



COVID-19: KEEPING UP WITH A MOVING TARGET

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Dr. Auwaerter has indicated that he will be referencing the unlabeled or unapproved use of agents currently being investigated in on-going studies and trials, including a remdesivir, baricitinib, and several vaccine platforms.

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Learning Objectives

- Discuss efficacy of baricitinib in combination with remdesivir
- Describe similarities and differences of the two mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna)





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DISEASE SEVERITY

PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Hospitalized,
Mild to Moderate COVID-19

There are insufficient data to recommend either for or against any specific antiviral or antibody therapy. SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies (**bamlanivimab** or **casirivimab plus imdevimab**) are available through EUAs for outpatients who are at high risk of disease progression.^a These EUAs do not authorize use in hospitalized patients.

Dexamethasone should not be used (**AIII**).

Hospitalized^a But Does Not Require Supplemental Oxygen

Dexamethasone should not be used (**AIIa**).

There are insufficient data to recommend either for or against the routine use of **remdesivir**. For patients at high risk of disease progression, the use of remdesivir may be appropriate.

Hospitalized^a and Requires Supplemental Oxygen

(But Does Not Require Oxygen Delivery Through a High-Flow Device, Noninvasive Ventilation, Invasive Mechanical Ventilation, or ECMO)

Use one of the following options:

- **Remdesivir**^{b,c} (e.g., for patients who require minimal supplemental oxygen) (**BIIa**)
- **Dexamethasone**^d plus **remdesivir**^{b,c} (e.g., for patients who require increasing amounts of supplemental oxygen) (**BIII**)^{e,f}
- **Dexamethasone**^d (e.g., when combination therapy with remdesivir cannot be used or is not available) (**BI**)

Hospitalized^a and Requires Oxygen Delivery Through a High-Flow Device or Noninvasive Ventilation

Use one of the following options:

- **Dexamethasone**^{d,f} (**AI**)
- **Dexamethasone**^d plus **remdesivir**^{b,c} (**BIII**)^{e,f}

Hospitalized^a and Requires Invasive Mechanical Ventilation or ECMO

Dexamethasone^d (**AI**)^g

Rating of Recommendations: A = Strong; B = Moderate; C = Optional

Rating of Evidence: I = One or more randomized trials without major limitations; IIa = Other randomized trials or subgroup analyses of randomized trials; IIb = Nonrandomized trials or observational cohort studies; III = Expert opinion

NIH COVID-19
Guidelines: Some
changes regarding
standards for
hospitalized patients

<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapeutic-management/>





NIH and IDSA Guidelines for Remdesivir

NIH (12/4/20)

Hospitalized and requires supplemental oxygen but not through invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO

IDSA (11/22/20)

Hospitalized with severe COVID-19, defined as $SpO_2 \leq 94\%$ on room air and requiring supplemental oxygen, mechanical ventilation, or ECMO



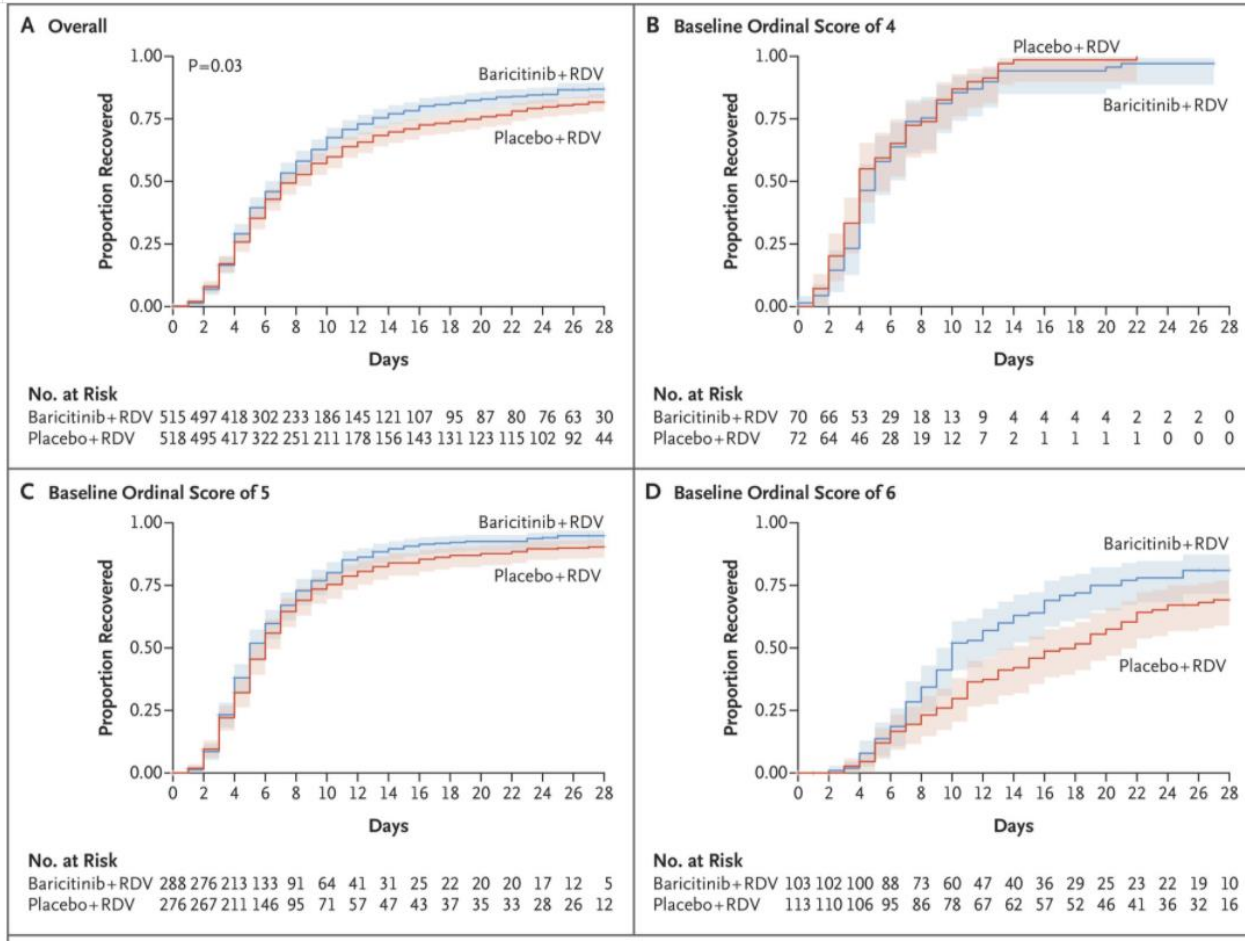
Remdesivir + Baricitinib

- EUA (Nov 19, 2020) for hospitalized patients ≥ 2 years who require supplemental oxygen, invasive mechanical ventilation, or ECMO
- ACTT-2: Blind, placebo-controlled RCT, n = 1033
 - Remdesivir+baricitinib vs remdesivir+placebo
 - Primary Endpoint median time to recovery:
 - 7 days vs 8 days placebo; HR 1.15 (95% CI 1-1.31, $P = .047$)
 - Proportion of patients progressing to ventilation or death by day 29:
 - 23% vs 28%; OR, .74 (95% CI .56-.99, $P = .039$)
 - Subgroups with most benefit:
 - Ordinal score groups 5 (supplemental oxygen) and 6 (high flow or noninvasive), with 60% lower and 43% lower mortality at day 29

Kalil, NEJM, Dec 11, 2020



Remdesivir + Baricitinib

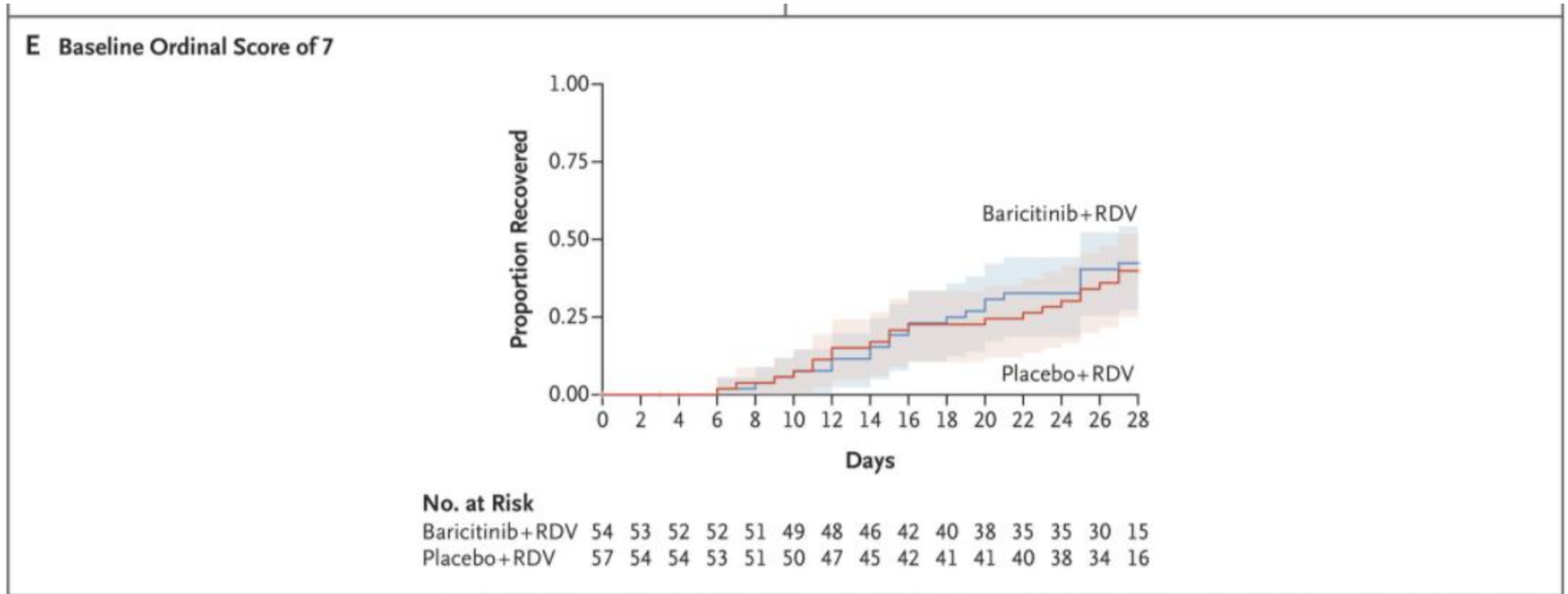


Score	Description
1	Ambulatory, no limitation on activities
2	Ambulatory, limitation of activities, home O ₂ , or both
3	Hospitalized, no O ₂ and not requiring medical care
4	Hospitalized, no O ₂ but requiring medical care
5	Hospitalized, any supplemental O ₂
6	Hospitalized, requiring NIV or HFNC
7	Hospitalized, IMV or ECMO
8	Death

Mild disease shown in grey; severe disease shown in red



Remdesivir + Baricitinib





NIH Recommendations: Baricitinib

- In the rare circumstances where corticosteroids cannot be used, the Panel recommends using baricitinib in combination with remdesivir for the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalized, nonintubated patients who require oxygen supplementation **(BIIa)**.
- The Panel **recommends against** the use of baricitinib in the absence of remdesivir, except in a clinical trial **(AIII)**.

<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/whats-new/> (12/14/20)





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What are some similarities and differences with the Moderna mRNA vaccine compared to the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine?

