

Covid-19 Vaccine Development

How 30,000 Nucleotides Changed the World

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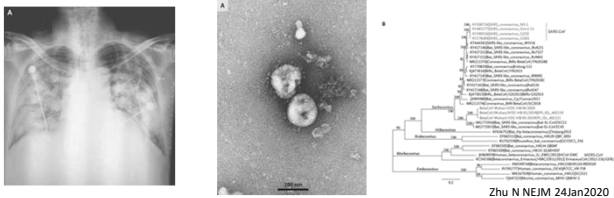
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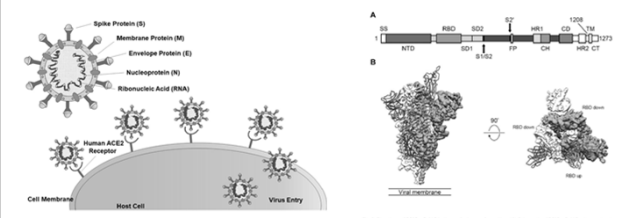
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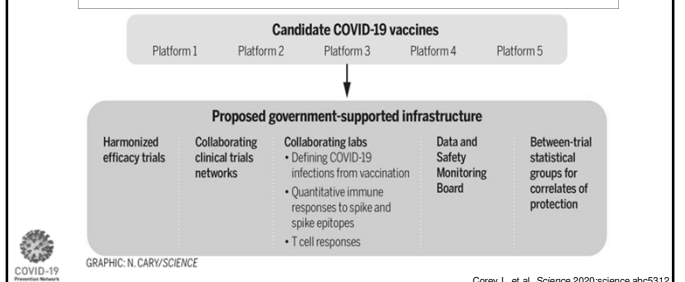


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US Advanced Development for COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates

Company	Platform	Product	Vaccination dose/schedule	Phase 3 Start
Moderna	mRNA	mRNA: encodes 2P-stabilized Spike, TM, F1	2 doses at 100 µg (0, 28 days)	27 July 2020
BioNTech	mRNA	mRNA: encodes stabilized SARS-CoV-2 Spike	2 doses at 30 µg (0, 21 days)	27 July 2020
Novavax	Ad Vector	Replication incompetent ChAdOx1 wild type Spike; ΔF; TM	2 doses at 5 × 10 ¹⁰ vp, (0, 28 days)	28 Aug 2020
Janssen	Ad Vector	Replication incompetent Ad26; stabilized Spike; ΔF; TM	1 dose at 5 × 10 ¹⁰ vp	23 Sep 2020
Novavax	Recombinant protein Adjuvanted	Baculovirus Expressed Trimeric Stabilized Spike, ΔF; TM; trimerization domain; Matrix M	2 doses at 5 µg with Matrix M (0, 21 days)	27 Dec 2020
Sanoofi	Recombinant protein Adjuvanted	Baculovirus Expressed Trimeric Stabilized Spike, ΔF; TM; trimerization domain; AS03	5/15 µg + AS03 (0, 21 days)	2021

Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) and COVID-19 Prevention Network (CoVPN)

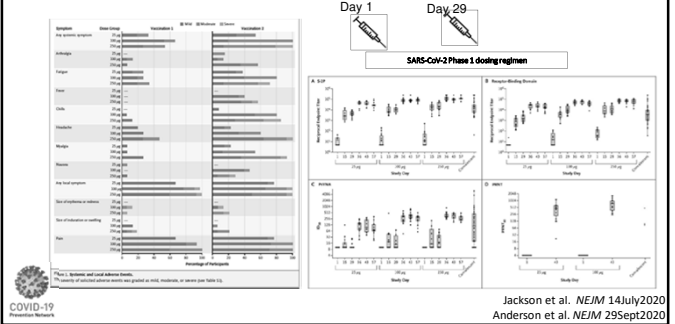


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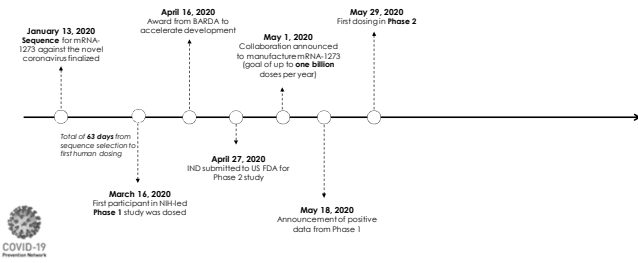


Phase 1: Safety, Reactogenicity, Immunogenicity

mRNA-1273-P101 Study Design



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Key Design Considerations: Efficacy Trials

- Population Studied
 - Increased risk for SARS-CoV-2 acquisition
 - Increased risk for complications (>65yo), medical co-morbidities (DM, obesity, cardio-pulmonary dz)
- Primary End Point(s)
 - CoV-Dis
 - Prevention or reduction of severity of moderate COVID illness
 - CoV-Inf
 - Reduction in mild COVID illness and asymptomatic infection
 - CoV-Trans
 - Reduce shedding of SARS-CoV-2 and acquisition
 - Safety
- Key Study Populations
 - mITT
 - Safety
 - Per protocol
 - Complete vaccination series (+2weeks), SARS-CoV-2 uninfected
- Statistical considerations
 - VE at least 50% with lower bound of VE >30%

FDA Briefing Document: VRBPAC 22Oct20
FDA Guidance Oct20: <https://www.fda.gov/media/142749/download>

Phase 3: Evaluate Efficacy, Safety, and Immunogenicity of mRNA-1273 Vaccine in Adults to Prevent COVID-19

- N= 30,000
 - 1:1 vaccine: Placebo
 - Double blind, placebo controlled
 - 2 vaccinations (d1 and d29), follow-up 2 years
 - High risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection and increased risk for complications from infection
 - Population studied needs to represent the country and those disproportionately impacted
- Primary Outcomes
 - Efficacy
 - COVID-19 starting 14 days after second dose (d42)
 - Safety
- Key Statistical Assumptions
 - COVID-19 incidence rate over 6 months 0.75% in placebo group
 - Target Vaccine Efficacy (VE) 60% with lower bound 95% CI >30%

CoVPN 3001, NIH-Moderna mRNA-1273-P301, NCT04470427

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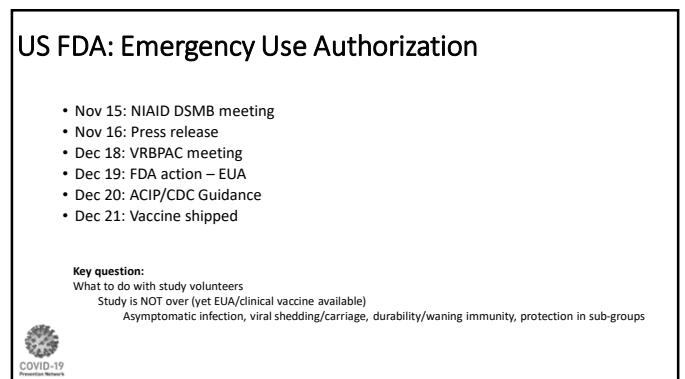
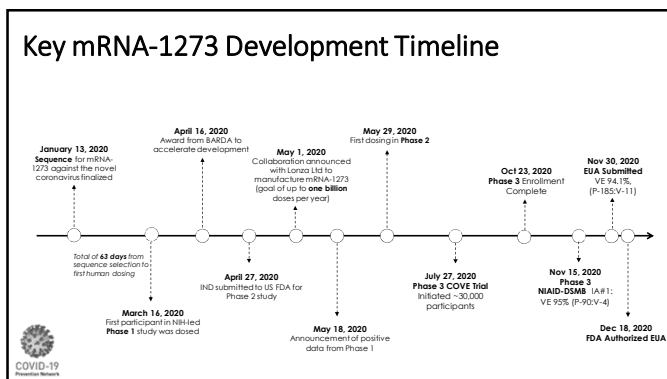
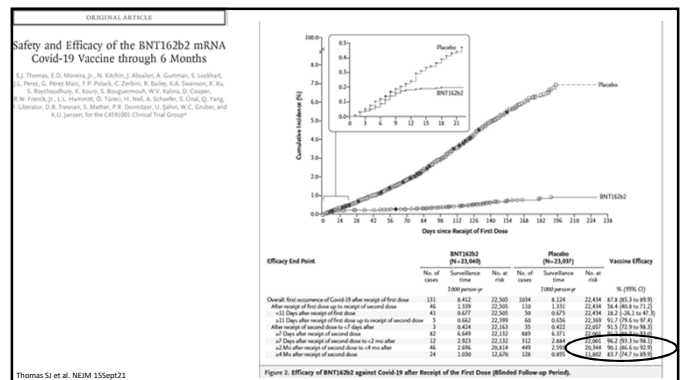
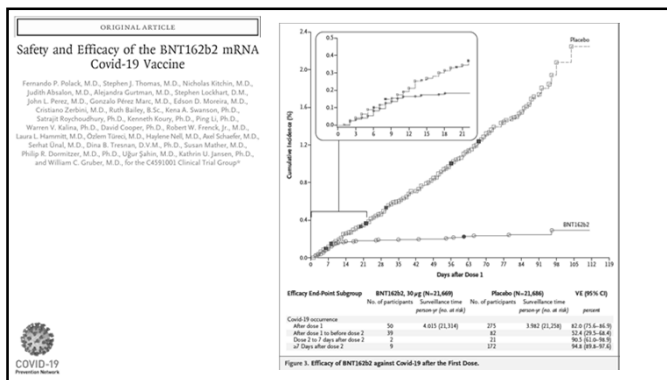
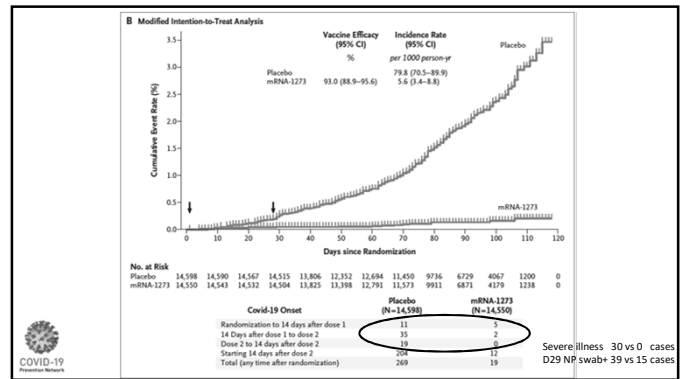
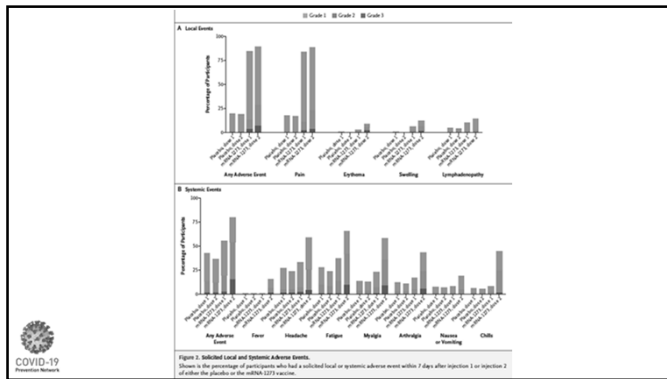
Efficacy and Safety of the mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

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- Enrollment: July 27 – Oct 23
- N= 30,420 randomized
 - 30,351 received dose 1
 - >96% received dose 2
 - 29,148 (95.8%) mITT
 - 28,207 (92.9%) per-protocol
- As of Nov 25 (data cut off)
 - Median f/u 63 days post dose 2 (range 0-97)

Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics at Baseline*

Characteristics	Placebo (n=15,174)	mRNA-1273 (n=15,174)	Total (n=30,348)
Sex — no. of participants (%)			
Male	8,062 (53.1)	7,933 (52.3)	15,995 (52.7)
Female	7,112 (46.9)	7,241 (47.7)	14,353 (47.3)
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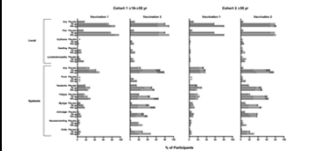
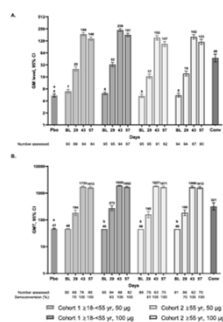


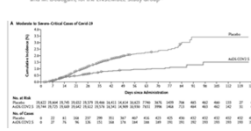
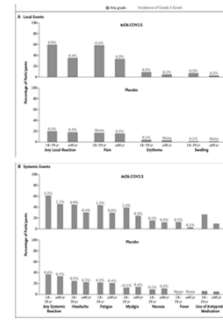
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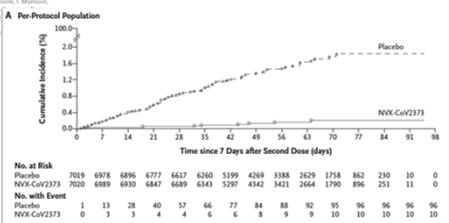
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Subgroup	Placebo no. of events/no. at risk	NIV-CoV2373 no. of events/no. at risk	Vaccine Efficacy (95% CI) %
Per protocol population	96/7019	10/7000	89.7 (80.2 to 94.6)
Intention-to-treat population	161/7570	42/7568	75.4 (58.3 to 79.7)

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Table 2. Effectiveness of CoronaVac Vaccine in Preventing Covid-19 Outcomes in Overall Study Cohort, According to Immunization Status

Outcome and Immunization Status	Study Cohort		Persons with Covid-19	Vaccine Effectiveness (95% CI)		
	No. of Person-Days	No. of Persons		Analysis Adjusted for Sex and Age	Analysis Adjusted for All Covariates*	Stratified Analysis†
			<i>no. of events/1000 person-days</i>		<i>percent</i>	
Covid-19						
Unvaccinated	614,868,240	185,631	0.309	8.0 (5.5–9.4)	15.5 (14.2–16.8)	17.2 (13.8–18.6)
Partially immunized	69,788,352	20,865	0.290			
Fully immunized	91,671,797	12,286	0.1340	61.2 (60.3–62.1)	65.9 (65.4–66.4)	62.8–64.4
Hospitalization						
Unvaccinated	620,894,706	18,034	0.0290			
Partially immunized	70,690,796	3,370	0.0477	31.4 (28.6–34.0)	37.4 (35.1–39.7)	40.3 (35.6–47.4)
Fully immunized	92,465,353	1,462	0.0158	86.0 (83.1–88.8)	87.5 (85.4–89.6)	84.5 (81.6–87.4)

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Table 2. SARS-CoV-2 Serum Neutralization Assay Results 1 Month after Dose 2 of BNT162b2 among Participants without Evidence of Infection.*

Age Group	No. of Participants	Geometric Mean 50% Neutralizing Titer (95% CI) [†]	Geometric Mean Ratio (95% CI), 12 to 15 Yr vs. 16 to 25 Yr [‡]
12–15 yr	190	1239.5 (1095.5–1402.5)	1.76 (1.47–2.10)
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Table 3. Vaccine Efficacy against Covid-19 in Participants 12 to 15 Years of Age.*

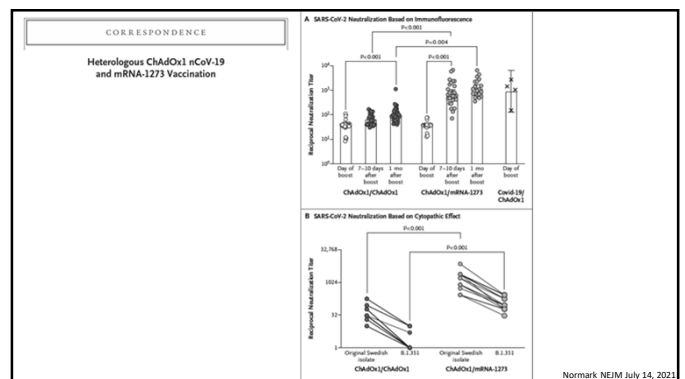
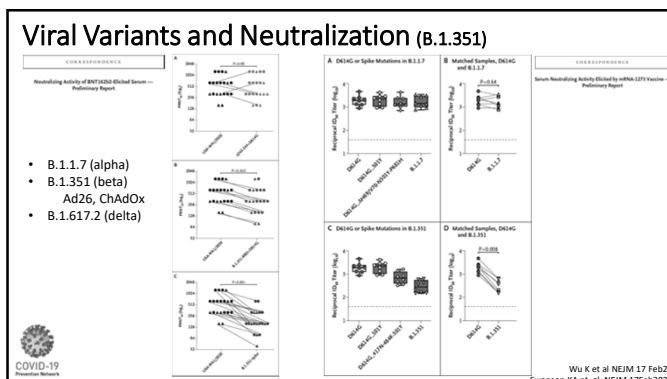
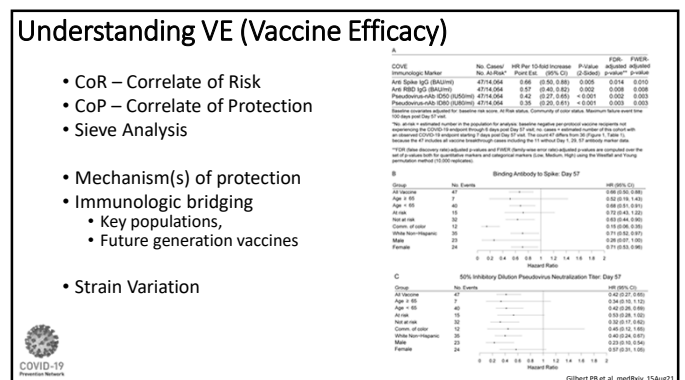
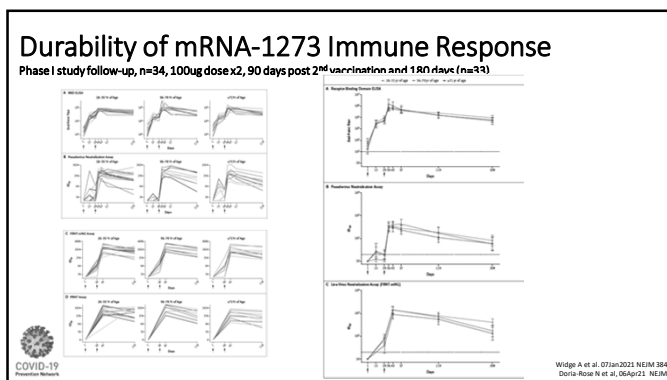
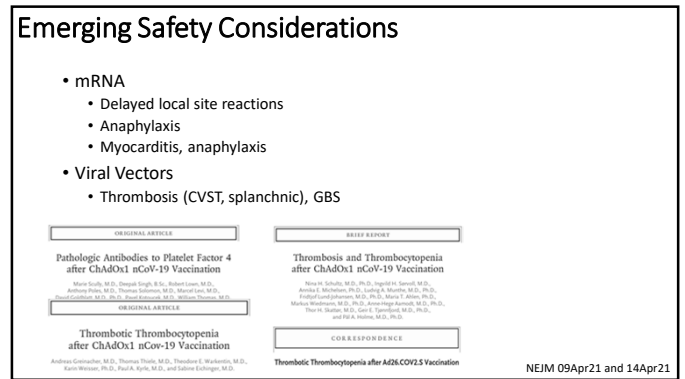
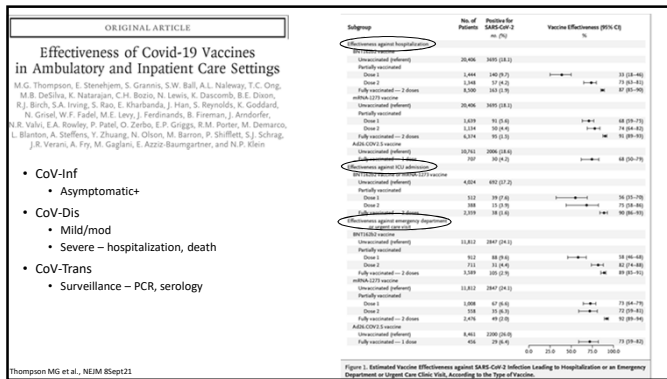
Efficacy End Point	BNT162B2		Placebo		% Vaccine Efficacy (95% CI)
	No. of Participants with Event/Total No.	Surveillance Time (No. at Risk)	No. of Participants with Event/Total No.	Surveillance Time (No. at Risk)	
Covid-19 occurrence at least 7 days after dose 2 in participants without evidence of previous infection	9/1005	0.154 (1004)	16/978	0.163 (977)	100 (75.3–100)
Covid-19 occurrence at least 7 days after dose 2 in participants with or without evidence of previous infection	9/1119	0.170 (1109)	18/1110	0.163 (1094)	100 (78.1–100)

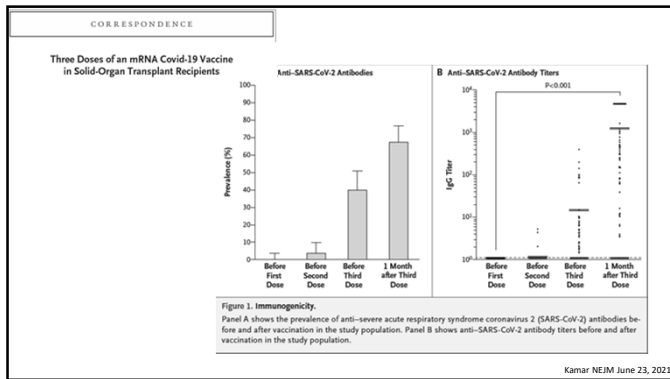
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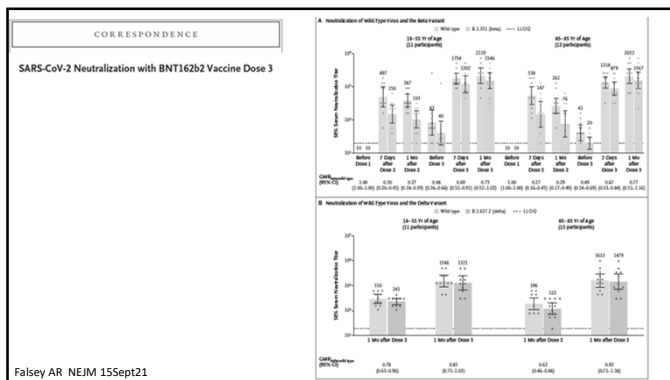
Comparing SARS-CoV-2 Serologic Assays

3 commercial and 2 laboratory assays
n=251 PCR+ Covid-19 cases

Table 4. Assay sensitivities by days post symptom onset.

Assay	Days PSO	Total No. of PCR-positive samples	No. testing positive	Percentage	95% CI
Eitestige IgG	<8 days	26	11	42.31	25.54-61.95
	8-14 days	77	65	84.42	74.71-92.05
	15-21 days	65	60	92.31	83.22-96.67
	>21 days	83	71	85.54	74.41-91.53
Overall		251	207	82.47	77.29-86.67
Eitestige IgM	<8 days	26	8	30.77	15.50-49.59
	8-14 days	77	43	55.84	44.74-66.39
	15-21 days	65	41	63.08	50.62-73.21
	>21 days	83	36	43.37	33.90-54.34
Overall		251	118	47.01	40.69-53.19
Eitestige IgA	<8 days	26	5	19.23	8.53-39.88
	8-14 days	77	44	57.14	46.01-67.80
	15-21 days	65	52	80.00	68.78-87.82
	>21 days	83	61	73.49	63.11-81.80
Overall		251	162	64.54	58.45-70.20
Roche	<8 days	26	13	50.00	32.00-67.74
	8-14 days	77	62	80.52	70.91-87.82
	15-21 days	65	59	90.77	81.29-95.70
	>21 days	83	74	89.16	80.45-94.19
Overall		251	208	82.87	77.72-87.23
Siemens	<8 days	26	15	57.69	38.95-74.46
	8-14 days	77	72	93.51	85.68-97.19
	15-21 days	65	65	100.00	94.42-100.00
	>21 days	83	79	95.18	88.22-98.11
Overall		251	231	92.03	88.01-94.78

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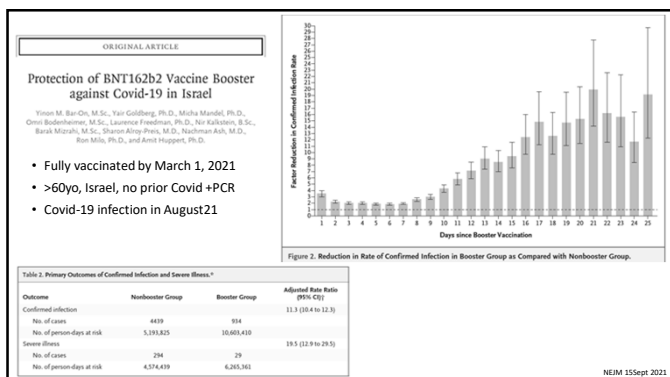


Breakthrough (delta) Covid-19 Infections: COVE Trial

Covid-19 Cases and Incidence Rates After mRNA-1273 Vaccination
During July 1st to August 27, 2021 in the Modified Intent-to-Treat Population

	mRNA-1273n N=16746			mRNA-1273p N=13481			mRNA-1273n vs mRNA-1273p
Covid-19 Cases ^a	Cases n	Person-yr	Rate/1000 Person-yr	Cases n	Person-yr	Rate/1000 Person-yr	Reduction of observed incidence rate % (95% CI)
All cases	152	2322	65.5	88	1796	49.0	36.4 (17.3-51.5)
0-65 yr	136	1558	87.3	68	1289	52.8	39.6 (28.6-50.5)
66-yr	20	544	37.0	20	507	39.5	17.1 (0.0-36.8)
Severe	13	2322	5.6	6	1796	3.3	40.5 (24.6-52.0)
0-65 yr	7	1558	4.5	4	1289	3.1	30.3 (17.7-45.2)
66-yr	6	544	11.0	2	507	3.9	64.2 (30.0-86.5)

Baden LR et al, medRxiv Sept21



Boosters

- Goal
 - Infection, illness, severe illness/death
 - Use CoP for a 'protective immunologic level'?
 - Vary by vaccine platform?
- Variants
 - Beta, delta, mu,...
- Scenarios
 - Initial vaccine:
 - Dose
 - Heterologous/homologous delivery system
 - Heterologous/homologous insert
 - Time interval
- Benefit
 - CoV-Inf, CoV-Dis, Cov-Dis-severe, CoV-Trans
 - By risk group
 - Illness - age, co-morbidities
 - Risk of acquisition - healthcare workers

Questions Before US

- **Efficacy shown in under a year!**
 - ~95% for molecularly confirmed symptomatic Covid-19
 - What about: acquisition, transmission
- **How much data do we need to judge safety?**
 - Phase 3 trials (~38,000 participants), median follow-up > 6 months post receipt full vaccination regimen
 - Less common (e.g., allergy) and longer term safety (>1 year, etc.)
- **What about?**
 - Special populations: children, pregnancy, immunocompromised patients
 - Those with prior SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - Immunity – duration, development CoR/CoP (approval for next generation vaccines)
 - Impact of viral evolution – variants of concern (VOCs): alpha, beta, delta....
- **How do we prioritize distribution?**
 - Increase supply
 - At risk for acquisition, for severe disease
 - Global equity
- **How do we compare EUA vaccines and impact on vaccine development?**
 - As more vaccines are shown to be efficacious - how do we choose; and timing of availability
 - Can vaccines be interchanged
- **Where do booster doses fit in?**
 - Define benefit
 - Primary series, dose, interval/timing, insert
- **Community acceptance/ Vaccine Hesitancy**
 - How do we gain trust



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- Volunteers
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