In the setting of severe injury, tissue injury occurs not only as a direct result of the traumatic insult, but also as a result of a patient’s own inflammatory responses. These responses are often beneficial and appropriate in some settings but can potentially become maladaptive in the setting of severe injury. An understanding of these responses may help us to effectively mitigate some of the maladaptive consequences of these responses in appropriate situations. We examine the nature of inflammatory responses initiated by the inflammation/coagulation axis during severe injury.


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