

Trial medications

The COVID STEROID 2 trial

Experimental intervention: 12 mg dexamethasone

Active medication: dexamethasone, solution for injection, ATC code: H02AB02 (in Denmark: Dexavit[™], 3.33 mg/ml, Vital Pharma Nordic, Denmark).

Solution: isotonic saline, solution for intravenous injection, 9mg/ml, ATC code: B05BB01

Preparation and administration

12 mg of dexamethasone (3.6 ml) will be mixed with isotonic saline (1.4 ml) to a bolus volume of 5 ml. For each participant, 1 bolus injection of 12 mg dexamethasone will be administered intravenously every 24 hours.

Control intervention: 6 mg dexamethasone

Active medication: dexamethasone, solution for injection, ATC code: H02AB02 (in Denmark: Dexavit[™], 3.33 mg/ml, Vital Pharma Nordic, Denmark).

Solution: isotonic saline, solution for intravenous injection, 9mg/ml, ATC code: B05BB01.

Preparation and administration

6mg of dexamethasone (1.8 ml) will be mixed with isotonic saline (3.2 ml) to a bolus volume of 5 ml (1.44 mg/ml). For each participant, 1 bolus injection of 6 mg dexamethasone will be administered intravenously every 24 hours.