

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXT AND TABLE S6: RESULTS FOR ADVERSE EVENTS

In total 174 adverse events occurred involving 73 (61.3%) patients (38 or 63.3 % in the control and 35 or 59.3% in the TEREKO group). Of the events 78 were recorded in the control and 96 in the TEREKO group. 64 events occurred during the intervention period (19 in controls and 45 in the TEREKO group). All but one of those events (stomach ulcers of one patient in the control group were rated as moderately severe) were classified as very mild to moderate. These events mostly comprised uncomfortable symptoms including chest tightness, feelings of weakness or reduced physical strength, and cough. See Table S6.1 for details.

Table S6.1: Distribution of adverse events across study period and comparison groups

	Whole study period			During intervention period			During follow up period		
	Total (n= 119)	Control (n=60)	TERECO (n=59)	Total (n= 119)	Control (n=60)	TERECO (n=59)	Total (n= 105)	Control (n=55)	TERECO (n=50)
Per study participant									
<i>Occurrence of any event, n(percent)</i>									
no	46 (38.66)	22 (36.67)	24 (40.68)	85 (71.43)	51 (85.00)	34 (57.63)	45 (42.86)	19 (34.55)	26 (52.00)
yes	73 (61.34)	38 (63.33)	35 (59.32)	34 (28.57)	9 (15.00)	25 (42.37)	60 (57.14)	36 (65.45)	24 (48.00)
<i>Number if occurred, n(percent)</i>									
1 event	29 (39.73)	18 (47.37)	11 (31.43)	14 (41.18)	2 (22.22)	12 (48.00)	31 (51.67)	20 (55.56)	11 (45.83)
2 events	20 (27.40)	11 (28.95)	9 (25.71)	13 (38.24)	5 (55.56)	8 (32.00)	18 (30)	12 (33.33)	6 (25.00)
3 events	9 (12.33)	3 (7.89)	6 (17.14)	4 (11.76)	1 (11.11)	3 (12.00)	5 (8.33)	1 (2.78)	4 (16.67)
more than 3 events	15 (20.55)	6 (15.79)	9 (25.71)	3 (8.82)	1 (11.11)	2 (8.00)	6 (10)	3 (8.33)	3 (12.50)
<i>Hospitalized, n(percent)</i>									
no	111 (94.12)	57(95.00)	54 (91.53)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	97 (92.38)	57(94.55)	45 (90.00)
yes	8 (6.72)	3 (5.00)	5 (8.47)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	8 (7.62)	3 (5.45)	5 (10.00)
Per event									
<i>Total number of events</i>	174	78	96	64	19	45	110	59	51
<i>Severity, n(percent)[§]</i>									
very mild, no follow up	21 (12.07)	8 (10.26)	13 (13.54)	12 (18.75)	2 (10.53)	10 (22.22)	9 (8.18)	6 (10.17)	3 (5.88)
mild, further observation	122 (70.11)	61 (78.21)	61 (63.54)	34 (53.13)	13 (68.42)	21 (46.67)	88 (80)	48 (81.36)	40 (78.43)
moderate, needs medical attention	24 (13.79)	4 (5.13)	20 (20.83)	17 (26.56)	3 (15.79)	14 (31.11)	7 (6.36)	1 (1.69)	6 (11.76)
moderate to severe, needs treatment	7 (4.02)	5 (6.41)	2 (2.08)	1 (1.56)	1 (5.26)	0 (0)	6 (5.45)	4 (6.78)	2 (3.92)
<i>Relationship with intervention,</i>									

n(percentage)[§]

unlikely	117 (67.24)	62 (79.49)	55 (57.29)	10 (15.63)	5 (26.32)	5 (11.11)	107 (97.27)	57 (96.61)	50 (98.04)
possible	29 (16.67)	10 (12.82)	19 (19.79)	27 (42.19)	8 (42.11)	19 (42.22)	2 (1.82)	2 (3.39)	0 (0.00)
likely	28 (16.09)	6 (7.69)	22 (22.92)	27 (42.19)	6 (31.58)	21 (46.67)	1 (0.91)	0 (0.00)	1 (1.96)
<i>Types of adverse events[‡], n(percentage)</i>									
chest tightness	36 (20.69)	13 (16.67)	23 (23.96)	10 (15.63)	0 (0.00)	10 (22.22)	26 (23.64)	13 (22.03)	13 (25.49)
weakness	18 (10.34)	12 (15.38)	6 (6.25)	3 (4.69)	2 (10.53)	1 (2.22)	15 (13.64)	10 (16.95)	5 (9.80)
cough	14 (8.05)	8 (10.26)	6 (6.25)	1 (1.56)	0 (0.00)	1 (2.22)	13 (11.82)	8 (13.56)	5 (9.80)
reduced physical strength	12 (6.9)	6 (7.69)	6 (6.25)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	12 (10.91)	6 (10.17)	6 (11.76)
sputum discharge	10 (5.75)	5 (6.41)	5 (5.21)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	10 (9.09)	5 (8.47)	5 (9.80)
dizziness	7 (4.02)	1 (1.28)	6 (6.25)	7 (10.94)	1 (5.26)	6 (13.33)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)
chest pain	6 (3.45)	1 (1.28)	5 (5.21)	5 (7.81)	0 (0.00)	5 (11.11)	1 (0.91)	1 (1.69)	0 (0.00)
back pain	6 (3.45)	3 (3.85)	3 (3.13)	5 (7.81)	2 (10.53)	3 (6.67)	1 (0.91)	1 (1.69)	0 (0.00)
other	65 (37.36)	29 (37.18)	36 (37.5)	33 (51.56)	14 (73.68)	19 (42.22)	32 (29.09)	15 (25.42)	17 (33.33)

[§] Rated by two doctors who had access to event history and medical history of each patient but were blinded to group allocation. Doctors were not otherwise involved in the study. Ratings were compared after a first round of independent rating (average ICC = 0.63 for severity ratings and 0.82 for relationship with intervention). Disagreement on particular events was resolved by discussion and consensus. If consensus could not be achieved a third doctor was consulted who had the casting vote. [‡] Listed are all adverse events with occurrence ≥ 5 events, all other events are subsumed under "other".