COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

Evidence digest

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Risk factors for post-COVID-19 conditions, COVID-19 vaccine fatigue, COVID-19 pandemic policies, drugs to prevent COVID-19

Peer reviewed journals featured:

- A systematic review on risk factors associated with post-COVID-19 condition <u>here</u>
- A randomised clinical trial of standard-dose prophylactic, high-dose prophylactic, and therapeutic
 anticoagulation in hypoxemic COVID-19 pneumonia patients here and associated commentary here
- Narrative reviews on:
 - o Determinants of COVID-19 vaccine fatigue here
 - Drug repurposing and observational studies of antivirals for treating COVID-19 here
- Observational studies on:
 - Assessing COVID-19 pandemic policies, behaviours and their economic and educational trade-offs across US states <u>here</u>
 - Treatment with nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) and the risk of post-COVID condition <u>here</u> and here
 - Neurodevelopmental outcomes in offspring of mothers with SARS-CoV-2 infection during pregnancy <u>here</u>
 - Risk of death after COVID-19 vaccination or positive SARS-CoV-2 test in young people in England here
 - Maternal third dose of Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine and risk of infant COVID-19 hospitalisation here

Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Estimated risk of adverse surgical outcomes in patients with recent COVID-19 infection here
- Stroke, myocardial infarction, and pulmonary embolism after bivalent booster here
- Bivalent mRNA vaccine-elicited SARS-CoV-2 specific T cells and the Omicron XBB sublineage here



Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Outcomes of patients with COVID-19 vs other lung infections requiring venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation here
- The real-world effectiveness of an intranasal spray A8G6 antibody cocktail in the post-exposure prophylaxis of COVID-19 here
- Challenges and opportunities with translating and interpreting COVID-19 related public health messaging to reach ethnic minorities in Australia here
- A deep learning method for predicting the COVID-19 ICU patient outcome fusing X-rays, respiratory sounds, and ICU parameters here

Guidance and reports

- The World Health Organization published:
 - An updated guide on drugs to prevent COVID-19 <u>here</u> with associated BMJ visual summary <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>
 - o A report on the impact of COVID-19 in five global health workforce professions here
- The National Clinical Evidence Taskforce released updated recommendations and flowcharts here
- The UK Health Security Agency published its report on SARS-CoV-2 variant data update here

News and blogs

- Nasally administered monoclonal antibody for COVID-19 here
- Patients launch legal action against AstraZeneca over its COVID-19 vaccine here
- The WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) updates COVID-19 vaccination guidance here
- COVID-origins report sparks debate over major genome hub GISAID here

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