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Sars-cov-2 pneumonia: receptor binding and lung immunopatholog

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In December 2019, a new type of human coronavirus was identified and named severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2), due to its similarity to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV). So far, it is still spreading all over the globe and patients have been treated many times by non-specialists. The current pandemic of COVID-19 caused millions of deaths and healthcare professionals struggle to properly manage infected patients. It is urgent to determine the main vias through which SARS-CoV-2 induces acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In this context, we performed a review of articles that approach physiopathological features of SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia. Search strategy and selection criteria: references for this review were identified through searches of PubMed for articles published any date before July, 2020, by use of the terms "SARS-CoV-2", "pneumonia", "ARDS", "ACE2", "immunology" and "pathology". Articles resulting from these searches and relevant references cited in those articles were reviewed. Articles published in English were included. The present review summarizes information about SARS-CoV-2 receptor binding dynamics and intricacies, lung autopsy findings, immune response patterns, evidence-based explanations for the immune response, and COVID 19-associated hypercoagulability. Focusing on these specific topics should help physicians to understand rationale of future vaccine, why corticosteroids are efficient in severe forms and why early anticoagulant therapy is recommended.

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