COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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COVID-19 BMJ Best Practice guide, cytokine adsorption in ECMO patients, communicating about vaccine safety

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A BMJ Best Practice guide on COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A meta-analysis on differences in coagulopathy indices in COVID-19 patients here
- A narrative review on lung oxygenation disruption and its role in pulmonary and systemic pathology in severe COVID-19 here
- Randomised controlled trials on:
 - Cytokine adsorption in patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation here and associated commentary here
 - Convalescent plasma in hospital COVID-19 patients (RECOVERY) <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on transmission of COVID-19 in nursing homes with frequent testing regimes here
- · Observational studies on:
 - o In-hospital mortality in the first wave of COVID-19 in the UK here
 - Neutralising antibody levels and immune protection here
 - o COVID-19 misinformation dynamics here
 - An outbreak caused by variant 501Y.V2 among vaccinated and non-vaccinated nursing home residents here
- An editorial on challenges for COVAX here
- Commentaries on:
 - o Disease surveillance for the COVID-19 era here
 - Report of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response <u>here</u>
 - A call for international action for India's COVID-19 crisis here
 - o COVID-19-associated Acute Transverse Myelitis here
 - The COVID-19 vaccine patent waiver <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- A global compact to counter vaccine nationalism <u>here</u>
- Correspondence on COVID-19 vaccines effectiveness and number needed to treat here and authors' reply here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Extended interval Pfizer vaccination and peak antibody generation in older people here
- Real-time genomics to track COVID-19 post-elimination border incursions in New Zealand here
- Communicating with patients and the public about COVID-19 vaccine safety here

News and blogs

- Second vaccine doses expedited in areas of England where new variant is high here
- Uncertainty about dealing with the B.1.617.2 (India) variant in England here
- COVID-19 vaccines can block variant hitting Asia <u>here</u>

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Living Evidence Tables

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