

# Riscul infectios după administrarea de imunosupresoare în COVID-19

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# Tocilizumab

- Actemra (tocilizumab) is an **interleukin-6 (IL-6) receptor inhibitor** used to treat moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis in children and adults.
- Common side effects of Actemra include:
- **unusual bleeding**--nosebleeds, bleeding gums, abnormal vaginal bleeding, any bleeding that will not stop, blood in your urine or stools, coughing up blood or vomit that looks like coffee grounds;
- **liver problems**--loss of appetite, right-sided stomach pain, vomiting, tiredness, dark urine, clay-colored stools, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes);
- **signs of perforation** (a hole or tear) in your stomach or intestines--fever, ongoing stomach pain, change in bowel habits.
- **signs of infection**--fever, chills, aches, tiredness, cough, skin sores, diarrhea, weight loss, burning when you urinate;

<https://www.rxlist.com/actemra-side-effects-drug-center.htm#overview>

- Viral reactivation has been reported with immunosuppressive biologic therapies and cases of **herpes zoster exacerbation** were observed in clinical studies with ACTEMRA. Hepatitis B reactivation
- Higher incidence of neutropenia.
  - It is not recommended to initiate ACTEMRA treatment in patients with a low neutrophil count,
    - In patients who develop an absolute neutrophil count less than 500 per mm<sup>3</sup> treatment is not recommended.

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# Serious Infections

The most common serious infections included

- herpes zoster, gastroenteritis
- pneumonia,
- urinary tract infection,
- cellulitis,
- diverticulitis,
- sepsis
- bacterial arthritis

Opportunistic infections,

- tuberculosis,
- cryptococcus, aspergillosis, candidiasis
- pneumocystosis

- Do not administer ACTEMRA in patients with an active infection, including localized infections.
- The risks and benefits of treatment should be considered prior to initiating ACTEMRA in patients:
  - with chronic or recurrent infection;
  - who have been exposed to tuberculosis;
  - with a history of serious or an opportunistic infection;
  - who have resided or traveled in areas of endemic tuberculosis or endemic mycoses; or
  - with underlying conditions that may predispose them to infection.

# Anakinra

- Anakinra, a recombinant interleukin-1 receptor antagonist, is known to be effective in several hyperinflammatory diseases:

➤ [Crit Care.](#) 2020 Dec 10;24(1):688. doi: 10.1186/s13054-020-03364-w.

## Anakinra treatment in critically ill COVID-19 patients: a prospective cohort study

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# Side effects

- Hematologic Common (1% to 10%):
  - **Neutropenia**, decreased total white blood cell count, **decreased platelets**
- Gastrointestinal
- Very common (10% or more):
  - **Vomiting (14%)**
- Common (1% to 10%):
  - **Nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain**
- Hepatic
- Uncommon (0.1% to 1%):
  - **Hepatic enzyme increased**
- Nervous system
- Very common (10% or more):
  - **Headache (12%)**
- Musculoskeletal
- Common (1% to 10%):
  - **Arthralgia**
- Other
- Very common (10% or more):
  - Worsening of RA (19%), pyrexia (11%)
- Hypersensitivity
- Uncommon (0.1% to 1%):
  - **Allergic reactions** (including anaphylactic reactions), angioedema, urticaria, pruritus
- Oncologic
- Frequency not reported:
  - **Increased rate of lymphoma**

# Infections

- Respiratory
- Very common (10% or more):
  - Upper respiratory tract infection (19%), nasopharyngitis (11%)
- Common (1% to 10%):
  - Sinusitis, bronchitis
- Genitourinary
- Common (1% to 10%):
  - Urinary tract infection
- Immunologic
- Common (1% to 10%):
  - Serious infections (primarily bacterial)
    - cellulitis,
    - pneumonia,
    - bone and joint infections),
    - influenza-like symptoms

# Baricitinib



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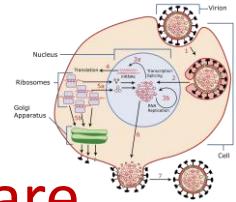
## Baricitinib plus Remdesivir for Hospitalized Adults with Covid-19

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- Janus kinase inhibitor
- Baricitinib plus remdesivir was superior to remdesivir alone in reducing recovery time and accelerating improvement in clinical status among patients with Covid-19, notably among those receiving high-flow oxygen or noninvasive ventilation. The combination was associated with fewer serious adverse events.

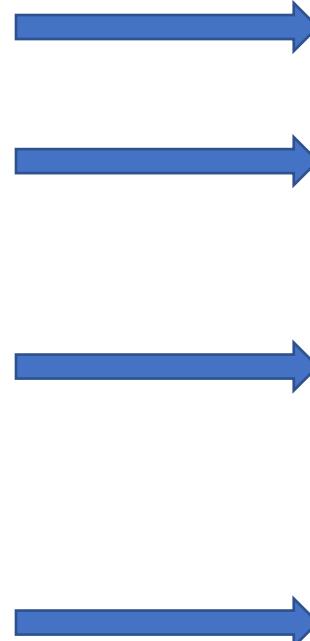
- Ratele de raportate pentru Baricitinib în comparație cu placebo pentru reacții adverse la medicament vizând infecțiile au fost:
  - infecții ale tractului respirator superior (14,7 % față de 11,7 %),
  - infecții ale tractului urinar (3,4 % față de 2,7 %),
  - gastroenterită (1,6 % față de 0,8 %),
  - herpes simplex (1,8 % față de 0,7 %) și
  - herpes zoster (1,4 % față de 0,4 %).

# Virusul Varicelo-zoosterian



- Reactivarea VZV este frecvent întâlnită în terapia cu **imunosupresoare**.
- Celulele **CD4 + multifuncționale** (IFN-γ + IL-2 + TNF-α +) sunt implicate în supravegherea imună împotriva HZ latentă.
- Herpes zoster a fost raportat mai frecvent la **pacientii cu vîrstă ≥ 65 de ani care au fost tratați anterior cu terapii biologice**.
- Reactivarea VZV, a fost raportată în studiile clinice efectuate de BARI.
  - Dintre cei 3492 de pacienți care au primit BARI în studiile clinice pentru tratamentul RA pana la 01 aprilie 2017,
    - **258 au avut dezvoltat HZ (7.38%)**
      - 94,6% dintre cazuri au **fost ușoare până la moderate** în severitate
      - 8,5% din cazuri au fost multidermatomice;
      - 0 a avut o implicare viscerală

**Table 2. Herpes Zoster by Patient Characteristic 6 Study Dataset Through 24 Weeks of Assigned Treatment<sup>6</sup>**



	PBO + cDMARDs (N=1070)		BARI 4mg + cDMARDs (N=997)		BARI 4 mg vs PBO
	N	n (IR per 100 PY)	N	n (IR per 100 PY)	OR [95% CI]
<b>Overall HZ cases reported as TEAEs</b>	1070	4 (1.0)	997	18 (4.3)	4.6 [1.5, 13.6]
<b>Age, years</b>					
<50	378	1 (0.7)	336	3 (2.1)	2.9
≥50 and <65	519	2 (1.0)	462	9 (4.7)	5.0 [1.1, 23.4]
≥65	173	1 (1.5)	119	6 (7.2)	5.9 [0.7, 52.4]
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	208	1 (1.3)	203	4 (4.7)	4.3 [0.5, 40.9]
Female	862	3 (0.9)	794	14 (4.2)	4.7 [1.3, 16.6]
<b>Background MTX</b>					
Yes	967	3 (0.8)	903	14 (3.7)	4.7 [1.3, 16.3]
No	103	1 (2.5)	94	4 (10.6)	5.1 [0.5, 48.2]
<b>Concomitant corticosteroid use</b>					
Yes	610	4 (1.7)	538	9 (4.0)	2.5 [0.8, 8.3]
No	460	0	459	9 (4.7)	---
<b>Time from RA diagnosis</b>					
<5 years	376	1 (0.6)	380	7 (4.2)	7.6 [0.9, 63.9]
≥5 years	515	3 (1.4)	510	10 (4.4)	3.5 [1.0, 12.8]
<b>Comorbid diabetes</b>					
Yes	118	2 (4.4)	92	1 (2.6)	0.4
No	952	2 (0.6)	905	17 (4.5)	8.7 [2.0, 37.9]

Abbreviations: BARI = baricitinib; cDMARDs = conventional disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs; HZ = herpes zoster; IR = incidence rate; MTX = methotrexate; PBO = placebo; PY = patient years; RA = rheumatoid arthritis; TEAEs = treatment-emergent adverse events.

- **Dacă un pacient dezvoltă herpes zoster,**
  - tratamentul cu baricitinib trebuie întrerupt temporar până la rezolvarea episodului.
  - se inițiază standarde de îngrijire (Acyclovir doze mari)
  - se monitorizează implicarea multi-dermatom sau alte dovezi de diseminare;
  - urmărirea până la recuperarea clinică a leziunilor cutanate
- **Vaccinarea VZV este recomandată anterior initierii terapiei cu baricitinib.**  
(> 30 de zile înainte de începerea terapiei)
- Vaccinurile vii nu trebuie administrate concomitent terapiei imunosuspressoare.

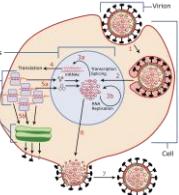
# Vaccinare HZ

- Nu este indicata pentru prevenirea infectiei primare (varicelă).
  - Prevenirea episoadelor de HZ
  - Prevenirea nevralgiei post-zosteriene
- **În timp ce vaccinarea HZ cu vaccin viu, atenuat este contraindicata la pacienții semnificativ imunocompromiși, inclusiv terapii imunosupresoare.**
- **Se indica vaccinul inactivat, recombinant.**
- 2 doze, administrate la 2 luni interval

# Virusurile hepatitice B si C

Patients with evidence of active hepatitis B or C  
infection were excluded from clinical trials.

# Virusul hepatic B

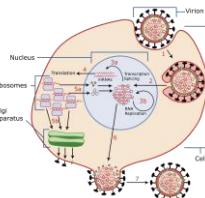


## Reactivare VHB

Definitie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- cresterea brusca , importanta a replicarii VHB ( ADN-VHB )</li><li>- cresterea insotita de TGP/TGO</li></ul>
Seroconversie inversa	<b>Reaparitia AgHBs</b> la o persoana AgHBs-, AcHBc+
Tratament imunosupresor	Poate să apară până la <b>12 luni</b> după un tratament cu agenti imunosupresori
Tablou clinic	Variază de la asimptomatic la insuficiență hepatică

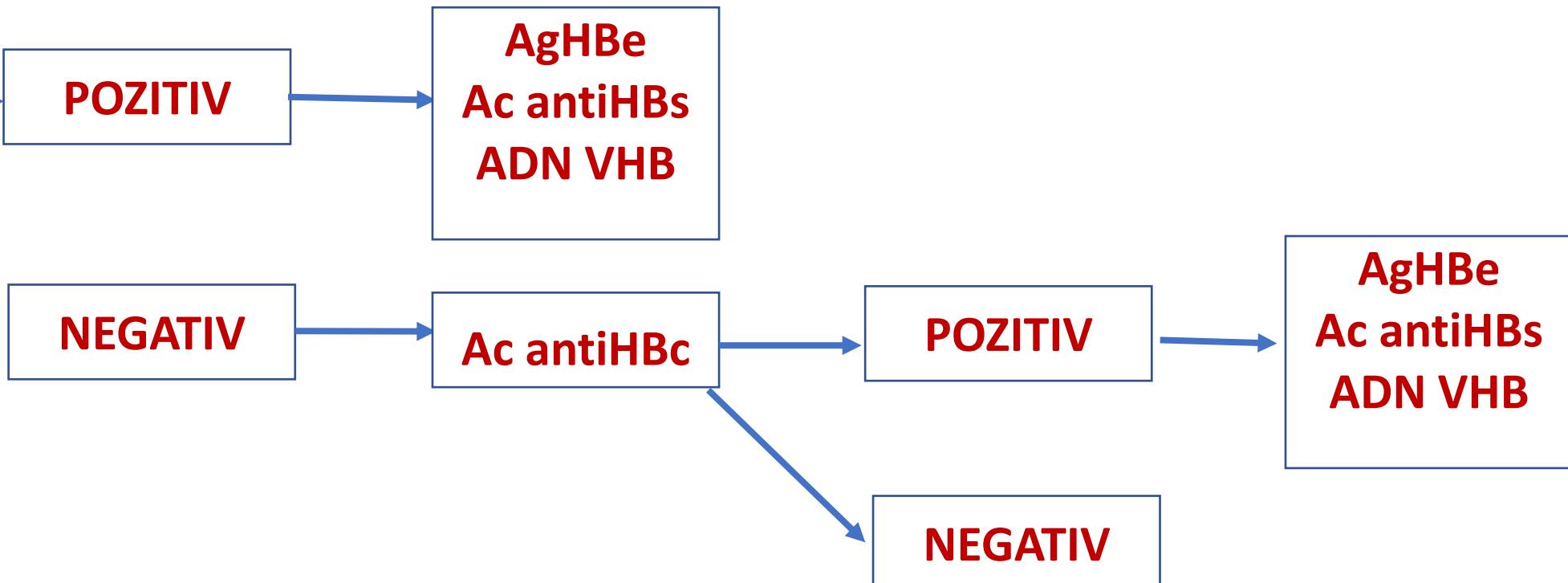
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# SCREENING VHB INAINTEA TERAPIEI IMUNOSUPRESOARE

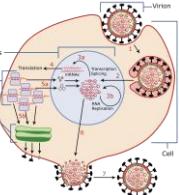


- Screeningul VHB este indicat în momentul prescrierii Baricitinib

• AgHBS



# Virusul hepatic C



- Screeningul VHC este indicat în momentul prescrierii Baricitinib

