COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Remdesivir for outpatients, duration of protection by COVID-19 vaccines, relative infectiousness of breakthrough infections and reinfections

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Randomised controlled trials of:
 - o Remdesivir to prevent severe COVID-19 in outpatients here and editorial here
 - o Heterologous AD5-nCOV plus CoronaVac vs homologous CoronaVac vaccination here
- A clinical trial of homologous and heterologous COVID-19 booster vaccinations here
- A scoping review of randomised trials on non-pharmaceutical interventions for COVID-19 here
- Observational studies on:
 - o Duration of protection against mild and severe disease by COVID-19 vaccines here
 - o Infectiousness of vaccine breakthroughs, reinfections, and primary infections here
 - o Mask-wearing in public places and risk compensation behaviour here
 - o Infection dynamics of COVID-19 virus under lockdown and reopening here
 - Extended interval Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccination and peak antibody generation here
 - The impact of SARS-CoV-2 prevention measures in Austrian schools <u>here</u>
 - o Child masking and COVID-19-related closures in US childcare programs here
 - Clinical outcomes of patients with COVID-19—associated acute respiratory distress syndrome who underwent lung transplant <u>here</u>
- An editorial on menstruation and COVID-19 vaccination here
- Commentary on:
 - Severe COVID-19 in pregnancy and vaccination status <u>here</u>
 - o Universal COVID-19 vaccines here
 - Anti-idiotype antibodies in SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccination here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Omicron variant neutralisation after Spikevax (Moderna) booster vaccination here
- Myocarditis after Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccination in Israeli adolescents here
- Lung transplantation for COVID-19-related respiratory failure in the US here
- Waning Spikevax (Moderna) vaccine effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2 infection in Qatar here
- Effects of a prolonged booster interval on neutralisation of Omicron variant here
- Efficacy of antibodies and antiviral drugs against Omicron variant here
- Nursing home staff vaccination and COVID-19 outcomes in the US here



Guidance and reports

- The Cochrane Library published a systematic review on interleukin-1 blocking agents for treating COVID-19 here
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) issued provisional approval for Comirnaty (Pfizer) as a booster in 16-17 year olds here

News and blogs

- Lower vaccination rates and higher death rates among minority ethnic groups in Britain here
- A NEJM audio interview on addressing the Omicron variant <u>here</u>
- A patient perspective on recovery from post-acute COVID-19 syndrome 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</u> (PASC), surgery and COVID-19, rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies.



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