COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Tocilizumab, vitamin D and COVID-19, bamlanivimab and etesevimab, Victoria's second wave

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - o Tocilizumab in COVID-19 patients here
 - Diagnostic test accuracy for COVID-19 by mass spectrometry here
 - Vitamin D levels, vitamin D supplements and COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- A randomised phase 3 trial of bamlanivimab and etesevimab in high-risk ambulatory COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on how Victoria controlled its second COVID-19 wave here
- Observational studies on:
 - Association between COVID-19 diagnosis and in-hospital mortality in ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) patients <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - Rapid antigen test to identify COVID-19 infected patients admitted to the emergency department <u>here</u>
- Commentary on a US National Institutes of Health summit on anti–SARS-CoV-2 antibodies for COVID-19 <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Evidence and advocacy in Melbourne maternity care during COVID-19 here
- Age- and sex-specific incidence of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis associated with Johnson & Johnson vaccination <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Cross-border transmissions of Delta substrain AY.29 during Olympic and Paralympic Games here
- Predictors of COVID-19 testing among Australian youth <u>here</u>
- A phase 3 trial of the conjugate vaccine, Soberana 02 here



Guidance and reports

• The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) released information on COVID-19 rapid antigen selftests (for home use) <u>here</u> and a list of COVID-19 rapid antigen self-tests approved in Australia <u>here</u>

News and blogs

• FDA puts Spikevax's (Moderna) paediatric application on hold to investigate side effects here

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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>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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