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prongs, face mask, high flow nasal

cannula (HFNC) or non-invasive

ventilation is indicated. Mechanical

ventilation and even extra corporeal

membrane oxygen support may be

needed. Renal replacement therapy

may be needed in some. Antibiotics

and antifungals are required if co-

infections are suspected or proven. The

role of corticosteroids is unproven;

while current international consensus

and WHO advocate against their use,

Chinese guidelines do recommend

short term therapy with low-to-

moderate dose corticosteroids in

COVID-19 ARDS [24, 25]. Detailed

guidelines for critical care

management for COVID-19 have been

published by the WHO [26]. There is, as

of now, no approved treatment for

COVID-19. Antiviral drugs such as

ribavirin, lopinavir-ritonavir have

been used based on the experience

with SARS and MERS. In a historical