COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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Parenchymal lung abnormalities, tocilizumab plus dexamethasone vs dexamethasone, SARS-CoV-2 entry into cells, vaccine vs Omicron BA.2

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on parenchymal lung abnormalities after hospitalisation for COVID-19 and viral pneumonitis <u>here</u>
- A randomised clinical trial of tocilizumab plus dexamethasone vs dexamethasone in patients with moderate-to-severe COVID-19 pneumonia <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on SARS-CoV-2 cell entry and budding in human airway epithelium here
- Observational studies on:
 - Outcomes of SARS-CoV-2 infection in children and young people with pre-existing rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases <u>here</u>
 - o The influence of risk perceptions on close contact frequency during COVID-19 here
 - o Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in Belgian healthcare and university staff here
 - Reporting and data sharing level for COVID-19 vaccine trials here
 - Enoxaparin and inhibition of transmembrane protease 2 (TMPRSS2) here
- A modelling study estimating COVID-19 cases and hospitalisations averted by case investigation and contact tracing in the US <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - o Strategies to promote equity in COVID-19 antiviral treatment in the US here
 - The decline of invasive meningococcal disease and influenza in Australia during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - Factors influencing estimated effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines in non-randomised studies <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- SARS-CoV-2 co-infection with influenza viruses, respiratory syncytial virus, or adenoviruses in the UK <u>here</u>
- Scalable biomimetic SARS-CoV-2 nanovaccines with robust protective immune responses here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against the Omicron BA.2 variant in England here
- Relative effectiveness of 4 doses compared to 3 doses of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine in Israel here
- Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine effectiveness against reported Delta and Omicron infection among adolescents in Norway <u>here</u>
- Impact of vaccination, prior infection, and therapy on Delta and Omicron variants here
- Comirnaty (Pfizer) booster dose in a CoronaVac primary vaccination protocol improves neutralisation of Omicron variant <u>here</u>
- The modified COVID-19 Yorkshire Rehabilitation Scale (C19-YRSm) patient-reported outcome measure for post-acute COVID-19 syndrome <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

• The UK Health Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Health workforce: not normal, not safe, but it can be fixed here
- Fourth COVID-19 shot in Australia here
- Who will be eligible for free testing from 1 April in the UK? <u>here</u>
- Moderna will ask for authorisation for vaccine for infants and children here
- Can drugs reduce the risk of post-acute COVID-19 syndrome? <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 SARS-CoV-2 <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern, <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery</u> and <u>COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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