

[Baricitinib] for [COVID-19]

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Risk of bias table

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<p>Methods</p>	<p>Study design: Randomized controlled trial</p> <p>Study grouping:</p>
<p>Participants</p>	<p>Baseline Characteristics</p> <p>Baricitinib plus remdesivir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No. randomised (N): 515 ● Participants with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 (%): 100 ● Participants with moderate illness (%): 69.5 ● Participants with severe illness (%): 30.5 ● Age (mean [range]): 55.8 [16.0] ● Female participants (%): 38.1 ● Participants with hypertension (%): 51 ● Participants with diabetes (%): 39 <p>Remdesivir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No. randomised (N): 518 ● Participants with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 (%): 100 ● Participants with moderate illness (%): 67.2 ● Participants with severe illness (%): 32.8 ● Age (mean [range]): 55.0 [15.4] ● Female participants (%): 35.7 ● Participants with hypertension (%): 52 ● Participants with diabetes (%): 35 <p>Overall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No. randomised (N): 1033 ● Participants with moderate illness (%): 68.3 ● Participants with severe illness (%): 31.7 ● Age (mean [range]): 55.4 [15.7] ● Female participants (%): 36.9 ● Participants with hypertension (%): 52 ● Participants with diabetes (%): 37 <p>Included criteria: 1. Admitted to a hospital with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.2. Subject (or legally authorized representative) provides informed consent prior to initiation of any study procedures.3. Subject (or legally authorized representative) understands and agrees to comply with planned study procedures.4. Male or non-pregnant female adult ≥ 18 years of age at time of enrollment.5. Has laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection as determined by PCR or other commercial or public health assay in any specimen.6. Illness of any duration, and at least one of the following: ● Radiographic infiltrates by imaging (chest x-ray, CT scan, etc.), OR ● SpO₂ $\leq 94\%$ on room air, OR ● Requiring supplemental oxygen, OR ● Requiring mechanical ventilation.7. Women of childbearing potential must agree to either abstinence or use of at least one primary form of contraception not including hormonal contraception from the time of screening through Day 29.8. Agrees to not participate in another clinical trial for the treatment of COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2 through Day 29.</p> <p>Excluded criteria: ALT or AST > 5 times the upper limit of normal.2. Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) < 30 ml/min (including patients</p>

	<p>receiving hemodialysis or hemofiltration). 3. Pregnancy or breastfeeding. 4. Anticipated discharge from the hospital or transfer to another hospital which is not a study site within 72 hours. 5. Allergy to any study medication.</p> <p>Pretreatment:</p>
<p>Interventions</p>	<p>Intervention Characteristics Baricitinib plus remdesivir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Intervention (including dosage, route of administration, loading and maintenance phases):</i> Baricitinib was administered as a 4-mg daily dose (either orally [two 2-mg tablets] or through a nasogastric tube) for 14 days or until hospital discharge. Patients with an estimated glomerular filtration rate of less than 60 ml per minute received baricitinib at a dose of 2 mg once daily. ● <i>Co-intervention (including description of standard care):</i> Patients received remdesivir intravenously as a 200-mg loading dose on day 1, followed by a 100-mg maintenance dose administered daily on days 2 through 10 or until hospital discharge or death ● <i>Duration of treatment (days):</i> 14 days or hospital discharge ● <i>Follow up after randomisation (days):</i> 29 days <p>Remdesivir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Intervention (including dosage, route of administration, loading and maintenance phases):</i> Matched placebo ● <i>Co-intervention (including description of standard care):</i> Patients received remdesivir intravenously as a 200-mg loading dose on day 1, followed by a 100-mg maintenance dose administered daily on days 2 through 10 or until hospital discharge or death ● <i>Duration of treatment (days):</i> 14 days or hospital discharge ● <i>Follow up after randomisation (days):</i> 29 days
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p><i>All-cause mortality (Day 28)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>All-cause mortality (Day 14)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>Invasive mechanical ventilation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>NIV / HFNO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>Serious adverse events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>Adverse events</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome <p><i>Clinical recovery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outcome type: Dichotomous Outcome
<p>Identification</p>	<p>Sponsorship source: Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (DMID), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health</p> <p>Country: United States of America</p>

	<p>Setting: Hospital</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Authors name: A.C. Kaili</p> <p>Institution: University of Nebraska Medical Center</p> <p>Email: akaili@unmc.edu</p> <p>Address: University of Nebraska MedicalCenter, 985400 Nebraska Medicine, Omaha, NE 68198-5400</p> <p>Clinical trial identifier: ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT04421027</p> <p>Preprint or peer reviewed: Peer reviewed</p> <p>Single centre or multi-centre (no. of centres): Multi-centre 67 trial sites in 8 countries:the United States (55 sites), Singapore (4),South Korea (2), Mexico (2), Japan (1), Spain (1),the United Kingdom (1), and Denmark (1).</p>
Notes	<p>Included Median duration of initial hospitalization (IQR) — days Bricitinib 8 (5 to 15) vs placebo 8 (5 to 20)Median time to recovery (95% CI) — days Bricitinib 7 (6–8) vs placebo 8 (7–9)</p> <p>Included New use of Mechanical ventilation No. of patients/total no. Baricitinib+RDV 46/461 vs Placebo+RDV 70/461. We have used version 2 of the Cochrane risk-of-bias tool for randomised trials (RoB 2) to assess the risk of bias for this study. Refer to Main text > Published notes for more details.</p>

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Risk of bias in selection of the reported result	Low risk	"Randomisation was stratified by study site and disease severity at enrollment and was performed using a web-based Internet Data Entry System, Advantage eClinical".
Overall risk of bias	Low risk	Allocation sequence concealed
Risk of bias arising from the randomization process	Low risk	Randomisation performed using a web-based internet data entry system, Advantage eClinical.
Risk of bias in measurement of the outcome	Low risk	"The trial team was unaware of the trial-group assignments until after all data queries were resolved and the database was locked."
Risk of bias due to deviations from the intended interventions	Low risk	The majority of patients received intended intervention.
Missing outcome data	Low risk	Results reported for intention to treat population.

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*Footnotes***Characteristics of excluded studies***Footnotes***References to studies****Included studies****Ely 2021**

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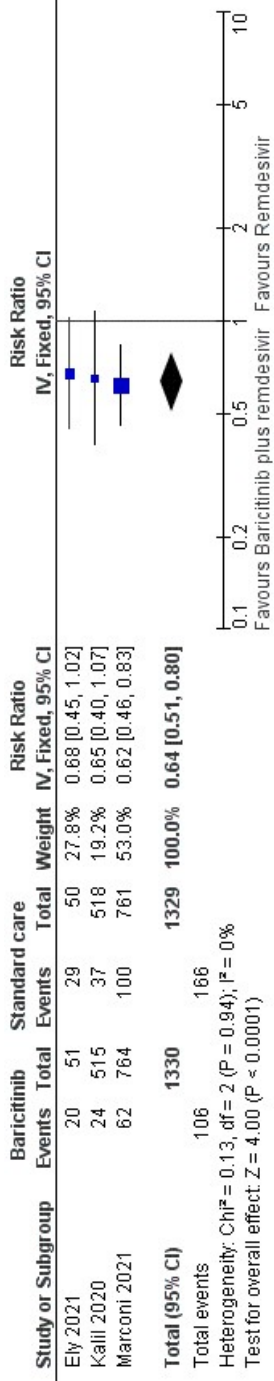
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Excluded studies**Data and analyses****1 Baricitinib vs standard care**

Outcome or Subgroup	Studies	Participants	Statistical Method	Effect Estimate
1.1 Discontinuation due to adverse event	1	1502	Risk Ratio (M-H, Random, 95% CI)	0.80 [0.57, 1.12]
1.2 Duration of hospitalisation	0	0	Mean Difference (IV, Random, 95% CI)	Not estimable
1.8 All-cause mortality (Day 28)	3	2659	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.64 [0.51, 0.80]
1.9 All-cause mortality (Day 14)	1	1033	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.54 [0.23, 1.25]
1.12 Invasive mechanical ventilation	1	922	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.66 [0.46, 0.93]
1.13 NIV / HFNO	1	706	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.83 [0.63, 1.10]
1.16 Serious adverse events	3	2617	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.77 [0.66, 0.90]
1.17 Adverse events	3	2634	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	0.94 [0.87, 1.01]
1.24 Clinical recovery	2	1134	Risk Ratio (IV, Fixed, 95% CI)	1.08 [1.01, 1.14]

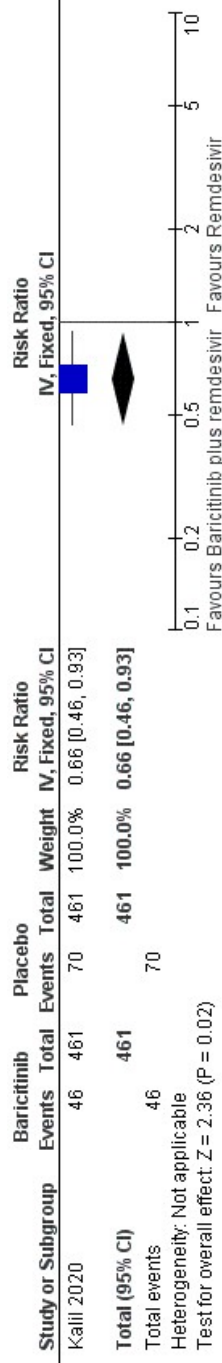
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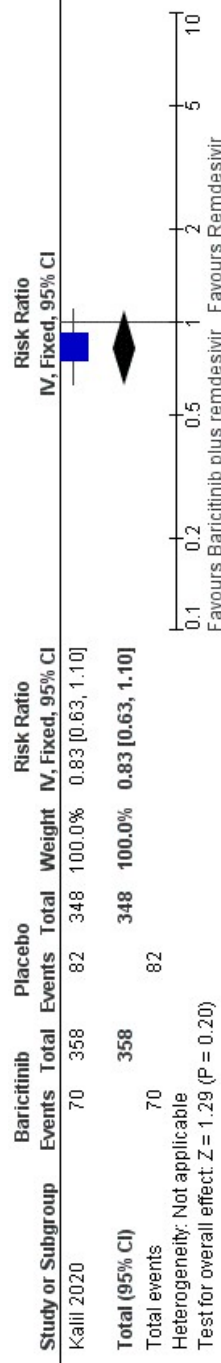
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Figure 2 (Analysis 1.12)



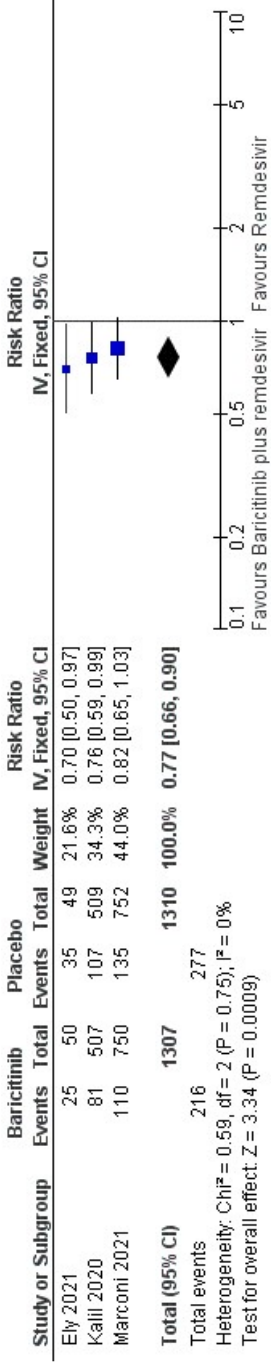
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Figure 3 (Analysis 1.13)



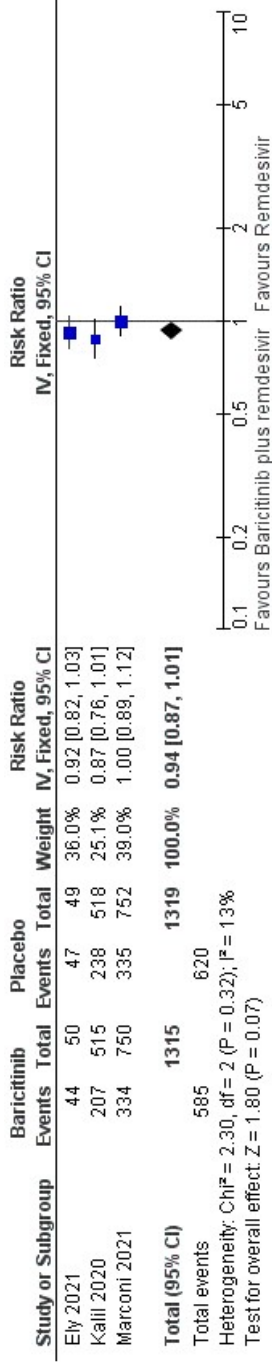
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Figure 4 (Analysis 1.16)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Baricitinib vs standard care, outcome: 1.16 Serious adverse events.

Figure 5 (Analysis 1.17)



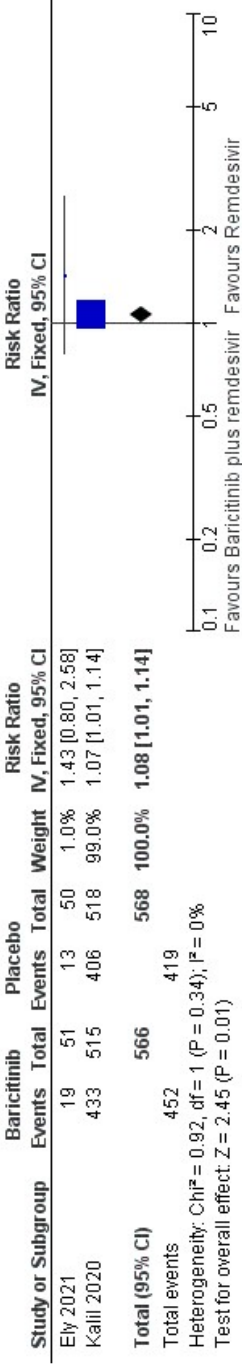
Forest plot of comparison: 1 Baricitinib vs standard care, outcome: 1.17 Adverse events.

Figure 6 (Analysis 1.1)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Baricitinib vs standard care, outcome: 1.1 Discontinuation due to adverse event.

Figure 7 (Analysis 1.24)



Forest plot of comparison: 1 Baricitinib vs standard care, outcome: 1.24 Clinical recovery.