COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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ICU-specific virtual reality aftercare, post-peak dynamics in Omicron wave, TGA provisional determination for VEKLURY (remdesivir)

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on the efficacy and safety of a third dose of COVID-19 vaccines here
- · Randomised controlled trials of:
 - Intensive Care Unit-specific virtual reality aftercare for COVID-19 patients here
 - Baricitinib plus standard of care for treating critically ill COVID-19 patients on invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - o Interleukin-6 receptor antagonists in critically ill patients with COVID-19 pneumonia here
- An observational study on prevalence of select new symptoms and conditions at 31 to 150 days after SARS-CoV-2 testing here
- An editorial on "excess deaths" as a key metric for tracking the pandemic here
- Commentary on COVID-19 vaccines and preventing transmission here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Post-peak dynamics of a national Omicron epidemic during January 2022 in England here
- Minimising school disruption under high incidence conditions due to Omicron in France here
- Paediatric croup during the Omicron surge in the US <u>here</u>
- Serious hospital events after symptomatic infection with Omicron and Delta variants in France here
- COVID-19 patient risk stratification through clinical scores in the emergency department here
- Impact of SARS-CoV-2 variants on inpatient clinical outcome <u>here</u>
- Omicron lineage BA.1 and viral load in nasopharyngeal samples, compared to Delta here
- High-throughput RT-qPCR screening for SARS-CoV-2 infections in children here



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - o Guidance on paediatric vaccine administration for Comirnaty (Pfizer) here and here
 - o COVID-19 clinical care pathway (CARE) posters here and here

News and blogs

- TGA provisional determination to VEKLURY (remdesivir) for use of COVID-19 treatment in children and adults here
- The UK approves Novavax protein-based COVID-19 vaccine here
- A podcast on what people get wrong about endemic COVID-19 here
- How sneezing hamsters sparked a COVID-19 outbreak in Hong Kong here
- Does Omicron hit kids harder? here

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Living Evidence Tables

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