COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Duration of vaccine effectiveness, low-dose radiation therapy, frailty and COVID-19, cholecalciferol (vitamin D3) treatment

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Systematic reviews on:
 - The duration of vaccine effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 disease <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - o Effectiveness of low-dose radiation therapy in COVID-19 patients globally here
 - Association of frailty with increased in-hospital and 30-day mortality in COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- Randomised clinical trials of:
 - A single-oral bolus of 100,000 IU of cholecalciferol (vitamin D3) administered in COVID-19 patients at hospital admission here
 - Two-week methotrexate discontinuation in patients with rheumatoid arthritis vaccinated with CoronaVac vaccine here
- Observational studies on:
 - Association between severity of COVID-19 infection during pregnancy and neonatal outcomes here
 - Real-world serological responses to extended interval and heterologous mRNA vaccination in frail, older people (UNCoVER) <u>here</u>
 - o The effect of school opening on diffusion of COVID-19 here
 - o Effectiveness of a third dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) in a large US health system here
- Commentary on:
 - Ending the legal requirement to self-isolate in England and risks to vulnerable people here
 - o The removal free access to COVID-19 tests in the UK here
 - Continuing with transparent COVID-19 data until the WHO declares the pandemic is over <u>here</u>



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Understanding the immunological landscape of England during Omicron variant wave <u>here</u>
- Occurrence and significance of Omicron BA.1 infection followed by BA.2 reinfection here
- Persisting pulmonary dysfunction in paediatric post-acute COVID-19 syndrome <u>here</u>
- At least three doses of leading vaccines for neutralisation of Omicron variant here
- Effect of four doses of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine on humoral immune responses targeting the Receptor Binding Domain here
- The effect of lopinavir/ritonavir, lopinavir/ritonavir plus IFN-beta-1a and hydroxychloroquine in hospitalised COVID-19 patients here
- Wastewater surveillance using ddPCR to track Omicron variant here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - A statement on Omicron sublineage BA.2 <u>here</u>
 - Updates to its COVID-19 vaccine tracker <u>here</u>, COVID-19 epidemiological report <u>here</u>, and operational report <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Scientists and medics warn that it is too soon to lift all restrictions in England here
- Mexico City gave ivermectin kits to people with COVID-19 in "unethical" experiment here
- Widespread misinformation about infertility continues to create COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy here

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Living Evidence Tables

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on COVID-19 transmission, SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, and variants of concern, post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC), surgery and COVID-19, rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies.



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