**Association between *APOL1* risk variants and the occurrence of sepsis in Black patients hospitalized with infections: a retrospective cohort study**

In this retrospective cohort study of Black patients hospitalized with infections, we assessed whether carriage of *APOL1* high-risk genotypes was associated with the risk of sepsis and sepsis-related phenotypes in Black patients hospitalized with infections, particularly after accounting for pre-existing renal disease.

**Exposure:** *APOL1* high-risk genotypes

**Primary outcome:** sepsis

**Secondary outcomes:** 1) organ failure related to sepsis; 2) short-term mortality

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