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## **Aplicação ao contexto de resposta de emergência de saúde publica (pandemia COVID19)**

A perspectiva do Investigador

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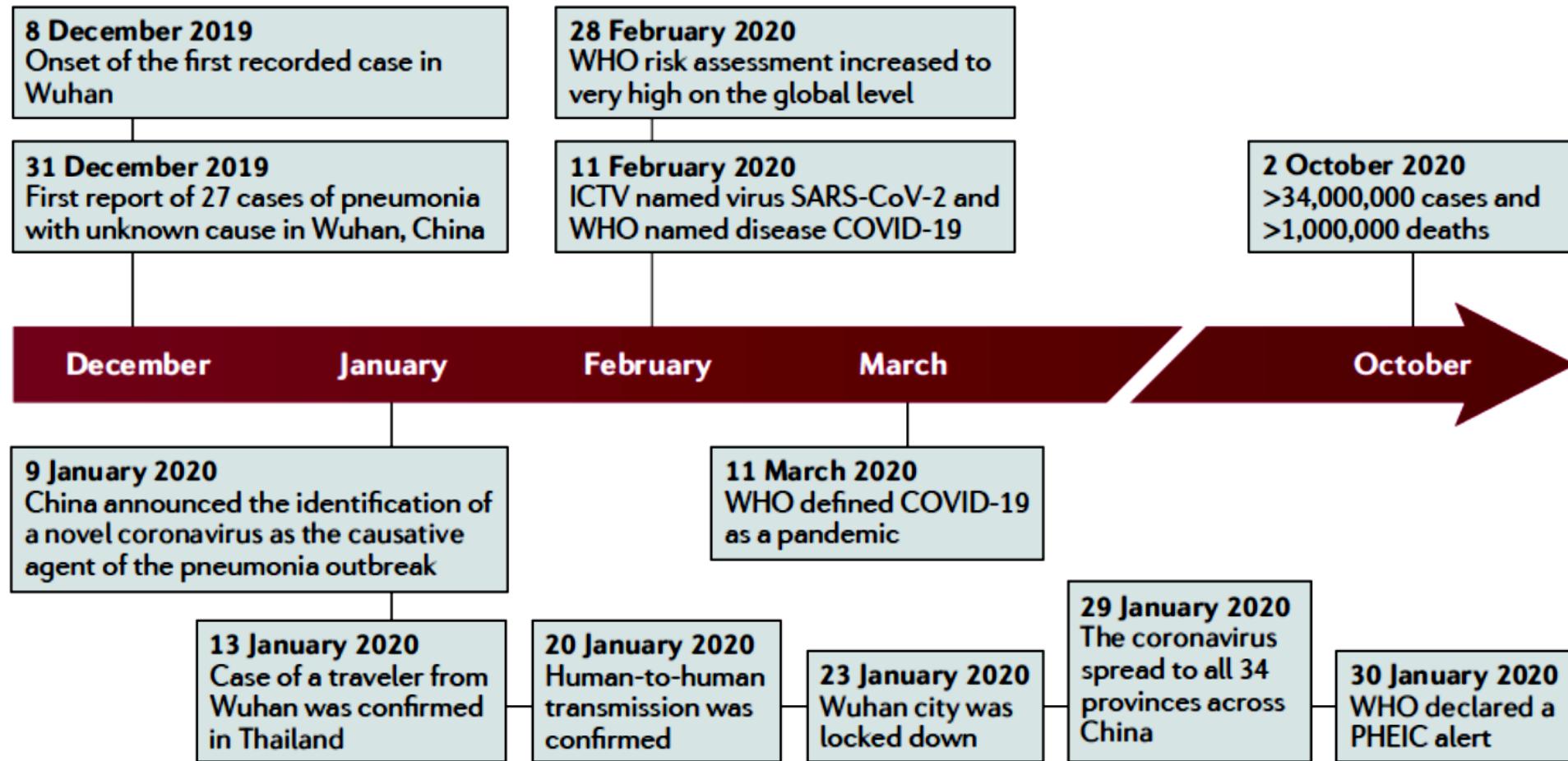
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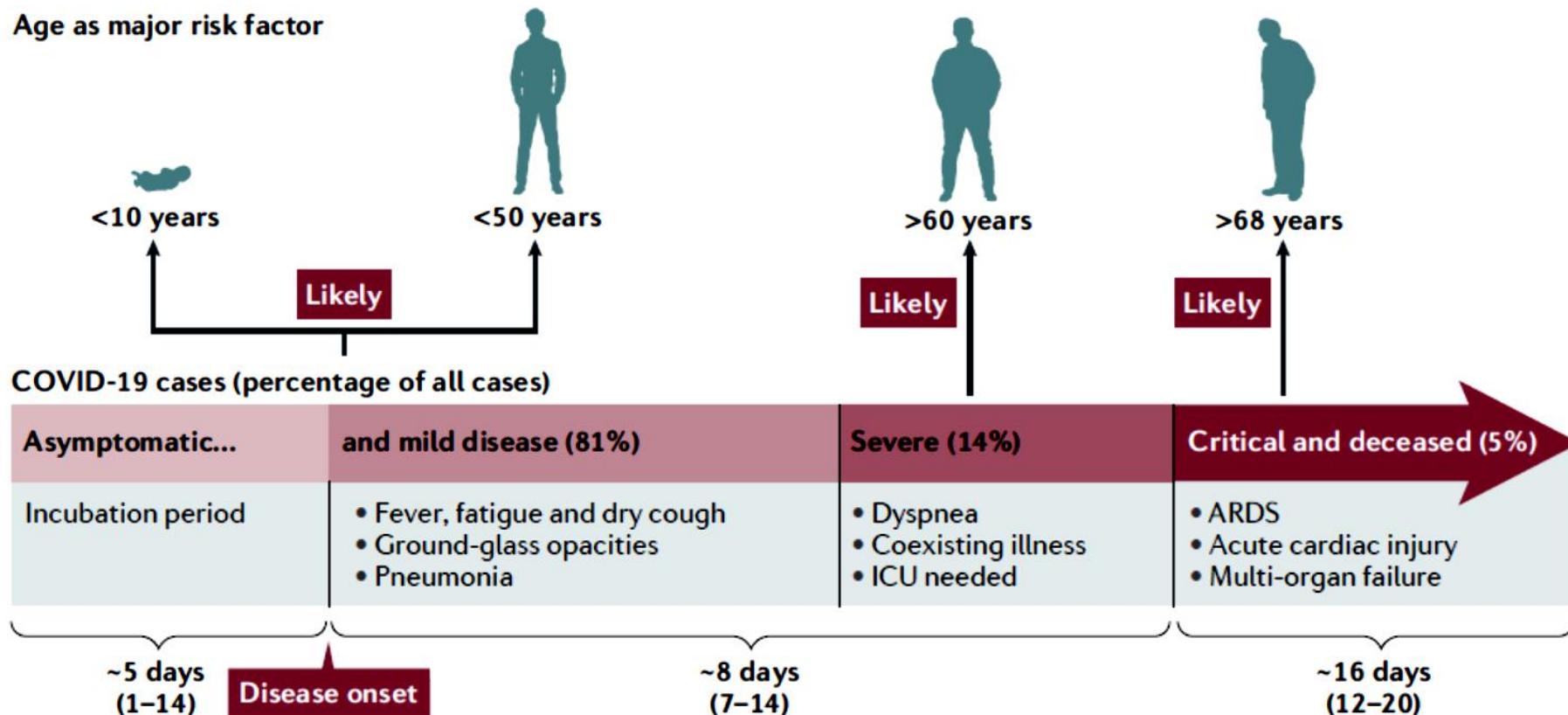


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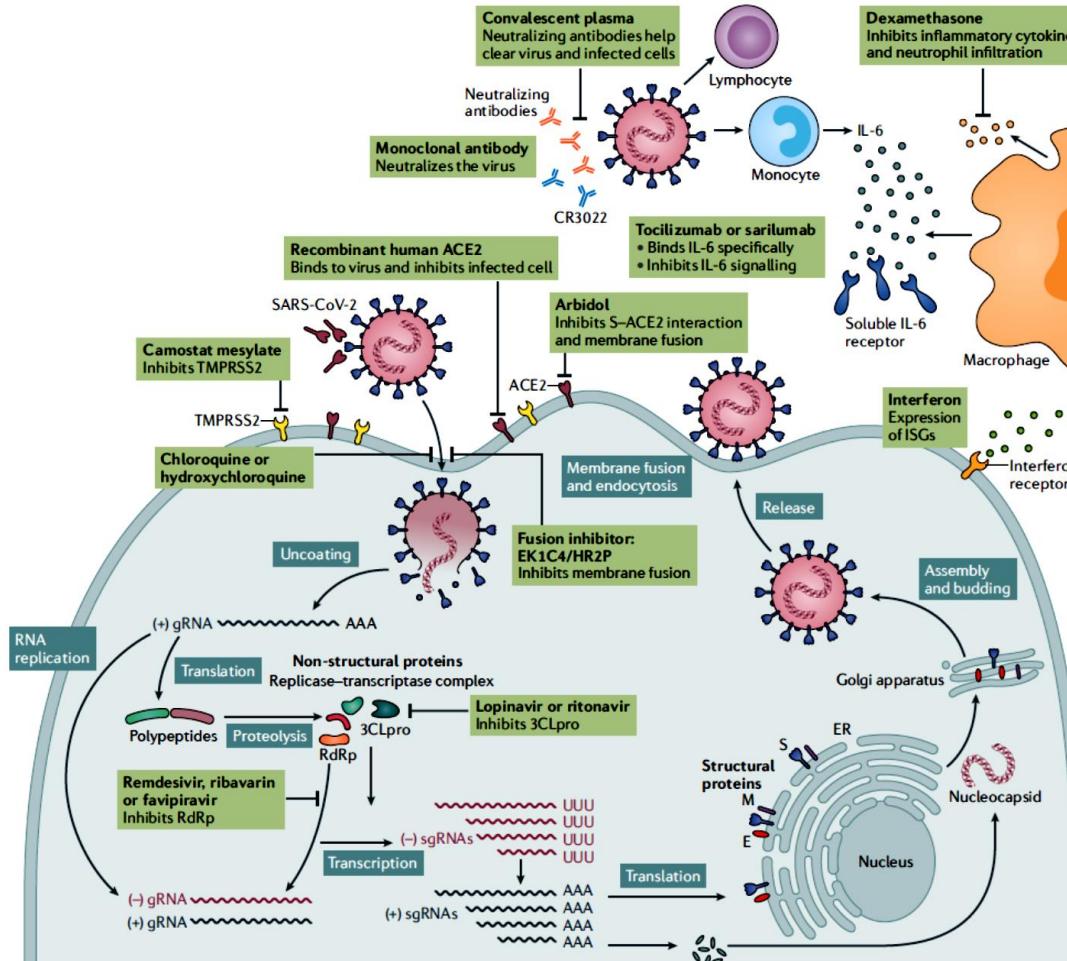
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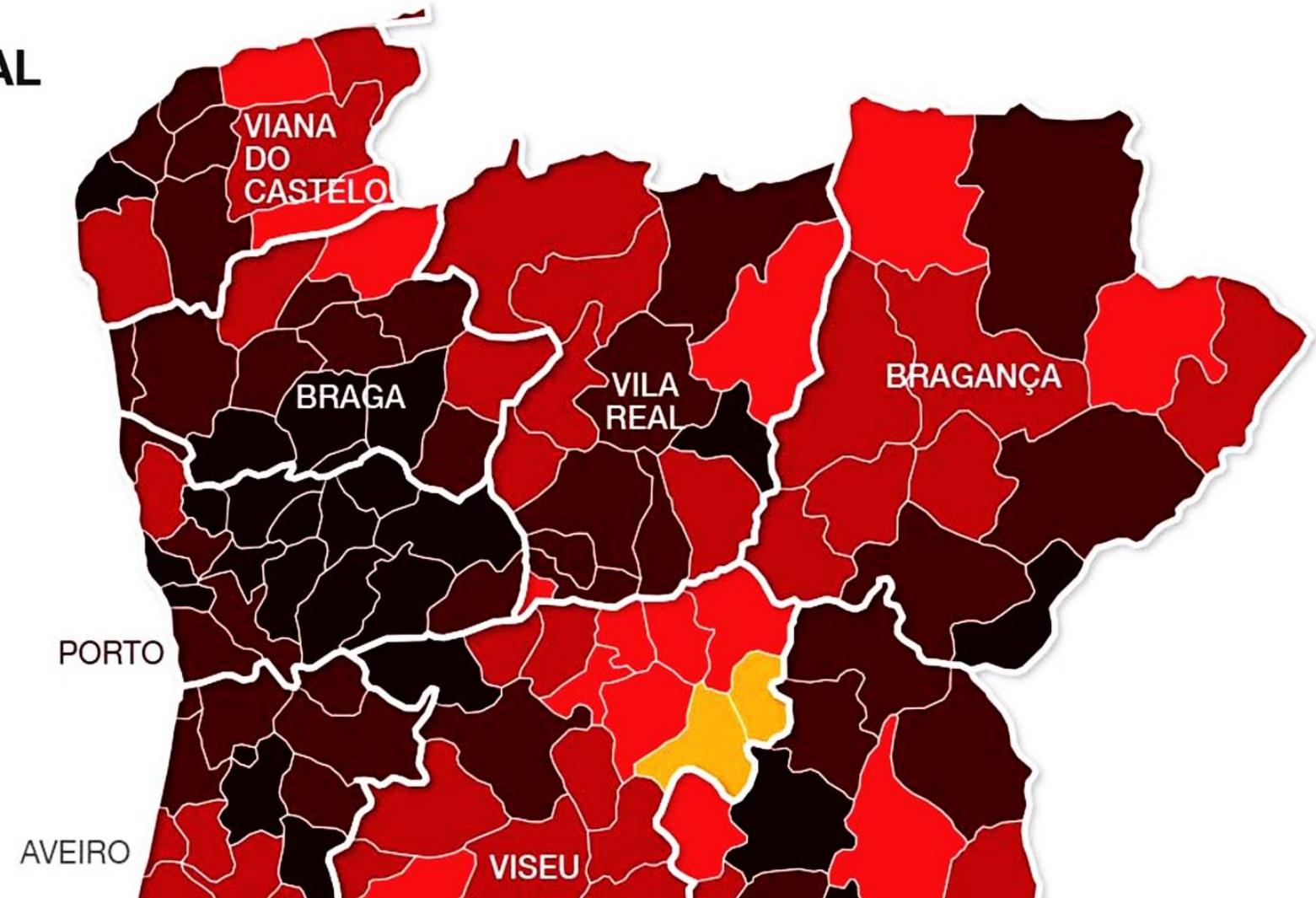
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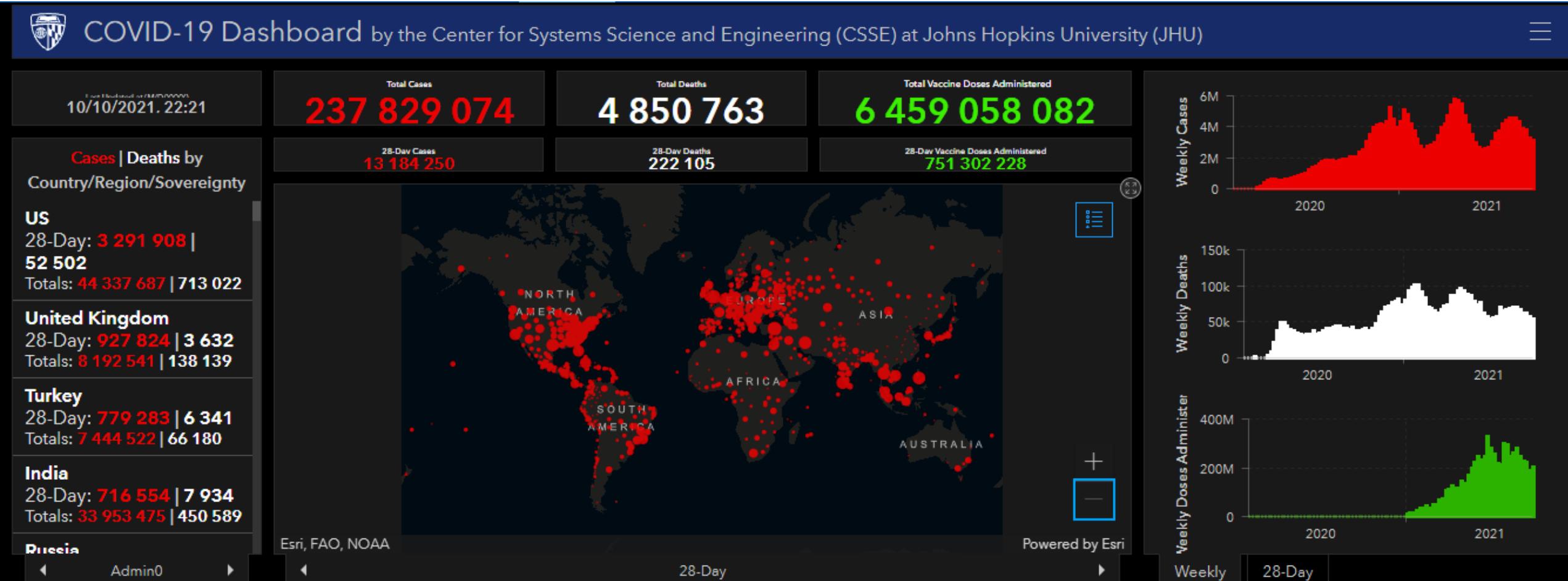
## COVID-19 EM PORTUGAL INCIDÊNCIA ACUMULATIVA A 14 DIAS POR CONCELHO

(ENTRE 28 DE OUTUBRO  
E 10 DE NOVEMBRO)

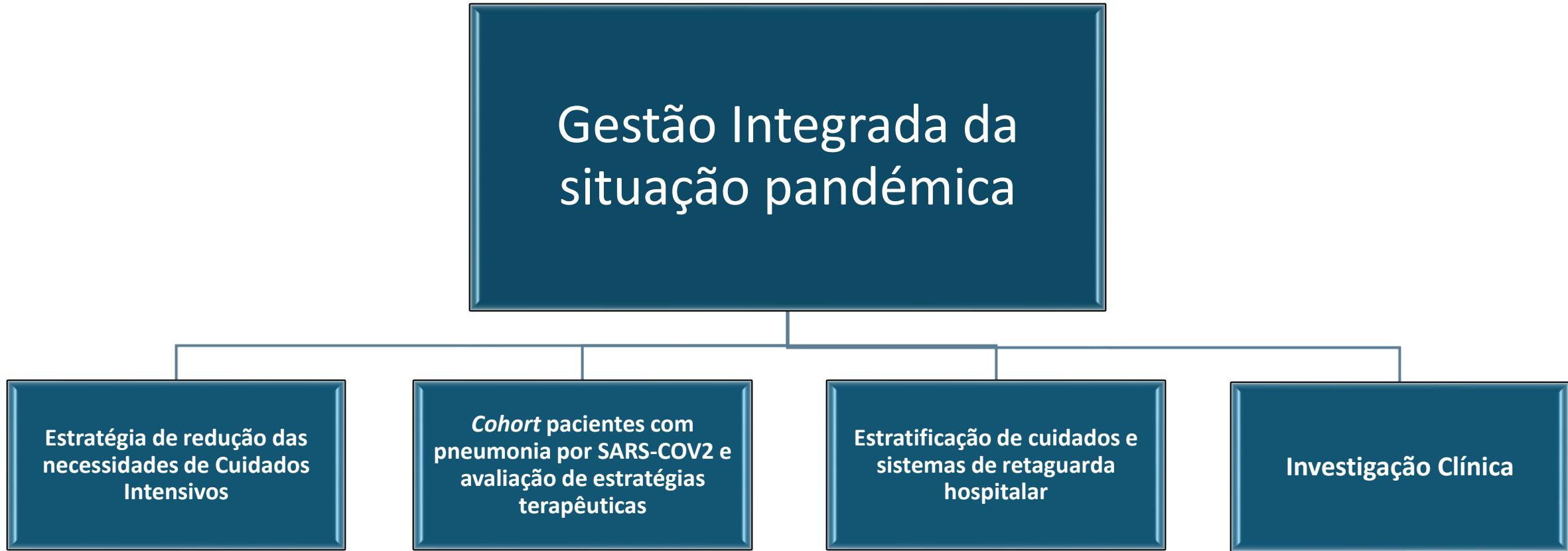
- >960 (4 x acima do patamar de risco mais elevado)
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- >240
- >120



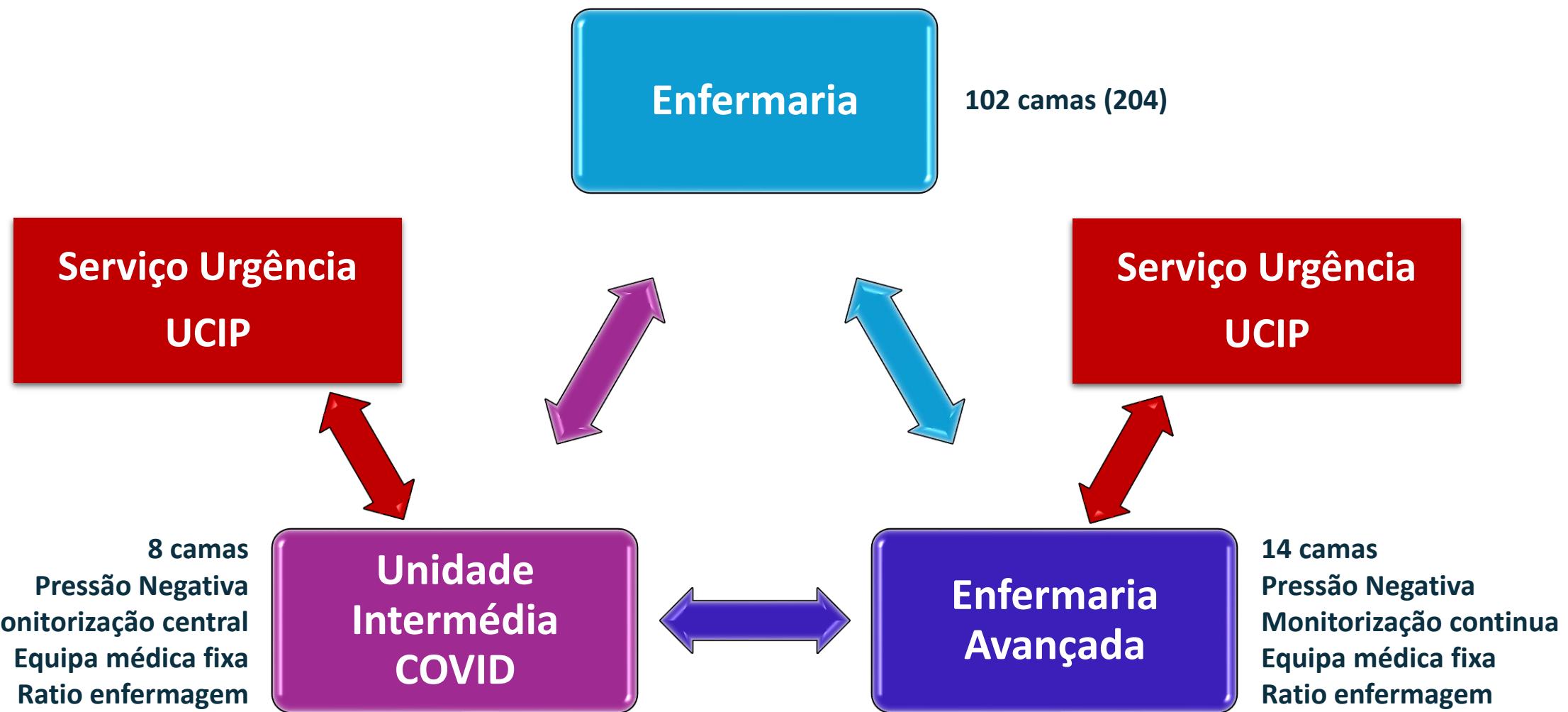
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# 1. GESTÃO INTEGRADA DE PACIENTES COVID COM INSUFICIÊNCIA RESPIRATÓRIA GRAVE – UMA ESTRATÉGIA DE REDUÇÃO DA NECESSIDADE DE LEITOS DE CUIDADOS INTENSIVOS



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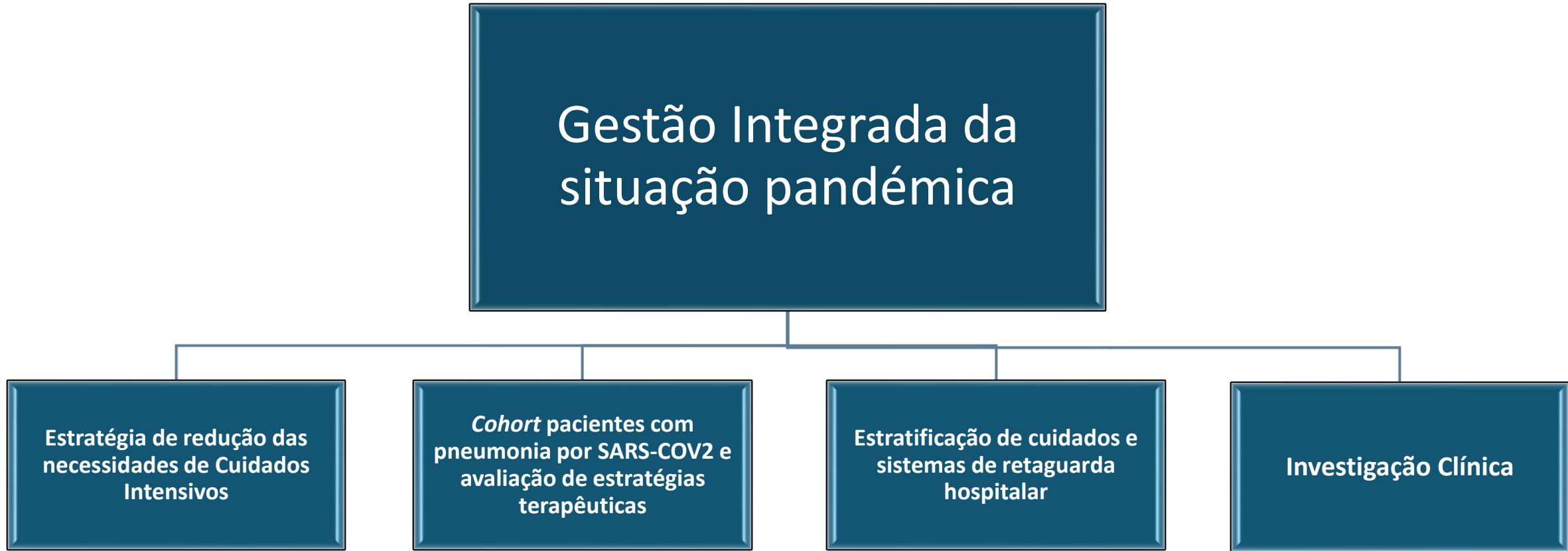
179  
pacientes  
tratados

25%  
progrediram  
para UCIP

Demora  
média 10  
dias inferior

Nunca atingimos capacidade lotação UCIP. Não foram necessárias escolhas ética e profissionalmente dolorosas

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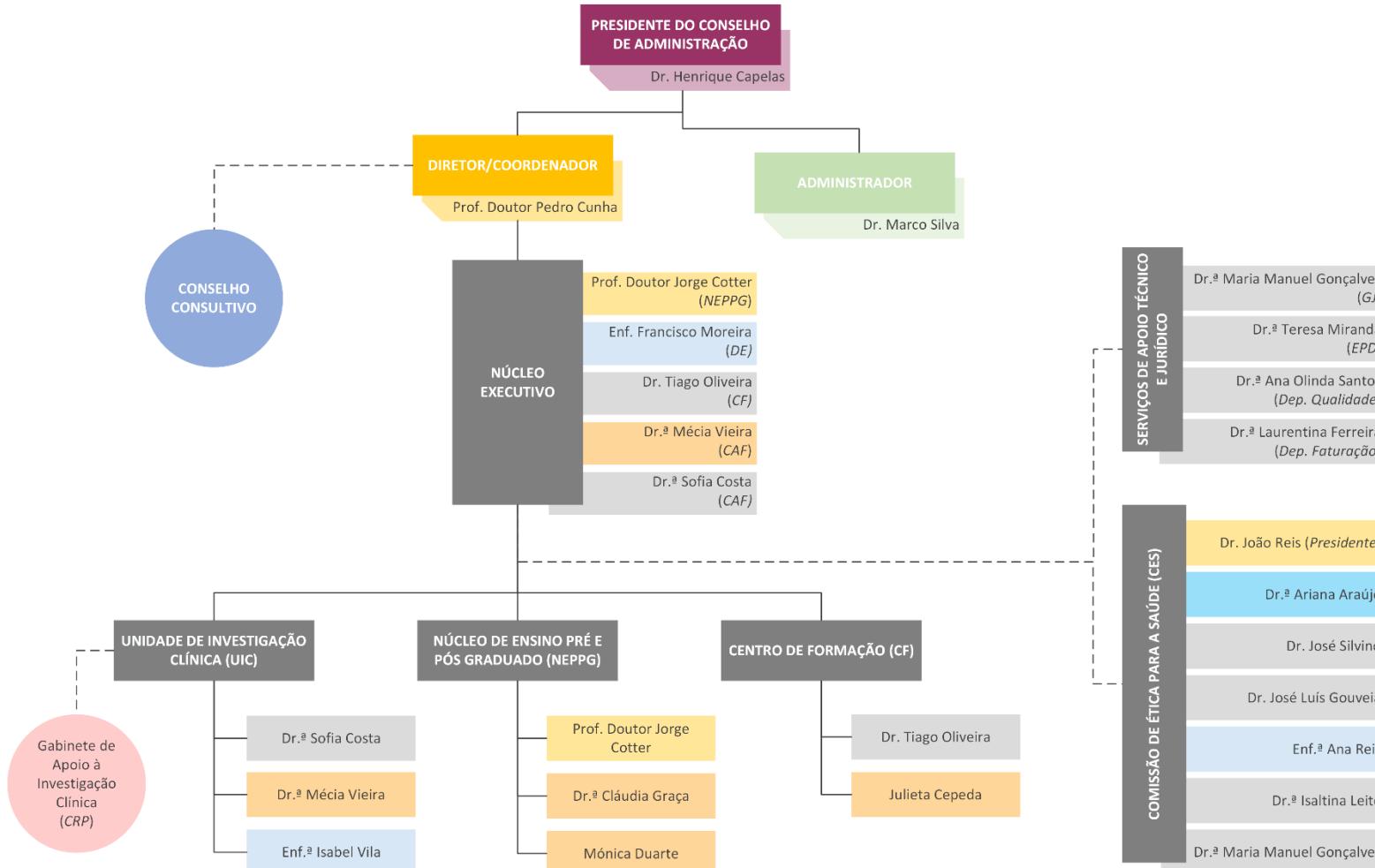


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RH 90h/Semana

Estrutura complementar

Estratégia oportunidade

Circuitos  
Processamento

Tratamento dados

Sample Collection  
protocol and storage

## Health Care Workers are at High risk of contracting SARS-COV-2 Infection

The infection rate during amongst health professional during the first wave of the pandemic is not known

The acquisition of circulating antibodies against SARS-COV-2 is not been studied in this setting

Report the rate of infection amongst healthcare workers during the first pandemic wave

To study the immunologic response of these subjects after exposure / infection to the virus

To establish more robust information for prevention

**343**  
**HCW**

**Physicians**  
**Nurses**  
**Auxiliaries**

**Revision of all  
PCR-T positive  
cases**

**Revision of all  
Sorologic test**

**2 Different  
Methods for  
sorologic testing**

**1st patient 16th  
March 2020**

**Sorologic  
Evaluation 4th-  
8th May 2020**

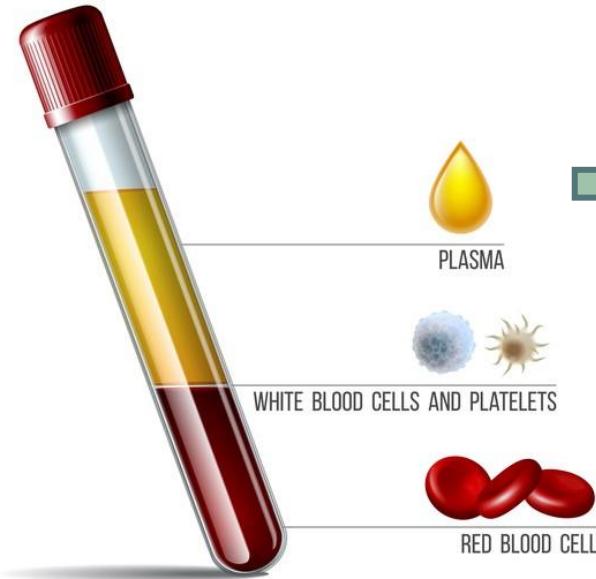
# Infection rate

39 HCW + PCRt  
AND + 7  
circulating  
antibodies

22 were  
asymptomatic

Infection rate =  
13,4%

**46% of infected  
HCW were  
asymptomatic  
and working  
during active  
infection**



ESTABLISHED A BANK  
OF SAMPLES

QUANTIFICATION OF  
SEVERAL INFLAMMATORY  
MEDIATORS

#### Bio-Plex Pro Human Cytokine 27-plex Assay

- FGF basic
- Eotaxin
- G-CSF
- GM-CSF
- IFN- $\gamma$
- IL-1 $\beta$
- IL-1ra
- IL-2
- IL-4
- IL-5
- IL-6
- IL-7
- IL-8
- IL-10
- IL-12 (p70)
- IL-13
- IL-15
- IL-17A
- IP-10
- MCP-1 (MCAF)
- MIP-1 $\alpha$
- MIP-1 $\beta$
- PDGF-BB
- RANTES
- TNF- $\alpha$
- VEGF



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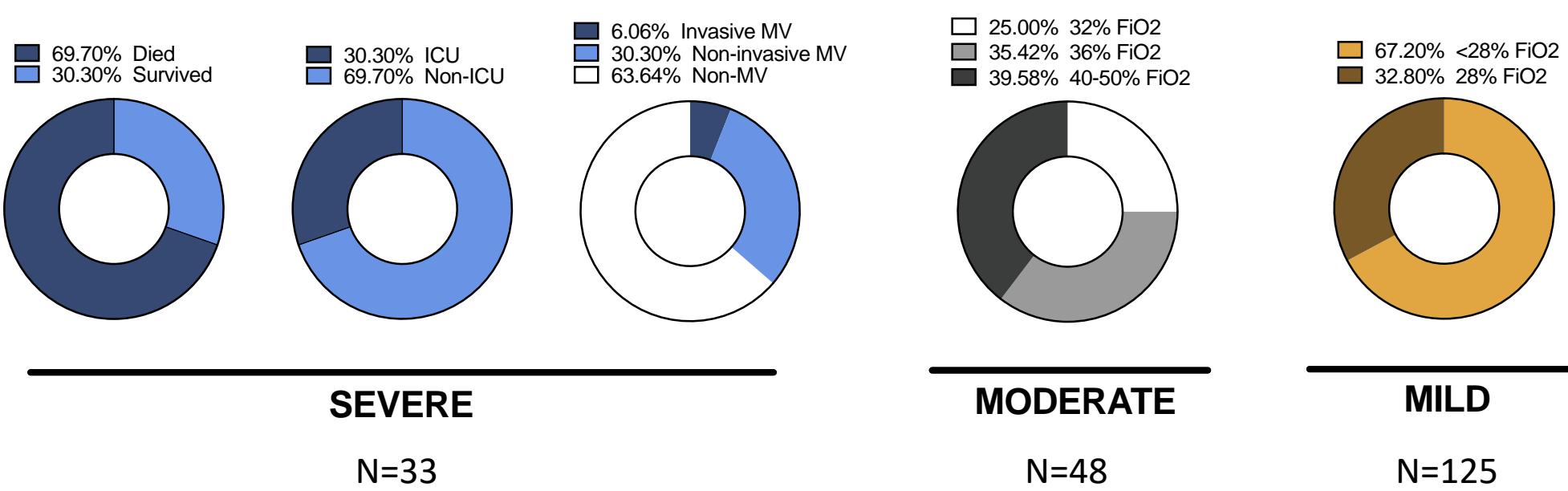


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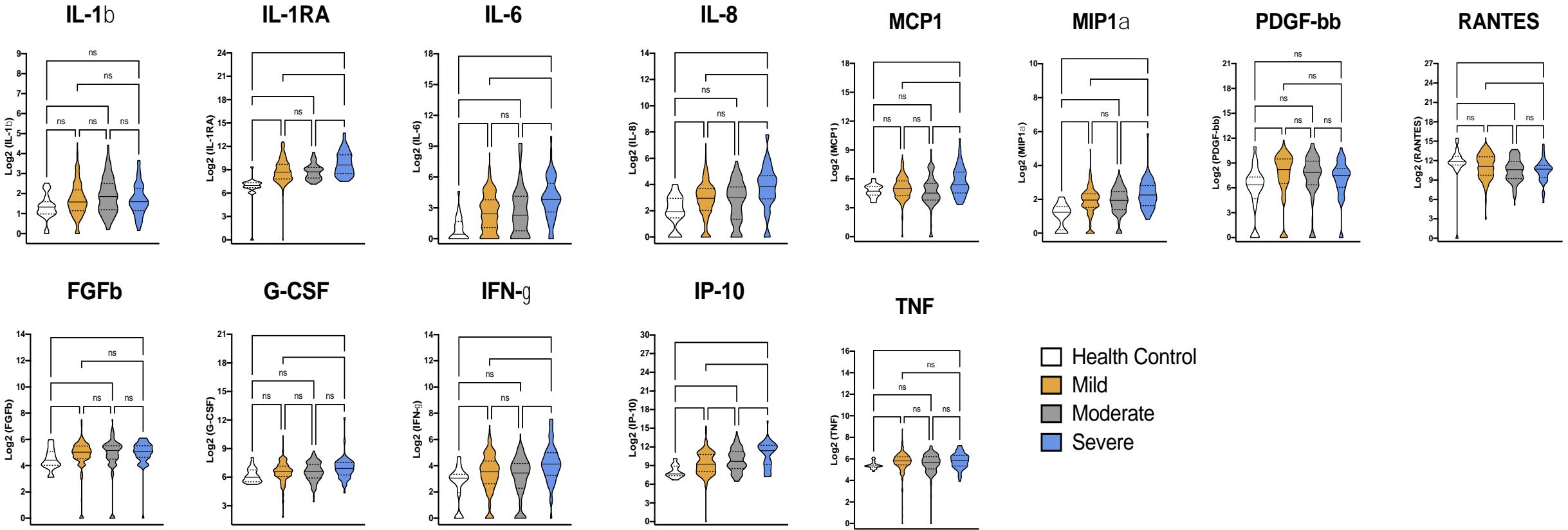
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## COVID19 hospitalized patients from HSOG



TOTAL SAMPLE SIZE = **206 PATIENTS**

# INFLAMMATORY MOLECULES DIFFERENT FROM CONTROLS AND DIFFERENT AMONG DISEASE SEVERITY



ALL SAMPLES – independently of collection timepoint



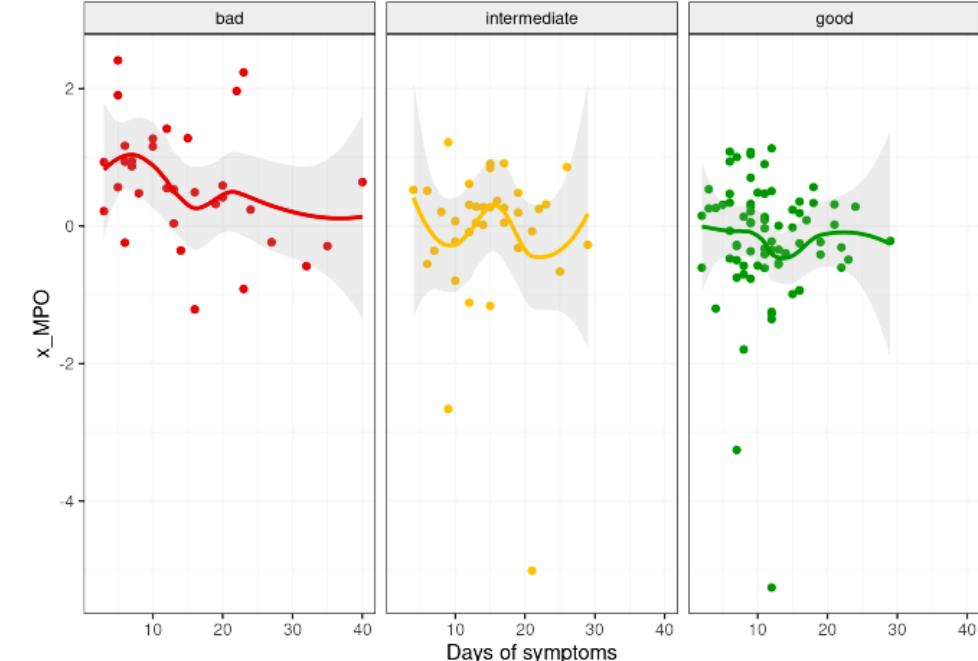
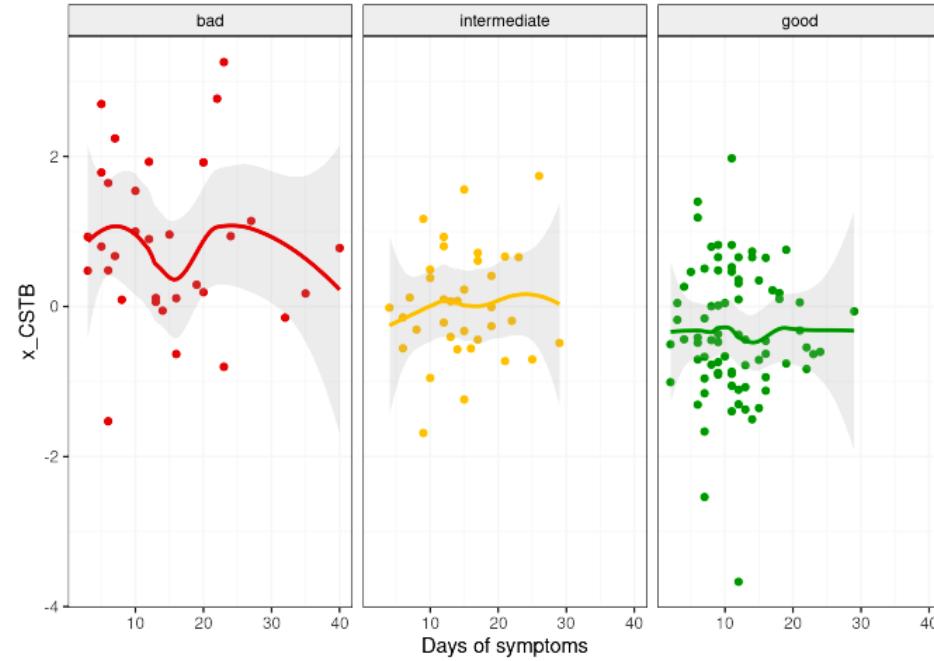
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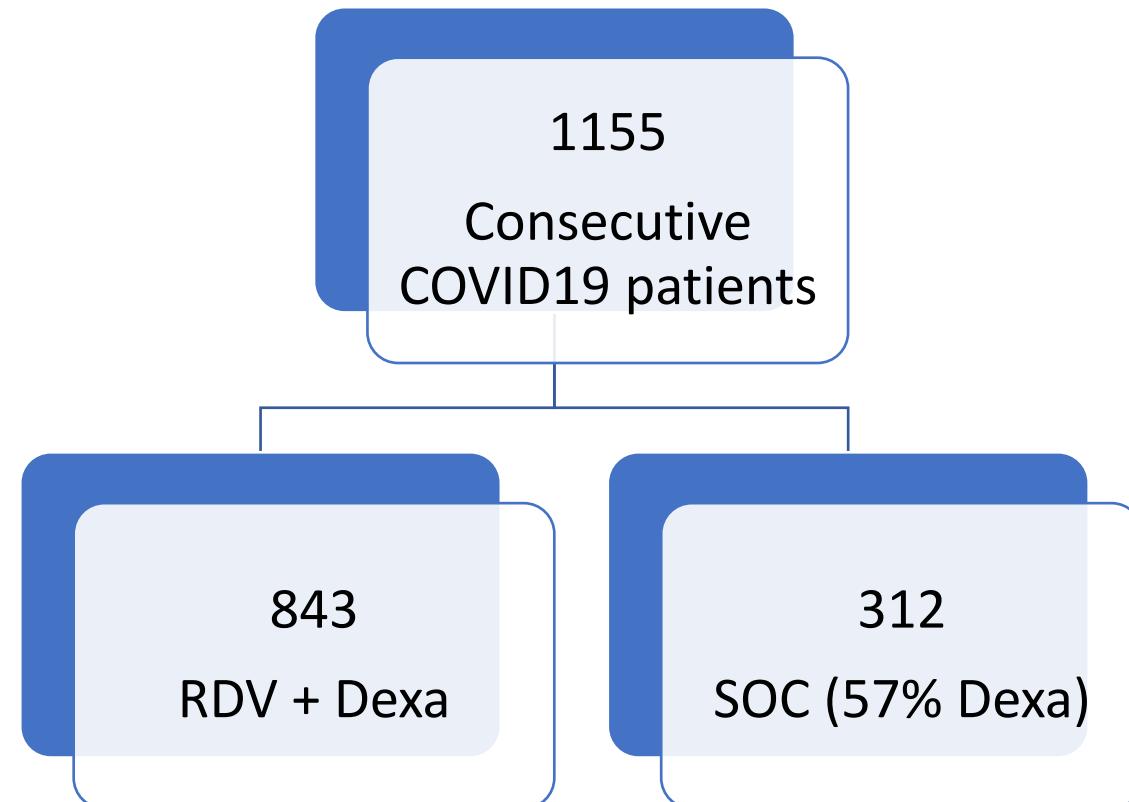
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*Unpublished data*

# Therapeutic Strategies in hospitalized patients with SarsCov-2 Hypoxemic Pneumonia: Real Life Data on the use of Remdesivir

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Ana Sofia Costa<sup>5</sup>, Ana Paula Amorim<sup>4</sup>, Margarida Correia Neves<sup>2,3</sup>, Jorge Cotter<sup>1,2,3</sup>



## RDV/Dexa

**Average Age**

70 years

**Male %**

61.8%

**T2DM**

34%

**HTN**

64%

**COPD**

14%

## SOC

**Average Age**

74 years

**Male %**

49.7%

**T2DM**

33%

**HTN**

67%

**COPD**

17%

## RDV/Dexa

## SOC

**Smoker<sup>#</sup>**  
12.3%

**Smoker**  
6%

**Obesity<sup>#</sup>**  
27.7%

**Obesity**  
22.1%

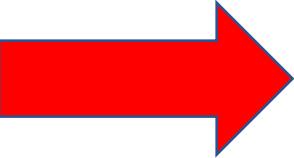
**ISupress**  
15.3%

**ISupress<sup>#</sup>**  
19.2%

# Endpoints

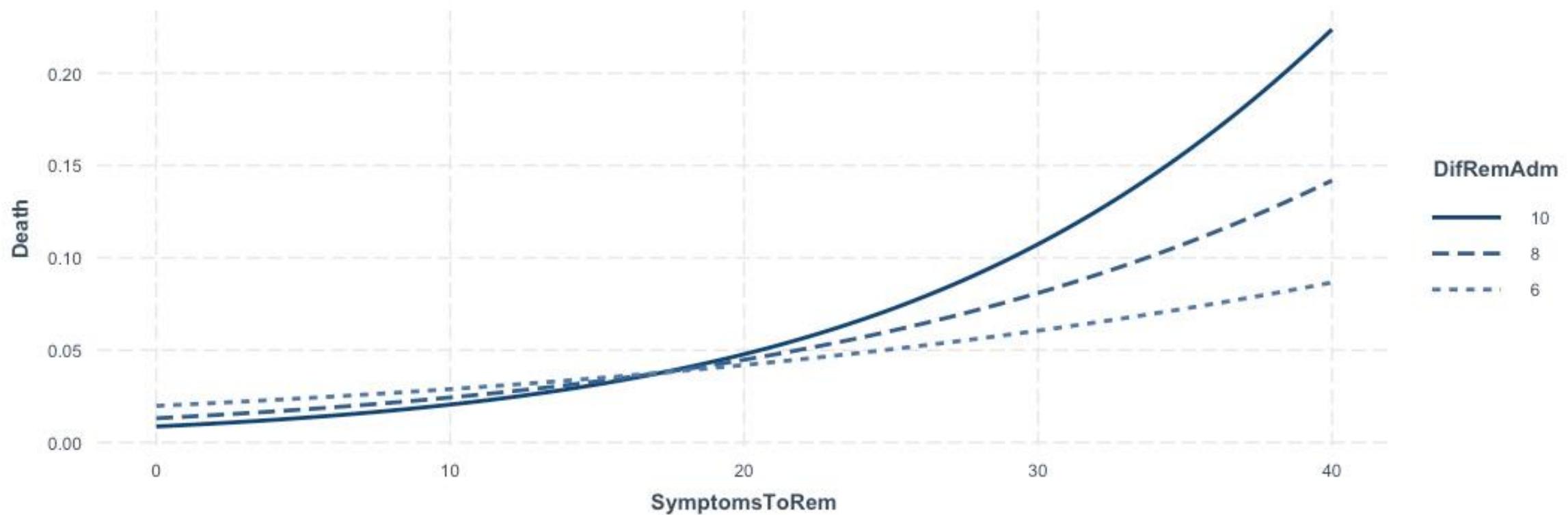
843 RDV/Dex	312 SOC
4.25 days	
13.5 days	Hospital Stay
15.7%	Death

**OR Death in RDV group = 0.47 [0.38 – 0.60]**

**SORT\***  **5 days**

**SORT – time from Symptom Onset to  
initiation of Remdesivir Treatment**

**Figure 3. Model and ROC Curve explaining how higher SORT increases death in patients with SARSCOV2 hipoxemic pneumonia**



### Figure 3. Model and ROC Curve explaining how higher SORT increases death in patients with SARSCOV2 hypoxicemic pneumonia

Parameter	Exp (B)	95% Wald Confidence Interval	Sig.
Age	1.064	1.018 – 1.112	0.006
FiO2 Max (%)	1.064	1.054 – 1.075	0.0001
Hospital days	0.953	0.928 – 0.979	0.0001
<b>SORT (days)</b>	<b>1.095</b>	<b>1.018 – 1.17</b>	<b>0.014</b>

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# WHO SOLIDARITY Trial

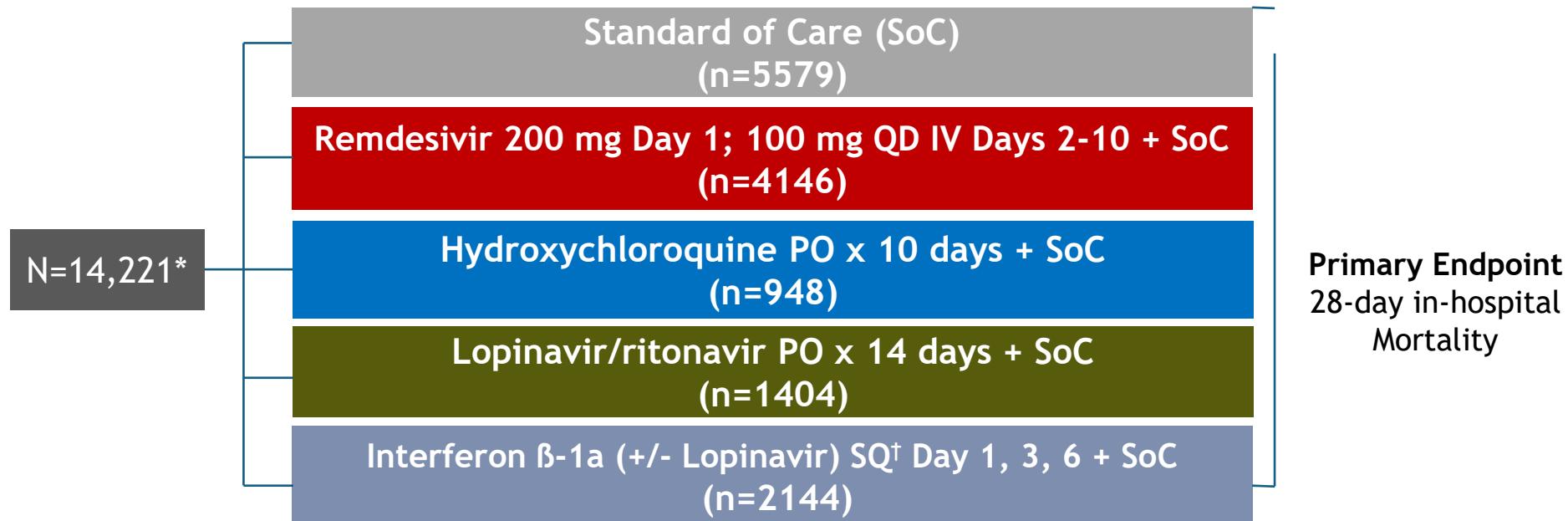
Phase 3 open-label, adaptative, multi-center, randomized trial from 454 hospitals in 35 countries

## Key Inclusion Criteria

- Adults ≥18 years old
- Hospitalized with COVID-19
- Not known to have received study drug
- No expected transfer within 72 hours
- No contraindication to study drug

## Key Exclusion Criteria

- Study drug contraindication
- Declined to participate in study



## Secondary Endpoints: Progression to ventilation and time to discharge

Data from Mar 2020 – Jan 2021

\*14,304 patients enrolled; 14,221 patients left in ITT analysis after no/uncertain consent to follow-up

Participants were randomly assigned in equal proportions to locally available study drug or control (up to 5 options: 4 active and local standard-of-care).

HCQ: 200 mg, 4 tabs PO (hour 0, 6), 2 tabs BID (hour 12 and beyond); LPV/r: 200/50 mg 2 tabs PO BID

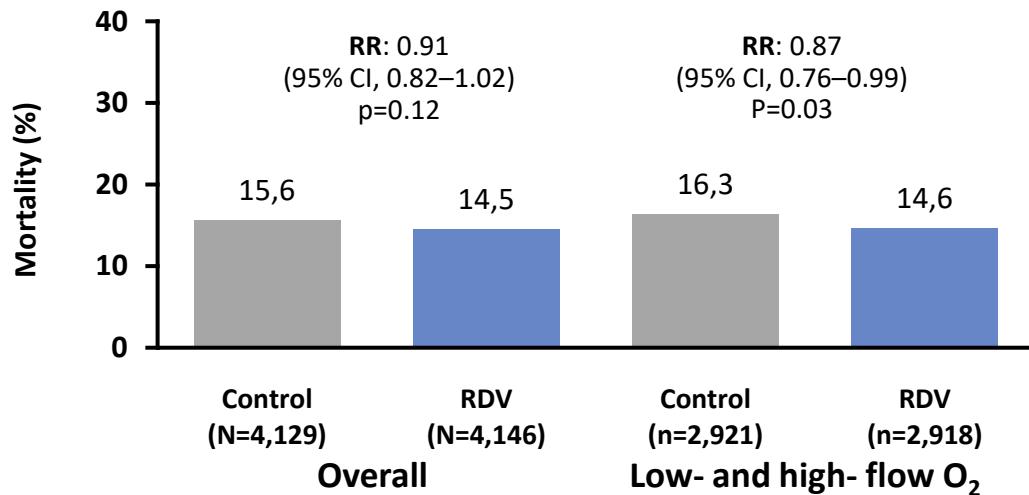
†IFN: 44 mcg SQ on day 0, 3, 6 or 10 mcg IV daily for 6 days for patients on high-flow oxygen, ventilators, or ECMO

HCQ, LPV, IFN discontinued on June 18, July 14, Oct 16 respectively

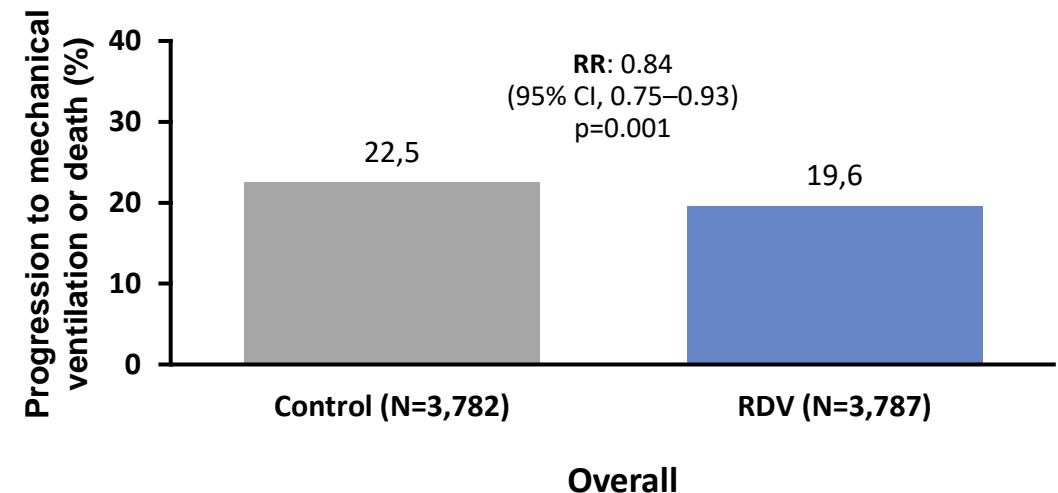
# Solidarity: Remdesivir vs standard of care in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 requiring supplemental oxygen

Phase 3, randomised, controlled, open-label trial

## Primary endpoint: In-hospital mortality



## Composite analyses of ventilation or death in those not ventilated at entry



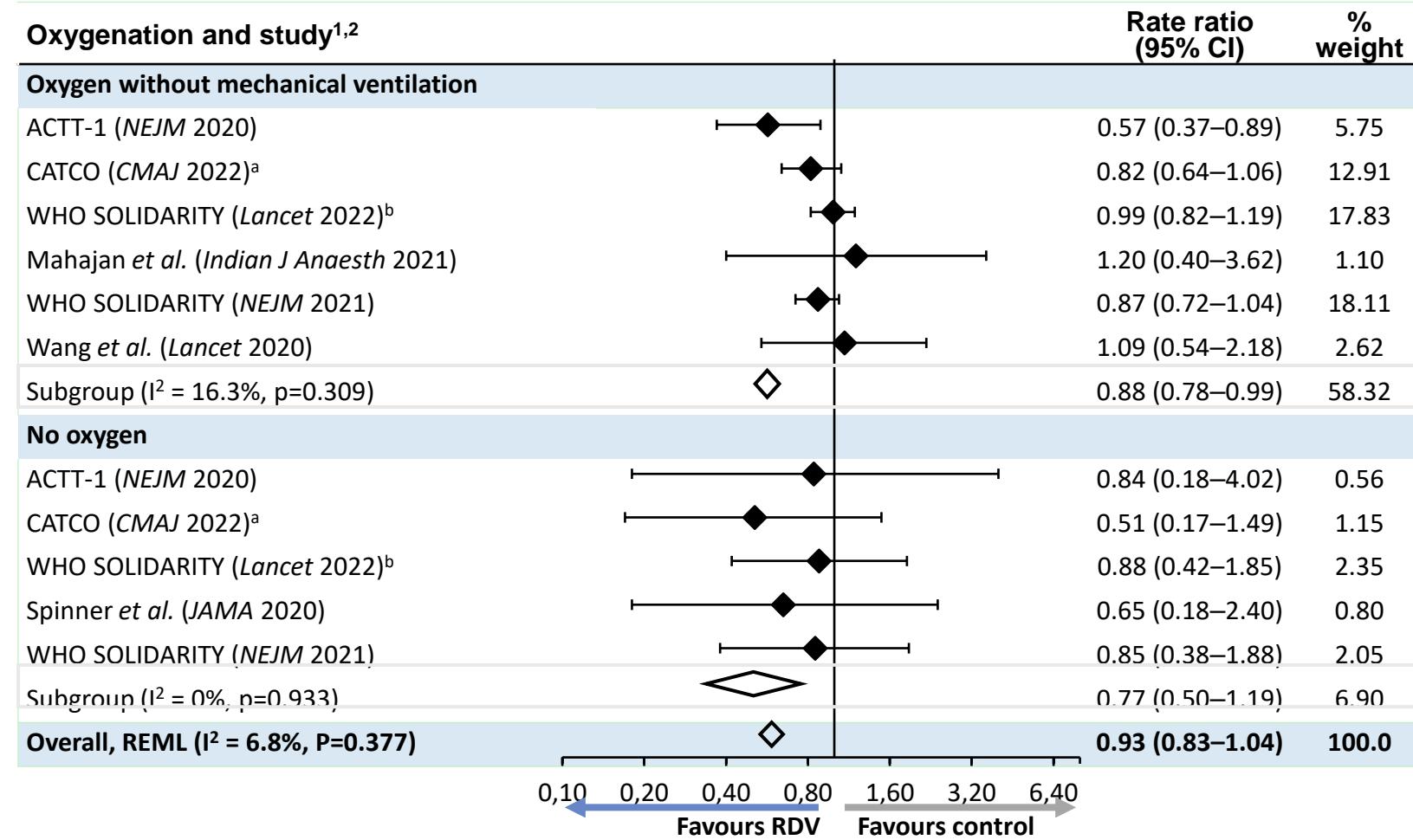
**Remdesivir significantly reduced mortality rates for patients hospitalised on oxygen and not requiring mechanical ventilation compared with SoC. There was no significant difference in the overall population**

**Overall, remdesivir-treated patients had a lower relative risk of progressing to ventilation or death compared with SoC**

# Meta-analysis of remdesivir treatment in over 10,000 hospitalised patients

- 8 studies included  
N=10,751 patients
- Included all hospitalised patients with COVID-19
- Primary outcome was mortality stratified by O<sub>2</sub> use

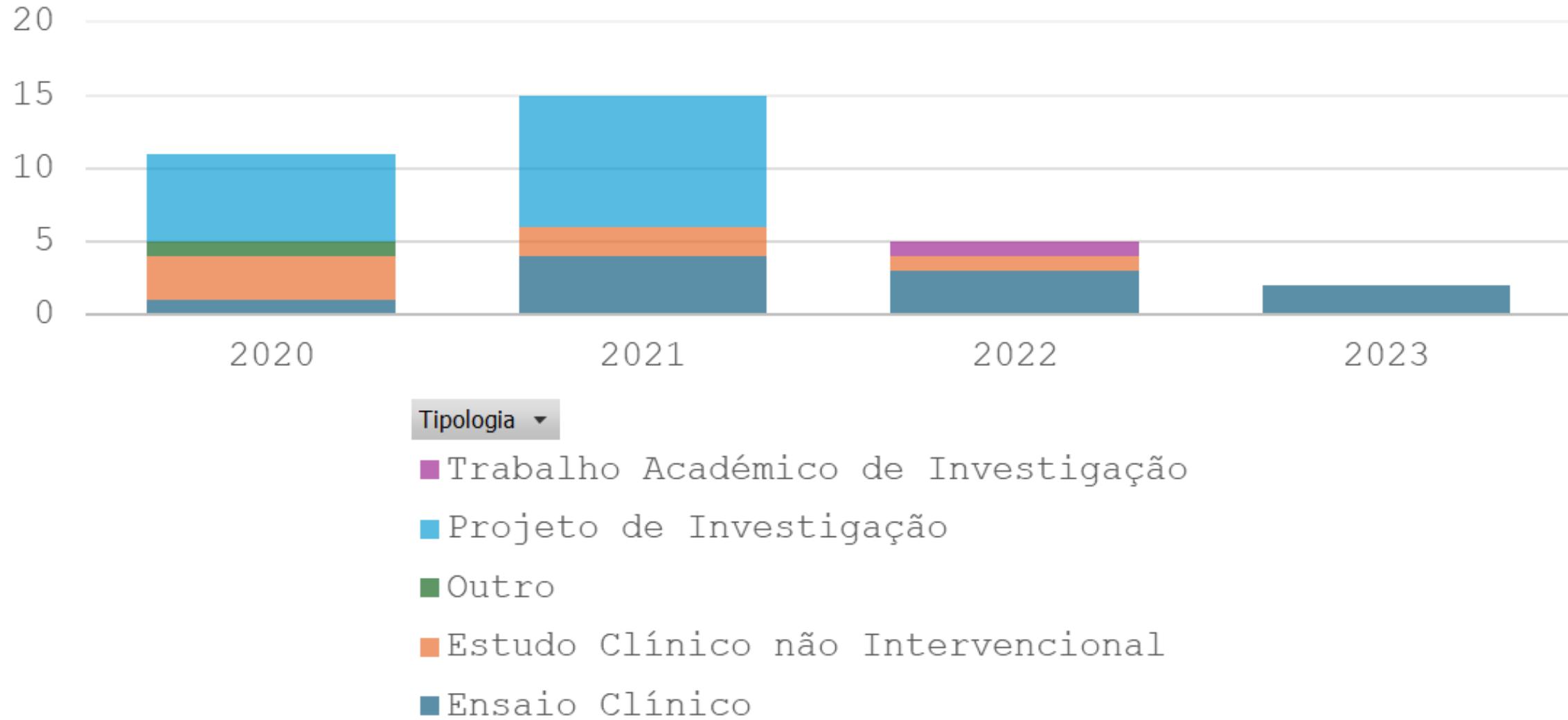
Meta-analysis shows **high probability of mortality reduction for patients on supplemental oxygen (without IMV) treated with remdesivir vs. PBO or SoC<sup>1</sup>**



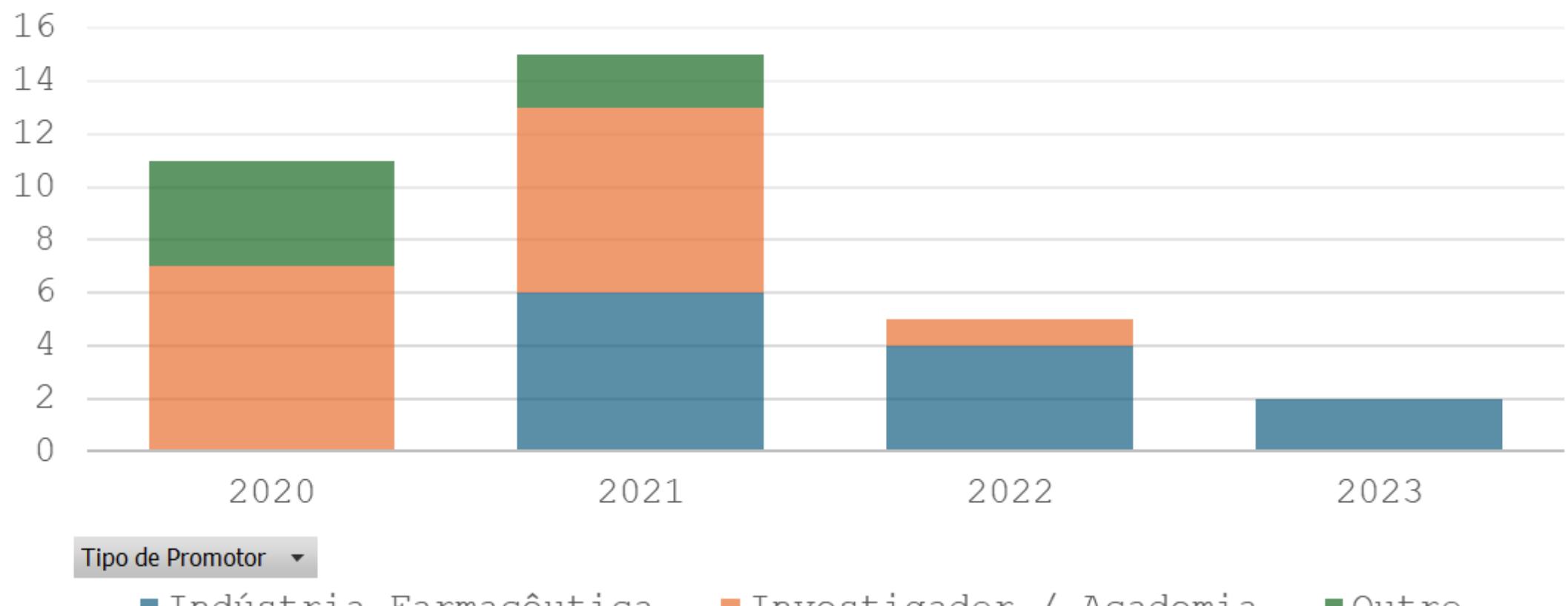
# Potential Limitations

- Open-label pragmatic design
  - Biased allocation, but not unbiased behavior of patients/providers. The open-label nature, especially during a pandemic, would amplify the potential biases of an unblinded study
- No requirement of confirmation of infection
- Unknown time from symptom onset to treatment initiation
- Data reporting was minimal to limit burden on local investigators
  - No on-site data monitoring which ensures accuracy of data
- Trial enrolled primarily in Africa, Asia and Latin America (~69%), where access to healthcare may be limited or delayed and where healthcare practices are heterogeneous and differ across various regions
- COVID-19 inpatients were randomized equally between whichever study drugs were locally available and open control (controls may have been from another study location)

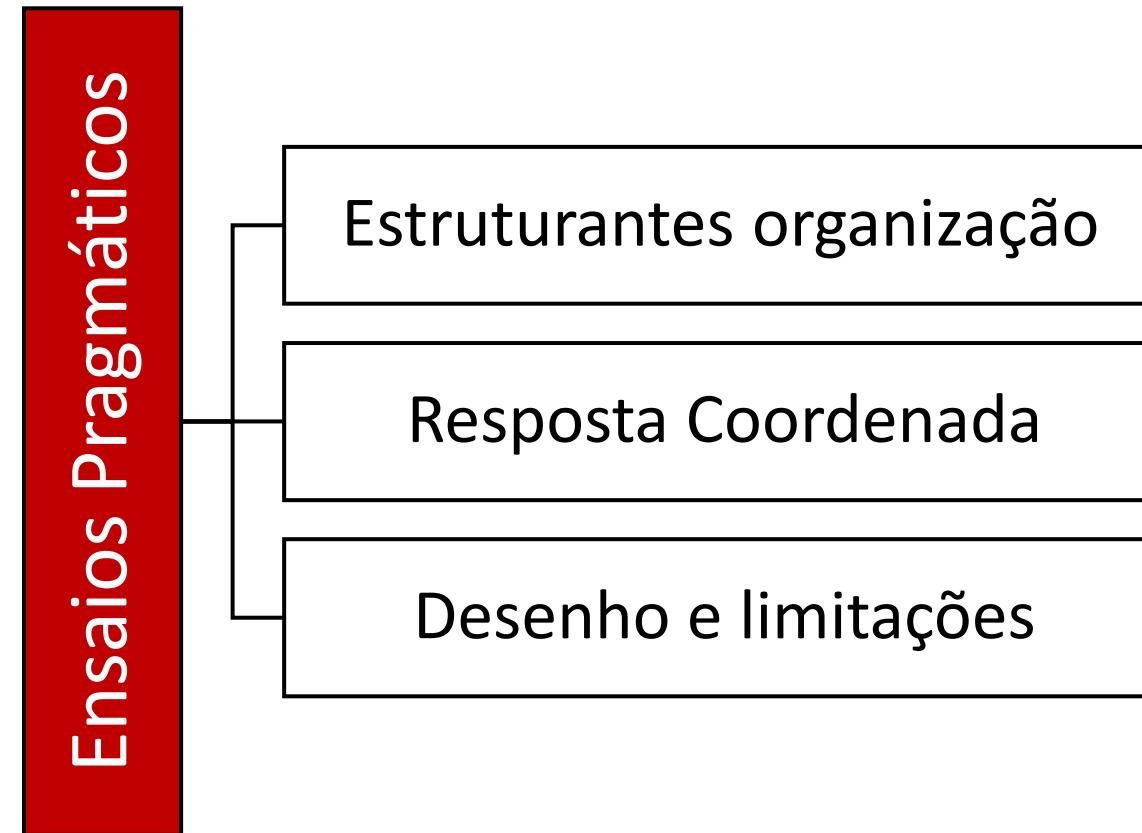
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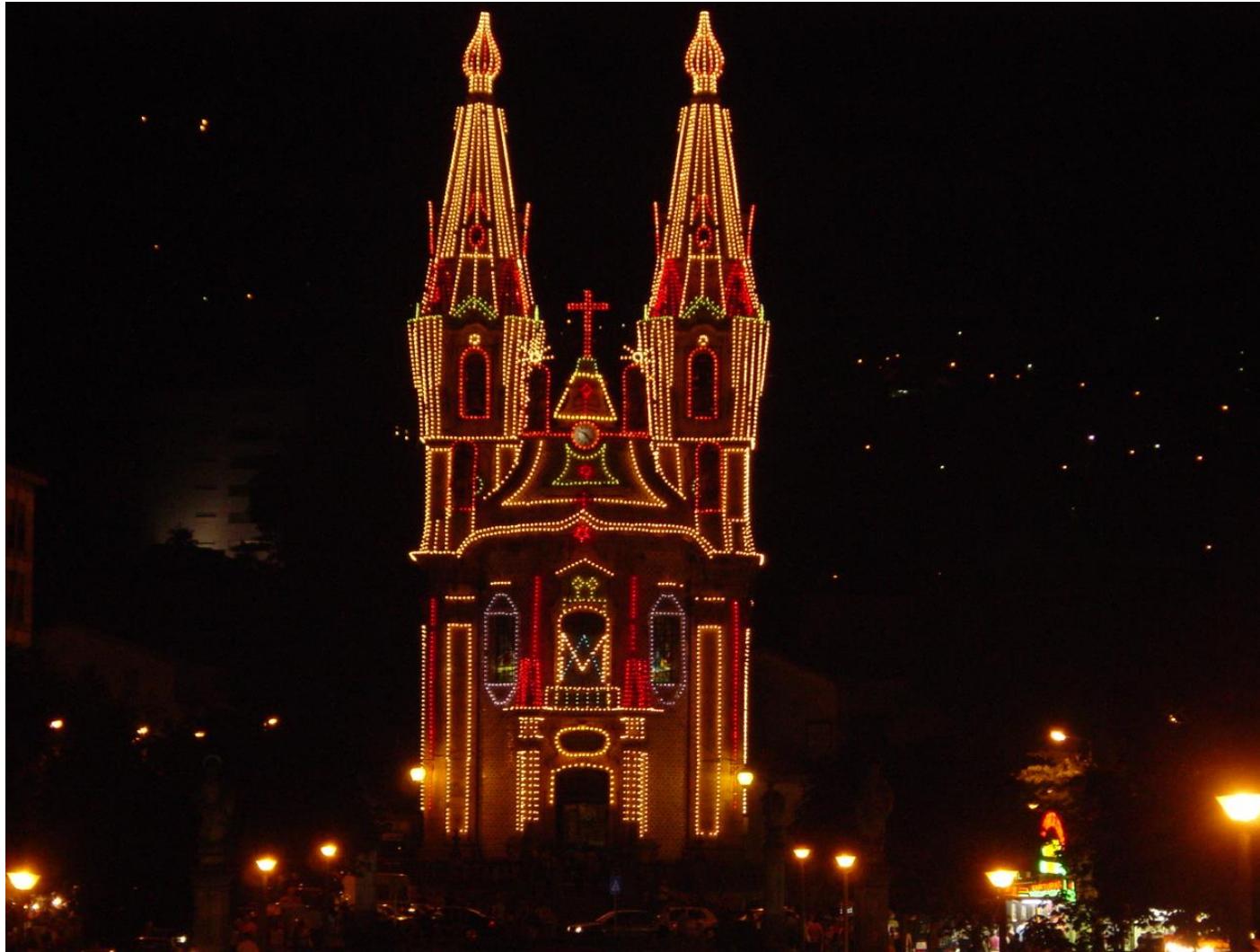


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