COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Protection from natural immunity vs vaccination, heterologous vaccination, global response to Omicron, breakthrough infections, Omicron and Pfizer

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - o Protection from natural immunity vs vaccination here
 - o SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases here
 - Infection prevention and control interventions to prevent nosocomial SARS-CoV-2 transmission <u>here</u>
- Randomised controlled trials of:
 - Heterologous mRNA, viral-vector, and protein-adjuvant vaccines in the UK <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - High-flow oxygen therapy vs conventional oxygen therapy in severe COVID-19 patients here
- An editorial on the global response to Omicron here
- Commentary on:
 - Serial rapid antigen testing among hospital staff in Singapore here
 - SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections in vaccinated individuals <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Herpes zoster reactivation after Spikevax (Moderna) vaccination in rheumatic disease patients here
- Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for healthcare workers <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Vaccine breakthrough infections during the Delta variant wave in France here
- Omicron escape from Comirnaty (Pfizer) elicited neutralisation, and ACE2 binding here

Guidance and reports

• The World Health Organization published:

Health

- Updated COVID-19 epidemiological report <u>here</u>, COVID-19 vaccine tracker <u>here</u>, and operational report <u>here</u>
- A living guideline on therapeutics and COVID-19 <u>here</u>



News and blogs

- Will GPs boost the booster rollout? here
- "Mix and match" primary vaccines are safe and effective here
- What's next for COVID's viral evolution after Omicron 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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