COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Post-vaccine thrombosis, drug treatments for COVID-19, vaccine passports

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Articles on thrombosis and thrombocytopaenia after AstraZeneca vaccination here, here and here
- Updates to living evidence and visual summaries of:
 - o A systematic review and meta-analysis on drug treatments for COVID-19 here
 - WHO guidelines on drugs for COVID-19 here
 - Antibody response after SARS-CoV-2 infection and implications for immunity <u>here</u>
- A randomised controlled trial on the AstraZeneca vaccine against B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent) variant here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Post-acute sequelae in patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19 in England here
 - o 6-month neurological and psychiatric outcomes in 236,379 survivors of COVID-19 here
 - o Airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 during church singing in Sydney here
 - Cancer clinical trials during COVID-1 in an Australian tertiary hospital here
 - Remote cardiology clinic visits during COVID-19 here
 - o Transplacental transfer of antibodies follosing antenatal Pfizer vaccination here
 - o Glucose-lowering therapies and COVID-19 mortality in people with type 2 diabetes here
 - o Ocular assessments in newborns after maternal COVID-19 infection here
 - Self-sampling of capillary blood for SARS-CoV-2 serology <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - Reactogenicity following mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines here
 - The legality and ethics of COVID-19 vaccine passports here and here
 - Whether COVID-19 induces diabetes here
 - COVID-19 and neuropsychiatric outcomes <u>here</u>
 - Short-term safety of Pfizer vaccine in cancer patients undergoing treatment here
- An editorial on the precautionary principle and the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Excess deaths from COVID-19 and other causes in the US here and associated editorial here
- Parosmia post COVID-19 <u>here</u>

Health

- Association of sociodemographic factors and blood group type with risk of COVID-19 here
- Doctors underestimating social distancing here
- Cardiac involvement following second dose Pfizer vaccine in a recovered COVID-19 patient here
- Incident systemic rheumatic disease following COVID-19 <u>here</u>



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- A modelling study on nonpharmaceutical interventions post vaccination here
- Portable air cleaners to reduce aerosol transmission on a hospital COVID-19 ward <u>here</u>
- SARS-CoV-2 immune evasion by variant of concern B.1.427/B.1.429 (California) here
- Short-term antibody response and tolerability of Pfizer vaccine in haemodialysis patients here
- Risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission by contaminated coins and banknotes <u>here</u>
- Household secondary attack rates with variant of concern B.1.1.7 (UK / Kent) here
- Effects of worldwide interventions and vaccination on COVID-19 between waves and countries here
- Mean time to infection by small diffusing droplets during close social contacts <u>here</u>
- Carbon dioxide monitoring to quantify risk of indoor airborne transmission of COVID-19 here
- An account of how Victoria gained control of its second COVID-19 wave here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organizations published:
 - The latest edition of its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report here
 - Guidance on data for action in achieving high uptake of COVID-19 vaccines here
 - A living guideline on therapeutics and COVID-19 <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- The Australia Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) published:
 - Updated statement for healthcare providers on a specific clotting condition being reported after COVID-19 vaccination <u>here</u>
 - Statement on AstraZeneca vaccine in response to new vaccine safety concerns here
- AstraZeneca vaccine blood clots are "extremely rare" and benefits outweigh risks <u>here</u>
- Cancer care at home scheme is extended by NHS England here
- Infections in England fell by 60% in the past two months <u>here</u>
- Italy makes vaccination mandatory for healthcare workers here
- Government rolls out twice weekly rapid testing to all in England here
- Pfizer reports 100% vaccine efficacy in children aged 12 to 15 here

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