# COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

# **Daily evidence digest**

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# Randomised controlled trial of seven COVID-19 vaccines as boosters, breakthrough infections, spike proteins on the Omicron and Delta variants

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on the screening value of RT-LAMP and RT-PCR in COVID-19 diagnosis here
- A randomised controlled trial of seven COVID-19 vaccines as a third dose (booster) following Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) or Comirnaty (Pfizer) (COV-BOOST) <a href="here">here</a>
- An observational study on two doses of CoronaVac vaccine in SARS-CoV-2 seropositive and seronegative patients with autoimmune rheumatic diseases <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
  - Severe breakthrough COVID-19 cases in the Delta variant era here
  - The Omicron variant <u>here</u>
  - The WHO international standard for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies to determine markers of protection <u>here</u>

# Letters and correspondence discussed:

Immunogenicity of extended mRNA vaccine dosing intervals <a href="here">here</a> and associated commentary <a href="here">here</a>

# Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Characteristics of cardiovascular disease patients with post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 here
- Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) or Comirnaty (Pfizer) booster in Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccinated individuals <a href="here">here</a>
- S-glycoprotein diversity of the Omicron variant <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 impact on mental sequelae in families here
- A comparative study of spike protein on the Omicron and Delta variant here
- Third COVID-19 vaccine dose boosts neutralising antibodies in poor responders here
- Third booster dose in fully immunised healthy adults with CoronaVac vaccine here



### **Guidance and reports**

- The World Health Organization published:
  - A SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant assays and animal models study tracker <u>here</u>
  - o An update of its COVID-19 core case report form (CRF) here
- The UK Health Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation including Omicron variant <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>, and risk assessment for Omicron <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) issued provisional approval to Pfizer (COMIRNATY) for use in children aged 5 years and over <a href="here">here</a>

#### News and blogs

- South Africa's surge in cases deepens alarm over Omicron variant here
- Success of vaccination programme in reaching ethnic minority groups in the UK <u>here</u>
- A podcast on how COVID-19 has impacted mental health <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 COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies</u>.

