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# 1 Model Structure

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- A combined decision tree–Markov model was developed (Figure 2B), which has been previously presented<sup>1,2</sup>. Briefly, upon symptomatic infection, the cohort is distributed by COVID-19 severity in terms of hospitalisation and maximum level of oxygen support during hospitalisation<sup>3</sup>. Following the acute phase, patients can experience acute death, acquire PACS or recover, with asymptomatic infections assumed to not experience PACS.
- In the post-acute phase (Markov model with six-month cycles), patients remain in the PACS health state or recover from PACS. Patients can experience death from both health states, with excess mortality attributed according to the severity of acute infection and the presence of PACS.
- PrEP effect is captured as a relative risk reduction in symptomatic infections and hospitalisations (by severity). The protective effect of PrEP is not considered beyond 6 months or 1-year timeframes defined across scenarios.

## 2 Model inputs

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### 2.1 Clinical Inputs

#### 2.1.1 Acute Phase

- The risk of symptomatic infection (RoSI) over 6 months (6.61% May 2022 to November 2022 and 23.58% November 2021 to May 2022) or 1 year (30.40% November 2021 to November 2022) was derived from the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) 2023 data<sup>4</sup>. Upon symptomatic infection, the risk of hospitalization (RoH) was 8.8% (Israeli observational study of ICI during the BA.1/BA.2 waves)<sup>5</sup>, with the distribution of inpatient levels of care based on a recent UK study (40.1% no oxygen, 44.8% low-flow oxygen, 11.8% non-invasive ventilation/high-flow oxygen/CPAP, 3.3% IMV [Invasive Mechanical Ventilation] or ECMO [Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation], see Figure 2B)<sup>6</sup>
- No acute death was assumed for ambulatory infections, while the risk of inpatient acute death were based on published literature (7.7% no oxygen, 12.6% low-flow oxygen, 30.9% ventilation/high-flow oxygen/CPAP, 51.6% IMV or ECMO, see Figure 2B).<sup>6-8</sup>
- The risk of PACS following symptomatic infection was estimated at 12.7% for ambulatory cases<sup>9</sup>, with all hospitalised patients assumed to experience PACS at the time of discharge in line with NICE TA900 (assessment of T+C)<sup>10</sup>, with a 6-month recovery probability of 20.42% (Figure 2B) <sup>11</sup>.

#### 2.1.2 Post Acute Phase

- The risk of death unrelated to COVID-19 in the post-acute phase was based on life tables from the Swiss Federal Statistical Office<sup>12 13</sup>, adjusted by an HR of 1.7<sup>14</sup>, to reflect ICIs excess mortality vs. the general population.
- Individuals in the recovered states only experienced excess mortality (HR=1.33) <sup>15,16</sup> if the acute infection required high-flow oxygen or IMV, to capture the long-term impact of severe hospitalisation. On the contrary, all ICIs with PACS post-infection experienced excess mortality

(HR=1.29-5.68)<sup>17</sup>, with more severe acute infection associated with higher post-acute consequences.

### 2.1.3 PrEP Effectiveness vs. No PrEP

- T+C effectiveness against infection and hospitalisations during the Omicron wave was based on an SLR and meta-analyses of RWE studies, which estimated a relative risk reduction (RRR) of 75% against infection and 77%-86% RRRs against hospitalisations, stratified by level of inpatient care (see box at the bottom of Figure 2B).<sup>18</sup>

## 2.2 Costs

- The economic consequences of PrEP vs. no PrEP were derived by multiplying the symptomatic cases prevented, hospitalisations prevented, bed days prevented and PACS cases prevented by the estimated costs associated with each type of event, from a Swiss payer perspective. The following cost inputs were considered.
  - Outpatient treatment with Paxlovid™ (nirmatrelvir-ritonavir)<sup>19</sup> and inpatient treatment with dexamethasone and tocilizumab<sup>20</sup>, following Swiss FOPH guidelines<sup>21,22</sup>
  - Cost of COVID-19 hospitalisation stratified by severity of inpatient care (CHF 6,849 – CHF 56,888<sup>23</sup>)
  - Monitoring costs (2 X-rays and 6 GP visits in the first year post-discharge<sup>24,25</sup>)
  - Yearly cost of chronic fatigue as a proxy for PACS cost (CHF 3,704)<sup>26,27</sup>
- The costs per clinical outcome are not mutually exclusive, with the estimated average cost per symptomatic case, for instance, including outpatient and inpatient treatment costs, hospitalisation costs, monitoring costs and PACS costs.

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