

**Methods.** We identified KTR with COVID-19 between 3/1/2020 and 4/30/2021. Patients were excluded if they had multiorgan transplant or hospital-acquired COVID-19. Data were analyzed by Cox regression with mAb administration as time-dependent variable, and the day of symptom onset as baseline.

**Results.** We studied 95 KTR; 20 received mAb. Comorbidities and immunosuppression were balanced between the two groups. mAb administration was associated with a significant decrease in hospitalizations or ER visits (15 vs. 76%,  $P < 0.001$ ). This association remained significant after adjustment for confounders and by analyzing mAb administration as a time-dependent variable (Table: adj. HR 0.2,  $P = 0.04$ ). No KTR who received mAb died or required mechanical ventilation. Black or Hispanic KTR were less likely to receive mAb and more likely to be admitted to the hospital or visit the ER (Table).

Table

Analysis Parameter	Univariate			Multivariate		
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P
Age (years)	1.022	1.004-1.041	<b>0.019</b>	1.023	1.003-1.044	<b>0.024</b>
mAb	0.115	0.036-0.368	<b>0.009</b>	0.216	0.050-0.929	<b>0.040</b>
Chronic kidney disease	2.456	1.243-4.855	<b>0.010</b>	2.087	1.043-4.176	<b>0.038</b>
Black race	2.168	1.186-3.964	<b>0.012</b>	1.881	0.959-3.689	0.066
Hispanic ethnicity	1.701	1.003-2.883	<b>0.049</b>	2.029	1.111-3.703	<b>0.021</b>

Factors significantly associated with hospitalization or ER visit.

**Conclusion.** In our KTR population, mAb therapy for COVID-19 may have helped decrease hospitalizations and ER visits. Healthcare inequities, including access to investigational treatments, were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Acknowledging the nonconcurrent control group as a limitation, we found a strong signal for benefit from mAb treatment. Antiviral mAb are a promising therapeutic modality for immunosuppressed patients.

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#### 40. Lenzilumab Efficacy and Safety in Newly Hospitalized COVID-19 Subjects:

**Results From a Phase 3 Randomized Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial**  
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**Background.** Severe coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) often results from the immune-mediated cytokine storm, triggered by granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), potentially leading to respiratory failure and death. Lenzilumab, a novel anti-human GM-CSF monoclonal antibody, neutralizes GM-CSF and demonstrated potential to improve clinical outcomes in a matched case-cohort study of patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia. This Phase 3 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial investigated the efficacy and safety of lenzilumab to improve the likelihood of survival without invasive mechanical ventilation (SWOV), beyond available treatments.

**Methods.** Hypoxic patients, hospitalized with COVID-19 (n=520), requiring supplemental oxygen, but not invasive mechanical ventilation, were randomized on Day 0 to receive lenzilumab (1800mg, n=261) or placebo (n=259), and available treatments, including remdesivir and/or corticosteroids; and were followed through Day 28.

**Results.** Baseline demographics were comparable between groups: male, 64.7%; mean age, 60.5 years; median CRP, 79.0 mg/L. Patients across both groups received steroids (93.7%), remdesivir (72.4%), or both (69.1%). Lenzilumab improved the primary endpoint, likelihood of SWOV in the mITT population, by 1.54-fold (HR: 1.54; 95%CI: 1.02-2.32, p=0.0403). Lenzilumab improved SWOV by 1.91-fold (nominal p=0.0073) and 1.92-fold (nominal p=0.0067) in patients receiving remdesivir or remdesivir and corticosteroids, respectively. A key secondary endpoint of incidence of IMV, ECMO or death was also improved in patients receiving remdesivir (p=0.020) or remdesivir and corticosteroids (p=0.0180). Treatment-emergent serious adverse events were similar across both groups.

**Conclusion.** Lenzilumab significantly improved SWOV in hypoxic COVID-19 patients upon hospitalization, with the greatest benefit observed in patients receiving treatment with remdesivir and corticosteroids. NCT04351152

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#### 41. Assessing Past vs Present COVID-19 Infection: A Survey of Criteria for Discontinuing Precautions in Asymptomatic Patients

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