COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Oral nirmatrelvir, Comirnaty (Pfizer) effectiveness after COVID-19 recovery, childhood obesity and the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A randomised controlled trial of oral nirmatrelvir for high-risk, non-hospitalised COVID-19 adults <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
 - o Effectiveness of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine after recovery from COVID-19 here
 - Protection against SARS-CoV-2 after COVID-19 vaccination and previous infection here
 - Childhood obesity and the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection <u>here</u>
 - SARS-CoV-2 seropositivity during the first 2 waves among Canadian adults <u>here</u>
 - mRNA vaccine-induced antibodies compared with natural immunity in neutralising SARS-CoV-2 <u>here</u>
 - The effect of social deprivation on the dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 infection in France <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on associations between deprivation, ethnicity, and SARS-CoV-2 infections in England <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Omicron variant neutralisation in serum from vaccinated and convalescent persons here
- Pre-existing hypertension associated with long-term post-COVID symptoms and poor sleep quality here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Virological characteristics of Omicron BA.2 lineage here
- Fourth dose mRNA vaccine immunogenicity & efficacy against Omicron here
- Low vs standard Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) booster dose after CoronaVac vaccination in adults here
- · Omicron-specific mRNA vaccine induces potent and broad antibody responses in vivo here



News and blogs

- Vaccine will be offered to children aged 5–11 years in England, Wales, and Scotland here
- Vaccinated people are less likely to get long COVID (post-acute COVID-19 syndrome) here
- COVID-19 reinfections surge during Omicron onslaught here
- Recruiting innate immunity against SARS-CoV-2 <u>here</u>
- NEJM audio interviews on nirmatrelvir antiviral for 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</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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