COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Johnson & Johnson vaccine phase 3 trial, vaccine breakthrough infections with SARS-CoV-2 variants, India's COVID-19 surge

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A phase 3 trial on the safety and efficacy of the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine <u>here</u>
- · Observational studies on:
 - Vaccine breakthrough infections with SARS-CoV-2 variants <u>here</u>
 - Mental health and social interactions of older people with physical disabilities in England during COVID-19 <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - mRNA COVID-19 vaccine safety in pregnant persons <u>here</u>
 - o The construction and visualisation of the transmission networks for COVID-19 here
 - The impact of frailty on survival of elderly intensive care patients with COVID-19 here
- A case report on treatment of vaccine-induced prothrombotic immune thrombocytopaenia here
- Editorials on:
 - o The impact of COVID-19 on efforts to tackle other infectious diseases here
 - Thrombotic events and the AstraZeneca vaccine <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - Unequal impact of COVID-19 on minority ethnic groups <u>here</u>
 - o Vaccine hesitancy among minority groups here
 - o COVID-19 and national climate commitments here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

• The main areas of research on COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- The effectiveness of the Pfizer vaccine in preventing COVID-19 in Sweden here
- Commentary from Australia on airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 here



News and blogs

- India's massive COVID-19 surge puzzles scientists here
- Mandatory vaccination of healthcare workers under consideration in the UK here
- Canada relaxes age limits on AstraZeneca vaccine as Ontario cases surge here
- Unusual blood clots are a "very rare side effect" of Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine here
- COVID-19 webinar on the known and unknowns of new variants here
- Five questions as trials begin for children COVID-19 vaccination here

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Living Evidence Tables

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on COVID-19 transmission, SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, and variants of concern.



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