

ADDITIONAL FILE 1 COVID-VIT-D

A single oral dose bolus of 100,000 IU of cholecalciferol at hospital admission did not improve outcomes in the COVID-19 disease. The COVID-VIT-D: A randomized multicentre international clinical trial.

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Table S1. Variables collected in the COVID-VIT-D trial.Demographic and comorbidities

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of birth | Diabetes (yes/no) |
| Gender (male/female) | Cardiovascular disease (yes/no) |
| Height (cm) | Hypertension (yes/no) |
| Weight (kg) | Asthma (yes/no) |
| Smoking (yes/no) | COPD (yes/no) |
| ACEIs-ARBs use (yes/no) | |

Hospitalization (clinical and evolutive data)

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hospital admission date | Symptoms onset date |
| Hospital discharge date | Symptoms at admission |
| ICU admission date | Symptoms at discharge |
| ICU discharge date | Death date |
| Positive PCR SARS-COV2 date | |

Biochemical and imaging parameters at admission and discharge

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Calcidiol (ng/mL) | Leucocytes (No./ μ L) |
| CRP (mg/dL) | Interleukin-6 (pg/mL) |
| Creatinine (mg/dL) | Ferritin (ng/mL) |
| Albumin (g/L) | Bilirubin (mg/dL) |
| Haemoglobin (g/dL) | Troponin (ng/L) |
| LDH (U/L) | Calcium (mg/dL) |
| D-dimer (ng/mL) | Phosphate (mg/dL) |
| Procalcitonin (ng/mL) | X-Ray/CAT (positive/ doubtful/negative) |

Symptoms at admission/discharge

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cough (yes/no) | Anosmia (yes/no) |
| Fever (yes/no) | Diarrhoea (yes/no) |
| Weakness (yes/no) | Ageusia (yes/no) |
| Headache (yes/no) | Others (yes/no) |
| Dyspnoea (yes/no) | |

Types of drugs received during the hospitalization

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Cholecalciferol (yes/no) | Enoxaparin (yes/no) |
| Azithromycin (yes/no) | Methylprednisolone (yes/no) |
| Ceftriaxone (yes/no) | Dexamethasone (yes/no) |
| Hydroxychloroquine (yes/no) | Interferon β (yes/no) |
| Lopinavir/ritonavir (yes/no) | SARS-COV2 convalescent plasma (yes/no) |
| Tocilizumab (yes/no) | |

ACEIs-ARBs: angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors -angiotensin receptor blockers

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary

CRP: C-reactive protein

CAT: Computed axial tomography

Table S2. Symptoms at discharge.

| | Cholecalciferol group | | Control group | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | n | n=274 | n | n=269 |
| Symptoms | | | | |
| Fever, n (%) | 234 | 8 (3.4) | 237 | 18 (7.6) |
| Cough, n (%) | 234 | 62 (26.5) | 237 | 74 (31.2) |
| Weakness, n (%) | 234 | 34 (14.5) | 237 | 38 (16.0) |
| Dyspnoea, n (%) | 234 | 33 (14.1) | 237 | 31 (13.1) |
| Headache, n (%) | 234 | 11 (4.7) | 237 | 18 (7.6) |
| Anosmia, n (%) | 234 | 11 (4.7) | 237 | 9 (3.8) |
| Diarrhoea, n (%) | 234 | 2 (0.9) | 237 | 6 (2.5) |
| Ageusia, n (%) | 234 | 2 (0.9) | 237 | 5 (2.1) |
| Other, n (%) | 234 | 4 (1.7) | 237 | 8 (3.4) |
| Number of symptoms, median [IQR] | 234 | 0.0 [0.0, 1.0] | 237 | 1.0 [0.0, 1.0] |

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

Table S3. Biochemical parameters at discharge.

| | Cholecalciferol group | | Control group | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | n | n=274 | n | n=269 |
| Laboratory parameters | | | | |
| Calcidiol (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 207 | 29.0 [20.3, 35.0] | 187 | 16.4 [11.8, 23.0] |
| Creatinine (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 116 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.0] | 120 | 0.8 [0.7, 1.0] |
| CRP (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 164 | 1.3 [0.4, 16.2] | 176 | 1.2 [0.3, 9.6] |
| Albumin (g/L), median [IQR] | 84 | 38.0 [35.0, 40.0] | 90 | 39.0 [38.0, 41.0] |
| Haemoglobin (g/dL), median [IQR] | 123 | 13.5 [12.6, 14.1] | 122 | 13.9 [12.6, 14.6] |
| LDH (U/L), median [IQR] | 89 | 310.0 [195.0, 424.0] | 83 | 283.0 [196.0, 350.0] |
| Leucocytes (No./ μ L), median [IQR] | 176 | 7.5 [6.3, 9.2] | 176 | 7.3 [5.9, 8.8] |
| Interleukin-6 (pg/mL), median [IQR] | 62 | 2.0 [0.9, 13.0] | 52 | 2.0 [0.5, 6.5] |
| Ferritin (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 110 | 649.4 [340.2, 993.5] | 114 | 535.0 [277.2, 990.2] |
| Calcium (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 113 | 9.0 [8.7, 9.3] | 122 | 9.0 [8.7, 9.3] |
| Phosphate (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 77 | 3.4 [3.0, 4.0] | 90 | 3.5 [3.0, 3.9] |

IQR: interquartile range

CRP: C-reactive protein

LDH: Lactate dehydrogenase

Table S4. Demographic, comorbidities, and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|
| | n | n=538 | n | n=96 | n | n=143 | n | n=124 | n | n=88 | n | n=87 | |
| Demographics | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age (years), median [IQR] | 538 | 58.0 [46.0, 68.8] | 96 | 62.0 [51.0, 75.2]* | 143 | 57.0 [46.0, 67.0] | 124 | 57.0 [46.0, 67.2] | 88 | 60.0 [47.8, 72.0]** | 87 | 56.0 [43.0, 65.0] | 0.004 |
| Males, n (%) | 538 | 349 (64.9) | 96 | 51 (53.1) | 143 | 98 (68.5) | 124 | 86 (69.4) | 88 | 57 (64.8) | 87 | 57 (65.5) | 0.101 |
| BMI (Kg/m ²), median [IQR] | 417 | 28.4 [25.7, 31.6] | 62 | 28.7 [25.4, 32.9] | 114 | 28.8 [26.4, 31.4] | 102 | 28.1 [24.9, 32.3] | 69 | 28.7 [26.8, 31.9] | 70 | 27.1 [25.3, 29.8] | 0.059 |
| Smokers, n (%) | 536 | 59 (11.0) | 96 | 10 (10.4) | 143 | 16 (11.2) | 123 | 18 (14.6) | 88 | 10 (11.4) | 86 | 5 (5.8) | 0.388 |
| Comorbidities | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hypertension, n (%) | 538 | 234 (43.5) | 96 | 49 (51.0) | 143 | 59 (41.3) | 124 | 57 (46.0) | 88 | 40 (45.5) | 87 | 29 (33.3) | 0.158 |
| Diabetes, n (%) | 538 | 132 (24.5) | 96 | 27 (28.1) | 143 | 29 (20.3) | 124 | 34 (27.4) | 88 | 25 (28.4) | 87 | 17 (19.5) | 0.341 |
| Cardiovascular disease, n (%) | 538 | 112 (20.8) | 96 | 27 (28.1) | 143 | 29 (20.3) | 124 | 27 (21.8) | 88 | 17 (19.3) | 87 | 12 (13.8) | 0.205 |
| Asthma, n (%) | 538 | 28 (5.2) | 96 | 10 (10.4) | 143 | 5 (3.5) | 124 | 7 (5.6) | 88 | 2 (2.3) | 87 | 4 (4.6) | 0.136 |
| COPD, n (%) | 538 | 23 (4.3) | 96 | 6 (6.2) | 143 | 4 (2.8) | 124 | 6 (4.8) | 88 | 4 (4.5) | 87 | 3 (3.4) | 0.732 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories for numeric variables

Chi-squared or Fisher exact test (frequencies less 5) were used for categorical variables

* p<0.005, calcidiol ≤ 10 vs. calcidiol 10-15, 15-20 and >25 ng/mL respectively (Mann-Whitney U test)

** p<0.03, calcidiol 20-25 vs. calcidiol >25 ng/mL (Mann-Whitney U test)

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Table S5. Relevant biochemical parameters and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|
| | n | n=538 | n | n=96 | n | n=143 | n | n=124 | n | n=88 | n | n=87 | |
| Laboratory parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calcidiol (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 538 | 16.6 [11.6, 22.0] | 96 | 8.0 [6.3, 8.6] | 143 | 12.9 [11.5, 13.9] | 124 | 18.0 [16.6, 18.8] | 88 | 22.0 [21.0, 23.9] | 87 | 30.0 [27.4, 32.0] | <0.001 |
| Creatinine (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 521 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 91 | 0.9 [0.7, 1.2] | 139 | 0.9 [0.7, 1.1] | 121 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 87 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 83 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 0.434 |
| CRP (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 477 | 9.4 [3.7, 30.0] | 85 | 12.5 [3.8, 47.0] | 128 | 11.7 [3.7, 35.2] | 108 | 10.1 [4.0, 39.5] | 79 | 7.7 [3.4, 18.4] | 77 | 6.3 [3.4, 11.7] | 0.012 |
| Albumin (g/L), median [IQR] | 297 | 39.0 [35.0, 41.0] | 62 | 38.0 [35.0, 40.0] | 83 | 40.0 [36.0, 41.0] | 64 | 38.0 [36.0, 40.0] | 49 | 38.0 [34.0, 40.0] | 39 | 41.0 [38.5, 42.0] | 0.003 |
| Haemoglobin (g/dL), median [IQR] | 527 | 13.9 [13.0, 14.8] | 92 | 13.5 [12.5, 14.3] | 139 | 13.8 [12.9, 14.4] | 124 | 14.0 [12.9, 15.0] | 87 | 14.0 [13.2, 14.8] | 85 | 14.3 [13.2, 15.0] | 0.005 |
| LDH (U/L), median [IQR] | 440 | 369.0 [248.8, 476.0] | 76 | 356.0 [260.2, 449.0] | 118 | 387.5 [280.0, 469.8] | 101 | 388.0 [254.0, 497.0] | 74 | 363.0 [234.8, 456.0] | 71 | 299.0 [168.0, 518.0] | 0.241 |
| Leucocytes (No./ μ L), median [IQR] | 527 | 7.0 [5.3, 9.1] | 92 | 6.7 [4.8, 9.2] | 139 | 7.3 [5.6, 9.6] | 124 | 6.8 [5.3, 8.8] | 87 | 7.4 [5.8, 9.4] | 85 | 6.7 [5.0, 8.6] | 0.279 |
| Interleukin-6 (pg/mL), median [IQR] | 188 | 12.1 [4.6, 27.0] | 40 | 17.1 [7.0, 47.8] | 42 | 13.0 [7.0, 21.0] | 39 | 9.9 [4.2, 28.2] | 32 | 11.1 [3.5, 25.8] | 35 | 6.3 [3.6, 19.1] | 0.096 |
| Ferritin (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 444 | 650.0 [340.8, 1286.8] | 78 | 675.0 [389.0, 1259.0] | 116 | 634.5 [343.8, 1127.0] | 98 | 685.0 [382.5, 1257.1] | 76 | 679.0 [337.8, 1359.8] | 76 | 529.0 [257.0, 1553.0] | 0.832 |
| Calcium (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 394 | 8.8 [8.5, 9.1] | 59 | 8.7 [8.3, 8.9] | 111 | 8.8 [8.4, 9.1] | 89 | 8.8 [8.5, 9.1] | 68 | 8.9 [8.5, 9.2] | 67 | 8.9 [8.7, 9.2] | 0.006 |
| Phosphate (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 310 | 3.3 [2.7, 3.9] | 37 | 2.9 [2.6, 3.2] | 76 | 3.0 [2.6, 3.6] | 72 | 3.3 [2.8, 3.7] | 63 | 3.5 [3.1, 4.0] | 62 | 3.4 [3.0, 4.1] | <0.001 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

CRP: C-reactive protein

LDH: Lactate dehydrogenase

Table S6. Relevant biochemical parameters and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission in age-matched patients.

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|
| | n | n=365 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | |
| Laboratory parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calcidiol (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 365 | 18.0 [11.4, 23.9] | 73 | 8.1 [7.3, 8.9] | 73 | 12.9 [11.4, 13.9] | 73 | 18.0 [16.6, 18.9] | 73 | 22.0 [21.0, 23.9] | 73 | 29.6 [27.0, 32.0] | <0.001 |
| Creatinine (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 353 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 71 | 0.9 [0.7, 1.1] | 71 | 0.9 [0.7, 1.1] | 70 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 72 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 69 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.2] | 0.610 |
| CRP (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 325 | 8.1 [3.3, 24.0] | 65 | 15.0 [4.9, 47.0] | 65 | 8.7 [2.0, 27.0] | 65 | 8.8 [3.3, 15.1] | 66 | 6.7 [3.4, 17.0] | 64 | 6.0 [3.5, 11.6] | 0.019 |
| Albumin (g/L), median [IQR] | 203 | 39.0 [36.0, 40.8] | 48 | 39.0 [36.0, 40.7] | 43 | 40.0 [36.0, 41.0] | 39 | 38.0 [36.0, 39.0] | 41 | 38.0 [34.0, 40.0] | 32 | 40.0 [37.2, 42.0] | 0.029 |
| Haemoglobin (g/dL), median [IQR] | 358 | 13.9 [13.0, 14.7] | 71 | 13.6 [12.7, 14.2] | 71 | 13.8 [13.0, 14.4] | 73 | 14.0 [12.9, 14.8] | 72 | 14.0 [13.4, 14.8] | 71 | 14.3 [13.2, 14.9] | 0.058 |
| LDH (U/L), median [IQR] | 300 | 357.5 [246.8, 474.8] | 63 | 371.0 [298.0, 473.5] | 60 | 383.0 [276.5, 455.2] | 59 | 312.0 [220.5, 510.5] | 60 | 358.5 [226.0, 458.5] | 58 | 318.0 [200.0, 528.0] | 0.668 |
| Leucocytes (No./ μ L), median [IQR] | 358 | 6.9 [5.1, 9.0] | 71 | 6.8 [4.8, 9.7] | 71 | 7.5 [5.4, 9.6] | 73 | 6.6 [5.0, 9.0] | 72 | 7.3 [5.2, 9.0] | 71 | 6.7 [5.0, 8.3] | 0.568 |
| Interleukin-6 (pg/mL), median [IQR] | 141 | 12.1 [4.0, 27.0] | 28 | 17.1 [7.0, 43.2] | 27 | 13.0 [6.0, 20.0] | 29 | 11.2 [4.0, 33.8] | 28 | 12.6 [3.1, 26.2] | 29 | 7.4 [3.9, 21.0] | 0.369 |
| Ferritin (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 307 | 688.0 [342.2, 1318.0] | 60 | 723.5 [423.2, 1494.8] | 60 | 648.0 [378.6, 1109.0] | 60 | 741.6 [374.5, 1144.5] | 63 | 708.0 [344.7, 1340.5] | 64 | 595.0 [272.8, 1645.5] | 0.898 |
| Calcium (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 273 | 8.8 [8.5, 9.1] | 49 | 8.7 [8.3, 8.9] | 59 | 8.8 [8.4, 9.1] | 53 | 8.8 [8.5, 9.0] | 56 | 8.9 [8.5, 9.2] | 56 | 8.9 [8.6, 9.2] | 0.048 |
| Phosphate (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 224 | 3.3 [2.8, 3.8] | 29 | 3.0 [2.6, 3.2] | 44 | 3.2 [2.7, 3.6] | 47 | 3.2 [2.7, 3.7] | 52 | 3.5 [3.1, 3.9] | 52 | 3.3 [2.8, 4.0] | 0.017 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

CRP: C-reactive protein

LDH: Lactate dehydrogenase

Table S7. Pulmonary involvement at admission and outcomes according to serum calcidiol categories.

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| | n | n=538 | n | n=96 | n | n=143 | n | n=124 | n | n=88 | n | n=87 |
| ALL PATIENTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary involvement, %[95% CI]* | 538 | 82.9[79.4-85.9] | 96 | 92.7[85.1-96.8] | 143 | 84.6[77.4-89.9] | 124 | 80.6[72.4-87.0] | 88 | 85.2[75.7-91.6] | 87 | 70.1[59.2-79.2] |
| Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Length of hospitalization (days), median [95% CI] | 502 | 9.5[9.0-10.0] | 86 | 11.5[10.0-13.5] | 139 | 9.5[8.5-10.5] | 112 | 9.5[8.5-10.5] | 84 | 9.0[8.0-10.5] | 81 | 9.5[8.5-10.5] |
| Admission to ICU, %[95% CI] | 538 | 16.7[13.7-20.2] | 96 | 24.0[16.1-34.0] | 143 | 16.8[11.3-24.1] | 124 | 18.5[12.4-26.7] | 88 | 14.8[8.4-24.3] | 87 | 8.0[3.6-16.4] |
| Death, %[95% CI] | 538 | 6.7[4.8-9.2] | 96 | 10.4[5.4-18.7] | 143 | 2.8[0.9-7.5] | 124 | 9.7[5.3-16.6] | 88 | 4.5[1.5-11.9] | 87 | 6.9[2.8-15.0] |
| AGE-MATCHED PATIENTS | n | n=365 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 |
| Pulmonary involvement, %[95% CI]* | 365 | 85.8[81.6-89.1] | 73 | 91.8[82.4-96.6] | 73 | 87.7[77.4-93.9] | 73 | 89.0[79.0-94.8] | 73 | 89.0[79.0-94.8] | 73 | 71.2[59.3-80.9] |
| Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Length of hospitalization (days), median [95% CI] | 340 | 9.5[9.0-10.0] | 66 | 11.5[10.0-14.0] | 71 | 9.5[8.0-11.0] | 67 | 9.0[8.0-10.5] | 69 | 9.0[7.5-11.0] | 67 | 9.5[8.5-10.5] |
| Admission to ICU, %[95% CI] | 365 | 17.3[13.6-21.6] | 73 | 28.8[19.1-40.7] | 73 | 15.1[8.1-25.8] | 73 | 20.5[12.3-31.9] | 73 | 13.7[7.1-24.2] | 73 | 8.2[3.4-17.6] |
| Death, %[95% CI] | 365 | 6.8[4.6-10.1] | 73 | 9.6[4.3-19.3] | 73 | 2.7[0.5-10.4] | 73 | 8.2[3.4-17.6] | 73 | 5.5[1.8-14.2] | 73 | 8.2[3.4-17.6] |

n: number of patients available for analysis

ICU: intensive care unit

*Assessed by chest X-ray and/or computed axial tomography

Table S8. Types and number of drugs received during the hospitalization and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission.

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-----|----------------|---------|
| | n | n=538 | n | n=96 | n | n=143 | n | n=124 | n | n=88 | n | n=87 | |
| Drugs prescribed | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cholecalciferol, n (%) | 538 | 273 (50.7) | 96 | 48 (50.0) | 143 | 69 (48.3) | 124 | 65 (52.4) | 88 | 51 (58.0) | 87 | 40 (46.0) | 0.535 |
| Enoxaparin, n (%) | 529 | 396 (74.9) | 92 | 74 (80.4) | 141 | 110 (78.0) | 122 | 88 (72.1) | 87 | 68 (78.2) | 87 | 56 (64.4) | 0.080 |
| Ceftriaxone, n (%) | 530 | 191 (36.0) | 92 | 39 (42.4) | 141 | 47 (33.3) | 123 | 49 (39.8) | 87 | 30 (34.5) | 87 | 26 (29.9) | 0.361 |
| Methylprednisolone, n (%) | 531 | 191 (36.0) | 92 | 37 (40.2) | 141 | 42 (29.8) | 123 | 44 (35.8) | 88 | 28 (31.8) | 87 | 40 (46.0) | 0.112 |
| Azithromycin, n (%) | 532 | 183 (34.4) | 92 | 39 (42.4) | 141 | 39 (27.7) | 124 | 39 (31.5) | 88 | 29 (33.0) | 87 | 37 (42.5) | 0.073 |
| Dexamethasone, n (%) | 532 | 161 (30.3) | 92 | 24 (26.1) | 141 | 48 (34.0) | 124 | 37 (29.8) | 88 | 22 (25.0) | 87 | 30 (34.5) | 0.461 |
| Number of drugs per patient, median [IQR]* | 532 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 92 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 141 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 124 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 88 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 87 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 0.200 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories for numeric variables

Chi-squared or Fisher exact test (frequencies less 5) were used for categorical variables

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

*Includes cholecalciferol

Table S9. Demographic, comorbidities, and serum calcidiol categories at admission in age-matched patients.

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|--|--------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|
| | n | n=365 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | n | n=73 | |
| Demographics | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age (years), median [IQR] | 365 | 58.0 [50.0, 67.0] | 73 | 58.0 [50.0, 66.0] | 73 | 57.0 [51.0, 67.0] | 73 | 57.0 [51.0, 67.0] | 73 | 59.0 [48.0, 69.0] | 73 | 58.0 [51.0, 67.0] | 0.990 |
| Males, n (%) | 365 | 227 (62.2) | 73 | 35 (47.9) | 73 | 49 (67.1) | 73 | 50 (68.5) | 73 | 47 (64.4) | 73 | 46 (63.0) | 0.076 |
| BMI (Kg/m ²), median [IQR] | 280 | 28.7 [26.0, 32.0] | 50 | 28.9 [26.5, 32.9] | 58 | 29.2 [26.8, 32.1] | 59 | 28.7 [24.9, 32.9] | 56 | 28.8 [26.8, 31.9] | 57 | 27.7 [25.2, 29.9] | 0.063 |
| Smokers, n (%) | 363 | 37 (10.2) | 73 | 9 (12.3) | 73 | 6 (8.2) | 72 | 10 (13.9) | 73 | 9 (12.3) | 72 | 3 (4.2) | 0.250 |
| Comorbidities | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hypertension, n (%) | 365 | 157 (43.0) | 73 | 35 (47.9) | 73 | 32 (43.8) | 73 | 35 (47.9) | 73 | 29 (39.7) | 73 | 26 (35.6) | 0.490 |
| Diabetes, n (%) | 365 | 92 (25.2) | 73 | 22 (30.1) | 73 | 17 (23.3) | 73 | 19 (26.0) | 73 | 18 (24.7) | 73 | 16 (21.9) | 0.819 |
| Cardiovascular disease, n (%) | 365 | 70 (19.2) | 73 | 14 (19.2) | 73 | 17 (23.3) | 73 | 17 (23.3) | 73 | 10 (13.7) | 73 | 12 (16.4) | 0.500 |
| Asthma, n (%) | 365 | 15 (4.1) | 73 | 8 (11.0) | 73 | 1 (1.4) | 73 | 2 (2.7) | 73 | 2 (2.7) | 73 | 2 (2.7) | 0.067 |
| COPD, n (%) | 365 | 16 (4.4) | 73 | 2 (2.7) | 73 | 3 (4.1) | 73 | 4 (5.5) | 73 | 4 (5.5) | 73 | 3 (4.1) | 0.976 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories for numeric variables

Chi-squared or Fisher exact test (frequencies less 5) were used for categorical variables

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Table S10. Types and number of drugs received during the hospitalization and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission in age-matched patients.

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-----|----------------|---------|
| | n | n=538 | n | n=96 | n | n=143 | n | n=124 | n | n=88 | n | n=87 | |
| Drugs prescribed | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cholecalciferol, n (%) | 538 | 273 (50.7) | 96 | 48 (50.0) | 143 | 69 (48.3) | 124 | 65 (52.4) | 88 | 51 (58.0) | 87 | 40 (46.0) | 0.535 |
| Enoxaparin, n (%) | 529 | 396 (74.9) | 92 | 74 (80.4) | 141 | 110 (78.0) | 122 | 88 (72.1) | 87 | 68 (78.2) | 87 | 56 (64.4) | 0.080 |
| Ceftriaxone, n (%) | 530 | 191 (36.0) | 92 | 39 (42.4) | 141 | 47 (33.3) | 123 | 49 (39.8) | 87 | 30 (34.5) | 87 | 26 (29.9) | 0.361 |
| Methylprednisolone, n (%) | 531 | 191 (36.0) | 92 | 37 (40.2) | 141 | 42 (29.8) | 123 | 44 (35.8) | 88 | 28 (31.8) | 87 | 40 (46.0) | 0.112 |
| Azithromycin, n (%) | 532 | 183 (34.4) | 92 | 39 (42.4) | 141 | 39 (27.7) | 124 | 39 (31.5) | 88 | 29 (33.0) | 87 | 37 (42.5) | 0.073 |
| Dexamethasone, n (%) | 532 | 161 (30.3) | 92 | 24 (26.1) | 141 | 48 (34.0) | 124 | 37 (29.8) | 88 | 22 (25.0) | 87 | 30 (34.5) | 0.461 |
| Number of drugs per patient, median [IQR]* | 532 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 92 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 141 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 124 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 88 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 87 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 0.200 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories for numeric variables

Chi-squared or Fisher exact test (frequencies less 5) were used for categorical variables

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

*Includes cholecalciferol

Table S11. Relevant biochemical parameters and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission in the control group (No cholecalciferol).

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | <10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|---------|
| | n | n=265 | n | n=48 | n | n=74 | n | n=59 | n | n=37 | n | n=47 | |
| Laboratory parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calcidiol (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 265 | 16.1 [11.5, 22.0] | 48 | 8.0 [7.0, 8.5] | 74 | 13.0 [11.5, 13.9] | 59 | 17.8 [16.6, 18.4] | 37 | 22.0 [21.1, 24.0] | 47 | 30.0 [27.6, 32.0] | <0.001 |
| Creatinine (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 253 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 44 | 0.9 [0.7, 1.1] | 71 | 0.9 [0.7, 1.1] | 57 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 37 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.1] | 44 | 0.9 [0.8, 1.2] | 0.861 |
| CRP (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 236 | 8.7 [3.3, 25.0] | 39 | 15.0 [3.8, 55.5] | 66 | 14.2 [2.3, 42.8] | 53 | 9.7 [3.0, 23.0] | 35 | 6.6 [2.7, 11.9] | 43 | 6.3 [4.5, 9.9] | 0.017 |
| Albumin (g/L), median [IQR] | 143 | 39.0 [36.6, 41.0] | 26 | 39.0 [36.2, 40.0] | 42 | 40.0 [38.2, 41.8] | 29 | 38.0 [36.0, 39.0] | 24 | 38.0 [35.8, 39.2] | 22 | 41.0 [40.0, 42.0] | 0.003 |
| Haemoglobin (g/dL), median [IQR] | 258 | 14.0 [13.0, 14.9] | 45 | 13.5 [12.7, 14.3] | 71 | 14.0 [13.0, 14.6] | 59 | 14.2 [12.7, 15.0] | 37 | 14.0 [13.4, 14.9] | 46 | 14.4 [13.6, 15.1] | 0.027 |
| LDH (U/L), median [IQR] | 212 | 347.0 [243.0, 461.0] | 35 | 390.0 [298.0, 522.0] | 61 | 384.0 [255.0, 476.0] | 47 | 390.0 [280.5, 464.5] | 30 | 274.5 [194.8, 376.2] | 39 | 291.0 [93.5, 421.5] | 0.006 |
| Leucocytes (No./µL), median [IQR] | 258 | 7.0 [5.1, 8.9] | 45 | 7.5 [5.0, 10.5] | 71 | 7.5 [5.6, 9.4] | 59 | 6.8 [5.2, 8.2] | 37 | 6.8 [5.1, 8.9] | 46 | 6.7 [4.9, 8.7] | 0.726 |
| Interleukin-6 (pg/mL), median [IQR] | 91 | 11.0 [3.8, 24.9] | 16 | 19.5 [7.0, 51.0] | 17 | 13.0 [6.1, 21.1] | 18 | 8.9 [3.8, 25.2] | 18 | 14.7 [3.4, 25.3] | 22 | 5.7 [3.2, 12.1] | 0.205 |
| Ferritin (ng/mL), median [IQR] | 216 | 584.0 [302.8, 1108.5] | 39 | 650.0 [305.5, 1151.0] | 56 | 465.0 [292.2, 872.5] | 45 | 793.0 [453.0, 1300.0] | 33 | 514.0 [231.0, 1166.0] | 43 | 452.0 [297.0, 917.5] | 0.156 |
| Calcium (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 190 | 8.9 [8.5, 9.1] | 29 | 8.6 [8.3, 8.9] | 58 | 8.9 [8.6, 9.1] | 44 | 8.8 [8.5, 9.1] | 25 | 9.1 [8.9, 9.3] | 34 | 8.9 [8.7, 9.2] | 0.004 |
| Phosphate (mg/dL), median [IQR] | 149 | 3.2 [2.7, 3.8] | 21 | 2.9 [2.6, 3.1] | 36 | 3.0 [2.6, 3.5] | 33 | 3.3 [3.1, 3.6] | 24 | 3.6 [3.1, 4.0] | 35 | 3.7 [3.0, 4.1] | 0.004 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

CRP: C-reactive protein

LDH: Lactate dehydrogenase

Table S12. Types and number of drugs received during the hospitalization and serum calcidiol categories at hospital admission in the control group (No cholecalciferol).

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | | p-value |
|--|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-----|----------------|---------|
| | n | n=265 | n | n=48 | n | n=74 | n | n=59 | n | n=37 | n | n=47 | |
| Drugs prescribed | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cholecalciferol, n (%) | 265 | 0 (0.0) | 48 | 0 (0.0) | 74 | 0 (0.0) | 59 | 0 (0.0) | 37 | 0 (0.0) | 47 | 0 (0.0) | — |
| Enoxaparin, n (%) | 260 | 187 (71.9) | 45 | 33 (73.3) | 73 | 54 (74.0) | 58 | 45 (77.6) | 37 | 28 (75.7) | 47 | 27 (57.4) | 0.181 |
| Ceftriaxone, n (%) | 260 | 92 (35.4) | 45 | 18 (40.0) | 73 | 24 (32.9) | 58 | 19 (32.8) | 37 | 15 (40.5) | 47 | 16 (34.0) | 0.868 |
| Methylprednisolone, n (%) | 261 | 92 (35.2) | 45 | 17 (37.8) | 73 | 22 (30.1) | 59 | 21 (35.6) | 37 | 11 (29.7) | 47 | 21 (44.7) | 0.510 |
| Azithromycin, n (%) | 261 | 95 (36.4) | 45 | 19 (42.2) | 73 | 20 (27.4) | 59 | 16 (27.1) | 37 | 16 (43.2) | 47 | 24 (51.1) | 0.032 |
| Dexamethasone, n (%) | 261 | 78 (29.9) | 45 | 14 (31.1) | 73 | 20 (27.4) | 59 | 20 (33.9) | 37 | 9 (24.3) | 47 | 15 (31.9) | 0.855 |
| Number of drugs per patient, median [IQR]* | 261 | 3.0 [3.0, 4.0] | 45 | 4.0 [3.0, 5.0] | 73 | 3.0 [2.0, 4.0] | 59 | 3.0 [3.0, 4.0] | 37 | 4.0 [3.0, 4.0] | 47 | 3.0 [3.0, 4.0] | 0.379 |

Kruskal-Wallis test was used to assess significant differences among the calcidiol categories for numeric variables

Chi-squared or Fisher exact test (frequencies less 5) were used for categorical variables

n: number of patients available for analysis

IQR: interquartile range

*Includes cholecalciferol

Table S13. Pulmonary involvement at admission and outcomes according to initial serum calcidiol categories in the control group (No cholecalciferol).

| Calcidiol levels (ng/mL) | All patients | | ≤ 10 | | 10-15 | | 15-20 | | 20-25 | | >25 | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| | n | n=265 | n | n=48 | n | n=74 | n | n=59 | n | n=37 | n | n=47 |
| Pulmonary involvement, %[95% CI]* | 265 | 80.4[75.0-84.9] | 48 | 91.7[79.1-97.3] | 74 | 82.4[71.5-90.0] | 59 | 79.7[66.8-88.6] | 37 | 83.8[67.3-93.2] | 47 | 63.8[48.5-76.9] |
| Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Length of hospitalization (days), median [95% CI] | 251 | 9.5[9.0-10.0] | 42 | 11.5[9.5-14.5] | 74 | 9.0[8.0-10.5] | 54 | 9.0[8.0-10.5] | 37 | 8.5[7.0-10.0] | 44 | 10.0[8.5-11.0] |
| Admission to ICU, %[95% CI] | 265 | 16.2[12.1-21.3] | 48 | 22.9[12.5-37.7] | 74 | 18.9[11.1-30.0] | 59 | 22.0[12.7-35.1] | 37 | 5.4[0.9-19.5] | 47 | 6.4[1.7-18.6] |
| Death, %[95% CI] | 265 | 5.3[3.0-8.9] | 48 | 12.5[5.2-25.9] | 74 | 0.0[0.0-6.1] | 59 | 8.5[3.2-19.4] | 37 | 0.0[0.0-11.7] | 47 | 6.4[1.7-18.6] |

n: number of patients available for analysis

ICU: intensive care unit

*Assessed by chest X-ray and/or computed axial tomography