COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

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Long COVID symptoms after COVID-19 vaccination, immune escape by Omicron variants, reinfections

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Observational studies on:
 - Trajectory of long COVID symptoms after COVID-19 vaccination in the UK <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
 - Demographic and clinical factors associated with anti–SARS-CoV-2 antibody levels after 2 doses of Comirnaty (Pfizer) <u>here</u>
 - Clinical severity of COVID-19 in patients admitted to hospital during the Omicron wave in South Africa <u>here</u>
 - Trajectory patterns of SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody response in convalescent COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
 - Immune responses in the respiratory tract and peripheral blood from hospitalised COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
 - o The association between maternal characteristics and SARS-CoV-2 in pregnancy here
- Modelling studies on:
 - o Estimating the COVID-19 infection fatality ratio accounting for seroreversion here
 - SARS-CoV-2 transmission and impacts of unvaccinated-only screening in populations of mixed vaccination status <u>here</u>

Letters and correspondences discussed:

 Severity and incidence of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children during 3 COVID-19 waves in Israel <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Neutralisation escape by the Omicron variants BA.2.12.1 and BA.4/BA.5 here
- Sequence proven SARS-CoV-2 reinfections at a large academic centre in the US here
- Real-world effectiveness of casirivimab and imdevimab among COVID-19 patients in the ambulatory setting <u>here</u>



News and blogs

- Second boosters may benefit at-risk groups but have "minimal" impact for others here
- US hospitals continued to perform unnecessary surgeries during pandemic <u>here</u>
- The UK government failed to protect doctors during pandemic 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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