COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Incubation period, lateral flow assays, effectiveness of Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines in England,

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review and meta-analysis on the COVID-19 incubation period <u>here</u>
- A meta-analysis on the prognostic value of cardiac biomarkers in COVID-19 infection here
- A modelling study to estimate hospitalisation and mortality risk scores for COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- A diagnostic accuracy study of lateral flow assays for possible use in seroprevalence surveys <u>here</u>
- An Australian online survey on COVID-19 beliefs, misconceptions and information sources <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
 - Non-communicable disease, sociodemographic factors and risk of infection death <u>here</u>
 - Raman spectroscopy on salivary samples to detect current and past SARS-CoV-2 infections here
- · Commentary on:
 - o COVID-19 vaccination strategies in cancer patients here
 - o The impact of Australia's early travel ban against China here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Early effectiveness of BNT162b2 (Pfizer) and ChAdOx1 (AstraZeneca) vaccines in England here
- Comparative performance of SARS-CoV-2 lateral flow antigen tests for virus detection here
- An observational study on the vaccination program of a healthcare workforce hospital in India here
- Sequence analysis of SARS-CoV-2 genomes from COVID-19 patients in Houston, Texas here
- Modelled optimisation of SARS-Cov-2 vaccine distribution here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Vaccination priorities and minimising the risk of exposure <u>here</u>
- Correspondence about a previously published article on diagnostic dilemma in COVID-19associated pulmonary aspergillosis here, here and the authors' response here
- SARS-CoV-2 501Y.V2 (South African variant) escapes neutralisation by South African COVID-19 donor plasma <u>here</u>



Guidance and reports

• The World Health Organization updated its living guideline on drugs to prevent COVID-19 here

News and blogs

- Just one dose of vaccine protects against asymptomatic COVID-19 infection here
- The search for animals harbouring coronavirus and why it matters here

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New Living Evidence Table

A Living Evidence table on <u>COVID-19 transmission</u> has been added to those on <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern

