COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome, mixed prime-boost vaccines, vaccine effectiveness against variant B.1.617.2 (India)

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on post-acute COVID-19 syndrome here
- A randomised controlled trial on ivermectin with doxycycline for treating COVID-19 symptoms here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Nasopharyngeal swab, saliva, and oral-self sampling swab for SARS-CoV-2 here
 - The impact of official information on interpretation of COVID-19 test results by the public here
 - o The COVID-19 epidemic in South Australia here
 - o Corticosteroids for hospitalised patients with mild to critical COVID-19 here
 - Machine learning algorithms for predicting ICU admission and mortality <u>here</u>
 - o Clinical staging in non-severe COVID-19 patients here
 - Maternal transfer of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies post Pfizer vaccine <u>here</u>
 - Mental health implications of plasma metabolomics in recovered COVID-19 patients here
- An editorial on preparing for the next pandemic <u>here</u>
- Commentaries on:
 - Health services research to address challenges of COVID-19 here
 - SARS-CoV-2 mutations, vaccines, and immunity <u>here</u>
 - o Medico-legal risk management and triage policies during COVID-19 here
 - Ethical decision making during a healthcare crisis <u>here</u>
- US recommendations for use of Pfizer vaccine in people aged 12-15 years here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Sensational media reporting in coverage of COVID-19 therapies, detection, and vaccines here
- The risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission via surgical electrocautery plume <u>here</u>
- SARS-CoV-2-specific IgG in children, 6 months after infection, in Australia here
- COVID-19 following SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in kidney transplant recipients here



Pre-peer review featured articles:

- Reactogenicity of homologous and heterologous prime-boost immunisation with Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines here
- Public health and health system impacts of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern here
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on vaccination uptake in Victoria here
- Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines in 'real world' studies in five countries here
- The effect of adding saliva samples to oropharyngeal and deep nasal swabs on SARS-CoV-2 detection in paediatric and primary care in Victoria <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

- The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people <u>here</u>
- A joint statement from ATAGI and THANZ on Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS) and the use of AstraZeneca vaccine here
- The Cochrane Library released updates on:
 - o Convalescent plasma or hyperimmune immunoglobulin for people with COVID-19 here
 - o Critical care clinical answers here

News and blogs

- UK cases of variant from India rise by 160% in a week here
- Factors determining how well countries responded to the pandemic <u>here</u>
- The communication challenge of COVID-19 vaccine safety here
- Oral health and severe COVID-19 disease here
- A blood marker of COVID-vaccine efficacy <u>here</u>
- Vaccines highly effective against B.1.617.2 variant after 2 doses <u>here</u>

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Living Evidence Tables

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



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