

CORRIGENDA (15 July 2022)

Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline, 14 July 2022 (WHO/2019-nCoV/therapeutics/2022.4)

Page 5, lines 3–6

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Page 13, Graphic

The graphic on page 13 was truncated, with the last section on convalescent plasma, colchicine, hydroxychloroquine and lopinavir-ritonavir missing. A copy of the replacement can be found at the end of the corrigenda.

Page 18, lines 3–4

Delete: 2. **Inconsistency: no serious. Indirectness: serious.** Some patients may be at substantially higher risk of mechanical ventilation.. **Imprecision: serious.**
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Page 21, lines 27–30

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Page 22, lines 26–28

Delete: The LNMA for colchicine was informed by ten RCTs which enrolled 17 914 patients with non-severe illness in outpatient settings. None of the included studies enrolled children. The [Table](#) shows characteristics of the RCTs.

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Page 24, lines 36–37

Delete: **Route, dosage and duration:** Additional considerations are available in a summary of practical issues. Here follows a brief summary of key points:

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P 45, lines 15–16

Delete: **Route, dosage and duration:** Additional considerations are available in a linked summary of practical issues (accessible [here](#)). Here follows a brief summary of the key points:

Insert: **Route, dosage and duration:** Additional considerations are available in three summaries of practical issues ([molnupiravir for COVID-19](#), [administration of molnupiravir for COVID-19](#), [safety and monitoring for patients receiving molnupiravir for COVID-19](#)). Here follows a brief summary of the key points:

These corrections have been incorporated into the electronic file.

Population

This recommendation applies only to people with these characteristics:



Interventions

 Strong recommendations in favour

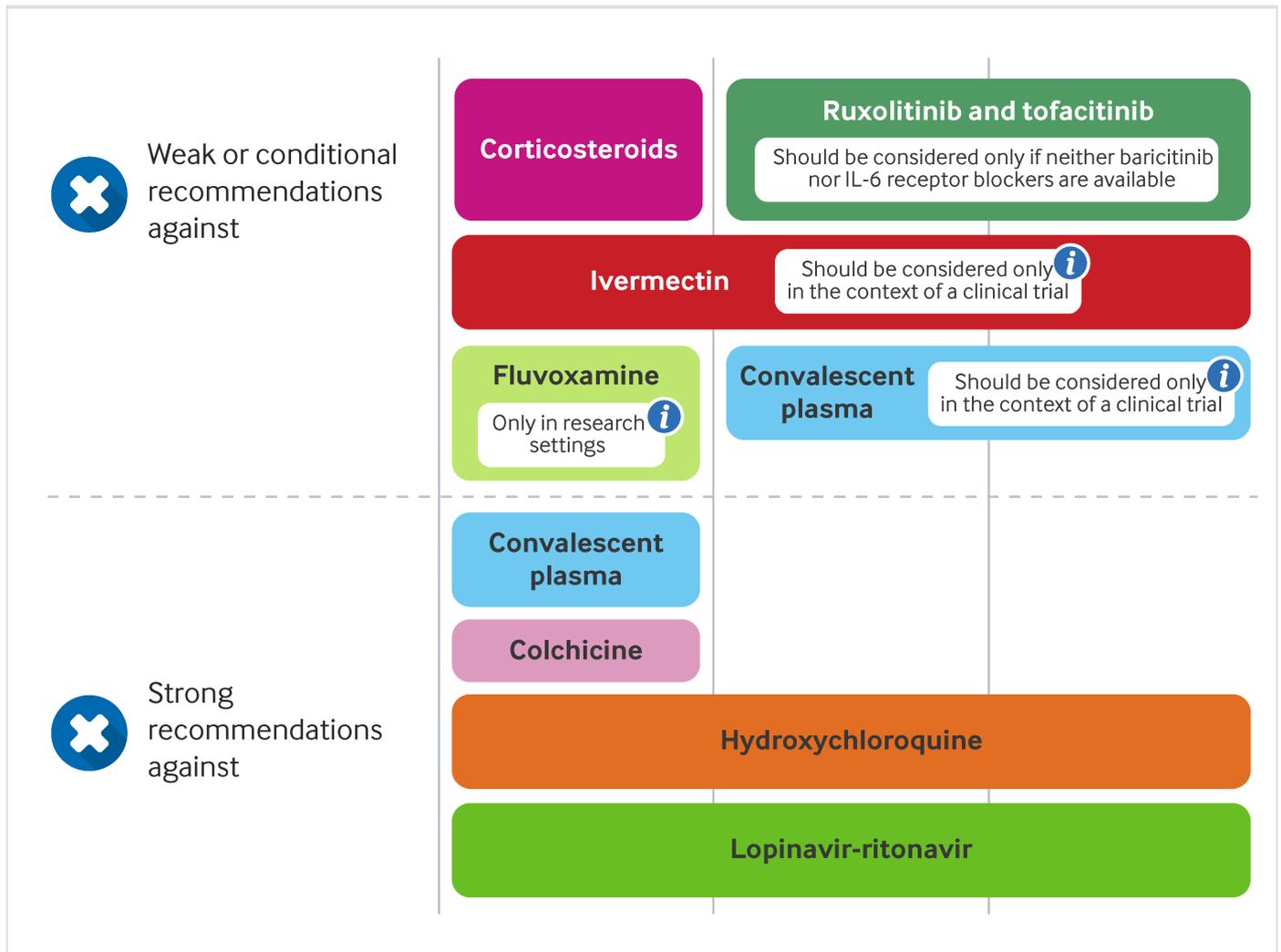
 Weak or conditional recommendations in favour

 For those with highest risk of hospital admission

Use the interactive multiple comparison tool to compare and choose treatments

 **MATCH-IT**

	Disease severity		
	Non-severe	Severe	Critical
	Absence of signs of severe or critical disease	Oxygen saturation <90% on room air Signs of pneumonia Signs of severe respiratory distress 	Requires life sustaining treatment Acute respiratory distress syndrome Sepsis Septic shock
		Corticosteroids	
		IL-6 receptor blockers OR Baricitinib	
		 Depending on availability as well as clinical and contextual factors	
	Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir		
	Molnupiravir Mitigation strategies to reduce potential harms should be implemented		
	Sotrovimab		
	Remdesivir		
	Casirivimab and imdevimab	Casirivimab and imdevimab	
		 Evidence of limited efficacy against Omicron BA1 variant	
		 For those with seronegative status for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies	



6.2 Fluvoxamine (published 14 July 2022)

For patients with non-severe COVID-19

Only in research settings New

We recommend not to use fluvoxamine, except in the context of a clinical trial (*recommended only in research settings*).

- Several therapeutic options are recommended for patients with non-severe COVID-19 including nirmatrelvir-ritonavir, molnupiravir, and remdesivir.
- For choosing between the therapeutic options, see Section 6.1 and the [decision support tool](#), which displays benefits and harms of the options.

Practical Info

The GDG made a recommendation against using fluvoxamine for treatment of patients with COVID-19 outside the setting of a clinical trial and therefore practical considerations are less relevant for this drug.

Evidence To Decision

Benefits and harms

In patients with non-severe COVID-19, fluvoxamine probably has little or no effect on mortality and may have little or no effect on mechanical ventilation and hospitalization, with no data reported for time to symptom resolution and adverse