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## Vacunas

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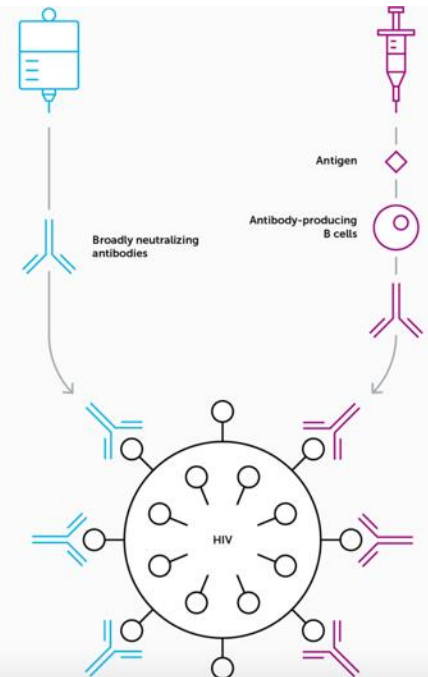
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**Bernard Fields Lecture**

**VACCINE STRATEGIES FOR HIV-1 AND COVID-19**

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**HIV Vaccines: Past, Present and Future**

Mark Feinberg, MD, PhD  
IVI, New York, NY, USA

Disclosures: Merck & Co., Inc and Sanofi-Pasteur

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## Two Contrasting Global Pandemics

### HIV-1

- 40 Years
- Retrovirus
- Chronic persistent infection
- Immunodeficiency (AIDS)
- 79 million infections
- 36 million deaths
- Enormous viral diversity
- Env difficult to neutralize
- No vaccine available

### SARS-CoV-2

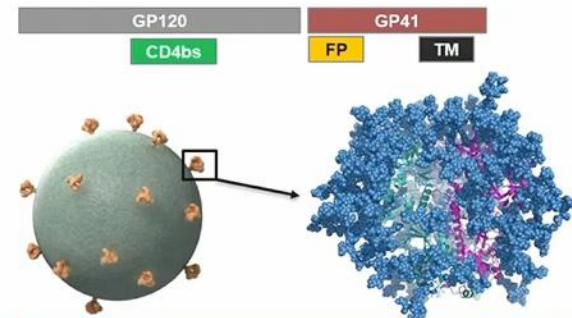
- 2 Years
- Coronavirus
- Acute infection
- Respiratory illness (COVID-19)
- 408 million infections
- 5.8 million deaths
- Limited viral diversity
- Spike easy to neutralize
- Multiple vaccines available

## SARS-CoV-2 and HIV: Similarities and differences

### HIV-1

Target cell/disease = CD4+ T cells.....AIDS  
Host receptor = CD4 and CCR5  
Entry = Env, 2 subunits (GP120 & GP41)  
→ trimeric glycoprotein

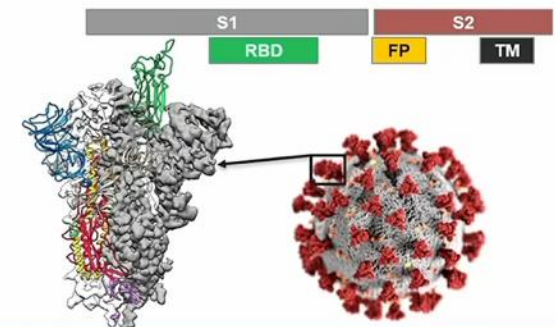
- Enormous diversity, persistent infection
- High level glycosylation of Env
- Neutralizing epitopes structurally shielded
- Neutralizing antibodies not readily elicited in natural infection, and to date, not by vaccination



### SARS-CoV-2

Target cell/disease = Epithelial cells lungs....COVID-19  
Host receptor = ACE2  
Entry = Spike, 2 subunits (S1 & S2)  
→ trimeric glycoprotein

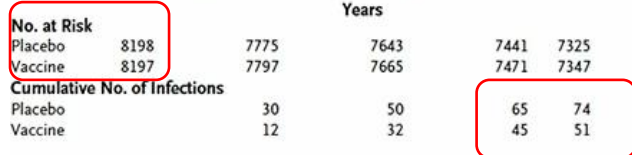
- More limited diversity, acute infection
- More limited glycosylation of S
- Neutralizing epitopes readily accessible to Abs
- Neutralizing antibodies readily elicited by infection and vaccination



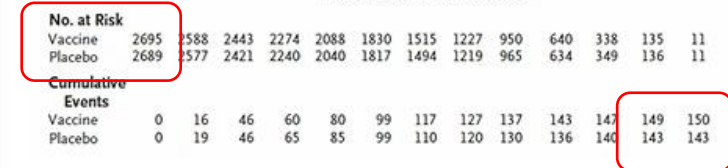


ALVAC prime/AIDSVAX g120 boost  
Humoral & Cellular

**RV144 – Thailand (2009)**  
**VE=31%**



**HVTN702 – South Africa (2020)**  
**VE=0%**

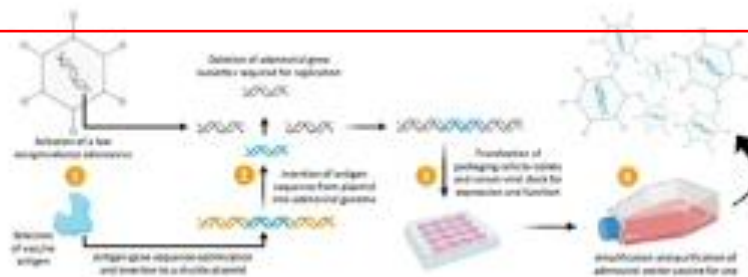


## Novel Vaccine Platforms: Gene-Based Vaccines

### Nucleic Acid Vaccines (DNA, mRNA)



### Viral Vector Vaccines (Adenovirus, Poxvirus)



Gebre et al. Cell 2021; 184:1589-1603

Ad26-vectored vaccines (JnJ):

Ad26-HIV

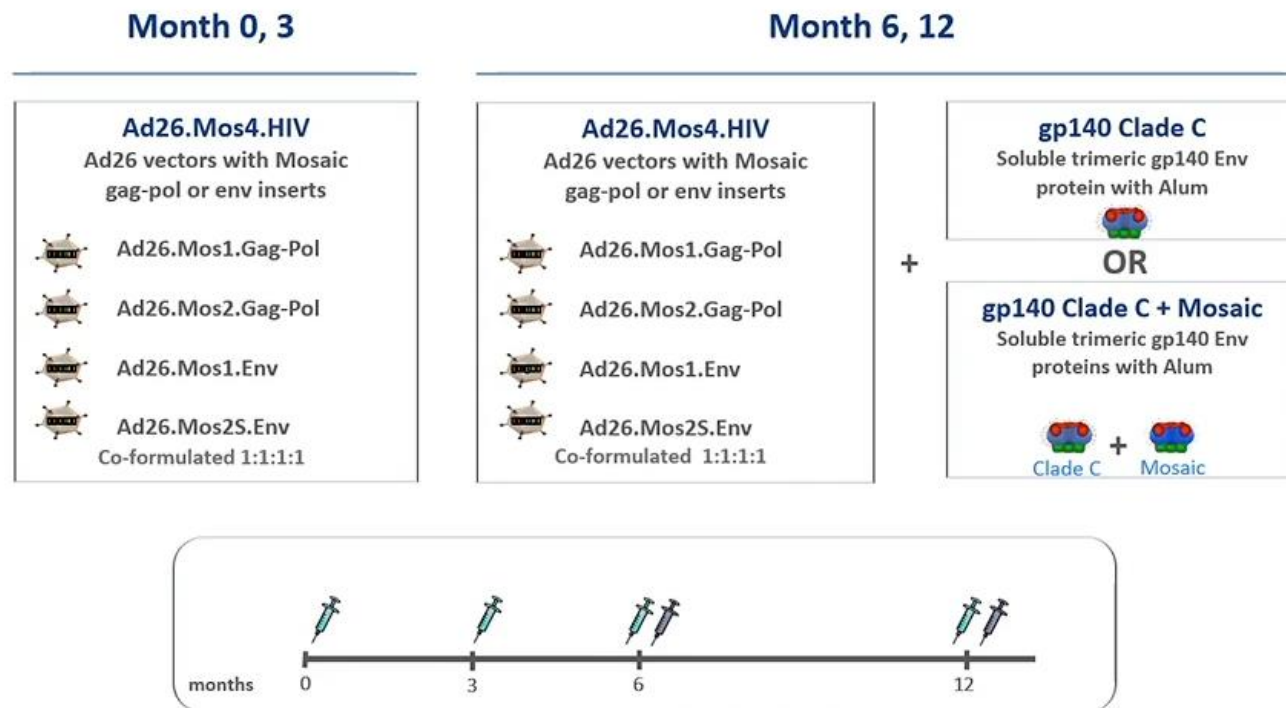
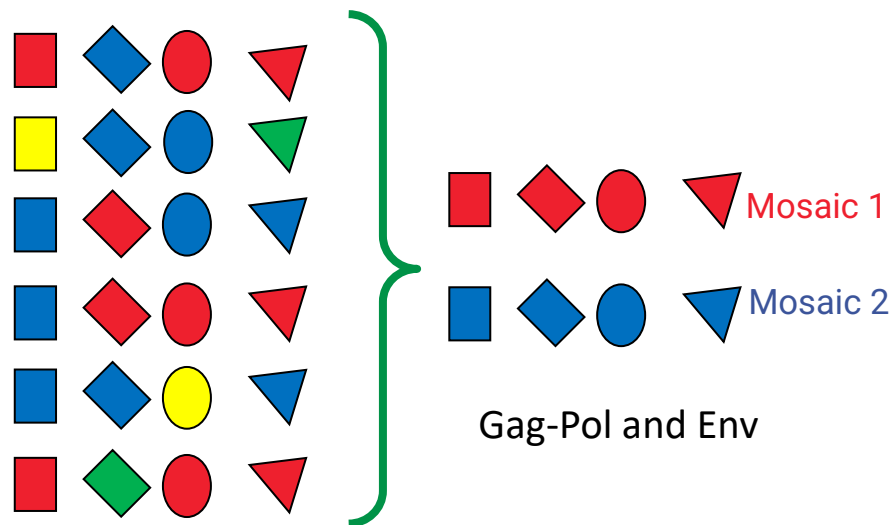
Ad26-ZIKV

Ad26-Ebola

Ad26-RSV

→ Ad26-COV

## Ad26-HIV



## → Two Complementary Phase 2b/3 Efficacy Studies

**IMBOKODO**

**Phase:** 2b

**Enrollment:** 2,637

**Participants:** Young Women (aged 18-35)

**Location:** 5 Southern African Countries

**Timeline:** Began Nov 2017, Vaccinations completed in July 2020



**MOSAICO**

**Phase:** 3

**Target Enrollment:** 3,800

**Participants:** MSM and TGI (aged 18-60)

**Location:** 8 Countries in the Americas and Europe

**Timeline:** Began end 2019, enrollment ongoing



Delayed because of COVID-19  
PrEP implementation

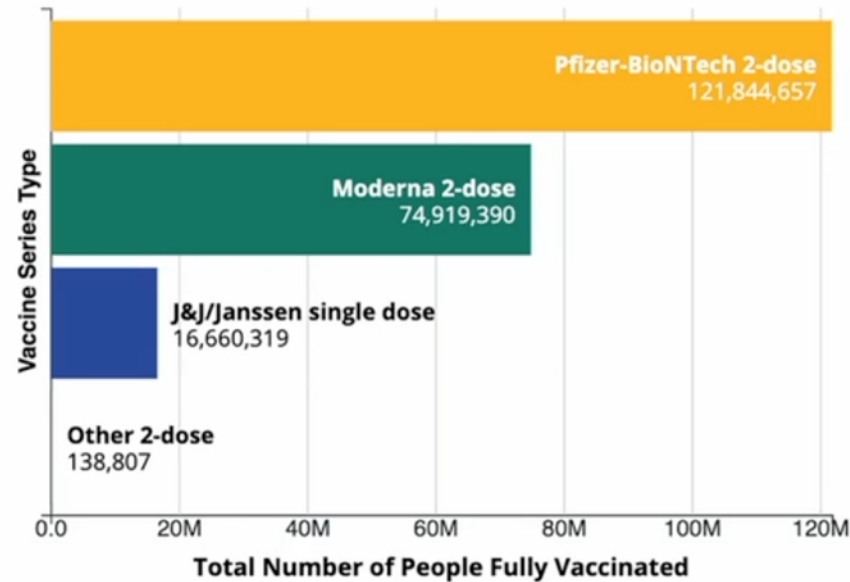
Fisher W, et al. Nat Med 2007  
Barouch Nat Med 2010  
Barouch, Cell 2013

**Differences:** HIV-1 clade, gender, route, protein boost



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2 shots (wk 0,8) – ENSEMBLE 2 (Hardt, medRxiv 2022) 94% VE , pre-Omicron  
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## Fully Vaccinated Individuals in the US      Limited Use of mRNA Vaccines in Africa



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**Pfizer-BioNTech**  
152 COUNTRIES



**Moderna**  
88 COUNTRIES



**Oxford-AstraZeneca**  
182 COUNTRIES

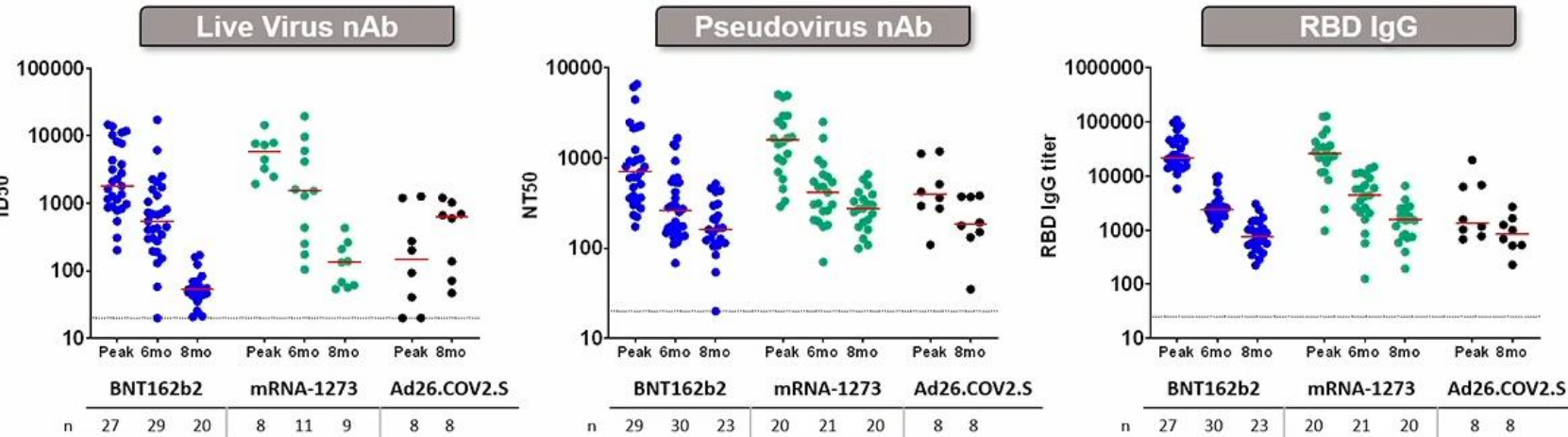


**Johnson & Johnson**  
82 COUNTRIES

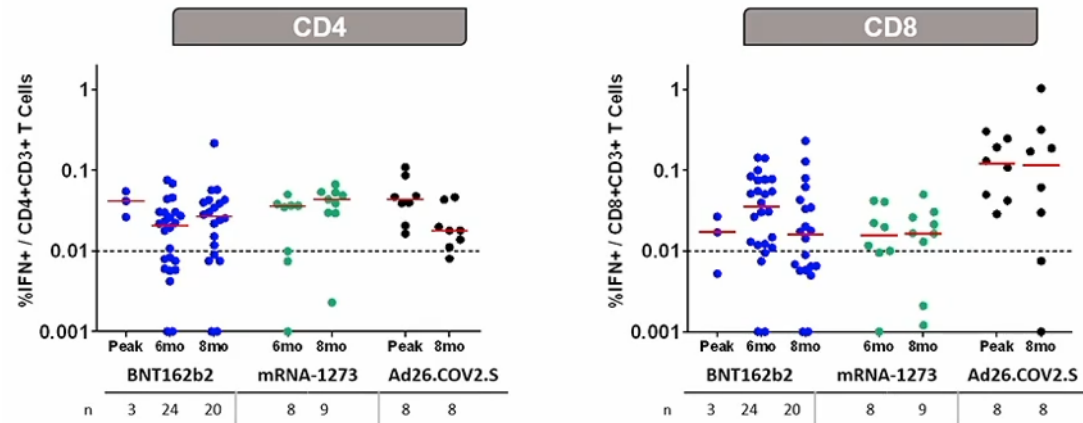


## Ad26.COV2.S (JnJ)

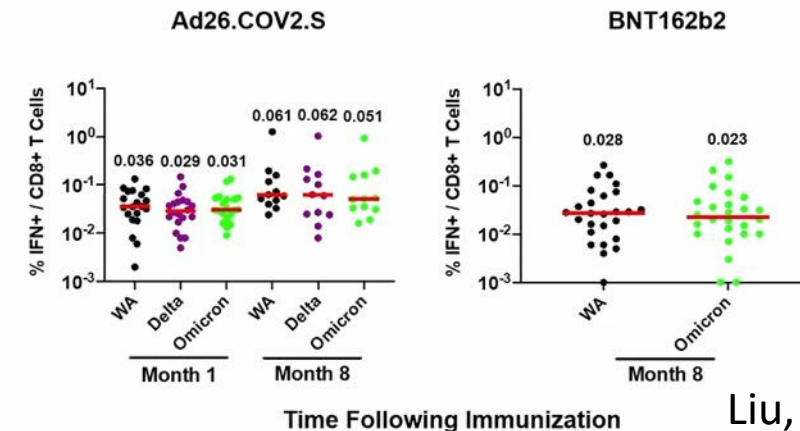
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Collier, NEJM 2021

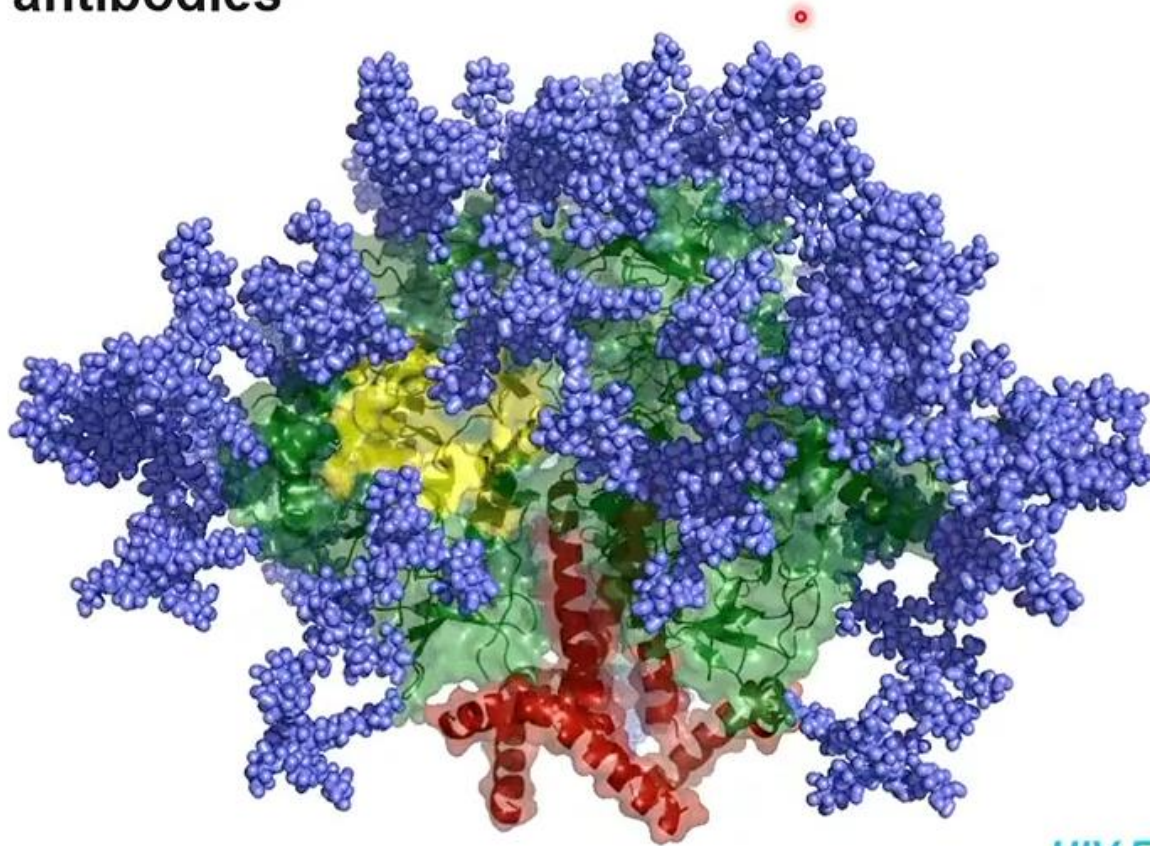


**Vaccine-Elicited CD8 T Cell Responses are Highly Cross-Reactive to Omicron**



Liu, Nature 2022

## The HIV Env glycoprotein is a vexing immunologic target whose structure shields conserved protein epitopes and limits access of neutralizing antibodies



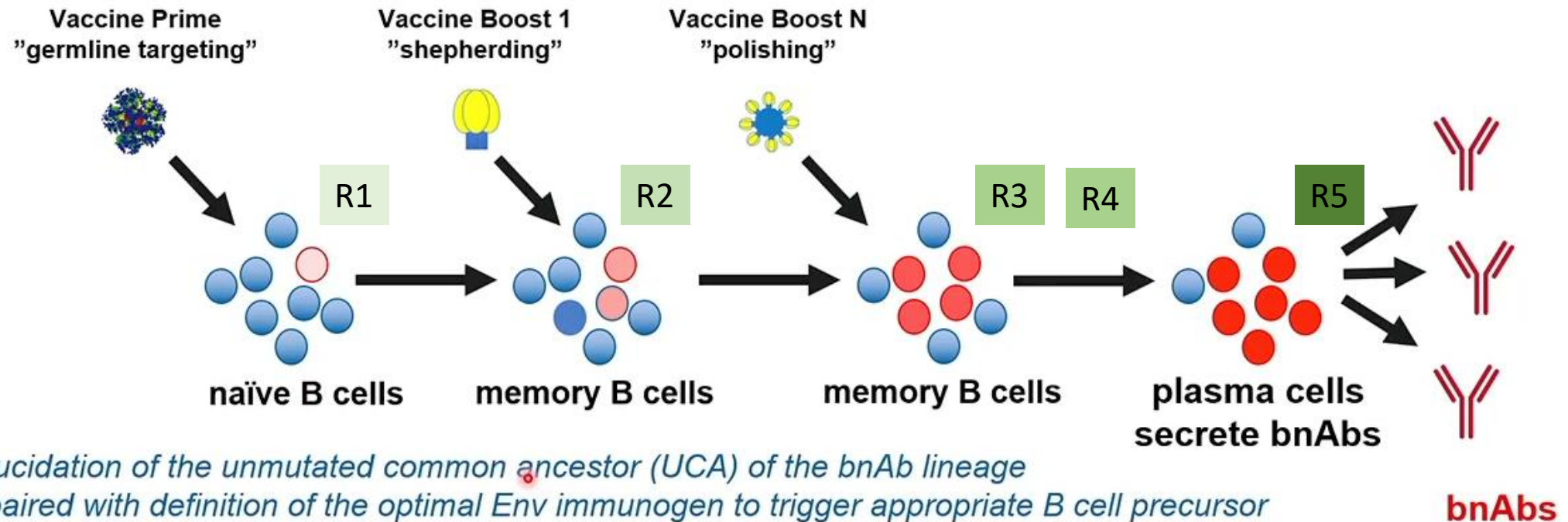
- HIV Env consists of ~50% glycans by mass, complicating Ab access to neutralization epitopes.
- HIV Env has 5 variable loops that can vary in length and glycosylation.
- In order to access recessed neutralization epitopes, long Ab heavy chain complementarity determining regions (HCDR3s) are often required, and these are present at low frequency in the human naïve B-cell repertoire and may also be subject to immune tolerance deletion.
- Most of the native glycoprotein is not highly immunogenic.

*HIV Env trimers alone do not induce bnAbs; extensive Ab affinity maturation is required for neutralization*



## Strategy to induce bnAbs: Germline targeting approach

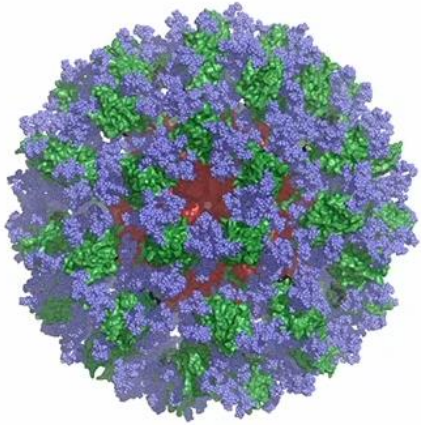
Germline targeting is an approach where the immune system is manipulated to elicit a very specific antibody response by finding the shortest **pathway from germline to affinity mature antibodies with strategically designed priming and boosting immunogens.\***



*\*Elucidation of the unmutated common ancestor (UCA) of the bnAb lineage is paired with definition of the optimal Env immunogen to trigger appropriate B cell precursor*

**Somatic hypermutation**



IAVI G001 Phase I Trial: eOD-GT8 60mer/AS01<sub>B</sub>

- First-in-human test of germline targeting
- Self-assembling nanoparticle + strong adjuvant
- First vaccination: Sept 2018; last vaccination March 2020
- Conducted at FHCRC (Seattle) and GWU (Washington, DC)
- Primary endpoint is safety
- Major immunological endpoint is to determine if the vaccine induces VRC01-class IgG+ B cells
- Critical readout by B-cell sorting/sequencing at VRC and FHCRC
  - ❖ first-in-human use of this assay as the bottom-line endpoint
  - ❖ credit to McDermott/Koup (VRC), Cohen/McElrath (FHCRC) and their teams

Study Group	N	eOD-GT8 60mer dose	Week 0	Week 8
1 (low dose)	18	20 µg	eOD-GT8 60mer/ AS01 <sub>B</sub>	eOD-GT8 60mer/ AS01 <sub>B</sub>
	6	-	buffer	buffer
2 (high dose)	18	100 µg	eOD-GT8 60mer/ AS01 <sub>B</sub>	eOD-GT8 60mer/ AS01 <sub>B</sub>
	6	-	buffer	buffer
Total	48			

- eOD-GT8 60mer/AS01<sub>B</sub> was safe and well tolerated

- Strong CD4bs responses

After 1-2 shots, **0.06-0.42%** of IgG memory B cells in PBMCs were CD4bs-specific

- High positivity VRC01-class responses (VH1-2 + 5 amino acid LCDR3)

After 1-2 shots, **94-97%** vaccinees produced VRC01-class responses

- High frequency VRC01-class responses

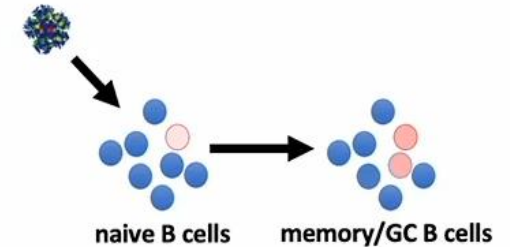
After 1-2 shots, **0.014-0.10%** of IgG memory B cells in PBMCs were VRC01-class

- Autologous boost increased mutation levels and affinities

**Key support** for sequential vaccination in humans

- Post-vaccination antibodies can be used to help select boost candidate

Germline-targeting  
Vaccine Prime



See upcoming session by **Bill Schief**:  
**February 24, 8:30AM – 10AM MT**  
*Jump-Started Immune Response: Now, how to teach breadth?*

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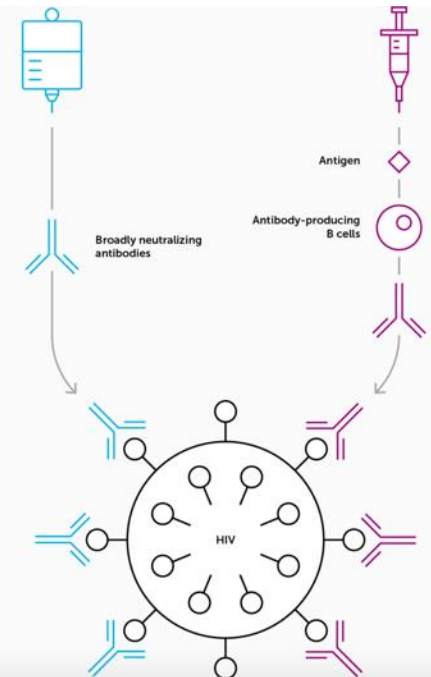
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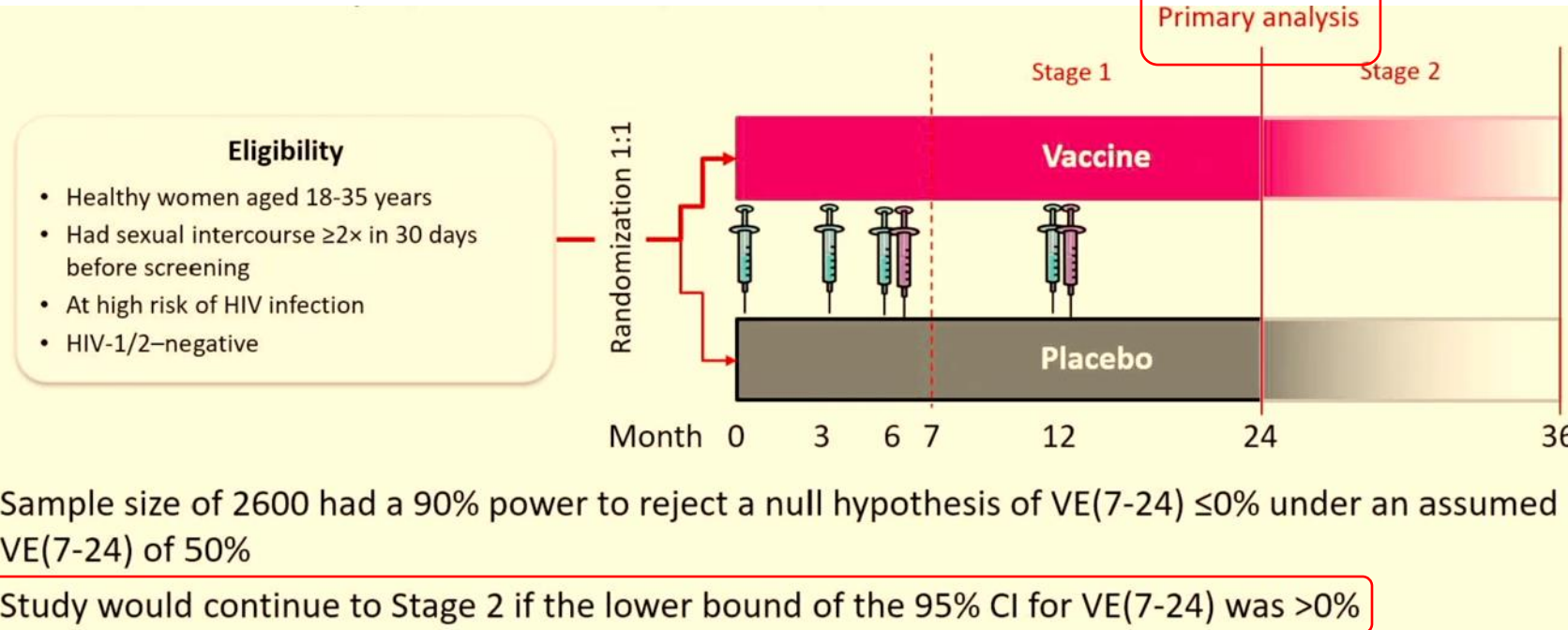
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# OA121 Phase IIb Efficacy trial of MOSAIC HIV-1 vaccine regimen in African women: IMBOKODO

Glenda Gray



## HIV-1 vaccine composition

### Ad26.Mos4.HIV

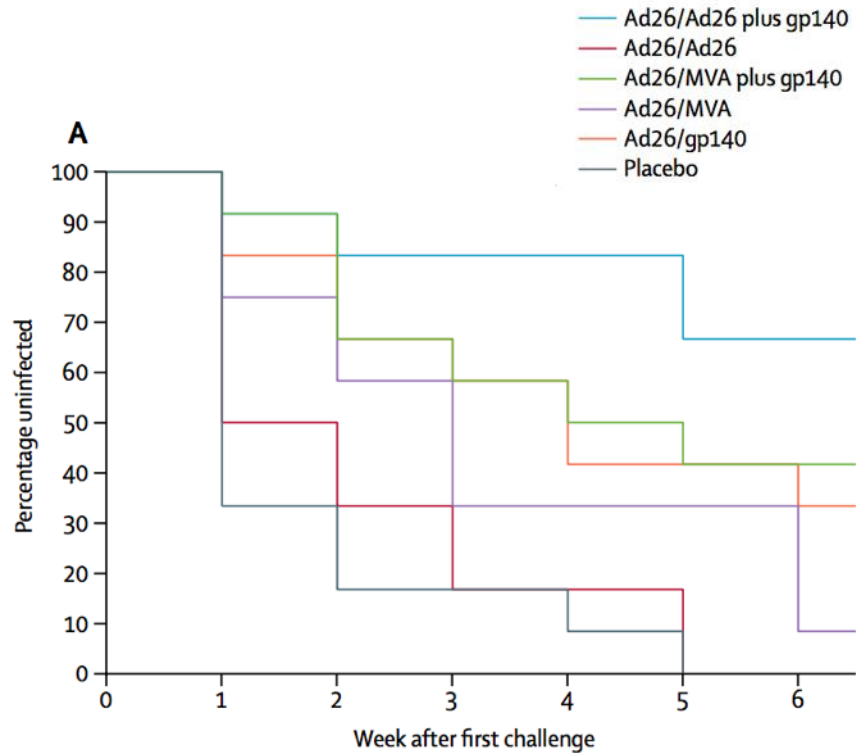


### Soluble gp140 + aluminum phosphate adjuvant

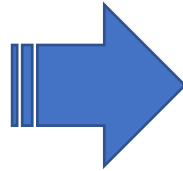
Clade C gp140 (250  $\mu$ g)



# NHP

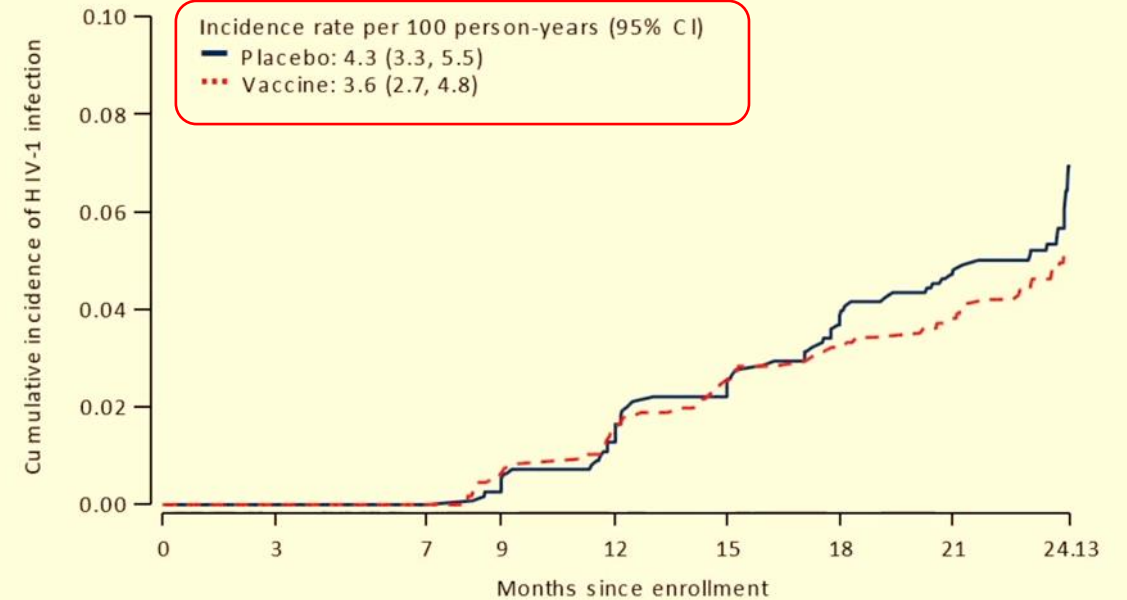


Barouch, Lancet 2018



# Human CT....

## Cumulative incidence of HIV-1 infection over Months 7-24 in the PP cohort



<b>No. at risk</b>									
Placebo	1109	1109	1100	1092	1068	1049	1031	1007	161
Vaccine	1079	1079	1065	1054	1036	1014	993	977	156
<b>Cumulative HIV-1 infections</b>									
Placebo	0	0	0	3	18	28	42	51	63
Vaccine	0	0	0	6	17	27	34	40	51

VE(7-24) was 25.2% (95% CI: -10.5 to 49.4);  $P = 0.14^a$



Subtype B, MSM, anal intercourse, protein boost gp140 Clade C + mosaic. Ongoing....



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## Passive Immunization

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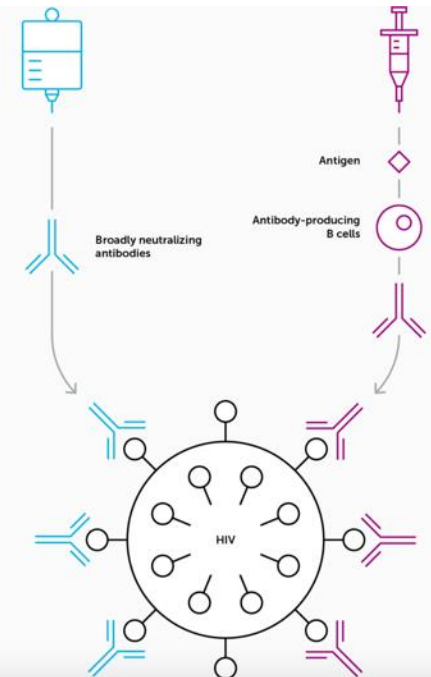
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## OA149 Lessons learned from the AMP (Antibody mediated protection)

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### Proof of concept in Humans that bNAb can protect from HIV acquisition

#### VRC01 (CD4 binding site)

10mg/kg and 30 mg/kg

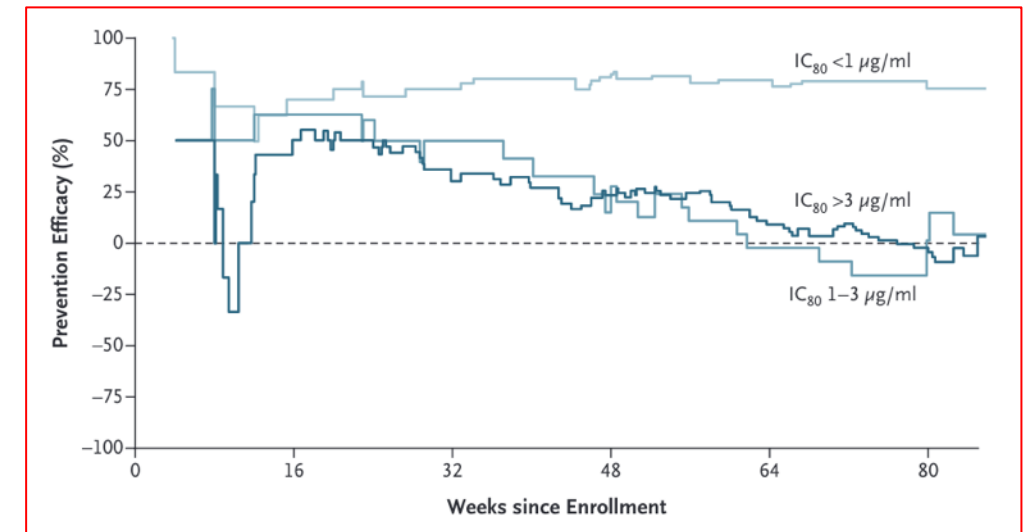
Every 2 months (total 10 infusions)

High risk women (Africa)

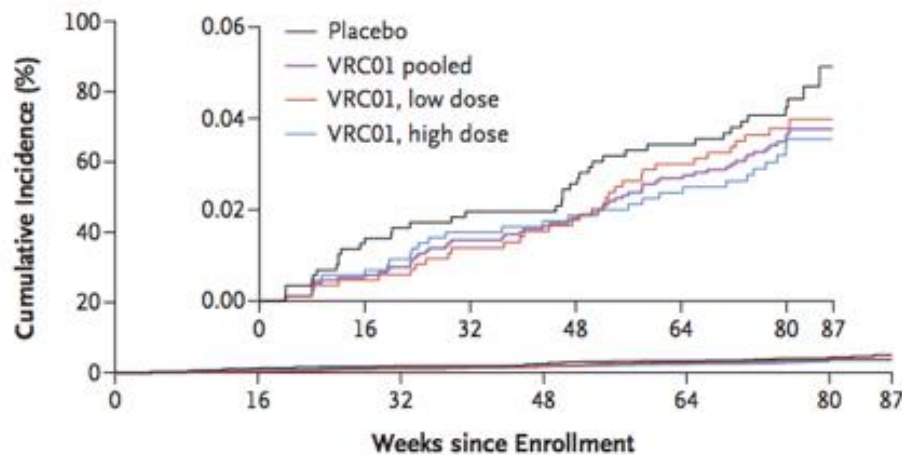
MSM and TGI (Americas)

Total 4.600

PE 75% (45-89) against MOST SENSITIVE viruses  
( $<1\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) after 2 doses



A Incidence of HIV-1 Infection in HVTN 704/HPTN 085



→ Need 2-3 different targets (combination of bNAbs)

→ Titer biomarker for prevention :

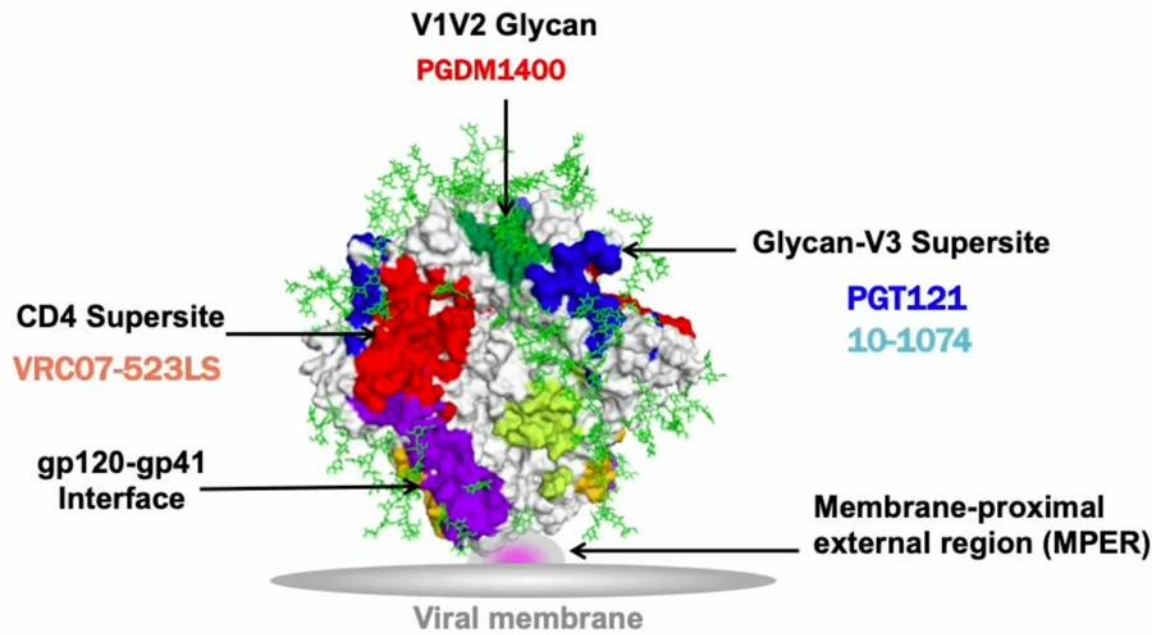
90% protection requires serum **neutralization ID<sub>80</sub> titer of 200**

Corey, NEJM 2021

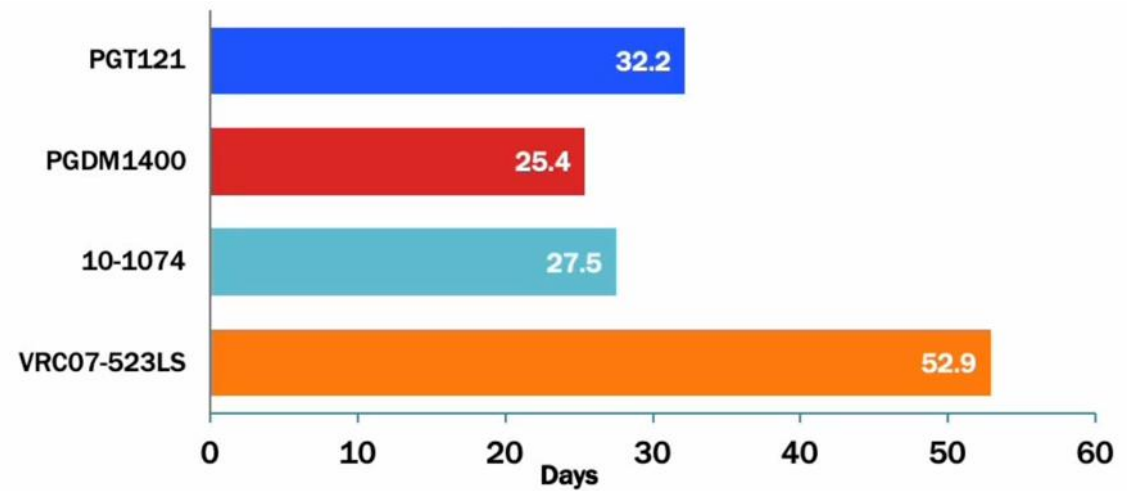
Gilbert, submitted

# OA81 Phase I study of combinaton anti-HIV neutralizing antibodies in HIV-negative adults

Magdalena E. Sobieszczyk



Study arm	N	Dose	Month 0	Month 4
Treatment 1	6	20+20 mg/kg	PGT121 VRC07-523LS	—
Treatment 2	6	20+20 mg/kg	PGDM1400 VRC07-523LS	—
Treatment 3	6	20+20 mg/kg	10-1074 VRC07-523LS	—
Treatment 4	9	20+20+20 mg/kg	PGDM1400 PGT121 VRC07-523LS	PGDM1400 PGT121 VRC07-523LS



- PK patterns were consistent for each bnAb between the dual or triple combinations (and consistent with prior data)
- Neutralization function was maintained as predicted by PK data
- Complementary neutralization magnitude and breadth of infused bnAbs were maintained in this ‘first in human’ study

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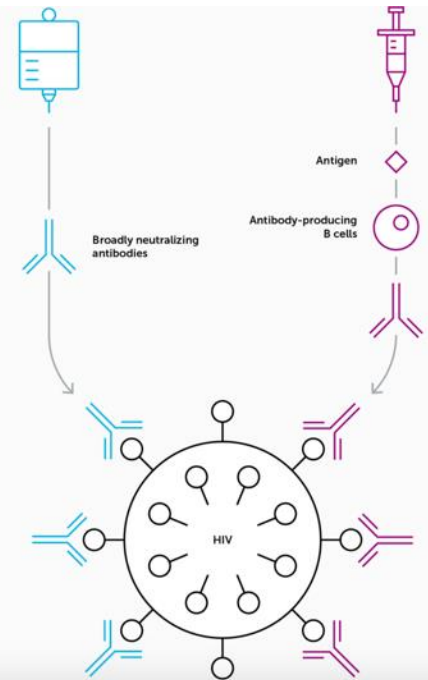
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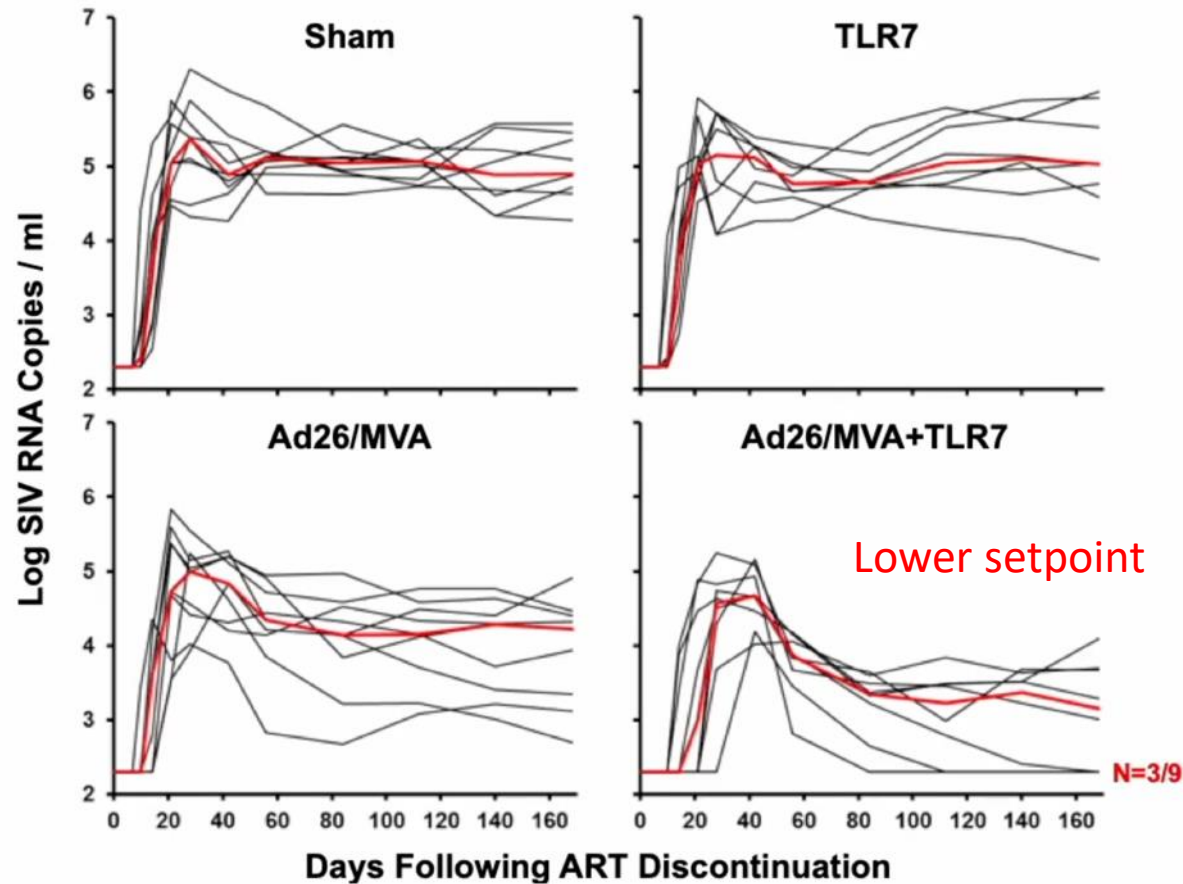


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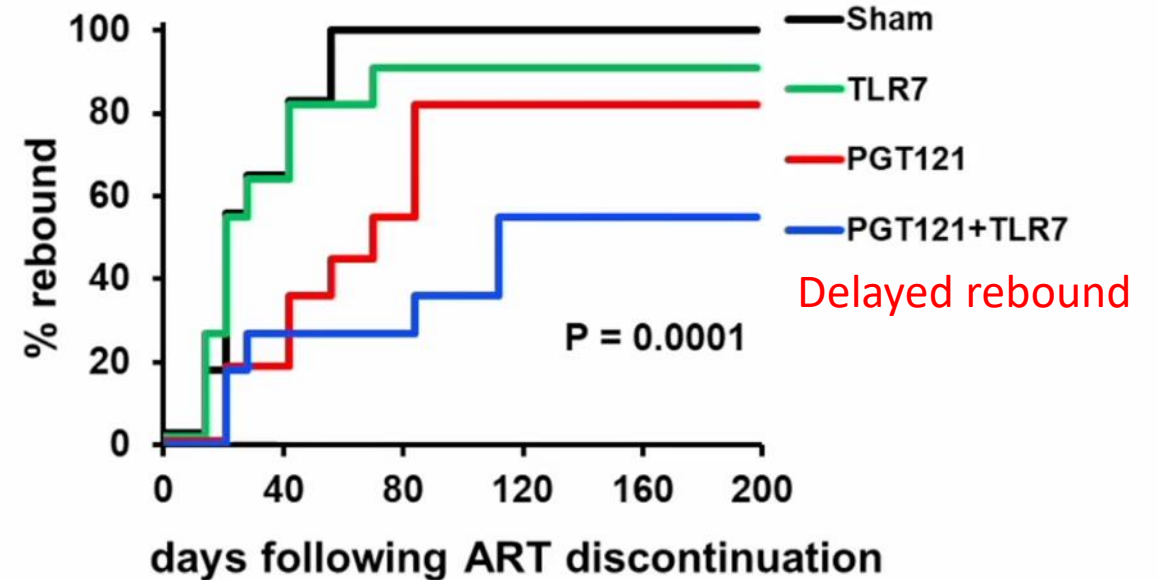
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SHIV model of acute infection – ART started at day 9

- Ad26/MVA - vaccine
- TLR7 agonist (Vesatolimod) – latency reversing agent +/- immunemodulator
- PGT121 – bNAb against glycan V3 supersite

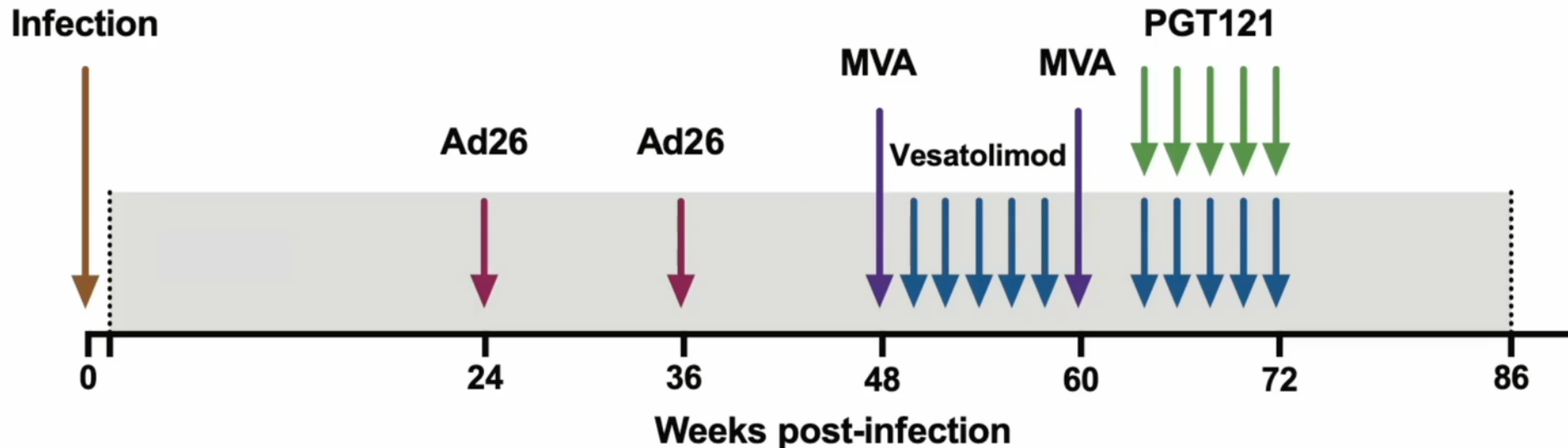


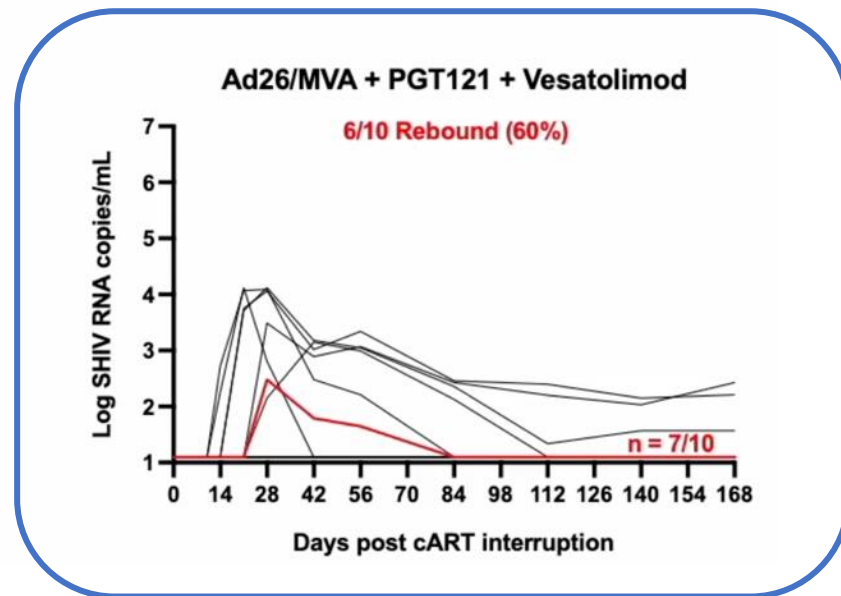
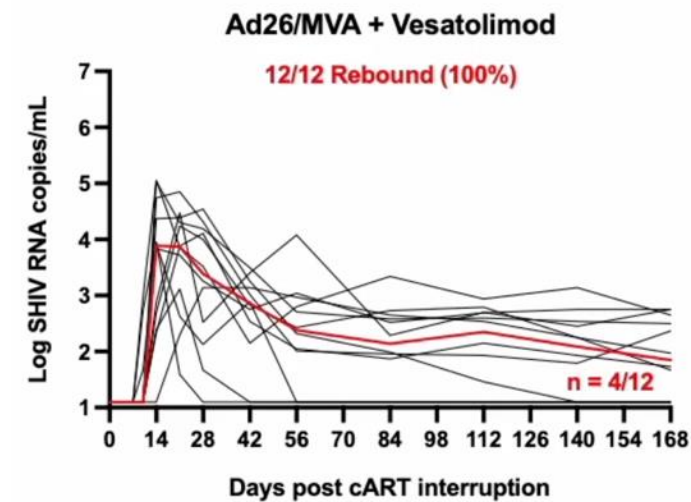
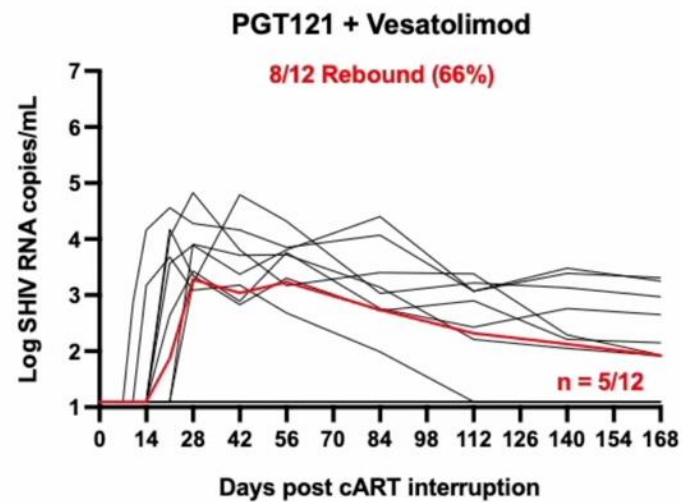
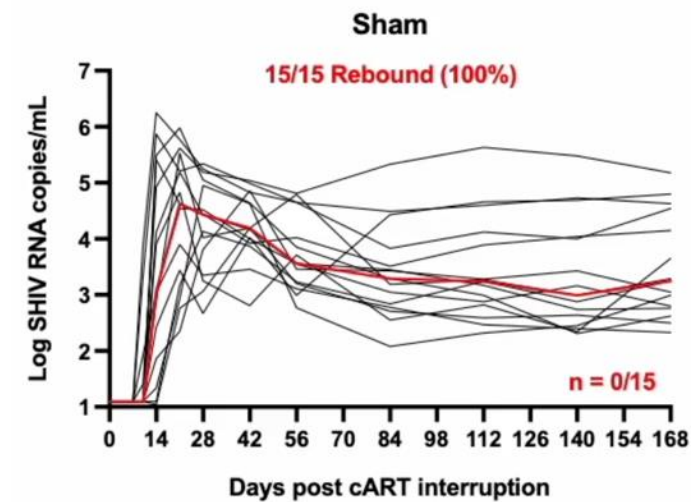
Borducchi, Nature 2016



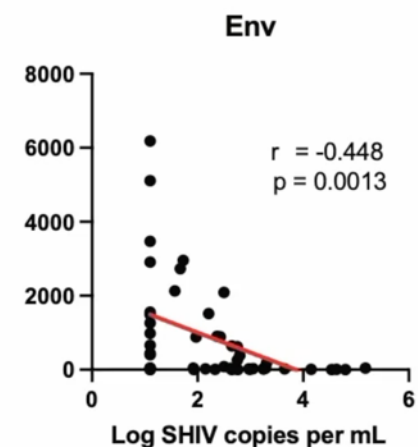
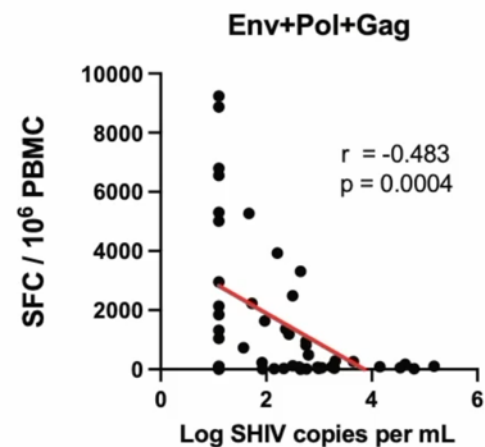
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- 51 Rhesus macaques infected intrarectally with SHIV-SF162P3 and treated from D9 onward with preformulated, daily ART (TDF, FTC, DTG).
  - Group 1: Ad26/MVA + PGT121 + Vesatolimod (N=12)
  - Group 2: Ad26/MVA + Vesatolimod (N=12) → Equivalent to AELIX003 CT w/HTI vaccines
  - Group 3: PGT121 + Vesatolimod (N=12)
  - Group 4: Sham (N=15)

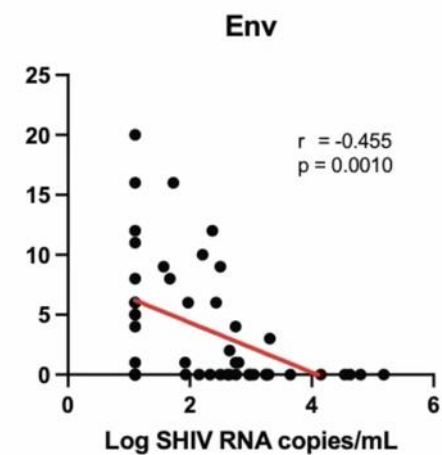
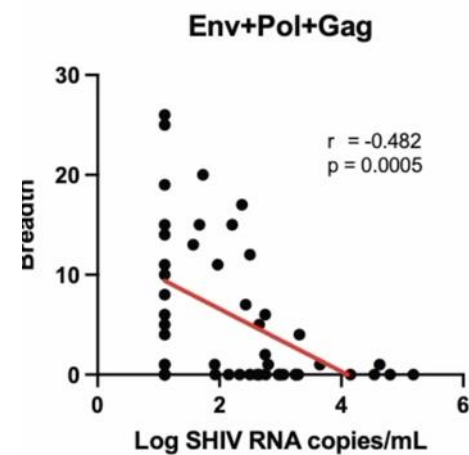




## Magnitude



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Delayed Rebound, Lower setpoint, higher PTC

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## OA47. Implementation Ad26.COVS.S (1 or 2 shots in health-care workers in SouthAfrica) – Sisonke

Glenda Gray

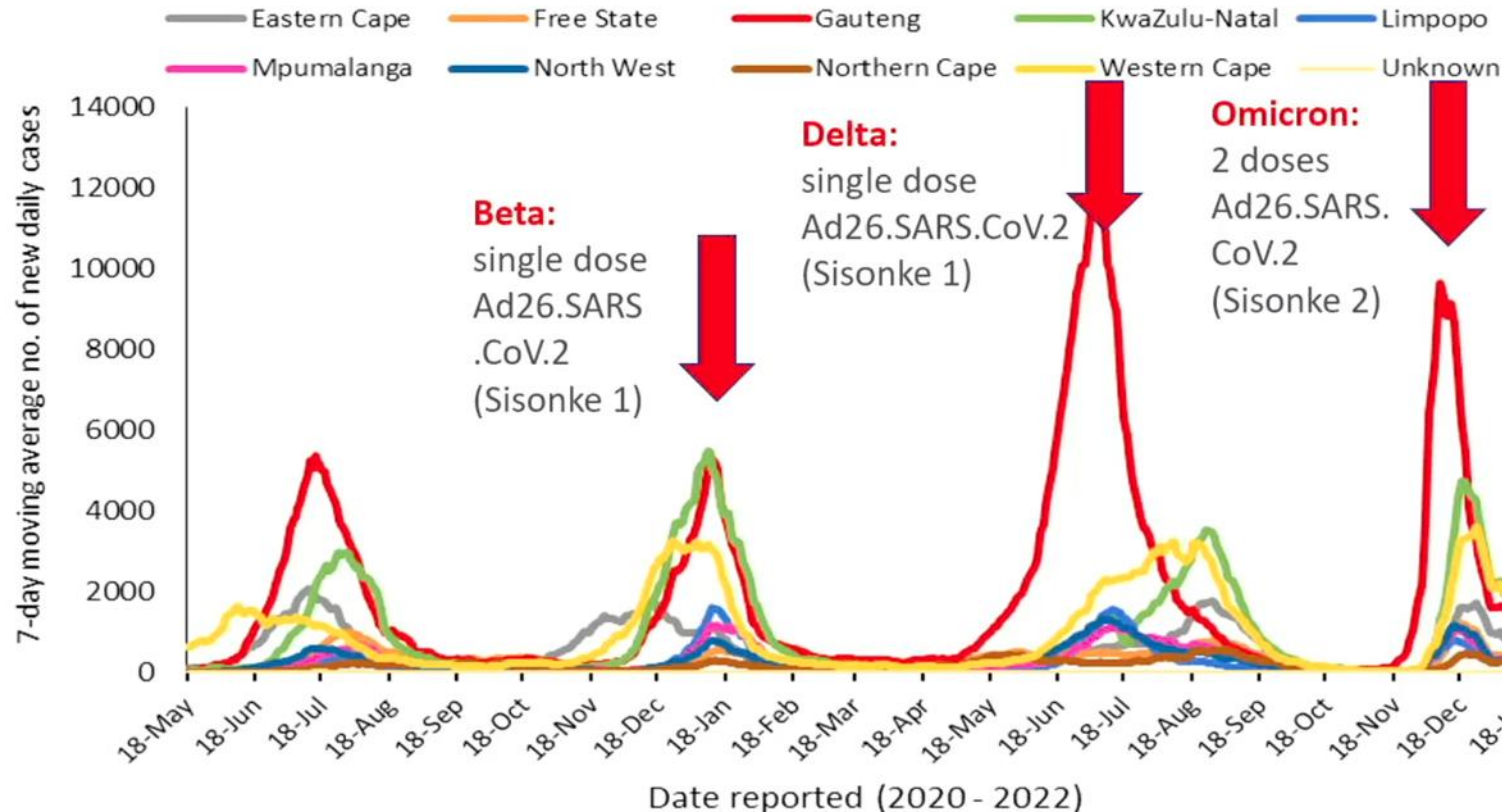


EFFECTIVENESS vs EFFICACY (ENSEMBLE 1 & 2 Clinical Trials)

496,434 HCW

237,981HCW

### Period of Analyses: Sisonke 1 & Sisonke 2

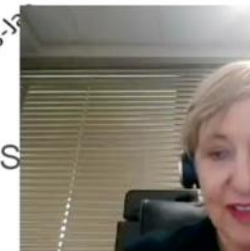


HTA: 74,381 (16%)

DM : 28,063 (6%)

VIH: 39,386 (8%)

7-day moving average number of new cases by province and date of reporting, 18 May 2020 to date, S (source NICD)



Safety:

TTS : 2 cases → Observed/Expected ratio (95% CI): **2.40 (0.29-8.66)**

Guillaume Barré : 4 cases → O/E ratio : **5.09 (1.39 – 13.02)**

Effectiveness : Test Negative Case Control

Sub-population	Sub-cohort	Covid -19 hospital admissions			Covid -19 hospital admission requiring critical or intensive care			Covid-19 related death		
		Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	VE (95% CI) %	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	VE (95% CI) %	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	VE (95% CI) %
		Events/ P-Y	Events/ P-Y		Events/ P-Y	Events/ P-Y		Events/ P-Y	Events/ P-Y	
One or more co-existing risk factors for severe Covid-19	Scheme A	91/6 446	265/6 378	66 (57,73)	11/6 455	77/6 394	86 (76,94)	6/6 456	58/6 398	89 (78,98)
	Scheme B	90/8 359	247/8 351	63 (54,72)	24/8 363	85/8 366	71 (57,83)	12/8 367	56/8 374	78 (60,89)
HIV	Scheme A	12/997	14/705	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Scheme B	18/3 802	66/3 731	73 (58,85)	4/3 802	19/3 736	79 (51,96)	5/3 803	15/3 738	65 (13,93)

Sisonke 2 , data from **15 nov- 20 Dec 21 (Omicron)** : Effectiveness against admission 84% 14 days post boost and 85% at 1-2 m

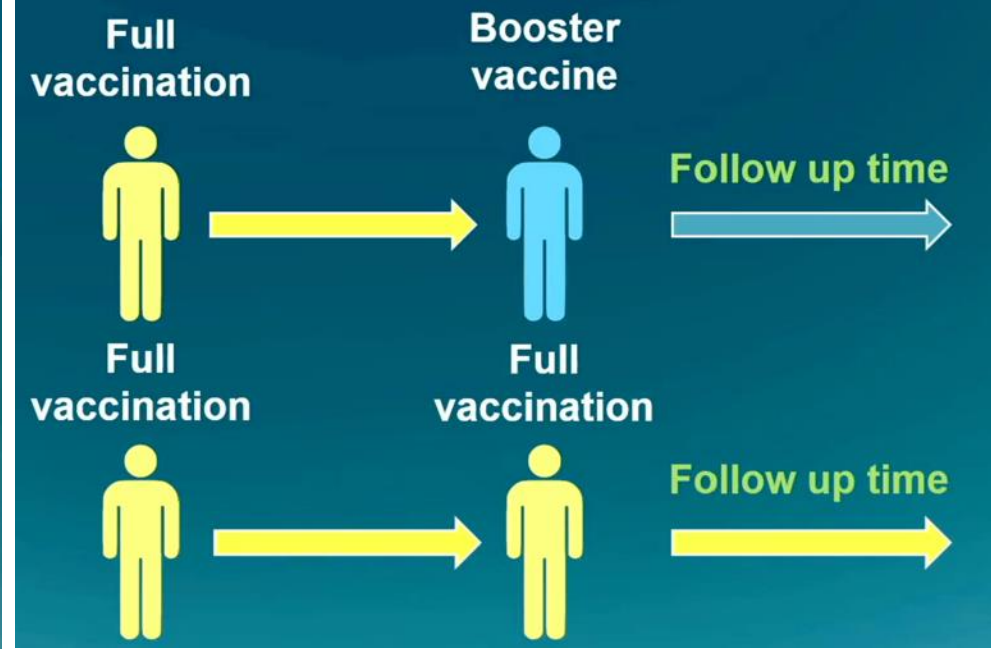
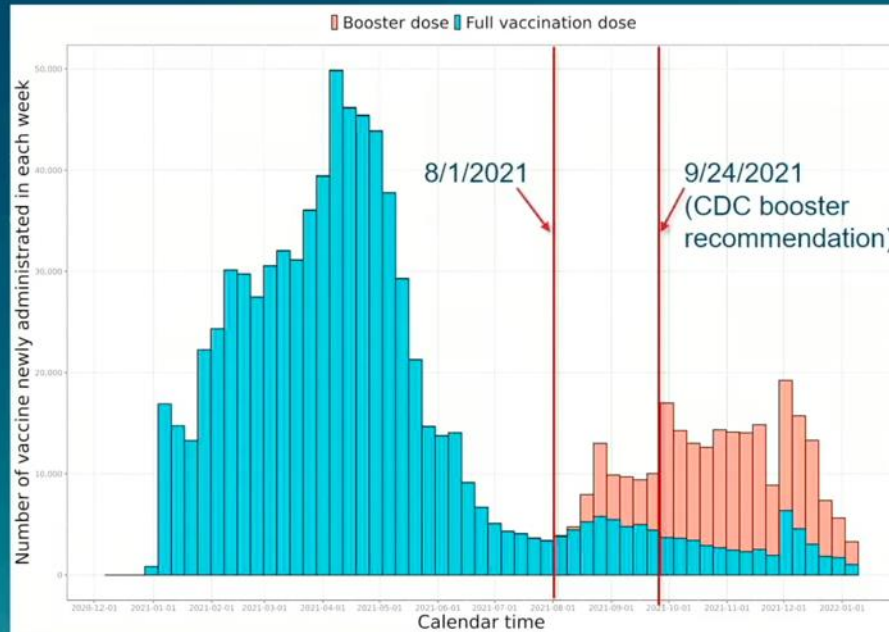
## OA48. COVID-19 booster vaccine effectiveness in people with and without immune dysfunction

Jing Sun



### National COVID Cohort Collaborative

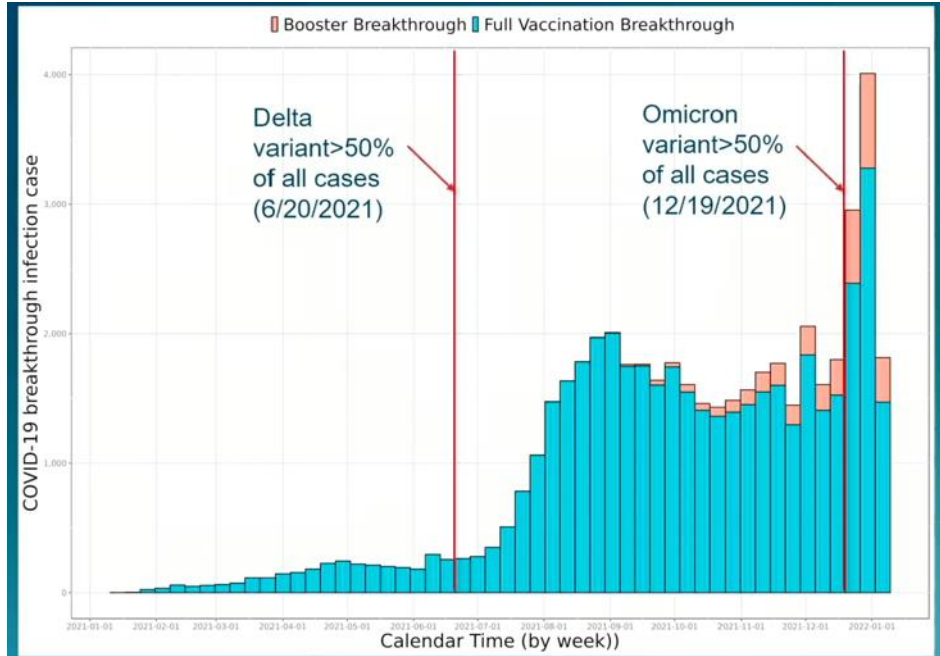
- N3C: NIH funded, rapidly developing open science community
- N3C Enclave includes patient-level data from over 60 clinical centers across the U.S.
- Total COVID-19+ vaccination
  - Full vaccine: 784,555
  - Booster Vaccine: 174,042



- **Analytical approach**
  - Propensity score matched Cox regression models for hazard of breakthrough infection
  - Multivariable logistic regression models for risk of hospitalization, invasive ventilation, and death



## Without ISC



## With ISC

Months since full vaccination	Breakthrough events during follow-up		Sample size in boosted or non-boosted group*	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	Booster vaccine efficacy
	Boosted group	Non-boosted group				
≤5	26	88	2006	0.33 (0.22, 0.52)	<0.001	70.5%
6	34	129	3166	0.27 (0.19, 0.40)	<0.001	73.6%
7	184	815	27148	0.23 (0.19, 0.27)	<0.001	77.4%
8	413	1102	40383	0.36 (0.32, 0.41)	<0.001	62.5%
9	389	812	28952	0.45 (0.40, 0.51)	<0.001	52.1%

Months since full vaccination	Breakthrough events during follow-up		Sample size in boosted or non-boosted group*	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	Booster vaccine efficacy
	Boosted group	Non-boosted group				
≤5	141	201	4418	0.84 (0.67, 1.04)	0.11	29.9%
6	110	185	4587	0.60 (0.47, 0.75)	<0.001	40.5%
7	157	394	12210	0.39 (0.32, 0.47)	<0.001	60.2%
8	150	376	14600	0.38 (0.31, 0.46)	<0.001	60.1%
9	75	124	8423	0.56 (0.42, 0.75)	<0.001	39.5%

	Patients without immune dysfunction		Patients with immune dysfunction	
	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value
<b>Hospitalization</b>	0.13 (0.12, 0.15)	<0.001	0.21 (0.19, 0.23)	<0.001
<b>Invasive ventilation</b>	0.09 (0.05, 0.19)	<0.001	0.25 (0.18, 0.34)	<0.001
<b>Death</b>	0.13 (0.06, 0.30)	<0.001	0.17 (0.11, 0.27)	<0.001

- Booster vaccine effectiveness against breakthrough infection is lower in IS, but still significant after 6 months of vax
- Reduced risk of hospitalization, invasive ventilation and death even in IS

# Breakthrough infections

Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>

## **Oral Abstract Session -4**

49- Infectiousness of breakthrough infections after vaccination and natural infection (Qatar)

*Laith Abu-Raddad*

Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Interactive Session -8**

Viral load kinetics in partially or fully vaccinated individuals infected with SARS-CoV-2

*Annelies Wilder-Smith*

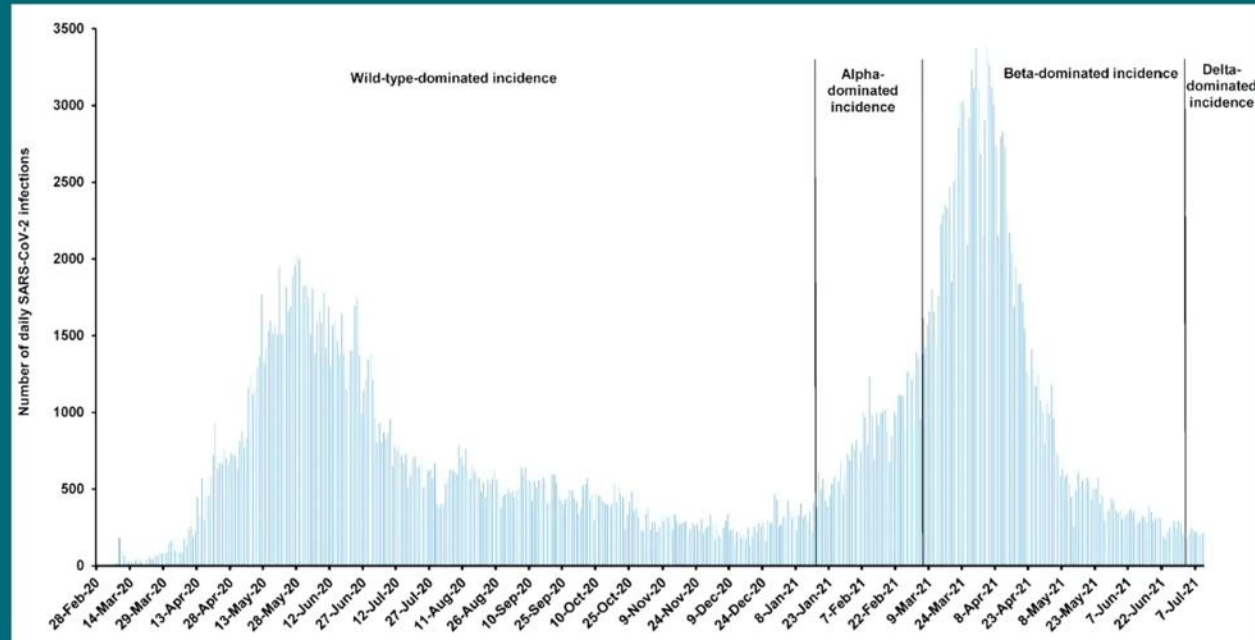
## OA49- Infectiousness of breakthrough infections after vaccination and natural infection (Qatar)

*Laith Abu-Raddad*

- Leveraging Qatar's national databases, effects of vaccination and of prior infection on SARS-CoV-2 infectiousness were investigated, between February 28, 2020 and July 11, 2021, through pairwise comparison of the RT-qPCR Ct values in matched cohorts of:

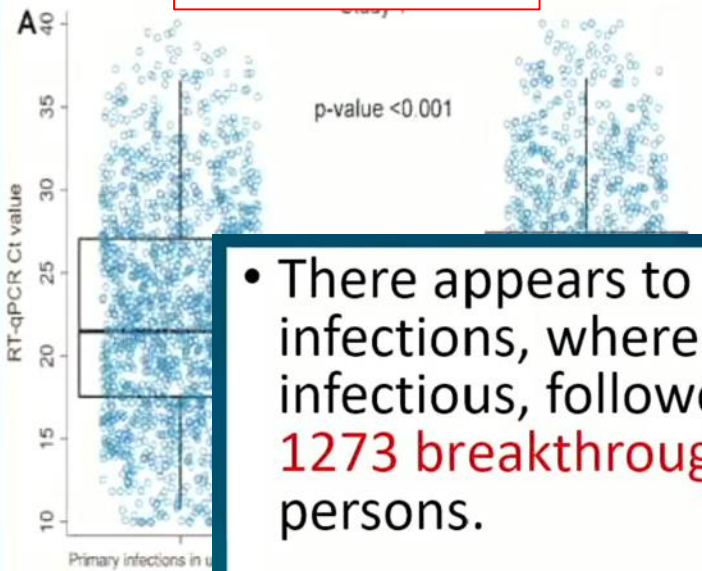
1. Primary infections in unvaccinated individuals
2. Reinfections in unvaccinated individuals
3. BNT162b2 (Pfizer-BioNTech) breakthrough infections
4. mRNA-1273 (Moderna) breakthrough infections

Pre-Delta & Pre-Omicron

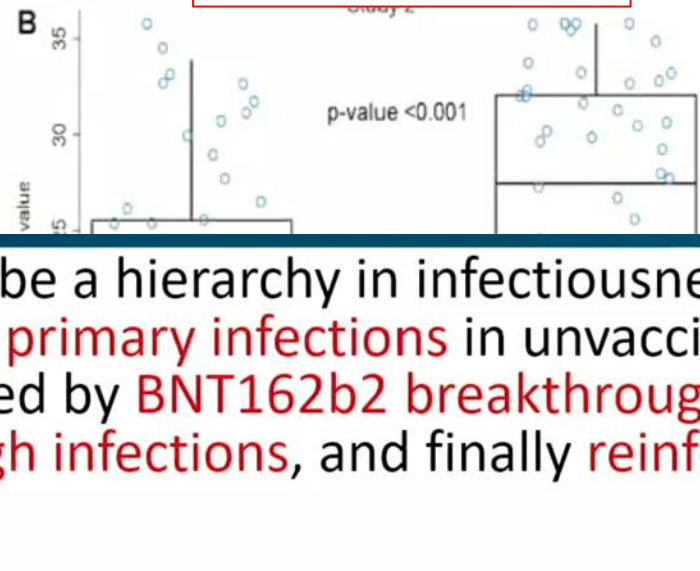




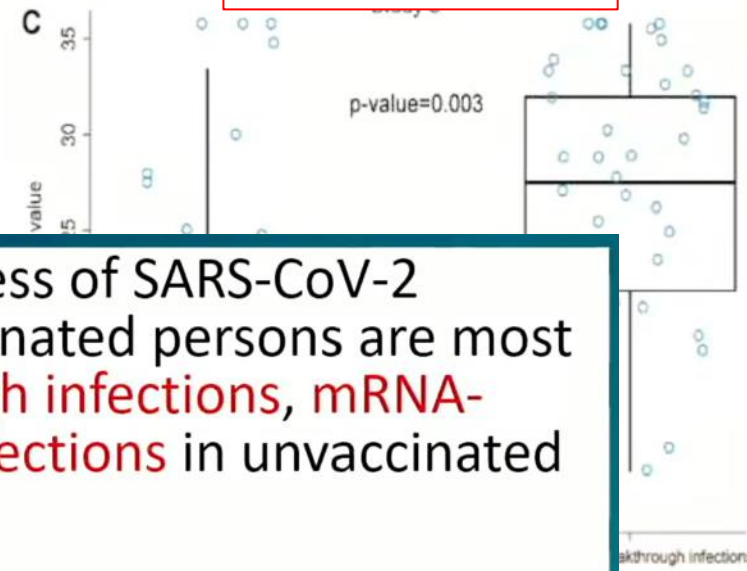
Primary vs Pfizer



Primary vs Moderna

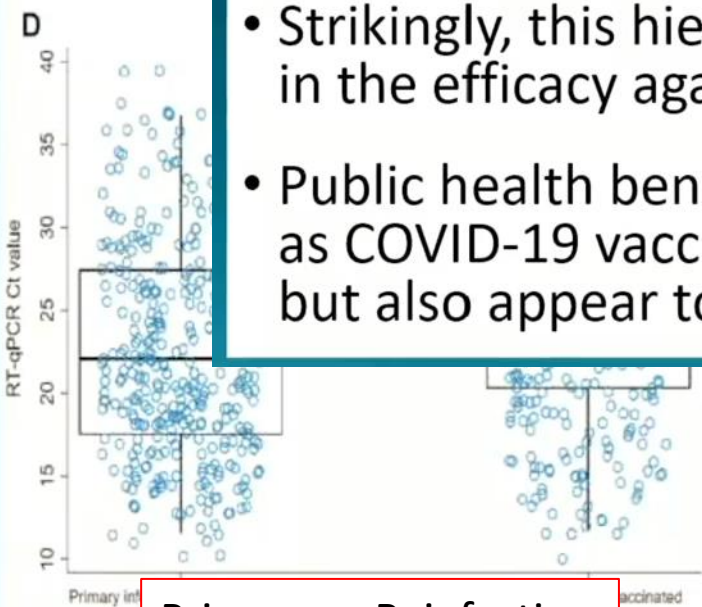


Pfizer vs Moderna

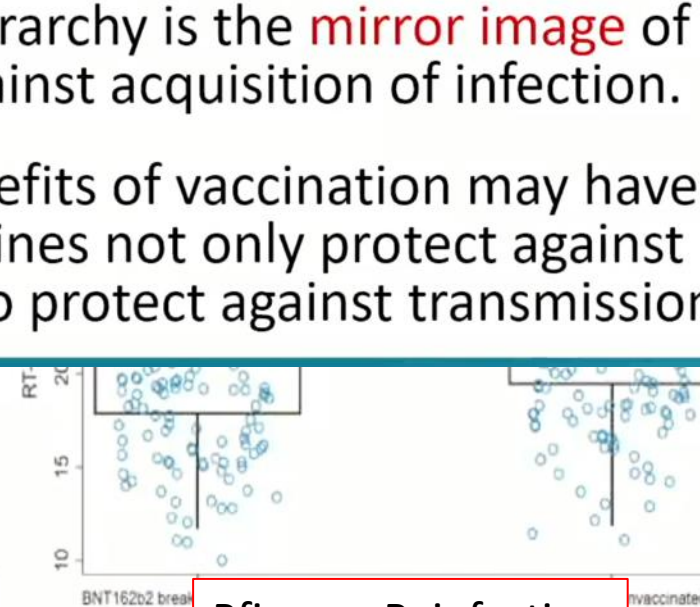


- There appears to be a hierarchy in infectiousness of SARS-CoV-2 infections, where **primary infections** in unvaccinated persons are most infectious, followed by **BNT162b2 breakthrough infections**, **mRNA-1273 breakthrough infections**, and finally **reinfections** in unvaccinated persons.
- Strikingly, this hierarchy is the **mirror image** of the hierarchy observed in the efficacy against acquisition of infection.
- Public health benefits of vaccination may have been **underestimated**, as COVID-19 vaccines not only protect against acquisition of infection, but also appear to protect against transmission of infection.

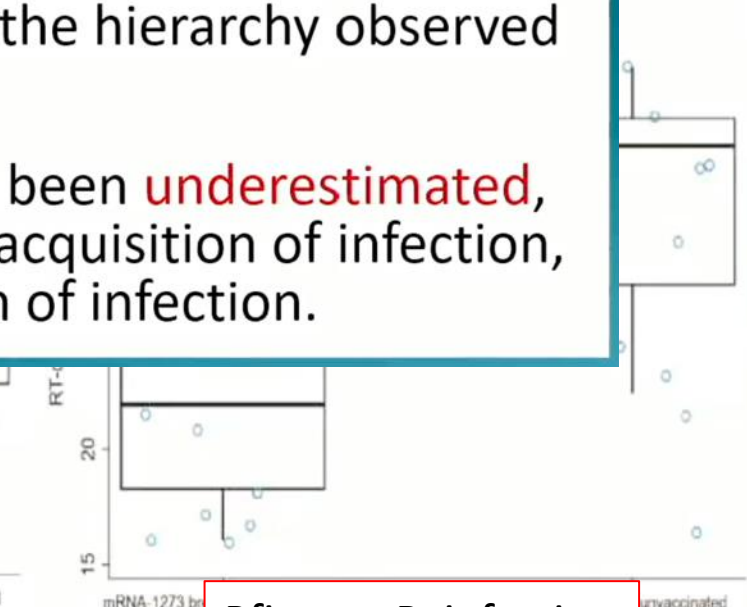
Symptom.  
&  
Asympt.



Primary vs Reinfection



Pfizer vs Reinfection



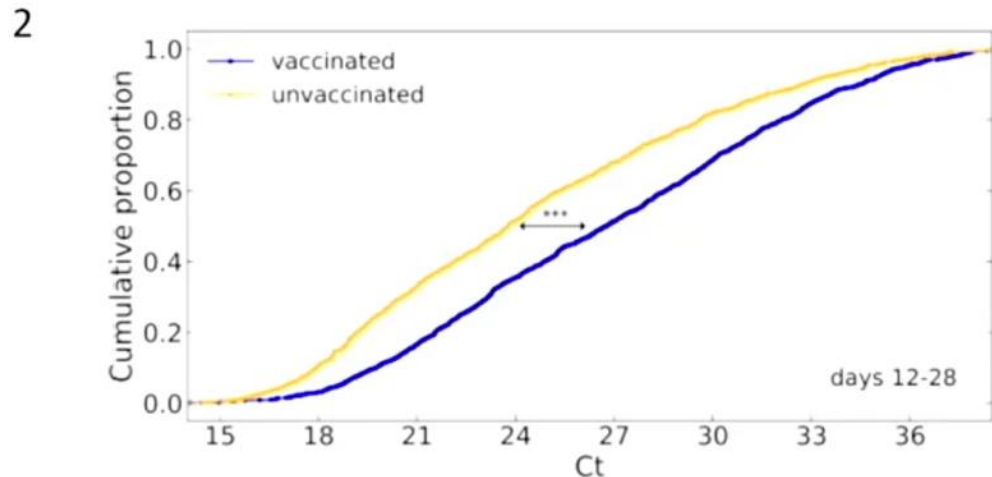
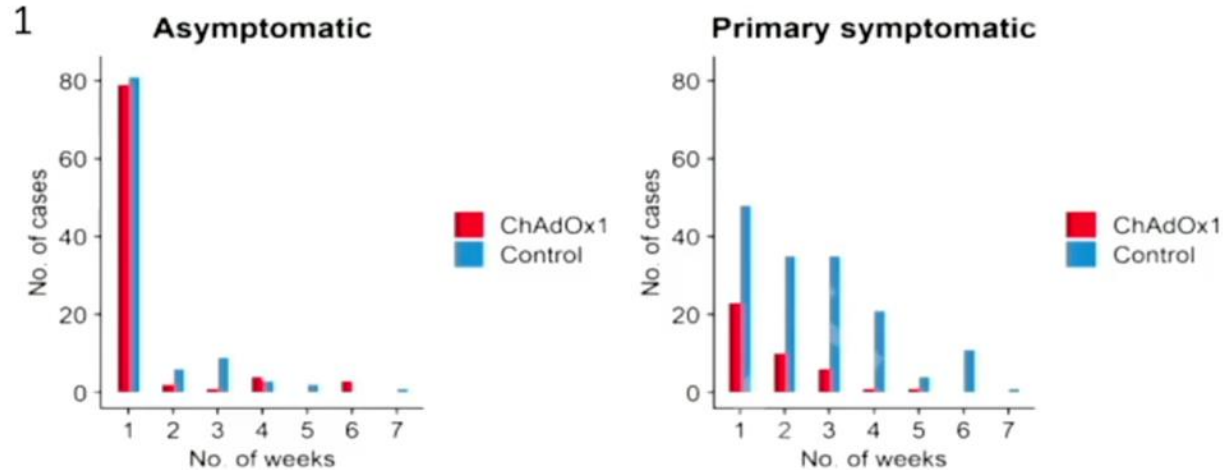
Pfizer vs Reinfection

# Viral load kinetics in partially or fully vaccinated individuals infected with SARS-CoV-2

Annelies Wilder-Smith

## Ancestral strain/Alpha:

Evidence on COVID-19 vaccines and risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission using viral load and duration of protection:



- AZ - ChAdOx1 vaccine
- Using duration of NAAT testing positivity as a proxy measure transmissibility:
- Vaccinated group shed virus for shorter duration of time

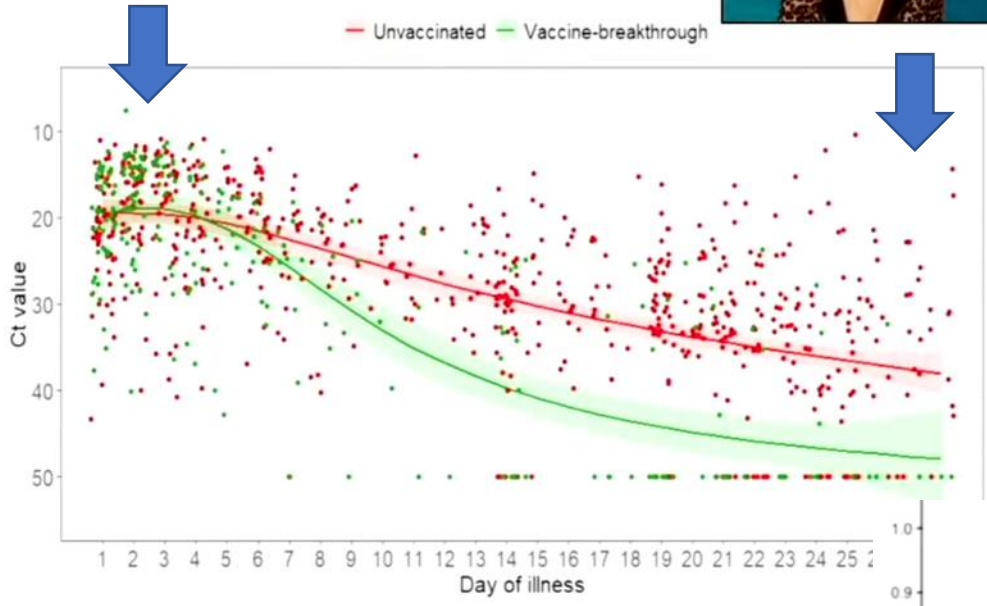
- Pfizer BNT162b2 COVID-19 mRNA vaccine
- Using viral load as a proxy measure of transmissibility
- Vaccinated group had a lower viral load

1. Emary KRW, Golubchik T, Aley PK, Ariani CV, Angus BJ, Bibi S, et al. Efficacy of ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 (AZD1222) Vaccine Against SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 (B.1.1.7).
2. Levine-Tiefenbrun M, Yelin I, Katz R, Herzel E, Golan Z, Schreiber L, et al. Decreased SARS-CoV-2 viral load following vaccination.

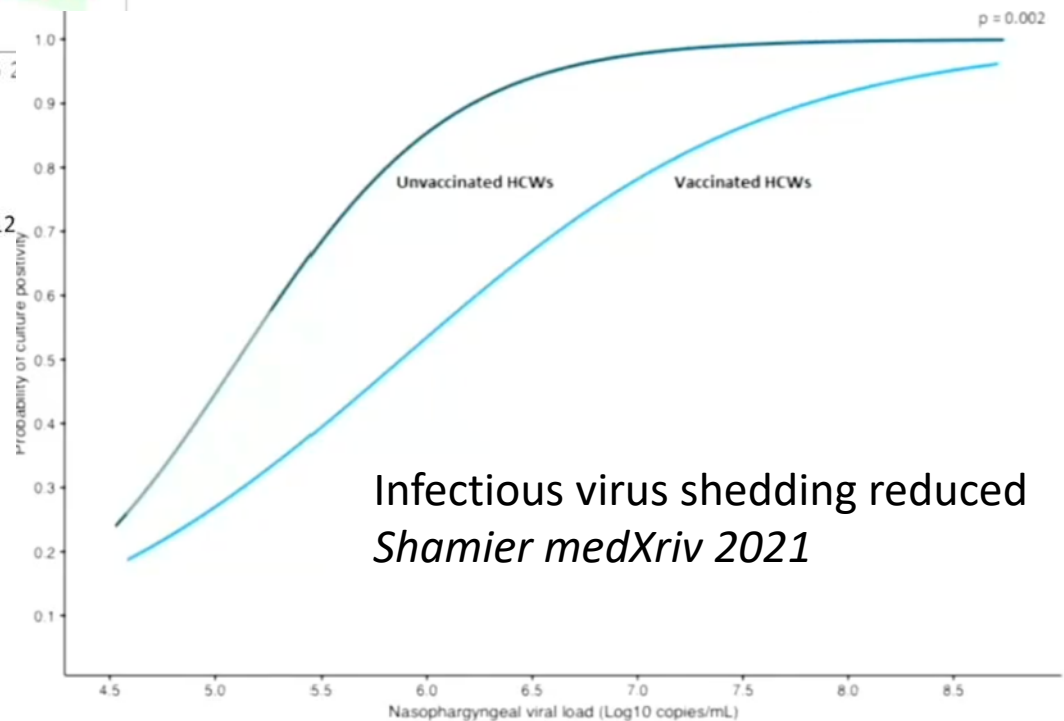
# Delta: Virological kinetics of SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant vaccine-breakthrough infections



- Of 218 individuals with Delta infection, 84 had received a mRNA vaccine of which 71 were fully vaccinated, 130 were unvaccinated and 4 received a non-mRNA
- PCR cycle threshold (Ct) values were similar between both vaccinated and unvaccinated groups at diagnosis.
- Significantly older age in the vaccine breakthrough group
- Vaccination is associated with faster decline in viral RNA load



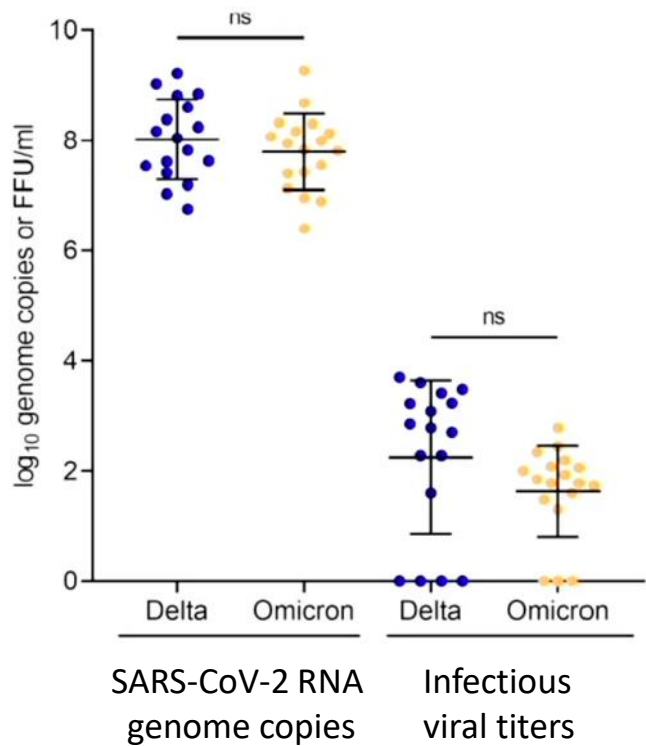
• Chia et al 2021, Singapore 10.1101/2021.07.28.212



Infectious virus shedding reduced  
*Shamier medXriv 2021*



# Omicron



*Puhach medXriv 2022*

## Impact of vaccination on transmission in relation to variant

Outcome	Wild-type and non-Delta	Delta	Omicron
Transmission	↓	↔	↔
Transmission over time	↔	↑	↑
Ct values	↑	↔	↔
Time to viral clearance		↓	↓
Infectivity	↓	↔	↔





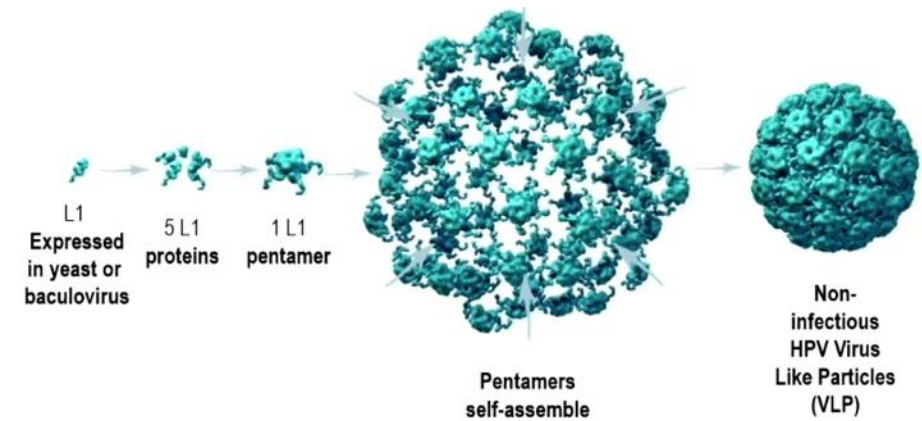
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**Interactive Session 1**

COVID-19 – *John P. Moore*  
HPV – *Margaret A. Stanley*  
Flu – *Florian Krammer*  
Herpes – *Betsy Herold*  
HIV-1 – *Alexandra Trkola*

*John P. Moore: COVID-19 vax: 'It helps if it prevents infection, it matters if it prevents death'*

*Margaret A. Stanley:*

HPV as success of vaccine for a strictly mucosal infection,  
L1 protein assembled as VLP,  
Ongoing work as a cancer vaccine in already infected individuals



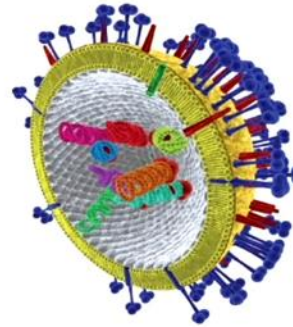
### Natural infection

- 70-80% women 20-30% men sero-convert
- Antibody response to HPV infection is typically slow and weak
- Neutralising antibody responses are to L1
- Cross neutralising antibodies not detected
- Antibody generated in natural infections in women is partially protective against subsequent incident infection but not in men
- Avidity index very variable

### HPV L1 VLP vaccination

- In clinical trials 100% women and men sero-convert
- Peak antibody titres are 2-3 logs greater than in natural infections
- Neutralising antibody persists for >16 years post immunisation
- Both type specific and cross neutralising antibodies detected
- No breakthrough disease caused by vaccine HPV types detected after 16 years follow up in RCTs
- Avidity index consistently high
- No antibody threshold level for the protection provided by HPV vaccines has been identified
- No immune correlate

## Target Overview for Universal Influenza Virus Vaccines



- Internal proteins
- M2e
- Neuraminidase (NA)
- Stalk domain of the hemagglutinin (HA)

### How Sterilizing immunity may be achieved? Getting bnAb vaccines to work:

#### Options:

1. **High bnAb titer** fully blocking incoming virus
2. **Multi-specific bnAb activity**
  - Additive effect of bnAb combinations directed to different sites
  - Goal: efficacy at overall lower bnAb titer
3. **Multi-component vaccines (bnAb+CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells)**
  - First line defense against incoming virus by bnAbs
  - Second line defense against early infected cells by antibody effector functions (ADCC etc.) and cellular immune responses (CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells)

### Can mRNA vaccines solve the HIV-1 vaccine problem?

#### Partially - Yes

- **Game changer in immunogen production and delivery** (easy to manufacture and upscale)
- Will greatly speed up vaccine development.
- Multi-specific vaccines become more achievable
- Improved immunogen exposure: mRNA present for several days

#### Partially - No

- The mRNA platform itself does not solve the HIV-1 immunogen problem – we need immunogens that reliably induce bnAb activity
- Current SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines do not sustain high level titers for extended time

#### New difficulties through SARS-CoV-2 vaccines

- Increasing vaccine hesitancy in many countries
- May impact also HIV-1 vaccine acceptance

## Mandates / Hesitancy

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### **Interactive Session 3**

History - *Ruth Macklin*

Minorities - *Matifadza H. Davis*

## CT design

Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Workshop 4**

Correlates - *Peter Gilbert*

Effectiveness - *Sheena G. Sullivan*





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