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Learning Objectives

Discuss immune response to infection with omicron variant after vaccination



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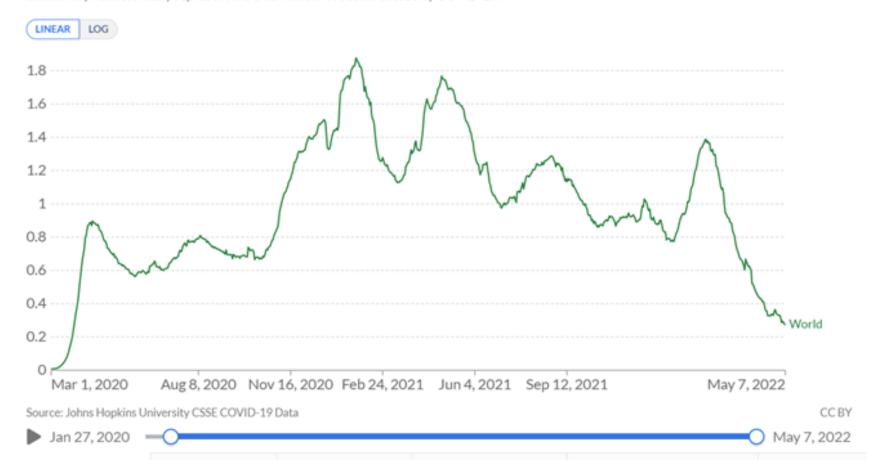


Are mRNA Vaccines Effective in the Omicron Era?

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths per million people



7-day rolling average. Due to varying protocols and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death, the number of confirmed deaths may not accurately represent the true number of deaths caused by COVID-19.





OMICRON CONTINUES TO EVOLVE RAPIDLY

What are the implications for mRNA vaccines?



Omicron Breakthrough

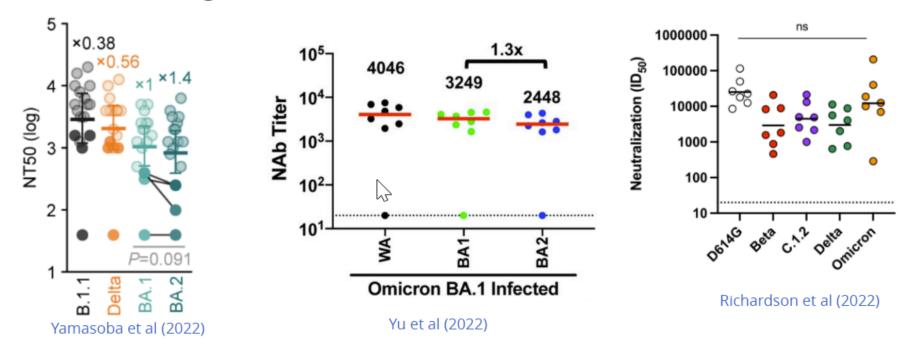
- More common than earlier variants, despite mRNA booster
 - Rationale for booster #2

- Booster #2
 - Enhances vaccine efficacy
 - Decreases risk for severe COVID-19 (only short-term data available)



What Happens if Immunized and Omicron Infected?

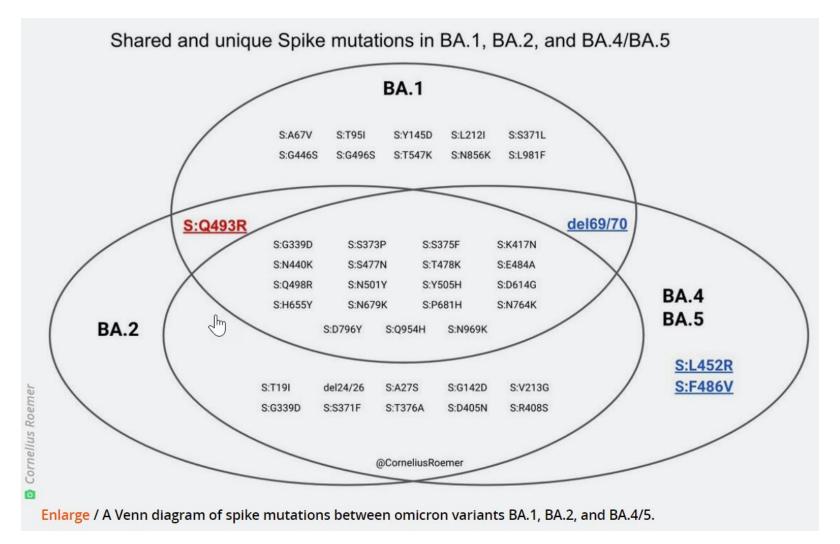
Omicron infection after current vaccine elicits good neutralization of Omicron



Humans vaccinated with current vaccines then infected with Omicron BA.1 neutralize Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 comparably to Delta and older Wuhan-Hu-1-like viruses



Omicron Subvariant Mutations

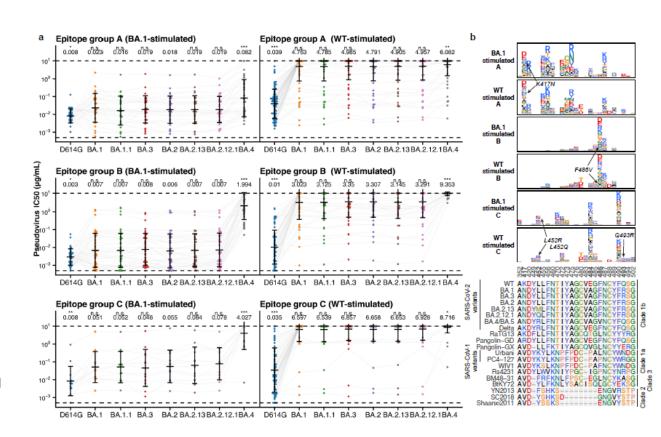


Khan 2022 (preprint)



But what about BA.2 and its Subvariants?

- BA.2.12.1, BA.2.13, BA.4 and BA.5 L452
 mutation
 - All have ↑ ACE2 binding
 - More breakthroughs
 - 2° ↓ neutralizing abs recognizing var.
 - BA.4 & BA.4 ↓ ACE2 binding
- 70-80% memory B-cells post-Omicron breakthrough infection recognize W uhan-Hu-1 vs. ~25% in Omicron infections w/0 vaccination
- Earlier paper
 - ~15% Omicron-induced antibodies recognize Wuhan-Hu-1



Extended Data Fig. 6 | Comparison of BA.1-stimulated and WT-stimulated antibodies in group A, B and C.

Cao, BioRxiv: https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.04.30.489997

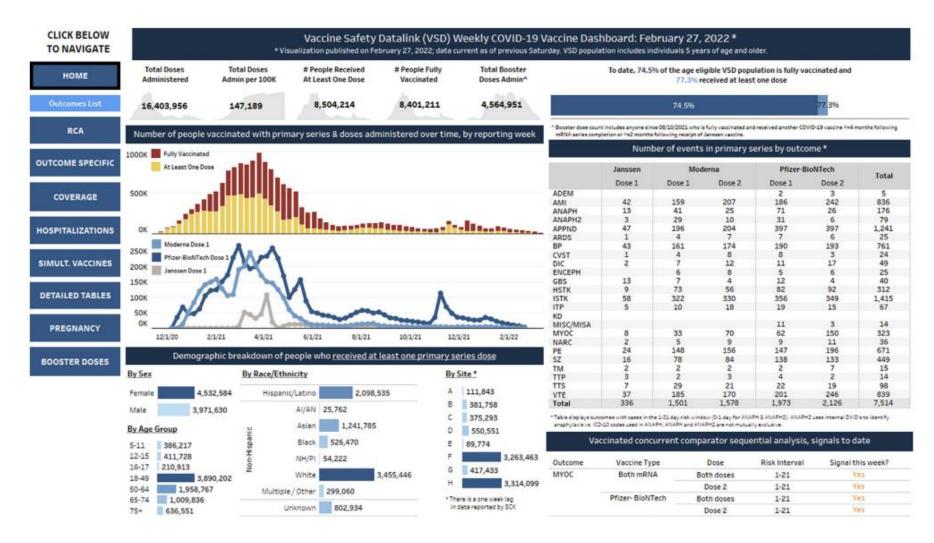


VACCINE DASHBOARD

CDC effort: helpful safety data



CDC Vaccine Dashboard (Sample)



Tat'Yang, Vaccine 2022;40:3064-3071





How much protection does one-way masking provide?





With rapid antigen tests more readily available now, is there much value in PCR tests for most people?



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