</i>	3 (7.32)	7 (3.66)	0.388
<i>Aspergillus</i>	2 (4.88)	5 (2.62)	0.610

Sepsi → encefalopatia associata alla sepsi



“The mind has great influence over the body, and maladies often have their origin there.”

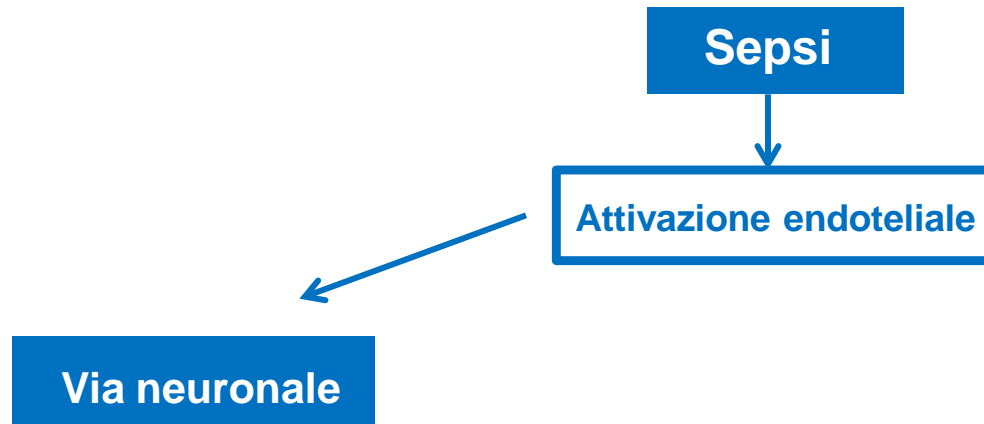
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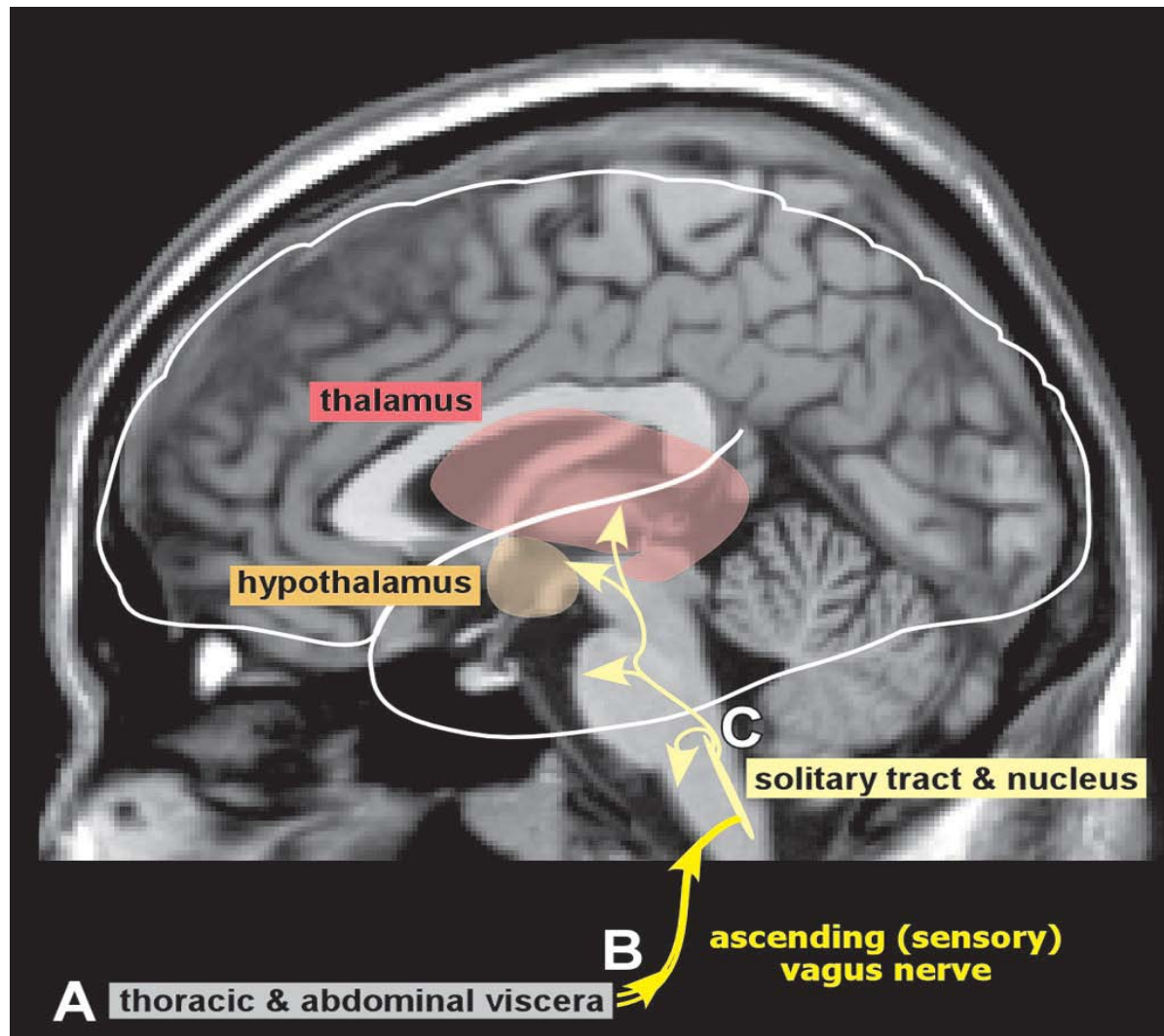


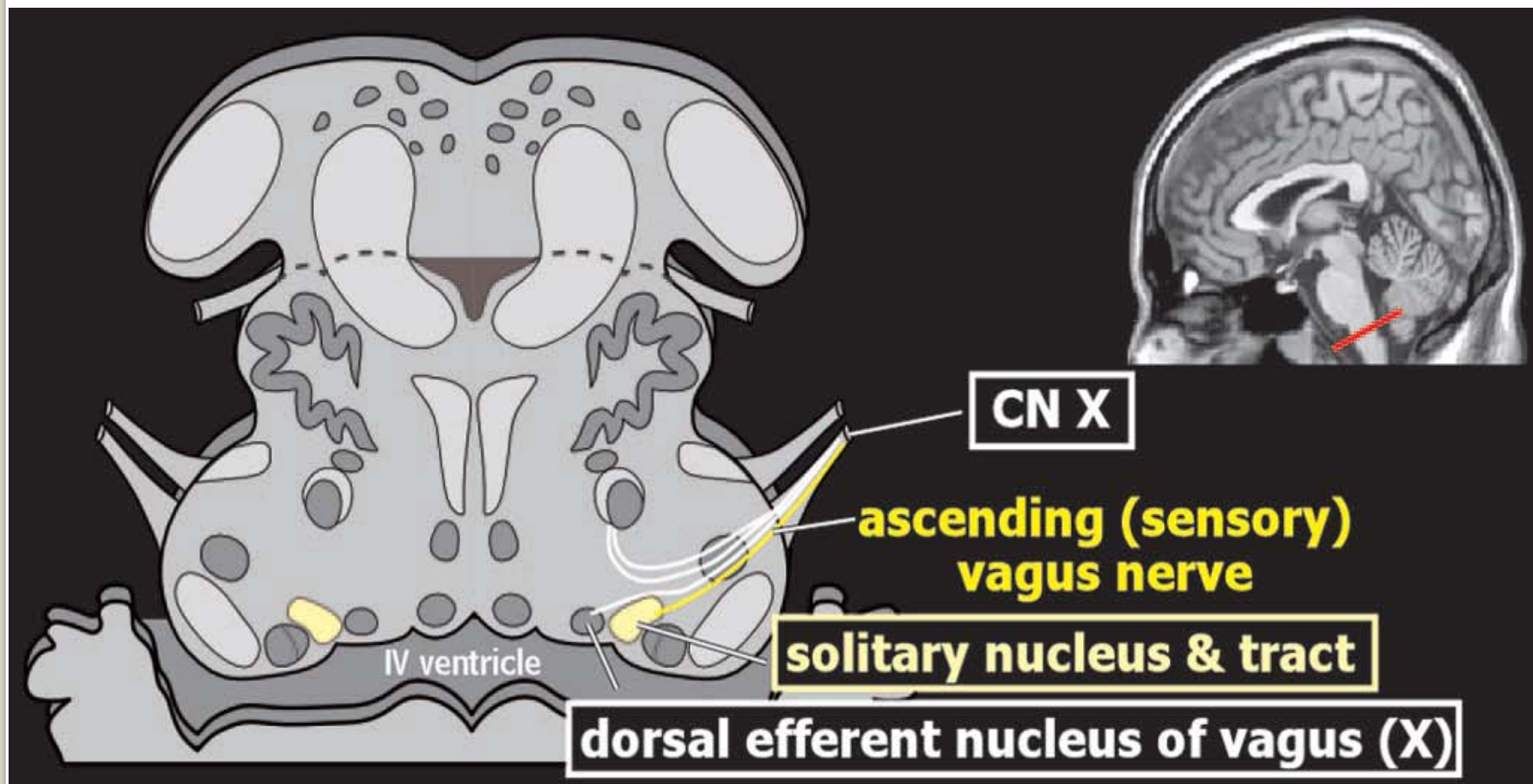
La risposta dell'encefalo alla infezione sistemica è fisiologicamente condizionata dall'attivazione di un segnale che segue tre vie.

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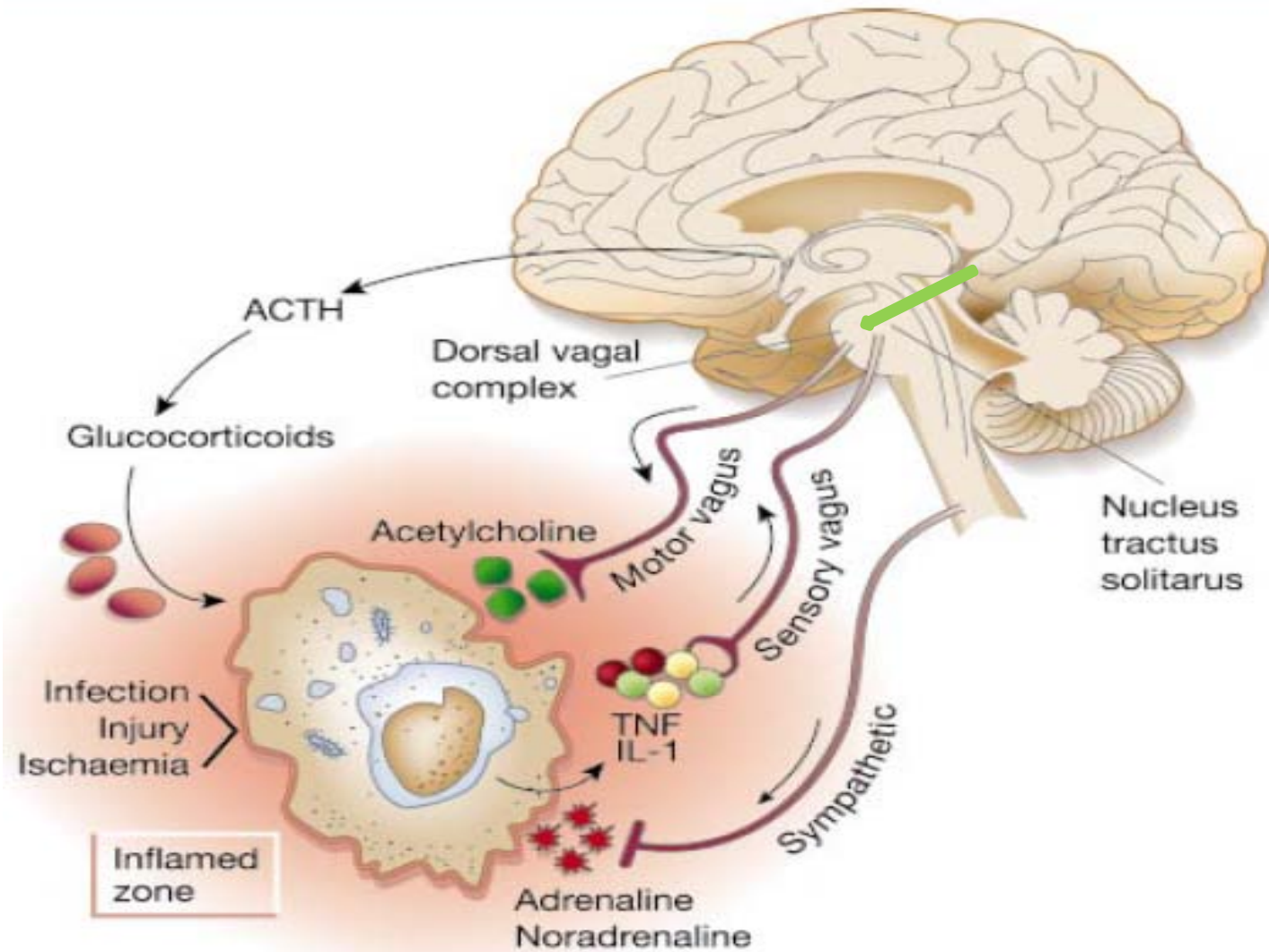


Il sistema nervoso parasimpatico gioca un ruolo importante nel segnalare la presenza di infezione



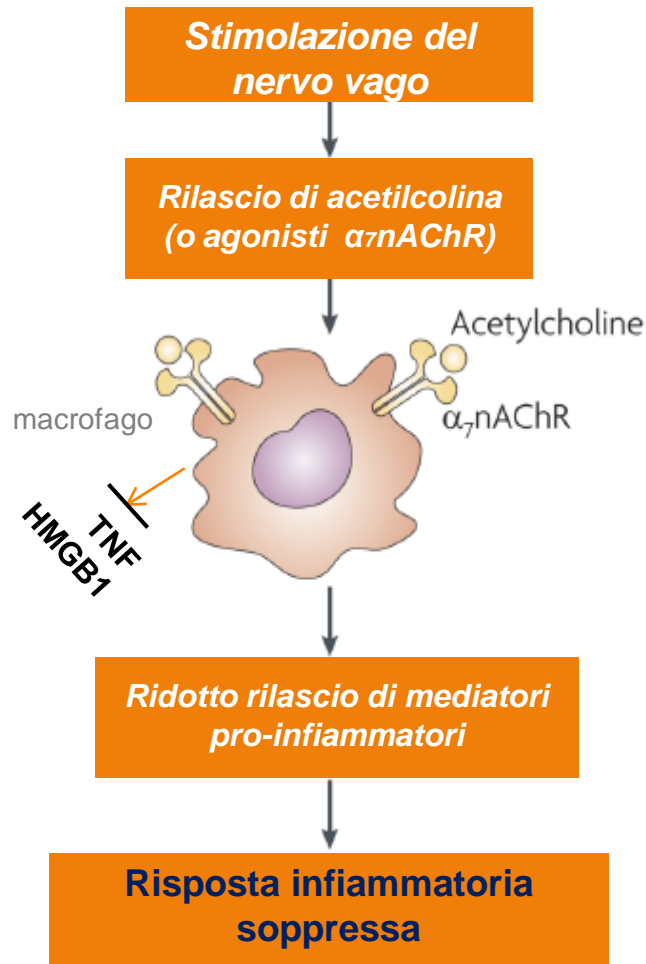


The *inflammatory reflex*

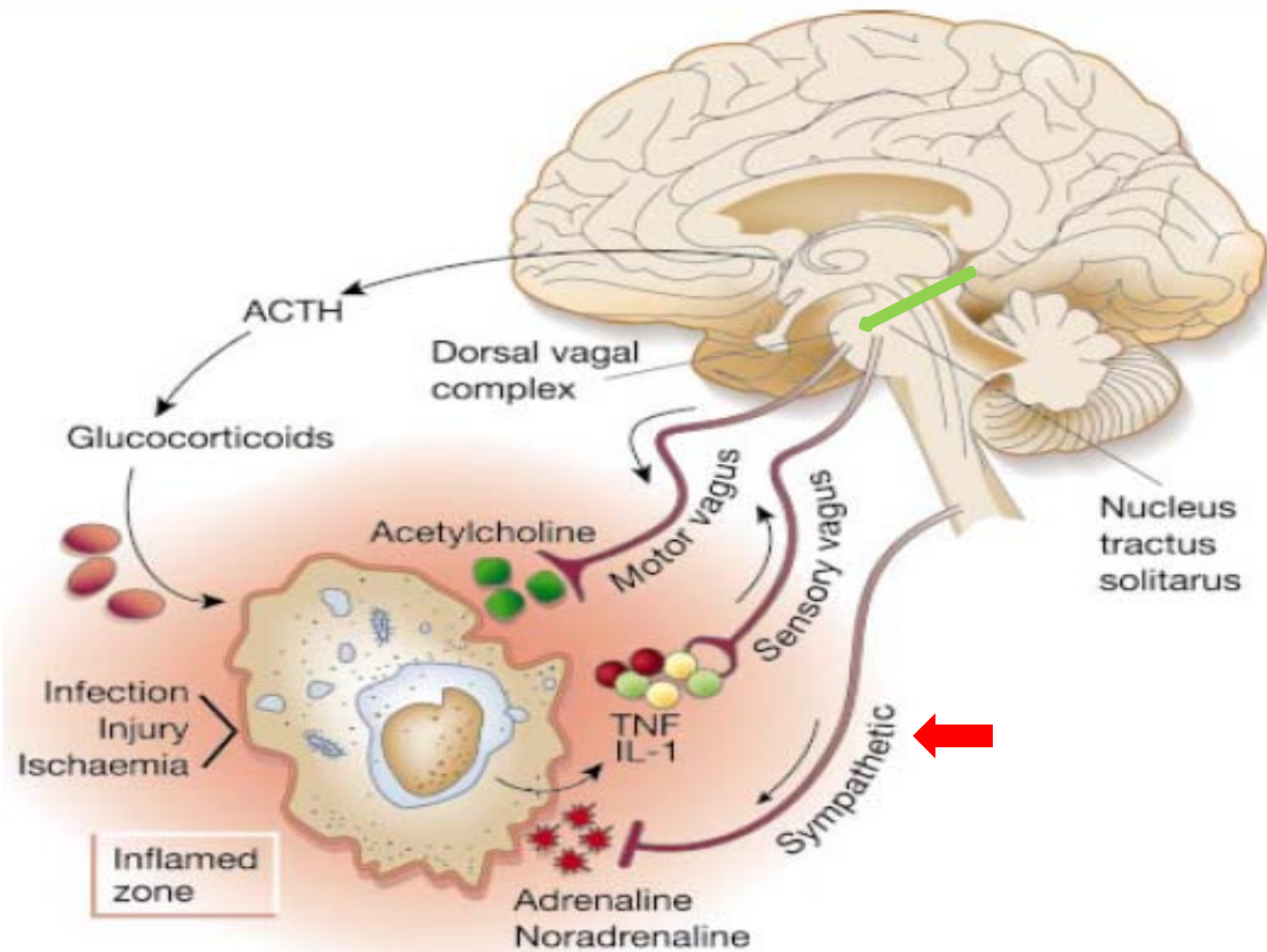


Il sistema nervoso autonomo e la sepsi

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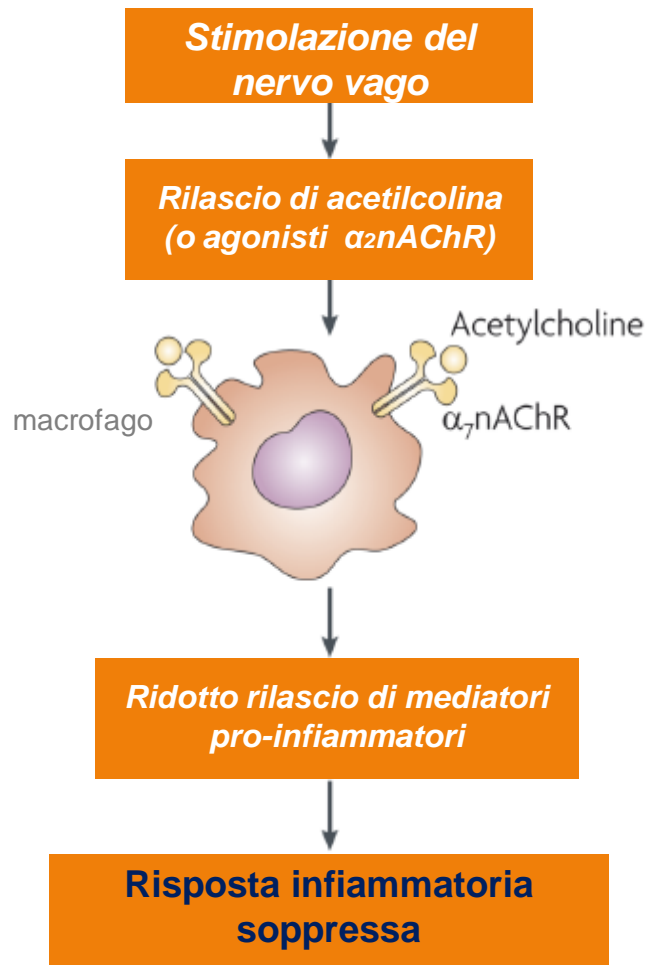


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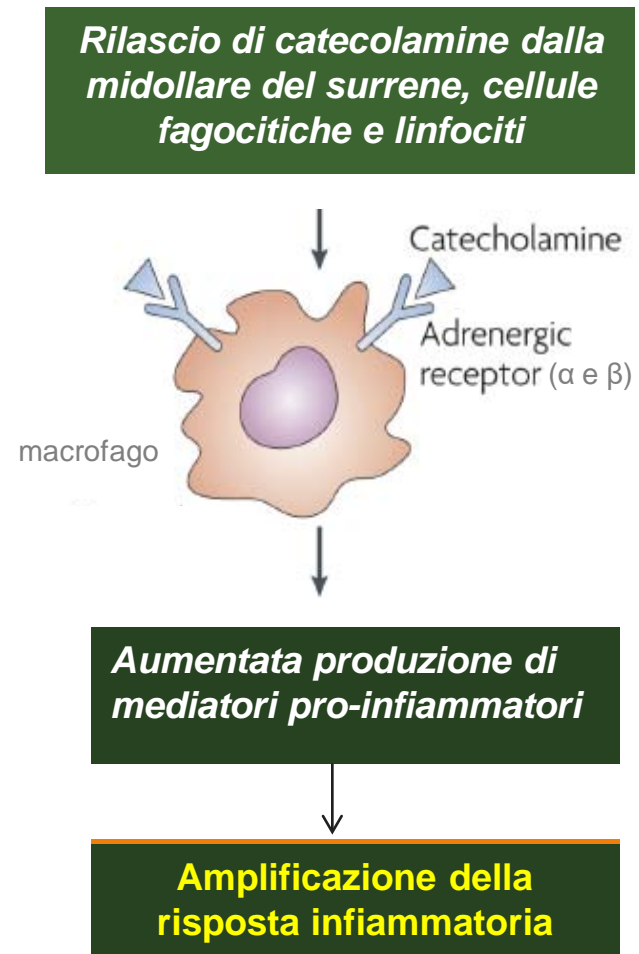


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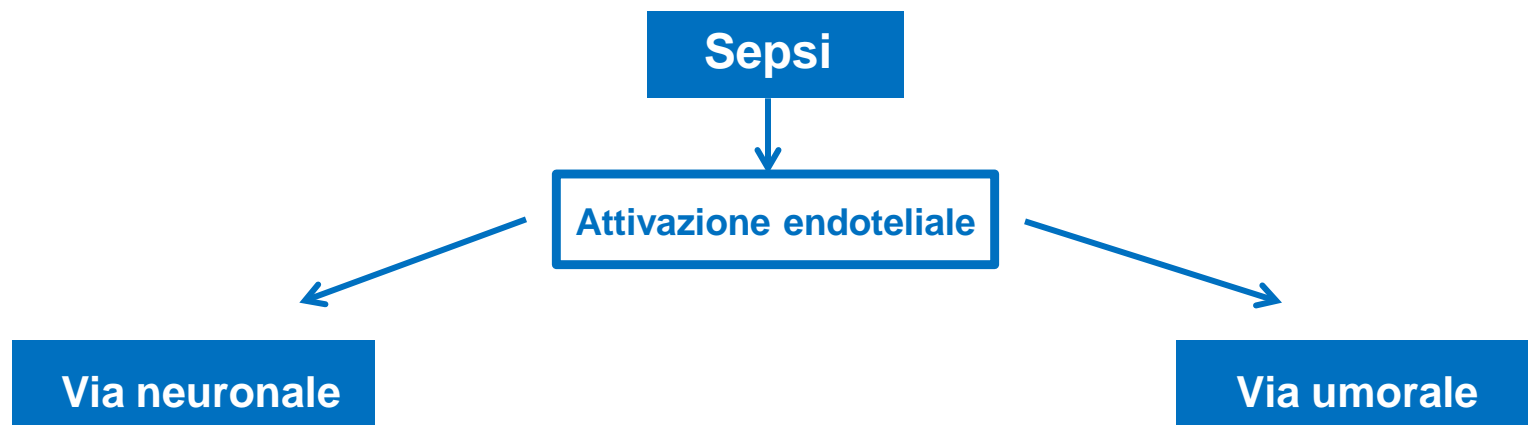
Via colinergica anti-infiammatoria



Via adrenergica pro-infiammatoria



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Organi circumventicolari

SFO, organo subforficale

OVLT, organo vascolare della
lamina terminalis

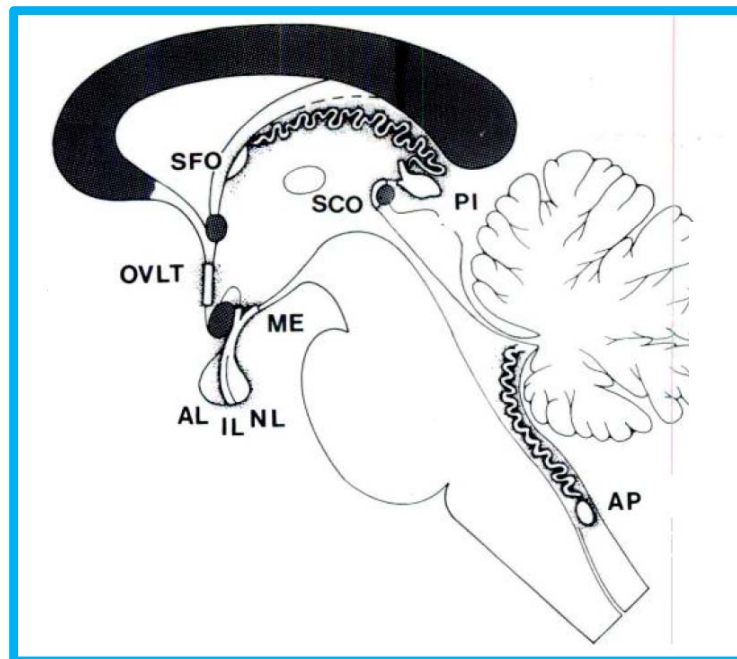
ME, eminenza mediana

PI, epifisi

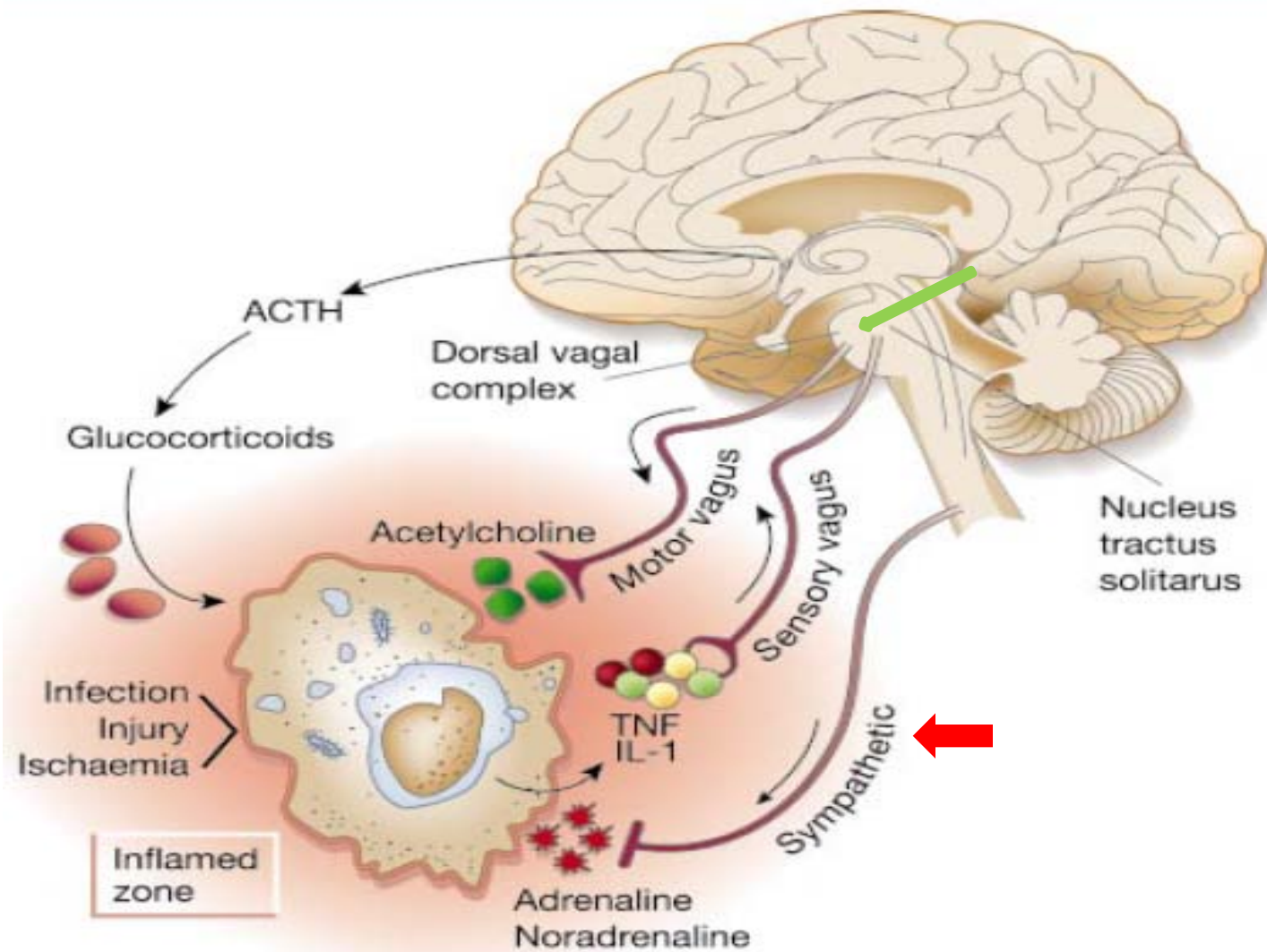
SCO, organo subcommissurale

AP, area postrema;

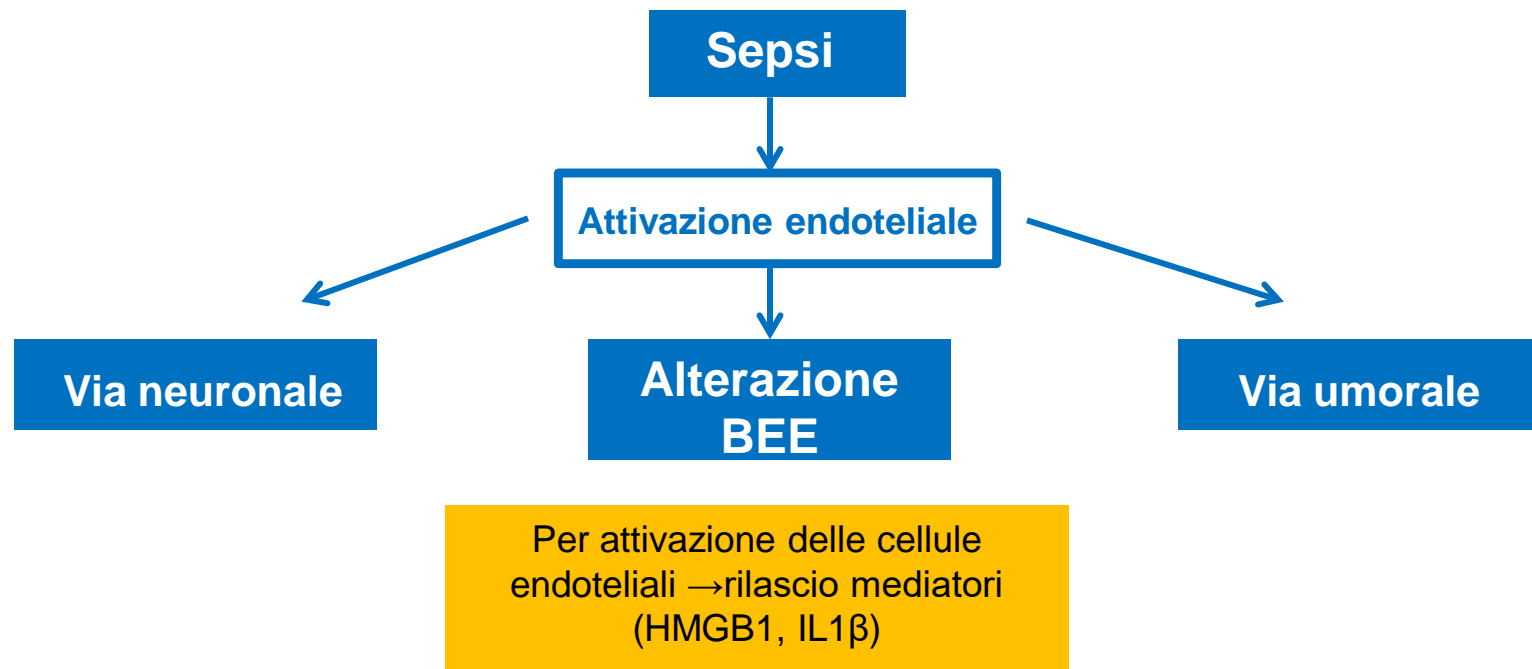
NL, lobo neurale dell'ipofisi



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Studi recenti suggeriscono una ulteriore importanza della IL1 β e *High Mobility Group Box 1* (HMGB-1) relativamente allo sviluppo del danno cerebrale nei sopravvissuti alla sepsi.

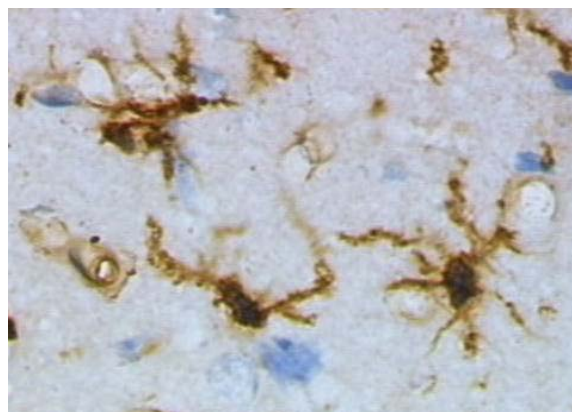
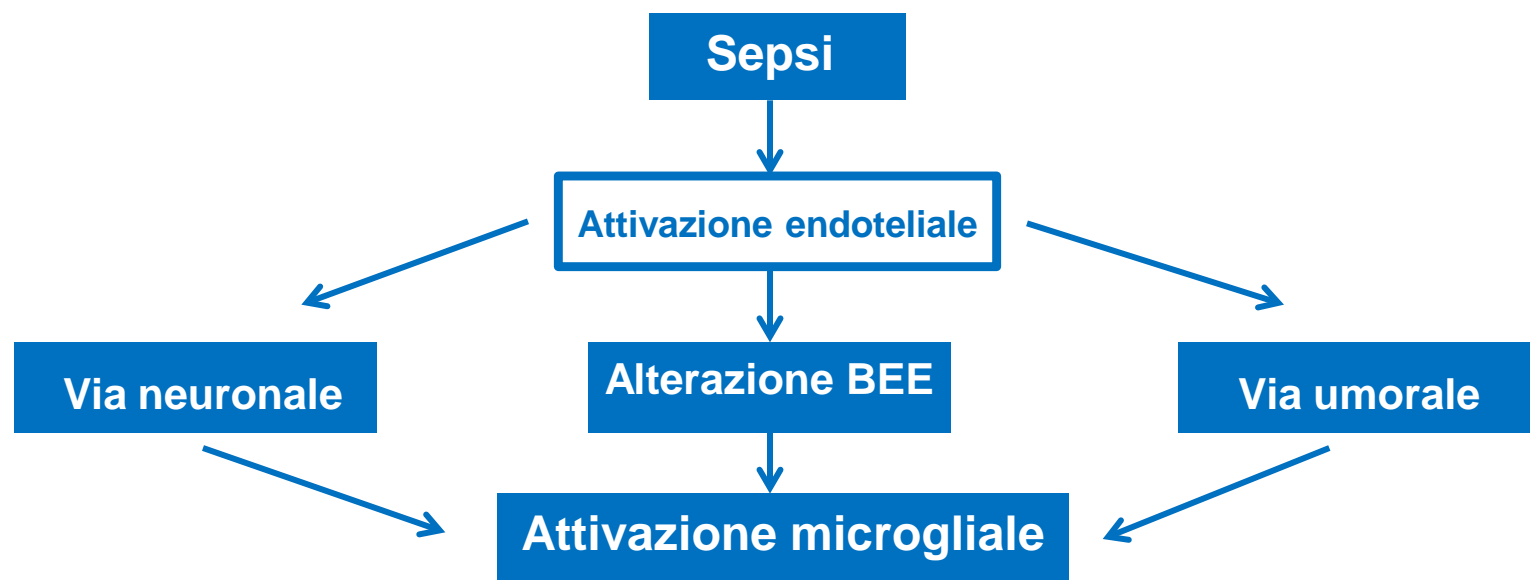
Queste citochine modulano anche *N*-methyl-D-aspartate receptors (NMDARs), recettori per il glutammato, con conseguenze negative sulle funzioni cognitive e comportamentali.

HMGB1 Mediates Cognitive Impairment in Sepsis Survivors

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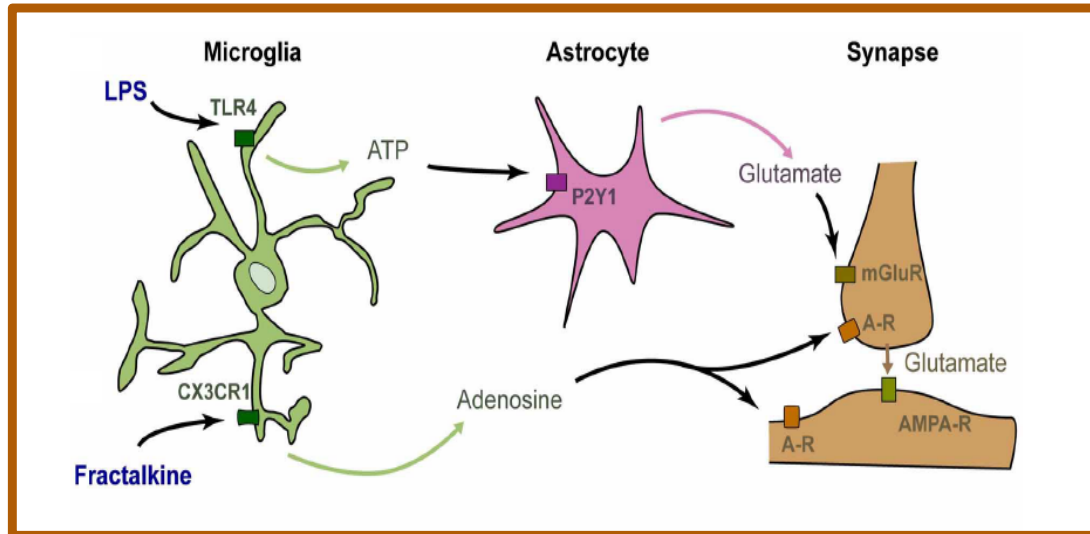


Microglia activation in sepsis: a case-control study

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Journal of Neuroinflammation 2007.

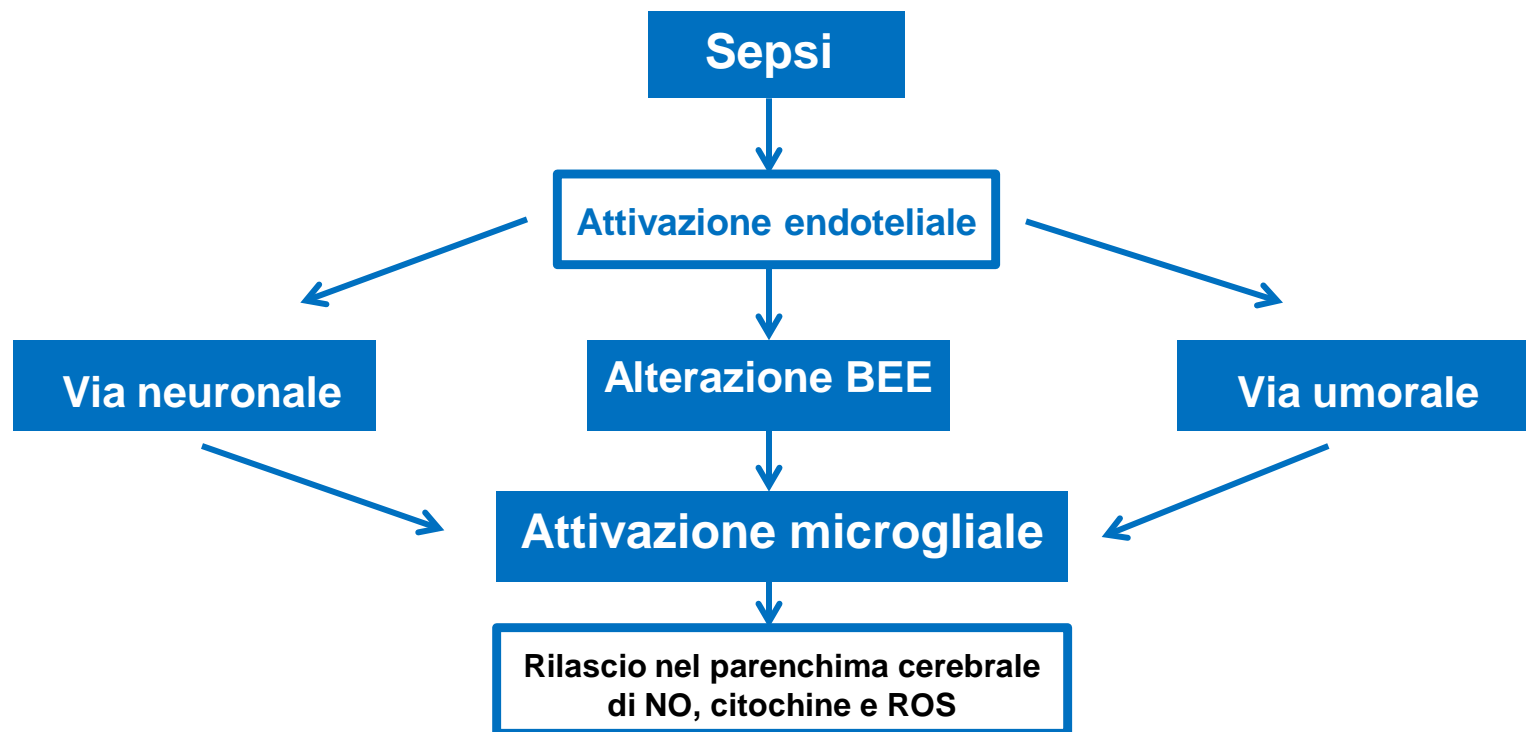
Highly active microglia may be involved in sickness behavior observed in patients with severe systemic infection



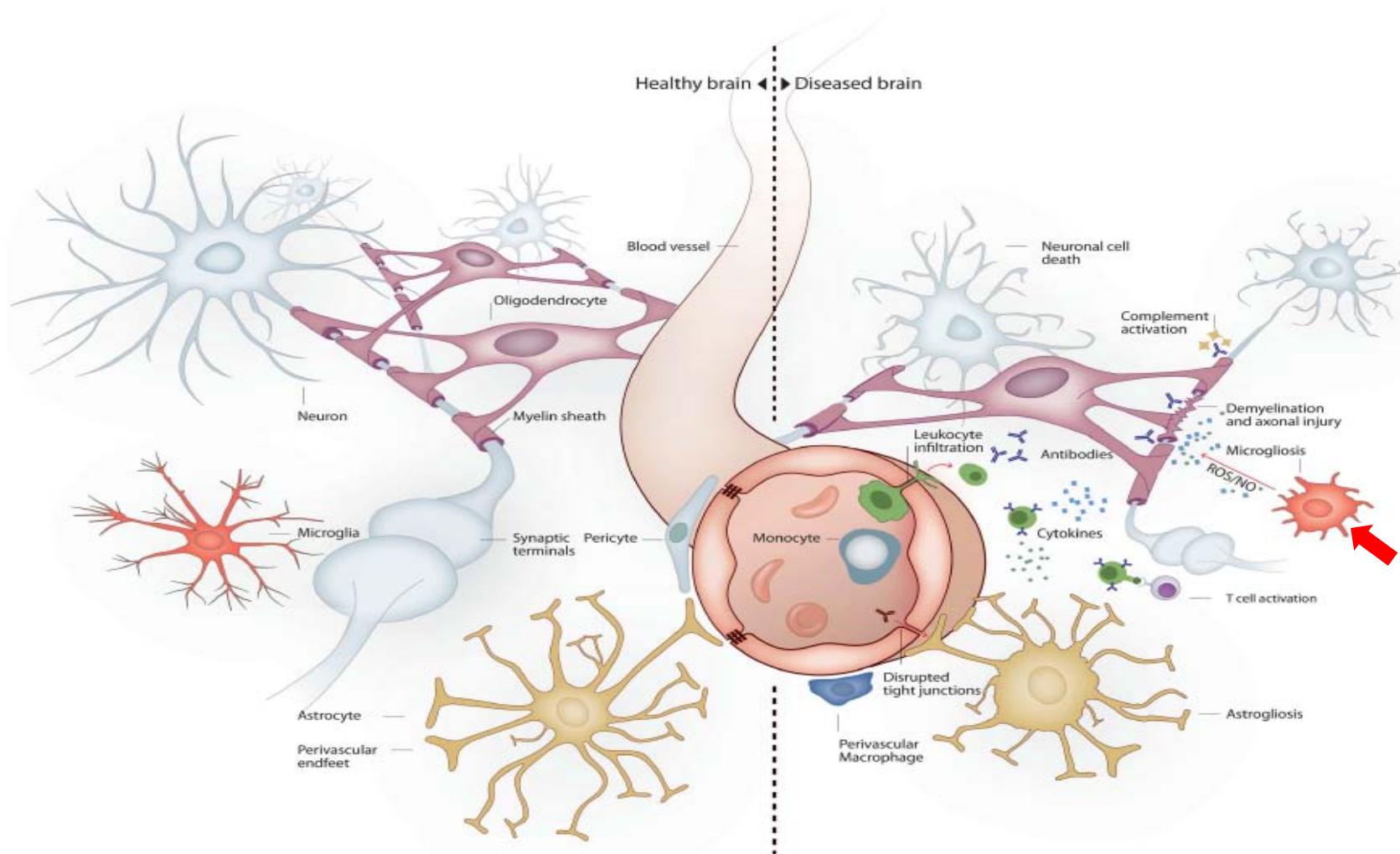
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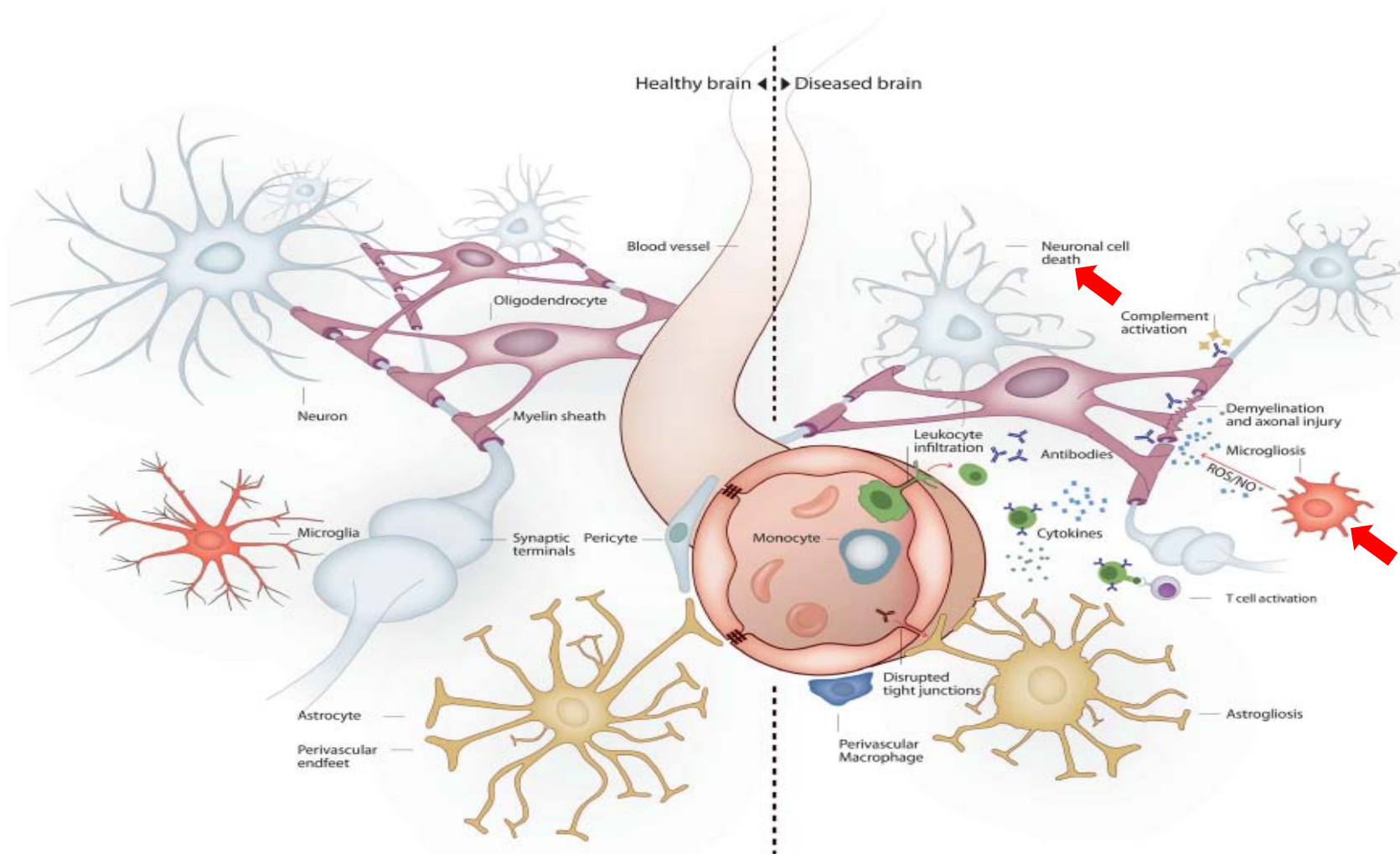
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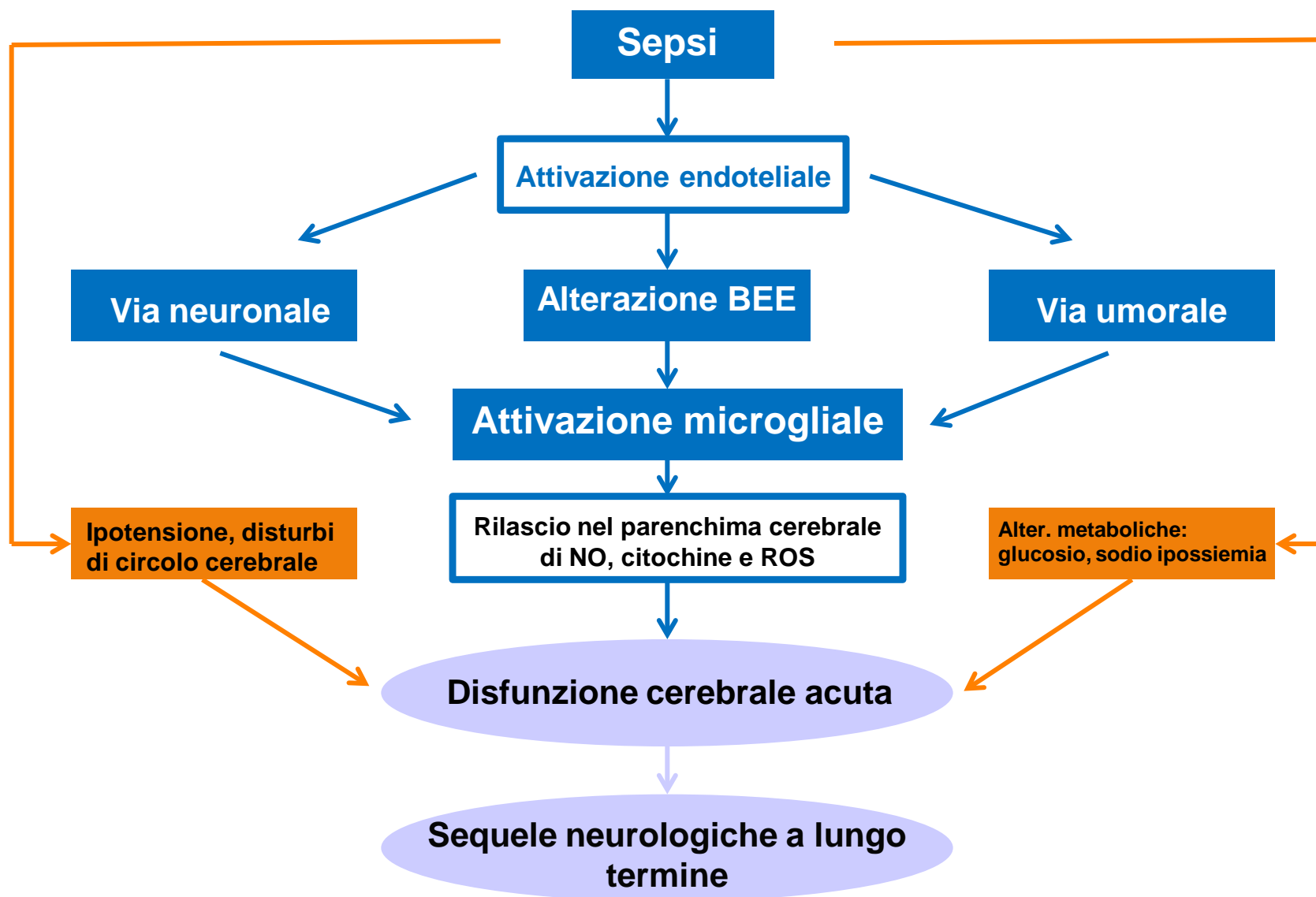
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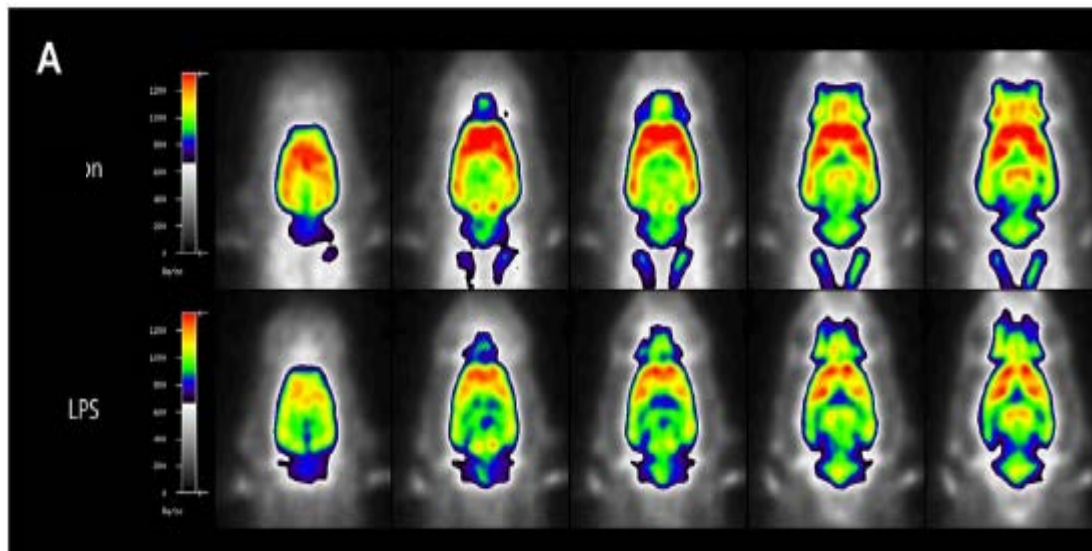


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Sepsis causes neuroinflammation and concomitant decrease of cerebral metabolism

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L'encefalopatia sepsi-correlata è una disfunzione cerebrale grave causata dalla infiammazione sistemica in assenza di una diretta infezione dell'encefalo .

Le alterazioni del flusso ematico cerebrale sono, infatti, causate dal rilascio di molecole infiammatorie ed alterazioni metaboliche che contribuiscono alla disfunzione e morte delle cellule neuronali.

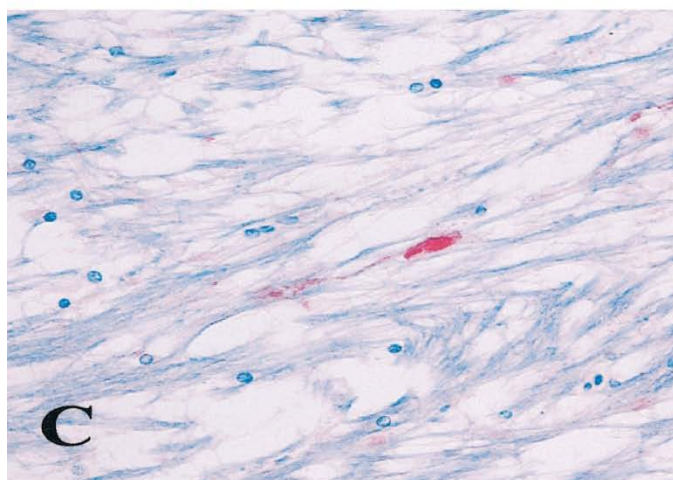
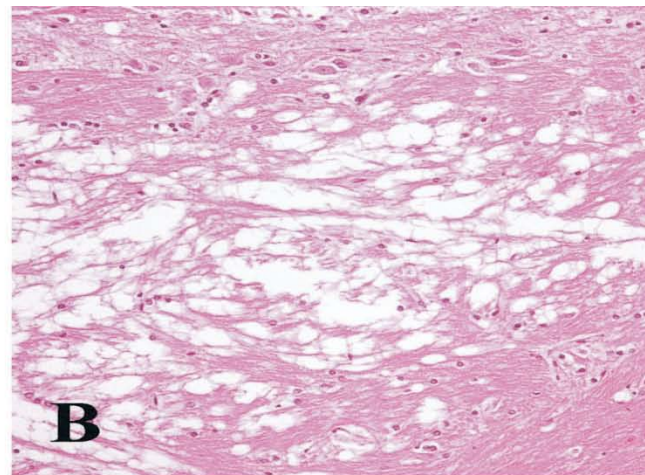
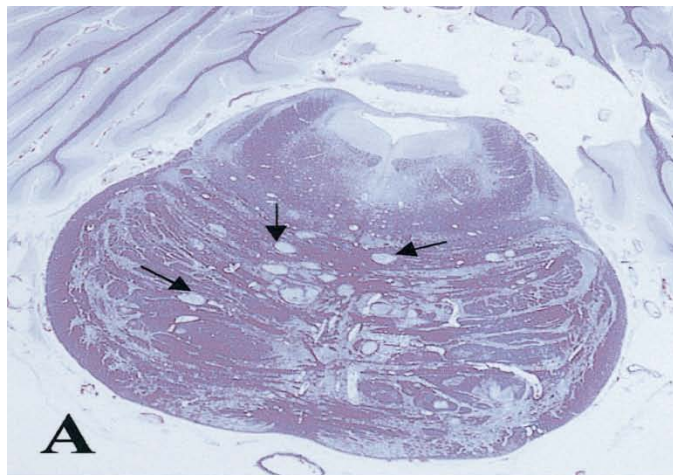
Riduzione della captazione di glucosio nella ESA : in modello animale, ratti, 5 rilevazioni di encefalo di ratto alla TC-PET con fluorodeossiglucosio, trattati in con solo veicolo (con) e con lipopolisaccaride batterico (LPS).

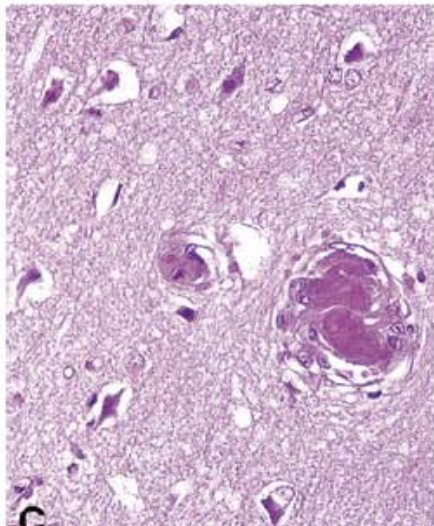
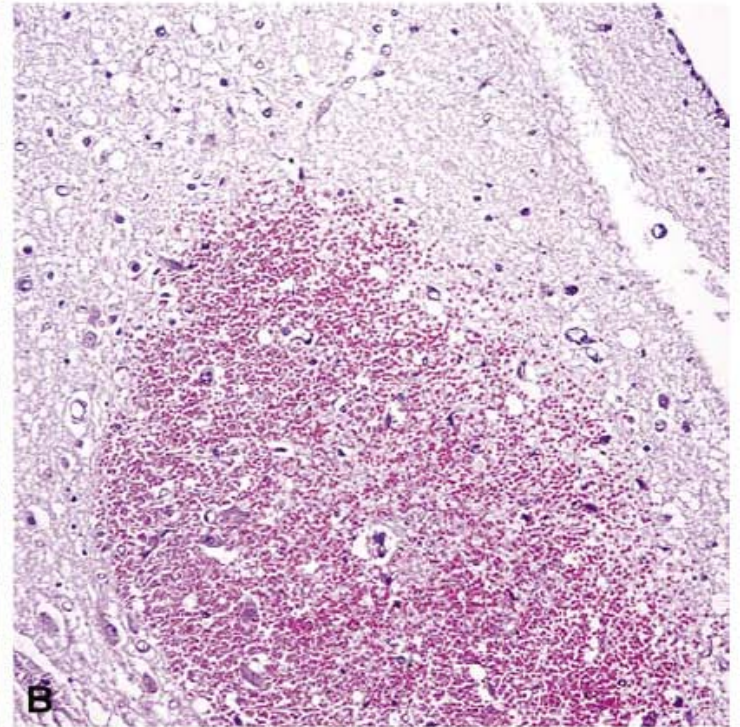
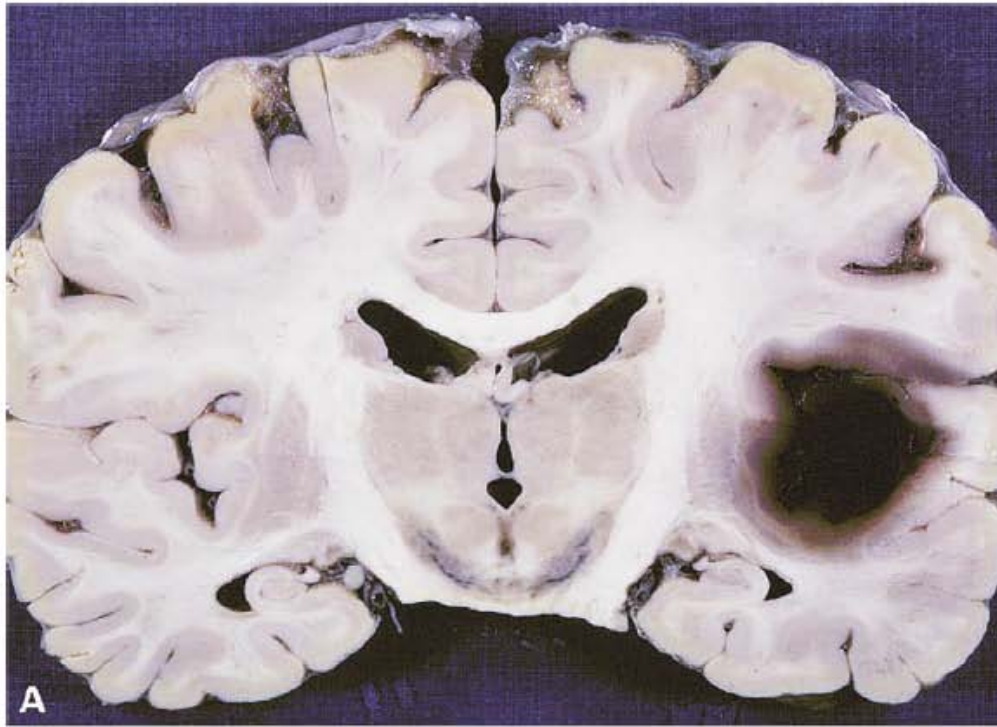
Differenze significative vengono evidenziate a a livello della corteccia frontale, (FC), parietale (PC) e temporale (TC).

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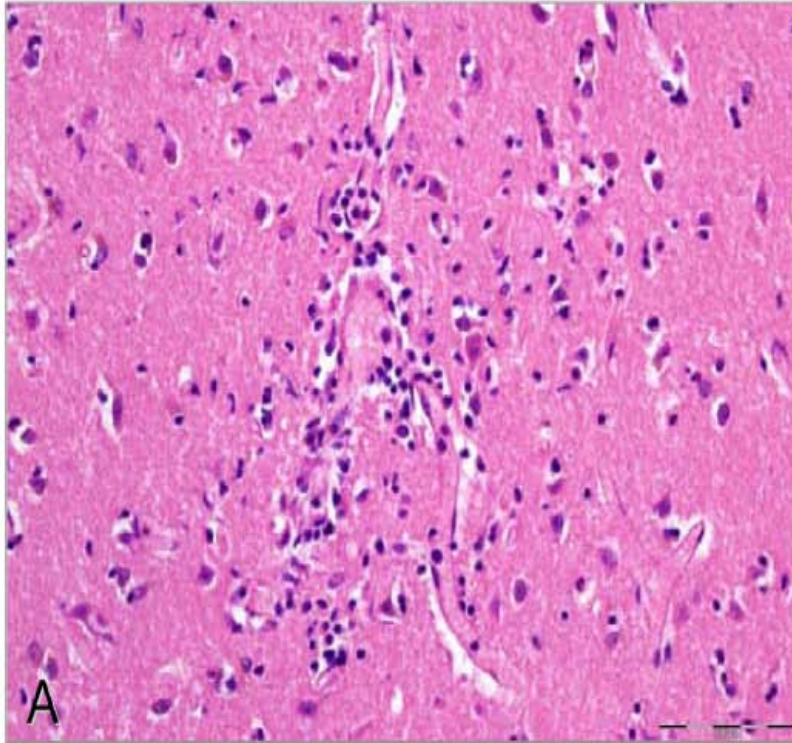
Multifocal necrotizing leukoencephalopathy in septic shock

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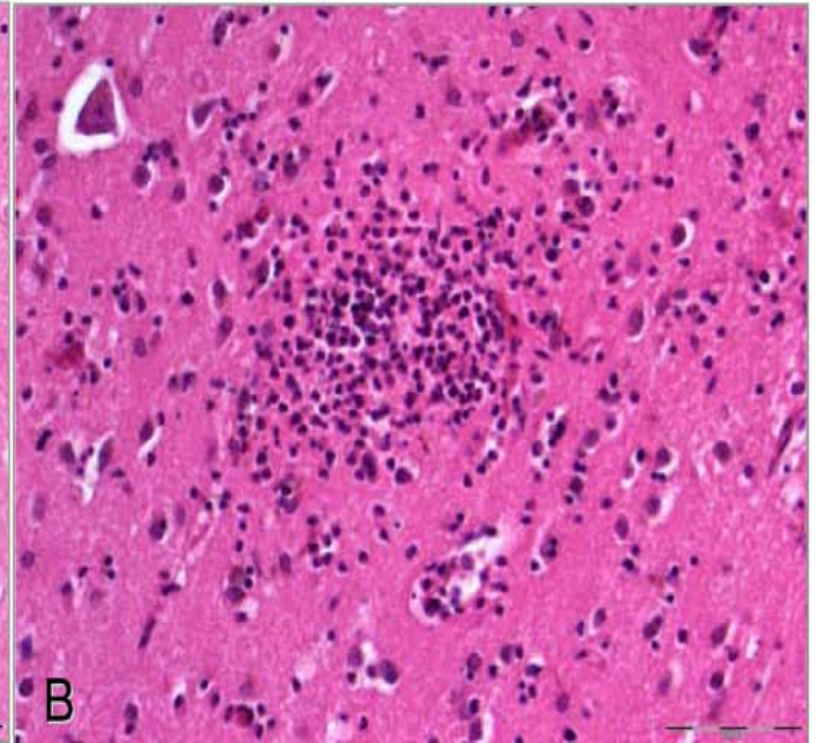




- A. Estesa emorragia adiacente alla scissura silviana.
- B. Piccola recente lesione emorragica petecchiale paraventricolare.
- C. Microtrombo di fibrina in un caso di CID.



A) microglial nodule with focal accumulation of activated microglia



B) micro-abscesses that show much denser accumulation of immune cells including segmented granulocytes.

Brain RMN patterns in sepsis

Brain MRI findings

Acute changes

Cytotoxic edema (hippocampus, cortex) ischemic lesions

Vasogenic edema

Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES)

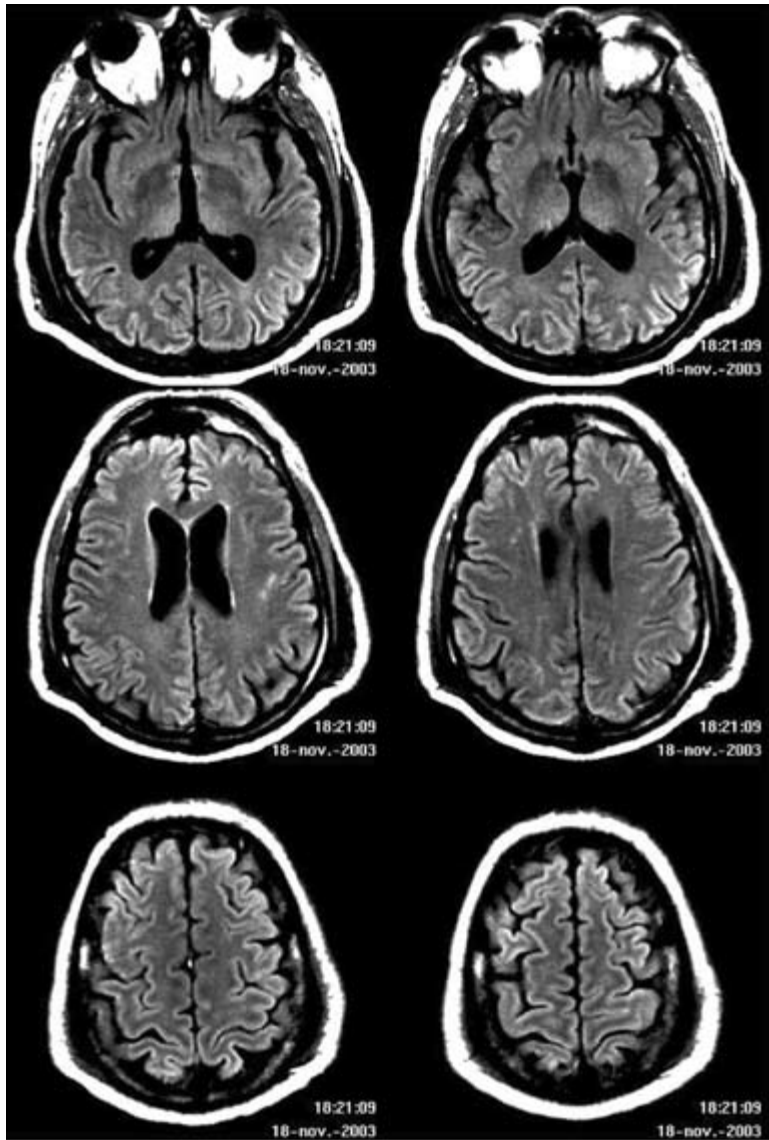
Chronic changes observed in survivors

White matter disruption

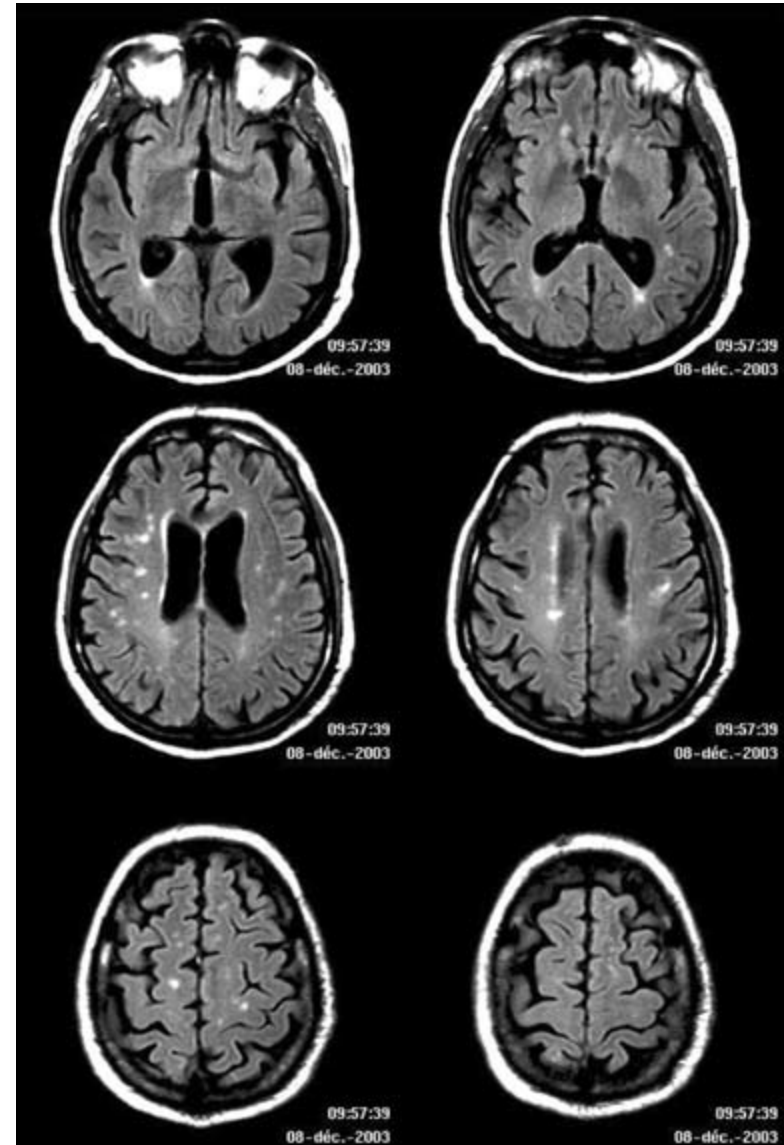
Brain atrophy

(frontal cortex, hippocampus)

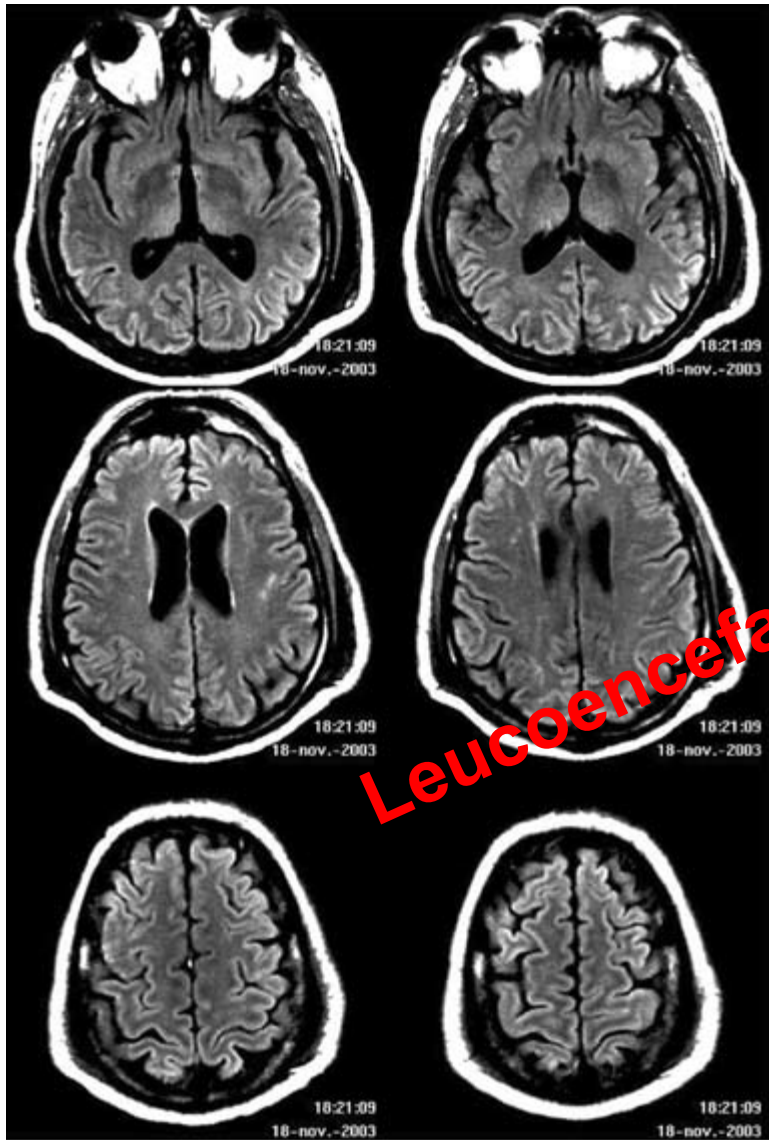
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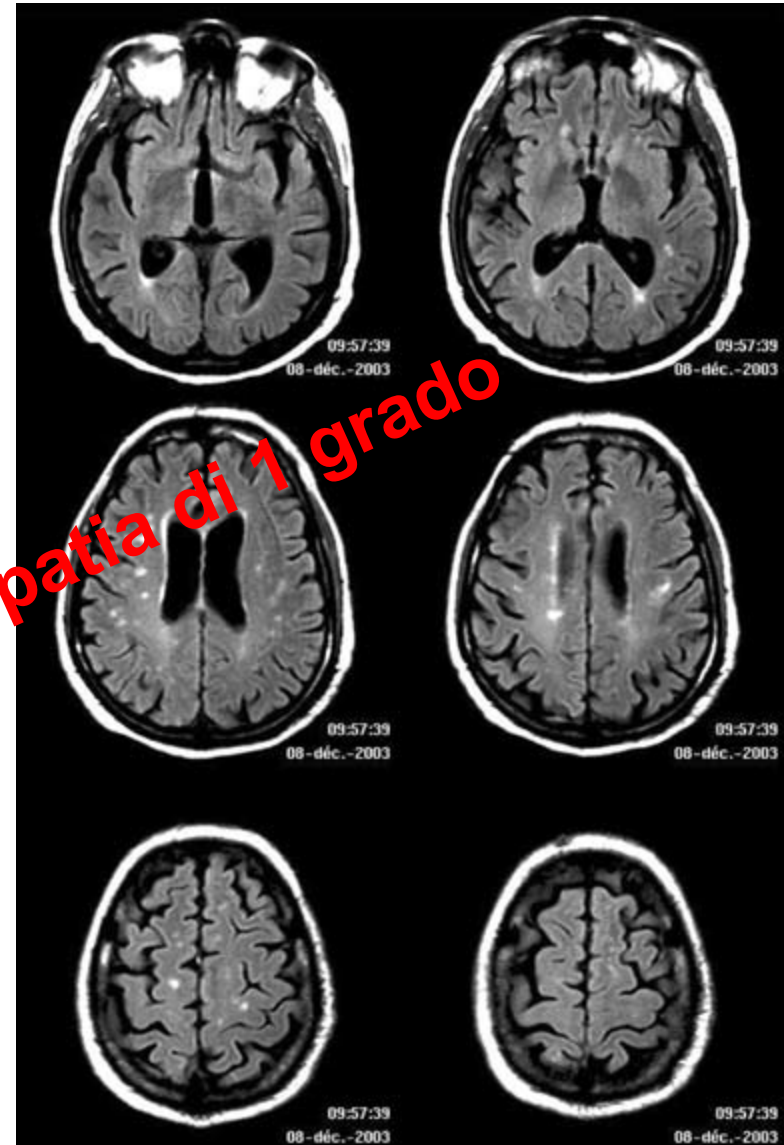
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Leucoencefalopatia di 1 grado

JAMA Neurology

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Signal Hyperintensities in the Deep and Subcortical White Matter

A Comparative Study Between Stroke Patients and Normal Volunteers

Reinhold Schmidt, MD; Franz Fazekas, MD; Gertrude Kleinert, MD; Hans Offenbacher, MD; Kurt Gindl, MD; Franz Payer, MD; Wolfgang Freidl, PhD; Kurt Niederkorn, MD; Helmut Lechner, MD

Arch Neurol. 1992;49(8):825-827.

Severity of white matter lesions scored from 0 to 3, according to number and size of lesions:

grade 0 (normal);

grade 1 (punctiform)

grade 2 (patchy or confluent) and

grade 3 (diffuse)

Brain MRI respectively performed on the 3rd and 30th days after the onset of septic shock.

Seventy-nine-year-old woman with ARDS due to *Streptococcus pneumoniae*



Fig. 1

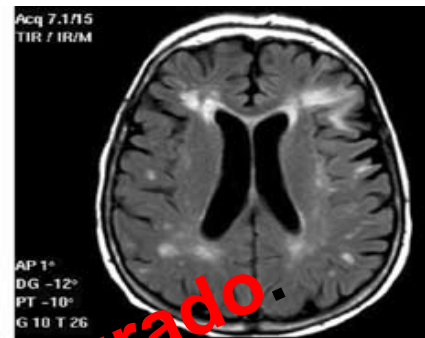
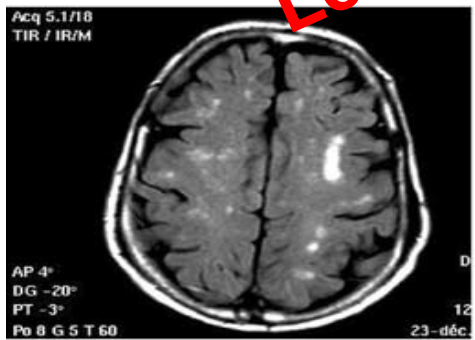
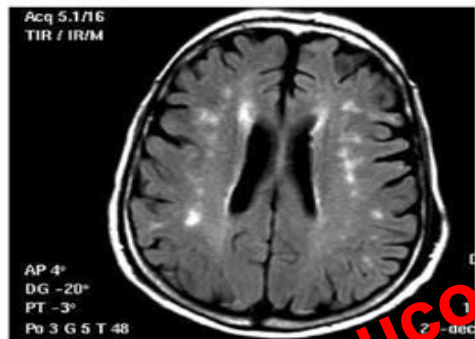
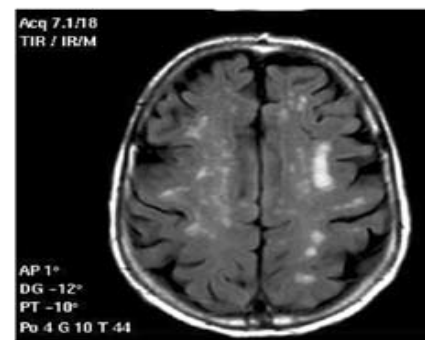
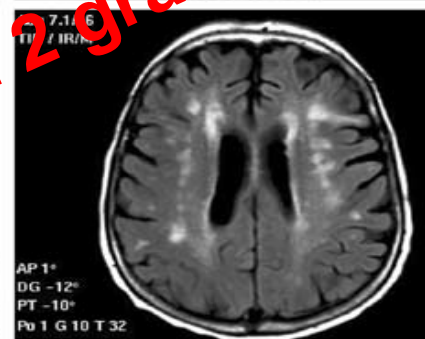
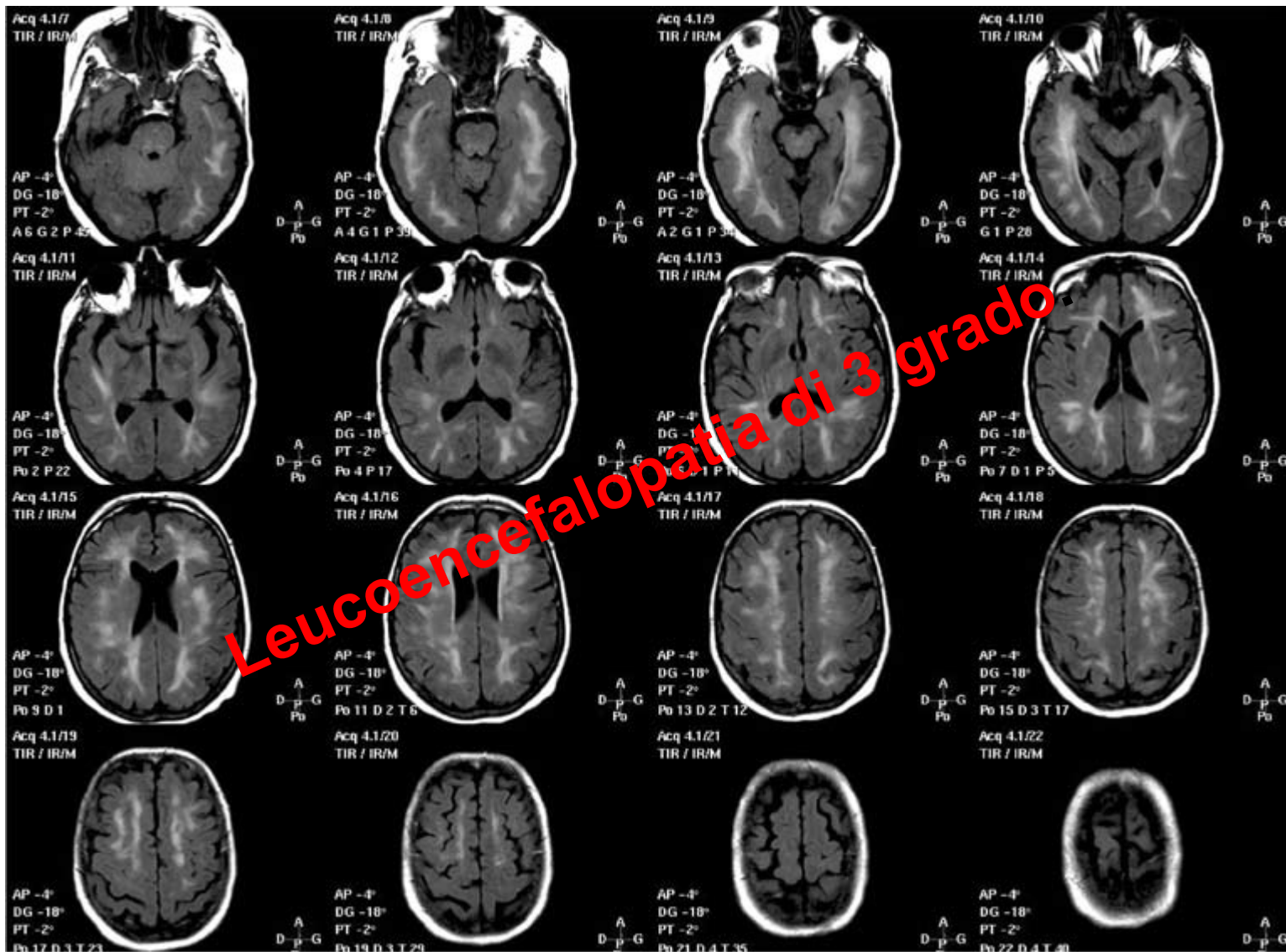


Fig. 2



Leucoencefalopatia di 2 grado

MRI performed on the 4th day after the onset of septic shock
Sixty-seven-year-old woman with septicaemia due to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*



Principali cause di *Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome*

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Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome in Infection, Sepsis, and Shock

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Infezione/sepsi/shock possono essere importante causa di **PRES**
encefalopatia posteriore reversibile,
particolarmente se è in causa
infezione da **germi gram-positivi** .

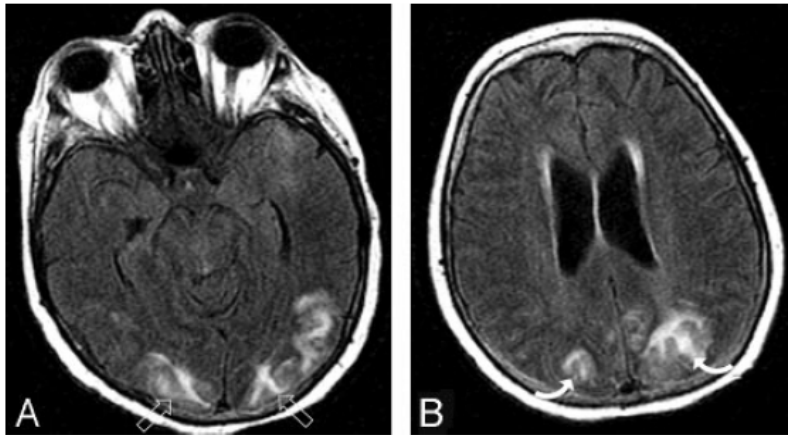
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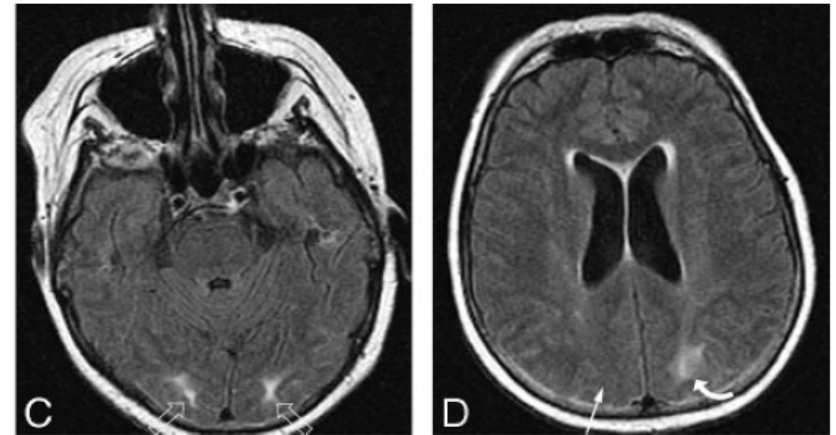
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AJNR Am J Neuroradiol 27:2179–90 | Nov-Dec 2006 |

CONCLUSION: Infection/sepsis/shock may be an important cause of PRES, particularly in relation to infection with gram-positive organisms.



A-B, MR (FLAIR sequence) evidenzia edema vasogenico nelle regioni occipitali e parietali bilateramente tipiche di una PRES; le lesioni appartengono alla sostanza bianca, ma *distanti dai ventricoli cerebrali*.



C-D, MR (FLAIR sequence) ad un mese dalle precedenti; quasi completa risoluzione dell'edema nelle regioni occipitali e parietali di sinistra; completa risoluzione nelle aree parietali di destra.



The electroencephalogram in sepsis-associated encephalopathy.

Young GB, Bolton CF, Archibald YM, Austin TW, Wells GA.

1992 Jan;9(1):145-52.

We studied **62 patients** with positive blood cultures, patients were divided into three clinical groups:

- ✓ *the EEG was more sensitive than our clinical criteria for encephalopathy,*
 - ✓ *showed features that were, when considered with clinical and laboratory characteristics, compatible with a potentially reversible encephalopathy, and*
 - ✓ *had well-defined categories that correlated with percent mortality, even within a single clinical group.*
1. **non-encephalopathy (NE)**
 2. **mild encephalopathy (ME), and**
 3. **severe encephalopathy (SE)**

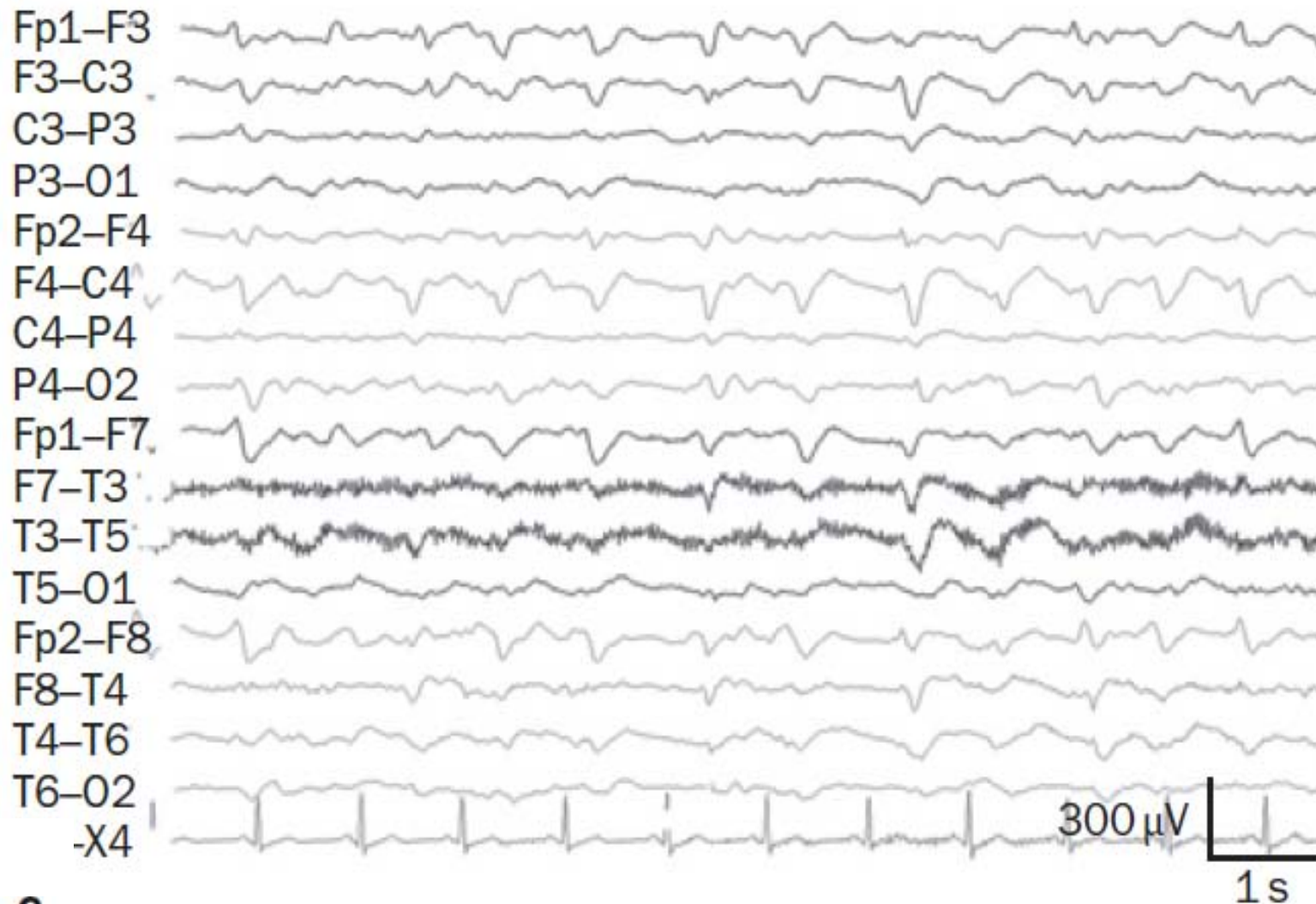
We conclude that the EEG is a sensitive index of brain function in septic encephalopathy and that it is especially useful in the intensive care monitoring of patients with sepsis.

Electroencephalographic patterns in sepsis

Electroencephalographic findings	Association with adverse outcome
Normal EEG	0
Theta (mild generalized slowing)	+
Delta (severe slowing)	+
Triphasic waves	+
Periodic epileptiform discharges	+
Electrographic seizures	++
Generalized suppression or burst-suppression	+++

Representative example of EEG showing theta delta e triphasic waves in a septic ICU patient.

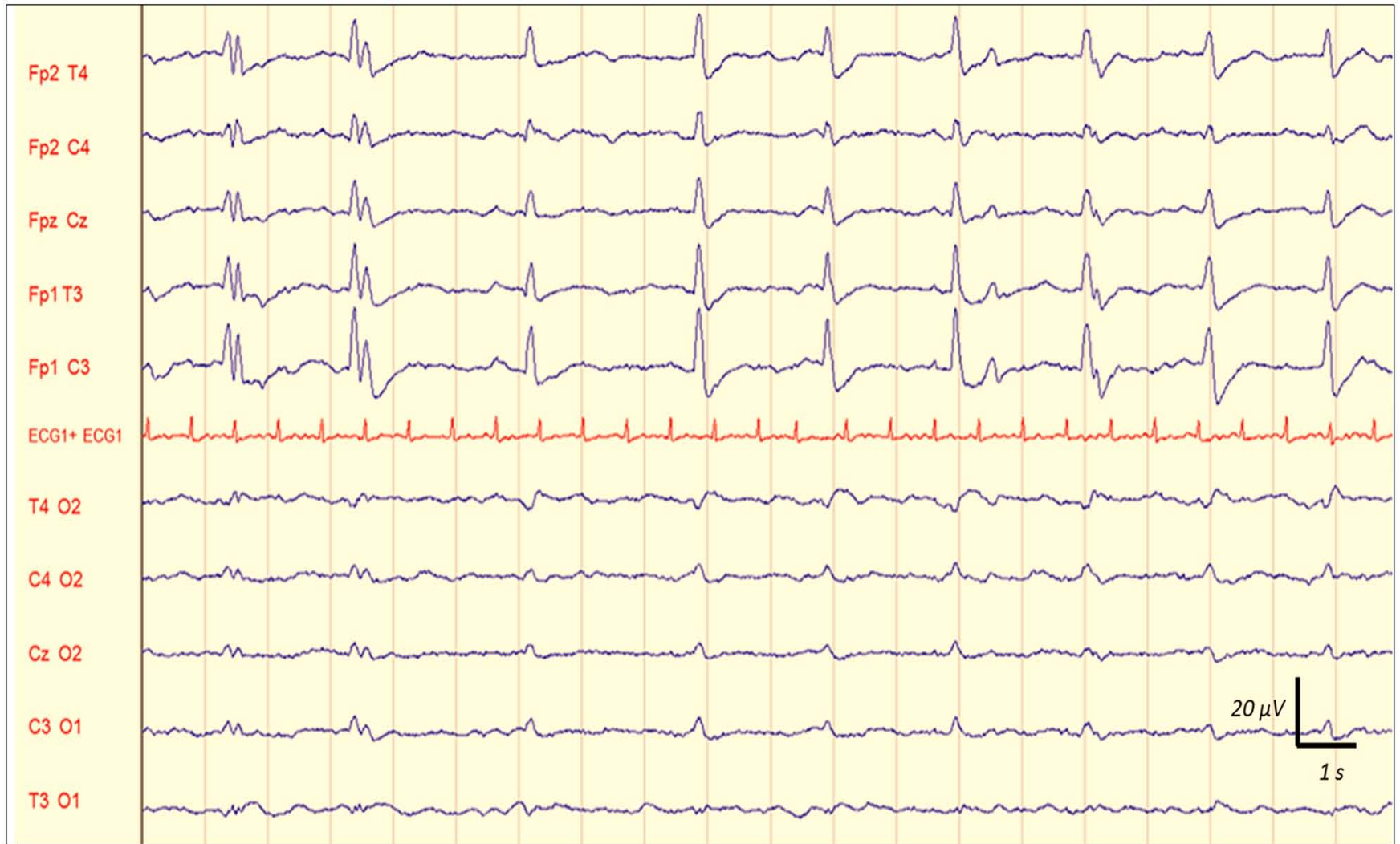
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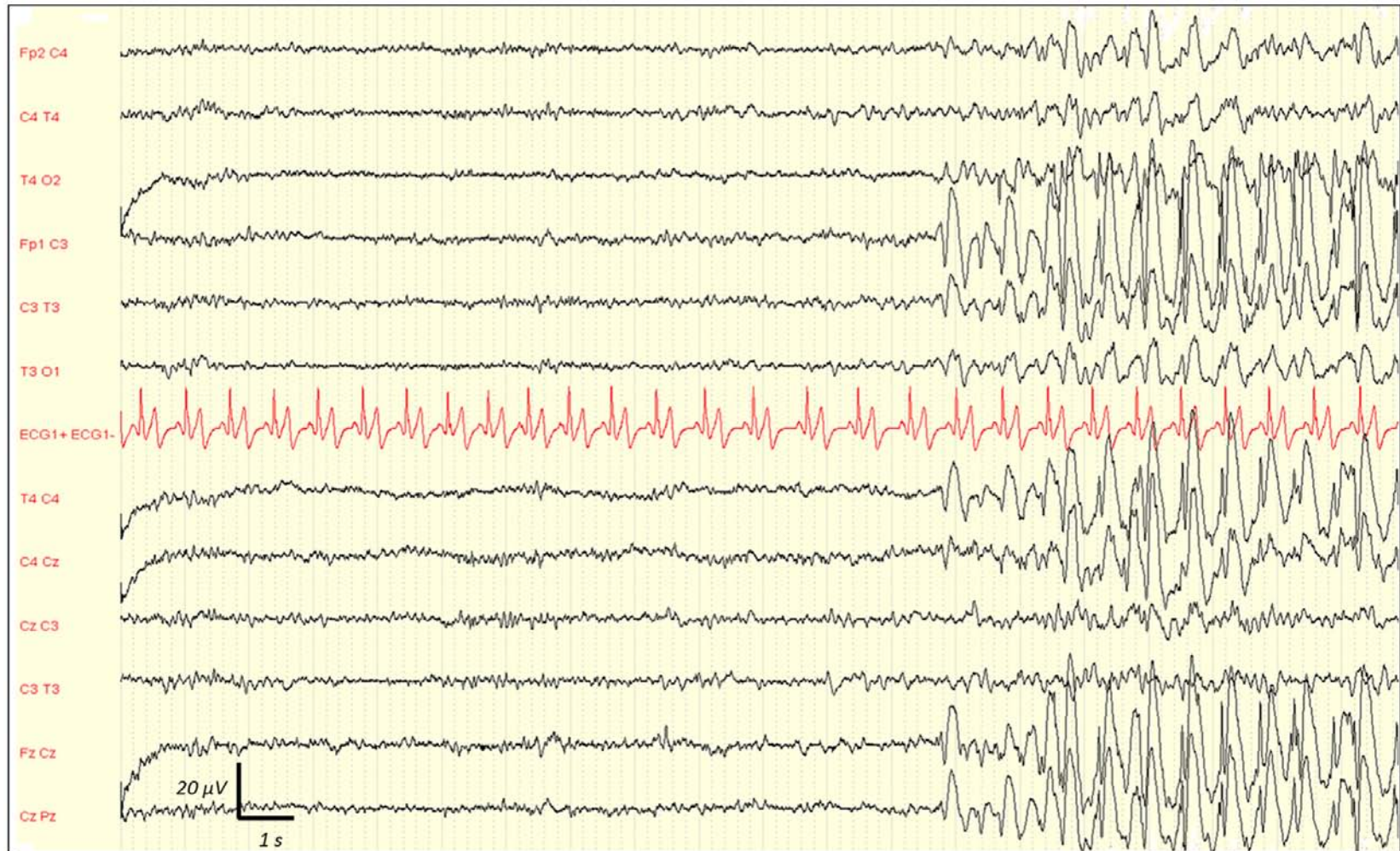
Representative example of EEG showing periodic discharges (PDs) in a septic ICU patient.

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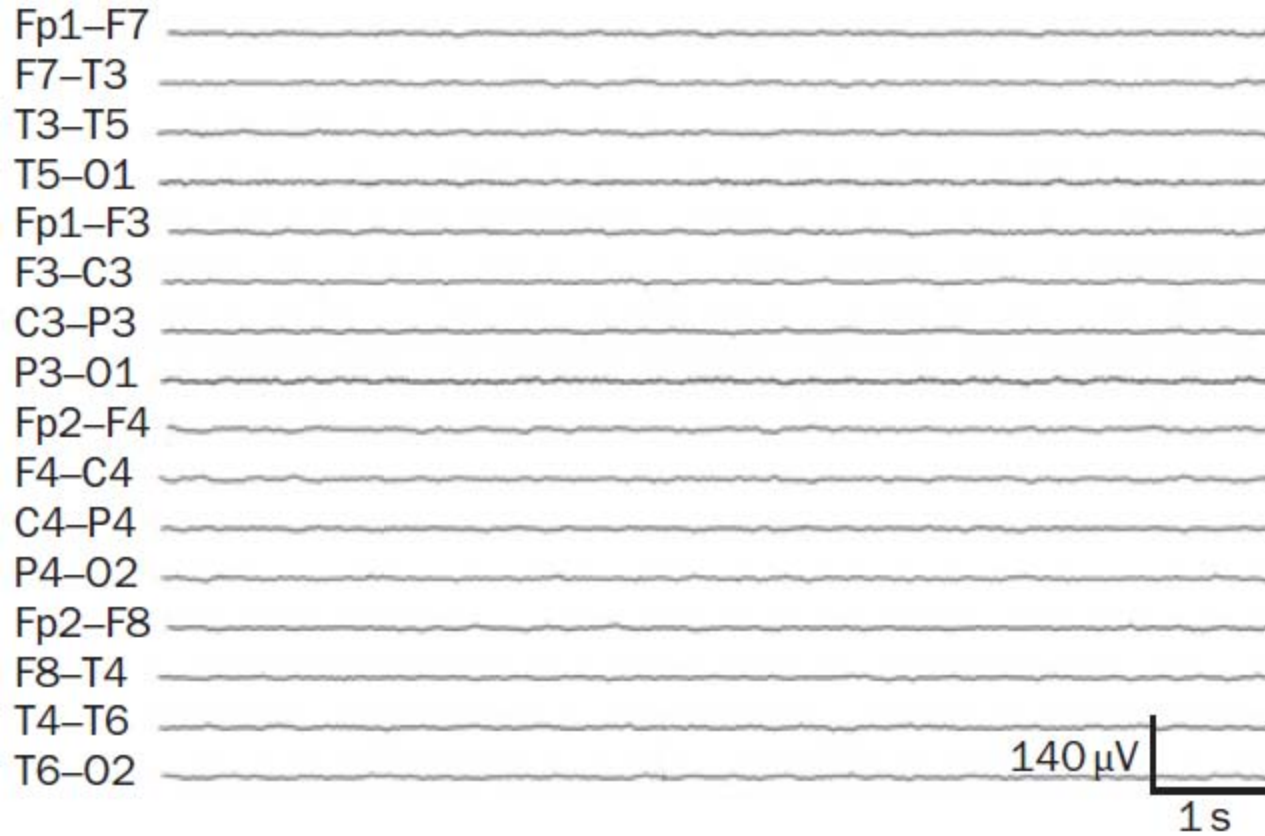
Representative example of EEG showing the onset of an electrographic seizure (ESZ) in a septic ICU patient.

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Generalized suppression from a comatose patient

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Biomarkers in septic encephalopathy: a systematic review of clinical studies

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Neuron-specific enolase (NSE)

S100 beta protein



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Conclusion

S100 beta and neuronspecific enolase are promising biomarkers for diagnosing and monitoring patients with septic encephalopathy, but more research is necessary.

Developing a New Definition and Assessing New Clinical Criteria for Septic Shock

For the Third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock

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.....septic shock is defined as a subset of sepsis in which underlying circulatory, cellular, and metabolic abnormalities are associated with a greater risk of mortality than sepsis alone.

Adult patients with septic shock can be identified using the clinical criteria of hypotension requiring vasopressor therapy to maintain mean BP 65 mm Hg or greater and having a serum lactate level greater than 2 mmol/L after adequate fluid resuscitation.

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Surviving Sepsis Campaign: International Guidelines for Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock: 2012

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A consensus committee of 68 international experts representing 30 international organizations

Potential strategies to reduce brain dysfunction in ICU patients

Pharmacological measures	Type of study
Reduce use of benzodiazepines and opioids	Observational studies
Perform daily sedation stops	RCT
<u>Use dexmedetomidine (versus benzodiazepines or propofol) as sedative (Dexdor)</u>	RCT
Pain assessment: sedation – analgesia – delirium protocol	Observational studies
Prevention of metabolic disturbances (severe hypoxemia, fever, dysnatremia(s), prolonged hyperglycemia...)	Observational studies
Nonpharmacological measures	
Sleep protocol	RCT (non-critical care setting)
Reorientation and cognitively stimulating activities	
Rehydration	
Use of eyeglasses, magnifying lenses, and hearing aids	
Avoid use of physical restraints	Observational studies
Early mobilization	RCT

RCT randomized controlled trial.

Effect of dexmedetomidine versus lorazepam on outcome in patients with sepsis: an *a priori*-designed analysis of the MENDS randomized controlled trial

Table 2: Outcomes of patients with and without sepsis*

Outcome variable	Patients with sepsis	
	DEX (n = 31)	LZ (n = 32)
Duration of brain organ dysfunction		
Delirium/coma-free days**	6.1 (4.3)	2.9 (3.2)
Delirium-free days†	8.1 (3.1)	6.7(2.9)
Coma-free days§	9.4 (2.9)	5.9 (4.2)
Other clinical outcomes		
MV-free days‡	15.2 (10.6)	10.1 (10.3)
ICU days	13.4 (15.1)	12.2 (9.8)
28-day mortality	16%	41%



Grazie per l'attenzione !

