## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Daily evidence digest**

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# Treatment studies, BMJ series on China's response to COVID-19, transmission routes, Omicron and reinfection

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- · Systematic reviews on:
  - o Immunogenicity of COVID-19 vaccines in patients with haematological malignancy here
  - o Effectiveness of remdesivir, lopinavir/ritonavir, and favipiravir for treating COVID-19 here
  - o Combination therapy of tocilizumab and steroid for COVID-19 patients here
- Randomised clinical trials of:
  - Lenzilumab in hospitalised patients with COVID-19 pneumonia (LIVE-AIR) here
  - o Favipiravirin in high-risk COVID-19 patients here
  - o Sofosbuvir and daclatasvir in hospitalised COVID-19 patients (DISCOVER) here
- Observational studies on:
  - o COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in New York State here
  - Comparative effectiveness of Comirnaty (Pfizer) and Spikevax (Moderna) vaccines in US veterans <u>here</u>
  - o SARS-CoV-2 transmission in schools in Korea here
- A BMJ series on China's response to COVID-19:
  - o The role of asymptomatic and presymptomatic infections here
  - o Importance of public health tools in emerging infectious diseases here
  - Non-pharmaceutical interventions during the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines here
  - Effectiveness of 14-day quarantine strategy here
  - o Use of contact tracing, isolation, and mass testing to control transmission here
  - o Cold chain logistics as a potential mode of SARS-CoV-2 transmission <a href="here">here</a>
- Commentary on:
  - SARS-CoV-2 transmission routes and mitigations <u>here</u> and the development of an associated interactive graphic <u>here</u>

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

- Viral dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 variants in vaccinated and unvaccinated persons here
- US state-level legal interventions related to COVID-19 vaccine mandates <u>here</u>



#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Effectiveness and durability of protection against future SARS-CoV-2 infection conferred by COVID-19 vaccination and previous infection here
- Clinical outcomes associated with subcutaneous or intravenous administration of casirivimab and imdevimab monoclonal antibodies in COVID-19 here
- Tajima D test accurately forecasts Omicron / COVID-19 outbreak here
- Increased risk of SARS-CoV-2 reinfection associated with the emergence of the Omicron variant in South Africa here

#### **News and blogs**

- The UK approves monoclonal antibody sotrovimab for over 12s at high risk <u>here</u>
- The FDA expert panel recommends authorising molnupiravir but also voices concern here
- Omicron is supercharging the COVID-19 vaccine booster debate <u>here</u>
- A tale of two antiviral targets and the COVID-19 drugs that bind them <u>here</u>
- What scientists know so far about Omicron here
- Omicron-variant border bans ignore the evidence <u>here</u>

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#### **Living Evidence Tables**

Living Evidence tables are up-to-date summaries of emerging evidence. Tables are available on <u>COVID-19 transmission</u>, SARS-CoV-2 <u>vaccines</u>, and <u>variants</u> of concern, <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC)</u>, <u>surgery and COVID-19</u>, <u>rapid testing</u> and <u>risk mitigation strategies</u>.



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