## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Evidence digest**

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# COVID-19 sequelae and immunity, long COVID, Omicron BA.4 and BA.5, variant specific symptoms

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on social media and attitudes towards a COVID-19 vaccination <u>here</u>
- A randomised controlled trial of Spikevax (Moderna) vaccine in children aged 6–11 years here
- Observational studies on:
  - o Multisystem involvement in post-acute COVID-19 syndrome here
  - Baseline findings of a longitudinal study of COVID-19 sequelae and immunity <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
  - o The physical and mental burden of symptoms in long COVID patients here
  - Long COVID after breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 infection here
  - Heterogeneous SARS-CoV-2 humoral response after COVID-19 vaccination and/or infection in the general population <u>here</u>
  - o A global survey on COVID-19 beliefs, behaviours, and norms here
  - o A multisystem, cardio-renal investigation of post-COVID-19 illness here
  - o CoronaVac effectiveness in children 3–5 years during the Omicron outbreak here
  - Off-season RSV epidemics in Australia after easing of COVID-19 restrictions here
  - o Cerebrospinal fluid and central nervous system inflammation in COVID-19 patients here
  - Transmission and infectious SARS-CoV-2 shedding kinetics in vaccinated and unvaccinated people <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - Vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 breakthrough infections in cancer patients <u>here</u>
  - Short term, relative effectiveness of four doses vs three doses of Comirnaty (Pfizer) in older adults in Israel here
  - o Evaluation of COVID-19 policies and outcomes in 50 countries and territories here
- A modelling study on the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination in terms of avoided deaths here
- Commentary on:
  - o How to fix pandemic
  - o Pandemic governance and preparedness here, here, and here
  - How Europe's vaccine donations went tragically wrong here
  - Cardiometabolic syndrome and long COVID here



#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Impact of transcranial direct current stimulation on persistent COVID-19 olfactory dysfunction here
- Serological responses to three doses of COVID-19 vaccination in inflammatory bowel disease here

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Further antibody escape by Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 from vaccine and BA.1 serum here
- Distinct antigenic properties of Omicron lineages BA.4 and BA.5 here
- Variant-specific symptoms of COVID-19 among 1,542,510 people in England here
- Understanding post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection through electronic health records here
- Real-world effectiveness of molnupiravir and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir in COVID-19 inpatients during Hong Kong's Omicron BA.2 wave <a href="here">here</a>
- Safety of the Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine in children under 5 years old in Germany (CoVacU5) here
- Initial protection against Omicron in children and adolescents by Comirnaty (Pfizer) here
- Post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (long COVID) in children and adolescents <u>here</u>
- Post-COVID-19 medical complaints after Omicron vs Delta variants <u>here</u>

#### **Guidance and reports**

- The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a study on post–COVID conditions among adult COVID-19 survivors aged 18–64 and ≥65 years <u>here</u>
- The UK Health Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation <a href="here">here</a>

#### **News and blogs**

- The UK Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation advises further booster for vulnerable adults and health and care workers <a href="here">here</a></a>
- The British Medical Association's review into the UK management of the pandemic here
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expands eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots to everyone aged 5+years <u>here</u>
- Vaccine effectiveness wanes more rapidly for cancer patients here
- Long COVID risk falls only slightly after vaccination <u>here</u>
- Cardiac complications are more common after COVID-19 than vaccination 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 and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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