COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Vaccine prioritisation and commentary, monoclonal antibodies (-mabs), non-pharmaceutical interventions

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Multiple papers on COVID-19 vaccines:
 - A review of COVID-19 vaccine strategies and challenges <u>here</u>
 - Model-informed COVID-19 vaccine prioritisation strategies by age and serostatus <u>here</u> and associated perspective <u>here</u>
 - o A survey on Australians' willingness to be vaccinated (conducted May 2020) here
 - o Commentary on:
 - Social media companies' failure to tackle vaccine misinformation <u>here</u>
 - Allergic reactions including anaphylaxis after Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine <u>here</u>
 - Vaccinating children against COVID-19, the lessons of measles <u>here</u>
 - Positioning government leaders in US vaccine prioritisation frameworks <u>here</u>
- Randomised controlled trials on
 - tocilizumab for severe or critical COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - the effect of bamlanivimab as monotherapy or in combination with etesevimab on viral load in mild to moderate COVID-19 <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- An experimental study on interventions to increase the use of a COVID-19 contact tracing app here
- A cohort study on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and COVID-19 related death here
- A US national survey on forgone medical care among adults in the initial phase of COVID-19 here
- Modelling studies on:
 - Altering length of quarantine, testing strategies and contact tracing here
 - The worldwide effects of non-pharmaceutical interventions on COVID-19 here
- Commentary on:
 - Unintended consequences of hand sanitiser use in COVID-19 pandemic here
 - \circ What health care can learn from Operation Warp Speed \underline{here}

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- SARS-CoV-2 reinfection and structured serological testing here
- Media and filming in COVID-19 filled hospitals here
- Response to a previously published article on the neonatal immune response to SARS-CoV-2 infection <u>here</u> and authors' reply <u>here</u>



Guidance and reports

 The UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) released an evidence summary on sarilumab <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Revisiting the UK strategy for delaying the second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine here
- Increasing uptake of COVID-19 contact tracing apps <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 vaccines might lose potency against new viral variants here
- Fast-spreading COVID-19 variant can elude immune responses <u>here</u>
- What new COVID-19 variants mean for schools is not yet clear here

The Critical Intelligence Unit is actively tracking developments on SARS-CoV-2 variants and on vaccines. An evidence check on variants is available <u>here</u>.

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