

# COVID-19 vaccines update

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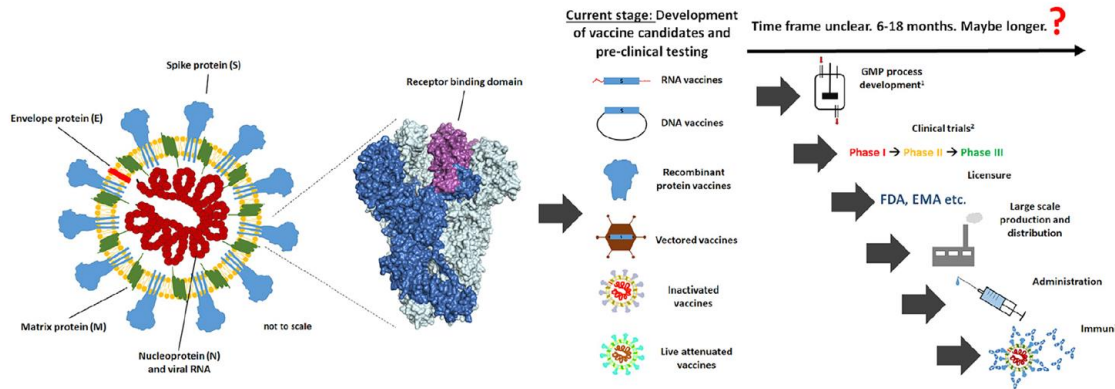


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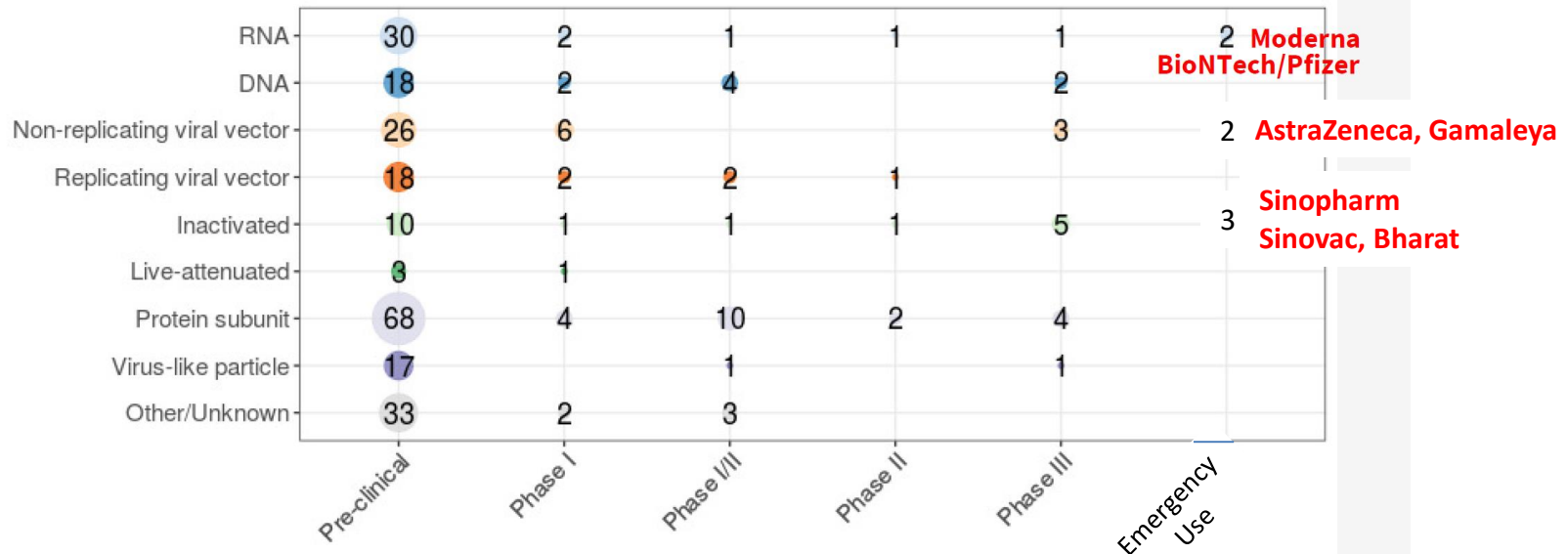
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# From 291 candidates, we have 9 efficacy signals



291 vaccines, 68 in clinical trials, 7 approvals (15 Feb 21)

- Pfizer/BioNTech: VE 95%
- Gamaleya: VE 92%
- Moderna: VE 94.5%
- AstraZeneca: 70% overall  
90% VE: ½ dose / full dose  
62% VE: full dose/ full dose
- Sinopharm: 79%
- Sinovac: 50% 65% 78%? 91%
- Novavax 89%
- Johnson and Johnson 66%
- Cansino 66%



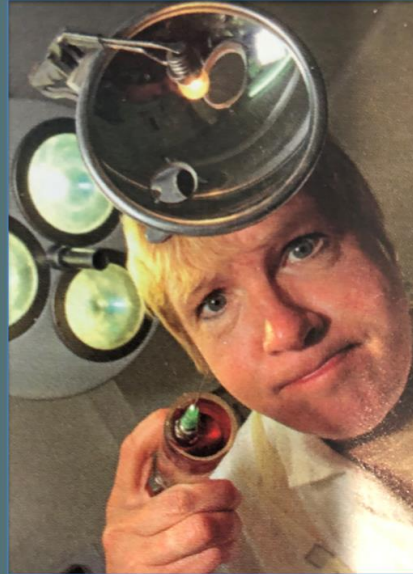
# Phase III vaccines, neutralizing antibody, efficacy

MANUFACTURER	Vaccine	Dose	seroconversion	ID <sub>50</sub>	Efficacy	Regulatory approval	WHO approval
CANSINO	Ad5 spike	1 x 10 <sup>11</sup> VP 1.5 x 10 <sup>11</sup> VP	50% 75%	16 34	<b>66%</b>	China	
SINOVAC	WIV/alum	3 ug x2 (14d) 3 ug x 2 (28d) 6 ug x2 (14d) 6 ug x2 (28d)	>90% 97% >90% >90%	28 44 <sup>1</sup> 34 ~60	<b>50%</b> <b>65%</b> <b>78%</b> <b>91%</b>	China Brazil Indonesia Turkey	WHO expected Mar
GAMALEYA	Ad26 spike - Ad5 spike prime boost	10 <sup>11</sup> VP each	100%	49	<b>92%</b>	Russia	Unknown
Bharat	WIV/alum WIV/alum+IMDG	6 ug x 2 (14d) 3 ug x 2 (14d) 6 ug x 2 (14d)	83% 88% 92%	62 66 48		India	
Johnson & Johnson	stabilized Spike-Δfurin-S.PP	5 x 10 <sup>10</sup> VP  1x10 <sup>11</sup> VP	92%  92%	214  243	<b>66%</b> <b>72% (USA)</b> <b>57% (RSA)</b> <b>85% severe disease</b>		
SINOPHARM	WIV/alum	4 ug x 2 (0,14) 8 ug x 2 (0,28)	100% 100%	211 229	<b>79%</b>	China	WHO expected Mar
PFIZER/BNT	prefusion Spike	30 ug x 2	100%	267	<b>95%</b>	US, UK, EU	<b>WHO approved</b>
AstraZeneca/ JENNER/ Serum Institute / SK bio	chimp ad Spike	5 x 10 <sup>10</sup> VP  5 x 10 <sup>10</sup> VP x2	100%  100%	201  372	<b>62% full dose</b>  <b>90% split dose</b>	UK, India, Thailand, EU	WHO expected Jan-Feb
Moderna	prefusion stabilized spike	25 ug x 2 100 ug x 2	100% 100%	340 PRNT <sub>80</sub> 654 PRNT <sub>80</sub>	<b>94.5%</b>	US, EU	<b>WHO approved</b>
NOVAVAX	prefusion stabilized spike/ Matrix M	5 ug x 2	100%	3350 ID <sub>99+</sub>	<b>89.3% (UK)</b> <b>60.1% (RSA)</b>		

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	100-500
	> 1000

**ID<sub>50</sub> groupings**  
**CAVEAT: assays not standardized**

# If “vaccines” are the answer, what are the questions?

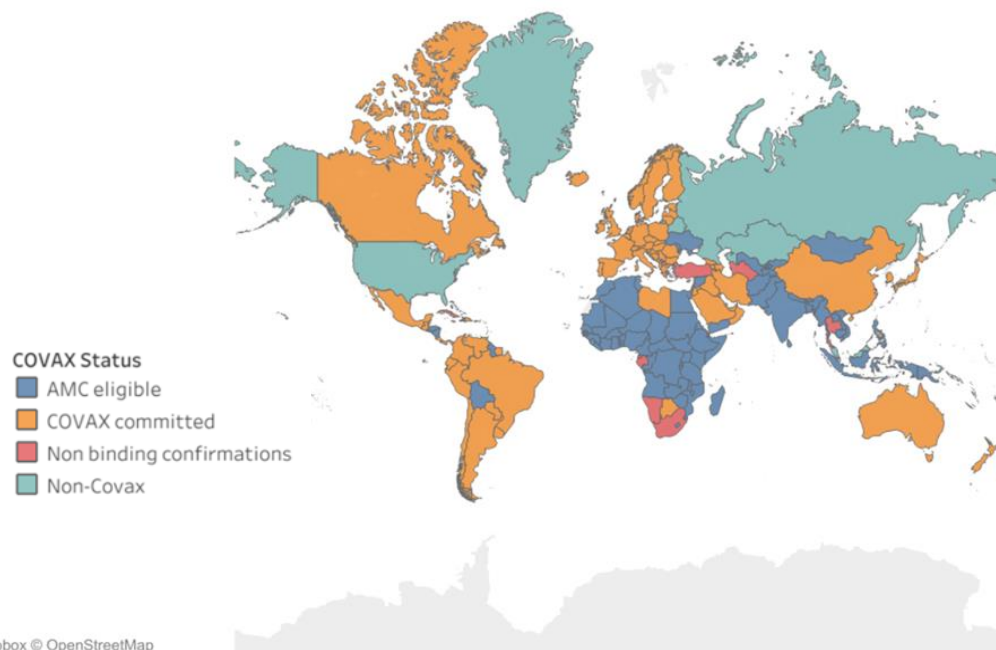


## The BIG questions

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| • Can you prove it works?             | YES |
| • Can you make it?                    | ??? |
| • Can you use it effectively, fairly? | ??? |

# COVAX: potential for near concurrent access

COVAX/Country



Updated 29 Oct 2020, Duke Global Health Innovation Center. (2020). Launch and Scale Speedometer. Duke University. Retrieved from: <https://launchandscalefaster.org/covid-19>

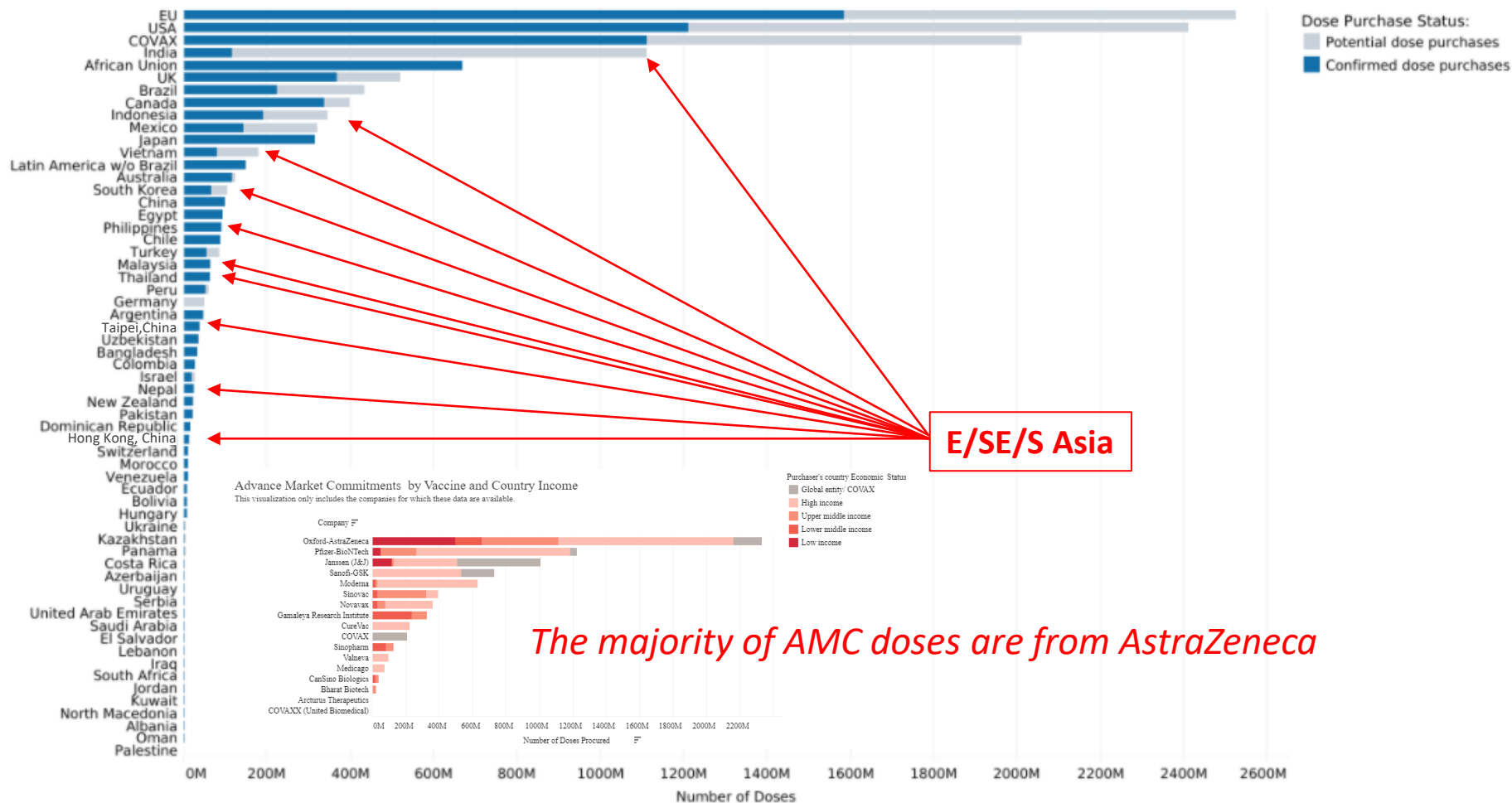
189 countries have joined COVAX

- Organized by CEPI, GAVI, WHO
- Coordinated by Gavi under ACT Accelerator activity
- 92 LMIC could be supported by the COVAX AMC
- 2 billion doses of WHO PQ'd vaccines by end of 2021
- Roughly 20% of need

- **But** 8.8 billion doses are reserved, mainly by high income countries
- Modeling suggests that exclusive use of the first 2 billion doses by high income countries without some equity will **double** global deaths
- 49% of the global economic costs of the pandemic in 2021 (\$4-5 trillion) are borne by the advanced economies despite universal vaccination in their own countries (NBER, Jan 2021)
- Is COVAX at high risk of failure (Reuters/Gavi) or hitting its vaccine commitment targets (WHO)?

# Advanced Market Commitments by Country & Company

COVID-19 Vaccine Advance Market Commitments by Country



# Unicef: vaccine production by companies with WHO PQ experience (purple)

## Reported global COVID-19 vaccine production capacity

The capacity information does not account for vaccine probability of success and may project a highly optimistic view of the potential supply

### View option

- ☐ By vaccine platform
- ☐ By development stage
- ☐ By licensure experience
- ☒ By WHO PQ experience



'WHO PQ Experience' encompasses reported production capacities from developers who have at least one other in addition to having been licensed, has been prequalified by the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/prequal)

## Reported COVID-19 vaccine production capacity (doses)

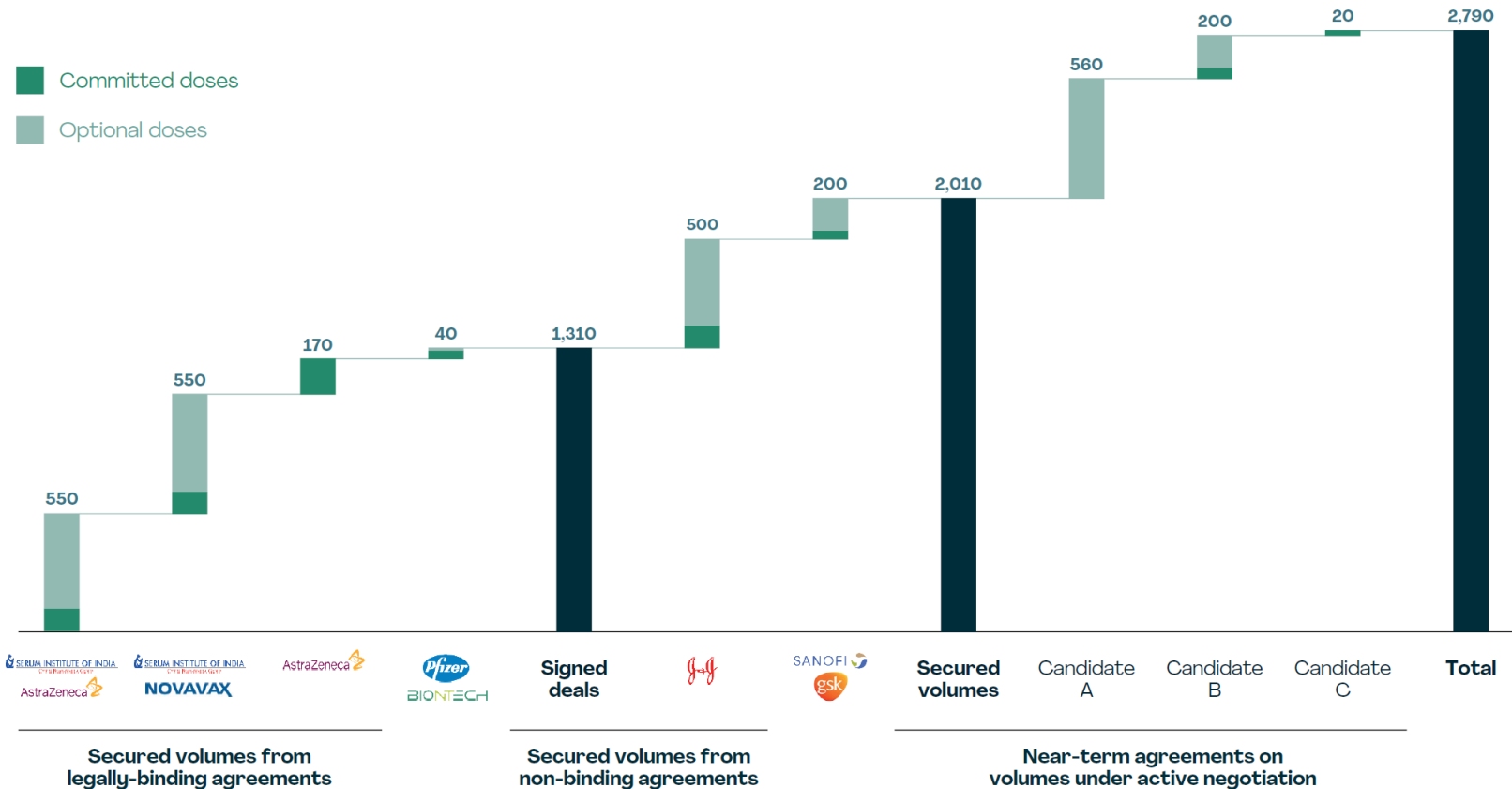
Has WHO PQ experience ● No ● Yes





# MFR: Expected deliveries to COVAX (2021-22 est)

COVAX Available Supply, Mn doses, 2021 and 2022<sup>1</sup>



- If each person globally receives 2 doses = 16 billion doses
- To reach global “herd immunity” = 10-14 billion doses?
- Some estimates 2023-2024 before enough vaccine can be manufactured for all countries to have sufficient vaccination levels

# Delivery: Vaccines don't save lives, vaccination does

- 16 billion doses
- Going from extended program of immunization to a universal program of immunization?
- Logistics, cold chain >> 8,000 jumbo jets for single dose vaccine,  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?
- Multiple vaccine formats, prioritization programs, safety >> record keeping?
- Campaigns, drug stores, schools, work?

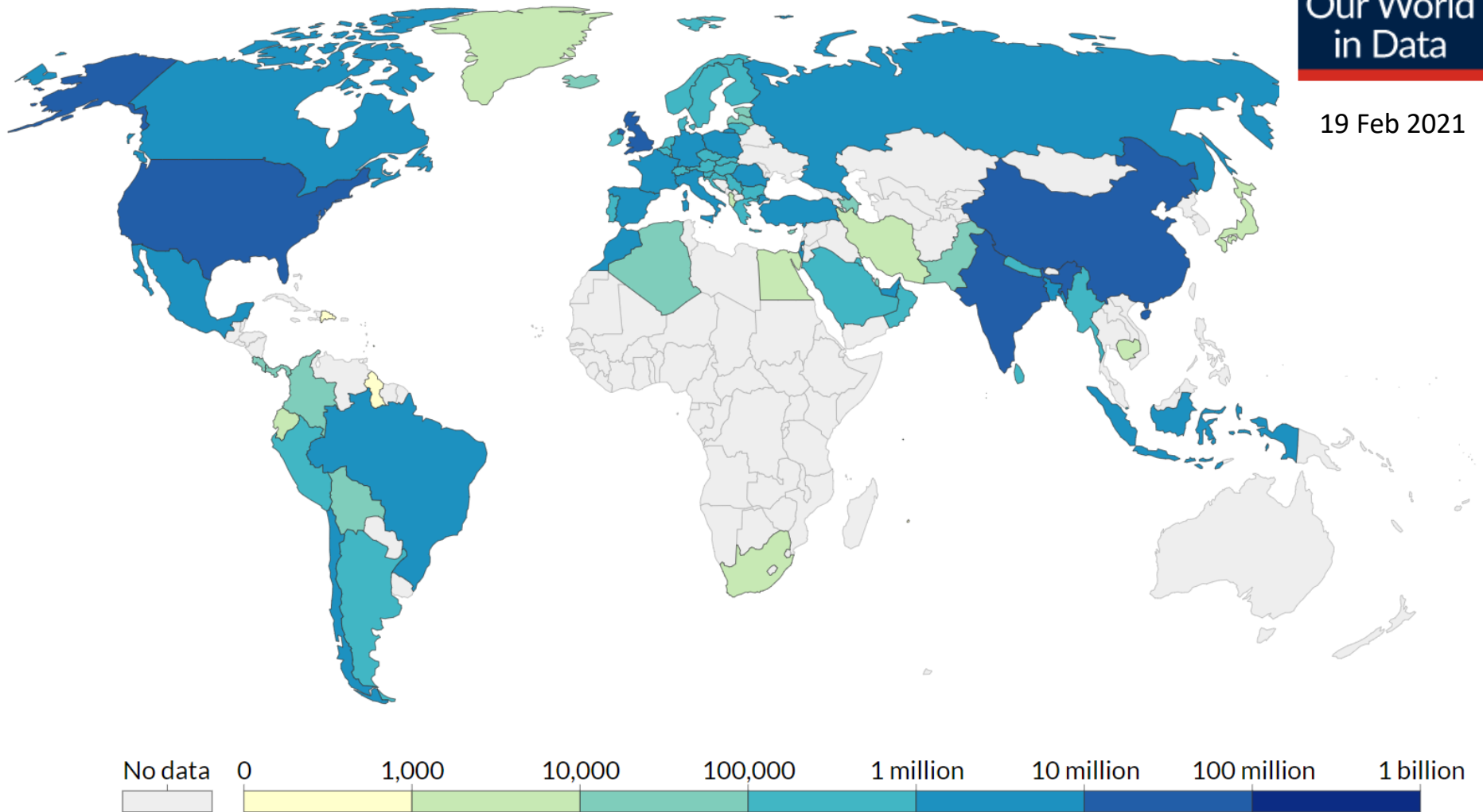
*The vaccine is only a weapon in the fight against COVID, and it needs a comprehensive strategy of prevention, good logistics, an army of vaccinators, and a receptive public.*



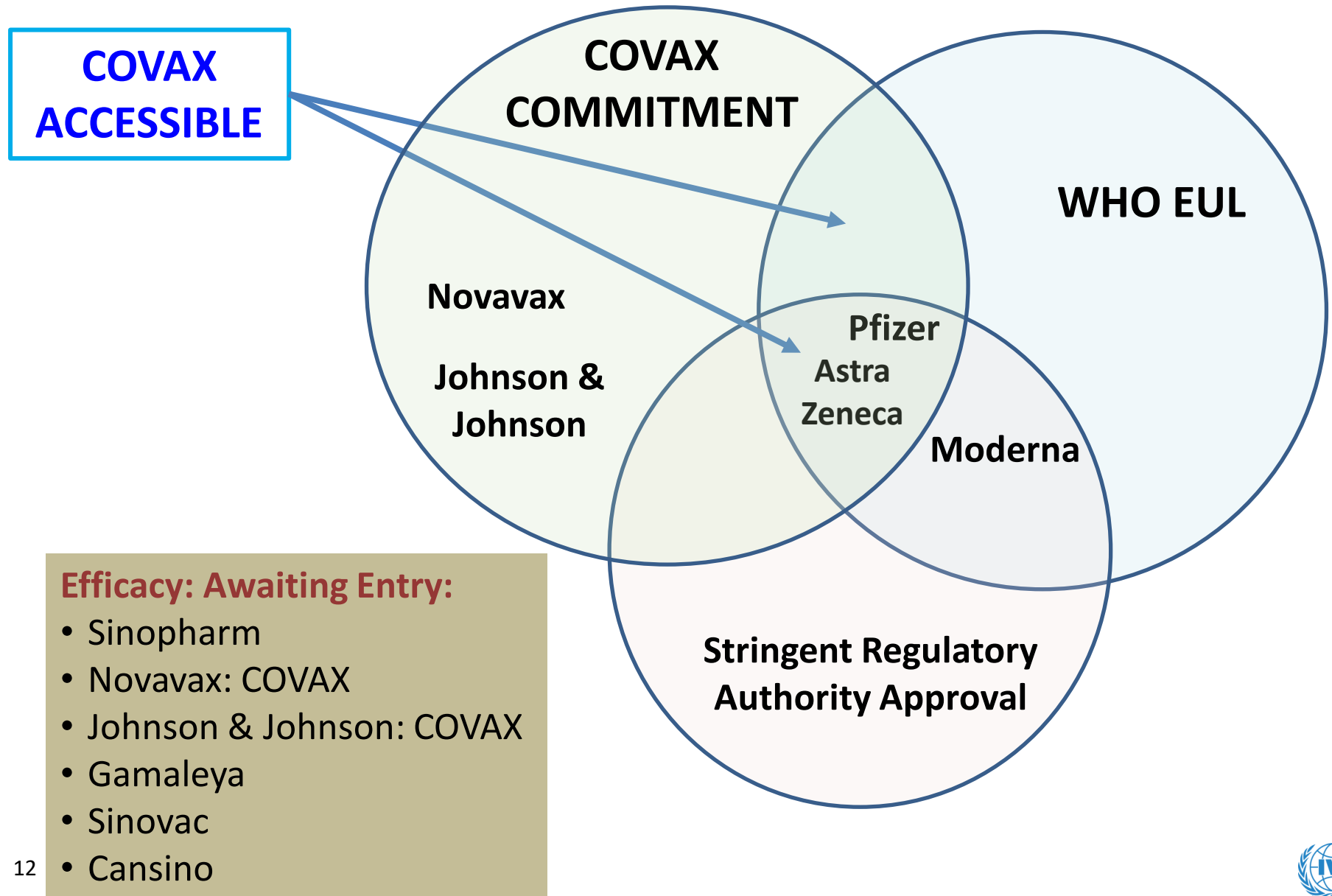
# COVID-19 vaccination: total doses administered

Our World  
in Data

19 Feb 2021



# Entry into COVAX



# Additional questions

- We have 9 vaccines showing short term efficacy & safety: what's next for vaccines?
- The other big questions:
  - Optimization of dose, schedule, boosts
  - Correlates of protection
  - Effectiveness – Herd immunity?
  - Surveillance for mutations or new emerging coronaviruses
  - Longer term safety follow-up / post-licensure safety monitoring
  - Opposition to vaccination

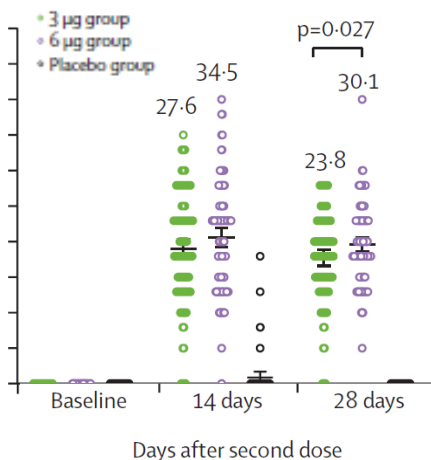
# We need to optimize schedule, dose, boosting

**Voysey et al. Lancet 2020**

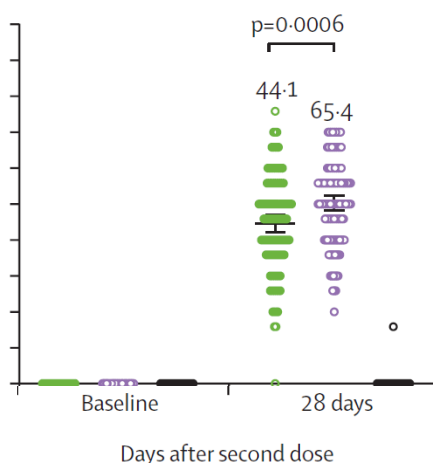
	Total number of cases	ChAdOx1 nCoV-19		Control		Vaccine efficacy (CI*)
		n/N (%)	Incidence rate per 1000 person-years (person-days of follow-up)	n/N (%)	Incidence rate per 1000 person-years (person-days of follow-up)	
All LD/SD and SD/SD recipients	131	30/5807 (0.5%)	44.1 (248 299)	101/5829 (1.7%)	149.2 (247 228)	70.4% (54.8 to 80.6)†
COV002 (UK)	86	18/3744 (0.5%)	38.6 (170 369)	68/3804 (1.8%)	145.7 (170 448)	73.5% (55.5 to 84.2)
→ LD/SD recipients	33	3/1367 (0.2%)	14.9 (73 313)	30/1374 (2.2%)	150.2 (72 949)	90.0% (67.4 to 97.0)‡§
SD/SD recipients	53	15/2377 (0.6%)	56.4 (97 056)	38/2430 (1.6%)	142.4 (97 499)	60.3% (28.0 to 78.2)
COV003 (Brazil; all SD/SD)	45	12/2063 (0.6%)	56.2 (77 930)	33/2025 (1.6%)	157.0 (76 780)	64.2% (30.7 to 81.5)‡
→ All SD/SD recipients	98	27/4440 (0.6%)	56.4 (174 986)	71/4455 (1.6%)	148.8 (174 279)	62.1% (41.0 to 75.7)

Low dose / Standard dose efficacy was 90% vs 62% fo Standard Dose / Standard Dose

Phase 2, days 0 and 14 vaccination cohort



Phase 2, days 0 and 28 vaccination cohort



Four week interval between doses had a higher neutralizing antibody level than a two week interval– what about 6 month interval?

# Efficacy, effectiveness, herd immunity

## Approximate Basic Reproduction Numbers (in Developed Countries) and Implied Crude Herd Immunity Thresholds ( $H$ , Calculated as $1-1/R_0$ ), VE, E for Selected Diseases

Infection	Basic Reproduction Number ( $R_0$ )	Herd Immunity Threshold (%)	Vaccine Efficacy (%)	Effectiveness	References
Diphtheria	6-7	85	97	>95	70,71
Measles	12-18	55-94	94	90-95	71
Mumps	4-7	75-86	95	78	71
Pertussis	12-17	92-94	70-90	75-85	71
Polio	12-15	50-93	80-90	>90	71
Rubella	6-7	83-85	94-95	>95	71
Smallpox	5-7	80-85	90-97	?	71
Ebola	1.5-2.5	33-60	95-100	70	65
Varicella	8-10	87-90	90-98	>95	71
Spanish flu 1918	2-3	50-67	NA	NA	72
Cholera	1-2	50%	42-66%	86%	73-75
SARS-CoV-2	2.5 – 5.8	60-83	60-95%	?	72,76

The vaccines have been shown to prevent disease, not infection or transmission. Herd immunity is about protection from transmission.

<sup>1</sup>Petersen et al, Lancet, 2020 & Ke et al, MedRxiv, 2020

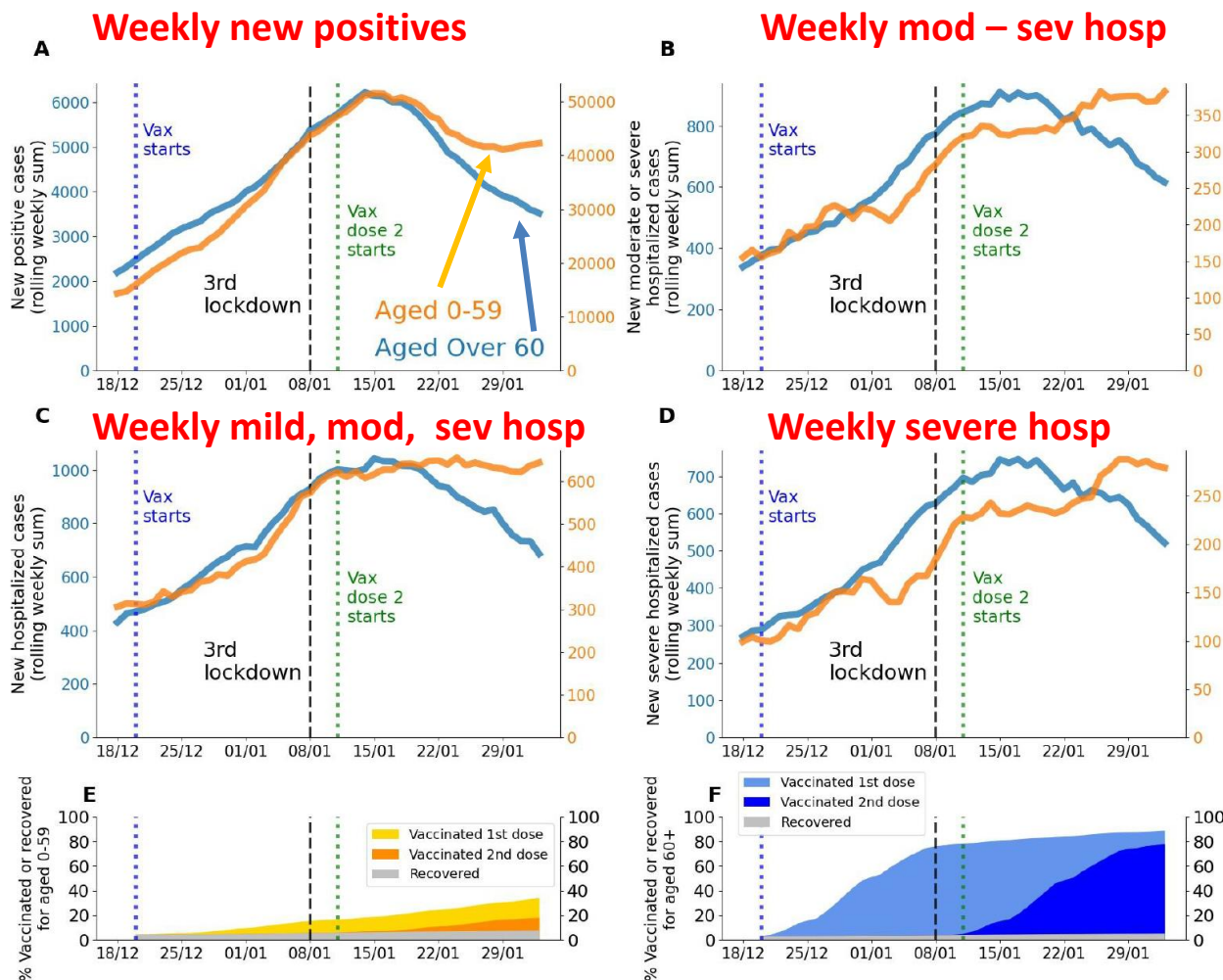
<sup>2</sup>Plotkin SE, et al. Vaccines, 6<sup>th</sup> ed

<sup>3</sup>US CDC Pink Book, but no formal controlled trials





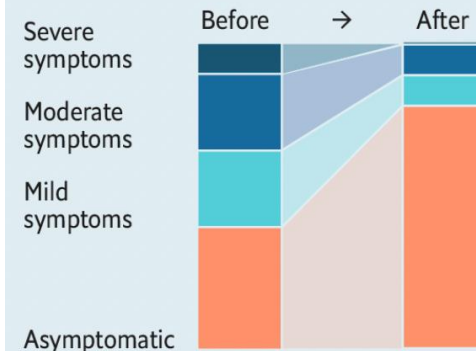
# Impact of Pfizer mRNA vaccine: real world evidence



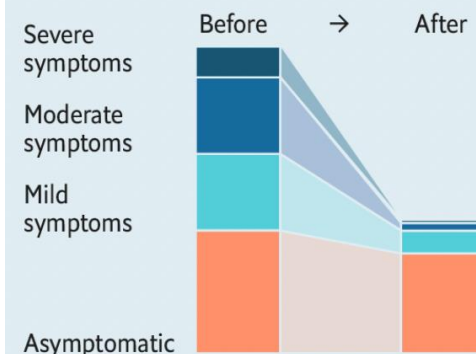
## Downgraded, or shrunk?

Covid-19 infections by severity, before and after vaccination, illustrative example

### Vaccine that prevents disease but not infection



### Vaccine that prevents disease and infection



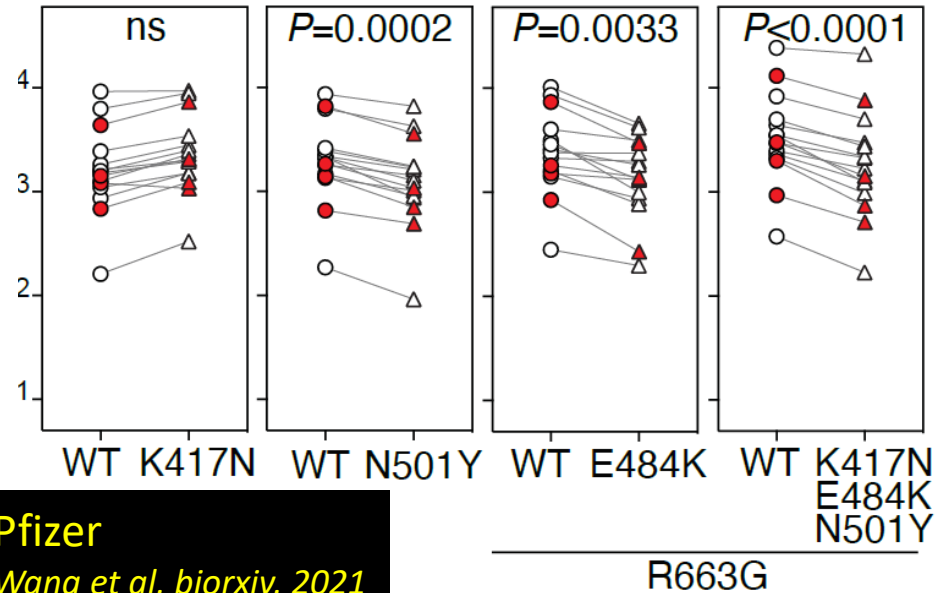
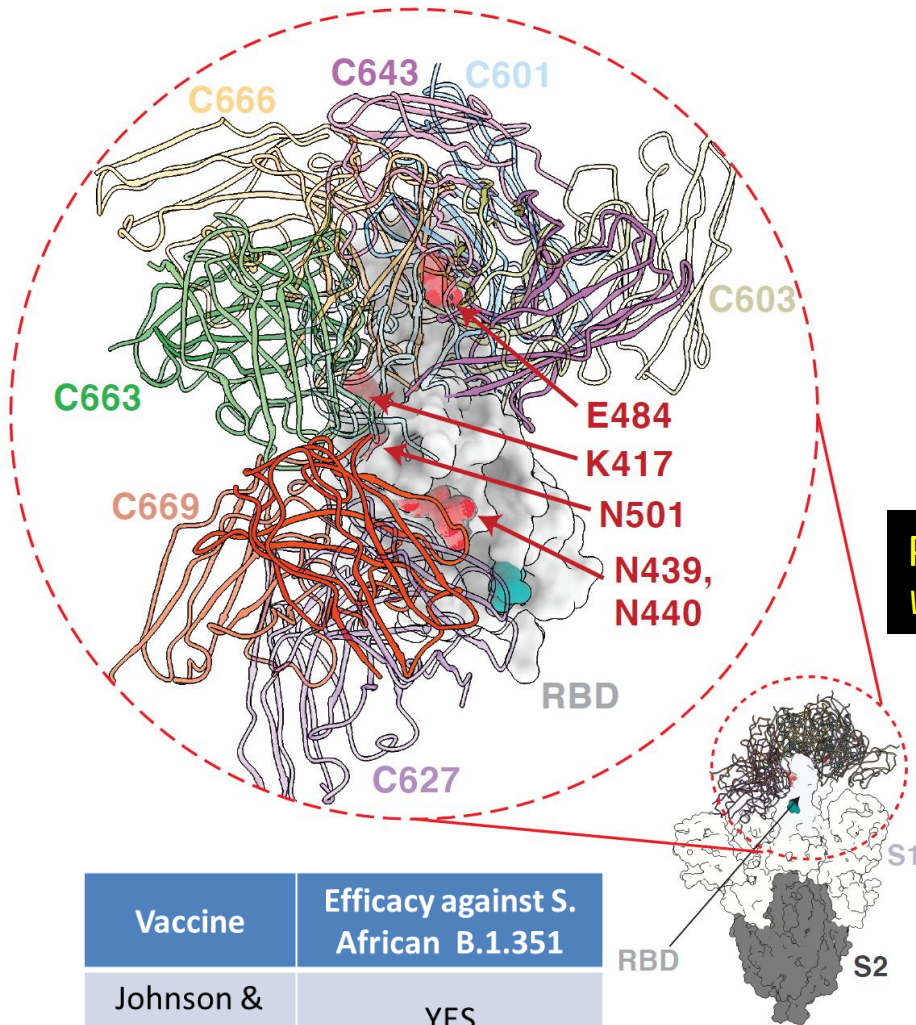
Source: Natalie Dean, University of Florida

## Important questions for COVID-19 vaccines:

- Do COVID-19 vaccines decrease hospitalization and death?
- Do COVID-19 vaccines prevent disease, infection or both?



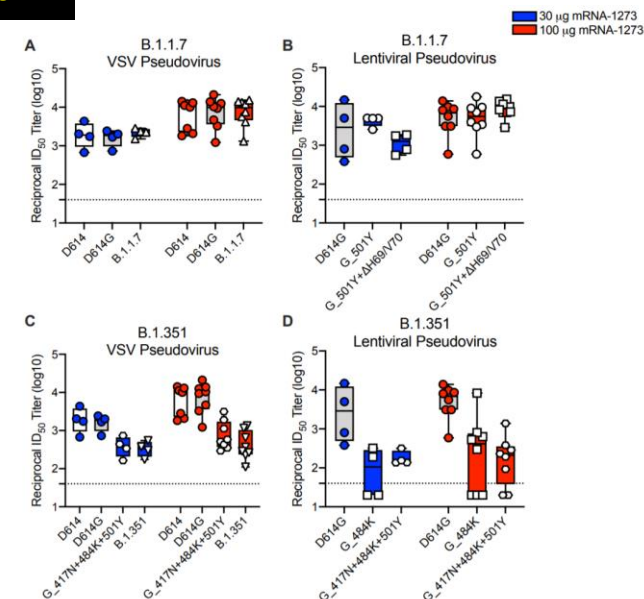
# Vaccines and mutant SARS-CoV-2



**Pfizer**  
Wang et al, biorxiv, 2021

Vaccine	Efficacy against S. African B.1.351
Johnson & Johnson	YES
Novavax	YES
AstraZeneca	NO

**Moderna**  
Wu et al, biorxiv, 2021



- **Does natural COVID infection prevent re-infection?**
  - With “classical” germ-vaccine pairs infection prevents re-infection and those vaccines may be easier to develop
  - With COVID the strong hypothesis is that infection does provide immunity against reinfection
  - **CAVEAT (2021): For some period of time, and not necessarily against mutants**
- **Will we need seasonal COVID vaccines?**
  - The amount of sequence variation in COVID is 8-10x lower than influenza and much, much lower than HIV
  - Current data provides some evidence that COVID-19 infected patients and some vaccines provide protection against the current “new strains”
  - **Uncontrolled spread generates new mutants, and recombination**
- **What are the protective immune (defensive) responses?**
  - Probably neutralizing antibody, possibly other functional antibody
  - Killer and helper T cells may be important
- **Are animal models predictive?**
  - **So far, the vaccines that protect mice, ferrets, hamsters, and monkeys also protect humans**
- **Are there safety concerns?**
  - Possibly, from other coronaviruses, antibody dependent enhancement and enhanced respiratory disease
  - **Human studies have not shown safety issues (through about 3-4 months)**

# And new questions for 2021

- **Nine vaccines, how do we know which to use?**
  - Is there anything in the pipeline that looks better
- **Will we need a bivalent vaccine that covers B.1.351 (S. African variant)?**
  - Do we wait for it?
- **Will COVAX deliver on the 20% of vaccine need promised in 2021?**
  - Where does the other 80% come from and *WHEN*?
  - Will vaccine nationalism undermine COVAX?
  - Will vaccine geopolitics undermine COVAX?
- **Vaccine security, patents and know how**
  - Does every country need its own vaccine manufacturing capability?

# IVI is an International Organization dedicated to Global Health

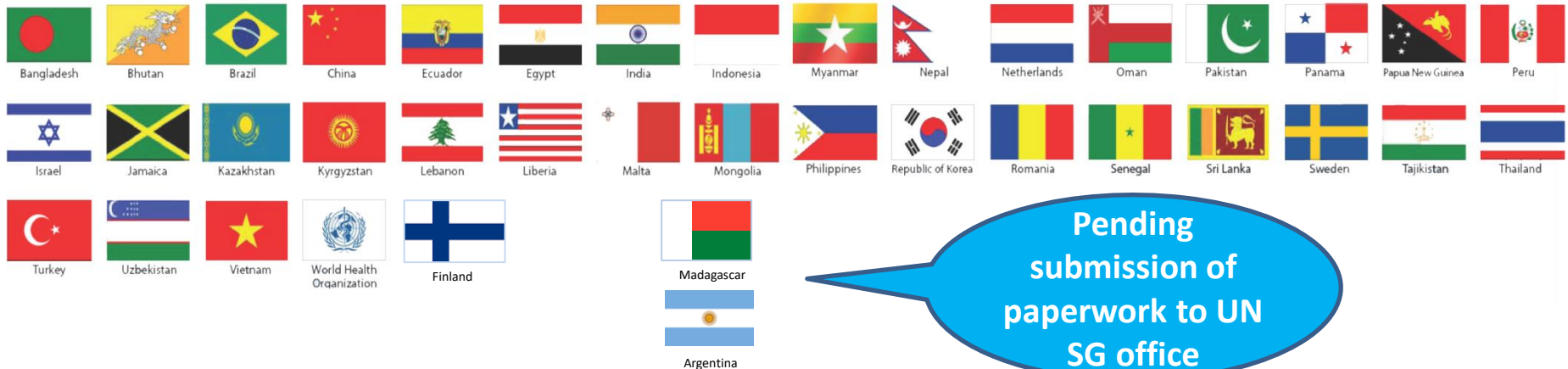


## Global Vaccine Research Institute

- HQ and labs at Seoul National University
- Field programs in 28 countries: Asia, Africa, Latin America
- 19 nationalities in workforce of 169

## OECD-recognized International Organization (not for profit)

- UNDP initiative
- First international organization in Korea (1997)
- 36 countries and WHO as state parties (now 38 – Madagascar & Argentina pending final submission to UN)



*Thank you for your attention!*