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Background

Acute lung injury (ALI) describes a clinical syndrome of acute respiratory failure with substantial morbidity and mortality

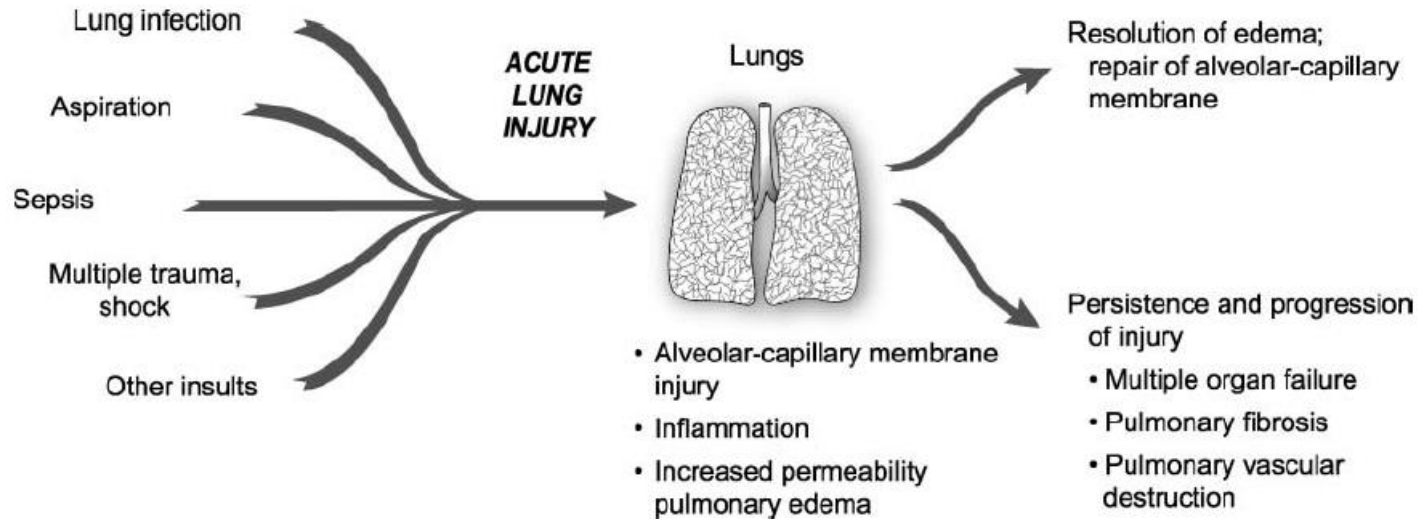
Between 25-40% of individuals with sepsis and 7% of intensive care patients develop ALI

increasing intensive care unit mortality from 11% to 38% in patients

Definition of the American-European Consensus Conference Committee:
acute onset of diffuse bilateral pulmonary infiltrates by chest radiograph, a $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 300$ for ALI and pulmonary artery wedge pressure (PAWP) ≤ 18



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Therapeutic interventions to treat ALI remain limited

Lung-protective ventilation, including low tidal volume and low inspiratory pressure ventilation, has been associated with increased survival rates

Prone positioning, high-frequency oscillatory ventilation, inhaled nitric oxide and glucocorticoids are also used, but have so far failed to alter mortality rates



La Presse Médicale; Volume 40, Issue 12, Part 2, December 2011, Pages e585–e594; “Prone positioning in acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS): When and how?”

Thus far, no real pathophysiologic-driven therapeutic intervention has become available

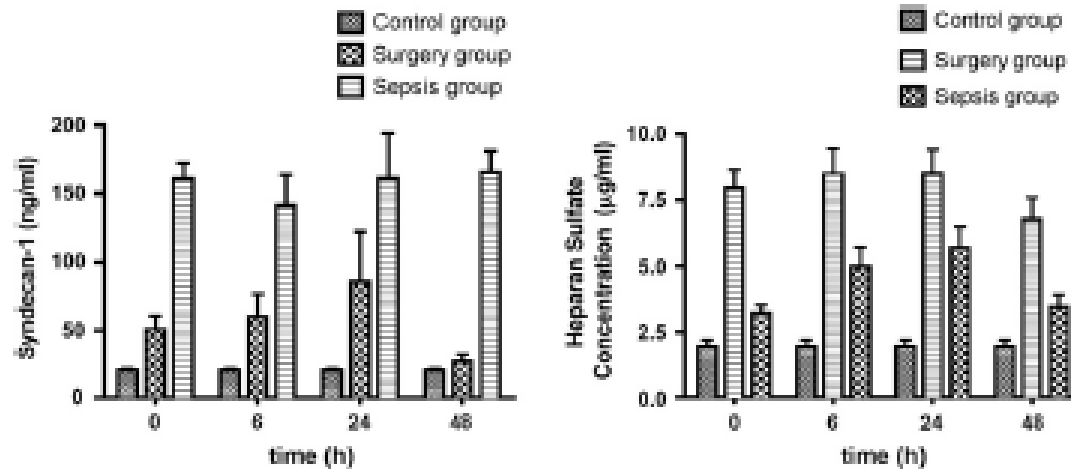
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Sepsis and Major Abdominal Surgery Lead to Flaking of the Endothelial Glycocalix

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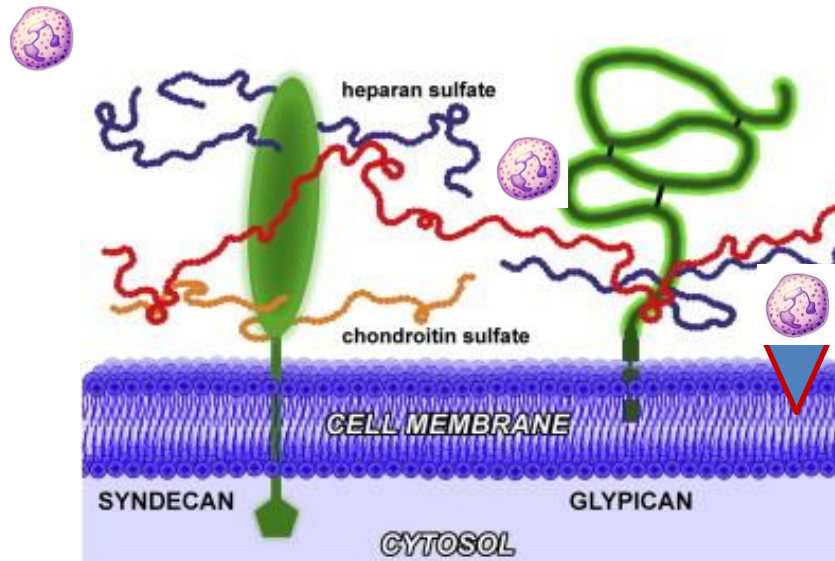
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Levels of syndecan-1 and heparan sulfate, both markers for the integrity of the endothelial glycocalix, were markedly higher in the sepsis group and the surgery group compared with the control group

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Aims

- The mechanisms by which glycocalyx loss occurs during sepsis
- How this loss allows for neutrophil adhesion within the pulmonary circulation

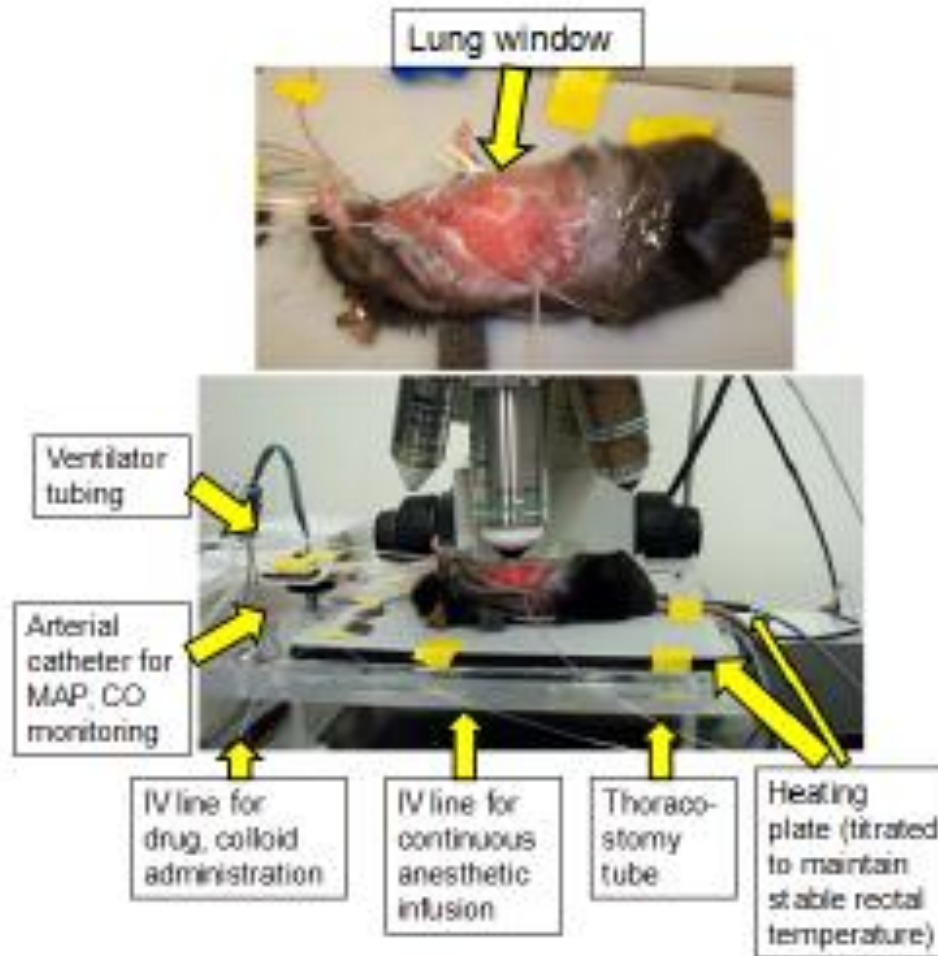
Mechanistic overview of reactive species-induced degradation of the endothelial glycocalyx during hepatic ischemia/reperfusion injury
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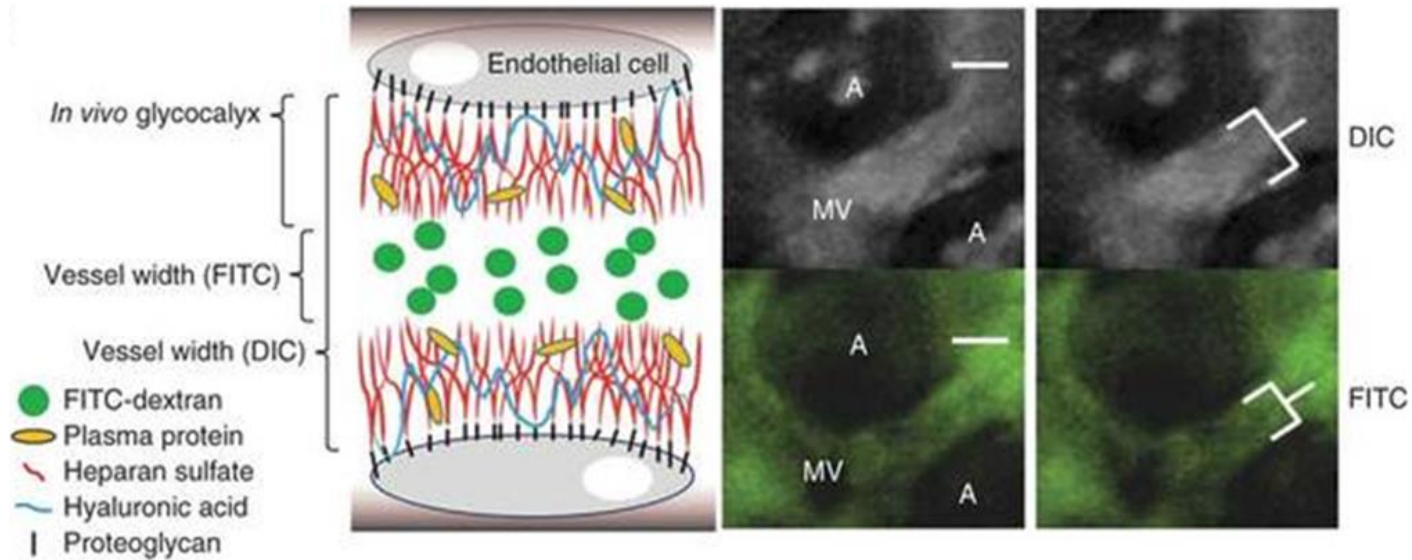
Closed-chest pulmonary intravital (in vivo) microscopy



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Subpleural microvessels (MV)
Alveolus (A)

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Animal testing: - BL/6 wild-type
 - TNFR1 knockout
 - ICAM-1 knockout

Human lung samples with diffuse alveolar damage
(=ALI) and noninjured controls

Immunofluorescence

Flow cytometry

Protein and mRNA expression

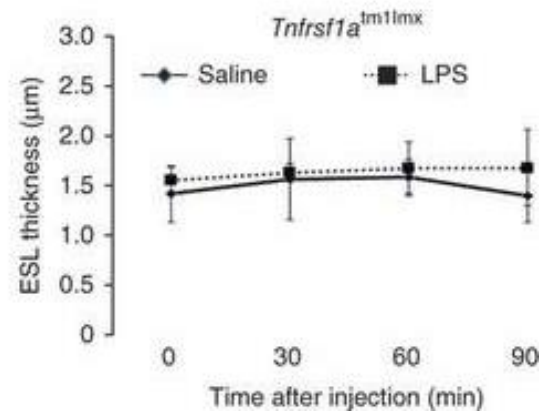
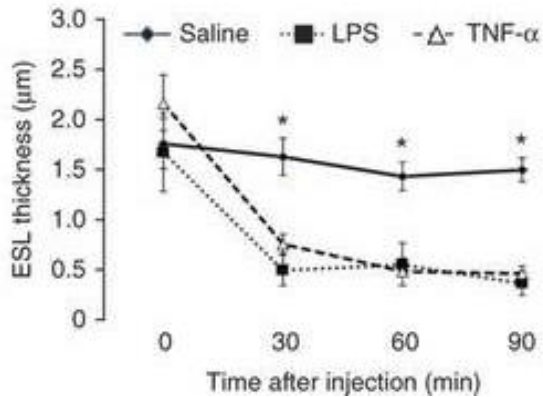
In vivo polystyrene microspheres with anti-ICAM-1

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Results

LPS degrades the pulmonary ESL via TNF- α



n=5, iv injection

saline

LPS (20 μ g per g body weight)

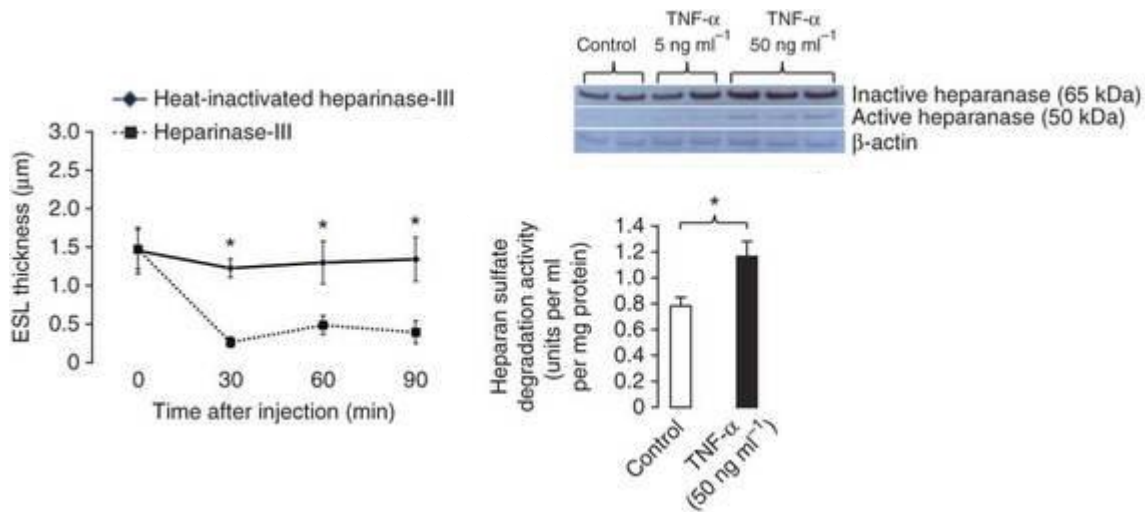
TNF- α (200 ng)

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Heparanase mediates LPS-induced ESL degradation



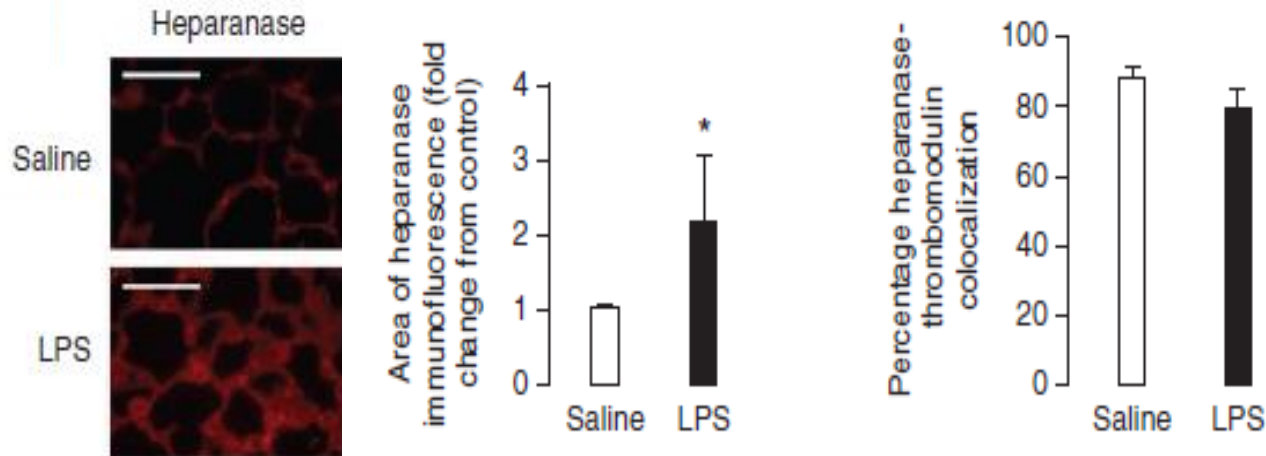
wild-type mice treated with heparinase-III or heat-inactivated heparinase-III (1 U)
n = 4–6 mice per group

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Heparanase contributes to septic acute lung injury



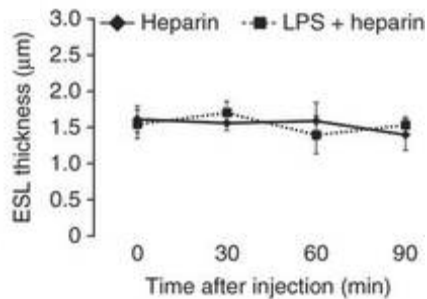
heparanase activation (with consequent glycocalyx degradation) is necessary to the development of ALI

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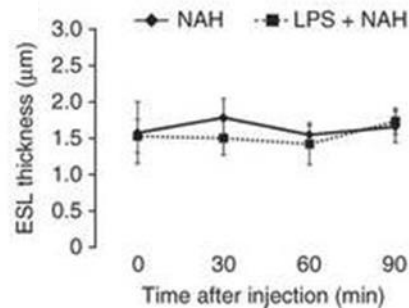
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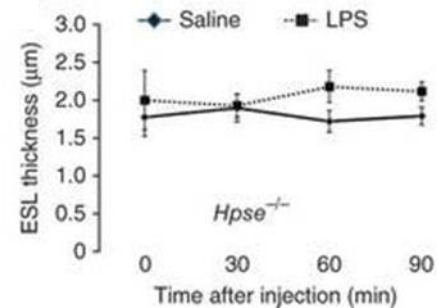
Inhibition of heparanase activity with the competitive antagonist heparin completely prevented endotoxemia-induced ESL loss



Heparin (5 U administered iv)
n = 4–6 mice per group

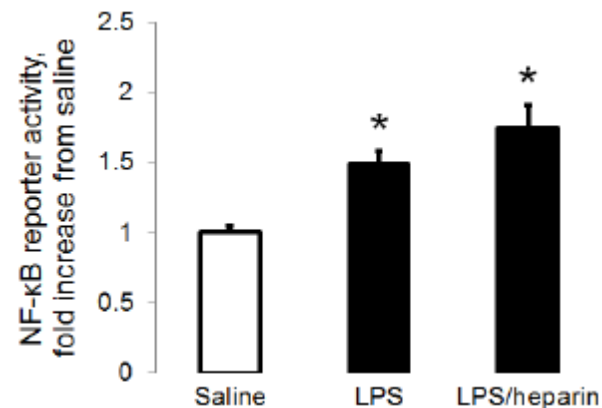


nonanticoagulant heparanase inhibitor *N*-desulfated/*re-N*-acetylated heparin
n = 4–5 mice per group



Hpse^{-/-} mice
n = 3

However heparin does not interfere with LPS danger signaling

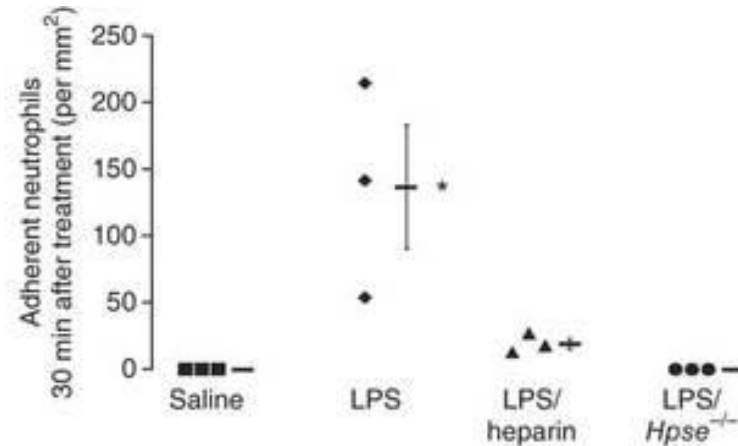
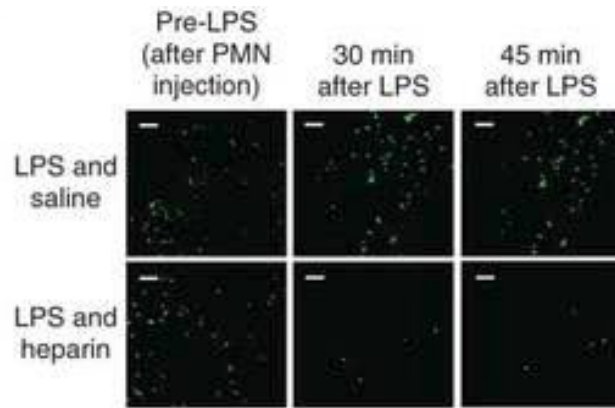


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LPS-induced neutrophil adherence is dependent upon ESL degradation



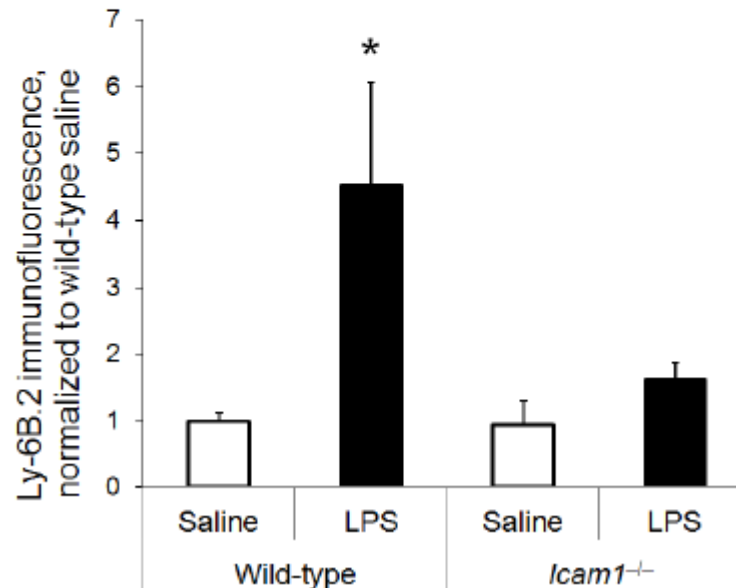
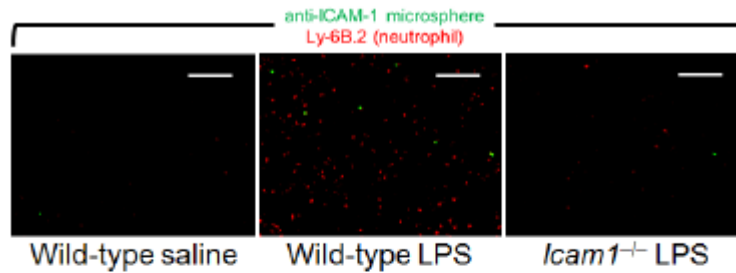
Adherence of adoptively transferred GFP+ neutrophils within subpleural microvessels
n = 3 mice per group

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intercellular adhesion molecule 1 (ICAM-1), an endothelial adhesion molecule implicated in endotoxin-induced pulmonary neutrophil adhesion



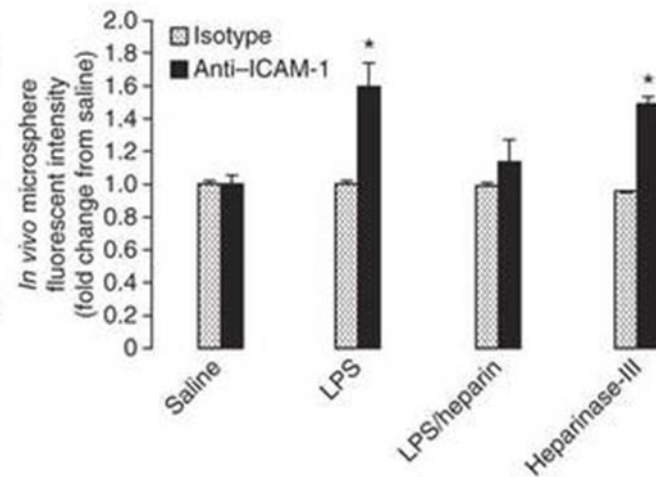
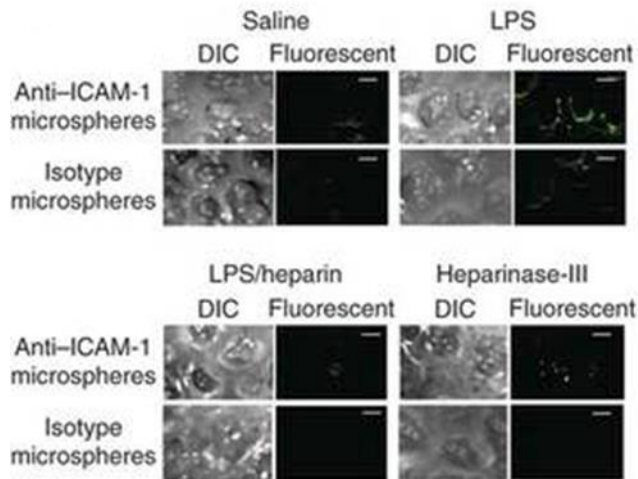
Neutrophil adhesion in wild-type mice measured via Ly6B immunofluorescence

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Visualization of anti-ICAM-1-coated fluorescent microspheres within wild-type mouse subpleural microvessels



LPS (20 µg per g body weight)
LPS (20 µg per g body weight)
heparin (5 U)
heparinase-III (1 U)
n = 3 or 4 mice per group

These findings provide a teleological rationale for LPS-induced heparanase activation: pathogen-associated molecular patterns prompt endothelial cells to cleave the endothelial glycocalyx, preparing the vascular surface for neutrophil adhesion and subsequent inflammation.

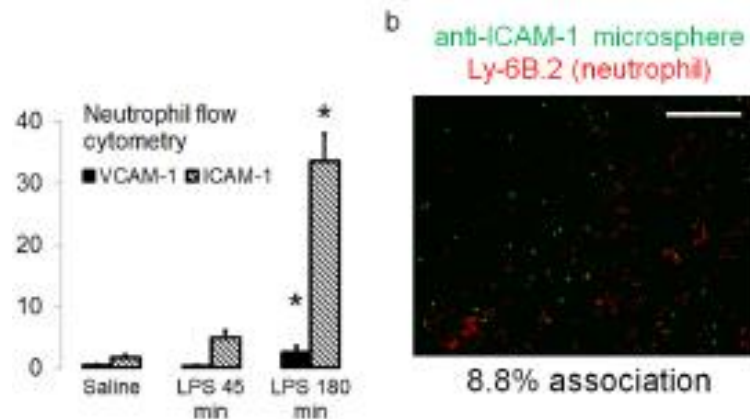
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Normal human PMNs were found to express ICAM-1 with 90% positive population, and this expression is augmented by LPS

The possibility that anti-ICAM-1 microspheres were being captured by neutrophils was excluded, as neutrophil depletion did not prevent microsphere adhesion during



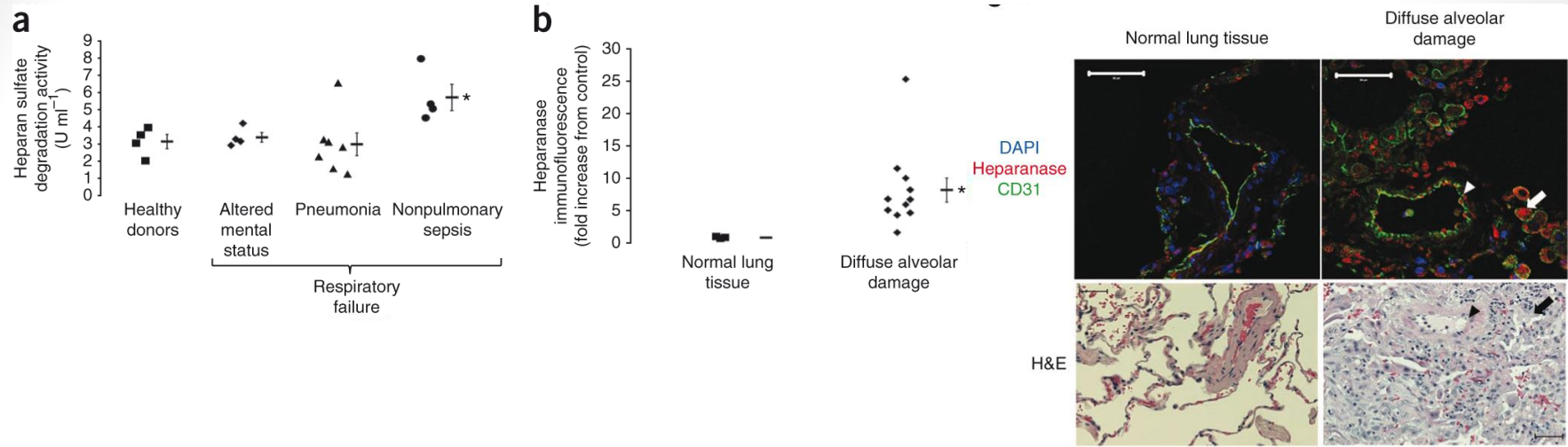
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Wang, J.H. et al. Intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1) is expressed on human neutrophils and is essential for neutrophil adherence and aggregation. Shock 8, 357-361 (1997).

Results

Heparanase is apparent in human sepsis and lung injury



Heparan sulfate degradation activity measured in plasma
n = 4-7 patients per group

Heparanase immunofluorescence in normal human lung tissue and in lung biopsies with diffuse alveolar damage

confocal fluorescent images high heparanase expression (red) endothelial marker CD31 (green)

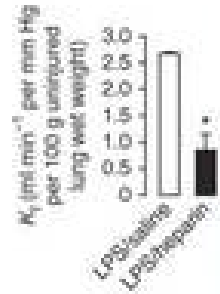
-> Can heparanase inhibition be lung-protective even if administered after sepsis onset?

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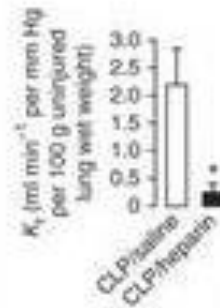
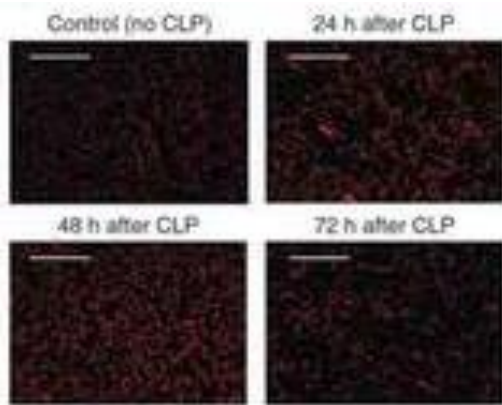
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Administration of heparin 3 h after intraperitoneal LPS (40 μ g per g body weight in 500 μ l saline)



Heparin treatment in mice subjected to cecal ligation and puncture (CLP)



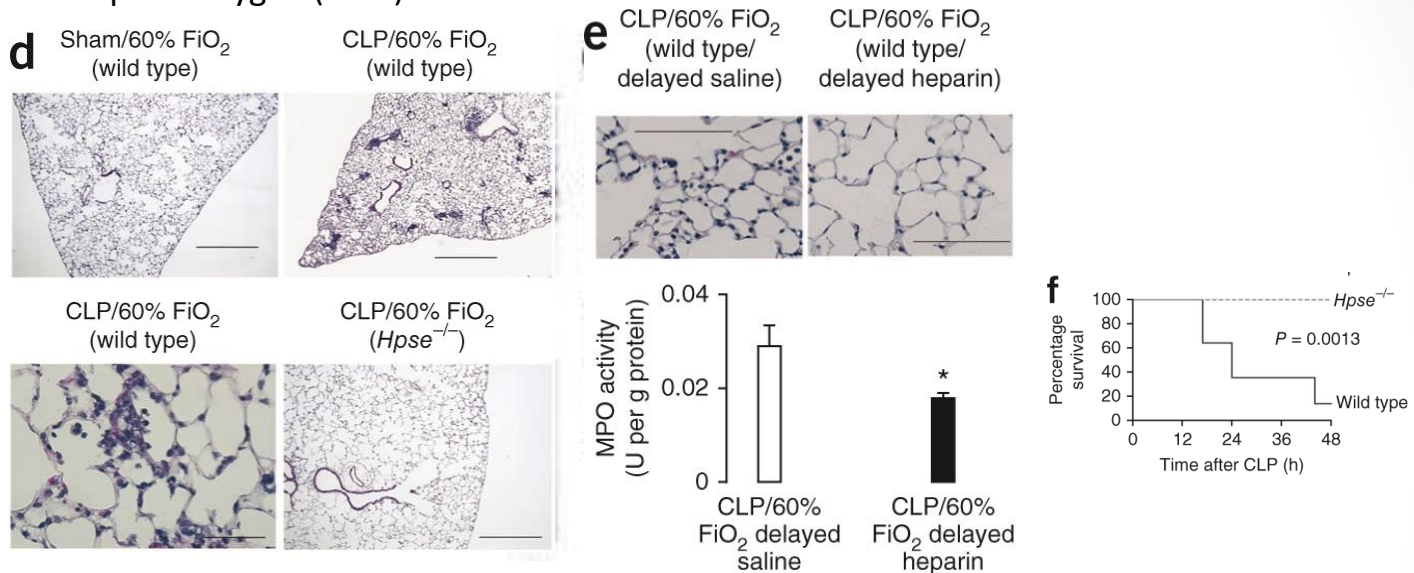
Pulmonary heparanase expression (red) after CLP in wild-type mice

Assessment of pulmonary endothelial permeability (K_f)

Pulmonary heparanase expression peaked 48 h after CLP, coincident with an increase in endothelial permeability

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To augment CLP-induced neutrophilic alveolitis, CLP was performed the presence of 60% fraction of inspired oxygen (FiO₂)



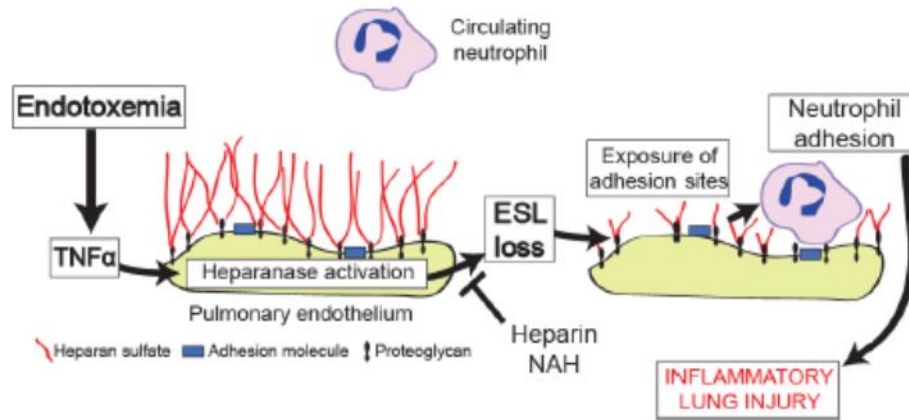
Pulmonary neutrophilic infiltration was apparent 48 h after CLP and was attenuated by delayed heparin therapy. *Hpse*^{-/-} mice were similarly protected from CLP- and hyperoxia-induced alveolitis and experienced no CLP- and hyperoxia-associated mortality

Heparanase inhibition is protective after sepsis onset

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Conclusion



Activated heparanase cleaves heparan sulfate from the pulmonary endothelial glycocalyx

inducing a rapid thinning of the ESL

exposes previously hidden endothelial surface adhesion molecules such as ICAM-1

allowing neutrophil recognition of and adhesion to the endothelial surface

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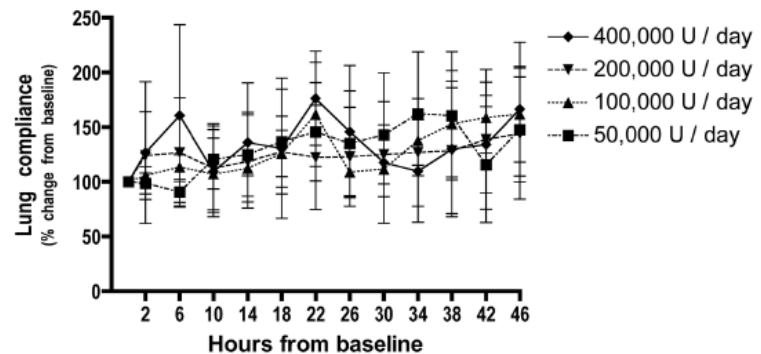
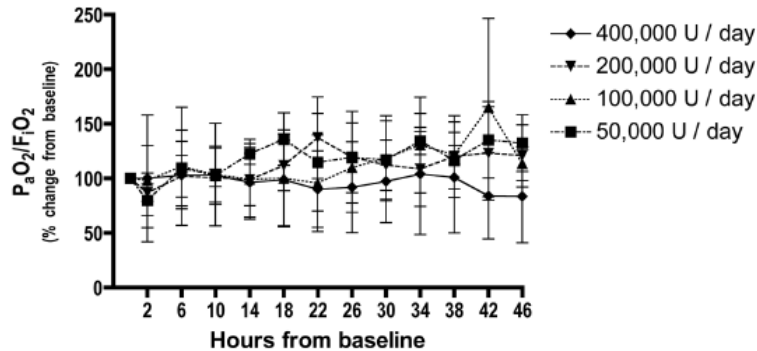
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A phase 1 trial of nebulised heparin in acute lung injury

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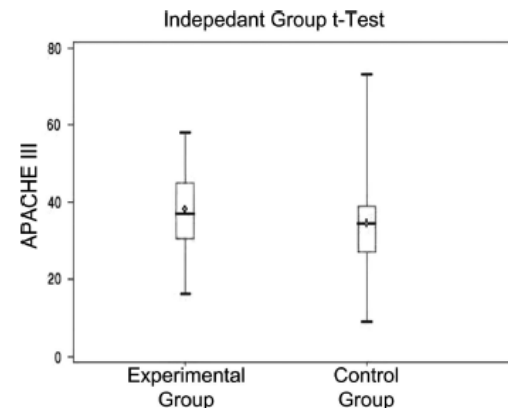
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Influence of Nebulized Unfractionated Heparin and N-Acetylcysteine in Acute Lung Injury After Smoke Inhalation Injury

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The use of aerosolized unfractionated heparin and N-acetylcysteine attenuates lung injury and the progression of acute respiratory distress syndrome in ventilated adult patients with acute lung injury following smoke inhalation.



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