Scientific update on COVID-19

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Question:
- What are the types of vaccines in clinical evaluation?
- Which are the results of immunogenicity safety and efficacy of SARS CoV-2 vaccines?
- May they protect against arising viral variants?
- Is there any security issues related to authorised vaccines
**Vaccines**

- **Vaccines aims**: expose the immune system to an antigen that won’t cause disease, provoke an immune response (able to block/kill the virus)

- **Eight types of vaccines**:
  - virus (inactivated, weakened),
  - viral vector (replicating, non replicating)
  - nucleic acid (DNA, RNA)
  - protein based (protein subunit, virus like particles)

Callaway E. *Nature* Apr 2020
R&D landscape: WHO lists 184 candidates in preclinical development, 85 candidate vaccines in clinical evaluation (April 5th 2021); update available at:

https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-landscape-of-covid-19-candidate-vaccines

4 vaccines abandoned after trials: MSD-IAVI, MSD-Pasteur, Imperial College, University of Queensland
# Phase III/IV COVID-19 Vaccines (April 19th 2021)

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- **EMA approved**
- **FDA approved**
- **Approved by other national regulatory agencies**
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BNT162b2

**IMMUNOGENICITY AND SAFETY DATA**

**BioNTech/Pfizer**

**Phase I: [NCT04368728](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04368728)**

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| Vaccine groups | 10 μg BNT162b2 (S) 18–55y (n = 12)            
20 μg BNT162b2 (S) 18–55y (n = 12)            
30 μg BNT162b2 (S) 18–55y (n = 12)            
10 μg BNT162b2 (S) 65–85y (n = 12)            
20 μg BNT162b2 (S) 65–85y (n = 12)            
30 μg BNT162b2 (S) 65–85y (n = 12)            
+BNT162b (not used in Phase III) |
| SAE          | None                                          |
| Local AE     | Injection site pain, swelling                |
| Systemic AE  | Headache, fatigue, chills, muscle pain, fever, joint pain, diarrhoea |

**Assay:** Luminex immunoassay

**Units:** Geometric mean concentration, U/mL (95% CI)

**IMMUNOGENICITY 1/2**

1. **S1 specific binding responses**

Antigen-binding IgG and virus-neutralizing responses to vaccination with 10 μg to 30 μg of BNT162b2 **boosted by the second dose** in both the younger adults and the older adults (**lower antigen-binding IgG in elderly group**).
IMMUNOGENICITY 2/2

2. Neutralizing responses

Assay: SARS-CoV-2 virus neutralisation test (mNeonGreen reporter strain), 50% inhibitory dilution

Units: Geometric mean response, ID50 (95% CI)

The 50% neutralizing at the 30-μg dose level on day 28 or day 35 ranged from 1.7 to 4.6 times the GMT of the convalescent serum panel among participants 18 to 55 years of age and from 1.1 to 2.2 times the GMT of the convalescent serum panel among those 65 to 85 years of age.
# mRNA 1273

## IMMUNOGENICITY AND SAFETY DATA

### Moderna-NIH

**Phase I: [NCT04283461](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04283461)**

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<td>Systemic AE</td>
<td>Headache (20–47% at ds1, 23–100% at ds2), myalgia (7–27% at ds1, 23–93% at ds2), chills (8–86% at ds2), fatigue (27–33% at ds1, 39–80% at ds2), fever (0–57% at ds2), nausea (0–47% at ds2)</td>
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### GMHI* assay to spike protein in trial participants.

- **Assay:** ELISA
- **Units:** Geometric mean titre (95% CI)

### IMMUNOGENICITY 1/2

**Binding antibody IgG geometric mean titers (GMTs) to S protein:** **séroconversion in all participants by day 15.**

A recent study shows that mRNA 1273 vaccine induces specific IgG responses and NAbs in adults older than 70 years of age. (Anderson EJ, NEJM 2020)
IMMUNOGENICITY 2/2

2. Neutralizing responses
Assay: Plaque-reduction neutralization test (80% inhibitory dilution)
Units: Geometric mean response, ID80 (95% CI)

At day 43, wild-type virus–neutralizing activity capable of reducing SARS-CoV-2 infectivity by 80% or more (PRNT\textsubscript{80}) detected in all participants, with geometric mean PRNT\textsubscript{80} responses of 339.7 (95% CI, 184.0 to 627.1) in the 25-µg group and 654.3 (95% CI, 460.1 to 930.5) in the 100-µg group

3. Cellular responses: 25-µg and 100-µg doses elicit CD4 T-cell responses biased toward expression of Th1 cytokines (TNF\alpha > IL2 > IFN\gamma).
# AZD1222

## Adenoviral vector vaccine

### IMMUNOGENICITY AND SAFETY DATA

**AstraZeneca-Oxford University**  
**Phase II: [NCT04400838](https://ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier=NCT04400838)**

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<td><strong>Age range</strong></td>
<td>1: 18–55; 2: 56–69; 3: ≥70</td>
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<td>560</td>
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<td>Nb of doses/route</td>
<td>1 (day 0) or 2 (days 0/28) - IM</td>
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<td><strong>Vaccine groups</strong></td>
<td>18–55y: 2 x low dose (n = 50)</td>
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<td>56–69y: 1 x low dose (n = 30)</td>
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<td>Control group:</td>
<td>MenACWY (n = 534)</td>
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**SAE**: 13 serious adverse events have occurred none of which are considered related to either study vaccine as assessed by the investigators *(Ph III trial suspended and resumed in Sep 2020 due to 2 cases of transverse myelitis among participants, found not to be related to vaccination)*

**Local AE**: Tenderness, injection site pain; reported for participants who received 2 doses of vaccine; adverse events were less frequent in older adults (≥56y)

**Systemic AE**: Fatigue, headache, muscle ache, malaise, feverish, chills, joint pain; reported for participants who received 2 doses of vaccine; adverse events were less frequent in older adults (≥56y)

### IMMUNOGENICITY 1/2

1. **SARS-CoV-2 IgG response to spike protein**

   **Assay**: ELISA  
   **Units**: GMT (95% CI)

![Graph showing SARS-CoV-2 IgG response to spike protein](image)

**Total IgGs against the Spike protein were similar in all age groups regardless the dose.**  
**Responses at day 28 decreased with increasing age** (low: 18–55 years, median 6439 [AU/mL]; 56–69 years, 4553 AU/mL; ≥70 years, 3565 AU/mL.  
**Std**: 18–55 years, median 9807 AU/mL; 56–69 years, 5496 AU/mL; ≥70 years, 4156 AU/mL)

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Ramasamy MN *et al.* Lancet Nov 2020
IMMUNOGENICITY 2/2

2. Live SARS-CoV-2 microneutralisation assay (MNA\textsubscript{80})

Assay: Microneutralisation test (80% inhibitory dilution) assay
Units: Median titre, ID\textsubscript{80} (IQR)

Neutralizing antibody responses: Median titres peaked by day 42 in groups receiving two vaccinations.

There are no significant differences in normalized titers between age groups at day 42 (low: 18–55 years, median 161; 56–69 years, 143; ≥70 years, 150. Std: 18–55 years, median 193; 56–69 years, 144; and ≥70 years, 161.

3. Induction of T cell responses and increase of IFN-γ expression

IFN-γ ELISpot responses against SARS-CoV-2 spike protein peaked 14 days after the prime vaccination
**Adenoviral vector vaccine**

**Sputnik V**

**IMMUNOGENICITY AND SAFETY DATA**

**Phase I/II: NCT04436471** (frozen product)

**NCT04437875** (lyo product)

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<td>Frozen 1 x 10^{11} rAd26 (n = 9)</td>
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<td>Frozen 1 x 10^{11} rAd5 (n = 9)</td>
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<td>Frozen 10^{13} rAd26/10^{13} rAd5 (n = 20)</td>
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**SAE** | None

**Local AE** | Injection site pain (40–78%)

**Systemic AE** | Changes in laboratory variables (67–100%), hyperthermia (11–100%), headache (25–67%), asthenia (0–55%), muscle or joint pain (11–33%), subjective heartbeat palpitation (0–33%)

**Anti-RBD IgG responses detected from day 14** for both products and in all vaccine administration schemes. At **day 21** RBD-specific IgGs were detected in **100% of vaccinated** participants. ([GMT] 1629 with the frozen formulation and 951 with the lyophilized one). **Heterologous boosting** with rAd5-S led to an **increase in SARS-CoV-2 RBD specific IgG** titres; 7 days after boost.
IMMUNOGENICITY 2/2

2. Neutralizing responses

Assay: Microneutralisation assay (50% inhibitory dilution, Vero E6 cells)
Units: Geometric mean titre, ID50 (95% CI)

Administration of both rAd26-S and rAd5-2 led to production of neutralizing antibodies in 100% of participants, whereas administration of only rAd26-S led to a lower seroconversion rate.

3. T cell response: induction of CD4+ and CD8+ cells and an increase in the concentration of interferon-γ secretion.
Spike protein and neutralizing responses

A single dose of Ad26.COV2.S elicited a strong humoral response, with the presence of S-binding and neutralizing antibodies in more than 90% of the participants, regardless of either age group or vaccine dose.

At day 71 after the first dose, antibody titers further increased and stabilized.

Sadoff J et al.; NEJM 2020, Jan 2021
**NOVAVAX**

**Study Design**

Phase I randomised controlled, dose-finding trial

**Age range**

18 – 59

**Nb of participants**

131

**Nb of doses/route**

1 (day 0) or 2 (days 0/21) - IM

**Vaccine groups**

- 2 x 25 μg (n = 25)
- 2 x 5 μg + 50 μg Matrix-M1 (n = 28)
- 2 x 25 μg + 50 μg Matrix-M1 (n = 28)
- 1 x 25 μg + 50 μg Matrix-M1 (n = 25)
- 2 x 5 μg and 2 x 25 μg included 3 sentinel participants who were vaccinated in an open-label manner and observed for reactogenicity

**Control group:** 0.9% saline placebo (n = 25)

**SAE**

None

**Local AE**

Tenderness (20–65% at ds1, 12–81% at ds2), injection site pain (24–54% at ds1, 8–63% at ds 2)

**Systemic AE**

Headache (23–40% at dose 1, 28–58% at dose 2), muscle pain/myalgia (12–32% at dose 1, 8–54% at dose 2), fatigue (16–40% at dose 1, 12–50% at dose 2), malaise (4–28% at dose 1, 8–38% at dose 2), joint pain (4–27% at dose 2)

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**NVX-COV-2373**

**IMMUNOGENICITY 1/2**

1. SARS-CoV-2 Anti-Spike IgGs

   **Assay:** ELISA
   **Units:** Geometric mean titre (95% CI)

   ![ELISA Assay Graph]

   By day 21 after 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination, IgG specific responses occurred for all adjuvant regimens (10<sup>-fold</sup> of non adjuvant). IgGs concentrations further increased after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination (day 29 and day 35)

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Keech C et al. NEJM. Sep 2020
IMMUNOGENICITY 2/2

2. Neutralizing responses

Assay: Microneutralisation assay (99% inhibitory dilution, Vero E6 cells)
Units: Geometric mean titre, ID99 (95% CI)

Two doses of adjuvant vaccine induced an increase on the concentration of neutralizing antibodies more than 100 times greater than single vaccinations without adjuvant.

3. Induction of T-cell responses: antigen-specific induction of CD4+ T-cell responses A strong bias toward this Th1 phenotype observed
## Vaccine Summary results on immunogenicity

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<td>2 doses (d1 and d22) 30µg/dose</td>
<td>8147 GMT Test: Luminex anti S1 IgG</td>
<td>163 GMT Test: wtVNA&lt;sub&gt;90&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>mRNA-1273 Moderna – NIAID</td>
<td>2 doses (d1 and d29) 100µg/dose</td>
<td>782 719 GMT Test: ELISA anti S IgG</td>
<td>654.3 GMT Test: PRNT&lt;sub&gt;80&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>Ad5-nCoV CanSino Biologics Inc – Beijing Institute of Biotechnology</td>
<td>1 dose 5x10&lt;sup&gt;10&lt;/sup&gt; vp</td>
<td>571.0 GMT Test: ELISA anti RBD IgG</td>
<td>18.3 GMT Test: WT virus neutralization</td>
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<td>SputnikV Gamaleya Research Institute</td>
<td>d1 0,5 mL rAd26 d21 0,5 mL rAd5</td>
<td>14 703 GMT Test: ELISA anti RBD IgG</td>
<td>49.25 GMT Test: MNA&lt;sub&gt;50&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>Ad26COV51 Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</td>
<td>1 dose 5x10&lt;sup&gt;10&lt;/sup&gt; vp</td>
<td>478 GMC Test: ELISA anti S IgG</td>
<td>224 GMT Test: MNA&lt;sub&gt;50&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 University of Oxford – AstraZeneca</td>
<td>2 doses (d1 and d29) 5x10&lt;sup&gt;10&lt;/sup&gt; vp</td>
<td>639 EU Test: ELISA anti S IgG</td>
<td>136 MT Test: MNA&lt;sub&gt;80&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>NVX COV2373 Novavax</td>
<td>2 doses (d0 and d28) 25µg+Matrix M/ dose</td>
<td>47 521 GMEU Test: ELISA anti S IgG</td>
<td>3305 GMT Test: MNA&lt;sub&gt;99&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>CoronaVac Sinovac – Institut Butantan</td>
<td>2 doses (d1 and d14)</td>
<td>1094,3 GMT Test: ELISA anti RBD IgG</td>
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<td>BBIBP-CorV Beijing Inst. Biological Products – Sinopharm</td>
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<td>SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Wuhan Inst. Biological products– Sinopharm</td>
<td>2 doses (d0 and d21)</td>
<td>215 GMT Test: ELISA anti S IgG</td>
<td>247 GMT Test: PRNT&lt;sub&gt;50&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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**NOTE:**

Comparisons should not be made as assays are not standardized.
Efficacy Trial Map (April 19th 2021)

Adapted from LSHTM COVID19 vaccine tracker https://vac.lshtm.shinyapps.io/ncov_vaccine_landscape/
# VACCINE EFFICACY DATA

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| January 28th 2021     | NOVAVAX   | NVX-COV2373:      | 1st interim analysis; Onset of COVID 7 days after 2nd dose 28 days after 1st dose (one dose vaccine) 62 confirmed cases of COVID19 (56 on the placebo group)  
  - Efficacy by strain was calculated to be **95.6% against the original COVID-19 strain** and **85.6% against the UK variant strain** |
| January 29th 2021     | Janssen   | Ad26COVS1         | 1st interim analysis 28 days after vaccination (one dose) Etude multinational ENSEMBLE.  
  - **72% Effective** in the US and **66% Effective** Overall at Preventing Moderate to Severe COVID-19  
  - **85% Effective** overall in preventing severe disease.  
  - **Complete protection** against COVID-19 related Hospitalisation and Death  
  - Protection against the SARS-CoV-2 Variant from the B.1.351 Lineage Observed in South Africa |
| February 2nd 2021     | Sinovac   | CoronaVac         | 1st interim analysis; 14 days after 2nd dose vaccination 253 confirmed cases of COVID19  
  Efficacy rate against diseases caused by COVID-19 for:  
  - all cases: **50.65%**  
  - cases requiring medical treatment: **83.70%**  
  - hospitalized, severe and fatal cases: **100%**  
  Efficacy by strain:  
  - **85.6% against the UK variant strain** |
BNT162 b2

- Efficacy data from ongoing double blind, randomized phase III trial across Argentina, Brazil, South Africa and USA (43 548 participants randomized 1:1)
- Two 30 µg doses of BNT162b2 vaccine, 21 days apart
- **Inclusion criteria**: healthy adults or stable chronic medical conditions, including HIV, HBV or HCV aged of 16y or more.
- **Exclusion criteria**: medical history of Covid-19, treatment with immunosuppressive therapy, or diagnosis with an immunocompromising condition
- Primary **efficacy** endpoint: efficacy of BNT162b2 against confirmed Covid-19 with onset at least 7 days after the second dose
- Primary **safety** end points: solicited, specific local or systemic adverse events and use of antipyretic or pain medication within 7 days after the receipt of each dose
The BNT162b2 vaccine is reactogenic, but the side effects remain acceptable in all populations studied.

The short-term safety profile of the BNT162b2 vaccine is characterized by mild to moderate pain at the injection site, fatigue and headache. These manifestations disappear after 24 to 48 hours.

The only grade 3 adverse events with a frequency greater than 2% after the second vaccine administration are fatigue (97/2405 participants; 4.6%) and headache (7/2015; 3.2%).

No grade 4 adverse side effects observed.

Six deaths were reported during the clinical trials, including four in the placebo group, but no relation with vaccination was found.

Limits:
Just 2 month follow up safety data
Data for over 75 is scarce and absent for children, pregnant women or immunocompromised
BNT162 b2

**TOTAL OF CASES: 170**
- 8 in the BNT162b2 group/162 in the Control
- 10 severe cases, 9 within the Placebo group

**Vaccine efficacy: 95%**

**Limits:**
- Efficacy measured in symptomatic patients
- No evidence of an potential effect against viral shedding

- Protection occurs as early as the second week after the first vaccine administration, with an increase of protection level up to 95% after the second administration

**Table 2. Vaccine Efficacy against Covid-19 at Least 7 days after the Second Dose.**

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<td>169</td>
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<td>(N=19,965)</td>
<td>2,332 (18,559)</td>
<td>2,345 (18,708)</td>
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**Polack FP et al. NEJM Dec 2020**
Sera of BNT162b2 vaccinated subjects tested against lab generated VSV pseudovirus bearing B.1.1.7 SARS CoV2 mutations

Description of tested sera:
• 40 participants from Phase I
  • 26 younger (23-55 years of age)
  • 14 older (57-73 years of age)
• 7 or 21 days after booster immunization

The 50% neutralization GMT of the sera against the SARS-CoV-2 lineage B.1.1.7 pseudovirus were slightly, statistically significantly reduced compared to the GMTs against the Wuhan reference pseudovirus

The largely preserved neutralization of pseudoviruses bearing the B.1.1.7 spike by BNT162b2-immune sera makes it unlikely that the UK variant virus will escape BNT162b2-mediated protection.

Limitation of the work: use of a non-replicating pseudovirus system
mRNA 1273

• Efficacy data from Phase III blinded, randomized, controlled trials at 99 US sites
• 2 doses of 100 µg of mRNA 1273 or placebo 28 days apart
  • 30,420 participants randomized (1:1)
  • >96% received 2nd dose
• Inclusion criteria: healthy adults aged of 18y or more with no history of SARS CoV 2 and high risk of severe COVID19

**Primary endpoint:** efficacy of the mRNA-1273 vaccine in preventing a first occurrence of symptomatic Covid-19 with onset at least 14 days after the second injection (virologically confirmed, symptomatic COVID-19: positive swab combined with at least two qualifying symptom)

**Secondary end point:** efficacy of mRNA-1273 in the prevention of severe Covid-19

**Safety assessments:** monitoring of solicited local and systemic adverse events for 7 days after each injection; unsolicited adverse reactions for 28 days after each injection
mRNA 1273

- **Solicited adverse events at the injection site**: more frequent in the mRNA-1273 group after both the 1st (84.2%, vs. 19.8%) and the 2nd dose (88.6%, vs. 18.8%). Mainly grade 1 or 2.

- **Solicited systemic adverse events**: more often in the mRNA-1273 group after both the 1st (54.9%, vs. 42.2%) and the 2nd dose (79.4%, vs. 36.5%). Increase proportions of grade 2 and 3 events after 2nd Dose (from 16.5% vs 38.1% and from 2.9% to 15.8%).

- Both solicited injection-site and systemic adverse events were more common among younger participants (18 to <65y) than among older participants (≥65 y).

- The frequency of unsolicited adverse events, unsolicited severe adverse events, and serious adverse events 28 days after injection similar among age groups.

- **Hypersensitivity reactions** reported in 1.5% and 1.1% of participants in the vaccine and placebo groups. 3 Bell’s palsy in the vaccine group and 1 in the placebo group.

- 5 deaths, including 3 in the mRNA 1273 group with no link to vaccine.

**Key limitations**: short duration of safety and efficacy follow-up.
mRNA 1273

**Efficacy and Safety Data**

**TOTAL OF CASES: 196**
- 11 in the mRNA 1273 group / 185 in the placebo group
- 30 severe cases all within the placebo group

**Vaccine efficacy: 94.1% (100% protection against severe cases)**

*data not sufficient to assess asymptomatic infection*

**Limits:** efficacy tested in a setting of national recommendations for masking and social distancing, which may have translated into lower levels of infectious inoculum.
Serum neutralizing activity against recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV)-based SARS-CoV-2 bearing the spike protein from the original Wuhan-Hu-1 isolate, the D614G variant, the B.1.1.7 and B.1.351 variants

Description of tested sera: participants from Phase I trial of the mRNA-1273 vaccine, 7 days after second dose

Full panel of mutations and a subset of mutations affecting the RBD of the B.1.1.7 variant had no significant effect on neutralization by serum from vaccinated patients

Decrease in titers of neutralizing antibodies against the B.1.351 variant and a subset of its mutations affecting the RBD.
AZD1222

- Efficacy data from ongoing blinded, randomized, controlled trials across UK and Brazil
  - **COV 002**: Phase II/III study in UK. Two dosage groups:
    - LD/SD: prime $2,2 \times 10^{10}$ vp; boost $5 \times 10^{10}$ vp at 28 days
    - SD/SD: prime $5 \times 10^{10}$ vp; boost $5 \times 10^{10}$ vp at 28 days
  - **COV 003**: Phase III study in Brazil. Dosage:
    - SD/SD: prime/boost $3.5–6.5 \times 10^{10}$ vp up to 12 weeks apart (target 4 weeks)
- **Inclusion criteria**: healthy adults aged of 18y or more.
  - **COV 002**: healthy adults
  - **COV 003**: healthy and stable pre-existing health conditions individuals
- **Main outcome**: virologically confirmed, symptomatic COVID-19 (positive swab combined with at least one qualifying symptom)
- The interim **efficacy** is assessed by combining data from COV002 and COV003

**Limits:**
- Immunocompromised volunteers not included in the trial
- Elderly participants are low represented
- Heterogeneity between trials (concentration and schedule)
Primary Efficacy Analysis: 2 weeks after second dose

- 98 cases in the SD/SD group (2 trials)
  - 27 within the ChAdOx1 nCov19 group
  - 71 within the Control group
  - Vaccine Efficacy in SD/SD: 62.1%

- 33 cases in the LD/SD group
  - 3 within the ChAdOx1 nCov19 group
  - 33 within the Control group
  - Vaccine Efficacy in LD/SD: 90%

TOTAL OF CASES: 131
30 in the ChAdOx1 nCov / 101 in the Control
Vaccine efficacy: 70.4%

Limits:
Is aggregation of SD/LD and SD/SD data for efficacy analysis possible? (different doses, different vaccination schedules schedules)
Primary Efficacy Analysis at more than 21 days after second dose

TOTAL OF CASES: 192
(only SD/SD group; two trials, different vaccination schedules)
51 in the ChAdOx1 nCov / 141 in the Control
Vaccine efficacy: 64.1%

Limits: No evidence of an potential effect against viral shedding

From 21 days after the first dose: there were ten cases hospitalized for COVID-19, all in the control arm; two were classified as severe COVID-19, including one death
Efficacy of AZD1222 vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 (B.1.1.7)

**Population:** Volunteers enrolled in the phase 2/3 vaccine efficacy studies in the UK (>18)

**Methods:** Upper airway swabs on a weekly basis and if symptoms of COVID-19 disease. NAAT for SARS-CoV-2 sequencing if positive

Efficacy analysis included symptomatic COVID-19 in seronegative participants with a NAAT positive swab more than 14 days after a second dose of vaccine

**Primary outcome:** symptomatic COVID-19 disease, defined as a positive NAAT from upper airway swab in a participant with at least one symptom, including cough, fever of 37.8°C or higher, shortness of breath, anosmia, or ageusia

TOTAL OF CASES: 520
21 caused by B.1.1.7 variant in the vaccinated group;
54 caused by B.1.1.7 variant in the control group
Vaccine efficacy against B1.351: 61.7%

The viral load among NAAT-positive swab in the AZD 1222 vaccinated group was statistically significantly lower than among those who were in the control group.

> vaccinees showing a NAAT-positive swab could be less likely to transmit the virus than an unvaccinated NAAT
**Population:** Volunteers enrolled in the phase 2 trial in South Africa (>18, HIV-)

**Methods:** Serum samples obtained from 25 participants after the second dose were tested by pseudovirus and live-virus neutralization assays against the original D614G virus and the B.1.351 variant.

**Primary endpoints:** Safety and efficacy of the vaccine against laboratory-confirmed symptomatic cases more than 14 days after the second dose.

**Table 2. Vaccine Efficacy against Mild-to-Moderate Symptomatic COVID-19 Confirmed by Nucleic Acid Amplification Test™**

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<td>23/717 (3.2)</td>
<td>93.6 (83.7-104.7)</td>
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<td>Seronegative</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>20/714 (2.8)</td>
<td>81.6 (69.4-93.2)</td>
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<td>Mild-to-moderate illness associated with B.1.351 variant with onset &gt;14 days after second injection</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>24/765 (3.1)</td>
<td>81.9 (66.9-96.0)</td>
<td>73.2 (59.0-87.5)</td>
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<td>Mild-to-moderate illness associated with B.1.351 variant with onset &gt;14 days after one dose until October 31, 2020, a proxy for non-B.1.351 variant infection</td>
<td>Overall</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>12/718 (1.7)</td>
<td>31.1 (14.0-74.0)</td>
<td>7.6 (14.1-140)</td>
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**TOTAL OF CASES 42**

39 cases caused by B.1.351 variant;

**Vaccine efficacy against B1.351: 10.4% (95% CI, −76.8 to 54.8).**

Madhi, S.A. et al. *NEJM*. April 2021
Sputnik V

- Sputnik vaccine comprises two vector components, rAd26-S and rAd5-S.
- Efficacy data from Phase III blinded, randomized, controlled trials at 25 sites in Moscow-Russia
- 2 doses of 10^{11} recombinant vp each at 21 d interval (d26 first, Ad5 later)
  - 21,977 participants randomized (3:1)
  - >90% received 2nd dose
- Inclusion criteria: healthy adults aged of 18y negative for HIV, Hepatitis B and C and no history of SARS CoV-2

**Primary outcome:** proportion of participants with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR from day 21 after receiving the first dose

**Secondary outcomes: end point:** severity of COVID-19; changes in antibody levels against SARS-CoV-2 glycoprotein S; proportion of participants with antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 N-protein; changes in SARS-CoV-2 neutralising antibody titres; changes in antigen-specific cellular immunity level; and incidence and severity of adverse events
Primary Efficacy Analysis

From 21 days after the first dose of vaccine (the day of dose 2)

**TOTAL OF CASES:** confirmed cases 78
16 in the vaccinated group / 62 in the Placebo
20 moderate of severe cases all in the Placebo
4 deaths unrelated to vaccine

**Vaccine efficacy:** 91.6%  
(greater that 87% for all studied groups including >60)

**SAFETY:**

- Most of the reported adverse events (7485 [94.0%] of 7966) were grade 1; 451 were grade 2 (5.66%) and 30 were grade 3 (0.38%) (flu-like illness, injection site reactions, headache, and asthenia).
- 122 rare adverse events (91 in the vaccine group and 31 in the placebo group)
- 70 episodes of serious adverse events, considered not related to COVID-19 (68 participants, 45 from the vaccine group and 23 from the placebo group)

**Limitations of the interim analysis:** the small sample sizes within age strata
Sputnik V

- **Presence of IgGs** specific to RBD 42 days from the start of vaccination
  - In the vaccine group: detected in 336 (98%) of 342 samples, with a GMT of 8996 (95% CI 7610–10 635). Seroconversion rate: 98.25%.
  - In the placebo group: detected in 17 (15%) of 114 samples, with a GMT of 30,55 (20.18–46.26), and a seroconversion rate of 14.91%.
  - 18–30 years group had a significantly higher GMT than the other age groups.

- **Presence of neutralizing antibodies** on day 42 after first vaccination
  - In vaccine group: GMT of 44.5 (95% CI 31.8–62.2) and the seroconversion level was 95.83%.
  - In the placebo group: GMT 1.6 (1.12–2.19) and the seroconversion rate was 7.14%.

- All participants in the vaccine group had significantly higher levels of IFN-γ secretion upon antigen stimulation.
Effectiveness of SARS-CoV-2 vaccination: Real Life Data

Mass vaccination campaigns against COVID19 in Israel

- **Estimated vaccine effectiveness:**
  - > 7 days after the second dose: 92% for documented infection, 94% for symptomatic Covid-19, 87% for hospitalization, and 92% for severe Covid-19
  - > During days 14 through 20 and days 21 through 27: 46% and 60% for documented infection, 57% and 66% for symptomatic Covid-19, 74% and 78% for hospitalization, 62% and 80% for severe Covid-19, and 72% and 84% for Covid-19–related death, respectively

- **BNT162b2 vaccine is effective for a wide range of Covid-19–related outcomes**

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Dagan, N., et al. NEJM. April 15 2021
Effectiveness of SARS-CoV-2 vaccination: Real Life Data

Decrease number of positive test result among vaccinated HCW.

Efficacy of these vaccines is maintained outside the trial settings.

Suggest that widespread and effective vaccination among health care workers provides a safe environment.

Benenson S et al. NEJM. March 2021
Keehner J et al. NEJM. March 2021
SARS-CoV-2 viral load after BNT162b2 vaccine: Real Life data

Effect of vaccination on viral load in COVID-19 post-vaccination infections?

Retrospective study – December 21, 2020 to February 11, 2021

Analyse the RT–qPCR test measurements of three SARS-CoV-2 genes, from positive post-vaccination tests (4938 patients) → analysis of the infection cycle threshold (Ct).

Decrease viral load after 12d post-vaccination

Ct values of positive samples collected 12–37 d after were higher than the Ct values of positive samples taken during the first 11 d after vaccination

Ct values of positive sample of vaccinated patients versus Ct values of positive tests of unvaccinated patients.

A difference of 1 Ct unit is approximately equivalent to a factor of 2 in the number of viral particles per sample, These Ct differences represent a decrease of 2.8–4.5-fold in viral load in vaccinated individuals

→ Infection occurring 12 d or longer after vaccination have significantly reduced viral loads.

→ affecting viral shedding and contagiousness?

Coefficient for the association of Ct of the RdRp gene with vaccination at different vaccination-to-sample time bins in comparison to unvaccinated patients.

Safety of SARS-CoV-2 vaccination: Real Life data

Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia after AZ1222 Vaccination

- Vaccination with ChAdOx1 nCov-19 can result in the rare development of immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia
- This can be mediated by platelet activating antibodies against PF4, which clinically mimics autoimmune heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.

Norway cases:

- five patients with venous thrombosis and thrombocytopenia 7 to 10 days after receiving the first dose of the AZ1222 vaccine (32 to 54 years)
- Four of the patients had severe cerebral venous thrombosis with intracranial hemorrhage, and the outcome was fatal in three.

Germany and Austria cases:

- 11 patients (9 women). Median age of 36 years (22 to 49).
- 10 patients with one or more thrombotic events beginning 5 to 16 days after vaccination
- 1 patients with fatal intracranial hemorrhage

A case report Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia after Ad26.COV2.S Vaccination

Muir, K.L., et al. NEJM April 2021

Nina H. Schultz et al NEJM April 2021

Greinacher, A., et al. NEJM April 2021
Vaccination of particular populations

Antibody Responses in Seropositive Persons after a Single Dose of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA Vaccines

- A single dose of mRNA vaccine (either BNT162b2 or mRNA 1273) elicited rapid immune responses in seropositive participants, with postvaccination antibody titers similar to or exceeded titers found in seronegative participants who received two vaccinations.

- Post-vaccine symptoms were more prominent for those with prior infection after the first dose, but symptomology was similar between groups after the second dose.


Krammer, F., et al NEJM April 2021
**Vaccination of particular populations**

**Population:** pregnant (n=84; 13 deliveries); lactating (n=31); or non-pregnant woman of reproductive age (18-45) (n=16)

**Type of COVID-19 vaccine received:** (BNT162b2 Pfizer/BioNTech or mRNA-1273 Moderna/NIH)
- Mean gestational age at 1st dose: 23.2 weeks
- 13% vaccinated at 1st trimester (1st dose)
- 46% vaccinated at 2nd trimester (1st dose)
- 40% vaccinated at 3rd trimester (1st dose)

**Sampling:** Blood and breastmilk collected at: V0 (at the time of first dose), V1 (at the time of second vaccine dose) V2 (2-6 weeks following the 2nd dose) and at delivery. Umbilical cord blood was also collected at delivery

**SAFETY:** low cumulative symptoms score with no significant differences between groups

**MATERNAL VACCINE RESPONSE:** significant rise of both S and RBD specific IgGs and IgAs from V0 to V2. Higher levels of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies were observed in all 268 vaccinated women compared to pregnant women with natural infection.
Vaccination of particular populations

BREASTMILK ANTIBODY TRANSFER

- Anti-S specific antibodies were found in maternal breastmilk.
- Spike and RBD-specific IgG were detectable in 10/10 umbilical cords after maternal vaccination
- NAb titers tending to be lower in umbilical cord than maternal serum
SARS-CoV-2–Specific Antibodies in Breast Milk After COVID-19 Vaccination of Breastfeeding Women

Population: Eighty-four women receiving 2 doses of BNT162b2; 504 breast milk samples

- Anti–SARS-CoV-2-specific IgA antibodies in the breast milk increased rapidly and were significantly elevated at 2 weeks after the first vaccine.
- Mean levels remained elevated for the duration of follow-up, and at week six, 65.7% of samples tested positive.
- Anti–SARS-CoV-2-specific IgG antibodies remained low for the first 3 weeks, with an increase at week 4.
Cumulative vaccination doses administered (April 1st 2021)
## Testing and implementation status of front-running candidates

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### Legend
- RNA
- Vector (mRNA)
- Inactivated
- Subunit
- VLP
- DNA
• 88 vaccine candidates are in an ongoing clinical evaluation. 11 have received authorisation from national or international medicine agencies.
• Published Phase I/II data suggests that vaccine candidates on trial are immunogenic and mostly well tolerated in young adults. Data is emerging on elderly, globally keeping the trend described in young adults.
• Induced titers of NAb are variable depending on the vaccine candidate. Comparison of Nab titers among vaccines is not possible. Yet, emerging data suggest that NAb are likely to be considered as protection correlates.
• Published data do not show increased risk of ADE in vaccinees.
• Overall vaccines efficacy results are good and rang between 50% and 95% depending on the vaccine studies with mRNA vaccines performing the best.
• COVID19 patients elicit strong Humoral responses after one doses of mRNA vaccines.
• SARS COV 2 variants represent a challenge for current vaccines with preliminary results showing and variable level of cross-reaction depending on the viral strain.
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