COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Atorvastatin, false-positive RATs, heterologous boosters, TGA provisional determination for EVUSHELD

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised controlled trial of atorvastatin in patients with COVID-19 in intensive care here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Inappropriate sinus tachycardia in post-COVID-19 syndrome here
 - o False-positive results in rapid antigen tests for SARS-CoV-2 here
 - o Effect of COVID-19 vaccination on transmission of Alpha and Delta variants here
 - \circ SARS-CoV-2 reinfection rate and estimated BBV152 vaccine effectiveness in India <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - US national strategies for COVID-19 medical countermeasures <u>here</u>, the "new normal" of life with COVID-19 <u>here</u> and testing, surveillance, and mitigation strategies <u>here</u>
 - o COVID-19 lessons to improve preparedness for the next pandemic here
 - Rapid diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 <u>here</u>
 - o The benefits, costs and feasibility of a low incidence COVID-19 strategy here
 - Targeted use of lateral flow tests for COVID-19 in England <u>here</u>
 - Addressing NHS workforce gaps <u>here</u>
 - o Extended closures of schools in future lockdowns in England here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

Self-reported gustatory dysfunction in patients with long-term COVID-19 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Humoral responses to COVID-19 mRNA vaccine regimen in older adults <u>here</u>
- Antibody response against Omicron variant in kidney transplant recipients here
- Protection from prior infection against SARS-CoV-2 reinfection with the Omicron variant <u>here</u>
- Waning effectiveness of the Comirnaty vaccine against infection in adolescents here
- Heterologous immunisation against the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant here
- Effectiveness of Moderna vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 Omicron and Delta variants here
- Vaccination status and reported incidence of post-acute COVID-19 symptoms in Israel here
- T-cell reactivity to Omicron variant in prior infected and vaccinated individuals here



- COVID-19-associated hospitalisations among children under 12 years of age in the US here
- Fully vaccinated and boosted patients requiring hospitalisation for COVID-19 here
- An economic evaluation of government funded rapid antigen tests in Australia here
- Test to release from isolation after testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 here
- Interferon antagonism and drug sensitivity in Omicron compared to Delta <u>here</u>
- Effects of varying approaches to lifting COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in the US <u>here</u>
- The epidemiological impact of the Canadian COVID Alert app here
- Effect of vaccination on household transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant here
- Infectious disease dynamics and restrictions on social gathering size <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - o COVID-19 vaccine tracker and landscape here
 - o Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 here
 - Posters for casirivimab and imdevimab for COVID-19 <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- TGA grants provisional determination for tixagevimab and cilgavimab (EVUSHELD) here
- Immunity against Omicron from breakthrough infection could be a matter of timing <u>here</u>
- Omicron's feeble attack on the lungs could make it less dangerous here
- NEJM audio interview on the COVID-19 outlook in Europe here
- Shorter isolation periods to relieve NHS pressures here
- Fourth vaccine doses here
- Vaccination during pregnancy here
- Positive lateral flow tests no longer require PCR confirmation in England <u>here</u>
- Military medics sent to hardest hit hospitals as US records a million cases a day here
- Omicron fourth wave peak has passed in South Africa here
- Unvaccinated patients in UK hospitals here
- NHS trusts declare "critical incidents" because of staff shortages here

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Living Evidence Tables

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