

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

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It is a well conducted retrospective cohort study dealing with the impact on outcomes (survival or ventilation) of a combination of toci and steroids versus steroids in elderly hospitalized COVID-19 patients. the cohort is well describe and the subject is of interest. I have some comments to improve the manuscrit.

→ into the introduction or the discussion, perhaps discuss the concept of elderly to explain the choice of 65 yo and not older to define elderly people.

→ could you describe the indication in your cohort for receiving tocilizumab

→ an endpoint ventilation and mortality could be more accurate has most all elderly patients were limited for intubation

→ do you know if toci could have been not given because of age?

→ it would have been interesting to report co infections on admission and then nosocomial infections including CAPA and viral reactivations.

→ Page 4: why don't you use directly Cox model

→ Results of the multivariate analyses should be fully reported including the process to select the covariates or at least report the covariates included into the final models.