COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Evidence digest

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Long COVID review, Long COVID outcomes at 1 year, bivalent boosters, variants BQ1.1 and XBB.1

Peer reviewed journals featured

- A systematic review on COVID-19 convalescent plasma for immunocompromised patients <u>here</u>
- A narrative review on Long COVID here and associated commentary here
- Randomised controlled trials on:
 - o Fluvoxamine in mild to moderate COVID-19 here and associated commentary here
 - o COVID-19 booster vaccinations in healthy adults after priming with CoronaVac here
 - o Bivalent Omicron BA.1–Adapted BNT162b2 booster in adults older than 55 years here
- Observational studies on:
 - Long COVID outcomes at one year after mild SARS-CoV-2 infection here
 - Safety monitoring of bivalent COVID-19 mRNA vaccine booster doses among children here
 - o Outcomes among mechanically ventilated patients in SARS-CoV-2 and other aetiologies here
 - Risk of autoimmune diseases in patients with COVID-19 here
 - Mucosal immune response after the booster dose of the BNT162b2 COVID-19 vaccine here
 - Maternal and perinatal outcomes following pre-Delta, Delta, and Omicron variant infection among unvaccinated pregnant women here
 - Outcomes of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for COVID-19 during successive SARS-CoV-2 variant outbreaks here and associated commentary here
 - Rituximab therapy in patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
 - Real-world COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against Omicron BA.2 in a SARS-CoV-2 infectionnaive population here
 - Correlates of protection, thresholds of protection, and immuno-bridging in COVID-19 here
- · Commentary on:
 - o The COVID-19 pandemic in 2023: Far from over here
 - o A new paradigm is needed to explain Long COVID here
 - Mass testing to end the COVID-19 public health threat here
 - O What do we know about COVID-19 and children? here
 - Combating misinformation as a core function of public health here



Letters and correspondence discussed

- Substantial neutralisation escape by SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variants BQ.1.1 and XBB.1 here
- Stability of hybrid versus vaccine immunity against BA.5 infection over 8 months here
- Neutralisation sensitivity of the SARS-CoV-2 XBB.1 lineage <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 and other pandemics require a coherent response strategy here
- Antigenic mapping of Omicron variants BM.1.1.1, BQ.1.1, and XBB.1 here
- Protection against reinfection with the Omicron BA.2.75 subvariant <u>here</u>

Pre-peer review articles featured

- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses on:
 - o Global prevalence of COVID-19 reinfection here
 - o Molnupiravir for adults with mild or moderate COVID-19 here
 - Mortality rates among patients with COVID-19 treated with convalescent plasma here
- A core outcome measurement set for research and clinical practice in Long COVID in adults here
- Effectiveness of early-treatment interventions on self-reported Long COVID here
- Enhanced transmissibility, infectivity and immune resistance of Omicron XBB.1.5 here
- Effectiveness of second booster compared to first booster and protection conferred by previous SARS CoV-2 infection against symptomatic Omicron BA.2 and BA.4/5 in France here
- Evasion of neutralising antibody response by Omicron XBB.1.5, CH.1.1 and CA.3.1 variants here
- Real-world data on molnupiravir in patients vaccinated against COVID-19 during Omicron here
- Plasma proteome of Long-COVID patients <u>here</u>

Guidance and reports

- World Health Organization: Infection prevention and control in the context of COVID-19 <u>here</u> and BMJ visual summary of the WHO living guideline on COVID-19 drugs <u>here</u>
- UK Health Security Agency: SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern technical briefings here
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control: Threat assessment brief: Implications for the EU/EEA of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron XBB.1.5 sub-lineage here

News and blogs

- Swab the throat as well as the nose? The best way to test for SARS-CoV-2 here
- Florida's surgeon general "careless" in recommending against vaccination here
- China's COVID wave has probably peaked, model suggests here
- Will testing travellers from China keep new COVID variants out? 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>, <u>variants</u> of concern, and <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19</u> (long COVID).



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