COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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SARS-CoV-2 reinfections in children, hydration of the nose, larynx, and trachea to reduce COVID-19 symptoms, a global epidemiological database

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Observational studies on:
 - Risk of SARS-CoV-2 reinfections in children in England <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - Cytokine and chemokine profiles in Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in children (MIS-C) and in severe paediatric COVID-19 here
 - o Effect of hydration of the nose, larynx, and trachea on COVID-19 symptoms here
 - Acute pancreatitis or severe increase in pancreatic enzyme levels after remdesivir administration in COVID-19 patients here
 - Pre-existing hypertension and its treatment in hospitalised COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- A modelling study on SARS-CoV-2 substitution processes to predict the next variant here
- An editorial on COVID-19 vaccine patent waivers <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
 - o A global epidemiological database for COVID-19 with fine-grained spatial resolution here
 - o The Coronavirus Host Genetics South Africa (COHG-SA) database here
 - o The world's refugees remain last in line for COVID-19 vaccines here
 - Scrapping free COVID-19 tests for NHS staff in England here
 - Whether antivirals are a COVID-19 game changer here
 - Access to medicines is an old problem that needs new solutions here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Serum neutralisation of the Omicron sublineage BA.2 here
- Masks for preventing respiratory virus infections including SARS-CoV-2, in healthcare and community settings here
- Implementation of a SARS-CoV-2 genotyping panel for prompt Omicron variant identification here
- Reflections on changes to palliative medicine training in light of COVID-19 here
- Trends in suicide following the COVID-19 pandemic in Japan here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

Neutralisation of Omicron BA.1, BA.2, and BA.3 by 3 doses of Comirnaty (Pfizer) here

News and blogs

- The US tracker overestimated deaths among children here
- Genome data gaps could stymie search for next COVID-19 variant <u>here</u>
- A head-to-head comparison of COVID-19 vaccines reveals how they stack up here
- Oxygen shortages in low and middle income countries two years into pandemic <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 COVID-19, rapid testing and risk mitigation strategies.

