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SARS-CoV-2 variants and immune escape, WHO announces new names for variants of concern and interest

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A narrative review on SARS-CoV-2 variants, spike mutations, and immune escape here
- An editorial on access to pandemic data <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

Aerosol SARS-CoV-2 in hospitals and long-term care homes during COVID-19 here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - o Its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological update here
 - An update of its COVID-19 candidate vaccines tracker <u>here</u>
 - An overview of study designs used to assess the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination here
 - Guidance on the use of medical and non-medical/fabric masks for community outreach activities during COVID-19 <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- The World Health Organization announces simple, easy-to-say labels for SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Interest and Concern <u>here</u>
- The World Health Organization validates Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use here
- COVID-19 highlights the world's chronic shortage of life-saving medical oxygen here
- New vaccine technologies here

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