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Table S1. Treatment allocation vs death and/or initiation of ventilation

Ventilation includes invasive or non-invasive mechanical ventilation, or extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). Follow-up for mortality ceased at (first) discharge from hospital.

	Remdesivir vs its control		Hydroxy-chloroquine vs its control		Lopinavir vs its control		Interferon vs its control	
	Active	Control	Active	Control	Active	Control	Active	Control
Not ventilated at entry	n=3787	n=3782	n=864	n=818	n=1292	n=1253	n=2000	n=2011
Ventilation initiated after entry; died	242	251	29	19	52	46	142	113
Ventilation initiated after entry; lived	293	342	46	46	72	76	114	132
Ventilation initiated after entry	535	593	75	65	124	122	256	245
	14.1%	15.7%	8.7%	7.9%	9.6%	9.7%	12.8%	12.2%
P-value (from figure S5)	p=0.04		p=0.65		p=0.76		p=0.53	
Never ventilated; died	209	258	40	42	65	71	105	102
Died, or ventilation initiated after entry	744	851	115	107	189	193	361	347
	19.6%	22.5%	13.3%	13.1%	14.6%	15.4%	18.0%	17.3%
P-value (from figure S7 analyses)	p=0.001		p=0.98		p=0.34		p=0.77	
Already ventilated at entry	n=359	n=347	n=84	n=82	n=112	n=115	n=144	n=136
Died	151	134	35	28	34	36	69	51
	42.1%	38.6%	41.7%	34.1%	30.4%	31.3%	47.9%	37.5%
P-value (from figure S7 analyses)	p=0.32		p=0.38		p=0.88		p=0.07	
All patients	n=4146	n=4129	n=948	n=900	n=1404	n=1368	n=2144	n=2147
Died, or ventilation initiated after entry	895	985	150	135	223	229	430	398
	21.6%	23.9%	15.8%	15.0%	15.9%	16.7%	20.1%	18.5%
P-value (from figure S7)	p=0.009		p=0.66		p=0.42		p=0.16	

All p-values are stratified for age and, where relevant, for respiratory support at entry

Table S2. Numbers (and percentages) using selected non-study drugs

	Remdesivir vs its control		Hydroxychloroquine vs its control		Lopinavir vs its control		Interferon vs its control	
	Active N=4146	Control N=4129	Active N=948	Control N=900	Active N=1404	Control N=1368	Active N=2144	Control N=2147
Corticosteroids	2782 67.1	2820 68.3	190 20.0	197 21.9	367 26.1	387 28.3	1232 57.5	1286 59.9
Convalescent plasma	125 3.0	151 3.7	7 0.7	3 0.3	23 1.6	15 1.1	54 2.5	51 2.4
Anti-IL-6 medication	174 4.2	199 4.8	21 2.2	18 2.0	42 3.0	42 3.1	66 3.1	88 4.1
Non-trial interferon	5 0.1	30 0.7	1 0.2	1 0.1	4 0.3	0 0.0	2 0.1	31 1.4
Non-trial antiviral	115 2.8	262 6.4	76 8.0	73 8.1	111 7.9	111 8.1	122 5.7	179 8.3

Table S3. Multivariate analysis simultaneously estimating all 4 effects

The pre-planned primary analyses in the main text involved 4 pairwise comparisons (using log-rank methods), one between each treatment group and its controls, as indicated in the flowchart (Figure 1). These 4 primary analyses were stratified by age and by whether the patient was already ventilated at the time of randomisation, and found no definitely favorable or definitely unfavorable effect of any of the 4 study drugs on all-cause in-hospital mortality (Table 1, Figure S1). The RRs in these 4 pre-planned pairwise comparisons were:

Remdesivir vs its control (by pre-planned log-rank analysis) RR=0.91 (95% CI 0.82-1.02),

Hydroxychloroquine vs its control (by pre-planned log-rank analysis) RR=1.12 (0.84-1.48),

Lopinavir vs its control (by pre-planned log-rank analysis) RR=0.94 (0.75-1.18), and

Interferon vs its control (by pre-planned log-rank analysis) RR=1.21 (1.03-1.42, p=0.02).

As there was some overlap between the 4 control groups, an exploratory sensitivity analysis used multivariate Cox regression to fit all 4 treatment effects simultaneously, assuming the independence of any effects of lopinavir and of interferon. This multivariate analysis was stratified by the set of study drugs that was locally available at randomisation (13 occupied strata). Hence, no reduction of the dataset was needed to ensure that comparisons were only between concurrently randomised treatments, and that they were not subject to any selective biases. It was adjusted for several of the prognostic factors listed in Table 1: age (<40, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+ years), sex, diabetes, bilateral lung lesions at entry (no, yes, not imaged at entry), and respiratory support at entry (no oxygen, oxygen but no ventilation, ventilation). This multivariate sensitivity analysis had not been pre-planned as a primary or a secondary analysis. For each of the 4 study drugs the multivariate analysis yielded RRs for active treatment vs local standard of care (SoC) that were similar to those in the pre-planned primary pairwise comparisons (except that the conventional adverse effect of interferon ceased to be conventionally significant, again finding no definitely favorable or unfavorable effect of any of the 4 study drugs:

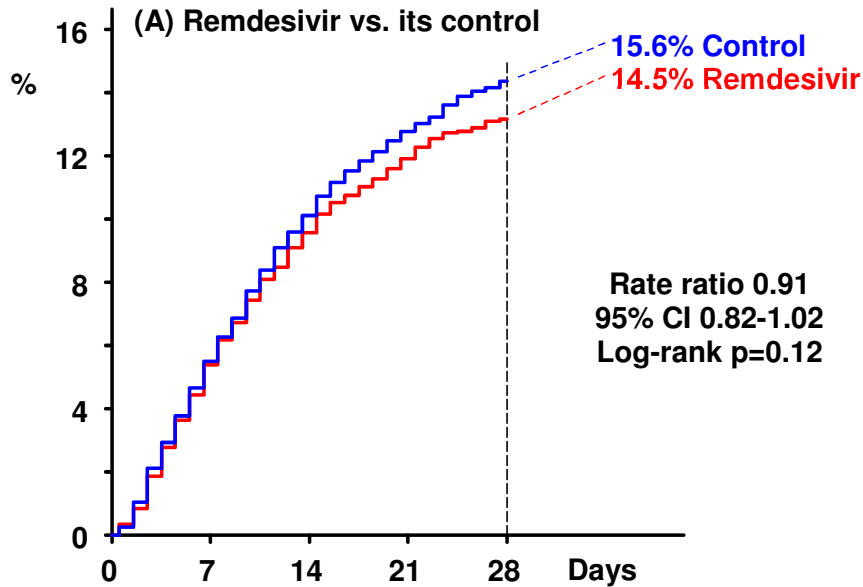
Remdesivir vs local SoC (by multivariate analysis) RR=0.93 (95% CI 0.84-1.04),

Hydroxychloroquine vs local SoC (by multivariate analysis) RR=1.09 (0.86-1.40),

Lopinavir vs local SoC (by multivariate analysis) RR=0.93 (0.76-1.14), and

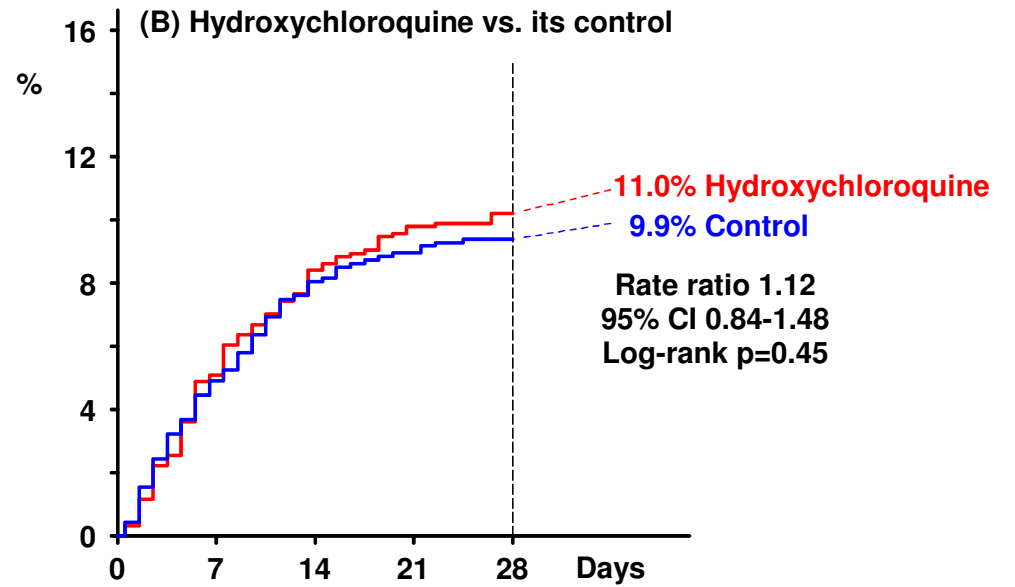
Interferon vs local SoC (by multivariate analysis) RR=1.15 (0.99-1.34, p=0.06).

Figure S1A-S1D. Effects on in-hospital mortality of (A) remdesivir, (B) hydroxychloroquine, (C) lopinavir, and (D) interferon
Kaplan-Meier graphs, not standardised. Rate ratios (RR, 95% CI) include later in-hospital deaths, and standardise for age and ventilation at entry.



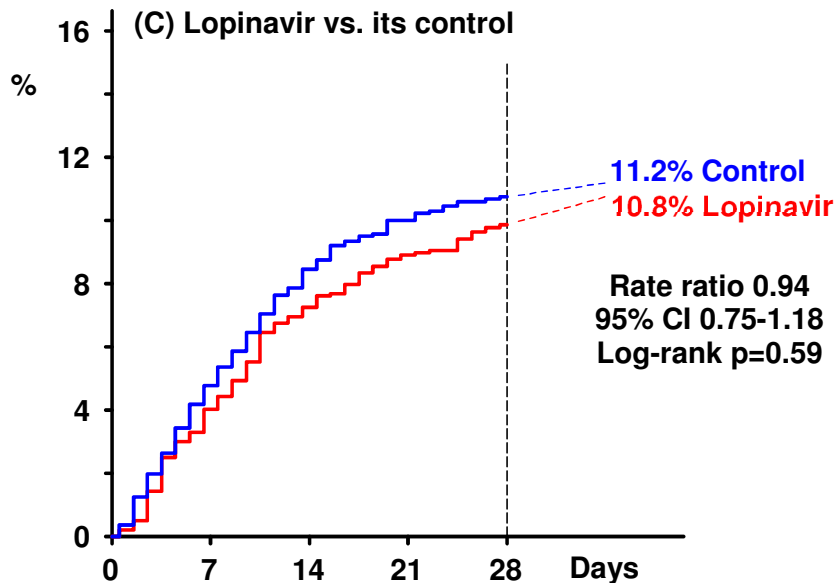
Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

Remdesivir	4146	222	3878	171	3703	96	3606	51	3554	62
Control	4129	225	3861	189	3665	108	3557	65	3490	56



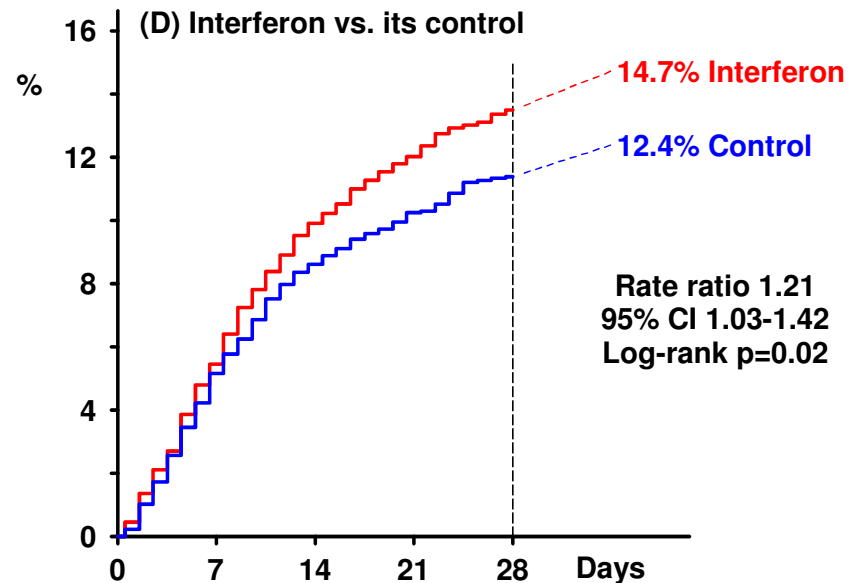
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Hydroxychlor.	948	48	890	31	858	13	845	4	841	8
Control	900	44	848	28	820	8	812	4	808	5



Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

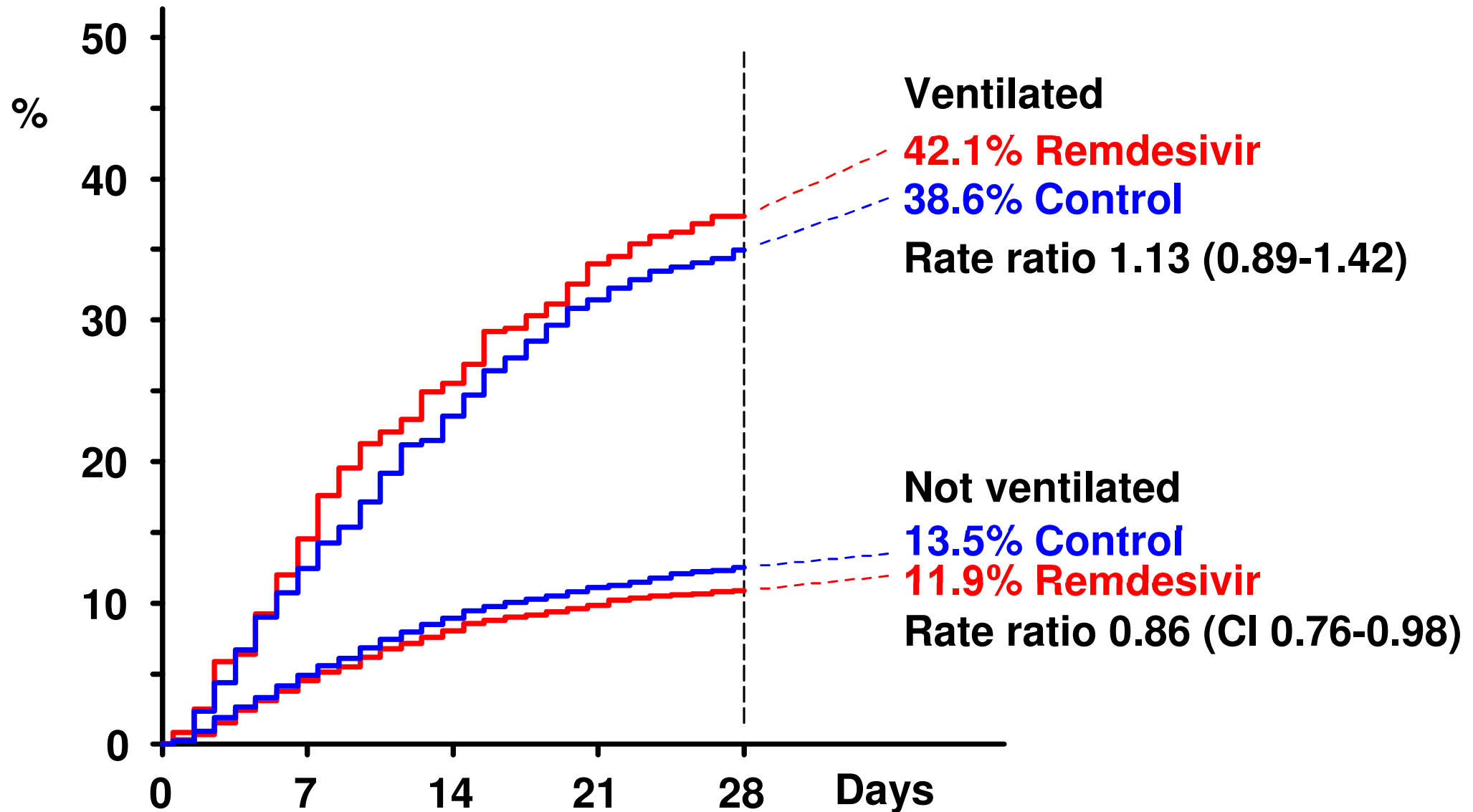
Lopinavir	1404	56	1334	45	1286	23	1263	13	1250	14
Control	1368	65	1292	50	1242	21	1220	10	1208	7



Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

Interferon	2144	116	1999	94	1904	45	1859	31	1828	30
Control	2147	110	2015	73	1939	35	1904	24	1880	24

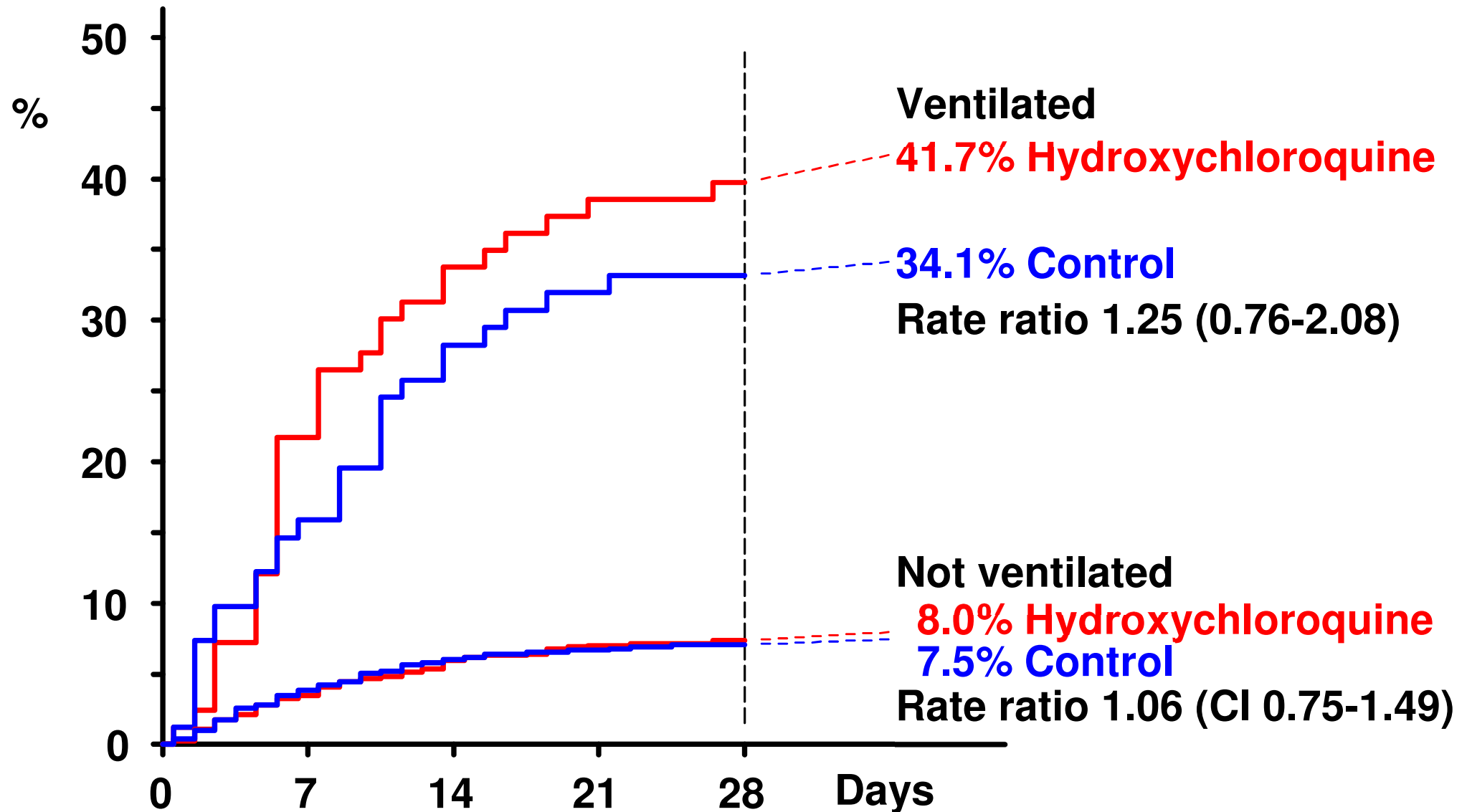
Figure S2A. Subdivision by ventilation at randomisation of the apparent effects of remdesivir on the probability of death in hospital from any cause



Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

Remdesivir	359	52	305	39	264	30	234	12	222	18	Ventilated
Control	347	43	301	37	263	28	235	12	222	14	
Remdesivir	3787	170	3573	132	3439	66	3372	39	3332	44	Not ventilated
Control	3782	182	3560	152	3402	80	3322	53	3268	42	

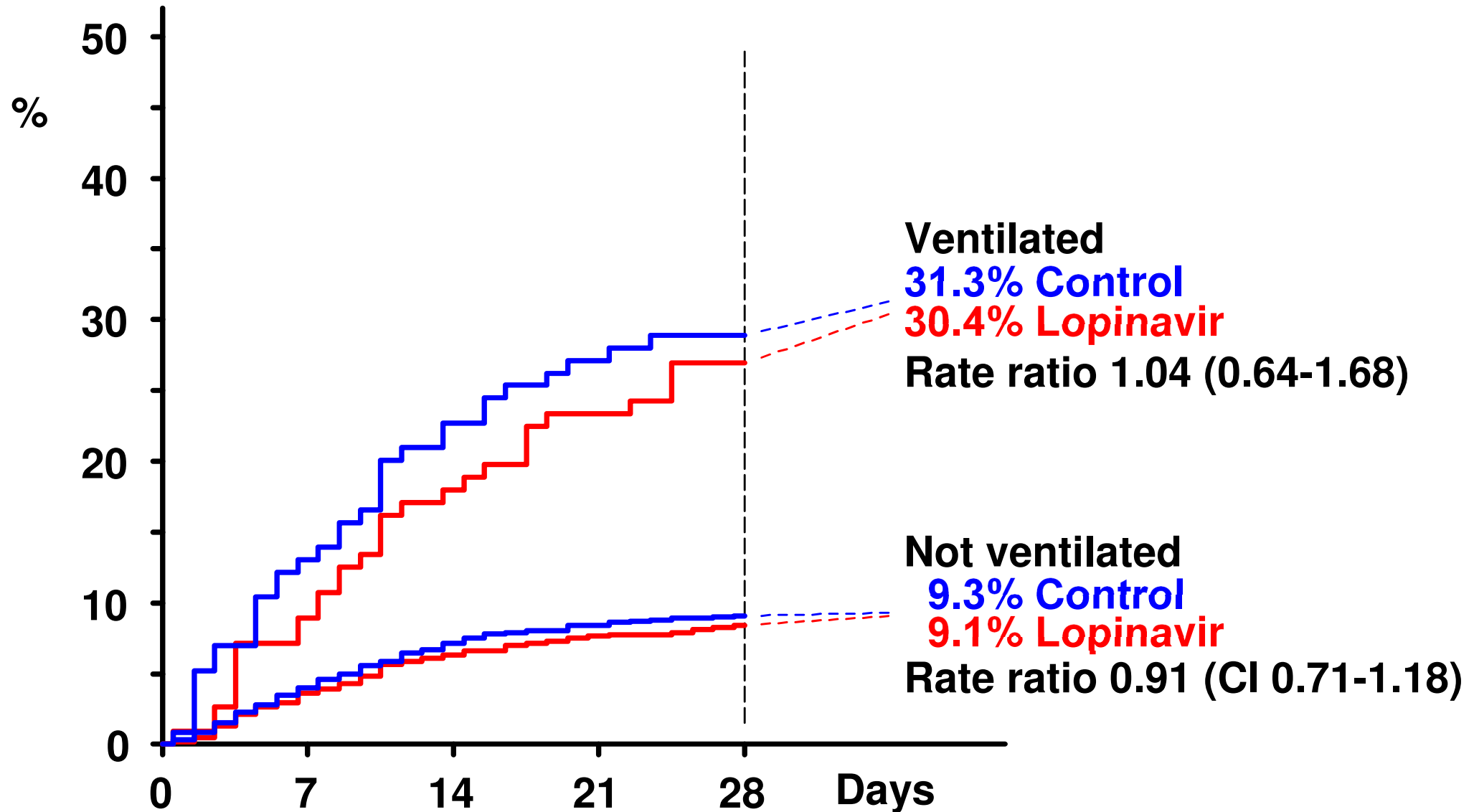
Figure S2B. Subdivision by ventilation at randomisation of the apparent effects of hydroxychloroquine on the probability of death in hospital from any cause



Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

Hydroxychlor.	84	18	65	10	55	4	51	1	50	2	Ventilated
Control	82	13	68	10	58	3	55	1	54	1	
Hydroxychlor.	864	30	825	21	803	9	794	3	791	6	Not ventilated
Control	818	31	780	18	762	5	757	3	754	4	

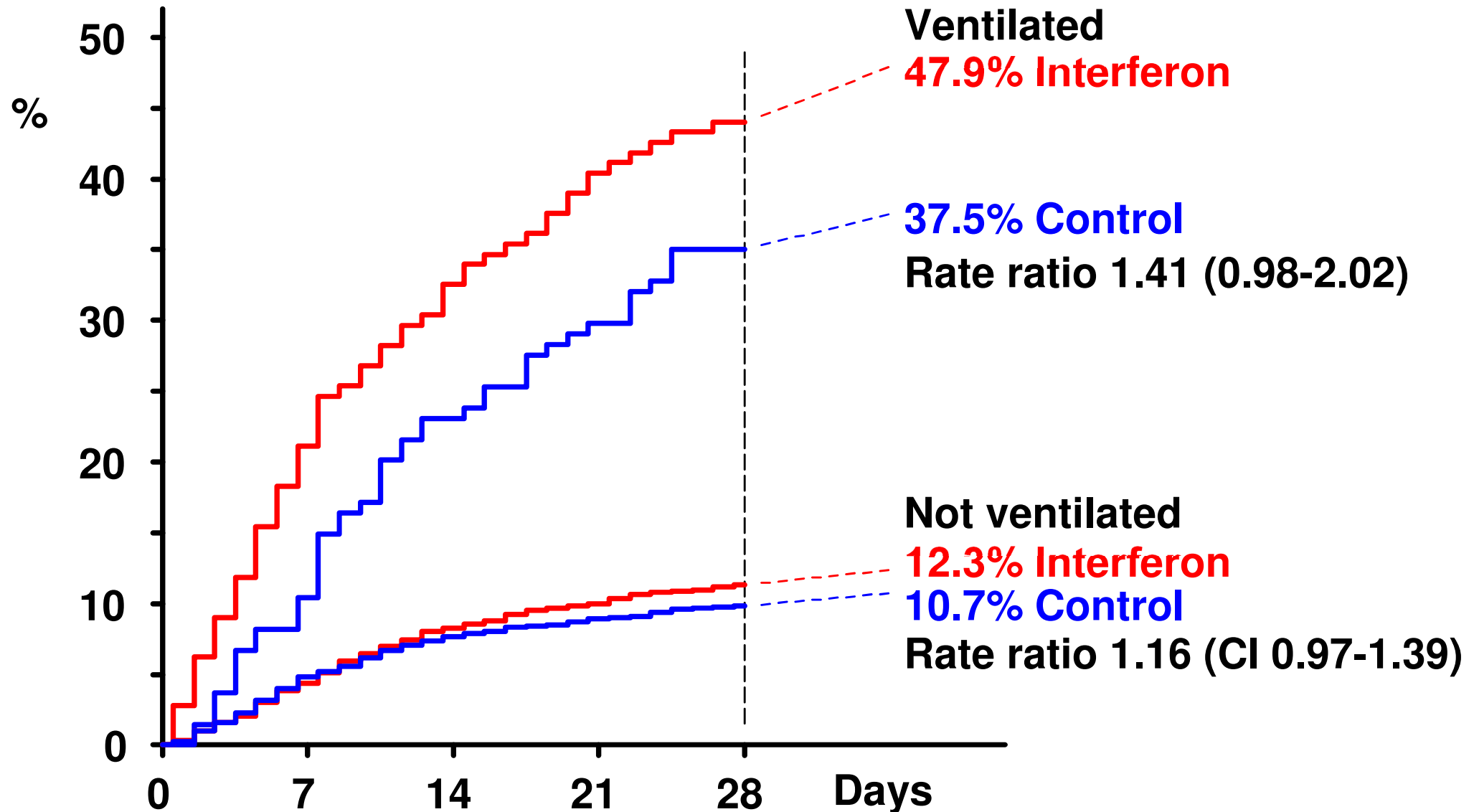
Figure S2C. Subdivision by ventilation at randomisation of the apparent effects of lopinavir on the probability of death in hospital from any cause



Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

Lopinavir	112	10	101	10	91	6	85	4	81	4	Ventilated
Control	115	15	99	11	88	5	83	2	80	3	
Lopinavir	1292	46	1233	35	1195	17	1178	9	1169	10	Not ventilated
Control	1253	50	1193	39	1154	16	1137	8	1128	4	

Figure S2D. Subdivision by ventilation at randomisation of the apparent effects of interferon on the probability of death in hospital from any cause



Weekly denominators (all not yet dead/lost), and numbers dying in hospital

Interferon	144	30	111	16	94	11	83	5	78	7	Ventilated
Control	136	14	120	17	103	9	94	7	87	4	
Interferon	2000	86	1888	78	1810	34	1776	26	1750	23	Not ventilated
Control	2011	96	1895	56	1836	26	1810	17	1793	20	

Figure S3A-S3D. Death rate ratios, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, for (A) remdesivir, (B) hydroxychloroquine, (C) lopinavir, (D) interferon, each vs its control
 Analyses in subgroups of age are stratified by ventilation, and vice-versa, so each total is stratified for both factors.

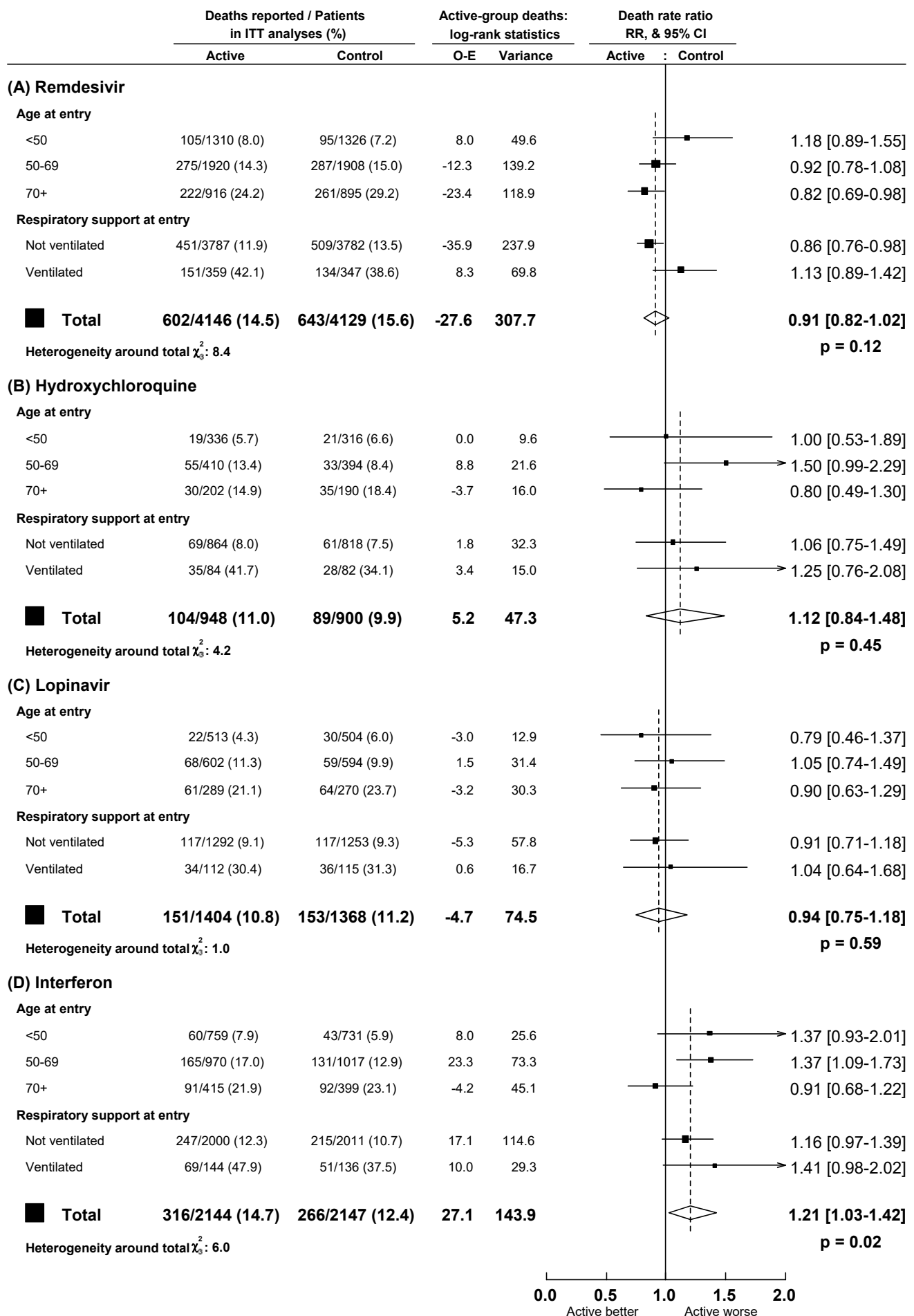


Figure S4A. In-hospital mortality rate ratios, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, remdesivir vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*

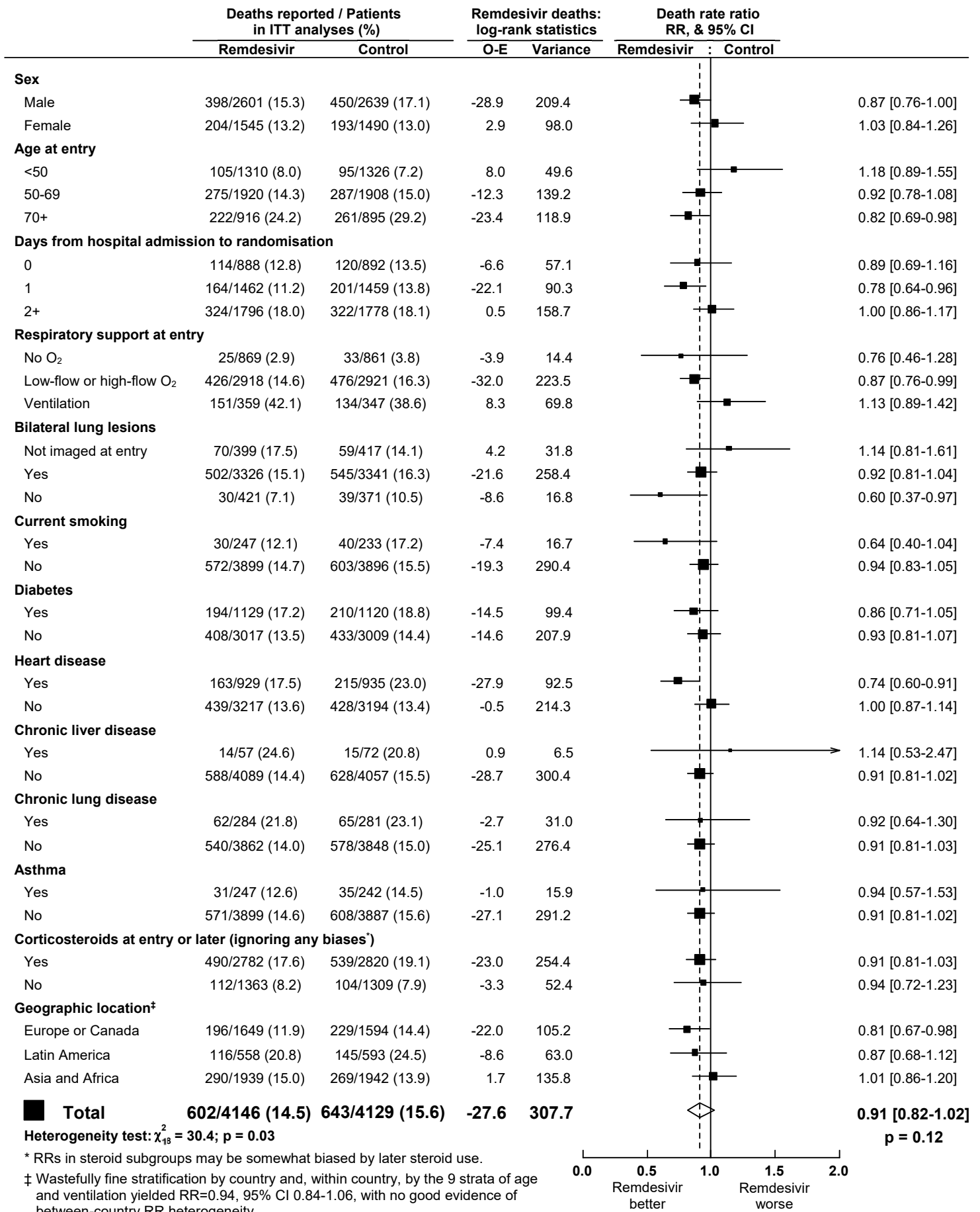


Figure S4B. In-hospital mortality rate ratios, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, hydroxychloroquine vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*

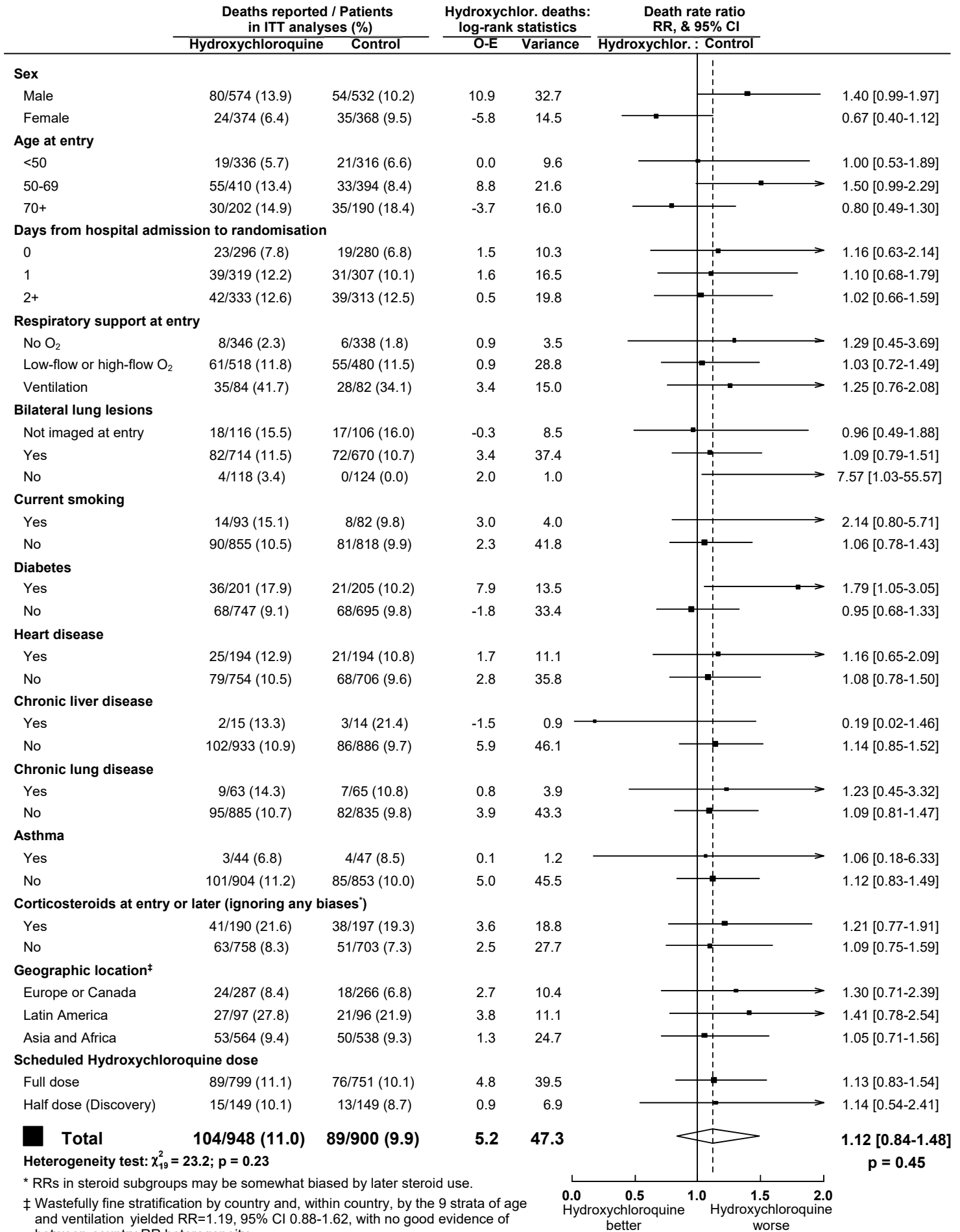


Figure S4C. In-hospital mortality rate ratios, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, lopinavir vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*

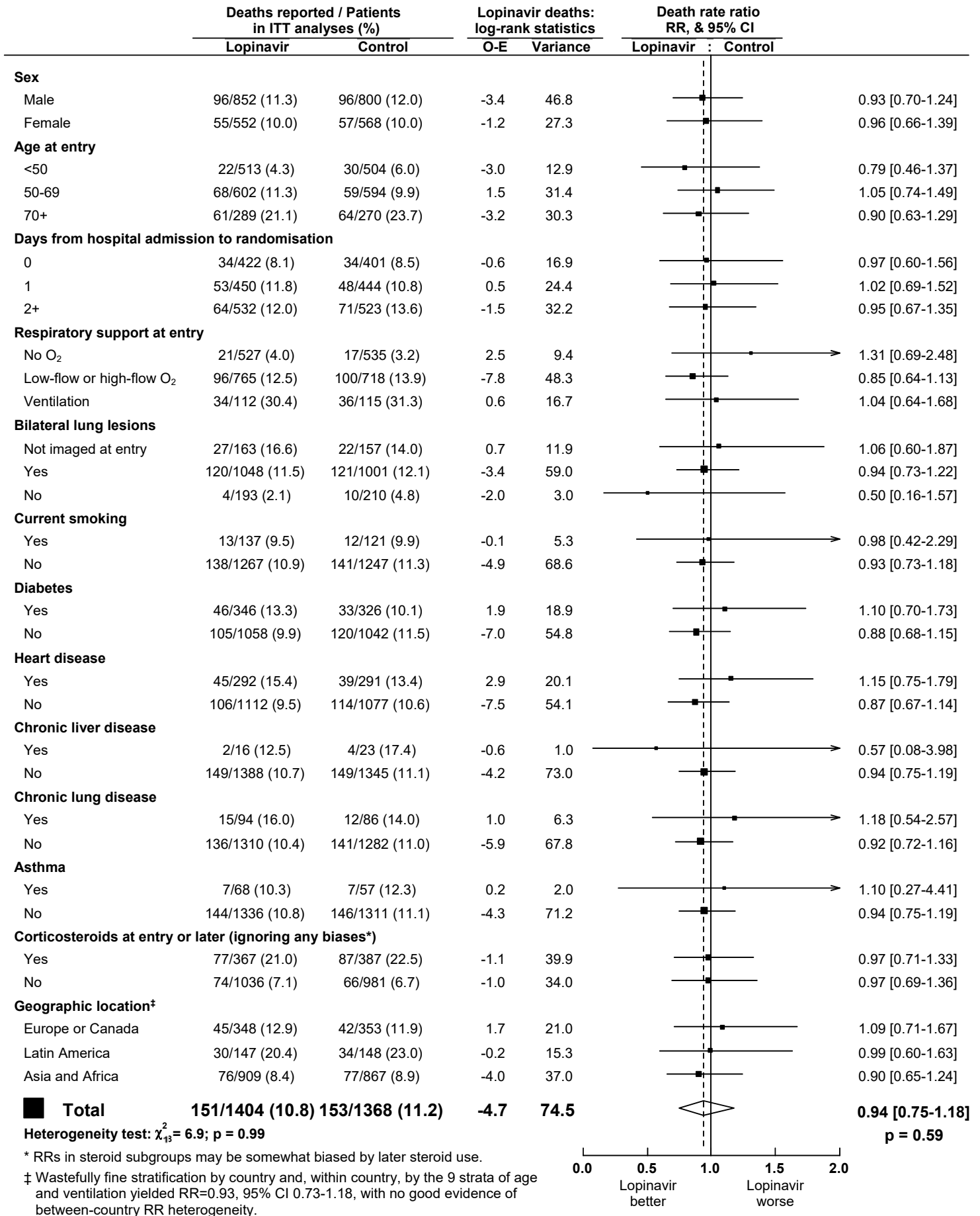


Figure S4D. In-hospital mortality rate ratios, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, interferon vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*

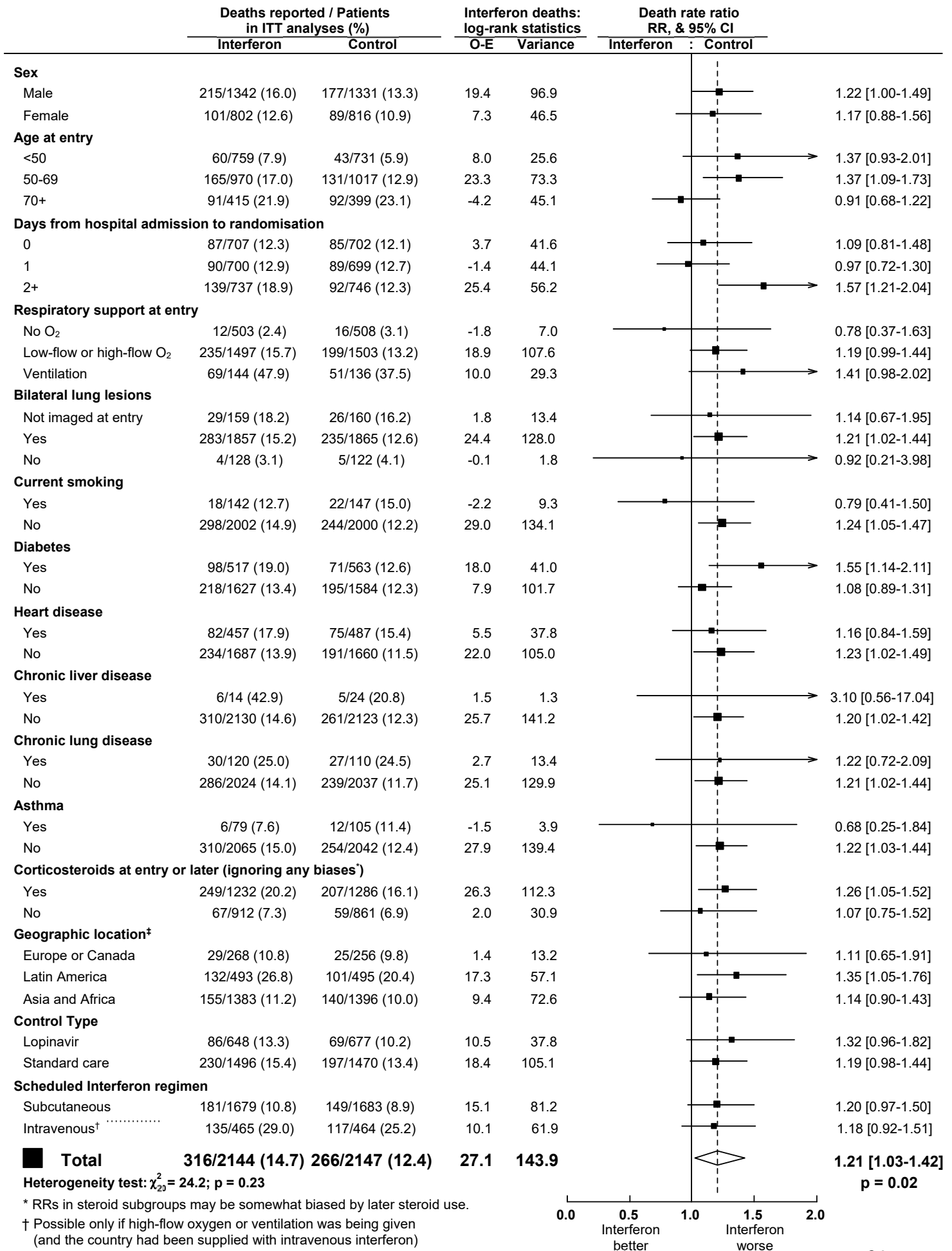


Figure S5A-S5D. Rate ratios for initiation of ventilation among those not already ventilated at entry, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, for (A) remdesivir, (B) hydroxychloroquine, (C) lopinavir, (D) interferon, each vs its control

Analyses in subgroups of age are stratified by oxygen use, and vice-versa, so each total is stratified for both factors.

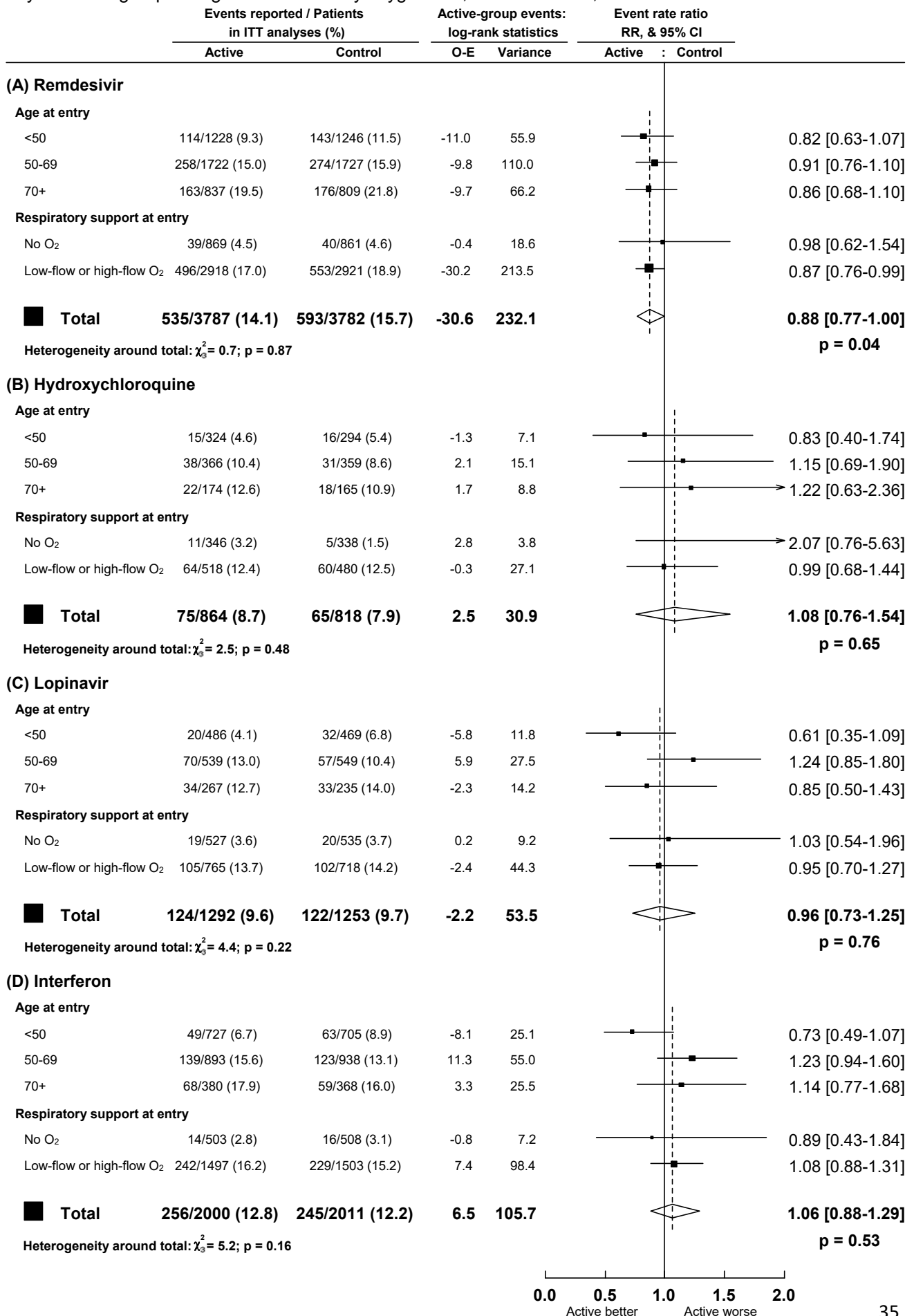


Figure S6A. Rate ratios for initiation of ventilation among those not already ventilated at entry, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry, remdesivir vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*

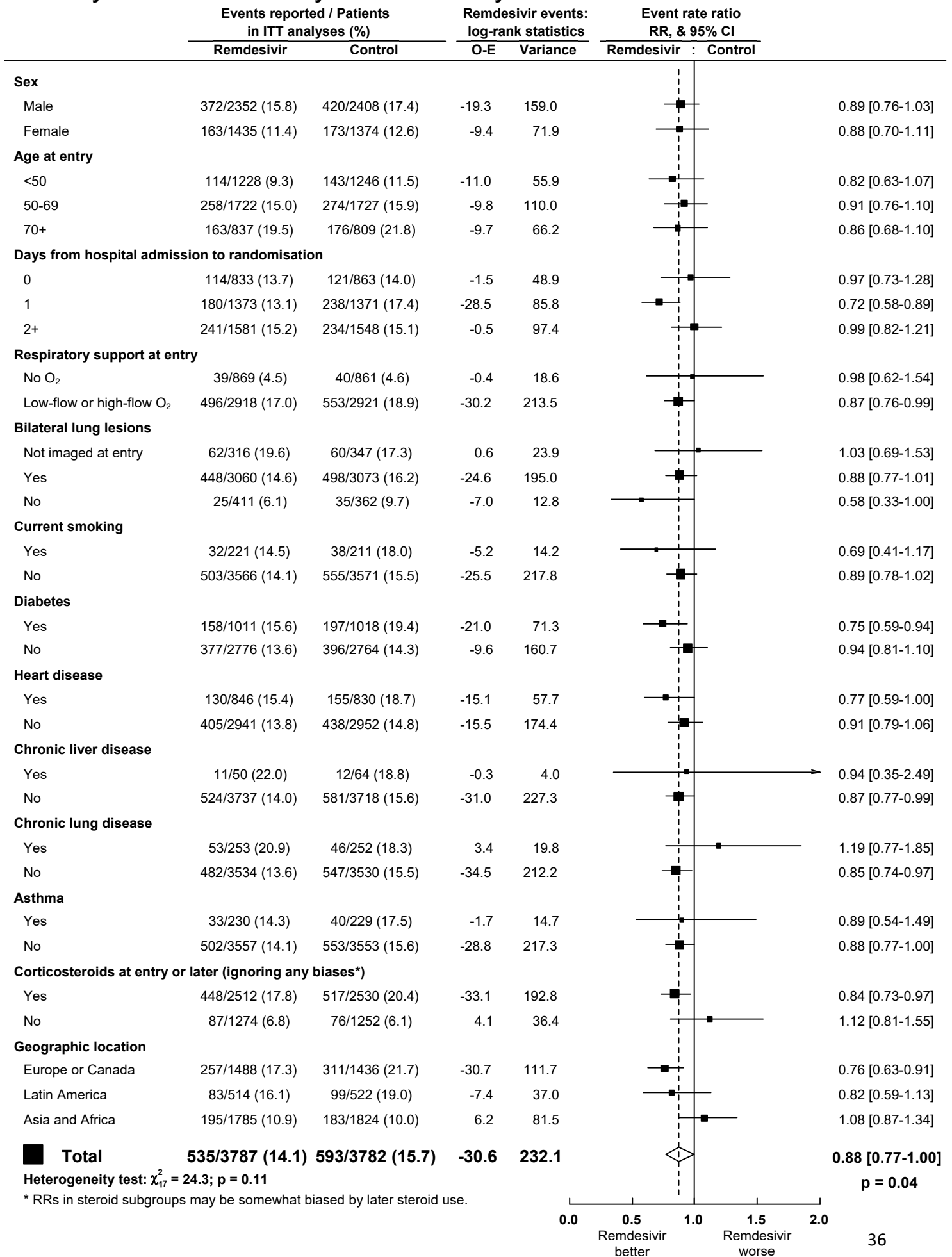


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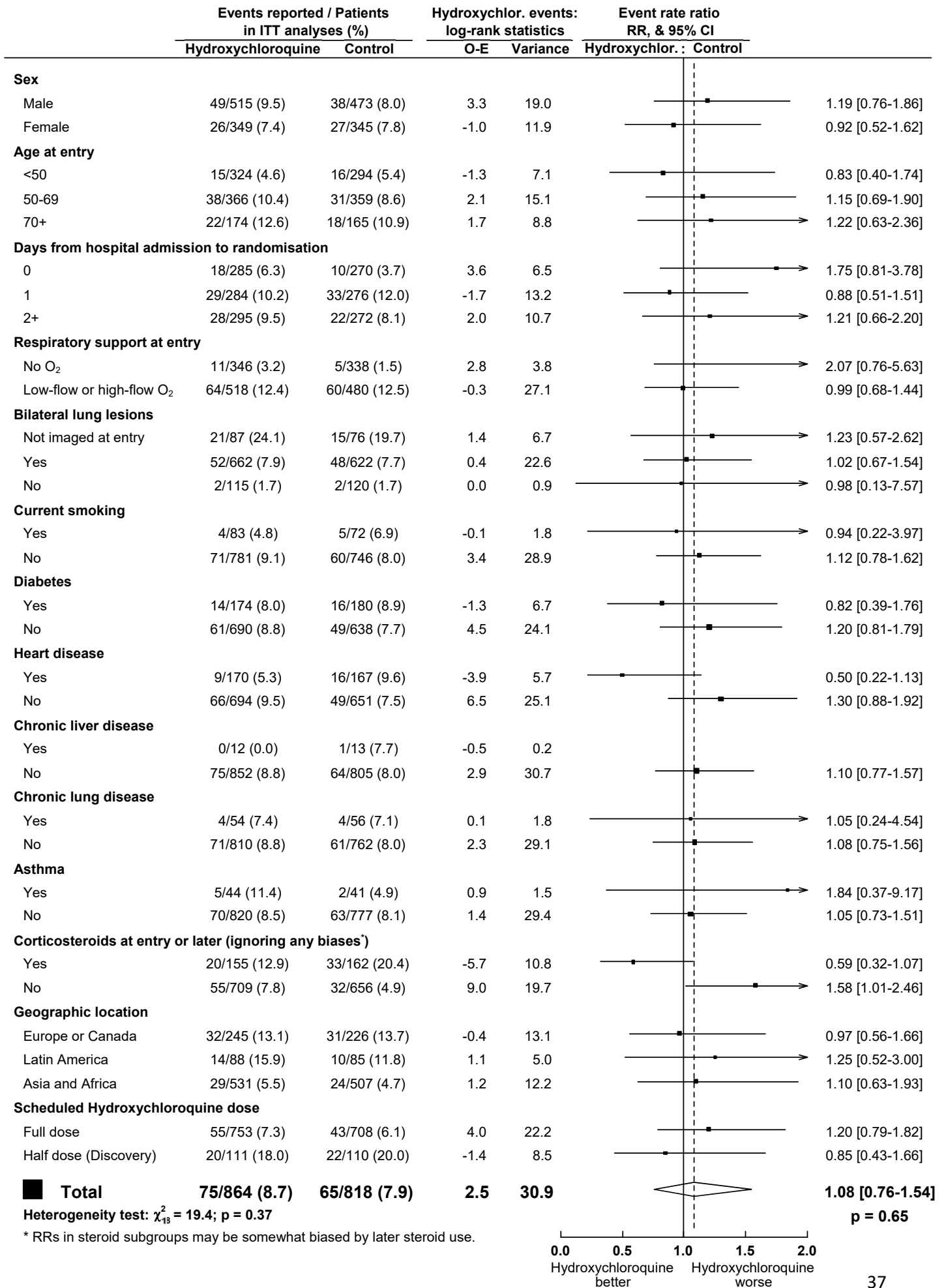


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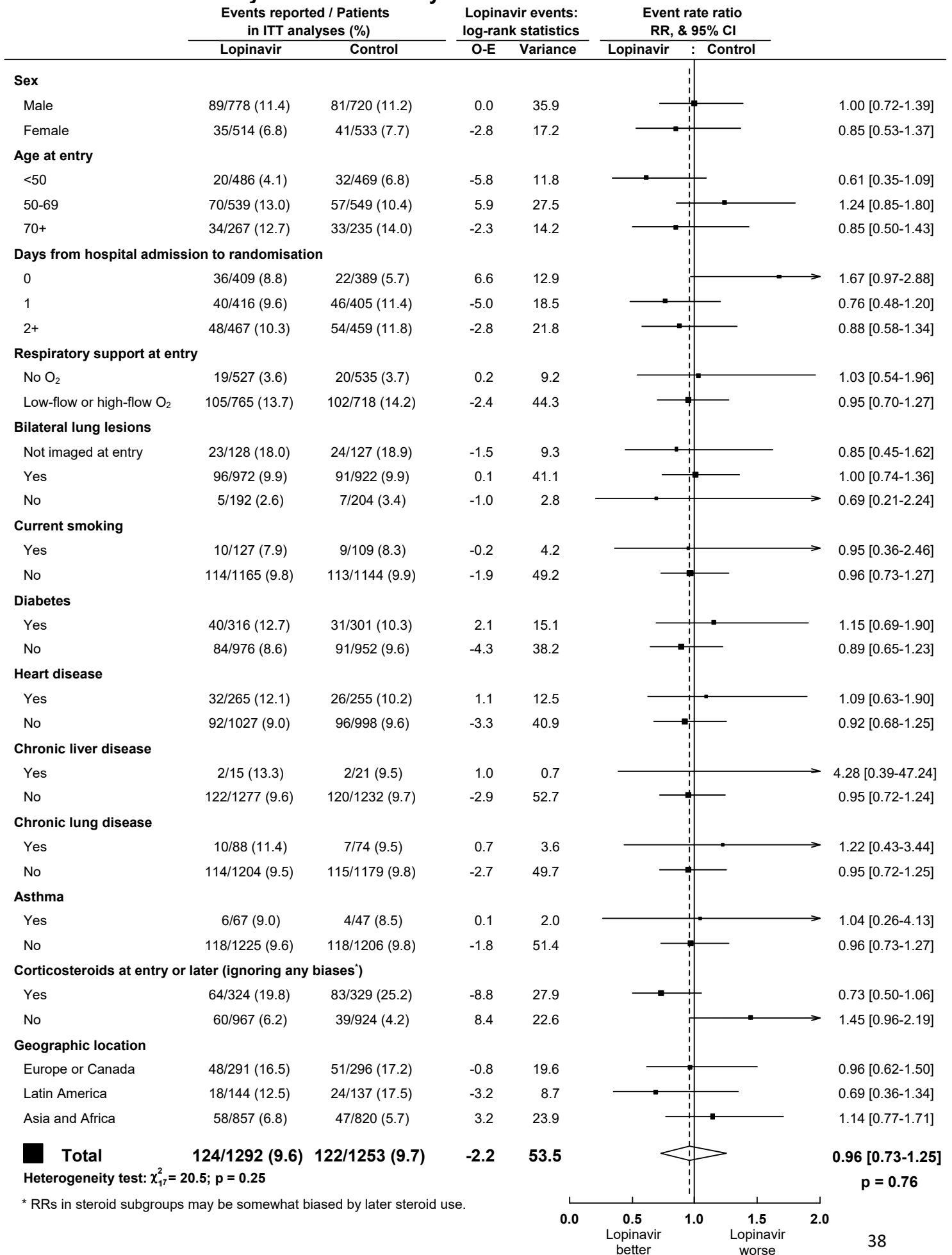


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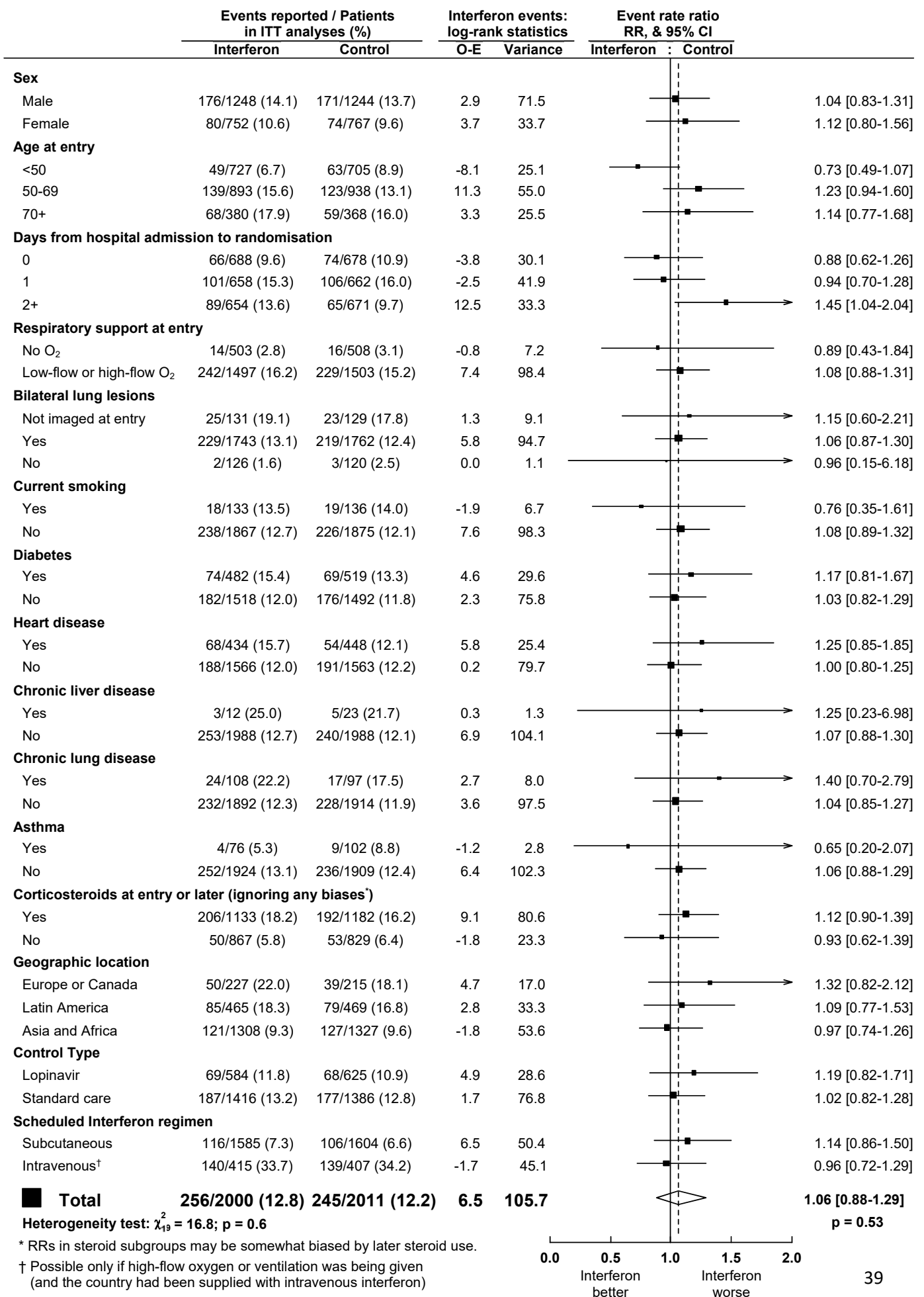


Figure S7A-D. RRs for the composite of death in hospital or initiation of ventilation: effects of (A) remdesivir, (B) hydroxychloroquine, (C) lopinavir, (D) interferon, each vs its control

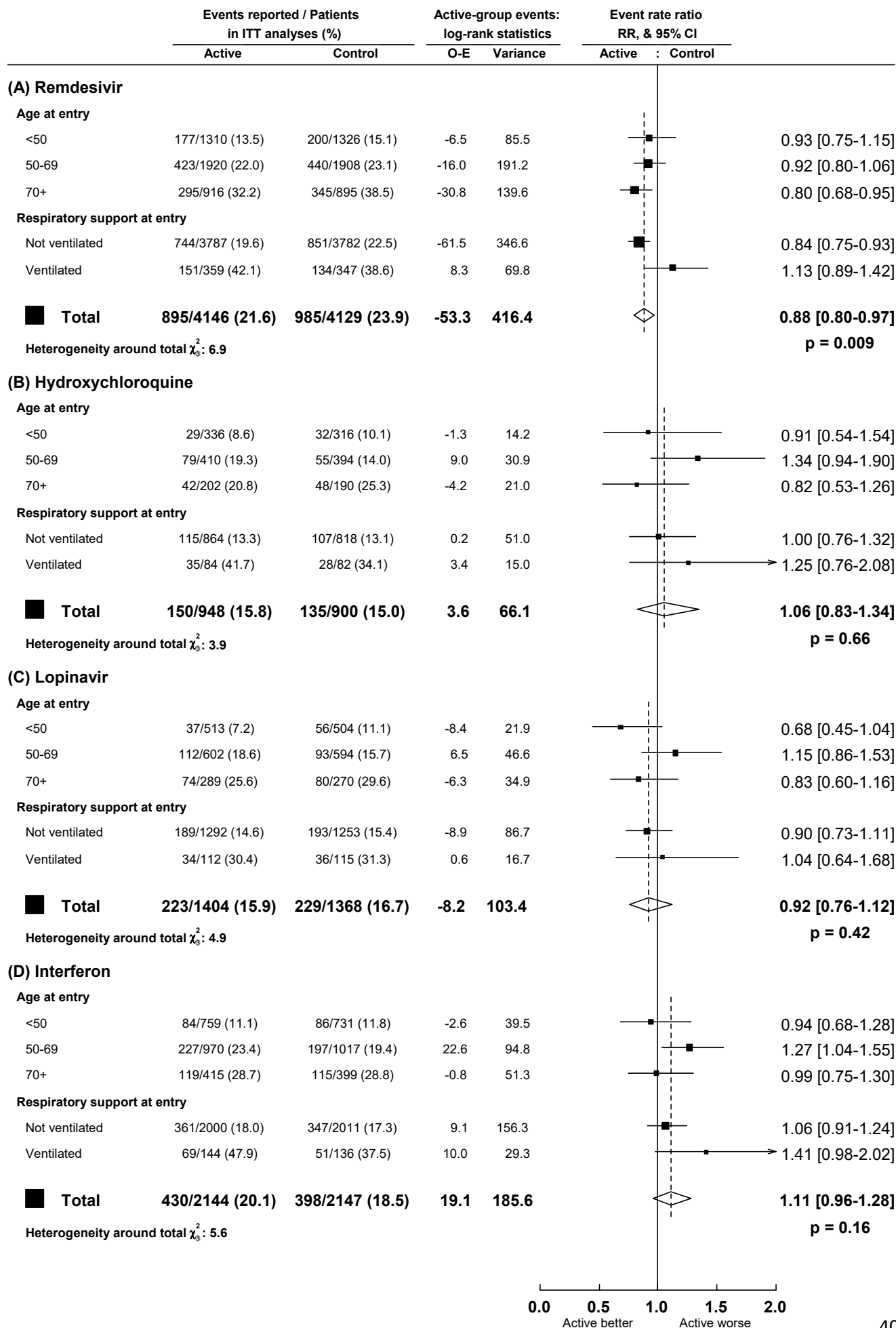


Figure S8A. RRs for the composite of death in hospital or initiation of ventilation, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry: remdesivir vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*

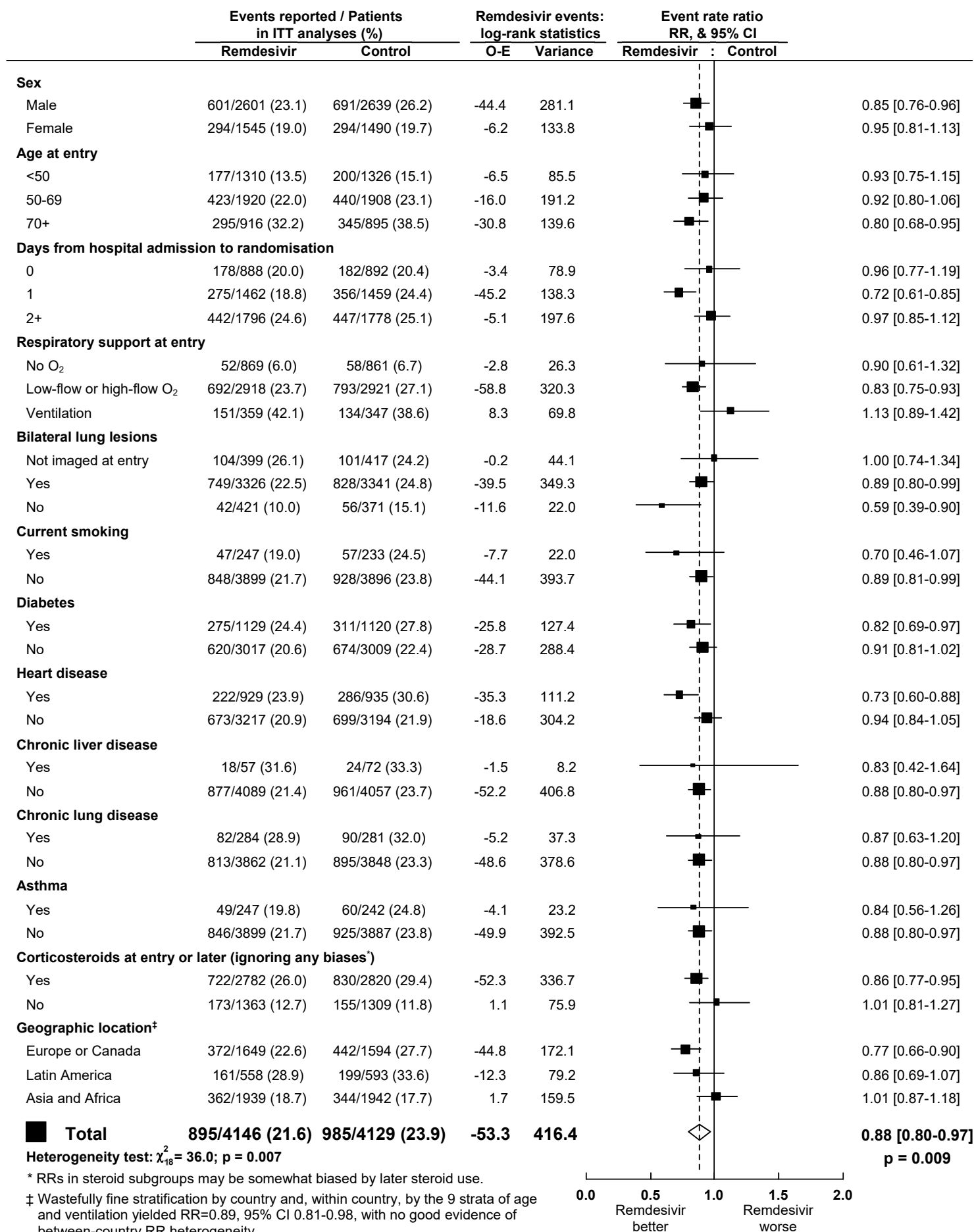


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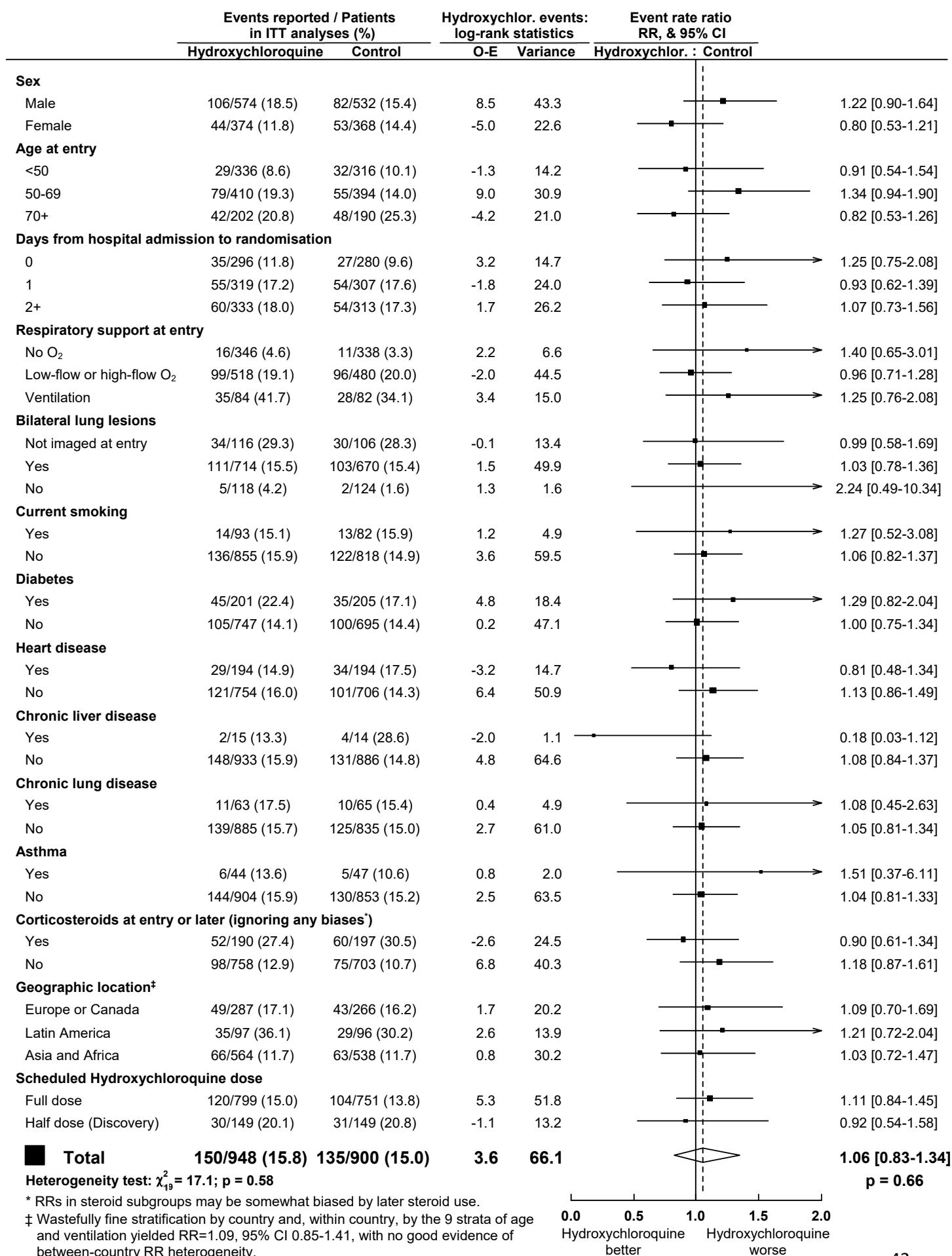
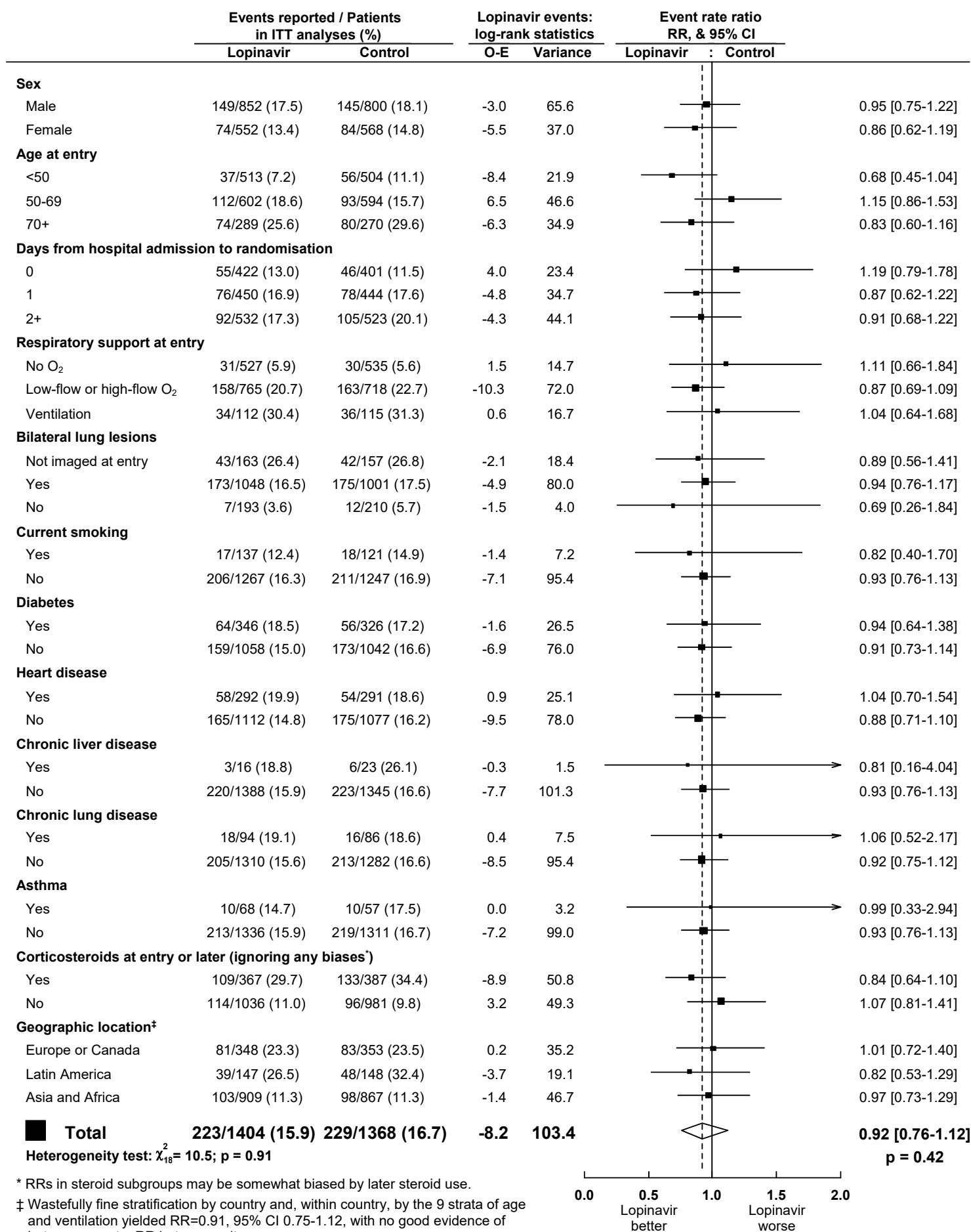


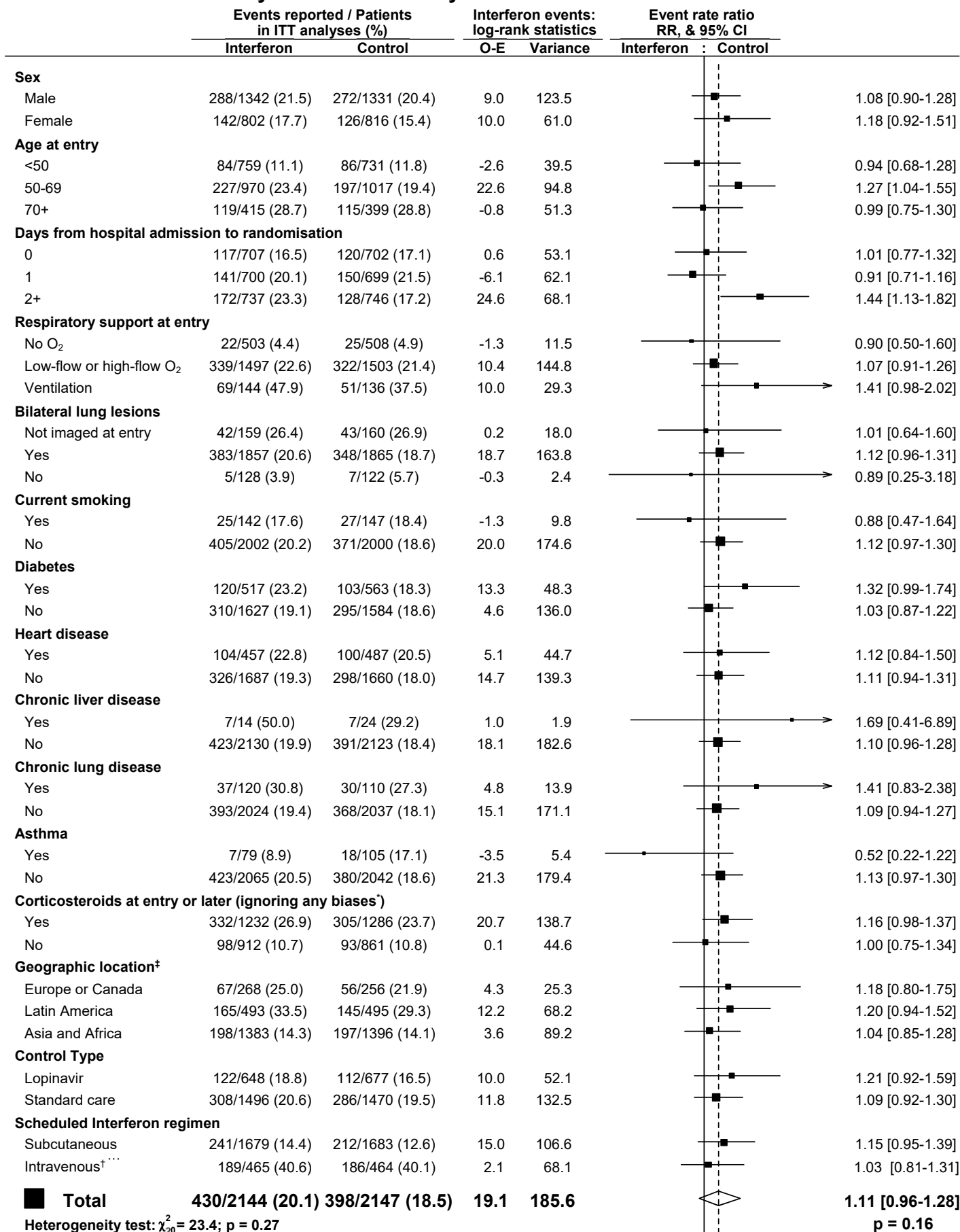
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* RRs in steroid subgroups may be somewhat biased by later steroid use.

‡ Wastefully fine stratification by country and, within country, by the 9 strata of age and ventilation yielded RR=0.91, 95% CI 0.75-1.12, with no good evidence of between-country RR heterogeneity.

Figure S8D. RRs for the composite of death in hospital or initiation of ventilation, stratified by age and respiratory support at entry: interferon vs its control, by entry characteristics and by steroid use at any time*



* RRs in steroid subgroups may be somewhat biased by later steroid use.

† Possible only if high-flow oxygen or ventilation was being given (and the country had been supplied with intravenous interferon)

‡ Wastefully fine stratification by country and, within country, by the 9 strata of age and ventilation yielded RR=1.13, 95% CI 0.97-1.31, with no good evidence of between-country RR heterogeneity.

Figure S9A-D. Remdesivir, Hydroxychloroquine, Lopinavir & Interferon, each vs its own control - effects on time to discharge alive in patients NOT being ventilated (no O₂, or low-flow / high-flow O₂) at entry Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

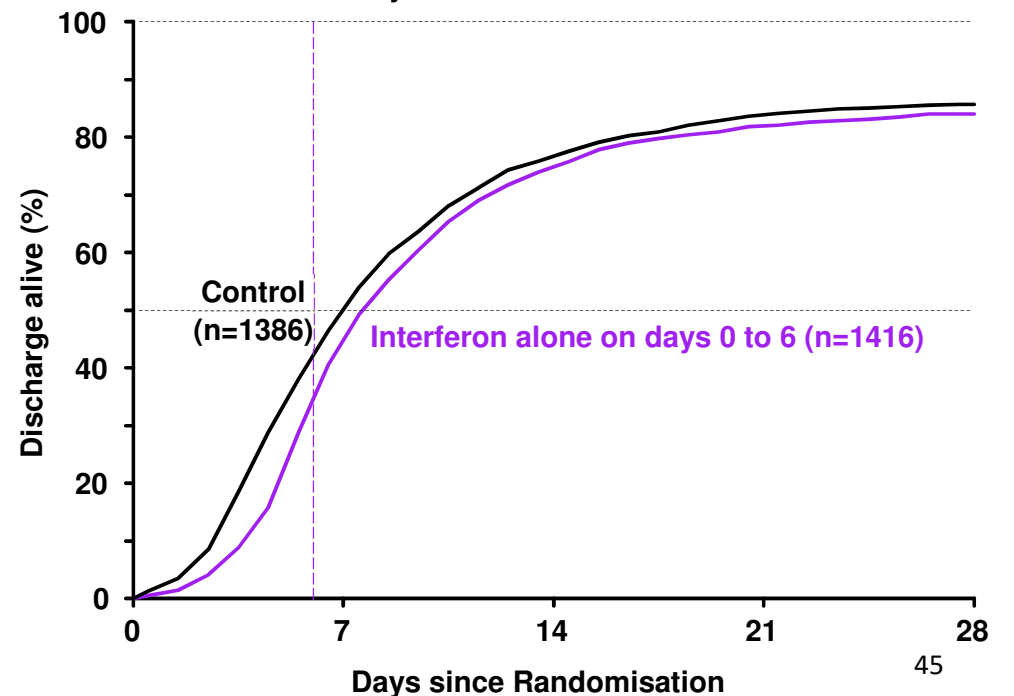
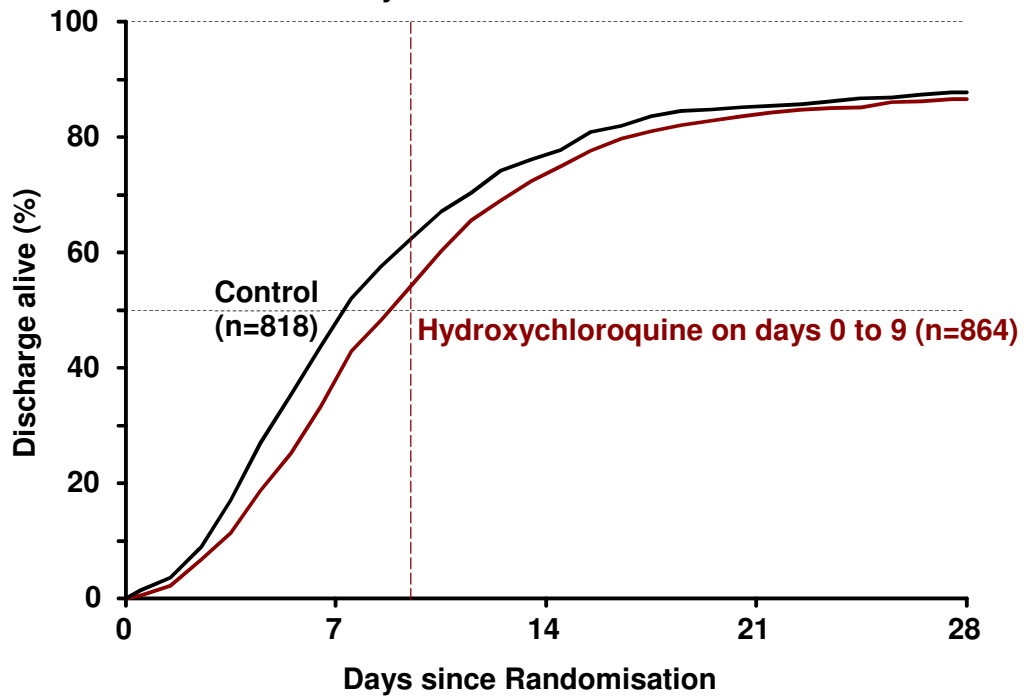
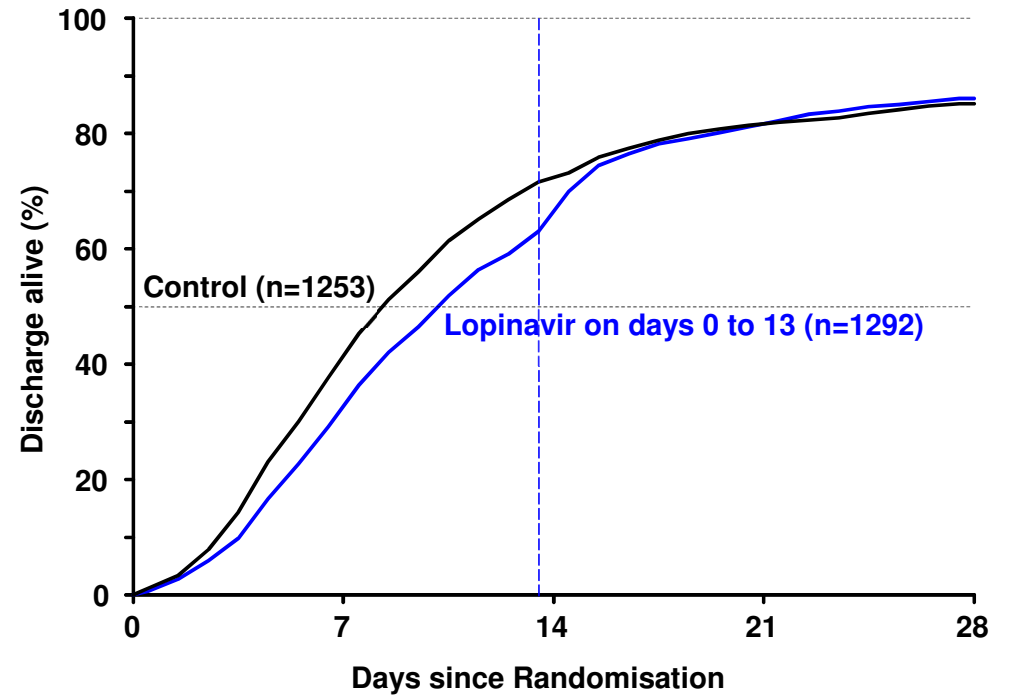
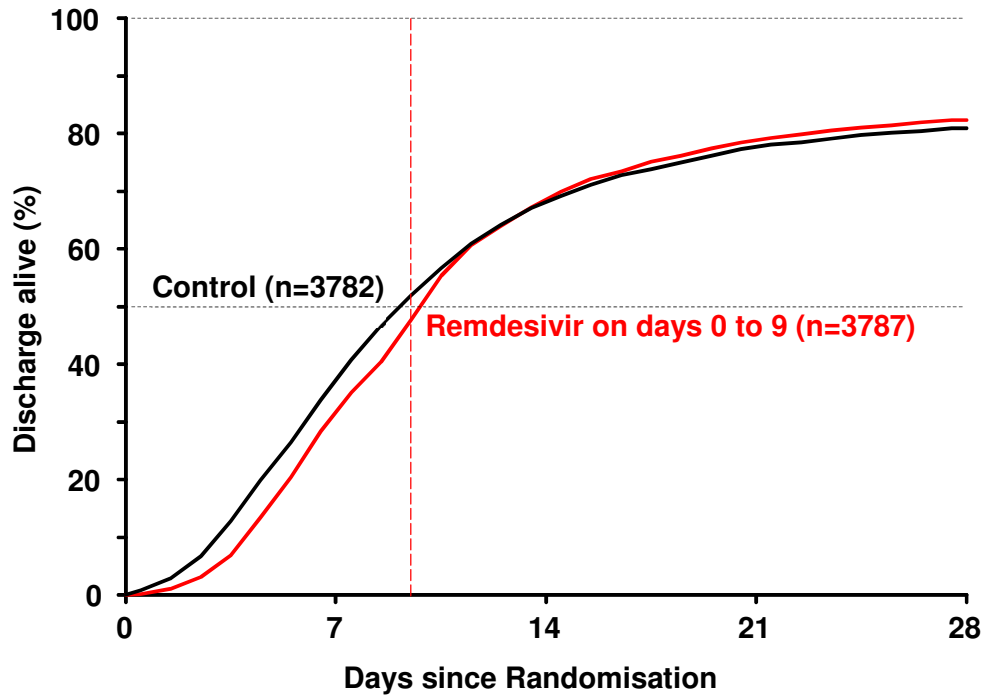


Figure S10A-D. Remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir & interferon, each vs its own control - effects on time to discharge alive in patients already being ventilated at entry Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

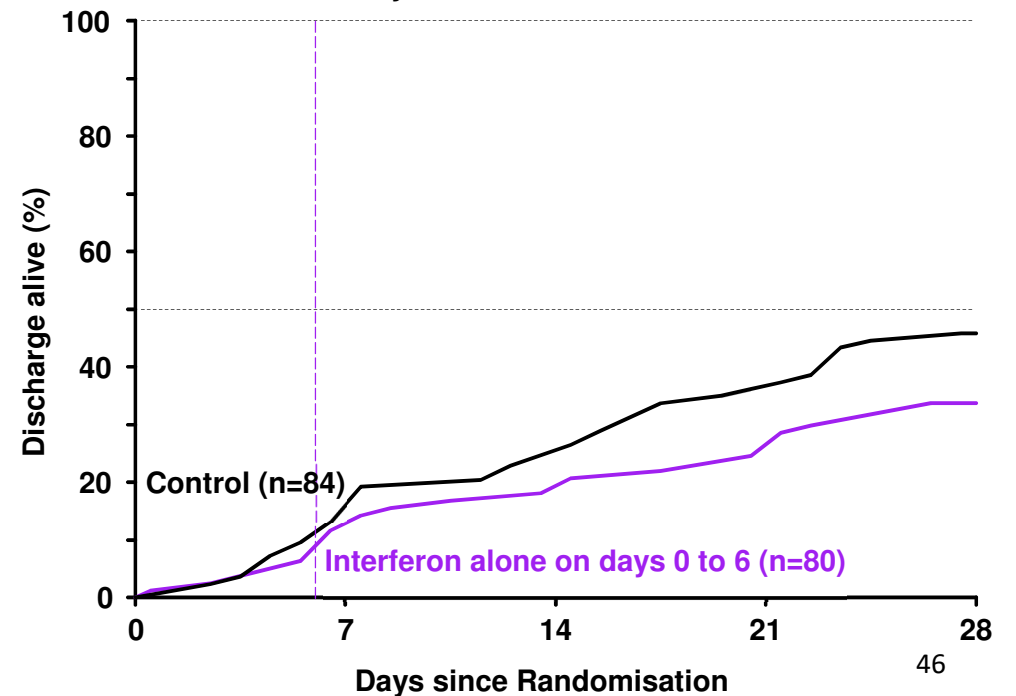
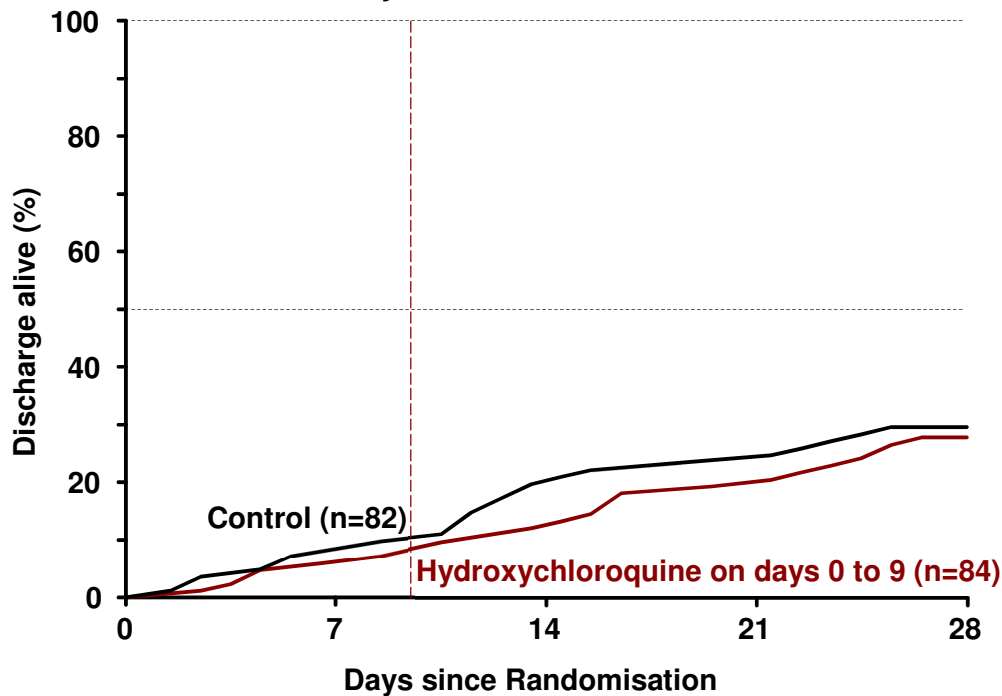
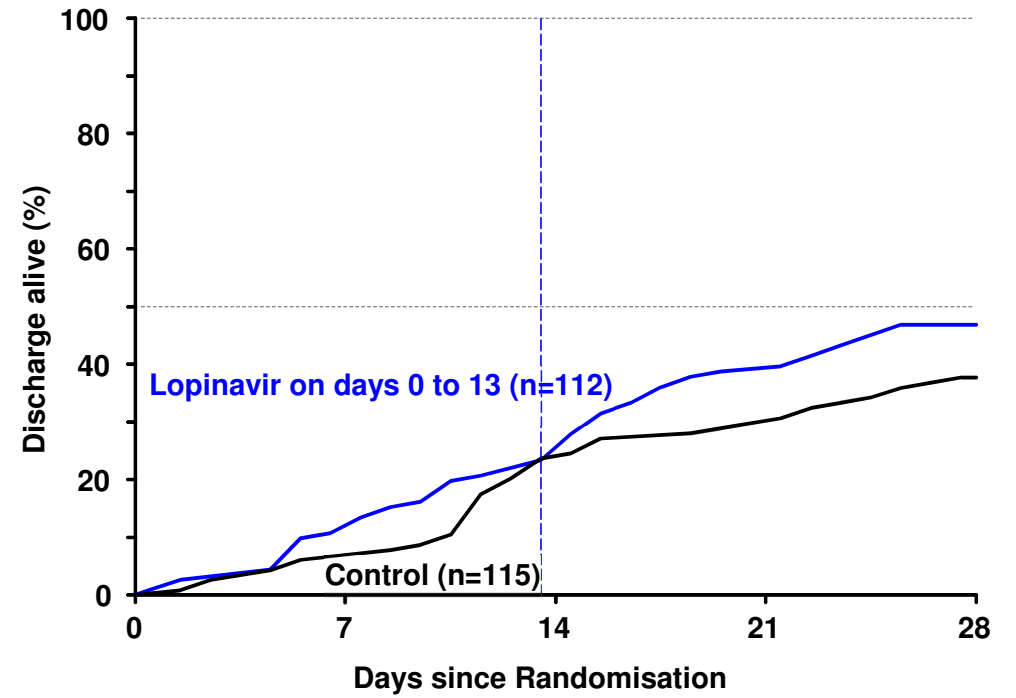
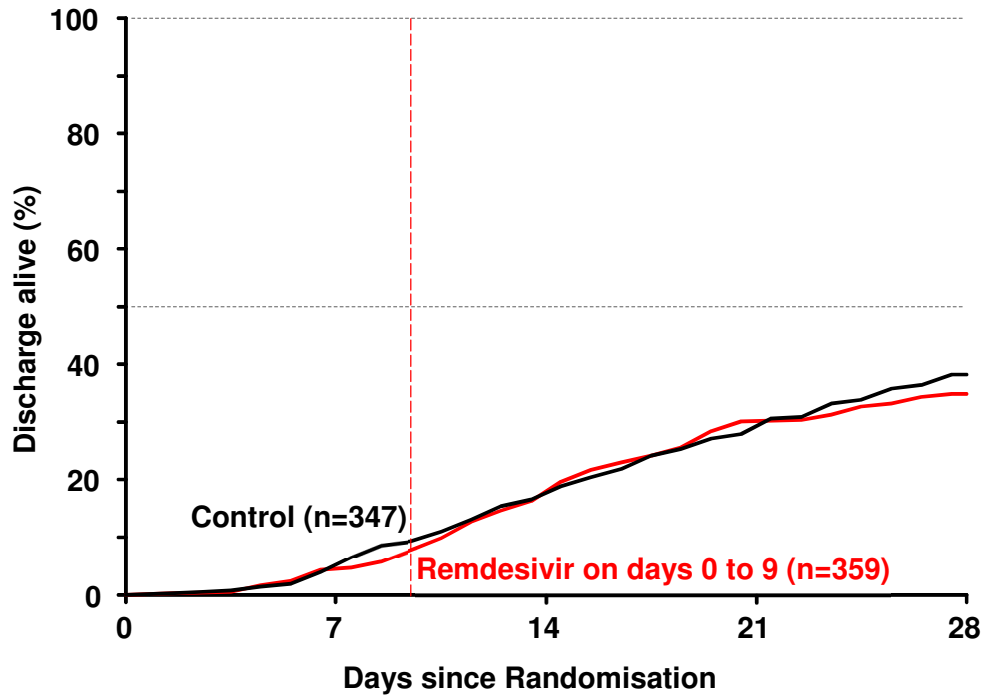


Figure S11A-D. Remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir & interferon, each vs its own controls - effects on time to discharge alive in patients being given low-flow O₂ / high-flow O₂ at entry Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

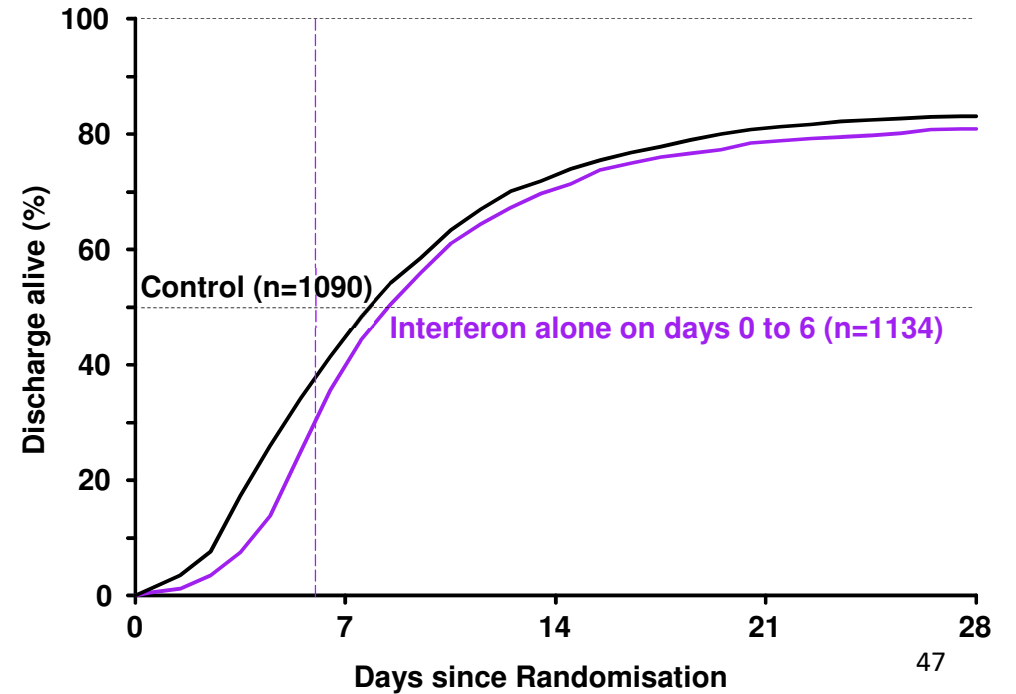
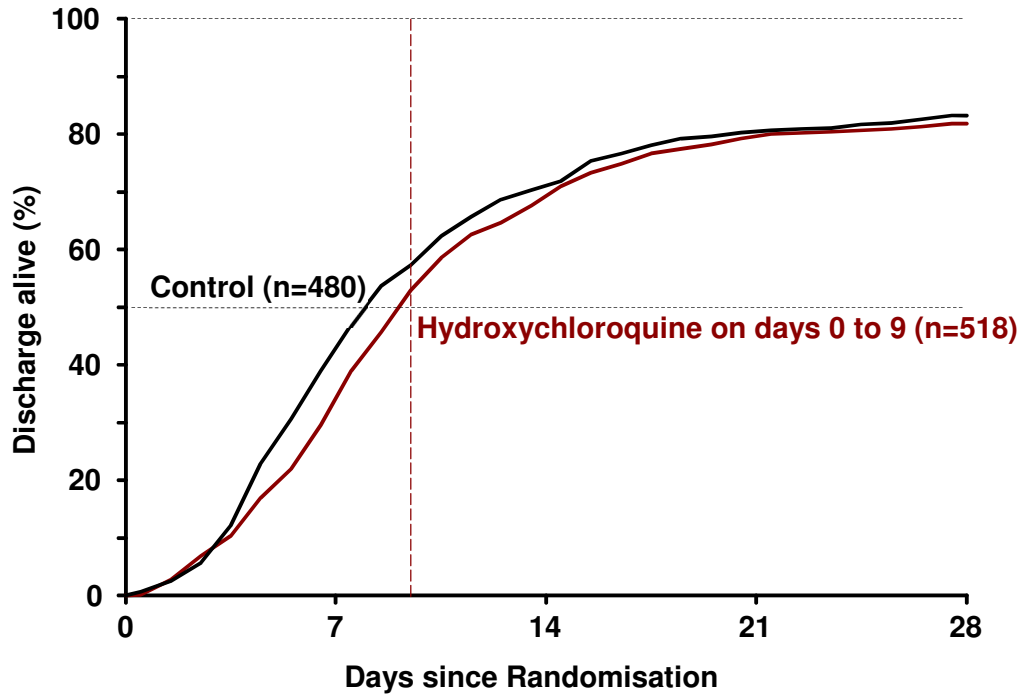
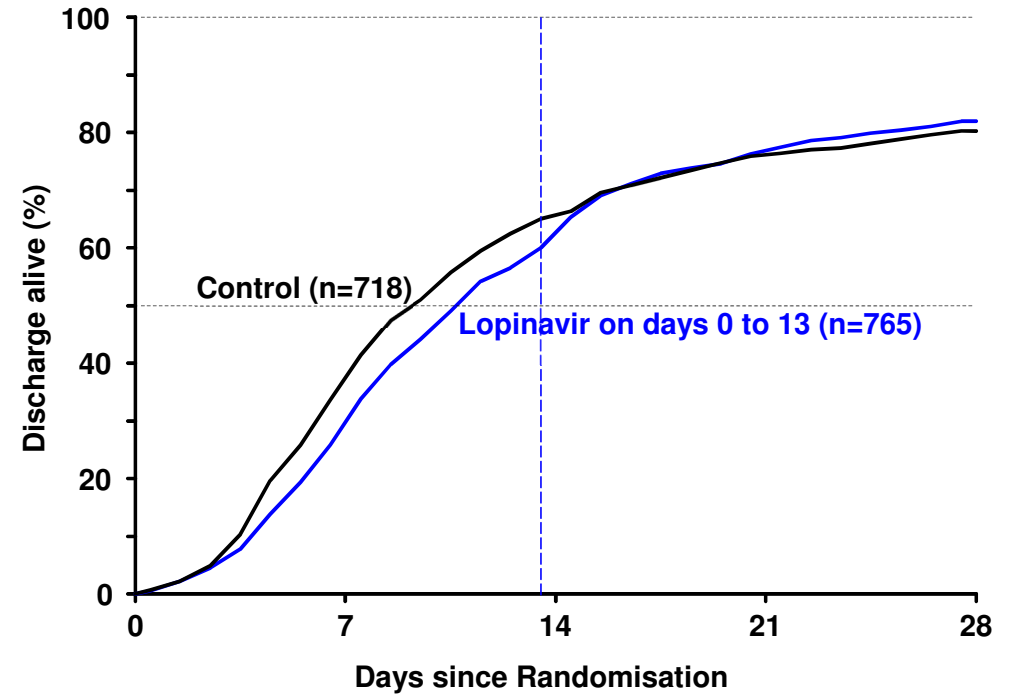
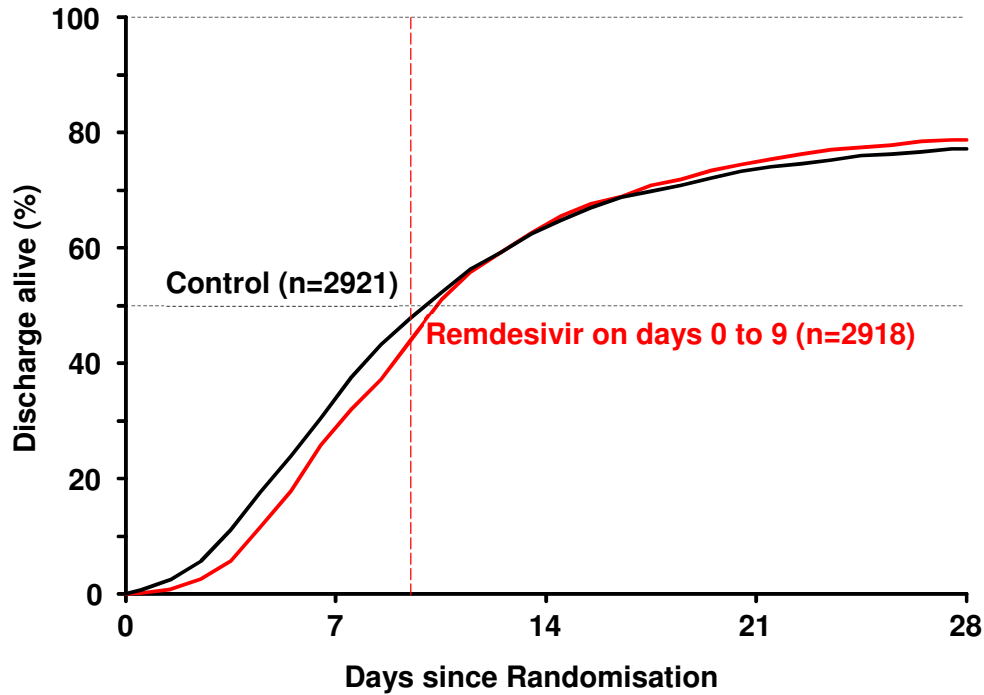


Figure S12A-D. Remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir & interferon, each vs its own controls - effects on time to discharge alive in patients being given no O₂ at entry (Approximates "mild-to-moderate" in ACTT-1 & FDA reports.) Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

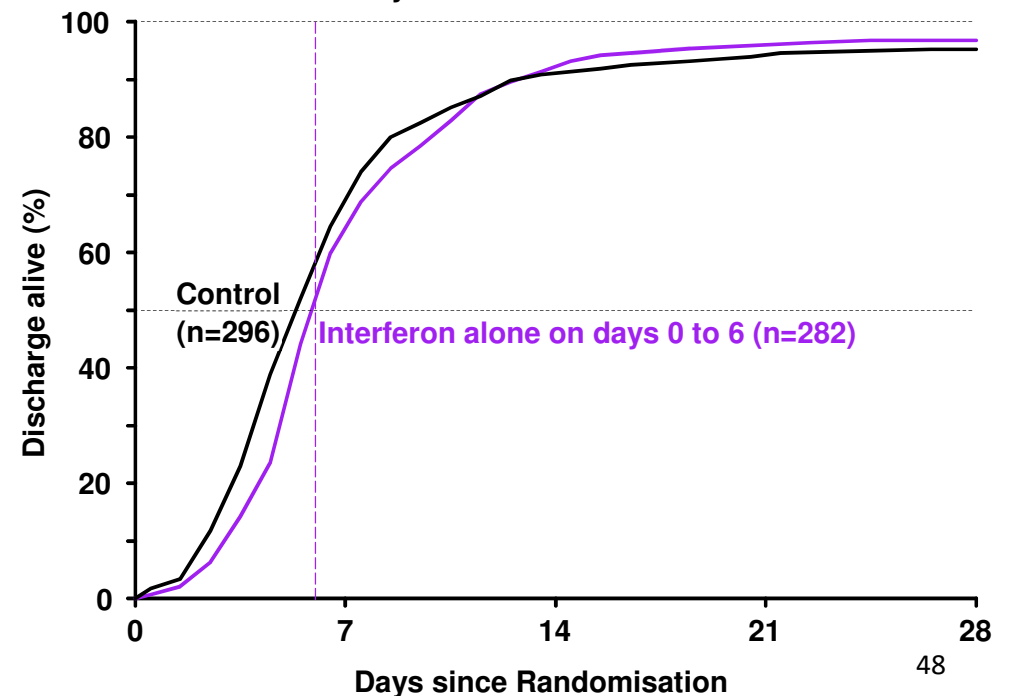
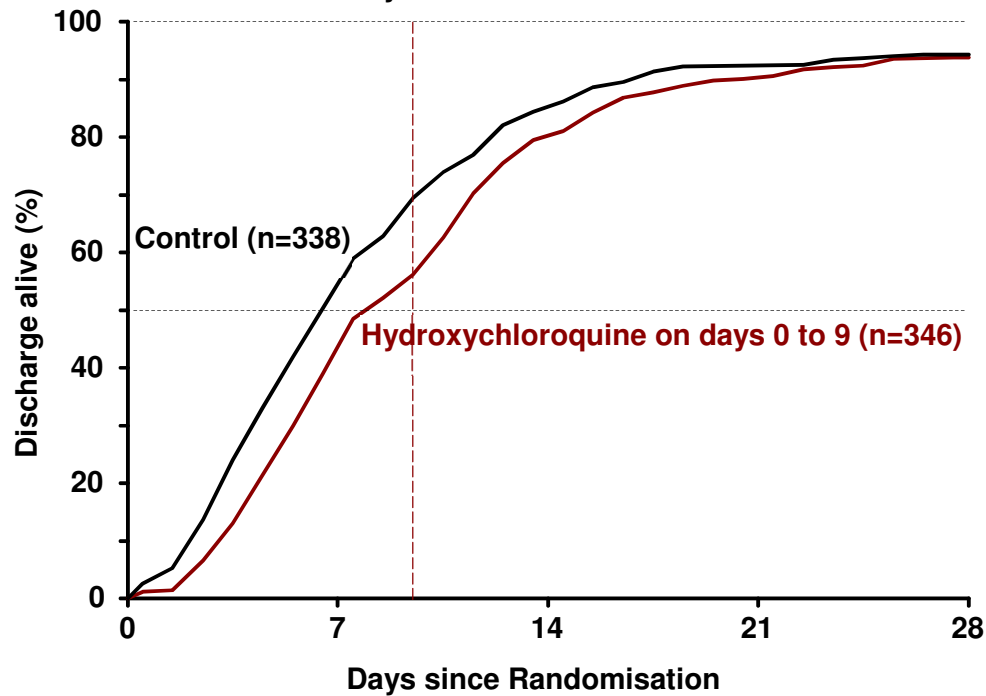
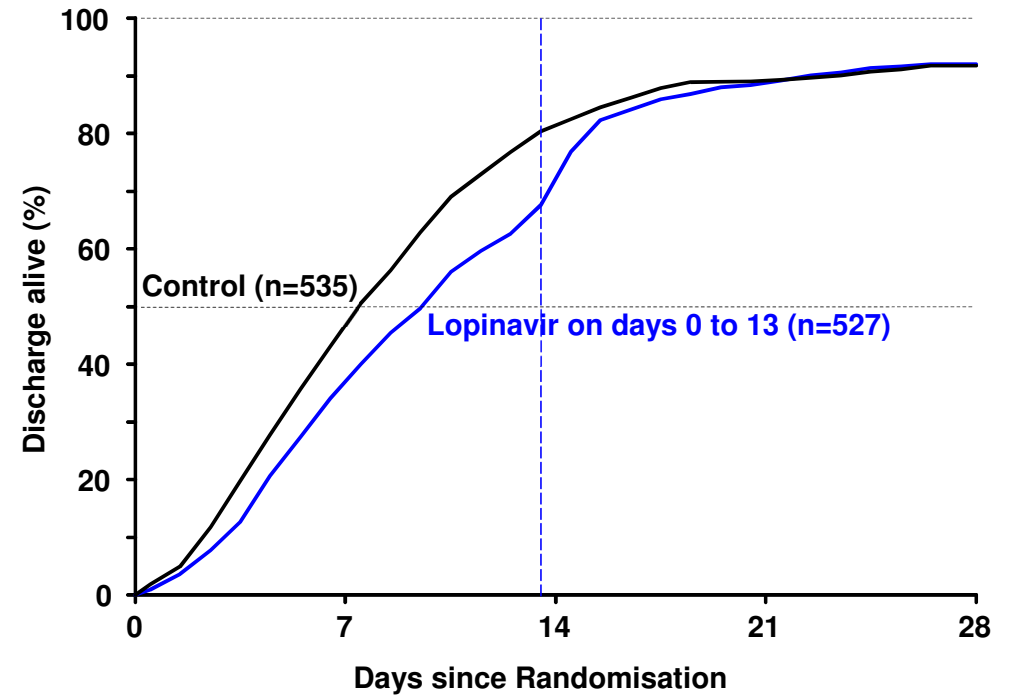
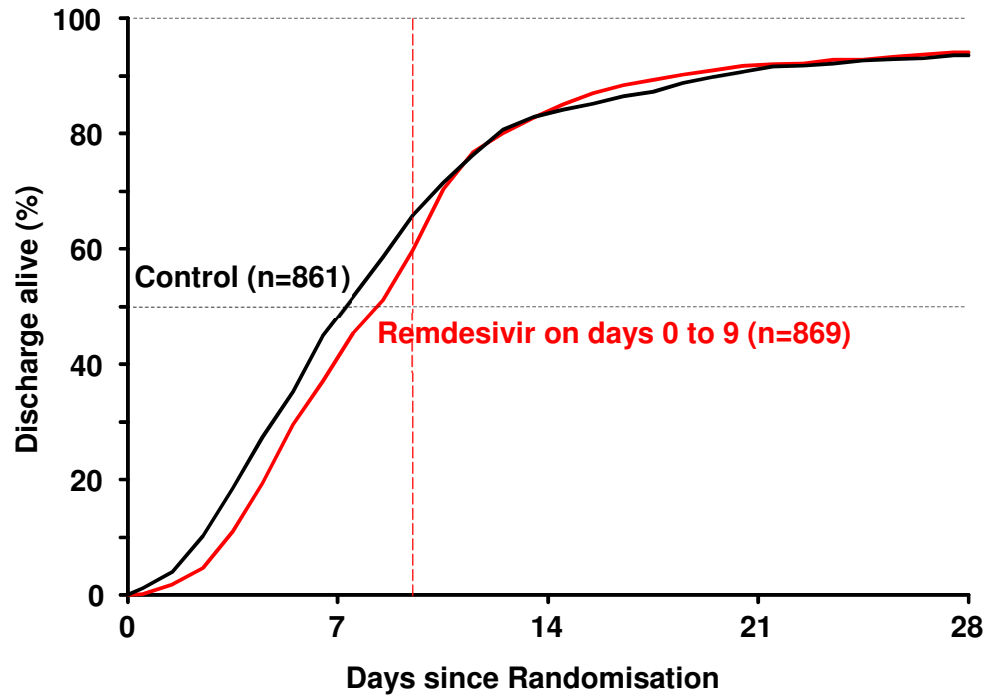


Figure S13A-D. Remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir & interferon, each vs its own controls - effects on time to discharge alive in patients on low/high-flow O₂ or ventilated Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

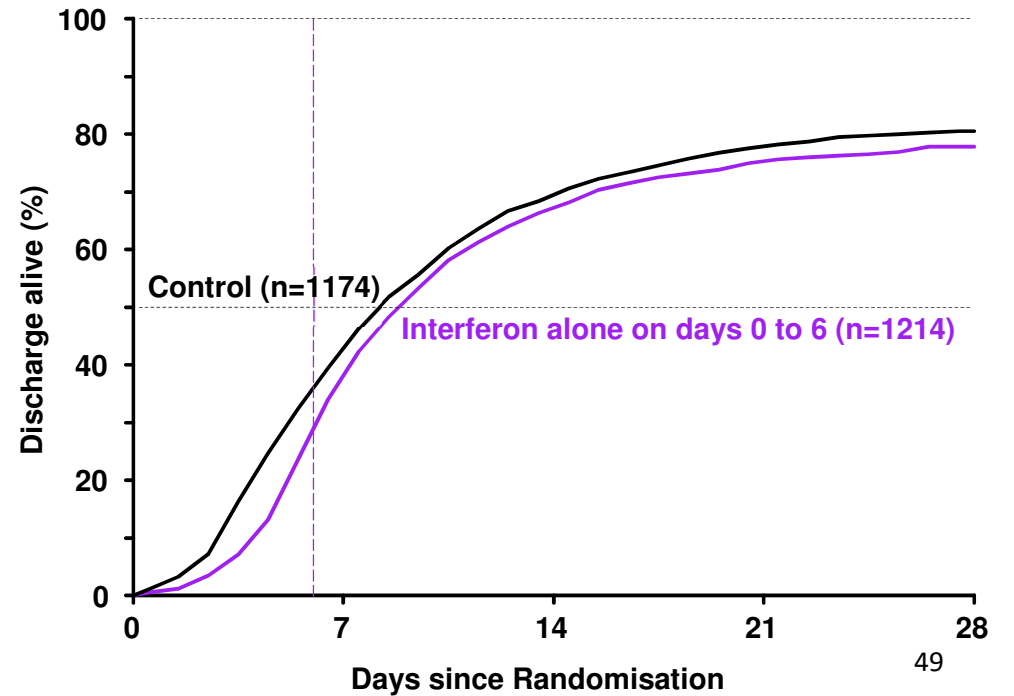
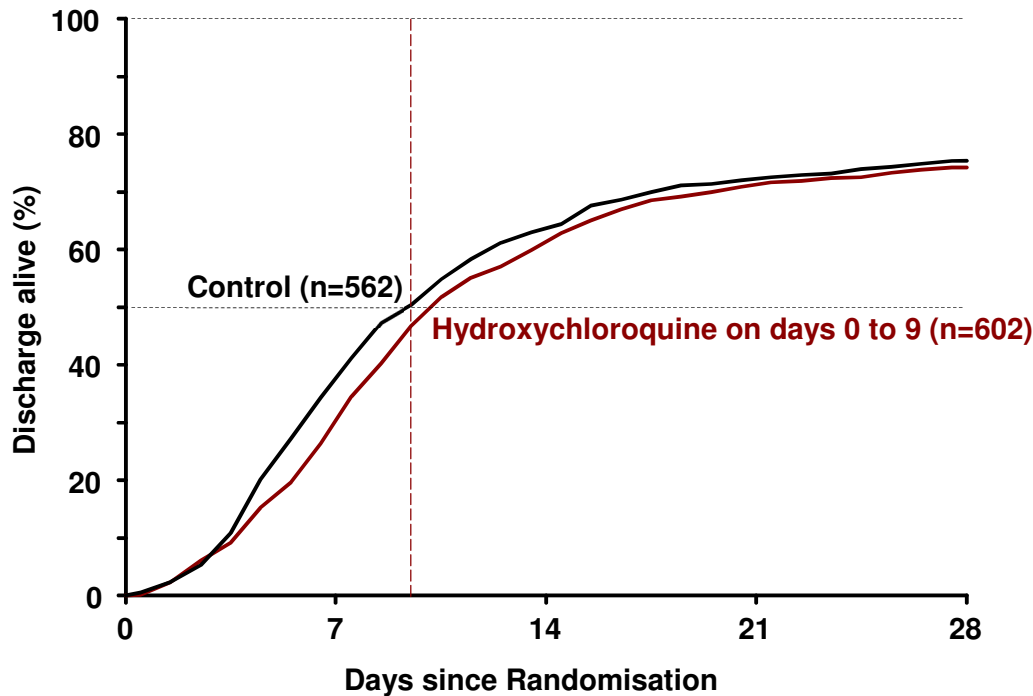
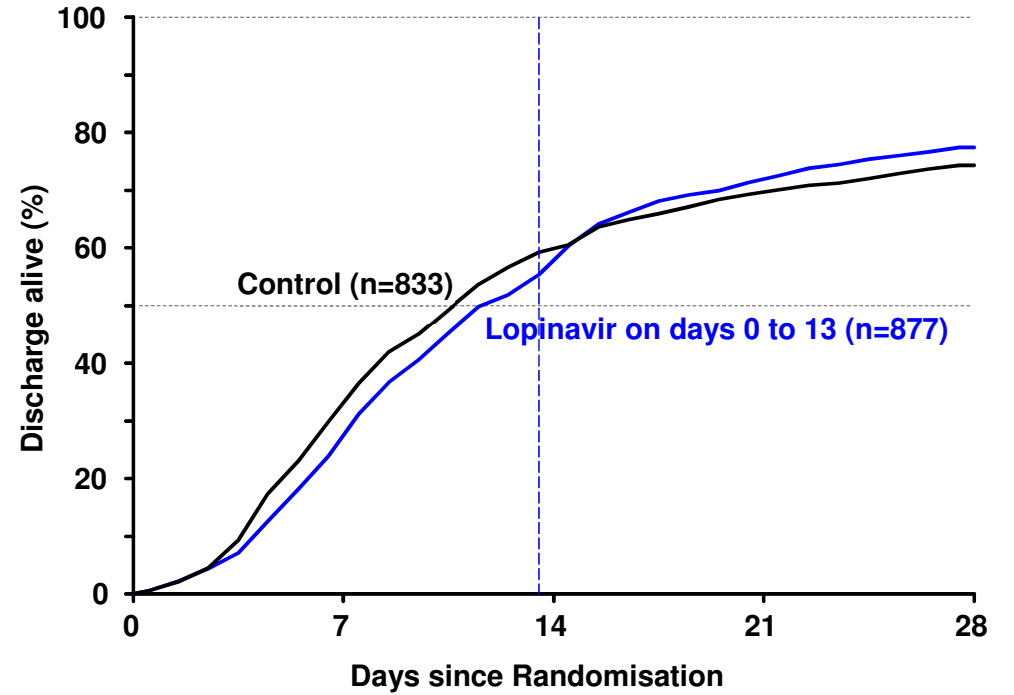
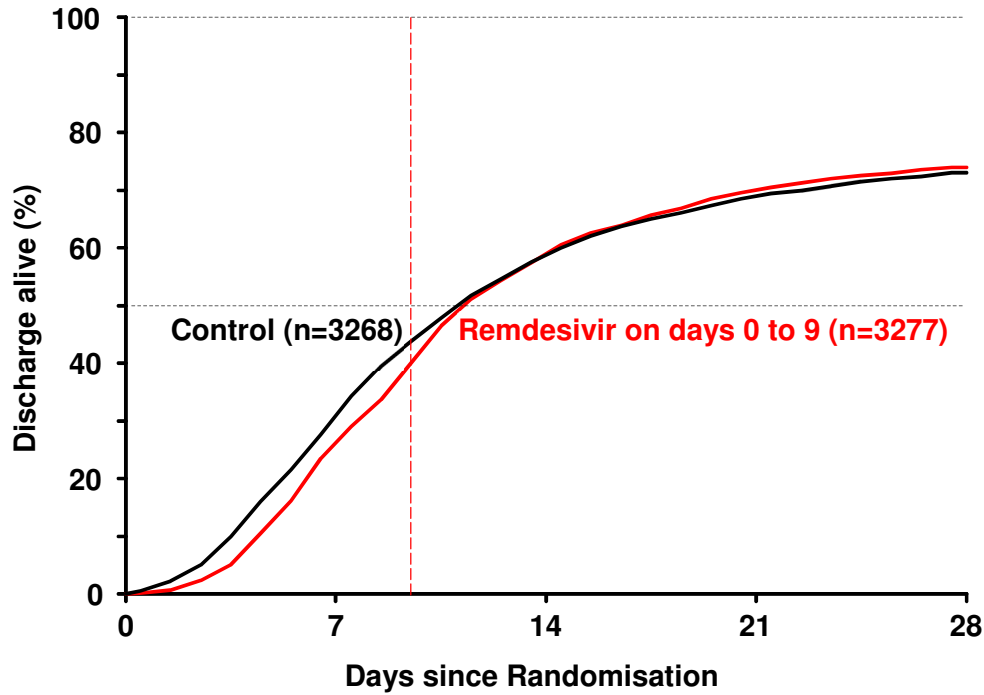


Figure S14A-D. Remdesivir, hydroxychloroquine, lopinavir & interferon, each vs its own controls - effects on time to discharge alive in all patients, regardless of respiratory support at entry Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

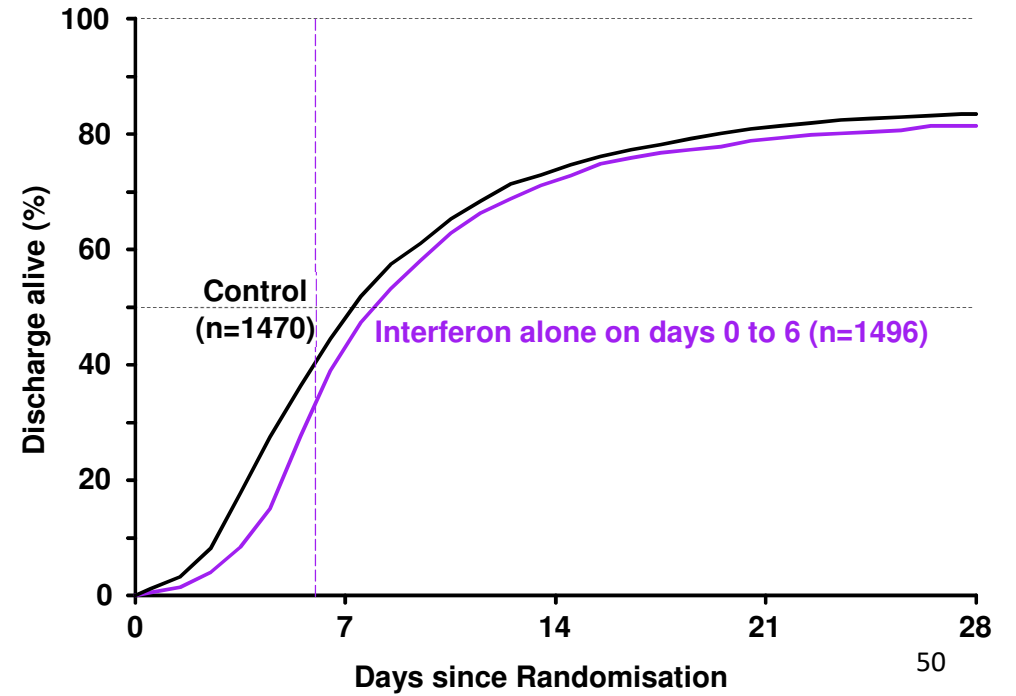
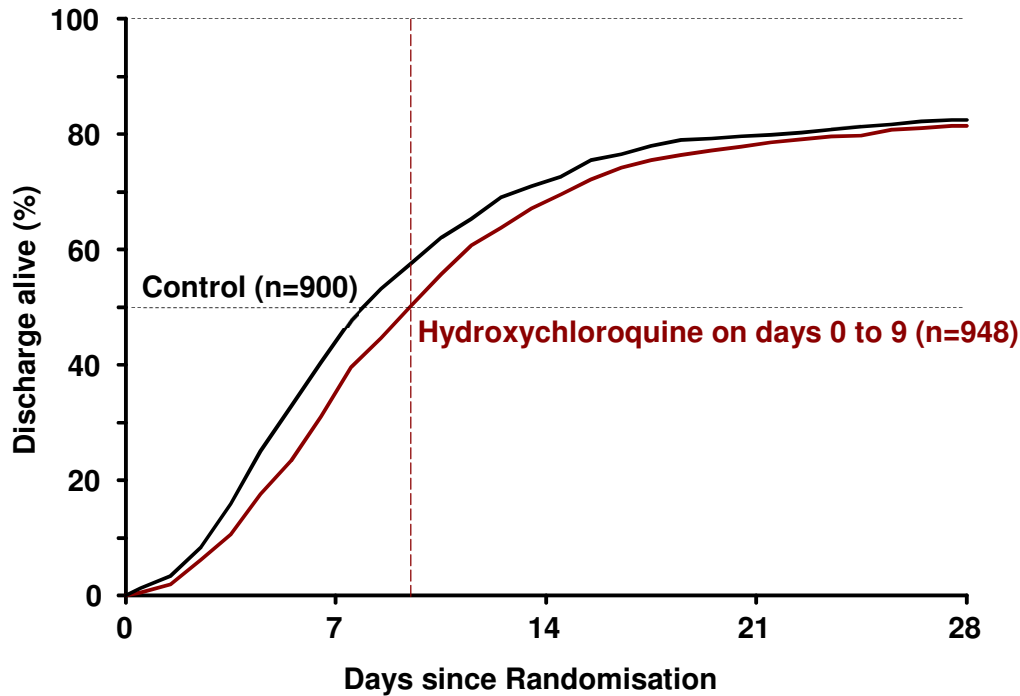
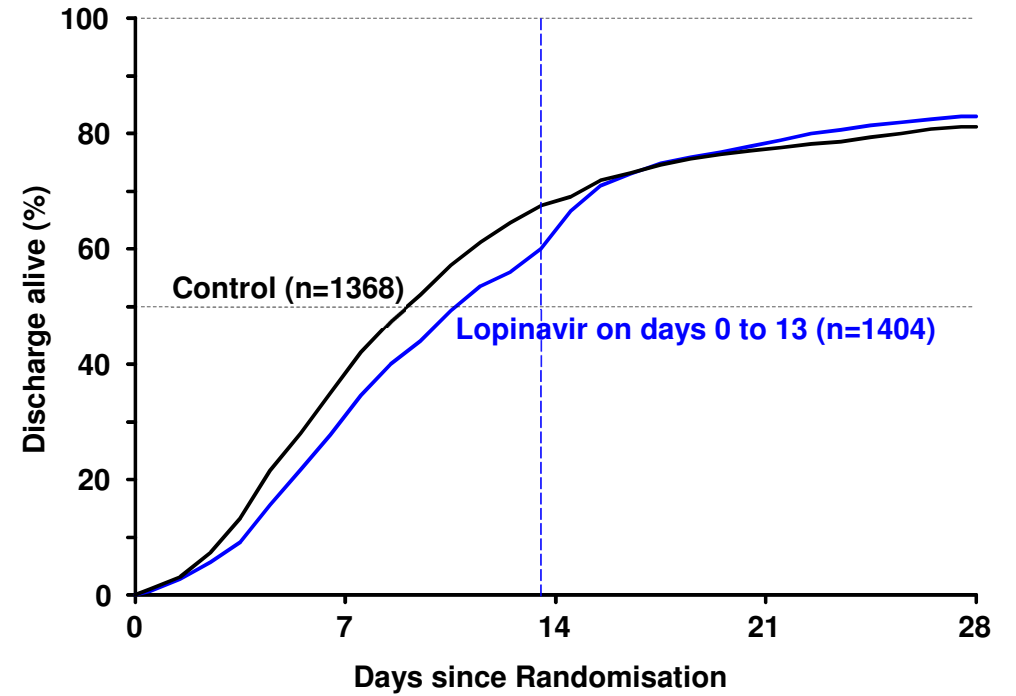
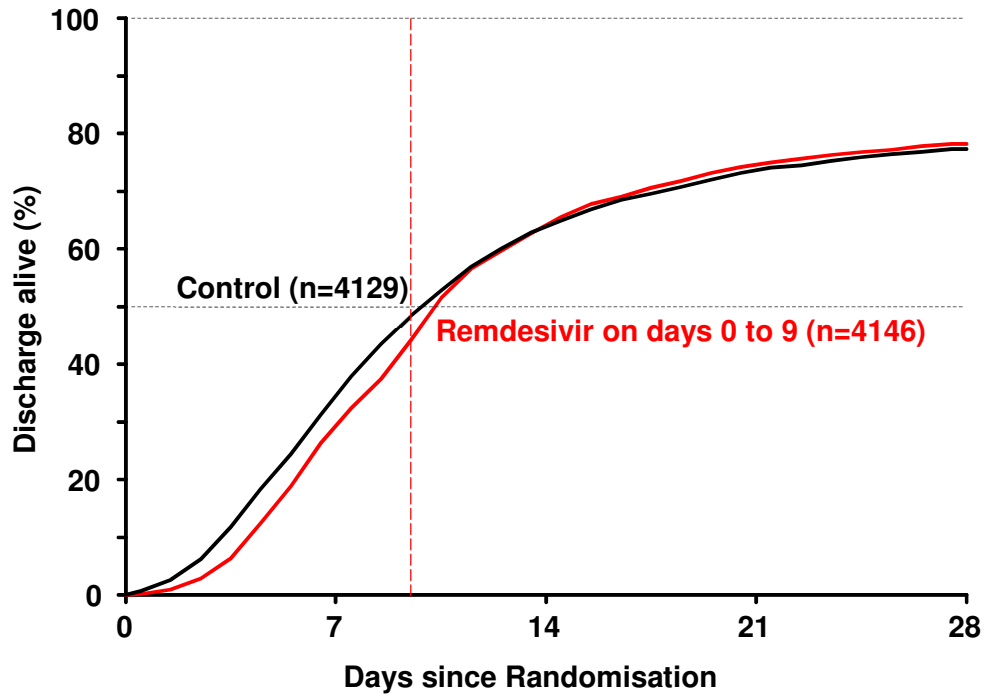


Figure S15A-D. Pairwise randomised comparisons between pairs of study drugs - effects on time to discharge alive, restricted to patients randomised where both of those two drugs were available Denominators: all who entered. Verticals: ends of scheduled treatment durations if still in hospital

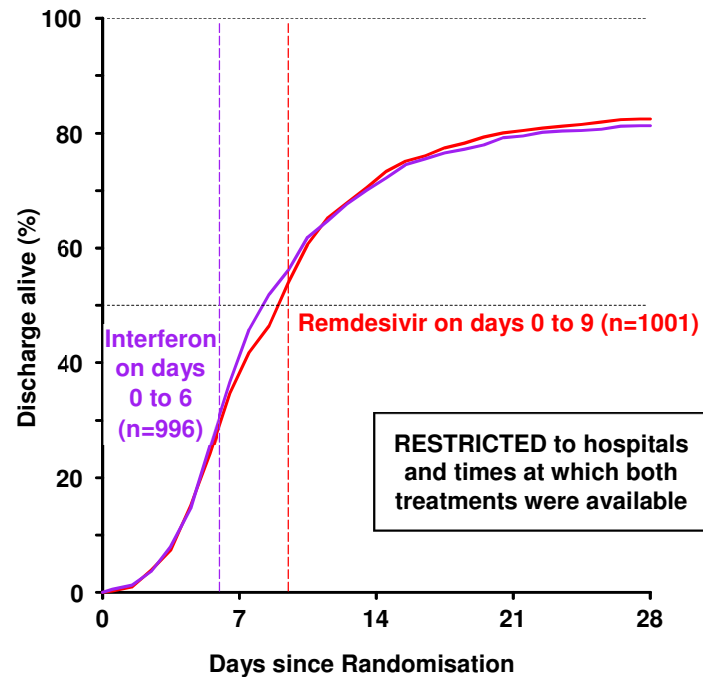
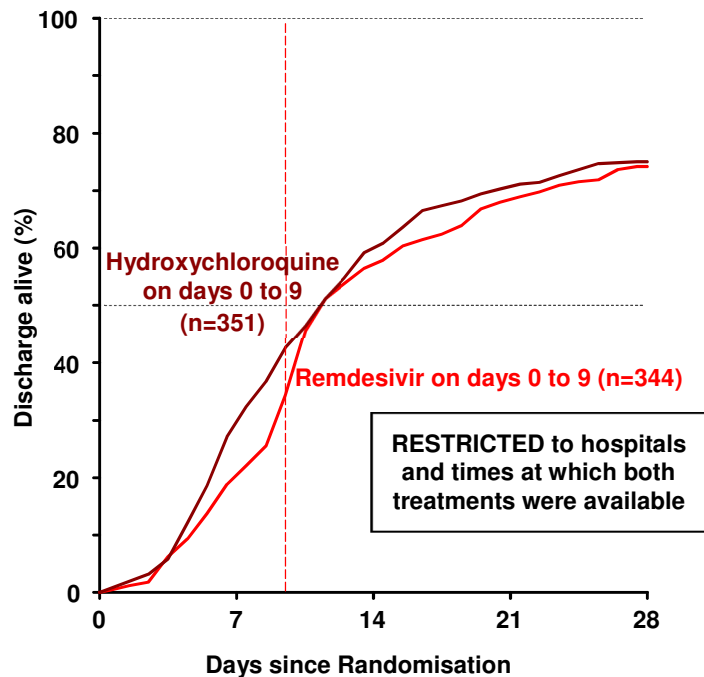
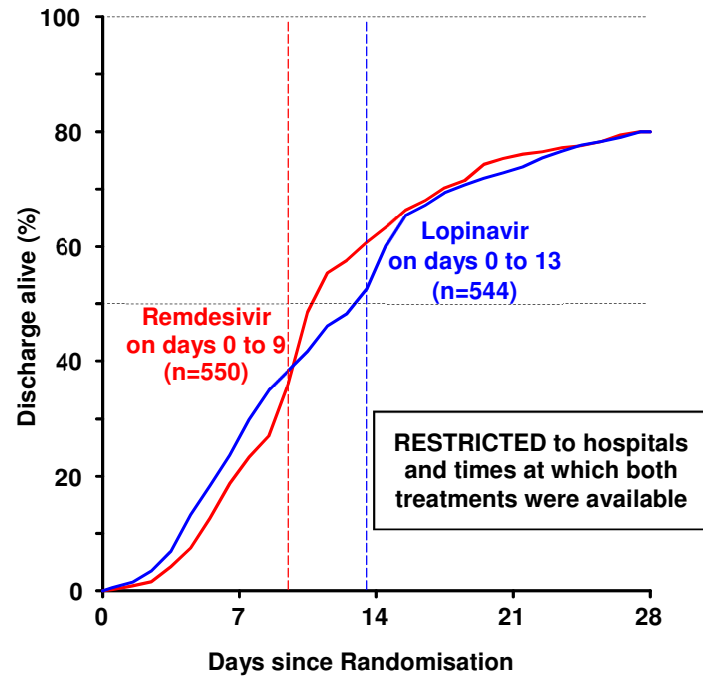
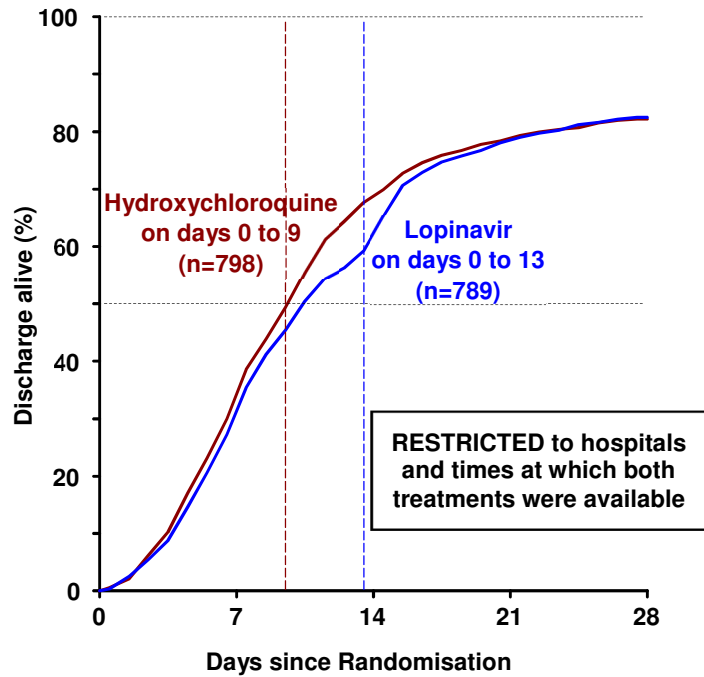
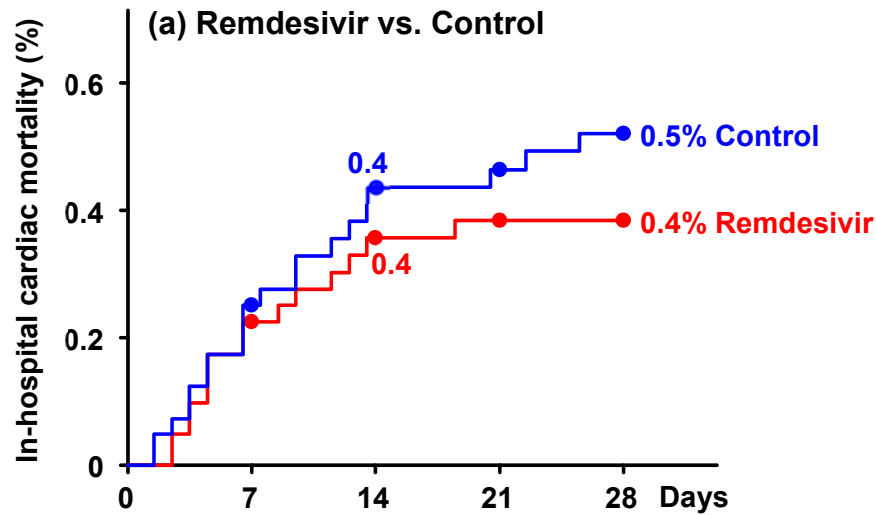
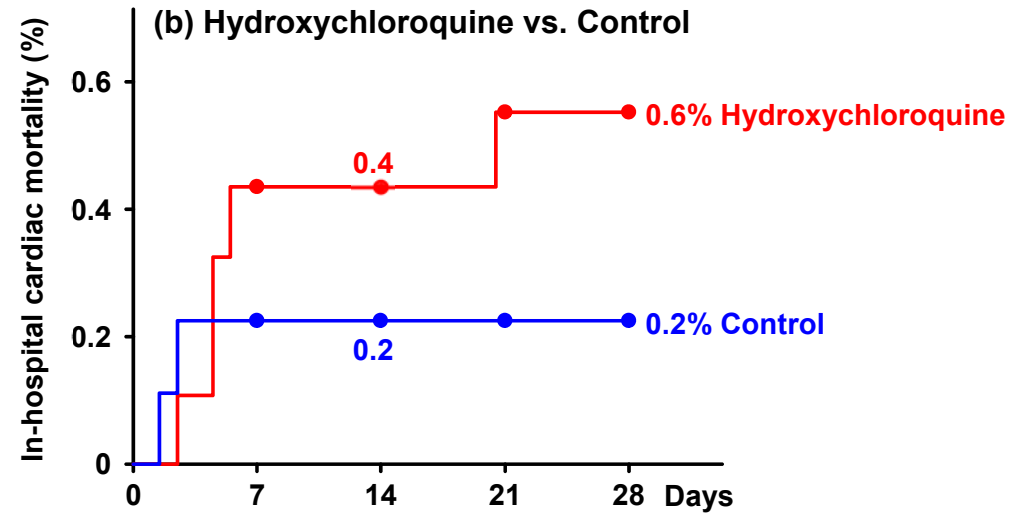


Figure S16A-D. Effects of (A) remdesivir, (B) hydroxychloroquine, (C) lopinavir, (D) interferon on cardiac death in hospital
(any death in hospital for which the trial's electronic death report included a cardiac cause)



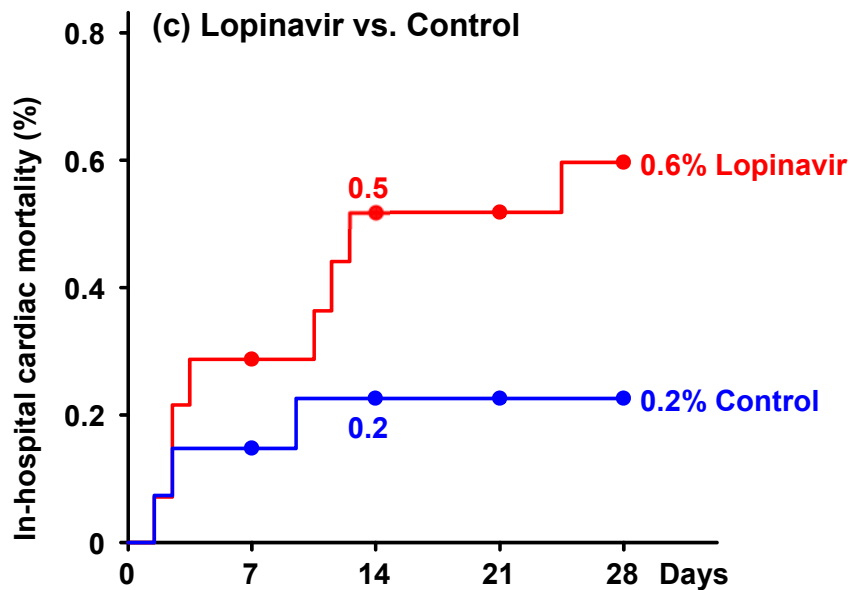
No. randomised, nos. dying, and denominators

Remdesivir	4146	9	3878	5	3703	1	3606	0	3554	2
Control	4129	10	3861	7	3665	1	3557	2	3490	0



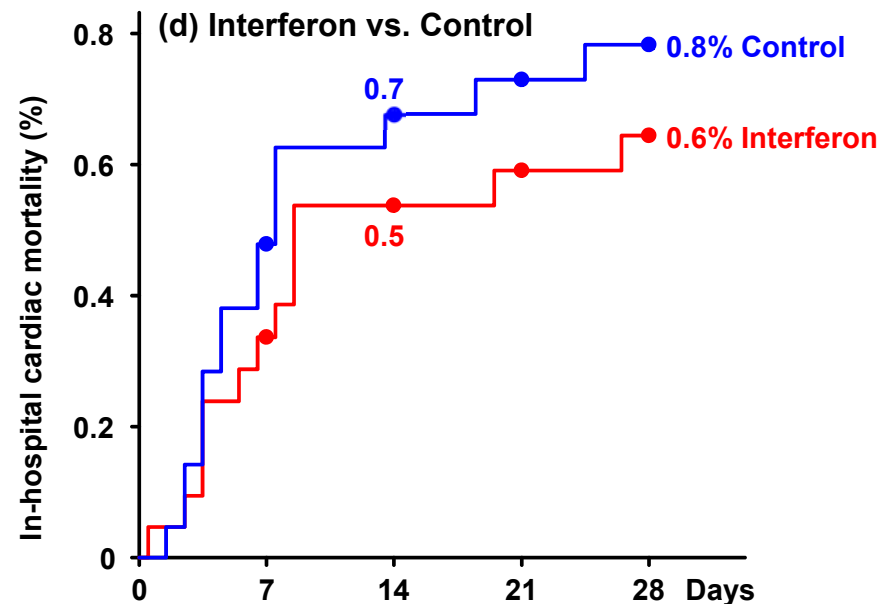
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Hydroxychlor.	948	4	890	0	858	1	845	0	841	4
Control	900	2	848	0	820	0	812	0	808	1



No. randomised, nos. dying, and denominators

Lopinavir	1404	4	1334	3	1286	0	1263	1	1250	0
Control	1368	2	1292	1	1242	0	1220	0	1208	0

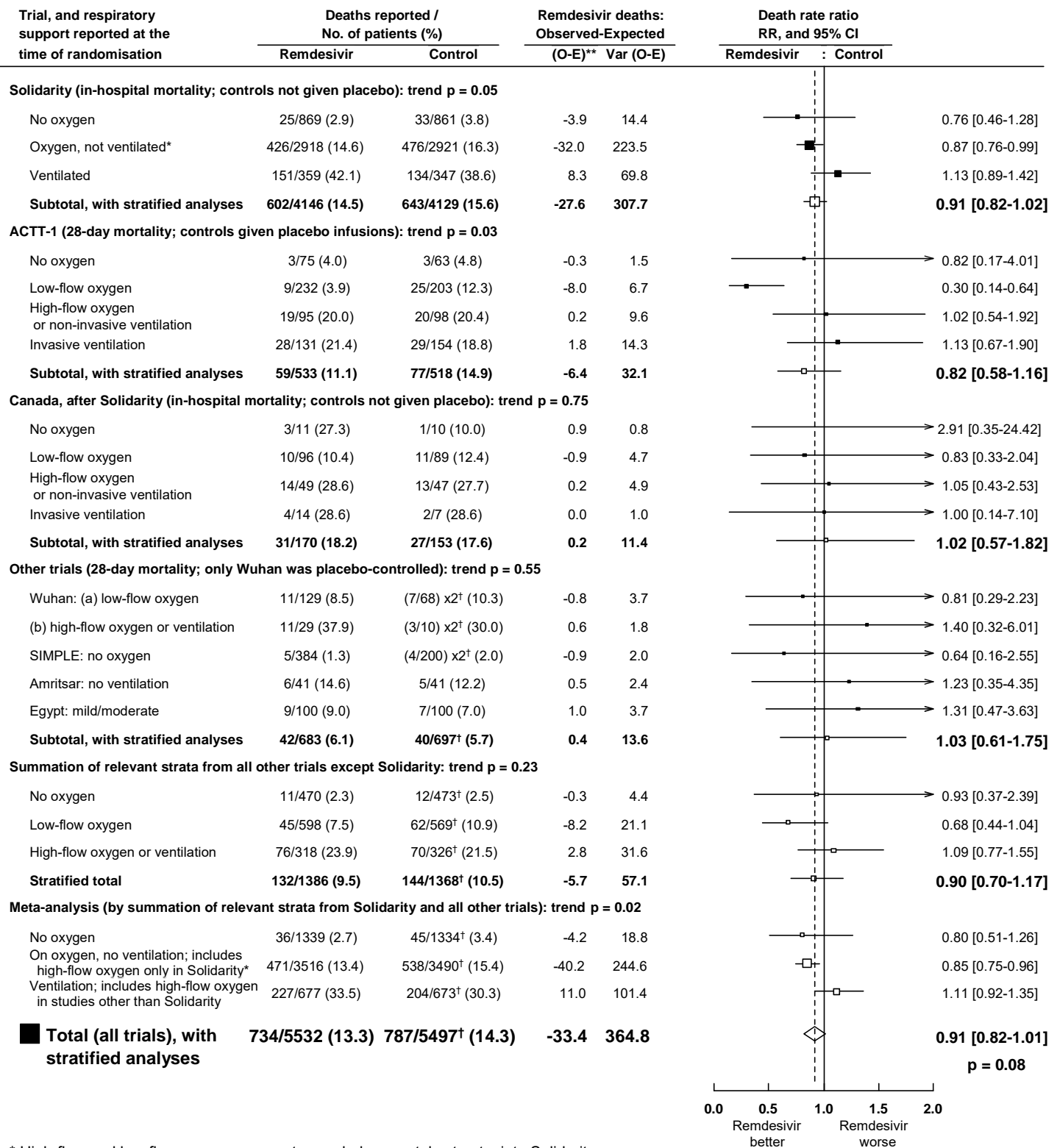


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Interferon	2144	7	1999	4	1904	1	1859	1	1828	1
Control	2147	10	2015	4	1939	1	1904	1	1880	0

Figure S17A: Remdesivir vs its control in hospitalised COVID – Meta-analysis of mortality in Solidarity, ACTT-1, & other randomised trials with some deaths

Solidarity includes in-hospital deaths before or after day 28, but other trials may stop at day 28. Statistical analyses (O-E, RR, etc) are stratified for respiratory support, but the overall % is not. The French, Canadian and Norwegian parts of Solidarity, published separately, are already included in this meta-analysis, so they are not additional to it.



* High-flow and low-flow oxygen were not recorded separately at entry into Solidarity

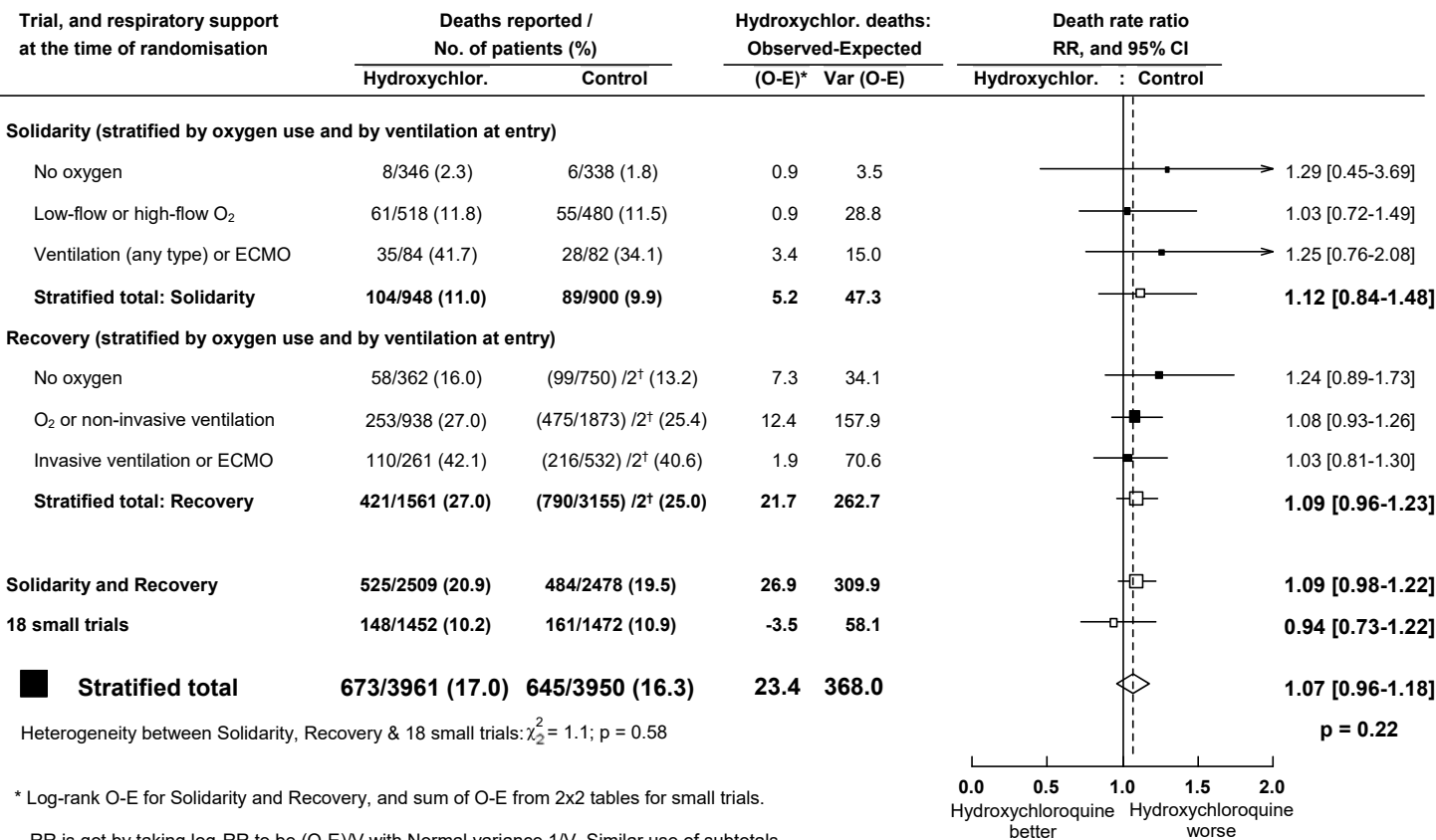
** Age-stratified log-rank O-E for Solidarity, O-E from 2x2 tables for small trials, and w.loge HR for ACTT-1 strata (with the weight w being the inverse of the variance of loge HR, obtained from the 95% CI for the Hazard Ratio). If V is the variance of the logrank statistic O-E then RR is got from taking loge RR to be (O-E)/V with Normal variance 1/V. Summation of (O-E) and V yields the stratified total (ie, the inverse-variance-weighted average of the separate loge RR values).

‡ After Solidarity ended, its Canadian centres continued randomising remdesivir vs its control until 1 April, 2021.

† For balance, in studies with only half as many allocated control as remdesivir the controls count twice in total deaths/patients.

Figure S17B. Hydroxychloroquine vs its control in hospitalised COVID – Meta-analysis of mortality in Solidarity, Recovery, & the other RCTs with some deaths

Solidarity includes in-hospital deaths before or after day 28, but Recovery and some other trials stop at day 28. Statistical analyses (O-E, RR, etc) are stratified for respiratory support, but the overall % is not. The French, Canadian and Norwegian results, published separately, are not additional to this.



* Log-rank O-E for Solidarity and Recovery, and sum of O-E from 2x2 tables for small trials.

RR is got by taking $\log_e RR$ to be $(O-E)/V$ with Normal variance $1/V$. Similar use of subtotals or of totals of (O-E) and of V yield inverse-variance-weighted averages of the $\log_e RR$ values.

† For balance, only half the control numbers in Recovery are added into totals and subtotals

Figure S17C. Lopinavir vs its control in hospitalised COVID – Meta-analysis of mortality in Solidarity, Recovery, and the other RCT with some deaths

Solidarity includes in-hospital deaths before or after day 28, but the other trials stop at day 28. Statistical analyses (O-E, RR, etc) are stratified for respiratory support, but the overall % is not. The French, Canadian and Norwegian results, published separately, are not additional to this.

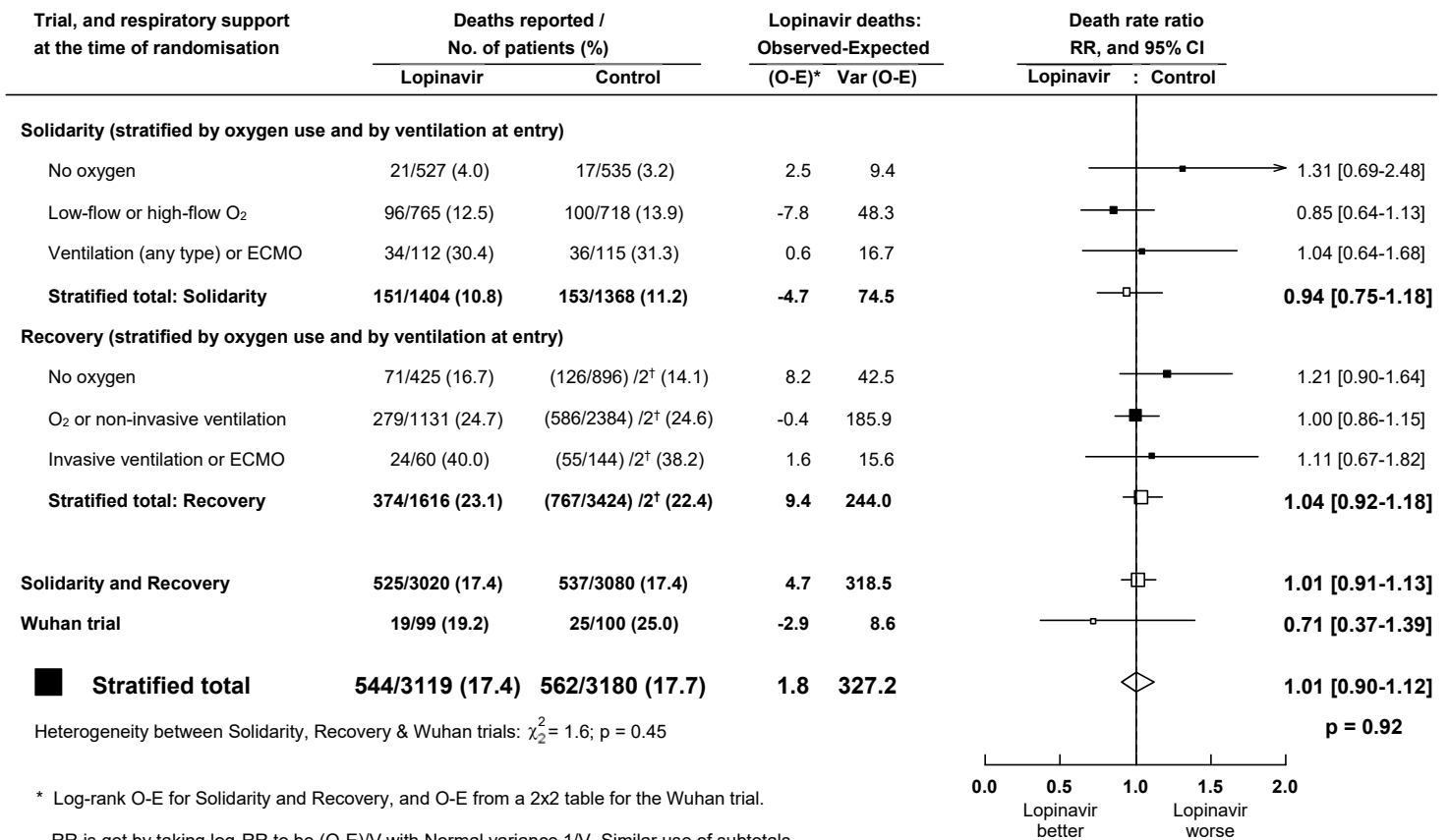
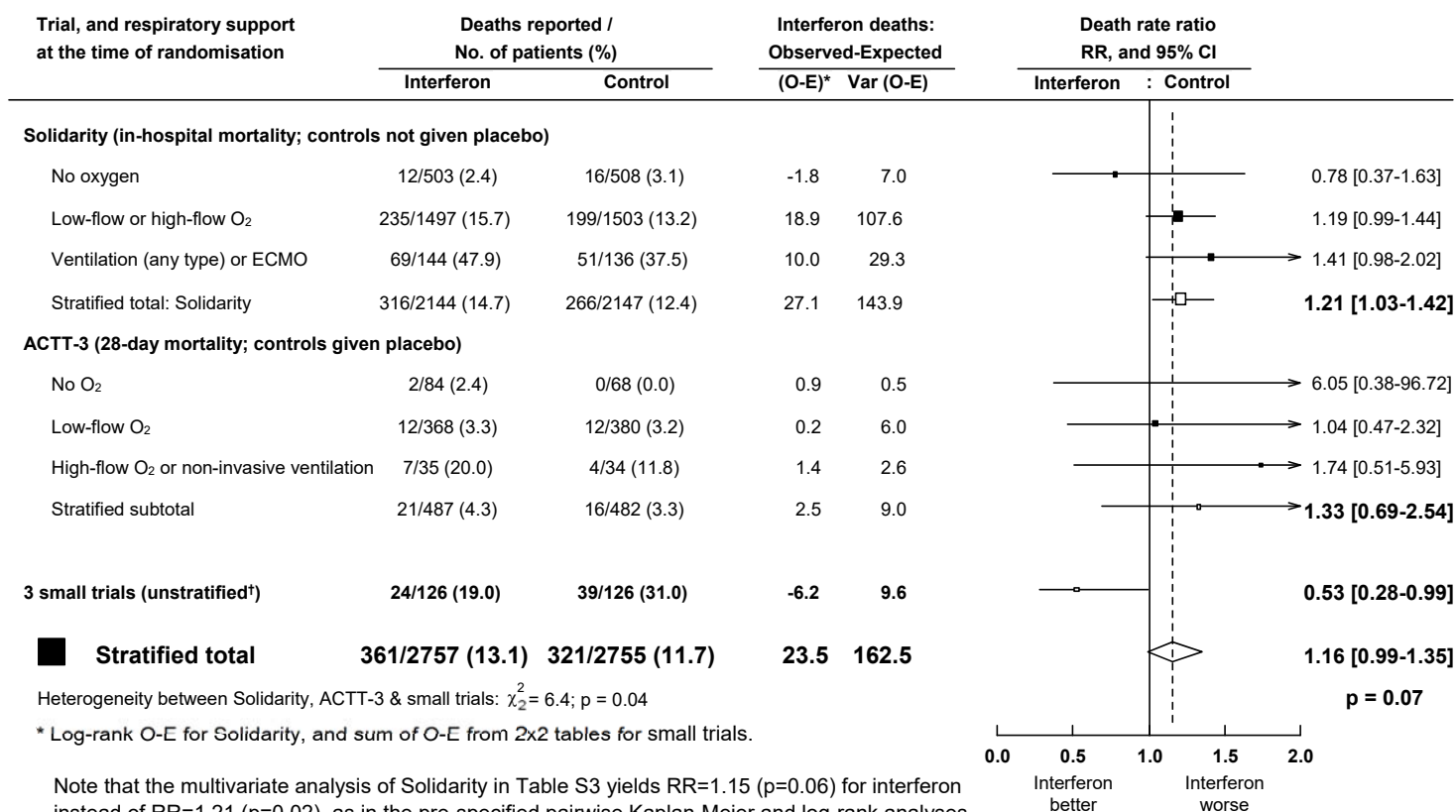


Figure S17D. Interferon-β vs its control in hospitalised COVID – Meta-analysis of mortality in Solidarity, ACTT-3, and the other RCTs with some deaths

Solidarity includes in-hospital deaths before or after day 28, but other trials may stop at day 28. Statistical analyses (O-E, RR etc) are stratified for respiratory support, but the overall % is not. The French, Canadian and Norwegian results, published separately, are not additional to this.



Heterogeneity between Solidarity, ACTT-3 & small trials: $\chi^2_2 = 6.4$; $p = 0.04$

* Log-rank O-E for Solidarity, and sum of O-E from 2x2 tables for small trials.

Note that the multivariate analysis of Solidarity in Table S3 yields RR=1.15 ($p=0.06$) for interferon instead of RR=1.21 ($p=0.02$), as in the pre-specified pairwise Kaplan-Meier and log-rank analyses. The reduction in RR on going from pairwise to multivariate analysis shows the apparently adverse effect of interferon in Solidarity was at least partly due to an adverse play of chance at randomisation.

RR is got by taking $\log_e RR$ to be $(O-E)/V$ with Normal variance $1/V$. Similar use of subtotals or of totals of $(O-E)$ and of V yields inverse-variance-weighted averages of the $\log_e RR$ values.

† All 3 small trials were single-centre Iranian studies. For balance, in the one trial in which half as many were allocated control as interferon the control results are counted twice in the total number of deaths and patients. In another, 4 early deaths that were omitted as they prevented interferon completion have been restored.