



Screening formula for randomisation during system failure

The COVID STEROID 2 trial

National identification number (10 digits): _____

Name of patient: _____

Inclusion criteria

All the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- Aged 18 years or above **AND**
- Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) requiring hospitalisation **AND**
- Use of one of the following:
 - Invasive mechanical ventilation **OR**
 - Non-invasive ventilation or continuous use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) for hypoxia **OR**
 - Oxygen supplementation with an oxygen flow of at least 10 L/min independent of delivery system

Exclusion criteria

We will exclude patients who fulfil any of the following criteria:

- Use of systemic corticosteroids in doses higher than 6 mg dexamethasone equivalents for other indications than COVID-19
- Use of systemic corticosteroids for COVID-19 for 5 days or more
- Invasive fungal infection
- Active tuberculosis
- Fertile woman (< 60 years of age) with positive urine human gonadotropin (hCG) or plasma-hCG
- Known hypersensitivity to dexamethasone
- Previously randomised into the COVID STEROID 2 trial
- Informed consent not obtainable



Stratification variables

Site: _____

Is the patient ≥ 70 years old (y/n): _____

Invasive mechanical ventilation (y/n): _____

Randomisation performed by

Name: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____