

# COVID Therapeutics

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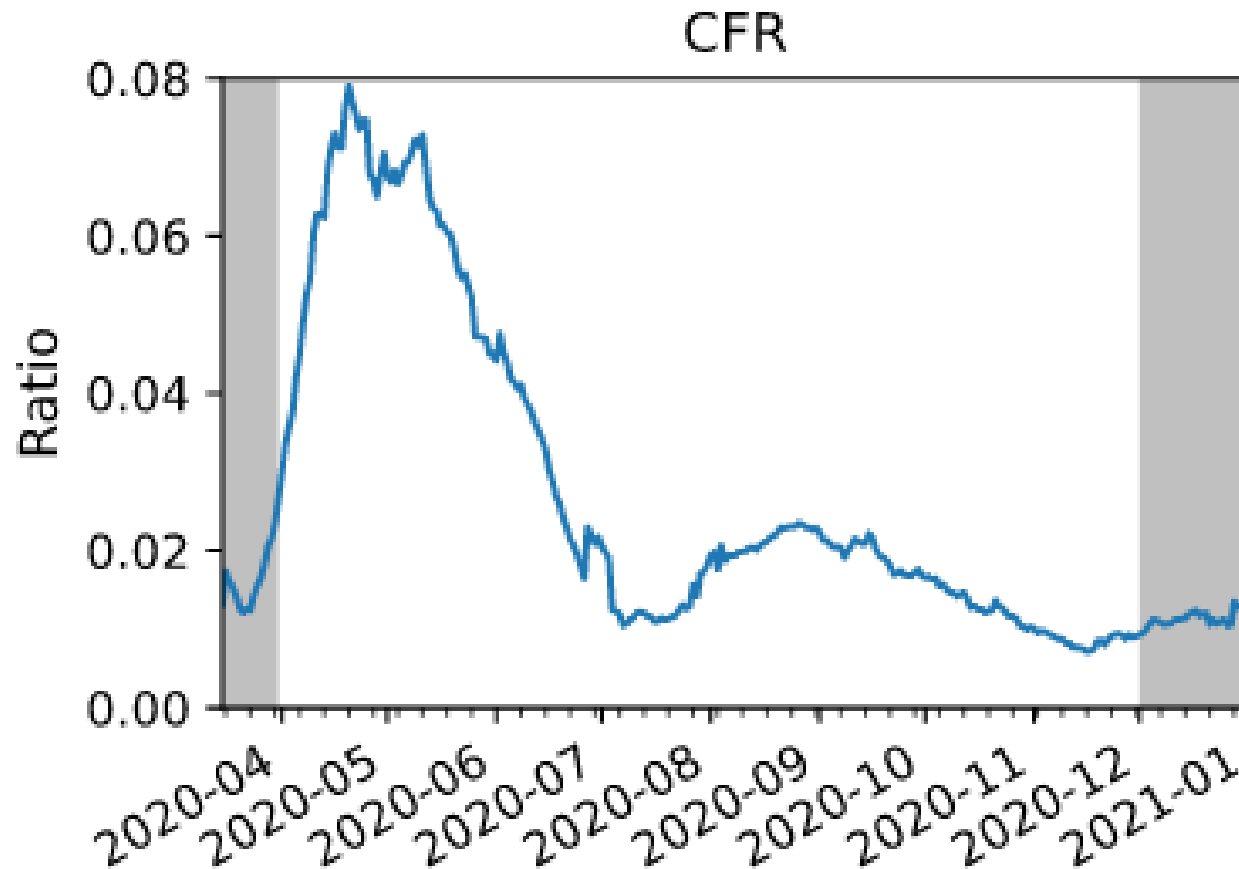
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# Improving outcomes for COVID patients

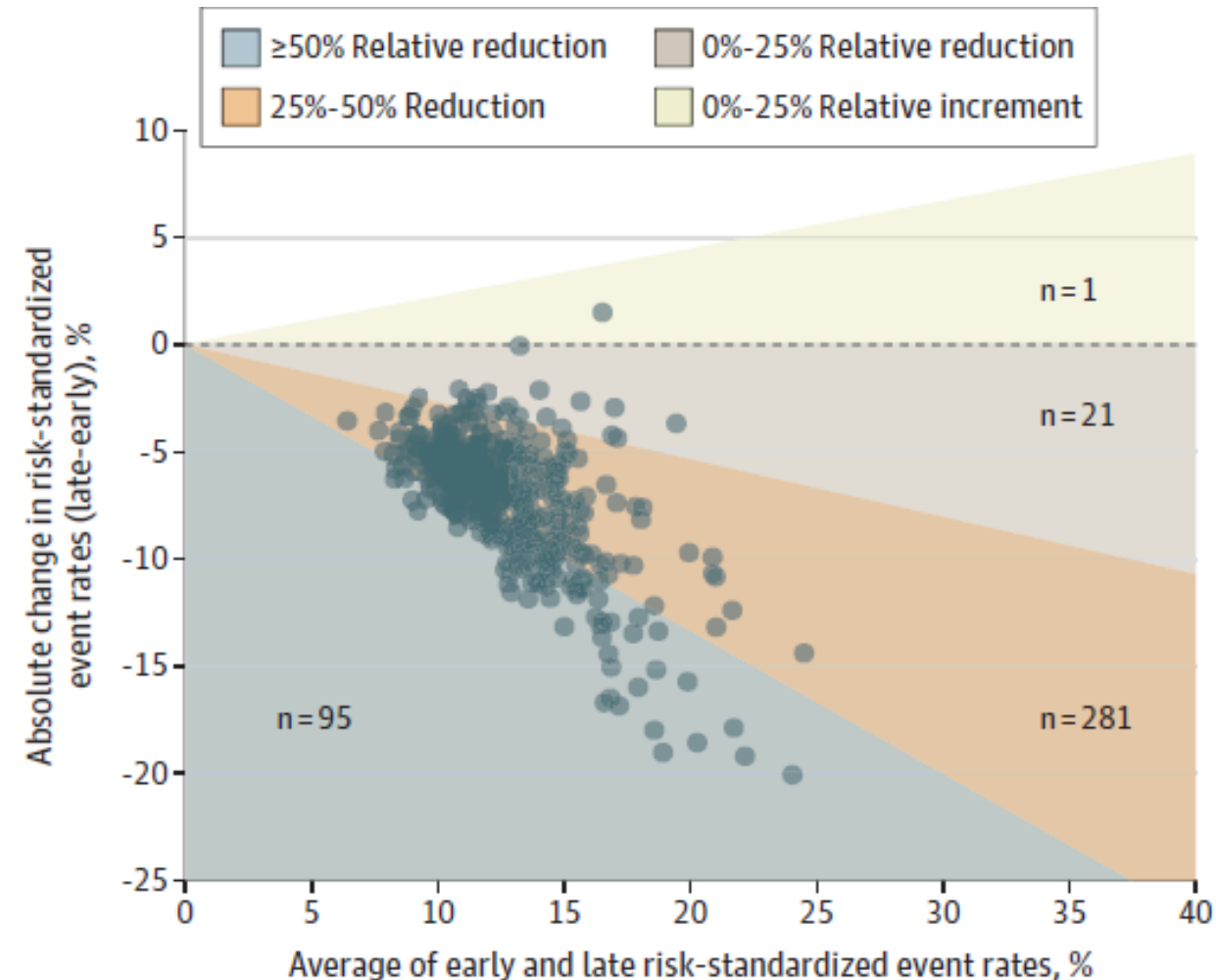
## Overall Case Fatality Rate

April 2020- January 2021

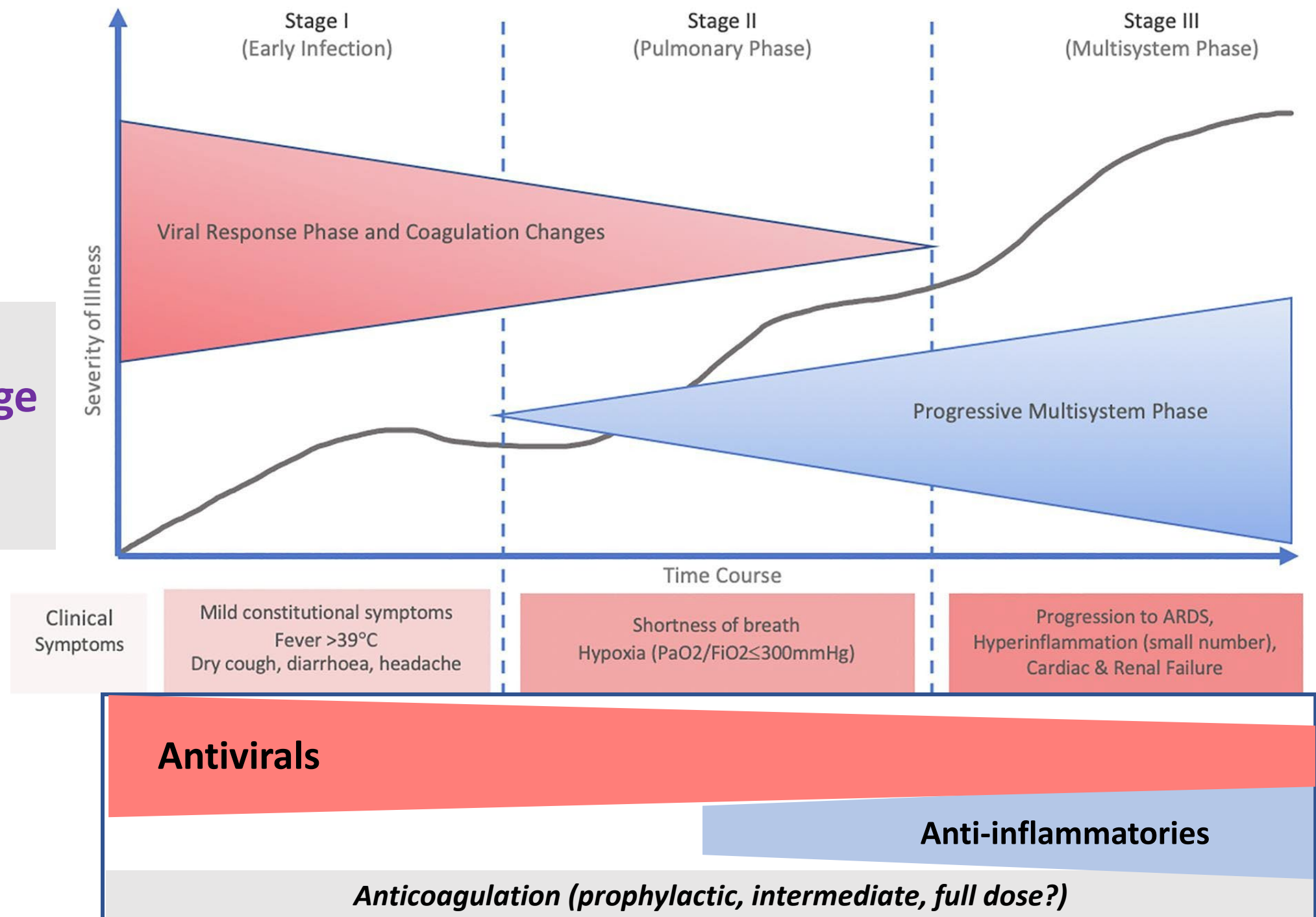


## Reduction of inpatient deaths

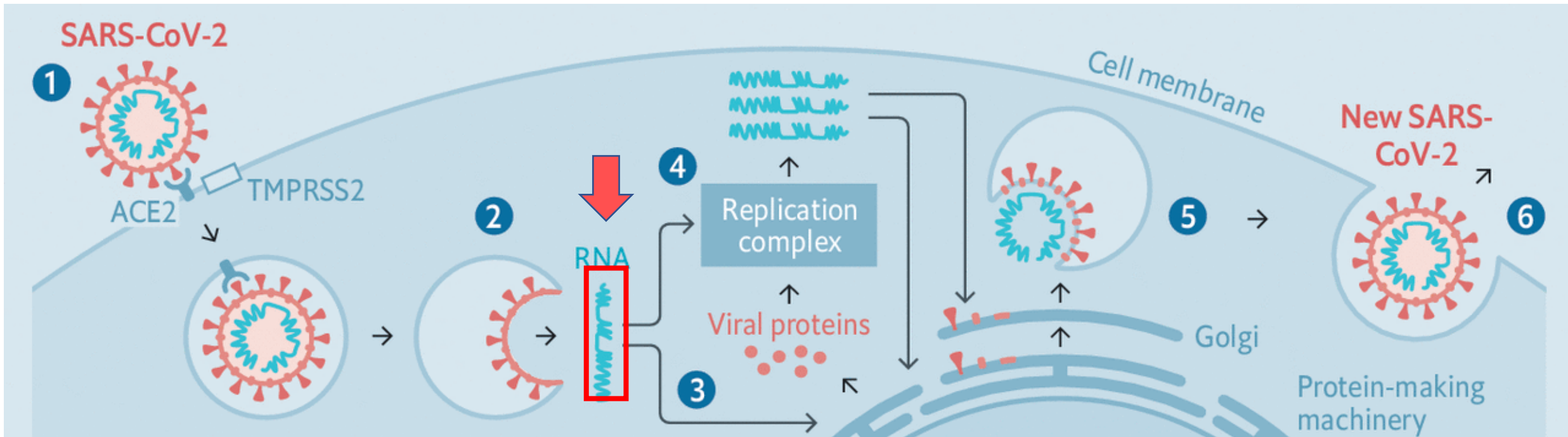
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# Remdesivir



- Broad activity against RNA viruses
- Initially developed for use as an Ebola drug
- Blocks viral reproduction inside the cell (nucleoside analogue of adenosine)
- Has to be given intravenously (IV) – no oral option

# ACTT-1 study

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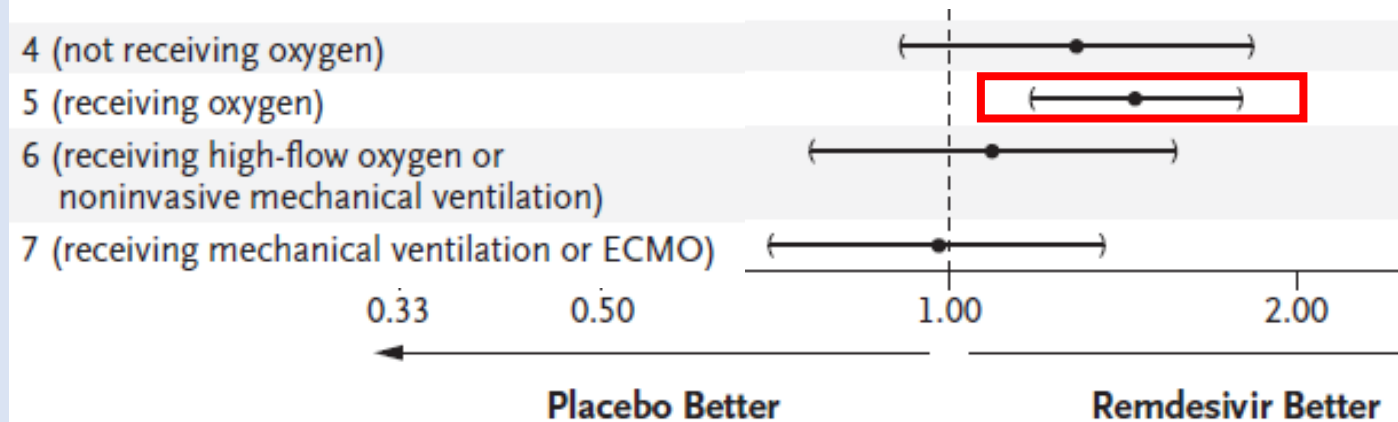
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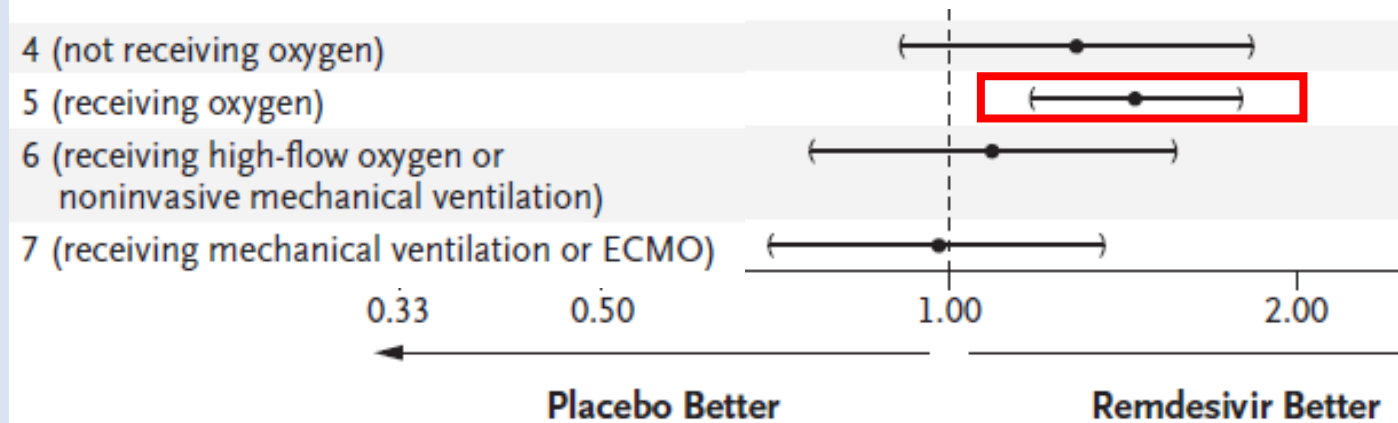
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## Remdesivir: a good start but more progress needed

- ACTT-1 Initial report May 2020
- Overall mortality **11%** in RDV arm
- **19-21%** in those in ICU

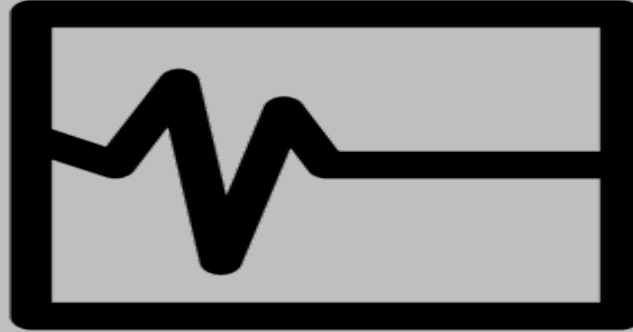


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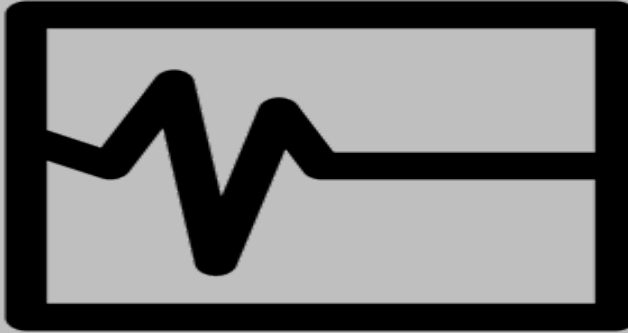


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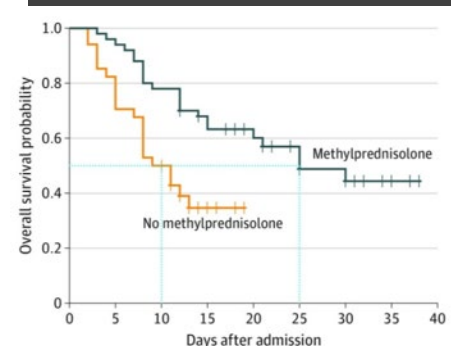


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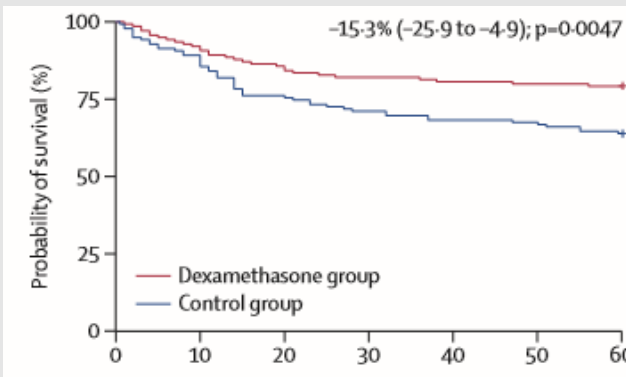


**↑ AEs**

## PROS



**Observational data**



**Dex in early ARDS**

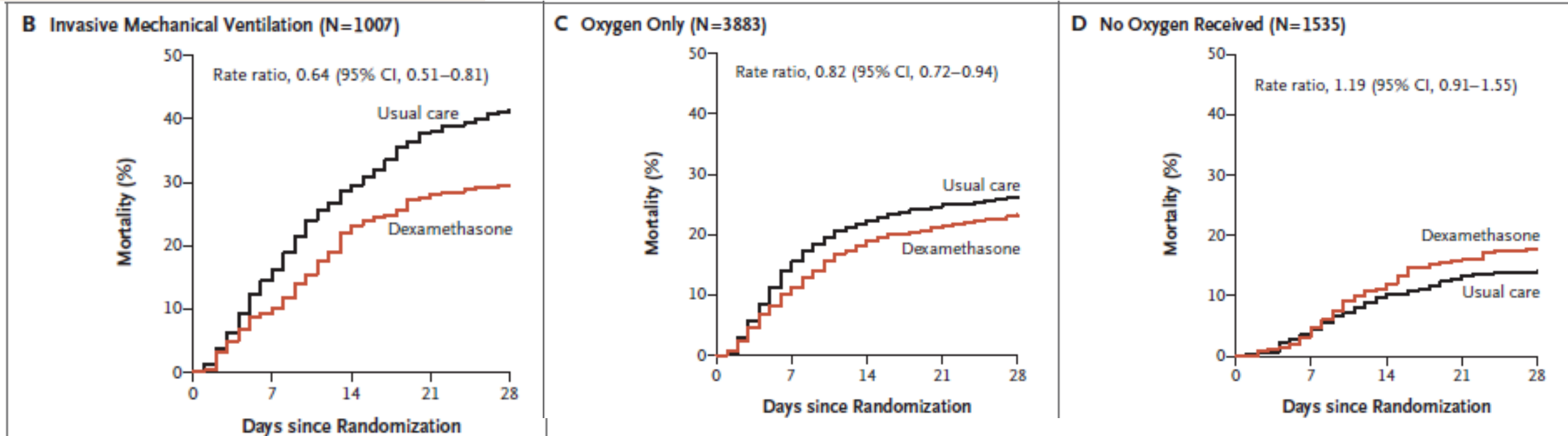


**SCCM/ESICM → use for  
early ARDS**



# Dexamethasone

**Figure 2. Mortality at 28 Days**



**ICU: DEX 29.3% vs No DEX 41.4%**

**Hypoxic: DEX 23.3% vs no DEX 26.2%**

**No O2: DEX 17.8% vs No DEX 14%**

## Clarifications & Caveats

- RECOVERY: No details on impact of Dex by level of oxygen support outside ICU  
No data on adverse events attributed to steroid use
- WHO meta-analysis & several RCTs generally support benefit in critically ill patients



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**Dexamethasone** has been shown to improve mortality in intubated patients and should be used for all intubated patients unless there are contraindications for steroids. We recommend dexamethasone for most patients on HFNC, and it can be considered with at least 4L oxygen requirement and worsening clinical status.

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## ATTACC, REMAP-CAP, and ACTIV IV-4a mpRCT Primary outcome

State & D-dimer Strata	Proportional Odds Ratio Median (95% CrI)	Trial Statistical Conclusion
Moderate state, low D-dimer	1.57 (1.14 - 2.19)	<b>Superiority</b> [Probability of OR>1 = 0.997]
Moderate state, high D-dimer	1.53 (1.09 - 2.17)	<b>Superiority</b> [Probability of OR>1 = 0.991]
Moderate state, missing D-dimer	1.51 (1.06 – 2.15)	n/a <sup>‡</sup>
Severe state	0.76 (0.60 – 0.97)	<b>Futility*</b> [Probability of OR>1.2 < 0.001]

**BENEFICIAL** in  
hospitalized  
patients outside  
the ICU

**Potentially  
HARMFUL** once  
critically ill

\* Posterior probability of **inferiority** [Probability of OR<1 = 0.985]

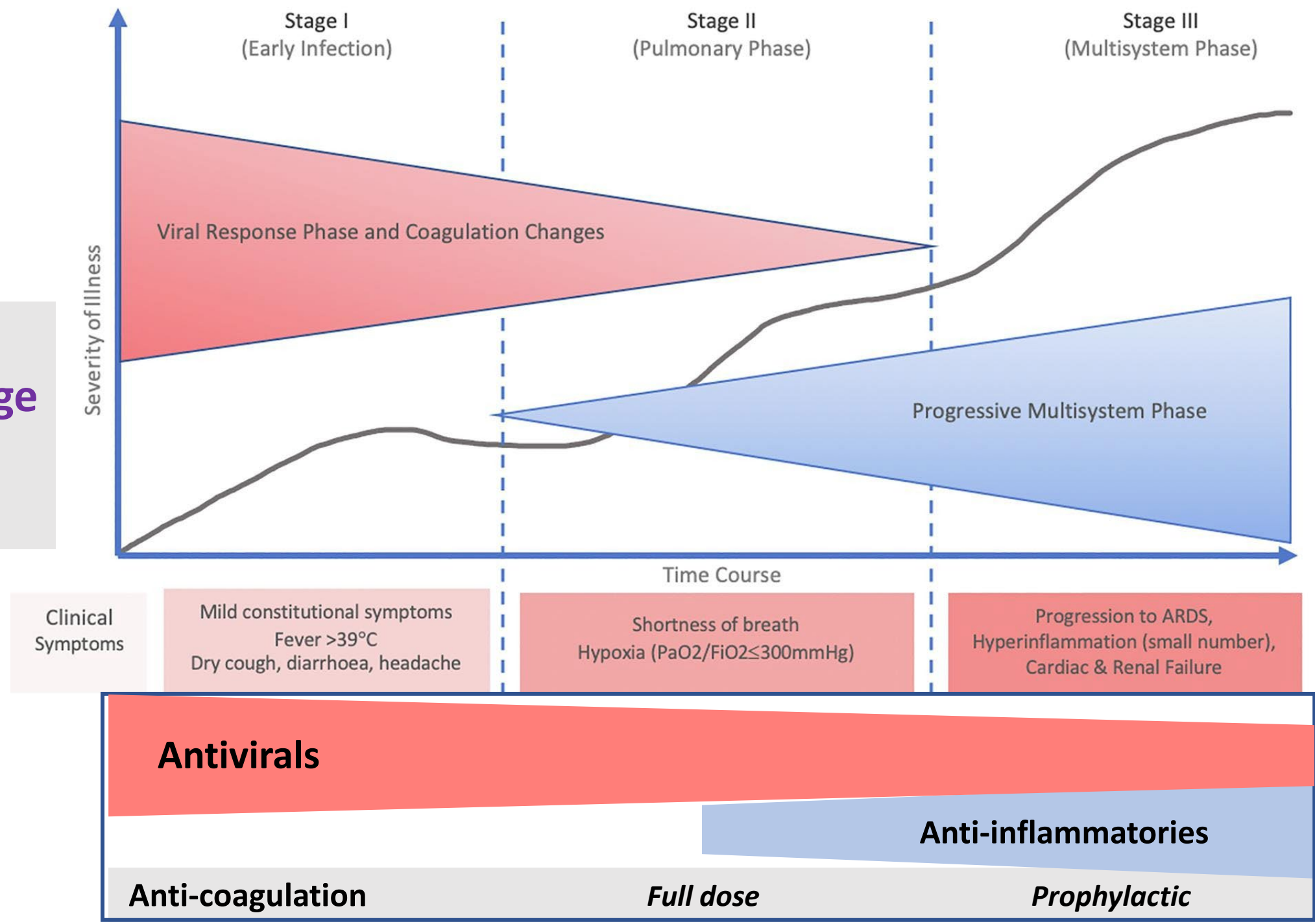
<sup>‡</sup> Not evaluated for stopping at interim

OR >1 represents benefit. A higher OR occurs when either mortality is improved and/or if those who survive have reduced requirement for organ support



- A. DVT prophylaxis is recommended in all hospitalized COVID-19 patients unless there is a contraindication.
- B. ICU patients and those on high flow oxygen should *not* receive therapeutic anticoagulation solely for a COVID-19 indication. Whether intermediate or standard DVT prophylaxis is preferable is an area of active research
- C. Therapeutic (full-dose) anticoagulation is a consideration for the patients meeting the following criteria:
- Primary hospitalization for COVID-19 symptoms (respiratory OR GI)
  - No contraindications to therapeutic anticoagulation (and are not already on DUAL-antiplatelet therapy)
  - On nasal cannula oxygen therapy OR have an elevated D-dimer
  - Not requiring organ support (i.e., not on HFNC, not in the ICU)

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Modified from Gan 2020  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mehy.2020.110024>

# Outpatient COVID treatment?

## Goals of ideal outpatient treatment:

- ✓ Reduce symptom duration
- ✓ Decrease risk of severe disease & hospitalization
- ✓ Reduce infectivity
- ✓ Reduce likelihood of long-term complications
- ✓ Easily administered - oral medication ideal



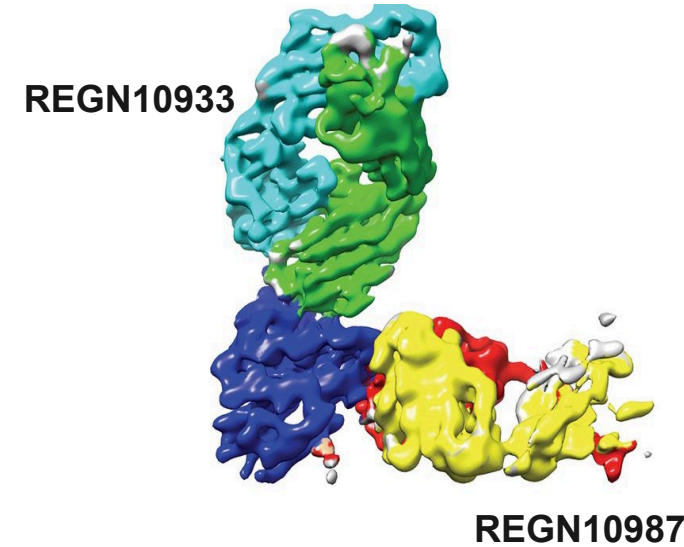
***“Ask your doctor if taking a pill to solve all your problems is right for you”***



# Limited Outpatient COVID therapies

## Approved for use

- Monoclonal antibodies (IV, IM)
  - limited to those at highest risk & as prophylaxis (this indication not FDA approved)
  - Less effective against some variants



## Promising but need more data:

- Inhaled corticosteroids
- Inhaled interferon
- Fluvoxamine
- Oral antivirals: polymerase inhibitor (molnupiravir) & protease inhibitor (PF-0732133)



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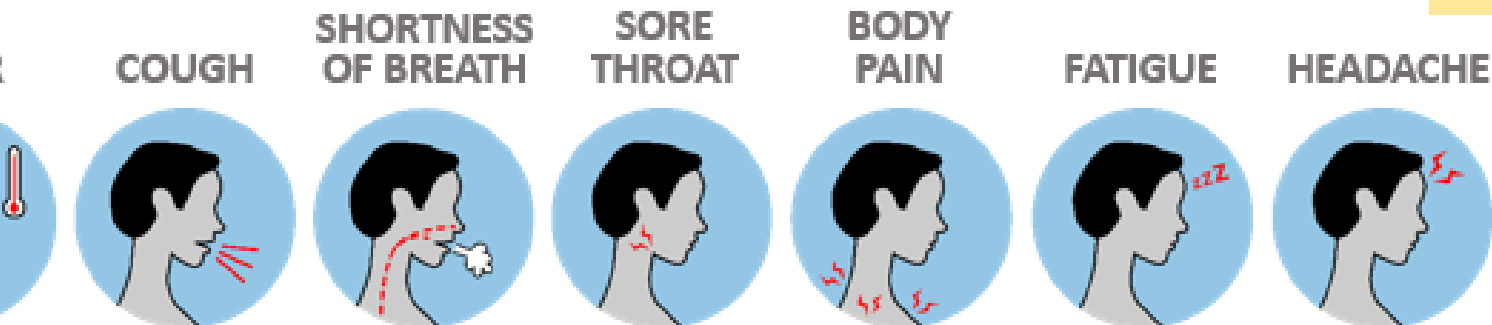
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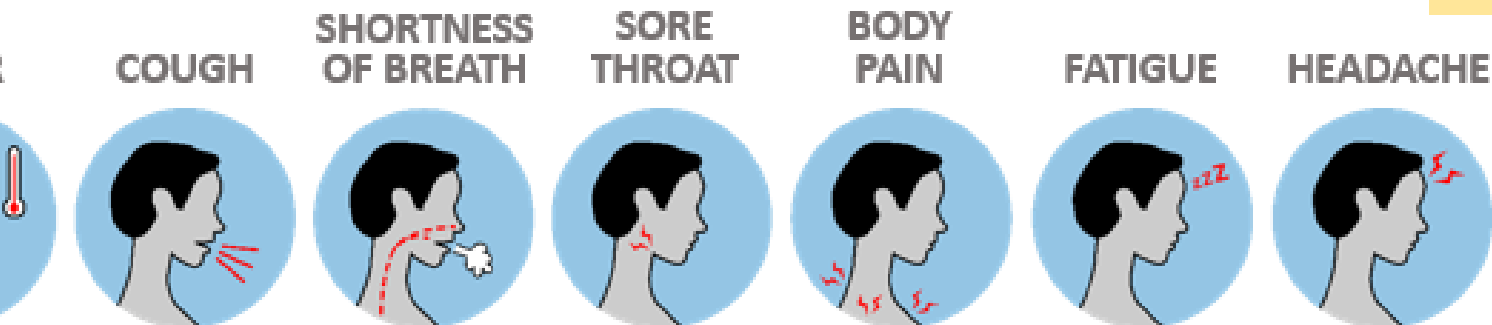
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## Contactless study

- Metformin
- Ivermectin
- Fluvoxamine

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