COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Evidence digest

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COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness to prevent post-COVID-19 conditions, FXR inhibition for infection protection, antivirals vs BQ.1.1 and XBB

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Systematic reviews on:
 - o COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in preventing post-COVID-19 conditions here
 - o Myopericarditis after mRNA vaccination in adolescents and young adults here
 - Association of glucose-lowering drugs with outcomes in patients with diabetes before COVID-19 hospitalisation <u>here</u>
- Randomised clinical trials of:
 - Wearing glasses on risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection here
 - o Pacritinib vs placebo for patients with severe COVID-19 here
- Narrative reviews on:
 - SARS-CoV-2 viral load and shedding kinetics <u>here</u>
 - o COVID-19 vaccine boosters for young adults here
 - Farnesoid X receptor (FXR) inhibition for SARS-CoV-2 infection protection <u>here</u> and here
- · Observational studies on:
 - Initial SARS-CoV-2 test positivity and patient-reported well-being 3 months after a symptomatic illness <u>here</u>
 - Mortality among COVID-19 US hospitalised adults treated with remdesivir <u>here</u>
 - Viral rebound after nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (Paxlovid) and molnupiravir treatment here
 - Neutralising antibody in inflammatory bowel disease patients treated with infliximab and vedolizumab after three doses of COVID-19 vaccine here and commentary here
 - Estimated SARS-CoV-2 antibody seroprevalence and reported case prevalence here
 - o Clinical assessment of children with long COVID syndrome here
 - Steroid treatment effect to the third dose of mRNA vaccine in rheumatic disease here
 - Severe COVID-19 and molecular signatures of aging in the human brain here
 - Pulmonary and muscle function during moderate exercise in female patients recovered from SARS-CoV-2 <u>here</u>
 - o mRNA and BBIBP-CorV vaccines against infection and mortality among children here
 - Comirnaty (Pfizer) and cross-variant SARS-CoV-2 immunity in children here
- A case report on multisystem inflammatory syndrome after mild COVID-19 infection in a fully vaccinated adult <u>here</u>



Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Efficacy of antiviral agents against Omicron subvariants BQ.1.1 and XBB here
- Decline of RSV-specific antibodies during COVID-19 here
- Neutralisation of Omicron subvariant BA.2.75 after bivalent vaccination here

Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Factors associated with long COVID symptoms <u>here</u>
- Correlates of protection against Omicron and anti-spike antibody responses after a third/booster vaccination or breakthrough infection in the UK here
- Clinical, imaging, serological, and histopathological features of pulmonary post-acute sequelae after mild COVID-19 here
- Protection of hybrid immunity against SARS-CoV-2 reinfection and severe COVID-19 during periods of Omicron predominance in Mexico here
- Increased insulin resistance in long COVID is associated with depressive symptoms here
- COVID-19 in pregnancy and the progression of labour here
- Information sources that migrants used to learn about COVID-19 vaccines in Australia here
- Estimated impact of oral nirmatrelvir; ritonavir (Paxlovid) in reducing hospitalisations and associated costs within high-risk US COVID-19 patients here
- Awake prone position in COVID-19-related acute respiratory failure <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>
- Assessing the use of non-traditional data during the pandemic <u>here</u>
- Effective contact tracing for COVID-19 here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organisation published its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological report here
- The National Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and flowcharts here

News and blogs

- Surprising Omicron origins study comes under scrutiny here
- Severe COVID-19 could cause markers of old age in the brain here
- High rates in UK hospitals have hampered elective care recovery here

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We hope you have a very happy and healthy holiday break!



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