**Procedure for randomisation in case of system failure**

Randomisation will be performed via phone call to +45 3545 7237 (COVID STEROID hotline). Please let it ring for a while if you call outside office hours.

You will be asked of the following during randomisation, please have the information ready before calling:

1. Your username in OpenClinica, i.e. your email address.
2. The name of the participant (if applicable to your site)
3. The Participant’s date of birth or year of birth (if applicable to your site)
4. The participant’s national identification number (if applicable to your site)
5. The name and ID of your site
6. Site, Age and invasive mechanical ventilation – YES or NO

Upon randomisation, the participant is allocated to either placebo or hydrocortisone. You will receive a receipt of the randomisation by mail, but not necessarily immediately after the randomisation, so keep a record of the allocation.

When system is up again, the trial participant record will be created by data management department.