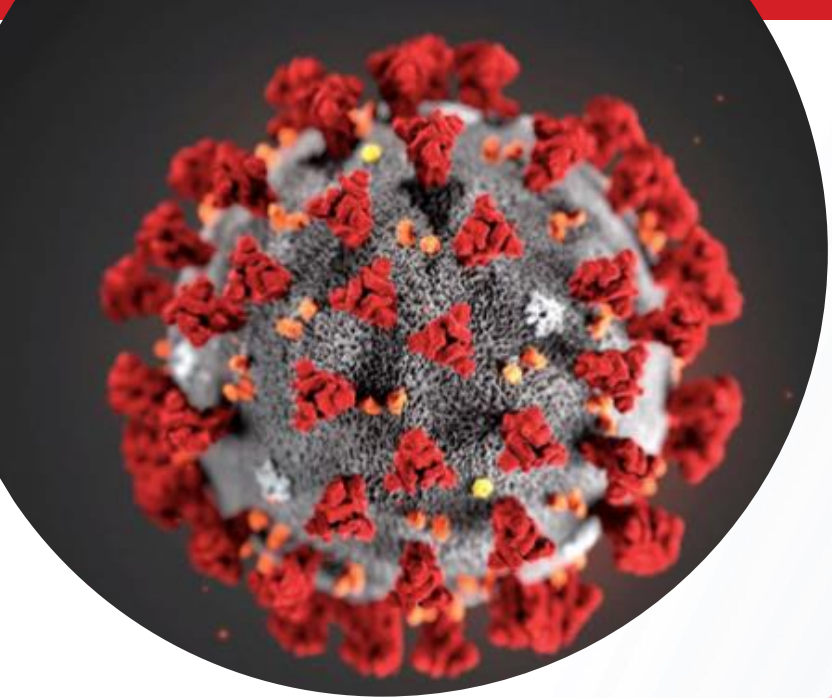


Clinical Illness Including MIS-C

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COVID-19 in Pediatrics

Clinical Illness Including MIS-C



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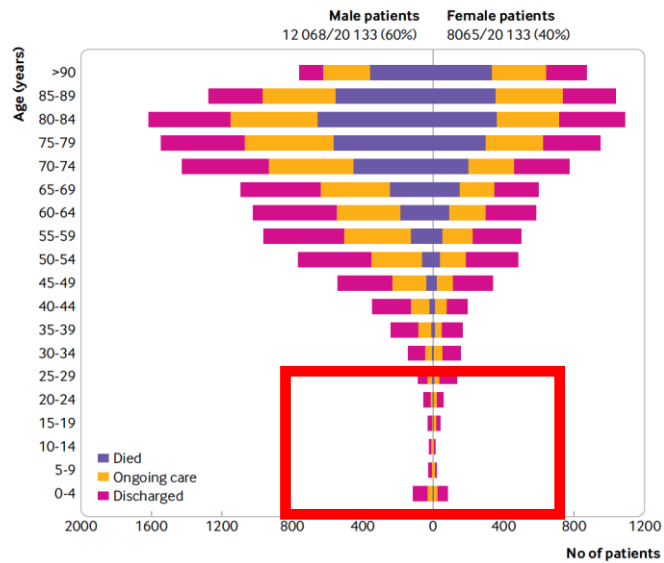
Consultant Paediatric infectious diseases

St Marys Hospital Paddington

Talk overview

- Severe COVID in children – epidemiology, cases, management
- PIMS vs MIS-C overview, management





Clinical COVID in children

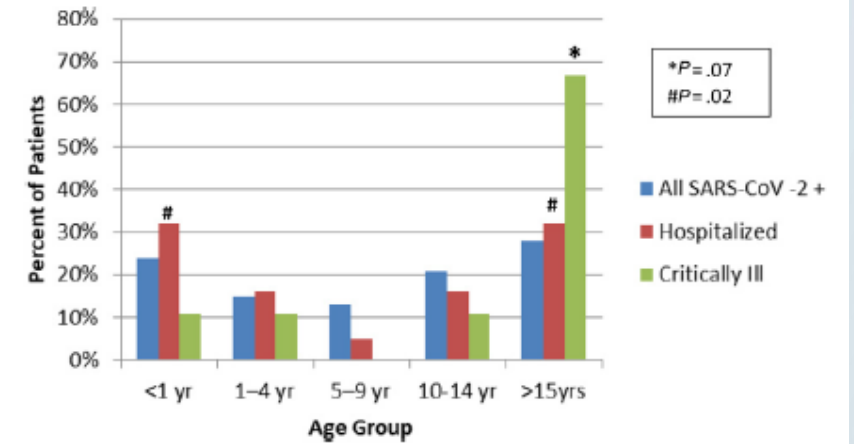
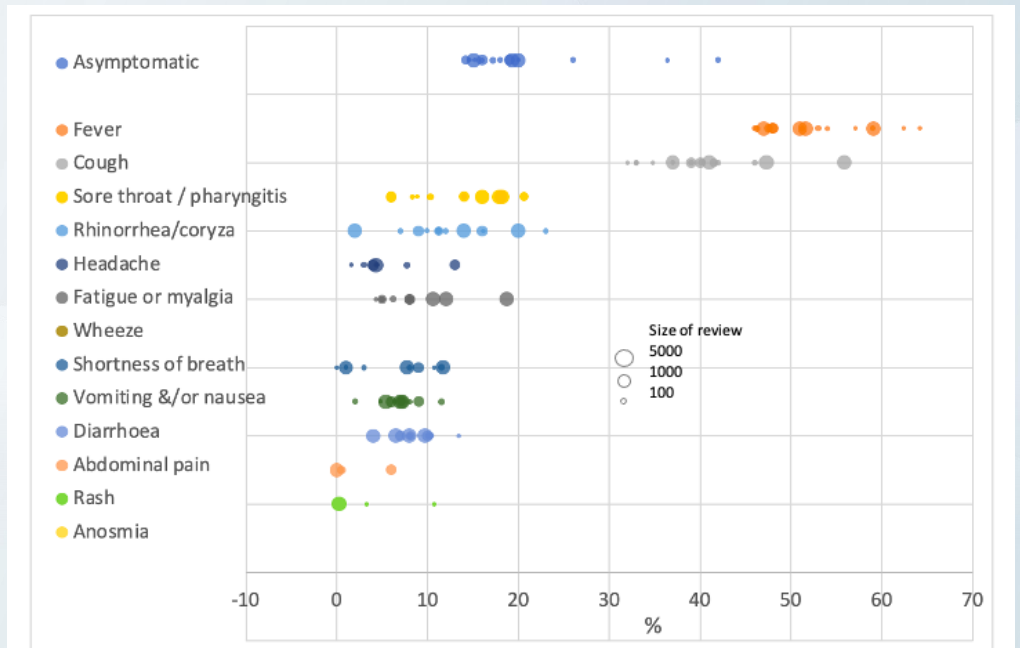
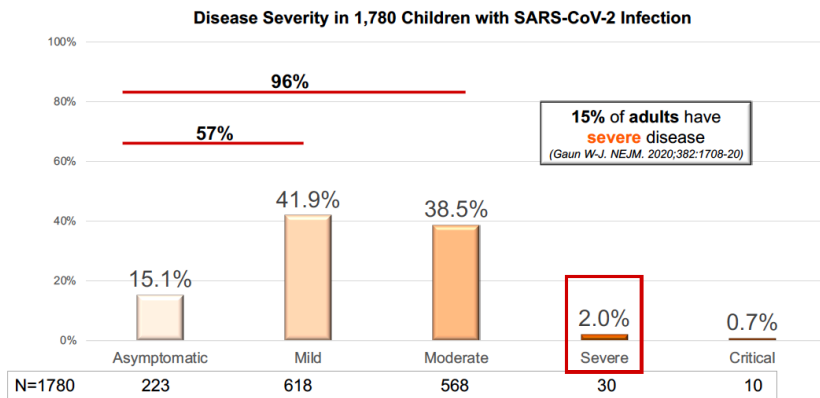


Figure. Age distribution of SARS-CoV-2-infected, hospitalized, and critically ill cases.

Data Continue to Show Children Generally Have Mild-Moderate Disease

Liguoro I et al. Eur J Pediatr. 2020 May 18



COVID- THE HIDDEN RISK

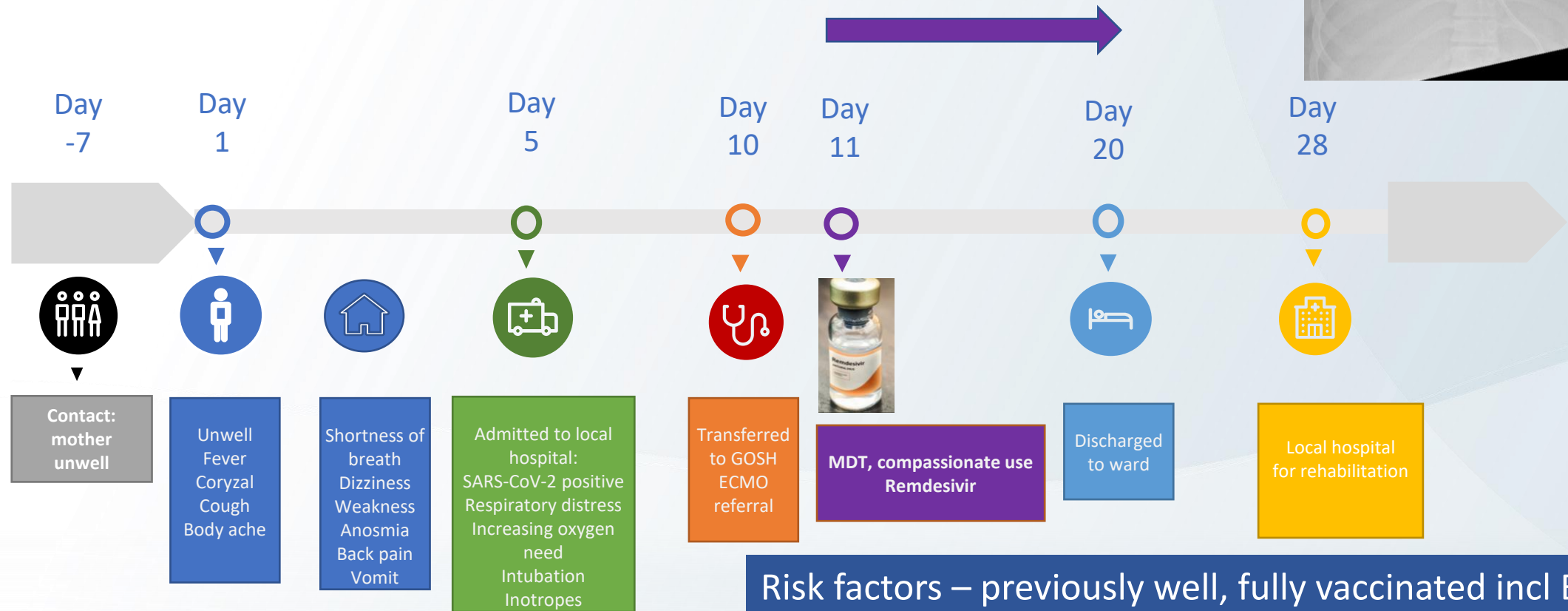


Risks for children & families:

- 25% rise in domestic violence
- Unemployment
- Poverty
- Child abuse
- Social and emotional development
- Child development
- Education

 connecting care for children

SARS-CoV-2: 14 year ♂

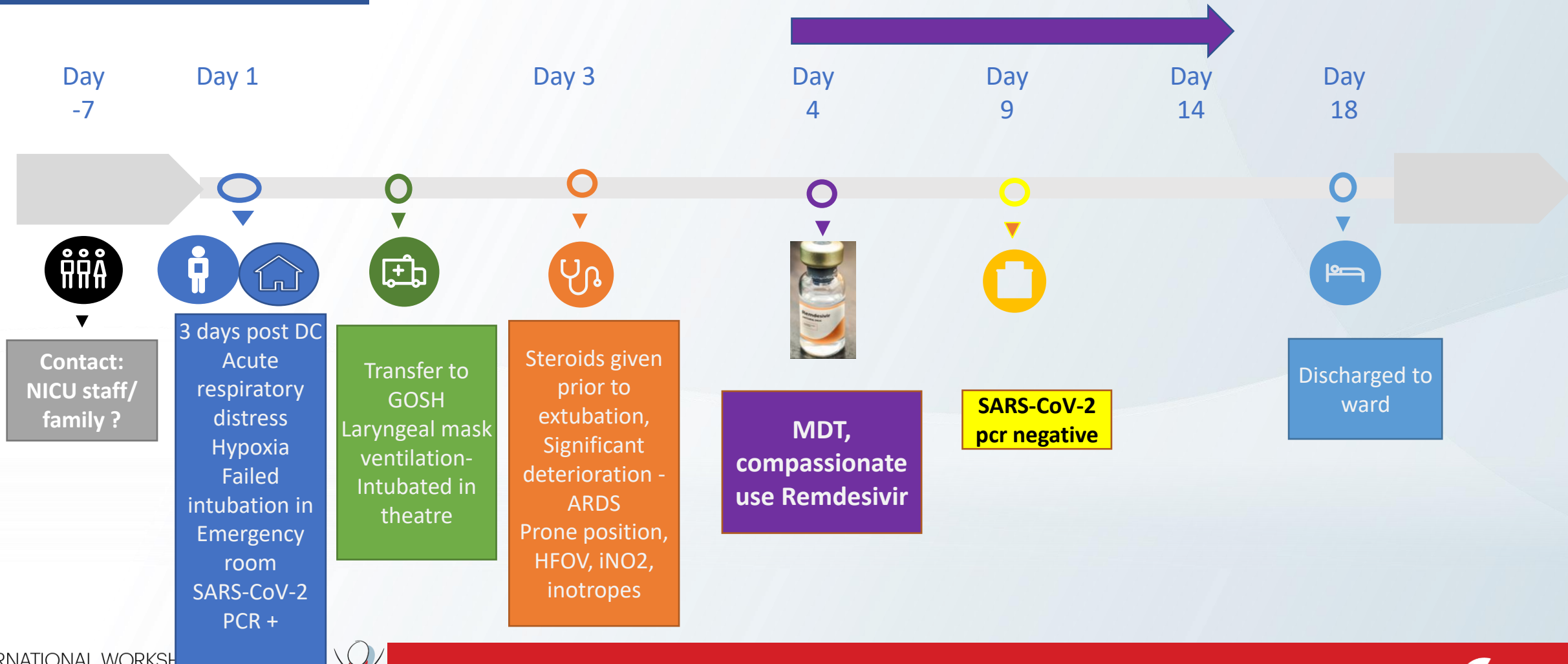


Risk factors – previously well, fully vaccinated incl BCG
BMI 38.6kg/m²

32+6/40

Maternal preeclampsia, twin
Small atrial septal defect,
Uneventful NICU/SCBU
Discharged home at 37/40

SARS-CoV-2: ex-premature (32+6/40) ♂



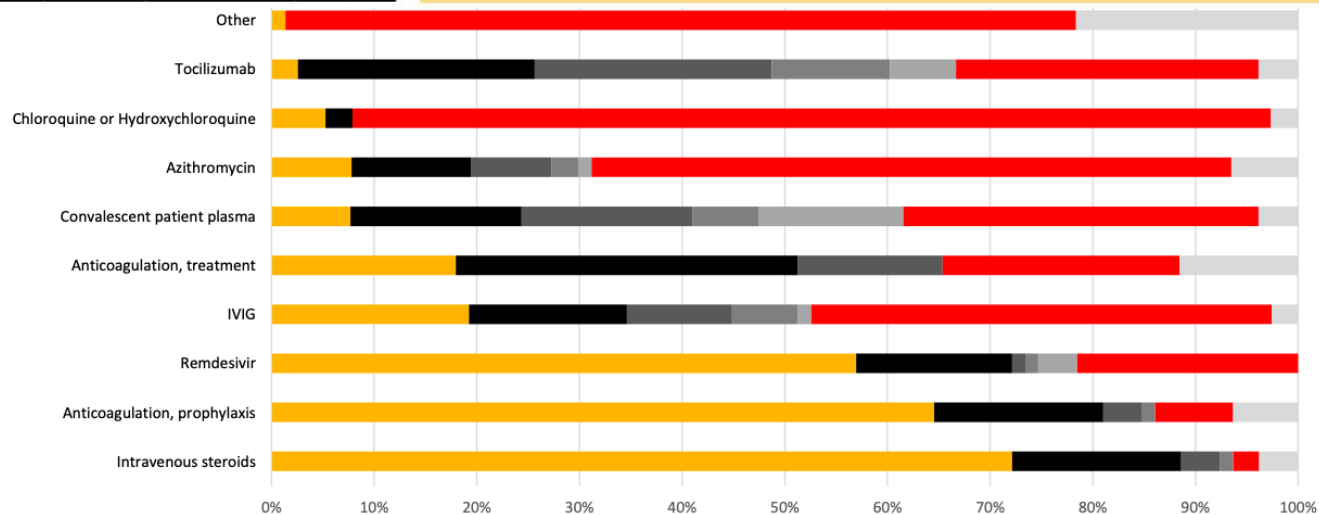


What are children with COVID-19 being treated with?

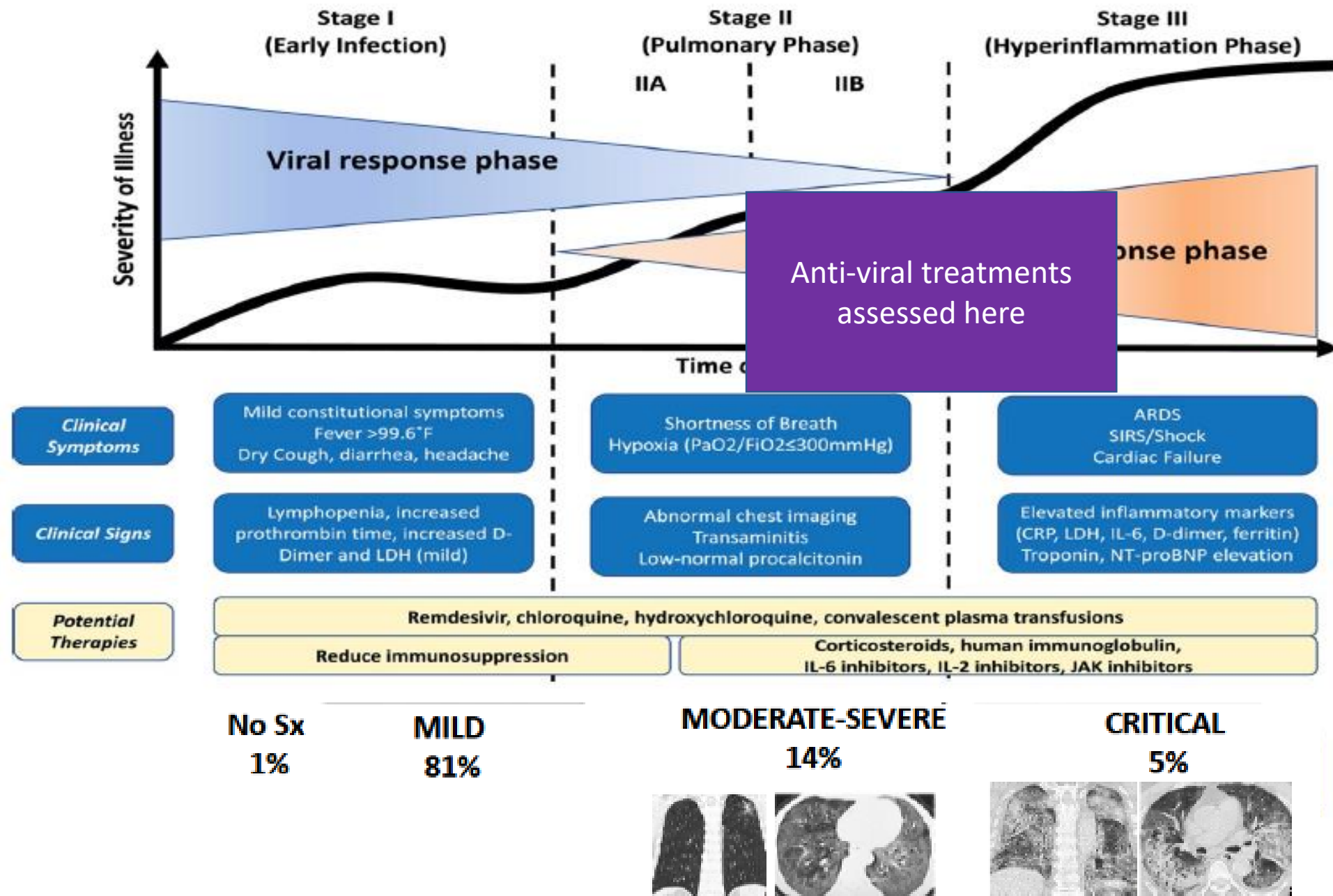
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Japan	2	Saudi Arabia	1
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Australia	1	Turkey	1
Brazil	1	Uruguay	1



Weekly survey of 78 PICU from 22 countries
Voluntary
Snapshot only



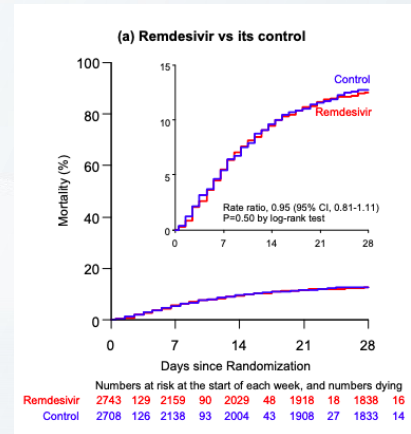
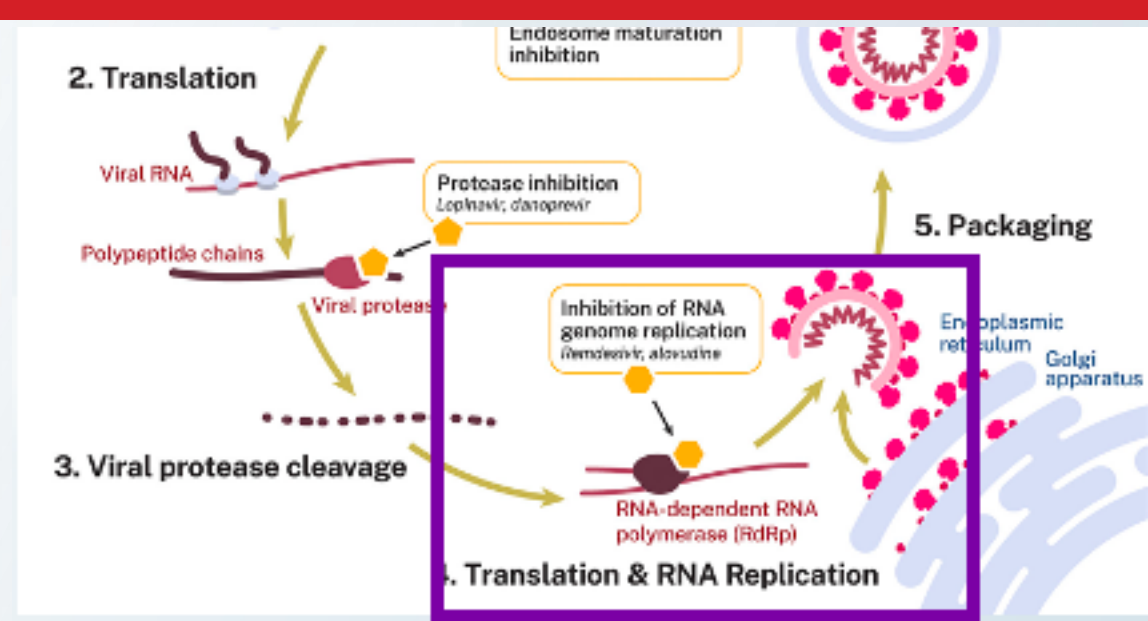
- 56% Remdesivir
- 72% Steroids
- 64% anti-coagulation
- 19% IVIG
- 8% convalescent plasma



Classification of COVID-19 Disease States and Potential Therapeutic Targets. Siddiqi and Mehra, *J Heart Lung Transplant*, 2020.

Remdesivir

- **Interesting data in adults....**
 - *SOLIDARITY trial vs. ACTT-1 vs. SIMPLE-severe vs. SIMPLE-moderate Still not definitive answer for lack of benefit in all scenarios*
- Children - safety data reassuring, no efficacy or outcome data
- Need RCT for children – CARAVAN
- Should we give it earlier?
- Need better preparations – nebulized
- Role alongside immunosuppression? Eg Dexamethasone...



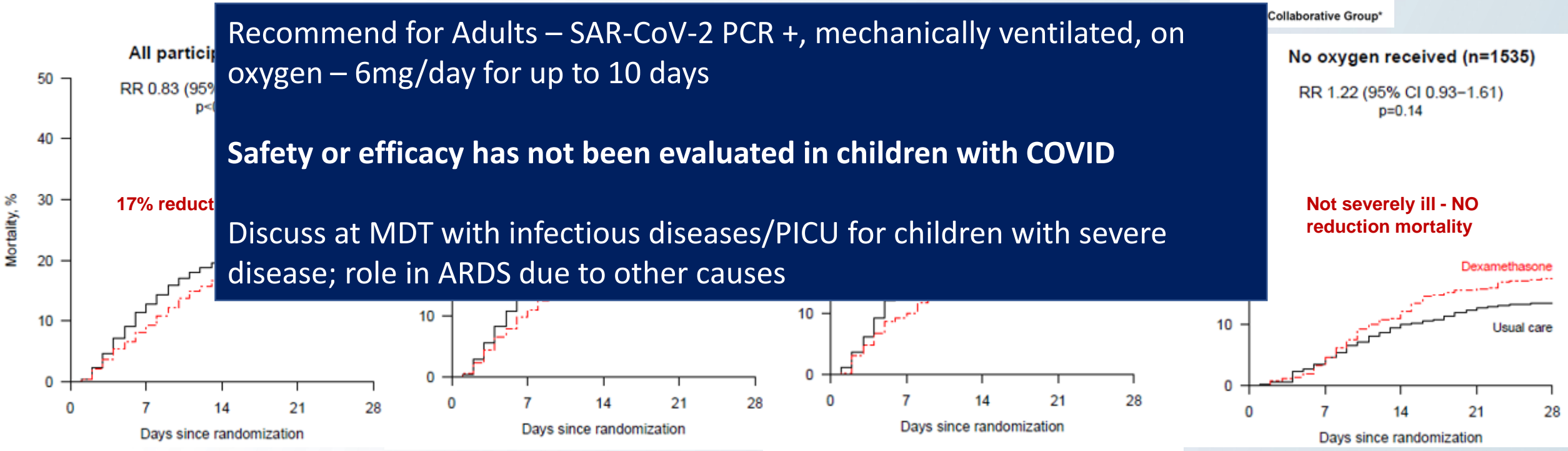
	Deaths reported / Patients randomized in ITT analyses (28-day risk, K-M%)		Active-group deaths: log-rank statistics		Ratio of death rates (RR), & 99% CI (or 95% CI, for total)	
	Active	Control	O-E	Variance	Active	Control
(a) Remdesivir						
Age at entry						
<50	61/961 (6.9)	59/952 (6.8)	2.3	29.8	1.08	[0.67-1.73]
50-69	154/1282 (13.8)	161/1287 (14.2)	-7.6	77.5	0.91	[0.68-1.21]
70+	86/500 (20.5)	83/469 (21.6)	-2.9	41.5	0.93	[0.63-1.39]
Respiratory support at entry						
Ventilated	98/254 (43.0)	71/233 (37.8)	7.6	40.8	1.20	[0.80-1.80]
Not ventilated	203/2489 (9.4)	232/2475 (10.6)	-15.8	108.0	0.86	[0.67-1.11]
Total	301/2743 (12.5)	303/2708 (12.7)	-8.3	148.8	0.95	[0.81-1.11]
Heterogeneity around total χ^2_3 : 3.9 2p = 0.50						



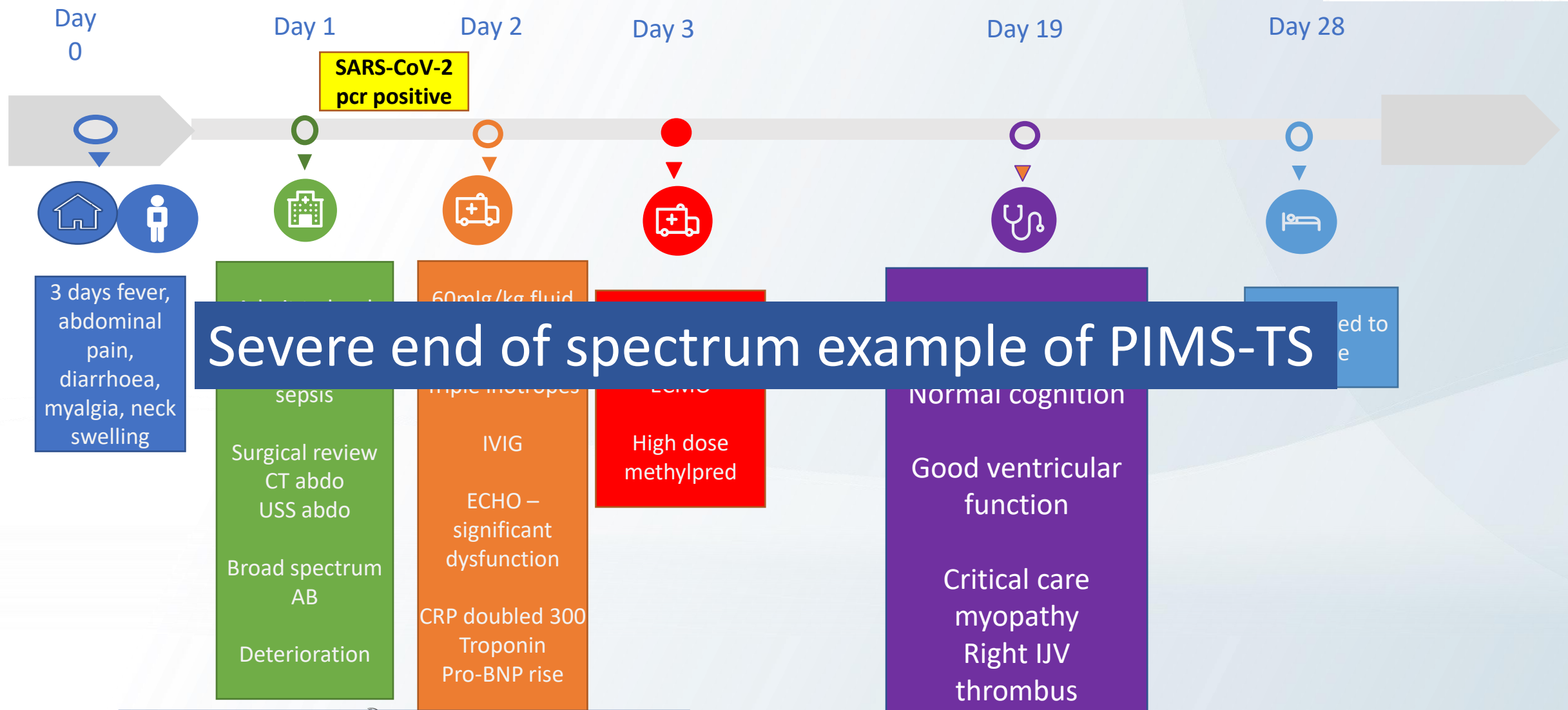
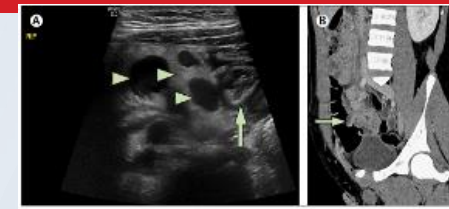
Dexamethasone

- UK RECOVERY Trial: Large RCT of possible treatments for hospitalized patients with COVID-19
- Started March 2020; >11,500 participants have been randomized to SOC vs HCQ (stopped), low dose dexamethasone (6 mg), LPV/r, azithromycin, tocilizumab, convalescent plasma
- DSMB stopped dexamethasone arm for efficacy (including survival)

medRxiv preprint doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.06.22.20137273>; this version posted June 22, 2020.
Effect of Dexamethasone in Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19 – Preliminary Report



11 year old girl – SARS-CoV-2?



Severe end of spectrum example of PIMS-TS

Differential – sepsis, COVID, toxic shock?

Intensive care admissions of children with paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2 (PIMS-TS) in the UK: a multicentre observational study

Patrick Davies, Claire Evans, Hari Krishnan Kanthimathinathan, Jon Lillie, Joseph Brierley, Gareth Waters, Mae Johnson, Benedict Griffiths, Pascale du Pré, Zoha Mohammad, Akash Deep, Stephen Playfor, Davinder Singh, David Inwald, Michelle Jardine, Oliver Ross, Nayan Shetty, Mark Worrall, Ruchi Sinha, Ashwani Koul, Elizabeth Whittaker, Harish Vyas, Barnaby R Scholefield*, Padmanabhan Ramnarayan*

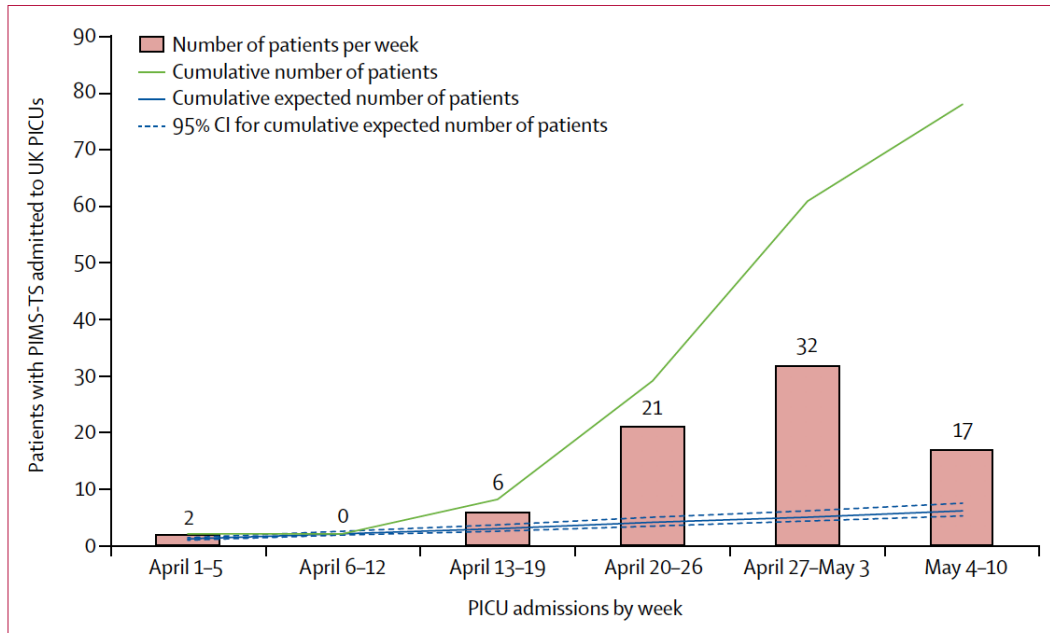


Figure 1: PIMS-TS admissions per week to UK PICUs, April 1 to May 10, 2020

The cumulative total, and the expected UK cumulative total of similar conditions (Kawasaki disease, toxic shock syndrome, haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis, and macrophage activation syndrome) from the previous 5 years are shown. PICU=paediatric intensive care unit. PIMS-TS=paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2.

21/23 PICUs in the UK

- 78 patients
- 67% male
- Median age 11 years (8-14)
- Median observed to expected weight ratio 1.22 (1.06-1.41)
- 78% no comorbidities
- 47% Afro-Caribbean, 28% Asian
- 22% PCR positive Majority of those tested serology positive
- Coinfection happens but is rare

Lancet Child Adolesc Health 2020: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642\(20\)30215-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642(20)30215-7)



Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome, temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2 (PIMS-TS)

- Fever
- Rash
- Conjunctivitis
- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Headache

Specific lab biochemistry

Diagnosis of exclusion (sepsis, SJS, toxic shock etc)

Supportive care +/- immune modulation

MDT discussions

Shock

Myocardial dysfunction

ECG abnormalities

Coronary artery dilatation

Bowel inflammation

~250 children in UK

35-40% had 'shock'

PICU 3-4 days, inpatient 7

1 death

? Denominator, ~ 1/5000

Follow up data reassuring, but ongoing

Three phenotypes described in UK paper



Shocked cohort n=29

Median age 10.5

Clinically abdominal pain, diarrhea
+/- rash/erythema

Raised inflammatory marker
Raised cardiac enzymes

Echo – ventricular dysfunction and
CAA

Frequently given 2 or more
treatments
Some resolved without immune
modulation (early).

3 ECMO, 1 death

Kawasaki-like Disease n=13

Median age 8

Clinically meet AHA criteria – 4/5
mucocutaneous features

Raised inflammatory markers, milder
increase cardiac markers

Echo – rare ventricular dysfunction
+/- CAA

Manage as per KD guidelines – in our
cohort, most had IVIG, Steroid and
infliximab

No ECMO or death

Febrile and inflammatory n=23

Median age 10

Range of features including abdominal
pain, diarrhea, mucocutaneous features.
Tachycardia common and mild
hypotension

Raised inflammatory markers and cardiac
enzymes

Echo +/- mild ventricular dysfunction +/-
CAA

Variety of treatments, including self-
resolution

No ECMO or death

Three phenotypes described by CDC

MMWR / August 14, 2020 / Vol. 69 / No. 32



Shocked cohort n=203

(35.6%)

Median age 9yrs

Clinically abdominal pain, diarrhea
+/- rash/erythema

Raised inflammatory marker
Raised cardiac enzymes

Echo – ventricular dysfunction and
CAA 21%

98% SARS-CoV-2 serology positive

Kawasaki-like Disease

n=198 (34.7)

Median age 6yrs

Rash (62.6%), and mucocutaneous
lesions (44.9%)

Raised inflammatory markers, milder
increase cardiac markers

18.2% coronary artery dilatation

6.6% met KD AHA criteria

63% SARS-CoV-2 serology pos

Severe COVID phenotype?

n=169 (29.6%)

Median age 10yrs

76% respiratory involvement (cough, SOB,
ARDS)

84% SARS-CoV-2 PCR positive

Case Fatality rate 5.3%

Raised inflammatory markers and cardiac
enzymes

Echo +/- mild ventricular dysfunction +/-
CAA 15.8%

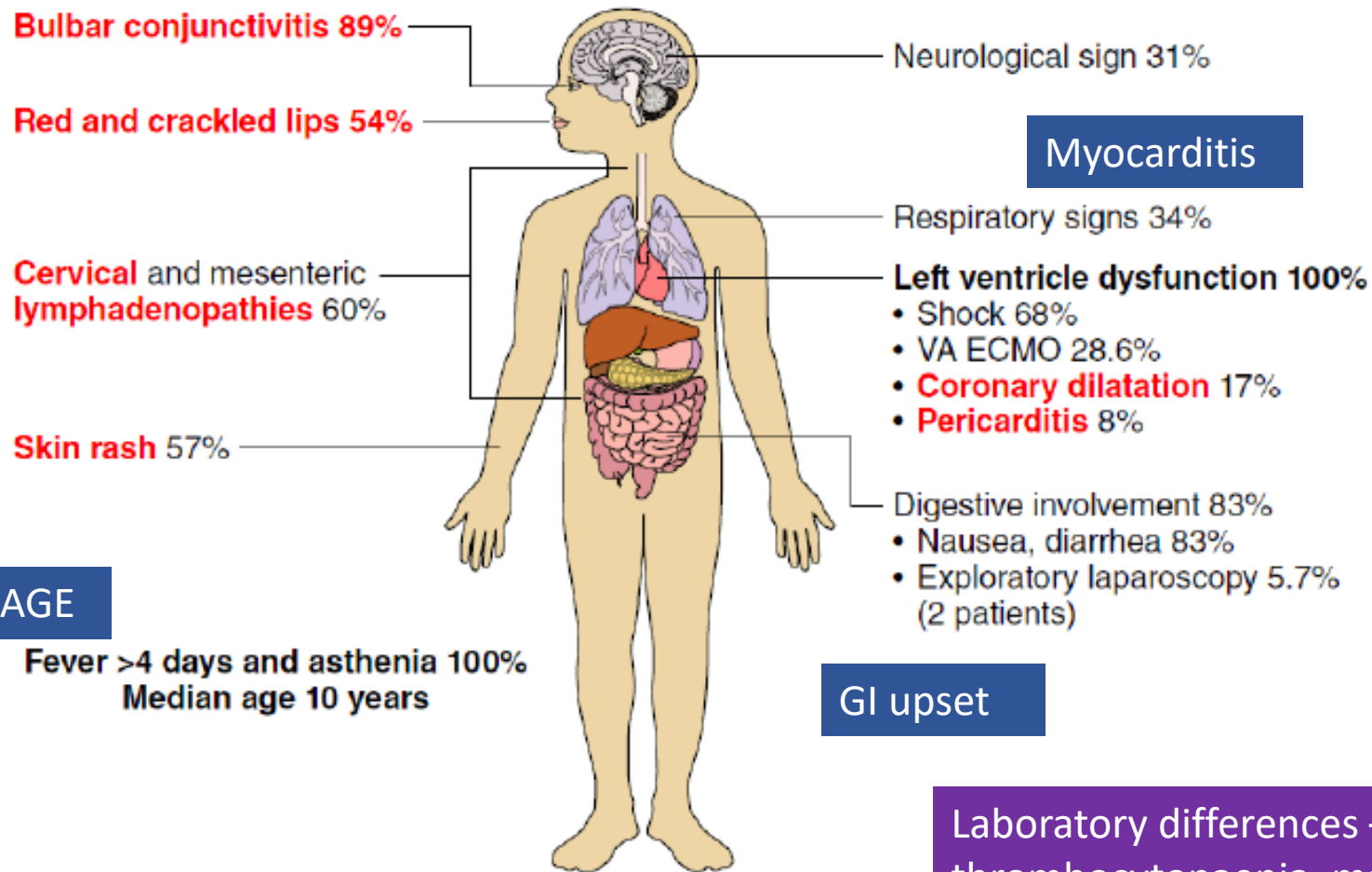
Mechanism?

- Antibody Mediated
- Immune complex
- Is it Kawasaki disease?
- Other similar conditions in children
 - KD
 - KD –shock
 - Toxic shock syndrome
 - HLH/MAS

Comparison with historic Kawasaki disease, Kawasaki disease with shock and toxic shock syndrome cohorts

Manifestations of Paediatric inflammatory multi-system syndrome – compared to Kawasaki disease

SARS-COV-2 related multisystem inflammation



Laboratory differences – lymphopaenia, thrombocytopaenia, marked inflammation

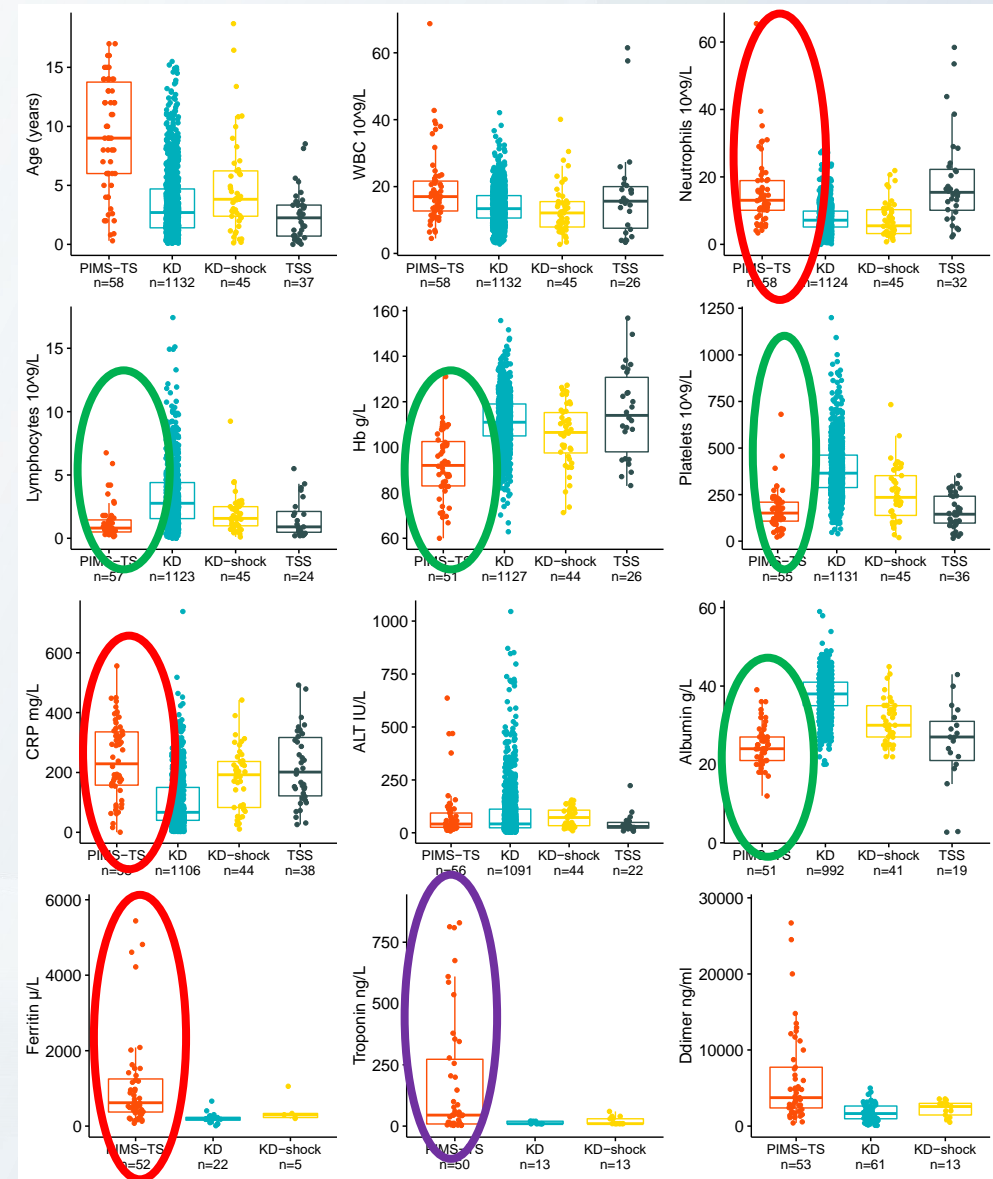


Belhadjer Z et al. Circulation 2020 May 17 (epub)

Images from Adriana Tremoulet UCSD

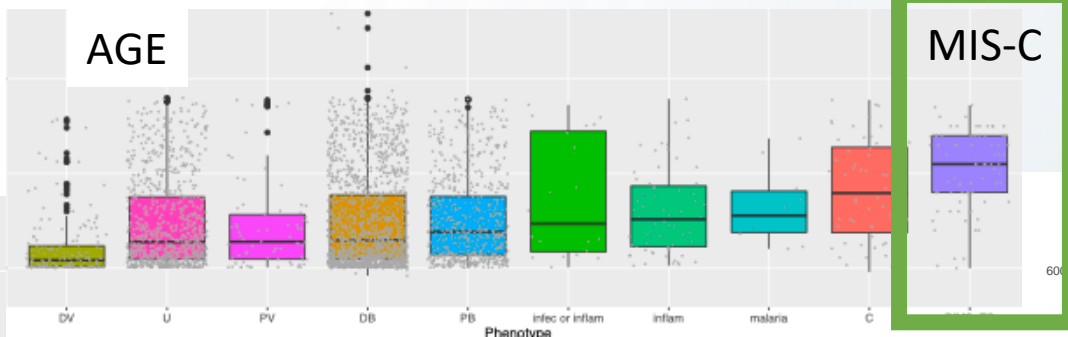
Comparison KD/KD shock/TSS

- Older
- More inflammatory (CRP, neutrophils, ferritin, LDH, fibrinogen)
- More lymphopaenic, anaemic and thrombocytopaenic, low albumin,
- Cardiac markers raised

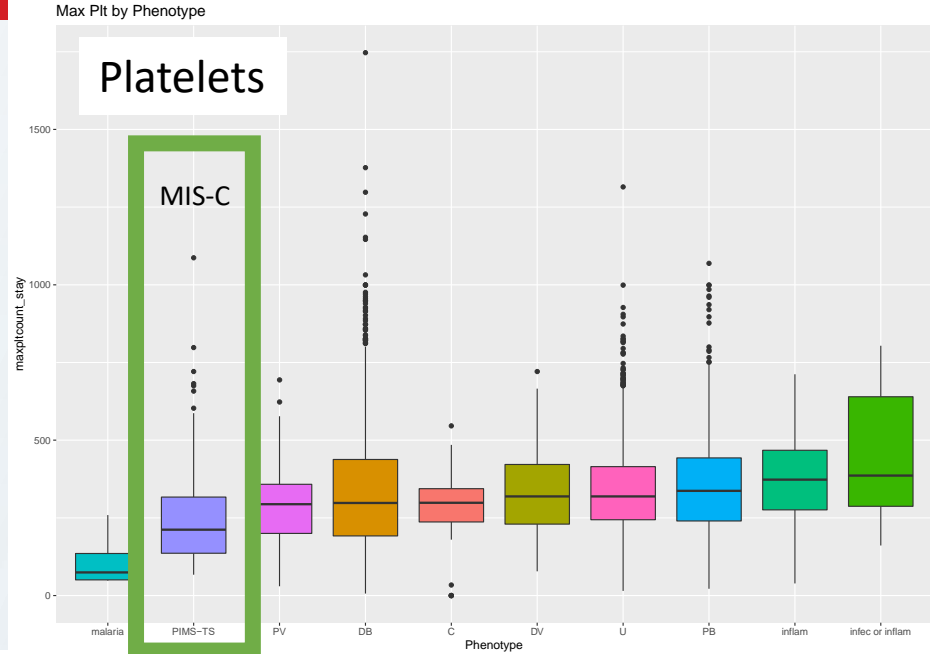


Comparison to other febrile illnesses

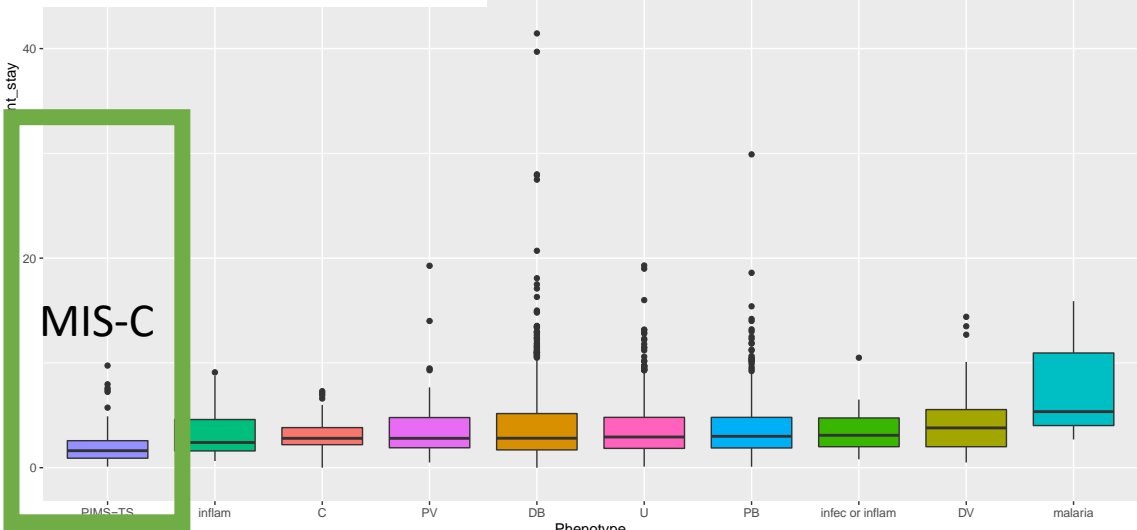
PIMS/MIS-C versus PERFORM & DIAMONDS Cohort
(Dr Clare Wilson, PhD Student, Imperial College London)



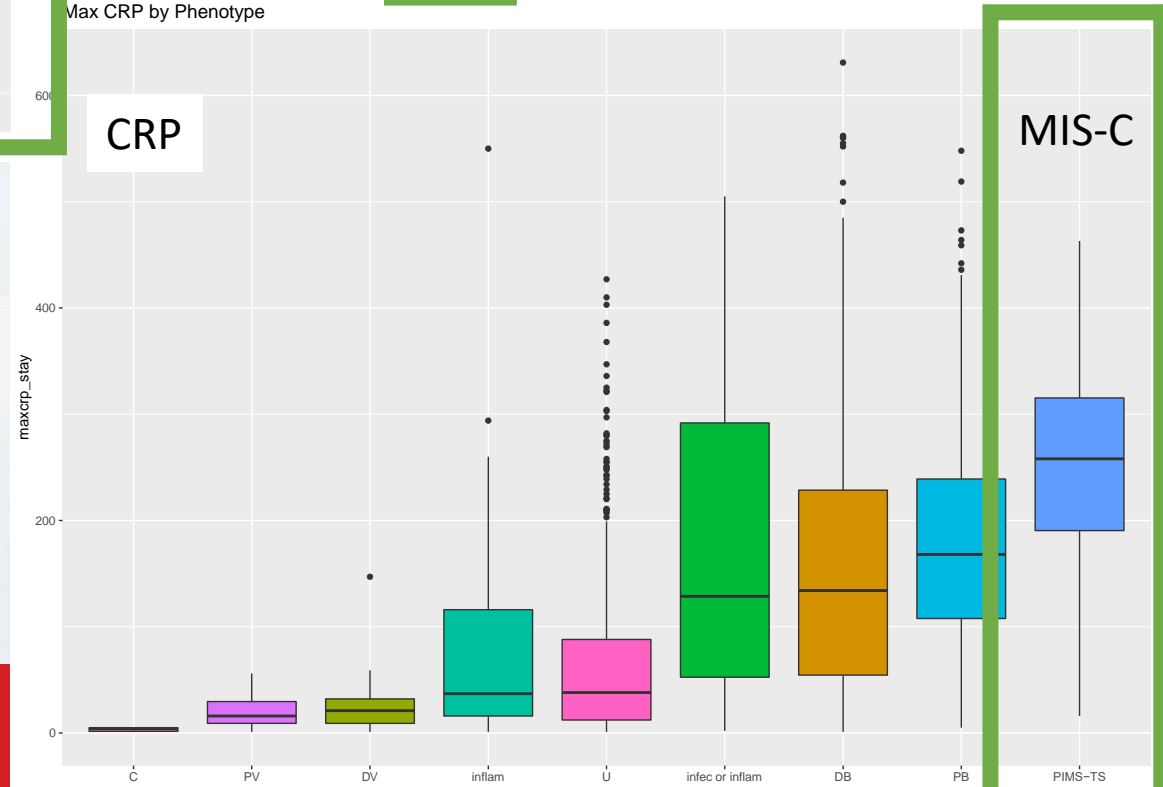
Max CRP by Phenotype



LYMPHOCYTE COUNT



CRP



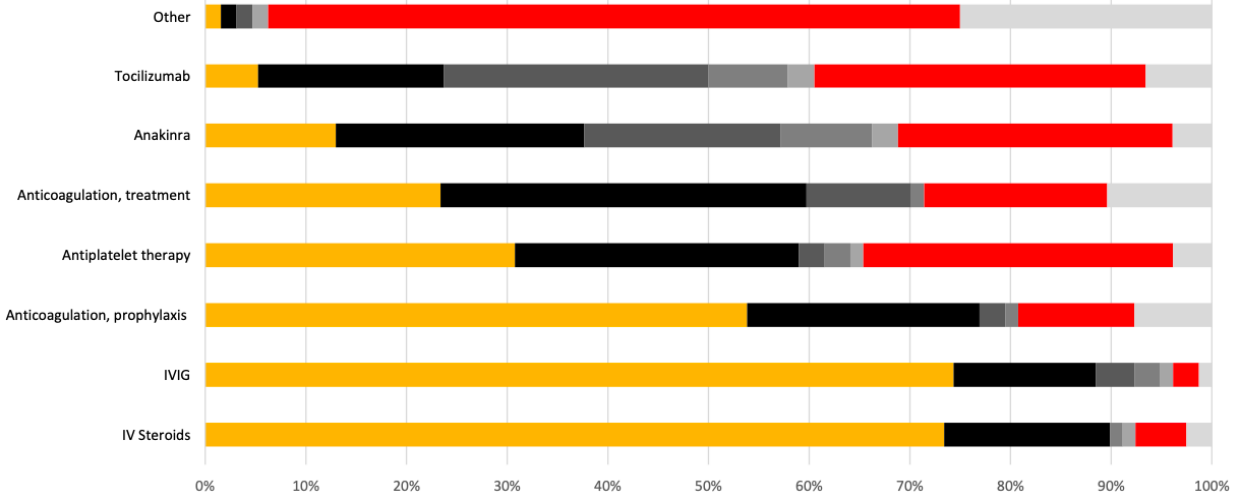


How are children with PIMS/MISC being treated?

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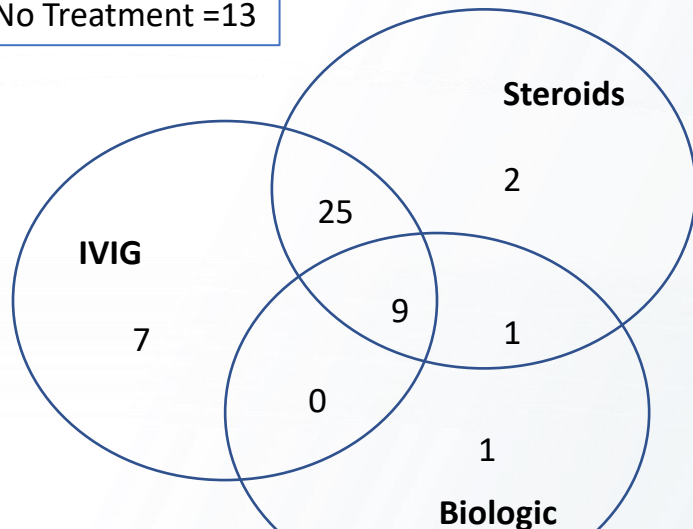
- IV steroids 72%
- IVIG 73%
- Anti-coagulation prophylaxis 54%
- Anti-platelet 31%
- Anakinra 12%, Tocilizumab 6%



Treatment – what are we doing – anecdotal and expert opinion rather than evidence

Treatment administered in 58 PIMS-TS patients in UK

No Treatment = 13



A national consensus management pathway for paediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with COVID-19 (PIMS-TS): results of a national Delphi process

Rachel Harwood, Benjamin Allin, Christine E Jones, Elizabeth Whittaker, Padmanabhan Ramnarayan, Athimalaipet V Ramanan, Musa Kaleem, Robert Tulloh, Mark J Peters, Sarah Almond, Peter J Davis, Michael Levin, Andrew Tometzki, Saul N Faust, Marian Knight, Simon Kenny, on behalf of the PIMS-TS National Consensus Management Study Group*

April 13-19 April 20-26 April 27-May 3 May 4-10

- Consider all differentials!
- Recommend MDT within 24 hours of presentation/ if considering biologics
- Treatment based on phenotype (shock, Kawasaki like, other) & high risk features
 - Supportive care (aspirin, LMWH, fluids, analgesia etc)
 - Immune modulation (IVIG, Steroids, Anti-IL1/TNF/IL6)
 - Ideally within a treatment trial
- Recruit to available studies (BPSU, DIAMONDS, ISARIC, RECOVERY etc)

Follow up and outcomes

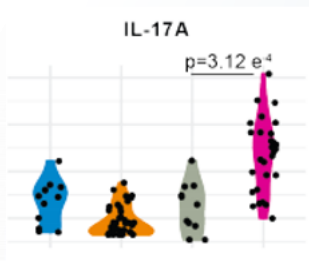
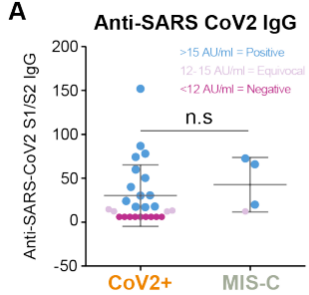
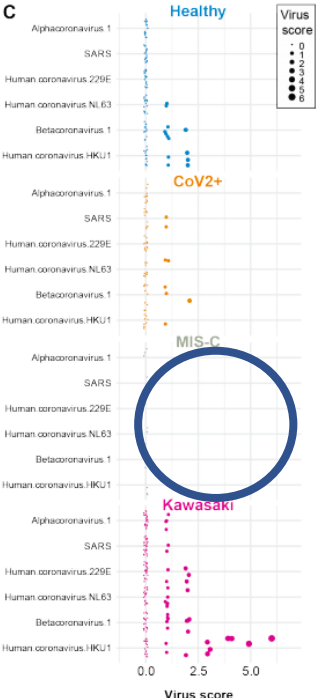
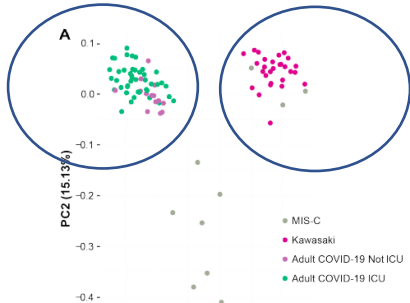
- Respiratory outcomes
- Thrombosis
- Cardiac outcomes – coronary artery aneurysms
 - PIMS –early outcome data reassuring
- COVID fatigue syndrome
- Behavioural and psychological

- Establishing multi-disciplinary clinics
- Logistics and cost

Understanding PIMS/MIS-C

Consiglio et al Cell 2020

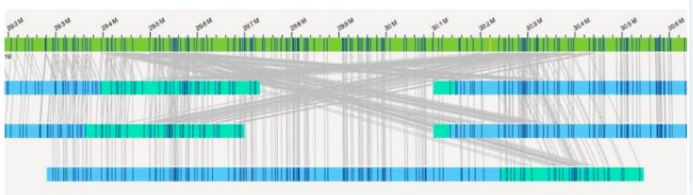
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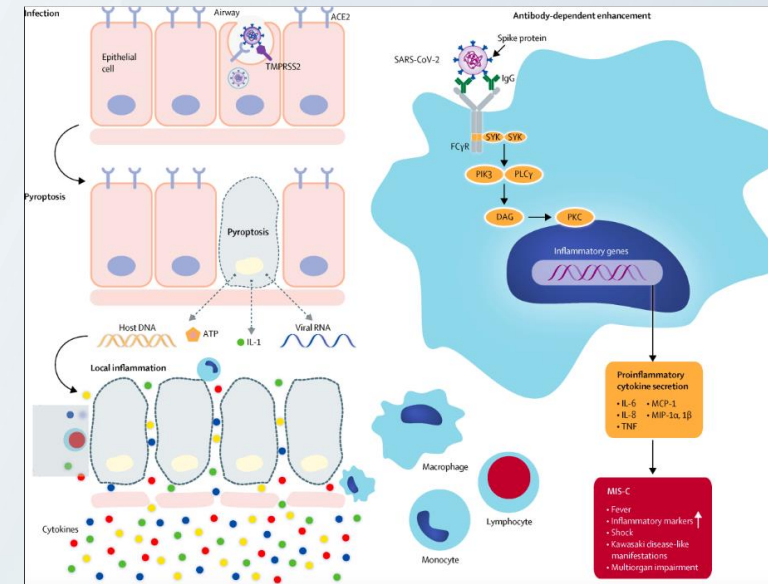
DIAMOND
MAKING DIAGNOSIS PERSONAL



Boston Children's Hospital



Probing MIS-C genetics: This readout from Saphyr shows areas of a patient's DNA that have "flipped" to a different location on the chromosome (indicated by the grey diagonal lines). The green line at the top represents the normal organization of DNA at that part of the chromosome. (Courtesy Bionano Genomics)



RECOVERY
Randomised Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy

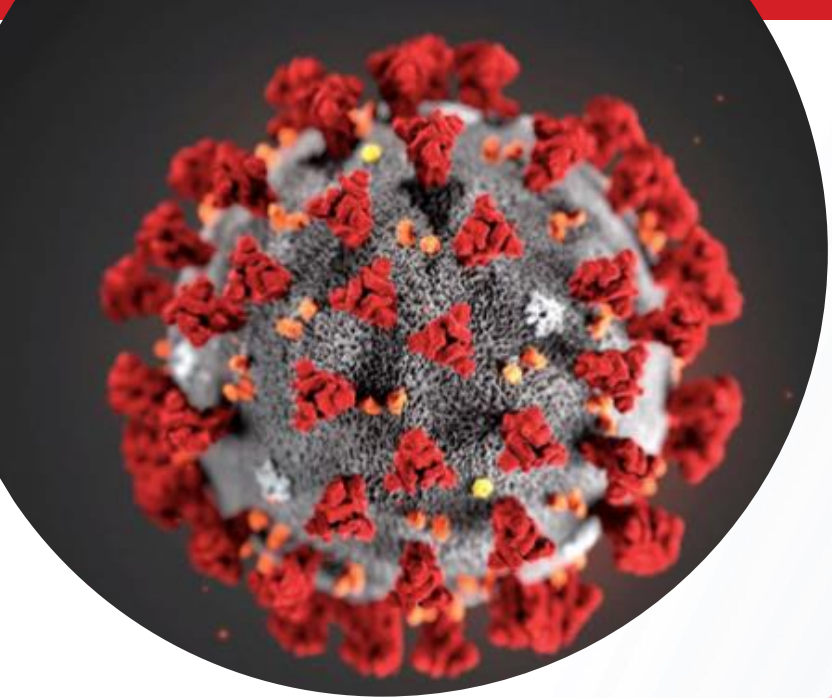
Best Available Treatment Study
for inflammatory syndromes associated with SARS-CoV-2

Summary

- Severe disease is rare
- MDT is crucial

- Treatments extrapolated from adult data
- Recruit to trial if available

- Need to follow up these children, within studies
- Understanding pathogenesis relevant for adults, and vaccine safety



Thank you
Questions?



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