## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Evidence digest**

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# Antibody evasion by Omicron subvariants, immunity and infectivity in COVID-19, ATAGI recommendation for a winter dose

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Randomised clinical trials of:
  - High-dose dexamethasone and oxygen support strategies in ICU patients with severe COVID-19 acute hypoxemic respiratory failure here
  - Enoxaparin for primary thromboprophylaxis in symptomatic COVID-19 outpatients <a href="here">here</a>
    and associated commentary <a href="here">here</a>
- Narrative reviews on:
  - o Immunity and infectivity in COVID-19 here
  - o Disorders of gut-brain interaction in long COVID-19 here
  - Management of inflammatory bowel disease during COVID-19 <u>here</u>
  - Neuropsychiatric sequelae of COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- Observational studies on:
  - Antibody evasion by Omicron subvariants BA.2.12.1, BA.4, & BA.5 here
  - Effectiveness of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine in children aged 5–11 years <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - o Effectiveness of a fourth dose of mRNA vaccine vs Omicron in long term care here
  - o Effects of previous infection and vaccination on symptomatic Omicron infections here
  - o COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy using data from 23 countries here
  - o SARS-CoV-2 detection in exhaled breath here
  - Association of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine third dose receipt and incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in residents of long-term care facilities <a href="here">here</a>
  - BMI and COVID-19 vaccination in England <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - Residual risk of severe COVID-19 after full vaccination <u>here</u>
  - Antinucleocapsid antibodies in Spikevax (Moderna) vaccinees with breakthrough infections here
  - Perceptions of providing and using rapid evidence in decision making in COVID-19 here
- Commentary on mitigating and managing COVID-19 conspiratorial beliefs here



#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Omicron neutralisation from inactivated and ZF2001 vaccines <u>here</u>
- SARS-CoV-2 infection in patients with a history of VITT <u>here</u>
- Approaches to long COVID care from the US Veterans Health Administration <u>here</u>
- Leading causes of death in the US, March 2020 to October 2021 here
- Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccination and long COVID after infections not requiring hospitalisation <a href="here">here</a>

#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Severity of Omicron and Delta infection among hospitalised adults <u>here</u>
- Protection from Omicron in residents of nursing and retirement homes in Ontario, Canada here
- Inflammation as a predictor of chronic fatigue, depression, and anxiety in long COVID here
- The decline of COVID-19 severity and lethality over two years of pandemic here
- Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines and monoclonal antibodies against long COVID here
- Differences in incubation-period and generation-intervals of the Delta and Omicron variants here

#### **Guidance and reports**

- The World Health Organization published:
  - Updated guidance on contact tracing and quarantine in the context of COVID-19 <u>here</u>
  - Its weekly epidemiological report on COVID-19 <u>here</u>
- The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) released updated recommendations for a winter dose of COVID-19 vaccine here
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts here

#### **News and blogs**

- What should go into a booster shot for COVID-19? here
- Did COVID-19 vaccine mandates work? here
- Canada outperformed comparable nations in pandemic response <u>here</u>
- Sharp rise in COVID-19 infections seen across the UK here

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#### **Living Evidence Tables**

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