

UK COVID-19 response: testing, surveillance, management and vaccines

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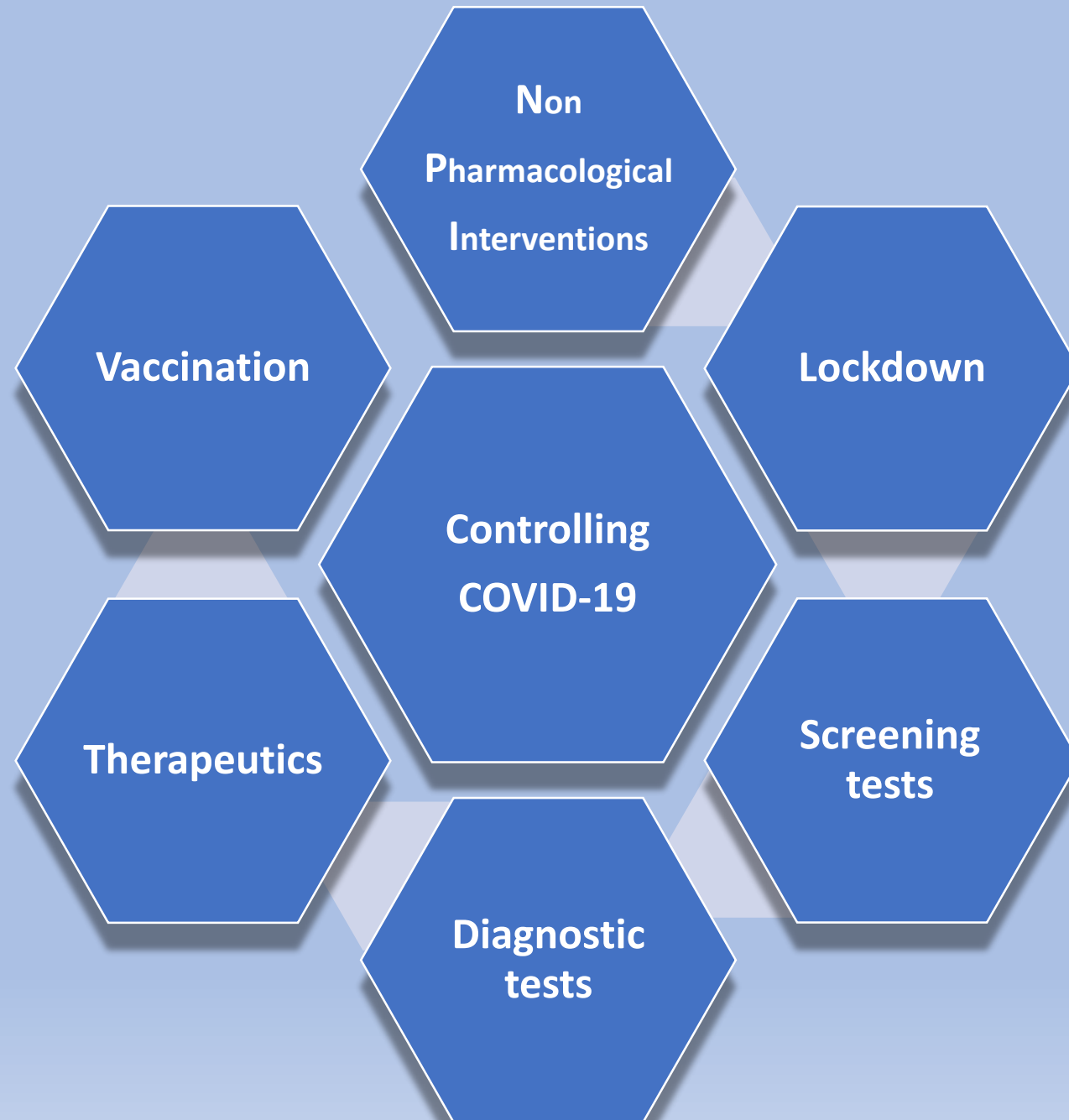
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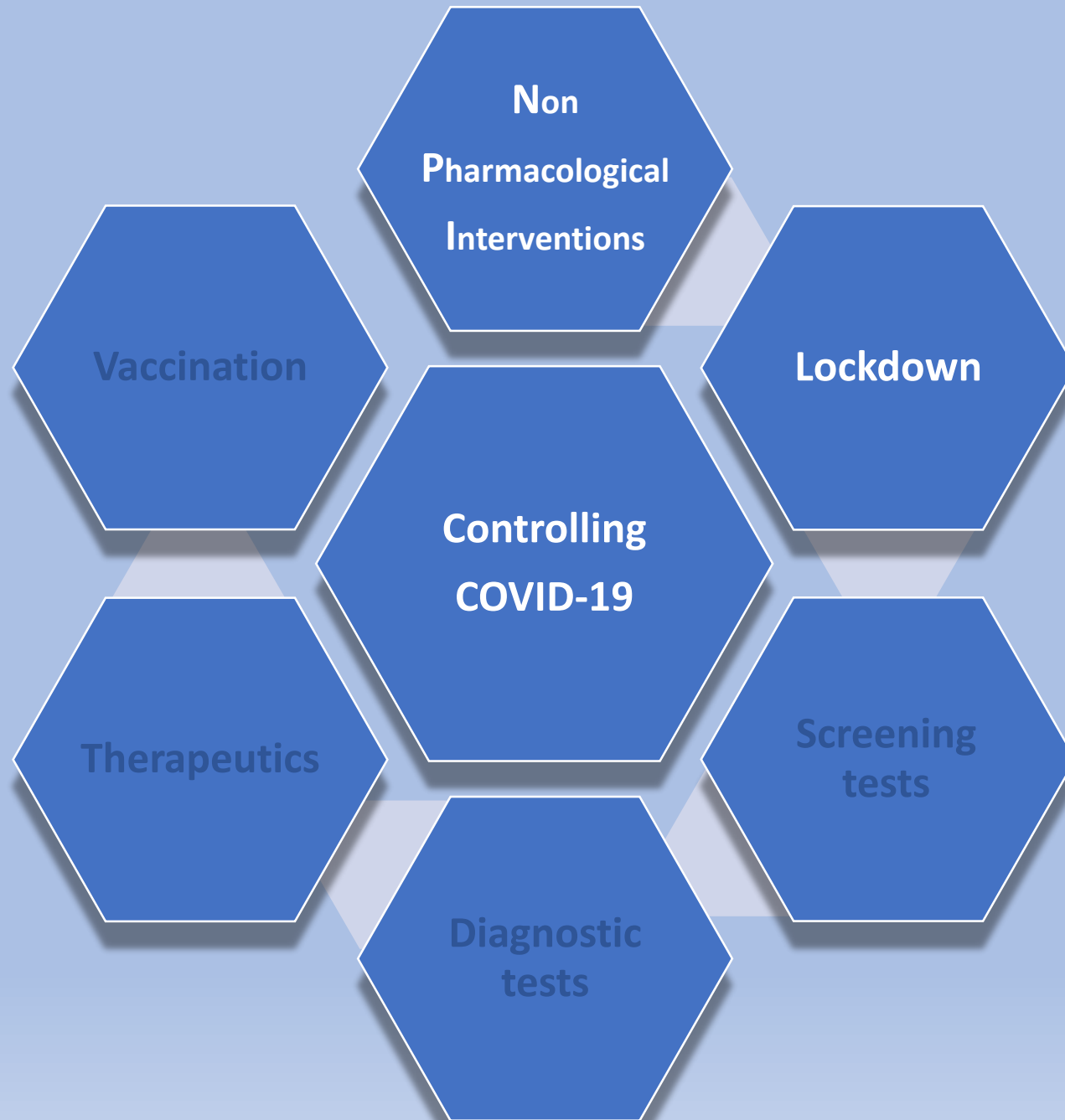
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Pfizer	2018-date
Eumedica	2015-date
bioMérieux	2013-date



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- Review response to COVID-19
- Learning from international variations in public health interventions
- Review in- and out-patient COVID therapy and referral pathways
- Reflect on the post COVID-19 pandemic era





Hand hygiene: Persisting contamination

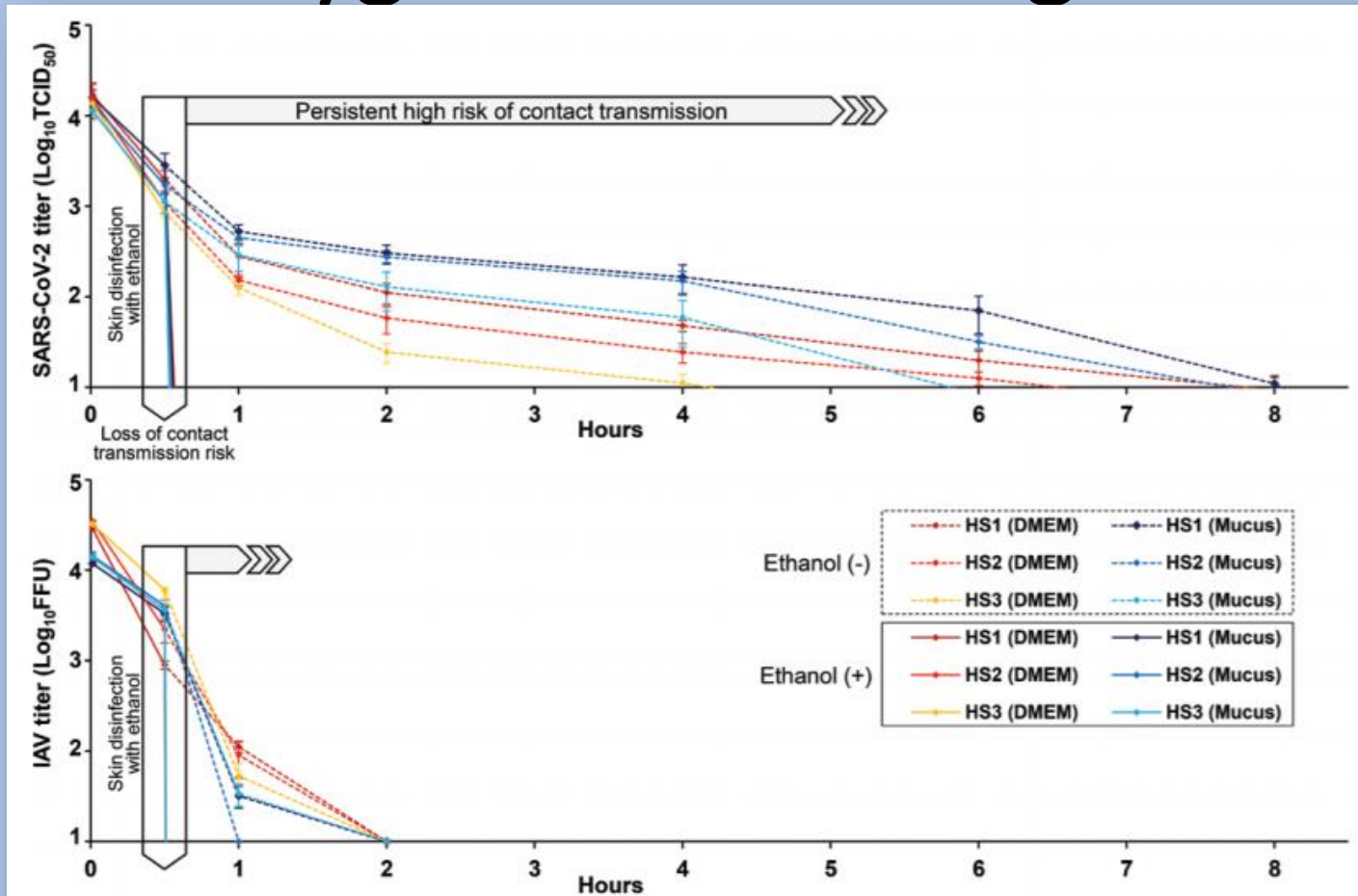
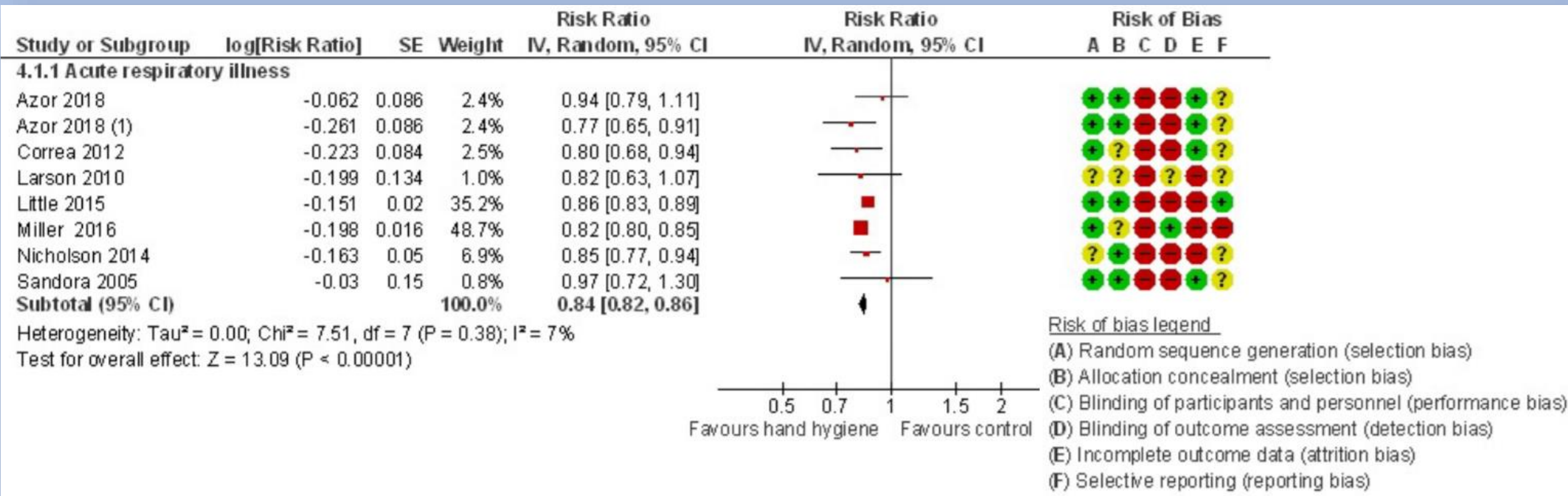


Figure 3. Evaluation of the disinfection effectiveness of 80% (w/w) ethanol against SARS-CoV-2 (upper panel) and IAV (lower panel) on human skin. Thirty minutes after the mixture of the DMEM/mucus and SARS-CoV-2/IAV was applied to each skin surface (HS1/HS2/HS3), 80% ethanol was further applied to the skin surfaces for 15 seconds, followed by disinfectant inactivation via dilution with culture medium. The surviving viruses on the skin surfaces were then titrated. For comparison, the surviving viruses on the skin surfaces in the absence of ethanol were also titrated over time. For each measurement, 3 independent experiments were performed, and the results are expressed as mean \pm standard error values. Abbreviations: DMEM, Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium; IAV, influenza A virus; SARS-CoV-2, severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2; TCID₅₀, 50% tissue culture infectious dose; w/w, weight/weight.

Hirose et al.

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Hand hygiene: impact on acute respiratory illness




Hand hygiene: Controversy

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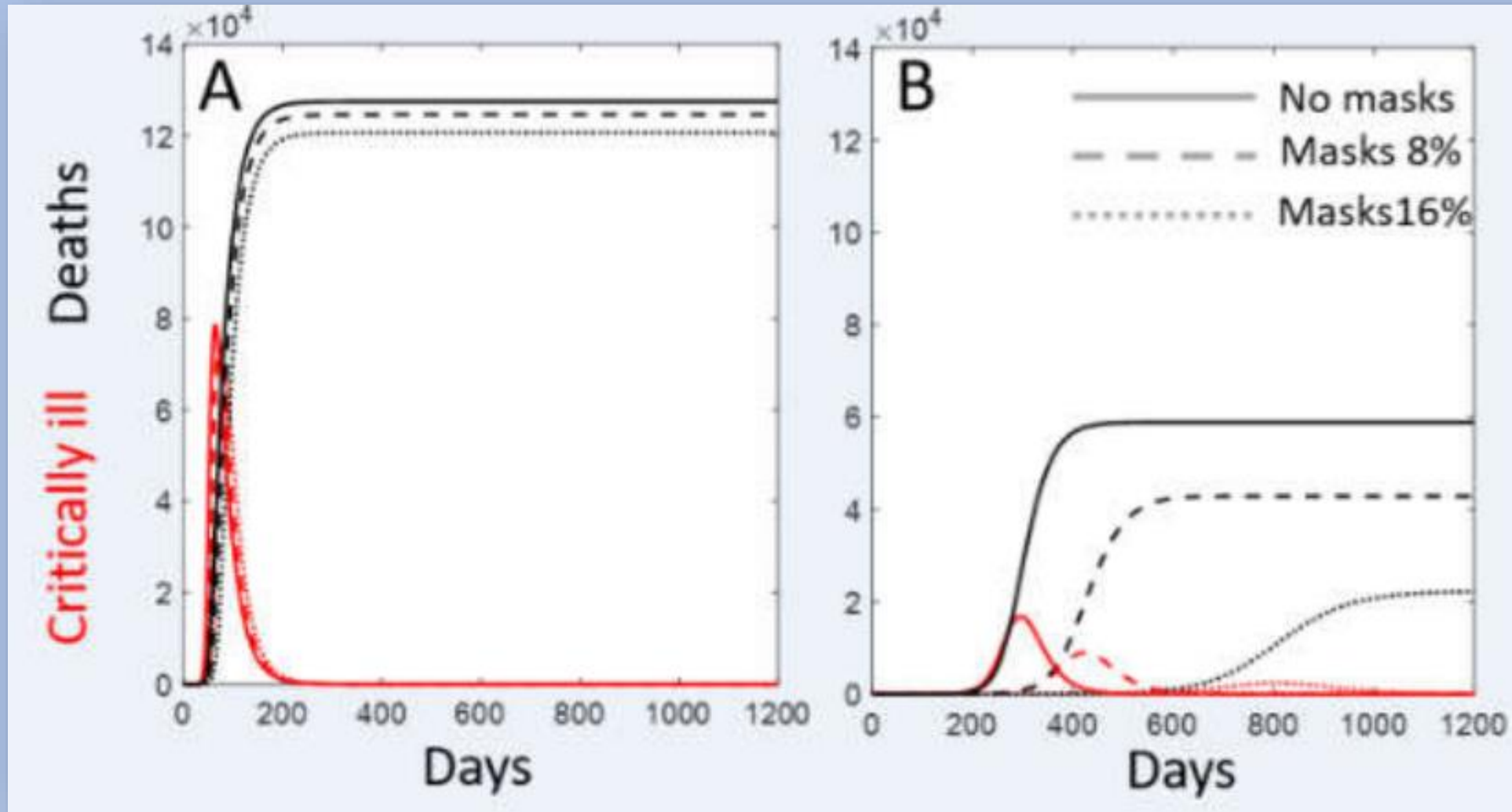
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Exaggerated risk of transmission of COVID-19 by fomites

Emanuel Goldman 

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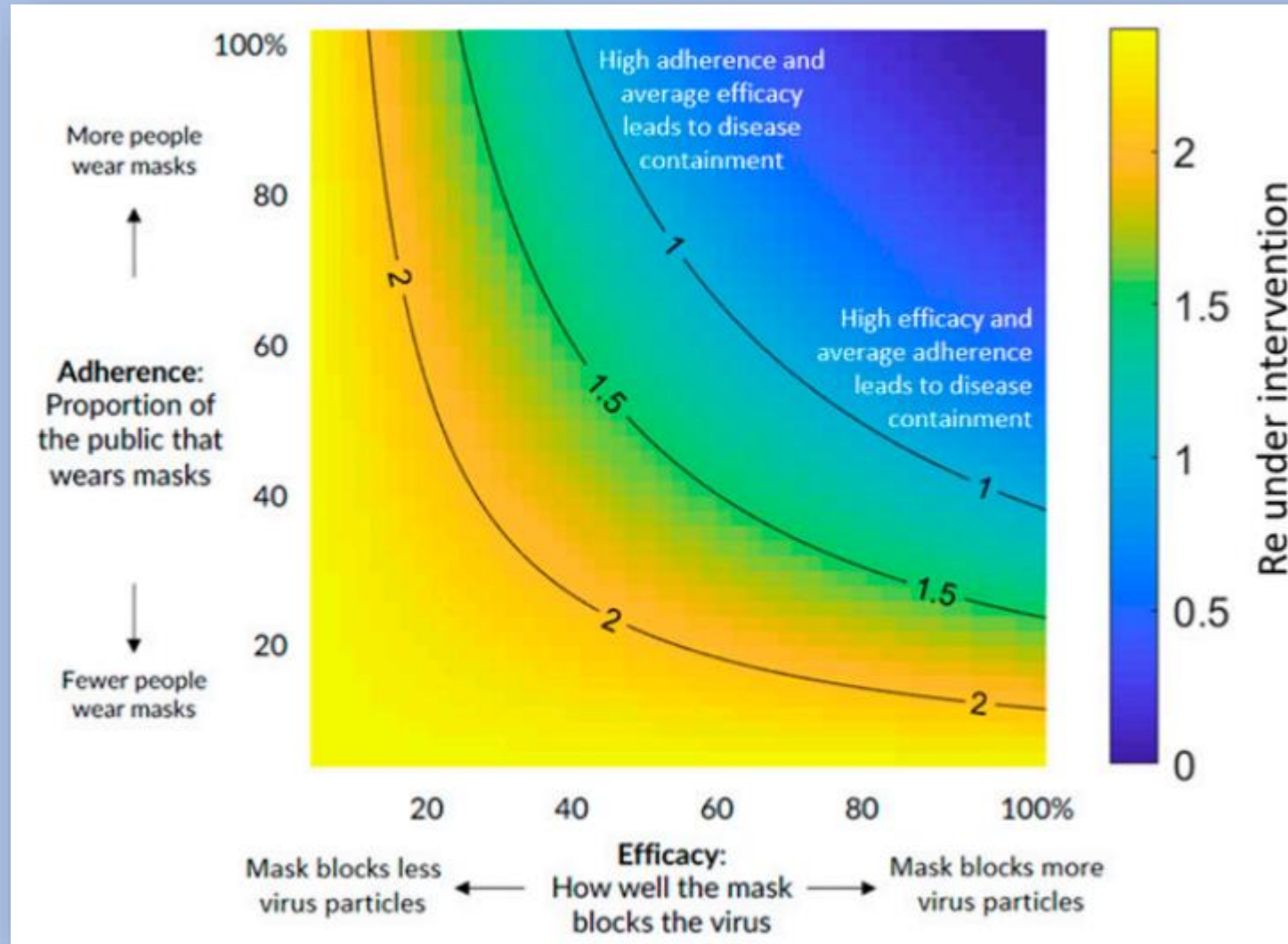
Masks: Anticipated effect



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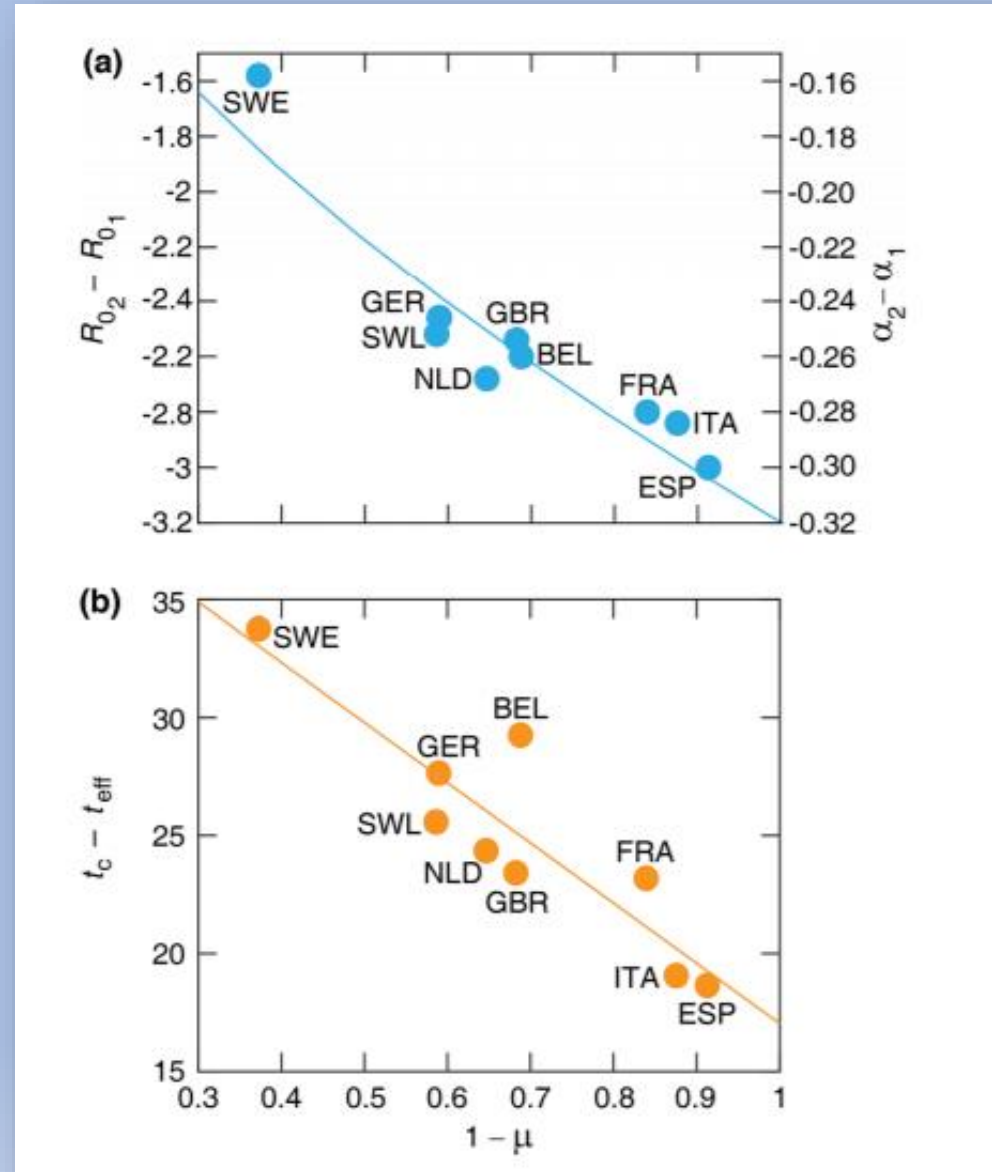
Masks: Evidence review



Howard et al.

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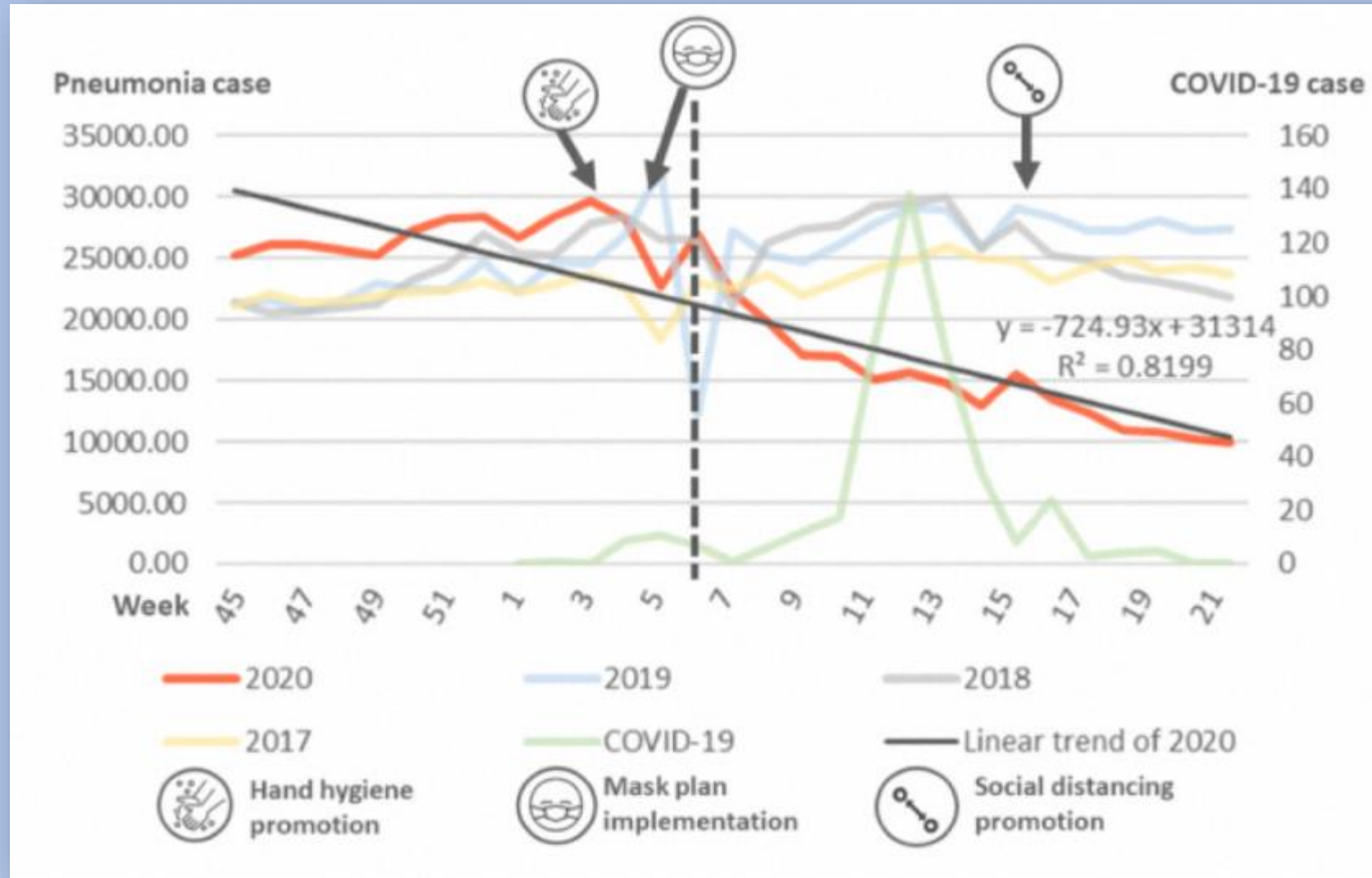
Social distancing: impact from mobile phone data



R_0

Elapsed time between epidemic peak and effective lock-down

Hands, face, space: sequential impact



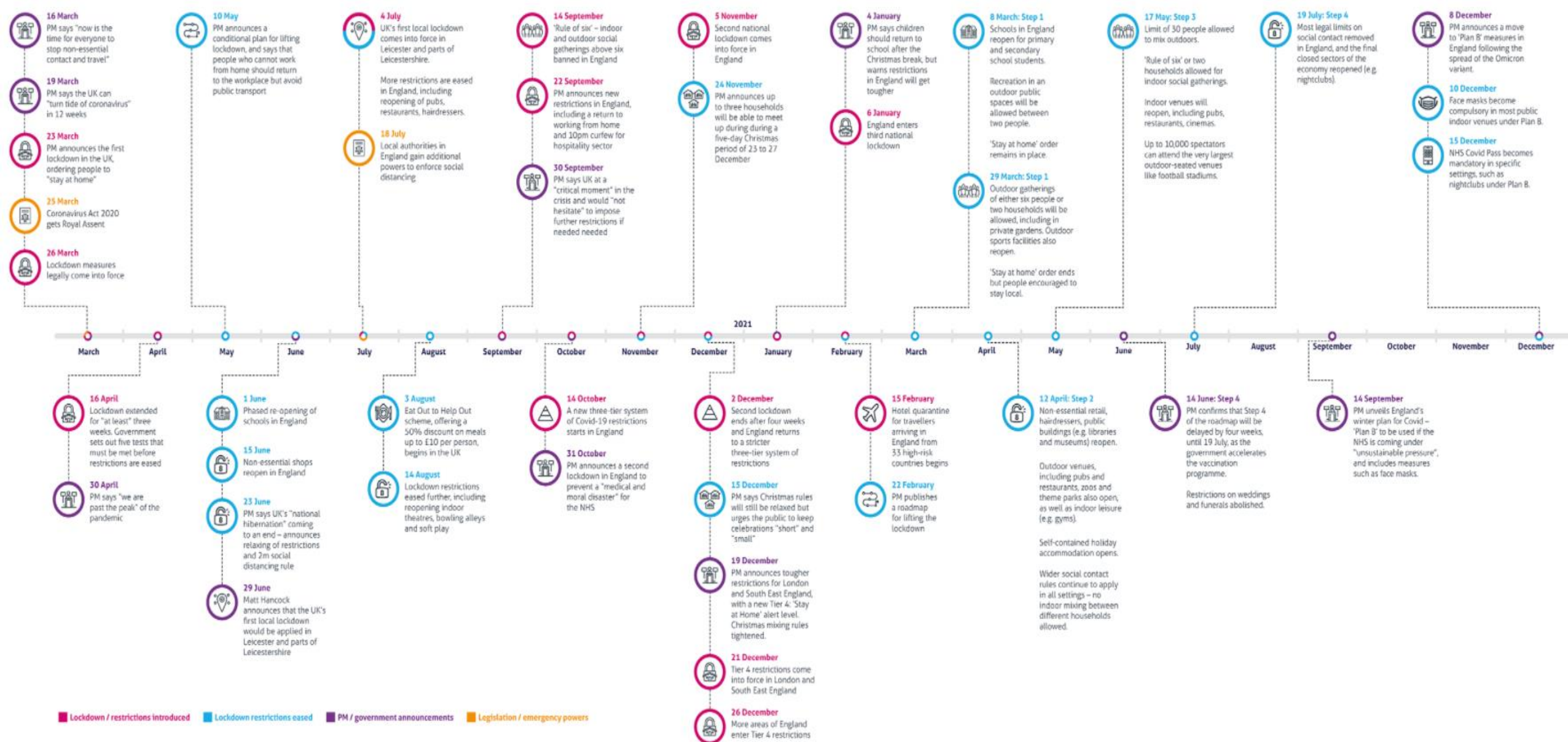
Chiu et al.

JMIR. 2020;22(8):e21257.

Hands, face, space: variable concordance



NPI & Lockdowns: UK timeline



NPI & Lockdowns: UK timeline



16 March

PM says "now is the time for everyone to stop non-essential contact and travel"



19 March

PM says the UK can "turn tide of coronavirus" in 12 weeks



23 March

PM announces the first lockdown in the UK, ordering people to "stay at home"



25 March

Coronavirus Act 2020 gets Royal Assent



26 March

Lockdown measures legally come into force

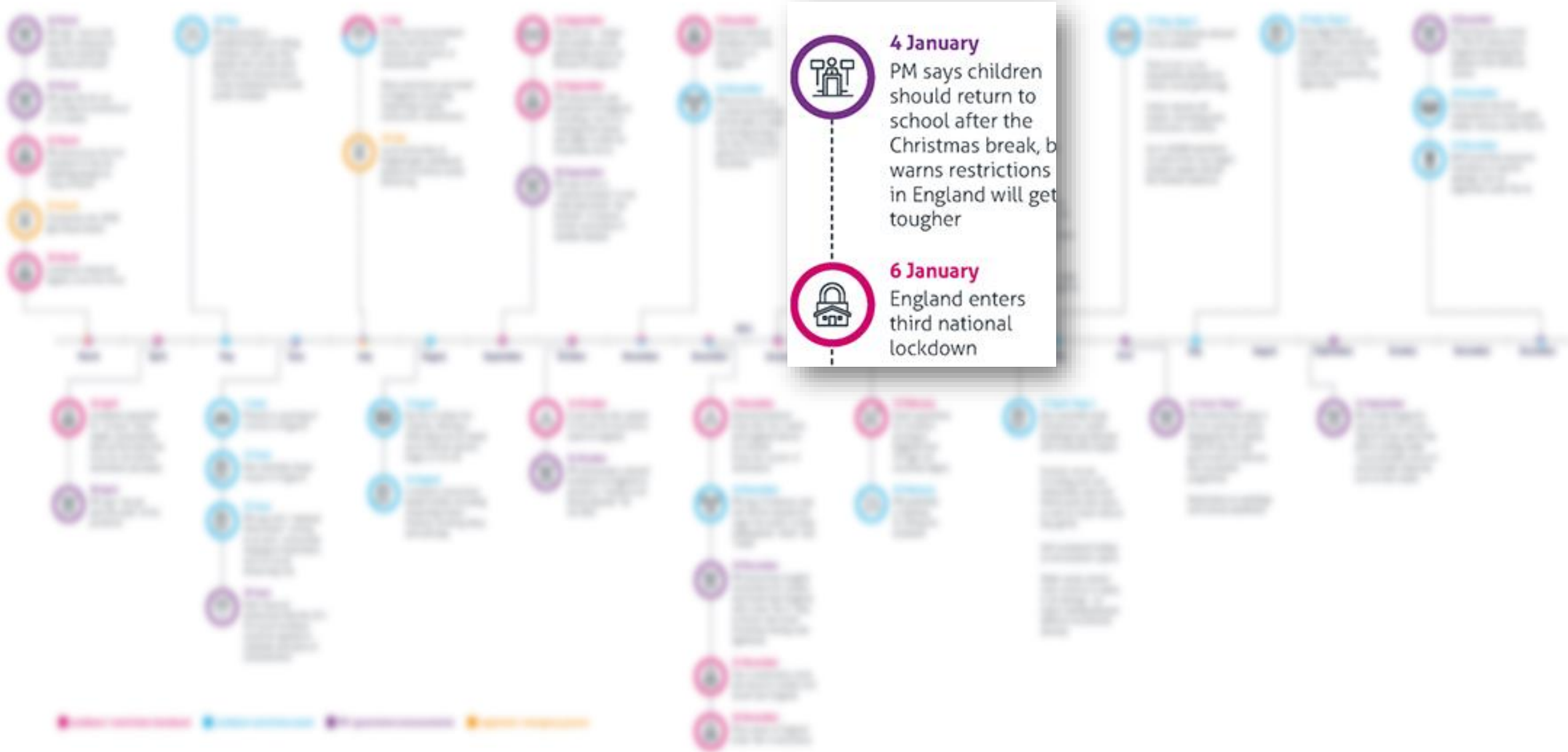
NPI & Lockdowns: UK timeline



14 October
A new three-tier system of Covid-19 restrictions starts in England

31 October
PM announces a second lockdown in England to prevent a "medical and moral disaster" for the NHS

NPI & Lockdowns: UK timeline



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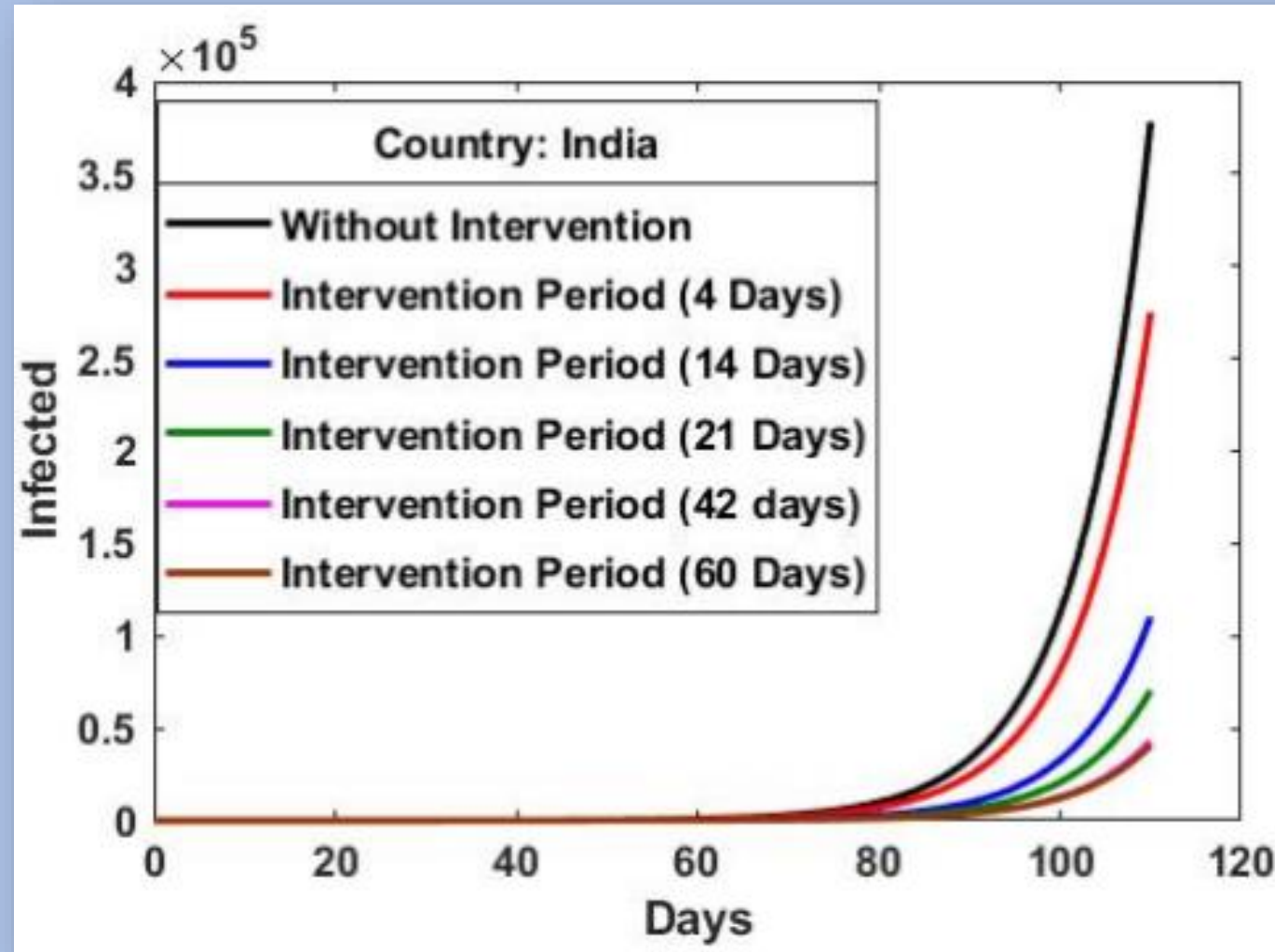
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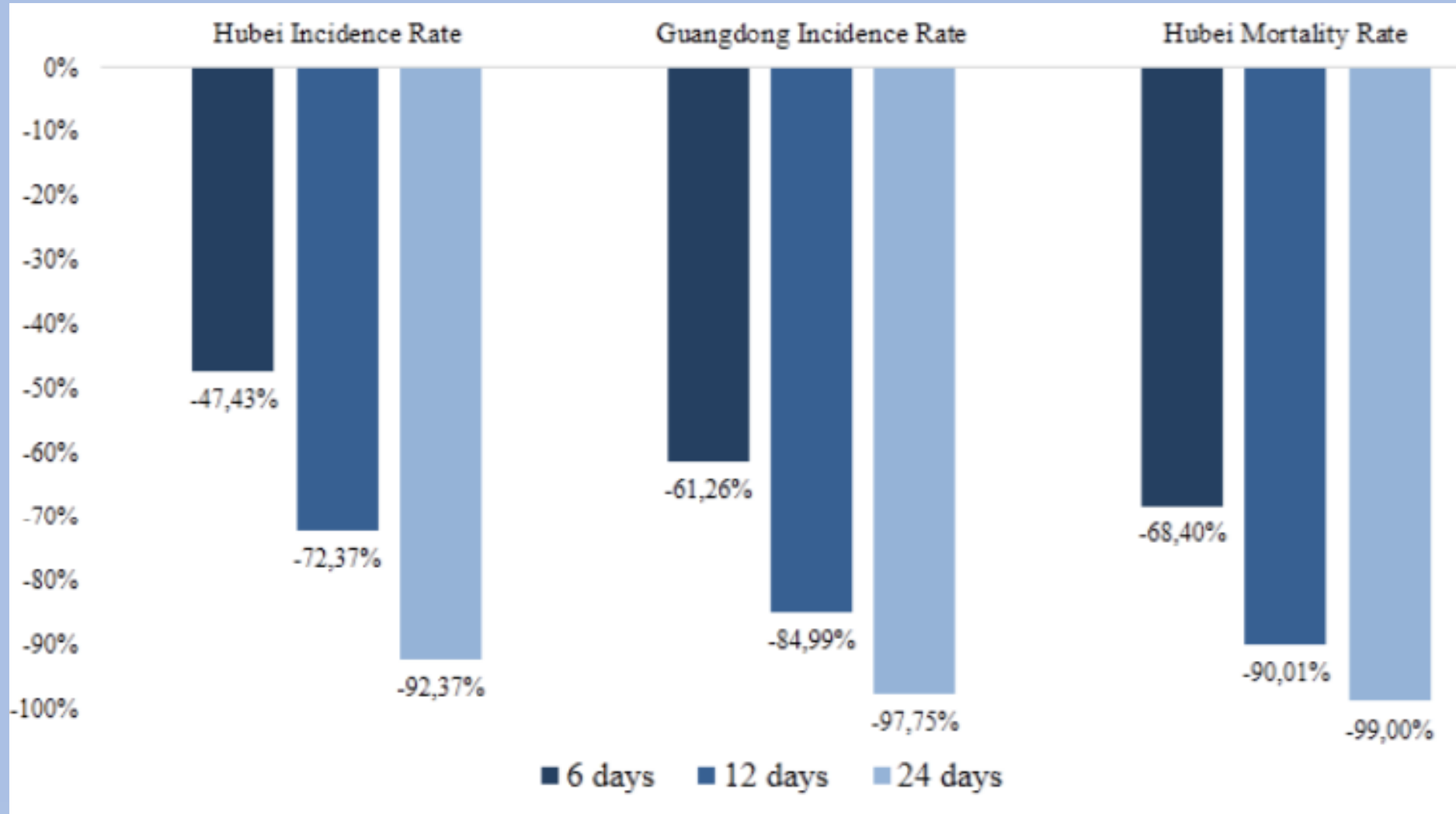
Lockdown: India: determining duration



Ambikapathy et al.

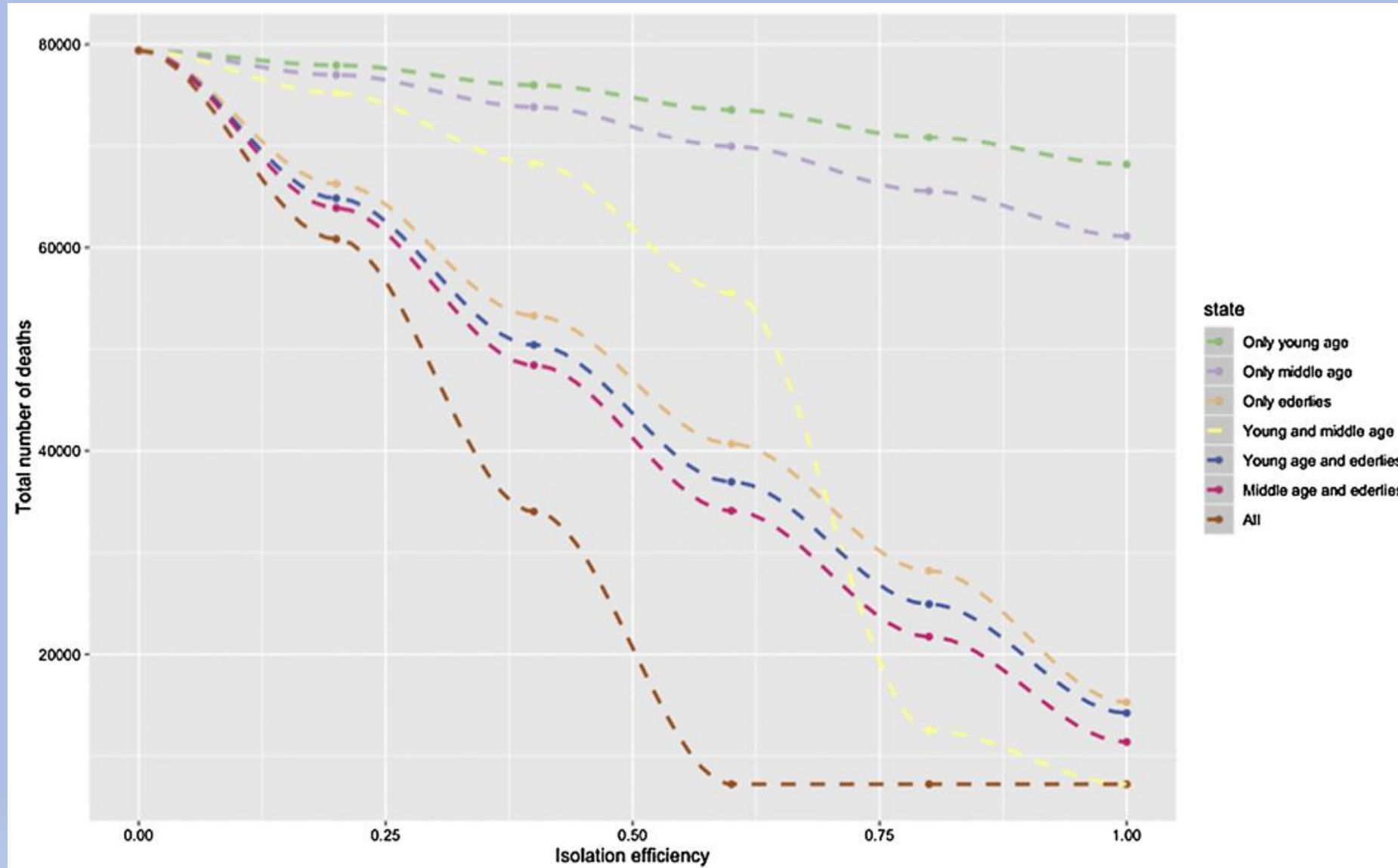
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Lockdown: China: determining duration



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Bull WHO. 2021;[InPress]

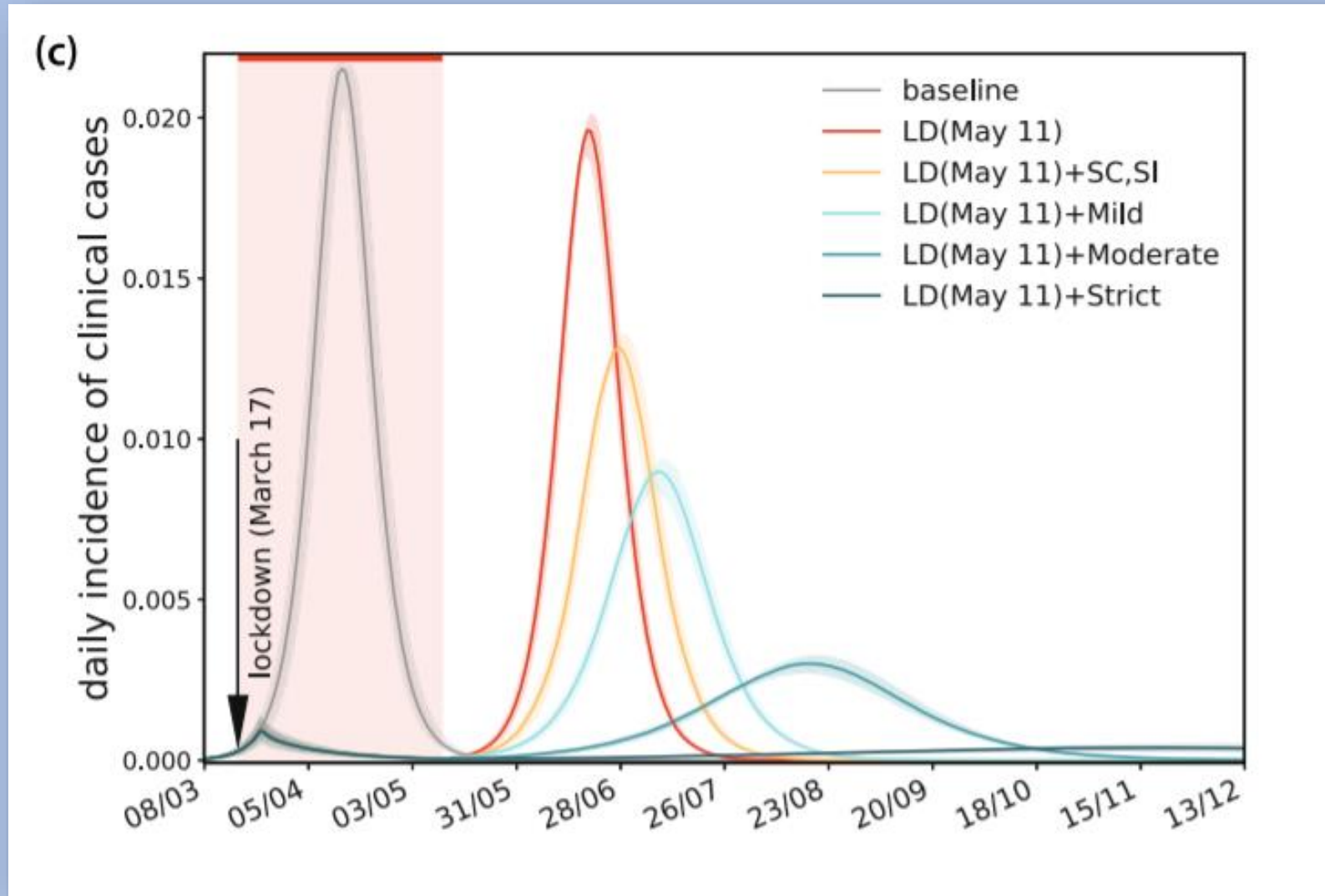
Lockdown: France: age group specific lockdowns



Roche et al.

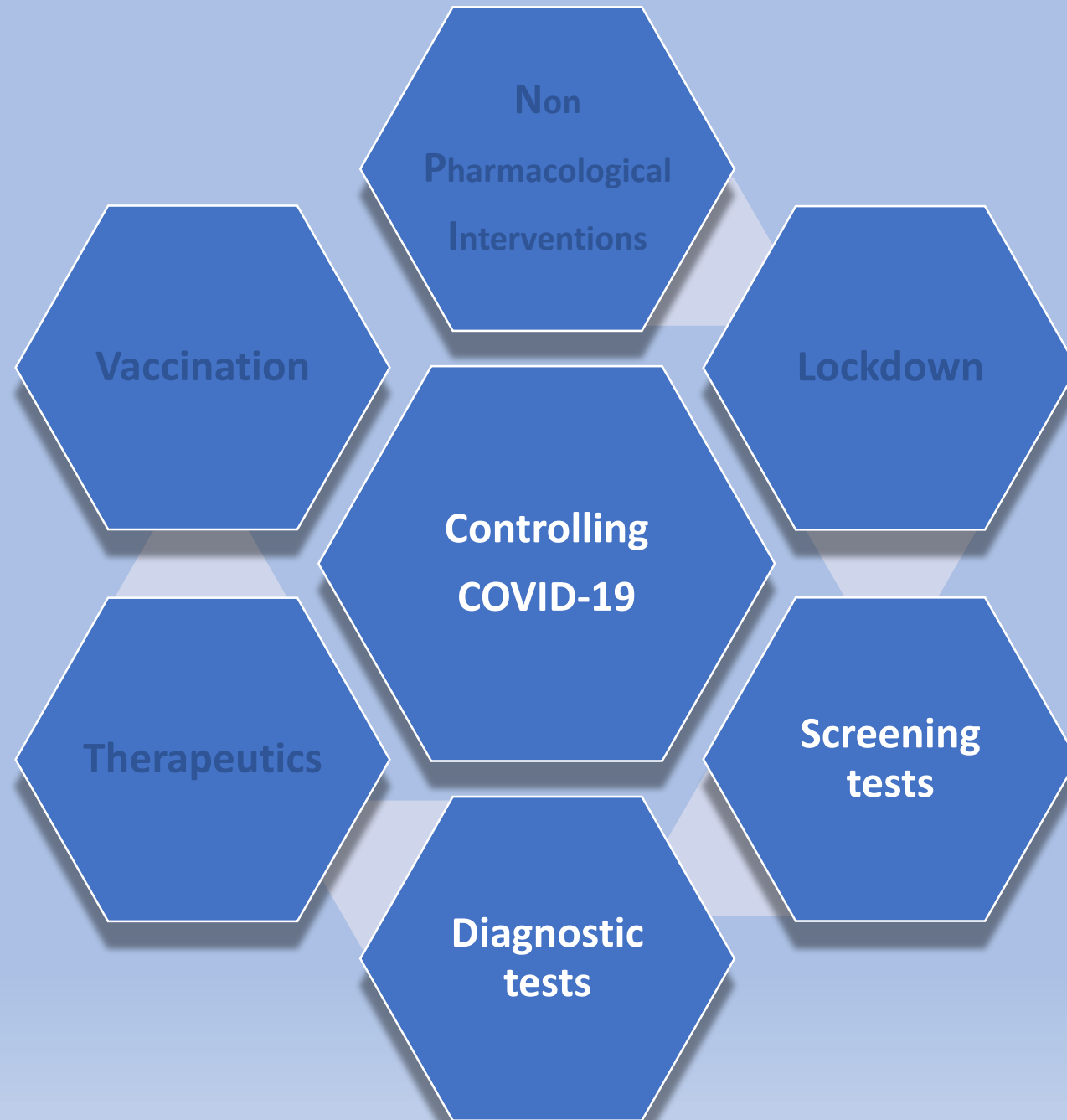
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Lockdown: France: exiting lockdowns

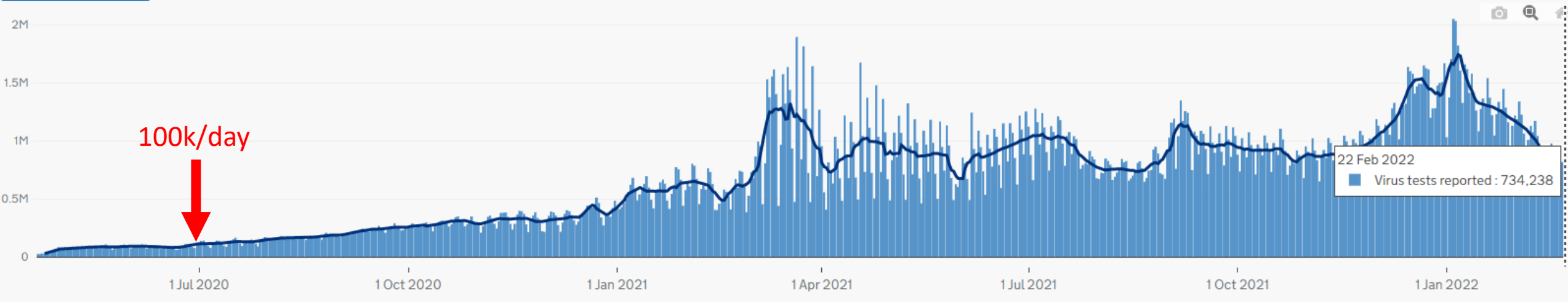


Lockdown: ?future

		School closure	Telework (individuals not going to work)	Senior isolation	Closure non-essential activities	Case isolation
<i>Lockdown</i>		Yes; 100% contacts of children on transports removed	70% ³⁹	Yes, with 90% contact reduction	Yes, 100% closure	No
<i>Set of strict interventions</i>		Yes; 100% contacts of children on transports removed	50% ³⁸	Yes, with 75% contact reduction	Yes, 100% closure	No
<i>Set of moderate interventions</i>		Yes; 50% contacts of children on transports removed	50% ³⁸	Yes, with 75% contact reduction	Yes, 50% closure	No
<i>Set of mild interventions</i>		Yes; contacts of children on transports are not removed	25%	Yes, with 75% contact reduction	No	No
<i>School closure and senior isolation</i>		Yes; contacts of children on transports are not removed	As in baseline	Yes, with 75% contact reduction	No	No
<i>Lockdown + case isolation</i>		Yes; 100% contacts of children on transports removed	70% ³⁹	Yes, with 90% contact reduction	Yes, 100% closure	Yes, for 50%, 75% of cases
<i>Set of strict interventions + case isolation</i>		Yes; 100% contacts of children on transports removed	50% ³⁸	Yes, with 75% contact reduction	Yes, 100% closure	Yes, for 25%, 50%, 75% of cases
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Diagnostics: COVID tests per day



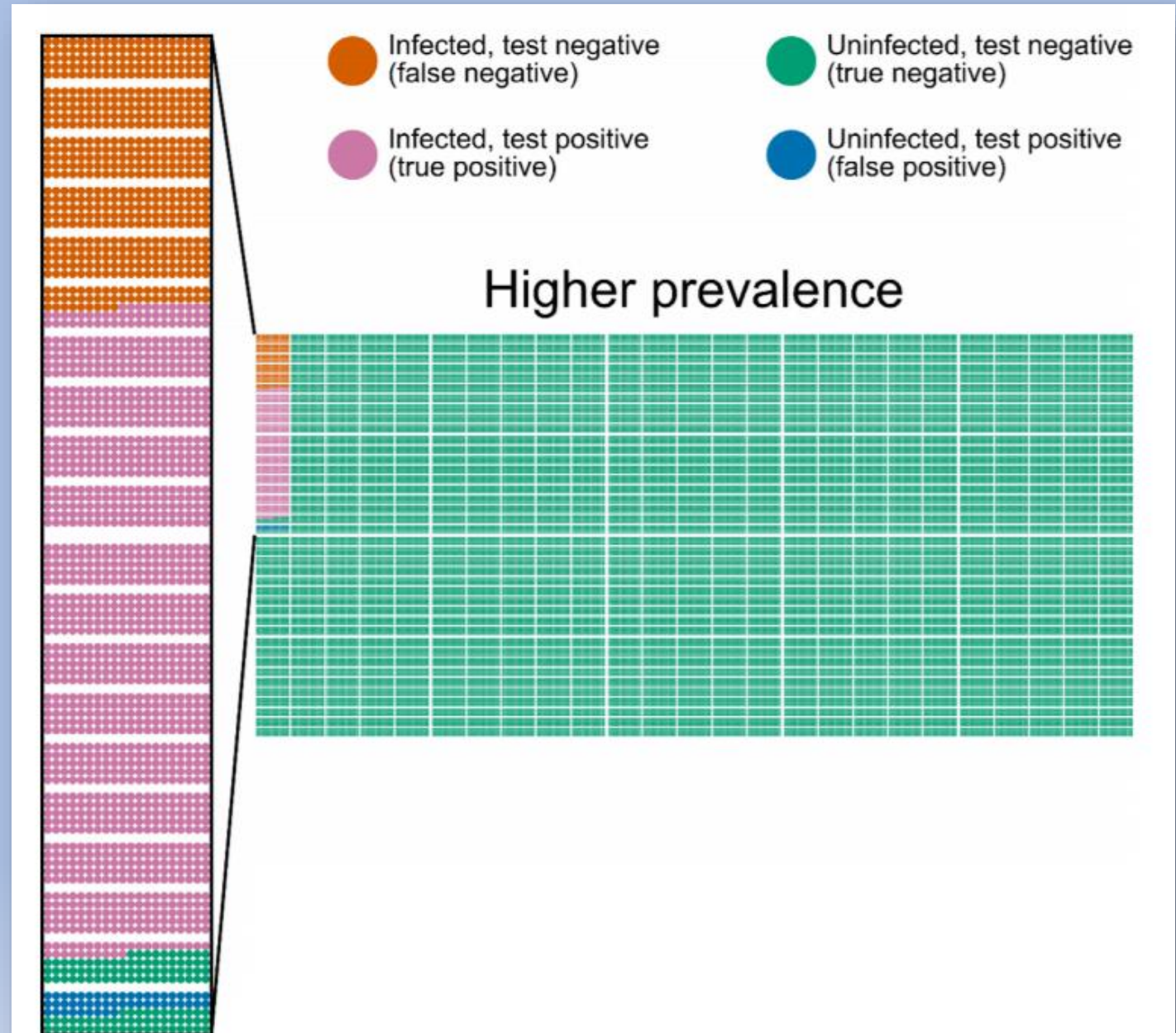
Screening & testing: right tools for the right job



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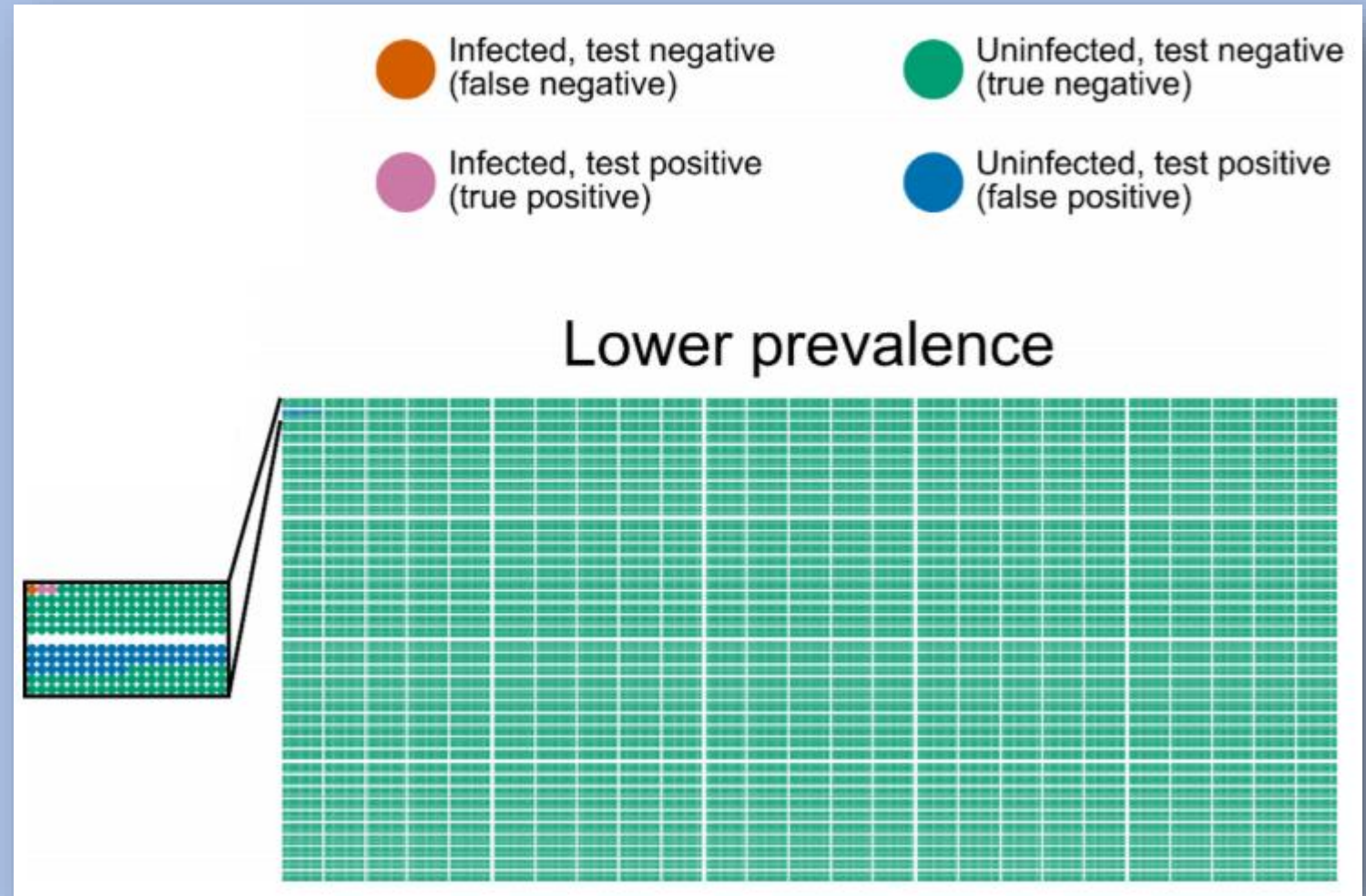
Screening: Utility in high prevalence



Skittrall et al.

Lancet RH:E 2021;1:1000002

Screening: Utility in low prevalence



Diagnostics:molecular

Remaining issues

- (i) Human 'sample adequacy' controls
- (ii) Determination of VOC in real-time
- (iii) Multiplexing for other RTI viruses (flu etc)

Abbott - ID NOW (Isothermal PCR)

Study	TP	FP	FN	TN	IFU compliant	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Ghofrani 2020	16	1	1	95	No	0.94 [0.71, 1.00]	0.99 [0.94, 1.00]		
Smithgall 2020 [A]	65	0	23	25	No	0.74 [0.63, 0.83]	1.00 [0.86, 1.00]		
Rhoads 2020	90	0	6	0	No	0.94 [0.87, 0.98]	Not estimable		
Moore 2020	94	0	25	79	No	0.79 [0.71, 0.86]	1.00 [0.95, 1.00]		
Mitchell 2020	33	0	13	15	No	0.72 [0.57, 0.84]	1.00 [0.78, 1.00]		
Zhen 2020 [A]	50	0	7	50	No	0.88 [0.76, 0.95]	1.00 [0.93, 1.00]		
SoRelle 2020	32	0	7	44	No	0.82 [0.66, 0.92]	1.00 [0.92, 1.00]		
Cradic 2020(a)	30	0	3	151	No	0.91 [0.76, 0.98]	1.00 [0.98, 1.00]		
Cradic 2020(b)	12	0	1	169	Unclear	0.92 [0.64, 1.00]	1.00 [0.98, 1.00]		
Lephart 2020 [A]	11	0	5	59	Yes	0.69 [0.41, 0.89]	1.00 [0.94, 1.00]		
Jin 2020	4	0	2	46	Yes	0.67 [0.22, 0.96]	1.00 [0.92, 1.00]		
Harrington 2020	139	2	47	336	Yes	0.75 [0.68, 0.81]	0.99 [0.98, 1.00]		
Thwe 2020	8	0	6	147	Yes	0.57 [0.29, 0.82]	1.00 [0.98, 1.00]		

Cepheid - Xpert Xpress (Automated RT-PCR)

Study	TP	FP	FN	TN	IFU compliant	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Goldenberger 2020	10	0	0	9	No	1.00 [0.69, 1.00]	1.00 [0.66, 1.00]		
Chen 2020a	55	0	0	0	No	1.00 [0.94, 1.00]	Not estimable		
Hou 2020	147	5	6	127	No	0.96 [0.92, 0.99]	0.96 [0.91, 0.99]		
Stevens 2020	53	0	1	50	No	0.98 [0.90, 1.00]	1.00 [0.93, 1.00]		
Zhen 2020 [B]	57	0	1	50	No	0.98 [0.91, 1.00]	1.00 [0.93, 1.00]		
Wong 2020	118	0	1	43	No	0.99 [0.95, 1.00]	1.00 [0.92, 1.00]		
Wolters 2020	58	0	0	30	No	1.00 [0.94, 1.00]	1.00 [0.88, 1.00]		
Dust 2020	20	0	0	18	Unclear	1.00 [0.83, 1.00]	1.00 [0.81, 1.00]		
Jokela 2020	60	0	0	30	Unclear	1.00 [0.94, 1.00]	1.00 [0.88, 1.00]		
Smithgall 2020 [B]	87	2	1	23	Unclear	0.99 [0.94, 1.00]	0.92 [0.74, 0.99]		
Moran 2020	42	1	0	60	Unclear	1.00 [0.92, 1.00]	0.98 [0.91, 1.00]		
Loeffelholz 2020	219	11	1	250	Unclear	1.00 [0.97, 1.00]	0.96 [0.93, 0.98]		
Broder 2020	34	0	1	0	Yes	0.97 [0.85, 1.00]	Not estimable		
Lieberman 2020	13	0	0	13	Yes	1.00 [0.75, 1.00]	1.00 [0.75, 1.00]		
Lephart 2020 [B]	16	2	0	56	Yes	1.00 [0.79, 1.00]	0.97 [0.88, 1.00]		

DNANudge - COVID Nudge (Automated RT-PCR)

Study	TP	FP	FN	TN	IFU compliant	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Gibani 2020	67	0	4	315	Yes	0.94 [0.86, 0.98]	1.00 [0.99, 1.00]		

DRW - SAMBA II (Automated RT-PCR)

Study	TP	FP	FN	TN	IFU compliant	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Assennato 2020	87	3	1	81	Unclear	0.99 [0.94, 1.00]	0.96 [0.90, 0.99]		
Collier 2020	29	3	4	113	Yes	0.88 [0.72, 0.97]	0.97 [0.93, 0.99]		

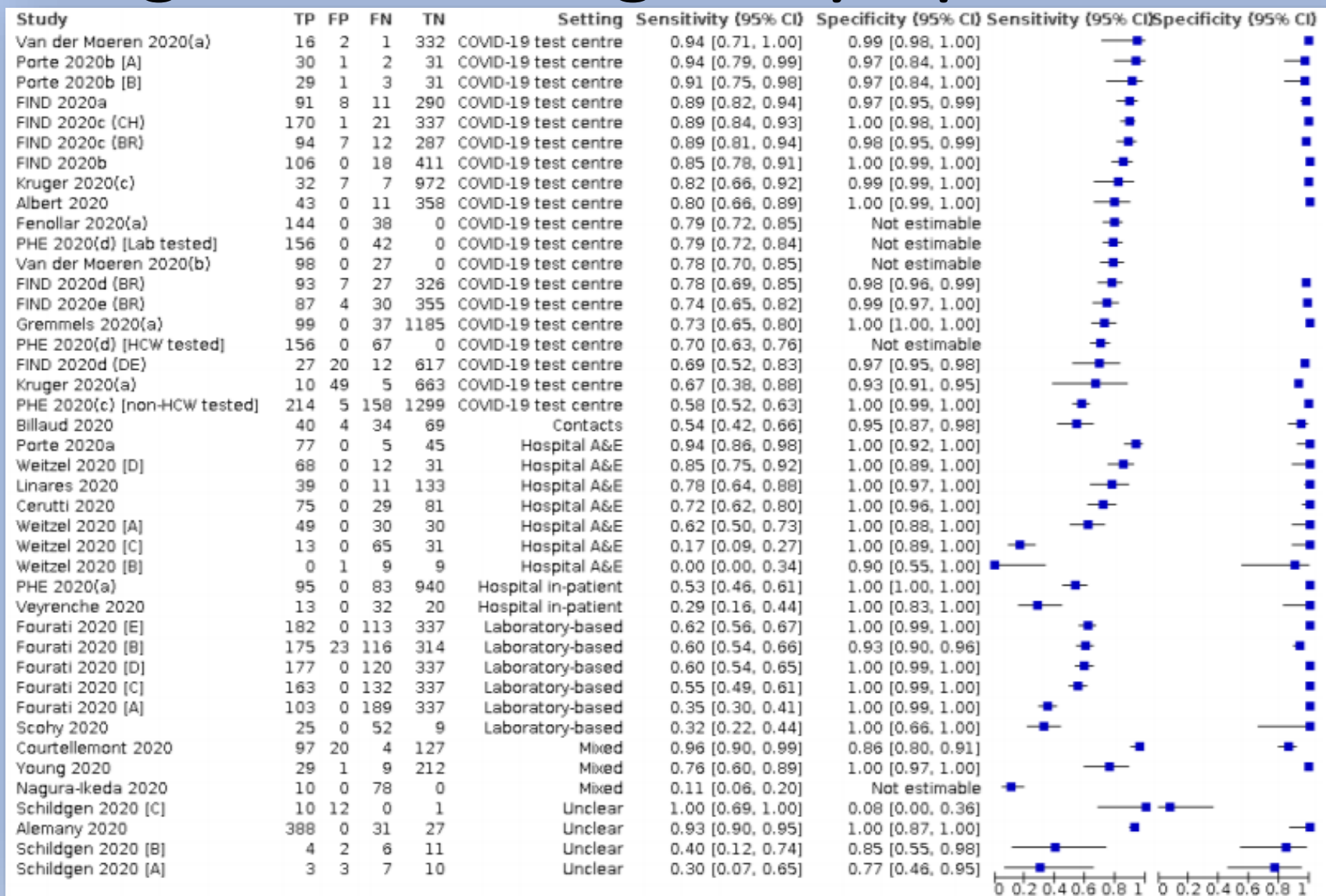
Mesa Biotech - Accula (other molecular)

Study	TP	FP	FN	TN	IFU compliant	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Hogan 2020	34	0	16	50	No	0.68 [0.53, 0.80]	1.00 [0.93, 1.00]		

Dinnes et al.

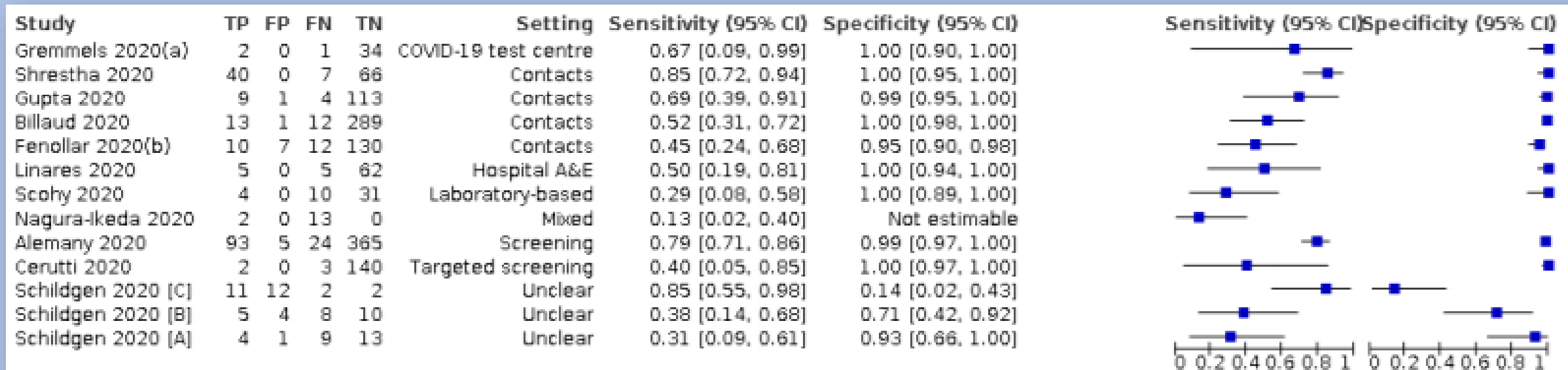
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Diagnostics: antigen: symptomatic



Dinnes et al.
 Cochrane 2021;3:CD013705.

Diagnostics: antigen: asymptomatic



Remaining issues

- (i) What is the cost-utility
- (ii) Can we optimise use
(technique or assay)

Dinnes et al.

Cochrane 2021;3:CD013705.

Diagnostics: antibodies



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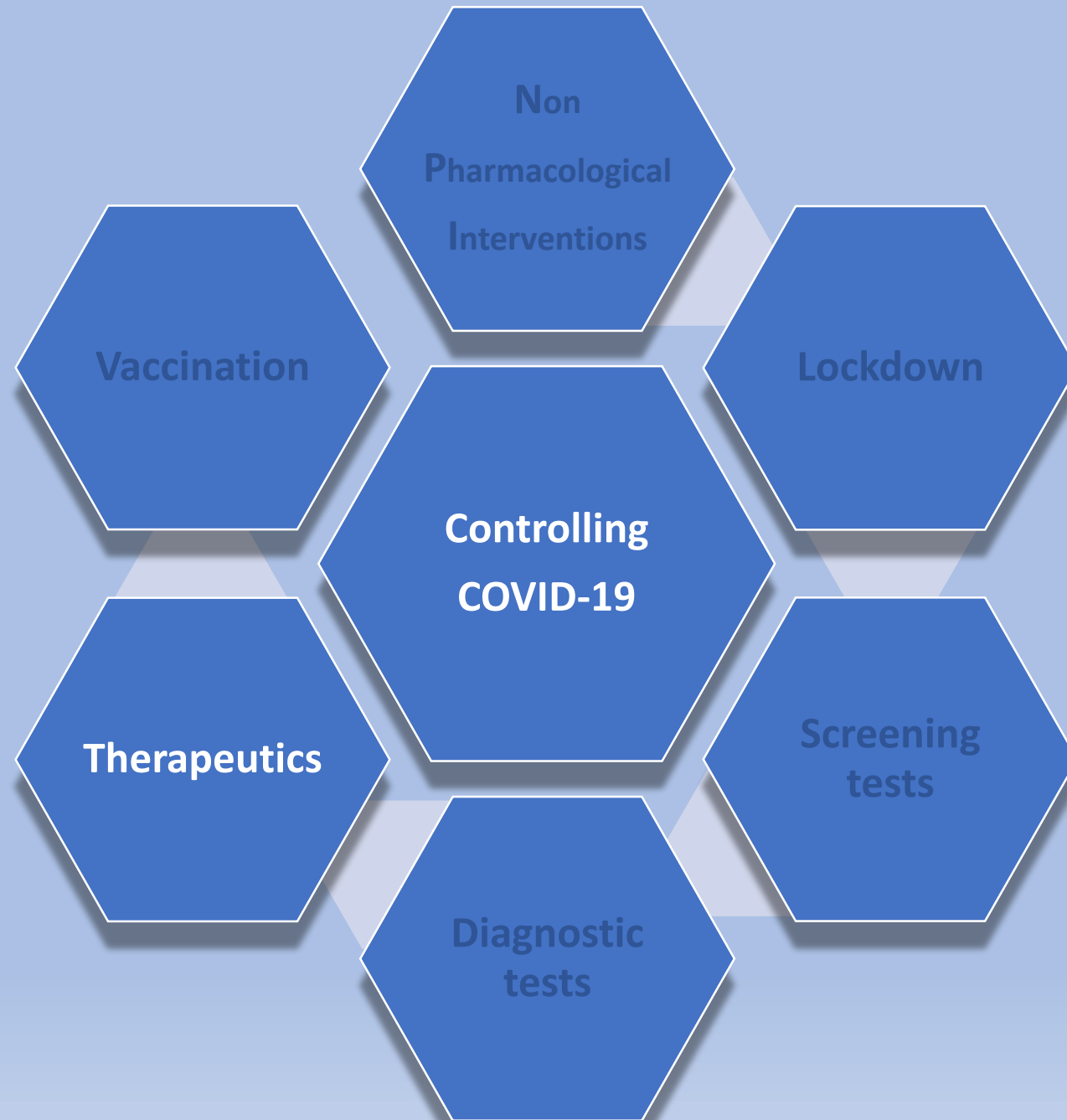
EXPERT COMMITTEE ON BIOLOGICAL STANDARDIZATION
Geneva, 9 - 10 December 2020

Establishment of the WHO International Standard and Reference Panel for anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody

Giada Mattiuzzo^{1#}, Emma M. Bentley¹, Mark Hassall¹, Stephanie Routley¹, Samuel Richardson¹, Valentina Bernasconi², Paul Kristiansen², Heli Harvala³, David Roberts³, Malcom G Semple⁴, Lance CW Turtle⁴, Peter JM Openshaw⁵ and Kenneth Baillie⁶ on behalf of the ISARIC4C Investigators, Lise Sofie Haug Nissen-Meyer⁷, Arne Broch Brantsæter⁸, Helen Baxendale⁹, Eleanor Atkinson¹⁰, Peter Rigsby¹⁰, David Padley¹¹, Neil Almond¹¹, Nicola J. Rose¹, Mark Page¹ and the collaborative study participants*

Now a consensus on:
(i) International units

Still no consensus on:
(i) Whether quantification correlates
with immunity
(ii) Inter-platform equivalence
(iii) Role of T cells



Therapeutics

COVID-19 rapid guideline: Managing COVID-19

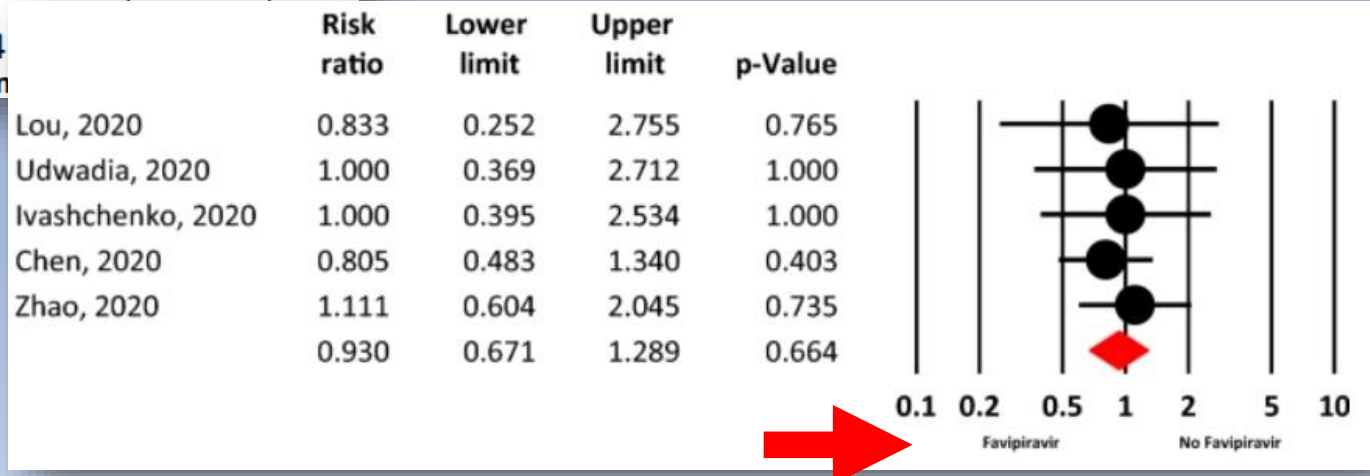
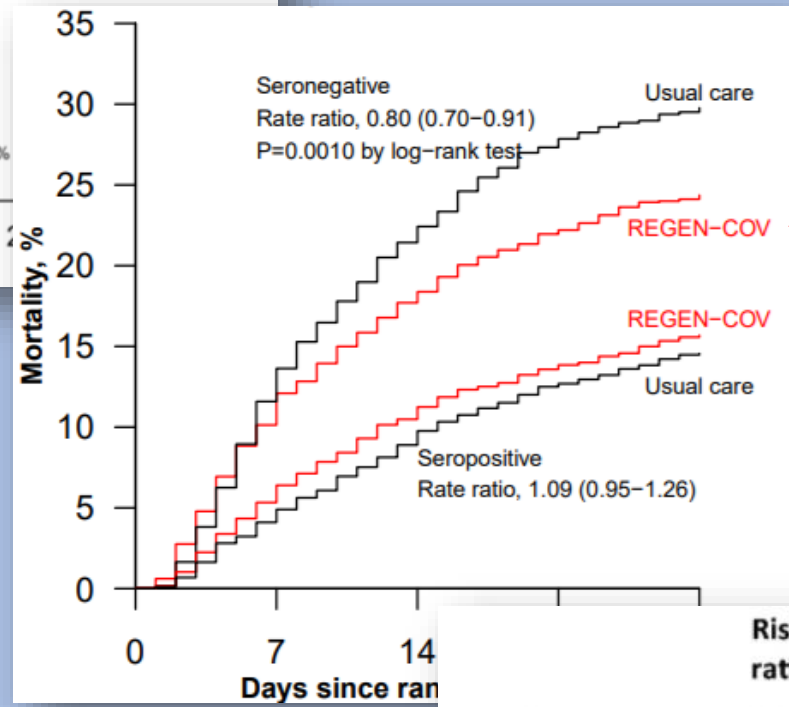
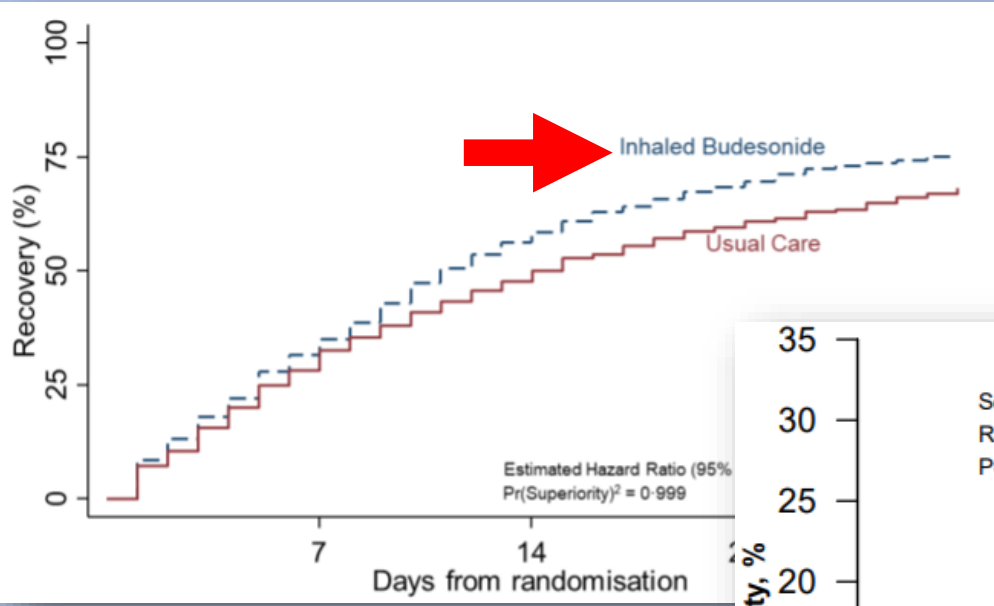
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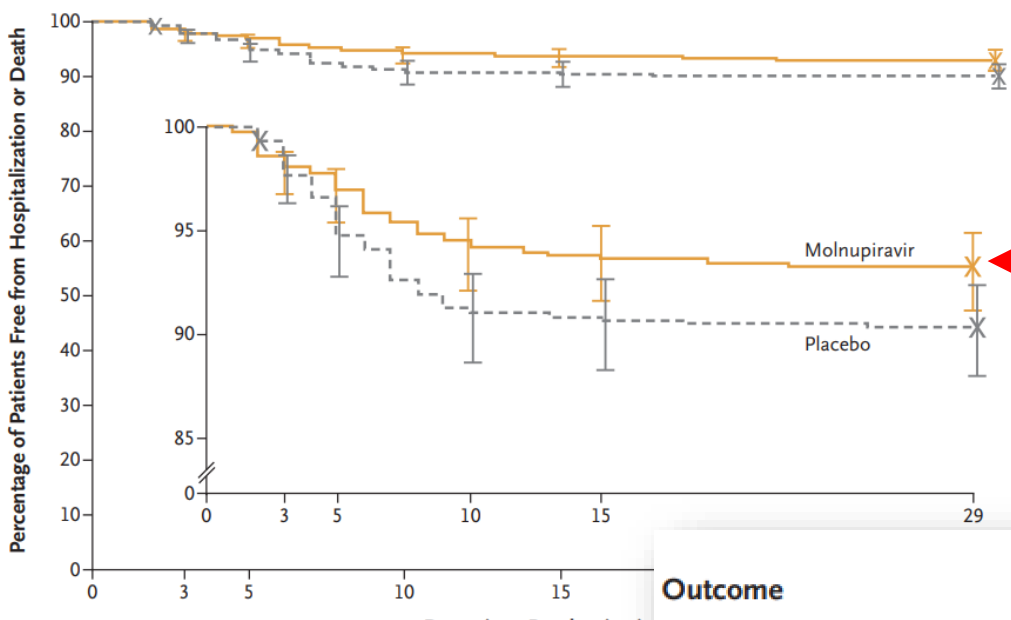


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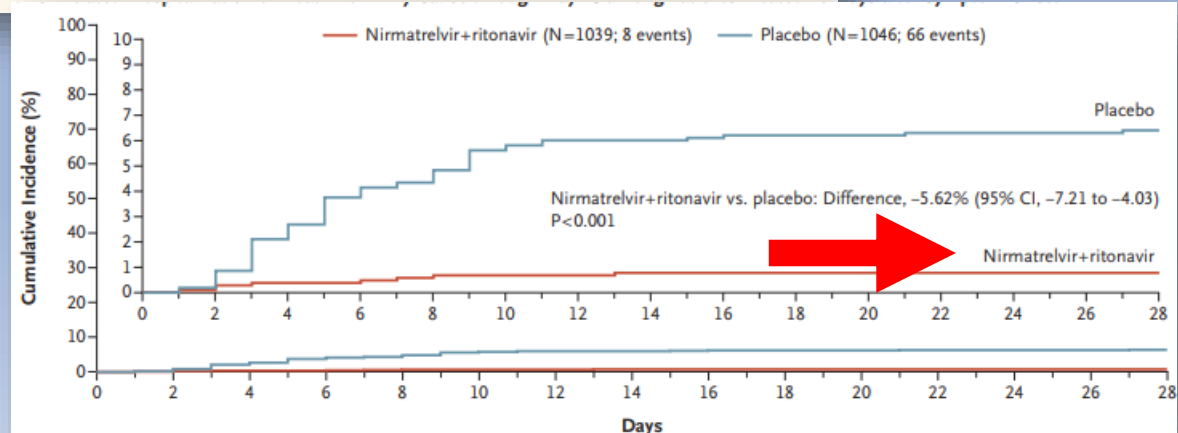


Outcome	Sotrovimab (N = 291)	Placebo (N = 292)
Primary outcome		
Hospitalization for >24 hr for any cause or death from any cause — no. (%)	3 (1)	21 (7)
Hospitalization for >24 hr for any cause	3 (1)	21 (7)
Death from any cause	0	1 (<1)†
Alive and not hospitalized — no. (%)	284 (98)	270 (92)
Relative risk reduction (97.24% CI)	85 (44–96)	—
P value	0.002	—

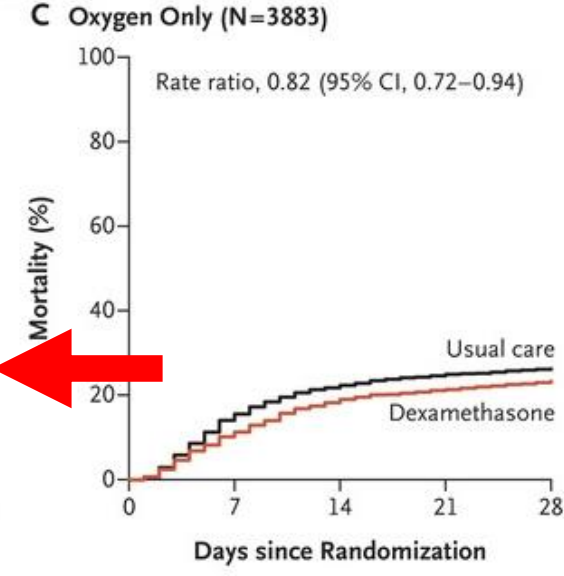
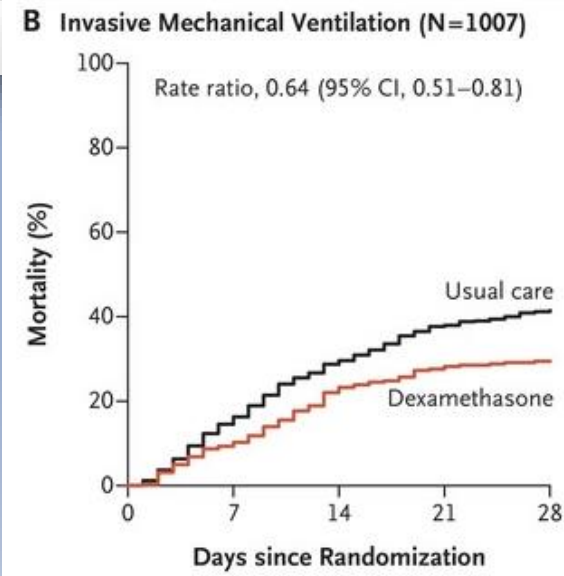
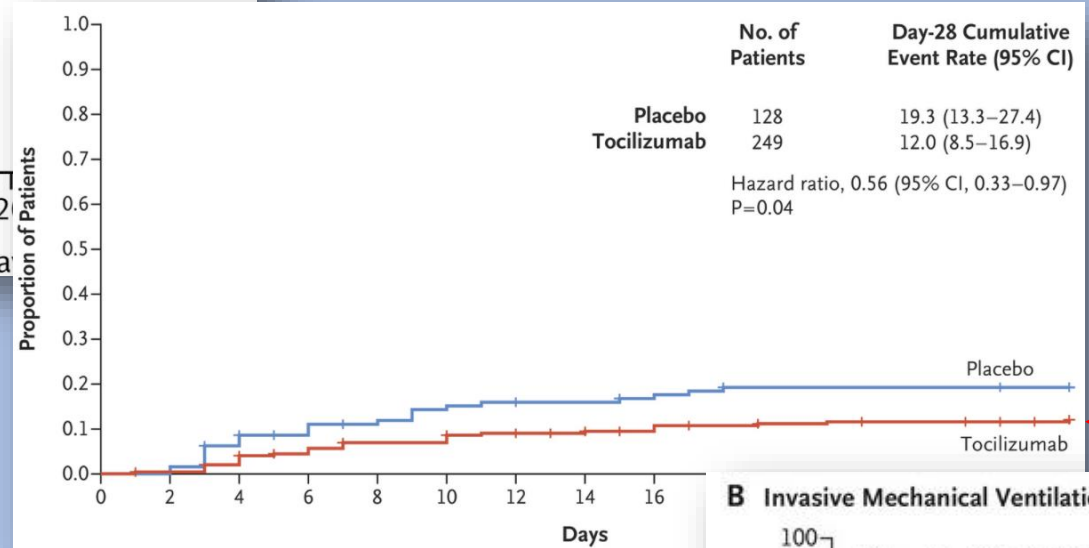
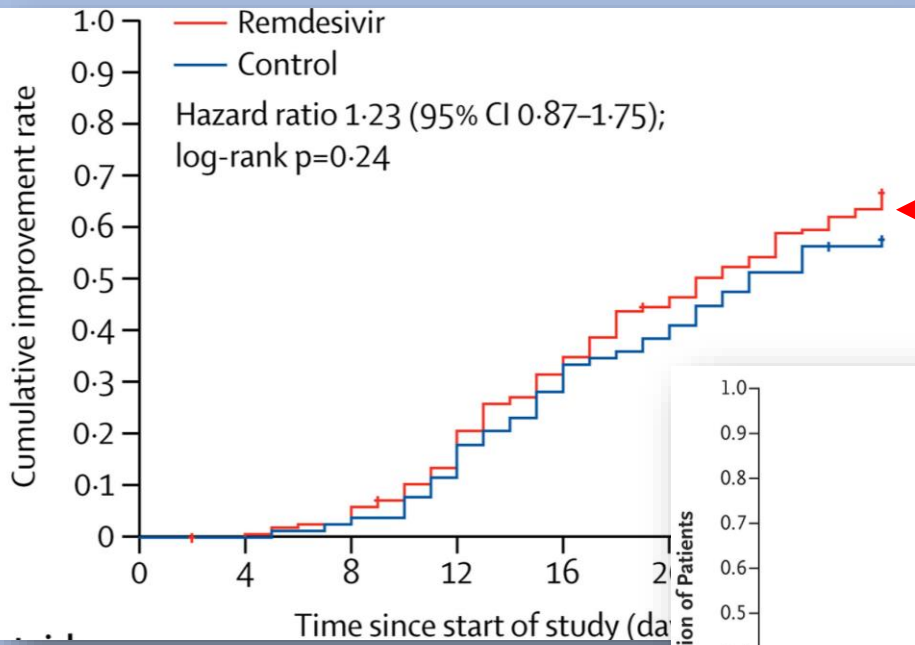
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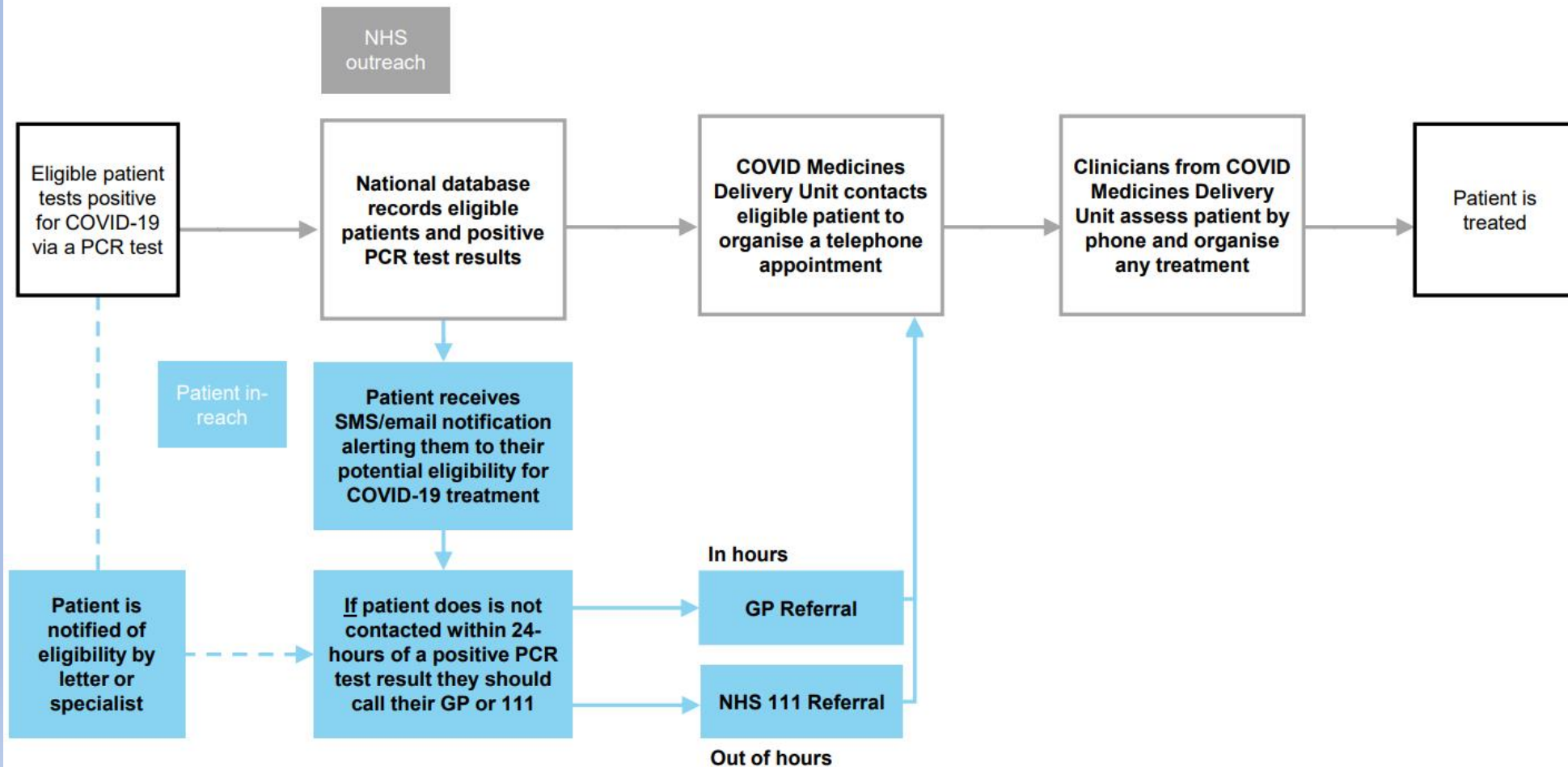
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CMDU

COVID-19 treatment pathway – simple overview



CMDU

Patient cohorts considered at highest risk from COVID-19 and to be prioritised for treatment with nMABs

Eligibility criteria

Patients must meet all of the eligibility criteria and none of the exclusion criteria. Pre-hospitalised patients are eligible to be considered if:

- SARS-CoV-2 infection is confirmed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or lateral flow testing within the last 5[§] day AND
- Onset of symptoms of COVID-19[§] within the last 5[§] days AND
- A member of a 'highest' risk group ([see appendix 1](#))

§ patients may be considered for IV/PO therapy up to 7 days of symptoms / diagnosis if clinically appropriate

Patients who have received an nMAB within a post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) or pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) trial (such as the PROTECT-V trial) who meet the eligibility criteria of this policy can still receive treatment with an nMAB.

Exclusion criteria

- Require hospitalisation for COVID-19
- Require supplemental oxygen (above baseline requirements)
- Children aged under 18 years should be referred via paediatric pathway

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Patients with renal disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal transplant recipients (including those with failed transplants within the past 12 months), particularly those who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received B cell depleting therapy within the past 12 months (including alemtuzumab, rituximab [anti-CD20], anti-thymocyte globulin) Have an additional substantial risk factor which would in isolation make them eligible for nMABs or oral antivirals Not been vaccinated prior to transplantation Non-transplant patients who have received a comparable level of immunosuppression Patients with chronic kidney stage (CKD) 4 or 5 (an eGFR less than 30 ml/min/1.73m²) without immunosuppression
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HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with high levels of immune suppression, have uncontrolled/untreated HIV (high viral load) or present acutely with an AIDS defining diagnosis On treatment for HIV with CD4 <350 cells/mm³ and stable on HIV treatment or CD4 >350 cells/mm³ and additional risk factors (e.g. age, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular, liver or renal disease, homeless, those with alcohol-dependence)
Solid organ transplant recipients	All recipients of solid organ transplants not otherwise specified above
Rare neurological conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple sclerosis Motor neurone disease Myasthenia gravis Huntington's disease

Patients with liver disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with cirrhosis Child's-Pugh class B and C (decompensated liver disease). Patients with a liver transplant Liver patients on immune suppressive therapy (including patients with and without liver cirrhosis) Patients with cirrhosis Child's-Pugh class A who are not on immune suppressive therapy (compensated liver disease)
Patients with immune-mediated inflammatory disorders (IMID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMID treated with rituximab or other B cell depleting therapy in the last 12 months IMID with active/unstable disease on corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, tacrolimus, cyclosporin or mycophenolate. IMID with stable disease on either corticosteroids*, cyclophosphamide, tacrolimus, cyclosporin or mycophenolate. IMID patients with active/unstable disease including those on biological monotherapy and on combination biologicals with thiopurine or methotrexate
Immune deficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID) Undefined primary antibody deficiency on immunoglobulin (or eligible for Ig) Hyper-IgM syndromes Good's syndrome (thymoma plus B-cell deficiency) Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Autoimmune polyglandular syndromes/autoimmune polyendocrinopathy, candidiasis, ectodermal dystrophy (APECED syndrome) Primary immunodeficiency associated with impaired type I interferon signalling X-linked agammaglobulinaemia (and other primary agammaglobulinaemias) Any patient with a secondary immunodeficiency receiving, or eligible for, immunoglobulin replacement therapy

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Drug Class	Drugs within Class	Effect on Concentration	Clinical Comments
Alpha 1-adrenoreceptor antagonist	alfuzosin	↑ alfuzosin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential hypotension [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Analgesics	pethidine, propoxyphene	↑ pethidine ↑ propoxyphene	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious respiratory depression or hematologic abnormalities [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Antianginal	ranolazine	↑ ranolazine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious and/or life-threatening reactions [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Antiarrhythmics	amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine	↑ antiarrhythmic	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for cardiac arrhythmias [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Antiarrhythmics	bepiridil, lidocaine (systemic)	↑ antiarrhythmic	Caution is warranted and therapeutic concentration monitoring is recommended for antiarrhythmics if available.
Anticancer drugs	apalutamide	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Anticancer drugs	abemaciclib, ceritinib, dasatinib, encorafenib, ibrutinib, ivosidenib, neratinib, nilotinib, venetoclax, vinblastine, vincristine	↑ anticancer drug	Avoid co-administration of encorafenib or ivosidenib due to potential risk of serious adverse events such as QT interval prolongation. Avoid use of neratinib, venetoclax or ibrutinib. Co-administration of vincristine and vinblastine may lead to significant hematologic or gastrointestinal side effects. For further information, refer to individual product label for anticancer drug.
Anticoagulants	warfarin	↑↓ warfarin	Closely monitor INR if co-administration with warfarin is necessary.
	rivaroxaban	↑ rivaroxaban	Increased bleeding risk with rivaroxaban. Avoid concomitant use.
Anticonvulsants	carbamazepine*, phenobarbital, phenytoin	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir ↑ carbamazepine ↓ phenobarbital ↓ phenytoin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].

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Antidepressants	bupropion	↓ bupropion and active metabolite hydroxy-bupropion	Monitor for an adequate clinical response to bupropion.
	trazodone	↑ trazodone	Adverse reactions of nausea, dizziness, hypotension, and syncope have been observed following co-administration of trazodone and ritonavir. A lower dose of trazodone should be considered. Refer to trazodone product label for further information.
Antifungals	voriconazole,	↓ voriconazole	Avoid concomitant use of voriconazole.
	ketoconazole, isavuconazonium sulfate, itraconazole*	↑ ketoconazole ↑ isavuconazonium sulfate ↑ itraconazole	Refer to ketoconazole, isavuconazonium sulfate, and itraconazole product labels for further information.
		↑ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	
Anti-gout	colchicine	↑ colchicine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious and/or life-threatening reactions in patients with renal and/or hepatic impairment [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Anti-HIV protease inhibitors	amprenavir, atazanavir, darunavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir	↑ protease inhibitor	For further information, refer to the respective protease inhibitors' prescribing information. Patients on ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing HIV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated. Monitor for increased PAXLOVID or protease inhibitor adverse events with concomitant use of these protease inhibitors [see <i>Dosage and Administration (2.4)</i>].
Anti-HIV	didanosine, delavirdine, efavirenz, maraviroc, nevirapine, raltegravir, zidovudine, bictegrovir/ emtricitabine/ tenofovir	↑ didanosine ↑ efavirenz ↑ maraviroc ↓ raltegravir ↓ zidovudine	For further information, refer to the respective anti-HIV drugs prescribing information.
		↑ bictegrovir ↔ emtricitabine ↑ tenofovir	

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Anti-infective	clarithromycin, erythromycin	↑ clarithromycin ↑ erythromycin	Refer to the respective prescribing information for anti-infective dose adjustment.
Antimycobacterial	rifampin	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance. Alternate antimycobacterial drugs such as rifabutin should be considered [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Antimycobacterial	bedaquiline rifabutin	↑ bedaquiline ↑ rifabutin	Refer to the bedaquiline product label for further information. Refer to rifabutin product label for further information on rifabutin dose reduction.
Antipsychotics	lurasidone, pimozide, clozapine	↑ lurasidone ↑ pimozide ↑ clozapine	Co-administration contraindicated due to serious and/or life-threatening reactions such as cardiac arrhythmias [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Antipsychotics	quetiapine	↑ quetiapine	If co-administration is necessary, reduce quetiapine dose and monitor for quetiapine-associated adverse reactions. Refer to the quetiapine prescribing information for recommendations.
Calcium channel blockers	amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, nicardipine, nifedipine	↑ calcium channel blocker	Caution is warranted and clinical monitoring of patients is recommended. A dose decrease may be needed for these drugs when co-administered with PAXLOVID. If co-administered, refer to individual product label for calcium channel blocker for further information.
Cardiac glycosides	digoxin	↑ digoxin	Caution should be exercised when co-administering PAXLOVID with digoxin, with appropriate monitoring of serum digoxin levels. Refer to the digoxin product label for further information.
Endothelin receptor Antagonists	bosentan	↑ bosentan	Discontinue use of bosentan at least 36 hours prior to initiation of PAXLOVID. Refer to the bosentan product label for further information.

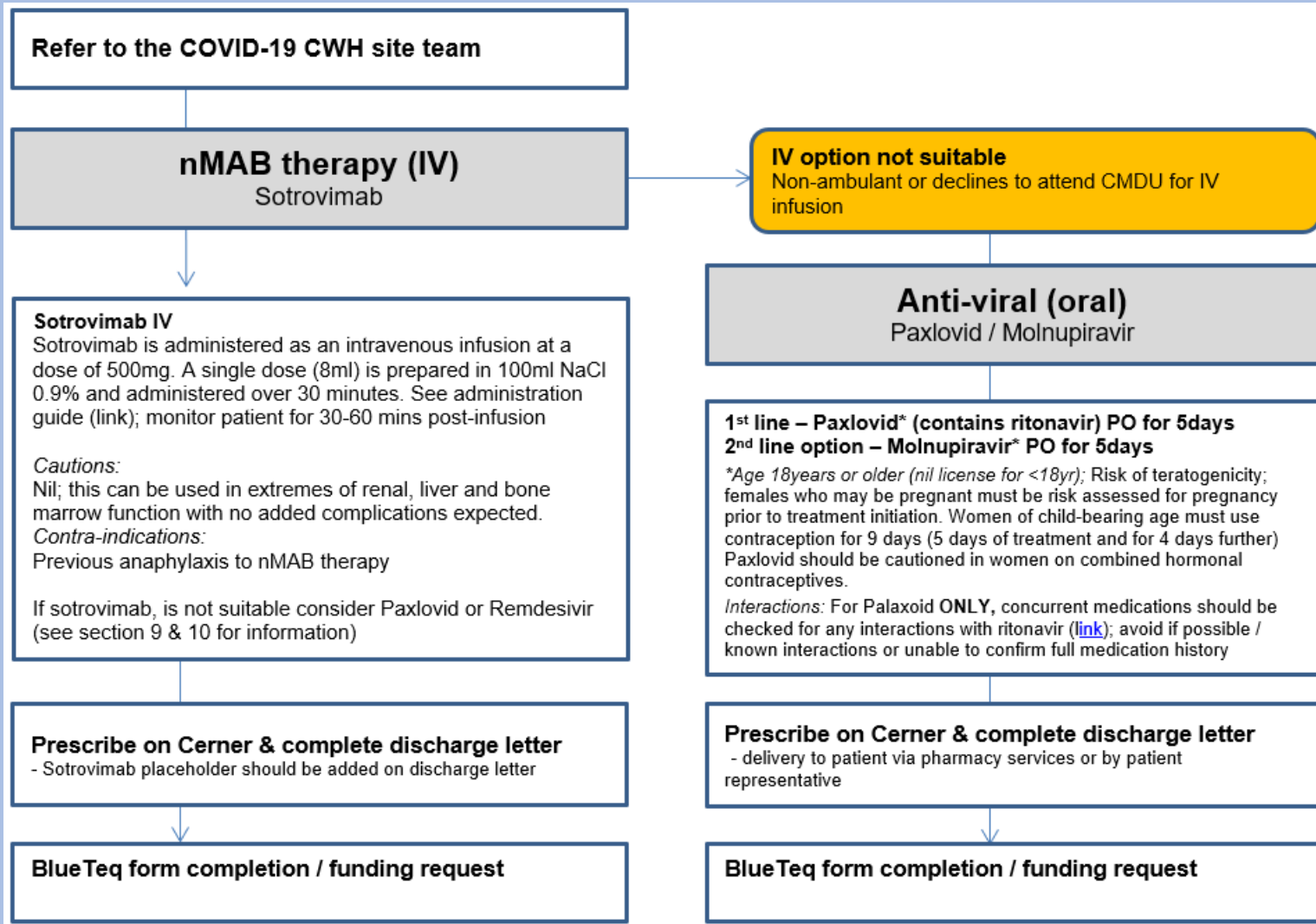
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Ergot derivatives	dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylelrgonovine	↑ dihydroergotamine ↑ ergotamine ↑ methylelrgonovine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for acute ergot toxicity characterized by vasospasm and ischemia of the extremities and other tissues including the central nervous system [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
Hepatitis C direct acting antivirals	elbasvir/grazoprevir, glecaprevir/pibrentasvir ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir and dasabuvir sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir	↑ antiviral	Increased grazoprevir concentrations can result in ALT elevations. It is not recommended to co-administer ritonavir with glecaprevir/pibrentasvir. Refer to the ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir and dasabuvir label for further information. Refer to the sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir product label for further information. Patients on ritonavir-containing HCV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated. Monitor for increased PAXLOVID or HCV drug adverse events with concomitant use [see <i>Dosage and Administration (2.4)</i>].
Herbal products	St. John's Wort (<i>hypericum perforatum</i>)	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>].
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	lovastatin, simvastatin	↑ lovastatin ↑ simvastatin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for myopathy including rhabdomyolysis [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i>]. Discontinue use of lovastatin and simvastatin at least 12 hours prior to initiation of PAXLOVID.
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	atorvastatin, rosuvastatin	↑ atorvastatin ↑ rosuvastatin	Consider temporary discontinuation of atorvastatin and rosuvastatin during treatment with PAXLOVID.

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Hormonal contraceptive	ethinyl estradiol	↓ ethinyl estradiol	An additional, non-hormonal method of contraception should be considered.
Immunosuppressants	cyclosporine, tacrolimus, sirolimus	↑ cyclosporine ↑ tacrolimus ↑ sirolimus	Therapeutic concentration monitoring is recommended for immunosuppressants. Avoid use of PAXLOVID when close monitoring of immunosuppressant serum concentrations is not feasible. Avoid concomitant use of sirolimus and PAXLOVID. If co-administered, refer to individual product label for immunosuppressant for further information.
Long-acting beta-adrenoceptor agonist	salmeterol	↑ salmeterol	Co-administration is not recommended. The combination may result in increased risk of cardiovascular adverse events associated with salmeterol, including QT prolongation, palpitations, and sinus tachycardia.
Narcotic analgesics	fentanyl	↑ fentanyl	Careful monitoring of therapeutic and adverse effects (including potentially fatal respiratory depression) is recommended when fentanyl is concomitantly administered with PAXLOVID.
	methadone	↓ methadone	Monitor methadone-maintained patients closely for evidence of withdrawal effects and adjust the methadone dose accordingly.
PDE5 inhibitor	sildenafil (Revatio®) when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension	↑ sildenafil	Co-administration contraindicated due to the potential for sildenafil associated adverse events, including visual abnormalities hypotension, prolonged erection, and syncope [see Contraindications (4)].
Sedative/hypnotics	triazolam, oral midazolam	↑ triazolam ↑ midazolam	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for extreme sedation and respiratory depression [see Contraindications (4)].

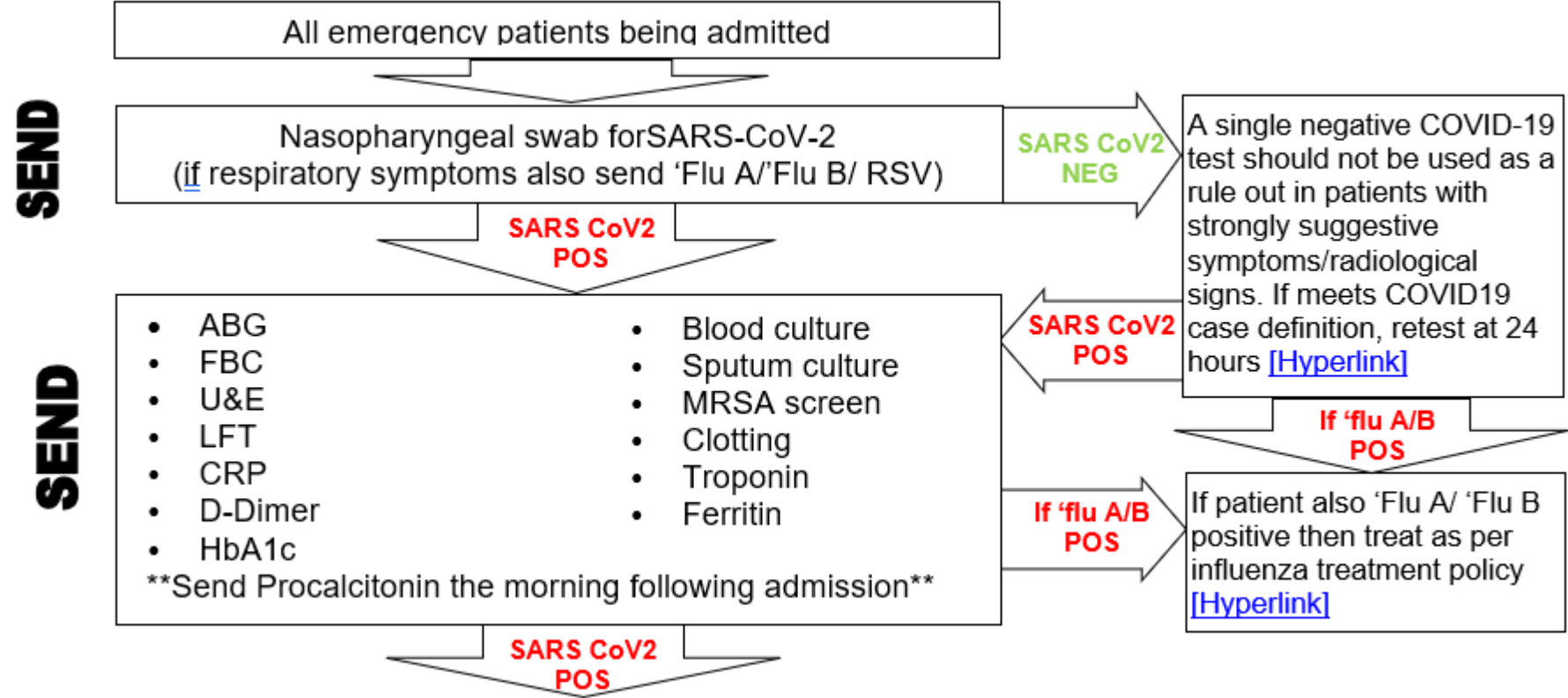
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Sedative/hypnotics	midazolam (administered parenterally)	↑ midazolam	Co-administration of midazolam (parenteral) should be done in a setting which ensures close clinical monitoring and appropriate medical management in case of respiratory depression and/or prolonged sedation. Dosage reduction for midazolam should be considered, especially if more than a single dose of midazolam is administered. Refer to the midazolam product label for further information.
	Systemic corticosteroids	betamethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, dexamethasone, fluticasone, methylprednisolone, mometasone, prednisone, triamcinolone	↑ corticosteroid

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General therapy:

Consider Oxygen, Fluids, Ventilatory support, Thromboprophylaxis [\[Hyperlink\]](#).
Consider Inclusion/Exclusion criteria for available Trials^[section 11]

Antibody therapy:

Consider **neutralising monoclonal antibody [nMAB]** therapy for patients
(i) COVID-19 on admission to hospital ^[section 7] with COVID-19 (only if antibody negative and non-Omicron serotype) or (ii) hospital-onset COVID-19 ^[section 8] COVID-19 (antibody status not relevant) if <7* days (day6-7 'off-label') since first symptoms / SARS CoV-2 PCR result for all **HIGH-risk** patients

Direct acting therapy:

COVID-19 on admission: Consider **Remdesivir**^[section 9] if requiring standard oxygen support (ie NOT high-flow/mechanical ventilation). Give 200mg IV load then 100mg IV OD for following 4 days. May be extended to 10 day course in significantly immunocompromised patients (liaise with Microbiology/Antimicrobial Pharmacy)

COVID-19 in hospital-onset COVID-19: Consider **Paxlovid**, short-course **Remdesivir** (3 days only) or **Sotrovimab** (nMAB) if <7 days since first symptoms / SARS CoV-2 result (only one agent to be used)

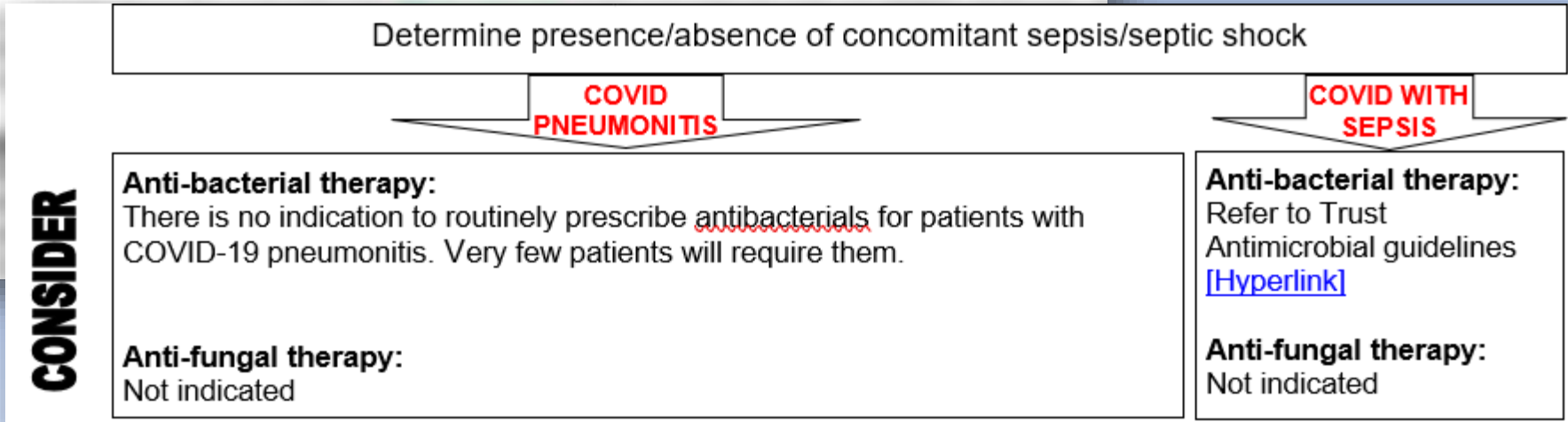
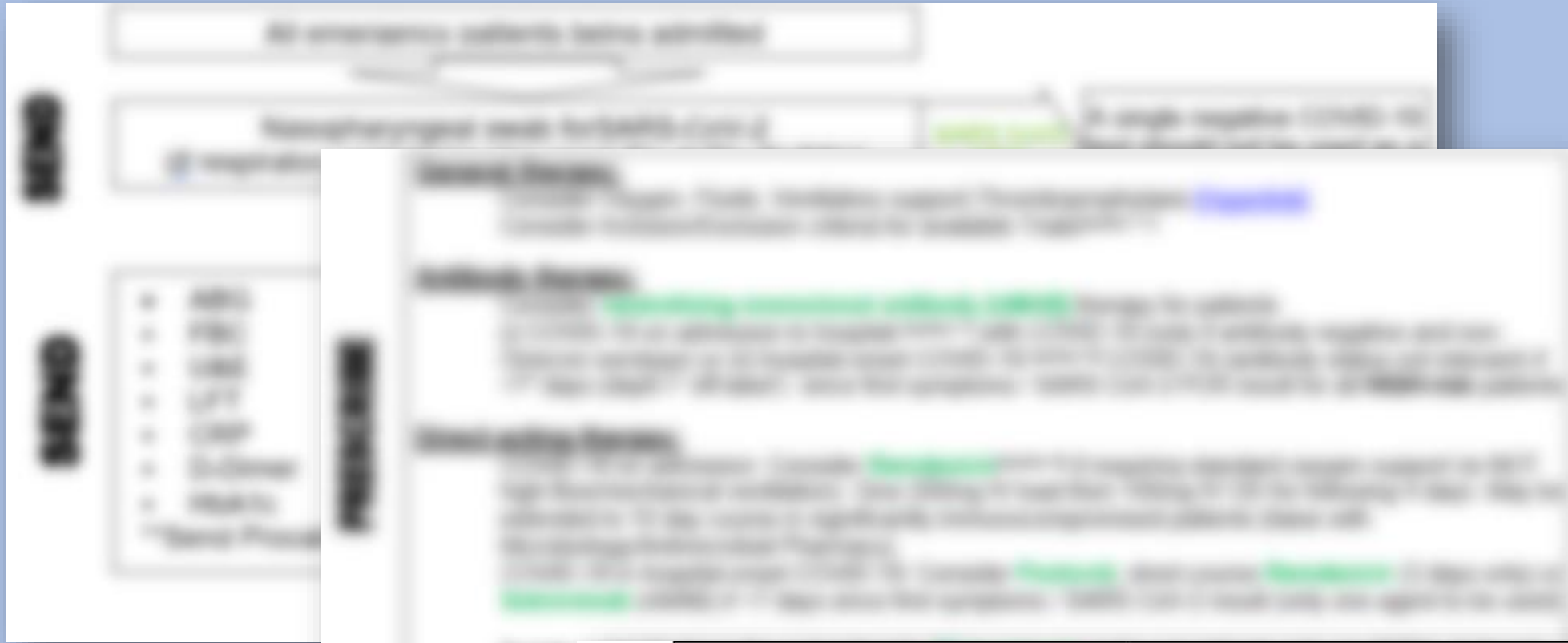
Supply and indications the oral antivirals (**Molnupiravir**) is for out-patients only via CMDU. Antivirals started in CMDU (e.g. Paxlovid, remdesivir or molnupiravir) can be continued if patient admitted within 5 days or switched to Remdesivir FIVE day course.

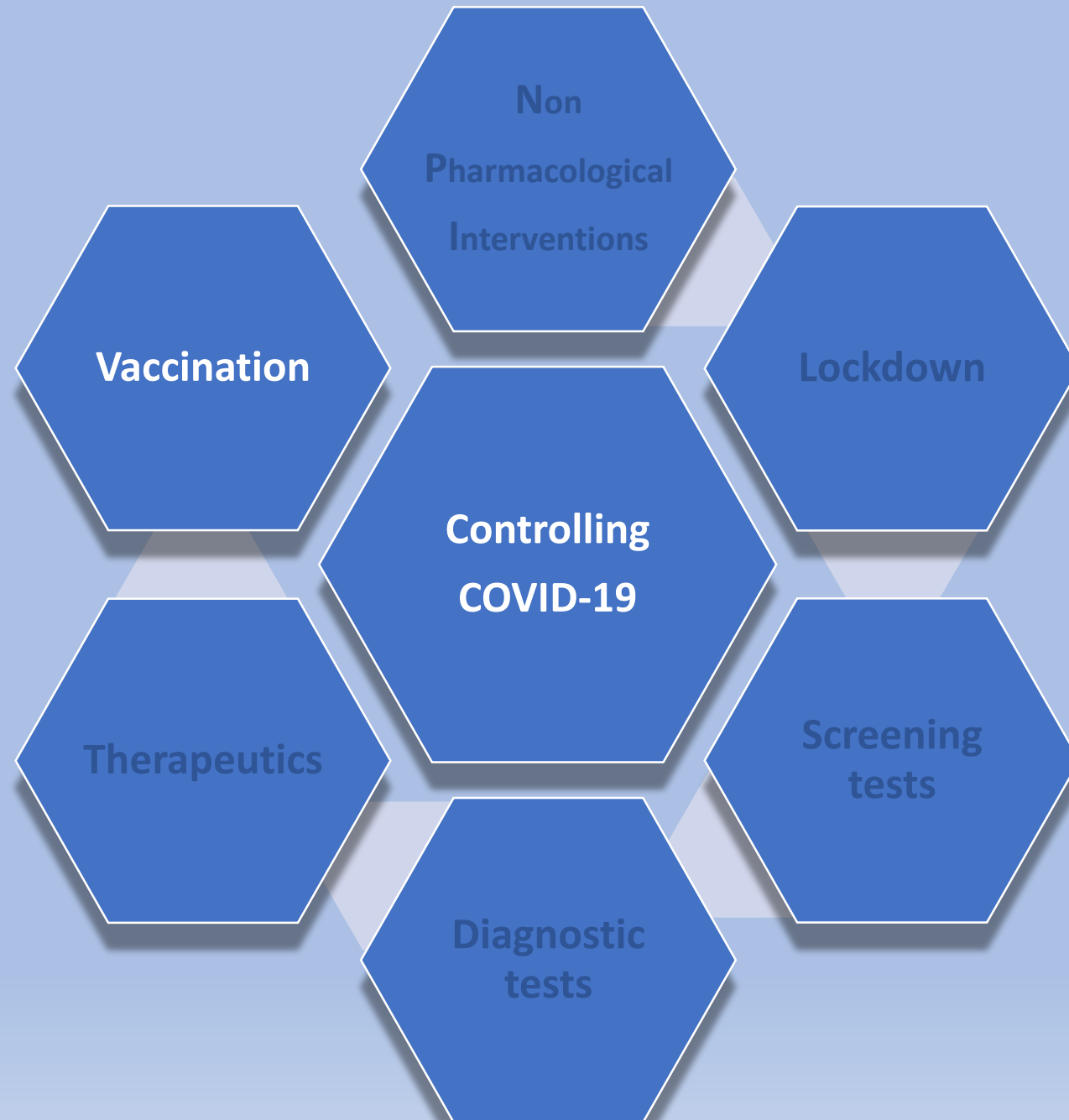
Anti-inflammatory therapy:

Consider **Dexamethasone** if requiring oxygen support (any). Give 6mg PO/IV OD for up to 10 days. If pregnant use **hydrocortisone** 80mg IV BD or **prednisolone** 40mg PO OD for up to 10 days. **ONLY** continue steroids on discharge if clinically indicated **and** under the care of a hospital-supervised virtual COVID ward. Monitor blood glucose [\[Hyperlink\]](#). Refer to local dosing guidance for paediatrics.

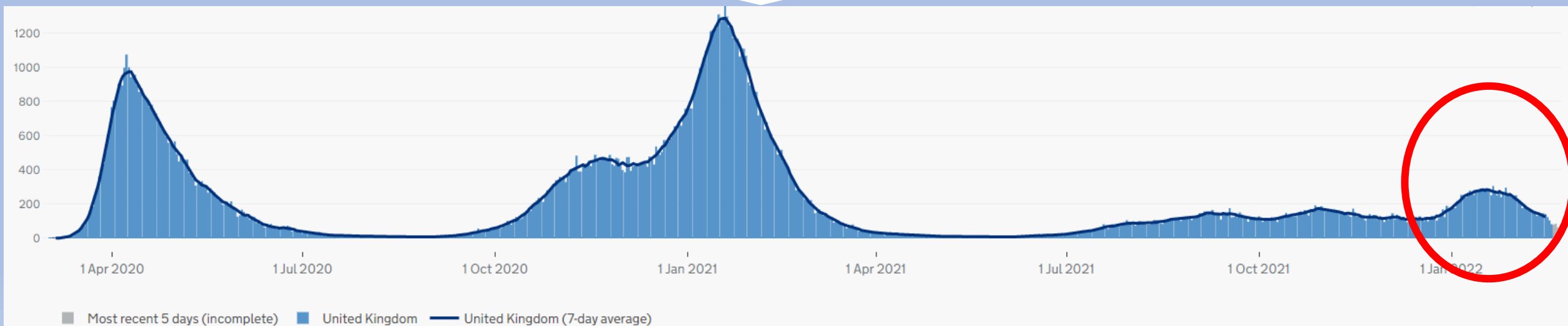
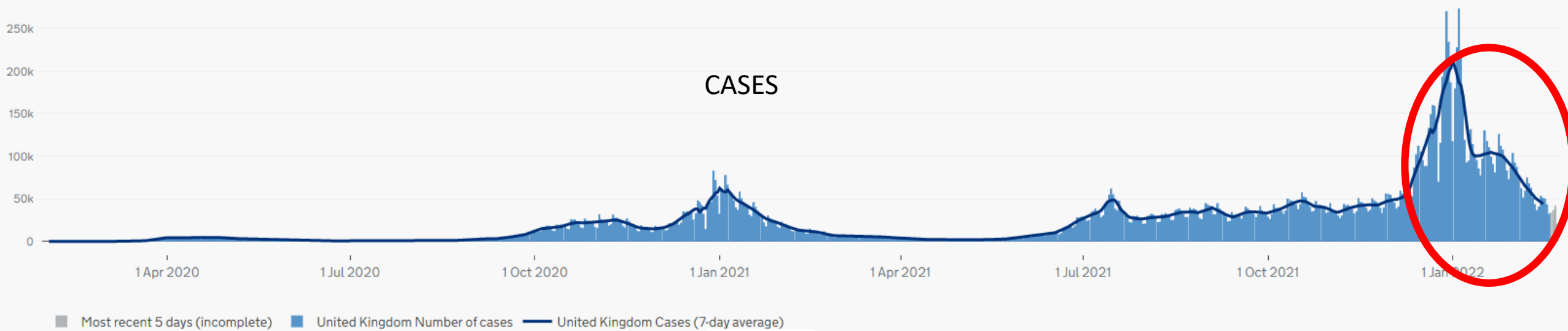
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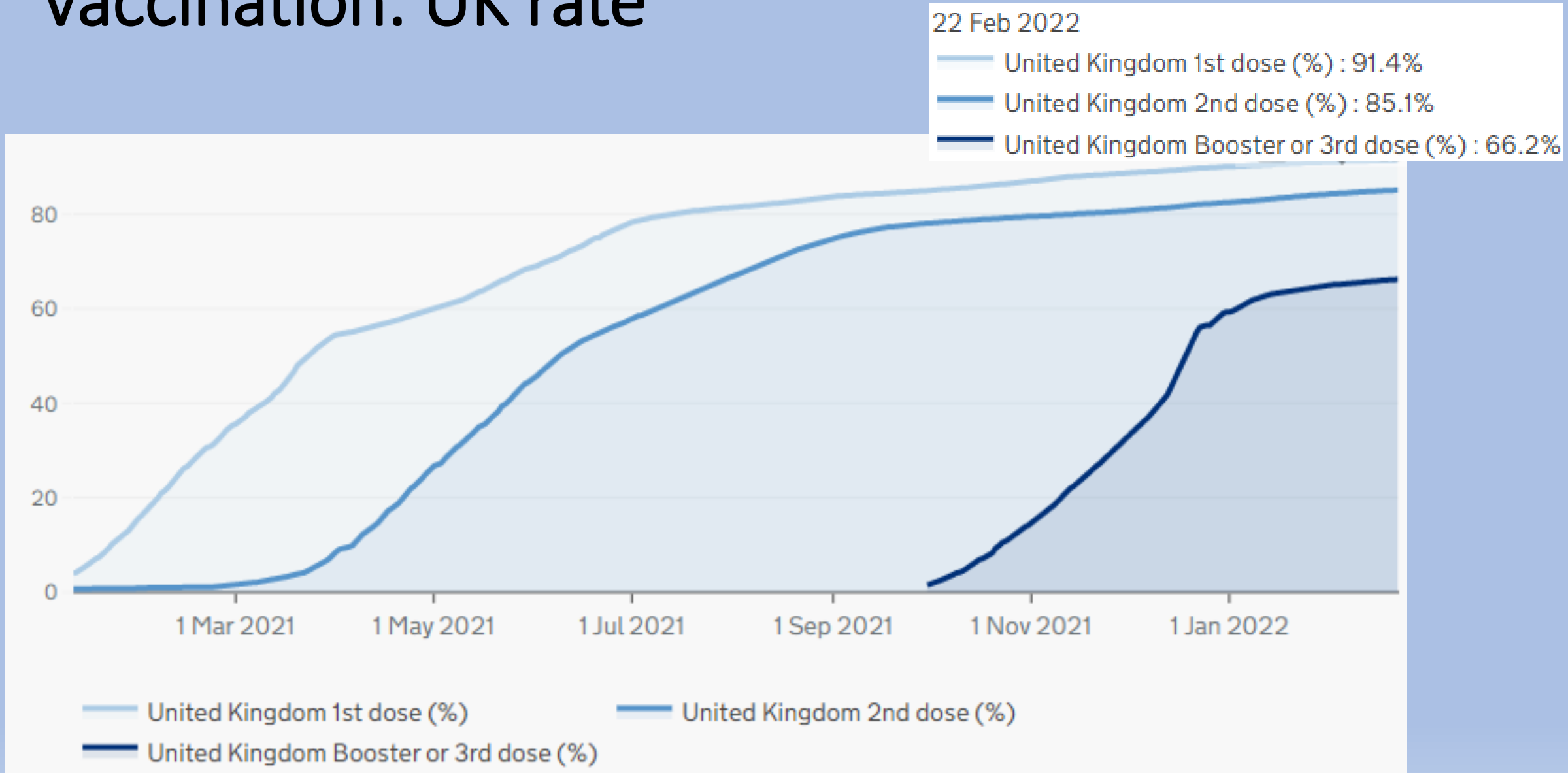




Vaccination: Breaking the link between cases and death



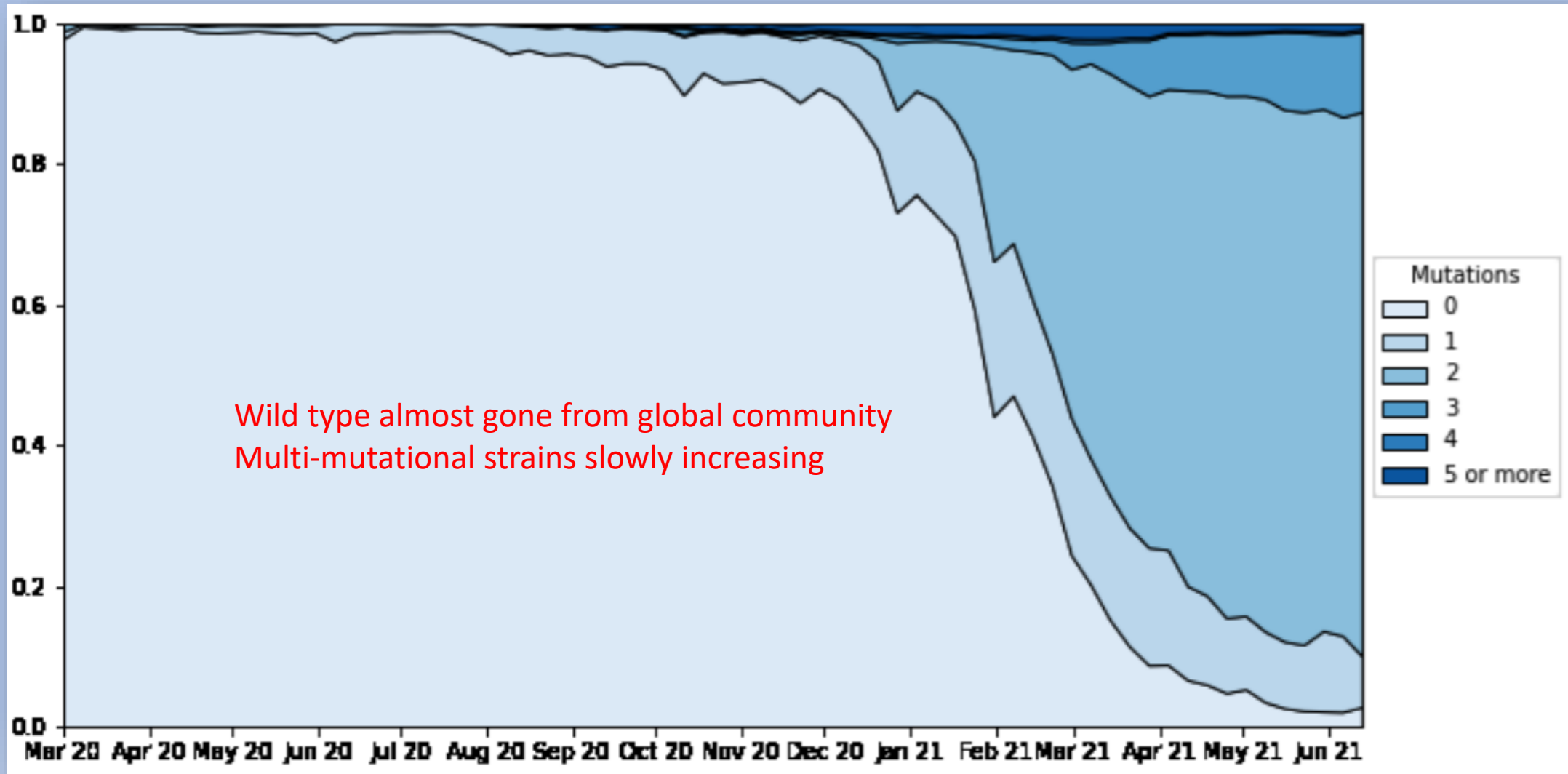
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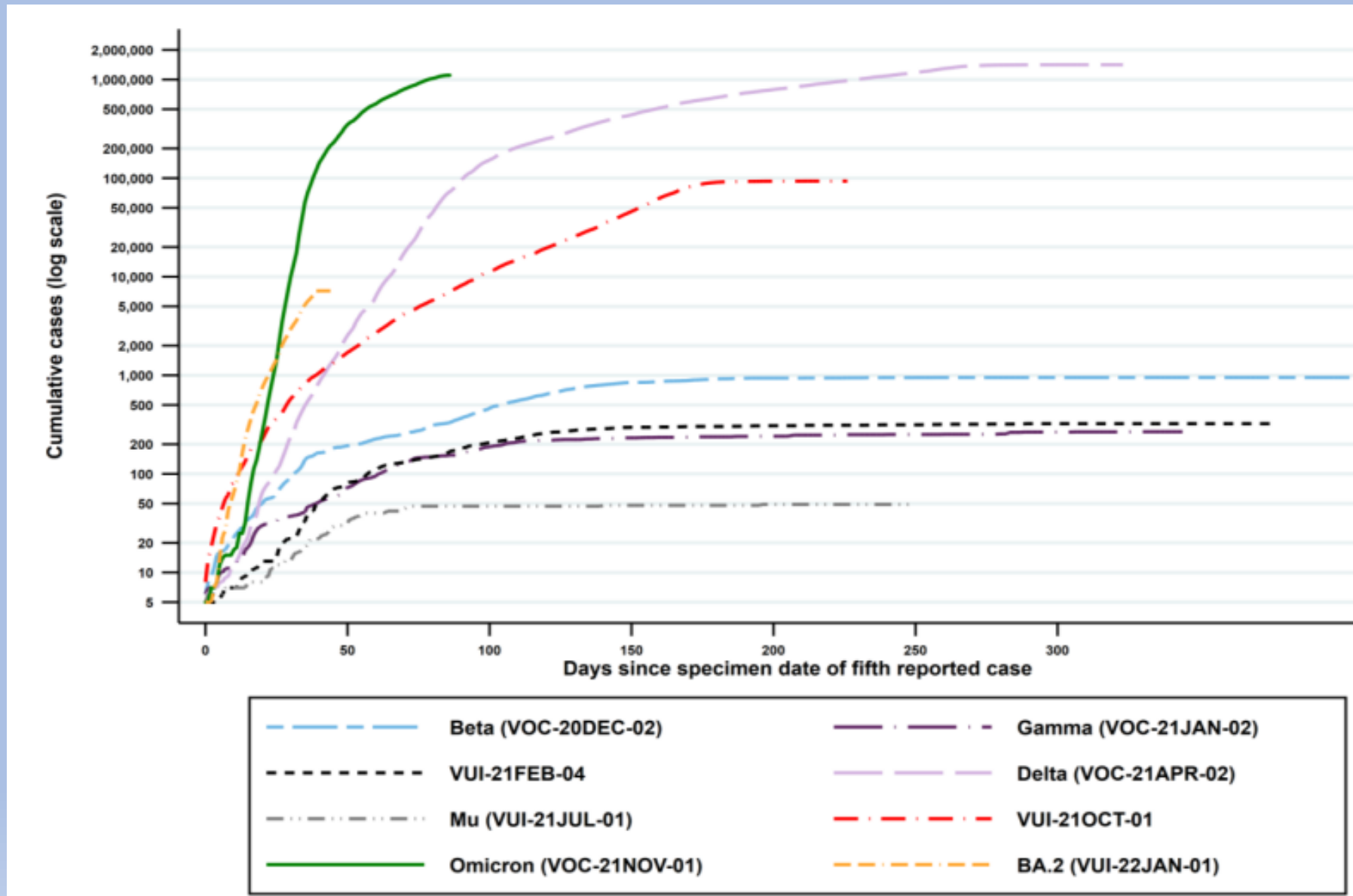
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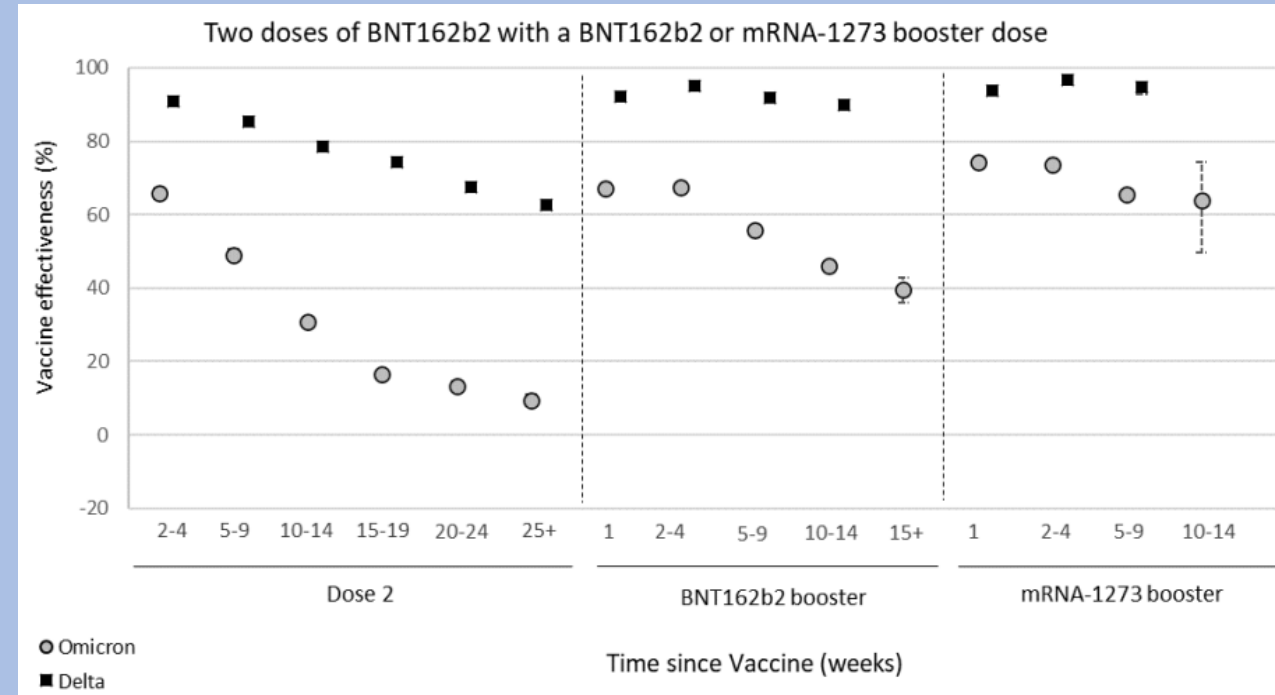
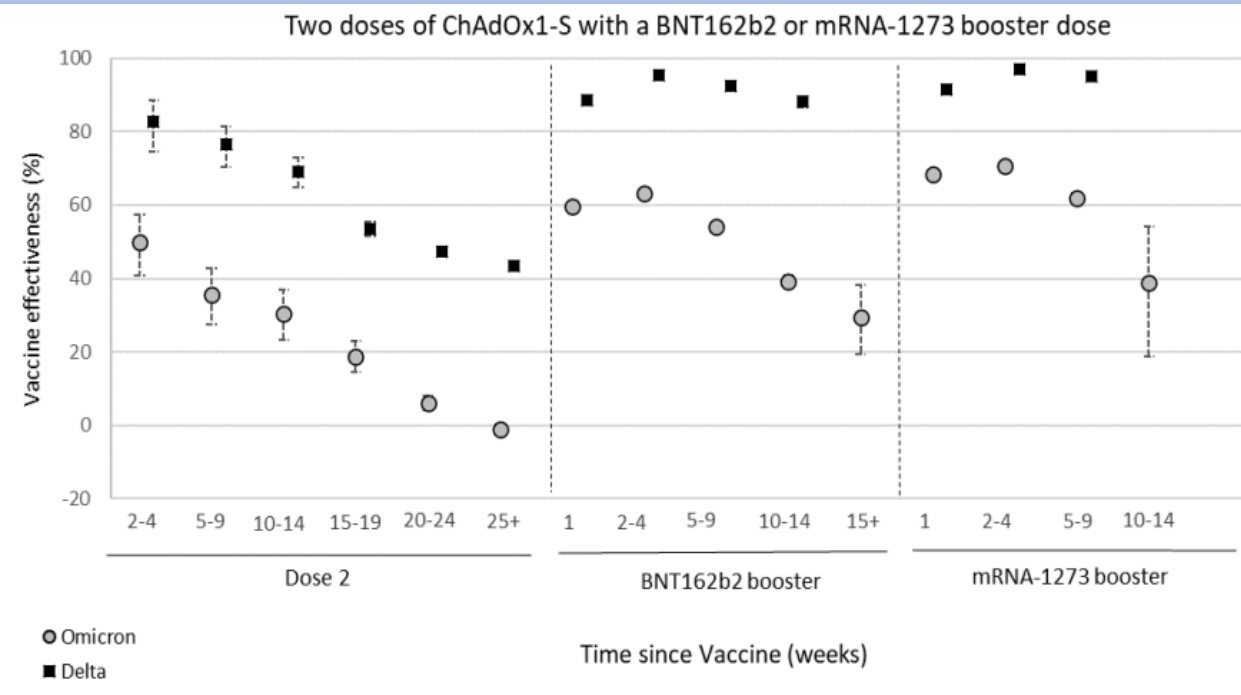
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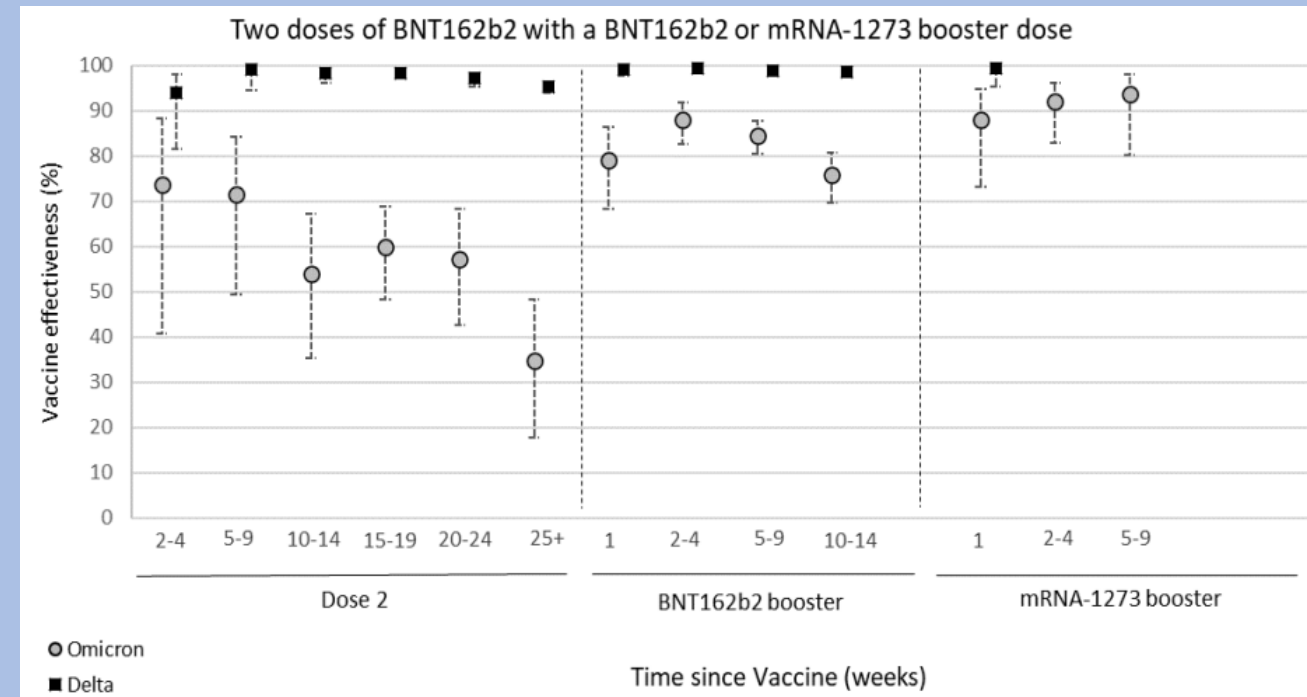
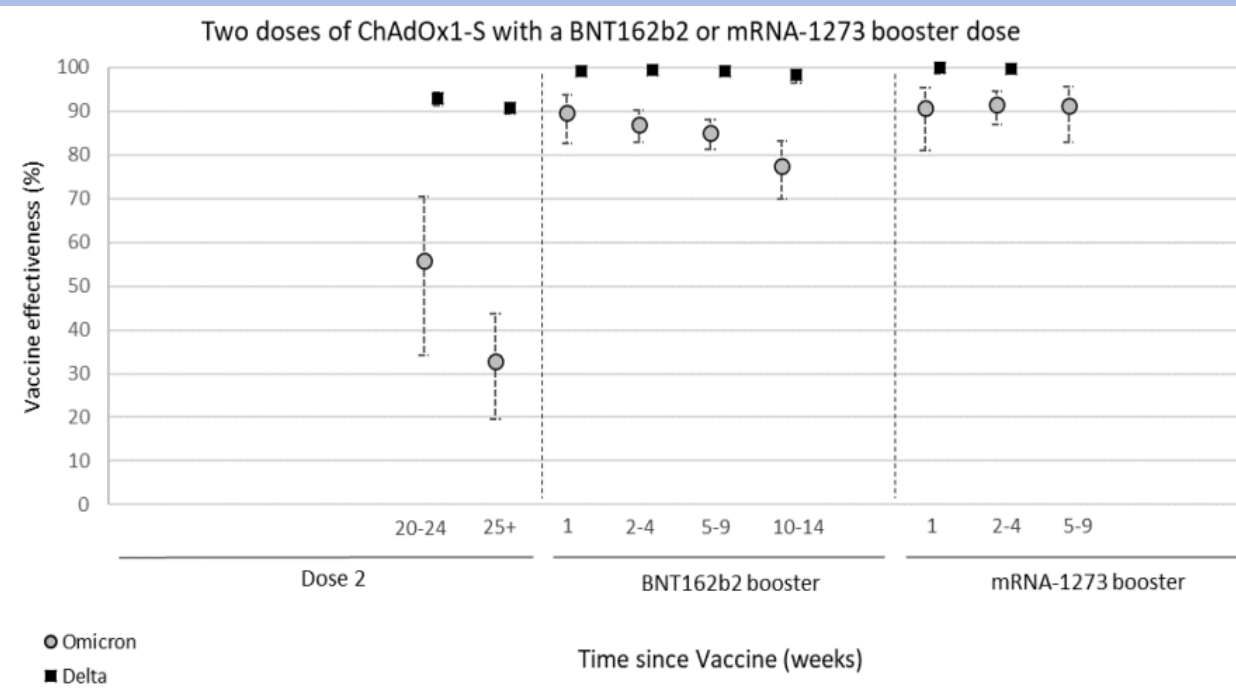
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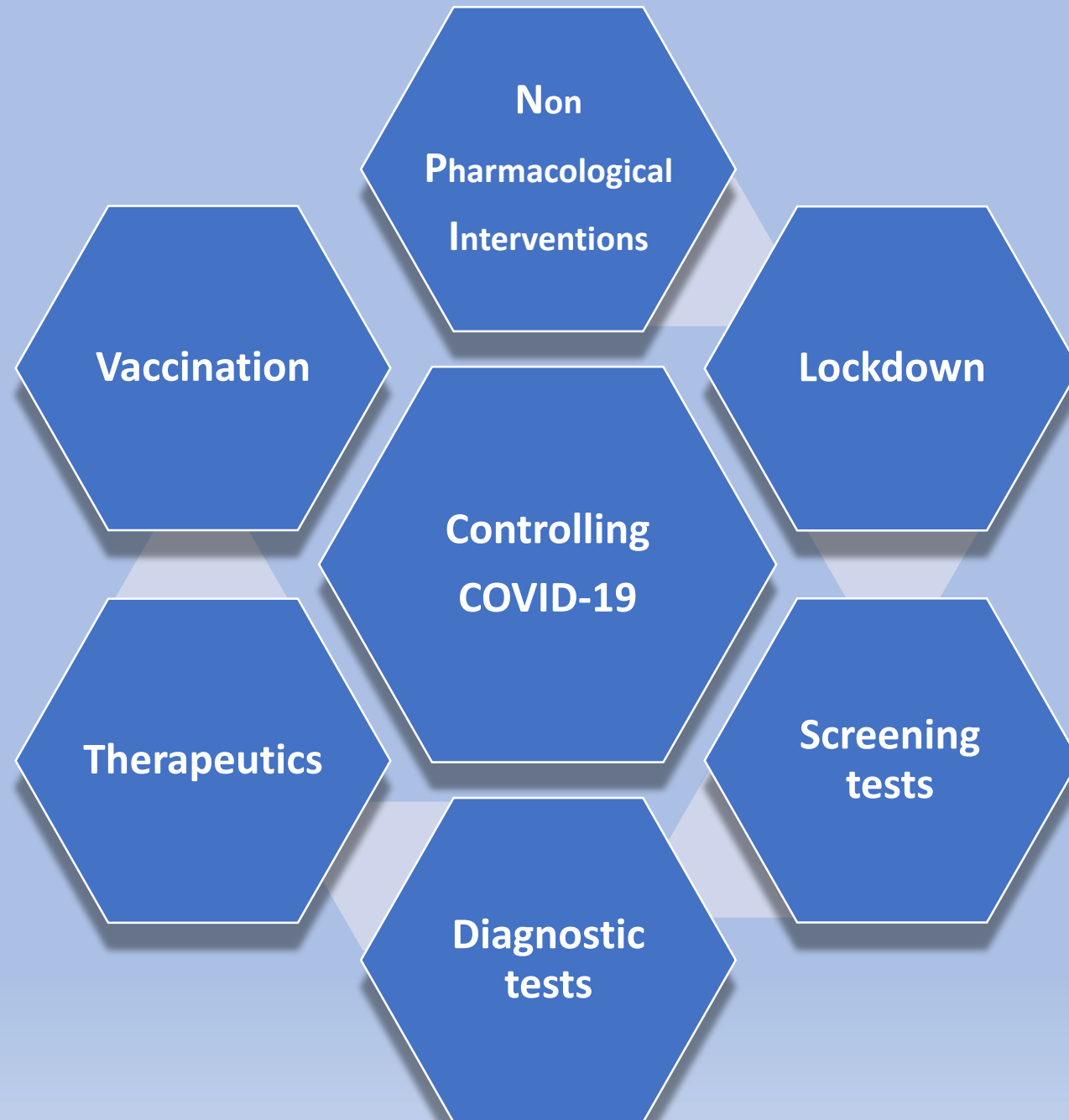


VOC: impact on vaccine effectiveness: symptomatic disease



VOC: impact on vaccine effectiveness: hospitalisation





UK COVID-19 response: testing, surveillance, management and vaccines

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