## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Evidence digest**

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# Immune responses to COVID-19 vaccines, aerosol generating procedures, real world effectiveness of oral antivirals

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Narrative reviews on:
  - o Immune responses to COVID-19 vaccines here
  - Defining aerosol generating procedures <u>here</u>
  - o Anti-inflammatory agents for 'at-home' management of COVID-19 here
- Observational studies on:
  - Real-world effectiveness of early oral antiviral use in hospitalised COVID-19 patients in Hong Kong <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - o Somatic symptom disorder in patients with post-COVID-19 neurological symptoms here
  - Accuracy of 2 rapid antigen tests during 3 phases of SARS-CoV-2 variants <u>here</u>
  - COVID-19 infection and glasses wear here and associated commentary here
  - SARS-CoV-2 results in self-collected nasal swabs vs swabs collected by healthcare workers in children and adolescents <u>here</u> and associated editorial <u>here</u>
  - Alveolar damage patterns in fatal COVID-19 here
  - Electrolyte imbalances in predicting severity of COVID-19 in hospitalised patients <u>here</u>
  - Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccination and reported incidence of post-COVID-19 symptoms here
  - Dysregulated naïve B cells and de novo autoreactivity in severe COVID-19 here
  - o SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid antigen level and outcomes in hospitalised patients here
  - Fatality assessment and variant risk monitoring for COVID-19 here
- Commentary on SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections in patients with immune-mediated inflammatory diseases during Omicron outbreak <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Airway-resident T cells from unexposed individuals cross-recognise SARS-CoV-2 here
- Risk of BA.5 infection among persons exposed to previous SARS-CoV-2 variants here
- Remdesivir in patients with severe kidney dysfunction here
- Administration of anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies after US FDA deauthorisation here
- Analysis of neutralising antibody levels in children and adolescents up to 16 months after SARS-CoV-2 infection here and associated editorial here
- Variation in reported SARS-CoV-2 cases after testing policy changes in the UK here



#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Omicron BA.2.75 variant infectivity compared with pre-existing variants <u>here</u>
- Recent SARS-CoV-2 infection abrogates antibody and B-cell responses to booster vaccination here
- Long COVID prevalence and risk factors in children and adolescents <u>here</u>
- Metformin and COVID-19 severity in patients with prediabetes here
- Effectiveness of endurance training rehabilitation after hospitalisation in intensive care for COVID-19-related acute respiratory distress syndrome on dyspnoea (RECOVER) <a href="https://example.com/here-page-12">here</a>
- A living systematic review update with controlled studies on characterising long COVID <u>here</u>
- Immune protection against SARS-CoV-2 re-reinfection and immune imprinting here
- RNA polymerase inhibitor enisamium for treatment of moderate COVID-19 patients here
- Predicting risk of death or hospitalisation in COVID-19 adults in England here
- Infectiousness of SARS-CoV-2 breakthrough infections and reinfections during the Omicron wave here

#### **Guidance and reports**

- The World Health Organization released its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report <a href="here">here</a>
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts here
- Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommendation on the use of Novavax vaccine for adolescents aged 12-17 years <u>here</u>

#### News and blogs

- Asymptomatic testing is "paused" in England's hospitals and care homes <u>here</u>
- Could long COVID be linked to herpes viruses? here
- COVID vaccines slash risk of spreading Omicron and so does previous infection 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, and <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (long COVID)</u>.



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