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# COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

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COVID-19 Vaccine	Technology Platform	Storage & Handling	Dose (Intramuscular Injection)	Status
	m-RNA	Ultra-low frozen: 6mos Frozen: 2 weeks Refrigerated: 31 days	2 (0, 21 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorized for 12 years and older (previously <math>\geq 16</math> yrs).</li> <li>Minimum order size 450 doses (previously 1,170 doses).</li> <li>Storage under refrigerated temperatures extended for 31 days (previously 5 days).</li> <li>Warning on Myocarditis added to the Fact Sheet.</li> <li>BLA submitted with the FDA.</li> </ul>
	m-RNA	Frozen: 6mos Refrigerated: 30 days	2 (0, 28 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending authorization from the FDA for 12 years and older (currently <math>\geq 18</math> yrs).</li> <li>Additional order size of 140 doses (previously only 100 doses).</li> <li>BLA submitted with the FDA.</li> </ul>
	Viral Vector (Non-Replicating)	Frozen: 2 years Refrigerated: 4.5mos	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storage under refrigerated temperatures extended for 4.5 months (previously 3 months).</li> <li>Warning on Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia added to the Fact Sheet.</li> </ul>
	Viral Vector (Non-Replicating)	Refrigerated: 6mos	2 (0, 28 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3 study completed in the US.</li> <li>Not yet filed with the FDA.</li> </ul>
	Recombinant Subunit Adjuvant (Matrix M™)	Refrigerated: 3mos	2 (0, 21 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3 study completed in the US.</li> <li>Not yet filed with the FDA.</li> <li>Co-administration with influenza vaccine showed good immunogenicity response in a subset of the UK Phase 3 study participants.</li> </ul>

# COVID-19 Vaccine & New Variant of Concern: Delta B.1.617.2



# Vaccines & New Variant of Concern: Delta B.1.617.2

- Recent study in UK showing resurgence driven by replacement of B.1.1.7 with B.1.617.2, which has higher transmission rate, and infections in unvaccinated children and young adults.
- **B.1.617.2- specific vaccine effectiveness**
  - PCR-confirmed infection: Scotland, 2 doses Pfizer vaccine: 79% (vs. 92% for B.1.1.7)
  - Symptomatic infection: England, 2 doses Pfizer vaccine: 88% (vs. 93% for B.1.1.7)
  - Hospitalization: England, 2 doses Pfizer vaccine: **96%** (similar to B.1.1.7)
- **B.1.617.2 antibody neutralization studies**
  - 4 studies, 2 doses Pfizer vaccine: 1.4, 2.5, 3, and 5.8-fold reduction (vs. wild-type)

Sheikh et al. Lancet (2021): [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)01358-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)01358-1); Lopez Bernal et al. medRxiv preprint (May 26 2021); <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.22.21257658>; Stowe et al. PHE preprint: [https://khub.net/web/phe-national/public-library/-/document\\_library/v2WsRK3ZIEig/view/479607266](https://khub.net/web/phe-national/public-library/-/document_library/v2WsRK3ZIEig/view/479607266); Planas et al. bioRxiv preprint (May 27 2021) <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.26.445838>; Wall et al. Lancet (2021) [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)01290-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)01290-3); Liu et al. Cell (2021); <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2021.06.020>; Riley et al. medRxiv (June 21 2021): <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.17.21259103>; Liu et al. Nature (2021) <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-03693-y>.

# VE Against Symptomatic Disease for Delta Variant (UK Experience)

Table 2: Vaccine effectiveness against S-gene target negative (B.1.1.7) and S-gene target positive (B.1.617.2)

Vaccination status	Test negative controls	B.1.1.7 or S-gene target negative			B.1.617.2 or S-gene target positive		
		cases	cases:controls	aVE(%)	cases	cases:controls	aVE(%)
Unvaccinated	58253	4891	0.084	base	695	0.012	base
Any vaccine							
Dose 1	32703	1481	0.045	51.1 (47.3 to 54.7)	279	0.009	33.5 (20.6 to 44.3)
Dose 2	8483	74	0.009	86.8 (83.1 to 89.6)	27	0.003	80.9 (70.7 to 87.6)
BNT162b2							
Dose 1	7036	344	0.049	49.2 (42.6 to 55.0)	49	0.007	33.2 (8.3 to 51.4)
Dose 2	6412	28	0.004	93.4 (90.4 to 95.5)	13	0.002	87.9 (78.2 to 93.2)
ChAdOx1							
Dose 1	25667	1137	0.044	51.4 (47.3 to 55.2)	230	0.009	32.9 (19.3 to 44.3)
Dose 2	2071	46	0.022	66.1 (54.0 to 75.0)	14	0.007	59.8 (28.9 to 77.3)

# VE Against Hospitalization for Delta Variant (UK Experience)

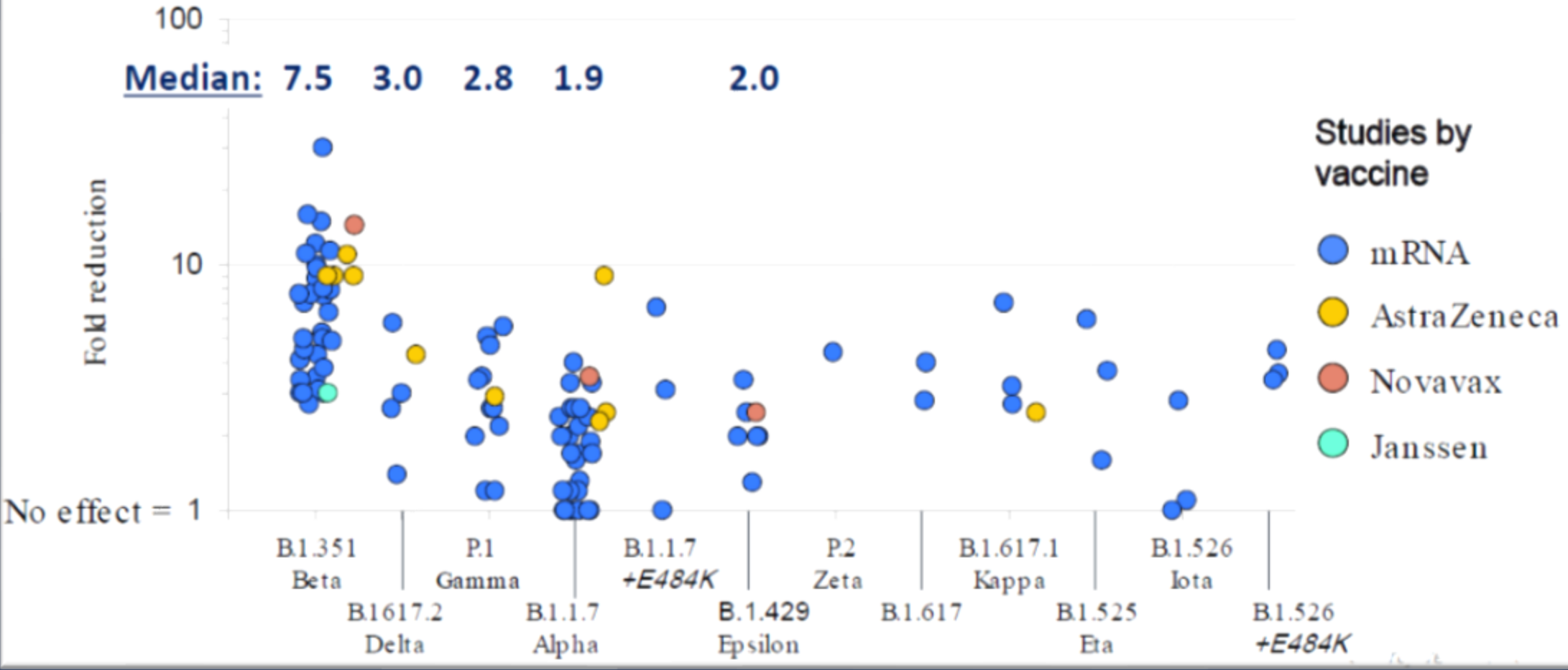
**Table 1: Estimated vaccine effectiveness against hospitalisation**

Vaccination status		Alpha			Delta		
		OR vs symptomatic disease	HR vs hospitalisation	VE vs hospitalisation	OR vs symptomatic disease	HR vs hospitalisation	VE vs hospitalisation
Any vaccine							
	Dose 1	0.51 (0.48-0.55)	0.44 (0.28-0.70)	78% (65-86)	0.69 (0.64-0.75)	0.37 (0.22-0.63)	75% (57-85)
	Dose 2	0.13 (0.1-0.15)	0.64 (0.24-1.72)	92% (78-97)	0.20 (0.18-0.23)	0.29 (0.11-0.72)	94% (85-98)
Pfizer							
	Dose 1	0.53 (0.47-0.58)	0.32 (0.14-0.73)	83% (62-93)	0.64 (0.54-0.77)	0.10 (0.01-0.76)	94% (46-99)
	Dose 2	0.06 (0.05-0.08)	0.88 (0.21-3.77)	95% (78-99)	0.12 (0.1-0.15)	0.34 (0.10-1.18)	96% (86-99)
Astrazeneca							
	Dose 1	0.51 (0.48-0.55)	0.48 (0.30-0.77)	76% (61-85)	0.70 (0.65-0.76)	0.41 (0.24-0.70)	71% (51-83)
	Dose 2	0.26 (0.21-0.32)	0.53 (0.15-1.80)	86% (53-96)	0.33 (0.28-0.39)	0.25 (0.08-0.78)	92% (75-97)

OR =odds ratio. HR = hazards ratio. VE = vaccine effectiveness. OR vs symptomatic disease as described in (1). HR and VE vs hospitalisation adjusted for age, clinically extremely vulnerable groups, ethnicity and test week



# Reduced antibody neutralization activity of vaccine sera relative to wildtype/dominant strain by study (n=48)



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2021-06/06-COVID-Oliver-508.pdf>

## “Real world” vaccine effectiveness:

### Studies to inform VE against variants of concern

Country	Vaccine	Dominant strain(s)	Fully vaccinated VE
Israel, Europe & U.K	Pfizer	B.1.1.7 (Alpha)	>85%
Canada	mRNA	B.1.1.7, P.1 (Alpha, Gamma)	79% (65%–88%)
Canada	mRNA	P.1/B.1.351 (Gamma/Beta)	88% (61%–96%)*
Qatar	Pfizer	B.1.1.7 (Alpha)	90% (86%–92%)*
		B.1.351 (Beta)	75% (71%–79%)*
South Africa	Janssen	B.1.351 (Beta)	52% (30%–67%)

\* Variant-specific VE

For B.1.351 (Beta), VE shown to be higher for prevention of severe disease

CDC Science Brief <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/fully-vaccinated-people.html>

Ahu-Badad and Dutt, NEJM (2021); Sandoff et al, NEJM (2021); Chung et al, medRxiv preprint (May 28, 2021); Yessi et al, medRxiv preprint (May 25, 2021)

# COVID-19 Vaccine - Booster Doses

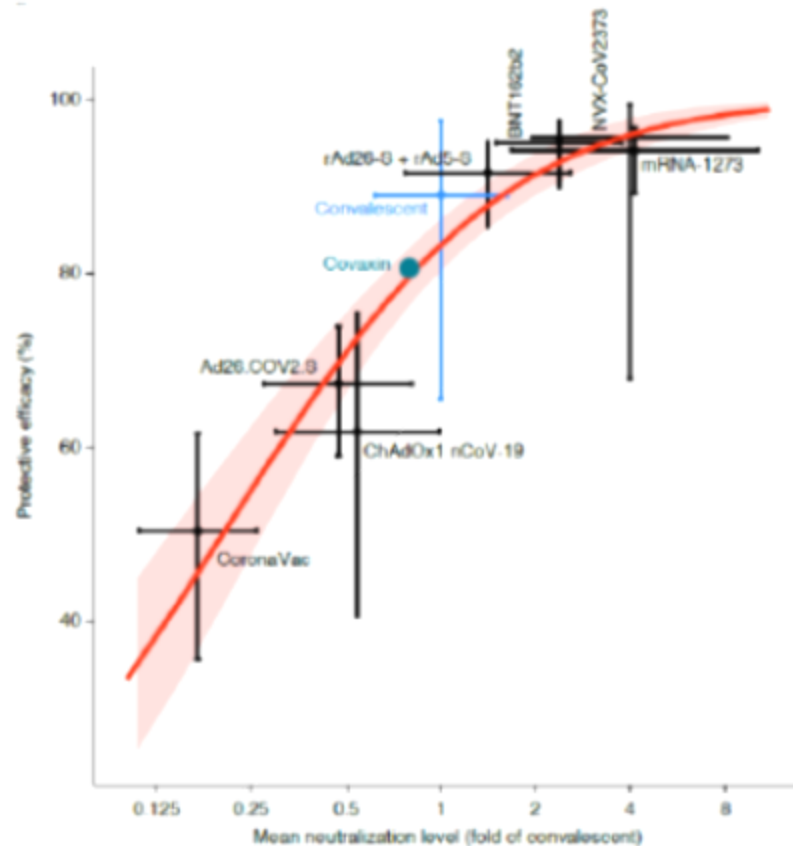


# Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines

## *Immunogenicity and antibody response*

- **Correlates of protection**
  - Immune response that allows prediction of the degree of protection against infection or disease
  - Work ongoing, no correlate established yet
- **Duration of protection**
  - Monitor kinetics of antibody response, efficacy from early phase clinical trials
- **Antibody response to variant-specific boosters**

## Robust correlation between vaccine efficacy against symptomatic disease and mean neutralizing antibody titer: Two studies

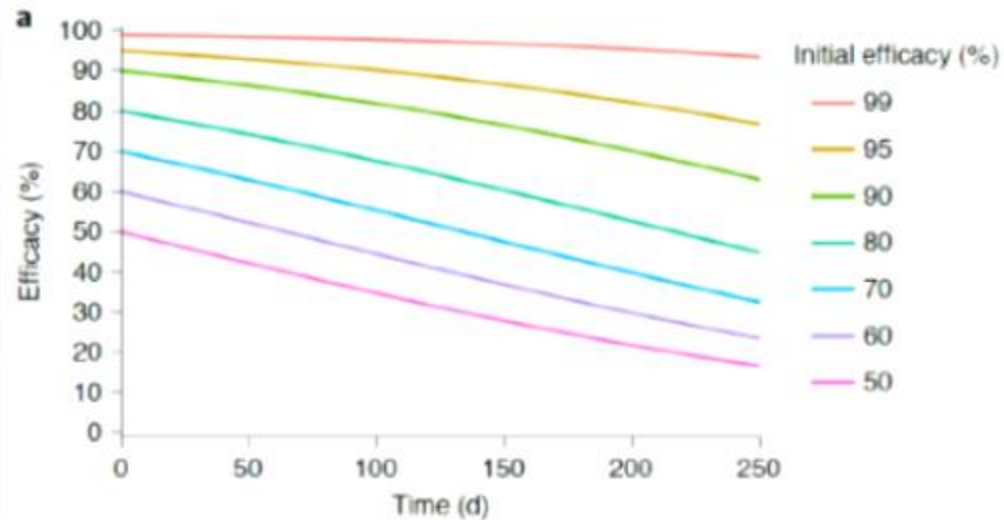


Khoury et al. Nature Medicine (2021)

- Suggests **54 IU/ml** as correlate of protection (20% of mean convalescent titer)
- Threshold of protection against **severe disease** is lower (3% of mean convalescent titer), less affected by vaccine differences
- For variants, 5-fold lower neutralizing titer predicted to reduce efficacy from 95% to 77% in high efficacy vaccine, or from 70% to 32% for lower efficacy vaccine

## Predicted duration of immunity varies with initial vaccine efficacy

- Initial efficacy may be useful in predicting time until boosting may be needed



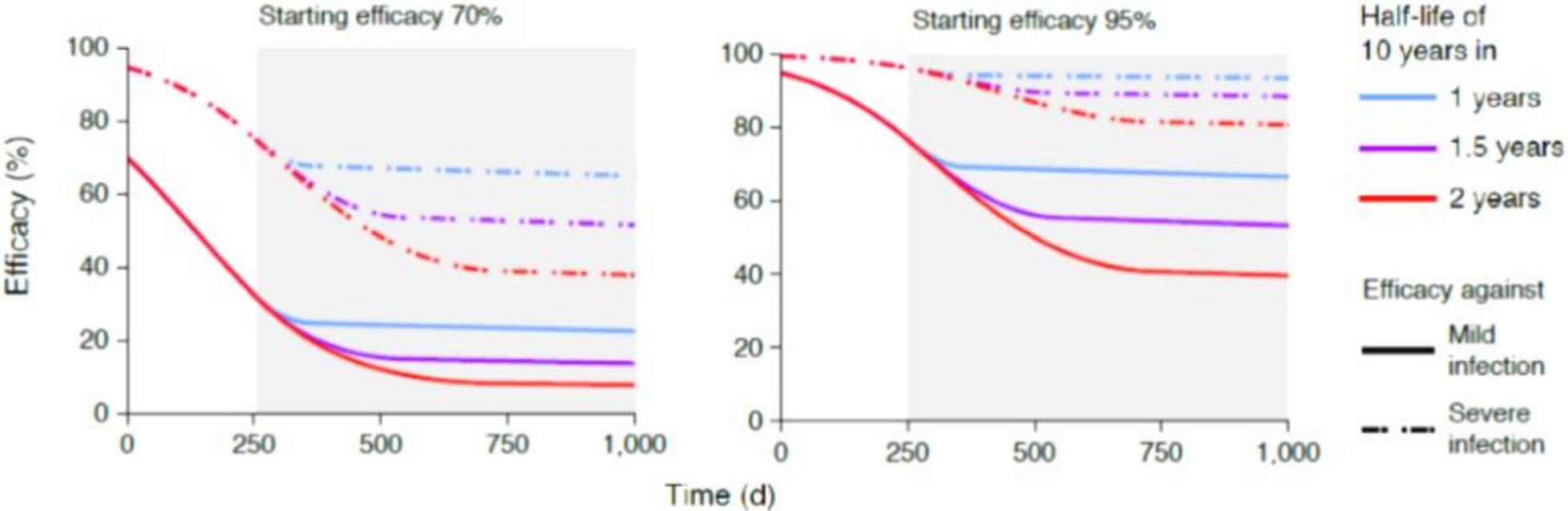
- Vaccine starting with initial efficacy of 95% expected to maintain high efficacy (77%) after 250 days

- Vaccine starting with initial efficacy of 70% may result in drop to lower efficacy (33%) after 250 days

- Model assumes **neutralization** is major mechanism of protection

[Khoury et al. Nature Medicine \(2021\)](#)

# Protection from severe infection predicted to persist longer than protection against mild infection



- After initial exponential decay, antibody half-lives generally stabilize to  $\geq 10$  years (linear decline)
- Depending on when transition occurs, proportion of individuals predicted to be protected against severe disease long-term, even without boosters, but may be susceptible to mild infection

Khoury et al. Nat Med (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-021-01377-8>

# Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines

## *Duration of Immunity*

- To date, antibody persistence demonstrated for up to **8 months** after COVID-19 infection and up to **6 months** after the 2<sup>nd</sup> mRNA vaccine dose
- Two studies, 6 months after receiving Moderna vaccine: Lower neutralizing titers & higher proportions (~50%) with undetectable titers against B.1.351 and P.1, compared with ancestral strain
  - Third modeling study makes similar conclusions
- Many studies have shown larger reduction

Gaebler, C. et al. Evolution of antibody immunity to SARS-CoV-2. *Nature* 591, 639–644 (2021).

Dan, J. M. et al. Immunological memory to SARS-CoV-2 assessed for up to 8 months after infection. *Science* 371, eabf4063 (2021)

Choe et al. Antibody Responses 8 Months after Asymptomatic or Mild SARS-CoV-2 Infection. *Emerg Infect Dis.* 2021;27(3):928-931.

Doria-Rose et al. Antibody Persistence through 6 Months after the Second Dose of mRNA-1273 Vaccine for Covid-19. *N Engl J Med* 2021; 384:2259-226

<https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-confirm-high-efficacy-and-no-serious>

Khouryet *al.Nat Med*(2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-021-01377-8>; Pegu et al. bioRxiv preprint (May 16 2021): <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.13.444010>

Wu et al. medRxiv preprint (2021): <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.05.21256716>Luo, Hu, Letterio, medRxiv preprint (4 2021): medRxiv preprint doi:

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# Booster Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines

## *Specific Populations*

- Need for booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines may only be demonstrated in some populations
- Population to closely monitor:

Residents of long-term care facilities

Adults  $\geq 65$  years of age

Healthcare personnel

Immunocompromised persons

# *Factors that may decrease vaccine response among immunocompromised populations*

Older age

Primary immunodeficiency

Lower lymphocyte count\*

Decreased kidney function

Immunosuppressive drugs\*\*

High-dose corticosteroids

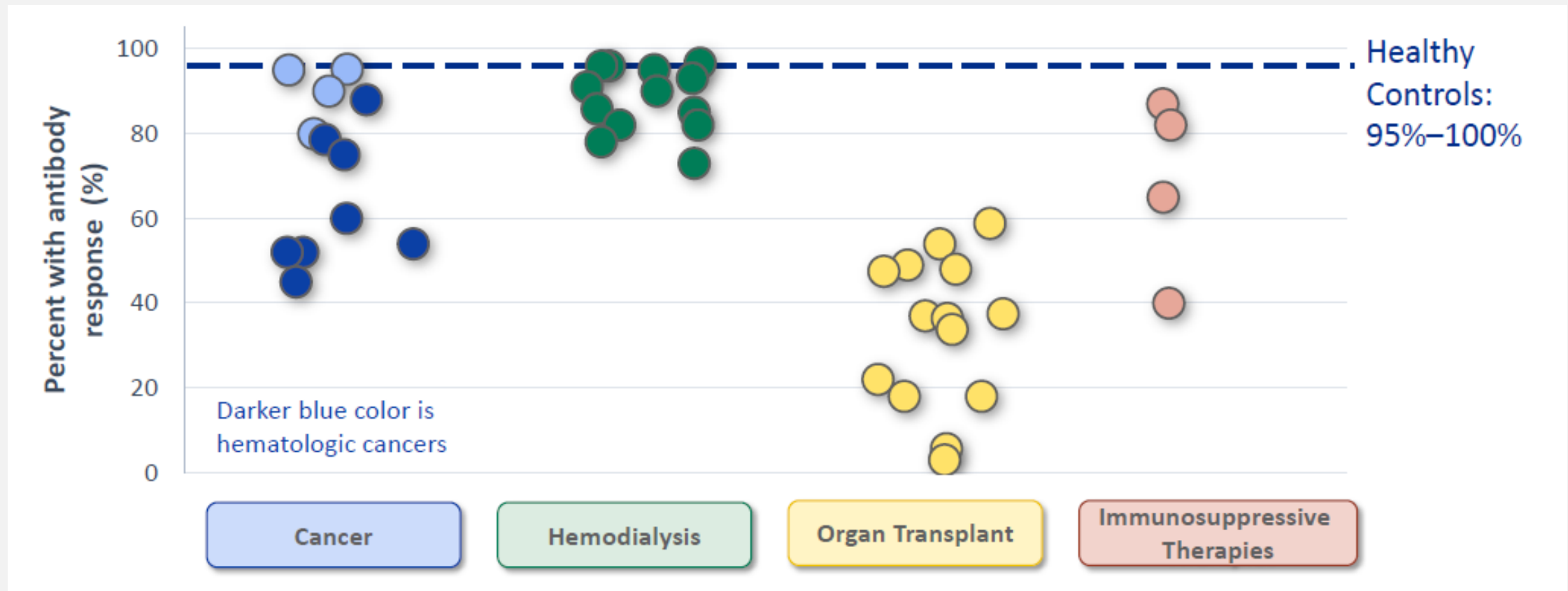
Current or recent (<6 mos) cancer treatment\*\*\*

\* Including lower CD4 count for people living with HIV

\*\* Immunosuppressive drugs include methotrexate, mycophenolate, rituximab, infliximab, calcineurin-inhibitors

\*\*\* BTK inhibitors, anti-CD20 and anti-CD38 therapies, chemotherapy

# Percent antibody response after two mRNA vaccine doses by immunocompromised condition and study (n=40)



- Studies that compared response after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose demonstrated poor response to dose 1
- Antibody measurement and threshold levels vary by study protocol

# Mix-and-Match

## *Heterologous Primary Series and Booster Vaccine*

- Recent studies from Europe have assessed heterologous primary series with Pfizer and Astra Zeneca with reassuring results
- Evidence is needed regarding the ability to use a different vaccine as a booster than what was used in the primary series
  - Studies specific to U.S. authorized vaccines

Borobia et. al Reactogenicity and Immunogenicity of BNT162b2 in Subjects Having Received a First Dose of ChAdOx1s: Initial Results of a Randomized, Adaptive, Phase 2 Trial (CombiVacS). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3854768>

Shaw et. al Heterologous prime-boost COVID-19 vaccination: initial reactogenicity data, ISSN 0140-6736, [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)01115-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)01115-6).

Hillus D, Schwarz T, Tober-Lau P, et al. Safety, reactogenicity, and immunogenicity of homologous and heterologous prime-boost immunization with ChAdOx1-nCoV19 and BNT162b2: a prospective cohort study. medRxiv; 2021. DOI: 10.1101/2021.05.19.21257334.

Schmidt et al. medRxiv preprint (June 15 2021): <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.06.13.21258859>

# Upcoming Studies and Timing of Additional Data

## *NIH or Manufacturer Studies*

### **Data from Phase I/II/III trials**






- Monitor kinetics of antibody response, efficacy from early phase clinical trials
- BLA submission: Include efficacy for ~6 months

### **Heterologous boost**

- Primary series followed by different boost vaccine
- NIH-sponsored study: 150 individuals, 12-20 weeks following initial series (any series)  
Results expected late summer 2021

### **Booster studies**

- Moderna: Preliminary results for mRNA-1273 (50µg) published May 2021; Additional data on mRNA-1273 and other variants as boosters expected July-Sept 2021
- Pfizer: Data on BNT162b2 (30µg) and variant booster studies expected July-Sept 2021

	Adolescents (12 – 17 years)	Pediatric (6 months – 11 years)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorized for 16 years and older</li> <li>• Submitted for EUA expansion for 12 – 15 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1/2/3 Study</li> <li>• Three age cohorts               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 5 to 11 years</li> <li>2. 2 to 5 years</li> <li>3. 6 months to 2 years</li> </ol> </li> <li>• N=4,644 in the US and Europe</li> <li>• Two-dose schedule</li> <li>• Begun enrolling</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2/3 randomized, placebo-controlled study</li> <li>• N=3,000</li> <li>• 2-dose schedule</li> <li>• Enrollment completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2/3 Study</li> <li>• N=6,750 in the US and Canada               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part 1: 2 to 12 years (either 50ug or 100 ug)</li> <li>Part 1: 6 mos to &lt; 2yrs (25ug, 50ug or 100ug)</li> <li>Part 2: Placebo controlled vs the selected dose</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Begun enrolling</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of an ongoing Phase 2a study to include adolescents 12 – 17 years of age</li> <li>• Single dose and two-dose regimens</li> <li>• Vaccination schedules at one, two and three-months intervals in two-dose vaccine regimens</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2/3</li> <li>• N=200</li> <li>• Aged 6 to 17 years</li> <li>• On-hold</li> </ul>	
	None at this time	

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