COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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COVID-19 infection-fatality ratios, COVID-19 and rheumatic disease, waning effectiveness of vaccine third dose, TGA approval for EVUSHIELD

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on variation in the COVID-19 infection–fatality ratio by age, time, and geography during the pre-vaccine era <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- · Narrative reviews on:
 - o COVID-19 in people with rheumatic diseases here
 - o Ethics of childhood COVID-19 vaccination here
- An observational study on the association of COVID-19 quarantine duration and post quarantine transmission risk in 4 US universities here
- Commentary on the UK's COVID-19 data collection here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

Myocarditis after Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccination among adolescents in Hong Kong here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Waning effectiveness of the third dose of the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine <u>here</u>
- Booster protection against Omicron infection in a highly vaccinated population <u>here</u>
- Protection by vaccines and previous infection against the Omicron variant here
- Risk of COVID-19 related deaths for Omicron compared with Delta in the UK here
- Protection of Omicron sub-lineage infection against reinfection by another Omicron sub-lineage here
- The impact of COVID passport mandates on COVID-19 cases and hospitalisations in the UK here
- Duration of protection against SARS-CoV-2 reinfection and associated risk of reinfection here
- Follow-up investigation and detailed mutational characterisation of the Omicron variant lineages (BA.1, BA.2, BA.3 and BA.1.1) here
- Impact of Omicron variant on the response to mRNA vaccination in multiple myeloma and monoclonal gammopathies <u>here</u>



Guidance and reports

- The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) issued provisional approval to the combination therapy (tixagevimab and cilgavimab, EVUSHELD) for pre-exposure prevention of COVID-19 here
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts here
- The UK Health Security Agency published its latest report on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation here

News and blogs

- Wuhan market was epicentre of pandemic's start <u>here</u>
- The UK National Audit Office notes success of COVID-19 vaccine program but warns of staff burnout here
- Had Omicron? You're unlikely to catch its rising variant 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 and risk mitigation strategies</u>.

