



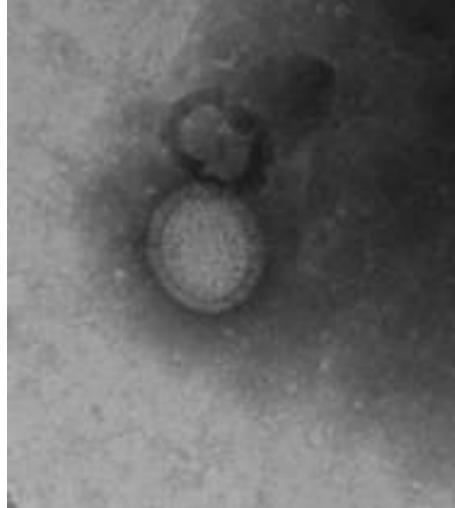
# Pathophysiology of pandemic influenza

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Host

Not infected

Asymptomatic

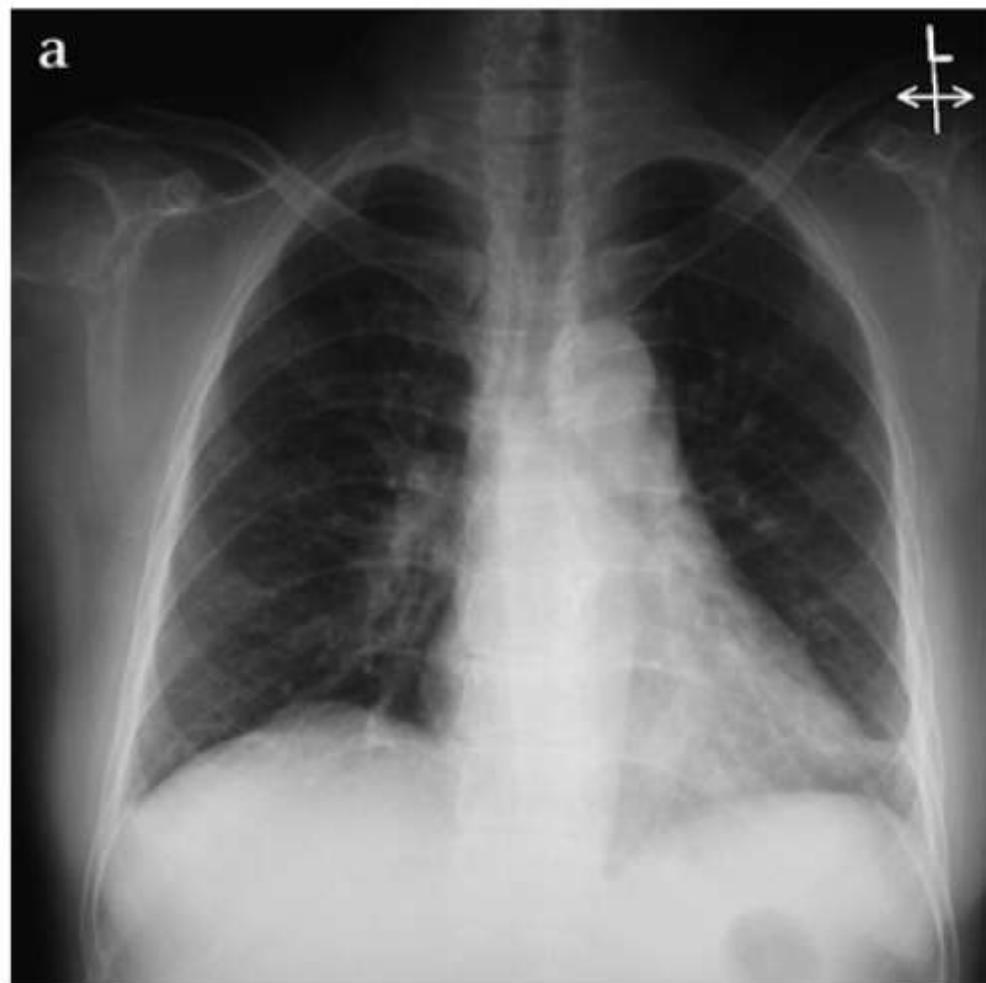
Mild

Severe

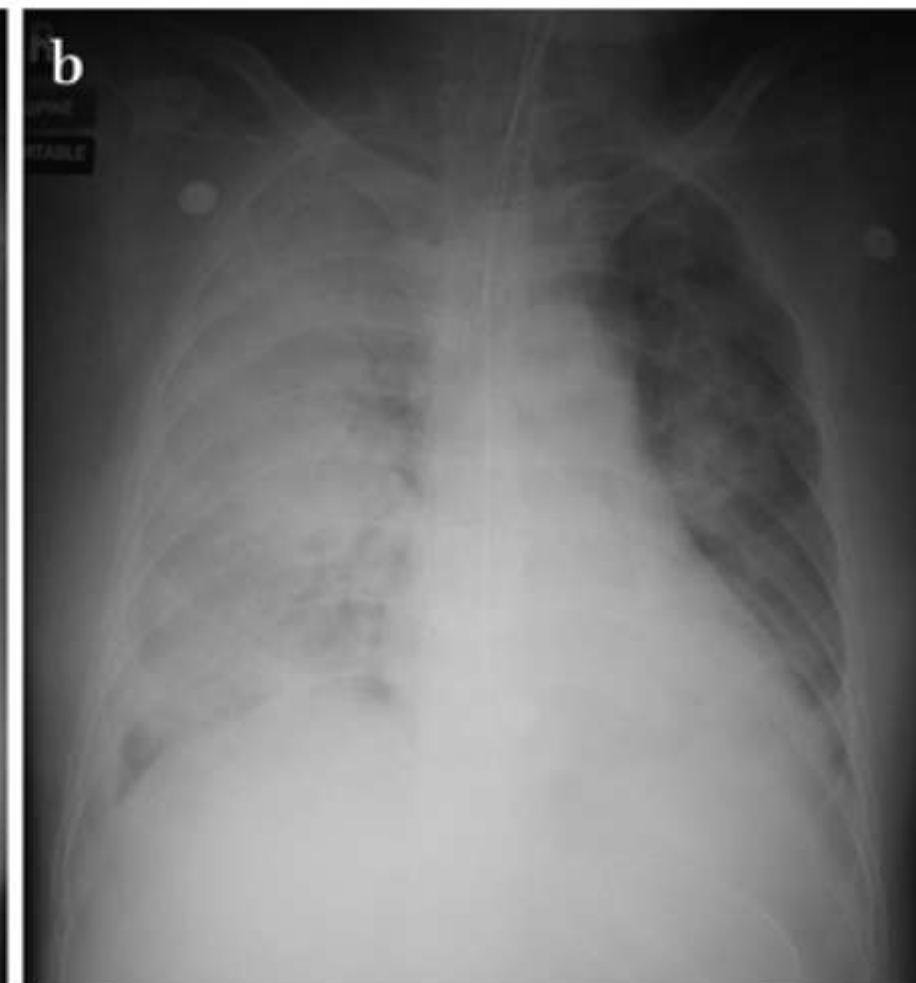


# Rapid progression of pneumonia

On admission



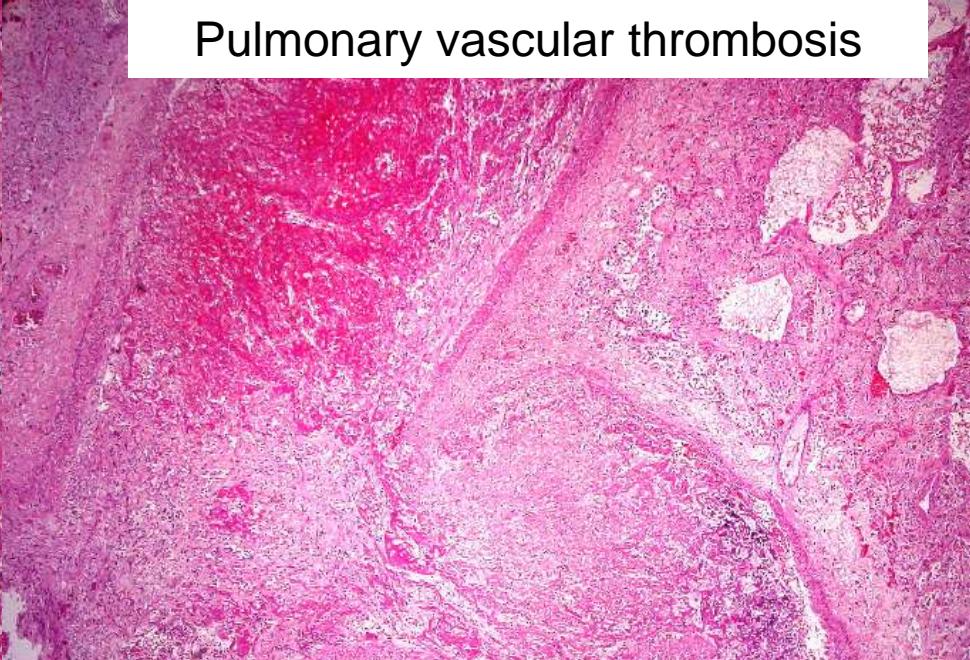
20 hours later



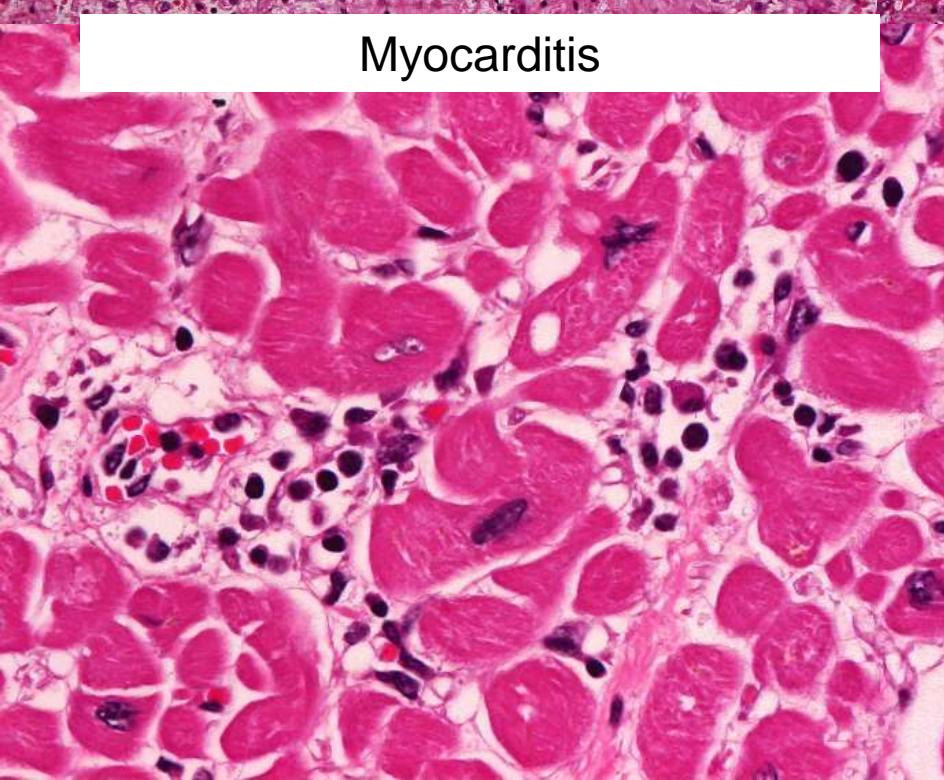
Diffuse alveolar damage



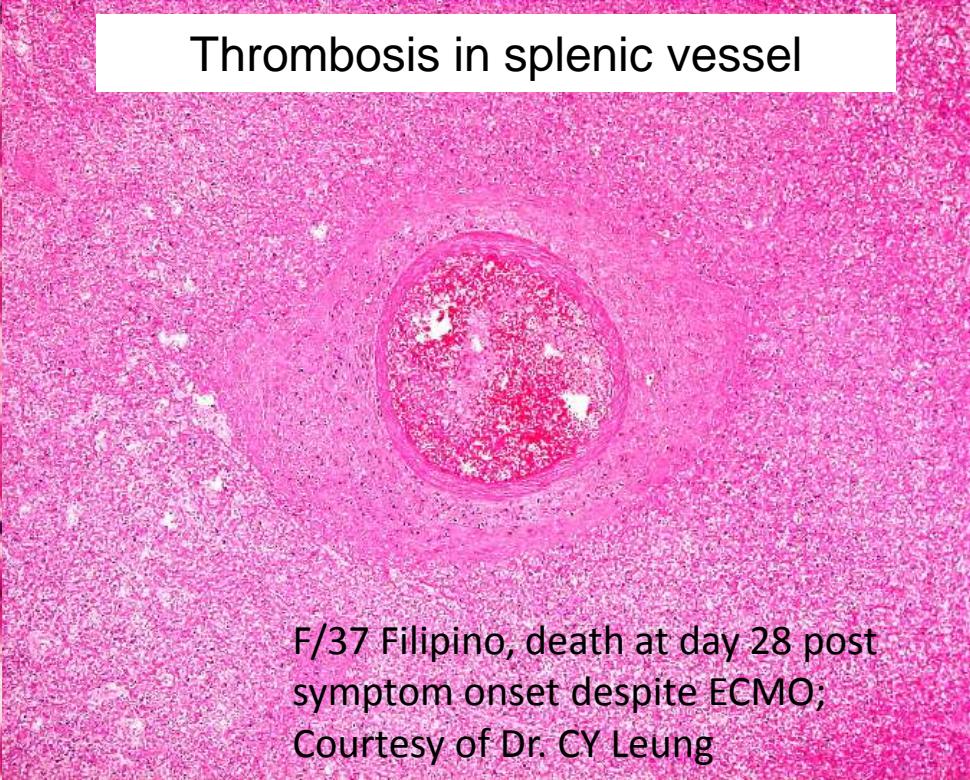
Pulmonary vascular thrombosis



Myocarditis

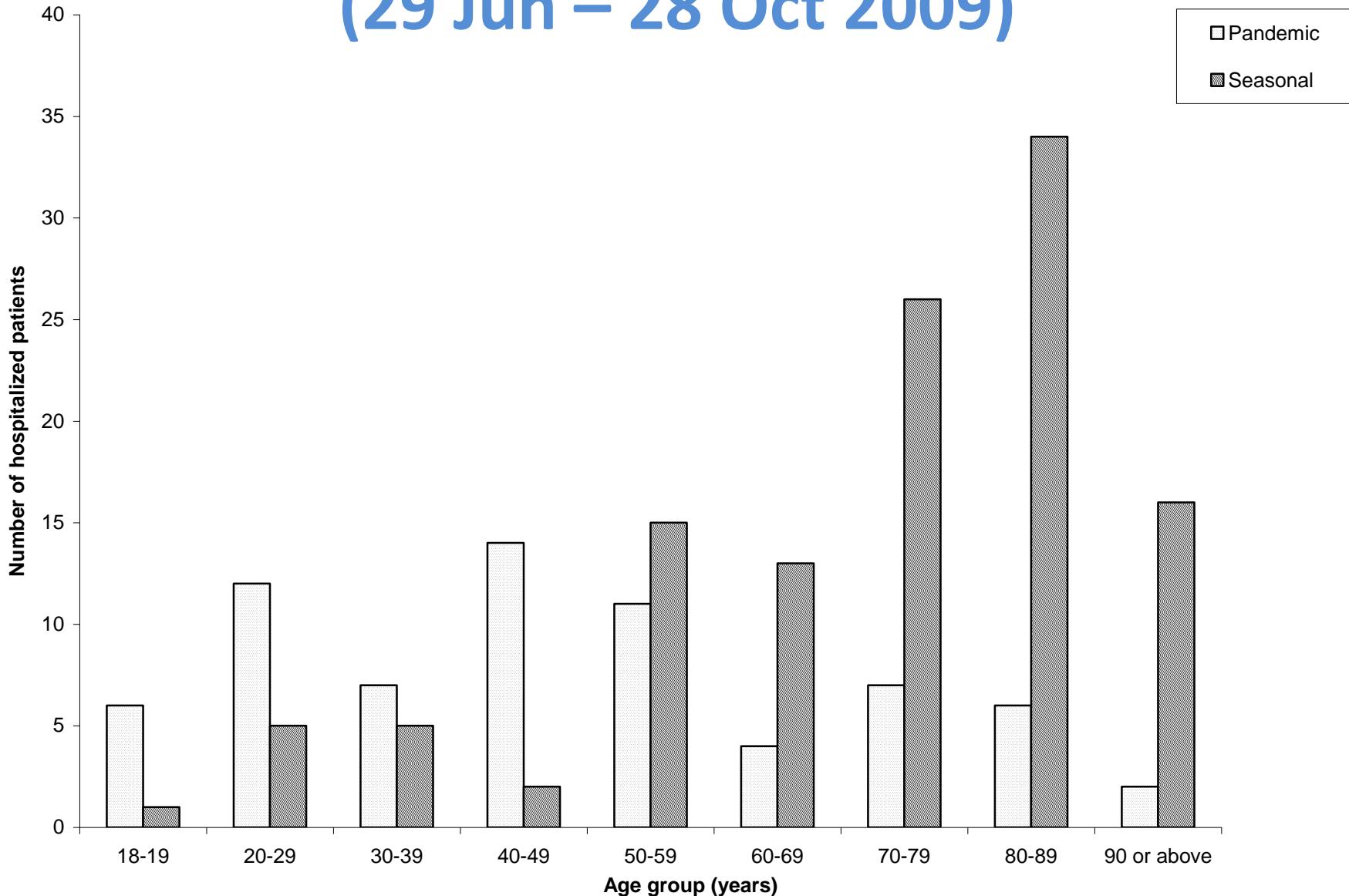


Thrombosis in splenic vessel



F/37 Filipino, death at day 28 post symptom onset despite ECMO;  
Courtesy of Dr. CY Leung

# Hospitalized patients during the 1<sup>st</sup> wave (29 Jun – 28 Oct 2009)

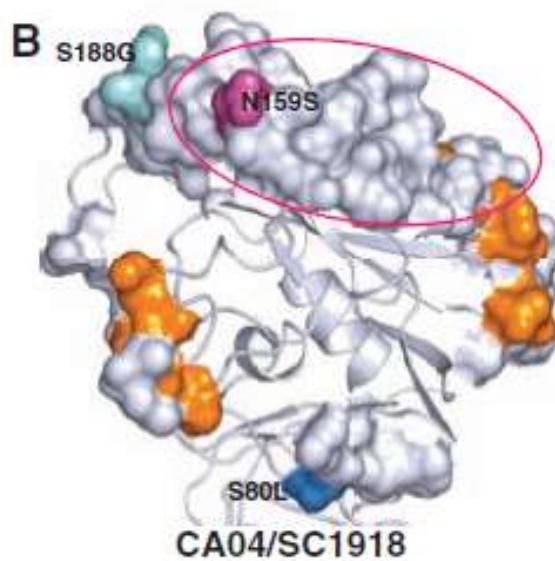


# Lack of pre-existing immunity

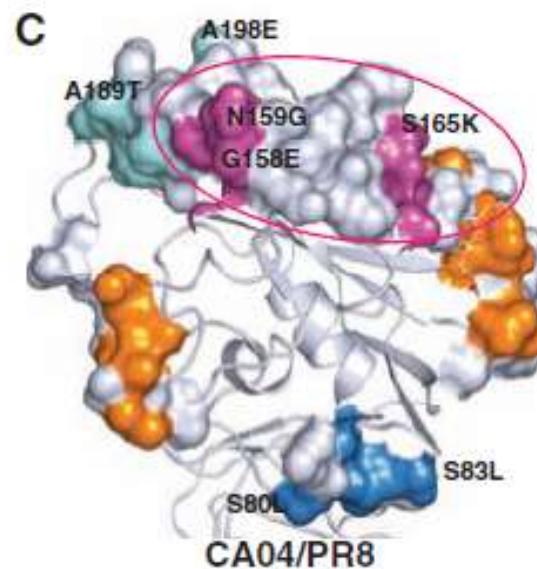
Serum samples collected in 2008							
Age group (years)	No. tested	Titer % to seasonal H1			Titer % to pandemic H1		
		<10	10–20	≥40	<10	10–20	≥40
1–4	24	54	21	25	100	0	0
5–9	30	23	10	67	70	30	0
10–19	30	13	27	60	93	7	0
20–29	30	30	40	30	63	33	3
30–39	30	23	40	37	57	43	0
40–49	30	7	60	33	60	37	3
50–65	30	0	33	67	20	63	17
>65	30	3	30	67	13	50	37

# Structural similarity to 1918 virus

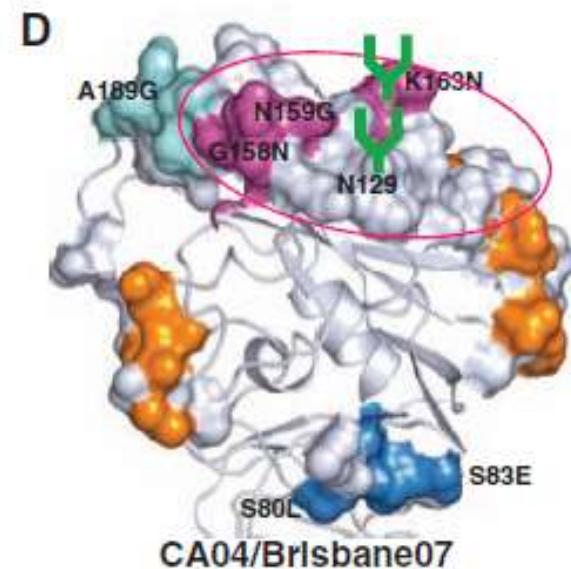
1918 H1N1



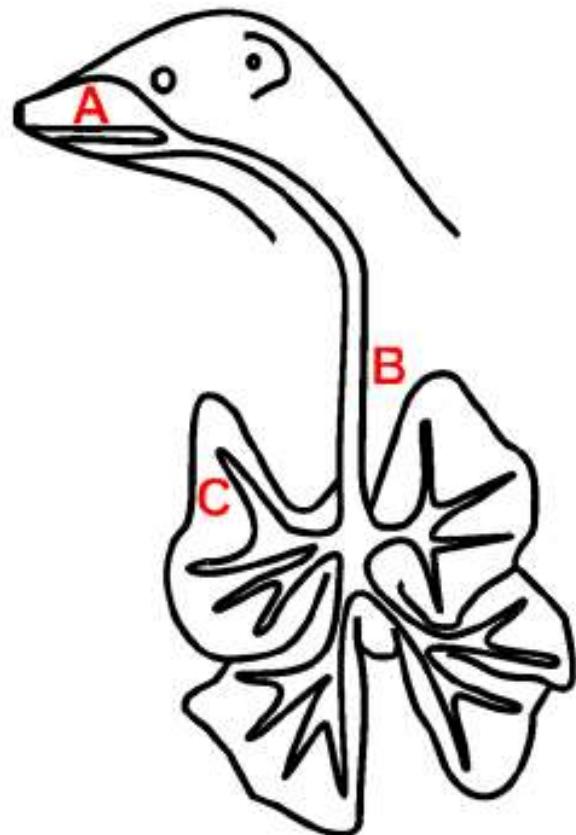
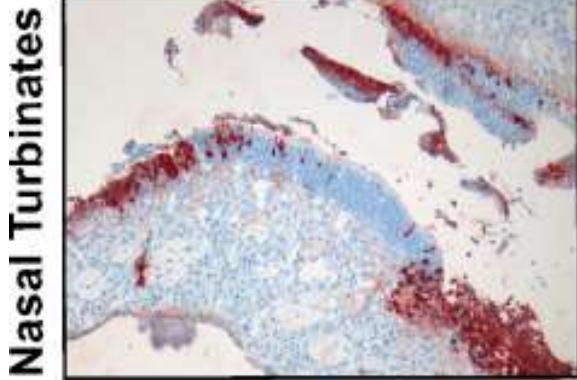
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Seasonal  
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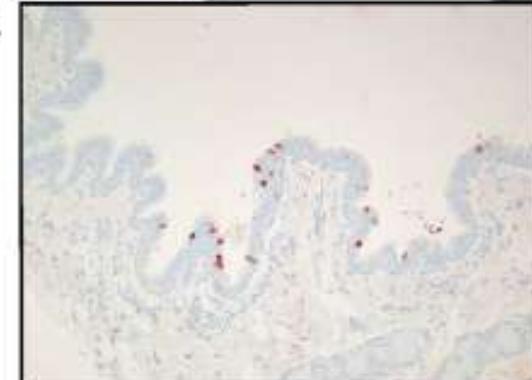
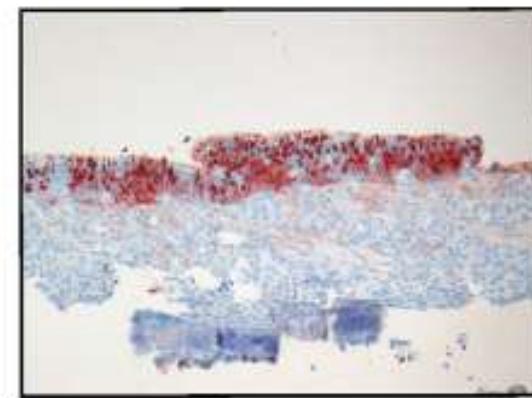
2007  
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influenza



**A Seasonal A/H1N1**



**A 2009 A/H1N1**





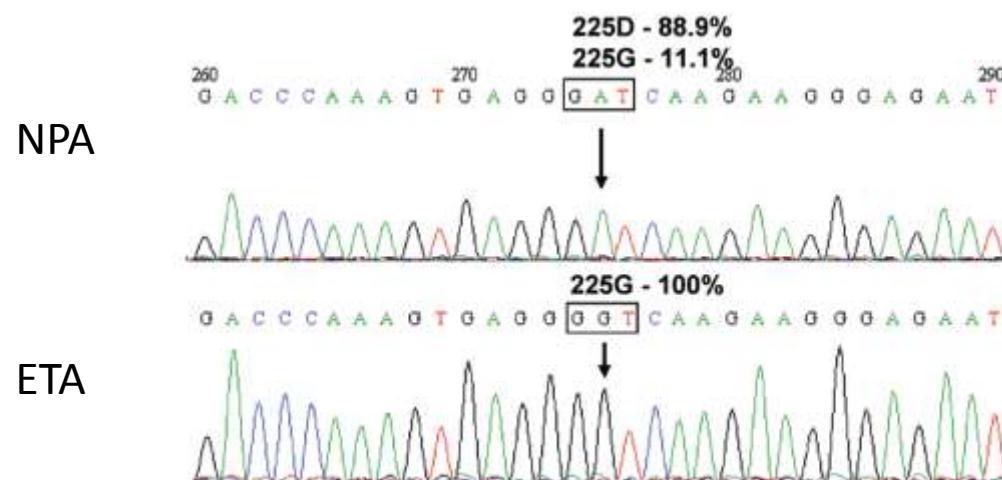
## Preliminary review of D222G amino acid substitution in the haemagglutinin of pandemic influenza A (H1N1) 2009 viruses

28 December 2009

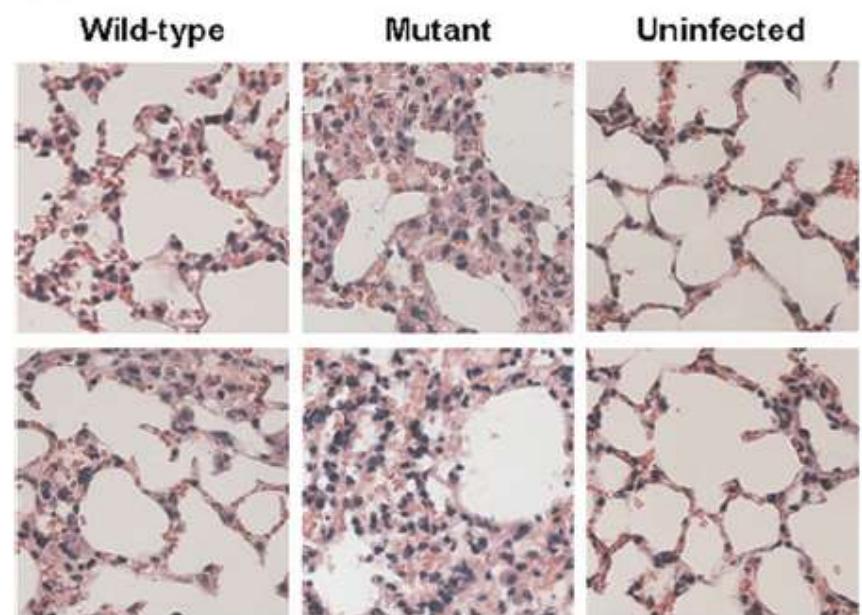
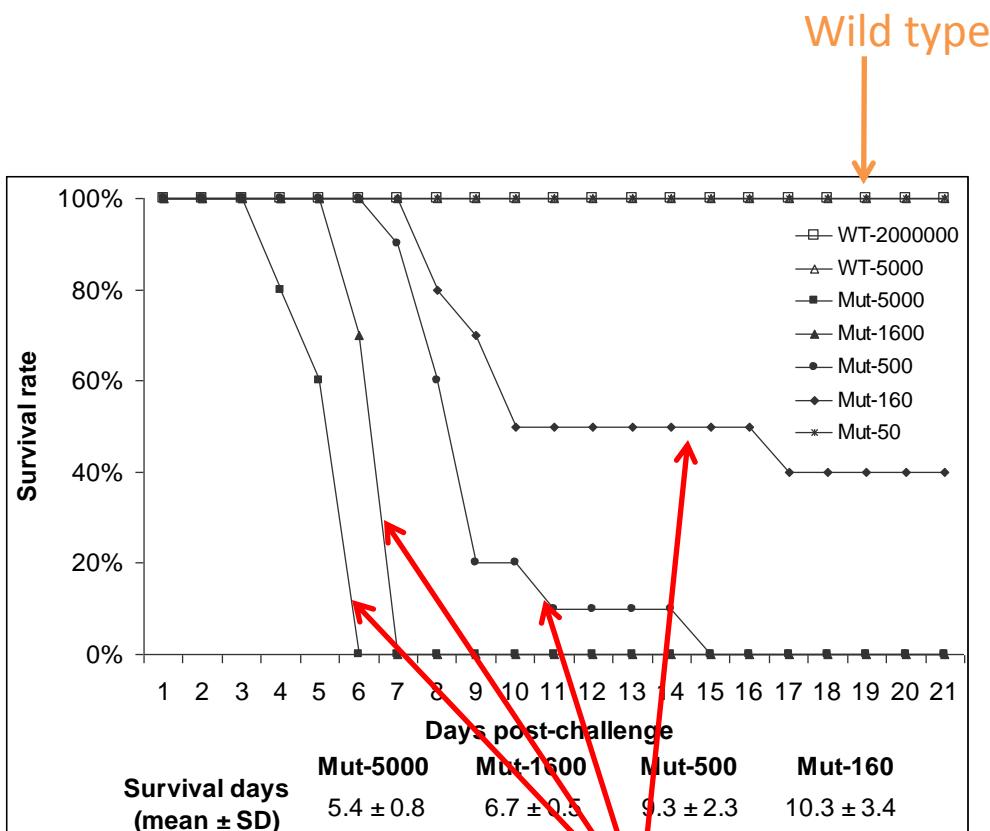
- Prevalence of D222G mutation <1.8% of all cases
- 7.1% of fatal cases had the D222G mutation

# D225G/ D222G mutation is associated with severe disease

Patient (age in years, sex)	Underlying disease	Mechanical ventilation	ICU admission	ARDS	Outcome	Days of symptoms before specimen collection	Days of oseltamivir before specimen collection <sup>a</sup>	Specimen	
								NPA	ETA
1 (43, F)	Alcohol dependence, depression	+	+	+	Died	12	0	225D, 225G	225G
2 (51, F)	Hypertension, poliomyelitis, osteoarthritis	+	+	+	Survived	6	2	225D	225N
3 (23, F)	Pregnancy	+	+	+	Survived	4	0	225D	225G, 225D
4 (51, M)	Good past health	+	+	-	Survived	7 (ETA) 12 (NPA)	-1 (ETA) 4 (NPA)	225G, 225N	225G, 225N
5 (37, F)	Hypertension	+	+	+	Died	8	-3	225G	NA <sup>b</sup>
6 (30, F)	Good past health	+	+	+	Survived	4	1	225D	225G, 225D
7 (49, F)	Hepatitis B carrier	+	+	+	Survived	2	0	225G	225D
8 (59, F)	Subarachnoid hemorrhage	+	+	+	Died	4	1	225D	225D, 225G
9 (36, F)	Bronchiectasis	+	+	+	Survived	5	2	225E	225D
10 (19, M)	Good past health	-	-	-	Survived	2	1	225E	NA
11 (18, M)	Congenital heart disease <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	Survived	2	NA	225E	NA
12 (27, F)	Good past health	-	-	-	Survived	4	1	225N	NA



# D225G mutants in animal model



D225G  
mutant

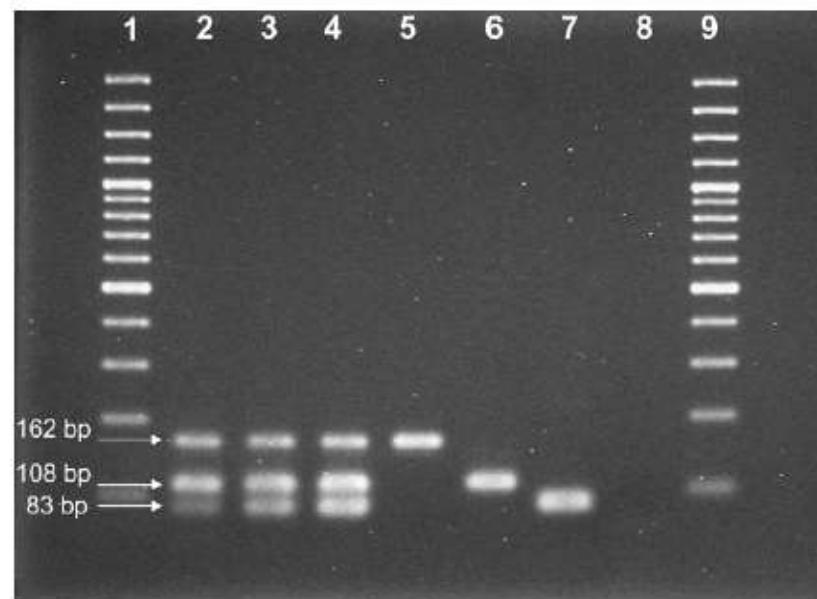
# Co-infections in some cases

Bacterial Coinfections in Lung Tissue Specimens from Fatal Cases of 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) – United States, May–August 2009

Fatal co-infection with swine origin influenza virus A/H1N1 and community-acquired methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

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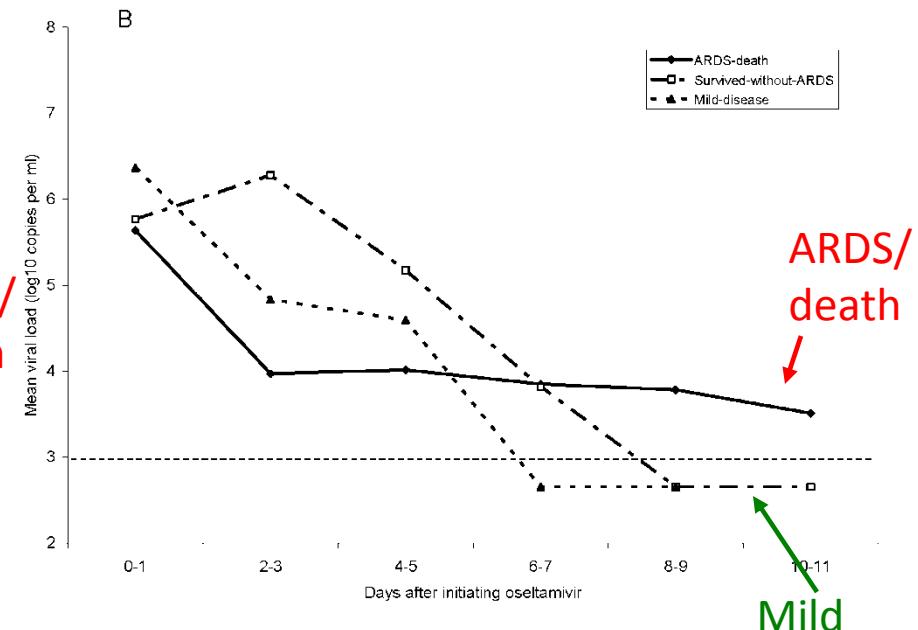
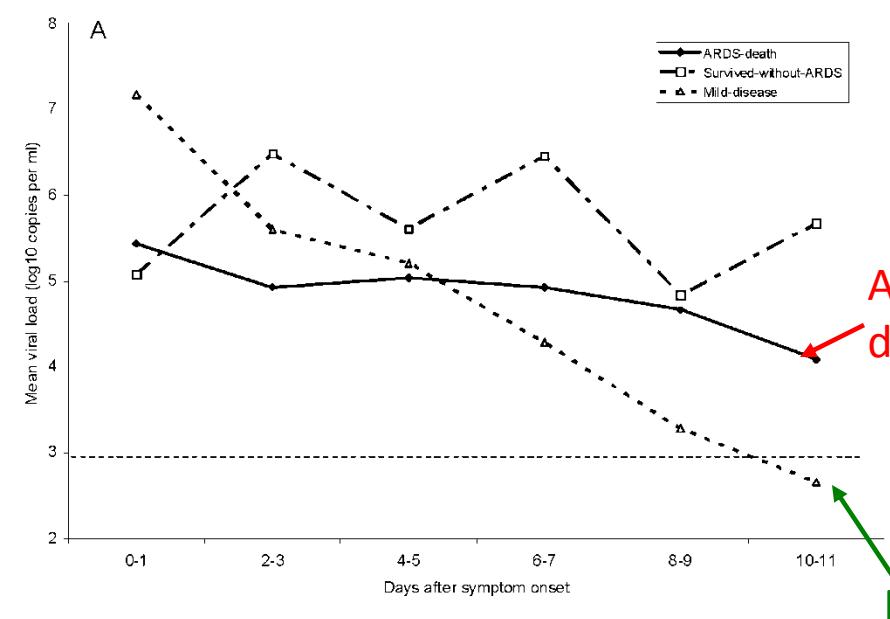
- *S. aureus* (CA-MRSA)
- *S. pneumoniae*
- *S. pyogenes*
- *S. mitis*
- *Haemophilus influenzae*



# Delayed clearance of virus in respiratory tract

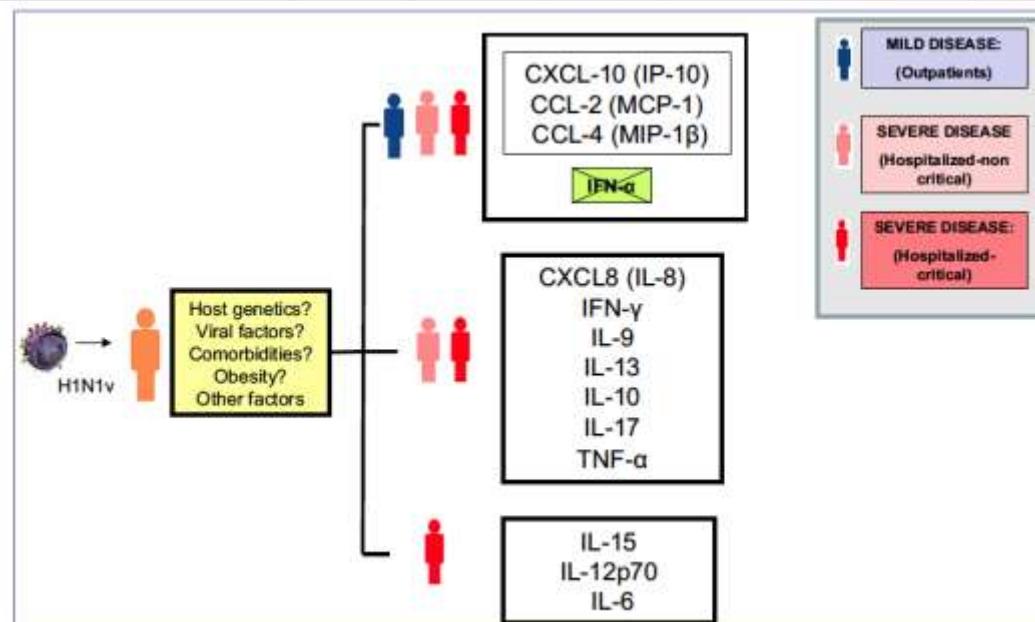
After symptom onset

After oseltamivir



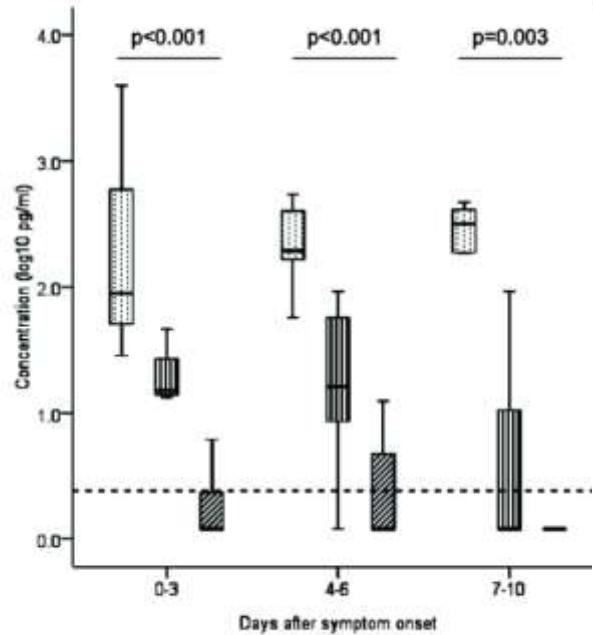
# Elevated cytokine/ chemokine

Variable	ARDS-death group (n = 18)	Survived-without-ARDS group (n = 10)	P <sup>a</sup>	Mild-disease group (n = 29)	P <sup>b</sup>
Cytokine or chemokine, log <sub>10</sub> pg/mL <sup>c,d</sup>					
G-CSF	2.11 (1.33–3.91)	1.13 (0.19–2.03)	<.001	1.31 (0.74–2.43)	<.001
IFN- $\alpha$ 2	1.1 (0.71–2.49)	0.79 (0.71–1.79)	.138	0.71 (0.71–2.07)	.024
IL-1 $\alpha$	2.13 (1.38–2.78)	1.66 (1.17–2.19)	.014	1.59 (0.94–2.46)	<.001
IL-6	2.40 (1.32–4.00)	1.19 (0.81–1.97)	<.001	0.08 (0.08–2.14)	<.001
IL-8	2.25 (1.23–4.02)	1.70 (1.18–3.20)	.084	1.21 (0.78–2.66)	<.001
IL-10	1.80 (1.14–2.70)	1.02 (0.19–2.36)	.002	0.48 (0.19–1.60)	<.001
IL-15	0.92 (0.44–1.70)	0.33 (0.20–2.36)	<.001	0.20 (0.20–0.65)	<.001
IL-17	0.20 (0.20–2.94)	0.20 (0.20–0.87)	.298	0.76 (0.20–2.48)	.074
IP-10	3.83 (3.01–4.01)	3.10 (2.69–4.01)	.065	3.00 (1.80–3.36)	<.001
MCP-1	3.11 (2.48–3.74)	2.73 (2.41–3.44)	.017	2.58 (1.94–3.00)	<.001
TNF- $\alpha$	1.19 (0.62–2.12)	0.90 (0.89–1.15)	.002	0.86 (0.80–1.25)	<.001

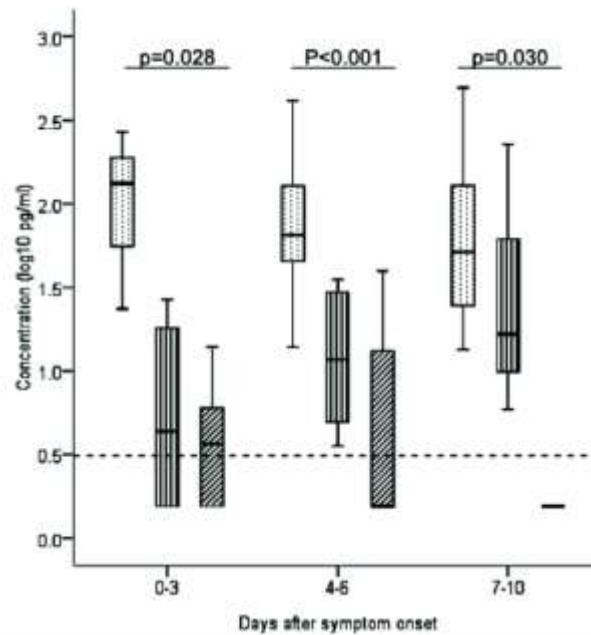


# Persistent elevation of IL-6, IL-10, IL-15

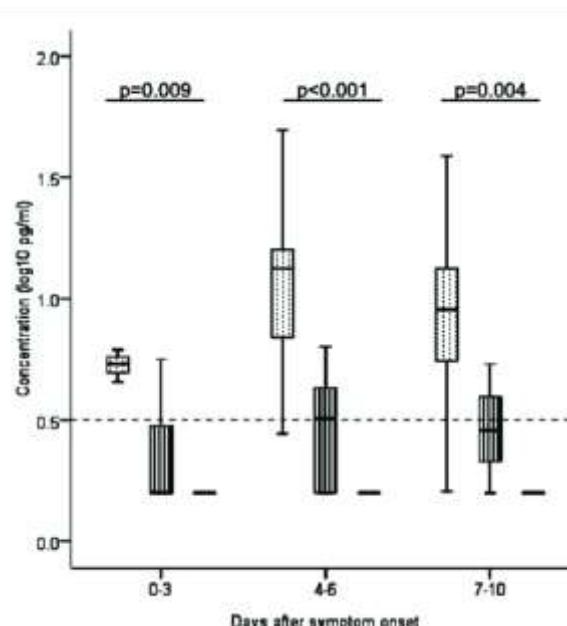
IL-6



IL-10



IL-15



■ ARDS-death  
■ Survived-without-ARDS  
▨ Mild-disease

# H1N1 2009 influenza virus infection during pregnancy in the USA

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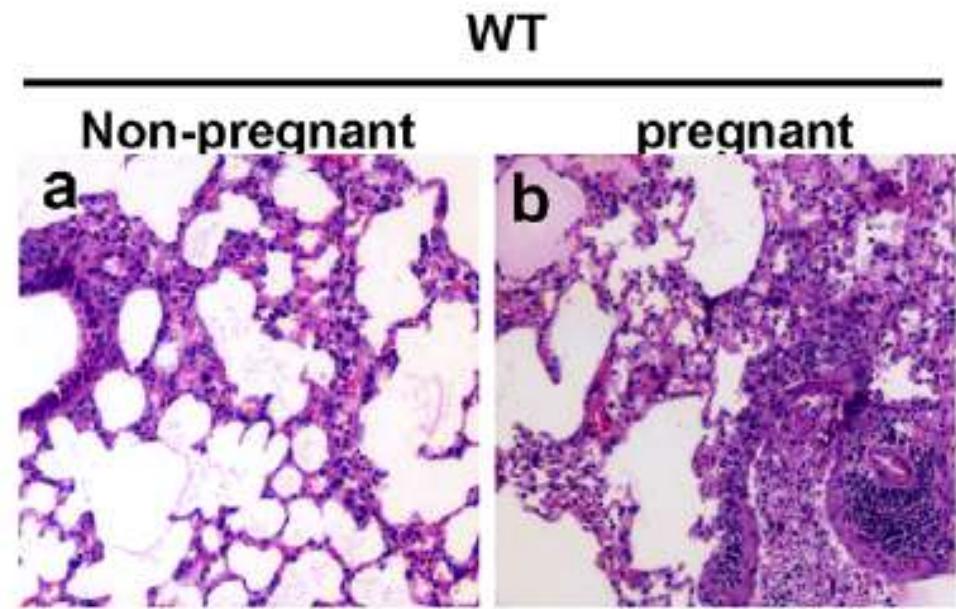
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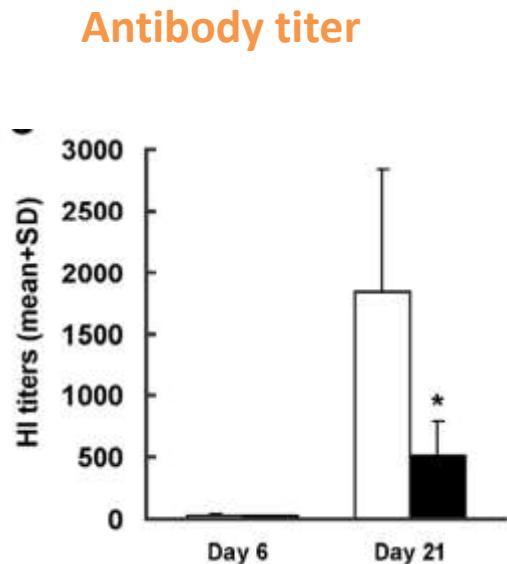
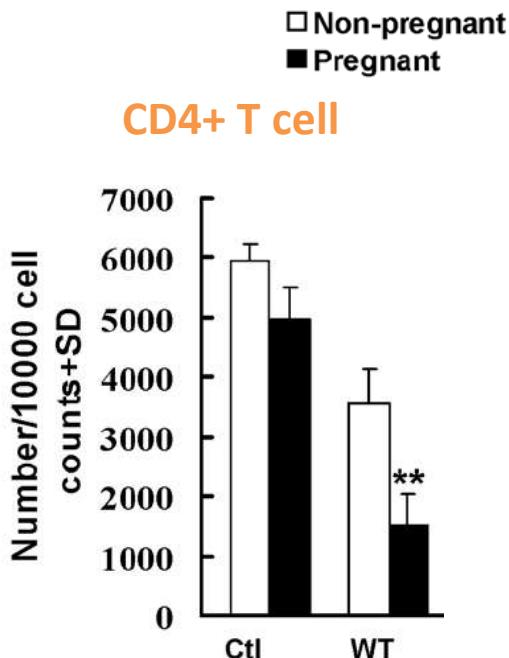
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# Pregnant mice

- more severe lung damage



Interstitial bronchitis, epithelial necrosis, alveolitis and alveolar edema

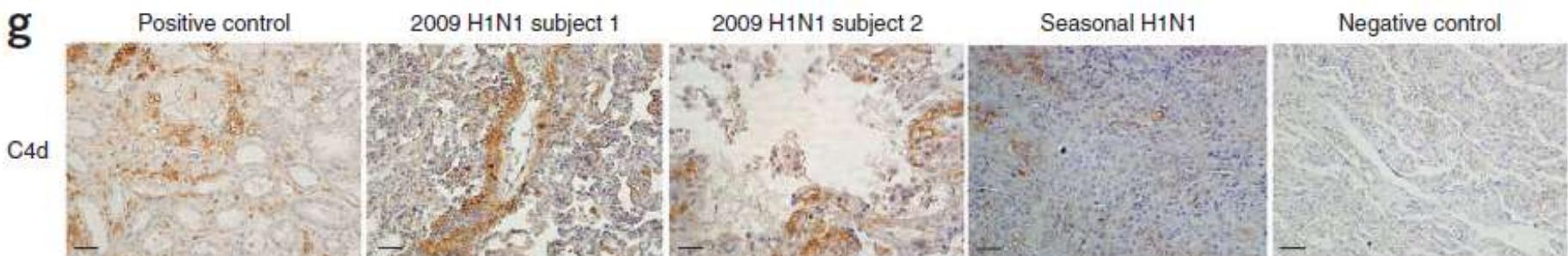


No virus found in

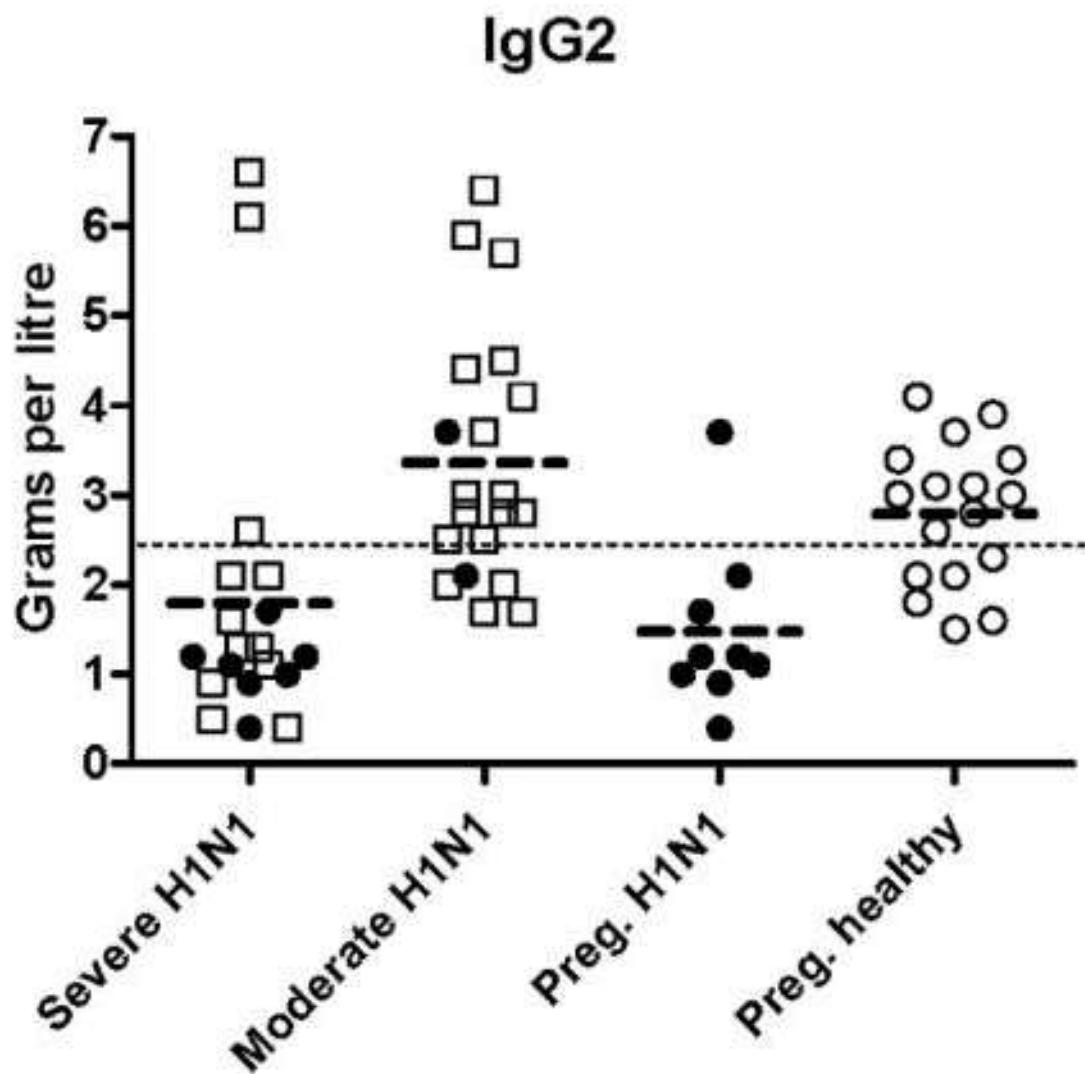
- Brain
- Liver
- Kidney
- Placenta
- Fetus

# Severe pandemic 2009 H1N1 influenza disease due to pathogenic immune complexes

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# IgG2 deficiency



# Severe case has lower IgG2 level

TABLE 4. Initial plasma IgG and cytokine/chemokine levels

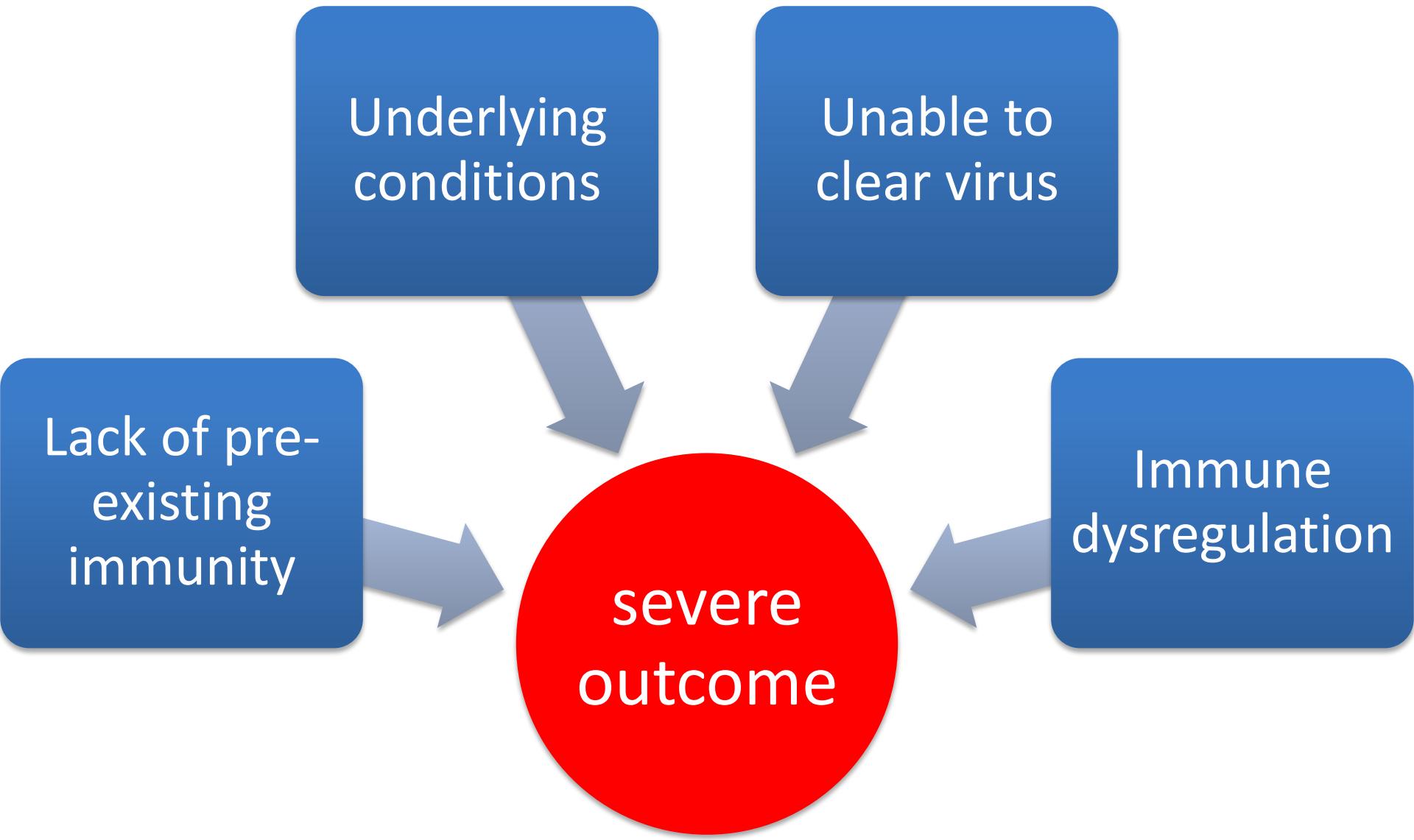
Parameter	Severe cases <sup>a</sup> (n = 38)	Mild cases (n = 36)	P value
IgG level, g/liter			
IgG1, median (range) (normal, 3.65–9.41)	6.55 (1.10–18.00)	6.70 (3.50–12.30)	0.713
IgG2, median (range) (normal, 1.65–5.45)	3.55 (1.10–8.00)	4.75 (2.00–7.95)	0.002
IgG3, median (range) (normal, 0.32–1.16)	0.83 (0.15–4.60)	0.86 (0.32–3.30)	0.689
IgG4, median (range) (normal, 0.06–1.21)	0.54 (0.06–1.85)	0.95 (0.14–3.65)	0.087

TABLE 5. IgHG2 and Fc $\gamma$ RIIa genotypes

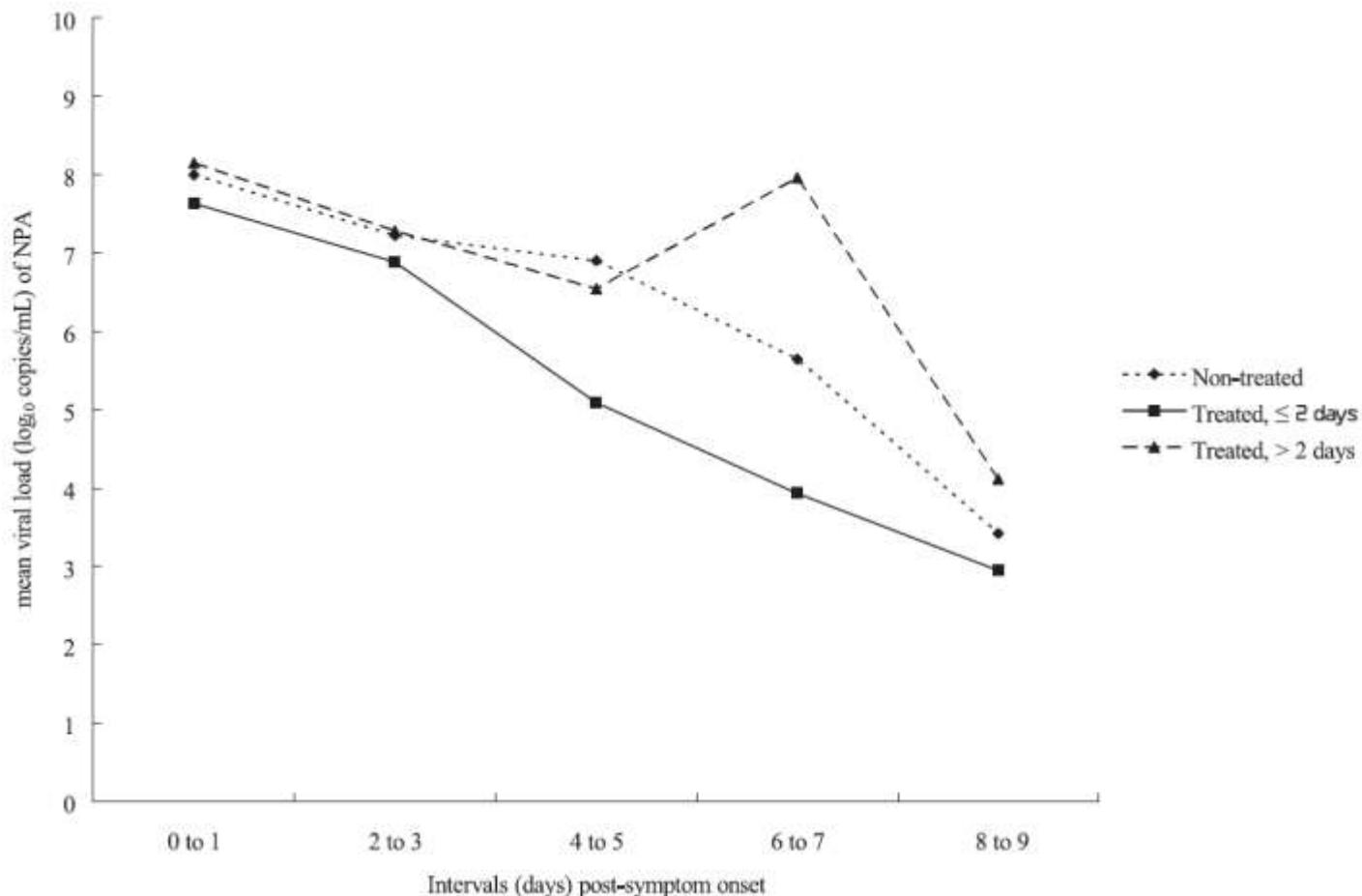
Genotype	Severe cases (%) (n = 37)	Mild cases (%) (n = 36)
IgHG2		
n+/n+	18 (48.6)	Not available
n+/n-	14 (37.8)	Not available
n-/n-	5 (13.5)	Not available
Fc $\gamma$ RIIa		
H131H	23 (62.2)	16 (44.4)
H131R	9 (24.3)	17 (47.2)
R131R	5 (13.5)	3 (8.3)

Lower IgG2 level independently associated with:

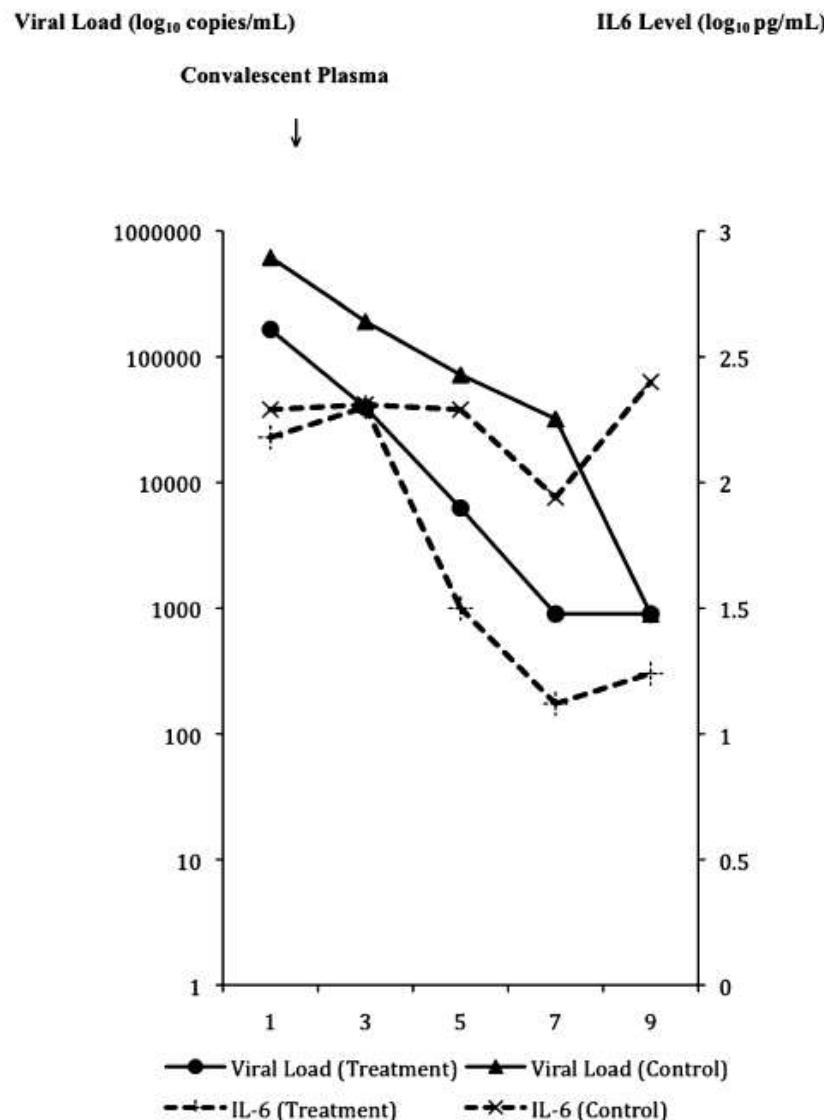
- Overall cytokine/chemokine level
- Serum globulin level



# Oseltamivir has limited antiviral activity, especially after 5 days



# Convalescent plasma treatment



**Mortality:**

Treatment group:  
20%

Control group:  
54.8%

## High-Dose *N*-Acetylcysteine Therapy for Novel H1N1 Influenza Pneumonia

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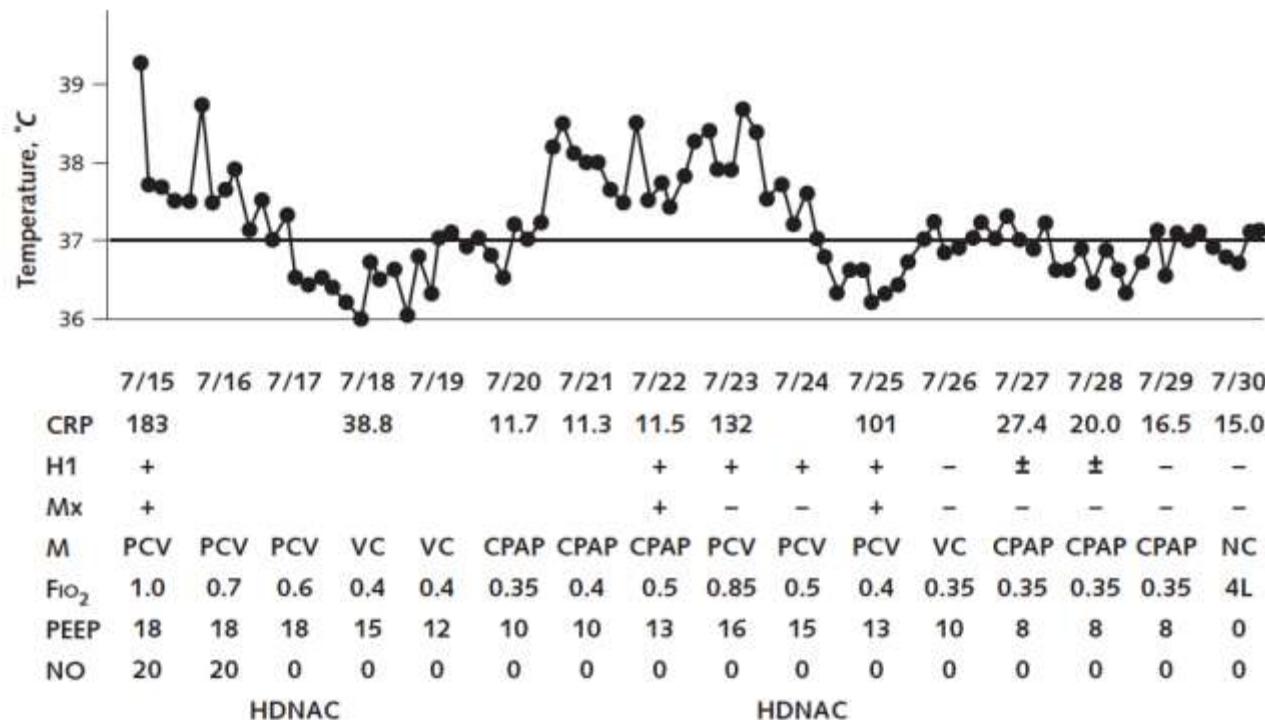
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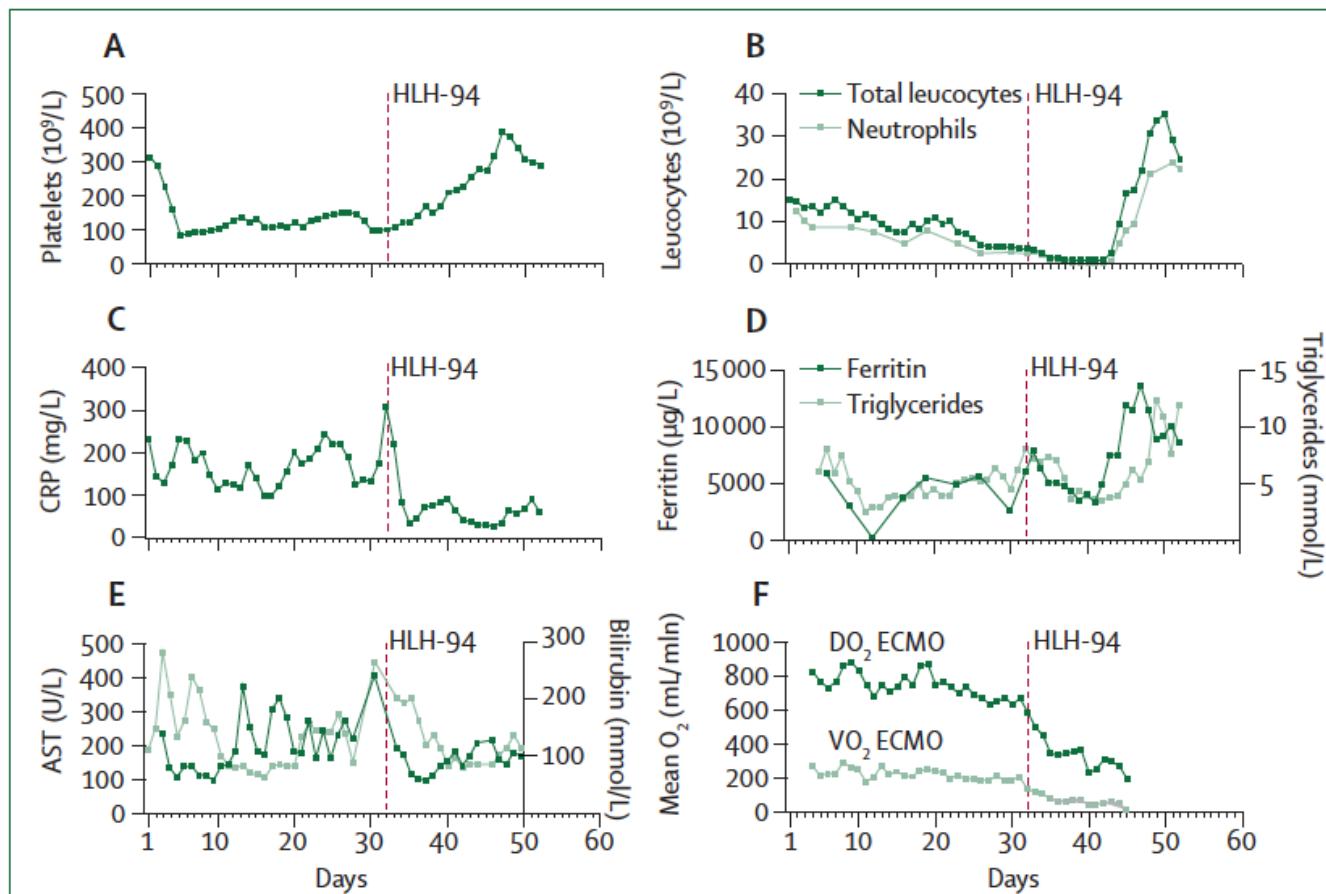
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# Cytotoxic therapy for severe swine flu A/H1N1

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## Etoposide, betamethasone



# Not all immunotherapy works

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- Anti-inflammatory therapy (corticosteroid, macrolides, statins) did not prevent development of severe disease

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