

## Global spotlight 11.1: Key additions for the first half of November 2021



There are five newly added syntheses and one update to a living evidence synthesis that is already included in the public-health measures parts of the COVID-END inventory of 'best' evidence syntheses\*, 17 newly added syntheses and 24 updates to living evidence syntheses that are already included in the clinical management parts of the inventory, five newly added syntheses in the health-system arrangement part of the inventory, and three newly added evidence syntheses in the economic and social responses part of the inventory.

*\*COVID-END assigns 'best' status to evidence syntheses based on an assessment of how up-to-date they are (i.e., the date of the last search, with priority given to living reviews), quality (using the AMSTAR tool), and whether there is an evidence profile available (e.g., GRADE).*

Taxonomy section	Title	Type of synthesis	Criteria for best evidence synthesis		
			Date of last search	Quality (AMSTAR) rating	Evidence profile (e.g., GRADE) available
Public-health measures	<a href="#">Public-health measures and non-pharmacological interventions (including compulsory mask wearing and community wide masking policies) were effective for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 [Review of studies of low to moderate quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-03-16	6/10	No
Public-health measures	<a href="#">Evidence shows that close contacts and family clusters are the main route of COVID-19 transmission, although children are less likely to be infected than adults within a family cluster [Review of studies of unknown quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-03-10	4/10	No
Public-health measures	<a href="#">Ecological studies showed an association between increasing temperature and humidity and reducing COVID-19 mortality, whereas the association with wind speed was ambiguous [Review of studies of mainly low quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-04	8/10	No
Public-health measures	<a href="#">Evidence shows that vaccination against COVID-19 appears to be safe in patients undergoing anti-CD20 therapy, but vaccine response may be lower than in the general population [Review of studies of variable quality, conducted before the COVID-19 pandemic]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-04	5/11	No
Public-health measures	<a href="#">Limited evidence is available on the measures to support people in isolation or quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic [Review of studies of low quality]</a>	Newly added rapid review	2021-01-26	5/9	No
Public-health measures	<a href="#">[CoronaVac/Sinovac vaccine against variants of concern] Coronavac/Sinovac vaccine may prevent infection from the Delta and Gamma variants of concern, it may prevent severe infection from the Delta variant of concern, and it may prevent death from the Gamma variant of concern</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-10-20	7/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Molnupiravir] No synthesis available because only one trial has been reported</a>	Newly added living review	2021-10-29	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Etesevimab] Compared to bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) alone, adding etesevimab (LY-CoV016) to bamlanivimab may have slight benefits for clinical improvement and may have less adverse</a>	Newly added full review	2021-11-05	10/11	Yes

	<a href="#">events; the effects on other outcomes are currently uncertain</a>				
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Losartan] Among hospitalized COVID-19 patients, losartan may not increase clinical improvement at 28 days; its effects on other outcomes are uncertain</a>	Newly added full review	2021-10-29	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Among children and youth admitted to hospital with COVID-19, teenagers, those with cardiac or neurological conditions, two or more comorbidities, and those who were significantly obese were more likely to develop severe disease or die, whereas no association was found with sex [Review of studies of variable quality with important heterogeneity among some of their findings]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-05-21	7/11	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Evidence shows that having pre-existing asthma does not increase the risk of COVID-19 mortality, hospitalization or ICU admission [Review of studies of mainly moderate quality with important heterogeneity among some of their findings]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-04-09	7/11	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Whereas the prevalence of COVID-19 among Parkinson's disease patients has been estimated to be 2%, vitamin D supplementation was associated with a lower COVID-19 incidence among these patients [Review of studies of mainly moderate quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-04-01	7/11	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Evidence shows that COVID-19 related viral sepsis can occur in a significant proportion of patients, and 77% of ICU-admitted patients have viral sepsis [Review of studies of low to moderate quality with important heterogeneity among their findings]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-03-29	7/11	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Digital psychological interventions may be effective in treating the mental-health conditions of healthcare providers and informal caregivers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic [Review of studies of variable quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-02-28	7/10	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Evidence conducted in the context of cancer and non-COVID viral infections showed that the use of intravenous vitamin C could potentially help with reducing fatigue syndrome, and its use on post-COVID-19 infection might be feasible [Review of studies of unknown quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-02-25	4/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Cardiac sequelae have been frequently reported after COVID-19 infections in adults, and are more frequently detected when using higher accuracy tests [Review of studies of mainly moderate quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-02-17	7/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Although there might be a potential absence of classic symptoms, there is evidence showing subacute thyroiditis as a potential complication resulting from COVID-19 infection [Review of studies on unknown quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-02-01	4/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Evidence has shown that the social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with HIV has mainly been reflected in difficulties with medication adherence and other disruptions to HIV care [Review of studies of unclear quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-31	5/9	No

Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Very scarce evidence shows that splanchnic vein thrombosis has been an uncommon manifestation of COVID-19 [Review of studies of unclear quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-30	4/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on obsessive-compulsive disorders in both adults and young people, mainly by exacerbating the symptoms of people with other pre-existing conditions [Review of studies of variable quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-08	5/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Young females, unemployed and having previous mental illnesses were found to be most vulnerable to suffer psychological effects of home confinement derived from COVID-19 [Review of studies of moderate to high quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-07	5/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Although limited evidence is available to connect myocarditis with COVID-19, reports suggest it is difficult to diagnose given symptoms are similar to other COVID-19 patients [Review of case reports and case series of unclear quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-05	4/9	No
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Psychological stress (including anxiety, irritability, insomnia, fear and anguish) among healthcare professionals working in the ICU has been frequently observed, and has been exacerbated by the scarcity of technological supplies [Review of studies of unclear quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-01	6/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Azithromycin] Azithromycin probably makes little or no difference on time to symptom resolution and time to viral clearance, while it may not reduce mortality or have an effect in other patient clinical outcomes</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Colchicine] Colchicine may not reduce mortality and mechanical ventilation, and it may not have an effect in other patient clinical outcomes</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Corticosteroids] Corticosteroids probably reduce mortality and it probably increase ventilator-free days in COVID-19 patients; it may also reduce mechanical ventilation and the duration of mechanical ventilation</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Hydroxychloroquine] Hydroxychloroquine probably makes does have an effect on mortality and mechanical ventilation, and it may not have an important effect in other patient clinical outcomes</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Interferon <math>\beta</math>-1b] Interferon <math>\beta</math>-1b may not reduce mortality and mechanical ventilation, and it may not have an effect in other patient clinical outcomes</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Ivermectin] Ivermectin probably makes little or no difference in time to viral clearance, and it may not have an effect on length of hospital stay and time to symptom resolution; its effects on other outcomes are uncertain</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Lopinavir + ritonavir] Lopinavir + ritonavir may not reduce mortality and mechanical ventilation, and it may not have an effect in other patient clinical outcomes</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Remdesivir] Remdesivir probably slightly reduces mortality and it probably does not have an effect on the duration of mechanical ventilation; it may</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes

pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">slightly reduce the risk of mechanical ventilation, while it may not increase adverse events</a>				
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Sarilumab] Interleukin-6 inhibitors probably makes little or no difference on mortality and ICU length of stay, while they probably reduce mechanical ventilation; they may not increase adverse events and may slightly reduce hospitalization length</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Siltuximab] Interleukin-6 inhibitors probably makes little or no difference on mortality and ICU length of stay, while they probably reduce mechanical ventilation; they may not increase adverse events and may slightly reduce hospitalization length</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Tocilizumab] Interleukin-6 inhibitors probably makes little or no difference on mortality and ICU length of stay, while they probably reduce mechanical ventilation; they may not increase adverse events and may slightly reduce hospitalization length</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Vitamin C] Vitamin C may make little or no difference on length of hospital stay, while its effects on other outcomes are uncertain</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Vitamin D] Vitamin D probably does not have an effect on duration of hospitalization while it may reduce mechanical ventilation; its effects on other outcomes are uncertain</a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">While the effectiveness of several drugs (including remdesivir and ivermectin) for COVID-19 remain uncertain due to important study limitations, the best-available evidence suggests that corticosteroids and interleukin-6 inhibitors probably confer important benefits in patients with severe COVID-19, while JAK inhibitors may have promising benefits; azithromycin, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir/ritonavir, and interferon-beta do not have important benefits</a>  <a href="#">See most updated version in this link <a href="https://www.covid19nma.com/">https://www.covid19nma.com/</a></a>	Update to living review	2021-09-03	10/11	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Among hospitalized COVID-19 patients, using convalescent plasma probably does not reduce mortality, the need for mechanical ventilation, or the time to symptom resolution, while it probably increases severe adverse events; among mild patients, it may not reduce hospitalizations</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">Among the 147 therapeutic options that have been studied in clinical trials, evidence shows that baricitinib, corticosteroids, REGEN-COV, sotrovimab and tocilizumab are the only alternatives that may have an effect on mortality and other clinical outcomes among COVID-19 patients</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Bamlanivimab] Using bamlanivimab probably decreases hospitalizations in patients with COVID-19, and its effects on other outcomes are uncertain</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes

Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Corticosteroids] Low- or moderate-dose treatment with corticosteroids probably reduces mortality in severe COVID-19 patients, while higher-doses are probably more effective</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Doxycycline] Doxycycline does not increase symptom resolution and clinical improvement, and it may not reduce hospitalizations</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Fluvoxamine] Among COVID-19 patients with mild disease, fluvoxamine probably reduces hospitalizations and it may not increase adverse events</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Hydroxychloroquine] Hydroxychloroquine may not reduce the risk of infection in individuals exposed to COVID-19 and it may slightly increase mortality and serious adverse events</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Ivermectin] Among hospitalized COVID-19 patients, ivermectin may not reduce mortality and mechanical ventilation, while it probably does not improve time to symptom resolution; among non-severe patients, it may reduce hospitalizations</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab)] Using REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab) in exposed asymptomatic individuals reduces symptomatic infections</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues	<a href="#">[Tocilizumab] Using tocilizumab in patients with severe COVID-19 disease reduces mortality and the need for mechanical ventilation, whereas it does not importantly increase severe adverse events</a>	Update to living rapid review	2021-09-30	7/10	Yes
Health-system arrangements	<a href="#">Safety, historical mistrust and accessibility may be important factors for seeking or not seeking vaccination, whereas collaboration with trusted leaders, effective risk-benefit communication from trusted sources and facilitating vaccine access probably encourage vaccine uptake among Indigenous communities, Black, African, Caribbean communities, and people experiencing homelessness [Review of studies conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic and before]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-04-14	6/9	No
Health-system arrangements	<a href="#">Although there is important variability among studies, evidence suggest that men show a higher intention to get the COVID-19 vaccine compared to women [Review of studies of variable quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-01-07	6/11	No
Health-system arrangements	<a href="#">Although limited evidence is available on the use of mass vaccination centres in COVID-19 times, the main organizational aspects to consider are the location, layout, staff members, and vaccine transportation and storage [Review of studies of unknown quality conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic and before]</a>	Newly added rapid review	2021-04-04	6/9	No
Health-system arrangements	<a href="#">Whereas COVID-19 vaccination has been required for patients undergoing an elective surgery, timing of surgery, vaccine prioritization and disease prevalence need to be considered when deciding to resume elective surgeries [Review of studies of unknown quality]</a>	Newly added rapid review	2021-03-30	4/9	No
Health-system arrangements	<a href="#">Inconclusive evidence was found on the use of home monitoring (virtual wards) for the treatment</a>	Newly added rapid review	2021-02-05	5/9	No

	<a href="#">of patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 [Review of studies of unknown quality]</a>				
Economic and social responses	<a href="#">Food security has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public-health measures (e.g., lockdowns), and this impact has been larger among low-income households [Review of studies of unknown quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-04-01	5/10	No
Economic and social responses	<a href="#">Public-health measures and non-pharmacological interventions (including travel and border restrictions, and quarantining travellers) were effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 [Review of studies of low to moderate quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-03-16	6/10	No
Economic and social responses	<a href="#">Evidence has reported that the mental-health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated infection prevention and control measures on people living in prisons has been overwhelmingly negative [Review of studies of unknown quality]</a>	Newly added full review	2021-03-05	7/9	No