COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine booster, post-acute COVID-19, Omicron studies, TGA approval for Spikevax (Moderna) booster

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised controlled trial of a third dose of CoronaVac (Sinovac) and immune persistence of a two-dose schedule in healthy adults <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- Narrative reviews on:
 - Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome <u>here</u>
 - The emergence, genomic diversity, and global spread of SARS-CoV-2 here
- Observational studies on:
 - Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine booster and mortality due to COVID-19 here
 - o Protection against COVID-19 by Comirnaty (Pfizer) booster across age groups here
 - SARS-CoV-2 rapid point-of-care antigen test in the hospital setting here
 - o Trends in US surgical procedures and healthcare system response to policies here
- Commentary on the Novavax vaccine <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Nursing home staff vaccination and COVID-19 outcomes here
- Attitudes about COVID-19 contact tracing and public health guidelines in the US here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Reduced neutralisation of Omicron variant by vaccine sera and monoclonal antibodies here
- International risk of Omicron variant importations originating in South Africa here
- The Omicron variant binding to ACE2 and escape from monoclonal antibodies here
- Specific detection of Omicron variant by four RT-qPCR differential assays here
- The Omicron variant increases the interactions of spike glycoprotein with ACE2 here
- Waning antibody levels after Comirnaty (Pfizer) and inactivated CoronaVac (Sinovac) vaccines in Hong Kong blood donors <u>here</u>
- Neutralising antibody response to mRNA vaccination against the Delta variant here
- Cardiac adverse effects in children under 18 years of age after COVID-19 vaccination here



Guidance and reports

 The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) issued provisional approval for booster doses of Spikevax (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u>

News and blogs

Omicron likely to weaken COVID-19 vaccine protection 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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