

Reviewer's report

Title: Recombinant human C1 esterase inhibitor (conestat alfa) in the prevention of severe SARS-CoV-2 infection in hospitalized patients with COVID-19: A structured summary of a study protocol for a randomized, parallel-group, open-label, multi-center pilot trial (PROTECT-COVID-19)

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Reviewer: Kirsty Loudon

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Reviewer report summary:

Review #2

The summary is now comprehensive and well written, conforming to the COVID-19 study protocol structured summary template.

Review #1

Thank you for submitting a summary to Trials to publish alongside your trial protocol. This is a comprehensive well written abstract for a protocol for a randomized controlled trial to assess the efficacy and safety of recombinant human C1 esterase inhibitor (conestat alfa) in the prevention of severe SARS-CoV-2 infection in hospitalized patients with COVID-19

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