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Actualización en Epidemiología, Clínica y Antivirales frente a la COVID-19 en Pacientes Infectados por el VIH

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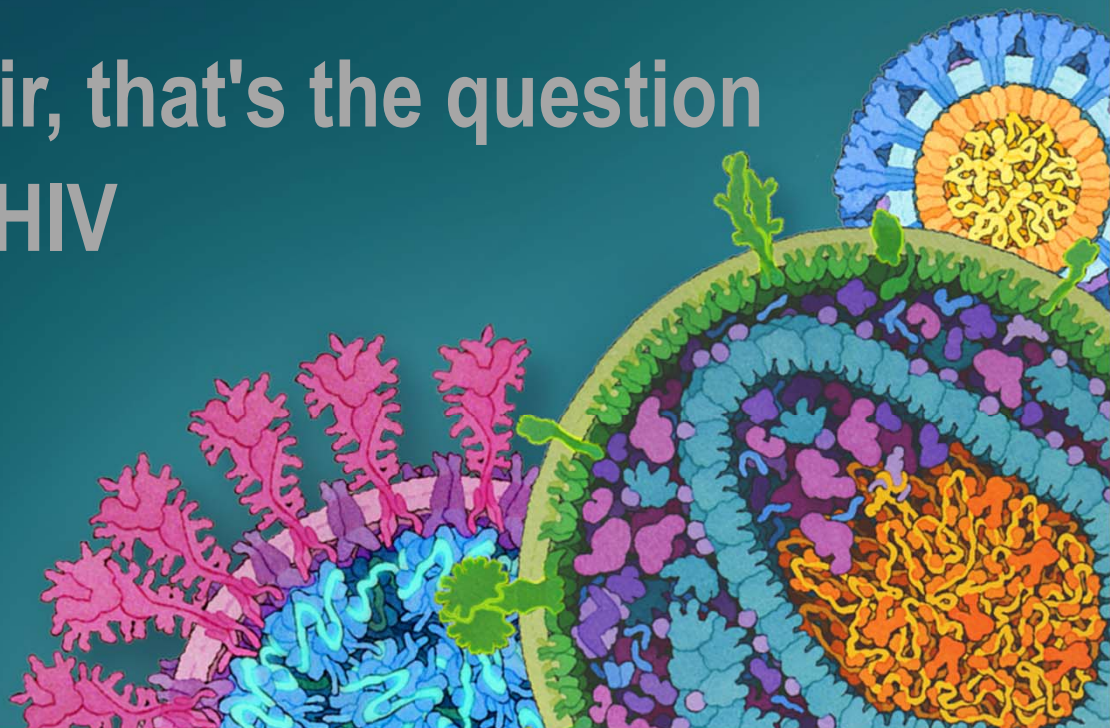
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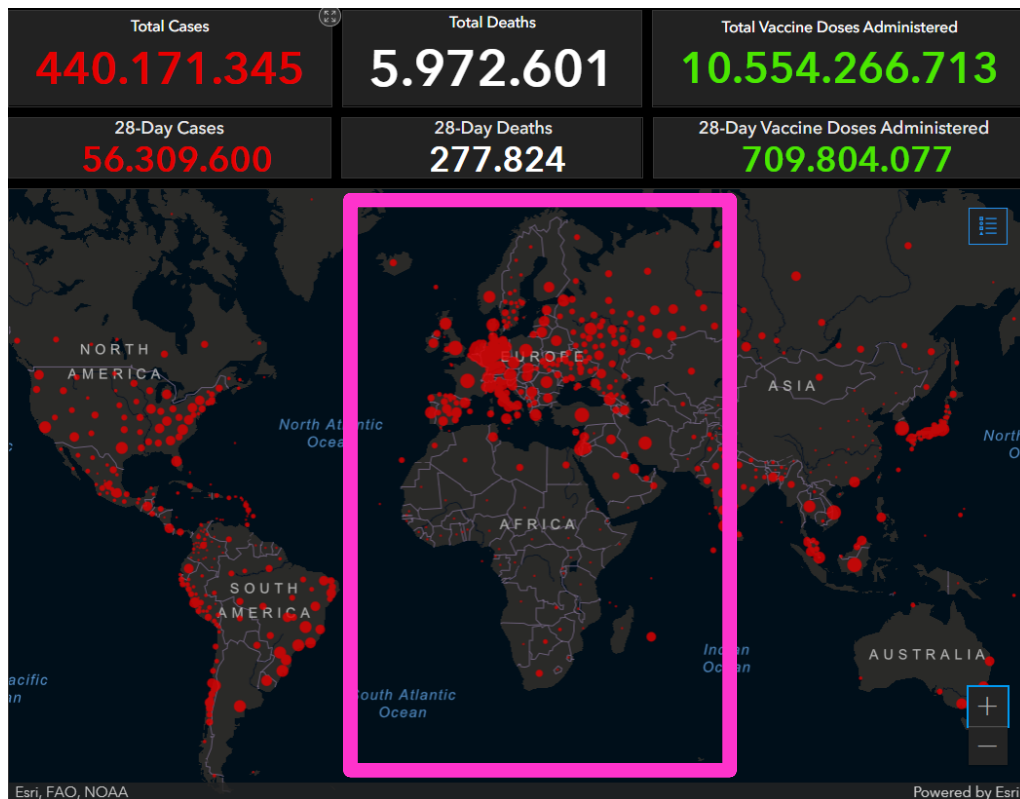
COVID-19 Global Cases



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SARS-CoV-2 & HIV Epidemics

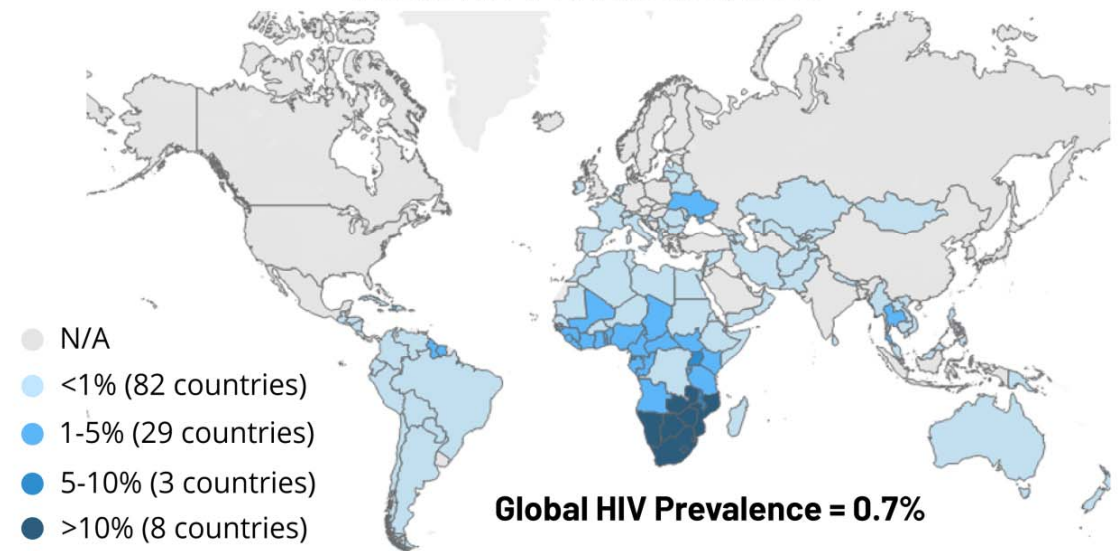
SARS-CoV-2 (2022) = 440 million



HIV Infection (2021) = 38 million

The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Adult HIV Prevalence, 2019



Ambrosioni J et al. Lancet HIV. 2021; 8:e294-e305.

Impact of COVID-19 in the health care of PLHIV in high-income countries

- Reductions in testing and diagnosis rates for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and HIV and increase of syphilis in USA and Europe^{1,2}. Delayed diagnosis².
- PrEP programs engagement declined early in the COVID-19 pandemic in several countries, with partial rebound coinciding with the easing of public health restrictions^{2,3}
- Disruption of HIV care continuum outcomes including engagement in care, ART, and loss of viral suppression in several USA cities⁴⁻⁶
- Reduced mental health care contact rates during the COVID-19 lockdown in Germany⁷
- Rapid implementation of telemedicine during the COVID-19 pandemic improved the indicators of health care utilization and disease monitoring in USA⁸

1.- Chang JJ et al. CROI 2022; Oral-13; 2.- De IL Court F et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y05; 3.- Toy J et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y08; 4.- Castel A et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y08; 5.- Chaudhuri S et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y08; 6.- Spinelli MA et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y01; 7.- Wettstein AE et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y06; 8.- Masters MCC et al. CROI 2022; Poster-Y08.

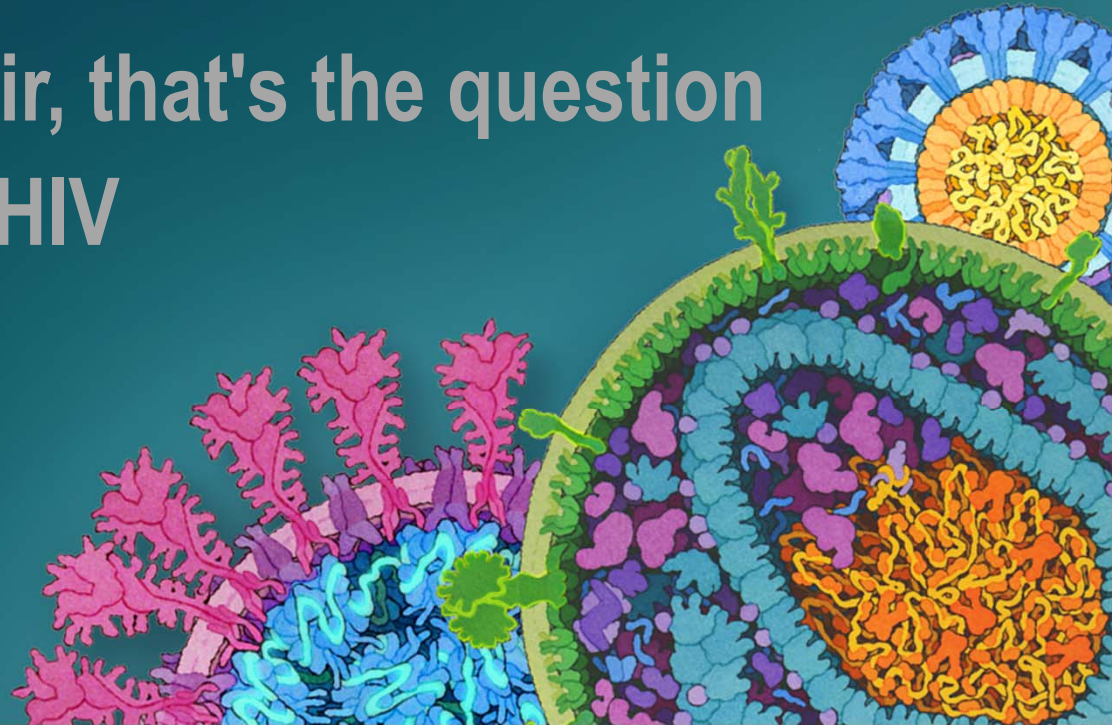
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Asymptomatic COVID-19 is extremely common among PLHIV in USA

- REPRIEVE is an international primary atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) prevention RCT of pitavastatin calcium vs. placebo among 7,770 PWH ages 40-75 on antiretroviral therapy (ART).
- **Serological study performed in a representative subset of 2,464 participants from May 2020 to February 2021.** Median age 53 years, 35% female sex, 47% Black or African American race, **median CD4 count 649 c/mm³, and 97% with HIV VL <400 cp/mL.**
- **SARS-CoV-2 infection was defined as either presence of SARS-CoV-2 IgG or IgA RBD protein (anti-spike) antibodies or reporting of confirmed COVID-19 disease prior to the date of antibody sampling** in the absence of prior COVID-19 vaccine receipt.
- We distinguished symptomatic from asymptomatic disease based on completed COVID-19 symptom questionnaire.

No (%)

- SARS-CoV-2 Infection	318 (13%)
- Asymptomatic	260 (82%)
- Symptomatic	58 (18%)

- **Symptom questionnaires (N=304) 120 (39%) reported at least 1 symptom of COVID-19 disease, but 184 (61%) reported no symptoms.**
- **Asymptomatic infection** was more likely to be from non-high regions, of Black or African American race, and to be non-obese.
- Potential differences in **symptomatic disease** based on ART-regimen were noted, but no clinical differences between the groups for CD4 counts or HIV viral suppression were observed.

Weir IR on behalf REPRIEVE investigators. CROI 2022; Poster-R01.

Variables associated with COVID-19 hospitalization in PLHIV. A multicenter Argentinian study

- Adult PLWH with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection were enrolled in a prospective observational multicentric cohort study to evaluate hospitalization due to COVID-19. Participating centers included nationwide HIV clinics and general hospitals from Argentina.
- Of 844 PLHIV enrolled, **21.8% required hospital admission due to COVID-19.**
- A multivariable logistic regression model was performed to identify variables associated with hospitalization due to COVID-19

OR (95%CI)

- Age, ≥ 60 -year	1.82 (1.07- 3.11)
- Comorbidities	1.73 (1.22- 2.46)
- Female sex	0.60 (0.41-0.87)
- CD4 count > 500 cells/mm ³	0.30 (0.14-0.66)

- Hospitalization in PLHIV was associated with traditional risk factors (age, comorbidities).
- Female sex and high CD4+ T-cell count provide a significant reduction in the risk of admission to hospital.
- ART and detectable viral load had no impact on hospitalization.

Outcomes of hospitalized PLHIV with COVID-19 = General population (GP). A Swedish study

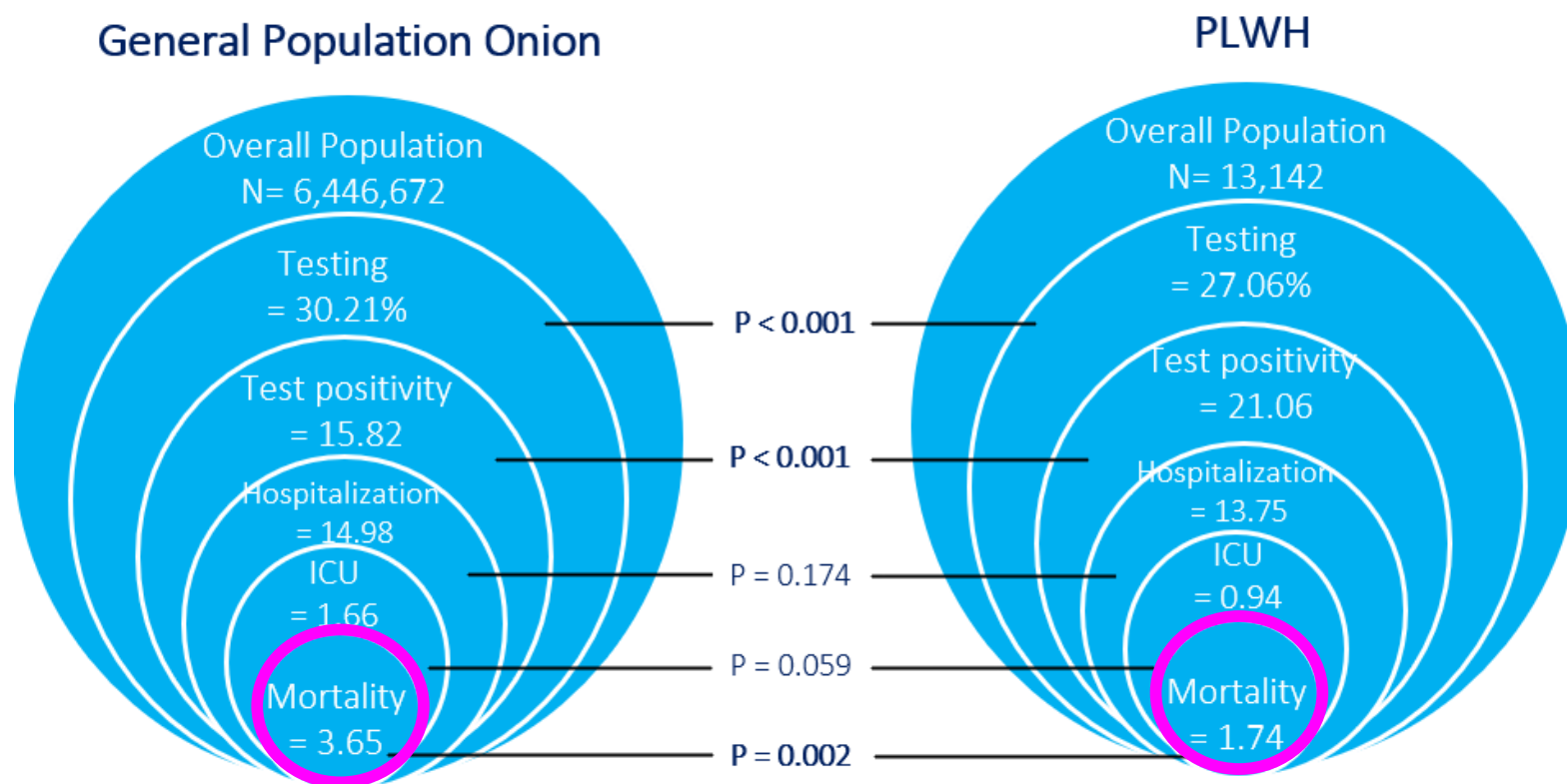
- Hospitalized adults with a primary diagnosis of COVID-19 in Sweden between Feb 1, 2020, and Aug 31, 2021.
- Using multivariate logistic regression models, we estimated adjusted odds ratios (aORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for severe COVID-19 (intensive care admission or 90-day mortality), by HIV-status

	PLHIV N=121	GP N=64,764	P-value
- Age, yr (median)	57	65	<0.001
- Males (%)	68%	57%	0.015
- Severe COVID-19	14%	23%	0.032
- Mortality at 90 days	8%	16%	0.032

- There was no difference in level of education, level of income or number of comorbidities.
- Most hospitalized PWH had undetectable HIV-RNA (93%) and high CD4 counts (median 560, IQR 376-780).
- PLHIV admitted to the ICU were six times more likely treated with [tocilizumab](#) compared to HIV-negative patients (aOR 6.1, 95% CI 1.5-24.5)
- **HIV status was not associated with higher odds of severe COVID-19 (aOR 0.88, 95% CI 0.52-1.49).**
- In PLHIV, higher age (aOR 1.08, 95% CI 1.02-1.15) and one or more comorbidities were associated with severe COVID-19 (aOR 4.3, 95% CI 1.1-16.7, ref PWH with no comorbidity). Level of HIV-RNA, current CD4, nadir CD4, and mode of HIV-transmission was not associated with severe COVID-19.

Möller I et al. CROI 2022; Poster-R01.

Outcomes of COVID-19 between PLWH and the general population of Catalonia (Spain) in 2020: The PISCIS Study



PLWH were tested less frequently for SARS-CoV-2 than the general population, had a higher positivity rate, similar hospitalization rates and lower ICU admission and SARS-CoV-2-associated mortality rates

Impact of COVID-19 vaccines in plasma HIV-1 RNA viral load in PLHIV

- From January 2021 to April 2021, vaccination with **mRNA1273 (Moderna)** and **BNT162b2 (BioNTech/Pfizer)** was offered to every individual with HIV registered at our institution who fulfilled vaccination criteria and consented to routine vaccination.
- The study sample included **131 individuals** (median age: 54 years [interquartile range (IQR): 47-60.5]); male: 70.2%; median baseline CD4-T cell: 602 cells/ μ l [IQR: 445.0-825.5]).
- Plasma HIV viral load data were collected for 129 patients at the time of the first dose (M0) and 30 days later (M1); for 124 patients, 30 days after the second dose (M2); and for 42 patients, 6 months after the first dose (M6).

	VL >20 c/mL	New VL >20 c/mL
- Baseline (N=129)	15.5%	-
- Month 1 (N=129)	10.1%	5 (4%)
- Month 2 (N=124)	12.1%	4 (3%)
- Month 6 (N=42)	14.3%	-

- Plasma HIV-RNA levels returned below the detection threshold of 20 copies/mL at the subsequent measure.
- **In PLHIV on effective antiretroviral drugs, only minor or transient effects of mRNA vaccines on HIV-1 RNA levels were observed.**

Rombini F et al. CROI 2022; Poster-N03.

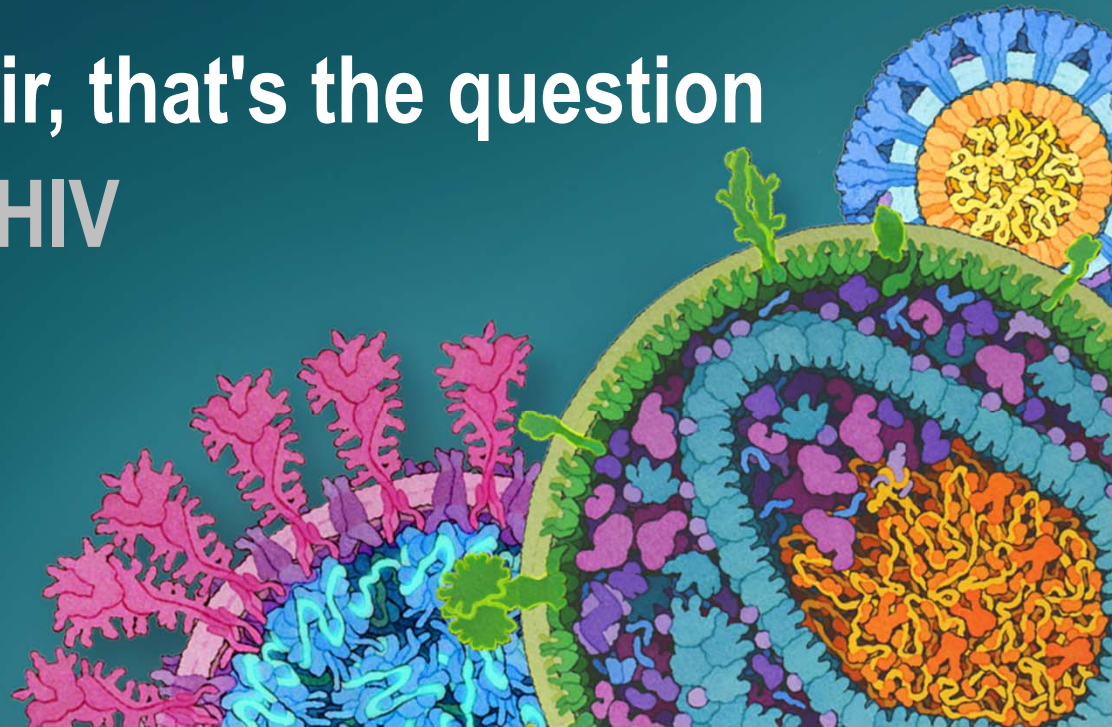
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Some studies suggested a protective role of TDF (not TAF) against SARS-CoV-2 infection & COVID-19 Severity

- Cohort study performed in 60 Spanish HIV clinics between 1 February and 15 April 2020, including 77,590 HIV-positive persons on ART.
- **236 were diagnosed with COVID-19, 151 were hospitalized, 15 were admitted to the ICU, and 20 died.**
- The risk of COVID-19 among HIV-infected patients was **300 cases/100,000 patients-year** (330 cases/100,000 patients-year in GP)
- Among **12,395 patients on TDF/FTC**, the COVID-19 risk was the lowest (105/100,000 p-y) and none was admitted to the ICU or died.

Table 2. Risk per 10 000 Persons for PCR-Confirmed COVID-19 Diagnosis, Hospital Admission, ICU Admission, and Death Among 77 590 HIV-Positive Persons Receiving ART, 1 February to 15 April 2020, Spain

Characteristics	COVID-19 Diagnosis (95% CI)	COVID-19 Hospital Admission (95% CI)	COVID-19 ICU Admission (95% CI)	COVID-19 Death (95% CI)
NRTI				
TDF/FTC	16.9 (10.5–25.9)	10.5 (5.6–17.9)	0 (–2.9)†	0 (–2.9)†
TAF/FTC	39.1 (31.8–47.6)	20.3 (13.2–28.7)	2.7 (1.1–6.5)	3.9 (1.9–7.2)
ABC/3TC	28.3 (21.5–36.7)	23.4 (17.2–31.1)	3.0 (1.1–6.5)	4.0 (1.7–7.8)
Other regimens	29.7 (22.6–38.4)	20.0 (14.2–27.3)	1.0 (0.1–3.7)	1.0 (0.1–3.7)

Spanish PNS. EPICOS PrEP RCT in HCW: TDF/FTC±HCQ±PBO.

→ ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04334928

Del Amo J et al, Ann Intern Med Jun 26 2020. doi: 10.7326/M20-3689.

TDF/TAF & SARS-CoV-2: Controversial Results

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Original article

Prevalence and factors associated with SARS-CoV-2 seropositivity in the Spanish HIV Research Network Cohort

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> Clin Infect Dis. 2020 Aug 29;ciaa1198. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciaa1198. Online ahead of print.

Risk factors for COVID-19 death in a population cohort study from the Western Cape Province, South Africa

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Preventive Efficacy of Tenofovir/Emtricitabine Against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 Among Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Users

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Background. The preventive effect that tenofovir/emtricitabine (FTC) could have against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in human immunodeficiency virus-negative people is unknown. The objective of this study was to analyze the seroprevalence and clinical manifestations of COVID-19 among users of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), disoproxil fumarate/FTC (TDF/FTC), or tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)/FTC and to compare it to that of a control group.

Methods. An observational descriptive study of the seroprevalence of antibodies for SARS-CoV-2 among men who have sex with men and transgender women without use of (n = 91) (Group 2; n = 500) was conducted from questionnaire that collected information on the v CoV-2 (chemiluminescent microparticle immuno Results. The seroprevalence of SARS-CoV-2 15.0% (95% CI, 12.0–18.4) in the group with PrEP users of TAF/FTC it was 16.5% (95% CI, 9.5–25.5); 4.4% manifested symptoms, compared with 78.3% in users of TAF/FTC the figure was 73.3% (P = .10 users (P = .116), 7.0 days in users of TDF/FTC, and Conclusions. Users of PrEP, TDF/FTC, or TAF/FTC No statistically significant differences were found: tion measures as those indicated for the general p Keywords. COVID-19; disoproxil fumarate/tenofovir alafenamide/emtricitabine (TAF/FTC).

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SARS CoV-2 seroprevalence among HIV-negative participants using tenofovir/emtricitabine-based PrEP in 2020 – a sub-study of PREVENIR-ANRS and SAPRIS-Sero C Delaunay¹; L Assoumou²; S Maylin³; M Minier³; A Gabassi³; M Genin²; L Beniguel²; J Ghosn⁴; X de Lamballerie⁵; M El Mouhebb²; D Costagliola²; F Carrat²; J-M Molina⁶; and PREVENIR study Group¹ Hôpital Saint Louis, Université de Paris, Virologie, Paris, France. ²Institut Pierre Louis d'Epidémiologie et de Santé Publique, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France. ³Hôpital Saint Louis, Virologie, Paris, France.

Conclusions: Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 IgG was similar in PrEP users and in a matched cohort in the Paris region after the COVID lockdown suggesting that TDF/FTC has no role in reducing SARS-CoV-2 acquisition.

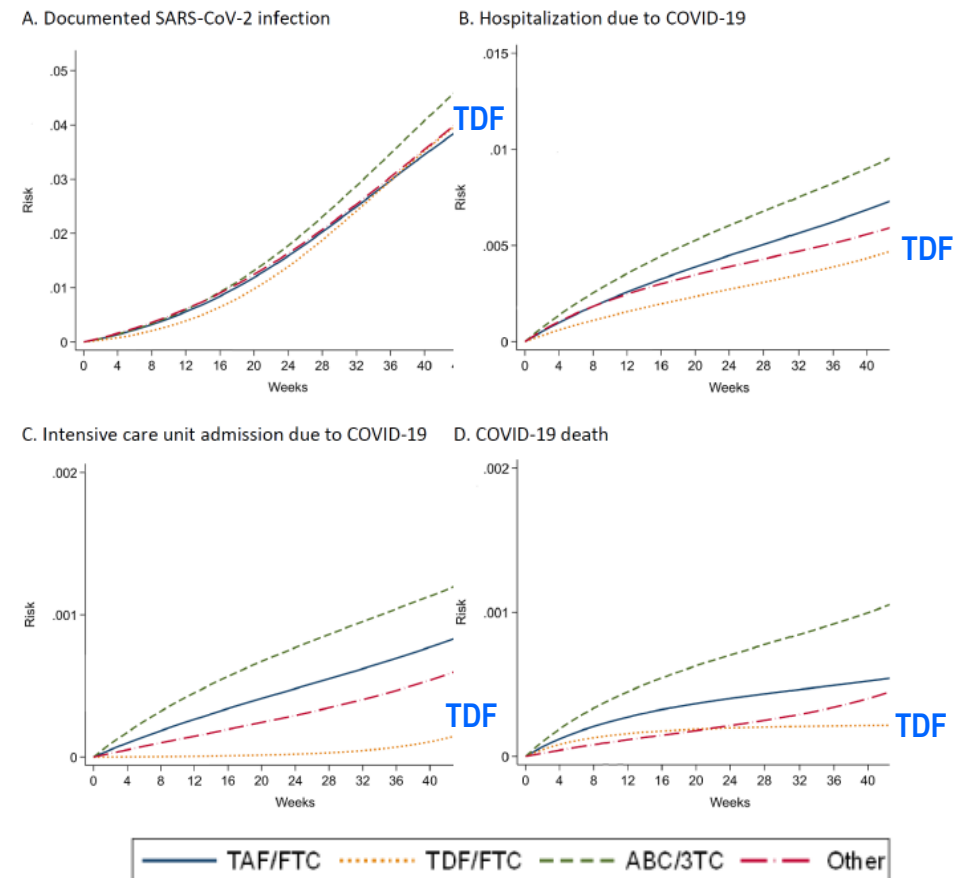
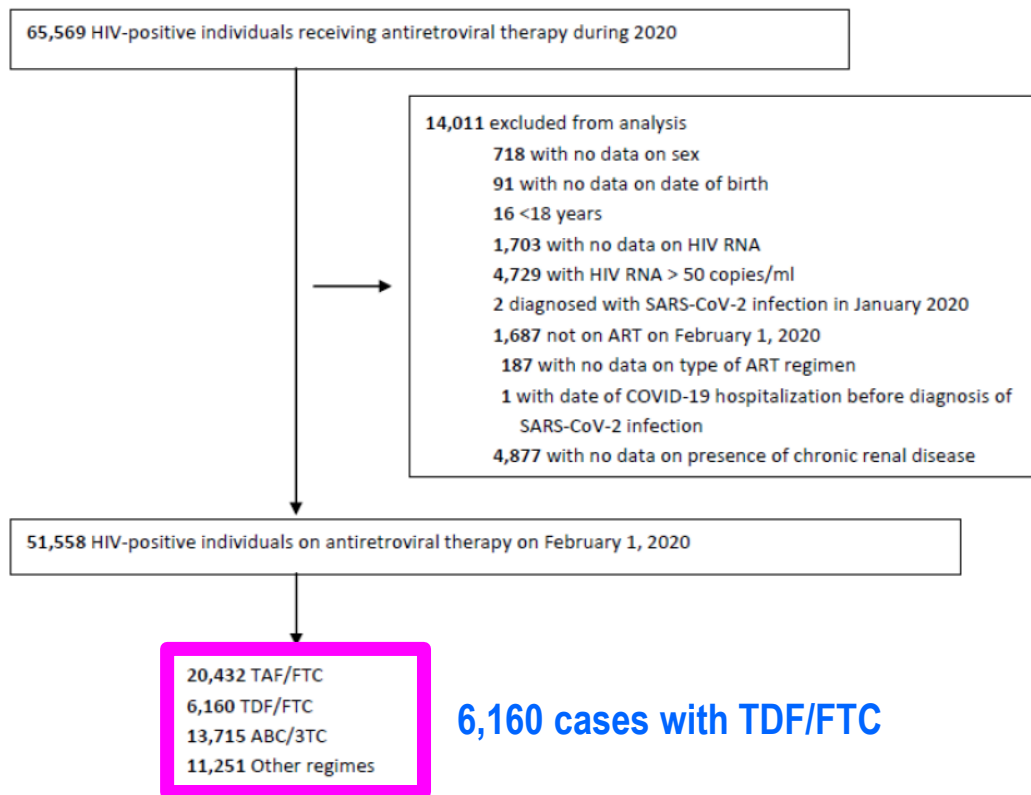
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Selection biases present: it is unlikely that TDF is prescribed to older PLWH or those with known comorbidities (CVD, diabetes, or kidney disease), all identified as an independent risk factors for poorer COVID-19 outcomes

Clinical Trials are ongoing (NCT04334928, NCT04712357, NCT04359095, and NCT04890626)

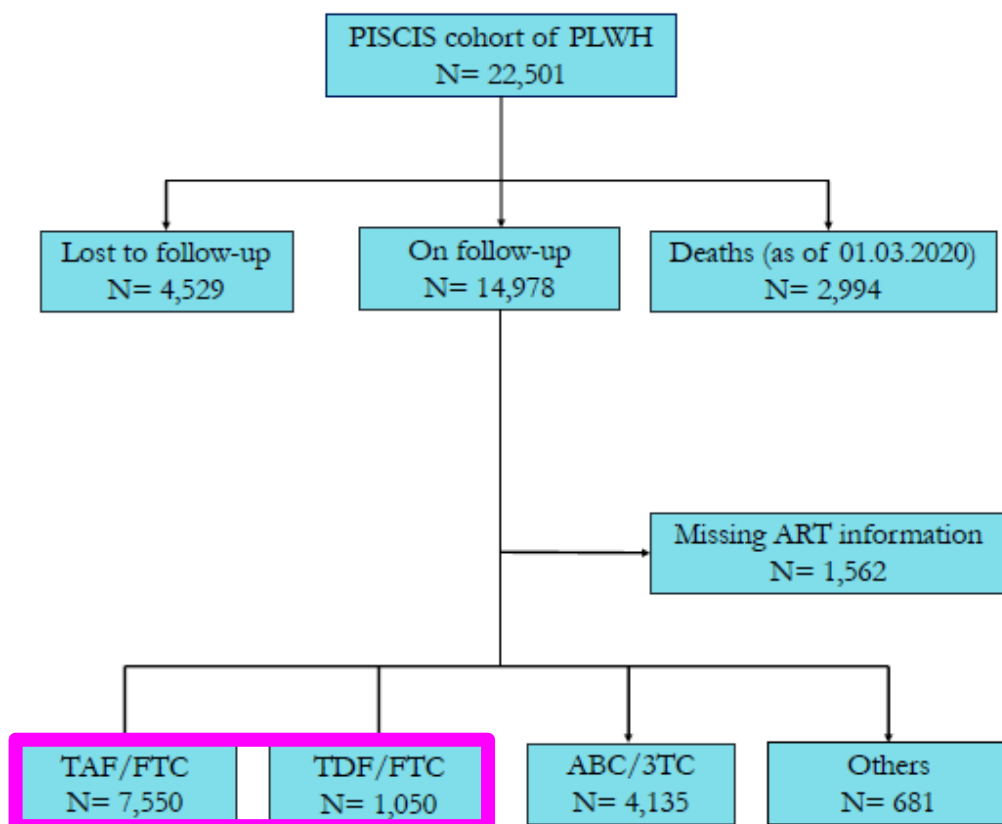
TDF/FTC lowers COVID-19 severity among PLHIV with virological control: The CoRIS Study

Figure 1. Flowchart of study population among HIV-positive individuals, CoVHd Collaboration, Spain, February-December 2020



* Adjusted via inverse probability weighting for age (in years, linear and quadratic terms), sex (male, female), transmission category (heterosexual, homo/bisexual, injecting drug use, other), country of origin (Spain, other), CD4 (<350, 350-500, >500 cells/mm³), and hypertension, diabetes, chronic renal disease, cardiovascular disease, and treatment with immunosuppressants or corticosteroids.

TDF/FTC or TAF/FTC were not associated with COVID-19 infection or severity among PLHIV: The PISCIS Study



	TDF/FTC vs ABC/3TC				
	TDF/FTC	ABC/3TC*	P	uOR (95% CI)	aOR (95% CI)
SARS-CoV-2 diagnosis	No. (%)	No. (%)	0.05	0.76 (0.59 - 0.98)	0.81 (0.61 - 1.07)
Positive	81 (9.7)	308 (12.4)			
Clinical severity			0.51		
Hospitalization	5 (6.2)	31 (10.1)		0.48 (0.16 - 1.13)	0.49 (0.14 - 1.27)
ICU admission	0 (0)	1 (0.3)			
Death	0 (0)	6 (2.0)			

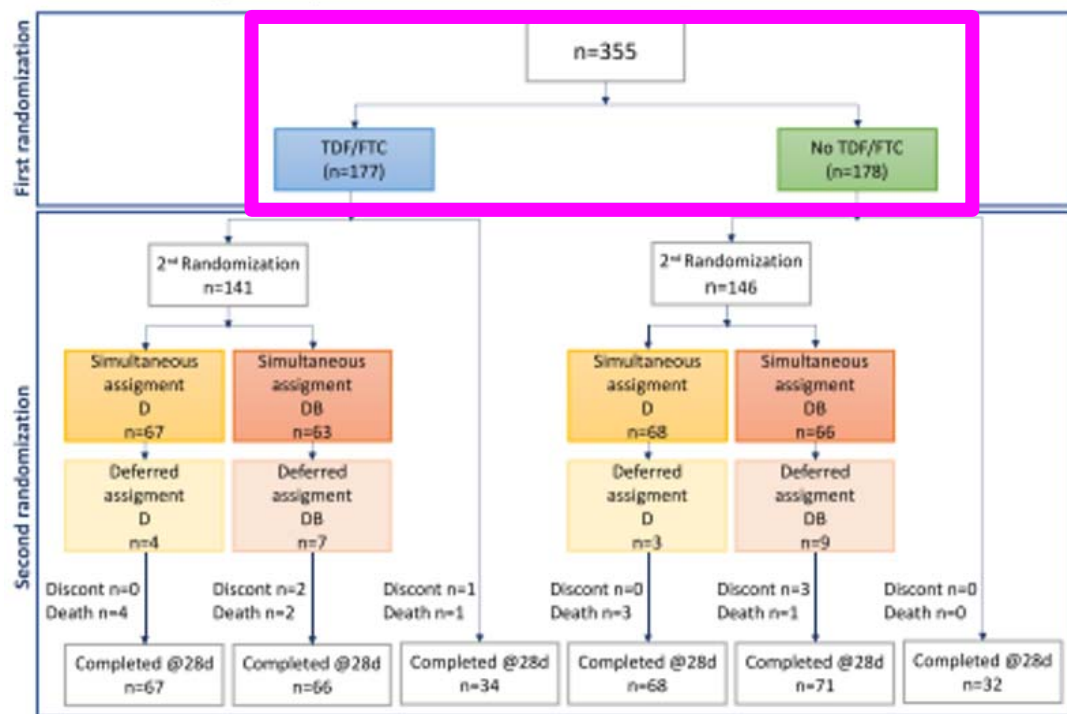
	TAF/FTC vs TDF/FTC				
	TAF/FTC*	TDF/FTC	P	uOR (95% CI)	aOR (95% CI)
SARS-CoV-2 diagnosis	No. (%)	No. (%)	0.03	0.75 (0.57 - 0.96)	0.81 (0.61 - 1.07)
Positive	315 (12.6)	81 (9.7)			
Clinical severity			0.60		
Hospitalization	32 (10.2)	5 (6.2)		0.47 (0.16 - 1.10)	0.47 (0.14 - 1.22)
ICU admission	1 (0.3)	0 (0)			
Death	5 (1.6)	0 (0)			

*Reference group for odds ratios. Adjusted model: Adjusted for country of origin, socioeconomic status, CD4 count (continuous variable), time in years on ART, CD4/CD8 ratio, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, and metabolic disease.

Nomah DK et al, CROI 2022; Poster-H01.

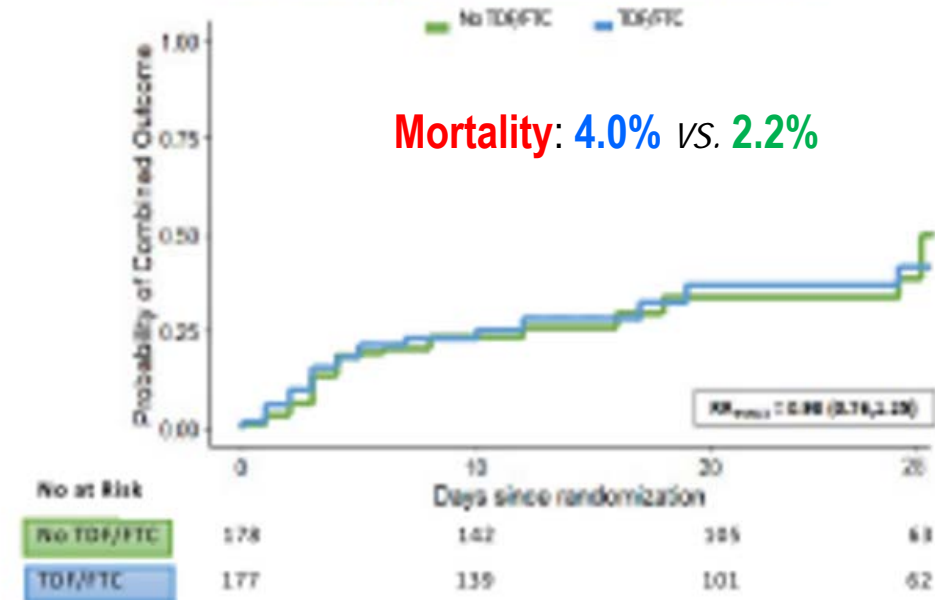
No beneficial effect of TDF/FTC for high risk patients with mild COVID-19: The PANCOVID RCT

- Multicenter open label pragmatic RCT in 25 Spanish centers with mild SARS-CoV2 infection.
- Patients older than 60 years or younger if they had at least two comorbidities were randomized:** 1st TDF/FTC; and, 2nd Dexamethasone/Baricitinib.
- The primary endpoint was 28-day mortality. Secondary endpoint was a combined outcome of disease progression, ICU admission or death.



* 2nd randomization: At any moment during the trial, participants with room air O2 saturation <95% and at least one increased inflammatory biomarker.

Probability of Disease Progression (Combined Outcome) According to First Randomization



Velasco M et al, CROI 2022; Poster-H01.

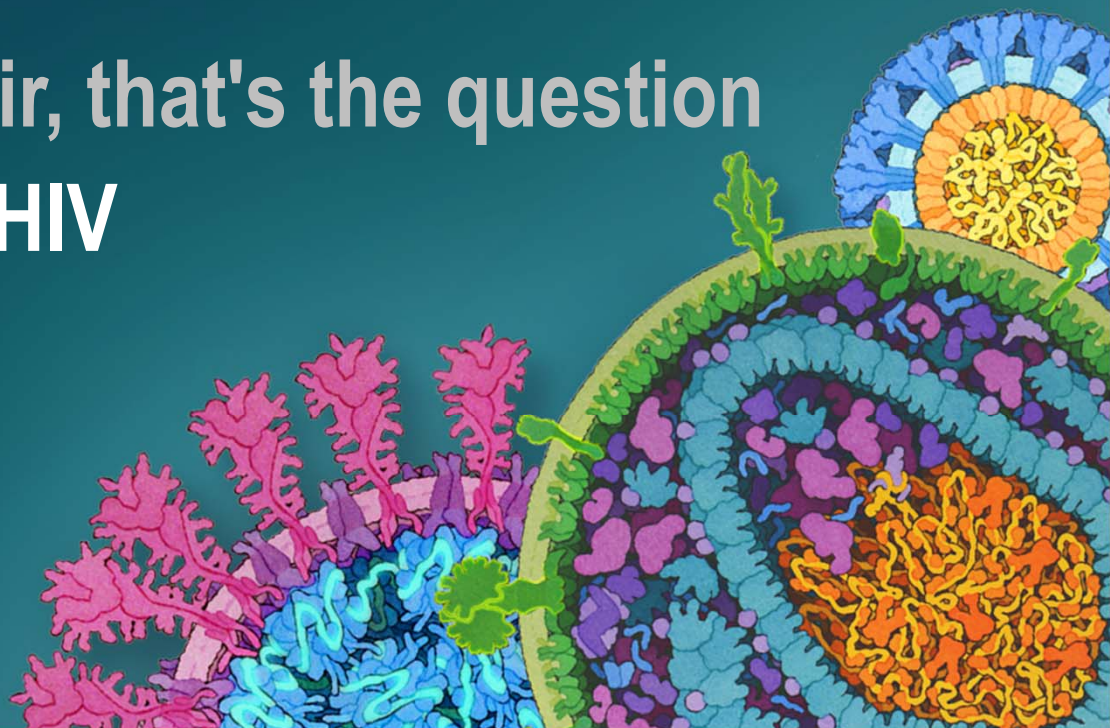
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Remdesivir – PINETREE RCT in non-hospitalized patients

- Phase 3 (GS-US-540-9012) double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial compared the efficacy and safety of **3 days of remdesivir (N=279)** to standard of care (N=283) in **non-hospitalized, high-risk participants with confirmed COVID-19**
- 562 participants were randomly assigned 1:1 to receive intravenous (IV) RDV (200 mg on day 1, 100 mg on days 2 to 3) or placebo.
- The primary efficacy endpoint was composite COVID-19 hospitalization or all-cause death by day 28.**
- Overall, 52% were male, 44% were Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and **30% were ≥ 60 years old**. The most common comorbidities were **diabetes mellitus (62%), obesity (56%; median BMI, 30.7) and hypertension (48%)**.

- Remdesivir ↓ viral production by 2, leading to a median reduction of 0.7 days in the time to viral clearance compared to SoC*.**
- Larger efficacy in patients with high levels of VL at baseline.**

	Remdesivir N=279	Placebo N=283	<i>P</i> -value
th	0.7%	5.3%	0.008
n	1.6%	8.3%	0.002
	3.6%	7.1%	-

No deaths occurred in either arm by day 28. Biomarkers associated with inflammation and coagulation, including LDH and procalcitonin, were prognostic for COVID-19 related hospitalization or all-cause death. **RDV improved by day 3 of treatment, peripheral lymphopenia, monocyte count, and decreased neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio compared to placebo.**

→ **Remdesivir reduced hospital admission/death by 87%.**

Molnupiravir: MOVe-OUT RCT in non-hospitalized patients

First 762 patients!

Outcomes at 29 days

- Hospitalization/death
- Mortality

Molnupiravir
N=385

Placebo
N=377

P-value

7.3%

No deaths

14.1%

8 deaths

<0.001

→ **Molnupiravir reduced the risk of hospitalization/death by 50%.**

Caraco Y et al. 31st ECCMID July 9-12 2021 P#4700; MSD Press release October 1st 2021;
Bernal AJ et al, N Engl J Med. Dec 16, 2021; doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2116044.

Molnupiravir: MOVe-OUT RCT in non-hospitalized patients

Final 1,433 patients!

Molnupiravir
N=709

Placebo
N=699

P-value

Outcomes at 29 days

- Hospitalization/death
- Mortality

6.8%

One death

9.7%

9 deaths

0.022

→ **Molnupiravir reduced the risk of hospitalization/death by 30%.**

Outcomes 2nd 646 patients

- **Hospitalization/death**
- Mortality

6.2%

One death

4.7%

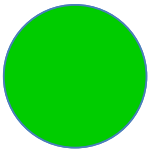
One death

0.395



Molnupiravir RCT in non-hospitalized patients in India

- **Phase III multicenter open label randomized controlled** trial of oral molnupiravir plus standard of care (MOL/SOC) versus SOC alone in Indian adults with mild SARS-CoV2 infection.
- 1,018 patients with RT PCR-confirmed mild SARS CoV2 infection were randomized 1:1 to oral **MOL 800 mg BID** for **5 days** plus SOC vs. SOC alone.
- **The primary endpoint was rate of hospitalization up to day 14.**

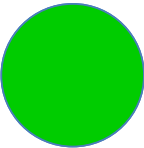
	Molnupiravir N=608	SoC N=610	<i>P</i> -value
 Outcomes at 14 days			
- Hospitalization	1.5%	4.3%	<0.01
- Mild adverse events (no SAE)	4.8%	2.6%	NS

→ **Molnupiravir reduced the risk of hospitalization by 65%.**

- In the MOL/SOC arm **80.8%, 95.6% and 97.4%** had clinical improvement by Day 5, 10 and 14, respectively, compared to **32.1%, 74.3% and 94.1%** in the SOC arm ($p < 0.0001$ at day 5 and 10, and < 0.01 at day 14).
- The rate of SARS CoV2 negativity was **77.1%, 91.3% and 93.9%** in MOL/SOC vs. **29.3%, 70.2% and 89.0%** in SOC at day 5, 10 and 14, respectively ($p < 0.001$).

Oral Nirmatrelvir/rtv in non-hospitalized patients

- **EPIC-HR** (Evaluation of Protease Inhibition for CCOVID-19 in High-Risk Patients) is a multinational randomized, double-blind study of non-hospitalized adult patients with COVID-19, who are at high risk of progressing to severe illness.
- 2,246 eligible participants with at least **one underlying medical condition** and a **mild/moderate confirmed diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection (within 5 days)** were randomized (1:1) to receive nirmatrelvir/ritonavir or placebo orally **every 12 hours** for **5 days**.
- **The primary efficacy endpoint was composite COVID-19 hospitalization or all-cause death by day 28.**
- **The study was stopped** after the first interim analysis with 1,219 adults enrolled by September 29, 2021 was performed.

		Nirmatrelvir N=1,039	Placebo N=1,046	<i>P</i> -value
	At 28 days			
	- Hospitalization/death	0.8%	6.3%	<0.001
	- Death	No deaths	12 deaths	-
	- D/C due to TRAEs	2.1%	4.2%	-

→ **Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir reduced hospital admission/death by 87%.**

Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir Drug-Drug Interactions (DDI)

P450 Cytocrom- CYP 3A4		
<i>Substrates</i>	<i>Inducers</i>	<i>Inhibitors</i>
Many drugs Nirmatrelvir Calcium antagonists Antiarrhythmics Opiates Antihistamines Benzodiazepines Cisapride Cyclosporine- Tacrolimus HIV NNRTI & PI	Carbamazepine Rifamycins Phenobarbital Phenytoin Corticoids NNRTI	Imidazoles Cimetidine Ca antagonists Macrolides ISRS HIV-PI/ RTV /COB HCV-PI
	Rifampin>Rifapentine>Rifabutin.	
	Imidazoles: Keto>>Itra>Fluconazole Macrolides: Erythro>>Clarithro>>Azithromycin PI/Ritonavir/Cobicistat - Elvitegravir/Cobicistat NNRTI: NVP > EFV/ETR > RPV	

Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir Drug-Drug Interactions (DDI)



If a drug is not listed below it cannot automatically be assumed it is safe to coadminister.

- **PBI-0451 inhibits SARS-CoV-2 replication at nM levels by inhibiting 3CL protease***
- **Very good oral bioavailability**
- **PK not affected by ritonavir**

The screenshot shows the main interface of the drug interaction checker. On the left, under 'Co-medications', there is a search bar and a list of drugs including Fenofibrate, Fish oils, Fluvastatin, Gemfibrozil, and Lovastatin. On the right, under 'Drug Interactions', there is a checkbox for 'Check COVID/COVID drug interactions' and a 'Reset Checker' button. A red box with the text 'Do Not Coadminister' is highlighted with a red circle. Below this, there is a warning message: 'Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Please read the interaction details as management of these interactions may be complex.)'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Simvastatin' and a 'More Info' button.

<https://www.covid19-druginteractions.org>; *Kearney BP et al. CROI 2022; Poster-H02.

Reduction of Hospital Admission (and death) according to the treatment used in mild/moderate COVID-19 in high risk patients

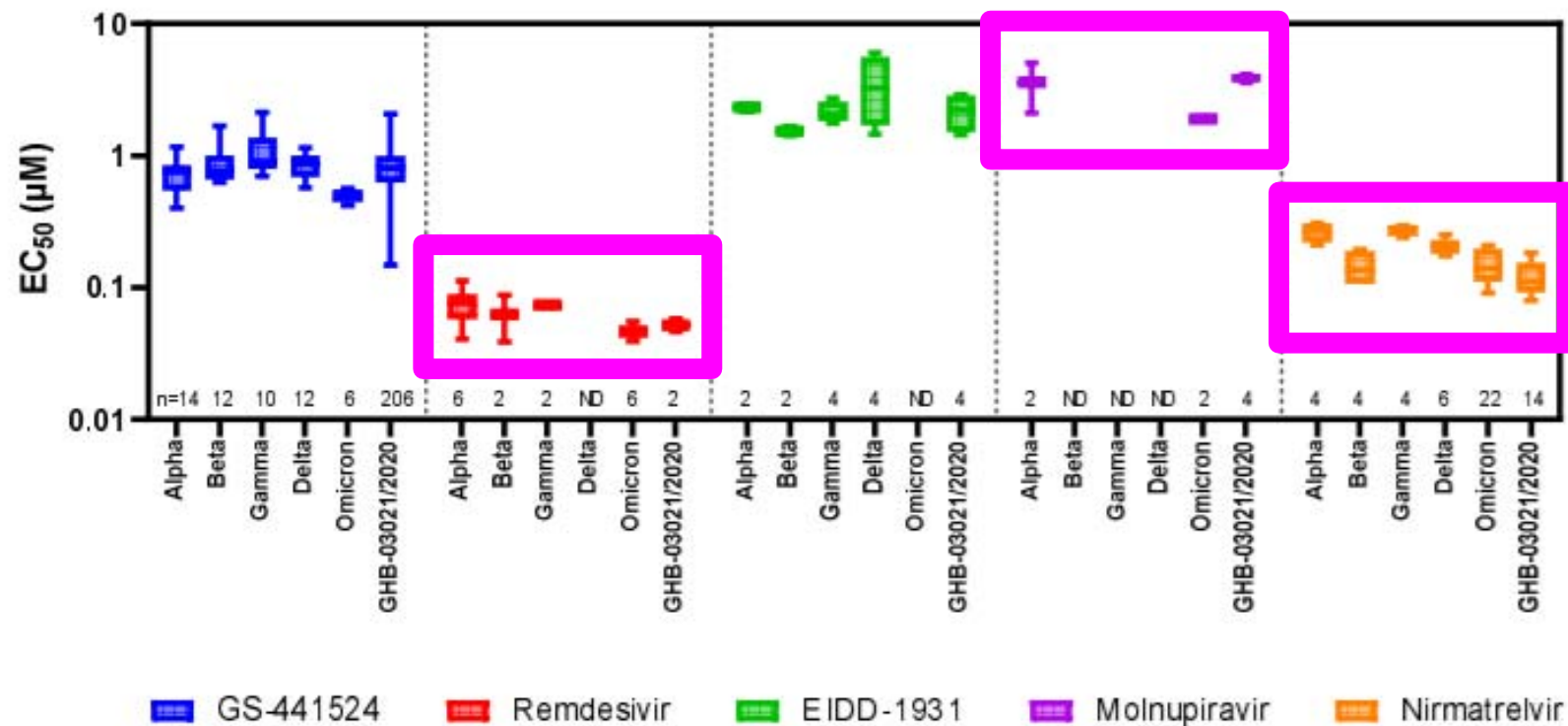
Rates

- Remdesivir, IV three days 87%
- Molnupiravir, oral 5 days 30%-65%
- PF-07321332/ritonavir, oral 5 days 87%
- Single dose monoclonal antibodies 65%-80%

Studies in non-vaccinated patients

Antivirals remain active against Omicron!

Rega Institute, Laboratory of Virology and Chemotherapy, Leuven, Belgium

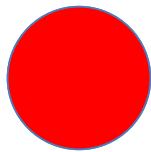


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Camostat* RCT in COVID-19 patients

Trial #1



Outcomes at 28 days

- Hospitalization/death
- Adverse events

Camostat
N=194

5.3%
9.0%

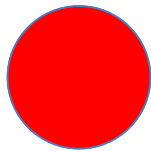
Placebo
N=99

6.1%
13.0%

P-value

0.78
NS

Trial #2 - ACTIV-2/A5401



Outcomes

- Symptom improvement, days
- Adverse events (grade ≥ 3)

Camostat
N=108

9 (5,20)
7.4%

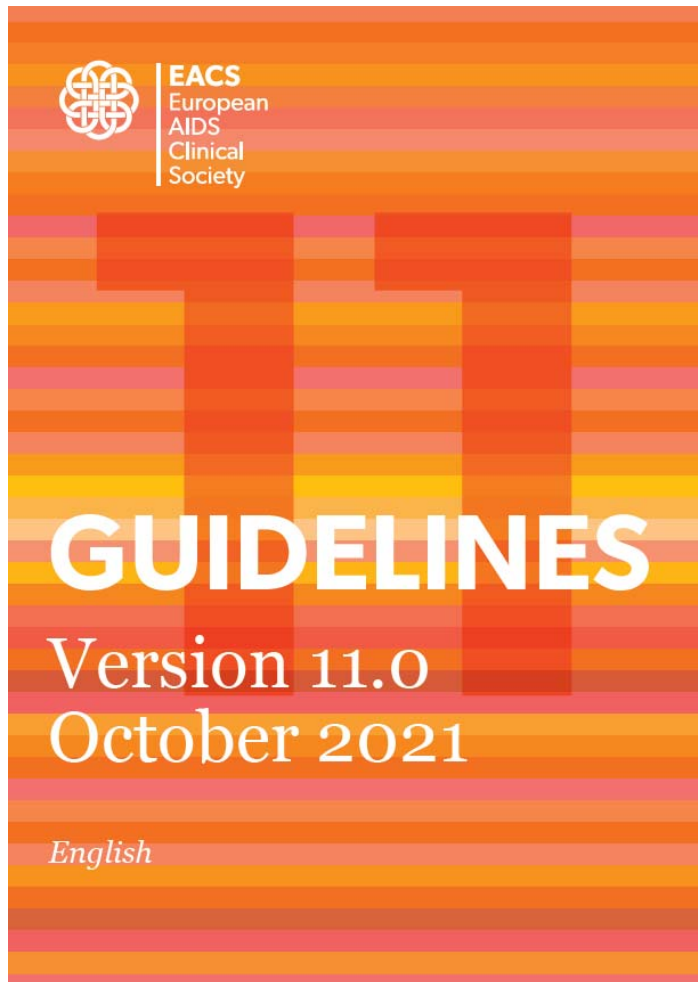
Placebo
N=107

9 (5,20)
6.5%

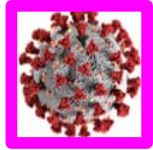
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NS

*Camostat 200 mg orally every 6 hours for 7-14 days or the pooled placebo group

Therapy of COVID-19 in PLWH = General population



- **Do not stop or change ART!!!**
- **No proven activity of ARVs !!!**
- Check **DDIs** (**steroids** and rilpivirine, doravirine or PIs and **ritonavir** and comedications and ARTs)
- Differential diagnoses (TB, PCP, Flu) and co-infections
- Seek advice of an HIV specialist
- **Follow national and international guidelines of COVID-19 treatment**



Disease stages

Treatment

- Early antiviral therapy
- Proper timing
- anti-inflammatory drugs
- Prophylactic heparin

Community

Asymptomatic/Mild
Stages 1-2

Hospital - Ward

Moderate/Severe
Stages 3-5

Hospital - ICU

Critical (MV, ECMO)
Stages 6-7

Isolation, at least 10-14 days

Symptomatic treatment. Close monitoring for early detection of progression.

In seronegative older or high risk persons consider*:

- Parenteral mAbs (OPAT)
- Molnupiravir, oral 5-d
- Nirmatrelvir/rtv, oral 5-d
- Remdesivir (OPAT), IV 3-d

Remdesivir, IV, 5 days

Stages 4 (no oxygen) & 5 (low-flow oxygen supply)
Stage 6 plus **Baricitinib**, oral, 14 days

Parenteral mAbs, single dose

Only in seronegative persons

Dexamethasone, IV/oral, 10 days.

Stages 5-7, low/high-flow oxygen supply, MV and ECMO

Tocilizumab, single IV dose

Low molecular weight heparin, SC

During the entire hospitalization period

Dr. JM Miro, personal opinion. March 2022.

* **No experience in vaccinated patients.**

Update on Epidemiology, Outcomes and Antivirals against COVID-19 in PLHIV

- Epidemiology
- Outcomes in PLHIV
- Tenofovir or not tenofovir, that's the question
- Antivirals, no data in PLHIV
- Take home messages

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Take-home messages

- The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the care of PLHIV. The rapid implementation of telemedicine has improved this care.
- A significant proportion of SARS-CoV-2 infections in PLHIV are asymptomatic. The prognosis of hospitalized PLHIV with COVID-19 is similar to the general population.
- The protective effect of tenofovir on SARS-CoV-2 infection and the severity of COVID-19 is controversial. We must wait for RCT to see if it has any role.
- PLHIVs have not been included in RCT of new antivirals against SARS-CoV-2. HIV specialists are at an advantage in managing ritonavir DDIs.
- The antiviral treatment of COVID-19 in PLHIV should be the same as that of the general population and ART regimens should not be changed.



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