COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Daily evidence digest

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New COVID-19 vaccines, convalescent plasma for early outpatient treatment, ECMO for acute COVID-19 respiratory failure

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Randomised clinical trials of:
 - A recombinant plant-based adjuvanted COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u>, a RBD-dimer-based COVID-19 vaccine <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - Early outpatient treatment for COVID-19 with convalescent plasma <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - Effect of early treatment with ivermectin among COVID-19 patients here
- Observational studies on:
 - Venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation in patients with acute COVID-19 associated respiratory failure here
 - Hyper inflammatory syndrome after mRNA vaccine in children here
 - o Ehteraz digital contact tracing app versus conventional contact tracing in Qatar here
 - Cumulative incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection and associated risk factors among frontline health care workers in Paris here
- Commentary on the need for economic evaluation of the COVID-19 response here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Neutralisation profile after recovery from Omicron infection <u>here</u>
- Evaluation of trends in alcohol use disorder-related mortality during COVID-19 in the US here
- Effectiveness of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) and Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccines against Omicron in South Africa here

News and blogs

- NEJM audio interview on whether new COVID-19 vaccines are needed here
- The effect of remdesivir against death or progression to ventilation <u>here</u>

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