COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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COVID-19 and risk factors in cancer patients, cardiac impairment in Long COVID, Omicron infections in triple vaccinated individuals

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Observational studies on:
 - o Housing environment and mental health of Europeans during COVID-19 here
 - o Neutralising activity of Sinopharm BIBP vaccine-elicited sera against variants here
 - Treatment with 3-day methylprednisolone pulses in severe COVID-19 cases compared with the standard regimen protocol of dexamethasone <u>here</u>
 - o The outcomes of COVID-19 and risk factors in cancer patients in India here
- A modelling study to explore population wide genome-based testing for COVID-19 here
- A consensus statement on the diagnosis and management of COVID-19-associated pulmonary mucormycosis <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Implementation of clinical practice guidelines for COVID-19 inpatients in US academic medical centres <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 vaccination in dialysis clinics and patient vaccination coverage in the US <u>here</u>
- Association of COVID-19 vaccination during early pregnancy with risk of congenital foetal anomalies <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Cardiac impairment in Long COVID 1-year post-SARS-CoV-2 infection here
- Clinical and economic impact of differential COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in the US here
- High rate of Omicron infections in triple vaccinated individuals <u>here</u>
- SARS-CoV-2 transmission in standardised First Few X cases and household transmission investigations <u>here</u>



Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - Updates of its COVID-19 epidemiological report <u>here</u>, operational report <u>here</u>, and the landscape of observational studies on the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination <u>here</u>
 - The 2021 annual report on COVID-19 response <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- Hospital admissions continue to climb amid record infection rates in England here
- Higher-profile COVID-19 experts more likely to get online abuse <u>here</u>
- The UK official list of COVID-19 symptoms expanded to include sore throat, headache, fatigue, and six other symptoms <u>here</u>
- African clinical trial denied access to key COVID-19 drug Paxlovid here

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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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