COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Evidence digest

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Cardiovascular outcomes in unvaccinated COVID-19 survivors, mental healthcare after COVID-19, WHO statement on Omicron BQ.1 and XBB

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Randomised clinical trials of:
 - Strategies to increase the immunogenicity of COVID-19 vaccines in kidney transplant recipients <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - Finerenone use and pneumonia and COVID-19 adverse events in patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease <u>here</u>
 - o An instrument to measure COVID-19 patient-reported symptoms in outpatients here
- Observational studies on:
 - Long-term cardiovascular outcomes of non-vaccinated COVID-19 survivors <u>here</u> and associated correspondence <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
 - Psychological distress, depression, anxiety, and life satisfaction after COVID-19 here
 - o Prevalence and correlates of long COVID symptoms among US adults here
 - Evaluation of aerosol generation during in-office flexible laryngoscopy <u>here</u>
 - Extreme obesity as a predictor for in-hospital mortality and long COVID here
 - o Extended coagulation profile of children with long COVID here
 - COVID-19 vaccine protection among children and adolescents in Qatar here
 - Comparative risk of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome or thromboembolic events associated with different COVID-19 vaccines here
 - o Chronic medications and risk of death in hospitalised COVID-19 patients here
 - o Spikevax (Moderna) vaccine in children 6 months to 5 years of age here
 - Global infection burden of influenza after relaxation of public health and social measures here and associated commentary here
- Commentary on:
 - SARS-CoV-2 variants offer a second chance to fix global vaccine inequities here
 - o Revitalising mental healthcare in the UK after COVID-19 here
 - Whether COVID-19 has become milder <u>here</u>
 - Long COVID health outcomes and implications for policy and research here



Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Immune imprinting and protection against repeat reinfection with SARS-CoV-2 here
- Reinfections with different Omicron subvariants in France <u>here</u>
- Recurrence of symptoms following a 2-day symptom free period in COVID-19 patients here
- Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine effectiveness against Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- COVID-19 and public health restrictions disproportionately affected Sydney's vulnerable people here
- Treatment of persistent COVID-19 smell dysfunction here
- mRNA vaccination and hospitalisation caused by Omicron in Swedish adolescents <u>here</u>
- Rare type I IFN immunity genes are associated with life-threatening COVID-19 here
- Viral load and infectivity of Omicron BA.5 and BA.2 here
- Protection against reinfection with Omicron BA.2.75* here
- Long-term humoral response following simultaneous Delta and Omicron BA.1 co-infection here
- Neutralisation of Omicron BA.2.75.2, BQ.1.1, and XBB.1 by 4 doses of parental mRNA vaccine or a BA.5-bivalent booster here
- Neutralisation escape by the Omicron variant BQ.1.1 here
- Effectiveness of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine booster doses against Omicron severe outcomes here
- Post COVID-19 condition across the Beta, Delta, and Omicron waves in South Africa here
- mRNA bivalent booster neutralisation against BA.2.75.2 and BQ.1.1 here
- Tocilizumab treatment and myeloid dysfunction and lymphopenia in COVID-19 inpatients here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - The Technical Advisory Group on SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution (TAG-VE) statement on Omicron sublineages BQ.1 and XBB here
 - Its weekly epidemiological report on COVID-19 here
- The UK Health Security Agency published an update on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and here
- The National Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and clinical flowcharts <u>here</u> with an MJA summary on pregnancy and perinatal guidelines <u>here</u>

News and blogs

- COVID-19 variants to watch <u>here</u>
- Could a nose spray a day keep COVID-19 away? here
- COVID 'variant soup' is making winter surges hard to predict <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 vaccine hoarding might have cost more than a million lives here
- Nearly 20% of patients receive psychiatric diagnosis within three months of COVID-19 here

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