COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Casirivimab and imdevimab, Comirnaty (Pfizer) booster effectiveness, COVID-19 therapeutics for non-hospitalised patients

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised clinical trial of subcutaneous casirivimab and imdevimab combination in early asymptomatic infection here and associated editorial here
- Observational studies on:
 - Comirnaty (Pfizer) booster effectiveness against COVID-19 related symptoms and hospitalisation in England <u>here</u>
 - o Association between sex and COVID-19 Intensive Care Unit survival here
 - o Ancestral SARS-CoV-2-specific T cell recognition of Omicron here
 - Work-related and personal predictors of COVID-19 transmission <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on alternative school closure strategies against COVID-19 here
- Commentary on:
 - COVID-19 therapeutics for non-hospitalised patients here
 - All-cause excess mortality in England <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Omicron variant neutralisation after heterologous vaccine boosting here
- Clinical severity of the Omicron variant in the Western Cape Province, South Africa here
- Viral dynamics and duration of PCR positivity of the Omicron variant <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - o A clinical practice guideline on drugs for COVID-19 here
 - o An updated guide on therapeutics and COVID-19 here
- The BMJ updated its best practice guide on COVID-19 here



News and blogs

- Omicron variant is linked to steep rise in hospital admissions of very young children here
- Warning over transmission risk as self-isolation is cut to five days in England here
- WHO recommends baricitinib and sotrovimab to treat COVID-19 here and here
- 'Killer' immune cells still recognise the Omicron variant here
- COVID-19 vaccine focused on T-cell response promising in early trial here
- Studies suggest COVID-19 vaccine boosters save lives <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 vaccines safely protect pregnant people <u>here</u>
- The COVID-19 generation how is the pandemic affecting kids' brains? here
- Preparing hospitals' medical oxygen delivery systems for respiratory diseases here
- NEJM audio interview on COVID-19 takeaways after two years of podcasts <u>here</u>
- Omicron thwarts some of the world's most-used COVID-19 vaccines here
- The peak of viral shedding is later with Omicron variant <u>here</u>
- Omicron drives weekly record high in global infections <u>here</u>
- We have good treatments for Omicron, but questions remain here
- Military drafted in to tackle staffing crisis in London hospitals here
- The fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccines in Israel here
- The origin of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern here
- The role of antiviral treatment in COVID-19 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 COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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