WHO living guideline on therapeutics and COVID-19, IL-6 antagonists and mortality, biomarkers for asymptomatic infection

Peer reviewed journals featured:
- A meta-analysis on the association between administration of IL-6 antagonists and mortality in hospitalised COVID-19 patients [here](#) and editorial [here](#)
- Observational studies on:
  - Blood transcriptional biomarkers for detecting pre-symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection [here](#)
  - Prolonged SARS-CoV-2 RNA virus shedding and lymphopaenia in cancer patients [here](#)
  - Maternal outcomes and risk factors for COVID-19 severity among pregnant women [here](#)
  - Consideration of sex and gender in COVID-19 clinical studies [here](#)
- Commentary on SARS-CoV-2 rapid diagnostic tests for emerging variants [here](#)

Letters and correspondence discussed:
- Diabetes care and glycaemic control during COVID-19 in the US [here](#)

Pre-peer review featured articles:
- Heterologous prime-boost vaccination with AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines [here](#)
- Implementation, adoption, and perceptions of telemental health during COVID-19 [here](#)
- Pfizer vaccine effectiveness in patients with inflammatory bowel disease [here](#)

Guidance and reports
- The World Health Organization published:
  - A living guideline on therapeutics and COVID-19 [here](#)
  - Its weekly COVID-19 epidemiological update [here](#)
  - An update on the COVID-19 vaccine tracker [here](#)
- The Canadian National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools released an updates rapid review on managing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in post-secondary education institutions [here](#)
News and blogs

- Doctors criticise the government’s plan to make mask wearing a personal choice in England [here](#)
- The UK “Freedom Day” as COVID-19 restrictions rolled back [here](#)
- Investment in people as an investment in health [here](#)
- COVID-19 and the need to recognise and value shared responsibility [here](#)
- Shifting focus from COVID-19 mortality to morbidity, particularly in children [here](#)
- Mounting evidence suggests the Sputnik COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective [here](#)
- Pfizer vaccine recommended for pregnant women in Australia and New Zealand [here](#)

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