



# CDC/IDSA COVID-19 Clinician Call

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## Welcome & Introductions

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- 86<sup>th</sup> in a series of calls, initiated by CDC as a forum for information sharing among frontline clinicians caring for patients with COVID-19. This call is not intended for the media.
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In collaboration with the CDC, the EIN is surveying its members to better understand their perspectives on the use, interpretation and need for SARS-CoV-2 antibody tests in clinical practice.

- The survey link has been emailed to all EIN members; one final emailed reminder will be sent next week.
- The survey will be open until March 28, and all EIN members receive reports for every survey.
- To join the EIN, you can sign up here: [https://ein.idsociety.org/members/sign\\_up/](https://ein.idsociety.org/members/sign_up/).

# The Latest on COVID-19 Treatment; Plus Variants Update



## *Update on the Omicron Variant and its Sublineages*

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## *Treatment Updates from IDSA's COVID-19 Rapid Guidelines Panel*



### *Monoclonal Antibody Therapies: What's In, What's Out*

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### *Outpatient COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Treatment in Immunocompromised Patients*

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### *Emerging Data on Baricitinib in Hospitalized Patients*

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## *Treatment Supply & Distribution Update*



### *COVID-19 Therapeutics Allocation & Distribution Update*

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### *Test to Treat Initiative*

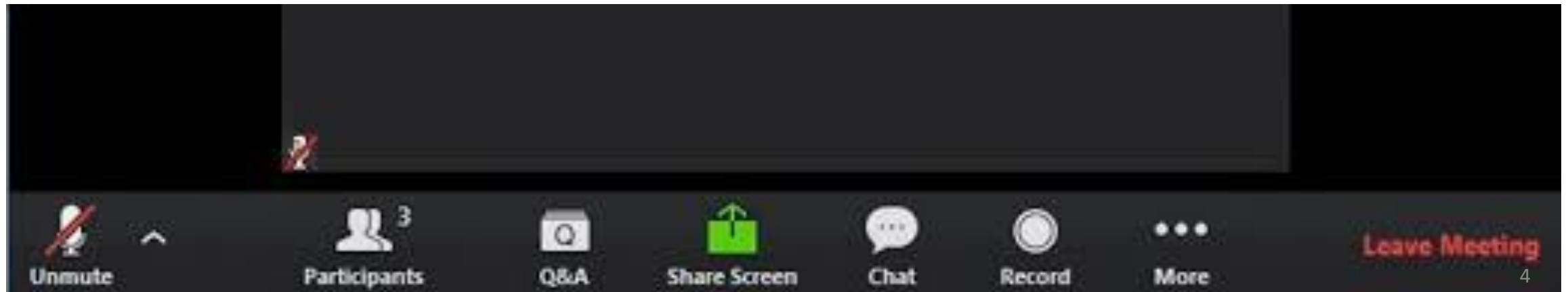
**Meg Sullivan, MD**  
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## *Q&A/Discussion (Full Panel)*

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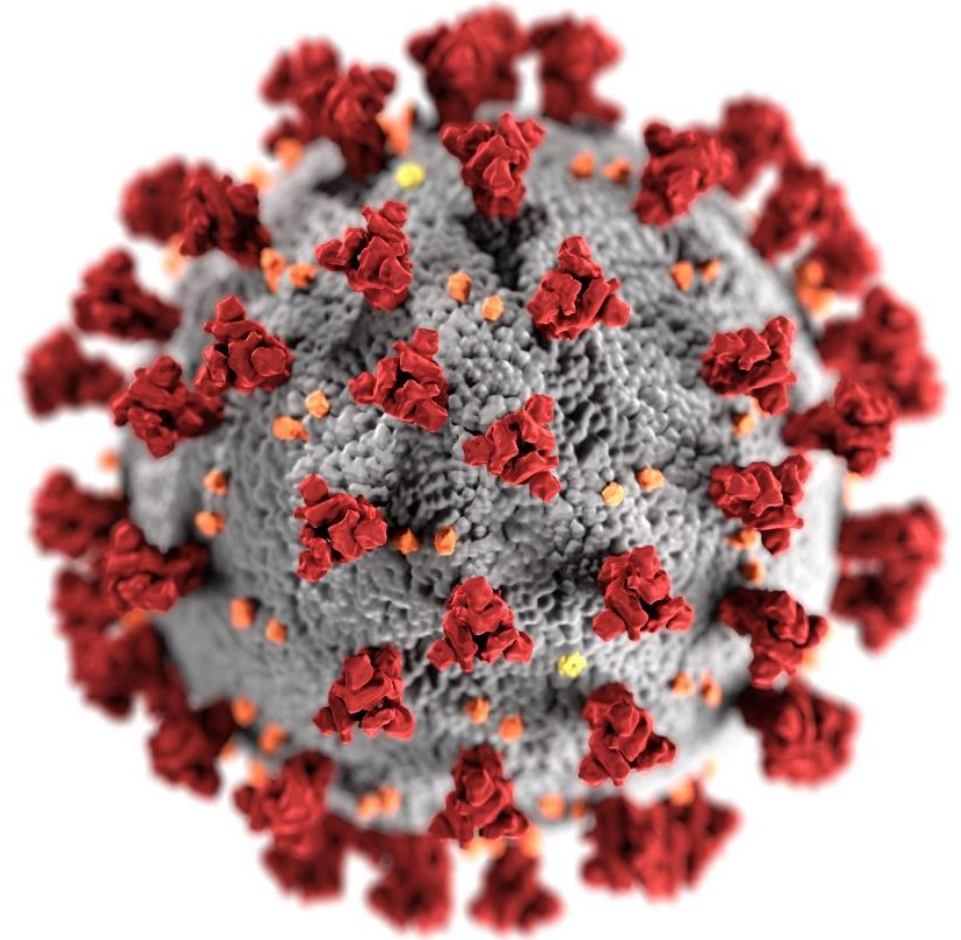


***Update on the Omicron Variant  
and Its Sublineages***

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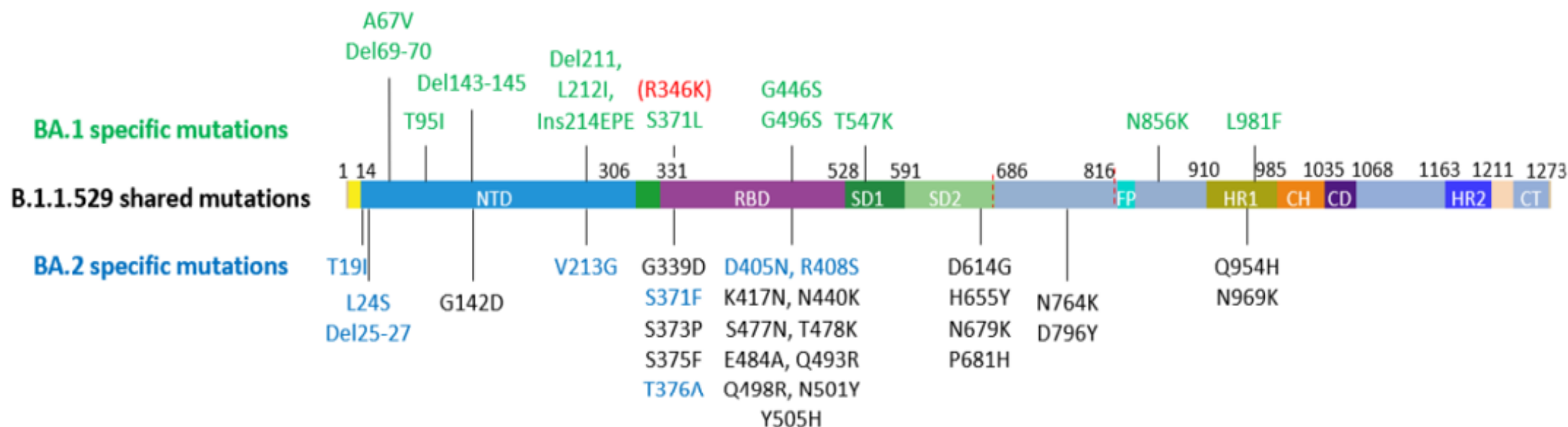
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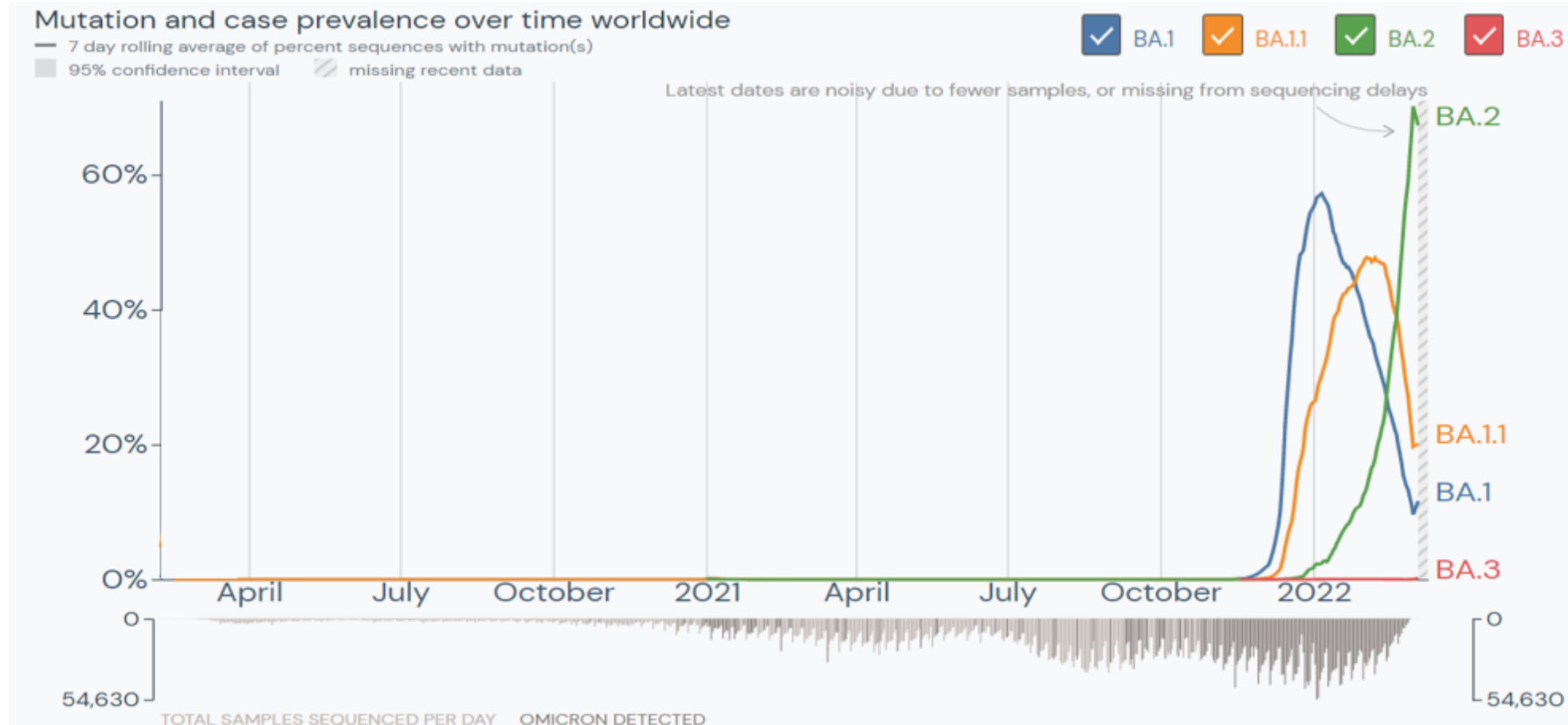


# The most common Omicron sublineages currently in circulation are BA.1, BA1.1, and BA.2



# BA.2 now the predominant sublineage in many countries

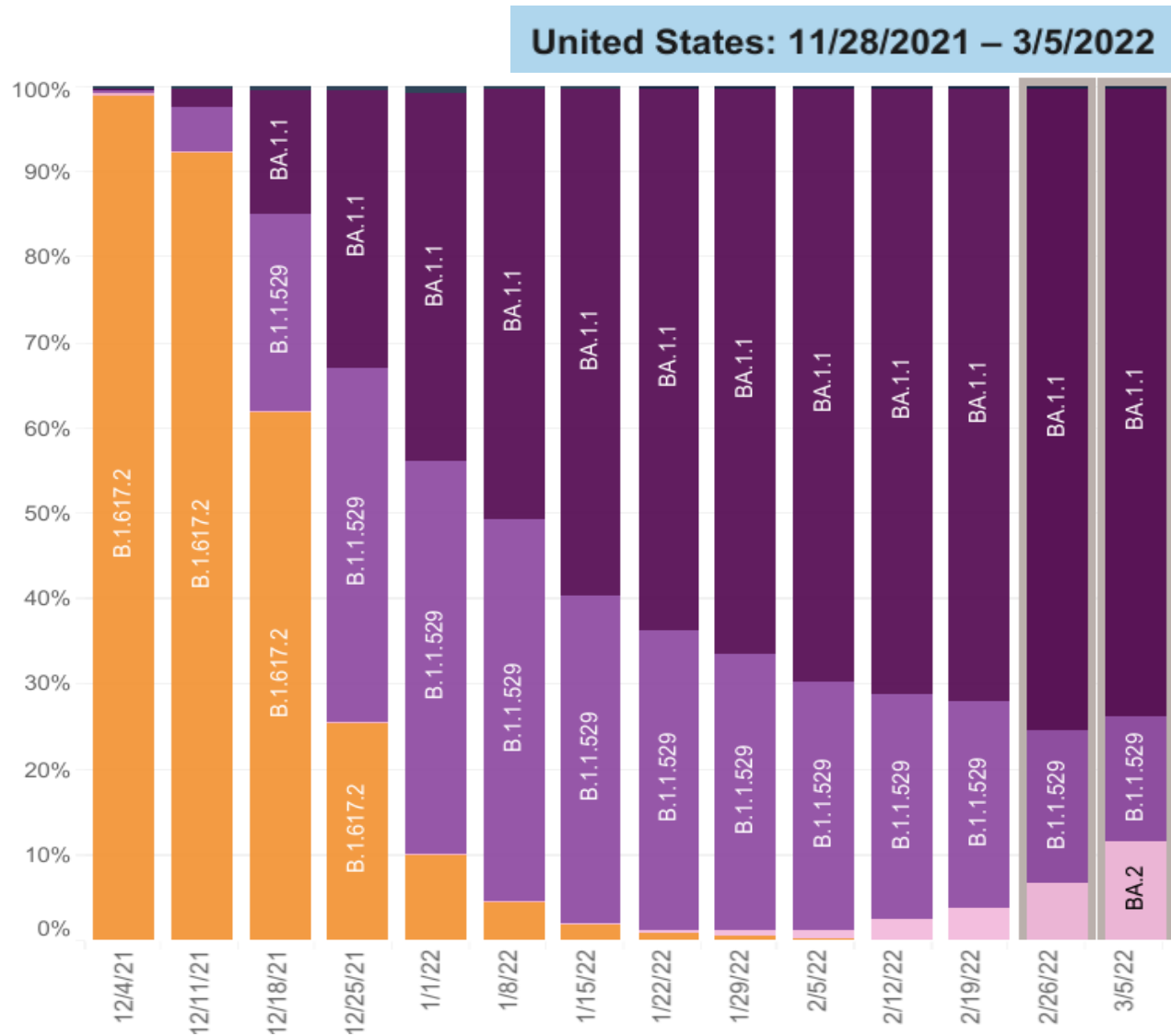
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Omicron Variant Report. Alaa Abdel Latif, Julia L. Mullen, Manar Alkuzweny, Ginger Tsueng, Marco Cano, Emily Haag, Jerry Zhou, Mark Zeller, Emory Hufbauer, Nate Matteson, Chunlei Wu, Kristian G. Andersen, Andrew I. Su, Karthik Gangavarapu, Laura D. Hughes, and the Center for Viral Systems Biology. outbreak.info, (available at <https://outbreak.info/situation-reports/omicron>). Accessed 9 March 2022.



# BA.2 is gradually increasing in the United States



**United States: 2/27/2022 – 3/5/2022 NOWCAST**

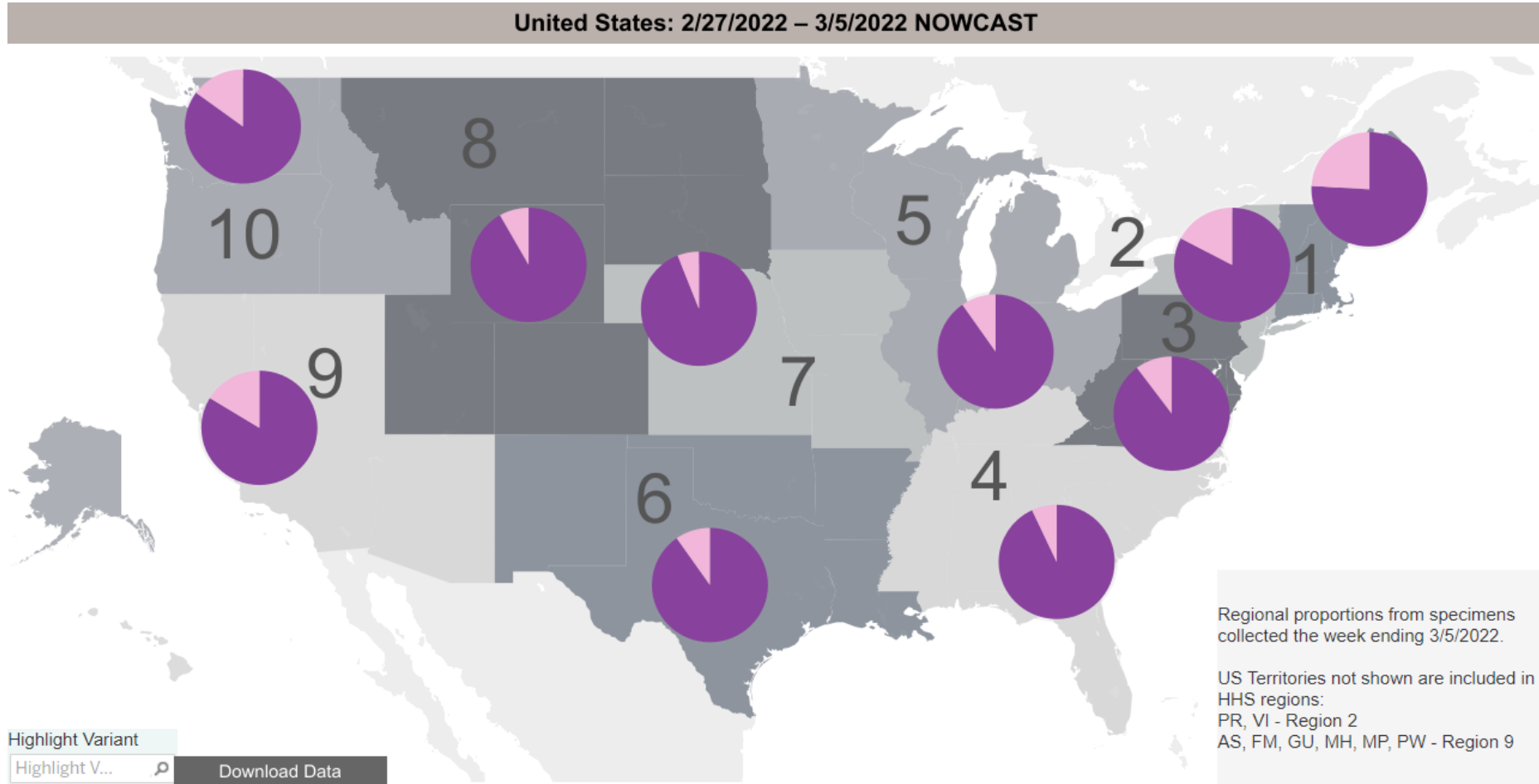
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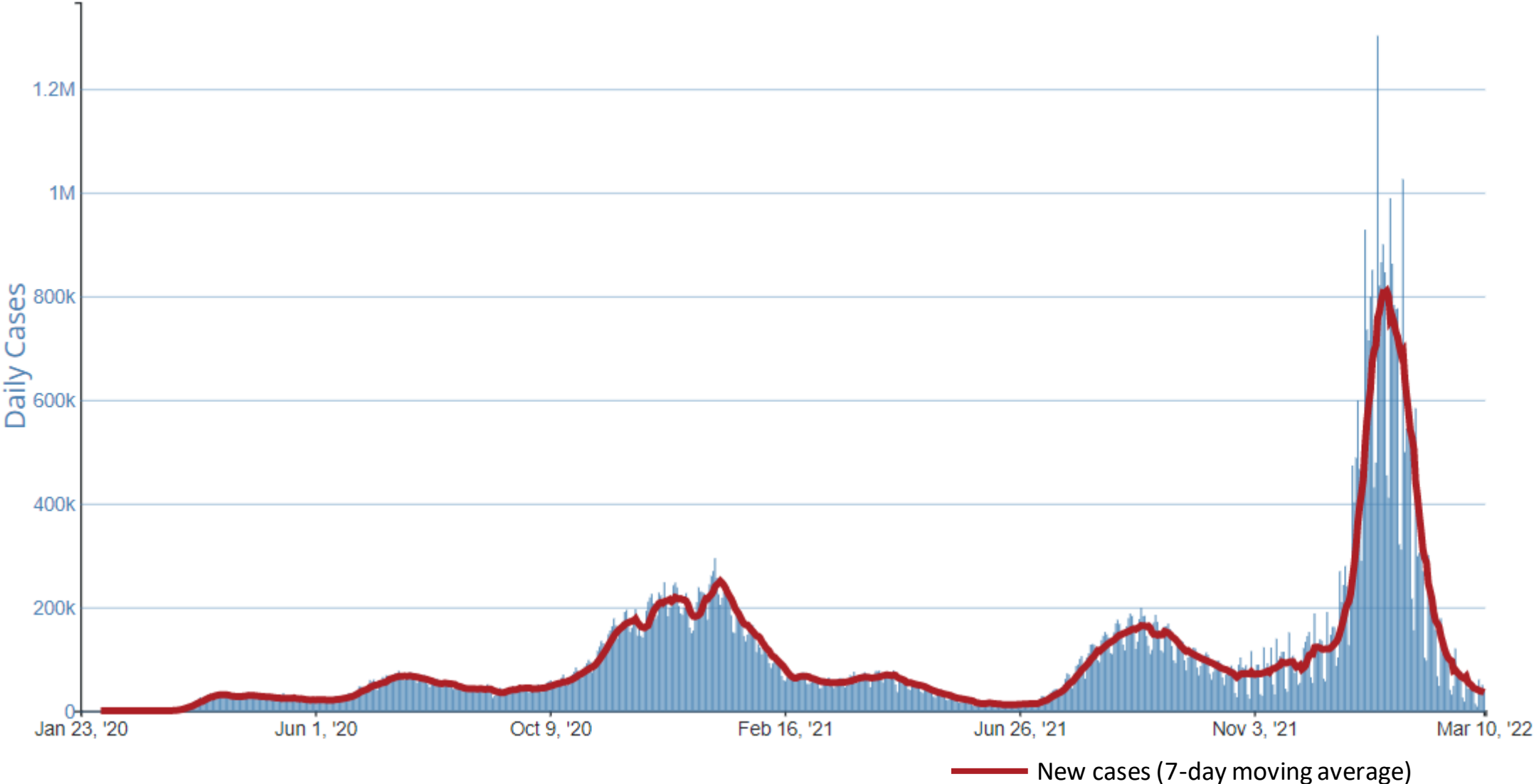
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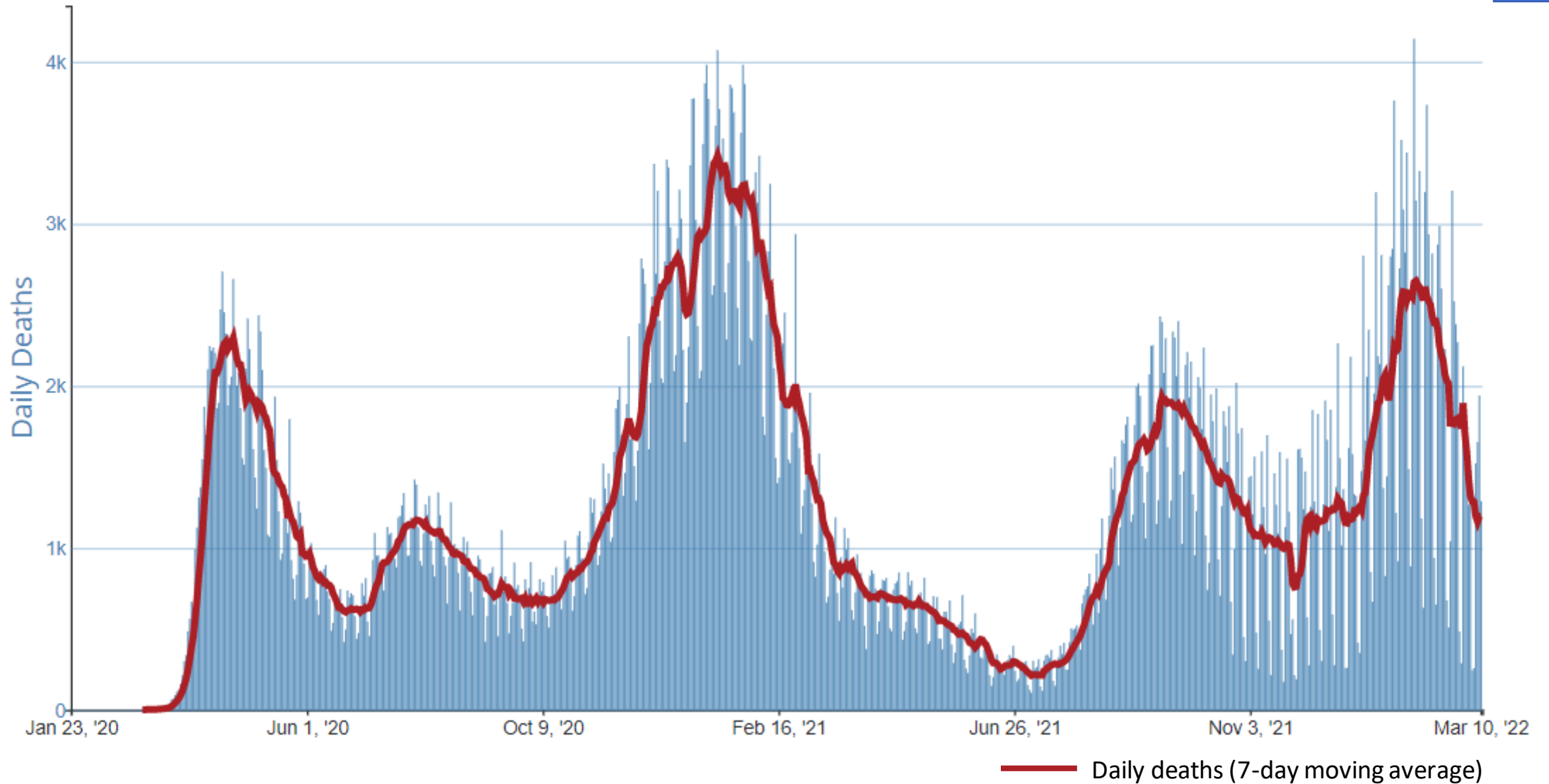
Lineages called using panglo-designation (PANGO)-v1.2.124, pangolin v3.1.20, pangoleARN version 02/02/22 and Scorpio v0.3.16. Lineage BA.1.1 is aggregated with B.1.1.529 at the regional level as it currently cannot be reliably called in each region.

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# U.S. COVID-19 cases are declining



# U.S. COVID-19 **deaths** are decreasing but still high



# Disease severity with BA.2 and BA.1 infections appears to be similar

## Hospitalization:

	Hospital admission <sup>b</sup> n/N (%)	Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI)
	N=95,470	
SGTF (BA. 1 proxy)	2,965/87,194 (3.4)	Ref
S-gene positive (BA.2 proxy)	295/8,276 (3.6)	0.96 (0.85-1.09)

## Severe disease, among those hospitalized:

	Severe disease <sup>a</sup> n/N (%)	Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI)
	N=3,058	
SGTF (BA. 1 proxy)	929/2776 (33.5)	Ref
S-gene positive (BA.2 proxy)	86/282 (30.5)	0.91 (0.68-1.22)

[Clinical severity of Omicron sub-lineage BA.2 compared to BA.1 in South Africa](#). Wolter *et al.* medRxiv (Preprint February 19, 2022).

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# Evidence suggests BA.2 is more transmissible than BA.1

**Secondary attack rates for contacts of cases with confirmed sequenced VUI22JAN-01 and all other Omicron (VOC-21NOV-01)**  
(Case test dates 1 January to 14 February 2022, variant data as of 7 March 2022 and contact tracing data as of 8 March 2022)

<b>Variant</b>	<b>Setting</b>	<b>Number of exposing cases</b>	<b>Number of contacts</b>	<b>Adjusted* secondary attack rate (95% Confidence Interval)</b>
VOC-21NOV-01	Household	178,069	369,011	10.7% (10.6%-10.8%)
VUI-22JAN-01	Household	20,072	41,621	13.6% (13.2%-14.0%)
VOC-21NOV-01	Non-household	30,325	74,343	4.2% (4.0%-4.3%)
VUI-22JAN-01	Non-household	3,565	8,763	5.3% (4.7%-5.8%)

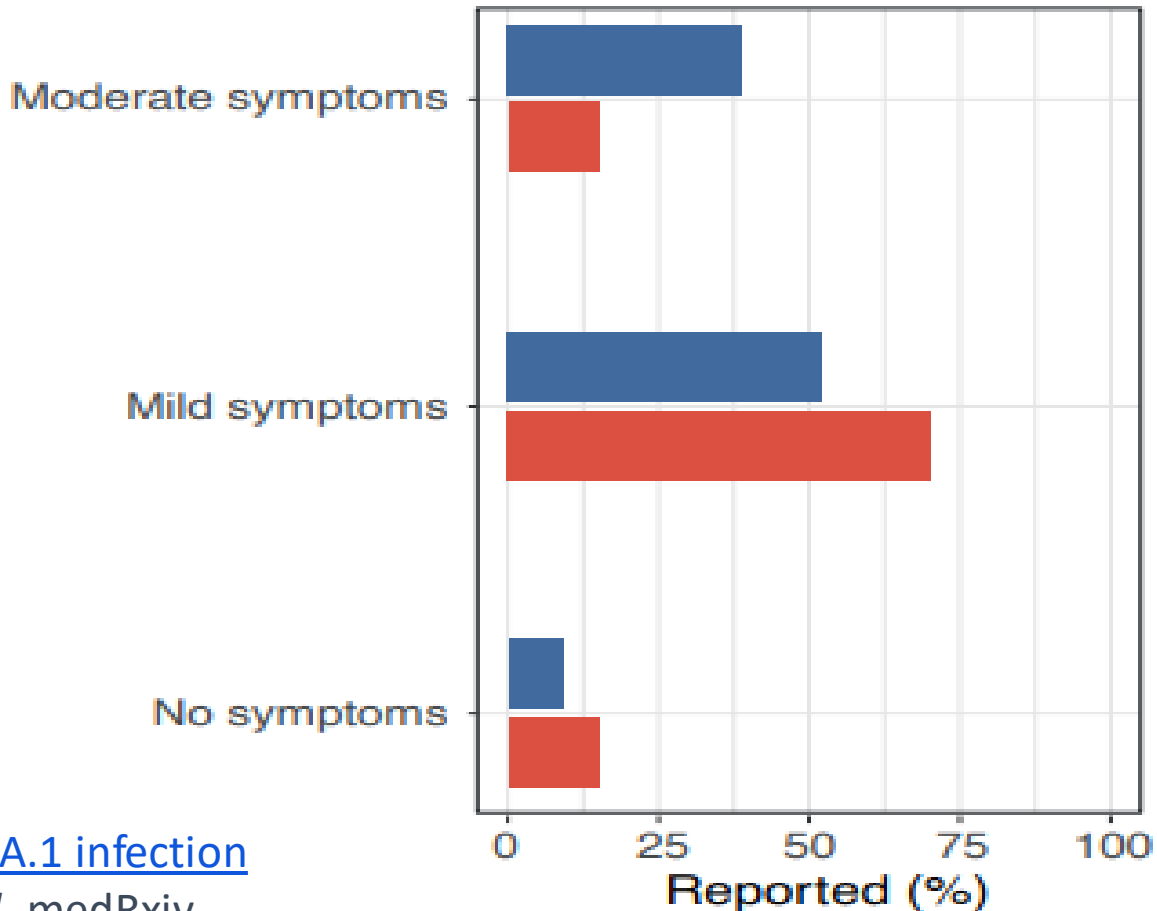
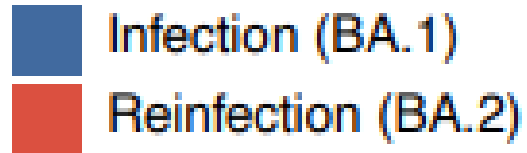
\*Adjusted for vaccination status of the exposor and the contact (allowing for interaction with variant), age and sex of the exposor and the contact, the date (week) of positive test of the exposor and whether the contact completed contact tracing. Secondary attack rates from NHS Test and Trace should generally be considered lower bounds due to the nature of contact tracing and testing. Data provided is for contacts of cases with test dates in the period until 1 January to 14 February 2022.

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[Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron VOC subvariants BA.1 and BA.2: Evidence from Danish Households](#): Lyngse et al, medRxiv. 3- January 2022.

# Early data suggest infection with BA.1 provides protection against reinfection with BA.2

## Infection lineage



[Occurrence and significance of Omicron BA.1 infection followed by BA.2 reinfection.](#) Stegger *et al.* medRxiv (Preprint February 22, 2022).

# Vaccine effectiveness for symptomatic infection does not appear to be reduced against BA.2 compared to BA.1

Vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic disease (all vaccine brands combined) for BA.1 and BA.2

<b>Dose</b>	<b>Interval after dose</b>	<b>BA.1 (VE (95% CI))</b>	<b>BA.2 (VE (95% CI))</b>
2	25 weeks and over	10% (9 to 11)	18% (5 to 29)
3	2 to 4 weeks	69% (68 to 69)	74% (69 to 77)
3	5 to 9 weeks	61% (61 to 62)	67% (62 to 71)
3	10+ weeks	49% (48 to 50)	46% (37 to 53)



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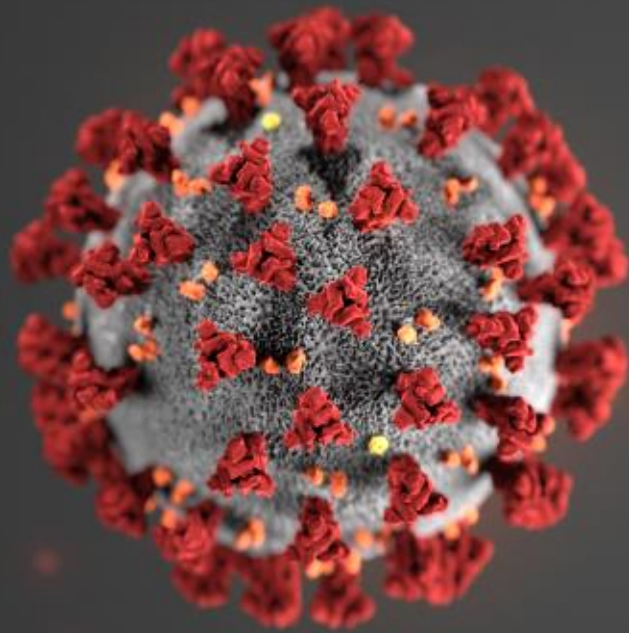
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***Monoclonal Antibody Therapies:  
What's In, What's Out***

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# SARS-CoV-2 Targeting Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs)

## How do we move forward?

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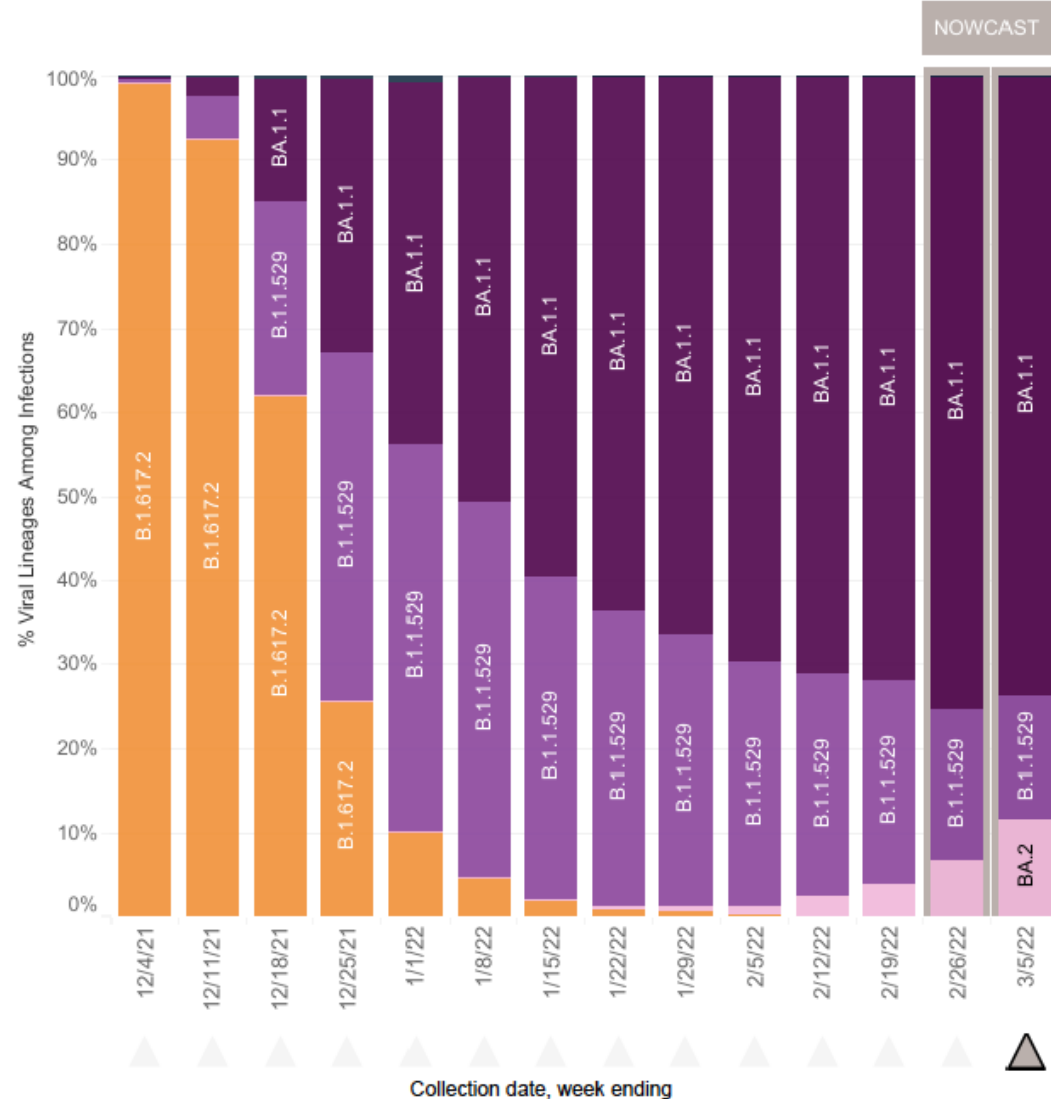
# Disclosures

Receive research support from NIH, Gates, Wellcome Trust for vaccine and therapeutics development including for SARS-CoV-2. Serve on multiple NIH SMC/DSMBs and the IDSA Covid-19 Treatment Guidelines Committee.

# SARS-CoV-2 Variant Proportions Across United States

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United States: 2/27/2022 – 3/5/2022 NOWCAST



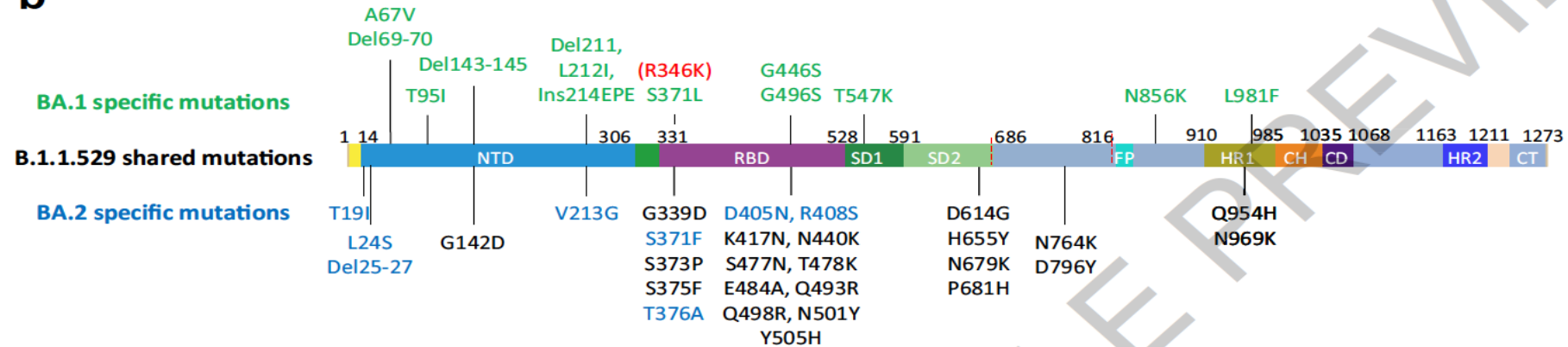
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# Omicron: Differences Between BA.1(+/-R346K) and BA.2

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T19I	-3.1	-4.9	-5.3	-3.7	-1.9	-2.2	-2.0	-2.1	-1.5	-1.8	-5.1	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.5	-2.7	-2.9	-6.1	-3.3
L24S	-2.9	-4.0	-4.6	-3.2	-2.4	-2.4	-2.8	-4.2	-2.1	-1.5	-2.6	-2.2	-1.6	-1.3	-1.1	-2.4	-2.0	-3.1	-1.1
Del25-27	-1.2	-2.6	-2.0	-1.3	-1.0	-1.4	-1.2	-1.3	1.0	-1.3	-2.8	2.0	-1.2	1.1	1.6	-1.8	1.1	-23.1	-16.8
V213G	-2.5	-3.1	-3.0	-3.1	-1.5	-1.1	-1.6	-2.2	-2.0	-1.2	-3.2	-1.1	-1.5	1.1	1.0	-2.0	-1.7	1.9	-2.8
S371F	-143	-126	-95.1	-27.9	-26.1	-5.1	-6.3	-86.6	-1.3	-20.5	-30.6	<-22	-2.4	-43.0	-60.9	<-114	-77.5	7.8	2.3
T376A	-1.9	-3.1	-2.5	-2.1	-1.3	-1.7	-1.3	-1.9	-1.8	1.0	-2.7	2.0	-1.7	1.1	1.1	-1.5	-2.3	1.3	-1.3
D405N	-25.6	-2.3	-2.9	-2.8	-2.1	-1.9	-1.7	-1.6	1.0	1.5	-3.1	-1.6	1.3	3.3	-1.2	-3.9	-2.2	5.6	1.5
R408S	1.4	-1.1	-1.3	-1.1	1.5	-1.6	-1.3	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	-1.4	-1.6	-2.1	-1.2	-3.6	1.1	-1.3

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**Fig. 2 | BA.2 differs in resistance profile to monoclonal antibodies.** **a**, Pseudovirus neutralization by monoclonal antibodies. Values above the LOD of 10 µg/mL are arbitrarily plotted to allow for visualization of each sample. **b**, Fold change in IC<sub>50</sub> values relative to D614G of neutralization of Omicron variants, as well as point mutants unique to BA.2.



# mAb *in vitro* Data

Table 1. Efficacy of Monoclonal Antibodies and Antiviral Drugs against the Omicron/BA.2 Subvariant in Vitro.*		
Monoclonal Antibody or Antiviral Drug	hCoV-19/Japan/UT-NCD1288-2N/2022 (Omicron/BA.2)	
	Tested Value	Factor Increase as Compared with the Ancestral Strain
Neutralization activity of monoclonal antibody†		
LY-CoV016, etesevimab	>50,000 ng/ml	>2749
LY-CoV555, bamlanivimab	>50,000 ng/ml	>10,661
REGN10987, imdevimab	68.65±8.84 ng/ml	22.5
REGN10933, casirivimab	1666.19±771.77 ng/ml	597.2
COV2-2196, tixagevimab	395.78±62.37 ng/ml	206.1
COV2-2130, cilgavimab	4.44±2.72 ng/ml	0.6
S309, sotrovimab precursor	1359.05±269.23 ng/ml	49.7
LY-CoV016 plus LY-CoV555	>10,000 ng/ml	>794
REGN10987 plus REGN10933	222.59±64.47 ng/ml	63.1
COV2-2196 plus COV2-2130	14.48±2.04 ng/ml	4.2
Viral susceptibility to drug‡		
GS-441524§	2.85±0.31 μM	2.7
EIDD-1931¶	0.67±0.22 μM	1.3
PF-07321332	6.76±0.69 μM	1.9

# mAb *in vitro* Data

Table S2. Efficacy of Monoclonal Antibodies and Antiviral Drugs against SARS-CoV-2 Variants in Vitro.\*

Monoclonal Antibody or Antiviral Drug	SARS-CoV-2 Variant							
	SARS-CoV-2/UT-NC002-1T/Human/2020/Tokyo (Ancestral strain/A)	SARS-CoV-2/UT-HP127-1Nf/Human/2021/Tokyo (Alpha/B.1.1.7)	hCoV-19/USA/MD-HP01542/2021 (Beta/B.1.351)	hCoV-19/Japan/TY7-503/2021 (Gamma/P.1)	hCoV-19/USA/WI-UW-5250/2021 (Delta/B.1.617.2)	hCoV-19/Japan/NC928-2N/2021 (Omicron/BA.1)	hCoV-19/Japan/NC929-1N/2021 (Omicron/BA.1.1)	hCoV-19/Japan/UT-NCD1288-2N/2022 (Omicron/BA.2)
<b>Neutralization activity of monoclonal antibody — ng/ml†</b>								
LY-CoV016, etesevimab	18.19 ± 9.10	150.38 ± 83.51	>50,000	>50,000	15.37 ± 9.78	>50,000	>50,000	>50,000
LY-CoV555, bamlanivimab	4.69 ± 1.43	2.65 ± 1.30	9554.88 ± 926.53	1601.65 ± 896.02	641.73 ± 324.79	>50,000	>50,000	>50,000
REGN10987, imdevimab	3.05 ± 0.93	1.87 ± 1.60	2.17 ± 1.30	1.04 ± 0.68	3.95 ± 1.78	>50,000	>50,000	68.65 ± 8.84
REGN10933, casirivimab	2.79 ± 1.87	2.74 ± 1.84	757.13 ± 287.91	187.69 ± 128.88	2.89 ± 1.78	14110.70 ± 1782.13	11998.94 ± 2604.70	1666.19 ± 771.77
COV2-2196, tixagevimab	1.92 ± 0.28	1.34 ± 0.67	18.98 ± 1.42	6.56 ± 1.56	4.05 ± 2.60	1299.94 ± 406.58	880.47 ± 68.08	395.78 ± 62.37
COV2-2130, cilgavimab	7.70 ± 2.20	3.60 ± 1.62	10.03 ± 3.05	4.00 ± 2.70	12.76 ± 2.93	443.87 ± 167.96	13558.20 ± 4646.95	4.44 ± 2.72
S309, sotrovimab precursor	27.33 ± 3.24	44.91 ± 22.76	100.98 ± 22.27	28.38 ± 1.86	111.43 ± 58.22	373.47 ± 159.49	384.52 ± 65.98	1359.05 ± 269.23
LY-CoV016 plus LY-CoV555	12.60 ± 1.91	15.26 ± 3.98	>10,000	2545.04 ± 625.72	10.28 ± 3.33	>10,000	>10,000	>10,000
REGN10987 plus REGN10933	3.53 ± 0.66	1.55 ± 0.78	5.18 ± 1.45	2.11 ± 0.48	1.91 ± 0.79	>10,000	>10,000	222.59 ± 64.47
COV2-2196 plus COV2-2130	3.42 ± 0.92	1.94 ± 0.34	10.30 ± 1.17	1.79 ± 0.87	5.50 ± 2.75	255.86 ± 45.31	1374.90 ± 14.47	14.48 ± 2.04
<b>Viral susceptibility to drug — μM‡</b>								
GS-441524§	1.04 ± 0.32	0.83 ± 0.19	0.63 ± 0.20	0.91 ± 0.33	1.12 ± 0.20	1.28 ± 0.42	1.63 ± 0.30	2.85 ± 0.31
EIDD-1931¶	0.51 ± 0.14	0.95 ± 0.17	0.60 ± 0.21	0.41 ± 0.13	0.83 ± 0.41	0.43 ± 0.08	1.09 ± 0.13	0.67 ± 0.22
PF-07321332	3.59 ± 0.96	4.23 ± 1.04	2.03 ± 0.96	4.57 ± 1.14	3.90 ± 0.50	4.26 ± 0.36	3.63 ± 0.42	6.76 ± 0.69

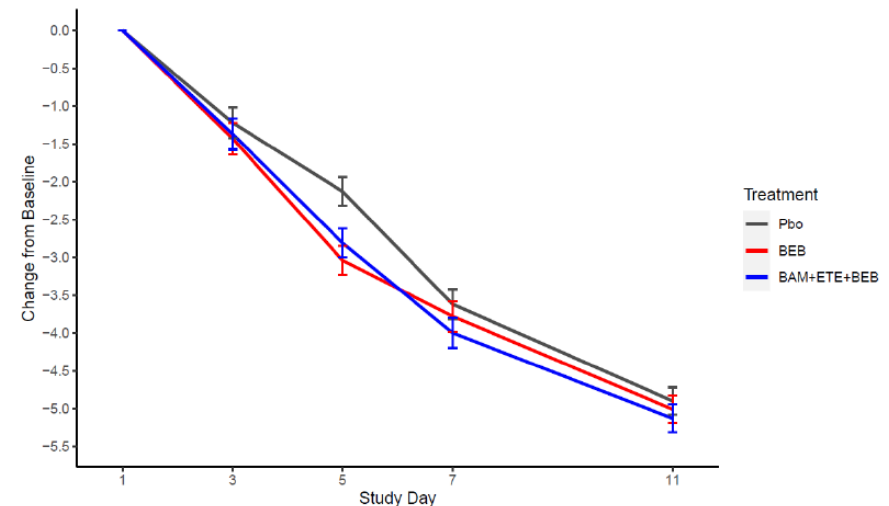
# Other Factors

- PK/PD of the mAb at the dose used
  - Sotrovimab (500mg IV) serum concentrations
    - geometric mean C (at the end of a 1 hr IV infusion) - 137  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  (N= 129, CV% 40)
    - geometric mean Day 29 serum concentration - 34  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  (N= 78, CV% 23) ([ca.gsk.com](https://www.gsk.com))
  - Tixagevimab (300mg IM)
    - C<sub>max</sub>= 21.9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , geometric mean day2= 9.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , day84= 15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$
  - Cilgavimab (300mg IM)
    - C<sub>max</sub>= 20.3  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , geometric mean day2= 9.1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , day84= 14  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  ([product insert fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov))
  - Bebtelovimab (175mg IV)
    - C<sub>max</sub>= 59.8  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ , geometric mean day29= 4.35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  ([FDA Lilly summary review 07Jan22](https://www.fda.gov))

- Clinical data

- Safety
  - For the class/platform
  - For the product
  - For the product with the VOC of interest
- Efficacy

Figure 1: SARS-CoV-2 Normalized Viral Load Change from Baseline (Mean  $\pm$  SE) by Visit of Low-Risk Adults in Trial PYAH (Arms 9-11)



Source: EUA submission on 2/4/2022

# Integrate Several Lines of Evidence

- VOC
- *in vitro* activity of mAb
- PK/PD of mAb
- Clinical safety data
- Clinical efficacy data
  - In general vs against the specific VOC
  - Tempo of availability

# Bebtelovimab

Eli Lilly and Company  
Attention: Christine Phillips, PhD, RAC  
Advisor Global Regulatory Affairs - US  
Lilly Corporate Center  
Drop Code 2543  
Indianapolis, IN 46285

RE: Emergency Use Authorization 111

- Based on the review of the data from the **BLAZE-4 clinical trial** (NCT04634409), a Phase 1/2 randomized, single-dose clinical trial studying bebtelovimab for the treatment of non-hospitalized patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19, as well as available **pharmacokinetic data** and **nonclinical viral neutralization data for Omicron** and other variants of concern, it is **reasonable to believe** that bebtelovimab may be effective for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) who are at high-risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, and for whom alternative COVID-19 treatment options approved or authorized by FDA are not accessible or clinically appropriate...
- Bebtelovimab is **not authorized** for treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in geographic regions where infection is likely to have been **caused by a non-susceptible SARS-CoV-2 variant**, based on available information including variant susceptibility to these drugs and regional variant frequency.

# mAbs for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: Tixagevimab/cilgavimab

- In moderately or severely immunocompromised individuals at increased risk for inadequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccine or for whom COVID-19 vaccine is not recommended due to a documented serious adverse reaction to the vaccine, the IDSA guideline panel suggests pre-exposure prophylaxis with tixagevimab/cilgavimab rather than no tixagevimab/cilgavimab.
  - (Conditional recommendation, Low certainty of evidence)

## Remarks:

- Dosing for tixagevimab/cilgavimab is 300 mg of tixagevimab & 300 mg of cilgavimab administered as two separate consecutive intramuscular injections once.
- Local SARS-CoV-2 variant susceptibility should be considered.

# mAbs for Early Treatment: Sotrovimab...

- Among ambulatory patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 at high risk for progression to severe disease, the IDSA guideline panel suggests ~~bamlanivimab/etesevimab, casirivimab/imdevimab~~, or sotrovimab rather than no neutralizing antibody treatment.
  - (Conditional recommendation, Moderate certainty of evidence)

## Remarks:

- Dosing for sotrovimab is 500 IV once.
- Patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk of progression to severe disease admitted to the hospital for reasons other than COVID-19 may also receive ~~bamlanivimab/etesevimab, casirivimab/imdevimab~~, or sotrovimab.
- Local variant susceptibility should be considered in the choice of the most appropriate neutralizing antibody therapy. Local availability of different monoclonal antibody combinations may be affected by predominance of local variants.
- There are limited data on efficacy of ~~bamlanivimab/etesevimab, casirivimab/imdevimab~~, or sotrovimab in high-risk patients under 18 years of age.

# mAbs for Early Treatment: Bebtelovimab

- Recommendation 2 (**NEW: 11Mar22**):
  - In ambulatory patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 at high risk for progression to severe disease, the IDSA guideline panel recommends bebtelovimab only in the context of a clinical trial. (Knowledge gap)



***Outpatient COVID-19 Convalescent  
Plasma Treatment in  
Immunocompromised Patients***

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# *Outpatient COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Treatment in Immunocompromised Patients*

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# CASE

34 year old man with history of hypertension, diabetes mellitus, end stage kidney disease for which he underwent kidney transplant in 2017

His course has been complicated by post transplant lymphoproliferative disorder for which he is receiving a rituximab based regimen.

He now presents with fevers, sore throat and cough x 2 days. SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR testing is positive.

# Two initial questions

- Does he warrant treatment for COVID-19?
- Where does CCP fit into the therapeutic lineup

# Outcomes in SOT recipients requiring hospitalization for COVID-19

- 428 SOT recipients from >50 centers
  - 66% kidney, 15.1% liver, 11.8% heart, 6.2% lung.
  - Median age 58
  - median time post-transplant 5 years
  - Among hospitalized:
    - **78% required mechanical ventilation**
    - **20.5% died by 28 days after diagnosis**

# Outcomes in immune compromised

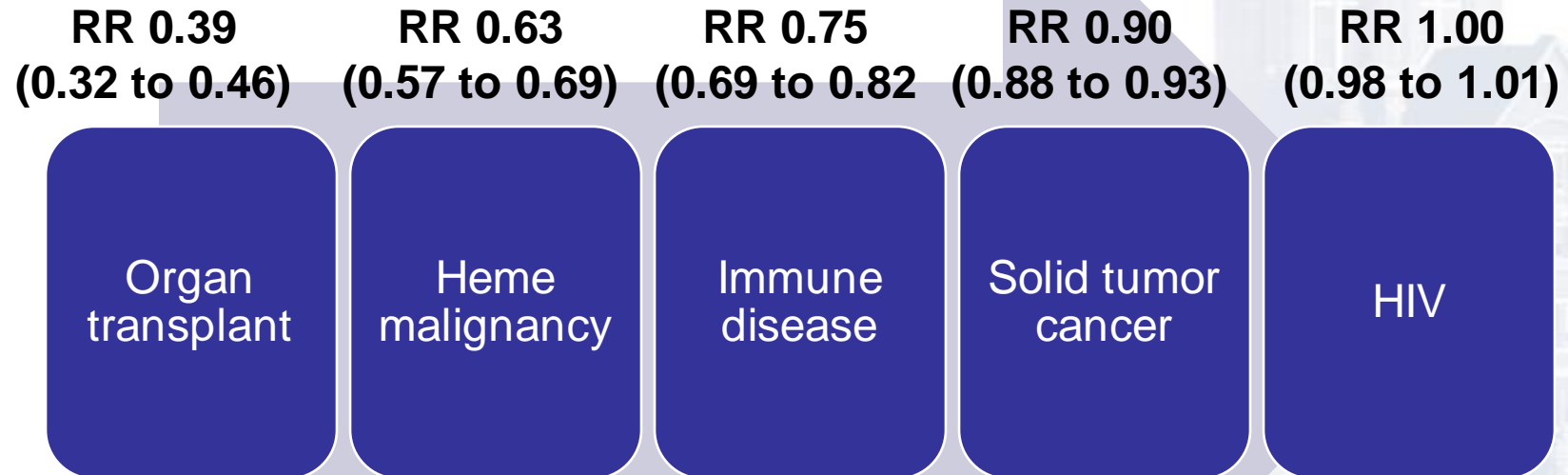
- Rheumatological disease (1)
  - Risk for hospitalization RR 1.14; 95% CI 1.03–1.26
  - ICU admission RR 1.32; 95% CI 1.03–1.68
  - Acute renal failure RR 1.81; 95% CI 1.07–3.07
  - venous thromboembolism RR 1.74; 95% CI 1.23–2.45
- Immunosuppressive medications (2)
  - Inpatient death: No increase risk
  - Rituximab: Increased mortality
    - Rheumatological disease HR 1.72; 95% CI 1.10–2.69
    - cancer HR 2.57; 95% CI 1.86–3.56

# Risks for poor COVID-19 outcomes in people with cancer

	COVID-19 severity OR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	30-day mortality OR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)
Age, per decade <sup>c</sup>		
Age <40 years	0.91 (0.72-1.15)	0.58 (0.35-0.97)
Age >40 years	1.38 (1.31-1.45)	1.75 (1.59-1.93)
Sex, male versus female	1.47 (1.31-1.65)	1.46 (1.20-1.77)
Race and ethnicity, versus non-Hispanic white		
Non-Hispanic black	1.46 (1.27-1.68)	1.38 (1.09-1.75)
Hispanic	1.38 (1.16-1.64)	1.31 (0.96-1.80)
Other	1.27 (1.05-1.53)	0.97 (0.70-1.36)
Type of malignancy, versus solid tumor		
Hematological neoplasm	1.70 (1.46-1.99)	1.44 (1.10-1.87)
Multiple <sup>d</sup>	1.21 (1.01-1.44)	1.30 (1.00-1.70)
Cancer status, versus remission or no evidence of disease		
Active and responding	0.84 (0.67-1.04)	0.79 (0.52-1.18)
Active and stable	0.97 (0.81-1.16)	1.06 (0.77-1.44)
Active and progressing	2.19 (1.80-2.67)	2.88 (2.13-3.90)
Unknown	1.93 (1.55-2.41)	2.19 (1.56-3.07)
Modality of active anticancer therapy <sup>e</sup>		
Cytotoxic chemotherapy, yes versus no	1.28 (1.04-1.58)	1.61 (1.15-2.24)
Immunotherapy, yes versus no	0.86 (0.64-1.16)	0.91 (0.56-1.47)
Targeted therapy, yes versus no	1.09 (0.87-1.36)	0.90 (0.63-1.31)
Endocrine therapy, yes versus no	0.79 (0.61-1.03)	0.68 (0.43-1.09)
Locoregional therapy, yes versus no	1.18 (0.93-1.50)	0.96 (0.65-1.42)
Other, yes versus no	0.97 (0.47-2.00)	1.31 (0.44-3.94)



# Seroconversion in immune compromised patients (after 2 doses of vaccine)



# Outpatient options authorized for treatment of COVID-19

Medication	Route	Comments
mAb	IV/IM/SQ	Potential for resistant variants
Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir	PO	Drug interactions with ritonavir
Molnupiravir	PO	Efficacy questions and fetal harm
Remdesivir	IV	Need for 3 days of IV
Convalescent plasma	IV	Blood product

# FDA: December 28, 2021

## FACT SHEET FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

### EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF COVID-19 CONVALESCENT PLASMA FOR TREATMENT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

#### AUTHORIZED USE

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the emergency use of the unapproved product, COVID-19 convalescent plasma with high titers of anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, for the treatment of COVID-19 in patients with immunosuppressive disease or receiving immunosuppressive treatment, in either the outpatient or inpatient setting.

Clinical dosing may first consider starting with one unit of COVID-19 convalescent plasma (about 200 mL), with administration of additional convalescent plasma units based on the prescribing physician's medical judgment and the patient's clinical response.

# IDSA Guideline on the Treatment and Management of COVID-19

**Recommendation 2 (UPDATED):** Among ambulatory patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 at high risk for progression to severe disease who have no other treatment options\*, the IDSA guideline panel suggests FDA-qualified high-titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma within 8 days of symptom onset rather than no high-titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma. (Conditional recommendation, Low certainty of evidence)

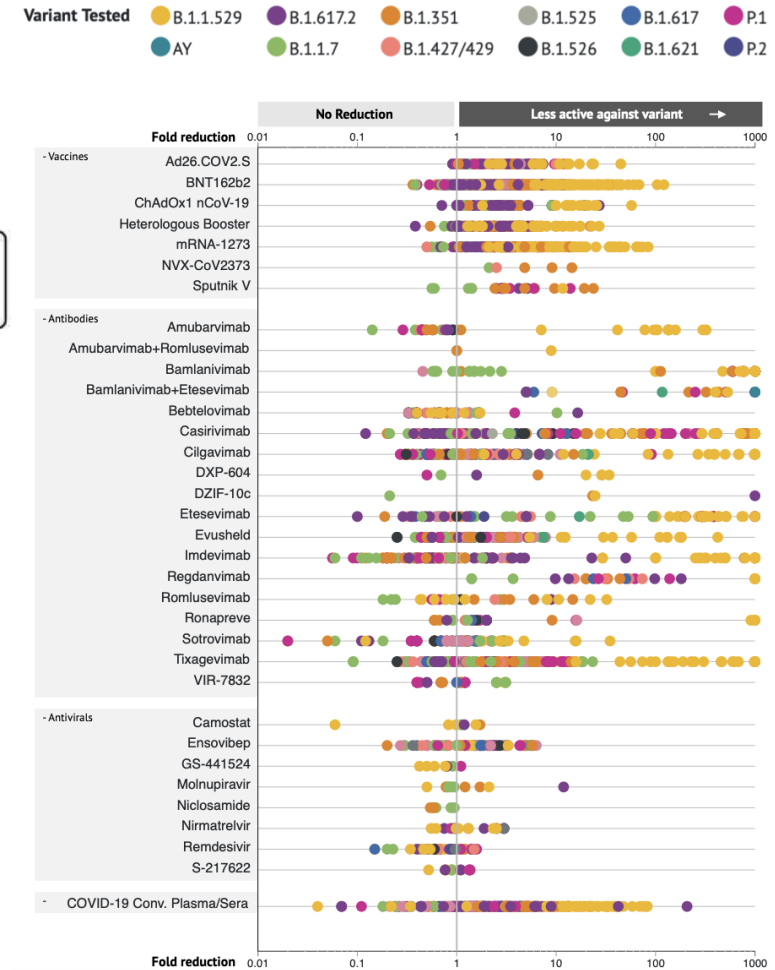
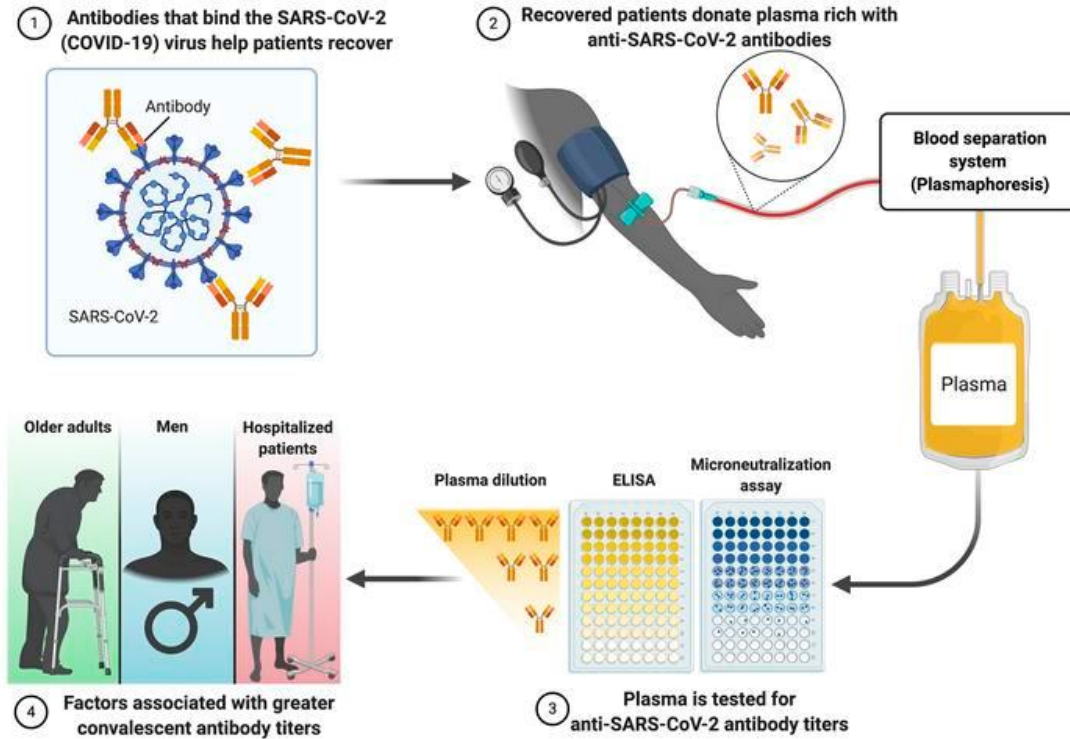
## Remarks:

- In the US, FDA EUA only authorizes use in patients with immunosuppressive disease or receiving immunosuppressive treatment.
- Patients, particularly those who are not immunocompromised, who place a low value on the uncertain benefits (reduction in the need for mechanical ventilation, hospitalization, and death) and a high value on avoiding possible adverse events associated with convalescent plasma would reasonably decline convalescent plasma.

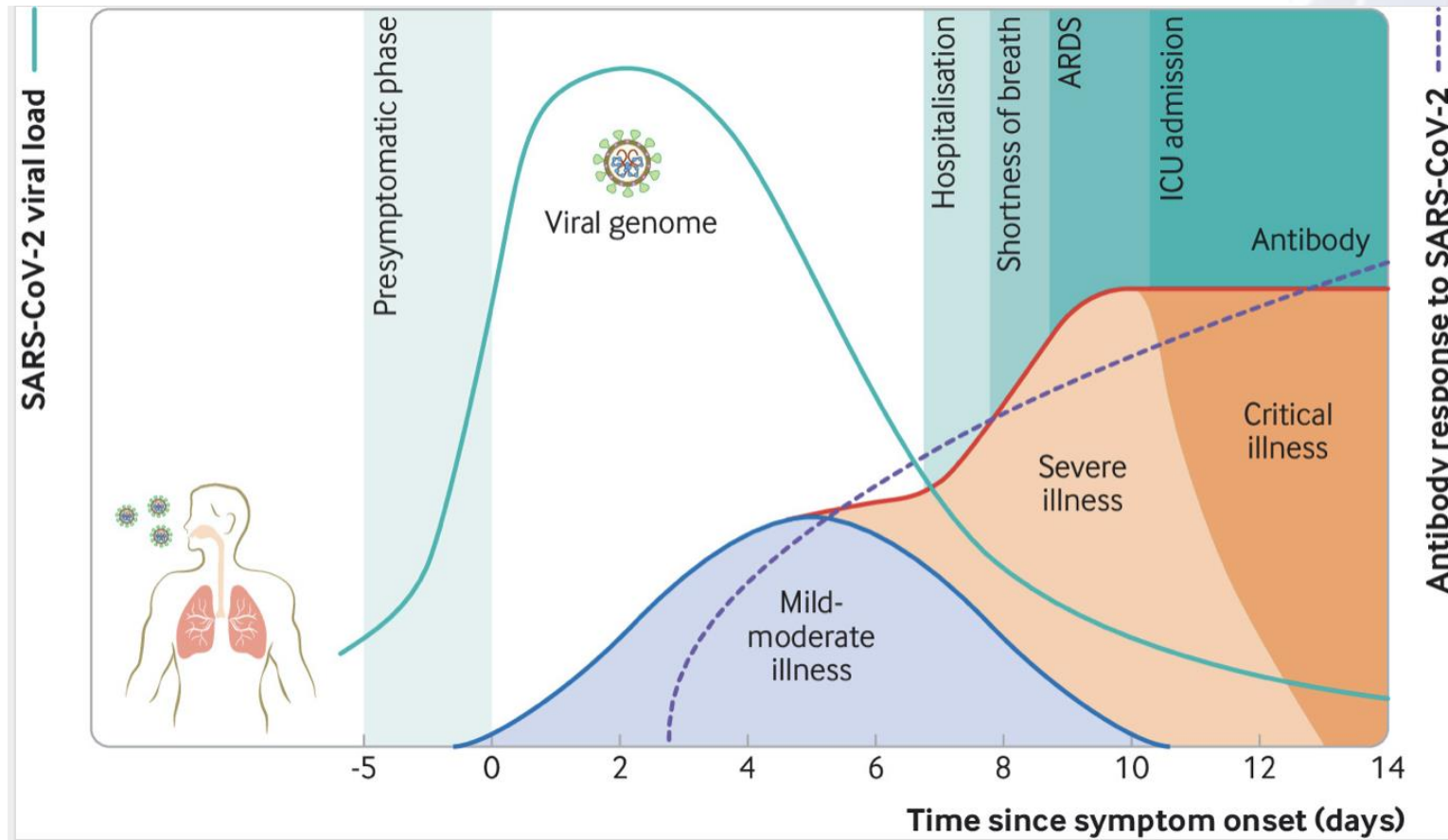
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# Convalescent plasma contains antibodies that neutralize SARS-CoV-2

Sex, age, and hospitalization drive antibody responses in a COVID-19 convalescent plasma donor population



# Timing, timing, timing

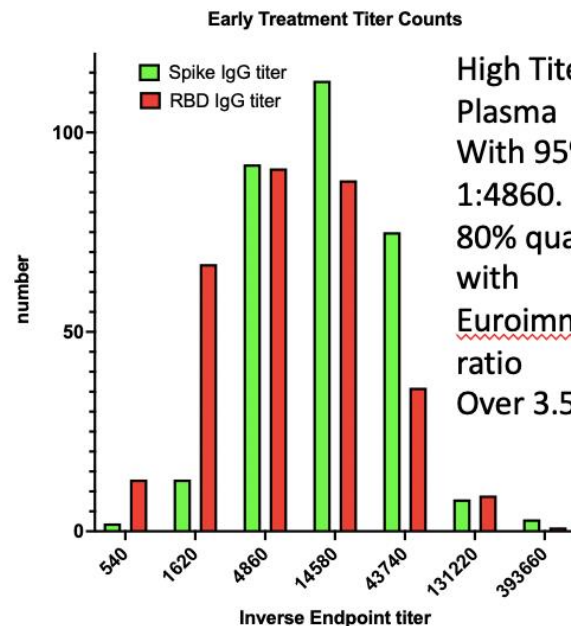


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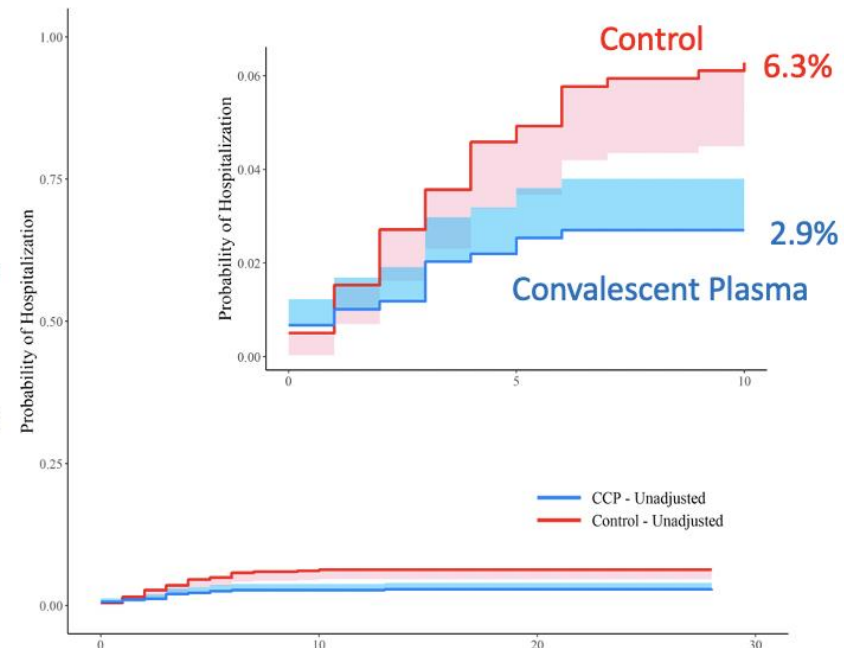
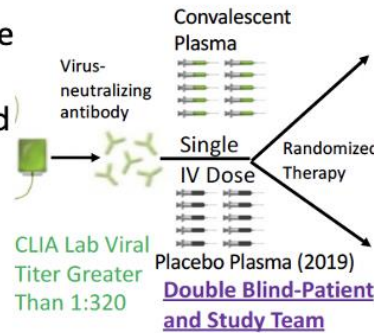
# Early Outpatient Treatment with Convalescent Plasma Reduces Hospitalizations by 50%

Double Blind Randomized Control Trial at 24 USA sites with 1181 Participants Transfused  
Sullivan et al MedRxiv 2022

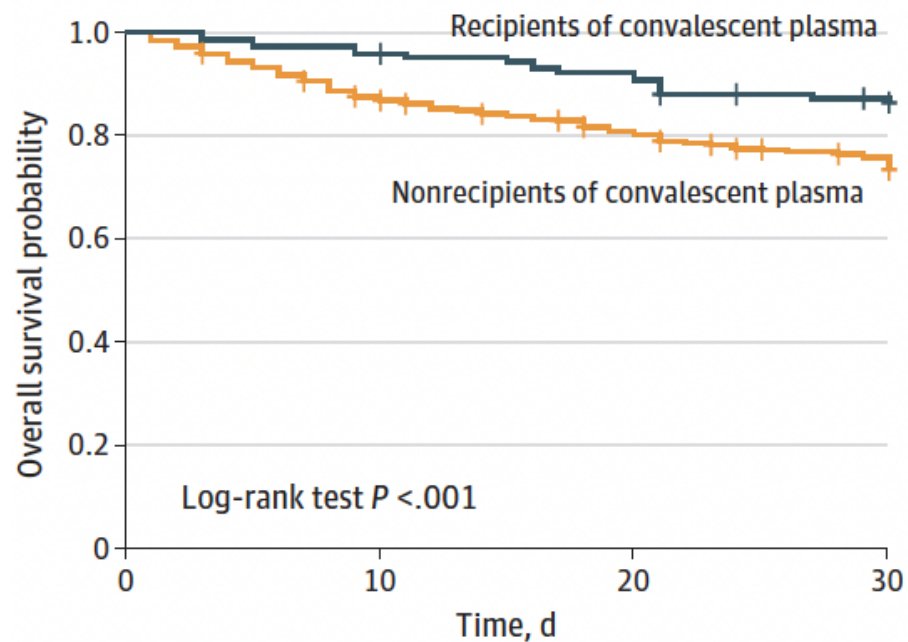
Of 1181 transfused, **37 of 589 (6.3%) control** and **17 of 592 (2.9%) COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma** were hospitalized for COVID-19 (relative risk, 0.46; CI= 0.733; P=0.004) corresponding to a **54%** risk reduction and absolute risk difference of **3.4%**.



High Titer Plasma With 95% over 1:4860. 80% qualified with Euroimmun ratio Over 3.5



# Convalescent Plasma in Patients With Hematologic Cancers and COVID-19

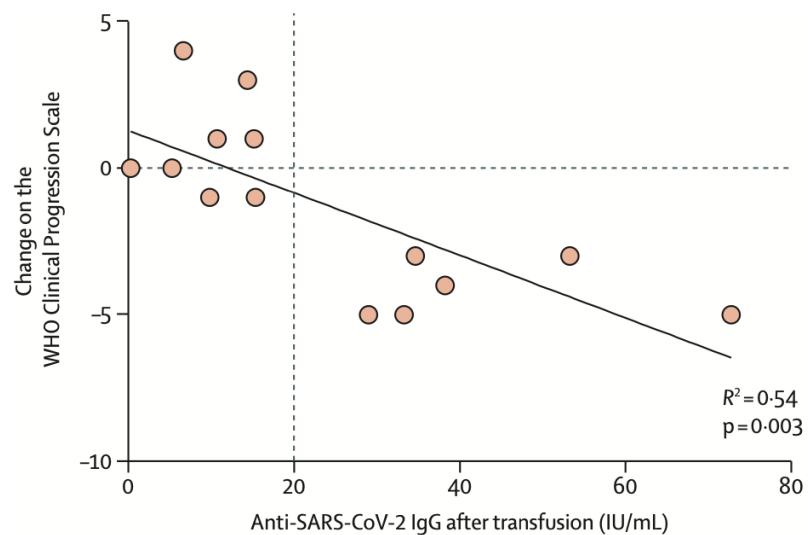


Variable	HR (95% CI) for death within 30 days
<b>Overall population</b>	
No. of events/No. of patients at risk (%)	223/966 (23.1)
Convalescent plasma	19/143 (13.3)
No convalescent plasma	204/823 (24.8)
Crude analysis <sup>a</sup>	0.47 (0.30-0.76)
Multivariable analysis <sup>b</sup>	0.60 (0.37-0.97)
Propensity score matching <sup>c</sup>	0.52 (0.29-0.92)



# Use of convalescent plasma in COVID-19 patients with immunosuppression

Condition	No. patients	COVID-19 disease severity scale <sup>a</sup>	Illness onset to treatment (days) <sup>a</sup>	Mortality (n, %) <sup>a</sup>	Rapid improvement in supplemental oxygen (≤5 days) (n, %) <sup>a</sup>
Primary immunosuppression					
Agammaglobulinemia	15	3 (2–5)	27 (12–69)	1, 7%	3 of 6, 50%
Common variable immune deficiency	7	3 (2–5)	20 (11–28)	1, 14%	2 of 2, 100%
Secondary immunosuppression					
Hematological malignancies	150	3 (2–5)	26 (2–103)	30, 20%	37 of 55, 67%
Solid organ transplants	66	3 (2–5)	9 (2–31)	9, 14%	25 of 37, 68%



# Patients recently treated for B-lymphoid malignancies show increased risk of severe COVID-19

Characteristics	Multivariable AOR (95% CI)
<b>Study populations (ref = Patients with nonrecently treated B-lymphoid malignancies)</b>	
Nonrecently treated control population	1.16 (0.90-1.49)
Recently treated control population	<b>0.75 (0.61-0.93)</b>
Patients recently treated for B-lymphoid malignancies	<b>2.30 (1.58-3.36)</b>

**Supplement Table 9:** Results of sensitivity analysis: multivariable proportional odds logistic regression with primary outcome of COVID-19 severity adjusting for convalescent plasma receipt in hospitalized patients only (N = 4840)

Characteristics	Multivariable AOR (95% CI)
<b>Study populations (ref = Patients with nonrecently treated B-lymphoid malignancies)</b>	
Nonrecently treated control population	0.82 (0.61-1.10)
Recently treated control population	0.92 (0.63-1.34)
Patients recently treated for B-lymphoid malignancies	1.34 (0.85-2.11)

# What is high titer?

Tests Acceptable for Use in the Manufacture of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma with High Titers of Anti-SARS-CoV2 Antibodies			
Manufacturer (listed alphabetically)	Assay	Previous Qualifying Result	Revised Qualifying Result
Abbott	AdviseDx SARSCoV-2 IgG II (ARCHITECT and Alinity i)	≥ 840 AU/mL	≥ 1280 AU/mL
Diasorin	LIAISON SARS-CoV-2 TrimericS IgG	≥ 52 AU/mL	≥ 87 AU/mL
GenScript	cPass SARS-CoV-2 Neutralization Antibody Detection Kit	Inhibition ≥ 68%	Inhibition ≥ 80%
Kantaro	COVID-SeroKlir, Kantaro Semi-Quantitative SARS-CoV-2 IgG Antibody Kit	Spike ELISA > 47 AU/mL	Spike ELISA > 69 AU/mL
Ortho	VITROS Anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG Quantitative Reagent Pack	N/A	>200 BAU/mL
Roche	Elecsys Anti-SARS-CoV-2 S	≥ 132 U/mL	>210 U/mL

# What are some scenarios for use?

- Immune compromised patient with early COVID-19 in whom other drugs are not an option
  - Not available
  - Resistance
  - Drug interactions
- Immune compromised patient with COVID-19 that fails to resolve despite other therapies

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# ***Baricitinib – An Update***

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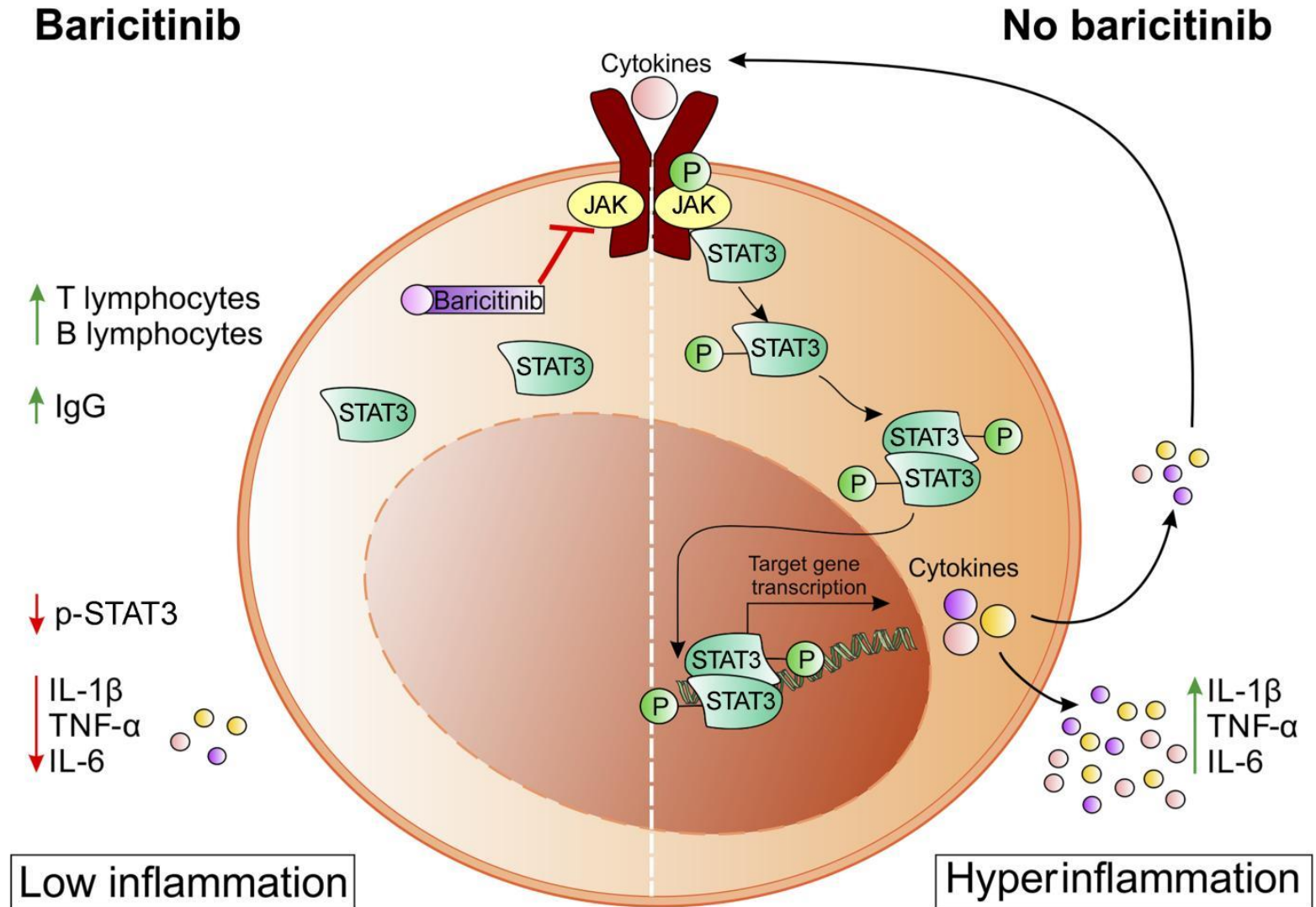
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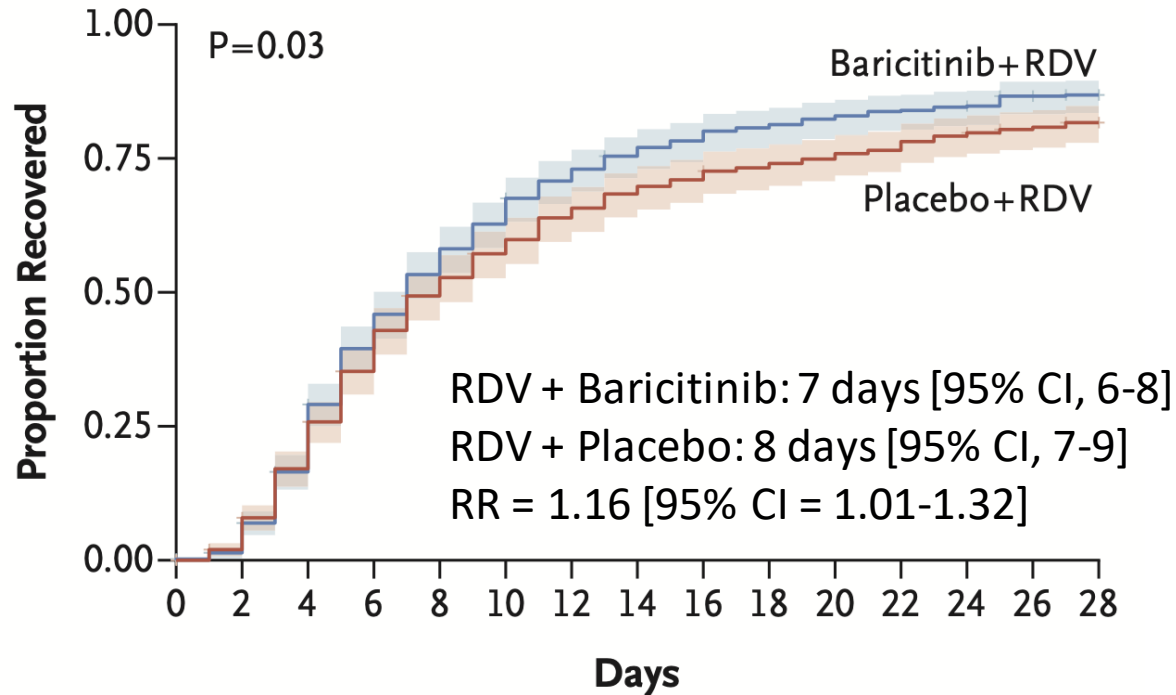
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# Baricitinib – It Can Do JAK (inhibition)



# ACTT-2- Baricitinib + Remdesivir vs. Baricitinib

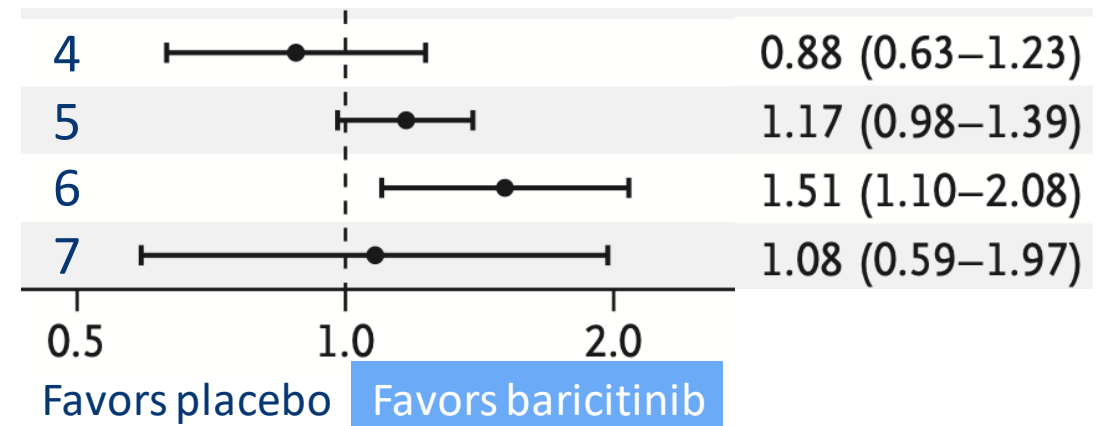
## A Overall



### No. at Risk

Baricitinib+RDV	515	497	418	302	233	186	145	121	107	95	87	80	76	63	30
Placebo+RDV	518	495	417	322	251	211	178	156	143	131	123	115	102	92	44

### Ordinal scale severity



- 4 Hospitalized requiring care, no O<sub>2</sub>
- 5 Hospitalized, requiring O<sub>2</sub>
- 6 Non-invasive ventilation or high-flow O<sub>2</sub>
- 7 Mechanical ventilation or ECMO

# ACTT-2- Outcomes

## 28-day mortality

- Baricitinib: 24 (5.1%)
- Placebo: 37 (7.8%)
- HR = 0.65 (95% CI 0.39-1.09)

## Progression to death or MV

- Baricitinib: 63 (12.2%)
- Placebo: 89 (17.2%)
- RR = 0.69 (95% CI 0.50-0.95)

## Median number of days on MV or ECMO (new after enrollment)

- Baricitinib: 16 days
- Placebo: 27 days
- Difference: -11 (95% CI -18.3 to -3.7)

## Grade 3/4 adverse events

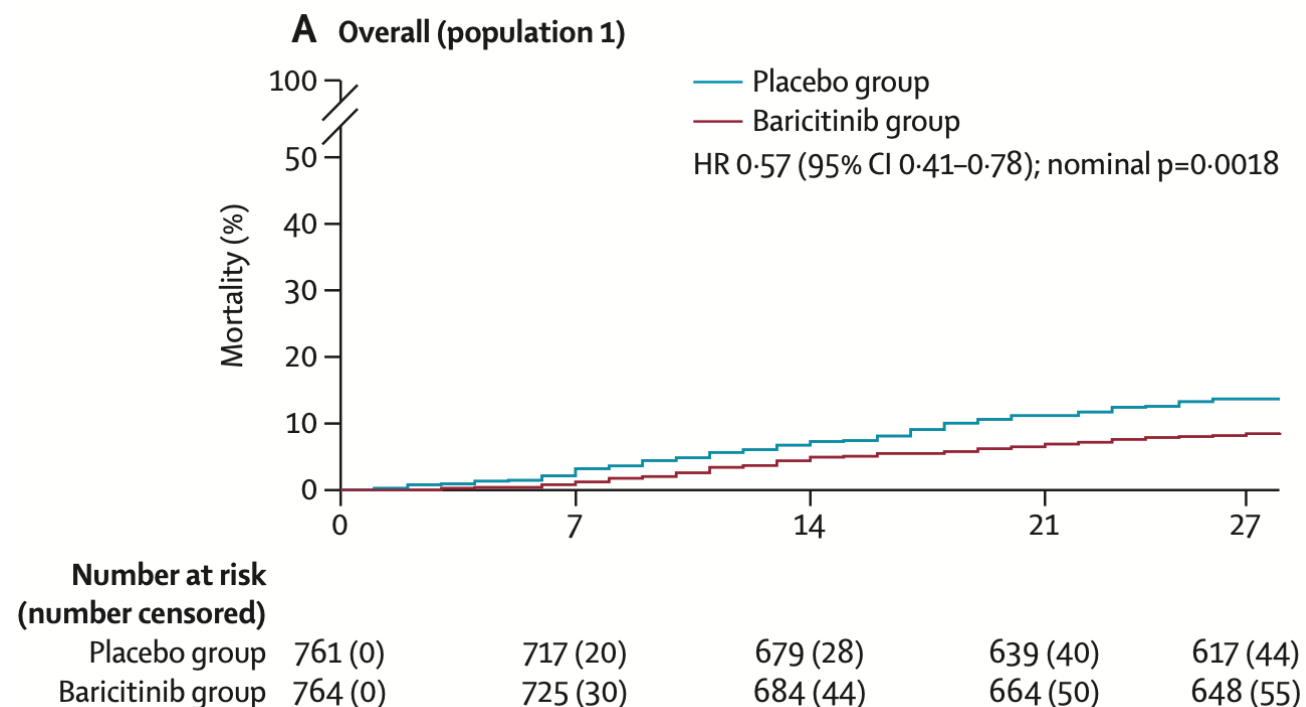
- Baricitinib: 207 (40.7%)
- Placebo: 238 (46.8%)

**Key point – No glucocorticoid use**

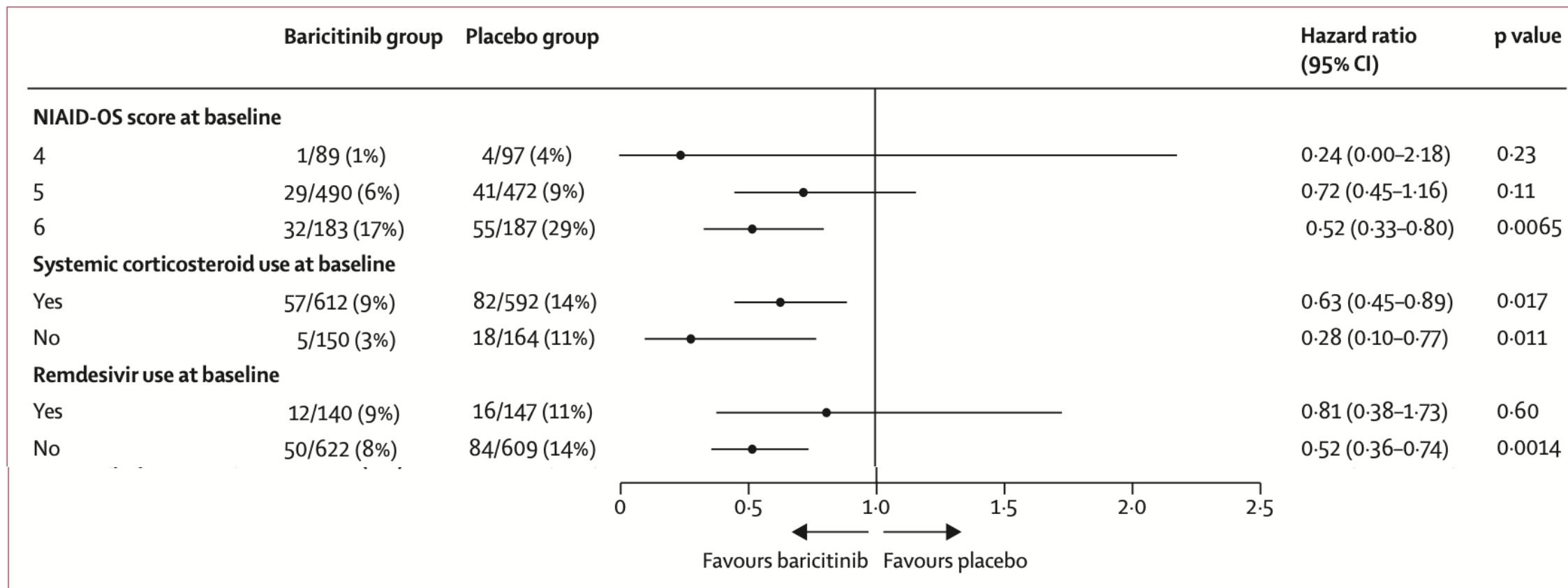
# COV-BARRIER- Baricitinib + SOC vs SOC

- RCT of baricitinib added to standard of care
  - Most patients received glucocorticoids, relatively few received remdesivir (<20%)
- Patients were OS 4-6; no OS 7
- Primary outcome: progression or death at 28d
- Secondary outcome: 28d mortality, recovery time
- Primary outcome:
  - Baricitinib: 27.8%
  - Placebo: 30.5%OR 0.85 (0.67-1.08); p=0.18

## Mortality at 28 days



# COV-BARRIER- Subgroups



# COV-BARRIER- Sub-study in Patients on MV or ECMO

RCT of 101 patients with OS 7

ECMO – 3 pts

baricitinib, 1

placebo

Mortality:

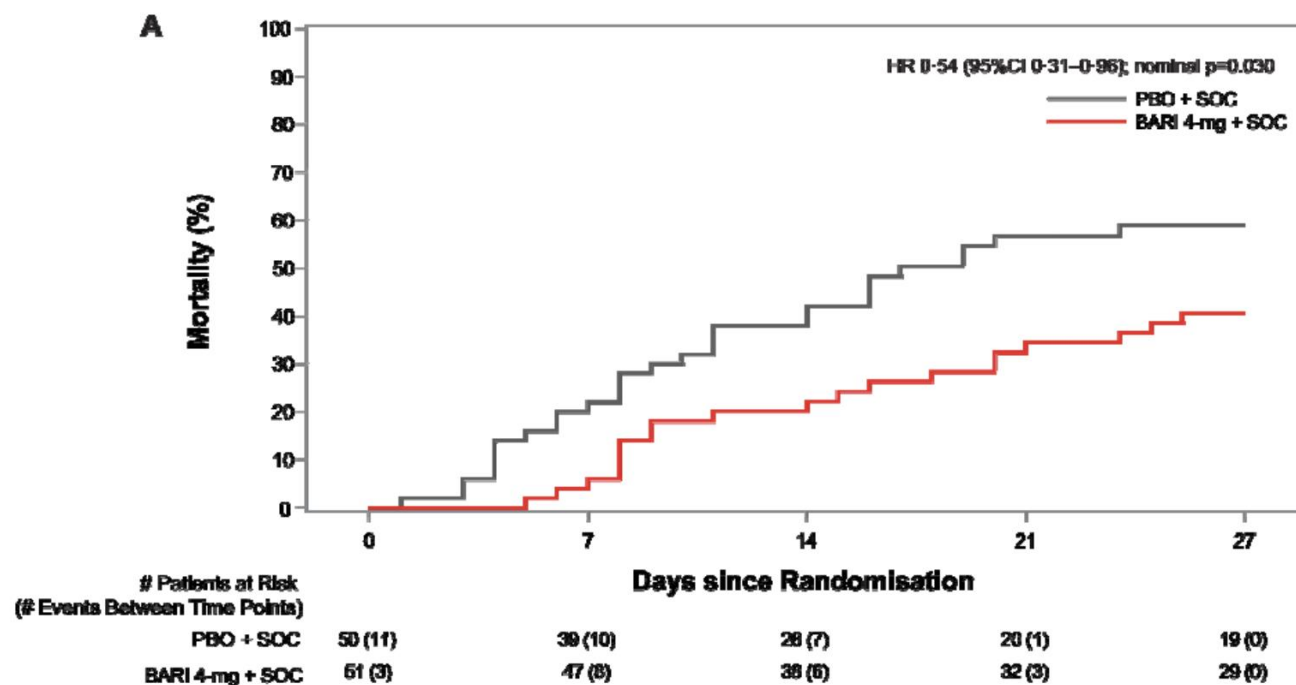
Baricitinib: 20/51

(39.2%)

Placebo: 29/50 (58%)

p=0.030

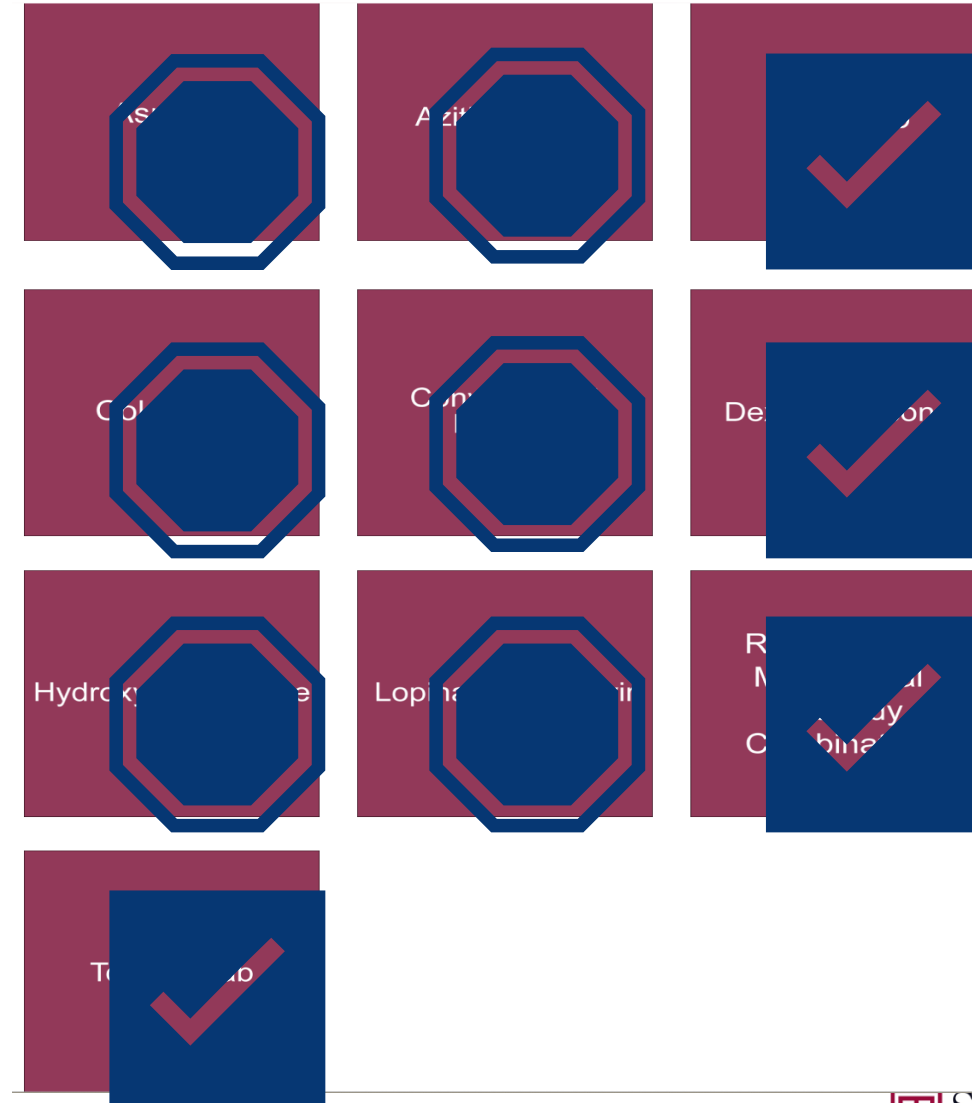
>80% of patients received  
glucocorticoids



# RECOVERY

- Platform, adaptive, open-label, randomized trial of multiple drugs vs. usual care
  - During baricitinib trial, other drugs were ASA, colchicine, dimethyl fumarate, casirivimab-imdevimab, empagliflozin
- Primary outcome: 28-day mortality

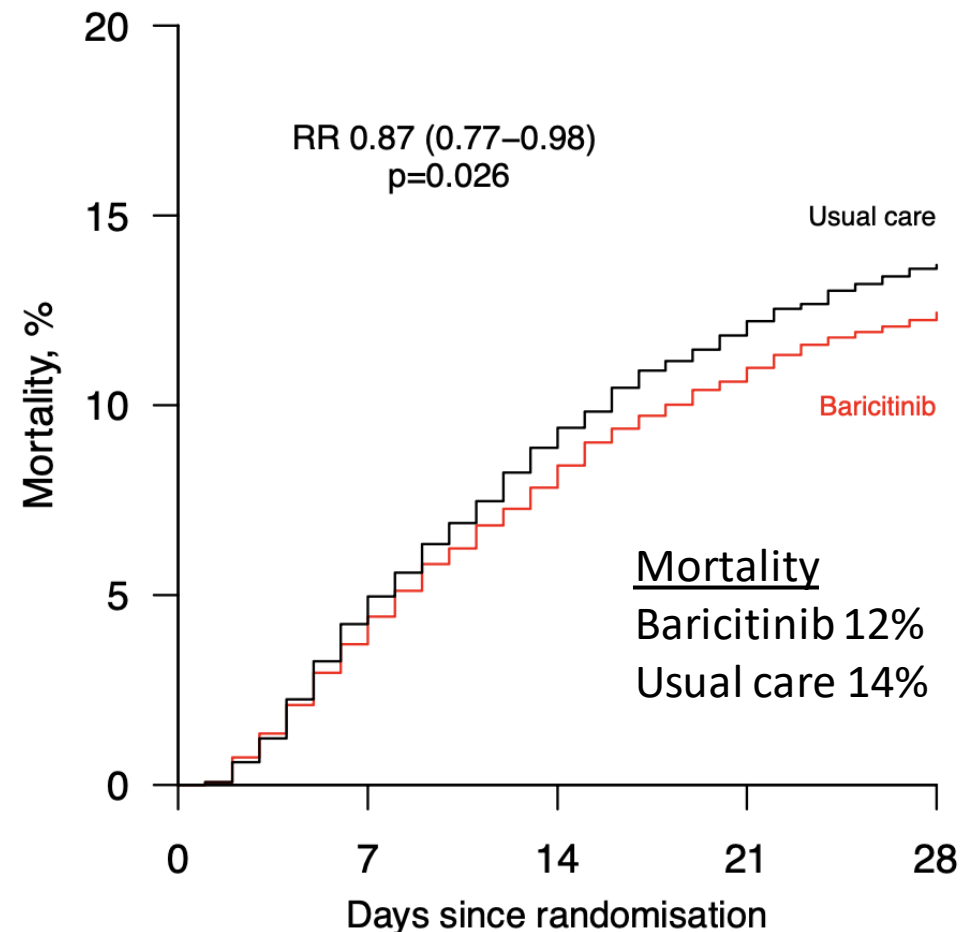
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# RECOVERY- Results

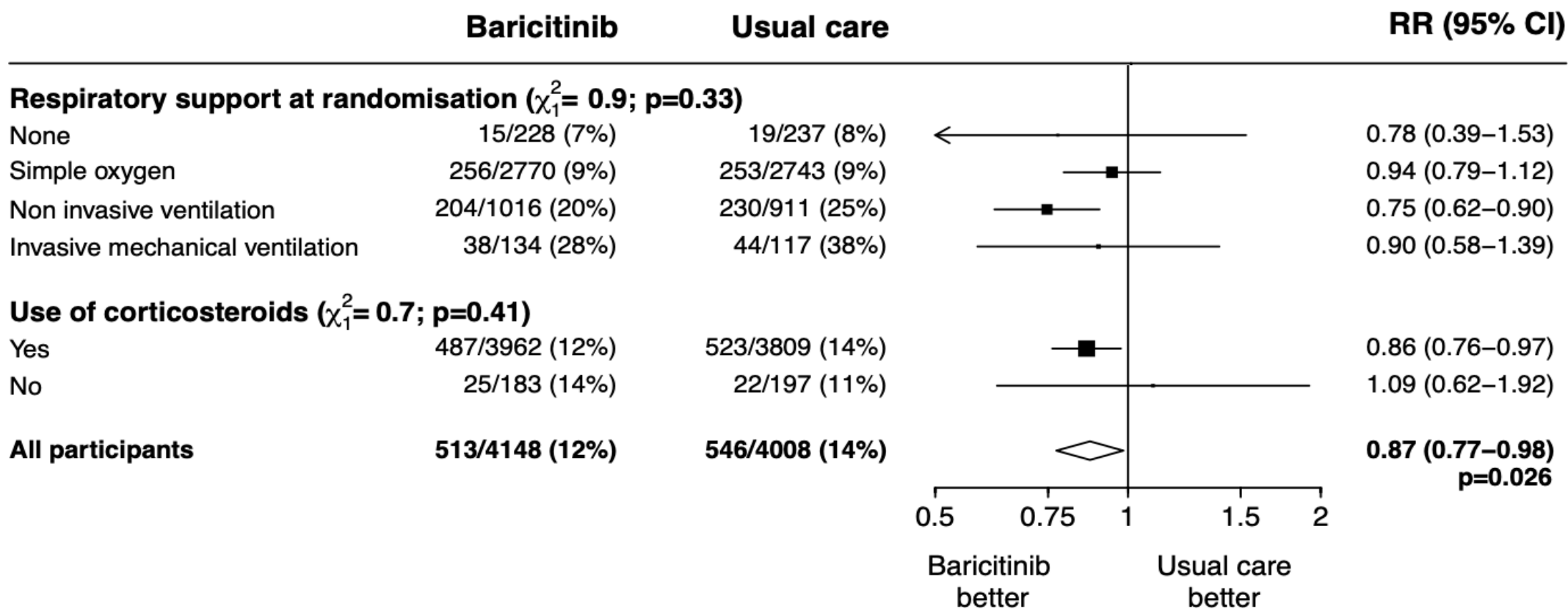
- 8156 patients enrolled
- Characteristics (Baricitinib; Usual care)
  - Respiratory support
    - None: 228 (5%); 237 (6%)
    - O2: 2770 (67%); 2743 (68%)
    - NIMV: 1016 (24%); 911 (23%)
    - IMV: 134 (3%); 117 (3%)
  - Vaccinated: 1755 (42%); 1665 (42%)
  - Glucocorticoids: 3962 (96%); 3809 (95%)
  - Remdesivir: 878 (21%); 789 (20%)
  - Tocilizumab: 951 (23%); 921 (23%)



Number at risk	0	7	14	21	28
Baricitinib	4148	3940	3775	3668	3605
Usual care	4008	3787	3610	3497	3438

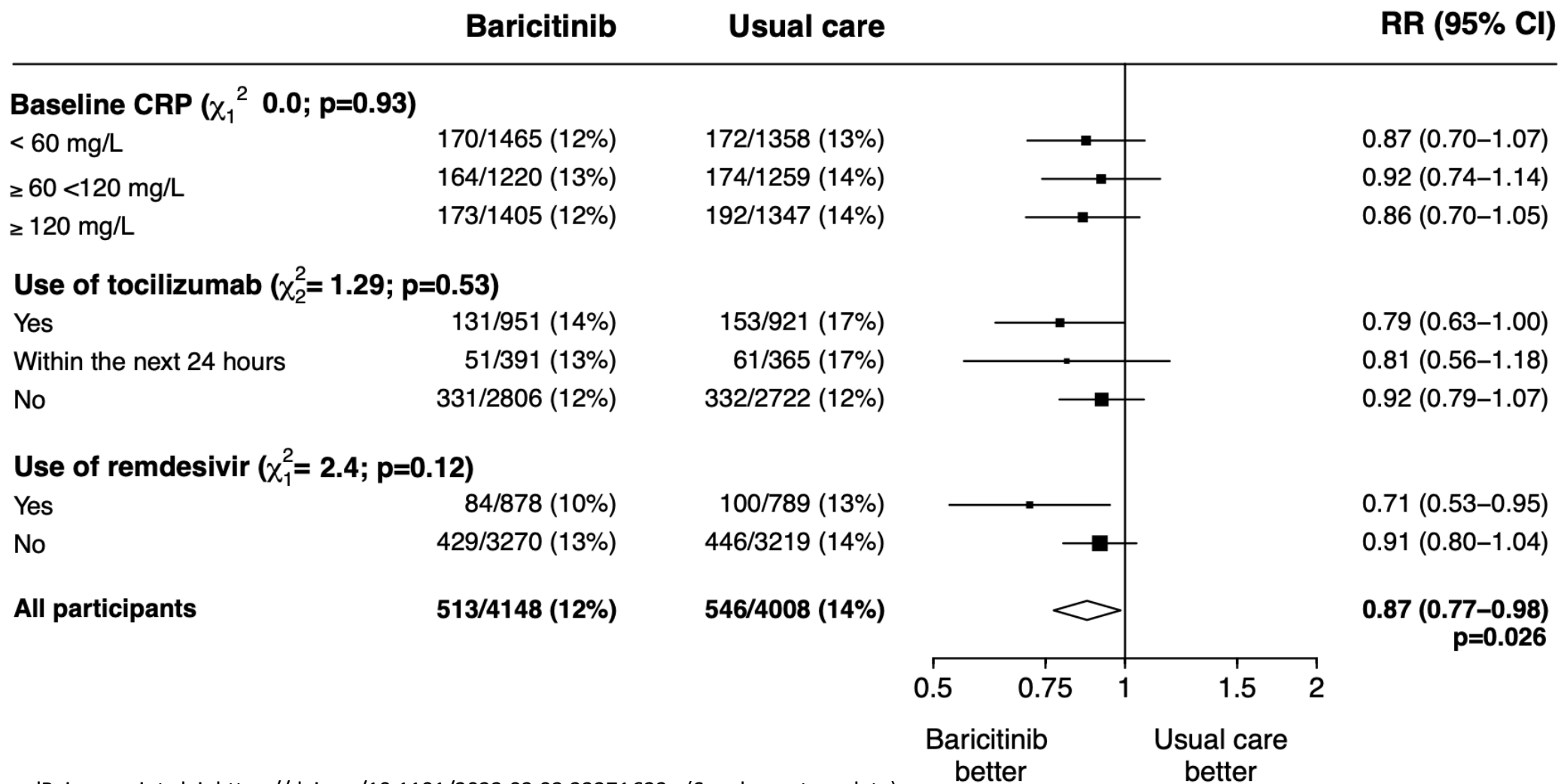
# RECOVERY- Results

**Figure 3: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on 28-day mortality by pre-specified baseline characteristics**



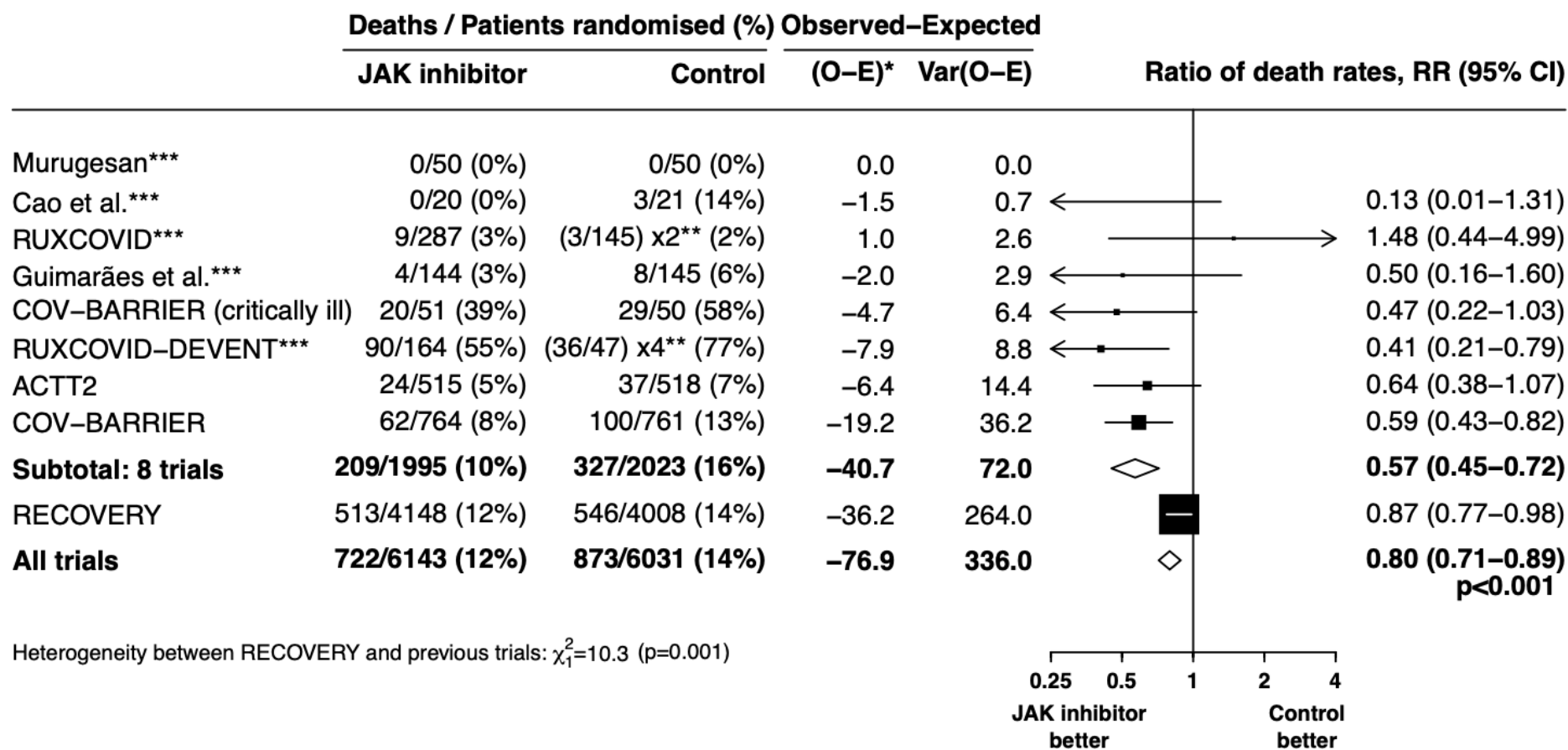
# RECOVERY- Results

**Webfigure 1: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on 28-day mortality by subgroups defined retrospectively**



# RECOVERY- Results

**Figure 4: JAK inhibitor vs usual care in patients hospitalised with COVID – Meta-analysis of mortality in RECOVERY and other trials**



# Summary

- Baricitinib reduces mortality in patients with severe COVID-19
- Main role: Use in combination with glucocorticoids in patients requiring support  $>O_2$
- Effect maintained regardless of remdesivir or tocilizumab use
- Remaining questions
  - Generalizability to other JAK inhibitors?
  - Best use vis-à-vis tocilizumab

## Dosing Adjustments

Parameter	Age $\geq 9$	Ages 2-8
eGFR $\geq 60$	4 mg daily	2 mg daily
eGFR 30-59	2 mg daily	1 mg daily
eGFR 15-29	1 mg daily	Not recommended
eGFR $< 15$	Not recommended	
ALC $< 200$	Consider holding until $\geq 200$	
ANC $< 500$	Consider holding until $\geq 500$	

Key adverse effects: thromboembolism, infection

***Outpatient Treatment Supply &  
Distribution Update***

**Derek Eisnor, MD and Meg Sullivan, MD, MPH**

# COVID-19 Therapeutics Allocation & Distribution Update

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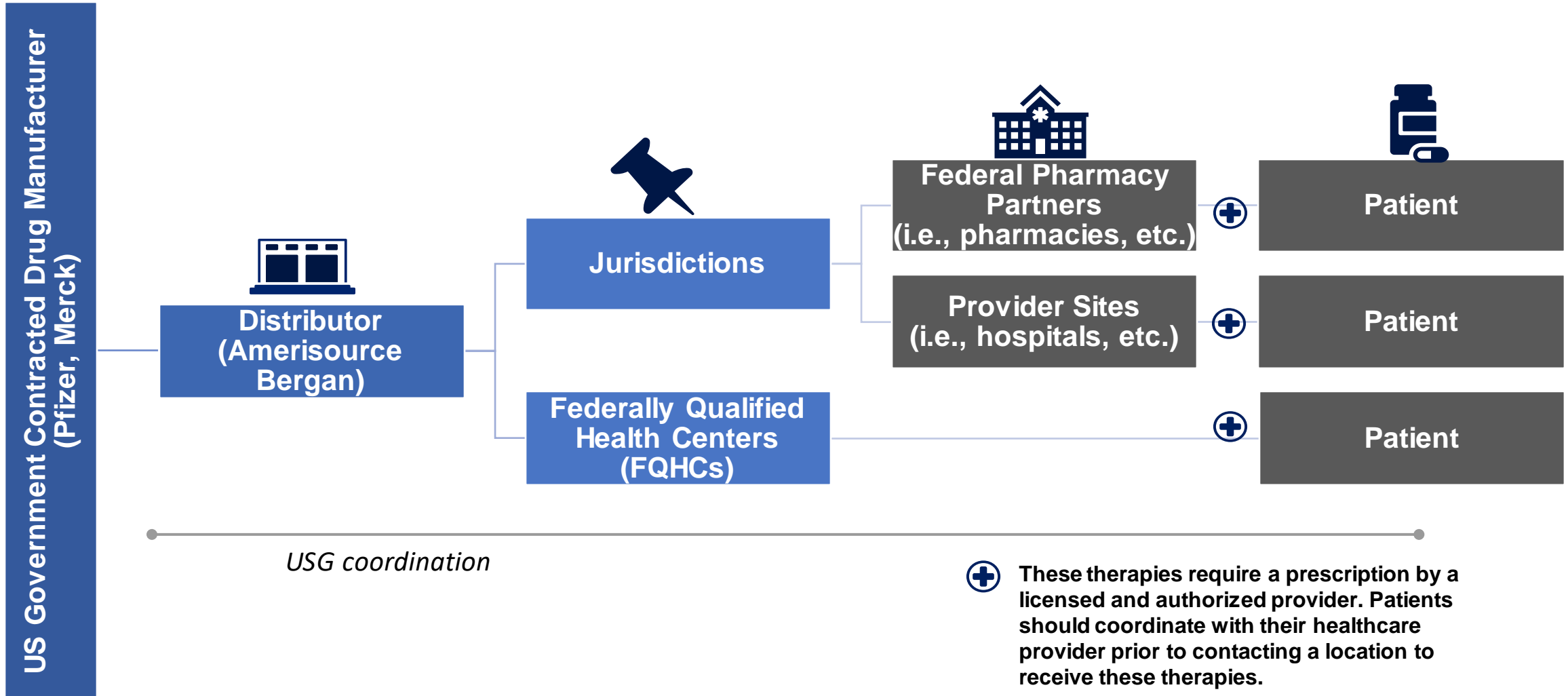
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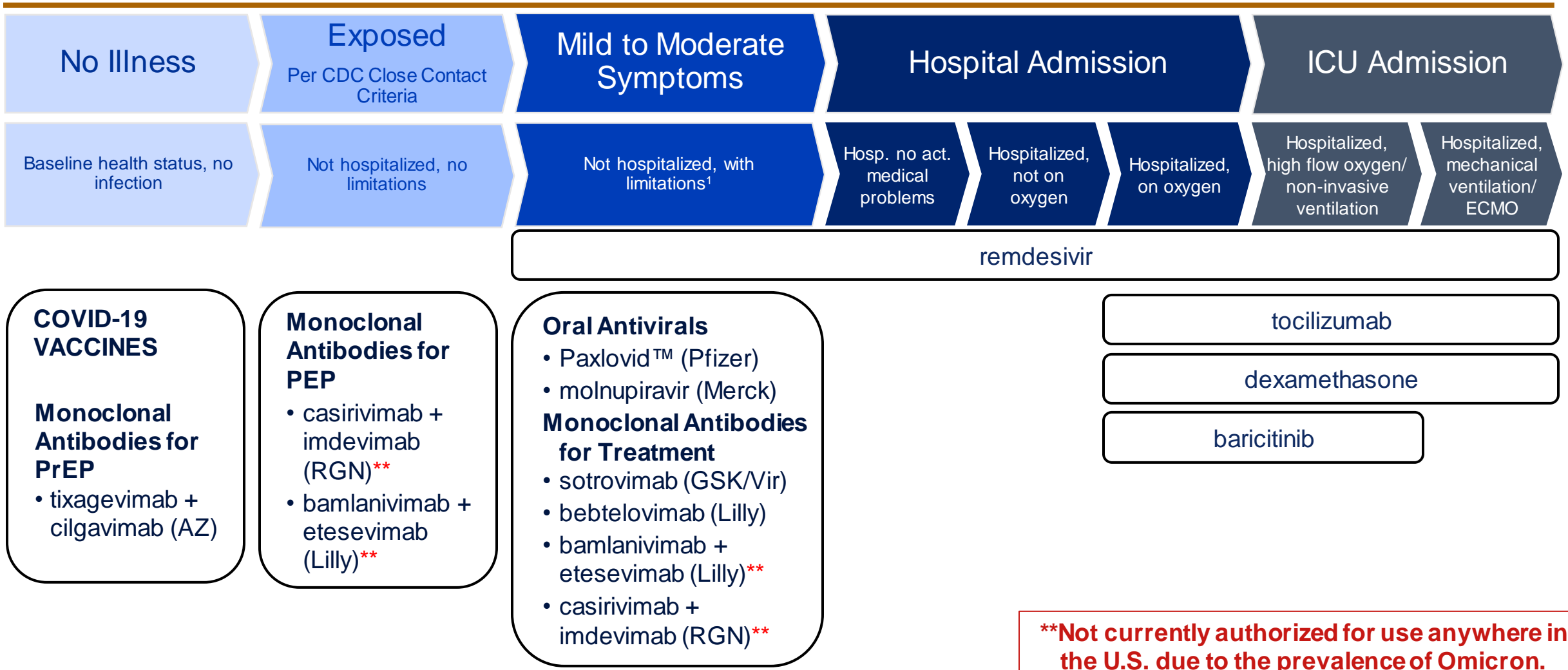
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# Oral Antiviral Dispensing: Pharmacy Partners Help Increase Access



# Summary of COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Therapeutics



<sup>1</sup> [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/about-the-guidelines/whats-new/) [https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/about-the-guidelines/whats-new/](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/)  
[Therapeutic Management of Nonhospitalized Adults With COVID-19](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/) <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/>

# Updated EUA: EVUSHELD

Updated EVUSHELD Dosing Requirements (tixagevimab and cilgavimab)

## Initial Dosage and Administration

**300 mg of tixagevimab and 300 mg of cilgavimab** administered as two separate consecutive intramuscular injections.

## Repeat Dosing for Patients who Previously Received 150 mg tixagevimab and 150 mg of cilgavimab

**150 mg of tixagevimab and 150 mg of cilgavimab** administered as two separate intramuscular injections as soon as possible.

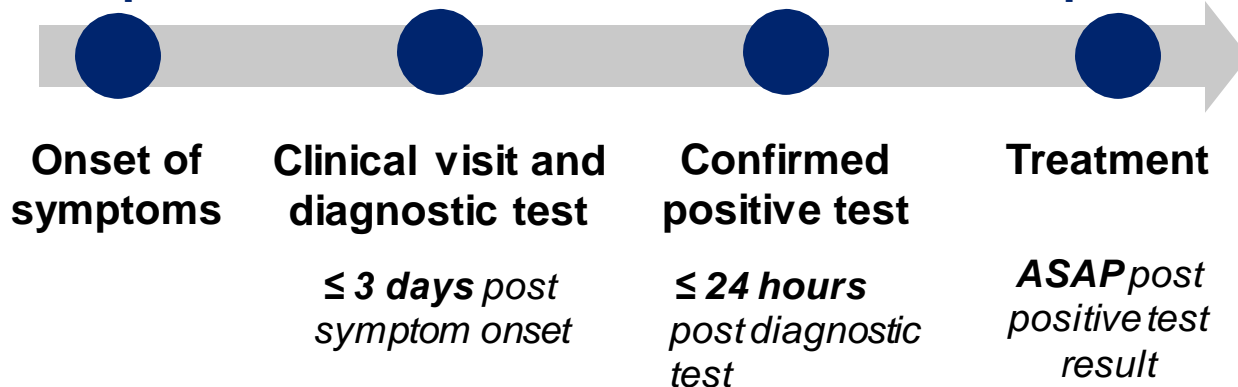
For more information, see [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization For EVUSHELD \(tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab\)](#).

# Pathway to Treatment: Patient with Confirmed COVID-19 Infection

- Treatment likely most beneficial to patients if given **early in symptom progression**
- EUA requires administration of **treatment as soon as possible** after confirmed positive test result and within **5 to 10 days of symptom onset\***
- Strong **partnership and communication** between patients and HCP to get right treatment to right patients at right time
- Fast testing turnaround needed, to efficiently **identify positive tests** and **schedule for treatment**

**Early administration of treatment needs fast testing turn-around and patient scheduling**

## Example of timeline which would fulfill EUA requirements



— Treatment required within 5 to 10 days of symptom onset  
*Testing sites should recommend COVID+ patients that are high risk confer with their HCP on potential suitability for Tx*

— \*Please reference EUA factsheet for specific treatment guidelines including recommended treatment window

# Outpatient Therapeutic Portfolio

For Planning Purposes Only – Subject to Change

	Drug Class	Allocation Cadence*	Sweep Schedule*	Allocation Feb 7	Allocation Feb 14	Planned Allocation Feb 21	Planned Allocation Feb 28	Planned Allocation Mar 7	Planned Allocation Mar 14
<b>Paxlovid</b> Pfizer	Oral antiviral	Transition to Weekly	N/A	100,000	0	150,000	0	125,000	125,000
<b>Molnupiravir</b> Merck	Oral antiviral	Transition to Weekly	N/A	400,000	+ requests	350,000 (+ requests)	+ requests	125,000 (+ requests)	125,000 (+ requests)
<b>Sotrovimab</b> GSK/Vir	Monoclonal for treatment	Weekly	N/A	52,250	52,250	52,250	47,000	52,250	52,250
<b>Bebtelovimab</b> Lilly	Monoclonal for treatment	Weekly	N/A	N/A	49,000	49,000	52,000	49,000	49,000
<b>Evusheld</b> AstraZeneca	Monoclonal for prevention	Transition to Monthly	N/A	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	200,000 (monthly allocation)	(ordering against monthly)
<b>Bam/Ete</b> Lilly	Monoclonal; omicron resistance	Weekly	Weekly; Saturday	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>
<b>REGEN-COV</b> Regeneron	Monoclonal, omicron resistance	Weekly	Weekly; Saturday	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>	Distribution pause <sup>1</sup>
<b>Remdesivir</b> Gilead	IV antiviral	Commercial Market	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1. In accordance with the FDA EUA update on 1/24/2022, bam/ete and REGEN-COV distribution is paused nationally due to the high prevalence of the omicron variant. Resumption of allocation will be considered based on variant prevalence data and/or availability of patient level variant diagnostic testing.

\* As disease incidence declines and incoming supply increases to better meet demand, allocation strategies may transition later in March.

# Long-Term Care Partners Program

- **Overview:** Partnership with Pharmacy serving long-term care facilities (LTCFs) for **direct ordering of oral antivirals** up to a specific threshold at locations that provide direct access of product to the long-term care community
- Uses separate federal cache that **does not impact allocations to states/territories**
- Aids states by identifying long-term care supporting pharmacies (LTCPs) within their jurisdictions
- Identified LTCPs have ability to open order with guard rails, closely tied to utilization
- Will ensure maximum visibility by states and territories on product supplies in LTCPs and LTCFs
- Will Ensure equitable distribution of therapeutics
- Provides an efficient and flexible logistical and distribution structure to meet current and future demand for therapeutics when and where needed

# Test To Treat Initiative

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# Test to Treat Overview

- ***Test to Treat efforts aim to address challenges with patients obtaining therapeutics, including:***
  - Consumer knowledge of “test to treat” guidance
  - Access to tests upon symptom onset
  - Access to healthcare provider (or treatment site for mAbs) within timeframe for treatment effectiveness
  - Provider knowledge of and comfort level with prescribing therapeutics
  - Equitable distribution of therapeutics, especially in the setting of limited supply
  - Provider/consumer locating site with medication in-stock



# COVID-19 Test to Treat Strategy: Overall Goals

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- **Increase COVID-19 test and treat health literacy.**
- **Ensure Access to Tests** for early diagnosis, with a specific focus on high-risk individuals.
- **Facilitate Rapid Linkage to Care after Positive Result**, with a specific focus on high-risk individuals.
- **Ensure Access to Therapeutics**, with a focus on equitable distribution.

# Increase COVID-19 Test to Treat Health Literacy

## Include Test to Treat language on testing websites

### Self-Testing

Updated Feb. 1, 2022 Languages Print

CDC has updated [isolation and quarantine](#) recommendations for the public, and is revising the CDC website to reflect these changes. These recommendations do not apply to [healthcare personnel](#) and do not supersede state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations.

**Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests:** [Order 4 free tests now so you have them when you need them.](#)

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have [one or more health](#) conditions that increase your risk of becoming very sick, [treatment may be available](#). Contact a health professional right away after a positive test to determine if you may be eligible, even if your symptoms are mild right now. Don't delay: Treatment must be started within the first few days to be effective.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>



#### What if you test **Positive**?

A **positive** at-home test result means that the test found the virus, and you very likely have COVID-19.

If you test positive, follow the [latest CDC guidance for isolation](#).

If you test positive and have a weakened immune system or [other health conditions](#), talk to a doctor as soon as possible about [available treatment options](#).

#### What if you test **Negative**?

A **negative** at-home test result means that the test did not find the virus, and you may have a lower risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Check your test kit's instructions for specific next steps. If you test negative, you should test again within a few days with at least 24 hours between tests.

If you test negative, follow the [latest CDC guidance for self-testing](#).

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

# Increase COVID-19 Test to Treat Health Literacy

## DON'T DELAY: TEST SOON AND TREAT EARLY

| COVID-19 |

If you are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, and test positive, treatment may be available.



Get tested as soon as possible after your symptoms start.

Contact your healthcare provider right away if your result is positive.



Don't delay. Treatment must be started early to work.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/communication/print-resources/Test-Soon-Treat-Early.pdf>

# Weekly Stakeholder Engagements

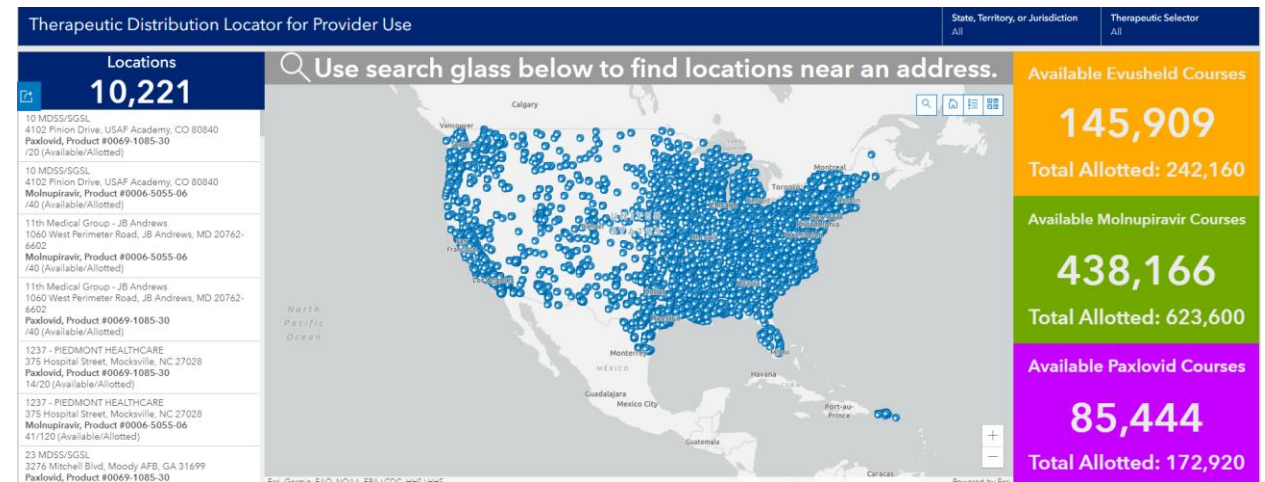
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  - Every other Friday (12:00-1:00PM ET); Next meeting March 18  
<https://hhsasproea.zoomgov.com/j/1617536991?pwd=NjFMcnJOUENuSFhtRFFtaWltejYzZz09>

Questions or need the Zoom link for identified engagements?  
Email us at [COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov](mailto:COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov).

# Increase COVID-19 Test and Treat Health Literacy/Ensure Access to Therapeutics

- Amplify existing resources, and develop additional resource for linkages to therapeutics for healthcare providers

<https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>



# Test to Treat Initiative: Enhanced Distribution Model

- Part of larger strategy to increase access to oral antivirals:
  - **Public education** campaign and enhanced patient/consumer education and messaging
  - **Provider outreach** to increase knowledge of and comfort level with prescribing therapeutics
  - Ensure **access to and preposition tests** in high priority settings & populations
  - Ensure **access to and preposition therapeutics** in high priority settings and populations
    - Continue existing process of allocation of oral antivirals to states, jurisdictions, and territories
    - Continue direct distribution of oral antivirals to HRSA-funded health centers, with expansion to additional health centers as supply increases
    - Provide direct access to medication at sites where end-to-end test to treat model can be provided and/or disease burden is high using a separate federal cache that **does not impact current partners allocations**
      - Open direct ordering pathway for pharmacy-based clinics
      - Open direct ordering pathway for Long-Term Care Pharmacies
  - Explore further opportunities for telehealth and other options for linkage to care and treatment

# Pharmacy-Based Clinic Test to Treat Initiative

- **Overview:** Partnership with Pharmacy-Based Clinics for **direct ordering of oral antivirals** up to a specific threshold at locations that provide comprehensive test and treat services at that location
- Initiative will increase opportunities for successful end-to-end Test and Treat model
  - Co-locates testing, provider, and treatment in single location
  - Reduce barriers to rapid linkage to treatment for high-risk COVID-19+ individuals
- Opens additional pathway of direct ordering of oral antivirals for eligible retail health clinic locations that meet the following criteria:
  - Enrolled in Federal pharmacy partnership program (or ability to rapidly enroll)
  - Provide/offer comprehensive end-to-end test and treat services to support a seamless patient experience:
    - Rapid COVID-19 testing on-site (or evaluation of at-home testing)
    - Linkage to a clinical evaluation by licensed healthcare provider after positive result to provide prescription when appropriate
    - Co-located pharmacy able to readily dispense medication to eligible patients
  - Services available to all individuals, regardless of insurance status

## Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Test to Treat

The Biden-Harris Administration is launching a new nationwide Test to Treat initiative that will give individuals an important new way to rapidly access free lifesaving treatment for COVID-19. In this program, people will be able to get tested and – if they are positive and treatments are appropriate for them – receive a prescription from a health care provider, and have their prescription filled all in one location. These “One-Stop Test to Treat” locations will be available at hundreds of locations nationwide, including pharmacy-based clinics, federally-qualified community health centers (FQHCs), and long-term care facilities. People will also continue to be able to be tested and treated by their own health care providers who can appropriately prescribe these oral antivirals at locations where they are being distributed.

While vaccination continues to provide the best protection against COVID-19, therapies are now available to help treat eligible people who do get sick. The Biden-Harris Administration has invested in a medicine cabinet of COVID-19 treatments, which includes two oral antiviral pills – Pfizer’s Paxlovid and Merck’s Molnupiravir – that can help prevent severe illness and hospitalization when taken soon after symptom onset.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) already distributes COVID-19 treatments, including oral antivirals, to states and territories for free on a weekly basis. All qualified health care providers can prescribe these therapeutics to patients who are at increased risk for developing severe COVID-19.

Effective March 7, HHS will also begin distributing oral antiviral pills directly to participating Test to Treat pharmacy-based clinics, making more treatments available to more people in more locations. ASPR will also launch a program for long-term care pharmacies to directly order these antivirals to facilitate increased access for eligible long-term care residents who are at increased risk for developing severe COVID-19.

These pharmacy-based clinics and long-term care facilities join hundreds of FQHCs in our hardest-hit and highest-risk communities – these centers will provide access for people to get tested, receive a prescription from a health care provider if appropriate, and have their prescription filled, all at one convenient location.

Building upon the existing distribution of oral antivirals to thousands of locations across all states and territories, the Test to Treat initiative is part of a broader strategy to quickly connect eligible individuals who are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 to appropriate treatments. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is also connecting our nation’s veterans who test positive at VA medical centers directly to treatment. For more information regarding available COVID-19 treatments, visit [www.aspr.hhs.gov](http://www.aspr.hhs.gov).

## Frequently Asked Questions about the Test to Treat Initiative

### What pharmacy-based clinics, health centers, and long-term care facilities have partnered with HHS as part of the Test to Treat initiative?

Some of the nation’s largest pharmacy chains are participating. The participating locations have health clinics inside their stores where health care providers can prescribe these COVID-19 therapeutics to eligible people who need them. These oral antivirals may only be prescribed by a qualified health care provider. There are also hundreds of federally-qualified health centers already participating in our hardest-hit and highest-risk communities, with additional long-term care facilities that serve high-risk residents also coming on board.

### Which treatments will participating Test to Treat locations receive?

Pharmacy-based clinics participating in the initiative are eligible to receive the oral antiviral pills from Merck (molnupiravir) and Pfizer (Paxlovid) through direct allocations from HHS/ASPR beginning the week of Mar. 7, 2022.

### How does the Test to Treat program work?

Patients will be able to get tested – and if they are positive and eligible for treatment – to receive an appropriate prescription from a qualified health care provider, and have their prescription filled all in one location. Individuals who receive COVID-19 test results through at-home tests or another testing site can also utilize a Test to Treat location to receive a prescription from a qualified healthcare provider and treatment on the spot if eligible.

### Will there be a Test to Treat site near me?

The initial launch of the Test to Treat initiative includes hundreds of federally-qualified health centers, pharmacy-based clinics, and long-term care facilities across the country. HHS will enroll additional sites in the coming weeks as the program launches and expands. In addition to the Test to Treat sites, states and territories will also continue to receive oral antiviral pills available for distribution throughout their jurisdictions.

### How will people find Test to Treat sites as more come online?

A federal Test to Treat website is in development with anticipated launch in mid-March.

### Will the Test to Treat program reduce the amount of oral antiviral treatments that a state or territory receives?

No, this program will have a separate federal supply that will not impact current state and territory allocations that are going to other sites and providers. The Test to Treat program is not intended to interfere with or supplant existing allocation protocols, but rather to offer more options for places where eligible people can quickly get needed care.

### Are pharmacists themselves able to prescribe the oral antiviral pills (Paxlovid and Molnupiravir)?

No. The Test to Treat initiative includes sites that have health care providers available to provide timely and thorough assessment and discussion relevant to oral antiviral treatment option(s), consistent with FDA requirements regarding these drugs. The Test to Treat initiative does not change existing requirements for a qualified health care provider to write the prescription.

### Can I get oral antivirals through my regular health care provider?

Yes. As has been the case until now, qualified health care providers will continue to be able to prescribe oral antivirals to their eligible patients who are at increased risk of developing severe COVID-19. Patients will be able to pick up those prescriptions wherever antivirals are being distributed.

### Can I bring at-home test results to a Test to Treat site for assessment to receive treatment?

Yes. The Test to Treat initiative does **not** require that an individual is tested at the Test to Treat site.



# TEST TO TREAT WEBSITE

## Test to Treat

### Faster, Easier Access to Life-Saving COVID-19 Treatments

A newly launched nationwide Test to Treat initiative gives individuals an important way to rapidly access free lifesaving treatment for COVID-19. In this program, people are able to get tested and – if they are positive and treatments are appropriate for them – receive a prescription from a health care provider, and have their prescription filled all in one location. These “One-Stop Test to Treat” sites will be available at hundreds of locations nationwide, including pharmacy-based clinics, federally-qualified community health centers (FQHCs), and long-term care facilities. People will also continue to be able to be tested and treated by their own health care providers who can appropriately prescribe these oral antiviral pills and patients can have their prescriptions filled at locations where these antivirals are being distributed. To learn more, check out the [COVID-19 Test to Treat fact sheet](#).



**How It Works**  
Information for Individuals  
and Families



**Therapeutics Distribution**  
Pharmacy-based Clinics and Long-term  
Care Pharmacies



**Frequently Asked  
Questions**

<https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/Pages/default.aspx>

# Equity Remains a Shared Responsibility

- We urge jurisdictions to put equity at center of distribution plans; consider allocating to sites that help increase product access within vulnerable communities and to priority populations
- HHS identifying about 200 HRSA-funded health centers across all 50 states to receive direct allocations of oral antiviral product
  - Separate from allocations to state and territorial health departments
  - Centers identified to date found [here](#)
  - Will further help ensure oral antivirals are available to some of the most vulnerable communities and hard-hit populations across country
- We encourage jurisdictions to amplify where product is sent in their areas
  - Utilize provider communication networks
  - Post receiving sites on state and local health department websites
  - Partner with hospital associations for message amplification
  - Enlist support of public information officers

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# Thank You!

[COVID19Therapeutics@HHS.gov](mailto:COVID19Therapeutics@HHS.gov)

[ASPR.HHS.gov](https://www.aspr.hhs.gov)

# Q&A/Discussion

# Selected Resources

## Dr. Dowell

- Slide 7 - <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.07.479306v1>
- Slides 9 and 10 - <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>
- Slides 11 and 12- <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends>
- Slide 13 - <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.17.22271030v1>
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[Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron VOC subvariants BA.1 and BA.2: Evidence from Danish Households:](#)
- Slide 15 - <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.19.22271112v1> .
- Slide 16 - [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1060030/vaccine-surveillance-report-week-10.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1060030/vaccine-surveillance-report-week-10.pdf)
- Slides 17 and 18 - <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.07.479306v1.full.pdf>

## Dr Shoham

- Slide 44 - <https://www.idsociety.org/globalassets/idsa/practice-guidelines/covid-19/treatment/idsa-covid-19-gl-tx-and-mgmt---convalescent-plasma-2022-02-03.pdf>
- Slide 51 - <https://www.fda.gov/media/155159/download>

## Jason Gallagher

- Slide 58 - <https://doi.org/10.1172/JCI141772>
- Slide 59 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>. <https://ourworldindata.org/mortality-risk-covid>
- Slide 64 - <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.10.11.21263897>
- Slide 65 - <https://www.recoverytrial.net/results>
- Slides 66-69: RECOVERY group. medRxiv preprint doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.03.02.22271623>

# Selected Resources Continued

Drs. Eisnor and Sullivan

- Slide 75 – <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/about-the-guidelines/whats-new/>
  - <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/>
- Slide 76 - <https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download>
- Slide 83 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>
  - <https://www.covidtests.gov/>
- Slide 84 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/communication/print-resources/Test-Soon-Treat-Early.pdf>
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- Slide 85 - Email us at [COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov](mailto:COVID19Therapeutics@hhs.gov).
- Slide 86 - <https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Slide 90 - <https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/Pages/default.aspx>
- Slide 91 - <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/covid-19-therapeutics/participants>

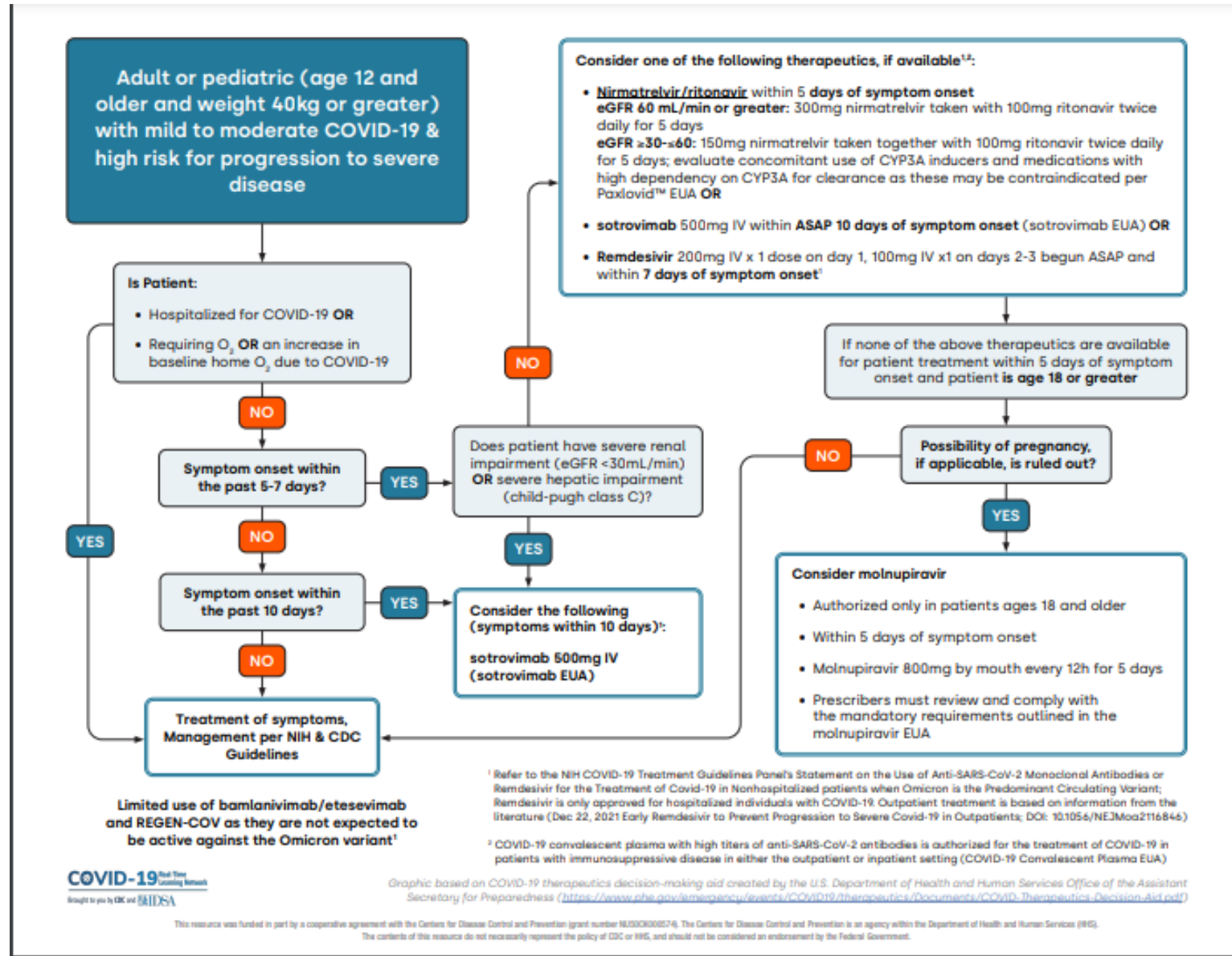
# Selected Resources Continued

## Program Links:

- This webinar is being recorded and can be found with the slides online at <https://www.idsociety.org/cliniciancalls>
- COVID-19 Real-Time Learning Network: <https://www.idsociety.org/covid-19-real-time-learning-network/>
- Vaccine FAQ: <https://www.idsociety.org/covid-19-real-time-learning-network/vaccines/vaccines-information-faq/>
- EIN [https://ein.idsociety.org/members/sign\\_up/](https://ein.idsociety.org/members/sign_up/).
  
- Molnupiravir Point of Care Reference: <https://www.idsociety.org/globalassets/covid-19-real-time-learning-network/molnupiravir-reference-v4.pdf>
- Paxlovid Point of Care Reference <https://www.idsociety.org/covid-19-real-time-learning-network/nirmatrelvir-ritonavir-paxlovid-point-of-care-reference/>

# Molnupiravir Quick Point-of-Care Reference

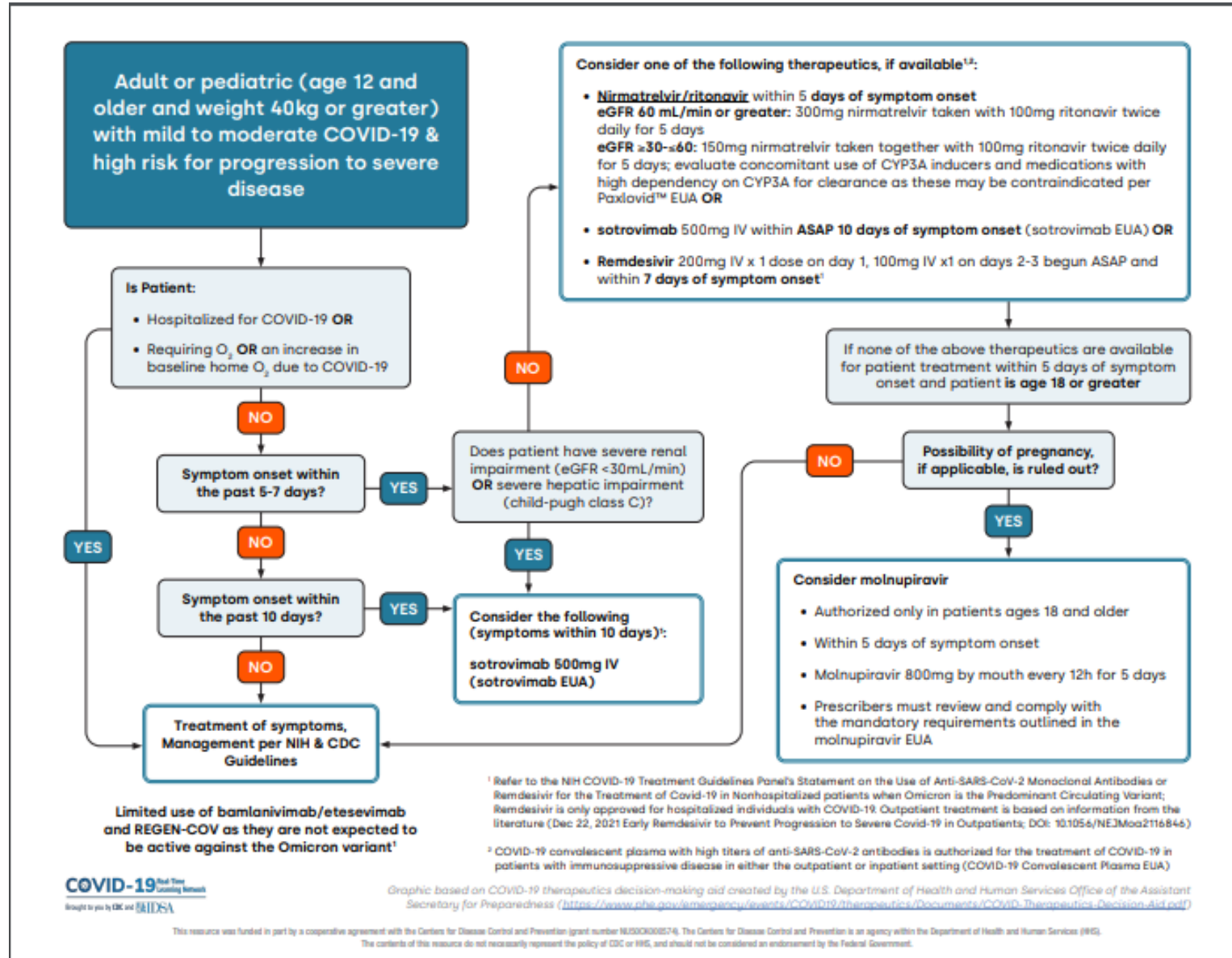
<https://www.idsociety.org/globalassets/covid-19-real-time-learning-network/molnupiravir-reference-v4.pdf>





# Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir (Paxlovid™) Point-of-Care Reference

<https://www.idsociety.org/globalassets/covid-19-real-time-learning-network/paxlovid-quick-point-of-care-reference-hs-v9.pdf>



# COVID-19 Real-Time Learning Network

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*An online community bringing together information and opportunities for discussion on latest research, guidelines, tools and resources from a variety of medical subspecialties around the world.*

## Specialty Society Collaborators

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 American Academy of Pediatrics  
 American College of Emergency Physicians  
 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
 American College of Physicians  
 American Geriatrics Society  
 American Thoracic Society  
 Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society  
 Society for Critical Care Medicine  
 Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
 Society of Hospital Medicine  
 Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists

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# CDC-IDSA Partnership: Clinical Management Call Support

## FOR WHOM?

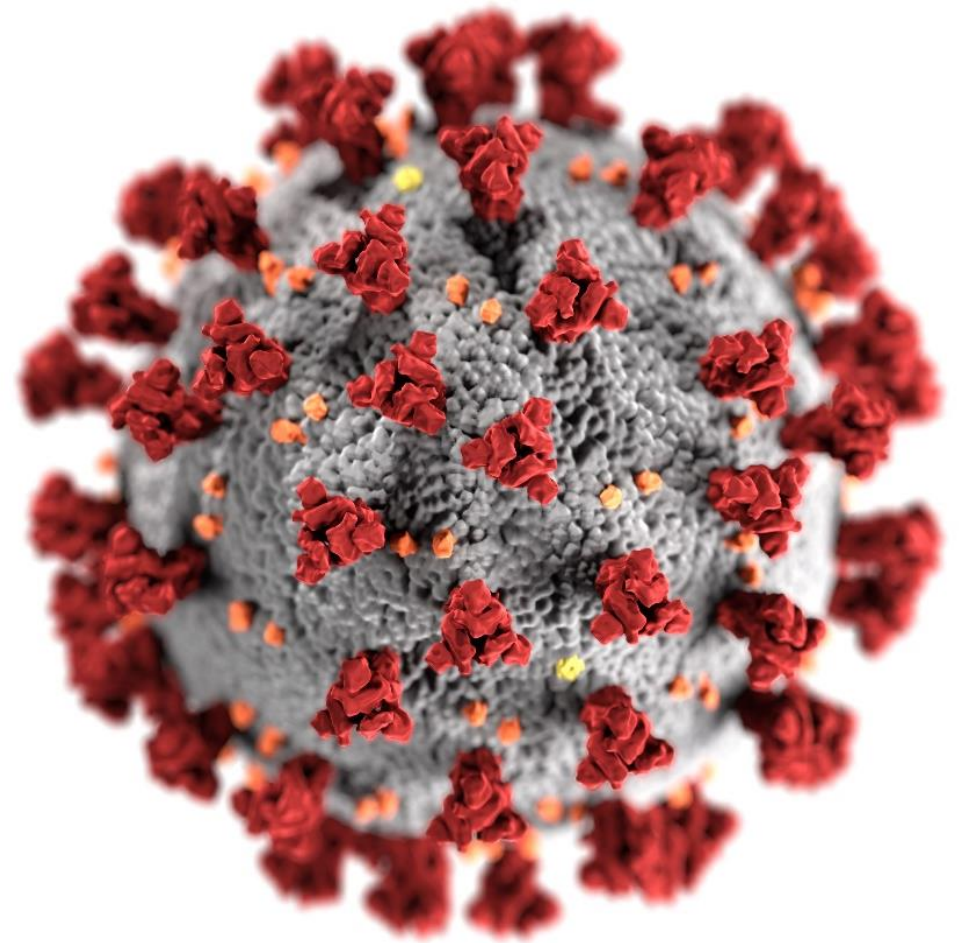
- Clinicians who have questions about the clinical management of COVID-19

## WHAT?

- Calls from clinicians will be triaged by CDC to a group of IDSA volunteer clinicians for peer-to-peer support

## HOW?

- Clinicians may call the main CDC information line at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)
- To submit your question in writing, go to [www.cdc.gov/cdc-info](http://www.cdc.gov/cdc-info) and click on Contact Form



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Continue the conversation on Twitter

@RealTimeCOVID19  
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We want to hear from you!  
Please complete the post-call survey.

Next Call

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Clinician Calls are moving to once a month at the same time, 3pm ET. Go to the registration page found at [www.idsociety.org/cliniciancalls](http://www.idsociety.org/cliniciancalls) for future call dates.

A recording of this call, slides and the answered Q&A will be posted at [www.idsociety.org/cliniciancalls](http://www.idsociety.org/cliniciancalls)  
*-- library of all past calls now available --*

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