COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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High-flow oxygen therapy and non-invasive ventilation, losartan treatment for inpatients, neutralisation of Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 variants

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on the comparison of high-flow nasal oxygen therapy and non-invasive ventilation in COVID-19 patients here
- A randomised clinical trial of losartan for inpatients with COVID-19-induced lung Injury here
- A phase 1-2 clinical trial on homologous and heterologous COVID-19 booster vaccinations here
- · Observational studies on:
 - Sputnik V (Gamaleya), Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca), and BBIBP-CorV (Sinopharm)
 vaccines in people over 60 years old in Argentina here and associated commentary here
 - Mental health-related emergency department visits in the US <u>here</u>
- Commentary on monitoring and managing SARS-CoV-2 evolution in immunocompromised populations here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Neutralisation of Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 variants here
- Efficacy of a fourth dose of mRNA vaccine against Omicron here
- Omicron variant neutralisation after Spikevax (Moderna) booster <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

 The World Health Organization published COVID-19 readiness checklist for emergency medical services and hospitals <u>here</u>

News and blogs

NEJM audio interview on making COVID-19 vaccines effective here

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