COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Frailty and mortality risk, pausing methotrexate in older patients with rheumatic disease, antigenic evolution of SARS-CoV-2

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Systematic reviews on:
 - o The predictive value of frailty in the mortality of hospitalised COVID-19 patients here
 - COVID-19 vaccination among pregnant people in the US <u>here</u>
- Randomised clinical trials of:
 - Sotrovimab in high-risk COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
 - Survival of hospitalised COVID-19 patients receiving atorvastatin <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on innate and adaptive immunity to the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine here
- Observational studies on:
 - Pausing methotrexate to improve COVID-19 vaccine immunogenicity in elderly patients with rheumatic diseases <u>here</u>
 - Plasma proteomic and metabolomic profiles of COVID-19 survivors 6 months after discharge <u>here</u>
 - o COVID-19 and resilience of healthcare systems in 10 countries here
 - Wearable sensors for continuous and highly sensitive monitoring of reactions to the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine <u>here</u>
- Commentary on antigenic evolution and new SARS-CoV-2 variants here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Comparing human milk antibody response after 4 different COVID-19 vaccines here
- Building a pandemic supply chain here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- COVID-19 vaccination in children and young people in the UK here
- Duration of mRNA vaccine protection against Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 subvariants in Qatar here
- SARS-CoV-2 infection risk factors after primary vaccination with Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) or Comirnaty (Pfizer) and after mRNA booster <u>here</u>
- Serological testing of blood donors to characterise the impact of COVID-19 in Melbourne, 2020 here
- Vaccine effectiveness against severe COVID-19 in the elderly during the Omicron outbreak here



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - A guide on strengthening COVID-19 vaccine demand and uptake in refugees and migrants <u>here</u>
- The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a science brief on indicators for monitoring COVID-19 community levels and making public health recommendations <u>here</u>

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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</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.

