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Appendix for

Clinical and *in vitro* evidence support reassessment of WHO Living Guideline on monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID-19

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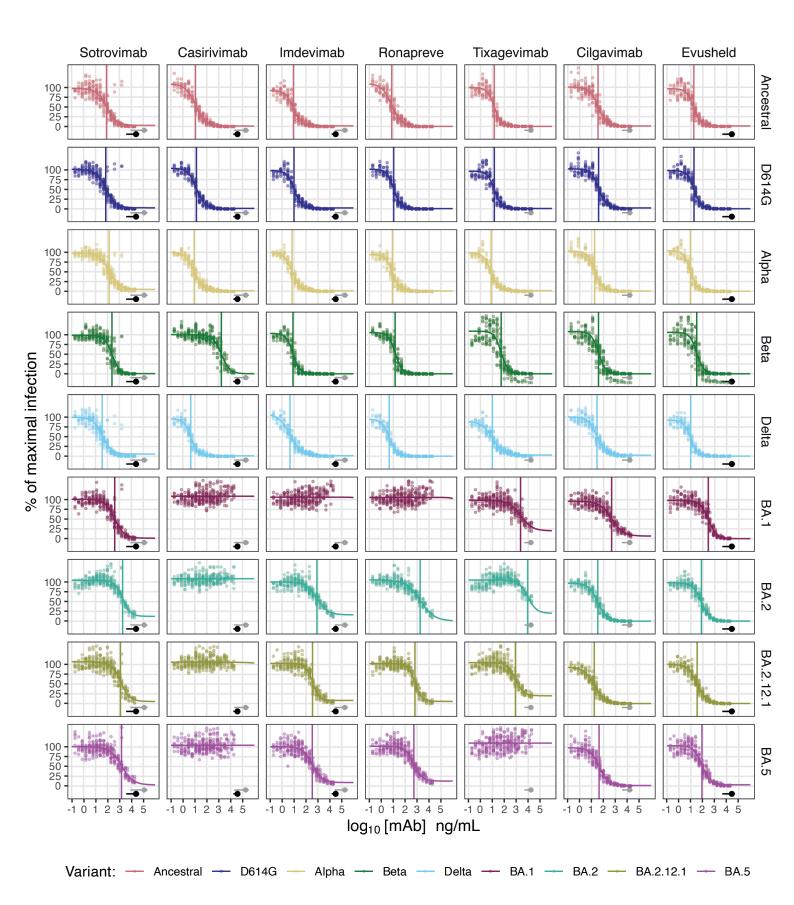


Figure 1. Neutralisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants by monoclonal antibodies (mAbs). For each combination of mAb and SARS-CoV-2 variant, 288 independent data points are shown, which were generated from 3 independent repeats of 12 independent titrations, each consisting of 2 technical replicates of a 4-point dilution series against live SARS-CoV-2 virus. EC_{50} values (solid vertical lines) by were calculated fitting a 4-parameter dose-response curve (solid curves) to this data. For each mAb, the mean serum concentration at maximum (grey point) and twice its standard deviation (grey error line), and at 28 days post-administration (black points) and twice its standard deviation (black error line) was obtained from its Summary of Product Characteristics (see Table 3) and plotted here for reference.

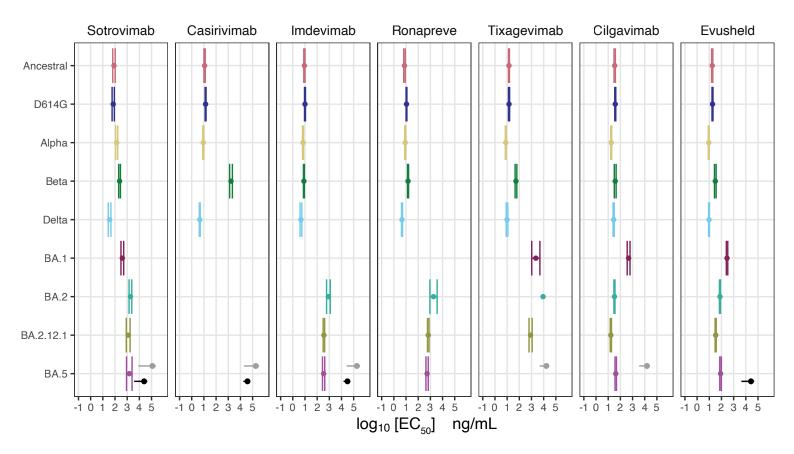


Figure 2. EC₅₀ values and confidence intervals for neutralisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants by monoclonal antibodies (mAbs). A summary of neutralisation data shown in Figure 1 is presented here. The EC₅₀ value and its 95% confidence interval (error bars) are shown for each combination of monoclonal antibody and SARS-CoV-2 variant as shown in Figure 1. For each mAb, the mean serum concentration at maximum (grey point) and twice its standard deviation (grey error line), and at 28 days post-administration (black error line) was obtained from its Summary of Product Characteristics (see Table 3) and plotted here for reference.

		Ancestral	D614G	Alpha	Beta	Delta	Omicron			Serum Concentration (ng/ml)		
							BA.1	BA.2	BA.2.12.1	BA.4/5	Max.	28 d.p.i.
	EC ₅₀ (ng/ml)	82.3	71.3	137.9	236.5	36.0	399.1	1848.6	1211.2	1489.6	117600	24500
Sotrovimab	95%CI [Lower,	65.4	57.8	133.7	200.4	27.8	308.3	1429.2	844.0	880.9		
	Upper]	103.6	88.0	167.1	279.1	46.5	516.7	2391.2	1738.2	2516.9		
	EC ₅₀ (ng/ml)	11.4	13.8	9.0	1680.7	4.6	(No neutr.)	(No neutr.)	(No neutr.)	(No neutr.)	182700	37900
Casirivimab	95%CI [Lower,	10.1	12.7	8.1	1290.1	4.2						
	Upper]	13.0	15.0	9.9	2189.5	5.0						
	EC50 (ng/ml)	9.0	10.0	6.9	8.2	4.7	(No neutr.)	839.4	356.8	338.5	181700	31000
Imdevimab	95%CI [Lower,	8.0	9.1	6.3	7.5	3.9		594.6	310.4	273.8		
	Upper]	10.1	11.0	7.5	9.0	5.5		1185.2	410.1	418.6		
Demonstration	EC ₅₀ (ng/ml)	7.4	10.9	8.6	14.6	4.6	(No neutr.)	1802.1	663.4	534.8	n.r.	n.r.
Ronapreve (Casirivimab	95%CI [Lower,	6.4	10.1	7.8	13.2	4.2		907.2	576.6	430.9		
+ Imdevimab)	Upper]	8.7	11.7	9.4	16.1	5.1		3579.9	763.4	663.7		
	EC ₅₀ (ng/ml)	14.2	14.4	7.7	53.2	9.8	2268.5	8914.9	842.7	(No neutr.)	16500	n.r.
Tixagevimab	95%CI [Lower,	13.1	12.9	7.1	45.1	8.4	1051.9	n.d.	638.1			
	Upper]	15.5	15.9	8.4	62.7	61.6	4892.2	n.d.	1130.7			
	EC₅₀ (ng/ml)	34.2	38.0	17.8	37.6	28.0	473.4	32.6	16.6	41.7	15300	n.r.
Cilgavimab	95%CI [Lower,	30.1	34.6	16.2	31.7	25.0	362.6	29.5	14.8	36.5		
	Upper]	38.8	41.8	19.5	44.6	31.3	617.9	35.9	18.6	47.6		
E	EC₅₀ (ng/ml)	17.4	18.4	9.1	31.1	9.6	287.2	75.3	33.5	84.3	n.r.	26700
Evusheld (Cilgavimab +	95%CI [Lower,	15.6	16.8	8.4	26.4	8.8	250.5	68.4	30.1	72.7		
Tixagevimab)	Upper]	19.5	20.1	9.8	36.3	10.4	329.4	82.9	37.2	97.8		<u> </u>

Table 1. EC₅₀ **values and confidence intervals for neutralisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants by mon-oclonal antibodies (mAbs).** A summary of neutralisation data shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 is shown. For reference, the mean serum concentration at maximum and 28 days post-administration for each mAb was obtained from its Summary of Product Characteristics and noted here for reference (see Table 3).

		Ancestral	D614G	Alpha	Beta	Delta	Omicron				Serum Concentration (IU/ml)	
							BA.1	BA.2	BA.2.12.1	BA.4/5	Max.	28 d.p.i.
	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	3685	4256	2200	1283	8436	760	164	251	204	2.58	12.38
Sotrovimab	95%Cl [Lower,	4637	5253	2668	1514	10900	984	212	359	344		
	Upper]	2928	3449	1815	1087	6529	587	127	175	121		
	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	26540	22030	33893	181	66378	(No neutr.)	(No neutr.)	(No neutr.)	(No neutr.)	1.66	8.00
Casirivimab	95%Cl [Lower,	30064	23961	37589	235	72225						
-	Upper]	23406	20250	30549	139	61159						
	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	33856	30274	44027	37129	65096	(No neutr.)	361	850	896	1.67	9.79
Imdevimab	95%Cl [Lower,	38109	33189	48150	40609	76991		510	977	1108		
	Upper]	30064	27627	40232	33931	55054		256	740	725		
Ronapreve	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	40772	27907	35479	20820	65376	(No neutr.)	168	457	567	n.r.	n.r.
(Casirivimab	95%Cl [Lower,	47398	30064	39091	22946	71883		334	526	704		
+ Imdevimab)	Upper]	35069	25927	32237	18900	59480		85	397	457		
	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	21317	21139	39345	5703	30828	134	34	360	(No neutr.)	18.38	n.r.
Tixagevimab	95%Cl [Lower,	23209	23461	42725	6722	36070	288	n.d.	483			
	Upper]	19571	19042	36285	4839	26378	62	n.d.	268			
	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	8883	7981	17080	8072	10845	641	9319	18307	7280	19.83	n.r.
Cilgavimab	95%CI [Lower,	10091	8777	18714	9584	12124	837	10269	20496	8320		
	Upper]	7818	7257	15588	6797	9704	491	8457	16353	6370		
Funchald	EC ₅₀ (IU /ml)	17414	16513	33482	9745	31764	1056	4030	9055	3600	n.r.	11.36
Evusheld (Cilgavimab +	95%Cl [Lower,	19445	18099	36285	11370	34393	1211	4438	10065	4175		
Tixagevimab)	Upper]	15588	15062	30922	8354	29309	921	3660	8148	3103		

Table 2. EC₅₀ values and confidence intervals (reported in International Units) for neutralisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants by monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), calibrated to the First WHO International Standard for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulin. A summary of neutralisation data shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 is shown. For reference, the mean serum concentration at maximum and 28 days post-administration for each mAb was obtained from its Summary of Product Characteristics and noted here for reference (see Table 3).

mAb	Timept.	Avg	SD	CV	Unit	Source of Information	Date Accessed	Dose	Notes	
Sotrovimab	c28	24.5	10.388	42.40%	µg/mL	https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 13097/smpc#gref	24/06/2022	IV 500mg sotrovimab	C29 reported; CV reported + SD back-calculated	
Sotrovimab	cmax	117.6	54.684	46.50%	µg/mL	https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 13097/smpc#gref	24/06/2022	IV 500mg sotrovimab	CV reported + SD back- calculated	
Casirivimab	c28	37.9	10.33		mg/L	https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 12863#gref	24/06/2022	IV 600 mg casirivimab and 600 mg imdevimab		
Casirivimab	cmax	182.7	81.45		mg/L	https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 12863#gref	24/06/2022	IV 600 mg casirivimab and 600 mg imdevimab		
Imdevimab	c28	31	8.24		mg/L	https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 12863#gref	24/06/2022	IV 600 mg casirivimab and 600 mg imdevimab		
Imdevimab	cmax	181.7	77.78		mg/L	https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 12863#gref	24/06/2022	IV 600 mg casirivimab and 600 mg imdevimab		
Tixagevimab	cmax	16.5	5.874	35.60%	µg/mL	https://www.gov.uk/government/ publications/regulatory-approval-of- evusheld-tixagevimabcilgavimab/summary- of-product-characteristics-for-evusheld	24/06/2022	IM 150mg tixagevimab and 150mg cilgavimab	Cmax at 14d; CV reported + SD back-calculated	
Cilgavimab	cmax	15.3	5.8905	38.50%	µg/mL	https://www.gov.uk/government/ 24/06/ publications/regulatory-approval-of- evusheld-tixagevimabcilgavimab/summary- of-product-characteristics-for-evusheld		IM 150mg tixagevimab and 150mg cilgavimab	Cmax at 14d; CV reported + SD back-calculated	
Evusheld	c28	26.7	11.2		µg/mL	https://www.gov.uk/government/ publications/regulatory-approval-of- evusheld-tixagevimabcilgavimab/summary- of-product-characteristics-for-evusheld	24/06/2022	IM 150mg tixagevimab and 150mg cilgavimab	C29 reported	

Table 3. Sources of data for mean serum concentrations of monoclonal antibodies.

Supplementary Methods

Monoclonal antibodies

Sotrovimab, casivirimab and imdevimab (together Ronapreve, Regeneron) were obtained from the pharmacy at University College Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Tixagevimab and cilgavimab (together Evusheld, AstraZeneca), were obtained directly from the manufacturer.

Virus variants and culture

The Eng02 isolate was obtained from Public Health England and contains an identical spike to the ancestral virus first observed in Wuhan, China in 2019. The D614G, Alpha, Beta, Delta, and Omicron isolates used were the same as previously, and our viral culture technique is unchanged⁷. The SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 isolate ("Alpha") was hCoV-19/England/ 204690005/2020, which carries the D614G, Δ69-70, Δ144, N501Y, A570D, P681H, T716I, S982A and D1118H mutations in Spike ²⁵, and was obtained from Public Health England (PHE), UK, through Prof. Wendy Barclay, Imperial College London, London, UK via the Genotype-to-Phenotype National Virology Consortium (G2P-UK). The B.1.617.2 ("Delta") isolate was MS066352H (GISAID accession number EPI ISL 1731019), which carries the T19R, K77R, G142D, Δ156- 157/R158G, A222V, L452R, T478K, D614G, P681R, D950N mutations in Spike, and was kindly provided by Prof. Wendy Barclay, Imperial College London, London, UK via G2P-UK. The Omicron BA.1 isolate was M21021166, which carries the A67V, Δ69-70, T95I, Δ142-144, Y145D, Δ211, L212I, G339D, S371L, S373P, S375F, K417N, N440K, G446S, S477N, T478K, E484A, Q493R, G496S, Q498R, N501Y, Y505H, T547K, D614G, H655Y, N679K, P681H, A701V, N764K, D796Y, N856K, Q954H, N969K, and L981F mutations in Spike, and was kindly provided by Prof. Gavin Screaton, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK via G2P-UK. The Omicron BA.2 isolate carries the T19I, Δ24-26, A27S, G142D, V213G, G339D, S371F, S373P, S375F, T376A, D405N, R408S, K417N, N440K, S477N, T478K, E484A, Q493R, Q498R, N501Y, Y505H, D614G, H655Y, N679K, P681H, N764K, D796Y, Q954H, and N969K mutations in Spike and was obtained from a Legacy study participant. The Omicron BA.2.12.1 isolate carries the L452Q and S704L mutations in Spike, in addition to the BA.2 mutations listed previously, and was kindly provided by Prof. Gavin Screaton, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. The Omicron BA.5 isolate carries the T19Ι, Δ24-26, A27S, Δ69-70, G142D, V213G, G339D, S371F, S373P, S375F, T376A, D405N, R408S, K417N, N440K, L452R, S477N, T478K, E484A, F486V, Q498R, N501Y, Y505H, D614G, H655Y, N679K, P681H, N764K, D796Y, Q954H, and N969K mutations in Spike was obtained from the laboratory of Alex Sigal, Africa Health Research Institute, Durban, South Africa.

All viral isolates were propagated in Vero V1 cells. Briefly, 50% confluent monolayers of Vero V1 cells were infected with the given SARS CoV-2 strains at an MOI of approx. 0.001. Cells were washed once with DMEM (Sigma; D6429), then 5 ml virus inoculum made up in DMEM was added to each T175 flask and incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes. DMEM + 1% FCS (Biosera; FB-1001/500) was added to each flask. Cells were incubated at 37° C, 5% CO₂ for 4 days until extensive cytopathogenic effect was observed. Supernatant was harvested and clarified by centrifugation at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes in a benchtop centrifuge. Supernatant was aliquoted and frozen at -80°C, and batches were titrated by plaque assay and sequence-validated prior to use.

High-throughput live virus microneutralisation assay

High-throughput live virus microneutralisation assays were performed as previously described²⁶. In brief, Vero E6 cells (Institut Pasteur) at 90-100% confluency were infected with given SARS-CoV-2 variants in 384-well format, in the presence of serial dilutions of patient serum samples or monoclonal antibodies. 24 hours after infection, cells were fixed with 4% final Formaldehyde, permeabilised with 0.2% TritonX-100, 3% BSA in PBS (v/v), and stained for SARS-CoV-2 N protein using a Biotin-labelled-CR3009 antibody produced in-house in conjunction with a 488-conjugated Streptavidin (Invitrogen S32354), and cellular DNA using DAPI²⁷. Whole-well imaging at 5x was carried out using an Opera Phenix (Perkin Elmer) and fluorescent areas and intensity calculated using the Phenix-associated software Harmony (Perkin Elmer). Infection was estimated from the measured area of infected cells/total area occupied by all cells. The maximal infection level was determined experimentally for each plate with virus-only control wells (100%). Percentages of maximal infection are reported after normalisation to the virus-only control wells.

Data analysis, statistics, and availability

Data analysis was carried out in R. For each monoclonal:VOC combination a 4 parameter fit was modelled, using *drm* from the *drc* package²⁸, with the following adjustments:

- A lower limit of 0 for the bottom of the curve, reflecting 0% of maximal infection
- An upper limit of 110 for the top of the curve, expecting a y intercept <110% of maximal infection.
- A lower limit of 0.1 and an upper limit of 1.5 was applied to Hill slopes.

For curve generation, a sequence of 100 points between 10^{-1} and 10^{5} (evenly in log_{10} -space) were used to predict y values (% of maximal infection) with each model, alongside 95% confidence intervals, using *predict*. The function *drc* was used to calculate EC₅₀ values, with 95% confidence intervals. Model fitting was simplified using the *purrr* package to allow a single model definition to be applied to all VOC:mAb combinations, via *group by*(*variant, mAb*).

Graphs were generated using the *ggplot2* package in R. All data and full R code to produce all figures are freely-available online on Github:

https://github.com/davidlvb/Crick-UCLH-Legacy-Monoclonals-2022-10

Conversion of EC_{50} values to International Units was carried out using the WHO International Standard (IS) for anti-SARS-CoV-2 immunoglobulin⁸ (human – NIBSC code 20/136) or a precalibrated internal standard, and by dividing the sample titre by the International Standard titre then multiplying by 1000 IU/ml (the expected EC_{50} of the international standard against ancestral SARS-CoV-2).

Ethics

The Legacy study was approved by London Camden and Kings Cross Health Research Authority (HRA) Research and Ethics committee (REC) IRAS number 286469 and sponsored by University College London.

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