

Abstract

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Keywords: Cytokine Storm Syndrome; Immunotherapy treatments; Autoimmune reactions; Multiorgan dysfunction; Tissue damage; Inflammation; Corticosteroids, Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), and biologic agents targeting specific cytokines (e.g., IL-6 inhibitors, TNF-alpha blockers) are used to suppress the hyperinflammatory state and mitigate tissue damage [5].

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Cytokine storm syndrome is triggered by the rapid and excessive release of pro-inflammatory cytokines, including Interleukin-6 (IL-6), Tumor Necrosis Factor-Alpha (TNF-alpha), and Interleukin-1 (IL-1), among others. This dysregulated immune response can result from various stimuli, such as viral infections (e.g., COVID-19, influenza), bacterial sepsis, autoimmune reactions, or immunotherapy treatments (e.g., chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy). The activation of immune cells, including macrophages and T cells, plays a central role in amplifying the cytokine cascade, leading to systemic inflammation and tissue damage [1,2].

The clinical manifestations of cytokine storm syndrome vary depending on the underlying trigger and the organs affected. Common symptoms include fever, systemic inflammation, hypotension, respiratory distress, coagulopathy, and multiorgan failure. In severe cases, cytokine storm syndrome can progress rapidly, leading to life-threatening complications such as Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), septic shock, and organ dysfunction. Prompt recognition and intervention are critical to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with CSS [3,4].

The management of cytokine storm syndrome involves a multidisciplinary approach aimed at attenuating the inflammatory response while preserving immune function. Therapeutic strategies may include:

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