## COVID-19 Critical Intelligence Unit

### **Evidence digest**

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# Molnupiravir in early SARS-CoV-2 infection, Al applications in COVID-19 clinical response, cardiovascular disease after COVID-19 infection

#### Peer reviewed journals featured:

- Randomised clinical trials of:
  - Molnupiravir vs placebo in unvaccinated and vaccinated patients with early SARS-CoV-2 infection <u>here</u> and associated commentary <u>here</u>
  - o Ivermectin vs placebo on time to sustained recovery in mild to moderate COVID-19 here
  - o Favipiravir in early symptomatic COVID-19 here
  - o Spikevax (Moderna) vaccine in children 6 months to 5 years of age here
- A narrative review on artificial intelligence applications used in the COVID-19 clinical response here
- Observational studies on:
  - Cardiovascular disease and mortality sequelae of COVID-19 in the UK Biobank <u>here</u>
    and associated editorial <u>here</u>
  - o Protection against Omicron from vaccination and previous infection in US prisons here
  - Monovalent mRNA vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19
     –associated hospitalisation in immunocompetent US adults during Omicron outbreak here
  - SARS-CoV-2 co-infections during the Omicron outbreak in France here
  - o The Global Health Security Index (GHSI), country preparedness and mortality here
  - Severity of SARS-CoV-2 infection and priming of vaccine-induced immunity <u>here</u>
  - Vaccine protection and the risk of infection with Omicron BA.5 in Denmark here
  - Long-COVID post-viral chronic fatigue association with oxidative damage, lowered antioxidant defences and inflammation <a href="here">here</a>
  - Vitamin D treatment in COVID-19 patients <u>here</u>
- Commentary on:
  - o COVID-19 and the amplification of cardiovascular risk by psychological distress here
  - What next for COVID-19 vaccines? here
  - What COVID-19 has taught the world about ethics <u>here</u>
  - o A 'One Health' surveillance approach for zoonotic pathogens here

#### Letters and correspondence discussed:

Association between life expectancy at 60 years before COVID-19 and excess mortality <u>here</u>



#### Pre-peer review articles featured:

- Characterising and predicting long COVID in a large US academic medical centre here
- Global landscape of the host response to SARS-CoV-2 variants here
- Immunogenicity of the BA.5 Bivalent mRNA vaccine boosters <u>here</u>
- Clinical antiviral efficacy of remdesivir and casirivimab/imdevimab against Delta & Omicron here
- Distinct neutralising antibody escape of Omicron subvariants <u>here</u>
- Association of viral variant and vaccination status with long COVID symptoms <u>here</u>
- Antibody responses to Omicron BA.4/BA.5 bivalent mRNA vaccine booster shot <u>here</u>
- Vaccine- and BTI-elicited pre-Omicron immunity neutralisation of Omicron sublineages here
- Development of criteria for cognitive dysfunction in post-COVID syndrome here

#### **Guidance and reports**

- The World Health Organization published its weekly epidemiological report on COVID-19 here
- Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommendation for a booster dose of the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in children aged 5 to 11 years <a href="here">here</a>
- The US department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published a guidebook on long COVID here

#### **News and blogs**

- Vitamin D supplements don't reduce COVID-19 risk <u>here</u>
- COVID-19 research is free to access but for how long? <u>here</u>
- The FDA urged to publish follow-up studies on COVID-19 vaccine safety signals here
- Communication innovation in the COVID-19 era 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>, and <u>variants</u> of concern, and <u>post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (long COVID)</u>.



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