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RECOVERY Collaborative Group

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Supplementary Methods

Study organization

The RECOVERY trial is an investigator-initiated, individually randomised, open-label, controlled trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of a range of putative treatments in patients hospitalized with COVID-19. The protocol is available at www.recoverytrial.net. The trial is being conducted at 177 National Health Service (NHS) hospital organizations in the United Kingdom and hospitals in Nepal and Indonesia. The trial is coordinated by a team drawn from the Clinical Trial Service Unit and the National Perinatal Epidemiology Clinical Trials Unit within the Nuffield Department of Population Health at University of Oxford, the trial sponsor. Support for local site activities is provided by the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network.

Access to relevant routine health care and registry data is supported by NHS DigiTrials, the Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre, Public Health Scotland, National Records Service of Scotland, and the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) at University of Swansea.

Dosing of baricitinib

The usual dose of baricitinib for adults (and children ≥ 9 years old) was 4 mg once daily. The dose was halved in patients also taking probenecid. The dose was reduced in presence of renal impairment:

- eGFR ≥ 30 <60 mL/min/1.73m²: 2 mg once daily
- eGFR ≥ 15 <30 mL/min/1.73m²: 2 mg on alternate days
- eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73m²: not eligible for baricitinib comparison

In children aged ≥ 2 <9 years the standard dose was 2 mg once daily. The dose was reduced in presence of renal impairment:

- eGFR ≥ 30 <60 mL/min/1.73m²: 2 mg on alternate days
- eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m²: not eligible for baricitinib comparison

Systematic review methods

Search Strategy

Inclusion criteria: Randomised controlled trials evaluating the effect of baricitinib or another Janus Kinase inhibitor in patients hospitalised with COVID-19

i) Database: Embase

Date filters: Sept 1, 2019 to present

Language restrictions: None

Search terms: (SARS-CoV-2.mp. OR SARS-CoV2.mp. OR SARSCoV2.mp. OR COVID.mp. OR COVID-19.mp. OR COVID19.mp. OR 2019-nCoV.mp. OR Coronavirus.mp. or Coronavirinae/) AND (JAK inhibitor.mp. or Janus kinase inhibitor/ OR Janus kinase inhibitor.mp. OR Baricitinib.mp. or baricitinib/ OR Ruxolitinib.mp. or ruxolitinib/ OR Tofacitinib.mp. or tofacitinib/ OR Oclacitinib.mp. or oclacitinib/ OR Peficitinib.mp. or peficitinib/ OR Fedratinib.mp. or fedratinib/ OR Upadacitinib.mp. or upadacitinib/ OR Filgotinib.mp. or fligotinib/ OR olumiant.mp.) AND (Randomized controlled trial/ OR Controlled clinical trial/ OR random\$.ti,ab. OR randomization/ OR intermethod comparison/ OR placebo.ti,ab. OR (compare or compared or comparison).ti. OR ((evaluated or evaluate or evaluating or assessed or assess) and (compare or compared or comparing or comparison)).ab. OR (open adj label).ti,ab. OR ((double or single or doubly or singly) adj (blind or blinded or blindly)).ti,ab. OR double blind procedure/ OR parallel group\$.ti,ab. OR (crossover or

cross over).ti,ab. OR ((assign\$ or match or matched or allocation) adj5 (alternate or group\$1 or intervention\$1 or patient\$1 or subject\$1 or participant\$1)).ti,ab. OR (assigned or allocated).ti,ab. OR (controlled adj7 (study or design or trial)).ti,ab. OR (volunteer or volunteers).ti,ab. OR human experiment/ OR trial.ti.) NOT (random\$ adj sampl\$ adj7 (cross section\$ or questionnaire\$1 or survey\$ or database\$1)).ti,ab. not comparative study/ or controlled study/ or randomi?ed controlled.ti,ab. or randomly assigned.ti,ab.) OR Cross-sectional study/not (randomized controlled trial/ or controlled clinical study/ or controlled study/ or randomi?ed controlled.ti,ab. or control group\$1.ti,ab. OR (((case adj control\$) and random\$) not randomi?ed controlled).ti,ab. OR (Systematic review not (trial or study)).ti. OR (non-random\$ not random\$).ti,ab. OR Random field\$.ti,ab. OR (random cluster adj3 sampl\$).ti,ab. OR (review.ab. and review.pt.) not trial.ti OR we searched.ab. and (review.ti. or review.pt.) OR update review.ab. OR (databases adj4 searched).ab. OR (rat or rats or mouse or mice or swine or porcine or murine or sheep or lambs or pigs or piglets or rabbit or rabbits or cat or cats or dog or dogs or cattle or bovine or monkey or monkeys or trout or marmoset\$1).ti. and animal experiment/ OR Animal experiment/ not (human experiment/ or human/)

ii) Database: Medline

Date filters: Sept 1, 2019 to present

Language restrictions: None

Search terms: (Coronavirus infections/ OR SARS-COV-2.mp. OR Coronavirus/ or CORONAVIRUS.mp. OR COVID.mp. OR COVID-19.mp. OR 2019-nCoV.mp. OR COVID19.mp. OR SARSCoV2.mp. OR SARS-Cov2.mp.) AND (JAK inhibitor.mp. or Janus Kinase Inhibitors/ OR Janus kinase inhibitor.mp. or Janus Kinase Inhibitors OR Baricitinib.mp. OR Ruxolitinib.mp. OR Tofacitinib.mp. OR Oclacitinib.mp. OR Peficitinib.mp. OR Fedratinib.mp. OR Upadacitinib.mp. OR Filgotinib.mp. OR olumiant.mp.) AND (randomized controlled trial.pt. OR controlled clinical trial.pt. OR randomized.ab. OR placebo.ab. OR clinical trials as topic.sh. OR randomly.ab. OR trial.ti.) NOT (exp animals/ not humans.sh.)

iii) Database: MedRxiv

Date filters: 1st September 2019 to present

Search terms: JAK inhibitor, Janus kinase inhibitor, Baricitinib, Ruxolitinib, Tofacitinib, Oclacitinib, Peficitinib, Fedratinib, Upadacitinib, Filgotinib, Olumiant

Search Results Processing

Results were screened (N=896) by researchers experienced in carrying out large-scale systematic reviews and meta-analyses of randomised trials. A trial research clinician reviewed the full texts of shortlisted studies (N=44) to finalise the list of included studies (N=8). The research clinician then performed quality assessment of the included studies using the Cochrane Risk of Bias 2 tool and extracted the mortality data for meta-analysis, which was double-checked by a trial statistician.

Risk of Bias Assessment

Performed for published studies only, for the outcome of 28-day (or similar) mortality.

Study	Randomisation process	Deviations from intended interventions	Missing outcome data	Measurement of outcome	Selection of reported result	Overall
ACTT2 ¹	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
COV-BARRIER ²	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
COV-BARRIER (critically ill) ³	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
STOP-COVID ⁴	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Cao et al. ⁵	Low	Some concerns	Low	Low	Some concerns	Some concerns
	Details: Some imbalances between other interventions given over course of follow-up e.g. IV immunoglobulin, No information on pre-specified analyses					
Murugesan ⁶	Some concerns	Some concerns	Low	Low	Some concerns	Some concerns
	Details: No information on randomisation allocation concealment, Open-label, No information on pre-specified analyses, Inconsistency in outcome endpoint timing – only reported to discharge or day 14 rather than study completion day 28					

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Protocol changes

RECOVERY is a randomised trial among patients hospitalized for COVID-19. All eligible patients receive usual standard of care in the participating hospital and are randomly allocated between no additional treatment and one of several active treatment arms. Over time, additional treatment arms have been added (see Table).

The original and final protocol relevant to casirivimab and imdevimab are included in the supplementary material to this publication, together with summaries of the changes made.

Table. Protocol changes to treatment comparisons

Protocol version	Date	Randomisation	Treatment arms
1.0	13-Mar-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Lopinavir-ritonavir ^a Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Nebulised Interferon-β-1a (never activated)
2.0	23-Mar-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Lopinavir-ritonavir ^a Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Hydroxychloroquine
3.0	07-Apr-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Lopinavir-ritonavir ^a Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Hydroxychloroquine ^c Azithromycin ^d
4.0	14-Apr-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Lopinavir-ritonavir ^a Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Hydroxychloroquine ^c Azithromycin ^d
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f
5.0	24-Apr-2020	-	(no change – extension to children <18 years old)
6.0	14-May-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Lopinavir-ritonavir ^a Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Hydroxychloroquine ^c Azithromycin ^d
		Main (part B factorial)	No additional treatment Convalescent plasma
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f
7.0	18-Jun-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Lopinavir-ritonavir ^a Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Azithromycin ^d
		Main (part B factorial)	No additional treatment Convalescent plasma
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f

Protocol version	Date	Randomisation	Treatment arms
8.0	03-Jul-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Azithromycin ^d
		Main (part B factorial)	No additional treatment Convalescent plasma
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f
9.1	18-Sep-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Azithromycin ^d
		Main (part B factorial)	No additional treatment Convalescent plasma Casirivimab and imdevimab
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f
10.1	01-Nov-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Azithromycin ^d
		Main (part B factorial)	No additional treatment Convalescent plasma Casirivimab and imdevimab
		Main (part C factorial)	No additional treatment Aspirin
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f
11.1	27-Nov-2020	Main (part A)	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Colchicine
		Main (part B factorial)	No additional treatment Convalescent plasma Casirivimab and imdevimab
		Main (part C factorial)	No additional treatment Aspirin
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f

Protocol version	Date	Randomisation	Treatment arms
12.1	16-Dec-2020	Main (part A) ^h Main (part B factorial) ^h Main (part C factorial) ^h Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Colchicine No additional treatment Convalescent plasma Casirivimab and imdevimab No additional treatment Aspirin No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f
13.0	26-Jan-2021	Main (part A) ^h Main (part B factorial) ^h Main (part C factorial) ^h Main (part D factorial) Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Colchicine No additional treatment Casirivimab and imdevimab No additional treatment Aspirin No additional treatment Baricitinib No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f Anakinra
14.0	15-Feb-2021	Main (part A) ^h Main (part B factorial) ^h Main (part C factorial) ^h Main (part D factorial) Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Colchicine Dimethyl fumarate No additional treatment Casirivimab and imdevimab No additional treatment Aspirin No additional treatment Baricitinib No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f Anakinra

Protocol version	Date	Randomisation	Treatment arms
15.0	12-Apr-2021	Main (part A) ^h Main (part B factorial) ^h Main (part D factorial) Main (part E factorial) ⁱ Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Dimethyl fumarate No additional treatment Casirivimab and imdevimab No additional treatment Baricitinib Infliximab ^j High-dose dexamethasone ^j No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f Anakinra
16.1	08-Jul-2021	Main (part A) ^h Main (part D factorial) Main (part E factorial) ⁱ Main (part F factorial) Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Dimethyl fumarate No additional treatment Baricitinib High-dose dexamethasone ^j Empagliflozin No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f Anakinra
17.1	10-Aug-2021	Main (part A) ^h Main (part D factorial) Main (part E factorial) ⁱ Main (part F factorial) Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Dimethyl fumarate No additional treatment Baricitinib High-dose dexamethasone ^j Empagliflozin No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f Anakinra

Protocol version	Date	Randomisation	Treatment arms
18.1	24-Oct-2021	Main (part A) ^h	No additional treatment Low-dose corticosteroid ^b Intravenous immunoglobulin ^g High-dose corticosteroid ^g Dimethyl fumarate
		Main (part D factorial)	No additional treatment Baricitinib
		Main (part E factorial) ⁱ	High-dose dexamethasone ^j
		Main (part F factorial)	Empagliflozin
		Second ^{e,f}	No additional treatment Tocilizumab ^f Anakinra

^a enrolment ceased 29 June 2020 when the Data Monitoring Committee advised that the Chief Investigators should review the unblinded data.

^b enrolment of adults ceased 8 June 2020 as more than 2,000 patients had been recruited to the active arm

^c enrolment ceased 5 June 2020 when the Data Monitoring Committee advised that the Chief Investigators should review the unblinded data.

^d enrolment of adults ceased 27 November 2020 as more than 2,500 patients had been recruited to the active arm

^e for patients with (a) oxygen saturation <92% on air or requiring oxygen or children with significant systemic disease with persistent pyrexia; and (b) C-reactive protein ≥75 md/L)

^f enrolment of adults ceased 24 January 2021 as more than 2,000 patients had been recruited to the active arm.

^g for children only

^h from protocol version 12.1, children could enter the second randomisation regardless of whether they were included in the main randomisation

ⁱ for patients with (a) oxygen saturation <92% on air or requiring oxygen

^j for patients outside UK (until protocol V20.0 when extended to UK)

Main and second randomisation for adults

All RECOVERY trial participants received usual standard of care. On study entry, adult participants initially underwent the Main Randomisation. Trial participants with clinical evidence of progressive COVID-19 (defined as oxygen saturation <92% on room air or requiring oxygen therapy, and C-reactive protein ≥ 75 mg/L) could be considered for the Second Randomisation at any time up to 21 days after the initial randomisation, and regardless of initial treatment allocation(s). A web-system was used to provide simple randomisation (without stratification or minimisation) with allocation concealment until randomisation had been completed.

Over time, treatment arms were added and removed from the protocol, factorial randomisations were introduced (see below), and not all treatments were available at every hospital. Similarly, not all treatments were deemed by the attending clinician to be suitable for some patients (e.g. due to comorbid conditions or concomitant medication). In any of these cases, randomisation involved fewer arms (and/or fewer factorial elements).

Main randomisation for adults

A single participant could be randomised at most to 1 arm from each of part A, B, C, D and E of the factorial randomisations (depending on location), and thus receive between 0 and 4 treatments on top of usual standard of care.

Part A (from 19 March 2020)

Eligible participants could be randomised to one of the following arms:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	19 March 2020	Ongoing
Dexamethasone	19 March 2020	8 June 2020
Lopinavir-ritonavir	19 March 2020	29 June 2020
Hydroxychloroquine	23 March 2020	5 June 2020
Azithromycin	7 April 2020	27 November 2020
Colchicine	27 November 2020	5 March 2021
Dimethyl fumarate	15 February 2021	12 November 2021

Part B (from 14 May 2020)

Eligible participants could be randomised to one of the following arms:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	14 May 2020	21 May 2021
Convalescent plasma	14 May 2020	15 January 2021
Casirivimab and imdevimab *	18 September 2020	21 May 2021

* monoclonal neutralising antibody cocktail

Part C (from 1 November 2020)

Eligible participants could be randomised to one of the following arms:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	1 November 2020	21 March 2021
Aspirin	1 November 2020	21 March 2021

Part D (from 1 November 2020)

Eligible participants could be randomised to one of the following arms:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	2 February 2021	29 December 2021
Baricitinib	2 February 2021	29 December 2021

Part E (from 25 May 2021)

Eligible participants could be randomised to one of the following arms:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	25 May 2021	Ongoing
High-dose dexamethasone	25 May 2021	Ongoing

Part F (from 8 July 2021)

Eligible participants could be randomised to one of the following arms:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	8 July 2021	Ongoing
Empagliflozin	8 July 2021	Ongoing

Second randomisation for adults (from 14 April 2020)

From 14 April 2020, a participant could be randomised to one of the following arms and thus receive 0 or 1 treatment on top of those allocated in the initial randomisation and usual standard of care:

Treatment arm	Arm opened	Arm closed
No additional treatment	14 April 2020	24 January 2021
Tocilizumab	14 April 2020	24 January 2021

Supplementary statistical methods*Sample size*

As stated in the protocol, appropriate sample sizes could not be estimated when the trial was being planned at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. On 27 April 2021, the Trial Steering Committee, whose members were unaware of the results of the trial comparisons, determined that, with over 9700 patients recruited to the casirivimab and imdevimab comparison and average daily recruitment of 4 patients, further recruitment was unlikely to increase the reliability of the results materially so should discontinue. At that point, the Trial Steering Committee estimated that once follow-up of all patients was complete there would be at least 90% power at two-sided $P=0.01$ to detect a proportional reduction in 28-day mortality of 20% in the seronegative patients and of 15% in the overall study population.

Ascertainment and classification of study outcomes

Information on baseline characteristics and study outcomes was collected through a combination of electronic case report forms (see below) completed by members of the local research team at each participating hospital and linkage to National Health Service, clinical audit, and other relevant health records. Full details are provided in the RECOVERY Definition and Derivation of Baseline Characteristics and Outcomes Document (see Appendix 3).

Randomisation form

The (main) Randomisation form (shown below) was completed by trained study staff. It collected baseline information about the participant (including demographics, COVID-19 history, comorbidities and suitability for the study treatments) and availability of the study treatments. Once completed and electronically signed, the treatment allocation was displayed.

The following modifications were made to the Randomisation form during the trial:

Randomisation form version	Date of release	Major modifications from previous version
1.0	19-Mar-20	Initial version (protocol V1.0)
2.0	25-Mar-20	For protocol V2.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydroxychloroquine added as treatment Known long QT syndrome added to comorbidities Severe depression removed from comorbidities
3.0	09-Apr-20	For protocol V3.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azithromycin added as treatment Suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection included in eligibility criteria
[Second randomisation form introduced]	23-Apr-20	For protocol 4.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility criteria for second randomisation Tocilizumab vs control as treatment allocations
5.0	09-May-20	For protocol V5.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age ≥ 18 years removed from eligibility criteria Additional questions on child's age and weight added
6.0	21-May-20	For protocol V6.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convalescent plasma added as treatment Baseline use of remdesivir
7.0	01-Jul-20	For protocol V7.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants eligible if convalescent plasma is only available and suitable treatment
8.0	13-Aug-20	For protocol V8.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of low-dose and high-dose corticosteroids and intravenous immunoglobulin for children (and removal of dexamethasone for children)
9.0	24-Sep-20	For protocol V9.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casirivimab and imdevimab added as treatment Additional baseline information
10.0	06-Nov-20	For protocol V10.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspirin added as treatment
11.0	27-Nov-20	For protocol V11.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colchicine added as treatment
12.0	22-Dec-20	For protocol V12.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow children to enter trial without entering main randomisation
13.0	02-Feb-21	For protocol V13.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baricitinib added as treatment
14.0	24-Feb-21	For protocol V14.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dimethyl fumarate added as treatment
15.0	11-May-21	For protocol V15.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-dose dexamethasone added as treatment
16.0	28-Jul-21	For protocol V16.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of empagliflozin as treatment

Randomisation Program

Call Freephone **0800 138 5451** to contact the RECOVERY team for **URGENT** problems using the Randomisation Program or for medical advice. All **NON-URGENT queries** should be emailed to recoverytrial@ndph.ox.ac.uk

Logged in as: **RECOVERY Site**

Section A: Baseline and Eligibility

Date and time of randomisation: 19 Aug 2021 14:00

Treating clinician

A1. Name of treating clinician

Patient details

A2. Patient surname

Patient forename

A3. NHS number Tick if not available

A4. What is the patient's date of birth? / / Age: 21y 7m

A5. What is the patient's sex?

Inclusion criteria

A6. Has consent been taken in line with the protocol?
 If answer is No patient cannot be enrolled in the study

A6.0 How was consent obtained?

A7. Does the patient have proven or suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection?
 If answer is No patient cannot be enrolled in the study

A8. Does the patient have any medical history that might, in the opinion of the attending clinician, put the patient at significant risk if they were to participate in the trial?

A9. COVID-19 symptom onset date: / /

A10. Date of hospitalisation: / /

A11. Does the patient require oxygen?

A12. Please select one of the following to describe the current level of ventilation support

A12.1 Enter latest oxygen saturation measurement (%)

A12.2 Enter latest CRP measurement since admission to hospital (mg/L) Tick if not measured
 Tick if greater than limit of measurement
Enter 0 if below the limit of measurement

A12.3 Enter latest creatinine measurement since admission to hospital $\mu\text{mol/L}$ Tick if not measured
 Tick if greater than limit of measurement

A12.4 Enter latest D-dimer measurement since admission to hospital ng/mL Tick if not measured
 Tick if greater than limit of measurement
Enter 0 if below the limit of measurement

A12.5 Has the patient received a COVID-19 vaccine?

Does the patient have any CURRENT comorbidities or other medical problems or treatments?

A13.1 Diabetes

A13.2 Heart disease

A13.3 Chronic lung disease

A13.4 Tuberculosis

A13.5 HIV

A13.6 Severe liver disease

A13.7 Severe kidney impairment (eGFR <30 or on dialysis)

A13.8 Known long QT syndrome

A13.9 Current treatment with macrolide antibiotics which are to continue
 Macrolide antibiotics include clarithromycin, azithromycin and erythromycin

A13.10 Antiplatelet therapy
 Includes aspirin, clopidogrel, ticagrelor, prasugrel, dipyridamole

A13.12 Has received tocilizumab therapy during this admission

**Are the following treatments UNSUITABLE for the patient?
 If you answer Yes it means you think this patient should NOT receive this drug.**

A14D.1 Baricitinib
NB Baricitinib is NOT suitable if patient (i) is pregnant; (ii) has eGFR <15 ml/min or is on dialysis/haemofiltration; (iii) has active TB; or (iv) has neutrophil count <0.5

A14F.1 Empagliflozin
Empagliflozin is NOT suitable if patient (i) has type 1 or post-pancreatectomy diabetes mellitus; or (ii) has a history of ketoacidosis; or (iii) has blood ketones ≥ 1.5 mmol/L or urine ketones 2+; or (iv) is pregnant or breastfeeding

Are the following treatments available?

A15D.1 Baricitinib

A15F.1 Empagliflozin

Current medication

A16.1 Is the patient currently prescribed remdesivir?

A16.2 Is the patient currently prescribed systemic corticosteroids (dexamethasone, prednisolone, hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone)?
 Please do not include topical or inhaled treatments

A16.4 Is the patient currently on warfarin or a direct oral anticoagulant?
 Includes apixaban, rivaroxaban

A16.5 What venous thromboembolism prophylaxis is the patient receiving?
Standard = usual for hospitalised patients (not increased due to COVID-19); Higher dose = treatment dose or increased prophylaxis due to COVID-19

Please sign off this form once complete

Surname:

Forename:

Professional email:

Follow-up form

The Follow-up form (shown on the next page) collected information on study treatment adherence (including both the randomised allocation and use of other study treatments), vital status (including date and provisional cause of death if available), hospitalisation status (including date of discharge), respiratory support received during the hospitalisation, occurrence of any major cardiac arrhythmias and renal replacement therapy received. Questions on thrombotic and bleeding events were added with V10.1 of the protocol so these data were collected for only a small proportion of people in the casirivimab and imdevimab comparison.

The following modifications were made to the Follow-up form during the trial:

Follow-up form version	Date of release	Modifications from previous version
1.0	30-Mar-20	Initial version
2.0	09-Apr-20	Information on other treatments used during admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azithromycin, IL-6 receptor antagonist Fact and result of SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
3.0	09-Apr-20	Update to functionality; no changes to questions
4.0	23-Apr-20	Duration of treatments added
5.0	12-May-20	Capture of major cardiac arrhythmias added
6.0	28-May-20	Updates to wording of questions. Information on other treatments used during admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remdesivir, convalescent plasma
7.0	18-Jun-20	Clarification of question wording
8.0	10-Jul-20	Information on new treatments for children adherence
9.0	24-Sep-20	Information on casirivimab and imdevimab adherence
10.0	06-Nov-20	Information on aspirin adherence Capture of thrombotic and bleeding events added Information of enrolment into other studies added
11.0	16-Nov-20	Minor changes to in-form validation
12.0	27-Nov-20	Information on colchicine adherence
13.0	02-Feb-21	Information on baricitinib adherence
14.0	24-Feb-21	Additional information on infections
15.0	11-May-21	Information on corticosteroid dosing
16.0	28-Jul-21	Information on empagliflozin adherence Capture of metabolic complications
17.0	20-Aug-21	Additional information on metabolic complications

Follow-up

Date of randomisation

Please only report events that occurred from first randomisation until 28 days later on this form (except for Q2).

Patient's date of birth *

yyyy-mm-dd

1. Which of following treatment(s) did the patient **definitely receive as part of their hospital admission after randomisation?** *

(NB Include RECOVERY study-allocated drug, only if given, PLUS any of the other treatments if given as standard hospital care)

- No additional treatment
- Lopinavir-ritonavir
- Corticosteroid (dexamethasone, prednisolone, hydrocortisone or methylprednisolone)
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Azithromycin or other macrolide (eg, clarithromycin, erythromycin)
- Tocilizumab or sarilumab
- Remdesivir
- Intravenous immunoglobulin
- Synthetic monoclonal antibodies (REGN10933+REGN10987)
- Aspirin
- Colchicine
- Baricitinib
- Anakinra
- Favipiravir
- Empagliflozin
- Ivermectin

Please select number of days the patient received corticosteroid (dexamethasone, prednisolone, hydrocortisone or methylprednisolone) (of any dose)

- 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
 10

Dosing information:

6 mg dexamethasone is equivalent to 40 mg prednisolone or 160 mg hydrocortisone or 32 mg methylprednisolone.

10 mg dexamethasone is equivalent to 67 mg prednisolone or 267 mg hydrocortisone or 53 mg methylprednisolone

20 mg dexamethasone is equivalent to 133 mg prednisolone or 534 mg hydrocortisone or 106 mg methylprednisolone

Please indicate the highest dose received on a single day during the 10 days after randomisation

- <6 mg dexamethasone
- 6 mg dexamethasone
- >6 mg and <=10 mg dexamethasone
- >10 mg and <20 mg dexamethasone
- 20 mg dexamethasone
- >20 mg dexamethasone

Please select number of doses of tocilizumab or sarilumab the patient received

- 1 >1

Please select number of days the patient received remdesivir

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please select the proportion of days the patient received aspirin during the first 28 days after randomisation (or from randomisation to date of discharge if this is sooner)

- Most days (≥90%) Some days (≥50% <90%) Few days (<50% of days, but not zero) None

Please select number of days the patient received baricitinib

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please select number of days the patient received anakinra

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Please select the proportion of days the patient received empagliflozin during the first 28 days after randomisation (or from randomisation to date of discharge if this is sooner)

- Most days (≥90%) Some days (≥50% <90%) Few days (<50% of days, but not zero) None

» Convalescent Plasma**How many convalescent plasma infusions did the patient receive?**

This is convalescent plasma (i.e. collected from people recovered from COVID-19), not any standard fresh frozen plasma or other blood products that the patient may have been given

- 0 1 2

» Health Status

2. Was a COVID-19 test done for this patient at any point during the admission? **(If multiple tests were done, and the results were positive and negative, please tick Yes – positive result and Yes – negative result)*

- Yes – positive result
- Yes – negative result
- Not done

3. What is the patient's vital status? *

- Alive
- Dead

3.1 What is the patient's current hospitalisation status? *

- Inpatient
- Discharged

The patient has been enrolled in the trial for **NaN** days

3.1.1 Date follow-up form completed

yyyy-mm-dd

3.1.1 What was the date of discharge? *

yyyy-mm-dd

3.1 What was the date of death? *

yyyy-mm-dd

3.2 What was the underlying cause of death? **This can be obtained from the last entry in part 1 of the death certificate*

- COVID-19
- Other infection
- Cardiovascular
- Other

Please give details

4. Did the patient require any form of assisted ventilation (ie, more than just supplementary oxygen) from day of randomisation until 28 days later? *

- Yes

Yes No

Please answer the following questions:

4.1 For how many days did the patient require assisted ventilation? *

4.2 What type of ventilation did the patient receive?

	Yes	No	Unknown
CPAP alone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-invasive ventilation (eg, BiPAP)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High-flow nasal oxygen (eg, AIRVO)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mechanical ventilation (intubation/tracheostomy)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ECMO	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Total number of days the patient received invasive mechanical ventilation (intubation/tracheostomy) from randomisation until discharge/death/28 days after randomisation

5. Has the patient been documented to have a NEW cardiac arrhythmia at any point since the main randomisation until 28 days later? *

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

5.1 Please select all of the following which apply

- Atrial flutter or atrial fibrillation
- Supraventricular tachycardia
- Ventricular tachycardia (including torsades de pointes)
- Ventricular fibrillation
- Atrioventricular block requiring intervention (eg, cardiac pacing)

6. Did the patient require use of renal dialysis or haemofiltration from main randomisation until 28 days later? *

- Yes

No

6.1 Please enter the highest creatinine level recorded after randomisation until 28 days later.

*

Unit

*

Date**recorded**

*

Select if creatinine level not available

$\mu\text{mol/L}$

mg/dL

yyyy-mm-dd

Not available

7. During the first 28 days after randomisation (or until discharge if sooner), did the participant have a thrombotic event?

*

Yes

No

Unknown

7.1 Please indicate the type of thrombotic event

Select all that apply

- Pulmonary embolism
- Deep-vein thrombosis
- Ischaemic stroke
- Myocardial infarction
- Systemic arterial embolism
- Other

8. During the first 28 days after randomisation (or until discharge if sooner), did the participant experience clinically-significant bleeding ie, intra-cranial bleeding or bleeding that required intervention (eg, surgery, endoscopy or vasoactive drugs) or a blood transfusion?

*

Yes

No

Unknown

8.1 Please indicate the site(s) of bleeding

*

Select all that apply

- Intra-cranial
- Gastrointestinal
- Other

8.2 Please indicate which interventions were required to manage the bleed

*

Select all that apply

- Blood transfusion
- Surgery
- Endoscopy

-
- Vasoactive drugs (e.g. inotropes on ICU)
- None of the above

*

9. During the first 28 days after randomisation (or until discharge if sooner), did the participant develop a non-coronavirus infection?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

9.1 Please indicate the type of non-coronavirus infection

Select all that apply

- Pneumonia
- Urinary tract
- Biliary
- Other intra-abdominal
- Blood stream
- Skin
- Other

Pneumonia - please indicate the putative organism

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Viral
- Other
- Unknown

Urinary tract - please indicate the putative organism

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Other
- Unknown

Biliary - please indicate the putative organism

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Other
- Unknown

Intra-abdominal - please indicate the putative organism

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Other
- Unknown

Blood stream - please indicate the putative organism

Please only select this if positive blood culture but no known anatomical site found

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Other
- Unknown

Skin - please indicate the putative organism

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Viral
- Other
- Unknown

Other - please indicate the putative organism

- Bacterial
- Fungal
- Other
- Unknown

Please describe the anatomical site

10. During the first 28 days after randomisation (or until discharge if sooner), did the participant have any of the following?

	Yes	No	Unknown
Ketoacidosis * <i>Ketoacidosis is defined as (i) ketosis (blood ketones ≥ 1.5 mmol/L or urine ketones $\geq 2+$) AND (ii) metabolic acidosis (eg, bicarbonate < 15 mmol/L) AND (iii) no obvious alternative cause of acidosis</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state *	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other hyperglycaemia requiring new use of insulin *	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Severe hypoglycaemia * <i>Hypoglycaemia causing reduced conscious level requiring another person to help recover.</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Please indicate if the participant participated in any other COVID-19 trials

Select all that apply

- PRINCIPLE
- REMAP-CAP
- Other treatment trial(s)
- COVID-19 vaccine trial(s)

Please give name of other treatment trial(s)

Please give name of COVID-19 vaccine trial(s)

12. If this woman was pregnant at randomisation (or had recently delivered), please enter UKOSS ID here.

Enter the full UKOSS case ID eg, COR_123

Interim analyses: role of the Data Monitoring Committee

The independent Data Monitoring Committee reviewed unblinded analyses of the study data and any other information considered relevant at intervals of around 2 to 4 weeks. The committee was charged with determining if, in their view, the randomised comparisons in the study provide evidence on mortality that is strong enough (with a range of uncertainty around the results that was narrow enough) to affect national and global treatment strategies. In such a circumstance, the Committee would inform the Steering Committee who would make the results available to the public and amend the trial arms accordingly. Unless that happened, the Steering Committee, investigators, and all others involved in the trial would remain blind to the interim results until 28 days after the last patient had been randomised to a particular intervention arm. Further details about the role and membership of the independent Data Monitoring Committee are provided in the protocol.

The Data Monitoring Committee determined that to consider recommending stopping a treatment early for benefit would require at least a 3 to 3.5 standard error reduction in mortality. The Committee concluded that examinations of the data at every 10% (or even 5%) of the total data would lead to only a marginal increase in the overall type I error rate.

Supplementary Tables

Webtable 1: Baseline characteristics of patients considered unsuitable for randomisation to baricitinib compared with those randomised to baricitinib versus usual care

	Randomised (n=8156)	Unsuitable (n=2134)
Age, years	58.1 (15.5)	56.5 (17.7)
<70	6228 (76%)	1679 (79%)
≥70 to <80	1320 (16%)	325 (15%)
≥80	608 (7%)	130 (6%)
Sex		
Male	5378 (66%)	1264 (59%)
Female	2778 (34%)	869 (41%)
Ethnicity		
White	6526 (80%)	1607 (75%)
Black, Asian, and minority ethnic	926 (11%)	344 (16%)
Unknown	704 (9%)	183 (9%)
Number of days since symptom onset	9 (6-11)	9 (6-12)
Number of days since admission to hospital	1 (1-3)	2 (1-4)
Respiratory support received		
None	465 (6%)	221 (10%)
Simple oxygen	5513 (68%)	1045 (49%)
Non-invasive ventilation	1927 (24%)	713 (33%)
Invasive mechanical ventilation	251 (3%)	155 (7%)
Laboratory measurements		
CRP, mg/L	86 (43-145)	96 (47-165)
Creatinine, umol/L	76 (63-94)	72 (58-92)
Previous diseases		
Diabetes	1902 (23%)	519 (24%)
Heart disease	1488 (18%)	392 (18%)
Chronic lung disease	1665 (20%)	431 (20%)
Tuberculosis	0 (0%)	17 (<1%)
HIV	22 (<1%)	13 (<1%)
Severe liver disease *	66 (<1%)	34 (2%)
Severe kidney impairment †	180 (2%)	142 (7%)
Any of the above	3791 (46%)	1072 (50%)
SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result		
Positive	7842 (96%)	1949 (91%)
Negative	75 (<1%)	121 (6%)
Unknown	239 (3%)	64 (3%)
Received a COVID-19 vaccine	3420 (42%)	591 (28%)
Use of other treatments		
Corticosteroids	7771 (95%)	1915 (90%)
Remdesivir	1667 (20%)	424 (20%)
Tocilizumab	1872 (23%)	640 (30%)
Plan to use tocilizumab within the next 24 hours	756 (9%)	303 (14%)
Other randomly assigned treatments		
Colchicine	802 (10%)	376 (18%)
Aspirin	915 (11%)	512 (24%)
Casirivimab-imdevimab	889 (11%)	452 (21%)

Data are mean (SD), n (%), or median (IQR). * Defined as requiring ongoing specialist care. † Defined as estimated glomerular filtration rate <30 mL/min per 1.73 m²

Webtable 2: Treatments given, by randomised allocation

	Treatment allocation	
	Baricitinib (n=4148)	Usual care (n=4008)
Compliance data available	4098	3969
Received baricitinib	3752 (92%)	11 (<1%)
Other treatments received		
Lopinavir-ritonavir	4 (<1%)	3 (<1%)
Corticosteroid	3662 (89%)	3564 (90%)
Hydroxychloroquine	7 (<1%)	14 (<1%)
Azithromycin or other macrolide	816 (20%)	799 (20%)
Tocilizumab or sarilumab*	1053 (26%)	1141 (29%)
Remdesivir	855 (21%)	821 (21%)
Convalescent plasma	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Casirivimab+imdevimab	425 (10%)	439 (11%)
Aspirin	708 (17%)	698 (18%)
Colchicine	381 (9%)	382 (10%)

Percentages are of those with a completed follow-up form. Of those allocated baricitinib who received at least one dose, 76% received all (or nearly all) of their scheduled doses during their hospital stay (missing at most 1 day of treatment) while 92% received at least half of their scheduled doses. The median number of days it was taken was 5 days (IQR 3-9 days). Of the 4098 patients allocated baricitinib with a completed follow-up form, 959 received both baricitinib and tocilizumab, 2793 received baricitinib but not tocilizumab, 94 received tocilizumab but not baricitinib and 252 received neither baricitinib or tocilizumab. * Of the 2194 who received tocilizumab or sarilumab, 877 received it prior to randomisation (432 in the baricitinib arm and 445 in the usual care arm).

Webtable 3: Impact of adjusting for the 0.8-year age imbalance between randomised arms (and of further adjusting for all other predefined subgroups) on the estimated effect of allocation to baricitinib on 28-day mortality

	Treatment allocation		RR (95% CI)	p-value
	Baricitinib (n=4148)	Usual care (n=4008)		
Main age-adjusted analysis*	514 (12.4%)	546 (13.6%)	0.87 (0.77-0.99)	0.028
Fully-adjusted †	514 (12.4%)	546 (13.6%)	0.85 (0.75-0.96)	0.009
No adjustments ‡	514 (12.4%)	546 (13.6%)	0.90 (0.80-1.02)	0.10

* Main analysis shown in Figures 2 and 3, in which the 28-day age-adjusted (ie, conditional) mortality rate ratio is estimated by the hazard ratio from a Cox regression analysis adjusted for age in three categories (<70 years, 70-79 years, and 80 years or older).

† Further adjusted for other pre-defined subgroups shown in Figure 3.

‡ Analysis without adjustment for the 0.8-year age-imbalance between the randomized groups. With this method the 'one-step' method is used to estimate the average unadjusted (ie, marginal) mortality rate ratio from the log-rank 'observed minus expected' statistic ($O - E$) and its variance (V), through the formula $\exp([O - E] \div V)$. Its 95% CI is then given by $\exp([O - E] \div V \pm 1.96 \div \text{sqrt } V)$.

Webtable 4: Primary, secondary and subsidiary outcomes among children

	Baricitinib (n=16)	Usual care (n=17)
Primary outcome		
28-day mortality	2 (13%)	1 (6%)
Secondary outcomes		
Discharged from hospital within 28 days	14 (88%)	15 (88%)
Receipt of invasive mechanical ventilation or death*	1/9 (11%)	2/13 (15%)
Invasive mechanical ventilation	1/9 (11%)	2/13 (15%)
Death	1/9 (11%)	0/13 (0%)
Subsidiary clinical outcomes		
Receipt of ventilation †	2/6 (33%)	1/8 (13%)
Non-invasive ventilation	2/6 (33%)	1/8 (13%)
Invasive mechanical ventilation	0/6 (0%)	0/8 (0%)
Successful cessation of invasive mechanical ventilation ‡	6/7 (86%)	2/4 (50%)
Use of haemodialysis or haemofiltration §	0/16 (0%)	0/17 (0%)

Data are n (%) or n/N (%). * Analyses exclude those on invasive mechanical ventilation at randomisation.

† Analyses exclude those on any form of ventilation at randomisation. ‡ Analyses restricted to those on invasive mechanical ventilation at randomisation. § Analyses exclude those on haemodialysis or haemofiltration at randomisation.

Webtable 5: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on cause-specific 28-day mortality

Cause of death	Treatment allocation		Absolute difference, % (95% CI)
	Baricitinib (n=4148)	Usual care (n=4008)	
COVID	471 (11.4%)	504 (12.6%)	-1.44 (-2.62,-0.11)
Other infection	3 (0.1%)	1 (0.0%)	0.04 (-0.02,0.65)
Cardiac	7 (0.2%)	6 (0.1%)	0.00 (-0.10,0.31)
Stroke	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-
Other vascular	4 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	0.01 (-0.06,0.31)
Cancer	4 (0.1%)	2 (0.0%)	0.04 (-0.03,0.43)
Other medical	14 (0.3%)	21 (0.5%)	-0.19 (-0.35,0.13)
External	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-
Unknown cause	11 (0.3%)	9 (0.2%)	0.04 (-0.12,0.41)
Total: 28-day mortality	514 (12.4%)	546 (13.6%)	-1.48 (-2.70,-0.11)

Estimates of the absolute risk difference are adjusted for age in three categories (<70 years, 70-79 years, and 80 years or older) by applying the age-adjusted risk ratio (or its 95% upper and lower limits) to the risk in the usual care group and then calculating the absolute difference between these values and the risk seen in the usual care group.

Webtable 6: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on non-coronavirus infection, new cardiac arrhythmia, thrombotic events and clinically significant bleeds

	Treatment allocation	
	Baricitinib (n=4148)	Usual care (n=4008)
Non-coronavirus infection		
Pneumonia	236 (5.7%)	220 (5.5%)
Urinary tract	66 (1.6%)	67 (1.7%)
Biliary	1 (<0.1%)	2 (<0.1%)
Other intra-abdominal	12 (0.3%)	4 (0.1%)
Blood stream	69 (1.7%)	78 (1.9%)
Skin	28 (0.7%)	24 (0.6%)
Other	84 (2.0%)	98 (2.4%)
Subtotal: Any non-coronavirus infection	405 (9.8%)	396 (9.9%)
New cardiac arrhythmia		
Atrial flutter or atrial fibrillation	72 (1.7%)	97 (2.4%)
Other supraventricular tachycardia	13 (0.3%)	20 (0.5%)
Subtotal: Supraventricular tachycardia	84 (2.0%)	114 (2.8%)
Ventricular tachycardia	8 (0.2%)	8 (0.2%)
Ventricular fibrillation	2 (<0.1%)	5 (0.1%)
Subtotal: Ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation	10 (0.2%)	12 (0.3%)
Atrioventricular block requiring intervention	2 (<0.1%)	2 (<0.1%)
Total: Any major cardiac arrhythmia	97 (2.3%)	127 (3.2%)
Thrombotic events		
Pulmonary embolism	159 (3.8%)	166 (4.1%)
Deep-vein thrombosis	14 (0.3%)	12 (0.3%)
Ischaemic stroke	7 (0.2%)	4 (0.1%)
Myocardial infarction	7 (0.2%)	5 (0.1%)
Systemic arterial embolism	1 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)
Total: Any thrombotic event	184 (4.4%)	183 (4.6%)
Clinically significant bleeds		
Intra-cranial	3 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)
Gastrointestinal	18 (0.4%)	8 (0.2%)
Other/unrecorded site	12 (0.3%)	18 (0.4%)
Requiring blood transfusion	21 (0.5%)	22 (0.5%)
Requiring surgery	1 (<0.1%)	0 (0%)
Requiring endoscopy	8 (0.2%)	3 (0.1%)
Requiring vasoactive drugs	6 (0.1%)	5 (0.1%)
Total: Any clinically significant bleeding	33 (0.8%)	28 (0.7%)

Webtable 7: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on cause-specific 28-day mortality separately in patients who did vs did not receive tocilizumab at randomisation

Cause of death	Tocilizumab used by randomisation			Tocilizumab not used by randomisation		
	Baricitinib (n=951)	Usual care (n=921)	Absolute difference, % (95% CI)	Baricitinib (n=3197)	Usual care (n=3087)	Absolute difference, % (95% CI)
COVID	116 (12.2%)	143 (15.5%)	-3.55 (-5.88,-0.67)	355 (11.1%)	361 (11.7%)	-0.89 (-2.22,0.63)
Other infection	2 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	-	1 (0.0%)	1 (0.0%)	-0.00 (-0.03,0.42)
Cardiac	2 (0.2%)	1 (0.1%)	0.11 (-0.09,2.29)	5 (0.2%)	5 (0.2%)	-0.02 (-0.12,0.32)
Stroke	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-
Other vascular	2 (0.2%)	0 (0.0%)	-	2 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	-0.04 (-0.09,0.22)
Cancer	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-	4 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	0.05 (-0.04,0.56)
Other medical	4 (0.4%)	5 (0.5%)	-0.13 (-0.43,0.97)	10 (0.3%)	16 (0.5%)	-0.21 (-0.38,0.16)
External	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	-
Unknown cause	5 (0.5%)	4 (0.4%)	0.09 (-0.29,1.51)	6 (0.2%)	5 (0.2%)	0.02 (-0.11,0.45)
Total: 28-day mortality	131 (13.8%)	153 (16.6%)	-3.13 (-5.61,-0.09)	383 (12.0%)	393 (12.7%)	-1.08 (-2.44,0.46)

Estimates of the absolute risk difference are adjusted for age in three categories (<70 years, 70-79 years, and 80 years or older) by applying the age-adjusted risk ratio (or its 95% upper and lower limits) to the risk in the usual care group and then calculating the absolute difference between these values and the risk seen in the usual care group.

Webtable 8: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on non-coronavirus infection in patients who did vs did not receive tocilizumab at randomisation

Infection	Tocilizumab used by randomisation		Tocilizumab not used by randomisation	
	Baricitinib (n=951)	Usual care (n=921)	Baricitinib (n=3197)	Usual care (n=3087)
Pneumonia	62 (6.5%)	73 (7.9%)	174 (5.4%)	147 (4.8%)
Urinary tract	16 (1.7%)	19 (2.1%)	50 (1.6%)	48 (1.6%)
Biliary	0 (0%)	1 (0.1%)	1 (<0.1%)	1 (<0.1%)
Other intra-abdominal	3 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	9 (0.3%)	3 (0.1%)
Blood stream	30 (3.2%)	29 (3.1%)	39 (1.2%)	49 (1.6%)
Skin	9 (0.9%)	10 (1.1%)	19 (0.6%)	14 (0.5%)
Other	32 (3.4%)	40 (4.3%)	52 (1.6%)	58 (1.9%)
Total: Any non-coronavirus infection	121 (12.7%)	128 (13.9%)	284 (8.9%)	268 (8.7%)

Webtable 9: Suspected serious adverse reactions

Event	Number of participants
Non-SARS-CoV-2 infection	4
Bowel perforation	3
Pulmonary embolism	2
Ischaemic colitis	1
Transaminitis	1
Seizure	1
Any	12

Webtable 10: Systematic review of randomised trials of JAK inhibitor for COVID-19

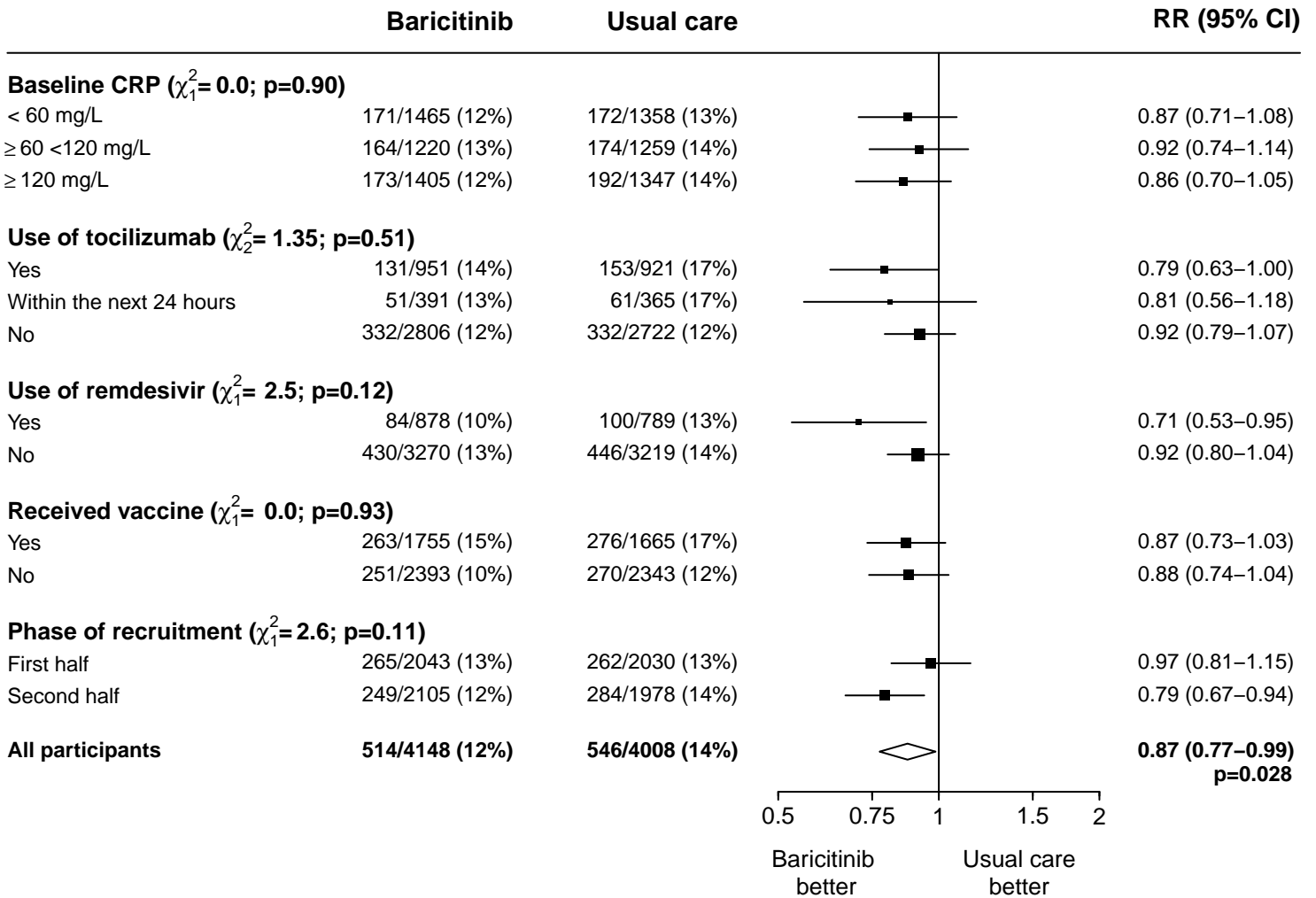
Study	JAK inhibitor	Control	N	Age (yrs)	Respiratory support				Steroid use at baseline	Locations	Dates
					No oxygen	Simple oxygen	NIV	IMV			
Cao ¹	Ruxolitinib 5 mg bd	Vitamin C	41	63	0 (0%)	36 (88%)	5 (12%)	0 (0%)	29 (71%)	China	09-Feb-20 to 28-Feb-20
RUXCOVID ²	Ruxolitinib 5 mg bd	Placebo	432	56	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	USA, South America, Europe	02-May-20 to 17-Oct-20
Guimaraes ³	Tofacitinib 10 mg bd	Placebo	289	56	71 (25%)	181 (63%)	37 (13%)	0 (0%)	227 (79%)	Brazil	16-Sep-20 to 13-Dec-20
ACTT-2 ⁴	Baricitinib 4 mg od	Placebo	1033	55	142 (14%)	564 (55%)	216 (21%)	111 (11%)	0 (0%)	USA, Asia, Mexico, Europe	08-May-20 to 01-Jul-20
COV-BARRIER ⁵	Baricitinib 4 mg od	Placebo	1525	57	186 (12%)	962 (63%)	370 (24%)	0 (0%)	1204 (79%)	USA, South America, Europe, Asia	11-Jun-20 to 15-Jan-21
COV-BARRIER (critically ill) ⁶	Baricitinib 4 mg od	Placebo	101	59	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	101 (100%)	87 (86%)	USA, South America	23-Dec-20 to 10-Apr-21
RUXCOVID DEVENT ⁷	Ruxolitinib 5 mg bd or 15 mg bd	Placebo	211	63	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	211 (100%)	N/A	USA, Russia	24-May-20 to 26-Feb-21
Murugesan ⁸	Tofacitinib 10 mg bd	Usual care	100	47	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100 (100%)	India	01-Oct-20 to 31-Dec-20

JAK = Janus-associated kinase; NIV = non-invasive ventilation; IMV = invasive mechanical ventilation; od = once daily; bd = twice daily; N/A = not available

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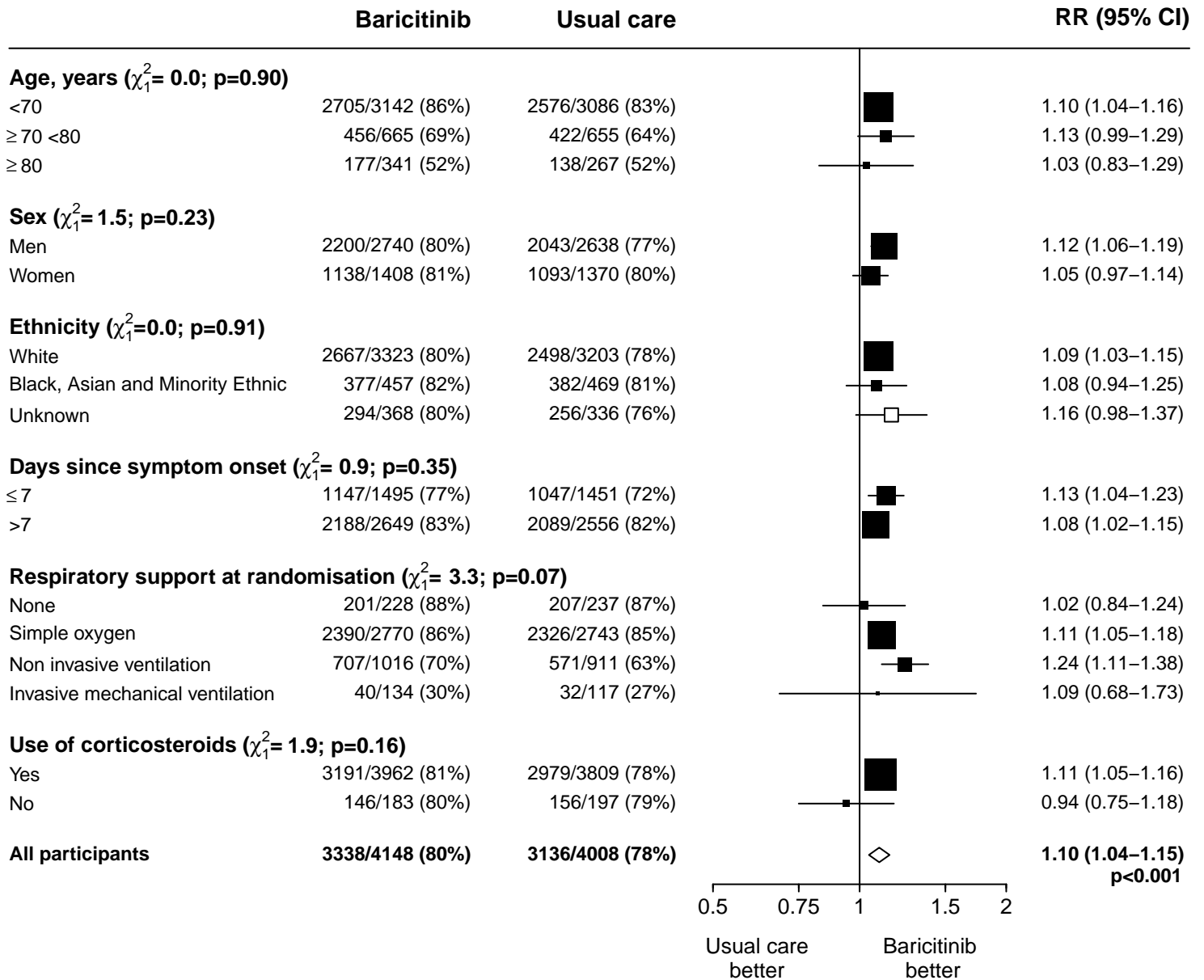
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Webfigure 1: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on 28-day mortality by subgroups defined retrospectively



Subgroup-specific rate ratio estimates are represented by squares (with areas of the squares proportional to the amount of statistical information) and the lines through them correspond to 95% CIs. Subgroup-specific estimates exclude those with missing data, but these patients are included in the overall summary diamond. RR=age adjusted rate ratio.

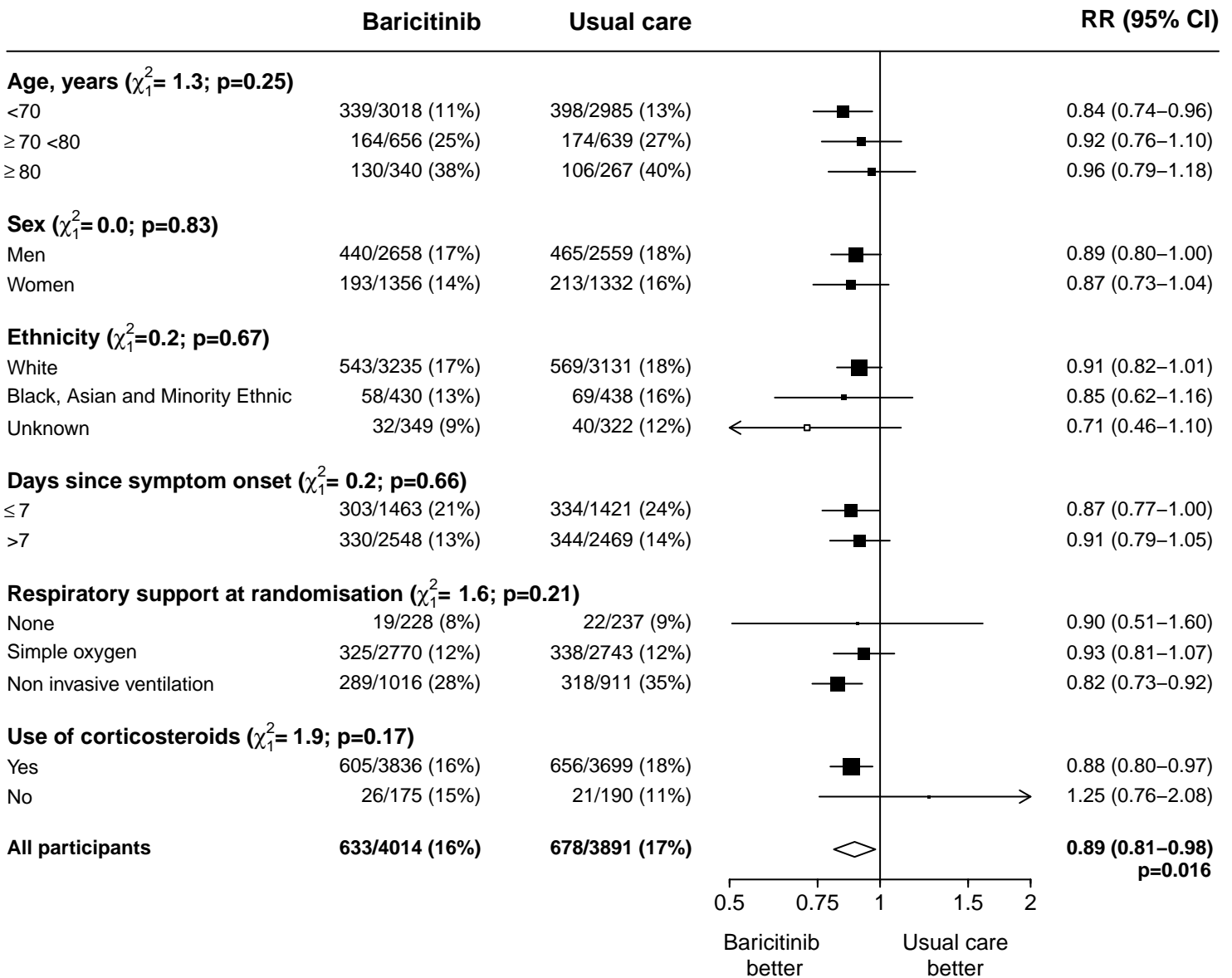
Webfigure 2: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on hospital discharge by pre-specified baseline characteristics



Subgroup-specific rate ratio estimates are represented by squares (with areas of the squares proportional to the amount of statistical information) and the lines through them correspond to 95% CIs. The days since onset and use of corticosteroids subgroups exclude patients with missing data, but these patients are included in the overall summary diamond.

RR=age adjusted rate ratio.

Webfigure 3: Effect of allocation to baricitinib on invasive mechanical ventilation or death in those not on invasive mechanical ventilation at randomisation, by pre-specified baseline characteristics



Subgroup-specific rate ratio estimates are represented by squares (with areas of the squares proportional to the amount of statistical information) and the lines through them correspond to 95% CIs. The days since onset and use of corticosteroids subgroups exclude patients with missing data, but these patients are included in the overall summary diamond. RR=age adjusted rate ratio.

Appendices

Appendix 1: RECOVERY Trial Protocol V18.1

RANDOMISED EVALUATION OF COVID-19 THERAPY (RECOVERY)

Background: In early 2020, as this protocol was being developed, there were no approved treatments for COVID-19, a disease induced by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 that emerged in China in late 2019. The UK New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group (NERVTAG) advised that several possible treatments should be evaluated, including Lopinavir-Ritonavir, low-dose corticosteroids, and Hydroxychloroquine (which has now been done). A World Health Organization (WHO) expert group issued broadly similar advice. These groups also advised that other treatments will soon emerge that require evaluation.

Eligibility and randomisation: This protocol describes a randomised trial among patients hospitalised for COVID-19. All eligible patients are randomly allocated between several treatment arms, each to be given in addition to the usual standard of care in the participating hospital. The study is dynamic, and treatments are added and removed as results and suitable treatments become available. The randomised treatment comparisons in this version of the protocol (which should be checked and confirmed as the current version) are shown in Table 1. In a partial factorial design, participants may be entered into one or more randomised comparisons of active treatment plus usual care vs. usual care alone, simultaneously.

Condition	Randomised comparisons, each vs. usual care alone	UK	India	Other countries
COVID-19	Dimethyl fumarate ^a	✓ (age ≥18 years)	✗	✗
	Baricitinib	✓ (age ≥2 years) ^b	✓ (age ≥18 years)	✗
	High-dose corticosteroids	✗	✗	✓ (age ≥18 years with hypoxia)
	Empagliflozin	✓ (age ≥18 years)	✗	✓ (age ≥18 years)
PIMS-TS	Tocilizumab or anakinra	✓ (age ≥1 <18 years)	✗	✗

^a an Early Phase Assessment collecting additional information on efficacy and safety; ^b children with COVID pneumonia. Information on completed comparisons is available in section 7.

Table 1: Current comparisons

For patients for whom not all the trial arms are appropriate or at locations where not all are available, randomisation will be between fewer arms.

RECOVERY includes interventions for which additional information is required to determine whether they are considered for large-scale assessment as their potential to improve outcomes in COVID-19 is uncertain. Hence, for some patients the main randomisation part A will include an Early Phase Assessment arm in which patients may be randomised to receive dimethyl fumarate and additional information on efficacy and safety collected.

Adaptive design: The interim trial results will be monitored by an independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC). The most important task for the DMC will be to assess whether the randomised comparisons in the study have provided evidence on mortality that

is strong enough (with a range of uncertainty around the results that is narrow enough) to affect national and global treatment strategies. In such a circumstance, the DMC will inform the Trial Steering Committee who will make the results available to the public and amend the trial arms accordingly. Regardless, follow-up will continue for all randomised participants, including those previously assigned to trial arms that are modified or ceased. New trial arms can be added as evidence emerges that other candidate therapeutics should be evaluated.

Outcomes: The main outcomes will be death, discharge, need for ventilation and need for renal replacement therapy. For the main analyses, follow-up will be censored at 28 days after randomisation. Additional information on longer term outcomes may be collected through review of medical records or linkage to medical databases where available (such as those managed by NHS Digital and equivalent organisations in the devolved nations).

Simplicity of procedures: To facilitate collaboration, even in hospitals that suddenly become overloaded, patient enrolment (via the internet) and all other trial procedures are greatly streamlined. Informed consent is simple and data entry is minimal. Randomisation via the internet is simple and quick, at the end of which the allocated treatment is displayed on the screen and can be printed or downloaded. Key follow-up information is recorded at a single timepoint and may be ascertained by contacting participants in person, by phone or electronically, or by review of medical records and databases.

Data to be recorded: At randomisation, information will be collected on the identity of the randomising clinician and of the patient, age, sex, major co-morbidity, pregnancy, COVID-19 onset date and severity, and any contraindications to the study treatments. The main outcomes will be death (with date and probable cause), discharge (with date), need for ventilation (with number of days recorded) and need for renal replacement therapy. Reminders will be sent if outcome data have not been recorded by 28 days after randomisation. Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reactions (SUSARs) to one of the study medications (e.g., Stevens-Johnson syndrome, anaphylaxis, aplastic anaemia) will be collected and reported in an expedited fashion. Other adverse events will not be recorded but may be available through linkage to medical databases.

Numbers to be randomised: The larger the number randomised the more accurate the results will be, but the numbers that can be randomised will depend critically on how large the epidemic becomes. If substantial numbers are hospitalised in the participating centres then it may be possible to randomise several thousand with mild disease and a few thousand with severe disease, but realistic, appropriate sample sizes could not be estimated at the start of the trial.

Heterogeneity between populations: If sufficient numbers are studied, it may be possible to generate reliable evidence in certain patient groups (e.g. those with major co-morbidity or who are older). To this end, data from this study may be combined with data from other trials of treatments for COVID-19, such as those being planned by the WHO.

Add-on studies: Particular countries or groups of hospitals, may well want to collaborate in adding further measurements or observations, such as serial virology, serial blood gases or chemistry, serial lung imaging, or serial documentation of other aspects of disease status. While well-organised additional research studies of the natural history of the disease or of the effects of the trial treatments could well be valuable (although the lack of placebo control

may bias the assessment of subjective side-effects, such as gastro-intestinal problems), they are not core requirements.

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1 BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1.1 Setting

In 2019 a novel coronavirus-disease (COVID-19) emerged in Wuhan, China. A month later the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention identified a new beta-coronavirus (SARS coronavirus 2, or SARS-CoV-2) as the aetiological agent.¹ The clinical manifestations of COVID-19 range from asymptomatic infection or mild, transient symptoms to severe viral pneumonia with respiratory failure. As many patients do not progress to severe disease the overall case fatality rate per infected individual is low, but hospitals in areas with significant community transmission have experienced a major increase in the number of hospitalised pneumonia patients, and the frequency of severe disease in hospitalised patients can be as high as 30%.²⁻⁴ The progression from prodrome (usually fever, fatigue and cough) to severe pneumonia requiring oxygen support or mechanical ventilation often takes one to two weeks after the onset of symptoms.² The kinetics of viral replication in the respiratory tract are not well characterized, but this relatively slow progression provides a potential time window in which antiviral therapies could influence the course of disease. In May 2020 a new COVID-associated inflammatory syndrome in children was identified, Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome - Temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2 (PIMS-TS).⁵ A rapid NHS England-led consensus process identified the need to evaluate corticosteroids and intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) as initial therapies in PIMS-TS, and confirmed tocilizumab as one of the biological anti-inflammatory agents to be evaluated as a second line therapy.

1.2 Treatment Options

The protocol allows reliable assessment of the effects of multiple different treatments (including re-purposed and novel drugs) on major outcomes in COVID-19 and PIMS-TS. All patients will receive usual care for the participating hospital. The current treatments under evaluation are summarised in Table 1 above with further details provided in sections 2.4-2.6 and in Appendices 1-4 (sections 8.1-8.4).

1.3 Modifications to the number of treatment arms

Other arms can be added to the first or second randomisation if evidence emerges that there are suitable candidate therapeutics. Conversely, in some patient populations, not all trial arms are appropriate (e.g. due to contraindications based on co-morbid conditions or concomitant medication); in some hospitals or countries, not all treatment arms will be available (e.g. due to manufacturing and supply shortages); and at some times, not all treatment arms will be active (e.g. due to lack of relevant approvals and contractual agreements). The Trial Steering Committee may elect to pause one or more of the arms in order to increase trial efficiency during a fluctuating epidemic. In any of these situations, randomisation will be between fewer arms. Depending on the availability and suitability of treatments, it may be allowed for participants to be randomised in only one or two parts of the main randomisations.

1.4 Design Considerations

The RECOVERY Protocol describes an overarching trial design to provide reliable evidence on the efficacy of candidate therapies for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection in hospitalised patients receiving usual standard of care.

In early 2020, when the trial first started, there were no known treatments for COVID-19. The anticipated scale of the epidemic is such that hospitals, and particularly intensive care facilities, may be massively overstretched at some points in time, with around 10% requiring hospitalisation. In this situation, even treatments with only a moderate impact on survival or on hospital resources could be worthwhile. Therefore, the focus of RECOVERY is the impact of candidate treatments on mortality and on the need for hospitalisation or ventilation.

Critically, the trial is designed to minimise the burden on front-line hospital staff working within an overstretched care system during a major epidemic. Eligibility criteria are therefore simple and trial processes (including paperwork) are minimised.

The protocol is deliberately flexible so that it is suitable for a wide range of settings, allowing:

- a broad range of patients to be enrolled in large numbers;
- randomisation between only those treatment arms that are *both* available at the hospital *and* not believed by the enrolling doctor to be contraindicated (e.g. by particular co-morbid conditions or concomitant medications);
- treatment arms to be added or removed according to the emerging evidence; and
- additional substudies may be added to provide more detailed information on side effects or sub-categorisation of patient types but these are not the primary objective and are not required for participation.

In a cohort of 191 hospitalised COVID-19 patients with a completed outcome, the median time from illness onset to discharge was 22.0 days (IQR 18.0–25.0) and the median time to death was 18.5 days (15.0–22.0). Thirty-two patients (17%) required invasive mechanical ventilation and the median time from onset to mechanical ventilation was 14.5 days. Therefore, early endpoint assessment, such as 28 days after randomisation, is likely to provide largely complete outcome data and will permit early assessment of treatment efficacy and safety.⁹

1.5 Potential for effective treatments to become available

In early 2020, when the trial first started, there were no known treatments for COVID-19. However, over time, effective treatments may become available, typically as the result of reliable information from randomised trials (including from this study). For example, in June 2020, results from the RECOVERY trial showed that dexamethasone reduces the mortality in COVID-19 patients requiring mechanical ventilation or oxygen. In response, many clinical guidelines now recommend the use of dexamethasone as standard of care for these types of patients.

The RECOVERY trial randomises eligible participant to usual standard of care for the local hospital alone vs usual standard of care plus one or more additional study treatments. Over time, it is expected that usual standard of care alone will evolve. Thus randomisation will always be relevant to the current clinical situation and the incremental effects of the study treatments will be appropriately assessed.

1.6 Early phase assessments

In the UK, the COVID-19 Therapeutics Advisory Panel (CTAP^a) may propose that RECOVERY assesses interventions for which additional information is required before they are considered for large-scale assessment of the impact on mortality. Such assessments will be tailored to the uncertainty specific to the intervention and typically be conducted at a subset of sites among a smaller group of participants before the results are reviewed and a decision made whether to include them in the main trial.

2 DESIGN AND PROCEDURES

2.1 Eligibility

Patients are eligible for the study if all of the following are true:

(i) Hospitalised

(ii) SARS-CoV-2 infection associated disease (clinically suspected or laboratory confirmed)

In general, SARS-CoV-2 disease should be suspected when a patient presents with:

- a) typical symptoms (e.g. influenza-like illness with fever and muscle pain, or respiratory illness with cough and shortness of breath); and
- b) compatible chest X-ray findings (consolidation or ground-glass shadowing); and
- c) alternative causes have been considered unlikely or excluded (e.g. heart failure, influenza).

However, the diagnosis remains a clinical one based on the opinion of the managing doctor.

A small number of children (aged <18 years) present with atypical features, including a hyperinflammatory state and evidence of single or multi-organ dysfunction (called Paediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome temporally associated with COVID-19 [PIMS-TS]). Some do not have significant lung involvement.^b

(iii) No medical history that might, in the opinion of the attending clinician, put the patient at significant risk if he/she were to participate in the trial

In addition, if the attending clinician believes that there is a specific contra-indication to one of the active drug treatment arms (see Appendix 2; section 8.2 and Appendix 3; section 8.3 for children) or that the patient should definitely be receiving one of the active drug treatment arms then that arm will not be available for randomisation for that patient. For patients who

^a <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-treatments-making-a-proposal-for-clinical-trials/guidance-making-a-proposal-for-covid-19-therapeutics-clinical-trials#uk-covid-19-therapeutics-advisory-panel-uk-ctap>

^b <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/COVID-19-Paediatric-multisystem-%20inflammatory%20syndrome-20200501.pdf>

lack capacity, an advanced directive or behaviour that clearly indicates that they would not wish to participate in the trial would be considered sufficient reason to exclude them from the trial.

In some locations, children (aged <18 years) will not be recruited, to comply with local and national regulatory approvals (see Section 8.3).

2.2 Consent

Informed consent should be obtained from each patient 16 years and over before enrolment into the study. Due to the poor outcomes in COVID-19 patients who require ventilation (>90% mortality in one cohort⁹), patients who lack capacity to consent due to severe disease (e.g. needs ventilation), and for whom a relative to act as the legally designated representative is not available (in person), randomisation and consequent treatment will proceed with consent provided by a clinician (independent of the trial^c) who will act as the legally designated representative (if allowed by local regulations). If they regain capacity, such participants should be provided with information about the trial (ideally prior to discharge, but otherwise as soon as possible thereafter), what their rights are and how to exercise them, but it is not necessary to obtain their written consent^d. Provision of such information (i.e. the current participant information sheet) will be documented in the medical record.

For children aged <16 years old consent will be sought from their parents or legal guardian. Where possible, children aged between 10-15 years old will also be asked for assent. Children aged ≥16 years old will be asked for consent as for adults. Witnessed^e consent may be obtained over the telephone or web video link if hospital visiting rules or parental infection mean a parent/guardian cannot be physically present.

Information about participants' involvement will be included in routine clinical communications (e.g. discharge summaries) provided to participants (and, in the UK their GPs). If any other relevant information arises during the trial, this may also be sent to GPs.

2.3 Baseline information

The following information will be recorded on the web-based form by the attending clinician or delegate:

- Patient details (e.g. name or initials [depending on privacy requirements], NHS/CHI number [UK only] or medical records number, date of birth, sex)
- Clinician details (e.g. name)
- COVID-19 symptom onset date

^c Independent clinicians may complete study training, but have no other involvement in the trial, e.g. eligibility assessment, or randomisation

^d Unless required by local regulations. (This is not required in the UK.)

^e The witness should be impartial i.e. not a member of the research team, but they do not require specific training or knowledge of the trial.

- COVID-19 severity as assessed by need for supplemental oxygen, non-invasive ventilation or invasive mechanical ventilation/extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- Oxygen saturations on air (if available), and S/F₉₄ ratio (if participating in early phase assessment; see Section 2.7.1)
- Latest routine measurement of creatinine, C-reactive protein, and D-dimer (if available)
- SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result (if available)
- Major co-morbidity (e.g. heart disease, diabetes, chronic lung disease) and pregnancy (including pregnancy test result in all women of child-bearing potential^f)
- Use of relevant medications (corticosteroids, remdesivir, antiplatelet and anticoagulant therapy)
- Date of hospitalisation
- Contraindication to the study treatment regimens (in the opinion of the attending clinician)
- Name of person completing the form

The person completing the form will then be asked to confirm that they wish to randomise the patient and will then be required to enter their name and e-mail address.

2.4 Main randomisation

In addition to receiving usual care, eligible patients will be allocated using a central web-based randomisation service (without stratification or minimisation). From version 6.0 of the protocol, a factorial design will be used such that eligible patients may be randomised to one or more of the treatment arms in Randomisations A, D, E and F (depending on location). From version 12.1 of the protocol, children may be recruited into the trial even if there are no main randomisation treatments which are both available and suitable provided they meet the criteria for inclusion in the PIMS-TS randomisation, per section 2.5. They will not be allocated to a main randomisation group, but will be potentially eligible for the randomisation between tocilizumab, anakinra and control.

2.4.1 Main randomisation part A:

Eligible patients may be randomised to one of the arms listed below. The doses in this section are for adults. Please see Appendix 3 for paediatric dosing. Study treatments do not need to be continued after discharge from hospital.

- **No additional treatment**
- **Dimethyl fumarate: 120 mg every 12 hours for 4 doses followed by 240 mg every 12 hours** by mouth for 8 days (10 days in total).^g (Adults ≥18 years old only, excluding those on ECMO.) If 240 mg every 12 hours cannot be tolerated, the dose may be reduced.

^f A woman of childbearing potential is defined as a post-menarchal pre-menopausal female capable of becoming pregnant. This includes women on oral, injectable, or mechanical contraception; women who are single; women whose male partners have been vasectomized or whose male partners have received or are utilizing mechanical contraceptive devices.

^g Treatment should be discontinued at 10 days or on discharge from hospital if sooner

For randomisation part A, the randomisation program will allocate patients in a ratio of 1:1 between the no additional treatment arm and each of the other arms available. If one or more of the active drug treatments is not available at the hospital or is believed, by the attending clinician, to be contraindicated (or definitely indicated) for the specific patient, then this fact will be recorded via the web-based form prior to randomisation; random allocation will then be between the remaining arms. If no treatments are both available and suitable, then it may be possible to only be randomised in part B (UK only) and/or part D (UK only) and/or part E (ex-UK only) and/or part F.

2.4.2 Main randomisation part D [adults (UK and India only), and children with COVID-19 pneumonia aged ≥ 2 years only (UK only)]:

Eligible patients may be randomised to one of the arms listed below.

- **No additional treatment**
- **Baricitinib 4 mg once daily** by mouth or nasogastric tube for 10 days in total.ⁱ

The randomisation program will allocate patients in a ratio of 1:1 between the arms being evaluated in part D of the main randomisation.

2.4.3 Main randomisation part E [adults with hypoxia; non-UK countries only]:

Adult patients enrolled in the RECOVERY trial and with clinical evidence of hypoxia (i.e. receiving oxygen or with oxygen saturations $< 92\%$ on room air) may be randomised to one of the arms listed below.

- No additional treatment^h
- High-dose corticosteroids: **dexamethasone 20 mg (base) once daily** by mouth, nasogastric tube or intravenous infusion for 5 days follow by **dexamethasone 10 mg (base) once daily** by mouth, nasogastric tube or intravenous infusion for 5 days.ⁱ

The randomisation program will allocate patients in a ratio of 1:1 between the arms being evaluated in part E of the main randomisation.

2.4.4 Main randomisation part F [adults ≥ 18 years old only]:

Adult patients enrolled in the RECOVERY trial may be randomised to one of the arms listed below.

- No additional treatment
- **Empagliflozin 10 mg once daily** by mouth for 28 days (or until discharge, if earlier). Participants with diabetes allocated empagliflozin should have daily ketone checks while taking the treatment (see Appendix 2 for further details).

^h Usual care in hypoxic patients is expected to include low dose (6mg daily) dexamethasone

ⁱ Pregnant women should receive either prednisolone (130 mg) orally or hydrocortisone (540 mg in four divided doses) intravenously or methylprednisolone (100 mg) intravenously for five days, followed by either prednisolone (65 mg) orally or hydrocortisone (270 mg in four divided doses) intravenously or methylprednisolone (50 mg) intravenously for five days.

The randomisation program will allocate patients in a ratio of 1:1 between the arms being evaluated in part F of the main randomisation.

2.5 Randomisation for children with progressive PIMS-TS

Children (≥ 1 year old) with clinical evidence of a hyper-inflammatory state may be considered for randomisation if they meet the following criteria:

- (i) Clinical evidence of PIMS-TS:
 - a. significant systemic disease with persistent pyrexia, with or without evidence of respiratory involvement^j; and
 - b. C-reactive protein ≥ 75 mg/L
- (ii) No medical history that might, in the opinion of the attending clinician, put the patient at significant risk if he/she were to participate in this aspect of the RECOVERY trial. (Note: Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not specific exclusion criteria.)

Note: Participants may undergo this as a first or second randomisation at any point, provided they meet the above criteria, and thus may receive up to two study treatments (one from Main randomisation part A plus one from the second randomisation). For some participants the second randomisation may be immediately after the first but for others it may occur a few hours or days later, if and when they deteriorate.

The following information will be recorded (on the web-based form) by the attending clinician or delegate:

- Patient details (e.g. name or initials, NHS/CHI number [UK only] or medical records number, date of birth, sex)
- Clinician details (e.g. name)
- COVID-19 severity as assessed by need for supplemental oxygen or ventilation/ECMO
- Markers of progressive COVID-19 (including oxygen saturation, C-reactive protein)
- Contraindication to the study drug treatments (in the opinion of the attending clinician)
- Name of person completing the form

The person completing the form will then be asked to confirm that they wish to randomise the patient and will then be required to enter their own name and e-mail address.

Eligible participants may be randomised between the following treatment arms (see Appendix 3 for dose information):

- **Tocilizumab** by intravenous infusion
Tocilizumab should be given as a single intravenous infusion over 60 minutes in 100ml sodium chloride 0.9%. A second dose may be given ≥ 12 and < 24 hours later if, in the opinion of the attending clinician, the patient's condition has not improved.

^j A small number of children (age < 18 years) present with atypical features, including a hyperinflammatory state and evidence of single or multi-organ dysfunction. Some do not have significant lung involvement. (see: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/COVID-19-Paediatric-multisystem-%20inflammatory%20syndrome-20200501.pdf>)

- **Anakinra** subcutaneously or intravenously once daily for 7 days or discharge (if sooner).
NB Anakinra will be excluded from the randomisation of children <10 kg in weight.
- **No additional treatment**

The randomisation program will allocate patients in a ratio of 2:2:1 (tocilizumab:anakinra:no additional treatment) between the arms being evaluated in the second randomisation. Participants should receive standard management (including blood tests such as liver function tests and full blood count) according to their clinical need.

2.6 Administration of allocated treatment

The details of the allocated study treatments will be displayed on the screen and can be printed or downloaded. The hospital clinicians are responsible for prescription and administration of the allocated treatments. The patient's own doctors are free to modify or stop study treatments if they feel it is in the best interests of the patient without the need for the patient to withdraw from the study (see section 2.9). This study is being conducted within hospitals. Therefore use of medication will be subject to standard medication reviews (typically within 48 hours of enrolment) which will guide modifications to both the study treatment and use of concomitant medication (e.g. in the case of potential drug interactions).

2.7 Collecting follow-up information

The following information will be ascertained at the time of death or discharge or at 28 days after first randomisation (whichever is sooner):

- Vital status (alive / dead, with date and presumed cause of death, if appropriate)
- Hospitalisation status (inpatient / discharged, with date of discharge, if appropriate)
- SARS-CoV-2 test result
- Use of ventilation (with days of use and type, if appropriate)
- Use of renal dialysis or haemofiltration
- Documented new major cardiac arrhythmia (including atrial and ventricular arrhythmias)
- Major bleeding (defined as intracranial bleeding or bleeding requiring transfusion, endoscopy, surgery, or vasoactive drugs)
- Thrombotic event, defined as either (i) acute pulmonary embolism; (ii) deep vein thrombosis; (iii) ischaemic stroke; (iv) myocardial infarction; or (v) systemic arterial embolism.
- Non-coronavirus infection, categorised by site and putative organism (virus, bacteria, fungus, other)
- Use of any medications included in the RECOVERY trial protocol (including drugs in the same class) or other purported COVID-19 treatments (e.g. remdesivir)
- Participation in other randomised trials of interventions (vaccines or treatments) for COVID-19.
- Metabolic complications: Ketoacidosis; hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state; hyperglycaemia requiring new use of insulin; severe hypoglycaemia (defined as hypoglycaemia causing reduced conscious level requiring another person to help recover)
- Laboratory results: highest creatinine recorded during admission

- Additional information including results of routine tests (including full blood count, coagulation and inflammatory markers, cardiac biomarkers, electro- and echocardiograms), other treatments given, length of stay in paediatric high-dependency/intensive care and a paediatric-appropriate frailty score will be collected for children in the UK. This information will be obtained and entered into the web-based IT system by a member of the hospital clinical or research staff. Some of this information may be collected at about 6 weeks after randomisation (at the time of a routine hospital follow-up appointment in-person or by telephone) ideally by someone unaware of treatment allocation.
- At some locations, electrocardiograms done as part of routine care of adult participants will also be collected.

Follow-up information is to be collected on all study participants, irrespective of whether or not they complete the scheduled course of allocated study treatment. Study staff will seek follow-up information through various means including medical staff, reviewing information from medical notes, routine healthcare systems, and registries.

For all randomised participants, vital status (alive / dead, with date and presumed cause of death, if appropriate) is to be ascertained at 28 days after first randomisation. This may be achieved through linkage to routine death registration data (e.g. in the UK) or through direct contact with the participant, their relatives, or medical staff and completion of an additional follow-up form.

2.7.1 Additional procedures for participants in early phase assessments

2.7.1.1 Dimethyl fumarate vs. Usual Care

In addition, the following information will be collected for participants in the early phase assessment of dimethyl fumarate (see Appendix 5 for further details), including participants allocated usual care in this comparison:

- S/F₉₄ ratio on days 3, 5 and 10 (unless discharged sooner)
- WHO Ordinal Score¹⁰ each day after randomisation until day 10 (or discharge if sooner)
- Blood C-reactive protein, creatinine and alanine (or aspartate) transaminase on days 3, 5 and 10 (unless discharged sooner)
- Incidence and severity of flushing and gastrointestinal symptoms
- Reasons for stopping dimethyl fumarate

2.8 Duration of follow-up

All randomised participants are to be followed up until death, discharge from hospital or 28 days after randomisation (whichever is sooner). It is recognised that in the setting of this trial, there may be some variability in exactly how many days after randomisation, information on disease status is collected. This is acceptable and will be taken account of in

the analyses and interpretation of results, the principle being that some information about post-randomisation disease status is better than none.

In the UK, longer term (up to 10 years) follow-up will be sought through linkage to electronic healthcare records and medical databases including those held by NHS Digital, Public Health England and equivalent bodies, and to relevant research databases (e.g. UK Biobank, Genomics England). Outside the UK, due to the absence of electronic health data linkage, additional follow-up will be conducted at 6 months after first randomisation by telephone or in person (at a clinic) in order to collect information on mortality (including date and cause) and re-admission to hospital (including date[s] and primary reason[s]). This information will be captured on a web-based case report form.

2.9 Withdrawal of consent

A decision by a participant (or their parent/guardian) that they no longer wish to continue receiving study treatment should **not** be considered to be a withdrawal of consent for follow-up. However, participants (or their parent/guardian) are free to withdraw consent for some or all aspects of the study at any time if they wish to do so. In accordance with regulatory guidance, de-identified data that have already been collected and incorporated in the study database will continue to be used (and any identifiable data will be destroyed).

For participants who lack capacity, if their legal representative withdraws consent for treatment or methods of follow-up then these activities would cease. If such participants regain capacity and no longer wish to participate then they can withdraw the consent given on their behalf as above.

3 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

All analyses for reports, presentations and publications will be prepared by the coordinating centre at the Nuffield Department of Population Health, University of Oxford. A more detailed statistical analysis plan will be developed by the investigators and published on the study website whilst still blind to any analyses of aggregated data on study outcomes by treatment allocation.

3.1 Outcomes

For each pairwise comparison with the 'no additional treatment' arm, the **primary objective** is to provide reliable estimates of the effect of study treatments on all-cause mortality at 28 days after randomisation (with subsidiary analyses of cause of death and of death at various timepoints following discharge).

The **secondary objectives** are to assess the effects of study treatments on duration of hospital stay; and, among patients not on invasive mechanical ventilation at baseline, the composite endpoint of death or need for invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO.

Other objectives include the assessment of the effects of study treatments on the need for any ventilation (and duration of invasive mechanical ventilation), acute kidney injury and renal replacement therapy, and thrombotic events. Safety outcomes include bleeding, new major cardiac arrhythmias, metabolic complications (ketoacidosis, hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state, hyperglycaemia requiring new use of insulin, severe hypoglycaemia) and (assessed at 72 hours after randomisation among participants in main randomisation

part B only) sudden worsening in respiratory status, severe allergic reaction, significant fever, sudden hypotension and clinical haemolysis (which were collected until 15 January 2021 when the DMC recommended they were no longer required).

Study outcomes will be assessed based on data recorded up to 28 days and up to 6 months after randomisation.

Where available, data from routine healthcare records (including linkage to medical databases held by organisations such as NHS Digital in the UK) and from relevant research studies (such as UK Biobank, Genomics England, ISARIC-4C and PHOSP-COVID) will allow subsidiary analyses of the effect of the study treatments on particular non-fatal events (e.g. ascertained through linkage to Hospital Episode Statistics), the influence of pre-existing major co-morbidity (e.g. diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, hepatic insufficiency, severe depression, severe kidney impairment, immunosuppression), and longer-term outcomes as well as in particular sub-categories of patient (e.g. by genotype, pregnancy).

3.2 Methods of analysis

For all outcomes, comparisons will be made between all participants randomised to the different treatment arms, irrespective of whether they received their allocated treatment (“intention-to-treat” analyses).

For time-to-event analyses, each treatment group will be compared with the no additional treatment group using the log-rank test. Kaplan-Meier estimates for the time to event will also be plotted (with associated log-rank p-values). The log-rank ‘observed minus expected’ statistic (and its variance) will also be used to estimate the average event rate ratio (and its confidence interval) for those allocated to each treatment group versus the no additional treatment group. For binary outcomes where the timing is unknown, the risk ratio and absolute risk difference will be calculated with confidence intervals and p-value reported. For the primary outcome (death within 28 days of randomisation), discharge alive before 28 days will assume safety from the event (unless there is additional data confirming otherwise).

Pairwise comparisons within each randomisation will be made between each treatment arm and the no additional treatment arm (reference group) in that particular randomisation (main randomisation part A, B, C, D, E or F and second randomisation). However, since not all treatments may be available or suitable for all patients, those in the no additional treatment arm will only be included in a given comparison if, at the point of their randomisation, they *could* alternatively have been randomised to the active treatment of interest. Allowance for multiple treatment comparisons due to the multi-arm design will be made. All p-values will be 2-sided.

Pre-specified subgroup analysis (e.g., level of respiratory support, time since onset of symptoms; sex; age group; ethnicity; use of corticosteroids) will be conducted for the primary outcome using the statistical test for interaction (or test for trend where appropriate). Sensitivity analyses will be conducted among those patients with laboratory confirmed SARS-CoV-2. Further details will be fully described in the Statistical Analysis Plan.

3.3 Children

The primary outcome for children will be the number of days in hospital. This will be analysed using a negative binomial model utilizing a Bayesian framework with treatment indicators for tocilizumab and anakinra as well as site and age. Non-informative prior distributions will be used for the treatment effects and mildly informative priors for the covariates. Further details will be described in a children-specific statistical analysis plan which will be agreed prior to unblinding any results to the Steering Committee.

3.4 Early phase assessments

The primary objective for the early phase assessment of dimethyl fumarate is to assess the effect of dimethyl fumarate on the WHO ordinal scale. The primary comparison will involve an “intention to treat” analysis among all participants randomised between dimethyl fumarate and its control of the effect of dimethyl fumarate on WHO ordinal scale score at day 5. Secondary objectives include assessment of the effect of dimethyl fumarate on: time to improvement by at least one category from the WHO ordinal scale at baseline; time to discharge; S/F₉₄ ratio on days 3 and 5; and study average blood C-reactive protein. These data (along with information on tolerability and safety) would be reviewed to determine whether the balance of information favours assessing dimethyl fumarate in a larger comparison or not. Full details will be described in a statistical analysis plan which will be agreed prior to unblinding any results to the Steering Committee.

Randomisation of about 700 participants will provide 80% power (at 2p=0.05) to detect an odds ratio of 1.5 for a difference in WHO score of 1 (the chosen minimum clinically meaningful difference), even if 10% of participants discontinue study treatment before day 5.

4 DATA AND SAFETY MONITORING

4.1 Recording Suspected Serious Adverse Reactions

The focus is on those events that, based on a single case, are highly likely to be related to the study medication. Examples include anaphylaxis, Stevens Johnson Syndrome, or bone marrow failure, where there is no other plausible explanation.

Any Serious Adverse Event^k that is believed with a reasonable probability to be due to one of the study treatments will be considered a Suspected Serious Adverse Reaction (SSAR). In making this assessment, there should be consideration of the probability of an alternative cause (for example, COVID-19 itself or some other condition preceding randomisation), the timing of the event with respect to study treatment, the response to withdrawal of the study treatment, and (where appropriate) the response to subsequent re-challenge.

All SSARs should be reported by telephone to the Central Coordinating Office and recorded on the study IT system immediately.

^k Serious Adverse Events are defined as those adverse events that result in death; are life-threatening; require in-patient hospitalisation or prolongation of existing hospitalisation; result in persistent or significant disability or incapacity; result in congenital anomaly or birth defect; or are important medical events in the opinion of the responsible investigator (that is, not life-threatening or resulting in hospitalisation, but may jeopardise the participant or require intervention to prevent one or other of the outcomes listed above).

4.2 Central assessment and onward reporting of SUSARs

Clinicians at the Central Coordinating Office are responsible for expedited review of reports of SSARs received. Additional information (including the reason for considering it both serious and related, and relevant medical and medication history) will be sought.

The focus of Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction (SUSAR) reporting will be on those events that, based on a single case, are highly likely to be related to the study medication. To this end, anticipated events that are either efficacy endpoints, consequences of the underlying disease, or common in the study population will be exempted from expedited reporting. Thus the following events will be exempted from expedited reporting:

- (i) Events which are the consequence of COVID-19; and
- (ii) Common events which are the consequence of conditions preceding randomisation.

Any SSARs that are not exempt will be reviewed by a Central Coordinating Office clinician and an assessment made of whether the event is “expected” or not (assessed against the relevant Summary of Product Characteristics or Investigator Brochure). Any SSARs that are not expected would be considered a Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction (SUSAR).

All confirmed SUSARs will be reported to the Chair of the DMC and to relevant regulatory authorities, ethics committees, and investigators in an expedited manner in accordance with regulatory requirements.

4.3 Recording other Adverse Events

In addition to recording Suspected Serious Adverse Reactions (see section 4.1), information will be collected on all deaths and efforts will be made to ascertain the underlying cause. Other serious or non-serious adverse events will not be recorded unless specified in section 2.7.¹ It is anticipated that for some substudies, more detailed information on adverse events (e.g. through linkage to medical databases) or on other effects of the treatment (e.g. laboratory or radiological features) will be recorded and analysed but this is not a requirement of the core protocol.

4.4 Role of the Data Monitoring Committee (DMC)

During the study, interim analyses of all study data will be supplied in strict confidence to the independent DMC. The DMC will request such analyses at a frequency relevant to the emerging data from this and other studies.

The DMC will independently evaluate these analyses and any other information considered relevant. The DMC will determine if, in their view, the randomised comparisons in the study have provided evidence on mortality that is strong enough (with a range of uncertainty around the results that is narrow enough) to affect national and global treatment strategies.

¹ Outside the UK, additional serious adverse event information (event description, date of onset, outcome, relatedness to study treatment) will be collected if required by national regulations. This will be collected on a web-based case report form and any forms required by local regulations.

In such a circumstance, the DMC will inform the Trial Steering Committee who will make the results available to the public and amend the trial arms accordingly. Unless this happens, the Trial Steering Committee, Chief Investigator, study staff, investigators, study participants, funders and other partners will remain blind to the interim results until 28 days after the last patient has been randomised for a particular intervention arm (at which point analyses may be conducted comparing that arm with the no additional treatment arm).

The DMC will review the safety and efficacy analyses among children (age <18 years) both separately and combined with the adult data.

4.5 Blinding

This is an open-label study. However, while the study is in progress, access to tabular results of study outcomes by allocated treatment allocation will not be available to the research team, patients, or members of the Trial Steering Committee (unless the DMC advises otherwise).

5 QUALITY MANAGEMENT

5.1 Quality By Design Principles

In accordance with the principles of Good Clinical Practice and the recommendations and guidelines issued by regulatory agencies, the design, conduct and analysis of this trial is focussed on issues that might have a material impact on the wellbeing and safety of study participants (hospitalised patients with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection) and the reliability of the results that would inform the care for future patients.

The critical factors that influence the ability to deliver these quality objectives are:

- to minimise the burden on busy clinicians working in an overstretched hospital during a major epidemic
- to ensure that suitable patients have access to the trial medication without impacting or delaying other aspects of their emergency care
- to provide information on the study to patients and clinicians in a timely and readily digestible fashion but without impacting adversely on other aspects of the trial or the patient's care
- to allow individual clinicians to use their judgement about whether any of the treatment arms are not suitable for the patient
- to collect comprehensive information on the mortality and disease status

In assessing any risks to patient safety and well-being, a key principle is that of proportionality. Risks associated with participation in the trial must be considered in the context of usual care. At present, there are no proven treatments for COVID-19, basic hospital care (staffing, beds, ventilatory support) may well be overstretched, and mortality for hospitalised patients may be around 10% (or more in those who are older or have significant co-morbidity).

5.2 Training and monitoring

The focus will be on those factors that are critical to quality (i.e. the safety of the participants and the reliability of the trial results). Remedial actions would focus on issues with the potential to have a substantial impact on the safety of the study participants or the reliability of the results.

The study will be conducted in accordance with the principles of International Conference on Harmonisation Guidelines for Good Clinical Research Practice (ICH-GCP) and relevant local, national and international regulations. Any serious breach of GCP in the conduct of the clinical trial will be handled in accordance with regulatory requirements. Prior to initiation of the study at each Local Clinical Centre (LCC), the Central Coordinating Office (CCO) or relevant Regional Coordinating Centre (RCC) will confirm that the LCC has adequate facilities and resources to carry out the study. LCC lead investigators and study staff will be provided with training materials.

In the context of this epidemic, visits to hospital sites is generally not appropriate as they could increase the risks of spreading infection, and in the context of this trial they generally would not influence the reliability of the trial results or the well-being of the participants. In exceptional circumstances, the CCO or RCC may arrange monitoring visits to LCCs as considered appropriate based on perceived training needs and the results of central statistical monitoring of study data.^{11,12} The purpose of such visits will be to ensure that the study is being conducted in accordance with the protocol, to help LCC staff to resolve any local problems, and to provide extra training focussed on specific needs. No routine source data verification will take place.

5.3 Data management

LCC clinic staff will use the bespoke study web-based applications for study management and to record participant data (including case report forms) in accordance with the protocol. Data will be held in central databases located at the CCO or on secure cloud servers. In some circumstances (e.g. where there is difficulty accessing the internet or necessary IT equipment), paper case report forms may be required with subsequent data entry by either LCC or CCO staff. Although data entry should be mindful of the desire to maintain integrity and audit trails, in the circumstances of this epidemic, the priority is on the timely entry of data that is sufficient to support reliable analysis and interpretation about treatment effects. CCO staff will be responsible for provision of the relevant web-based applications and for generation of data extracts for analyses.

All data access will be controlled by usernames and passwords, and any changes to data will require the user to enter their username and password. Staff will have access restricted to the functionality and data that are appropriate for their role in the study.

5.4 Source documents and archiving

Source documents for the study constitute the records held in the study main database. These will be retained for at least 25 years from the completion of the study. Identifiable data will be retained only for so long as it is required to maintain linkage with routine data sources (see section 2.8), with the exception of children for whom such data must be stored until they reach 21 years old (due to the statute of limitations). The sponsor and regulatory

agencies will have the right to conduct confidential audits of such records in the CCO and LCCs (but should be mindful of the workload facing participating hospitals and the infection control requirements during this epidemic).

6 OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

6.1 Sponsor and coordination

The University of Oxford will act as the trial Sponsor. The trial will be coordinated by a Central Coordinating Office (CCO) within the Nuffield Department of Population Health staffed by members of the two registered clinical trials units – the Clinical Trial Service Unit and the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit Clinical Trials Unit. The CCO will oversee Regional Coordinating Centres which will assist with selection of Local Clinical Centres (LCCs) within their region and for the administrative support and monitoring of those LCCs. The data will be collected, analysed and published independently of the source of funding.

6.2 Funding

This study is supported by grants to the University of Oxford from UK Research and Innovation/National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the Wellcome Trust, and by core funding provided by NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, the Wellcome Trust, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Department for International Development, Health Data Research UK, NIHR Health Protection Unit in Emerging and Zoonotic Infections and the Medical Research Council Population Health Research Unit, and NIHR Clinical Trials Unit Support Funding.

6.3 Indemnity

The University has a specialist insurance policy in place which would operate in the event of any participant suffering harm as a result of their involvement in the research (Newline Underwriting Management Ltd, at Lloyd's of London). In the UK, NHS indemnity operates in respect of the clinical treatment that is provided.

6.4 Local Clinical Centres

The study will be conducted at multiple hospitals (LCCs) within each region. At each LCC, a lead investigator will be responsible for trial activities but much of the work will be carried out by medical staff attending patients with COVID-19 within the hospital and by hospital research nurses, medical students and other staff with appropriate education, training, and experience. Where LCCs plan to recruit children the principal investigator will co-opt support from a local paediatrician and/or neonatologists to oversee the management of children and infants in the trial.

6.5 Supply of study treatments

For licensed treatments (e.g. corticosteroids, baricitinib) all aspects of treatment supply, storage, and management will be in accordance with standard local policy and practice for prescription medications. Treatments issued to randomised participants will be by prescription. Such study treatments will not be labelled other than as required for routine clinical use. They will be stored alongside other routine medications with no additional monitoring. No accountability records will be kept beyond those used for routine prescriptions.

For unlicensed treatments, manufacture, packaging, labelling and delivery will be the responsibility of the pharmaceutical company and, in the UK, the Department of Health and Social Care. Each LCC will maintain an accountability log and will be responsible for the storage and issue of study treatment. If treatments require storage at a specific temperature, LCCs can use existing temperature-controlled facilities and associated monitoring. Treatment issue to randomised participants will be in accordance with local practice (and may be in line with the processes required for routine prescriptions or compassionate use).

Treatment will be issued to randomised participants by prescription.

6.6 End of trial

The end of the scheduled treatment phase is defined as the date of the last follow-up visit of the last participant. In the UK, it is intended to extend follow-up for a year or more beyond the final study visit through linkage to routine medical records and central medical databases. The end of the study is the date of the final data extraction from NHS Digital (anticipated to be 10 years after the last patient is enrolled).

6.7 Publications and reports

The Trial Steering Committee will be responsible for drafting the main reports from the study and for review of any other reports. In general, papers initiated by the Trial Steering Committee (including the primary manuscript) will be written in the name of the RECOVERY Collaborative Group, with individual investigators named personally at the end of the report (or, to comply with journal requirements, in web-based material posted with the report).

The Trial Steering Committee will also establish a process by which proposals for additional publications (including from independent external researchers) are considered by the Trial Steering Committee. The Trial Steering Committee will facilitate the use of the study data and approval will not be unreasonably withheld. However, the Trial Steering Committee will need to be satisfied that any proposed publication is of high quality, honours the commitments made to the study participants in the consent documentation and ethical approvals, and is compliant with relevant legal and regulatory requirements (e.g. relating to data protection and privacy). The Trial Steering Committee will have the right to review and comment on any draft manuscripts prior to publication.

6.8 Substudies

Proposals for substudies must be approved by the Trial Steering Committee and by the relevant ethics committee and competent authorities (where required) as a substantial amendment or separate study before they begin. In considering such proposals, the Trial Steering Committee will need to be satisfied that the proposed substudy is worthwhile and will not compromise the main study in any way (e.g. by impairing recruitment or the ability of the participating hospitals to provide care to all patients under their care).

7 VERSION HISTORY

Version number	Date	Brief Description of Changes
1.0	13-Mar-2020	Initial version
2.0	21-Mar-2020	Addition of hydroxychloroquine. Administrative changes and other clarifications.
3.0	07-Apr-2020	Extension of eligibility to those with suspected COVID-19 Addition of azithromycin arm. Addition of inclusion of adults who lack permanently lack capacity. Change to primary outcome from in-hospital death to death within 28 days of randomisation.
4.0	14-Apr-2020	Addition of second randomisation to tocilizumab vs. standard of care among patients with progressive COVID-19.
5.0	24-Apr-2020	Addition of children to study population.
6.0	14-May-2020	Addition of convalescent plasma
7.0	18-Jun-2020	Allowance of randomisation in part B of main randomisation without part A. Removal of hydroxychloroquine and dexamethasone treatment arms.
8.0	03-Jul-2020	Removal of lopinavir-ritonavir Addition of intravenous immunoglobulin arm for children Changes to corticosteroid dosing for children. Addition of baseline serum sample in convalescent plasma randomisation
9.0	10-Sep-2020	Addition of synthetic neutralizing antibodies Additional baseline data collection Addition of countries outside UK
9.1	18-Sep-2020	Addition of information about vaccination of children of pregnant mothers receiving REGN10933+REGN10987
9.2 [not submitted in UK]	15-Oct-2020	Additional information for countries outside UK
10.0	26-Oct-2020	Addition of main randomisation part C General updates to avoid duplication and improve clarity
10.1	01-Nov-2020	Additional information for pregnant women
11.0	19-Nov-2020	Addition of colchicine to main randomisation part A Removal of azithromycin from main randomisation part A Change in randomisation ratio in main randomisation part A from 2:1 to 1:1
11.1	21-Nov-2020	Clarification of colchicine age thresholds
11.2 [not submitted in UK]	01-Dec-2020	Addition of modified aspirin dose if 150mg not available
12.0	10-Dec-2020	Allow second randomisation of children without first randomisation
12.1	16-Dec-2020	Clarification of change in V12.0
13.0	26-Jan-2021	Addition of baricitinib and anakinra (and change to allocation ratio in second randomisation for children); addition of pregnancy test for women of child-bearing potential (and change to colchicine eligibility); removal of tocilizumab for adults; removal of convalescent plasma and additional assessment of antibody-based therapy; addition of dexamethasone as substitute if methylprednisolone unavailable
14.0	15-Feb-2021	Addition of Early Phase Assessments; the inclusion of dimethyl fumarate for initial early phase assessment; restriction of main randomisation part B to children with COVID-19 pneumonia; modification of baricitinib and tocilizumab co-administration guidance
15.0	12-Apr-2021	Removal of aspirin and colchicine; addition of infliximab and high-dose corticosteroids (ex-UK only)

15.1 [not submitted in UK]	18-May-2021	Addition of South Africa
16.0	05-Jul-2021	Removal of REGN-COV2 and main randomisation part B Removal of infliximab from main randomisation part E (and associated endemic infection monitoring section) Addition of empagliflozin as main randomisation part F and metabolic outcomes Addition of India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan
V16.1	08-Jul-2021	Clarification of design in introduction
V17.0	06-Aug-2021	Addition of additional exclusion criteria and safety monitoring for empagliflozin arm Removal of corticosteroids and intravenous immunoglobulin in main randomisation part A (for children)
V17.1	10-Aug-2021	Clarification of design for children
V18.0	13-Oct-2021	Update to consent section Change in primary outcome and sample size for DMF comparison Clarification of eligibility for PIMS-TS randomisation Removal of 3 month follow-up form for non-UK countries
V18.1	24-Oct-2021	Clarification of witnesses for consent of children

Completed comparisons

The last version of the protocol to include the IMP is shown in the table above.

IMP	Citation
Hydroxychloroquine	New Engl J Med 2020; 383: 2030-40
Dexamethasone (COVID-19)	New Engl J Med 2021; 384: 693-704
Lopinavir-ritonavir	Lancet 2020; 396: 1345-1352
Azithromycin	Lancet 2021; 397: 605-12
Convalescent plasma	Lancet 2021; 397: 2049-59
Tocilizumab	Lancet 2021; 397: 1637-1645
Aspirin	Medrxiv doi:10.1101/2021.06.08.21258132v1
Colchicine	Medrxiv doi:10.1101/2021.05.18.21257267v1
REGN-COV2	Medrxiv doi: 10.1101/2021.06.15.21258542v1
Methylprednisolone (PIMS-TS)	Analysis ongoing
Intravenous immunoglobulin (PIMS-TS)	Analysis ongoing

8 APPENDICES

8.1 Appendix 1: Information about the treatment arms

All patients will receive usual care in the participating hospital.

Corticosteroids: RECOVERY is assessing high dose vs usual care in adults with COVID-19 and hypoxia (ex-UK only).

Favourable modulation of the immune response is considered one of the possible mechanisms by which corticosteroids might be beneficial in the treatment of severe acute respiratory coronavirus infections, including COVID-19, SARS and MERS. Common to severe cases of these infections is the presence of hypercytokinemia and the development of acute lung injury or acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).¹³⁻¹⁶ Pathologically, diffuse alveolar damage is found in patients who die from these infections.¹⁷ RECOVERY and other randomised trials have now demonstrated the benefit of corticosteroids in hypoxic COVID-19 patients.^{18,19}

RECOVERY showed that a dose of 6mg dexamethasone once daily for ten days or until discharge (which ever happens earliest) provided a significant reduction in mortality. Combining the IL-6 inhibitor tocilizumab with low dose dexamethasone resulted in a further reduction in mortality. This raises the question whether simply increasing the dose of corticosteroid could confer a similar clinical benefit to that of adding tocilizumab, but at substantially lower cost. Of note, even with dexamethasone 6mg and tocilizumab, mortality remained high at 29%. Although other randomised clinical trials in critically ill COVID-19 patients have used higher doses of dexamethasone (20mg once daily for five days followed by 10mg once daily for a further five days) and reported clinical benefit, these doses have not been compared with the lower dose used in RECOVERY. There is, therefore, uncertainty regarding the optimal dose of corticosteroids in moderate to severe COVID-19. Uncertainty remains about whether higher doses of corticosteroids may provide additional benefit in adults with hypoxia hospitalised with COVID-19.

Unlike lower doses, higher doses (>15mg dexamethasone) would completely saturate cytosolic glucocorticoid receptors and have enhanced non-genomic effects.²⁰ In conditions where rapid control of inflammatory processes are required, short-term, high to very high doses of corticosteroids are used e.g.

- Sepsis 7.5 - 15mg dexamethasone equivalent daily²¹
- ARDS: 20mg dexamethasone for five days followed by 10mg for five days²²
- Bacterial meningitis: 40mg dexamethasone daily for four days²³
- Tuberculous Meningitis 0.4mg/kg/day dexamethasone for 7 days then reducing over 8 weeks.²⁴
- Rheumatoid arthritis flare: 120mg dexamethasone pulse therapy.²⁵
- Community acquired pneumonia: 0.6mg/day dexamethasone for 2 days and methyl prednisolone 200mg /day then 80mg /day for 10 days.²⁶

[UK only] Dimethyl fumarate: Dimethyl fumarate (DMF) is thought to prevent NLRP3 inflammasome activation and the process of pyroptosis (inflammatory cell death) through its

action on the protein gasdermin D.²⁷ SARS-CoV-2 induces inflammasome activation and the degree of activation is thought to correlate with disease severity.²⁸ DMF has demonstrated anti-viral and anti-inflammatory effects against SARS-CoV-2 *in vitro*.²⁹ Other inflammasome-modulating drugs, such as colchicine, have demonstrated provisionally promising results in small randomised trials.^{30,31} DMF is licensed to treat relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis and plaque psoriasis as a long-term immunomodulatory agent and is generally well-tolerated with no major safety concerns.^{32,33} The UK COVID-19 Therapeutics Advisory Panel has recommended that RECOVERY investigate the safety and efficacy of DMF in an early phase assessment among patients hospitalised with COVID-19.

[UK only] Baricitinib: Baricitinib is a JAK (Janus kinase) 1/2 inhibitor licensed for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and atopic dermatitis. JAK 1/2 inhibition prevents downstream phosphorylation (and hence activation) of STAT (signal transducers and activators of transcription). The JAK-STAT pathway mediates the effect of several interleukins (including IL-6), so JAK inhibitors reduce the cascade of inflammatory mediators that derive from IL-6 activation of its receptor. Baricitinib also binds tyrosine kinase 2, preventing its activation.³⁴ Recent genetic data support a causal link between high tyrosine kinase expression (hence activity) and severe COVID-19.³⁵ Baricitinib was tested in the Adaptive Covid-19 Treatment Trial-2 and was shown to improve time to recovery (rate ratio for recovery 1.16, 95% CI 1.01-1.32). 28-day mortality was 5.1% among participants allocated baricitinib compared to 7.8% allocated placebo (HR 0.65, 95% CI 0.39-1.09).³⁶ Serious adverse events were less frequent among participants allocated baricitinib (16.0% vs. 21.0%; $p=0.03$).

[UK only] Tocilizumab is a monoclonal antibody that binds to the receptor for IL-6, blocking IL-6 signalling and reduces inflammation. Tocilizumab is licensed for use in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and for use in people aged at least 2 years with chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell-induced severe or life-threatening cytokine release syndrome.

Severe COVID-19 is associated with a hyper-inflammatory state with elevated ESR, C-reactive protein, D-dimers, lactate dehydrogenase, ferritin, and increased levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines including as IL-1 and IL-6.^{4,9,37} There have been published and unpublished (pre-print) case series reports of the successful treatment of COVID-19 patients with IL-6 inhibitors.^{37,38} IL-6 inhibitors have not been evaluated for the treatment of COVID-19 in randomised controlled trials.

[UK only] Anakinra: Anakinra is an antagonist of the interleukin-1 receptor licensed for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, periodic fever syndromes and Still's disease. Anakinra is widely used in several paediatric conditions with hyperinflammation including macrophage activation syndrome, systemic JIA and autoinflammatory disorders.³⁹ The hyperinflammatory syndrome associated with COVID-19 in children (PIMS-TS) is characterised by high inflammatory markers and wide range of elevated cytokines. Immunomodulatory therapy with IL-1 inhibition using anakinra has been used in the management of the children with PIMS-TS,⁴⁰ but controlled trials are lacking. Anakinra has been shown to be safe in sepsis and has a short half-life which may be advantageous for use in very ill children with PIMS-TS.

Empagliflozin: Sodium glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors (SGLT-2i) decrease glucose and insulin levels, and shift energy metabolism to an increased reliance on lipid oxidation, with

a reduced reliance on glucose, and inhibition of glycolysis.⁴¹ This mechanism may be particularly important in COVID-19, as SARS-CoV-2 may depend on the glycolytic pathway for its replication, stimulating lipogenesis, which appears to be one of the key drivers of cellular damage.^{42,43} SGLT-2i rapidly improve endothelial function, possibly because of reduced oxidative stress.⁴⁴ SGLT-2i have significant anti-inflammatory effects, reducing levels of C-reactive protein and interleukin-6.⁴⁵ Experimental studies have also shown reduced activation of the NLRP3 inflammasome.⁴⁶ SGLT-2i increase erythropoiesis resulting in increased haematocrit,^{47,48} and together with improved endothelial function⁴⁴ may improve oxygen delivery to tissues. Moreover, SGLT-2i result in reduced extracellular volume in patients with fluid overload,^{49,50} and appear to reduce pulmonary artery pressure in patients with heart failure rapidly,⁵¹ leading to haemodynamic decongestion. Thus, SGLT-2i may favourably affect multiple processes, including but not limited to energy metabolism, endothelial function, oxidative stress, inflammation and autophagy, which are dysregulated during a major acute illness such as COVID-19. The DARE-19 trial compared dapagliflozin 10 mg with placebo for 30 days among 1250 patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19 who had mild hypoxia ($\text{SpO}_2 \geq 94\%$ on ≤ 5 L/min oxygen) and at least one risk factor (hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, heart failure or chronic kidney disease).⁵² The treatment was well tolerated (11% discontinued prematurely with similar proportion in treatment and placebo group). The hazard ratio for the co-primary outcome of organ failure (non-invasive or invasive ventilation, requirement for cardiovascular support or new/worsened heart failure, doubling of creatinine or dialysis) or death was 0.80 (95% CI 0.58-1.10; 70 vs 86 events).⁵³ Although this trial lacked statistical sensitivity, it supports the rationale for a larger trial.

8.2 Appendix 2: Drug specific contraindications and cautions

Corticosteroid

Contraindications:

- Known contra-indication to short-term corticosteroid.

Endemic infections may be screened for as required by local practice.

Dimethyl fumarate

Contraindications:

- Pregnancy
- Breast-feeding
- Known hypersensitivity to excipients in any oral therapy

If symptoms develop which the participant or their doctor attributes to dimethyl fumarate (e.g. flushing, gastrointestinal disturbance), its dose may be reduced e.g. from 240 mg twice daily to 120 mg twice daily or 120 mg once daily (or it may be discontinued if considered necessary by the managing clinician or participant).

Baricitinib

Contraindications:

- eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73m² (including participants on dialysis/haemofiltration)
- Neutrophil count <0.5 x 10⁹/L
- Evidence of active TB infection
- Pregnancy

Cautions:

- Dose should be reduced in presence of renal impairment
 - eGFR ≥30 <60 mL/min/1.73m²: 2 mg once daily
 - eGFR ≥15 <30 mL/min/1.73m²: 2 mg on alternate days
- Dose should be halved in patients also taking probenecid
- Baricitinib and tocilizumab may be co-administered, but the managing clinician should consider the risk of infection and gastrointestinal perforation (which may present atypically due to suppressed C-reactive protein production and concomitant corticosteroids)

Tocilizumab

- Known hypersensitivity to tocilizumab.
- Evidence of active TB infection^m
- Clear evidence of active bacterial, fungal, viral, or other infection (besides COVID-19)

(Note: Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not exclusion criteria.)

^m Note: The risk of reactivation of latent tuberculosis with tocilizumab is considered to be extremely small.

Anakinra

- Known hypersensitivity to anakinra
- Neutrophil count $<1.5 \times 10^9$ cells/L
- Pregnancy

Empagliflozin

Contraindications:

- Type 1 diabetes mellitus (or post-pancreatectomy diabetes)
- Pregnancy and breast-feeding
- History of ketoacidosis
- Other patients with diabetes: blood ketones ≥ 1.5 mmol/L (or urine ketones $\geq 2+$ if near-patient testing for blood ketones unavailable). Such patients are eligible once their ketosis has resolved.

Cautions:

- Participants with diabetes allocated empagliflozin should have regular checks of blood ketones (or urine ketones if blood ketone testing is unavailable)ⁿ. Blood ketones should be checked twice daily or urine ketones daily (or if clinical concern). If blood ketones rise ≥ 1.5 mmol/L (or urine ketones $\geq 2+$), clinicians should:
 - Ensure adequate fluid and calorific intake
 - Consider increasing insulin dose (if on insulin)
 - Inform local diabetes team (if available) and treat ketosis using local protocols
 - Consider discontinuing empagliflozin until ketosis resolves
- Clinicians should consider temporarily discontinuing empagliflozin in participants with diabetes mellitus who cannot maintain oral calorific intake (until nutrition is restored)
- Clinicians should be aware of “euglycaemic ketoacidosis” which occurs with empagliflozin and should check ketones (ideally blood) if this is suspected (e.g. unexplained metabolic acidosis)
- Empagliflozin does not cause hypoglycaemia alone, but may do so in combination with insulin or insulin secretagogues. Doses of these other medications may need to be temporarily modified while the participant is taking empagliflozin
- Empagliflozin causes an osmotic diuresis so careful fluid balance assessment is required
- Empagliflozin increases the risk of mycotic genital infections (e.g. candidiasis) which are usually easily treated with topical therapy. It is unclear whether it causes Fournier’s gangrene (a very rare genital infection), but clinicians should be aware.

ⁿ These are near-patient tests and no sample will be retained for research purposes.

8.3 Appendix 3: Paediatric dosing information

Children (aged <18 years old) will be recruited in the UK only.

Main Randomisation Part A

Arm	Route	Weight/Age #	Dose												
No additional treatment	-	-	-												
Baricitinib - 2 and 4 mg tablets	Oral/ other enteral routes	≥ 2 years with COVID-19 pneumonia	Once daily for 10 days or until discharge, whichever is sooner <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m²)</th> <th>2 to < 9 yr</th> <th>≥ 9 yr</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>≥60</td> <td>2mg</td> <td>4mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥30 to <60</td> <td>2mg alt die</td> <td>2mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>≥15 to <30</td> <td>Excluded</td> <td>2mg alt die</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Those on renal replacement therapy are excluded	eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²)	2 to < 9 yr	≥ 9 yr	≥60	2mg	4mg	≥30 to <60	2mg alt die	2mg	≥15 to <30	Excluded	2mg alt die
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Weight to be rounded to the nearest kg unless dosage expressed as mg/kg or mL/kg.

† If methylprednisolone is unavailable, intravenous dexamethasone may be substituted (0.3 mg/kg as base; max 19.8 mg) once daily for 3 days.

Second stage randomisation (Patients < 1 year of age will NOT be eligible)

Arm	Route	Weight	Dose
No additional treatment	-	-	-
Tocilizumab	Intravenous	Infants < 1 year excluded < 30 kg ≥ 30 kg	12 mg/kg A second dose may be given ≥12 and ≤24 hours later if, in the opinion of the attending clinicians, the patient's condition has not improved. 8 mg/kg (max 800 mg) A second dose may be given ≥12 and ≤24 hours later if, in the opinion of the attending clinicians, the patient's condition has not improved.
Anakinra	Subcutaneous (Intravenous route if clinically required)	Infants < 1 year or <10 kg excluded ≥ 10 kg	2 mg/kg daily for 7 days or discharge whichever is sooner

8.4 Appendix 1: Use of IMPs in pregnant and breastfeeding women

All trial drugs (except baricitinib and empagliflozin) have been used in pregnant women with pre-existing medical disorders where benefits outweigh the risks to fetus or woman, including in the first trimester. The existing data related to each drug is summarized below.

Dimethyl fumarate

Dimethyl fumarate is contraindicated in pregnant or breastfeeding women. Dimethyl fumarate will only be included in the randomisation of women of child-bearing potential if they have had a negative pregnancy test since admission.

Corticosteroids

Prednisolone or, in women unable to take oral medicine, hydrocortisone or methylprednisolone are recommended instead of dexamethasone treatment in light of accumulating evidence that repeated doses of dexamethasone have deleterious effects on long-term neurodevelopment of the fetus.⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ While 90% dexamethasone is transferred transplacentally to the fetus, both hydrocortisone and prednisolone are converted by 11 β -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase to inactive glucocorticoids and considerably less drug is transferred to the fetus. Glucocorticoids can worsen maternal glycaemic control, so blood glucose should be checked and managed appropriately. Otherwise there is no convincing evidence that prednisolone use is associated with increased rates of adverse pregnancy outcomes when taken in the first trimester or later pregnancy.⁵⁷ Very low concentrations of prednisolone enter breastmilk. There is a paucity of data about pharmacological use of hydrocortisone, but it is likely that this is also safe when breastfeeding,⁵⁷ as also reviewed in the Lactmed database (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK501076/). Prednisolone (or hydrocortisone) should be used in breastfeeding women, in preference to dexamethasone.

Tocilizumab

Two pharmaceutical global safety registry database studies have reported on tocilizumab use in pregnancy, including outcomes from 288 pregnancies⁵⁸ and 61 pregnancies,⁵⁹ typically for rheumatoid or other arthritides, and with the majority having received the drug in the first trimester. These data suggest that the rates of congenital abnormality, spontaneous pregnancy loss and other adverse outcomes were not higher than in the general population.⁵⁹ Small studies have shown that tocilizumab is transferred to the fetus with serum concentrations approximately 7-fold lower than those observed in maternal serum at the time of birth.⁶⁰ Very low concentrations of tocilizumab are identified in breast milk and no drug is transferred into the serum of breast fed infants.^{60,61} Women should be advised that if treated after 20 weeks' gestation, their infant should not be immunised with live vaccines (rotavirus and BCG) for the first 6 months of life. All non-live vaccinations are safe and should be undertaken.⁶²

Baricitinib

Baricitinib is contraindicated in pregnant or breastfeeding women. Baricitinib will only be included in the randomisation of women of child-bearing potential if they have had a negative pregnancy test since admission.

Anakinra

Data on the use of anakinra in pregnancy are currently limited. Although renal agenesis and oligohydramnios have been described in exposed infants, controlled studies are lacking.

Anakinra will only be included in the randomisation of women of child-bearing potential if they have had a negative pregnancy test since admission.

Empagliflozin

Empagliflozin is not recommended for use in pregnant or breastfeeding women. Empagliflozin will only be included in the randomisation of women of child-bearing potential if they have had a negative pregnancy test since admission.

8.5 Appendix 5: Early phase assessment details

S/F₉₄ ratio:

The SpO₂:FiO₂ ratio is a simple correction for the measured oxygen saturation (SpO₂) to account for how much oxygen the patient is receiving (FiO₂). If the measured SpO₂ is >94% the ratio is less accurate (because it cannot rise much further regardless of FiO₂). Therefore the SpO₂:FiO₂ ratio will be measured when the patient's SpO₂ is <94% (called the S/F₉₄).

The participant should be resting in bed with the head of the bed at 30° for at least 10 minutes. If they are receiving oxygen via simple nasal prongs or face mask, this will be switched to a Venturi mask (which controls FiO₂ more precisely). The FiO₂ will then be reduced gradually until SpO₂ <94% (or the participant is receiving room air, ie FiO₂ =0.21).

Short periods of hypoxia (e.g. SpO₂ of 80%) are not considered harmful. The participant should be monitored throughout and if they become breathless or distressed after a reduction in FiO₂ it will be immediately increased. Once SpO₂ <94% (or the participant is breathing room air) the details of oxygen delivery mode, SpO₂, FiO₂ and respiratory rate will be recorded. The participant's oxygen will then be returned to baseline. Further details will be provided in a Standard Operating Procedure.

WHO Ordinal Scale

The World Health Organization have endorsed the use of an ordinal scale as an outcome measure in clinical trials in order to capture the trajectory of patients' clinical progression and of healthcare resource use.¹⁰

Score	Descriptor
1	Discharged (alive)
2	Hospital admission, not requiring supplemental oxygen, no longer requiring medical care (hospitalisation extended for infection control or other nonmedical reasons e.g. social care. Sometimes documented as "medically fit for discharge" or "medically stable for discharge")
3	Hospital admission, not requiring supplemental oxygen, but requiring ongoing medical care
4	Hospital admission, requiring supplemental oxygen (by face mask or nasal prongs)
5	Hospital admission, requiring high flow nasal oxygen, continuous positive airways pressure or non-invasive ventilation
6	Hospital admission, requiring invasive mechanical ventilation or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
7	Death

8.6 Appendix 6: Organisational Structure and Responsibilities

Chief Investigator

The Chief Investigator has overall responsibility for:

- (i) Design and conduct of the Study in collaboration with the Trial Steering Committee;
- (ii) Preparation of the Protocol and subsequent revisions;

Trial Steering Committee

The Trial Steering Committee (see Section 0 for list of members) is responsible for:

- (i) Agreement of the final Protocol and the Data Analysis Plans;
- (ii) Reviewing progress of the study and, if necessary, deciding on Protocol changes;
- (iii) Review and approval of study publications and substudy proposals;
- (iv) Reviewing new studies that may be of relevance.

International Steering Committee

The international Steering Committee (see below for list of members) is responsible for:

- (i) Reviewing progress of the study in sites outside the UK;
- (ii) Review of study publications and substudy proposals;
- (iii) Considering potential new therapies to be included in sites outside the UK;
- (iv) Assisting RCC in selection of LCCs
- (v) Reviewing new studies that may be of relevance.

Data Monitoring Committee

The independent Data Monitoring Committee is responsible for:

- (i) Reviewing unblinded interim analyses according to the Protocol;
- (ii) Advising the Steering Committee if, in their view, the randomised data provide evidence that may warrant a change in the protocol (e.g. modification or cessation of one or more of the treatment arms).

Central Coordinating Office (CCO)

The CCO is responsible for the overall coordination of the Study, including:

- (i) Study planning and organisation of Steering Committee meetings;
- (ii) Ensuring necessary regulatory and ethics committee approvals;
- (iii) Development of Standard Operating Procedures and computer systems
- (iv) Monitoring overall progress of the study;
- (v) Provision of study materials to RCCs/LCCs;
- (vi) Monitoring and reporting safety information in line with the protocol and regulatory requirements;
- (vii) Dealing with technical, medical and administrative queries from LCCs.

Regional Coordinating Centre (RCC)

The RCCs are responsible for:

- (i) Ensuring necessary regulatory and ethics committee approvals;
- (ii) Provision of study materials to LCCs;
- (iii) Dealing with technical, medical and administrative queries from LCCs.

Local Clinical Centres (LCC)

The LCC lead investigator and LCC clinic staff are responsible for:

- (i) Obtaining all relevant local permissions (assisted by the CCO)
- (ii) All trial activities at the LCC, including appropriate training and supervision for clinical staff
- (iii) Conducting trial procedures at the LCC in line with all relevant local policies and procedures;
- (iv) Dealing with enquiries from participants and others.

Organisational Details

STEERING COMMITTEE

(Major organisational and policy decisions, and scientific advice; blinded to treatment allocation)

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International Steering Committee

Chair	Do Van Dung
Regional Lead Investigators	Guy Thwaites, Jeremy Day
Independent members:	Vietnam : Nguyen Ngo Quang, Prof. Binh Indonesia: Erlina Burhan, Bacht Alisjahbana Nepal: Janak Koirala, Sudha Basnet
Other members:	Evelyn Kestelyn, Buddha Basnyat, Pradip Gyanwali, Raph Hamers, John Amuasi, Peter Horby

DATA MONITORING COMMITTEE

(Interim analyses and response to specific concerns)

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Members	Janet Darbyshire, David DeMets, Robert Fowler, David Laloo, Mohammed Munavvar, Adilia Warris, Janet Wittes
Statisticians (non-voting)	Jonathan Emberson, Natalie Staplin

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ADaM	Analysis Data Model
AE	Adverse event
CDISC	The Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium
CI	Confidence interval
COVID	Coronavirus-induced disease
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CRP	C-reactive protein
DMC	Data Monitoring Committee
ECMO	Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation
eCRF	Electronic case report form
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICNARC	Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre
ITT	Intention to treat
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
OPCS-4	National Health Service OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures version 4
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SARS-CoV-2	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
S/F ₉₄ ratio	Ratio of peripheral oxygen saturation to fractional inspired oxygen concentration when peripheral oxygen saturation at or below 94%
SSAR	Suspected serious adverse reaction
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1 INTRODUCTION

This document details the proposed presentation and analysis for the main paper(s) reporting results from the multicentre randomised controlled trial RECOVERY (ISRCTN50189673) to investigate multiple treatments on major outcomes in inpatients for COVID-19 (clinically suspected or laboratory confirmed).

The results reported in these papers will follow the strategy set out here, which adheres to the guidelines for the content of a statistical analysis plan (SAP).¹ Any subsequent analyses of a more exploratory nature will not be bound by this strategy.

Suggestions for subsequent analyses by oversight committees, journal editors or referees, will be considered carefully in line with the principles of this analysis plan.

Any deviations from the statistical analysis plan will be described and justified in the final report. The analysis will be carried out by identified, appropriately qualified and experienced statisticians, who will ensure the integrity of the data during their processing.

This SAP is based on multiple versions of the protocol. All regulatory documents can be found in the RECOVERY trial directory: <https://www.recoverytrial.net/for-site-staff/site-set-up-1/regulatory-documents>.

SAP versions 1.0 & 1.1 applied to the first three principal comparisons (hydroxychloroquine, dexamethasone, and lopinavir-ritonavir versus no additional treatment respectively), for which data matured in the first UK wave of the pandemic. However, due to its later introduction, enrolment of patients in the azithromycin arm was much slower. Over time, factorial randomisations and a second randomisation have been added, introducing new treatment arms including convalescent plasma, tocilizumab, synthetic neutralizing antibodies, and aspirin. Version 2.0 of the SAP was produced in response to these changes, combined with the fact that use of corticosteroids (one of the original treatment arms) is now the usual standard of care for many patients.

SAP version 3.0 now includes the following revisions:

- **REGN-COV2:** Specification of analysis method (see appendix).
- **Early phase assessments:** Additional analyses for treatments undergoing early phase assessment (introduced in protocol version 14.0; modified in SAP version 3.1); see section 9.
- **6 month follow-up:** Analyses based on information available up to 6 months after randomisation (modified in SAP version 3.1); see section 10.

The primary outcome for children will be the duration of hospitalisation (and death is an extremely rare event). The analyses of data from children will be specified in a separate Statistical Analysis Plan.

2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Rationale

In early 2020, as the protocol was being developed, there were no approved treatments for COVID-19. The aim of the trial is to provide reliable evidence on the efficacy of candidate therapies (including re-purposed and novel drugs) for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection on major outcomes in hospitalised adult patients receiving standard care.

2.2 Objectives of the trial

2.2.1 *Primary objective*

To provide reliable estimates of the effect of study treatments on all-cause mortality within 28 days of the relevant randomisation.

2.2.2 *Secondary objectives*

To investigate the effect of study treatments on the duration of hospital stay and on the combined endpoint of use of invasive mechanical ventilation (including Extra Corporal Membrane Oxygenation [ECMO]) or death.

2.3 Trial design

This is a multi-centre, multi-arm, adaptive, open label, randomised controlled trial with three possible stages of randomisation, as described below. The trial is designed with streamlined processes in order to facilitate rapid large-scale recruitment with minimal data collection.

2.4 Eligibility

2.4.1 *Inclusion criteria*

Patients are eligible for the trial if all of the following are true:

- Hospitalised
- SARS-Cov-2 infection (clinically suspected or laboratory confirmed)
- No medical history that might, in the opinion of the attending clinician, put the patient at significant risk if they were to participate in the trial.

2.4.2 *Exclusion criteria*

If one or more of the active drug treatments is not available at the hospital or is believed, by the attending clinician, to be contraindicated (or definitely indicated) for the specific patient, then this fact will be recorded via the web-based form prior to randomisation; random allocation will then be between the remaining arms.

2.5 Treatments

All patients will receive standard management for the participating hospital. The main randomisation will be between the following treatment arms (although not all arms may be

available at any one time). The doses listed are for adults; paediatric dosing is described in the protocol.

2.5.1 *Main randomisation part A:*

- **No additional treatment**
- **Lopinavir 400mg-Ritonavir 100mg** by mouth (or nasogastric tube) every 12 hours for 10 days. [Introduced in protocol version 1.0; **enrolment closed** 29 June 2020]
- **Corticosteroid** in the form of dexamethasone, administered as an oral liquid or intravenous preparation 6 mg once daily for 10 days. In pregnancy, prednisolone 40 mg administered by mouth (or intravenous hydrocortisone 80 mg twice daily) should be used instead. [Introduced in protocol version 1.0; **enrolment closed to adults** 8 June 2020]
- **Hydroxychloroquine** by mouth for 10 days (4 doses in first 24 hours and 1 dose every 12 hours for 9 days). [Introduced in protocol version 2.0; **enrolment closed** 5 June 2020]
- **Azithromycin 500mg** by mouth (or nasogastric tube) or intravenously once daily for a total of 10 days. [Introduced in protocol version 3.0; **enrolment closed** 27 November 2020]
- **Colchicine** by mouth for 10 days (1.5 mg in first 12 hours then 0.5 mg twice daily). [Introduced in protocol version 12.0; **enrolment closed** 5 March 2021.]
- **Dimethyl fumarate** 120 mg every 12 hours for 4 doses followed by 240 mg every 12 hours by mouth for 8 days (10 days in total). [Introduced in protocol version 14.0; enrolment ongoing.] **Undergoing Early Phase Assessment**

2.5.2 *Main randomisation part B:*

In a factorial design, eligible patients may be randomised to the arms below. The doses listed are for adults; paediatric dosing is described in the protocol.

- **No additional treatment**
- **Convalescent plasma** Single unit of ABO compatible convalescent plasma (275mls \pm 75 mls) intravenous per day on study days 1 (as soon as possible after randomisation) and 2 (with a minimum of 12-hour interval between 1st and 2nd units). ABO identical plasma is preferred if available. The second transfusion should not be given if patient has a suspected serious adverse reaction during or after the first transfusion. [Introduced in protocol version 6.0; **enrolment closed** 15 January 2021]
- **Synthetic neutralising antibodies** (REGN-COV2; adults and children aged ≥ 12 years only - children who weigh < 40 kg will also not be eligible for this treatment). A single dose of REGN10933 + REGN10987 8 g (4 g of each monoclonal antibody) in 250ml 0.9% saline infused intravenously over 60 minutes \pm 15 minutes as soon as possible after randomisation. [Introduced in protocol version 9.1; **enrolment closed** 22 May 2021]

2.5.3 *Main randomisation part C:*

In a factorial design, eligible patients may be randomised to the arms below. The dose listed is for adults; children are excluded from this comparison.

- **No additional treatment**
- **Aspirin** 150 mg by mouth (or nasogastric tube) or per rectum once daily until discharge. [Introduced in protocol version 10.1; **enrolment closed** 21 March 2021]

2.5.4 *Main randomisation part D:*

In a factorial design, eligible patients may be randomised to the arms below. The dose listed is for adults; children <2 years old or with PIMS-TS are excluded from this comparison.

- **No additional treatment**
- **Baricitinib** 4 mg by mouth (or nasogastric tube) once daily for 10 days. [Introduced in protocol version 13.0; **enrolment ongoing**]

2.5.5 *Main randomisation part E:*

In a factorial design, eligible patients may be randomised to the arms below. The dose listed is for adults; children <18 years old are excluded from this comparison.

- **No additional treatment**
- **High-dose corticosteroids** dexamethasone 20 mg once daily for 5 days, followed by dexamethasone 10 mg once daily for 5 days. [Introduced in protocol version 13.0; **enrolment ongoing**]

2.5.6 *Main randomisation part F:*

In a factorial design, eligible patients may be randomised to the arms below. The dose listed is for adults; children <18 years old are excluded from this comparison.

- **No additional treatment**
- **Empagliflozin** 10 mg once daily for 28 days. [Introduced in protocol version 16.1; **enrolment ongoing**]

2.5.7 *Second randomisation for adults with progressive COVID-19*

Patients enrolled in the main RECOVERY trial and with clinical evidence of a hyper-inflammatory state may be considered for a second randomisation if they meet the following criteria:

- Randomised into the main RECOVERY trial no more than 21 days ago
- Clinical evidence of progressive COVID-19:
 - oxygen saturation <92% on room air or requiring oxygen; and

- C-reactive protein (CRP) ≥ 75 mg/L
- No medical history that might, in the opinion of the attending clinician, put the patient at significant risk if they were to participate in this aspect of the RECOVERY trial

Eligible participants may be randomised between the following treatment arms:

- **No additional treatment**
- **Tocilizumab** by intravenous infusion with the dose determined by body weight. [Introduced in protocol version 4.0; **enrolment closed** 24 January 2021]

2.6 Definitions of primary and secondary outcomes

Outcomes will be assessed at 28 days and then 6 months after the relevant randomisation. Analysis of longer-term outcomes collected beyond this will be described in a separate Statistical Analysis Plan.

2.6.1 *Primary outcome*

Mortality (all-cause)

2.6.2 *Secondary clinical outcomes*

- Time to discharge from hospital
- Use of invasive mechanical ventilation (including Extra Corporal Membrane Oxygenation [ECMO]) or death (among patients not on invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO at time of randomisation)

2.6.3 *Subsidiary clinical outcomes*

- Use of ventilation (overall and by type) among patients not on ventilation (of any type) at time of randomisation
- Duration of invasive mechanical ventilation among patients on invasive mechanical ventilation at time of randomisation (defined as time to successful cessation of invasive mechanical ventilation: see section 5.1.7)
- Use of renal dialysis or haemofiltration (among patients not on renal dialysis or haemofiltration at time of randomisation)
- Thrombotic events (overall and by type; introduced in Protocol version 10.1)

2.6.4 *Safety outcomes*

- Cause-specific mortality (COVID-19, other infection, cardiac, stroke, other vascular, cancer, other medical, external, unknown cause)
- Major cardiac arrhythmia (recorded on follow-up forms completed from 12 May 2020 onwards)
- Major bleeding (overall and by type; introduced in Protocol version 10.1)
- Early safety of antibody-based therapy (sudden worsening in respiratory status; severe allergic reaction; temperature $>39^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $\geq 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ rise since randomisation; sudden

hypotension; clinical haemolysis; and thrombotic events within the first 72 hours; Main randomization phase B only)

- Non-coronavirus infection (overall and by site and putative organism [virus, bacteria, fungus, other]; introduced in Protocol version 14.0)

2.6.5 *Detailed derivation of outcomes*

The detailed derivation of outcomes included in statistical analysis will be described separately in a data derivation document and included in the Study Data Reviewer's Guide.

2.7 Hypothesis framework

For each of the primary, secondary and subsidiary outcomes, the null hypothesis will be that there is no true difference in effect between any of the treatment arms.

2.8 Sample size

The larger the number randomised, the more accurate the results will be, but the numbers that can be randomised will depend critically on how large the epidemic becomes. If substantial numbers are hospitalised in the participating centres then it may be possible to randomise several thousand with moderate disease and a few thousand with severe disease. Some indicative sample sizes and projected recruitment will be estimated using emerging data for several different scenarios. Sample size and recruitment will be monitored by the TSC throughout the trial.

2.9 Randomisation

Eligible patients will be randomised using a 24/7 secure central web-based randomisation system, developed and hosted within NDPH, University of Oxford. Users of the system will have no insight into the next allocation, given that simple randomisation is being used. If a patient is randomised inadvertently more than once during the same hospital admission, the first allocation will be used.

The implementation of the randomisation procedure will be monitored by the Senior Trials Programmer, and the TSC notified if an error in the randomisation process is identified.

2.9.1 *Main randomisation part A*

Simple randomisation will be used to allocate participants to one of the following treatment arms (in addition to usual care), which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- Lopinavir-Ritonavir [Introduced in protocol version 1.0; **enrolment closed** 29 June 2020]
- Corticosteroid [Introduced in protocol version 1.0; **enrolment closed to adults** 8 June 2020]
- Hydroxychloroquine [Introduced in protocol version 2.0; **enrolment closed** 5 June 2020]
- Azithromycin [Introduced in protocol version 3.0; **enrolment closed** 27 November 2020]
- Colchicine [Introduced in protocol version 11.1; **enrolment closed** 5 March 2021]

- Dimethyl fumarate [Introduced in protocol version 14.0; **enrolment ongoing**]

The randomisation programme will allocated patients in a ratio of 2:1 between the no additional treatment arm and each of the other arms that are not contra-indicated and are available when multiple arms were included in the protocol. Hence if all 4 active treatment arms are available, then the randomisation will be in the ratio 2:1:1:1:1. If one or more of the active drug treatments is not available at the hospital or is believed, by the attending clinician, to be contraindicated (or definitely indicated) for the specific patient, then this fact will be recorded via the web-based form prior to randomisation; random allocation will then be between the remaining arms (in a 2:1:1:1, 2:1:1 or 2:1 ratio). Since the closure of the azithromycin comparison, all comparisons in part A have used a 1:1 ratio.

2.9.2 *Main randomisation part B*

In a factorial design, eligible patients will be randomised simultaneously using simple randomisation with allocation ratio 1:1:1 to one of the following arms, which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- Convalescent plasma [Introduced in protocol version 6.0; **enrolment closed** 15 January 2021]
- Synthetic neutralising antibodies [Introduced in protocol version 9.1; **enrolment closed** 22 May 2021]

If the active treatment is not available at the hospital, the patient does not consent to receive convalescent plasma, or is believed, by the attending clinician, to be contraindicated for the specific patient, then this fact will be recorded via the web-based form and the patient will be excluded from the relevant arm in Randomisation part B.

2.9.3 *Main randomisation part C*

In a factorial design, eligible patients will be randomised simultaneously using simple randomisation with allocation ratio 1:1 to one of the following arms, which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- Aspirin [Introduced in protocol version 10.1; **enrolment closed** 21 March 2021]

2.9.4 *Main randomisation part D*

In a factorial design, eligible patients will be randomised simultaneously using simple randomisation with allocation ratio 1:1 to one of the following arms, which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- Baricitinib [Introduced in protocol version 13.0; **enrolment ongoing**]

2.9.5 *Main randomisation part E*

In a factorial design, eligible patients will be randomised simultaneously using simple randomisation with allocation ratio 1:1 to one of the following arms, which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- High-dose corticosteroids [Introduced in protocol version 15.0; **enrolment ongoing**]

2.9.6 *Main randomisation part F*

In a factorial design, eligible patients will be randomised simultaneously using simple randomisation with allocation ratio 1:1 to one of the following arms, which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- Empagliflozin [Introduced in protocol version 16.1; **enrolment ongoing**]

Note: From protocol version 7.0 onwards, randomisation is permitted in part B of main randomisation without randomisation in part A. From protocol version 10.1 onwards, randomisation is permitted in any combination of parts A to F.

2.9.7 *Second randomisation for adults with progressive COVID-19*

Eligible participants will be randomised using simple randomisation with an allocation ratio 1:1 between the following arms, which is subject to change:

- No additional treatment
- Tocilizumab [Introduced in protocol version 4.0; **enrolment closed** 24 January 2021]

2.10 *Blinding*

This is an open-label study. However, while the study is in progress, access to tabular results of study outcomes by treatment allocation will not be available to the research team, CIs, trial statisticians, clinical teams, or members of the TSC (unless the DMC advises otherwise). The DMC and DMC statisticians will be unblinded.

2.11 *Data collection schedule*

Baseline and outcome information will be collected on trial-specific electronic case report forms (eCRFs) and entered into a web-based IT system by a member of the hospital or research staff. Follow-up information will be collected on all study participants, irrespective of whether they complete the scheduled course of allocated study treatment. Study staff will seek follow-up information through various means, including routine healthcare systems and registries.

All randomised participants will be followed up until death or 6 months post-randomisation to the main trial (whichever is sooner). NHS Digital and equivalent organisations in the devolved nations will supply data fields relevant to trial baseline and outcome measures to NDPH, University of Oxford on a regular basis, for participants enrolled into the trial. This will be combined with the trial-specific data collected via the web-based IT system and adjudicated internally.

Longer term (up to 10 years) follow-up will be sought through linkage to electronic healthcare records and medical databases including those held by NHS Digital, Public Health England and equivalent bodies, and to relevant research databases (e.g. UK Biobank, Genomics England).

2.12 Data monitoring

During the study all study data will be supplied in strict confidence to the independent DMC for independent assessment and evaluation. The DMC will request such analyses at a frequency relevant to the emerging data from this and other studies.

The DMC has been requested to determine if, in their view, the randomised comparisons in the study have provided evidence on mortality that is strong enough (with a range of uncertainty around the results that is narrow enough) to affect national and global treatment strategies. Hence, multiple reviews by the Data Monitoring Committee have no material impact on the final analysis. In such a circumstance, the DMC will inform the TSC who will make the results available to the public and amend the trial arms accordingly.

2.13 Trial reporting

The trial will be reported according to the principles of the CONSORT statements.^{2, 3, 4} The exact composition of the trial publication(s) depends on the size of the epidemic, the availability of drugs, and the findings from the various pairwise comparative analyses (with the no additional treatment arm) in the main trial.

3 ANALYSIS POPULATIONS

3.1 Population definitions

The intention to treat (ITT) population will be all participants randomised, irrespective of treatment received. This ITT population will be used for analysis of efficacy and safety data. For interim analyses, baseline data will be reported for all participants with data available and outcome data will be reported for all participants who have died, been discharged from hospital, or reached day 28 after the first randomisation.

4 DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSES

4.1 Participant throughput

The flow of participants through the trial will be summarised for each separate pairwise comparison using a CONSORT diagram. The flow diagram will show the contribution of participants from each of the paths (from each of the parts of the main randomisation and from the second randomisation), where applicable. The flow diagrams will describe the numbers of participants randomly allocated, who received allocation, withdrew consent, and included in the ITT analysis population. The flow diagrams for arms in the main randomisation will also report the number of participants who underwent the second randomisation.

4.2 Baseline comparability of randomised groups

The following characteristics will be described separately for patients randomised to each main comparison (for each separate pairwise comparison of active treatment with the no additional treatment arm), and separately for the first and second randomisation.

4.2.1 Main randomisation (parts A, B and C)

- Age at randomisation
- Sex
- Ethnicity
- Region (UK, non-UK)
- Time since COVID-19 symptoms onset
- Time since hospitalisation
- Current respiratory support
- Comorbidities (diabetes, heart disease, chronic lung disease, tuberculosis, human immunodeficiency virus, severe liver disease, severe kidney impairment)
- SARS-Cov-2 test result
- If female, known to be pregnant
- Use of systemic corticosteroid (including those allocated to corticosteroid in part A)
- Use of other relevant treatments (e.g. remdesivir, interleukin-6 antagonist, monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody)
- For part B only, anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody concentration
- For treatment comparisons introduced in protocol v9.1 onwards:
 - C-reactive protein
 - Estimated glomerular filtration rate (calculated using the CKD-EPI formula)
 - D-dimer

4.2.2 Second randomisation

In addition to the above:

- Current respiratory support
- Latest oxygen saturation measurement
- Latest C-reactive protein
- Latest ferritin
- Latest estimated glomerular filtration rate (calculated using the CKD-EPI formula)
- Allocation in main randomisation parts A, B, C, D and E
- Interval between first and second randomisation

The number and percentage will be presented for binary and categorical variables. The mean and standard deviation or the median and the interquartile range will be presented for continuous variables.

4.3 Completeness of follow-up

All reasonable efforts will be taken to minimise loss to follow-up, which is expected to be minimal as data collection for primary and secondary outcomes using trial-specific eCRFs is combined with linkage to routine clinical data on study outcomes from NHS Digital, ICNARC, and similar organisations in the devolved nations.

The number and percentage of participants with follow-up information at day 28 and at 6 months after the relevant randomisation will be reported. Data will be shown for each of the following: all-cause mortality, hospital discharge status, ventilation status, and will be shown for each randomised group for the main and second randomisation separately.

4.4 Adherence to treatment

The number and proportion of patients who did not receive the treatment they were allocated to will be reported. If any other trial treatment options were known to be received, instead of or in addition to, the allocated treatment during the 28-day follow-up period after the first randomisation, these will be collected and reported. Details on the number of days (or doses) of treatment received will be reported for all trial treatments received where available.

5 COMPARATIVE ANALYSES

For all outcomes, the primary analysis will be performed on the intention to treat (ITT) population at 28 days after randomisation. (Additional details specific to the comparison of REGN-COV2 vs. usual care are provided in Appendix A. An ITT analysis of all outcomes at 6 months post-randomisation will also be conducted.

Pairwise comparisons will be made between each treatment arm and the no additional treatment arm (reference group) in that particular randomisation (main randomisation part A, main randomisation part B, main randomisation part C, main randomisation part D, main randomisation part E and second randomisation). Since not all treatments may be available or suitable for all patients, those in the no additional treatment arm will only be included in a given comparison if, at the point of their randomisation, they *could* alternatively have been randomised to the active treatment of interest (i.e. the active treatment was available at the time and it was not contra-indicated). The same applies to treatment arms added at a later stage; they will only be compared to those patients recruited concurrently.

5.1 Main randomisation part A

5.1.1 Primary outcome

Mortality (all-cause) will be summarised with counts and percentages by randomised comparison group. A time-to-event analysis will be conducted using the log-rank test, with the p-value reported. Kaplan-Meier estimates for the time to event will also be plotted (with associated log-rank p-values). The log-rank 'observed minus expected' statistic (and its variance) will be used to calculate the one-step estimate of the event rate ratio and confidence interval for each treatment group versus the no additional treatment group.⁵ For the primary outcome, discharge alive before the relevant time period (28 days after randomisation) will be assumed as absence of the event (unless there is additional data confirming otherwise).

5.1.2 Secondary outcomes

5.1.3 *Time to discharge alive from hospital*

A time-to-event analysis will be used to compare each treatment group with the no additional treatment group using the log-rank test. As described for the primary outcome, the rate ratio and its confidence interval will be estimated from the log-rank observed minus expected statistic and its variance, and Kaplan-Meier curves will be drawn. Patients who die in hospital will be censored after 28 days after randomisation. This gives an unbiased estimate of the recovery rate and comparable estimates to the competing risks approach in the absence of other censoring (which is expected to be very minimal).⁶

5.1.4 *Use of invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO) or death*

Counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group and the risk ratio will be calculated for each pairwise comparison with the no additional treatment arm, with confidence intervals and p-values reported. The absolute risk difference will also be presented with confidence intervals. Each component of this composite outcome will also be summarised. Patients who were already on invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO at randomisation will be excluded from these analyses.

5.1.5 *Subsidiary clinical outcomes*

5.1.6 *Use of ventilation (overall and by type)*

Counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group for patients who received any assisted ventilation, together with risk ratios and confidence intervals for each pairwise comparison with the no additional treatment arm. The number of patients receiving the two main types of ventilation will also be reported: non-invasive ventilation (including CPAP, other non-invasive ventilation or high-flow nasal oxygen), and invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO). Patients who were already receiving ventilation^a at randomisation will be excluded from these analyses.

5.1.7 *Duration of invasive mechanical ventilation (time to successful cessation of invasive mechanical ventilation)*

Successful cessation of invasive mechanical ventilation will be defined as removal of invasive mechanical ventilation within (and survival to) 28 days after randomisation. A time-to-event analysis will be used to compare each treatment group with the no additional treatment group using the log-rank test, as described above. The rate ratio and its confidence interval will be estimated from the log-rank observed minus expected statistic and its variance, and Kaplan-Meier curves will be drawn. Patients who die within 28 days of randomisation will be censored *after* 28 days after randomisation. Patients who were not already on invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO at randomisation will be excluded from these analyses.

5.1.8 *Use of renal dialysis or haemofiltration*

Counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group and the risk ratio will be calculated for each pairwise comparison with the no additional treatment arm, with

^a Participants recruited to the main randomisation prior to protocol version 9.1 who were already receiving oxygen at randomisation will also be excluded from these analyses (since it is not possible to distinguish those who were already receiving non-invasive ventilation).

confidence intervals and p-values reported. The absolute risk difference will also be presented with confidence intervals. Patients who were already on renal dialysis or haemofiltration at randomisation will be excluded from these analyses.

5.1.9 *Thrombotic event*

Counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group. The absolute risk differences will also be presented with confidence intervals. Type of thrombotic event will also be described: (i) acute pulmonary embolism; (ii) deep vein thrombosis; (iii) ischaemic stroke, (iv) myocardial infarction; (v) systemic arterial embolism; and (vi) all sites combined.

5.2 Main randomisation part B

In the factorial design, the main effects of treatments evaluated in part B will be presented and tested across all arms in main randomisation parts A, C, D, E and F combined, as described in 5.1. (Assessments of whether the effects of treatments in part B vary depending on other randomised treatments are described in section 5.10).

5.3 Main randomisation part C

In the factorial design, the main effects of treatments evaluated in part C will be presented and tested across all arms in main randomisation parts A, B, D, E and F combined, as described in 5.1. (Assessments of whether the effects of treatments in part C vary depending on other randomised treatments are described in section 5.10).

5.4 Main randomisation part D

In the factorial design, the main effects of treatments evaluated in part D will be presented and tested across all arms in main randomisation parts A, B, C, E and F combined, as described in 5.1. (Assessments of whether the effects of treatments in part D vary depending on other randomised treatments are described in section 5.10).

5.5 Main randomisation part E

In the factorial design, the main effects of treatments evaluated in part E will be presented and tested across all arms in main randomisation parts A, B, C, D and F combined, as described in 5.1. (Assessments of whether the effects of treatments in part E vary depending on other randomised treatments are described in section 5.10).

5.6 Main randomisation part F

In the factorial design, the main effects of treatments evaluated in part F will be presented and tested across all arms in main randomisation parts A to E combined, as described in 5.1. (Assessments of whether the effects of treatments in part F vary depending on other randomised treatments are described in section 5.10).

5.7 Second randomisation

Evaluation of treatment effects in the main randomisation and the second randomisation will be conducted independently, as described in 5.1.

5.8 Pre-specified subgroup analyses

Pre-specified subgroup analyses will be conducted for the main randomisation (parts A, B, C, D, E and F) and the second randomisation, for the following outcomes:

- Mortality (all-cause)
- Time to discharge from hospital
- Use of invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO) or death

Tests for heterogeneity (or tests for trend for 3 or more ordered groups) will be conducted to assess whether there is any good evidence that the effects in particular subgroups differ materially from the overall effect seen in all patients combined. Results will be presented on forest plots as event rate ratios, or risk ratios, with confidence intervals. The following subgroups will be examined based on information at randomisation:

- Age (<70; 70-79; 80+ years)
- Sex (Male; Female)
- Ethnicity (White; Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic)
- Region (UK, non-UK)
- Time since illness onset (≤ 7 days; > 7 days)
- Requirement for respiratory support
 - For main randomisation: None; Oxygen only; Non-invasive ventilation; Invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO)^b
 - For second randomisation: No ventilator support (including no or low-flow oxygen); Non-invasive ventilation (including CPAP, other non-invasive ventilation, or high-flow nasal oxygen), Invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO)
- Use of systemic corticosteroid (including dexamethasone)
- For part B only: Recipient anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody concentration at randomisation ($< 8 \times 10^6$ units; $\geq 8 \times 10^6$ units^c). (This will be the key subgroup for the REGN-COV2 comparison.)

5.9 Sensitivity analyses

Sensitivity analyses of the primary and secondary outcomes will be conducted among those patients with a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 (i.e. confirmed cases).

5.10 Other exploratory analyses

In addition, exploratory analyses will be conducted to test for interactions between treatments allocated in each of the different randomisations, provided that doing so does not lead to premature unblinding of results for ongoing comparators.

^b Participants recruited before protocol V9.1 who were receiving oxygen would be presented in a fifth subgroup but not included in the test for trend

Non-randomised exploratory analyses will be used to explore the likely influence of different levels of convalescent plasma antibody concentrations on the efficacy of convalescent plasma.

Additional analyses will set the results for children (<18 years) and pregnant women in the context of the overall results.

5.11 Adjustment for baseline characteristics

The main analyses described above will be unadjusted for baseline characteristics. However, if there are any important imbalances between the randomised groups in key baseline pre-specified subgroups (see section 5.4) or allocation in the orthogonal components of the main randomisation, where applicable, emphasis will be placed on analyses that are adjusted for the relevant baseline characteristic(s). This will be done using Cox regression for the estimation of adjusted hazard ratios and a log-binomial regression model for the estimation of adjusted risk ratios.

5.12 Significance levels and adjustment of p-values for multiplicity

Evaluation of the primary trial (main randomisation) and secondary randomisation will be conducted independently, and no adjustment be made for these. Formal adjustment will not be made for multiple treatment comparisons, the testing of secondary and subsidiary outcomes, or subgroup analyses (with one exception; see Appendix A). However, due allowance for multiple testing will be made in the interpretation of the results: the larger the number of events on which a comparison is based and the more extreme the P-value after any allowance has been made for the nature of the particular comparison (i.e. primary or secondary; pre-specified or exploratory), the more reliable the comparison and, hence, the more definite any finding will be considered. 95% confidence intervals will be presented for the main comparisons.

5.13 Statistical software employed

The statistical software SAS version 9.4 and R Studio 3.6.2 (or later) for Windows will be used for the interim and final analyses.

5.14 Data standards and coding terminology

Datasets for analysis will be prepared using CDISC standards for SDTM and ADaM. Wherever possible, clinical outcomes (which may be obtained in a variety of standards, including ICD10 and OPCS-4) will be coded using MedDRA version 20.1.

6 SAFETY DATA

Suspected serious adverse reactions (SSARs) and suspected unexpected serious adverse reactions (SUSARs) will be listed by trial allocation.

For each of the following, counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group. Where possible, the absolute risk differences will also be presented with confidence intervals:

6.1 Cause-specific mortality

Cause-specific mortality (COVID-19, other infection, cardiac, stroke, other vascular, cancer, other medical, external, unknown cause) will be analysed in a similar manner to the primary outcome.

6.2 Major cardiac arrhythmia

Type of arrhythmia will also be described: (i) atrial flutter or fibrillation; (ii) supraventricular tachycardia; (iii) ventricular tachycardia; (iv) ventricular fibrillation; (v) atrioventricular block requiring intervention, with subtotals for (i)-(ii) and (iii)-(iv).

6.3 Major bleeding

Type of bleeding will also be described: (i) intracranial bleeding; (ii) gastro-intestinal bleeding; (iii) other bleeding site, and (iv) all sites combined.

6.4 Early safety of anti-coronavirus antibody-based therapy

Additional safety data will be collected in a subset of patients randomised to part B: (i) sudden worsening in respiratory status; (ii) severe allergic reaction; (iii) temperature $>39^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $\geq 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ rise since randomisation; (iv) sudden hypotension; (v) clinical haemolysis; and (vi) thrombotic event.

6.5 Other infections

Other infections occurring after randomisation will be described. These will be classified primarily by site (pneumonia, urinary tract, biliary, other intra-abdominal, blood stream, skin, other). Information on putative organism (other virus, bacterial, fungal, other and unknown) is also collected.

6.6 Metabolic complications

Incidence of the following metabolic complications after randomisation will be described:

- Ketoacidosis (defined as combination of ketosis [blood ketones ≥ 1.5 mmol/L or urine ketones $\geq 2+$] and acidosis [venous bicarbonate < 15 mmol/L])
- Hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state
- Other hyperglycaemia requiring new use of insulin
- Severe hypoglycaemia (causing reduced conscious level requiring another person to help recover)

7 ADDITIONAL POST-HOC EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS

Any post-hoc analysis requested by the oversight committees, a journal editor or referees will be labelled explicitly as such. Any further future analyses not specified in the analysis protocol will be exploratory in nature and will be documented in a separate statistical analysis plan.

8 DIFFERENCES FROM PROTOCOL

The testing of multiple treatment arms will not formally be adjusted for, but given the number of comparisons, due allowance will be made in their interpretation. Formal methods of adjustment for multiplicity were not adopted because of treatment arms being added over time (including the factorial convalescent plasma comparison), unequal recruitment into each arm, and the ultimate number of treatments under evaluation not being known in advance.

This analysis plan will be updated prior to unblinding of the 6-month follow-up results. Additional analyses may be specified, e.g. to explore the impact of randomised treatment allocation on hospital re-admission for COVID-19.

9 EARLY PHASE ASSESSMENTS

The following approach is required for the evaluation of treatments indicated as undergoing Early Phase Assessment in the protocol (introduced in Protocol version 14.0):

9.1 Definitions of clinical outcomes

9.1.1 *Primary outcome*

- WHO ordinal scale on day 5

9.1.2 *Secondary clinical outcomes*

- Time to sustained improvement (i.e., value better than baseline value persisting for >1 day) by at least one category on the WHO ordinal scale from baseline
- S/F₉₄ ratio at day 5
- Time to discharge from hospital
- Improvement in clinical status at day 10
- Blood C-reactive protein at day 5

9.1.3 *Subsidiary clinical outcomes*

- All other subsidiary outcomes as described above (section 2.6.3)

9.1.4 *Safety outcomes*

- Flushing (incidence, severity)
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (incidence, severity)
- Reasons for stopping study treatment
- Transaminitis (ALT >3x upper limit of normal)
- Acute kidney injury (creatinine >1.5x value entered at randomisation)
- All other subsidiary outcomes as described above (section 2.6.4)

9.2 Baseline comparability of randomised groups

Unless otherwise specified, analyses will follow the plan described above (section 4). In addition, the following characteristics will be described:

- Oxygen saturation measurement on air (if available)
- S/F₉₄ ratio
- WHO Ordinal Scale
- All other characteristics as described above (section 4.2)

9.3 Comparative analysis

Unless otherwise specified, comparative analyses will follow the plan described above (section 5). In addition,

9.3.1 *Primary outcome*

The primary comparison will involve an “intention to treat” analysis among all participants randomised between the active arm and its control of the effect of the active treatment on WHO scale at day 5, adjusted for baseline score. A proportional odds model will be used to assess the common odds ratio of better outcome for each pairwise comparison with the no additional treatment arm.⁸ In addition, a sensitivity analysis to the proportional odds model using Howard’s method will be performed if the proportional odds assumption is not satisfied.⁹

9.3.2 *Secondary outcomes*

9.3.2.1 *Time to sustained improvement by at least one category on the WHO ordinal scale from baseline*

A time-to-event analysis will be used to compare each treatment group with the no additional treatment group using the log-rank test (restricted to the first 10 days of the trial as the WHO score is not collected after this). The rate ratio and its confidence interval will be estimated from the log-rank observed minus expected statistic and its variance, and Kaplan-Meier curves will be drawn.

9.3.2.2 *Improvement in clinical status at day 10*

Counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group for patients with an improvement of at least one category on the WHO ordinal scale from baseline, together with odds ratios and confidence intervals for each pairwise comparison with the no additional treatment arm.

9.3.2.3 *Blood C-reactive protein at day 5*

Geometric mean C-reactive protein at day 5 will be compared between treatment arms. Estimates will be obtained from analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) for the log transformed CRP values after adjustment for each participant's baseline value. Approximate standard errors for the geometric means will be calculated from the confidence intervals. Missing CRP values will be handled as described in section 9.3.2.5.

9.3.2.4 *S/F₉₄ ratio at day 5*

Mean S/F₉₄ ratio at day 5 will be compared between treatment arms. Estimates will be obtained from analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) after adjustment for each participant's baseline S/F₉₄ ratio. Missing S/F₉₄ ratio values will be handled as described in section 9.3.2.5

9.3.2.5 *Imputation of missing data*

All analyses will be done according to the intention-to-treat principle and, hence, missing secondary outcome data will be imputed. For each of the continuous outcomes (e.g., CRP, S/F₉₄ ratio) missing post-randomisation results will be imputed using multiple imputation, using 20 imputed data sets, with results across imputations being combined using the methods of Rubin.¹⁰ The imputation procedure will take into consideration each participant's key baseline characteristics (listed in section 5.8), treatment allocation and any intermediate follow-up values of the biomarker, where available. For S/F₉₄ ratio, WHO ordinal scale values on days 3 and 5 will also be used in the imputation procedure. For patients who are discharged from hospital and for whom it is not possible to measure S/F₉₄ ratio at day 5, a value of 4.76^d will be imputed. The results from these analyses will be compared with those from equivalent "complete-case" analyses, but primary emphasis will be placed on the results after multiple imputation. All multiple imputation analyses will be implemented using the multiple imputation procedure in SAS version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary NC), using the expectation-maximization algorithm (which assumes a multivariate normal distribution) to impute values.

^d 4.76 = 1.0/0.21 (ie, the value of healthy lungs which provide 100% saturations when breathing 21% oxygen)

For any continuous variables with missing baseline values, the mean among those with observed values will be imputed.

9.3.3 *Safety outcomes*

Counts and percentages will be presented by randomised group. The absolute risk differences will also be presented with confidence intervals for each of the following:

- Flushing (incidence, severity)
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (incidence, severity)
- Reasons for stopping study treatment
- Transaminitis (ALT >3x upper limit of normal)
- Acute kidney injury (creatinine >1.5x value entered at randomisation)

10 6-MONTH ASSESSMENTS

This section details the proposed analysis of the clinical outcomes 6 months after initial randomisation in the RECOVERY trial.

10.1 Trial outcomes

Unless otherwise specified, primary, secondary, subsidiary, and safety outcomes are as specified earlier in this document. Subgroup analyses will be conducted in the same subgroups as used in the 28 day outcome publications.

10.1.1 *Changes to definition of clinical outcomes*

10.1.1.1 *Use of ventilation*

For the secondary and subsidiary clinical outcomes, use of ventilation includes ventilation occurring during index admission, or where the participant is readmitted. (Elective admissions will be excluded since ventilation recorded during such admissions are likely to be related to elective surgery rather than complications of COVID-19.)

10.1.1.2 *Use of renal dialysis or haemofiltration*

Use of renal dialysis or haemofiltration at any point during the 6 months following randomisation is included.

10.1.2 *Additional exploratory analyses*

10.1.2.1 *Hospital recorded diagnoses*

For UK participants, diagnoses recorded in hospital datasets after randomisation are identified where they are the primary diagnoses relating to a period in inpatient care. These diagnoses are classified according to whether they are recorded during a planned or emergency (including transfers) admission.

Diagnoses will be tabulated by the categories defined for analysis of cause specific mortality (see below and section 2.6.4). Additional subcategories will be considered (see table below) with any categories containing a small number of events (e.g. fewer than 10) combined with other relevant categories.

Table: Sub-categories of hospital recorded diagnosis considered

COVID-19		
Other infection	Skin soft tissue	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Abdominal	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Respiratory	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Bone and joint	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Urinary	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Bloodstream	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Other	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified
	Unspecified	Bacterial/fungal/viral/TB/other/unspecified

Cardiovascular	Cardiac Stroke Other vascular	MI/other CHD/Heart failure/other cardiac Haemorrhagic/ischaemic/unknown Arterial thrombo-embolism/venous thromboembolism/other vascular
Other	Cancer Diabetes Extra-cranial bleed or perforation Liver Renal Respiratory (not infection) Other medical cause	GI/other
External		
Unknown		

The start date for each diagnosis extracted from the hospitalisation dataset will be used for time-to-event analyses.

Data on admissions to hospital after randomisation will be collected in a complementary way for participants outside the UK.

10.1.2.2 Total duration of critical and hospital in-patient care

In order to assess the total burden of care for the participant and the health system, the following will be extracted from the routine healthcare data and presented as mean (SD) duration in days:

- Total duration (in days) of hospital in-patient care during the 6 months after randomisation
- Total duration (in days) of critical care during the 6 months after randomisation
- Total number of admissions categorised by planned vs emergency (including transfers)

10.2 Censoring and analysis

For the 6 month analyses, participants will be censored at the earliest of death, withdrawal of consent or on study day 184 (where day of randomisation is study day 1).

By 6 months, nearly all participants have either died or been discharged alive, allowing the full effects of the trial treatments on the index admission (i.e. the admission in which the participant was randomised) to be assessed.

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12 APPENDIX A: ANALYSES OF REGN-COV2

12.1 Background & rationale

The RECOVERY trial is testing multiple interventions in a broad population of patients hospitalised with COVID-19. The protocol and statistical analysis plan outline the methods that are to be used in the analysis of these interventions and, to date, the same approach has been appropriate for all completed comparisons. However, it is important that the statistical analysis plan be informed by the best available information about the treatment being tested¹ and the pathophysiology of the disease.

Relevant new information about the effects of REGN-COV2 have emerged since it was added to the trial in September 2020.

REGN-COV2 is a mixture of two synthetic monoclonal antibodies which bind to the receptor binding domain of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and neutralise the virus.² Recently-published trials of REGN-COV2 in ambulatory patients (i.e. those recently diagnosed in the community) have demonstrated that it has larger effects on viral load among people who are “seronegative” at the time of randomisation (i.e. they do not have detectable antibodies of their own against SARS-CoV-2), and seropositive patients derive little or no benefit (in terms of reduction in viral load) from REGN-COV2, compared to placebo.³ Participant serostatus therefore is a potentially key modifier of the effect of REGN-COV2 that may be observed in RECOVERY.

All participants entering the REGN-COV2 comparison in RECOVERY are asked to provide a serum sample which is sent to a central laboratory at the University of Oxford, where antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 are measured using a validated assay. Previous assessments of this assay alongside commercially available assays shows excellent performance at discriminating prior SARS-CoV-2 infection with sensitivity and specificity above 98%.⁴

Earlier versions of the statistical analysis plan recognised the importance of the seronegative subgroup, but review of the emerging literature and regulatory guidance⁵ has led to a change in approach to these analyses. The revised analysis plan for the REGN-COV2 comparison explicitly tests the hypothesis that any benefit of REGN-COV2 on the primary outcome may be wholly or largely restricted to patients who are seronegative at the time of randomisation with little or no benefit among those who are seropositive at that point.

For the avoidance of doubt, all decisions about this modification to the analytical plan were made before recruitment was complete and before any members of the trial steering committee (who are responsible for drafting and approving the SAP) or investigators had access to any unblinded analyses of clinical outcome data for the REGN-COV2 comparison. No members of the independent Data Monitoring Committee (who are the only individuals who can review interim unblinded analyses) were involved in this change.

12.2 Analytical plan

The primary outcome and secondary outcomes remain unchanged. For each outcome, rate ratios and 95% confidence intervals will be calculated separately for participants who are seronegative, seropositive, or with unknown status as well as for the whole trial population. A test for heterogeneity between seronegative and seropositive participants will be presented. The results will be interpreted based on the totality of the evidence.

For the purposes of any regulatory submission: Because any beneficial effect of REGN-COV2 is hypothesised to be larger among seronegative participants (and may be negligible in seropositive participants), the primary outcome will first be assessed among participants who are known to be seronegative at randomisation. If the null hypothesis is rejected in the seronegative group at 2-tailed $p=0.05$, then the primary outcome will be assessed among the whole population (i.e. seronegative, seropositive, and those with unknown status combined). Otherwise, no further hypothesis testing will be performed.

A similar approach will be taken for each of the two pre-specified secondary outcomes (discharge alive within 28 days and, among patients not on invasive mechanical ventilation at baseline, the use of invasive mechanical ventilation or death) if both primary hypotheses are rejected. Hypothesis testing will first be conducted among the participants who are known to be seronegative at randomisation and, if the null hypothesis is rejected at 2-tailed $p=0.025$, then will be assessed among the whole population (see Table).

Table: Hierarchical Testing Order

Hierarchy Number	Type of Outcome	Outcome	Analysis Population	Significance level, α (2-sided)
1.	Primary	Mortality (all-cause), 28 days after randomisation	Seronegative at randomisation	0.05
2.	Primary	Mortality (all-cause), 28 days after randomisation	All participants randomised	0.05
3.*	Secondary	Time to discharge alive from hospital, within 28 days after randomisation	Seronegative at randomisation	0.025
4.	Secondary	Time to discharge alive from hospital, within 28 days after randomisation	All participants randomised	0.025
3.*	Secondary	Use of invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO) or death	Seronegative and not on invasive mechanical ventilation at randomisation	0.025
4.	Secondary	Use of invasive mechanical ventilation (including ECMO) or death	All participants randomised not on invasive mechanical ventilation at randomisation	0.025

* These will be performed simultaneously. Testing will only proceed to the respective overall population if the null hypothesis is rejected in the seronegative group at the specified level of statistical significance.

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Appendix 3: Definition and Derivation of Baseline Characteristics and Outcomes



Definition and Derivation of Baseline Characteristics and Outcomes

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1 Version

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2 Scope

This document describes the definition and derivation of the primary, secondary and other outcomes of the RECOVERY trial for the published trial analyses. It should be read alongside the study protocol which defines the study outcomes briefly, and the Statistical Analysis Plan (SAP) which describes the statistical methods used to analyse these outcomes. The SAP refers to this document (see Section 2.6.4 Detailed derivation of outcomes) which provides detail on how the outcomes are defined, captured and derived.

Most outcomes have more than one potential source which improves completeness of capture but also will inevitably identify discrepancies between different sources. This document describes the principles for how such discrepancies are resolved; the rules for this were developed blind to results. Further details of the methods are described in the RECOVERY trial internal operating procedure for identifying data discrepancies.

3 Abbreviations

ADDE	Annual District Death Extract
CCDS	Critical Care Dataset
CHESS	COVID-19 Hospitalisation in England Surveillance System
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CRP	C-reactive protein
ECMO	Extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation
eCRF	Electronic Case Report Form

FCE	Finished Consultant Episode
FU	Follow-up
HESAPC	Hospital Episode Statistics Admitted Patient Care
HFNO	High-flow nasal oxygen
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases 10 th edition
ICNARC	Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre
IMV	Invasive mechanical ventilation
NHSCR	NHS Central Register (Scotland)
NIV	Non-invasive ventilation
NRS	National Records of Scotland
ONS	Office for National Statistics (ONS)
OPCS-4	Office of Population Censuses Surveys Classification of Surgical Operations and Procedures 4th revision
PDS	Patient Demographic Service
PEDW	Patient Episode Database for Wales
RRT	Renal replacement therapy
PHE	Public Health England
SAP	Statistical Analysis Plan
SICSAG	Scottish Intensive Care Society Audit Group
SMR	Scottish Morbidity Record
SUSAPC	Secondary Use Service Admitted Patient Care
UKRR	UK Renal Registry
WDSD	Welsh Demographic Service
WRRS	Welsh Results Reporting Service

4 Data sources

4.1 Electronic case report forms

4.1.1 Main randomisation

The Randomisation eCRF is completed by hospital staff after patients (or a legal representative) have given consent to participate in the trial. It collects the following participant information:

- Identifiers
 - First name, family name
 - NHS number
 - Date of birth
 - Sex (male/female/unknown)
- Inclusion criteria
 - COVID-19 symptom onset date
 - Date of hospitalisation
- Details of acute illness
 - Requirement for oxygen¹

¹ NHS England advice published on 9 April 2020 stated that the usual oxygen target saturation for prescribed oxygen should change from 94-98% to 92-96% in the first instance. Hospitals may further reduce this to 90-94% if clinically appropriate according to prevailing oxygen demands. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/C0256-specialty-guide-oxygen-therapy-and-coronavirus-9-april-2020.pdf>. Guidance on admission to hospital was similar in Scotland. https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/259232/covid-19_gps_national_supporting_guidance_for_scottish_general_practice.pdf although hospital guidelines in Scotland did not specify a target oxygen saturation.

- Requirement for ventilatory support (none, continuous positive airway pressure, non-invasive ventilation, high-flow nasal oxygen, invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) or extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation) (ECMO)
- Latest oxygen saturation
- Latest C-reactive protein, creatinine and D-dimer measurement (if available)
- Comorbidities
 - Diabetes
 - Heart disease
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Tuberculosis
 - HIV
 - Severe chronic liver disease
 - Severe kidney impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m² or on dialysis)
 - Long QT syndrome
 - Pregnancy
- Current treatment
 - Macrolide antibiotics
 - Aspirin or other antiplatelet therapy
 - Warfarin or direct oral anticoagulant
 - Venous thromboembolism prophylaxis (standard or increased dose due to COVID-19)
 - Remdesivir
 - Systemic corticosteroids
- Other
 - Weight (children only)

4.1.2 Second randomisation

The Second Randomisation eCRF is completed by hospital staff when they wish to randomise participants between tocilizumab or standard care alone if they fulfil the protocol-defined oxygenation and inflammation criteria. It collects the following participant information:

- Inclusion criteria
 - Requirement for oxygen
 - Current level of ventilation support (none/CPAP/NIV/HFNO/IMV/ECMO)
 - Latest CRP
- Other information
 - Latest ferritin and creatinine

4.1.3 Convalescent plasma safety eCRF

This eCRF is completed by hospital staff as soon as possible after 72 hours post-main randomisation for participants who entered the convalescent plasma comparison. It collects the following information:

- Adherence to convalescent plasma allocation (number of units received, whether any were stopped early)
- Adverse events
 - Sudden worsening of respiratory status

- Severe allergic reaction
- Temperature $\geq 39^{\circ}\text{C}$ (or rise $\geq 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ above baseline)
- Sudden hypotension
- Clinical haemolysis
- Thrombotic event

4.1.4 Follow-up

The FU eCRF is completed by hospital staff at the earliest of (i) discharge from acute care (see Section 6.3 below), (ii) death, or (iii) 28 days after the main randomisation. It collects the following information from date of randomisation onwards:

- Adherence to randomised allocation, and receipt of other study treatments or remdesivir (and number of days of treatment)
- COVID diagnostic test result
- Vital status and underlying cause of death (COVID, other infection, cardiovascular, other; if other, a free text description is collected)
- Date of discharge
- Requirement for assisted ventilation (CPAP, NIV, HFNO, IMV, ECMO) and number of days of assisted ventilation and IMV/ECMO separately
- Occurrence of major cardiac arrhythmia (atrial flutter/fibrillation, supraventricular tachycardia, ventricular tachycardia [including torsades de pointes], ventricular fibrillation or bradycardia requiring intervention) (from 12 May 2020)
- Occurrence of thrombotic event (pulmonary embolism; deep-vein thrombosis; ischaemic stroke; myocardial infarction; systemic arterial embolism; other) (from 6 November 2020)
- Occurrence of clinically-significant bleeding i.e. intracranial or requiring intervention (blood transfusion; surgery; endoscopy; vasoactive drug or blood transfusion), by site (intra-cranial; gastrointestinal; other) (from 6 November 2020)
- Requirement for renal replacement therapy

4.2 Registries and NHS datasets

4.2.1 Hospital admissions datasets

4.2.1.1 Secondary Use Service Admitted Patient Care

The SUSAPC dataset is a repository of data hosted by NHS Digital that relates to in-patient care provided in England, which aims to enable reporting and analyses to support the NHS in the delivery of healthcare services. These data are submitted on a regular basis by NHS hospital trusts and at pre-arranged dates during the year. Submissions are consolidated, validated and cleaned and then incorporated into the HESAPC dataset. Data may be incomplete in places and is not quality assured to the same extent as HES, but is available more rapidly.

In the SUSAPC dataset, each record contains data relating to a continuous period of care under one consultant known as a Finished Consultant Episode (FCE). FCEs can be grouped together to form 'Spells'. Each spell is a continuous periods of inpatient care within one hospital. Each FCE contains data about the patient (e.g. sex, ethnicity), the specialty providing the care (e.g. cardiology), ICD-10 diagnostic and OPCS-4 procedure codes, along with dates for each procedure and details about the admission and discharge and other data.

For the main RECOVERY analyses the following data are used;

- Ethnicity
- Sex

- Date of admission and discharge
- Start and end date of the FCE
- Discharge method and destination (which may indicate death of participant)
- Diagnoses recorded during FCE (ICD-10 coded)
- Procedures performed during FCE (OPCS-4 coded) and corresponding dates

Linked SUSAPC data are imported to the RECOVERY trial database approximately twice a month.

4.2.1.2 Hospital Episode Statistics Admitted Patient Care

HESAPC contains data relating to admissions to NHS hospitals in England and is produced from the SUSAPC following a number of cleaning and validation steps. For participants in England, HESAPC is available for the 5 year period prior to enrolment in the study. For the main RECOVERY analyses these data are used to identify prior medical conditions on the basis of recorded ICD-10 and OPCS-4 codes (excluding the admission during which the patient was randomised). Linked HESAPC data are imported to the RECOVERY trial database quarterly.

4.2.1.3 NHS Central Register Scottish Morbidity Record One

The NHSCR SMR01 data set holds episode level data on hospital inpatient and day case discharges from acute specialities from hospitals in Scotland. The data fields used in the RECOVERY trial are equivalent to those used in SUSAPC and HESAPC. Linked NHSCR-SMR01 data are imported approximately twice a month.

4.2.1.4 Patient Episode Data Wales

PEDW contains data relating to admissions to NHS hospitals in Wales. Linked data for RECOVERY participants recruited via sites in Wales will be available for future analysis.

4.2.2 Mortality datasets

4.2.2.1 Patient Demographic Service

The PDS is the electronic database of NHS patient details such as name, address, date of birth and NHS Number for patients in England. For RECOVERY it is used to provide information on fact and date of death. It provides both 'informal' notifications of death (which occur when a health care provider is informed of their patients death and records the reported date of death in their electronic data systems) and 'formal' notifications of death (which are provided by the Office for National Statistics).

4.2.2.2 Office for National Statistics Mortality data

The ONS mortality data contains information related to a person's death taken from the death certificate for all deaths registered in England and Wales. The following data are provided

- The underlying cause of death
- Contributory causes of death
- Other conditions recorded on the death certificate but not contributing to death
- Whether a post-mortem took place

Clinical data are recorded using ICD-10 codes. Linked ONS mortality data are imported into the RECOVERY trial via a monthly extract from NHS Digital.

4.2.2.3 Welsh Demographic Service

WDS data are the electronic database of NHS patient details for patients in Wales and are similar to PDS (4.2.2), providing fact and date of death (including formal or informal

notifications). Linked data for RECOVERY participants recruited via sites in Wales will be available for future analysis.

4.2.2.4 *National Records of Scotland Mortality Data*

The NRS mortality data contain information related to a person's death taken from the death certificate for all deaths registered in Scotland. The data provided includes the date of death and the underlying and contributory causes of death coded in ICD-10. Linked data are imported into the RECOVERY trial database approximately twice a month.

4.2.3 COVID specific datasets

4.2.3.1 *Public Health England Second Generation Surveillance data*

The SGSS is an application that captures, stores and manages routine laboratory surveillance data on infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance from laboratories across England. Once the reports have been loaded into SGSS, each record is subject to a number of validation processes, and local LIMS codes are translated to SGSS codes to standardise the data for analysis. The data is stored in a central database within PHE and details of tests indicating SAR-CoV-2 have been made available to NHS Digital for dissemination for a limited time period. For each test, the following data are available

- Date the sample was collected
- Date the result was reported
- Organism identified (only SARS-CoV-2)

Linked PHE SGSS data are imported into the RECOVERY trial on approximately twice a month.

4.2.3.2 *Public Health Scotland COVID-19 laboratory antigen test positive list*

The Electronic Communication of Surveillance in Scotland (ECOSS) collects routine laboratory surveillance data on infectious diseases from laboratories in Scotland. The data provided to RECOVERY is limited to SARS-CoV-2 results along with the date of the sample and result. .

4.2.3.3 *Welsh Results Reporting Service Pathology Data*

The WRRS contains all Pathology Test Results for Wales in a single database. Tests indicating a positive SAR-CoV-2 antigen linked to the trial participants are obtained.

4.2.3.4 *COVID-19 Hospitalisation in England Surveillance System*

PHE has established the COVID-19 Hospitalisation in England Surveillance System (CHESS), which collects epidemiological data (demographics, risk factors, clinical information on severity, and outcome) on COVID-19 infection in patients requiring hospitalisation and ICU/HDU level care. This dataset has been made available to NHS Digital for dissemination for a limited time period. For RECOVERY the following information is used;

- Date of ICU/HDU admission and discharge
- Use of respiratory support during the admission (including oxygen via cannulae or mask, high flow nasal oxygen, non-invasive ventilation, invasive mechanical ventilation and ECMO)
- Complications during the admission (including viral pneumonia, secondary bacterial pneumonia, ARDS, unknown, and other co-infections)

The CHESS dataset is imported into the RECOVERY trial approximately twice a month.

4.2.3.5 GPES Data for Pandemic Planning and Research (COVID-19) (GDPPR)

GDPPR data is available for RECOVERY participants in England. Data includes patient demographic information and coded medical information (mainly in SNOMED codes).

4.2.4 Intensive Care Datasets

4.2.4.1 Intensive Care National Audit and Research Centre

The ICNARC Case Mix Programme is the national clinical audit covering all NHS adult, general intensive care and combined intensive care/high dependency units in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, plus some additional specialist and non-NHS critical care units. Data are collected about the first 24 hours in ICU/HDU and at discharge from the ICU/HDU with a further data collection point after discharge from hospital. For RECOVERY, the following data recorded at discharge from ICU/HDU are used:

- Date of admission to and discharge from ICU/HDU
- Use of Advanced Respiratory Support (ARS), Basic Respiratory Support (BRS) or Renal Support during the admission
- The number of days of ARS, BRS or Renal Support during the admission
- Date of death (if relevant)

Linked ICNARC data is requested for hospitals recruiting to RECOVERY and are imported approximately twice a month.

4.2.4.2 Scottish Intensive Care Society Audit Group

SICSAG collects data from all general adult Intensive Care Units, Combined Units and the majority of High Dependency Units in Scotland using the WardWatcher system. The following data are used in the RECOVERY trial:

- Date of admission and discharge from ICU/HDU
- Used of mechanical ventilation via endotracheal tube or tracheostomy and use of haemofiltration for each day of during admission

Linked SICSAG data are imported into the RECOVERY trial approximately twice a month.

4.2.4.3 Critical Care dataset

In England and Wales much of the key data collected by ICNARC is also available in the CCDS from NHS Digital or the SAIL datalink Wales. However, both the ICNARC and CCDS data can be subject to different delays during collection, consolidation and dissemination and therefore either source may be incomplete at any one time-point. Both sources are therefore combined to provide information about ICU/HDU care for participants in England and Wales.

4.2.5 Disease specific registries

4.2.5.1 UK Renal Registry

Data from the UK Renal Registry will be available at a later date.

5 Baseline characteristics

Baseline characteristics for the trial cohort are obtained from the first randomisation eCRF for the main randomisation comparisons. For the second randomisation comparisons, the baseline data are obtained either from the second randomisation form directly (e.g. baseline use of respiratory support) or from a calculation based on the first randomisation form data and the number of days between the first and second randomisation forms (e.g. days since symptom onset).

Where fields are missing, they may be supplemented by data from the linked health care data. Generally corrections to the randomisation eCRF data are not made. Exceptions to this would include key participant identifiers (Date of birth, NHS or CHI number, sex) or cases where information is missing. For example, if a site later report that the date of birth was entered incorrectly, this would be confirmed with the site (recorded in the trial data query system) and updated (with appropriate audit trail).

5.1.1 Baseline corticosteroid use

Baseline steroid use is determined as follows:

- Baseline steroid use = yes if allocated dexamethasone in main randomisation OR responded 'yes' to baseline steroid question on main randomisation form (OR [for tocilizumab comparison only] responded 'yes' to baseline steroid question on second randomisation form)
- Otherwise, Baseline steroid use = no if answered 'no' to steroid question on main OR [for tocilizumab comparison only] second randomisation forms
- Otherwise, Baseline steroid use = not asked if recruited prior to June 18th²
- Otherwise, Baseline steroid use = unknown

For the purposes of analysis, baseline steroid use = no and not asked will be combined for subgroup analyses. Participants with baseline steroid use = unknown will be excluded from subgroup analysis, but the number in this subgroup provided in a footnote.

5.2 Additional baseline characteristics

Some baseline characteristics that are not collected on the randomisation eCRF may be extracted from registry data or other sources. These include:

- Ethnicity by Office for National Statistics 2001 census categories (White, BAME [Mixed, Asian or Asian British, Black or Black British, Other Ethnic Groups], Unknown) from linked health care records. Ethnic groups characterised using SNOMED codes within the GDPPR data are mapped to these categories. Where ethnicity records are discrepant between individual episodes in HES/SMR01/PEDW, the most frequently recorded code is used. Where there is discrepancy between this code and the ethnic group recorded in the GDPPR data, the GDPPR code is used.
- Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test from linked health care records. A positive SARS-CoV-2 with a test date within 28 days of the date of first randomisation is considered as confirmed SARS-CoV-2. In the absence of such data for a participant, the data from the randomisation eCRF may be used.
- Comorbidity score: It is possible to calculate comorbidity and frailty scores (e.g. Charlston Comorbidity Score) from prior linked hospital admissions data and this will be done for future exploratory analyses (not specified in the trial SAP).
- Prior End Stage Kidney Disease (see section 6.6)
- Risk: The risk of death by 28 days can be modelled using available baseline characteristics (in the overall trial population) and a risk score derived. Participants will be divided into thirds based on this score (such that each third has approximately the same number of deaths), with the tertiles rounded to clinically-relevant values. For the main trial analyses the groups will defined as risk of death by 28 days of <30%; ≥30% ≤45%; and >45%.

² From 18th June onwards a question on baseline systemic corticosteroid use was added to the main randomisation form following the release of the dexamethasone comparison results.

6 Outcomes

6.1 All-cause mortality

The primary outcome is all-cause mortality at 28 days after randomisation. All-cause mortality will also be assessed at 6 months and other later time points.

6.1.1 Sources

Information on death may come from the following sources:

- FU eCRF (for deaths within first 28 days after randomisation)
- PDS (for participants in England)
- PDS Wales ((or participants in Wales)
- SUSAPC (for participants in England)
- SMR01 (for participants in Scotland)
- PEDW (for participants in Wales)
- ONS mortality data (for participants in England and Wales)
- NRS mortality data (for participants in Scotland)

In general, the primary source will be considered ONS (which includes formal death notification within PDS) and NRS mortality data as these are the official national death registries.

6.1.2 Discrepancies

6.1.2.1 *Fact of death*

The ONS and NRS mortality data will be considered the defining source for fact of death. In order to allow rapid analysis of results, other sources (e.g. informal death notification via PDS, report of death on the FU eCRF, report of death from SUSAPC) are used for DMC and interim analyses. Cases where these reports are not later substantiated by ONS or NRS are individually reviewed and are not considered as deaths, unless a suitable explanation exists.

6.1.2.2 *Date of death*

The ONS and NRS data will be considered the defining source for date of death. In order to allow rapid analysis of data, other sources may be used. Where data sources are discrepant the following hierarchy is applied;

- ONS/NRS (most reliable for date of death), then
- Linked hospital admissions data, then
- FU eCRF , then
- PDS informal death notification (least reliable for date of death)

6.2 Cause-specific mortality

The cause of death for the 28 day analysis will be the underlying cause of death as provided by ONS. The causes of death will be categorised as follows:

- Non-vascular death
 - Death from infection
 - Death from COVID-19
 - Death from other infection
 - Death from cancer
 - Death from other medical causes
 - External deaths
- Vascular death

- Cardiac death
- Stroke death
- Other vascular death
- Unknown death

The ICD-10 codes contributing to these categories are shown in Appendix 1.

6.3 Time to discharge

Time to discharge (which is a more accurate term for duration of admission because only the period from randomisation onwards is relevant) is defined as the number of days a participant remained in hospital for acute care after randomisation. Discharge excludes transfer to another acute hospital, but might include transfer to community hospital for rehabilitation or a hospice for end-of-life care.

6.3.1 Sources

Information on date of discharge may come from the following sources:

- FU eCRF
- SUSAPC (for participants in England)
- PEDW (for participants in Wales)
- SMR01 (for participants in Scotland)

The participant is considered to have transferred between hospitals (i.e. not discharged) if there is another admission to a hospital on that, or the next, day where either the method or source of the admission recorded indicates transfer from another hospital. The first date of discharge which does not fulfil these criteria for an inter-hospital transfer after first or second randomisation is used to determine time to discharge.

6.3.2 Discrepancies

Linked hospital admissions data will be used if date of discharge is discrepant with FU eCRF data. If no linked hospital admissions data are available and the FU eCRF indicates discharge without a date, the date of completion for the FU eCRF will be used.

6.4 Use and duration of ventilation

Assisted ventilation can be broadly divided into

- i. Invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) which includes ECMO (a secondary outcome in combination with all-cause mortality)
- ii. Non-invasive ventilation which includes CPAP, NIV and HFNO (which are included in the subsidiary outcomes)

Information on non-invasive ventilation was collected because at the time the trial was designed there were concerns that the availability of mechanical ventilators would be insufficient to meet demand, so some patients would be treated with non-invasive ventilation when in other circumstances they would have received invasive mechanical ventilation. In reality this situation did not occur, so the emphasis of the analyses (and efforts to resolve discrepancies) is on invasive mechanical ventilation.

6.4.1 Sources

Information on ventilation may come from the following sources:

- FU eCRF
- SUSAPC/SMR01/PEDW
- ICNARC

- SICSAG
- CHESS
- CCDS

However, the coding of ventilation is different in each source.

6.4.2 Fact of assisted ventilation

A participant is considered to have received IMV/ECMO if use of these treatments was recorded on the FU eCRF; if a relevant procedure code was recorded in SUSAPC/SMR01/PEDW within 28 days of randomisation (Appendix 2); if days of advanced respiratory support (ARS) in the ICNARC/CCDS data were considered to fall between randomisation and 28 days (see section 6.4.3) or if the daily SICSAG record indicated that the participant was receiving respiratory support via an endotracheal tube or tracheostomy.

A participant is considered to have received non-invasive ventilation if the site recorded 'yes' to the question 'did the participant receive assisted ventilation' or 'yes' to any of the individual types of non-invasive ventilation (CPAP, BIPAP, HFNO) on the FU eCRF; if a relevant procedure code was recorded in SUSAPC/SMR01/PEDW within 28 days of randomisation (Appendix 2) or if use of HFNO or NIV was recorded in CHESS when the admission and discharge date were both between randomisation and 28 days.

6.4.3 Duration of invasive mechanical ventilation

The data from the critical care datasets (ICNARC, CCDS and SICSAG) are considered the primary source of the duration of IMV. Within ICNARC/CCDS, ARS is considered to be equivalent to IMV, however only the dates of admission and discharge from ICU/HDU and the number of days of ARS are provided. The days of ARS within each critical care episode are assumed to be continuous. The days of ARS were assumed to include randomisation if the participant was recorded as receiving IMV at baseline on the first or second randomisation eCRF as appropriate. Otherwise, the days of ARS are assumed to start from admission to critical care, occur at the mid-point of the critical care admission or end on discharge from critical care depending on the level of care recorded on admission and discharge and, in some cases, the destination on discharge (Appendix 3). Using these assumptions, the information from both ICNARC and the CCDS were used to identify whether IMV was received on each of the 28 days following randomisation. The SICSAG daily record indicated use of IMV on each day.

If no relevant information on IMV is received from ICNARC/CCDS/SICSAG, then the duration of IMV was obtained from the FU eCRF. Cessation of mechanical ventilation is deemed successful if it occurs within (and the participant survives until) 28 days after randomisation.

6.5 Major cardiac arrhythmia

Major cardiac arrhythmias are defined as either:

- i. Atrial flutter or fibrillation
- ii. Supraventricular tachycardia
- iii. Ventricular tachycardia (including torsades de pointes)
- iv. Ventricular fibrillation
- v. Significant bradycardia (requiring intervention)

6.5.1 Sources

Information on cardiac arrhythmias is collected on the FU eCRF (but only for those eCRFs completed from 12 May 2020 onwards when these outcomes were added).

6.6 Renal replacement therapy

Renal replacement therapy (RRT) includes haemodialysis, haemofiltration (and their combination) and peritoneal dialysis. (Kidney transplantation is not relevant in this case.) Individuals receiving RRT at baseline are identified as follows;

- Patients already receiving renal replacement for End Stage Kidney Disease at baseline are identified using linked hospitalisation data (appendix 4).
- From the ICNARC/CCDS data, the combination of the number of Renal Support Days and the start and end date of a critical episode may imply that they must have been receiving renal support at randomisation.
- The SICSAG daily record indicates that Renal Support was received on the day of, or on the day before randomisation.
- A procedure code in SUS/SMR01/PEDW indicating dialysis or haemofiltration with a date within the 3 days prior to first or second randomisation as appropriate (appendix 2).
- (When available) A record of prior RRT (without documented recovery) from the UK Renal Registry

6.6.1 Sources

- FU eCRF
- Linked hospitalisation data (SUSAPC, HES, PEDW, SMR01)
- ICNARC
- SICSAG
- UKRR

6.6.2 Discrepancies

Use of RRT is collected on the FU eCRF. Use of RRT is also identified within the linked hospitalisation data from relevant OPCS-4 codes (Appendix 2). Use of RRT in the ICNARC/CCDS is identified from the recording of Renal Support days where the both the date of admission to and discharge from critical care fall between randomisation and 28 days. The SICSAG daily record indicates RRT if Renal Support is recorded on any day between randomisation and 28 days.

Further information on renal outcomes may become available from the UK Renal Registry data.

7 Competeness of Follow-up

For the 28 day analysis, follow-up information is considered to be complete if a FU eCRF has been completed, or data has been received from a hospital admissions dataset (SUSAPC, PEDW or SMR01) which includes data from the admission during which the participant was randomised.

8 Appendix 1: Cause-specific mortality categories

Category	Label	ICD-10 codes ¹
COVID-19	DTH_COVID	U07.1;U07.2
Other infection	DTH_OTHER_INFECTION	A00*-A99*;B00*-B99*; G00*-G08*; H60*; H62.0-H62.4; H65*-H67*; I33.0; J00*-J22*; J350; J36*-J37*;J39.0; J39.1; J40*-J42*; K61*; K63.0; K67*; L03*-L04*; M00*-M018*; M462*-M465*; M490*-M493*; M600*; M650*- M651*; M710*; M711*; M730*; M731*; M86*; M866*-M869*; M900*; N75.1; O23*; O26.4; O85*; O86.0-I86.3; O86.8; O91*; O98*; P35*-P39*; U04; U04.9
Infection	DTH_INFECTION	DTH_COVID or DTH_OTHER_INFECTION
Cancer	DTH_CAN_ANY	C00*-C97*
Other medical	DTH_OTHMED	DTH_NONVASC not (DTH_CAN_ANY or DTH_INFECTION or DTH_EXTERNAL)
External causes	DTH_EXTERNAL	S00*-Y98*
Non-vascular	DTH_NONVASC	DTH_INFECTION or DTH_CAN_ANY or DTH_OTHMED or DTH_EXTERNAL
Cardiac	DTH_CARDIAC	I00*-I09*; I11*; I13*; I20*-I25*; I27.1; I27.8; I27.9; I30.9-I32.0; I32.8; I33.9-I51.5; I51.7-I52*
Stroke	DTH_STR_ANY	I60*-I66*; I69*
Other vascular	DTH_OTH_VASC	I10*; I15*; I26*; I27.0; I27.2; I28*; I51.6; I67*; I68*; I70*-I83*; I86*-I97*; I98.0, I98.1; I99*
Vascular	DTH_VASC	DTH_CARDIAC or DTH_STR_ANY or DTH_VASC
Unknown	DTH_UNK	R00*-R99*

¹ For example, I2* includes all codes beginning with I2.

ICD-10 5th edition (implemented in the NHS in 2016)

9 Appendix 2: OPCS-4 and ICD-10 codes used to identify assisted ventilation and other outcomes in the linked hospitalisation data

Outcome	code	Code type	Description
Use of CPAP	E85.6	OPCS	Continuous positive airway pressure
Use of NIV	E85.2	OPCS	Non-invasive ventilation NEC
Use IMV	E85.1	OPCS	Invasive ventilation
Use of ECMO	X58.1	OPCS	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
Use of RRT	X40.1	OPCS	Renal dialysis
	X40.3	OPCS	Haemodialysis NEC
	X40.4	OPCS	Haemofiltration

(OPCS and ICD-10 codes used to identify serious arrhythmia and other non-fatal outcomes to be added at a later date.)

10 Appendix: 3: Rules for determining start/end of advanced respiratory support days in the critical care datasets

Information is available in ICNARC/CCDS on

- The start and end date of the critical care episode
- The level of care at admission to the unit
- The level of care at discharge from the unit
- The reason for discharge from the unit
- The number of days of Advance Respiratory Support (ARS) received during the episode

The table below defines the rules for deciding whether the days on ARS in an ICNARC/CCDS episode should count from admission onwards (A), before discharge (D) or at the midpoint between admission and discharge (M)

		Level of care at admission to the unit					blank
		0	1	2	3	blank	
Level of care at discharge from the unit	0	M	M	M	A	A	
	1	M	M	M	A	A	
	2	M	M	M	A	A	
	3	D	D	D	A	D	
	blank	*	*	*	A	A	

* If the reason for discharge from the unit is 'comparable critical care' or 'more-specialist critical care' then D, otherwise M.

The following definitions are taken from the ICNARC data collection manual Version 3.1 (29 June 2009).

Level 3 – indicated by one or more of the following:

- admissions receiving advanced respiratory monitoring and support due to an acute illness
- admissions receiving monitoring and support for two or more organ system dysfunctions (excluding gastrointestinal support) due to an acute illness
- admissions solely receiving basic respiratory monitoring and support and basic cardiovascular monitoring and support due to an acute illness only meet Level 2

Level 2 – indicated by one or more of the following:

- admissions receiving monitoring and support for one organ system dysfunction (excluding gastrointestinal support) due to an acute illness
- admissions solely receiving advanced respiratory monitoring and support due to an acute illness meet Level 3
- admissions solely receiving basic respiratory and basic cardiovascular monitoring and support due to an acute illness meet Level 2
- admissions receiving pre-surgical optimisation including invasive monitoring and treatment to improve organ system function
- admissions receiving extended post-surgical care either because of the procedure and/or the condition of the admission
- admissions stepping down to Level 2 from Level 3 care

Level 1 – indicated by one or more of the following:

- admission recently discharged from a higher level of care
- admissions receiving a greater degree of observation, monitoring, intervention(s), clinical input or advice than Level 0 care
- admissions receiving critical care outreach service support fulfilling the medium-score group, or higher, as defined by NICE Guidelines 50

Level 0 – indicated by the following:

- admissions in hospital and receiving normal ward care

11 Appendix 4: Definition of prior RRT for End Stage Renal Disease

A previously validated algorithm was adapted to identify people requiring dialysis for ESRD from the prior HES/SMR01/PEDW.

Individuals who met the criteria for Rules 2-4 during a hospital admission prior to the admission during which they were randomised were considered to have prior ESRD provided they did not meet the criteria for Rule 1 after meeting the other criteria.

Rule 1: Kidney Transplantation

Occurrence of any incident kidney transplant code (with no removal within 90 days), or a prevalent kidney transplant code with no removal having occurred prior to the record.

Rule 2: Peritoneal maintenance dialysis

Occurrence of any admission with a peritoneal dialysis code (without diagnosis of acute kidney injury).

Rule 3: Definite maintenance dialysis

Occurrence of a dialysis code in a patient who has had:

- (a) a diagnostic code for ESRD any time prior to, or within 365 days; or
- (b) the insertion of an AV fistula or graft any time prior to, or within 365 days.

Rule 4: Probable maintenance dialysis

The occurrence of at least two episodes containing a dialysis code, with at least 90 days between the start of the first recorded dialysis, and the start of any subsequent dialysis (without diagnosis of acute kidney injury).

Relevant ICD-10 and OPCS-4 codes for Rules 1-4 above

Group	Category	ICD-10	OPCS-4	Description
Diagnosis	Acute kidney injury	N17		Acute renal failure
Diagnosis	End-stage renal disease	N18.0		End-stage renal disease
Diagnosis	End-stage renal disease	N18.5		Chronic kidney disease, stage 5
Diagnosis	End-stage renal disease	Q60.1		Renal agenesis, bilateral
Dialysis	Dialysis	E85.3		Secondary systemic amyloidosis (dialysis related)
Dialysis	Dialysis	Y60.2		Unintentional cut, puncture, perforation or haemorrhage during surgical and medical care; during kidney dialysis.....
Dialysis	Dialysis	Y61.2		Foreign object accidentally left in body during surgical and medical care; during kidney dialysis or other perfusion
Dialysis	Dialysis	Y62.2		Failure of sterile precautions during surgical and medical care; during kidney dialysis or other perfusion
Dialysis	Dialysis	Y84.1		Other medical procedures as the cause of abnormal reaction of the patient, or of later complication; kidney dialysis
Dialysis	Dialysis	Z99.2		Dependence on enabling machines and devices, not elsewhere classified; dependence on renal dialysis
Dialysis	Dialysis		X40.1	Renal dialysis
Dialysis	Haemodialysis	T82.4		Mechanical complication of vascular dialysis catheter
Dialysis	Haemodialysis	Z49.1		Care involving dialysis; extracorporeal dialysis
Dialysis	Haemodialysis		X40.3	Haemodialysis NEC
Dialysis	Haemodialysis		X40.4	Haemofiltration
Dialysis	Insertion of AVF or graft		L74.1	Insertion of arteriovenous prosthesis
Dialysis	Insertion of AVF or graft		L74.2	Creation of arteriovenous fistula NEC
Dialysis	Insertion of AVF or graft		L74.6	Creation of graft fistula for dialysis
Dialysis	Insertion of AVF or graft		L74.8	Other specified arteriovenous shunt
Dialysis	Insertion of AVF or graft		L74.9	Unspecified arteriovenous shunt
Dialysis	Insertion of PD catheter		X41.1	Insertion of ambulatory peritoneal dialysis catheter
Dialysis	Peritoneal dialysis	Z49.2		Care involving dialysis; other dialysis
Dialysis	Peritoneal dialysis		X40.2	Peritoneal dialysis NEC
Dialysis	Peritoneal dialysis		X40.5	Automated peritoneal dialysis
Dialysis	Peritoneal dialysis		X40.6	Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
Dialysis	Tunnelled line insertion		L91.5	Insertion of tunnelled venous catheter
Transplantation	Incident kidney transplant		M01.2	Allotransplantation of kidney from live donor
Transplantation	Incident kidney transplant		M01.3	Allotransplantation of kidney from cadaver NEC
Transplantation	Incident kidney transplant		M01.4	Allotransplantation of kidney from cadaver heart beating
Transplantation	Incident kidney transplant		M01.5	Allotransplantation of kidney from cadaver heart non-beating
Transplantation	Incident kidney transplant		M01.8	Other specified transplantation of kidney
Transplantation	Incident kidney transplant		M01.9	Unspecified transplantation of kidney
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant	N16.5		Renal tubulo-interstitial disorders in transplant rejection
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant	T86.1		Kidney transplant failure and rejection
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant	Z94.0		Kidney transplant status
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant		M08.4	Exploration of transplanted kidney
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant		M17.4	Post-transplantation of kidney examination - recipient
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant		M17.8	Other specified interventions associated with transplantation of kidney
Transplantation	Prevalent kidney transplant		M17.9	Unspecified interventions associated with transplantation of kidney
Transplantation	Removal of kidney transplant		M02.6	Excision of rejected transplanted kidney

