COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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COVID-19 and obesity, cholesterol and triglyceride levels and severity, country-level risk and response to COVID-19

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review and meta-analysis of obesity and COVID-19 outcomes here
- A rapid systematic review on point-of-care antigen and molecular-based tests for diagnosis here
- Observational studies on
 - Cholesterol and triglyceride levels and COVID-19 severity <u>here</u>
 - o Risk and response to COVID-19 in the first six months across 25 OECD countries here
 - Rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in Canada <u>here</u>
 - Clinical predictors of SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody titres <u>here</u>
 - Race/ethnicity and COVID-19 vaccine uptake in San Francisco <u>here</u>
- A proof-of-concept study on machine learning in diagnosing COVID-19 here
- An editorial on COVID-19 and cancer one year on here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Public opinion on global rollout of COVID-19 vaccines <u>here</u>
- The challenges of emigration screening in COVID-19 here
- Implications of a highly transmissible variant of SARS-CoV-2 for children here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

• Increased transmissibility of B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent) variant in Oslo, Norway here

News and blogs

- Why indoor spaces are still prime COVID-19 hotspots here
- India sees new spike in cases despite vaccine rollout here
- COVID-19 vaccine passports will harm sustainable development here
- Vaccinated, yet still clinically extremely vulnerable here
- The challenge of keeping hospitals safe in the era of COVID-19 here

