**Supplementary Material** for the 2025 Clinical Practice Guideline Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America on the Treatment and Management of COVID-19: Antiviral Treatment for Mild to Moderate COVID-19 in Adults

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#### **METHODS**

#### Panel formation and conflicts of interest

The chair and vice chair of the guideline panel were selected by the leadership of IDSA. Twenty-six additional panelists comprised the full panel. The panel included clinicians with expertise in infectious diseases, pediatric infectious diseases, critical care medicine, pulmonology, maternal fetal medicine, and pharmacology, as well as biostatistics. Guideline methodologists oversaw all methodological aspects of the guideline development, including the identification and summarization of scientific evidence for each clinical question. IDSA staff oversaw all administrative and logistic issues related to the guideline panel.

All members of the expert panel complied with the IDSA policy on conflict of interest (COI), which requires disclosure of any financial, intellectual, or other interest that might be construed as constituting an actual, potential, or apparent conflict. Evaluation of such relationships as potential conflicts of interest was determined by a review process which included assessment by the Standards and Practice Guidelines Subcommittee (SPGS) Chair, and if necessary, the Conflict of Interests Ethics Committee. This assessment of disclosed relationships for possible COI was based on the relative weight of the financial relationship (i.e., monetary amount) and the relevance of the relationship (i.e., the degree to which an independent observer might reasonably interpret an association as related to the topic or recommendation of consideration). The reader of these guidelines should be mindful of this when the list of disclosures is reviewed. See the Notes section at the end of the guideline for the disclosures reported to IDSA.

### **Practice recommendations**

Clinical Practice Guidelines are statements that include recommendations intended to optimize patient care by assisting practitioners and patients in making shared decisions about appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances. These are informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and harms of alternative care options [IOM 2011]. The "IDSA Handbook on Clinical Practice Guideline Development" provides more detailed information on the processes followed throughout the development of this guideline [IDSA CPG Handbook].

### **Review and approval process**

Feedback was obtained from two external individual peer expert reviewers as well as the endorsing organizations. The IDSA Standards and Practice Guidelines Subcommittee (SPGS) and Board of Directors reviewed and approved the guideline prior to publication.

### **Process for updating**

IDSA guidelines are regularly reviewed for currency. The need for updates to the guideline is determined by a scan of current literature and the likelihood that any new data would impact the recommendations. Any changes to the guideline will be submitted for review and approval to the appropriate Committees and Board of IDSA.

## **Clinical questions**

Each clinical question was formatted according to the PICO style: Patient/Population (P), Intervention/Indicator (I), Comparator/Control (C), Outcome (O). For each PICO question, outcomes of interest were identified a priori and rated for their relative importance for decision-making.

#### Literature search

A literature search was conducted in Ovid Medline, Embase, and Cochrane Library in September 2024. Searches were limited to studies published in English.

## Search strategy:

((("molnupiravir"[Supplementary Concept] OR "nirmatrelvir and ritonavir drug combination"[Supplementary Concept] OR "nirmatrelvir"[Supplementary Concept] OR "remdesivir"[Supplementary Concept] OR Lagevrio[tiab] OR molnupiravir[tiab] OR nirmatrelvir[tiab] OR "nirmatrelvir and ritonavir drug combination"[tiab] OR Paxlovid[tiab] OR remdesivir[tiab] OR Veklury[tiab]) AND (("Randomized Controlled Trial"[Publication Type] OR "Controlled Clinical Trial"[Publication Type] OR "randomized"[tiab] OR "placebo"[tiab] OR "drug therapy"[Subheading] OR "trial"[tiab] OR "groups"[tiab]) NOT ("Animals"[Mesh] NOT "Humans"[Mesh])) AND (("2023/01/01"[dp]: "3000/12/31"[dp]) OR ("2023/01/01"[crdt] : "3000/12/31"[crdt]))) NOT ("address"[Publication Type] OR "autobiography"[Publication Type] OR "bibliography"[Publication Type] OR "biography"[Publication Type] OR "Book Illustrations" [Publication Type] OR "Case Reports" [Publication Type] OR "Comment"[Publication Type] OR "dictionary"[Publication Type] OR "directory"[Publication Type] OR "editorial"[Publication Type] OR "Expression of Concern"[Publication Type] OR "interactive tutorial"[Publication Type] OR "interview"[Publication Type] OR "lecture"[Publication Type] OR "legal case"[Publication Type] OR "legislation"[Publication Type] OR "news"[Publication Type] OR "newspaper article"[Publication Type] OR "overall"[Publication Type] OR "patient education handout"[Publication Type] OR "periodical index"[Publication Type] OR "personal narrative"[Publication Type] OR "portrait"[Publication Type] OR "hascommenton"[All Fields] OR "Cartoons as Topic"[Mesh] OR "case history"[tiab] OR "case histories"[tiab] OR "case report"[tiab] OR "case reports"[tiab]"case studies"[tiab]OR "case study"[tiab]))

## **Study selection**

Inclusion and exclusion criteria were pre-defined. The eligibility criteria below were used. Inclusion criteria:

- Patient population- Patients with mild or moderate COVID-19
- Intervention- Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir, molnupiravir, or remdesivir
- Comparator- No nirmatrelvir/ritonavir, no molnupiravir, or no remdesivir, respectively
- Outcomes- Mortality, hospitalization, symptom resolution, serious adverse events
- Study design- RCTs

# Exclusion criteria:

- Patient population- Patients without severe or critical COVID-19
- Intervention- N/A
- Comparator- N/A
- Study design- Review articles, case reports

# Data extraction and analysis

Guideline methodologists, with panelist assistance, extracted the data for each pre-determined patient-important outcome. If a relevant publication was missing raw data for an outcome prioritized by the panel, an attempt was made to contact the author(s) for the missing data.

#### **Evidence to decision**

Guideline methodologists prepared the evidence summaries for each question and assessed the risk of bias and the certainty of evidence. Risk of bias was assessed by using the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool for RCTs [Higgins 2011]. The certainty of evidence was determined first for each critical and important

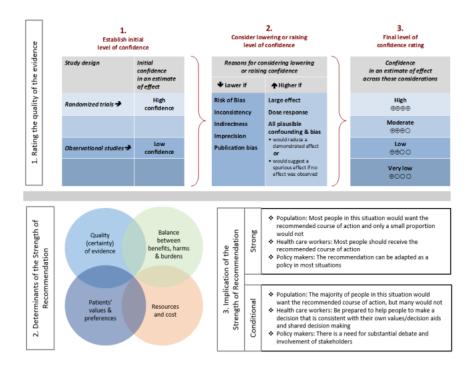
outcome and then for each recommendation using the GRADE approach for rating the confidence in the evidence [Guyatt 2008, GRADE Handbook/Schunemann]. Evidence profiles were developed using the GRADEpro Guideline Development Tool [Guyatt 2008] and reviewed by panel members.

The Evidence to Decision framework [GRADEpro] was used to translate the evidence summaries into a practice recommendation. All recommendations are labeled as either "strong" or "conditional" according to the GRADE approach [IDSA CPG Handbook]. The words "we recommend" indicate strong recommendations and "we suggest" indicate conditional recommendations. Supplementary Figure 1 provides the suggested interpretation of strong and conditional recommendations for patients, clinicians, and healthcare policymakers. For recommendations where the comparator treatment or tests are not formally stated, the comparison of interest is implicitly referred to as "not using the intervention" (either not using a specific treatment or a diagnostic test).

All members of the panel participated in the preparation of the draft guideline and approved the recommendation.

#### **TABLES AND FIGURES**

**Supplementary Figure 1.** Approach and implications to rating the quality of evidence and strength of recommendations using GRADE methodology (unrestricted use of figure granted by the U.S. GRADE Network)



# **Supplementary Table 1.** Characteristics of included studies

| Author<br>Year               | Country/<br>Hospital   | Study<br>design | N (intervention / comparator);  | Age mean<br>(SD)/Median<br>(IQR) | Severity of disease   | Intervention<br>(study arms)   | Comparator   | Co-<br>interventions | Outcomes reported   | Funding<br>source |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Hammond<br>2024<br>(Epic-SR) | USA, UK, Mexico, Turkey, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania, Malaysia, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, South Africa, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Puerto Rico, Poland, Colombia/NA | RCT             | % female  1296 (Nirmatrelvirritonavir: 658/Placebo: 638);  54% female             | 42 (18-87)                       | Outpatient adults with RT-PCR or rapid antigen confirmed SARS- CoV-2 infection and associated signs and symptoms of COVID-19 occurring ≤5 days before randomization | Nirmatrelvir<br>(300 mg) and<br>ritonavir (100<br>mg) every 12<br>hours for 5<br>days                                  | Placebo with<br>inactive filler<br>every 12<br>hours for 5<br>days | N/A                  | Time to sustained alleviation of all COVID-19 symptoms through day 28, COVID-19 related hospitalization or death from any cause through day 28, Number of medical visits and number of days in hospital/ICU through day 28, Day 5 viral load, Day 10 or 14 viral load rebound, Symptom rebound, Side-effect profile | Pfizer            |
| Hammond<br>2022<br>(Epic-HR) | USA, South Africa, Turkey, Argentina, Mexico, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine, Thailand, Colombia, Czech Republic, Malaysia, Japan,  | RCT             | 2246<br>(Nirmatrelvir-<br>ritonavir<br>1120/<br>Placebo<br>1126);<br>53.2% female | 45 (18-86)                       | Asymptomatic,<br>unvaccinated,<br>non-hospitalized<br>adults at high risk<br>for progression to<br>severe disease   | Nirmatrelvir<br>(300 mg) and<br>ritonavir (100<br>mg) every 12<br>hours for 5<br>days + placebo<br>after<br>completion | Matching<br>placebo<br>capsules for<br>5 days                      | N/A                  | COVID-19 related<br>hospitalizations<br>through day 28,<br>Viral load from<br>baseline through day<br>14, Incidence of<br>adverse effects   | Pfizer            |

|          | Poland,<br>Hungary/NA                   |                 |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|----------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| Liu 2023 | China: 5 COVID-19- designated hospitals | Parallel<br>RCT | 264<br>(132/132);<br>46.2% female | Mean (SD):  Paxlovid + standard care: 71.50 (11.61)  Standard treatment: 69.20 (14.43) | Hospitalized patients 18-90 years with severe comorbidities, confirmed SARS CoV-2 infection by real-time PCR within the previous 48 h, duration from symptoms onset to hospital admission <5 days or SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid Ct value ≤25 by RT-PCR  Severe defined as severe comorbidities, SOFA or Charlson score ≥2. Severe comorbidities defined as immunosuppressi ve disease or immunosuppressi ve status, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension complicated with target organ injury, acute and chronic cardiac insufficiency, chronic renal insufficiency, etc. | Received Paxlovid at a dose of 300 mg nirmatrelvir (two tablets) + 100 mg ritonavir (one tablet), orally administered every 12 h for 5 days | Standard care including antivirus, anticoagulan t therapy, prone position ventilation, awake prone positioning, corticosteroi d therapy, and nutrient support, etc. | Standard care including antivirus, anticoagulant therapy, prone position ventilation, awake prone positioning, corticosteroid therapy, and nutrient support, etc. | 28-day all-cause mortality, Risk of death assessed in subgroup participants based on duration since symptoms onset to hospital admission, Efficacy included inhospital mortality, Proportion of progress to severe COVID-19 within 14 days, Proportion of acute exacerbation from the chronic disease within 14 days, SARS—CoV-2 RNA clearance within 7 days and 14 days, Duration of SARS—CoV-2 RNA clearance, length of hospital and ICU stay, Organ support days to 28 days, Adverse events occurring during and after treatment period | National<br>Natural<br>Science<br>Foundation<br>of China |

| Horby<br>2024<br>RECOVERY | 75 hospitals<br>in UK   | RCT | 923<br>(445/478);<br>40.7% female  | Age: Mean (SD)  Nirmatrelvir/r 75.8 (13.1)  Usual care: 69.3 (14.1)  Molnupiravir: 71.2 (14.3)  Usual care: 71.6 (14.0) | Adults admitted<br>to the hospital<br>with confirmed<br>SARS-CoV-2<br>infection  | Nirmatrelvir/r<br>300 mg/100<br>mg twice daily<br>for 5 days<br>Molnupiravir<br>800 mg orally<br>twice daily for<br>5 days | Usual care   | None   | All-cause mortality at 28 days, Time to discharge from hospital, Progression to invasive mechanical ventilation or death within 28 days | UK Research and Innovation (Medical Research Council)  National Institute of Health and Care Research Wellcome Trust  |
|---------------------------|---|-----|------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| Beigel<br>2020            | USA, Denmark, UK, Greece, Germany, Korea, Mexico, Spain, Japan, Singapore/ 60 trial sites and 13 subsites | RCT | 1062<br>(541/521);<br>35.6% female | Mean: 58.9<br>(15)  | Met 1 of the following suggestive of lower respiratory tract infection at time of enrollment: radiographic infiltrates by imaging study, SpO₂ ≤94% on room air, or requiring supplemental oxygen, mechanical ventilation, or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation | Remdesivir 200 mg loading dose once day 1, 100 mg maintenance dose once daily days 2-10                                    | (1) Placebo<br>200 mg once<br>day 1, 100<br>mg once<br>daily days 2-<br>10 | Supportive care according to the standard of care for the trial site hospital; if a hospital had a written policy or guideline for use of other treatments for COVID-19, patients could receive those treatments | Mortality at day 14, Number of recoveries, Time to recovery (days), Hazard ratio of mortality, Hospital discharge, Adverse events       | National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases  National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD  Government s of Japan, Mexico, Denmark, and Singapore  Seoul National University Hospital  United Kingdom |

|  |   |     |   |         |   |  |   |  |  | Medical<br>Research<br>Council   |
|--|---|-----|---|---------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Spinner<br>2020  | United States,<br>Europe, and<br>Asia/ 105<br>hospitals | RCT | 584<br>(193/191/200<br>);<br>% female not<br>reported | N/A     | Moderate COVID-<br>19 pneumonia<br>(any radiographic<br>evidence of<br>pulmonary<br>infiltrates and<br>oxygen<br>saturation >94%<br>on room air)  | Remdesivir (5-<br>Day Group)<br>200 mg once<br>daily day 1,<br>100 mg once<br>daily days 2-5<br>via IV | (1) Remdesivir (10-Day Group): 200 mg once daily day 1, 100 mg once daily days 2- 10 via IV (2) SoC | Steroids,<br>HCQ,<br>Lopinavir-<br>ritonavir, TCZ,<br>AZ   | Day 11 clinical status<br>on 7-point scale,<br>No. (%) (Includes<br>Mortality at Day 11),<br>Clinical improvement<br>(at day 5, 7, 11, 14,<br>28),<br>Recovery (at day 5, 7,<br>11, 14, 28),<br>Adverse events | Gilead<br>Sciences   |
| WHO<br>Solidarity<br>Trial<br>Consortiu<br>m (Pan)<br>2021 | 30 countries  | RCT | 11266 (total) (Remdesivir 2743/2708); 38.0% female    | N/A     | Age ≥18 years, hospitalized with a diagnosis of COVID-19, not known to have received any study drug, no anticipated transfer within 72 hours, and, in the physician's view, no contraindication to any study drug | Remdesivir 200<br>mg once daily<br>day 0, 100 mg<br>once daily days<br>1-9                             | (1) SoC   | Corticosteroid s, convalescent plasma, anti-IL-6 drug, non-trial interferon, non-trial antiviral | Mortality at day 28,<br>Ventilation in those<br>not already being<br>ventilated at the<br>time of<br>randomization   | Participating countries covered almost all local costs and WHO covered all other study costs, receiving no extra funding |
| Gottlieb<br>2021   | 64 sites in US,<br>Spain,<br>Denmark, and<br>UK         | RCT | 562<br>(279/283);<br>47.9% female                     | 50 (15) | SARS CoV-2 PCR positive within 4 days prior to screening with ≥1 symptom and symptom onset ≤7 days  | Remdesivir 200<br>mg x 1 day,<br>then 100 mg<br>daily for 2 days                                       | Placebo   | None   | Mortality, All cause hospitalization, COVID-19 related hospitalization , COVID-19 related medically attended visits, Change in nasopharyngeal viral load, Serious adverse events                               | Gilead   |

| Sise 2024              | 55 sites in<br>Brazil,<br>Portugal,<br>Spain, UK,<br>and US | RCT | 243 (160/80);<br>42.8% female      | 69 (14)                | Age ≥12 years,<br>≥40kg,<br>hospitalized with<br>COVID-19,<br>oxygen<br>saturation ≤94%,<br>and either<br>severely reduced<br>kidney function<br>or kidney failure | Intravenous<br>remdesivir 200<br>mg on day 1,<br>100 mg daily<br>up to day 5 | Saline<br>placebo   | Corticosteroid<br>s, monoclonal<br>antibodies                                       | All-cause death or invasive mechanical ventilation through day 29, All-cause death through day 29, Clinical status assessed by an 8-point ordinal scale at days 15 and 29, Adverse events, Serious adverse events, Plasma concentrations of remdesivir     | Gilead<br>Sciences  |
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| Jayk<br>Bernal<br>2021 | 107 sites in<br>20 countries                                | RCT | 1433<br>(716/717);<br>51.3% female | 43.0 (Range:<br>18-90) | Ambulatory adults with mild or moderate COVID-19 (≥1 symptom), a positive SARS- CoV-2 test within 5 days, and ≥1 risk factor for the development of severe disease | Molnupiravir<br>800 mg twice<br>daily for 5 days                             | Placebo   | Standard of care including antipyretics, anti-inflammatory agents, glucocorticoid s | Mortality, Hospitalization, Rate of hospitalization, Clinical improvement, Serious adverse events  | Merck   |
| Khoo 2023              | UK  | RCT | 180<br>(90/90);<br>57.0% female    | Median: 43             | Adult outpatients (50/50 vaccinated) with PCR-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection within five days of symptom onset   | Molnupiravir<br>at 800 mg<br>twice daily for<br>10 doses over<br>5 days      | Matching<br>placebo<br>twice daily<br>for 10 doses<br>over 5 days | Standard of care (symptomatic relief including antipyretics)                        | Time from randomization to negative PCR with an exploratory virological endpoint of change in viral titer; Change in viral titer at day 5; Clinical progression: WHO Clinical Progression Scale for COVID- 19, NEWS2 score (UK Royal College of Physicians | Ridgeback Biotherapeu tics, UK National Institute for Health and Care Research, Medical Research Council and The Wellcome Trust |

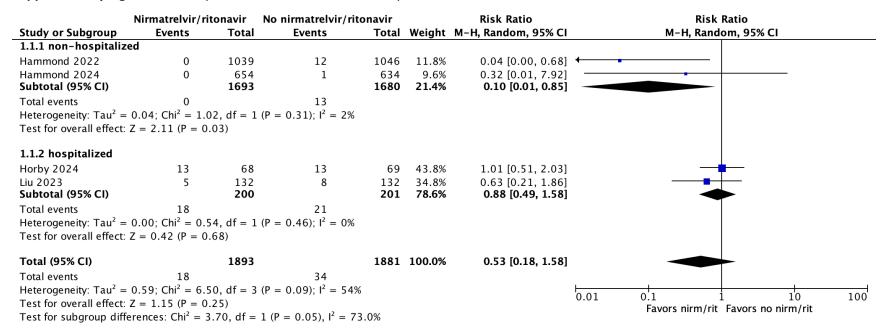
|               |  |     |                                    |  |  |  |  |  | measuring acute illness, the FLU-PRO; Patient-reported: presence/severity of influenza-like symptoms across 6 domains of nose, throat, eyes, chest/respiratory, gastrointestinal and body/system at day 15 and 29; Overall survival (time-to-event); Safety, tolerability  |   |
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| Sinha<br>2022 | 23 hospitals in India                              | RCT | 1218<br>(608/610);<br>31.6% female | Age: Mean<br>(SD)<br>Molnupiravir:<br>35.2 (10.8)<br>Standard of<br>care: 34.8<br>(10.8) | Adults with mild COVID-19 symptoms confirmed positive within 48 hours of enrollment and within 5 days of first symptom onset | Molnupiravir<br>800 mg<br>administered<br>orally every 12<br>hours for 5<br>days | Standard of care including hydration, antipyretics, antitussive multivitamin s, ivermectin, or hydroxychlo roquine | None   | Rate of hospitalization up to day 14 and 28; Proportion with clinical improvement; Rate of SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR negativity; Change in SARS-CoV- 2 viral load at end of treatment, day 10 and 14; Time to clinical improvement through day 14; Severity of treatment-emergent adverse events; Proportion who discontinued study drug use due to adverse events | Hetero<br>Molnupiravir<br>Investigator<br>group                         |
| Zou 2022      | China/Third<br>People's<br>Hospital of<br>Shenzhen | RCT | 108<br>(77/31);<br>44.4% female    | Median<br>(range)<br>molnupiravir:<br>39 (20, 63)  | Adults with mild/moderate COVID-19 who tested positive for SARS-COV-2 Omicron variant  | Molnupiravir<br>(800 mg twice<br>per day) plus<br>basic                          | Basic<br>treatment<br>for 5 days   | Basic<br>treatment,<br>which<br>consisted of<br>vitamin C,<br>lianhuaqingw | Time of viral RNA;<br>Percentage of<br>patients who were<br>negative for SARS-<br>CoV-2 infectious   | National Key<br>Research<br>and<br>Developmen<br>t Project,<br>Shenzhen |

|                |    |     |   | Median<br>(range)<br>Control: 42<br>(22, 61) | and had initial<br>onset of<br>symptoms for ≤5<br>days prior to<br>treatment  | treatment for 5 days                             |            | en granule,<br>and nasal<br>irrigation | virus on days 5, 7,<br>and 10;<br>Duration of fever,<br>time to symptom<br>alleviation and<br>laboratory test<br>results (AST, ALT, CK,<br>CK-MB, LDH, IL-6,<br>CRP, Bun, Cr);<br>Serious adverse<br>events  | Science and Technology Research and Developmen t Project and in part from the National Science and Technology Major Projects |
|----------------|----|-----|---|--|---|--|------------|--|--|--|
| Butler<br>2023 | UK | RCT | 25783<br>(12821/12962);<br>58.6% female | Mean (range): 56.6 (18 to 99)                | Adults with comorbidities and ongoing symptoms from COVID-19 that started within the previous 5 days and a positive PCR or rapid antigen SARS-CoV-2 test within the past 7 days | Molnupiravir<br>800 mg twice<br>daily for 5 days | Usual care | Usual care                             | All-cause, non- elective hospital admission and/or death within 28 days of randomization, Time to self-reported recovery, Time to early sustained recovery (recovered by day 14 and remained recovered until day 28) Time to sustained recovery (date participant first reported recovery and subsequently remained well until 28 days), 0-10 rating of how well participants felt, Time to initial alleviation of symptoms (date first reported as minor/none), Time to sustained alleviation of symptoms (date first | NIHR   |

| Caraco<br>2021 | 173 sites in<br>23 countries | RCT | 302 (228/74);<br>47.4% female | Mean (range):<br>49.2 (18-84)                             | Adults with mild, moderate, or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 with onset of symptoms up to 7 days before randomization | Molnupiravir<br>200 mg twice<br>daily for 5 days<br>Molnupiravir<br>400 mg twice<br>daily for 5 days<br>Molnupiravir<br>800 mg twice<br>daily for 5 days | Placebo<br>twice daily<br>for 5 days | None  | reported as minor/none and subsequently remained minor/none until 28 days), Time to initial reduction of severity of symptoms, Contacts with health and social services, Hospital assessment without admission, Oxygen administration, New household COVID-19 infections, Safety outcome measures Proportion of patients who were hospitalized/died, Time to improvement of COVID-19 symptoms, Time to progression of COVID-19 symptoms, WHO Clinical Progression Scale Score, Presence/severity of COVID-19 symptoms | Merck Sharp<br>& Dohme<br>Corp.  |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------|---|----------------------------------|
| 2021           | TO SILES III US              | ICT | 51.5% female                  | (range by treatment arm)  Molnupiravir 200 mg: 32 (19-65) | adults with a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 infection within 96 hours and onset of symptoms within 7 days of           | 200 mg every<br>12 hours x 5<br>days<br>Molnupiravir<br>400 mg every   | riacesso                             | NOTIC | Change in SARS-CoV-<br>2 viral load from<br>baseline,<br>Median time to<br>COVID-19 symptom<br>resolution,<br>Isolation of infectious<br>virus,   | Ridgeback<br>Biotherapeu<br>tics |

|                 |                          |     |                                    | Molnupiravir<br>400 mg: 42.5<br>(19-82)<br>Molnupiravir<br>800 mg: 42<br>(18-68)<br>Placebo: 39<br>(19-71)                                 | treatment<br>initiation  | 12 hours x 5<br>days<br>Molnupiravir<br>800 mg every<br>12 hours day x<br>5 days  |  |                                    | SAEs  |                                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Arribas<br>2022 | 65 sites in 15 countries | RCT | 304 (226/78);<br>43.4% female      | Age: Mean (SD)  Molnupiravir 200 mg: 56.9 (14.2)  Molnupiravir 400 mg: 57.0 (14.0)  Molnupiravir 800 mg: 56.8 (13.7)  Placebo: 57.1 (14.2) | Adults requiring in-hospital treatment for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 with sign/symptom onset ≤10 days before randomization | Molnupiravir 200 mg twice daily orally for 5 days  Molnupiravir 400 mg twice daily orally for 5 days  Molnupiravir 800 mg twice daily orally for 5 days | Placebo  | Remdesivir,<br>glucocorticoid<br>s | Safety (adverse events), Sustained recovery through day 29, All-cause mortality through day 29, WHO Clinical Progression Scale, Pulmonary scale (7-point ordinal scale), National Early Warning Score | Merck Sharp<br>& Dohme<br>Corp. |
| Guan 2023       | NR                       | RCT | 1408<br>(709/699);<br>51.3% female | Median<br>(range): 43<br>(18-90)   | Patients with ≥1 risk factor for progression to severe COVID-19, ≥1 COVID-19 symptom with onset ≤5 days prior to randomization | Molnupiravir<br>800 mg twice<br>daily orally for<br>5 days  | Placebo<br>twice daily<br>orally for 5<br>days | NR                                 | 15-item symptom diary, Time to sustained resolution/improvem ent of symptoms through day 29, Time to progression, Time to first symptom resolution/alleviation  | Merck Sharp<br>& Dohme<br>LLC   |

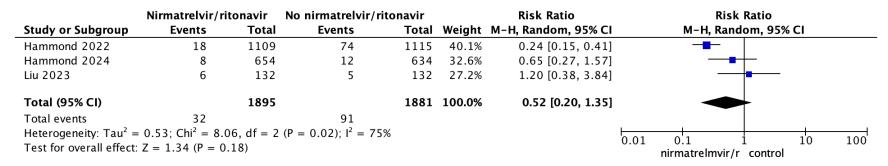
# **Supplementary Figure 2.** Forest plot for the outcome of mortality for nirmatrelvir/ritonavir



# **Supplementary Figure 3.** Forest plot for the outcome of hospitalizations for nirmatrelvir/ritonavir

|                                   | Nirmatrelvir/ri     | tonavir                 | No nirmatrelvir/r | itonavir |        | Risk Ratio         |      | Risk            | Ratio       |         |     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|--------------------|------|-----------------|-------------|---------|-----|
| Study or Subgroup                 | Events              | Total                   | Events            | Total    | Weight | M-H, Fixed, 95% CI |      | M-H, Fixe       | ed, 95% CI  |         |     |
| Hammond 2022                      | 8                   | 1039                    | 65                | 1046     | 86.4%  | 0.12 [0.06, 0.26]  |      | _               |             |         |     |
| Hammond 2024                      | 5                   | 654                     | 10                | 634      | 13.6%  | 0.48 [0.17, 1.41]  |      | _               | _           |         |     |
| Total (95% CI)                    |                     | 1693                    |                   | 1680     | 100.0% | 0.17 [0.10, 0.31]  |      | •               |             |         |     |
| Total events                      | 13                  |                         | 75                |          |        |                    |      |                 |             |         |     |
| Heterogeneity: Chi <sup>2</sup> = | 4.38, $df = 1$ (P = | = 0.04); I <sup>2</sup> | = 77%             |          |        |                    | 0.01 | 0.1             | 1           |         | 100 |
| Test for overall effect:          | Z = 5.87 (P < 0.00) | 00001)                  |                   |          |        |                    | 0.01 | Favors Nirm/rit | Favors No i | nirm/ri |     |

Supplementary Figure 4. Forest plot for the outcome of serious adverse events (SAEs) for nirmatrelvir/ritonavir



Supplementary Figure 5. Forest plot for the outcome of adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation for nirmatrelvir/ritonavir

|                                   | Nirmatrelvir/ri   | tonavir  | No nirmatrelvir/ | ritonavir |        | Risk Ratio         | Risk Ratio                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Study or Subgroup                 | Events            | Total    | Events           | Total     | Weight | M-H, Fixed, 95% CI | M-H, Fixed, 95% CI                 |
| Hammond 2022                      | 23                | 1109     | 47               | 1115      | 90.2%  | 0.49 [0.30, 0.80]  | -                                  |
| Hammond 2024                      | 16                | 654      | 5                | 634       | 9.8%   | 3.10 [1.14, 8.42]  |                                    |
| Liu 2023                          | 4                 | 132      | 132              | 0         |        | Not estimable      |                                    |
| Total (95% CI)                    |                   | 1895     |                  | 1749      | 100.0% | 0.75 [0.50, 1.13]  | •                                  |
| Total events                      | 43                |          | 184              |           |        |                    |                                    |
| Heterogeneity: Chi <sup>2</sup> = | 10.58, df = 1 (P) | = 0.001) | $I^2 = 91\%$     |           |        |                    | 0.01 0.1 1 10 100                  |
| Test for overall effect           | Z = 1.39 (P = 0)  | .16)     |                  |           |        |                    | Favors Nirm/rit Favors No nirm/rit |

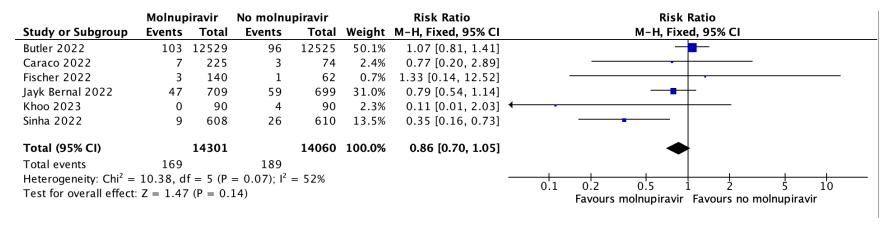
# **Supplementary Figure 6.** Forest plot for the outcome of mortality for remdesivir

|   | Remde  | sivir             | No remd            | esivir            |                       | Risk Ratio                                    | Risk Ratio                             |
|---|--------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Study or Subgroup   | Events | Total             | Events             | Total             | Weight                | M-H, Random, 95% CI                           | M–H, Random, 95% CI                    |
| 25.1.1 non-hospitalized   |        |                   |                    |                   |                       |   |  |
| Gottlieb 2021<br><b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>   | 0      | 279<br><b>279</b> | 0                  | 283<br><b>283</b> |                       | Not estimable<br><b>Not estimable</b>         |  |
| Total events<br>Heterogeneity: Not applicable<br>Test for overall effect: Not applicable                    | 0      |                   | 0                  |                   |                       |   |  |
| 25.1.2 hospitalized (5-day Rx)  |        |                   |                    |                   |                       |   |  |
| Beigel 2020   | 2      | 55                | 3                  | 50                | 4.4%                  | 0.61 [0.11, 3.48]                             |  |
| Sise 2024   | 41     | 166               | 23                 | 83                | 69.6%                 | 0.89 [0.58, 1.38]                             | •                                      |
| Spinner 2020<br><b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>  | 0      | 191<br><b>412</b> | 2                  | 100<br><b>233</b> | 1.5%<br><b>75.4%</b>  | 0.11 [0.01, 2.17]<br><b>0.82 [0.50, 1.34]</b> | •                                      |
| Total events  | 43     |                   | 28                 |                   |                       |   |  |
| Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.02$ ; $Chi^2 = 2.0$<br>Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.80$ (P = 0                 |        | (P = 0.           | .36); $I^2 = 3$    | 3%                |                       |   |  |
| 25.1.3 hospitalized (10-day Rx)   |        |                   |                    |                   |                       |   |  |
| Spinner 2020  | 2      | 193               | 2                  | 100               | 3.5%                  | 0.52 [0.07, 3.62]                             |  |
| WHO Solidarity Trial Consortium 2021  Subtotal (95% CI)   | 11     | 661<br><b>854</b> | 13                 | 664<br><b>764</b> | 21.0%<br><b>24.6%</b> | 0.85 [0.38, 1.88]<br><b>0.79 [0.38, 1.65]</b> | •                                      |
| Total events<br>Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.00$ ; $Chi^2 = 0.2$<br>Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.62$ (P = 0 |        | (P = 0.1)         | 15 .64); $I^2 = 0$ | )%                |                       |   |  |
| Total (95% CI)  |        | 1545              |                    | 1280              | 100.0%                | 0.83 [0.57, 1.19]                             |  |
| Total events  | 56     |                   | 43                 | •                 |                       | [,]   |  |
| Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.00$ ; $Chi^2 = 2.2$   |        | (P = 0)           |                    | )%                |                       | -   |  |
| Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.03$ (P = 0  |        | ί. – Ο            | .55/, 1 – (        | ,,,               |                       |   | 0.005 0.1 1 10 20                      |
| Test for subgroup differences: $Chi^2 = 0$  |        | 1 (P =            | $0.94) l^2 =$      | - 0%              |                       |   | Favors remdesivir Favors no remdesivir |

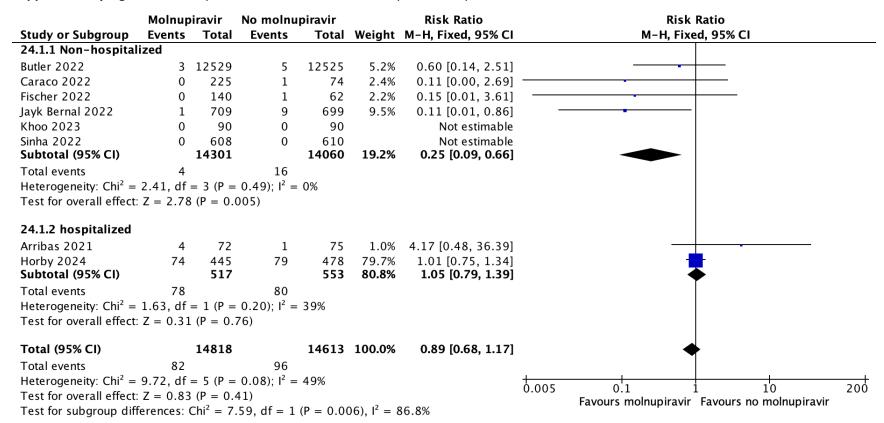
**Supplementary Figure 7.** Forest plot for the outcome of serious adverse events (SAEs) for remdesivir

|                                   | Remde         | sivir     | No remd       | esivir       | Risk Ratio |                    | Risk Ratio |                                       |     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Study or Subgroup                 | <b>Events</b> | Total     | <b>Events</b> | Total        | Weight     | M-H, Fixed, 95% CI |            | M-H, Fixed, 95% CI                    |     |
| Beigel 2020                       | 2             | 55        | 0             | 49           | 0.6%       | 4.46 [0.22, 90.78] |            | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |     |
| Gottlieb 2021                     | 5             | 279       | 19            | 283          | 20.8%      | 0.27 [0.10, 0.70]  |            | <del></del>                           |     |
| Sise 2024                         | 82            | 163       | 40            | 80           | 59.2%      | 1.01 [0.77, 1.31]  |            | -                                     |     |
| Spinner 2020                      | 9             | 191       | 18            | 200          | 19.4%      | 0.52 [0.24, 1.14]  |            | <del></del>                           |     |
| Total (95% CI)                    |               | 688       |               | 612          | 100.0%     | 0.78 [0.61, 1.00]  |            | •                                     |     |
| Total events                      | 98            |           | 77            |              |            |                    |            |                                       |     |
| Heterogeneity: Chi <sup>2</sup> = | 10.50, d      | f = 3 (P) | = 0.01);      | $I^2 = 71\%$ | 6          | <del> </del>       | 0.01       | 0.1 1 10                              | 100 |
| Test for overall effect:          | Z = 1.95      | (P = 0)   | .05)          |              |            | (                  | 0.01       | 0.1 1 10 Favors remdesivir            | 100 |

# **Supplementary Figure 8.** Forest plot for the outcome of hospitalization for molnupiravir



Supplementary Figure 9. Forest plot for the outcome of mortality for molnupiravir



# Supplementary Figure 10. Forest plot for the outcome of serious adverse events (SAEs) for molnupiravir

|                                   | Molnup     | iravir       | No molnu      | piravir   |                | Risk Ratio          | Risk Ratio                                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| Study or Subgroup                 | Events     | Total        | Events        | Total     | Weight         | M-H, Random, 95% CI | M-H, Random, 95% CI                          |
| 24.4.1 non-hospital               | lized      |              |               |           |                |                     |  |
| Butler 2022                       | 50         | 12774        | 45            | 12943     | 36.9%          | 1.13 [0.75, 1.68]   | <del>-</del>                                 |
| Caraco 2022                       | 8          | 225          | 4             | 74        | 12.2%          | 0.66 [0.20, 2.12]   |  |
| Fischer 2022                      | 3          | 140          | 1             | 62        | 4.0%           | 1.33 [0.14, 12.52]  | -  |
| Jayk Bernal 2022                  | 5          | 710          | 13            | 701       | 14.8%          | 0.38 [0.14, 1.06]   | <del></del>                                  |
| Khoo 2023                         | 1          | 90           | 8             | 90        | 4.7%           | 0.13 [0.02, 0.98]   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·        |
| Sinha 2022                        | 0          | 608          | 0             | 610       |                | Not estimable       |  |
| Zou 2022                          | 0          | 77           | 0             | 31        |                | Not estimable       |  |
| Subtotal (95% CI)                 |            | 14624        |               | 14511     | 72.6%          | 0.65 [0.32, 1.32]   |  |
| Total events                      | 67         |              | 71            |           |                |                     |  |
| Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = | = 0.29; Cł | $ni^2 = 7.9$ | 2, df = 4 (F) | P = 0.09  | $I^2 = 49\%$   | Ś                   |  |
| Test for overall effect           | Z = 1.20   | (P = 0.      | 23)           |           |                |                     |  |
| 24.4.2 hospitalized               |            |              |               |           |                |                     |  |
| Arribas 2021                      | 33         | 218          | 12            | 75        | 27.4%          | 0.95 [0.52, 1.73]   | <del></del>                                  |
| Horby 2024                        | 0          | 445          | 0             | 478       |                | Not estimable       |  |
| Subtotal (95% CI)                 |            | 663          |               | 553       | 27.4%          | 0.95 [0.52, 1.73]   |  |
| Total events                      | 33         |              | 12            |           |                |                     |  |
| Heterogeneity: Not ap             | plicable   |              |               |           |                |                     |  |
| Test for overall effect           | Z = 0.18   | B (P = 0.    | 86)           |           |                |                     |  |
| Total (95% CI)                    |            | 15287        |               | 15064     | 100.0%         | 0.78 [0.49, 1.24]   |  |
| Total events                      | 100        |              | 83            |           |                |                     |  |
| Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = | = 0.11; Cł | $ni^2 = 7.9$ | 4, df = 5 (F) | P = 0.16  | $I^2 = 37\%$   |                     | 0.01 0.1 1 10 10                             |
| Test for overall effect           |            |              |               | ,         | ,              |                     |  |
| Test for subgroup dif             |            |              |               | (P = 0.4) | 3). $I^2 = 09$ | %                   | Favours molnupiravir Favours no molnupiravir |

# **Supplementary Figure 11**. Forest plot for the outcome of adverse events for molnupiravir

|   | Molnup  |  | No molnu                              | •                  |                 | Risk Ratio                             | Risk Ratio                                |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Study or Subgroup   | Events  | Total                                      | Events                                | Total              | Weight          | M-H, Random, 95% CI                    | M-H, Random, 95% CI                       |
| 24.5.1 non-hospital   | ized  |  |                                       |                    |                 |  |   |
| Butler 2022   | 0   | 12774                                      | 0                                     | 12943              |                 | Not estimable                          |   |
| Caraco 2022   | 73  | 225  | 28                                    | 74                 | 18.3%           | 0.86 [0.61, 1.21]                      | <del></del>                               |
| Fischer 2022  | 11  | 55   | 18                                    | 62                 | 7.8%            | 0.69 [0.36, 1.33]                      | <del></del>                               |
| Jayk Bernal 2022  | 10  | 710  | 20                                    | 701                | 6.3%            | 0.49 [0.23, 1.05]                      | <del></del>                               |
| Khoo 2023   | 73  | 90   | 68                                    | 90                 | 31.3%           | 1.07 [0.92, 1.25]                      | <del> </del>                              |
| Sinha 2022  | 29  | 608  | 16                                    | 610                | 9.0%            | 1.82 [1.00, 3.31]                      | •   |
| Zou 2022  | 3   | 77   | 0                                     | 31                 | 0.5%            | 2.87 [0.15, 54.02]                     | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·     |
| Subtotal (95% CI)   |   | 14539                                      |                                       | 14511              | 73.2%           | 0.96 [0.71, 1.29]                      | •   |
| Total events  | 199   |  | 150                                   |                    |                 |  |   |
| Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> =   | = 0.06; Ch  | $ni^2 = 10.$                               | 67, df = 5                            | (P = 0.06)         | $(5); I^2 = 53$ | 3%                                     |   |
| Test for overall effect:  | Z = 0.28  | P = 0.                                     | 78)                                   |                    |                 |  |   |
| 24 F 2 hospitalized   |   |  |                                       |                    |                 |  |   |
| 24.5.2 hospitalized   |   |  |                                       |                    |                 |  | _   |
| Arribas 2021  | 121   | 218  | 46                                    | 75                 | 26.8%           |  |   |
| Horby 2024  | 0   | 445  | 0                                     | 478                | 26.00/          | Not estimable                          | _   |
| , ,   |   | 663  |                                       | 553                | 26.8%           | 0.90 [0.73, 1.12]                      |   |
|   |   |  | 46                                    |                    |                 |  |   |
| <i>5</i> , .  | •   |  |                                       |                    |                 |  |   |
| Test for overall effect:  | Z = 0.91  | (P = 0.                                    | 36)                                   |                    |                 |  |   |
| Total (95% CI)  |   | 15202                                      |                                       | 15064              | 100.0%          | 0.95 [0.78, 1.17]                      | •   |
| Total events  | 320   |  | 196                                   |                    |                 |  |   |
| Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> =   | = 0.03; Ch  | $ni^2 = 11.$                               | 54, df = 6                            | (P = 0.07)         | $(1)^2 = 48$    | 3%                                     |   |
| Test for overall effect:  | Z = 0.45  | (P = 0.                                    | 65)                                   |                    |                 |  |   |
| Test for subgroup diff  | ferences: (   | $Chi^2 = 0$                                | .10, df = 1                           | (P = 0.7)          | 6), $I^2 = 0$   | %                                      | ravours momuphavii ravours no momupiravir |
| Subtotal (95% CI)  Total events Heterogeneity: Not ap Test for overall effect:  Total (95% CI)  Total events Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = Test for overall effect: | 121<br>oplicable<br>: Z = 0.91<br>320<br>= 0.03; Ch<br>: Z = 0.45 | 663 $(P = 0.$ 15202 $ni^2 = 11.$ $(P = 0.$ | 46<br>36)<br>196<br>54, df = 6<br>65) | 15064<br>(P = 0.07 | 7); $I^2 = 48$  | 0.90 [0.73, 1.12]<br>0.95 [0.78, 1.17] |   |

# **Supplementary Table 2.** Risk of bias assessment for randomized controlled trials

| Study  | Bias in randomization process | Bias due to<br>deviations from<br>intended<br>interventions | Bias due to missing outcome data | Bias in measurement of outcome | Bias in selection of the reported result |
|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Liu 2023   |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Hammond 2022                                     |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Hammond 2024                                     |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Horby 2024                                       |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Beigel 2020                                      |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Gottlieb 2021                                    |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Sise 2024  |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Spinner 2020                                     |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Wang 2020  |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| WHO Solidarity<br>Trial Consortium<br>(Pan) 2021 |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Butler 2023                                      |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Caraco 2022                                      |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Fischer 2021                                     |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Horby 2024                                       |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |
| Jayk Bernal 2021                                 |                               |   |                                  |                                |  |

| Khoo 2023    |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| Sinha 2022   |  |  |  |
| Zou 2022     |  |  |  |
| Arribas 2022 |  |  |  |
| Guan 2023    |  |  |  |

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