



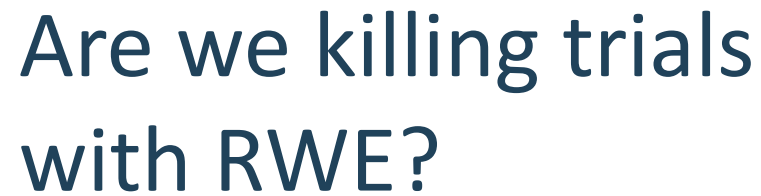
# SCYLLA: Large-scale characterization of COVID-19 treatment utilization

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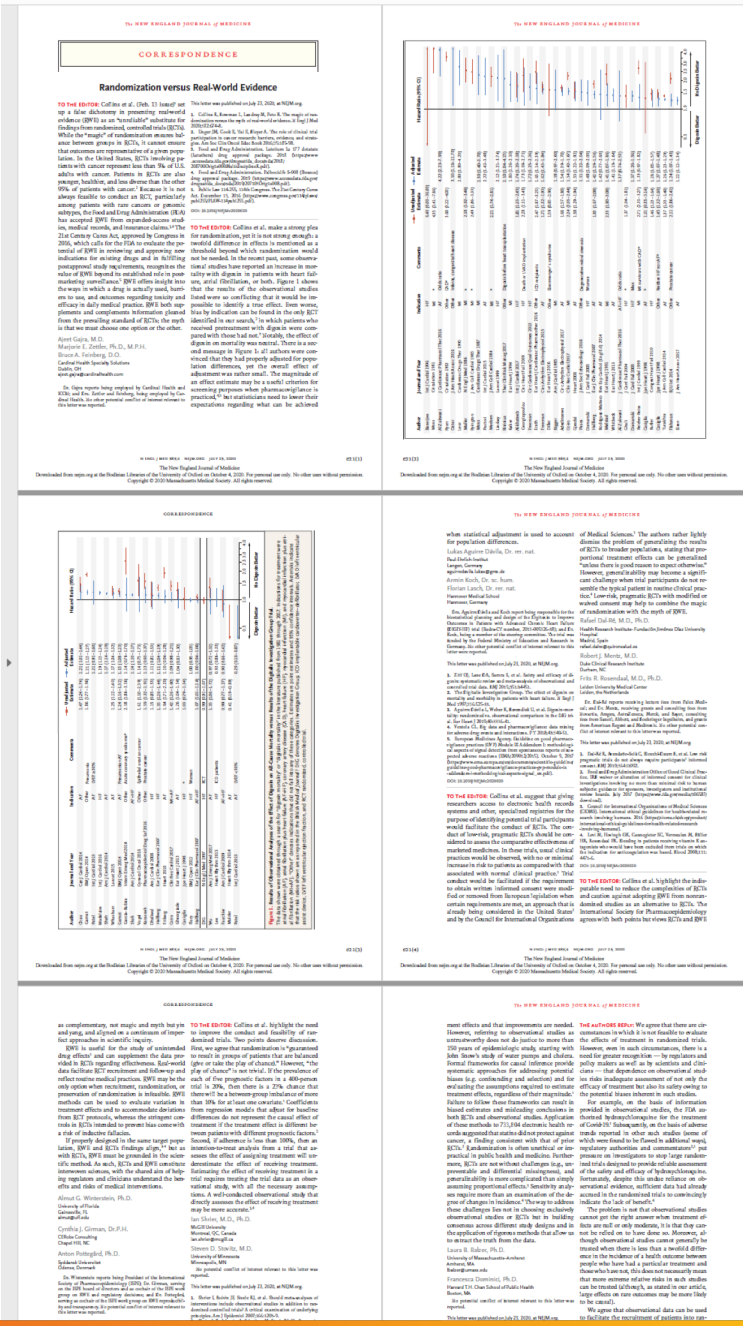
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## The Magic of Randomization versus the Myth of Real-World Evidence

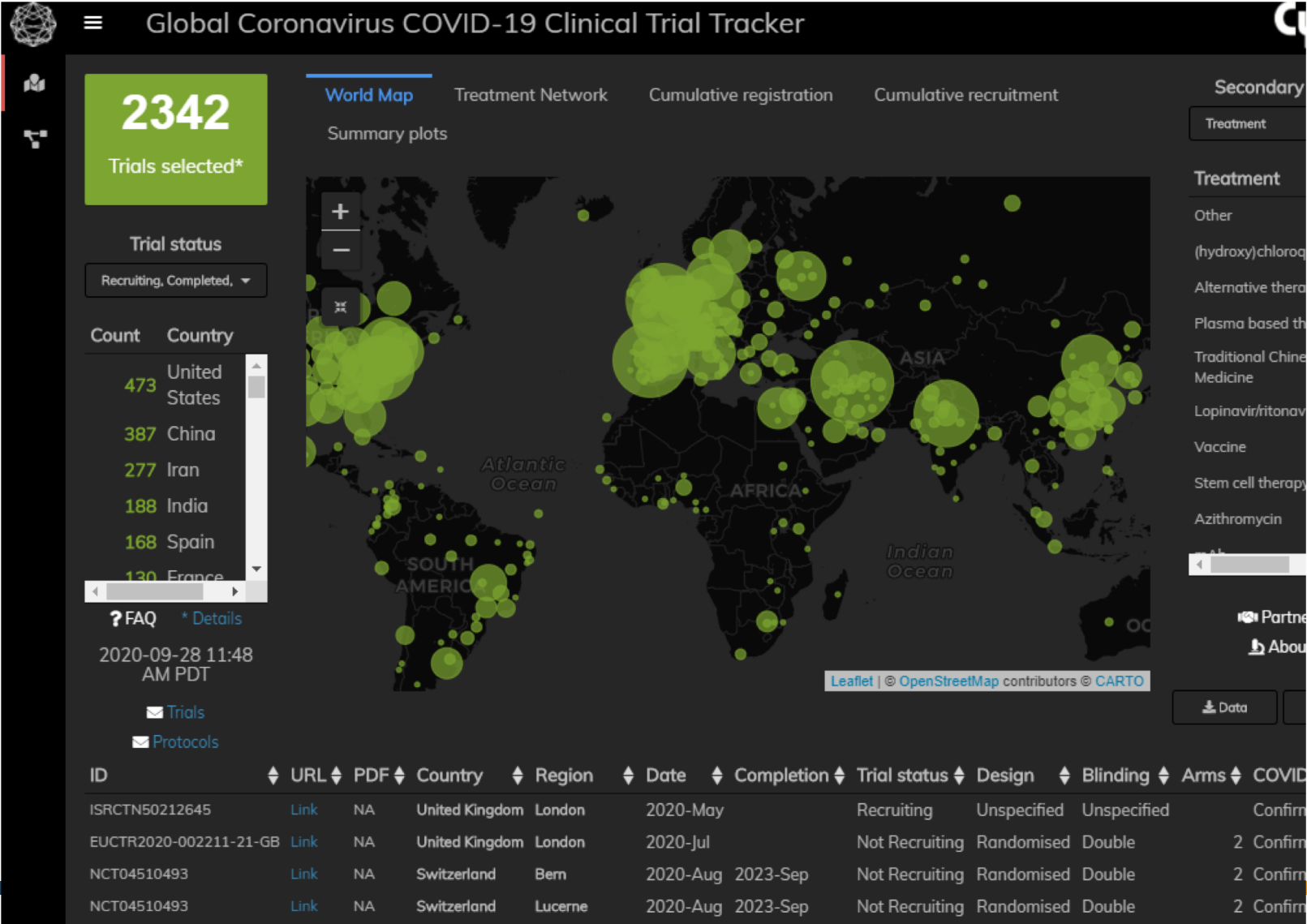
Nonrandomized observational analyses of large electronic patient databases are being promoted as an alternative to randomized clinical trials as a source of “real-world evidence” about the efficacy and safety of new and existing treatments.<sup>1-3</sup>

safety and efficacy because the potential biases with respect to both can be appreciable. For example, the treatment that is being assessed may well have been provided more or less often to patients who had an increased or decreased risk





I'm afraid we are... there's only 2,342 covid-19 trials ongoing ...





# So, why do we need Scylla?

## 2. We have tones of data available, without incurring additional risks



USA (8)	EUROPE (7)	ASIA-PACIFIC (3)
Premier (National – Hospital Billing)	CPRD (UK – Electronic Health Records)	HIRA (South Korea – Administrative Claims)
HealthVerity (Claims linked to diagnostic testing)	SIDIAP (Spain – Electronic Health Records)	DCMC (South Korea – Electronic Health Records)
Optum EHR (National – Electronic Health Records)	SIDIAP-H (Spain – EHR hospital linkage)	Nanfang Hospital (China – Electronic Medical Records)
IQVIA Open Claims (National – Administrative Claims)	HM Hospitales (Spain – Hospital Billing)	Together, OHDSI has studied (to date): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>&gt;7m patients tested for SAR-COV-2</b></li> <li>• <b>&gt;1.6m patients diagnosed or tested positive for COVID-19</b></li> <li>• <b>&gt;300k hospitalized for COVID-19</b></li> </ul>
Department of Veterans Affairs (National – Electronic Health Records)	ICPI (Netherlands – Electronic Health Records)	
Stanford University (CA – Electronic Health Records)	LPD France (France – Electronic Health Records)	
Tufts University (MA – Electronic Health Records)	Germany DA (Germany – Electronic Health Records)	
Columbia University (NY – Electronic Health Records)		



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## 3. Comparative effects (risks and benefits) DO matter

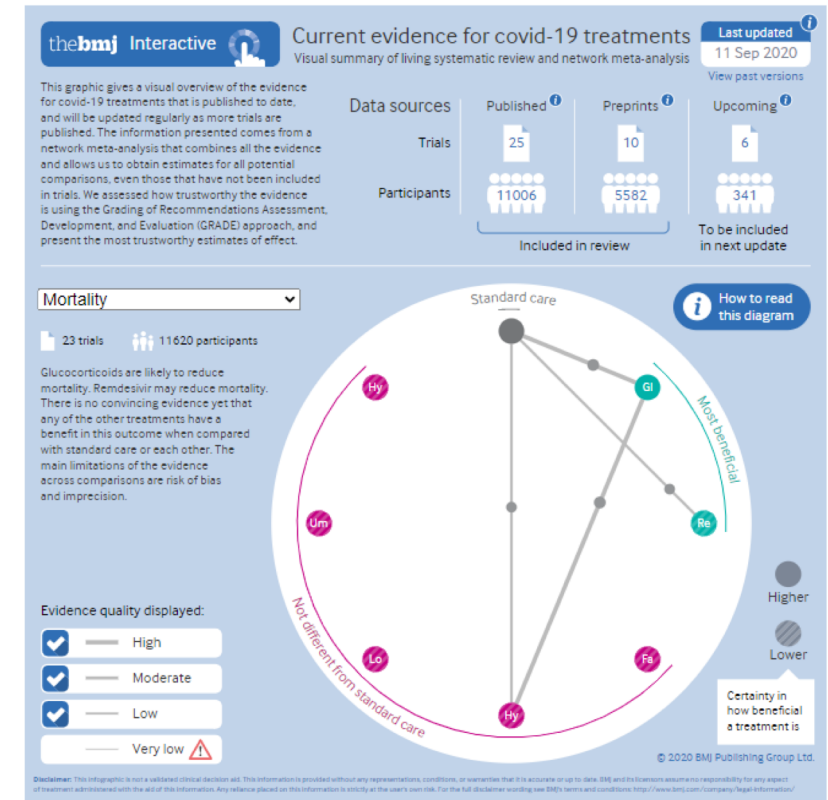
- Many trials ongoing
- 25 published, 10 preprints
- All study treatment/s vs placebo or 'standard care'
- But ...
  - Are all corticosteroids equally safe?
  - Are all IL-inhibitors equally effective?
  - Are IL-inh safer than corticosteroids?
  - ...

### Research

#### Drug treatments for covid-19: living systematic review and network meta-analysis

BMJ 2020 ; 370 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.m2980> (Published 30 July 2020)

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# Study Aims

- To assess the comparative effectiveness and safety among treatments administered **during hospitalization** and *prior to intensive services*
- To assess comparative effectiveness and safety among treatments administered after COVID-19 positive testing or diagnosis in **outpatient setting** *without prior hospitalization*

FULL STUDY PROTOCOL REGISTERED AT

<http://www.encepp.eu/encepp/viewResource.htm?id=37226>



# METHODS

- New user, active comparator, cohort designs
- Large-scale propensity scores - observed confounding
- Negative control outcomes and empirical calibration – unobserved confounding



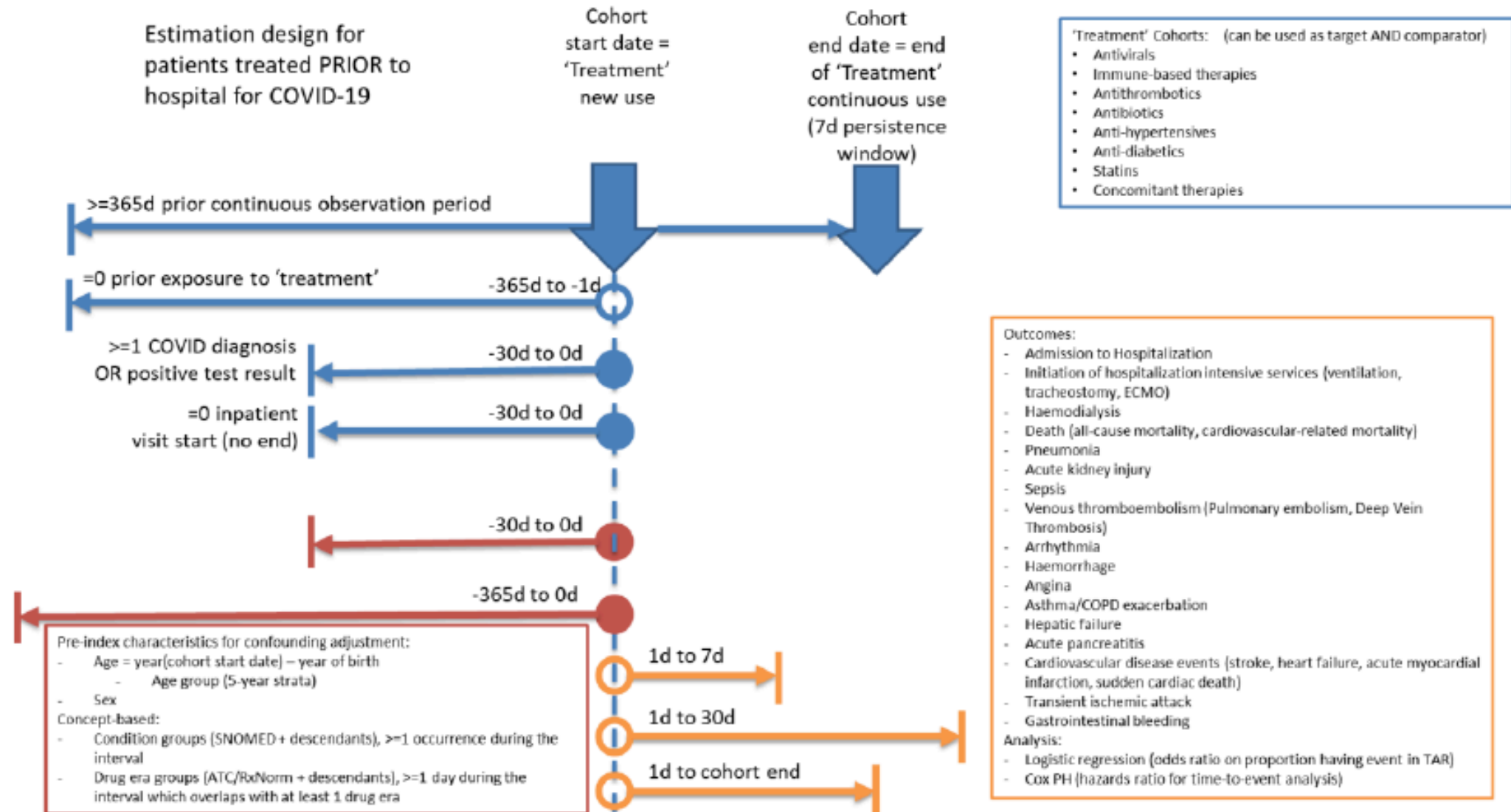


# Study drugs/exposures

- Antivirals/repurposed therapies
- Immune-based therapies (GCs, biologic rx, etc)
- Antithrombotic therapies (heparin, oral anticoagulants, etc)
- Concomitant
  - Antibiotic therapy
  - CV prevention therapy (statins, ACEi, etc)
  - Other concomitant therapies



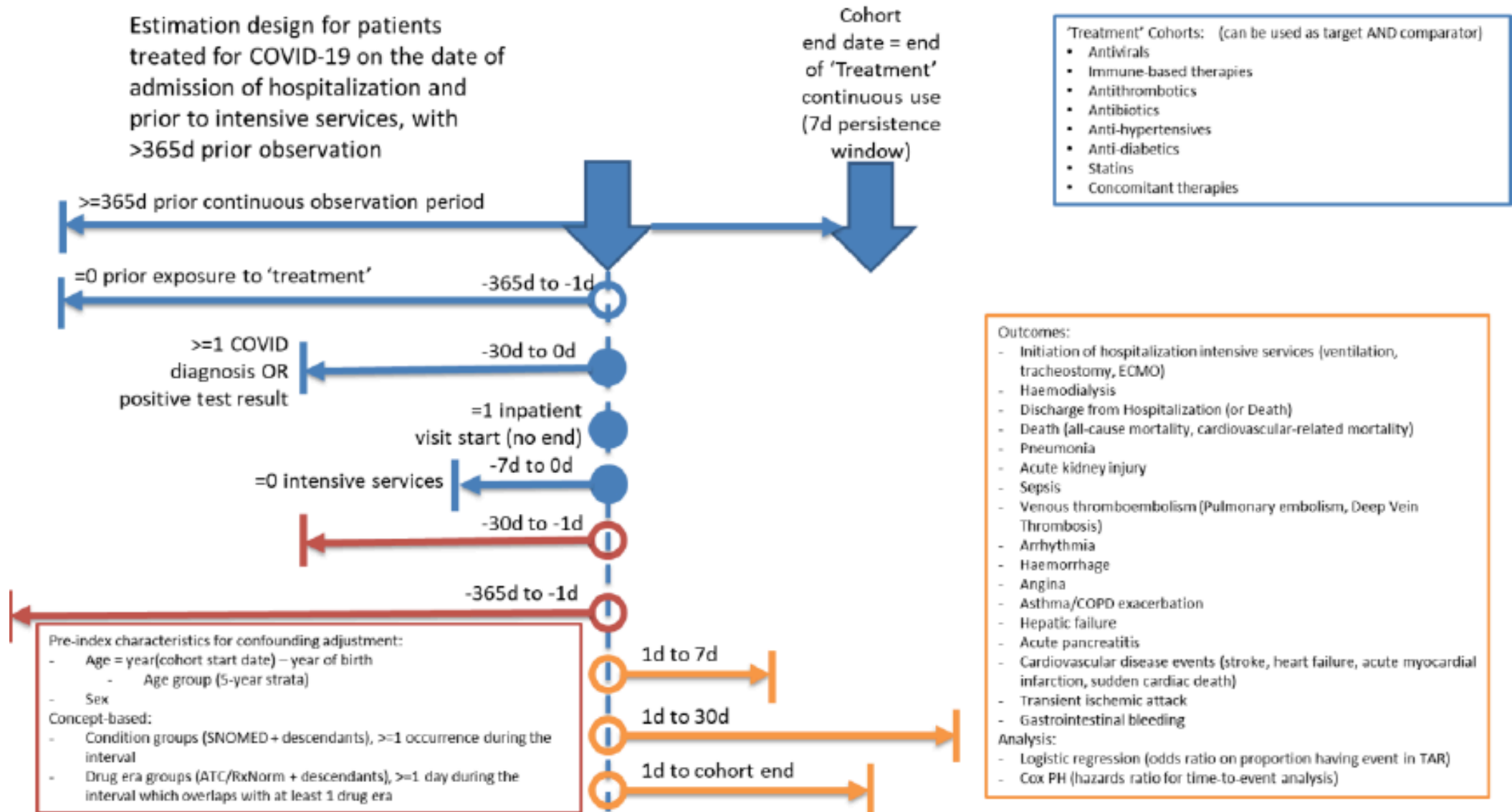
# New user cohorts in Scylla - OUTPATIENT







# New user cohorts in Scylla – INPATIENT (pre-ICU)



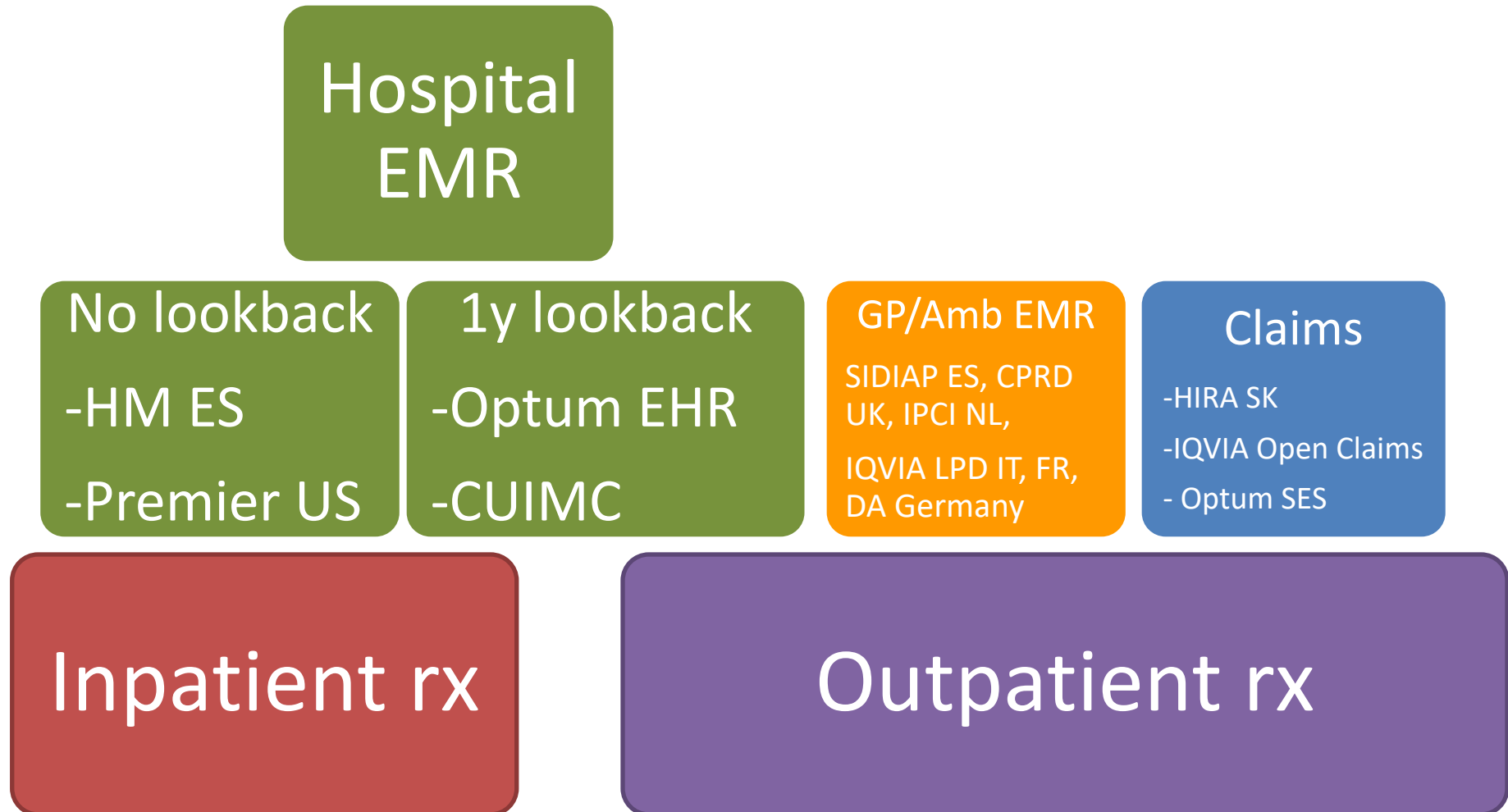


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# DATA SOURCES to date





# N to date – Outpatient new user cohorts

DRUG	OPTU M SES	OPTUM -EHR	SIDIAP	LPD-IT	CPRD	Health Verity	LPD Fr	TOTAL
antivirals	272	5872	8208	754	5	2247	1326	18,692
immune-based therapies	60	5403	1797	135	48	744	435	8,627
antithrombotics	37	3878	1341	209	37	242	125	5,864
antibiotics	221	6486	8784	682	127	1906	1567	19,778
concomitant cv prevention	6	2231	952	16	11	222	115	3,558
Antidiabetics	<5	809	215	14	6	97	28	1,164
Other concomitants	<5	657	197	12	11	68	46	986



# N to date ...

DRUG	SETTING	OPTUM SES	OPTUM- EHR	SIDIAP	HVERIT Y	PREMIE R	HM-ES	TOTAL
antivirals	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	204	7778	398	187	29289	1759	39,615
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immune-based therapies	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	56	6323	282	126	10808	831	18,426
immune-based therapies	INPATIENT	36	4650	276	31	26		5,019
antithrombotics	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	88	10531	1665	146	31194	1628	45,252
antithrombotics	INPATIENT	69	7492	1643	46	48		9,298
antibiotics	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	186	7963	425	186	23956	1706	34,422
antibiotics	INPATIENT	122	5729	419	70	52		6,392
concomitant cv	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	20	4127	208	64	16613	558	21,590
concomitant cv	INPATIENT	13	2829	207	11	31		3,091
antidiabetics	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	11	1574	85	19	1280	61	3,030
antidiabetics	INPATIENT	6	1051	84	6	<5		1,142
Other	INPATIENT - SAME DAY	5	1039	76	19	3491	175	4,805
Other	INPATIENT	<5	784	76	<5	10		860



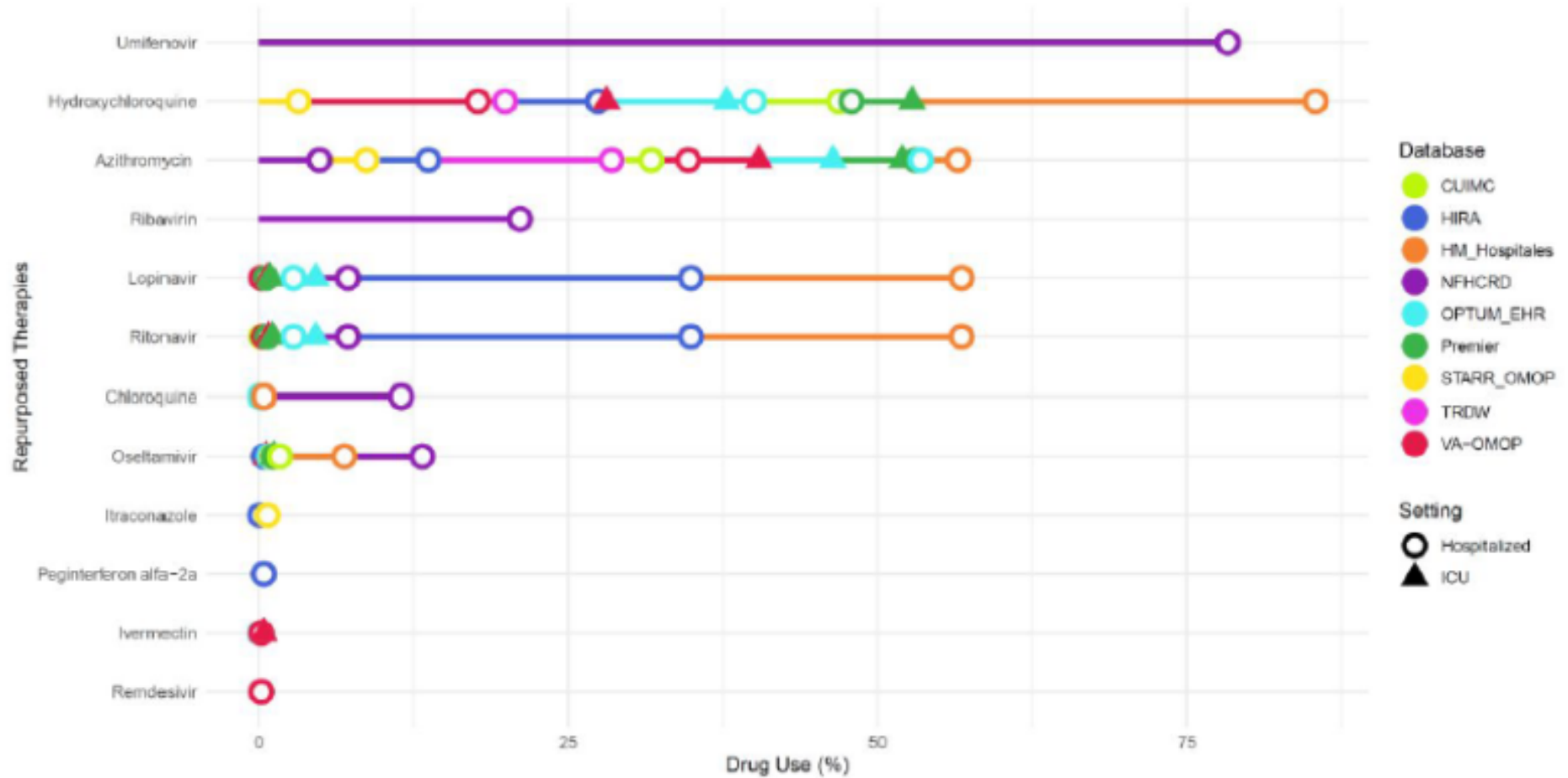
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# Pop-level Drug Utilisation – inpatient data

## Antivirals/repurposed therapies

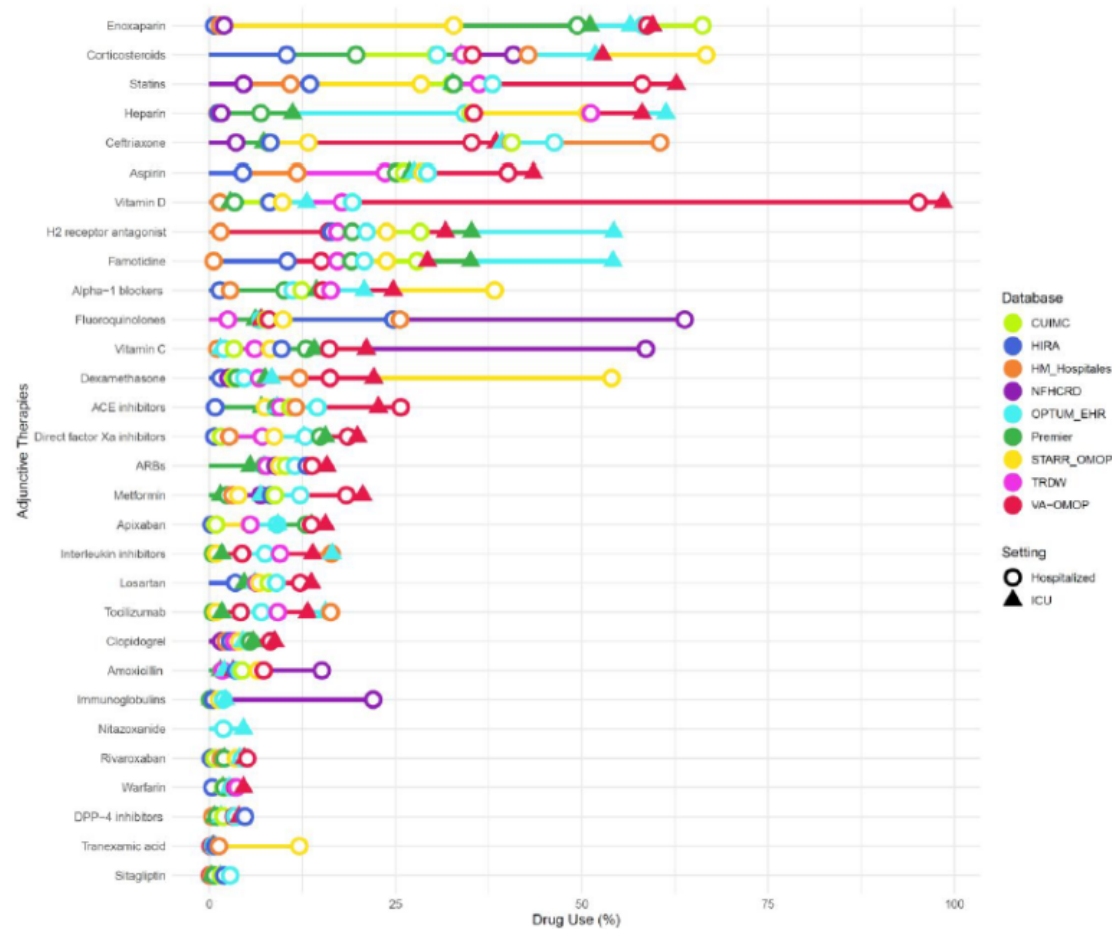






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## Adjunctive/concomitant therapies

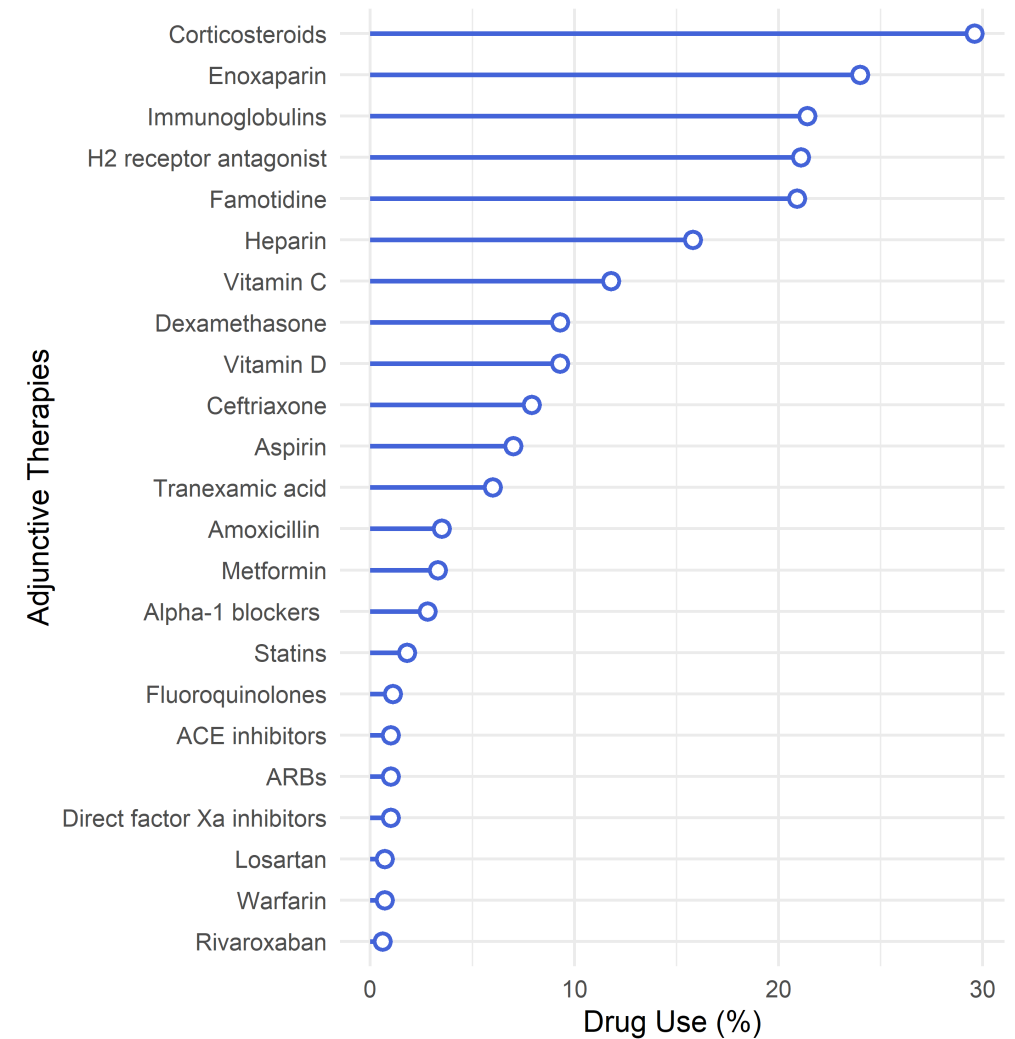


- Great heterogeneity in the use of concomitant therapies
- Very common:
  - Antithrombotics/anticoagulants
  - Antibiotics
  - Immune-based rx (mostly corticosteroids)



# DUS in Pregnant women hospitalized with COVID19

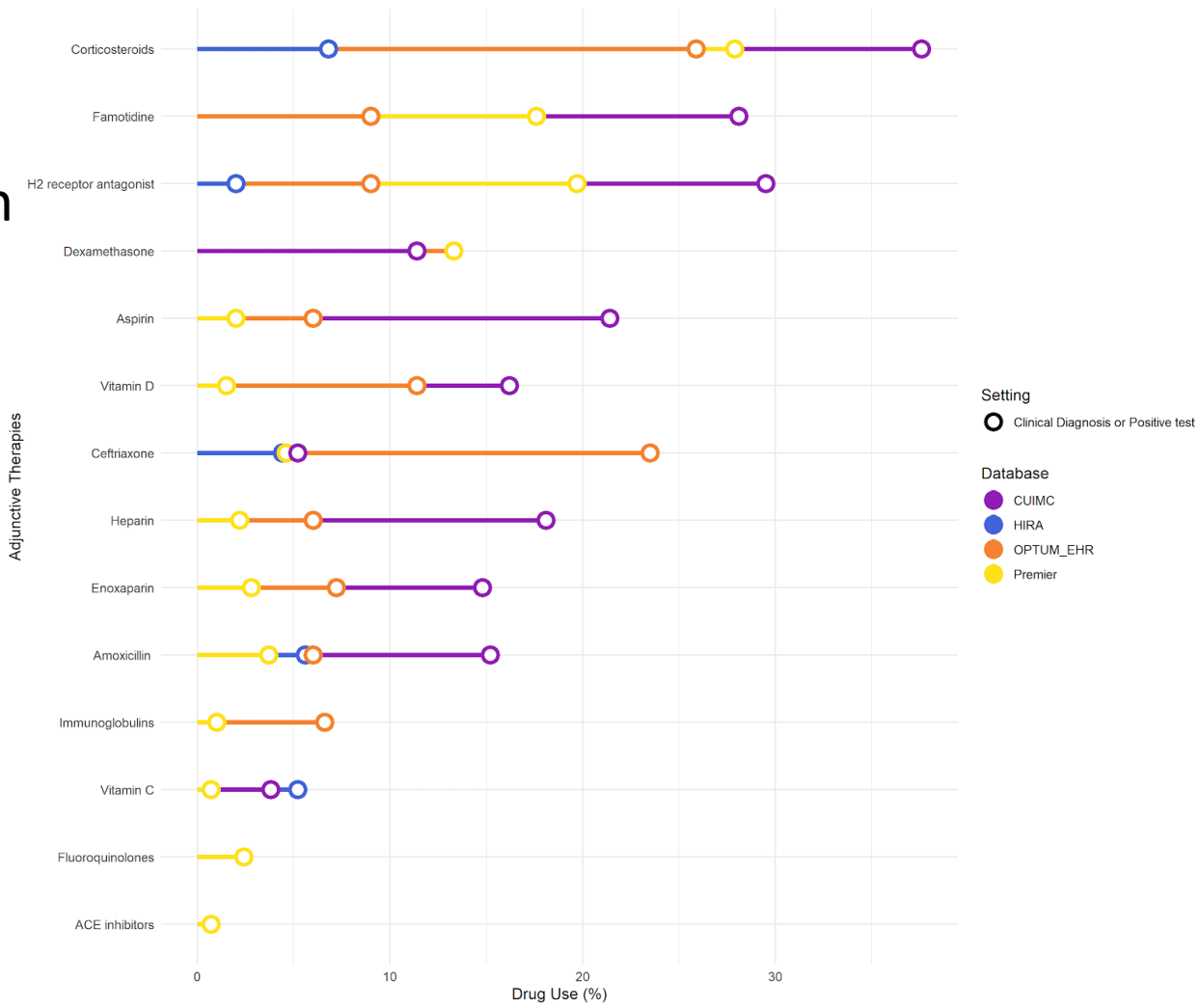
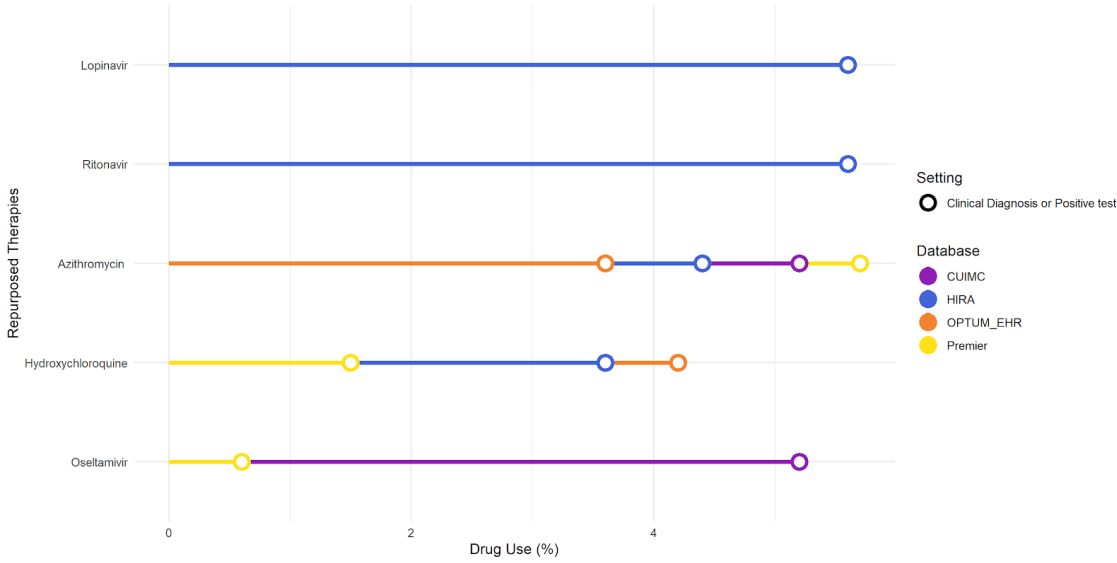
- Charybdis - drug utilization in 2,031 pregnant women hospitalized with COVID19
- Substantial use of corticosteroids, antithrombotics, antibiotics, vitamins ...





# DUS in children/adolescents hospitalized with COVID19

- Antivirals (<10%), systemic steroids (6.8% to 37.6%), famotidine (9.0% to 28.1%), and antithrombotics eg heparin (2.2% to 18.1%)
- Antibiotics, vitamin supplements and immunoglobulins were also used.





# Patient-level DUS – web app

## [data.ohdsi.org/ScyllaCharacterization/](https://data.ohdsi.org/ScyllaCharacterization/)

The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL [data.ohdsi.org/ScyllaCharacterization/](https://data.ohdsi.org/ScyllaCharacterization/). The browser's address bar and a top navigation bar with various links (Apps, EUADRS SharePoint, EU-ADR Home, EMIF, EMIF Catalogue, AppsSIDIAP, Revalidation, AEMPS-CIMA, NHS\_e\_Learning, Variables SIDIAP, Sampsize) are visible. The application itself has a dark blue header with the 'SCYLLA' logo and a hamburger menu icon. A left sidebar contains a navigation menu with items: 'About', 'Cohorts', 'Cohort Counts', 'Cohort Characterization', 'Compare Cohort Char.', and 'Database information'. The main content area has a light blue background and displays the title 'Project Sc(y)lla Characterization: SARS-Cov-2 Large-scale Longitudinal Analyses on the comparative safety and effectiveness of treatments under evaluation for COVID-19 across an international observational data network'. Below the title is a 'PLEASE NOTE: All results are preliminary and subject to change' warning. The 'Terms of Use' section explains that the results are part of OHDSI's open science efforts and are preliminary. The 'Objectives' section states the aim is to characterize emerging drug therapies used in COVID-19 treatment, with a list of three specific treatment scenarios. The 'Resources' section provides links to the study protocol and analytic code. The 'Cohort Diagnostics' section lists 'TBD'.

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Database information

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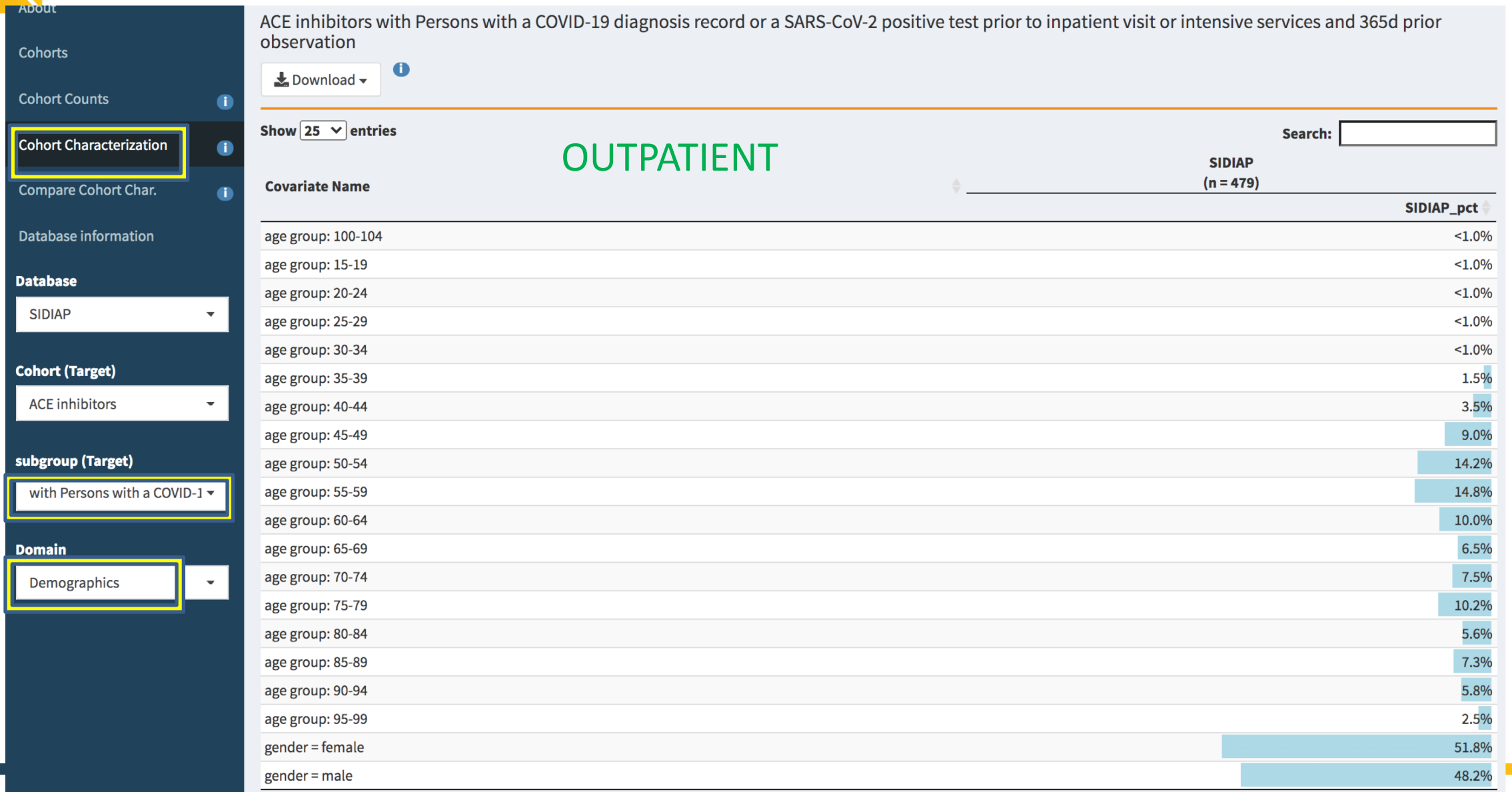
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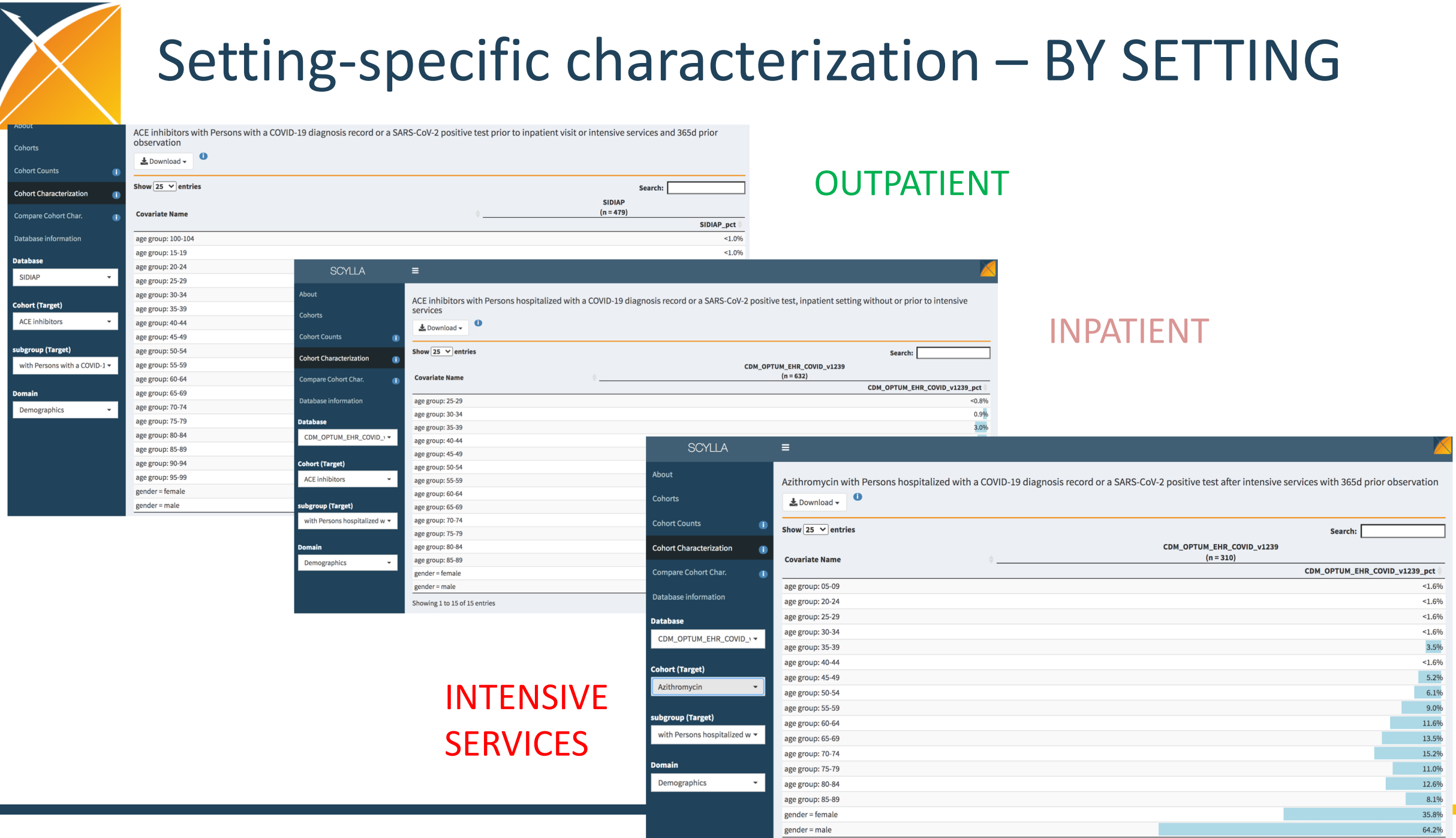
**Cohort Diagnostics:**

- TBD

# Setting-specific characterization -demographics



# Setting-specific characterization – BY SETTING





# Drug and setting-specific, across data source characterisation

Cohort Characterization

Compare Cohort Char.

Database information

Database

HM, IPCI, cdm\_health\_verity

Cohort (Target)

dexamethasone

Subgroup (Target)

with Persons hospitalized w

Domain

Demographics

INPATIENT,  
DEXAMTH

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age group: 45-49	5.4%	6.9%	5.6%
age group: 50-54	6.8%	7.2%	5.1%
age group: 55-59	12.2%	9.4%	9.7%
age group: 60-64	9.0%	9.7%	8.8%
age group: 65-69	9.0%	9.9%	14.8%
age group: 70-74	12.2%	8.1%	13.9%
age group: 75-79	8.1%	8.0%	13.4%
age group: 80-84	4.5%	7.4%	9.7%
age group: 85-89	7.7%	6.6%	6.5%
age group: 90-94		2.3%	9.7%
age group: 95-99			<2.3%
gender = female	59.5%	49.5%	31.0%
gender = male	40.5%	50.5%	69.0%





# DB and drug-specific, across setting ...

## Premier, DEXA, **inpatient pre vs post-ICU** initiators

**Compare Cohort Char.** ⓘ

Database information

**Database**

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**Cohort (Target)**

dexamethasone

**subgroup (Target)**

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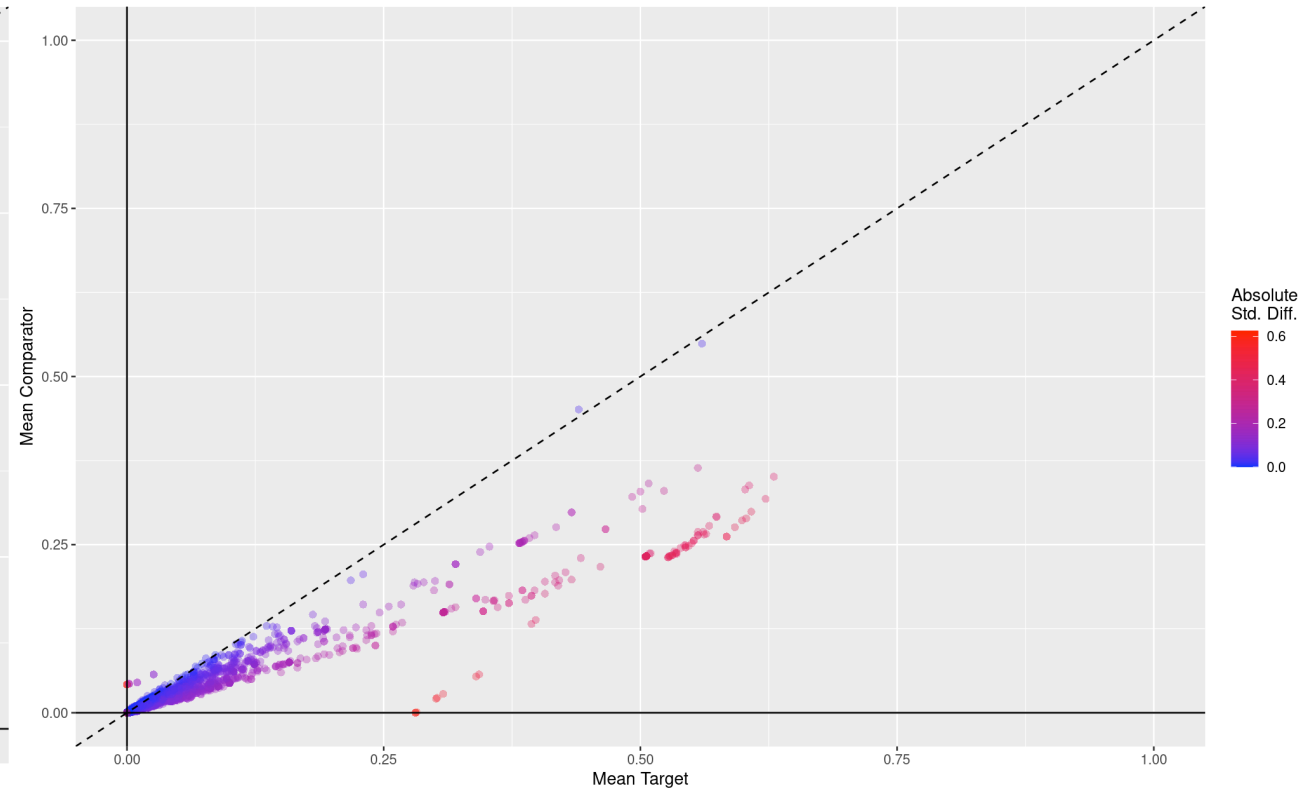
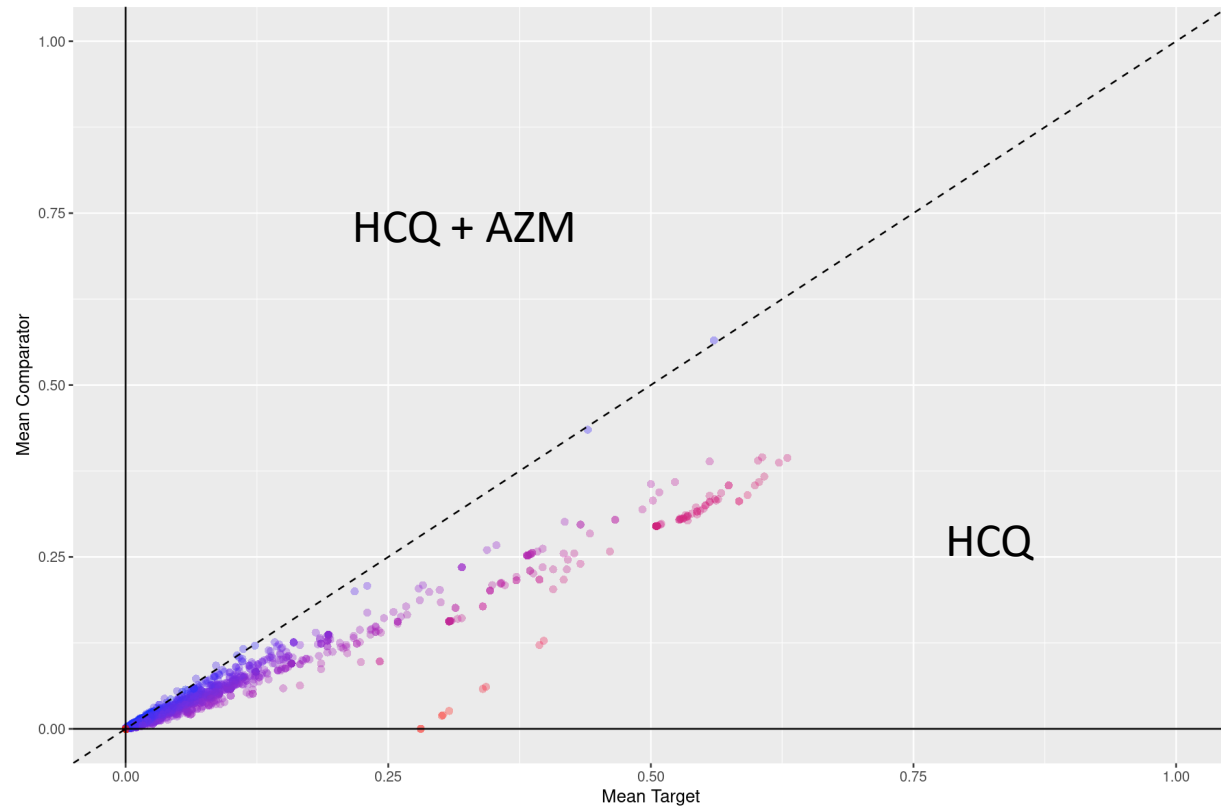
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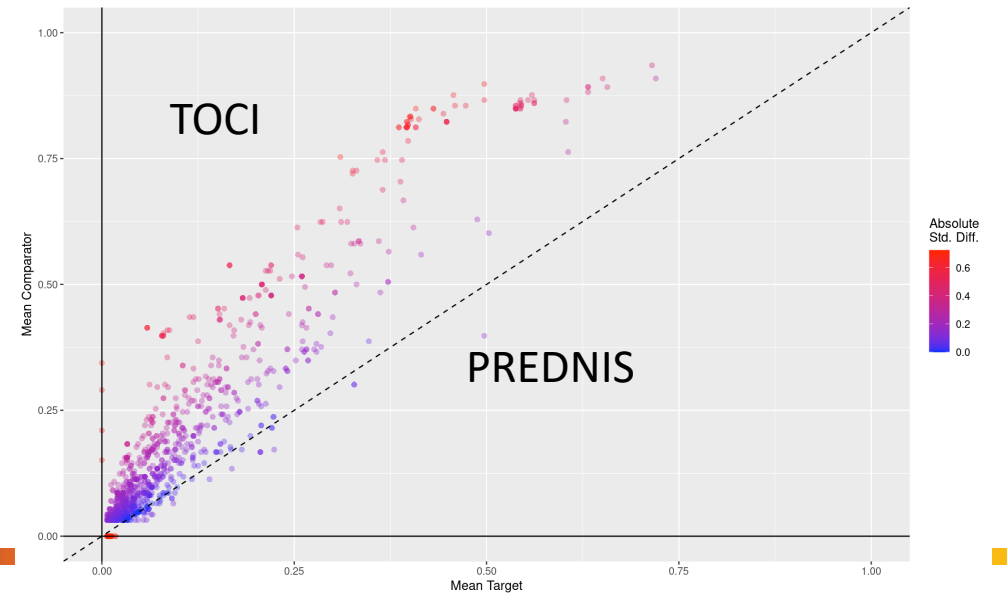
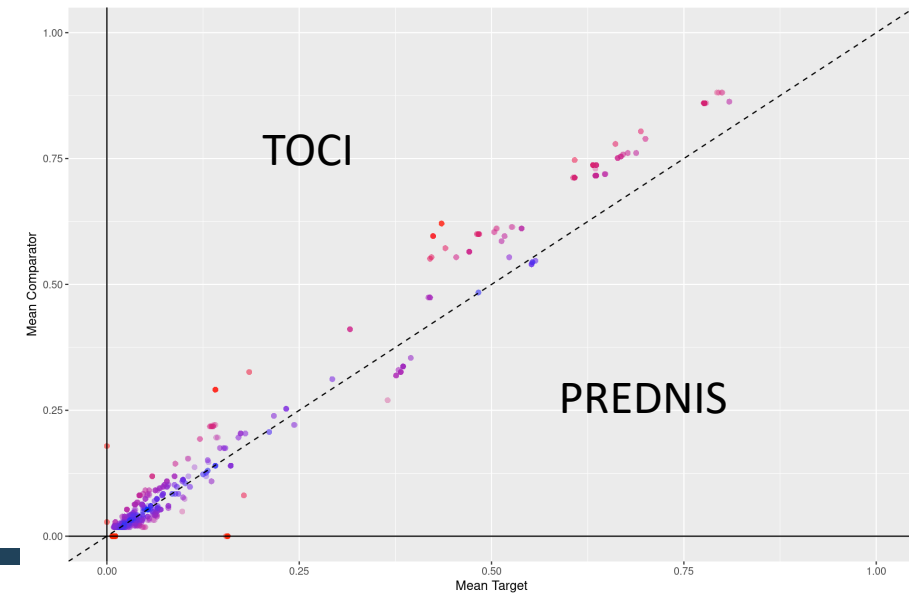
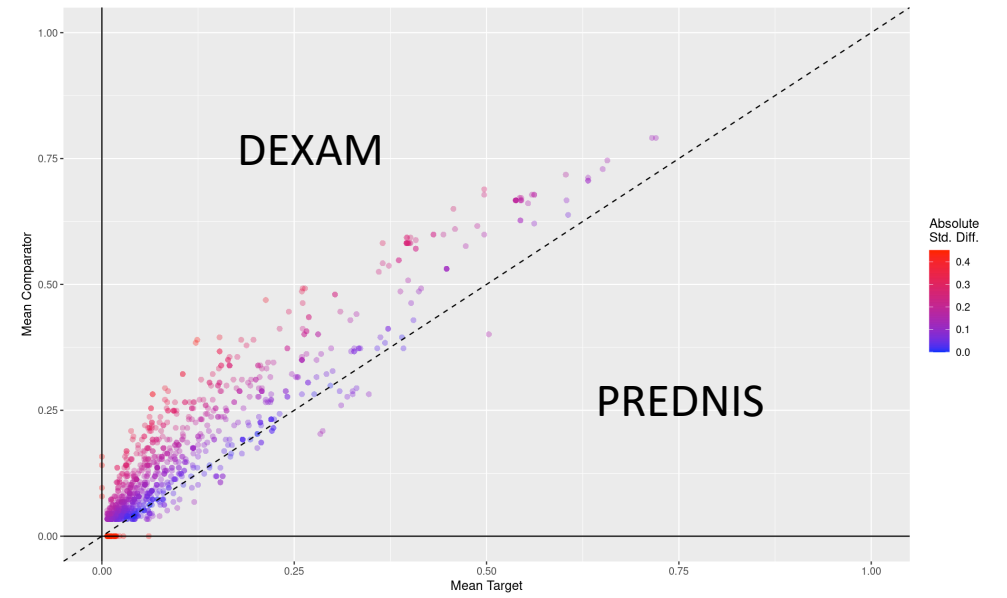
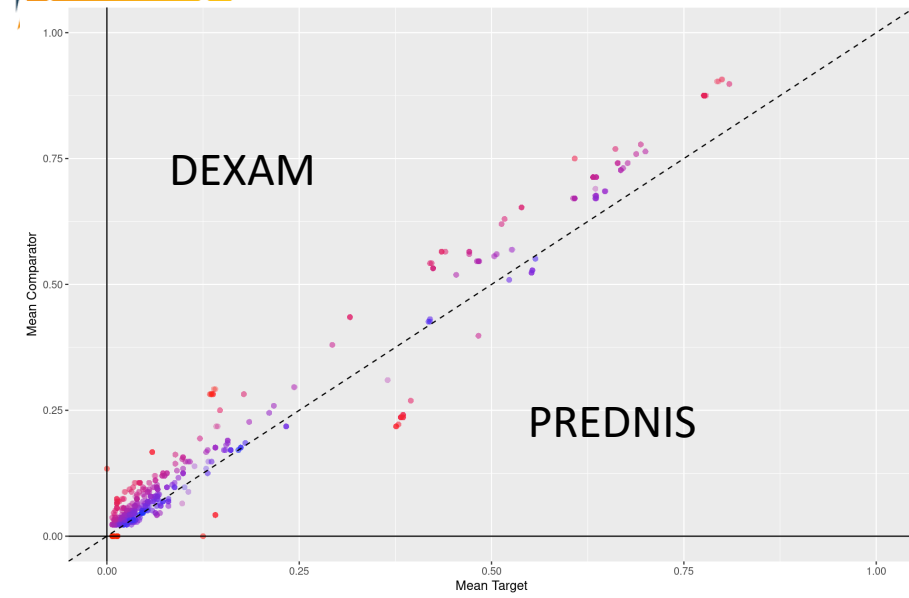


# Antivirals – Premier





# Immune-based therapies in HM (L) and Optum HER (R)





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# JOIN the SCYLLA team

“She has twelve feet, all  
dangling in the air, and six  
long scrawny necks, each  
ending in a grisly head  
with triple row of fangs,  
set thick and close, and  
darkly menacing death...”

*(Odyssey, 12:87-95)*

We can't fight this monster without you!

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