COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Evidence digest

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ECMO, real world effectiveness of antivirals, molnupiravir trial, multilateralism lessons and innovations from COVID-19

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on prognostic factors associated with mortality in COVID-19 patients receiving venovenous ECMO <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
- A phase 2/3 trial of a bivalent Beta-containing booster COVID-19 vaccine here
- · Randomised controlled trials of:
 - Daily use of lateral flow devices by contacts of COVID-19 cases in England <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - o Colchicine and antithrombotic therapies in COVID-19 patients here, <a href=
- Observational studies on:
 - Real-world effectiveness of oral antivirals for community-dwelling COVID-19 outpatients in Hong Kong <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - The use of 'post-acute sequelae of COVID-19' diagnosis code in clinical practice here
 - Estimated global proportions of people with long COVID symptom clusters after symptomatic COVID-19 <u>here</u>
 - COVID-19 impact on long-term trends in diabetic ketoacidosis at diagnosis of paediatric type 1 diabetes <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - Rapid antigen tests' performance comparison between Delta and Omicron variants here
 - Severe COVID-19 and autoantibodies against angiotensin II <u>here</u>
 - Clinical phenotypes and outcomes associated with Omicron in critically ill patients here
 - o Outcomes and a matched comparison group in the long-COVID in Scotland study here
 - o COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness of primary series and booster doses in the US here
- Commentary on:
 - o COVID-19 lessons and innovations on multilateralism in health here
 - o Pandemic origins and a One Health approach to preparedness and prevention here
 - o Mobilising evidence for improvement through learning networks in the pandemic here
 - o It's time to redouble and refocus our efforts to fight COVID-19, not retreat here



Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Bivalent mRNA vaccine booster induces robust antibody immunity against Omicron BA.2/BA.5 here
- A need to re-evaluate the WHO's Therapeutics and COVID-19 living guideline on mAbs here
- Immune imprinting and protection against repeat reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Molnupiravir plus usual care vs usual care alone as early treatment for COVID-19 adults at increased risk of adverse outcomes in the UK here
- Long COVID risk and pre-COVID vaccination here
- Associations between reported post COVID-19 symptoms and subjective well-being in Israel here
- Immune response after SARS-CoV-2 infection with residual post COVID-19 symptoms here
- mRNA vaccination and COVID-19 illness and severity during Omicron BA.4/BA.5 periods here
- Effects of remdesivir in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published its weekly epidemiological report on COVID-19 here
- The BMJ updated its best practice guide on COVID-19 here
- The UK Health Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation here
- The National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce released:
 - Updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u>
 - o Guidance on care for adults with COVID-19 here and pregnancy and perinatal care here

News and blogs

- Lowest US life expectancy since 1996 linked to COVID-19 here
- The upcoming influenza season and protection from vaccines here
- COVID-19 jabs for kids <u>here</u>
- Had COVID? A delayed booster might lead to a better response here
- Antiviral purchased by UK government does not lower risk of hospital admission here
- Hospital admissions rise in England as some trusts reinstate mask requirements here
- The UK government is urged to expedite Evusheld treatment for vulnerable patients here

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