

# Review of: "Tocilizumab Plus Corticosteroid in Elderly Patients Hospitalized With COVID-19 Pneumonia: A Retrospective Cohort Study"

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The authors investigated the adding tocilizumab to corticosteroids decreases the incidence of mechanical ventilation in older patients compared to corticosteroids alone and found that no difference in the incidence of mechanical ventilation by day 28, increased mortality rate, and no improvement in the respiratory status in older patients who were on tocilizumab.

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