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Le plasma convalescent COVID-19: une immunothérapie efficace?

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Utiliser le plasma ou sérum de patients convalescents pour guérir ou prévenir une maladie

A propos du 1er prix Nobel de Médecine en 1901



Adolf von Behring médecin allemand et premier lauréat du prix Nobel de physiologie ou de médecine en 1901 pour avoir découvert le sérum* de l'antitoxine de la diphtérie (1890) et du tétanos (1890) et démontré un transfert de l'immunité (avec Kitasato Shibasaburō, médecin japonais).

03 INDICATIONS THERAPEUTIQUES

HAS

« Immunoprophylaxie de l'hépatite B (1993) »

Immunoglobuline humaine tétanique

Indication :

- Prophylaxie du tétanos en cas de plaie souillée chez les sujets dont la vaccination est incomplète, trop ancienne ou inconnue.
- Traitement du tétanos déclaré.

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Avis2

Plasma convalescent pour traiter / prévenir des maladies infectieuses

- **Affections respiratoires d'étiologie virale** : preuves d'efficacités limitées (Mair-Jenkins J et al, J Infect Dis. 2015).
- **Fièvres hémorragiques**: peu ou pas efficace dans la **maladie d'Ebola** (Van Griesven et al, NEJM, 2014), mais efficace dans la **fièvre hémorragique d'Argentine** (AHF, zoonose provoquée le virus Junin (Arenavirus), son vecteur et hôte réservoir étant un rongeur, la souris du maïs.

TABLE 1—MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH AHF TREATED WITH IMMUNE OR NORMAL PLASMA

Treatment	Total cases	Improved	Died	Mortality (%)
Immune plasma	91	90	1	1.1
Normal plasma	97	81	16	16.5
Total	188	171	17	9.0

$\chi^2=13.53; p<0.01$

Dose of neutralizing antibodies in treatment of AHF with immune plasma prospective study (1982-1999)

Outcome	TU/kg		
	1000-1999	2000-2999	3000-3999
Died		3	5
Improved			
Total			
Mortality			

$X^2: 26.32; P =$

Mortality in AHF patients-treated with immune plasma after 8 days of illness

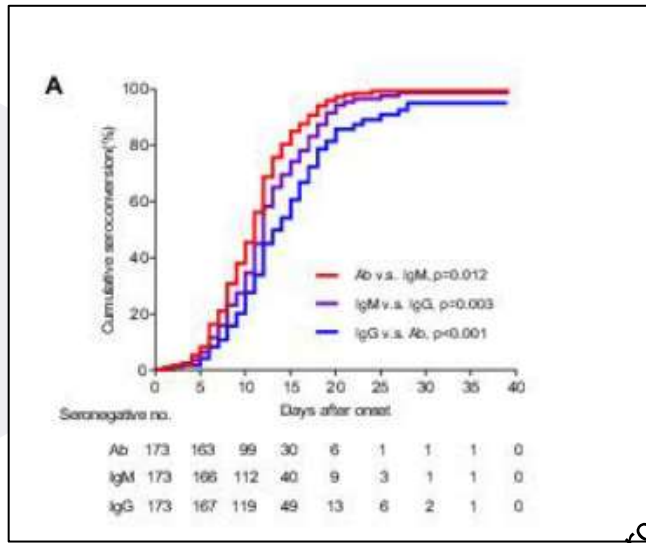
Outcome	Immune plasma	
	yes	no
Improved	40	74
Died	21	31
Total	61	105
Mortality	34%	30%

$X^2: 0.23; P = 0.63.$

Maiztegui et al, Lancet, 1979

Enria et al, Lancet, 1984

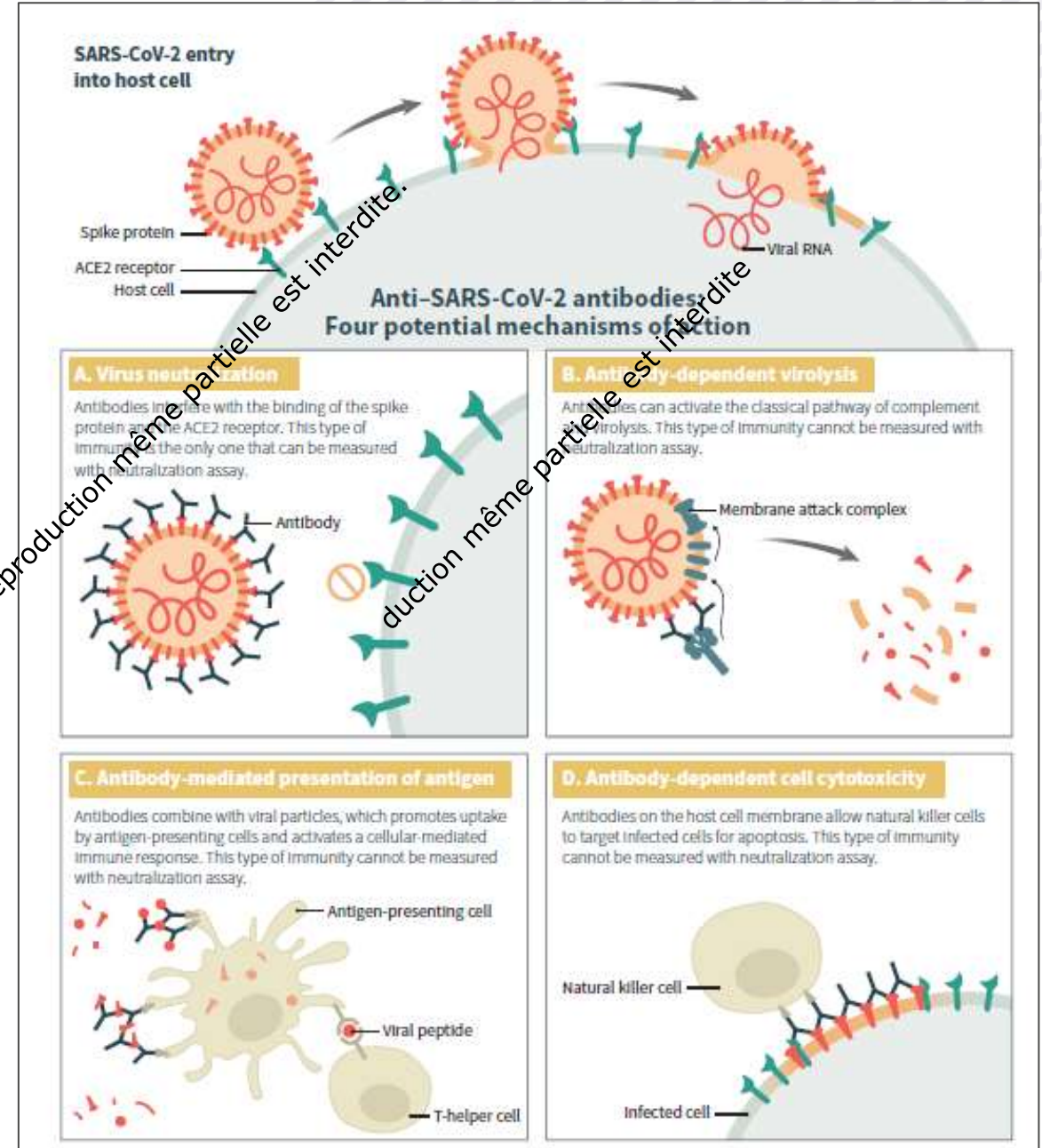
Enria an Maitzegui, Antivir Res, 1994



Abraham et al, Nature Rev Immunol 2020

Anticorps anti-SARS-CoV-2: mécanismes d'action

- Neutralisation virale
- Lyse virale
- Présentation de l'Ag au système immunitaire
- Cytotoxicité



Devasenapathy et al, CMAJ 2020

Etude CORIMUNO19-CORIPLASM

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Essai clinique CORIPLASM

- **Covid-19 convalescent plasma (PlasmaCoV2) and standard of care vs standard of care only**
- **Plasma administration:** Two units of plasma (400-440 ml/day) as soon as possible, 2 days in a row (4 units total), at the latest on day 10 and 11 after onset of symptoms.
- **Primary endpoints:**
 1. Survival without needs of ventilator utilization (including non- invasive ventilation) or of other immunomodulatory agents at day 14
 2. Early end point : WHO progression scale ≥ 7 at day 4 after plasma transfusion
- **Inclusion Criteria:** Patients included in the CORIMUNO-19 cohort* with the specific following criteria:
 - Mild severity (grade 4 or 5) as described in the WHO scale
 - Hospitalized and less than 10 days after onset of symptoms
- **15 clinical sites**
- **First patient included on April 15th, 2020, target of 120 included patients reached on April 24th**

*CORIMUNO-19 eligibility criteria's:

- Confirmed COVID-19 infection
- Illness of any duration and severity, with symptoms, AND at least one of the following:
 - Radiographic infiltrates by imaging (CT scan) and clinical assessment (evidence of rales/crackles on exam) OR SpO2 $\leq 94\%$ on room air, or oxygen saturation $\leq 97\%$ with O2 $> 5L/min$.
 - Requiring mechanical ventilation and/or supplemental oxygen
 - With any comorbidities.
- Male or female adult ≥ 18 years of age at time of enrolment

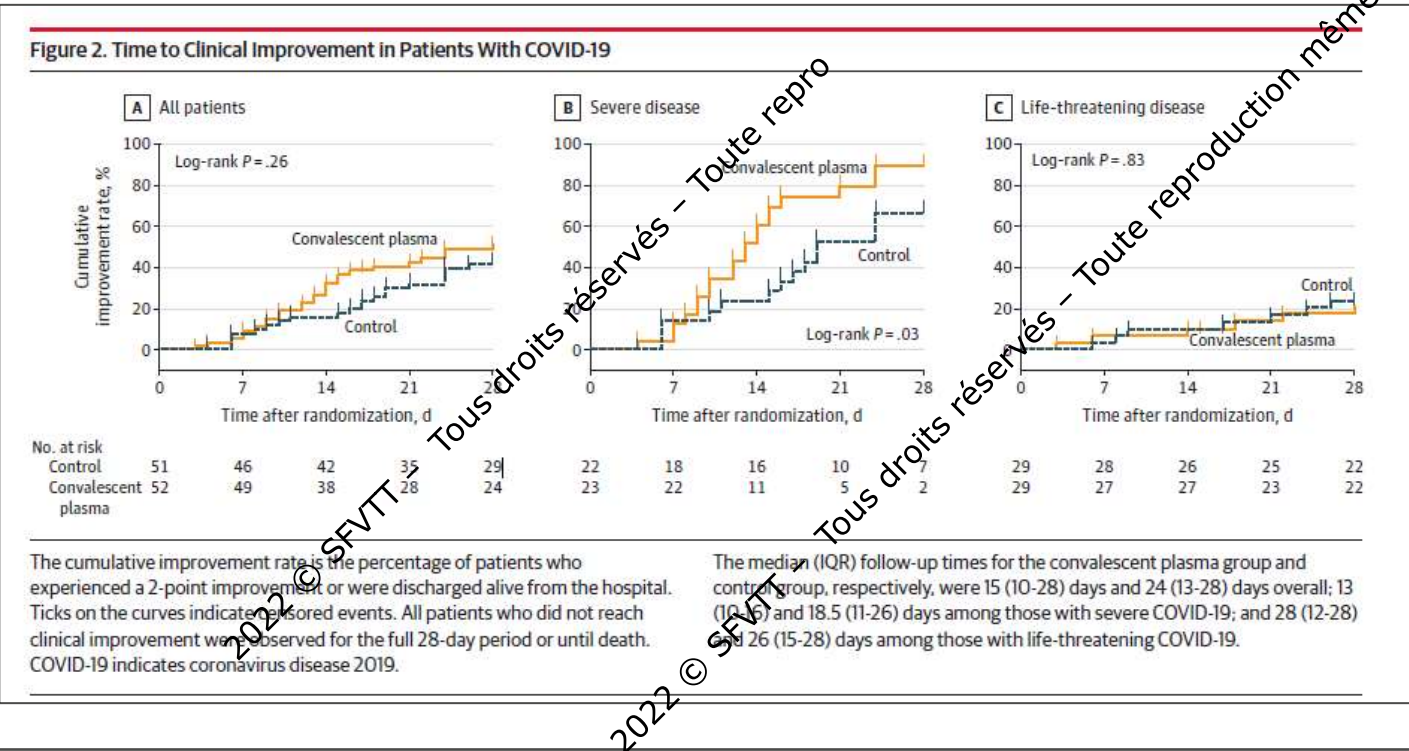
Ten-points WHO ordinal clinical progression scale

Score	Descriptor
0	Uninfected; non viral RNA detected
1	Asymptomatic; viral RNA detected
2	Symptomatic; Independent
3	Symptomatic; Assistance needed
4	Hospitalized; No oxygen therapy
5	Hospitalized; oxygen by mask or nasal prongs
6	Hospitalized; oxygen by NIV or High flow
7	Intubation and Mechanical ventilation, $\text{pO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 \geq 150$ OR $\text{SpO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 \geq 200$
8	Mechanical ventilation, ($\text{pO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 < 150$ OR $\text{pO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 < 200$), OR vasopressors (norepinephrine $> 0.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$)
9	Mechanical ventilation, $\text{pO}_2/\text{FIO}_2 < 150$ AND vasopressors (norepinephrine $> 0.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$), OR Dialysis, OR ECMO
10	Dead

Plasma convalescent pour le traitement de la COVID-19: 1^{er} résultats

Effect of Convalescent Plasma Therapy on Time to Clinical Improvement in Patients With Severe and Life-threatening COVID-19 A Randomized Clinical Trial

Li et al, JAMA, 2020)



Convalescent plasma treatment of severe COVID-19: a propensity score-matched control study

Liu et al, Nature Medicine

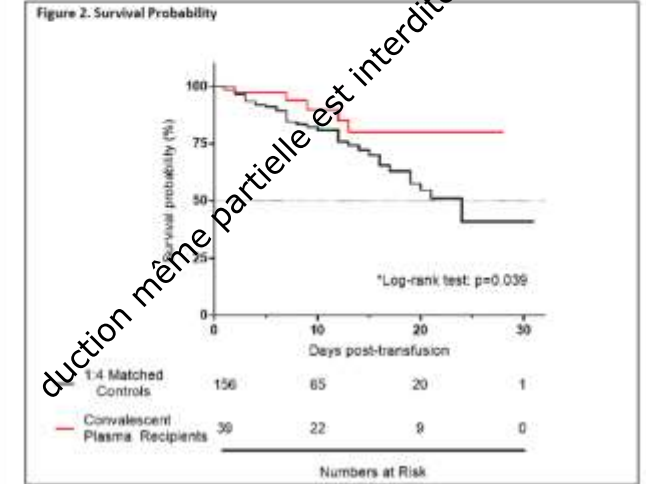
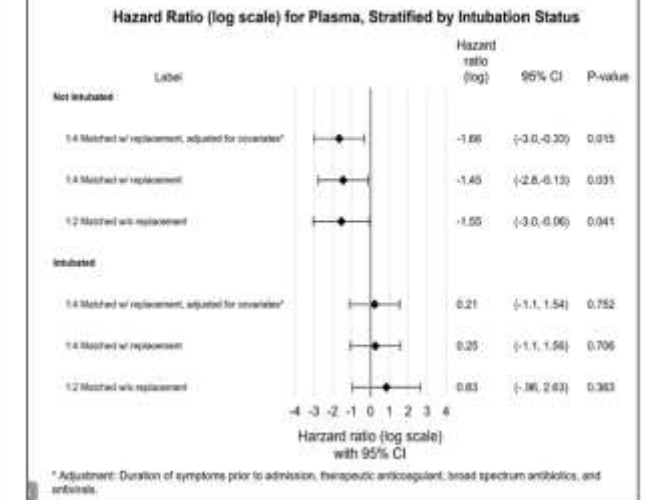
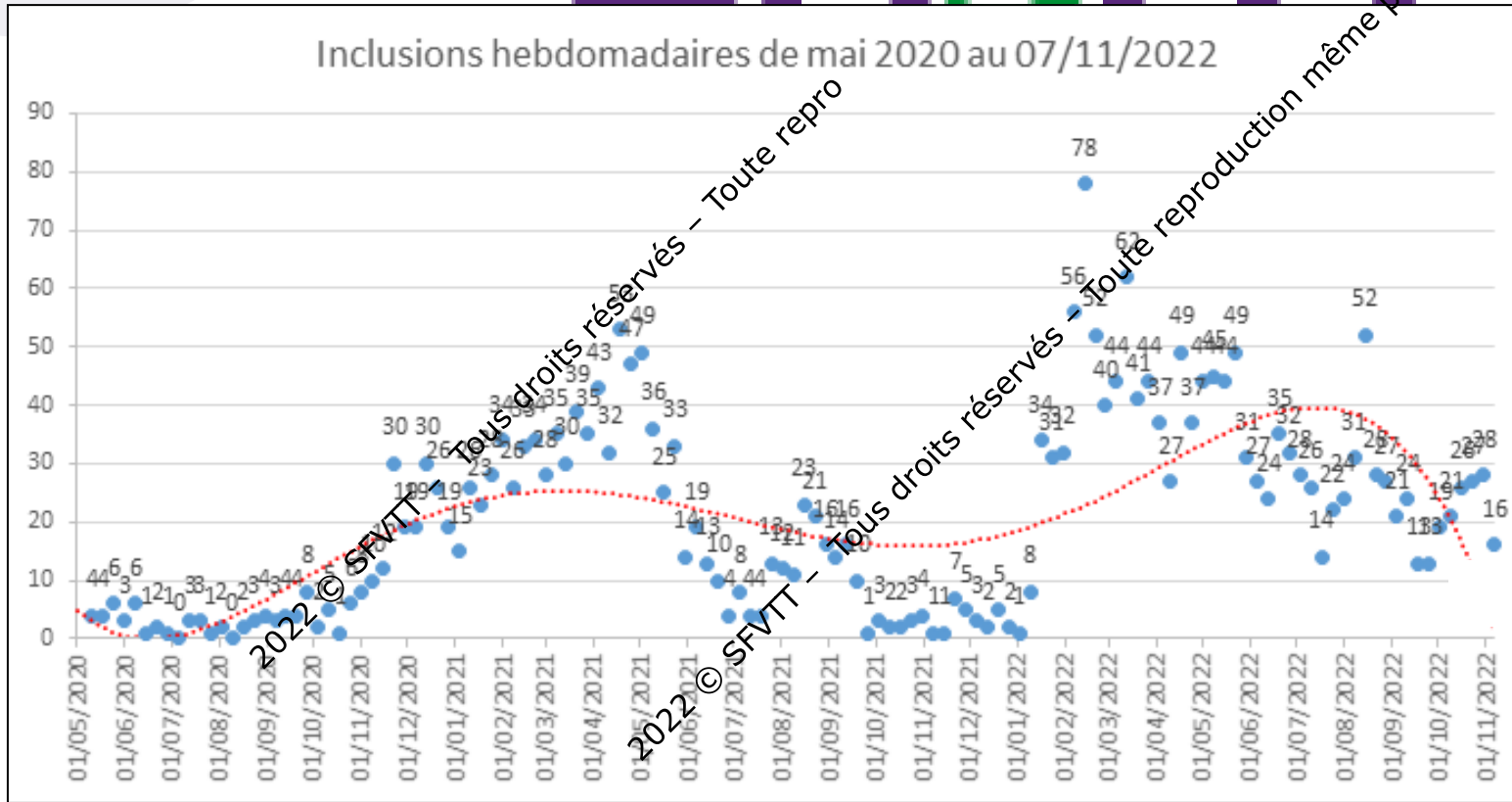


Figure 3. Hazard ratios for in-hospital mortality



Inclusions hebdomadaires de mai 2020 au 07/11/2022



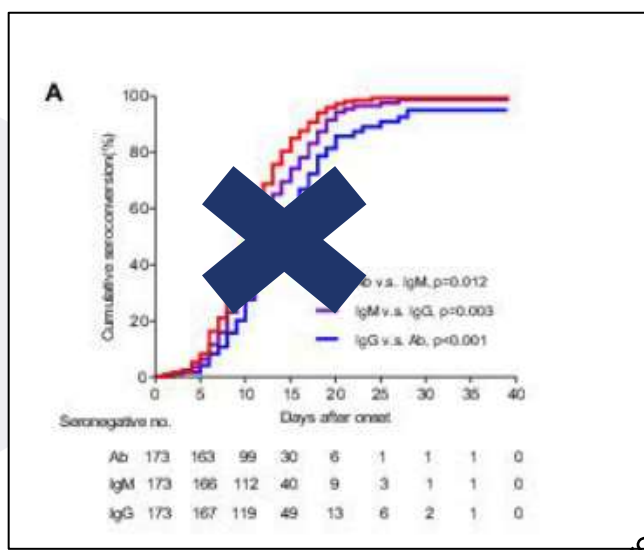
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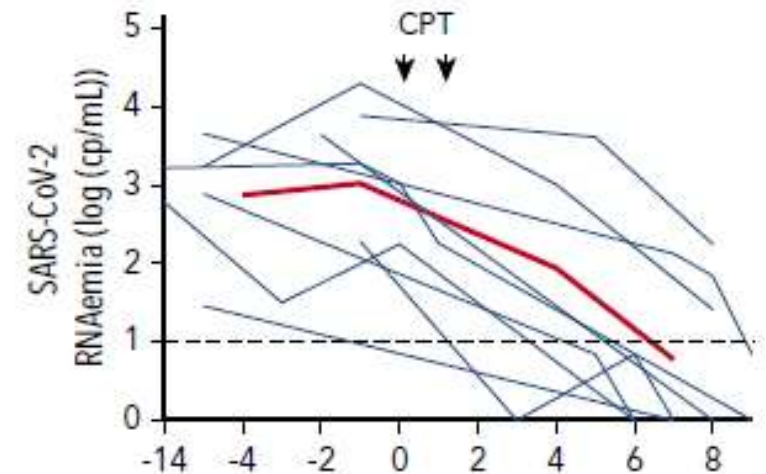
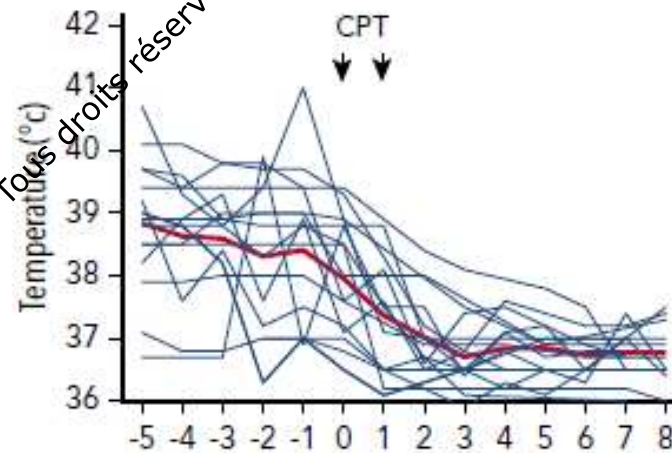


Intérêt du PCC chez les patients immunosupprimés (1)

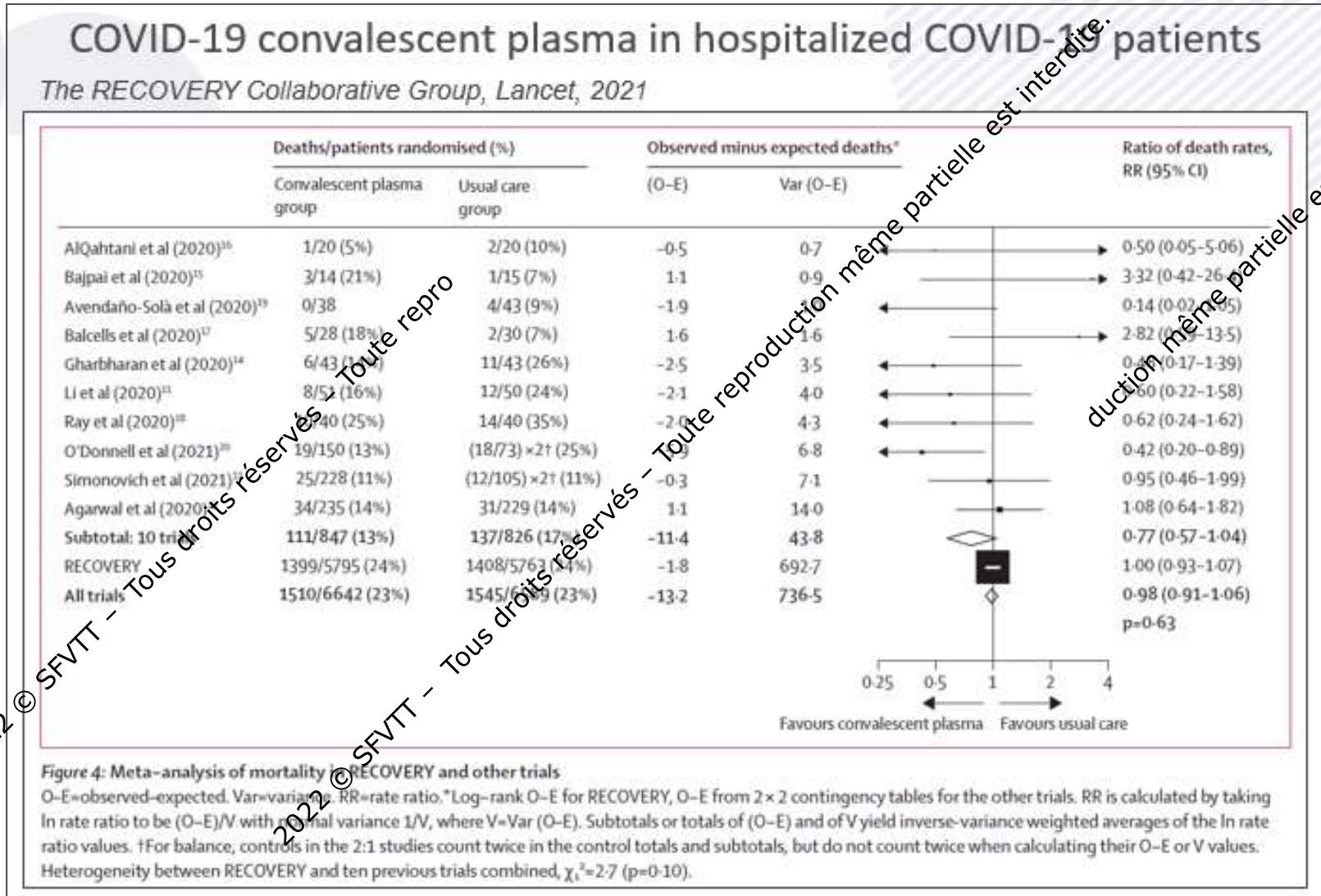
Convalescent plasma therapy for B-cell-depleted patients with protracted COVID-19

Hueso et al, *Blood*, 2020

- 17 patients COVID-19 avec lymphopénie B: pour la plupart suite à un traitement par anticorps anti-CD20 (Rituximab) pour hémopathie sous-jacente
- Résolution rapide des signes cliniques chez 16 patients / 17
- Un décès (pneumopathie bactérienne)



Le PCC chez les patients (non immunosupprimés) hospitalisés pour COVID-19: pas d'efficacité?



Efficacité des anticorps monoclonaux anti-SARS-CoV-2 en administration précoce en ambulatoire

SARS-CoV-2 Neutralizing Antibody LY-CoV555 in Outpatients with Covid-19

Chen et al. NEJM, 2020

- Ongoing randomized phase 2 (Blaze) trial
- Outpatients with recently diagnosed mild or moderate Covid-19 (less than 3 days since positive SARS-CoV-2 testing),
- Single iv infusion of LY-CoV555 (anti-spike, derived from a human convalescent plasma) in one of three doses (n=309) or placebo (n=153)
- No reported serious adverse events

Primary outcome	
Mean change from baseline in viral load at day 11	-3.47
700 mg, -3.67	-0.20 (-0.66 to 0.25)
2800 mg, -4.00	-0.53 (-0.98 to -0.08)
7000 mg, -3.38	0.09 (-0.37 to 0.55)
Pooled doses, -3.70	-0.22 (-0.60 to 0.15)

Table 3. Hospitalization.*

Key Secondary Outcome	LY-CoV555	Placebo	Incidence
	no. of patients/total no.		%
Hospitalization		9/143	6.3
	700 mg, 1/101		1.0
	2800 mg, 2/107		1.9
	7000 mg, 2/101		2.0
	Pooled doses, 5/309		1.6

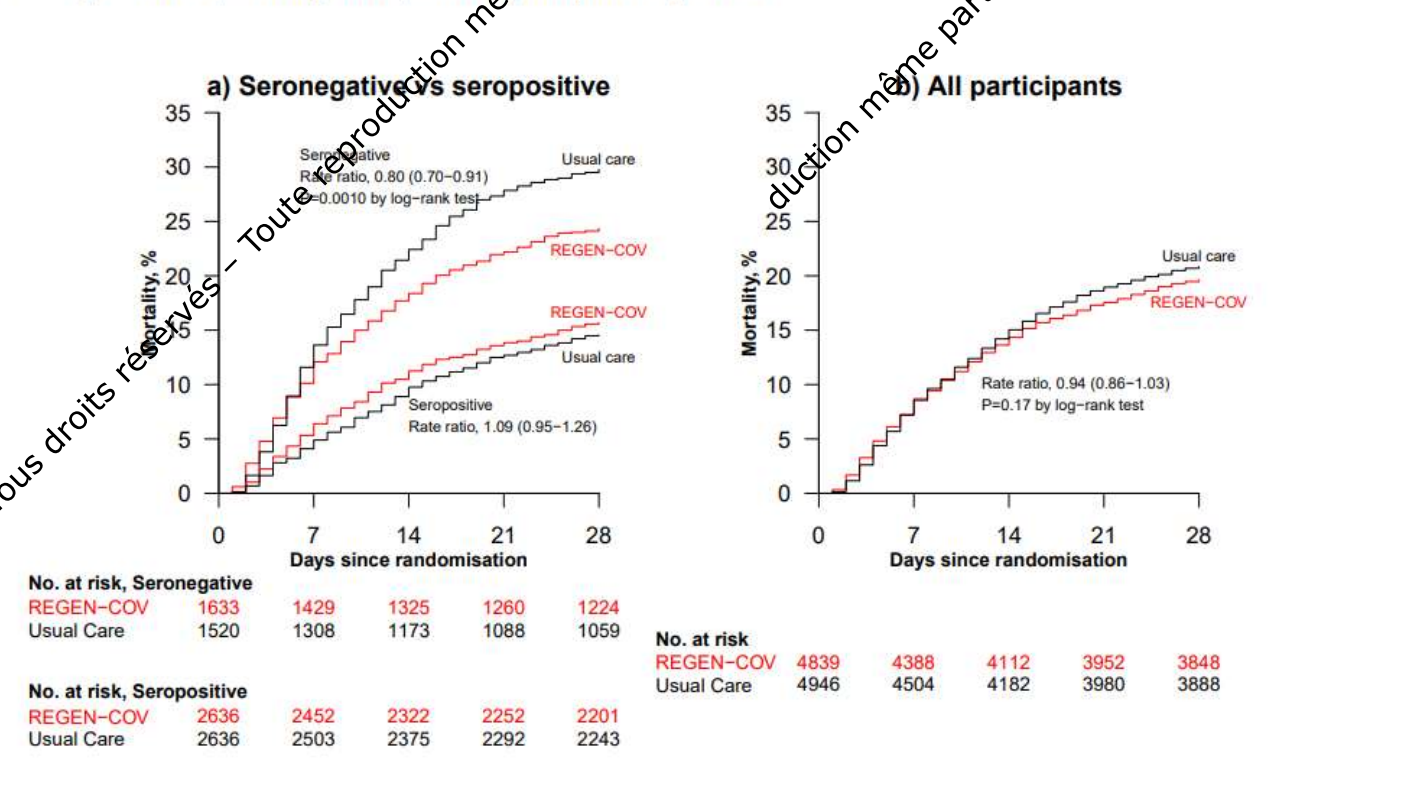
* Data for patients who presented to the emergency department are included in this category.

Inefficacité des anticorps monoclonaux anti-SARS-CoV-2 chez des patients COVID-19 séropositifs hospitalisés

Casirivimab and imdevimab in patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19 (RECOVERY): a randomised, controlled, open-label, platform trial

Recovery, Horby et al, MedRxiv

Figure 2: Effect of allocation to REGEN-COV on 28-day mortality in: a) seronegative vs seropositive participants; and b) all participants



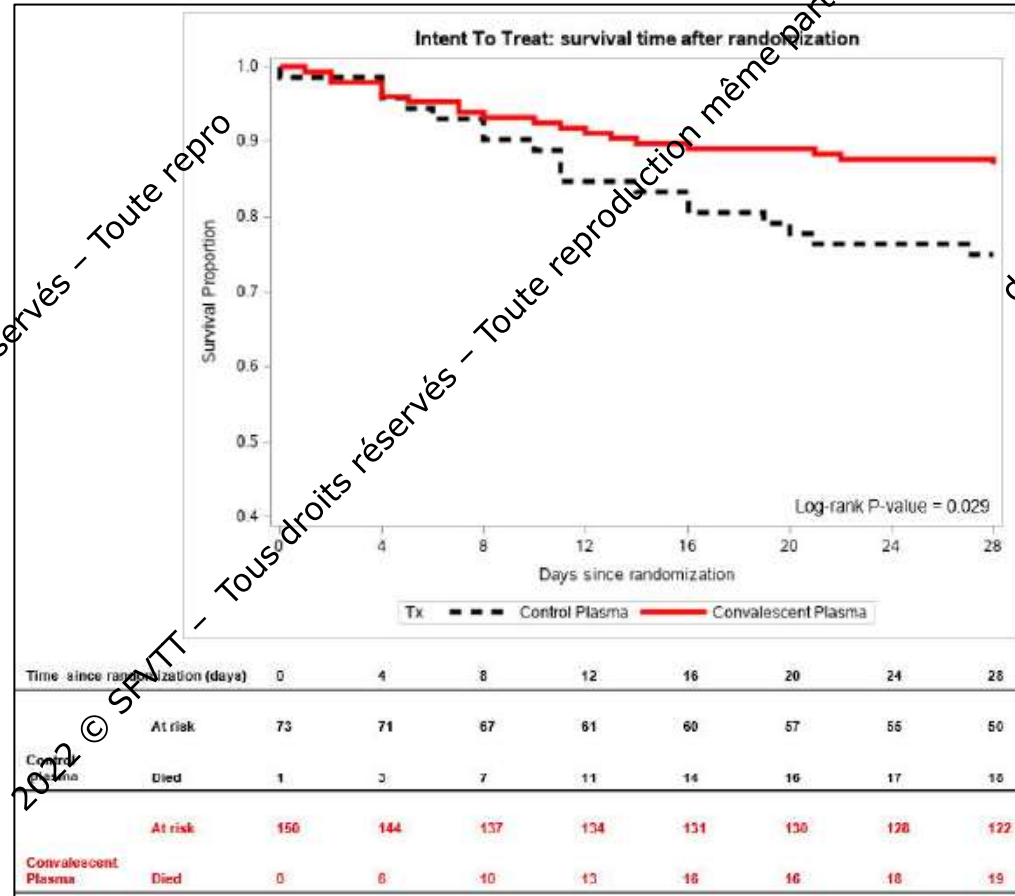
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Une minorité d'essais PCC positifs chez des patients COVID-19 hospitalisés

A randomized, double-blind, controlled trial of convalescent plasma in adults with severe COVID-19

O'Donnell et al, JCI



La nécessité d'utiliser des PCC à haut titre d'anticorps?

Convalescent Plasma Antibody Levels and the Risk of Death from Covid-19

Joyner et al, NEJM, 2021

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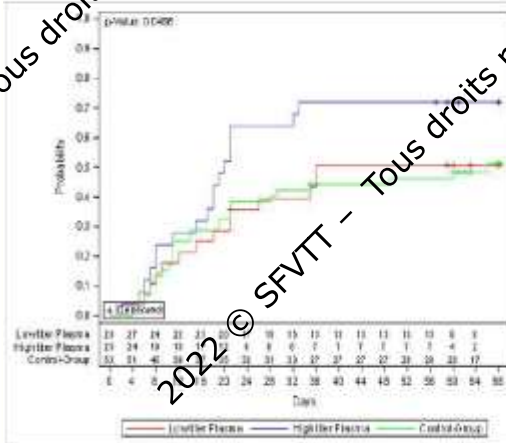
Early High-Titer Plasma Therapy to Prevent Severe Covid-19 in Older Adults

Libster et al, NEJM, 2021

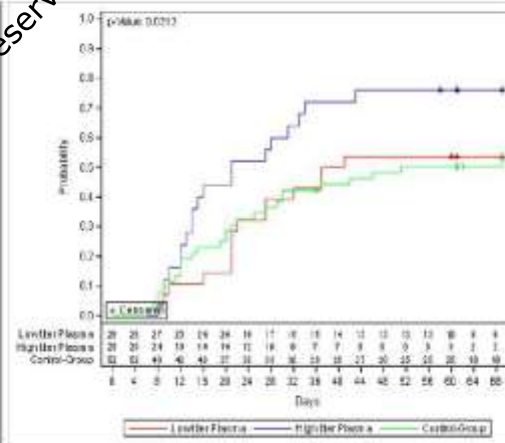
Table 3. Primary End Point, According to Donor SARS-CoV-2 S IgG Titer.

High dose convalescent plasma in COVID-19: results from the randomized trial CAPSID
 Korper et al, MedRxiv

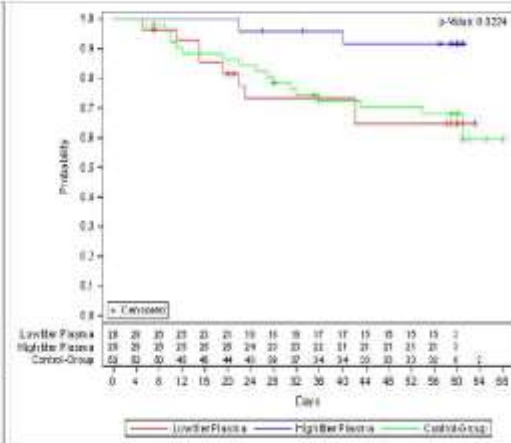
A Probability of clinical improvement



B Probability of discharge from hospital



C Probability of overall survival



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Utilisation précoce de PCC à haut titre d'anticorps

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Patient Group	Patients with Severe Respiratory Disease	Relative Risk (95% CI)	Relative Risk Reduction
	no./total no. (%)		percent
Placebo group	25/80 (31)	1.00	
Recipient of SARS-CoV-2 S IgG in donor plasma*			
At a titer at or above median concentration	3/36 (8)	0.27 (0.08–0.68)	73.3
At a titer below median concentration	9/42 (21)	0.69 (0.34–1.31)	31.4

* The median concentration is a SARS-CoV-2 S IgG titer of 1:3200.

Utilisation précoce de PCC à haut titre d'anticorps

Early Outpatient Treatment for Covid-19 with Convalescent Plasma

Sullivan et al, NEJM 2021

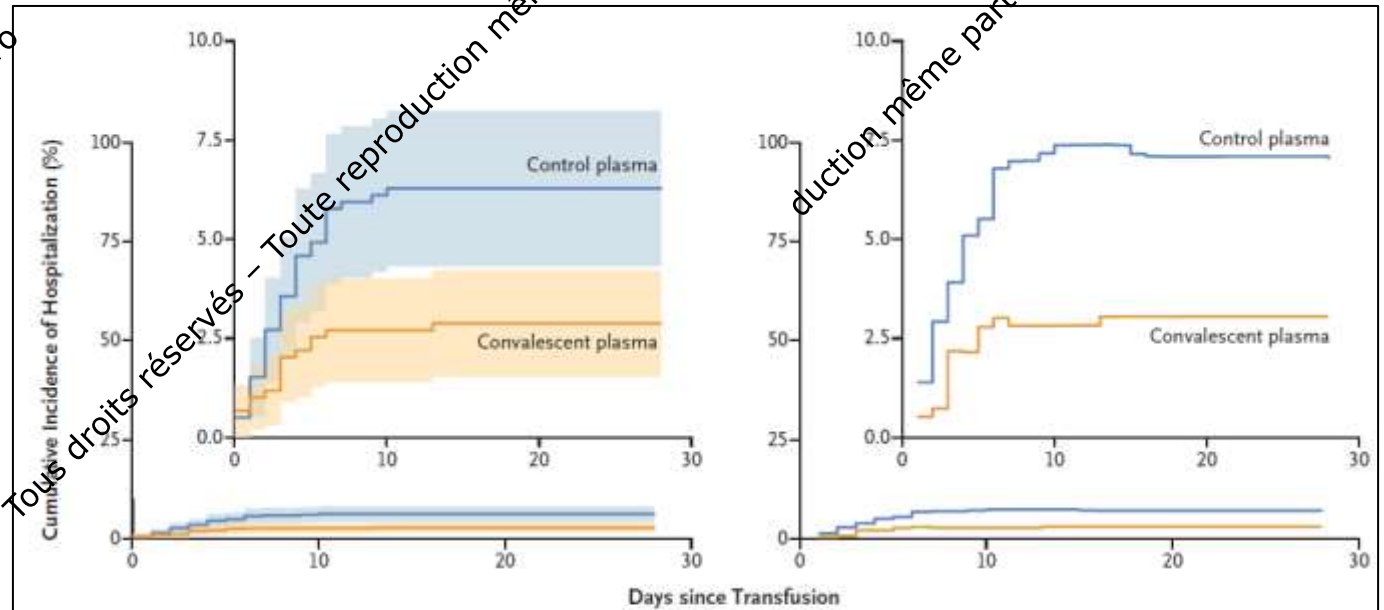
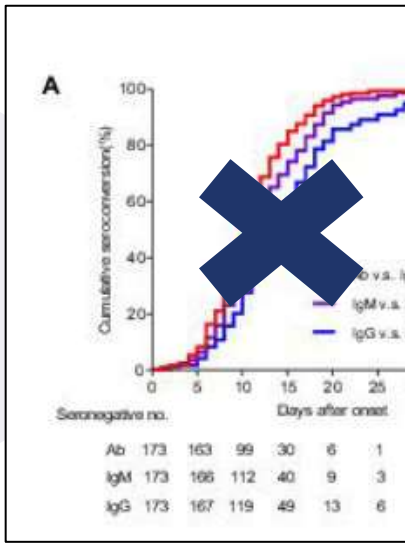


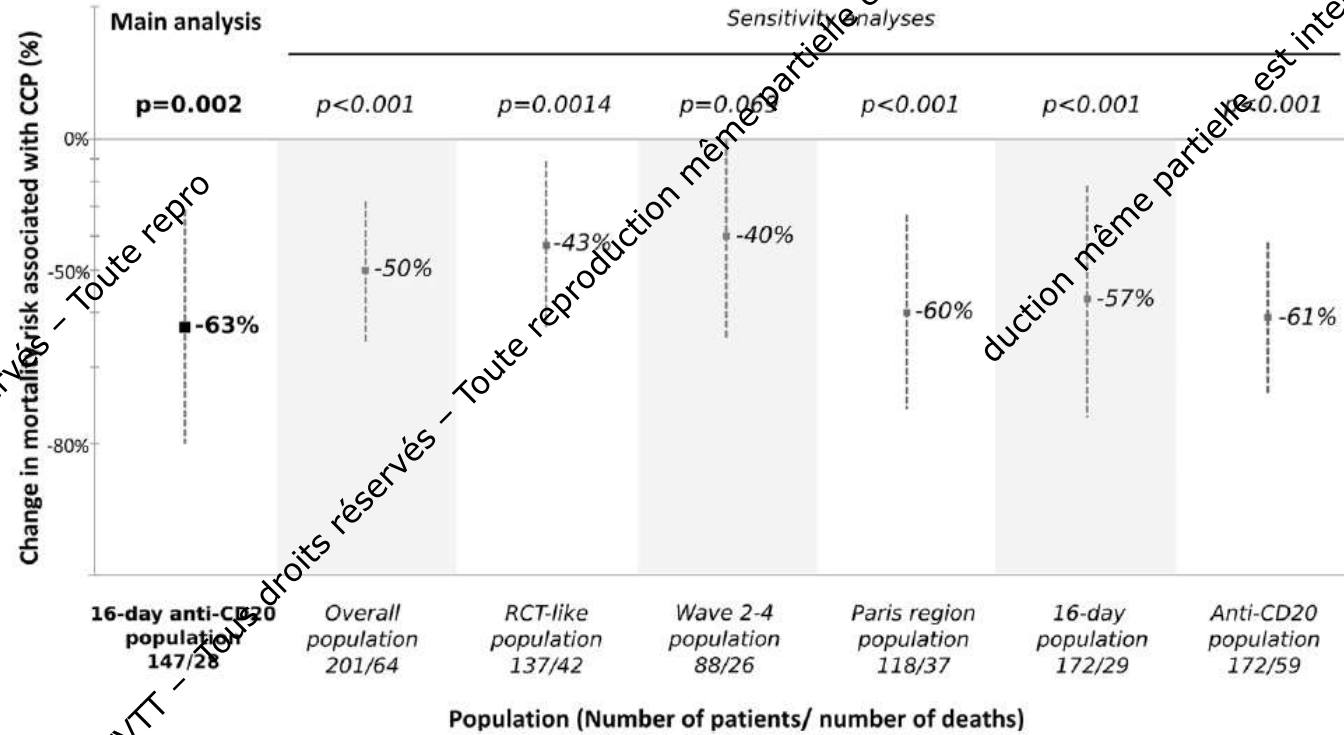
Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence of Coronavirus Disease 2019–Related Hospitalization.

On the left, the results of the unadjusted analysis are shown. Shading indicates the 95% confidence interval. On the right, estimates according to the adjusted targeted minimum loss–based estimation model are shown. The insets show the same data on an expanded y axis.



Convalescent plasma improves overall survival in patients with B-cell lymphoid malignancy and COVID-19: a longitudinal cohort and propensity score analysis

Hueso *et al*, *Leukemia*



Propensity score analysis: decreased mortality of 63% (95% CI=31%–80%) in patients pre-exposed to anti-CD20 and 50% (95% CI=28%–66%) in the overall population of the CCP-treated group compared to the CCP-untreated group

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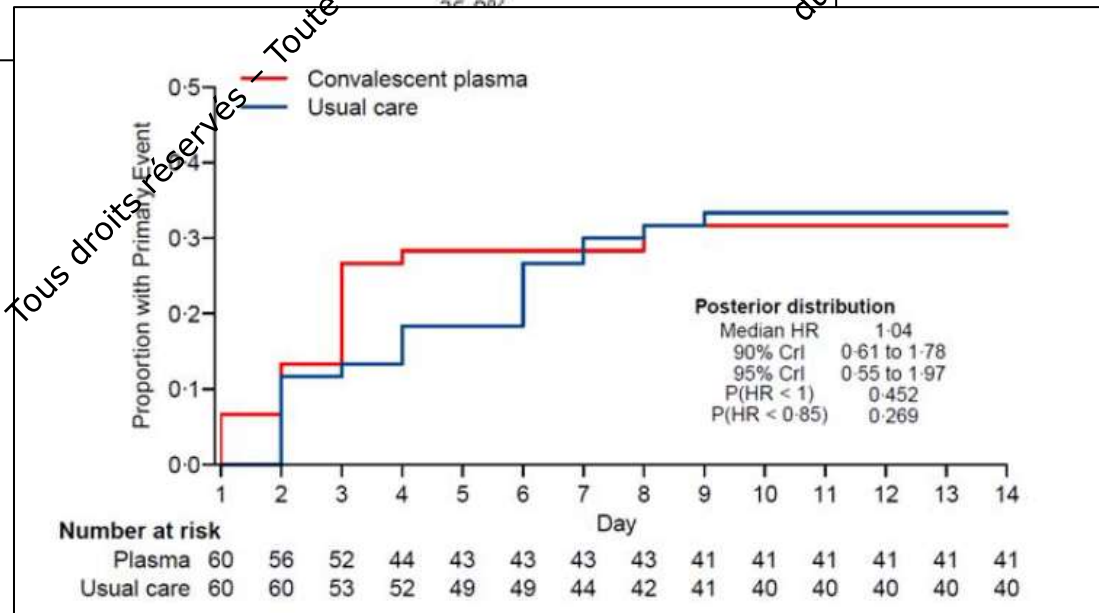
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Efficacy and safety of convalescent plasma to treat hospitalised COVID-19 patients with or without underlying immunodeficiency: a randomized clinical trial

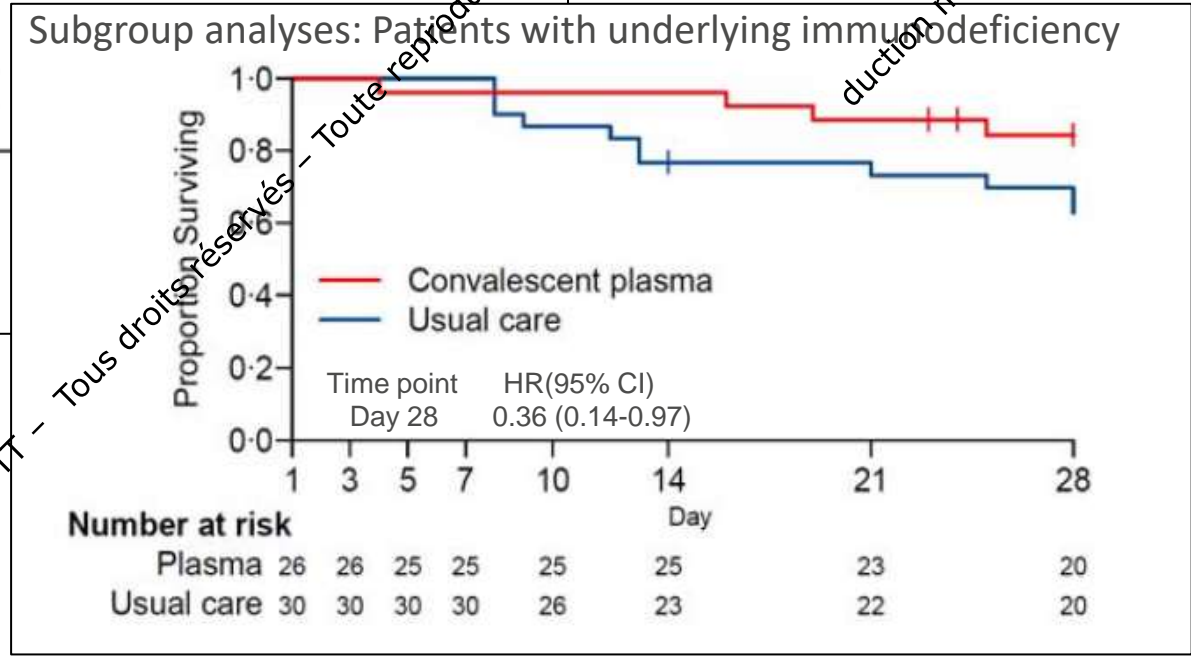
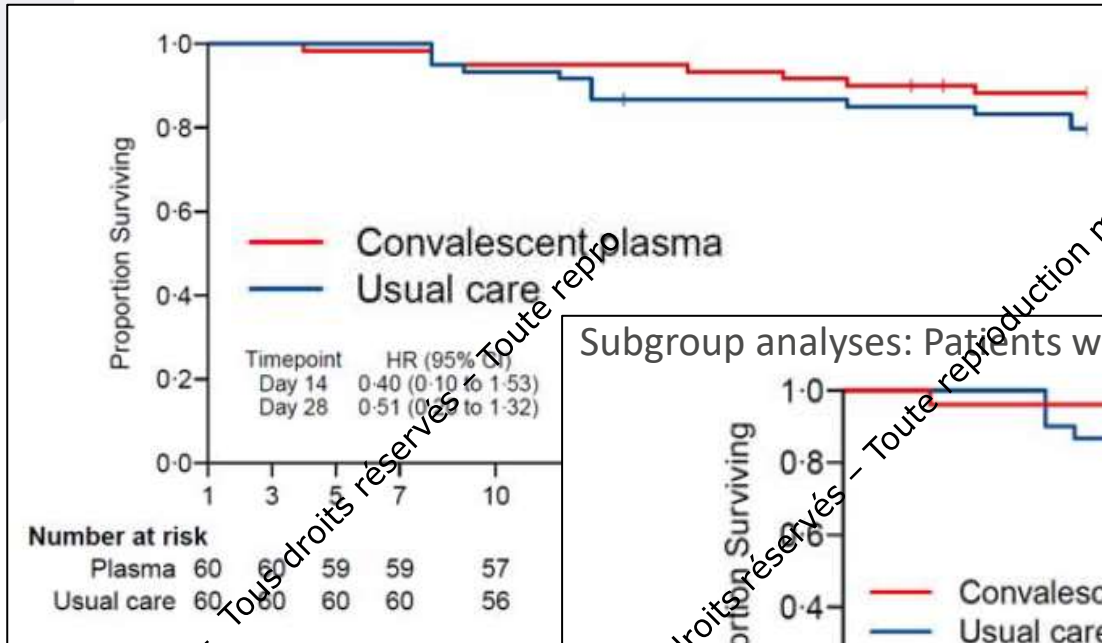
Lacombe et al, medRxiv, 2022

	Convalescent plasma (n=60)	Usual care (n=60)	Treatment effect
Co-primary outcomes			
<u>WHO-CPS score ≥ 6 at d4</u>	13 (22%)	8 (13%)	+8.0% (90% CrI -3.2 to +19.4) [*]
Posterior probability of any benefit			11.9%
Posterior probability of moderate or greater benefit [*]			2.4%
<u>Need for ventilation, additional immunomodulators or death up to d14</u>	19 (32%)	20 (33%)	1.04 (90% CrI 0.61 to 1.78) [†]
Posterior probability of any benefit			45.2%
Posterior probability of moderate or greater benefit [*]			25.8%



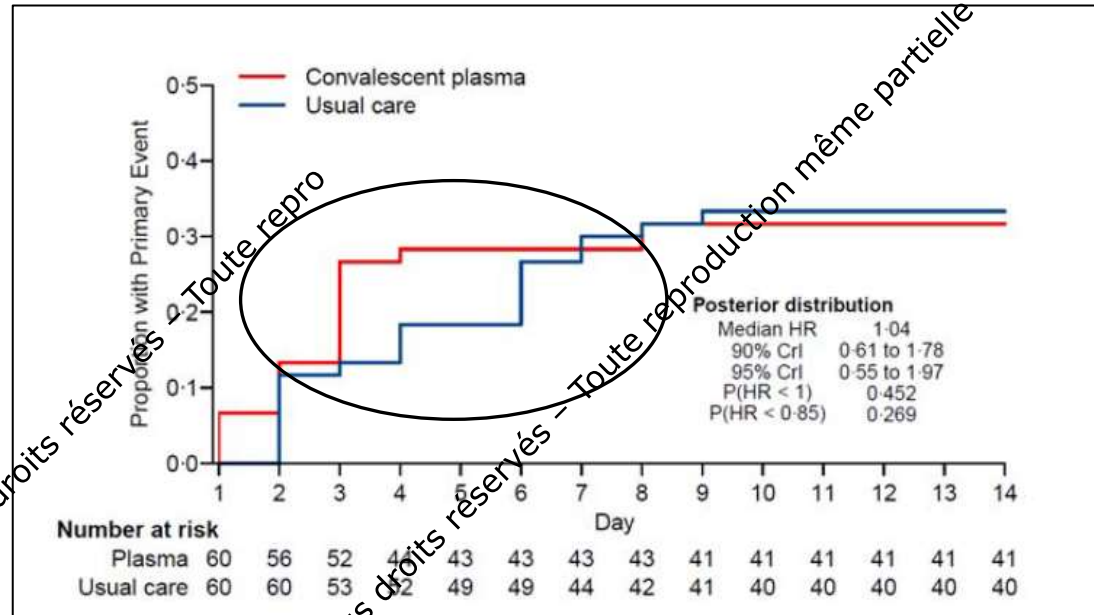
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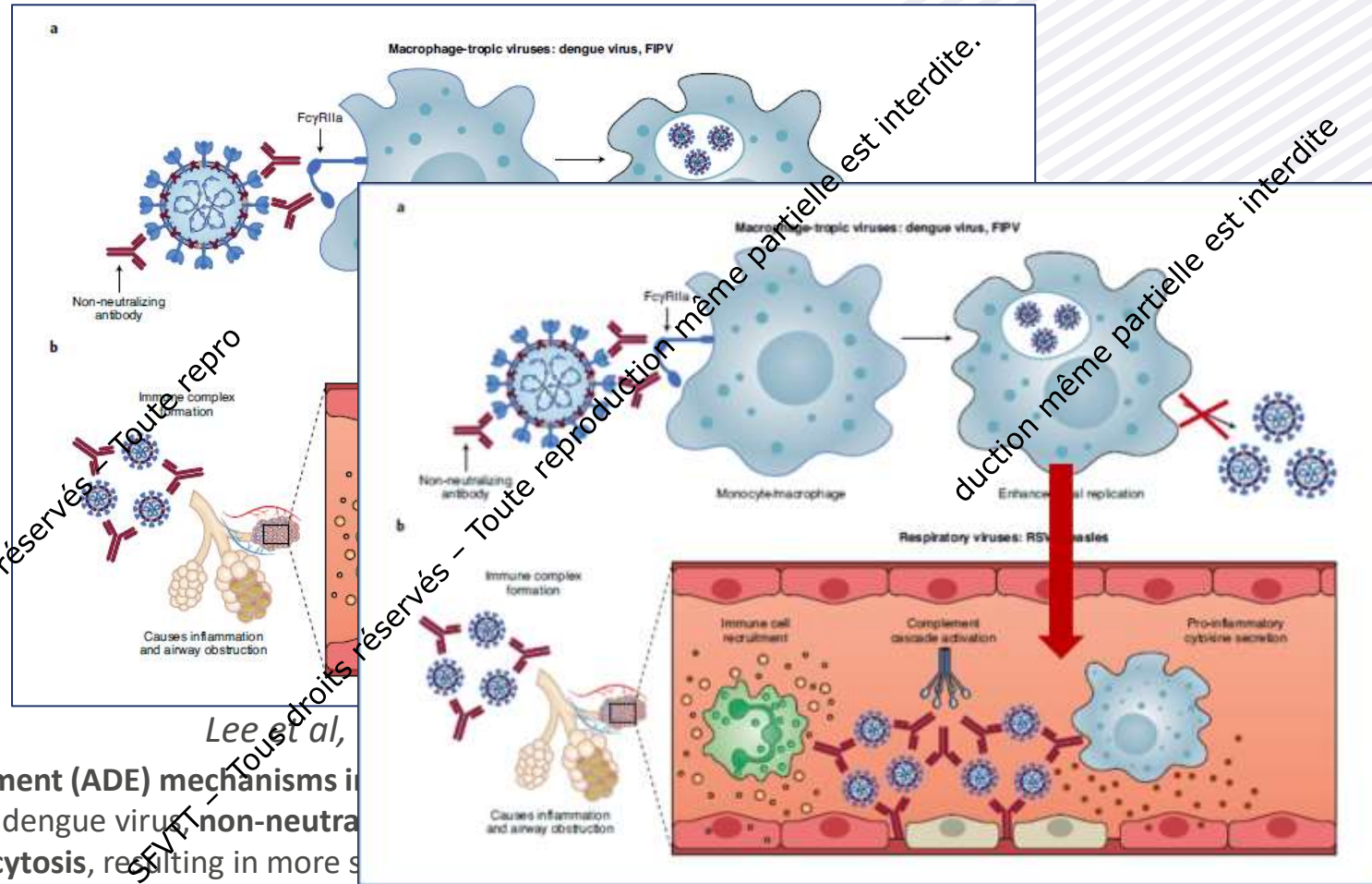
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« Antibody-dependant enhancement » : aggravation médiée par les anticorps ?

Une manifestation transitoire associée à un effet anti-viral?



Lee et al,

Two main antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE) mechanisms in COVID-19:
A: For **macrophage-tropic viruses** such as dengue virus and measles, non-neutralizing antibodies can bind to viral antigens on the surface of macrophages via **FcγRIIIa-mediated endocytosis**, resulting in more severe disease.

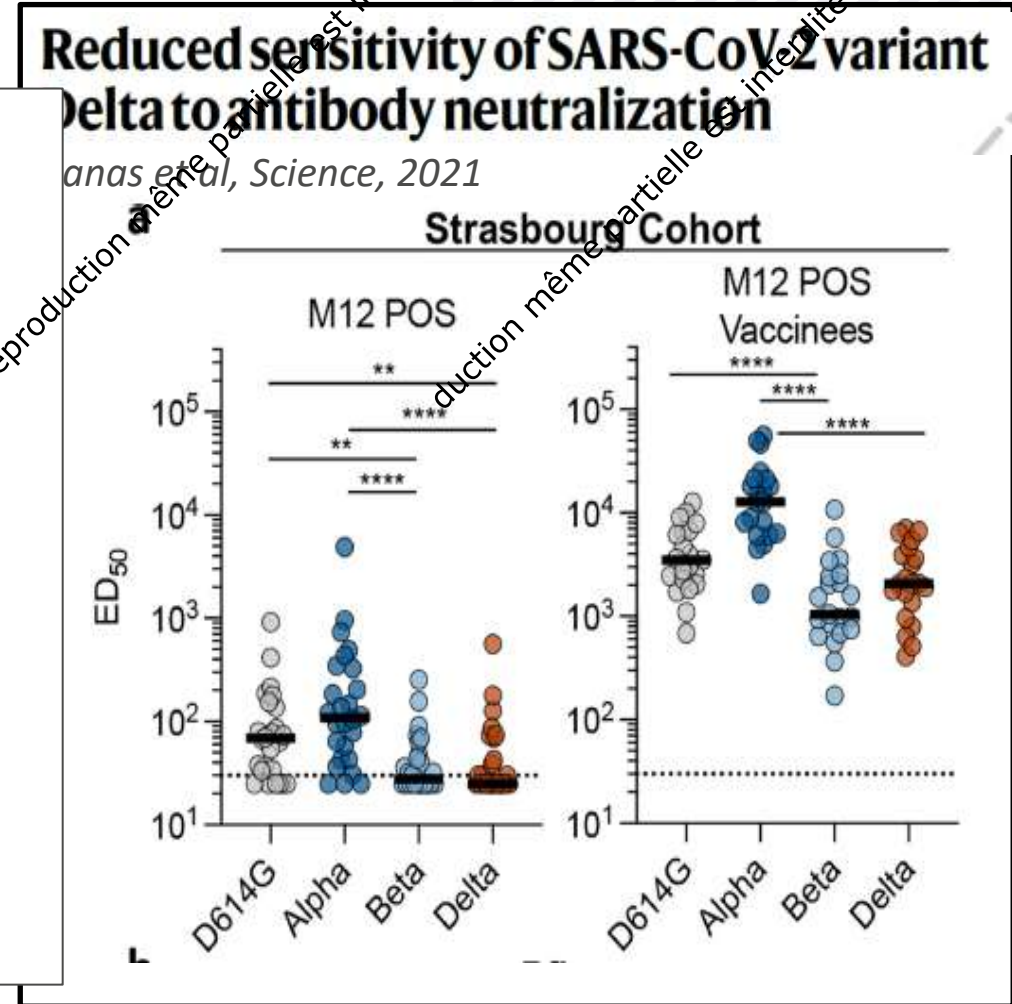
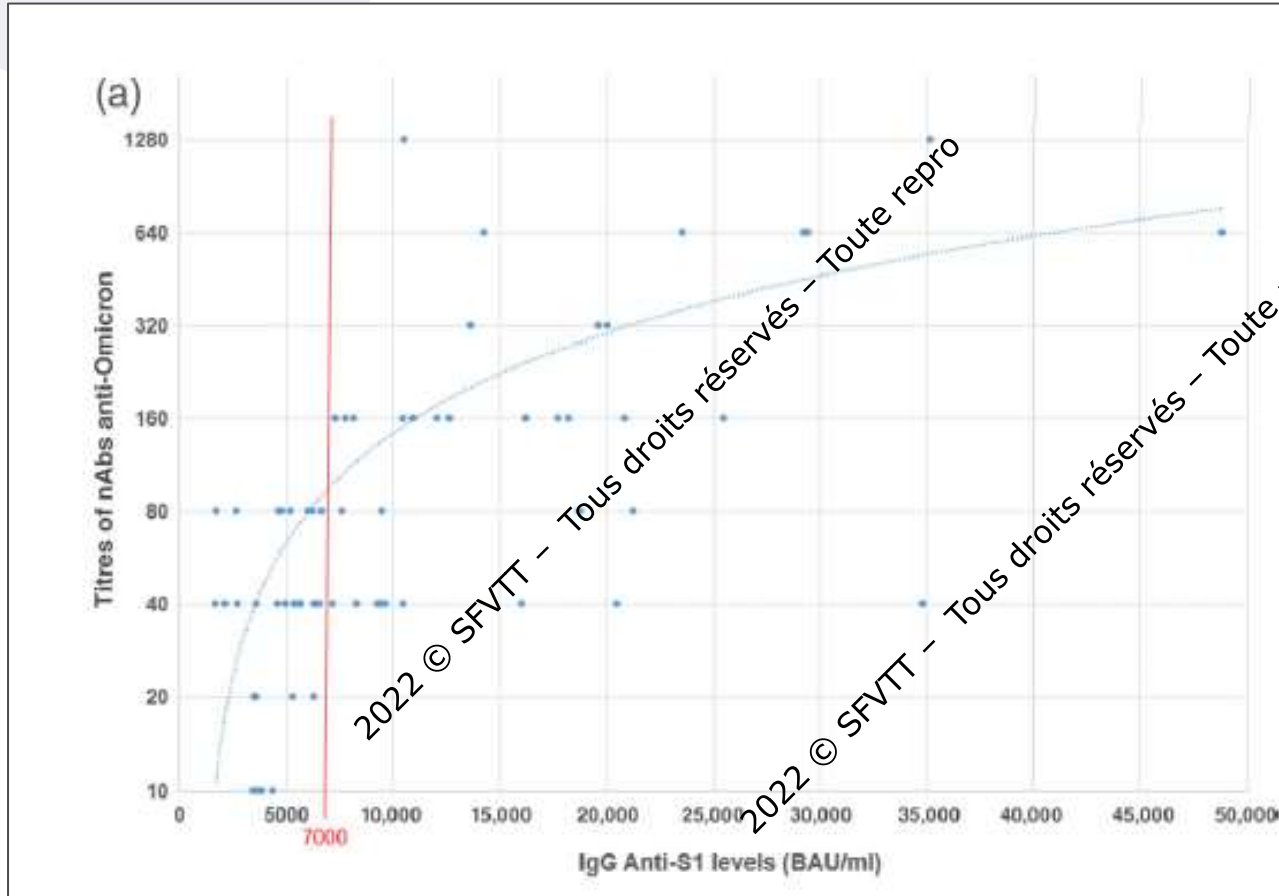
B: For **non-macrophage-tropic viruses** such as RSV and measles, non-neutralizing antibodies can **form immune complexes** with viral antigens inside airway tissues, resulting in the secretion of **pro-inflammatory cytokines**, immune cell recruitment and **activation of the complement** cascade within lung tissue. The **ensuing inflammation** can lead to airway obstruction and can cause **acute respiratory distress syndrome** in severe cases.

Early evidence suggested that immune complex formation, complement deposition and local immune activation present the most likely ADE in COVID-19.

Intérêt de la collecte de plasma chez les convalescents vaccinés

Plasma à très haut titre capable de neutraliser des variants auxquels le donneur n'a pas été exposé

PCC pre-omicron vis-à-vis d'omicron (BA.1)
Gallian et al, Vox Sanguinis, 2022



COVID-19 Efficacy of early transfusion of very high Ab titre convalescent plasma in vulnerable COVID-19 patients



- ### Features of this COVID-19 Trial
- Very **early treatment** with CCP, outpatient treatment
 - CCP with **very high amount of neutralizing antibodies**
 - **Vulnerable patient population at high risk of severe COVID-19**
 - Monitoring of **variants of concern**

COVID-19 (PCR confirmed) ≤ 7 days within start of symptoms in vulnerable patients

Cohort 1: COVID-age ≥ 70 years
(based on ALAMA Risk Calculator)
n = 339



Cohort 2: immunocompromised patients
(acquired or congenital immune deficiency)
n = 339

Control
Standard of Care

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High-Titre CCP +
Standard of Care

High-Titre CCP +
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Control
Standard of Care

Primary endpoint: Hospitalization due to progressive COVID-19, O₂ requirement, death within 28 days from random.



- ### Intervention
- **CCP (2 units, 200-350 ml)** (if possible on day 1).
 - **Very high titre neutralizing antibodies** (defined threshold)
 - $\geq 1:640$ PRNT against Delta, Omicron or any future variants
 - ≥ 20.000 U/ml Elecsys Assay (Roche)
 - ≥ 4.000 U/ml QuantiVac IgG ELISA (Euroimmun)
 - **CCP donors: history of SARS-CoV-2 + vaccination**



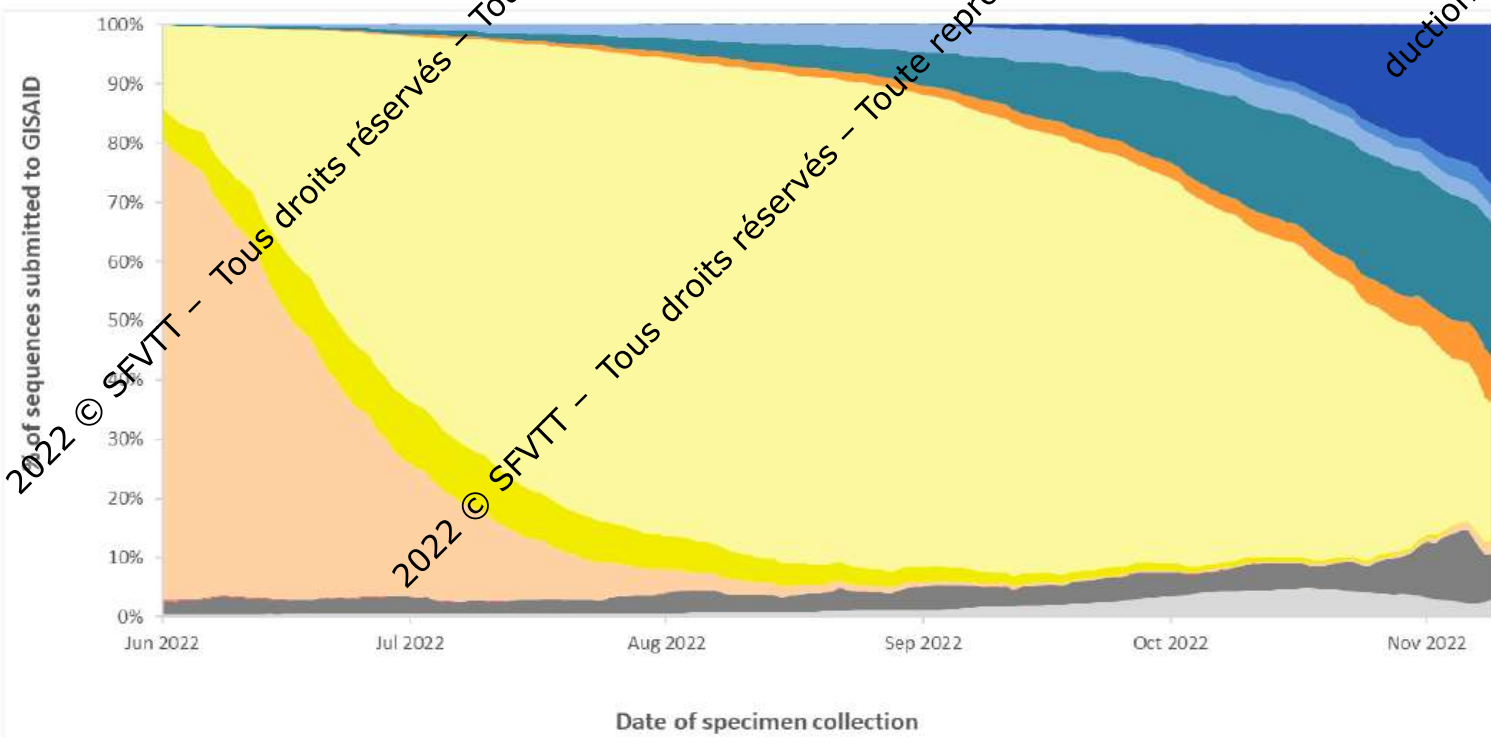
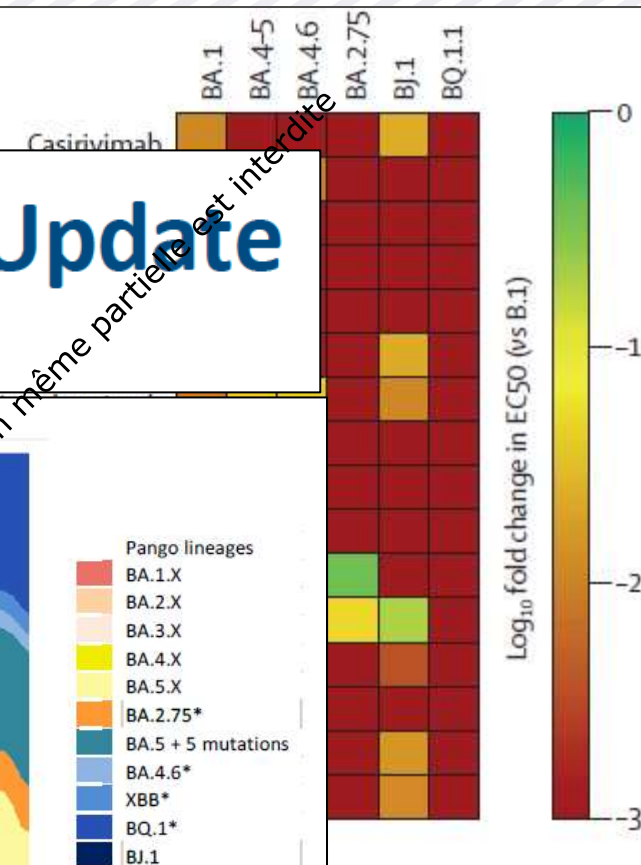
Les prochains variants: plus d'anticorps monoclonaux efficaces ?

Arora et al, Lancet, 18/11/2022

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Casirivimab	21	1890	>50000	>50000	>50000	880	>50000



A gauche: Pseudo-anticorps monoclonaux ou cocktails de mAbs avec des luciférase de la firefly pour mesurer l'efficacité.

À droite: Heatmap montrant le Log10 fold change in EC50 (vs B.1) pour différents mAbs ou cocktails de mAbs mesurés contre différents variants. Les valeurs négatives indiquent une efficacité réduite.

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Preuves croissantes de l'efficacité de PCC à haut titre pour le traitement de la COVID-19 chez:

- Les patients immunosupprimés
- Les patients vulnérables lorsque le PCC est administré précocement

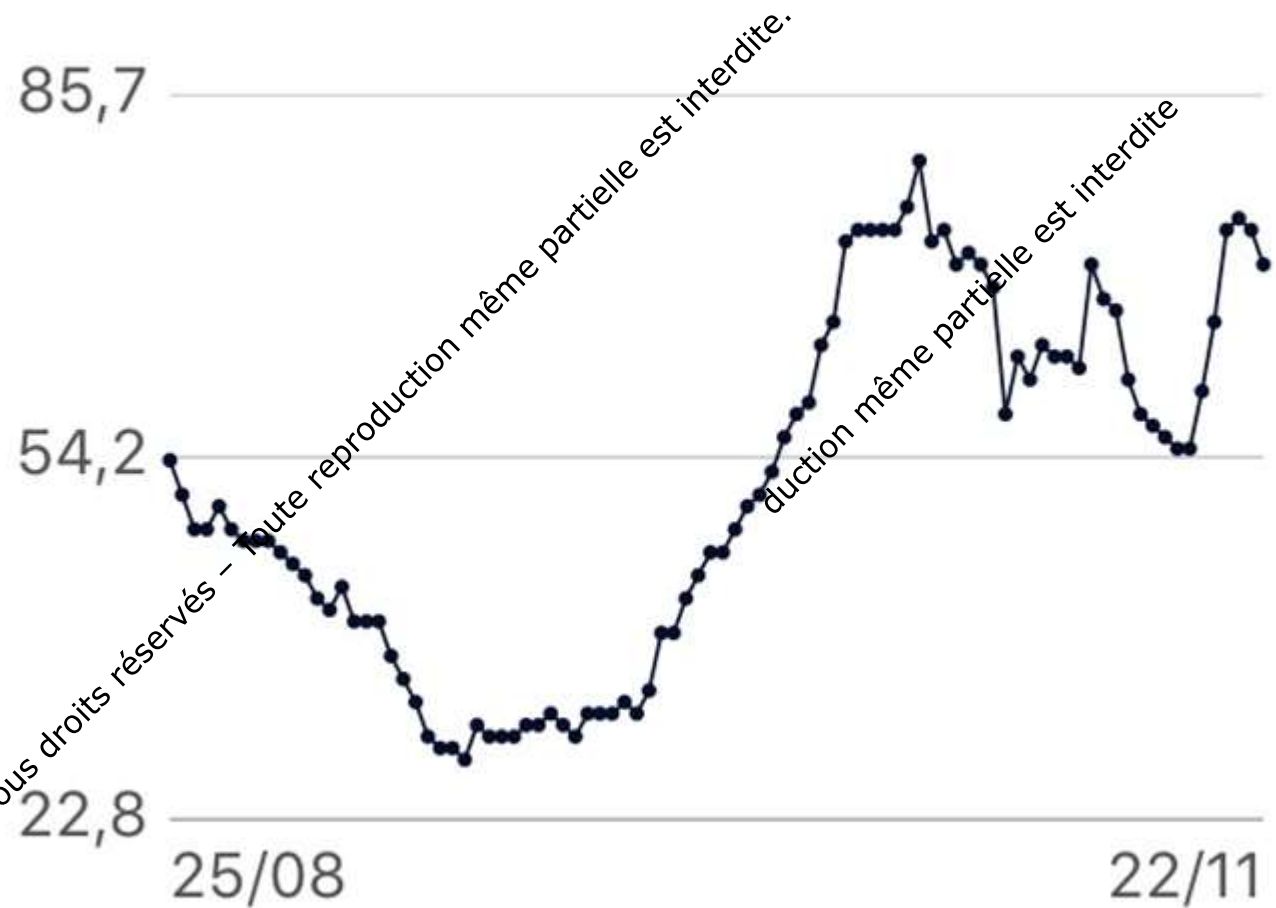
Un intérêt particulier:

- Début de pandémie: avant les vaccins, les anticorps monoclonaux,...
- Émergence de variants immuno-résistants

Une solution thérapeutique disponible rapidement, peu coûteuse et continuellement adaptable

TousAntiCovid / Santé
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● France (moyenne glissante)



Nouveaux décès.
Moyenne glissante sur 7 jours.

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