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1298 Effect of Hydrocortisone on 21-Day Mortality or Respiratory Support Among Critically III Patients With COVID-19: A Randomized Clinical Trial

P-F Dequin and Coauthors for the CAPE COVID Trial Group and the CRICS-TriGGERSep Network

This randomized clinical trial compares the effect of low-dose hydrocortisone vs placebo on treatment failure (death or persistent respiratory support dependency) at 21 days in critically ill patients with COVID-19 and acute respiratory failure in France.

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for the COALITION COVID-19 Brazil III Investigators

This open label clinical trial compares the effects of dexamethasone vs usual care on the number of days alive and free of mechanical ventilation at day 28 among COVID-19 patients in Brazil with moderate to severe acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).

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This open-label randomized trial compares the effects of fixed-dose vs shock-dependent vs no intravenous hydrocortisone on organ support-free days among patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) admitted to critical care units (ICU/CCUs) for respiratory or cardiovascular organ support.

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1330 Association Between Administration of Systemic Corticosteroids and Mortality Among Critically III Patients With COVID-19: A Meta-analysis

The WHO Rapid Evidence Appraisal for COVID-19 Therapies (REACT) Working Group

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