COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Pulmonary embolism in COVID-19 patients, BTK inhibitors, rapid antigen testing

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - o Mortality and risk factors associated with pulmonary embolism in COVID-19 here
 - o Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibitors for SARS-CoV-2 here
- Randomised controlled trials of:
 - o Heterologous versus homologous prime-boost schedules here
 - o Proxalutamide for COVID-19 male outpatients here
- A narrative review on predicting clinical outcomes in hospitalised COVID-19 patients here
- Observational studies on:
 - Cerebral venous thrombosis after vaccination against COVID-19 in the UK <u>here</u>
 - Exercise-induced hypoxia in emergency department patients admitted for suspected COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - Nutritional parameters and outcomes in COVID-19 patients admitted to ICU here
 - Pregnancy outcomes, maternal complications, and severe COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on the effect of face mask usage, asymptomatic transmission, and social distancing on the spread of COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A case-based discussion on COVID-19 vaccine-related interstitial lung disease here
- Commentary on public policies to increase adherence to immunisation against COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Rapid antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2 infection in a university setting in Ireland here
- Efficacy of rapid antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2 here
- Modelling the effectiveness and social costs of daily lateral flow antigen tests versus quarantine in preventing onward transmission of COVID-19 from traced contacts <u>here</u>
- Neutralising antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 variants in vaccinated long-term care home residents and workers in Ontario <u>here</u>
- Elapsed time since Pfizer vaccine and risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection here
- Association between age, smoking and antibody titres 3 months after the second Pfizer dose <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 vaccination coverage and hesitancy among priority groups in Australia <u>here</u>
- Epidemiological characteristics of the lota variant <u>here</u>

Health



Guidance and reports

- The Cochrane Library published a systematic review on remdesivir for COVID-19 treatment here
- The World Health Organization published:
 - Its latest COVID-19 epidemiological report here
 - \circ $\,$ An article on opening up with COVID-19 passes \underline{here}
- Public Health England published updates on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation <u>here</u> and SARS-CoV-2 variant data <u>here</u>
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Delta threatens rural regions that dodged earlier COVID-19 waves here
- Circulation of influenza, RSV, and SARS-CoV-2 in the UK here
- Junior doctors write to young people to acknowledge vaccine concerns <u>here</u>
- We must stop blaming and start protecting unvaccinated people <u>here</u>
- Therapeutics for COVID-19 and equitable access <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, <u>post-acute sequelae of</u> <u>COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, and <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>.



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