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# **Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccines**

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# Presentation Outline



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**Variant-modified vaccine  
experience to date**

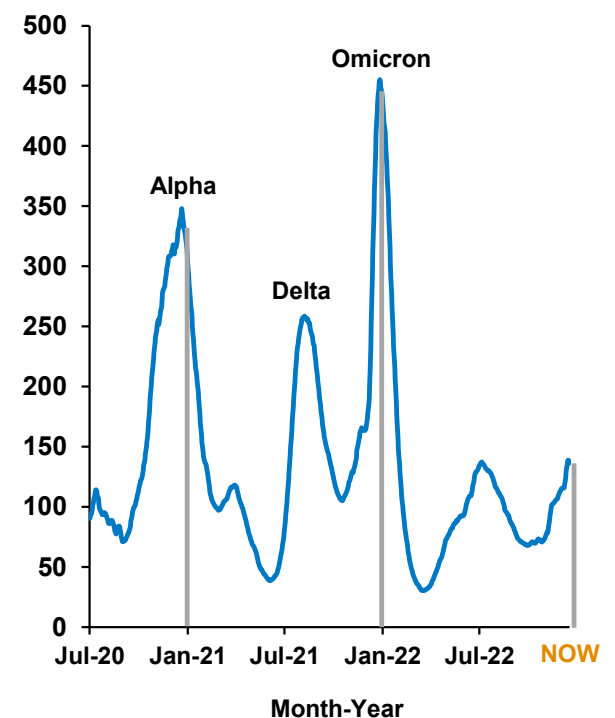
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# Better-Matched Vaccines Restore Waning Immunity and Increase Protection Against Currently Circulating Strains

- **Increase in hospitalizations corresponding to winter respiratory season in United States<sup>1</sup>**
  - >4000 hospitalizations and >300 deaths per day in US<sup>1</sup>
- **The role of better-matched COVID-19 vaccines:**
  - **Restore waning immunity** against hospitalization observed ~3-6 months after vaccination<sup>2-4</sup>
  - **Better neutralizing activity** against current strains<sup>5</sup>
  - **Increased protection** against a range of Covid-19 outcomes including symptomatic illness, UC/ED visits, and hospitalizations<sup>6-9</sup>

Weekly Hospitalizations per Million, US

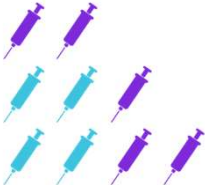


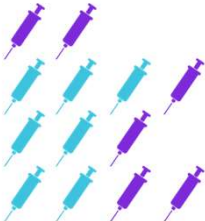












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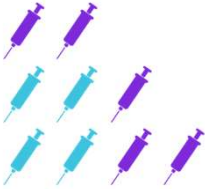


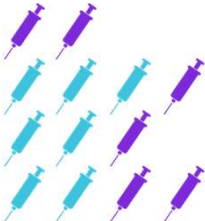








UC/ED is urgent care or emergency department visits.

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Modified Vaccine	Age Group	Vaccine Regimen	Clinical Data	Preclinical Data
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Omicron BA.1 monovalent	18 to 55 years			
Omicron BA.1 bivalent	18 to 55 years >55 years			
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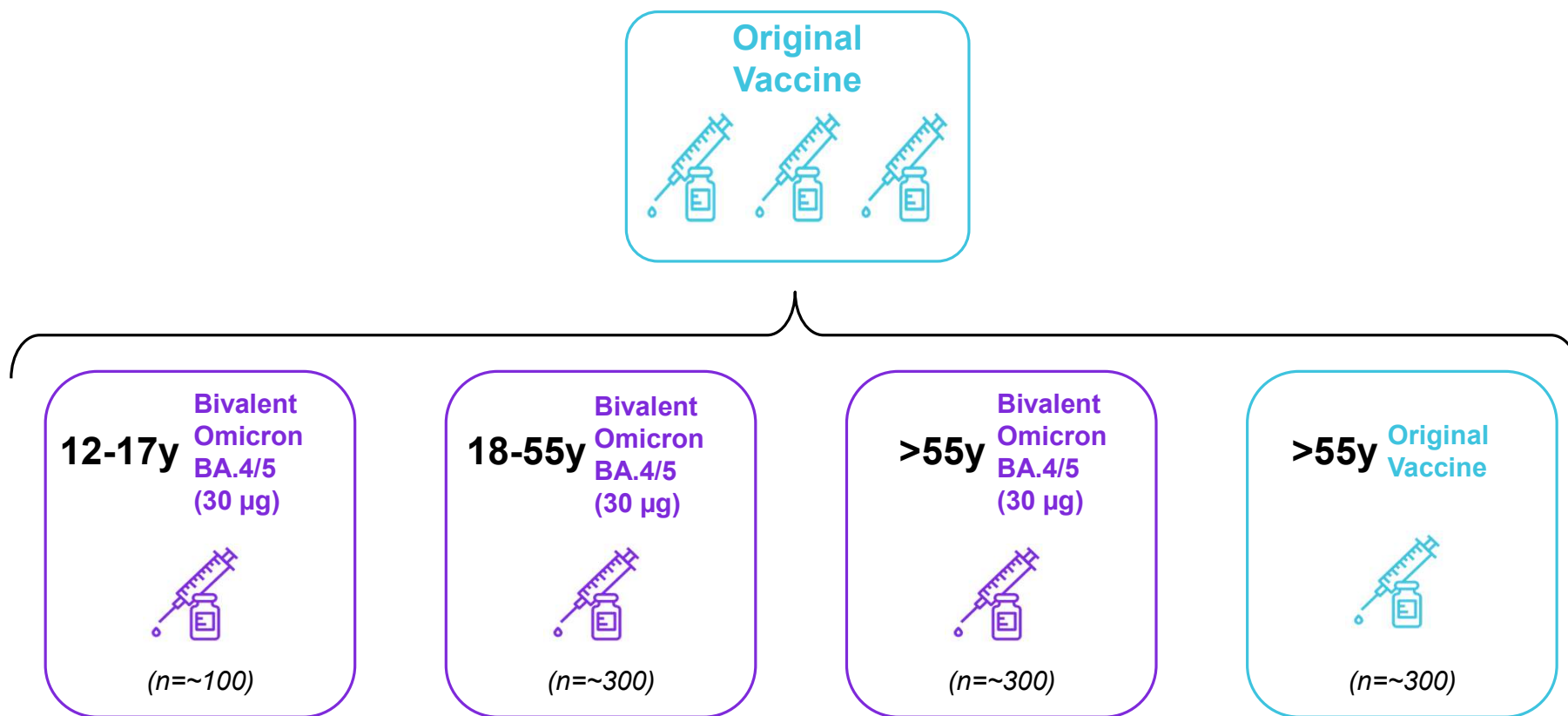


Variant Vaccine



# Clinical Study Evaluated Bivalent Omicron BA.4/5-modified Vaccine as a Booster in Vaccine-experienced Participants $\geq 12$ years

## Comparison of Responses Between Bivalent and Original Monovalent Vaccines



# Demographics for Bivalent Omicron BA.4/5-modified and Original Vaccine Comparator in Vaccine-Experienced Participants

	Vaccine Group			Original Vaccine
	Bivalent BA.4/5			
	12-17y N=105 n (%)	18-55y N=297 n (%)	>55y N=286 n (%)	>55y N=289 n (%)
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	58 (55.2)	104 (35.0)	129 (45.1)	134 (46.4)
Female	47 (44.8)	193 (65.0)	157 (54.9)	155 (53.6)
<b>Age</b>				
Median	15.0	41.0	65.0	66.0
Min, max	(12, 17)	(18, 55)	(56, 87)	(56, 87)
<b>Previous SARS-CoV-2 infection status at study baseline</b>				
Negative	26 (24.8)	84 (28.3)	110 (38.5)	246 (85.1)
Positive	79 (75.2)	213 (71.7)	176 (61.5)	41 (14.2)
<b>Time since last dose of original vaccine prior to study vaccine (months)</b>				
Median	8.4	11.3	11.5	6.3
Min, max	(5.6, 12.0)	(5.4, 13.0)	(5.5, 12.9)	(5.3, 13.0)

Previous SARS-CoV-2 infection status confirmed by medical history, serology and/or RT-PCR at study baseline



# Omicron BA.4/5 GMR Superiority and Reference Strain GMR Non-inferiority Met for Bivalent BA.4/5 Vaccine

>55y participants

**Evaluable Participants With or Without Evidence of Previous Infection Through 1 Month After Vaccination**

SARS CoV 2 Neutralization Assay	Bivalent BA.4/5 GMT (95% CI) n 284 286	Original Vaccine GMT (95% CI) n 282 289	GMR (95% CI)	Conclusion
Omicron BA.4/5	4158.1 (3554.8, 4863.8)	938.9 (802.3, 1098.8)	2.91 (2.45, 3.44)	Superiority Met
Reference strain	16250.1 (14499.2, 18212.4)	10415.5 (9366.7, 11581.8)	1.38 (1.22, 1.56)	Non-inferiority Met

**Omicron BA.4/5 GMR Superiority Criterion:** the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the GMR is >1

**Reference strain GMR Non-inferiority Criterion:** the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the GMR is >0.67 and the point estimate of the GMR is ≥0.8

**Omicron BA.4/5 Seroresponse Also Met Non-inferiority Criterion**  
(Lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the percentage difference is greater than -5)

GMRs and associated 95% CIs were calculated using a linear regression model with terms of baseline neutralizing titer and vaccine group.  
Omicron BA.4/5 & Reference strain NT50 measured using validated 384-well assay

# Omicron BA.4/5 GMR Non-inferiority Met for Bivalent BA.4/5 Vaccine Responses

18-55y to >55y participants

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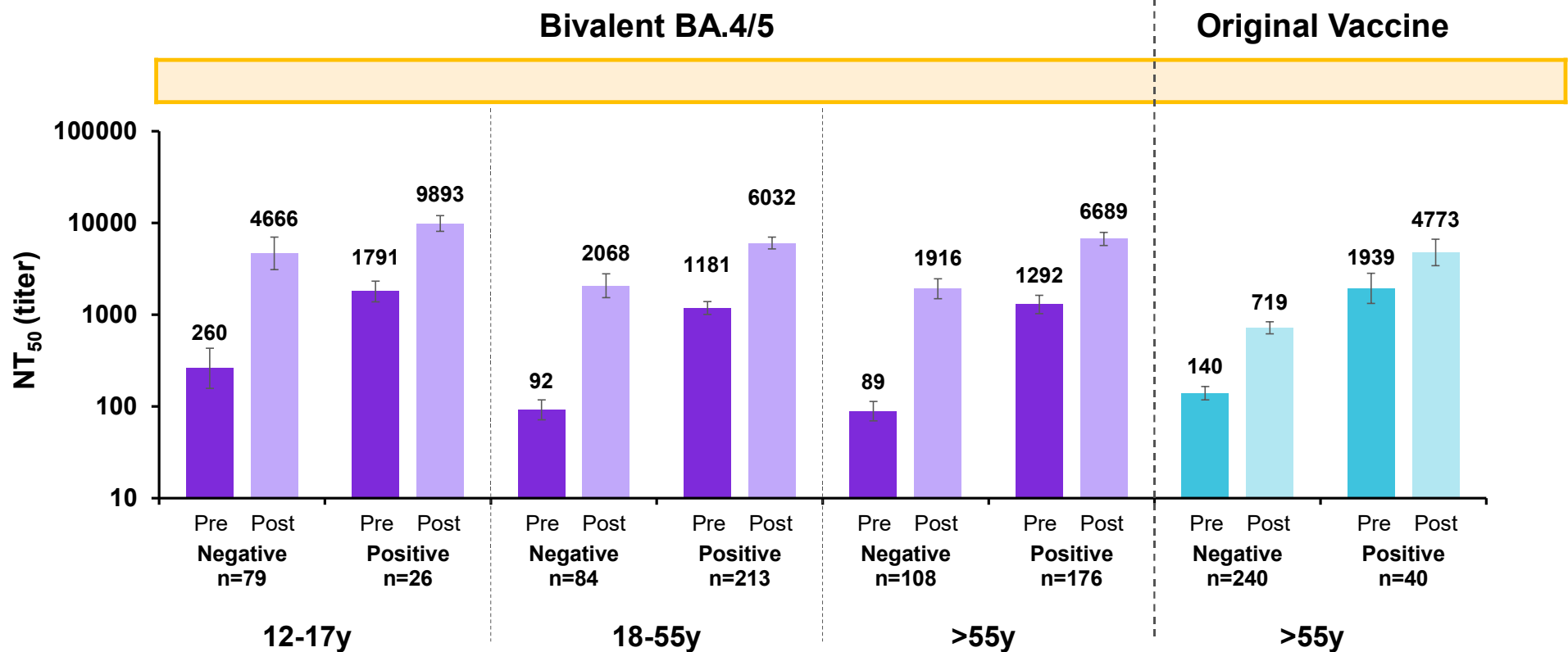
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	18 55y n 297 296	>55y n 284 286		
Omicron BA.4/5	4455.9 (3851.7, 5154.8)	4158.1 (3554.8, 4863.8)	0.98 (0.83, 1.16)	18-55y non-inferior to >55y
Reference strain	16323.3 (14686.5, 18142.6)	16250.1 (14499.2, 18212.4)	Similar GMTs (descriptive analysis)	

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**Omicron BA.4/5 Seroresponse Also Met Non-inferiority Criterion**  
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# Bivalent Omicron BA.4/5 Elicits Improved Omicron BA.4/5 Neutralizing Response Compared to Original Vaccine Across Age Groups



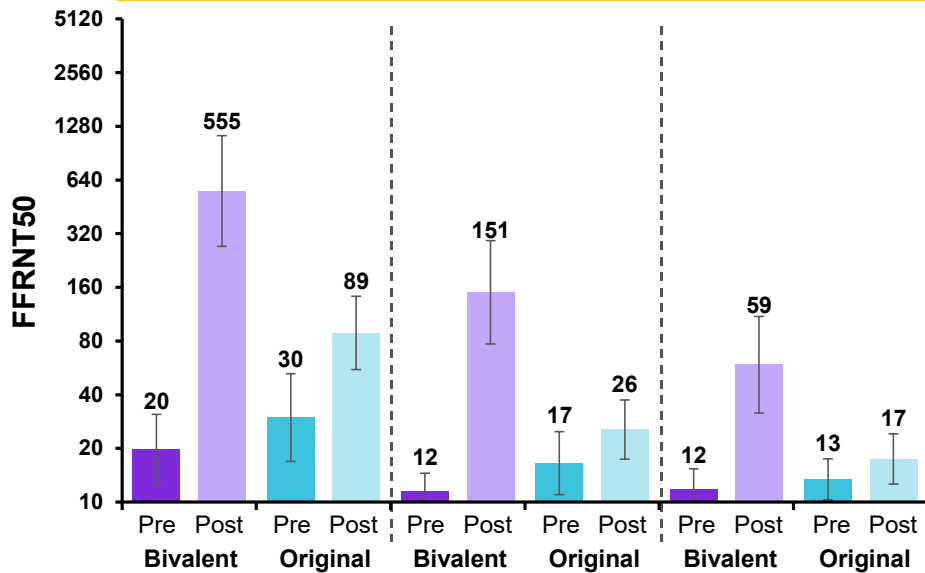
Pre = Pre-dose 4; Post = 1-month post dose 4.

# Higher Omicron Sublineage Neutralizing Responses with Bivalent BA.4/5 Vaccine Regardless of Prior SARS-CoV-2 Infection

>55y participants

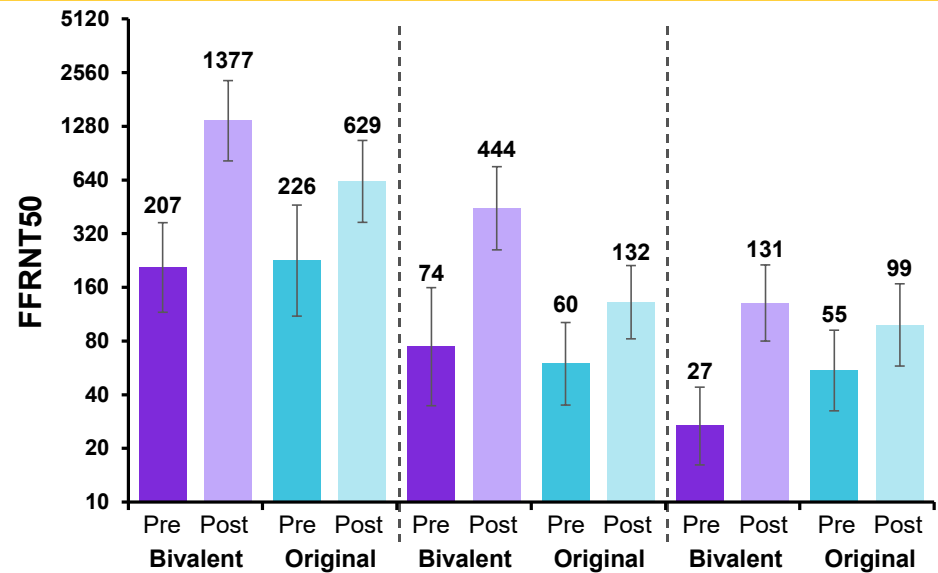
Participants *Without* Prior SARS-CoV-2 Infection at Baseline

BA.4/5		BQ.1.1		XBB.1	
28.3	3.0	12.6	1.5	4.7	1.3







Participants *With* Prior SARS-CoV-2 Infection at Baseline

BA.4/5		BQ.1.1		XBB.1		GMFR
6.7	2.8	6.0	2.2	4.9	1.8	



Pre = Pre-dose 4; Post = 1-month post dose 4; FFRNT<sub>50</sub> = 50% fluorescent focus reduction neutralization titers; GMFR = geometric mean fold rises; GMT = geometric means of neutralization titers; The whiskers indicate 95% CI.

# Bivalent BA.4/BA.5 Vaccine Post-Authorization Studies

Modified Vaccine	Age Group	Vaccine Regimen	Clinical Data
Omicron BA.4/BA.5 bivalent	6 months to 11 years 12 to 55 years >55 years		✓
Omicron BA.4/BA.5 bivalent Booster	5 to 11 years		✓
Omicron BA.4/BA.5 bivalent Primary series	6 months to 5 years		Ongoing
Omicron BA.4/BA.5 bivalent Booster	6 months to 5 years		✓



Original Vaccine

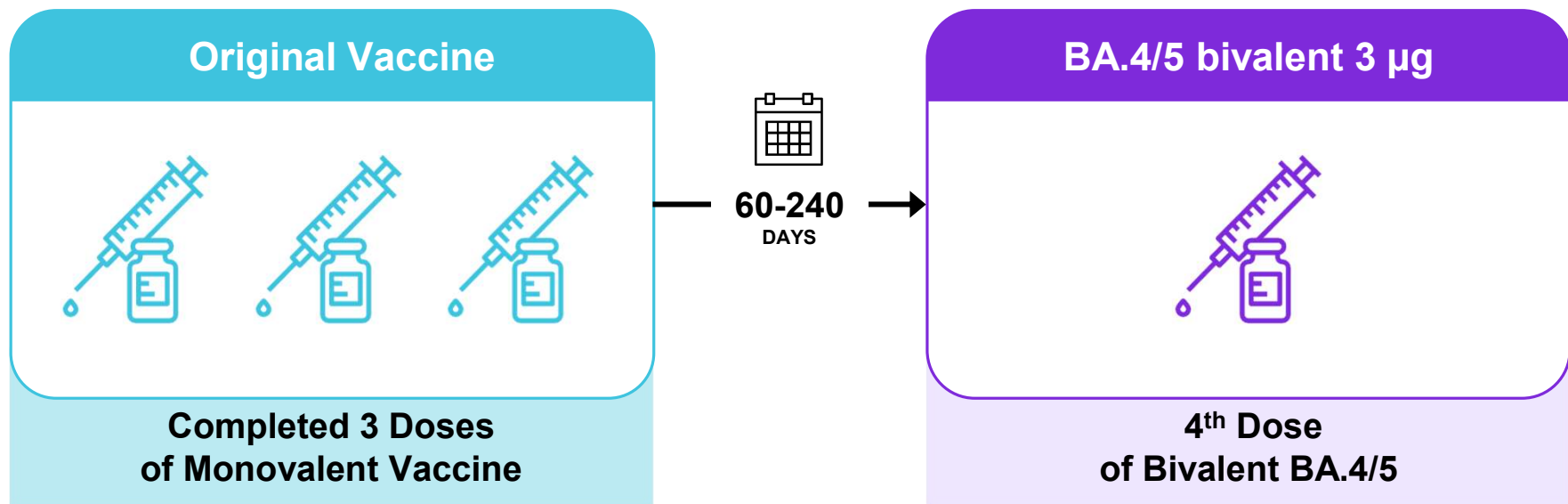


Variant Vaccine

# Clinical Study to Evaluate Bivalent Omicron BA.4/5-modified Vaccine in Vaccine-Experienced Participants

6M to <5y participants

## Immunogenicity and Safety of 4th Dose of Bivalent BA.4/5 (3 µg) (n = ~300)



**Safety and immunogenicity was assessed in a subset of 60 participants.**  
**Median interval from Dose 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> Dose Booster was ~6.5 months.**

Note: Subset includes the first 24 and 36 participants enrolled in ≥6 months to <2 years age group and ≥2 years to <5 years age group, respectively

Additional evaluations in 6M to <5 years:

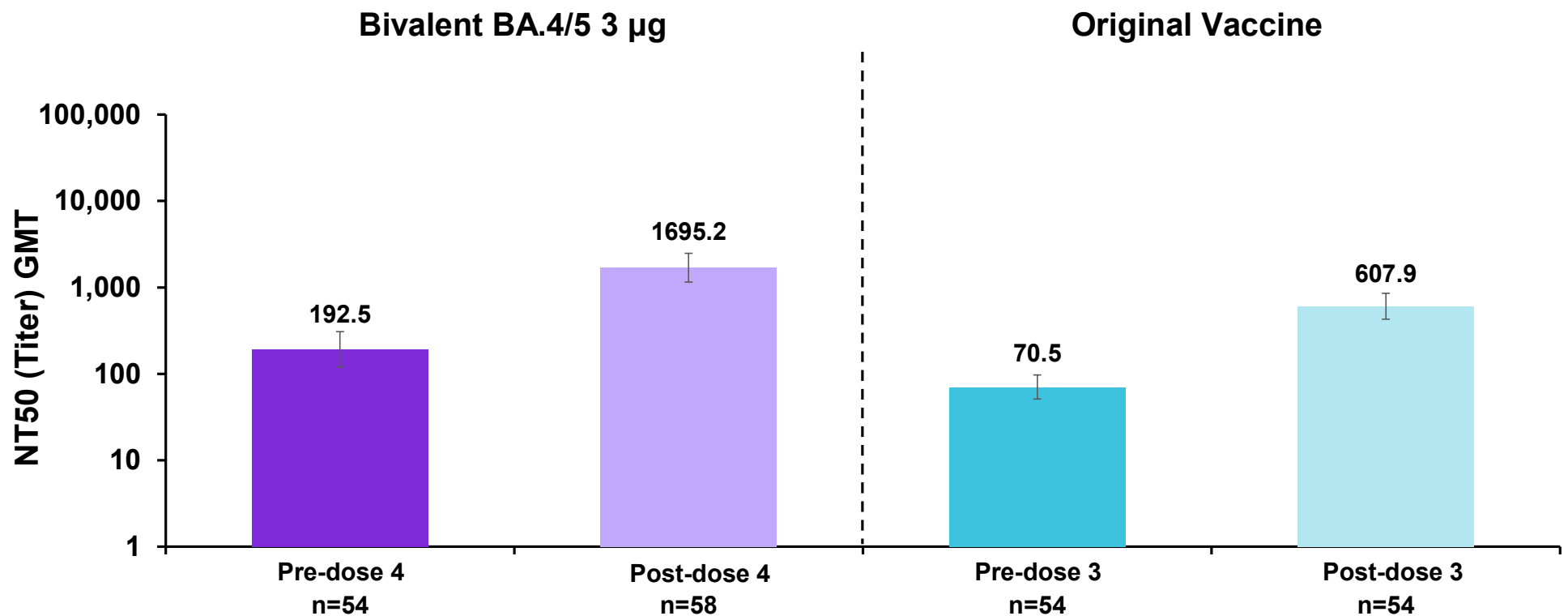
1. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> doses Bivalent BA.4/5 (3 µg) vaccine (n = ~200)
2. 4<sup>th</sup> dose of Bivalent BA.4/5 for safety (n=~ 3600)



# Bivalent Omicron BA.4/5 Booster Elicits Improved Omicron BA.4/5 Neutralizing Response Compared to 3-Dose Original Vaccine Primary Series

6M to <5y participants

## Evaluable Participants With and Without Evidence of Infection



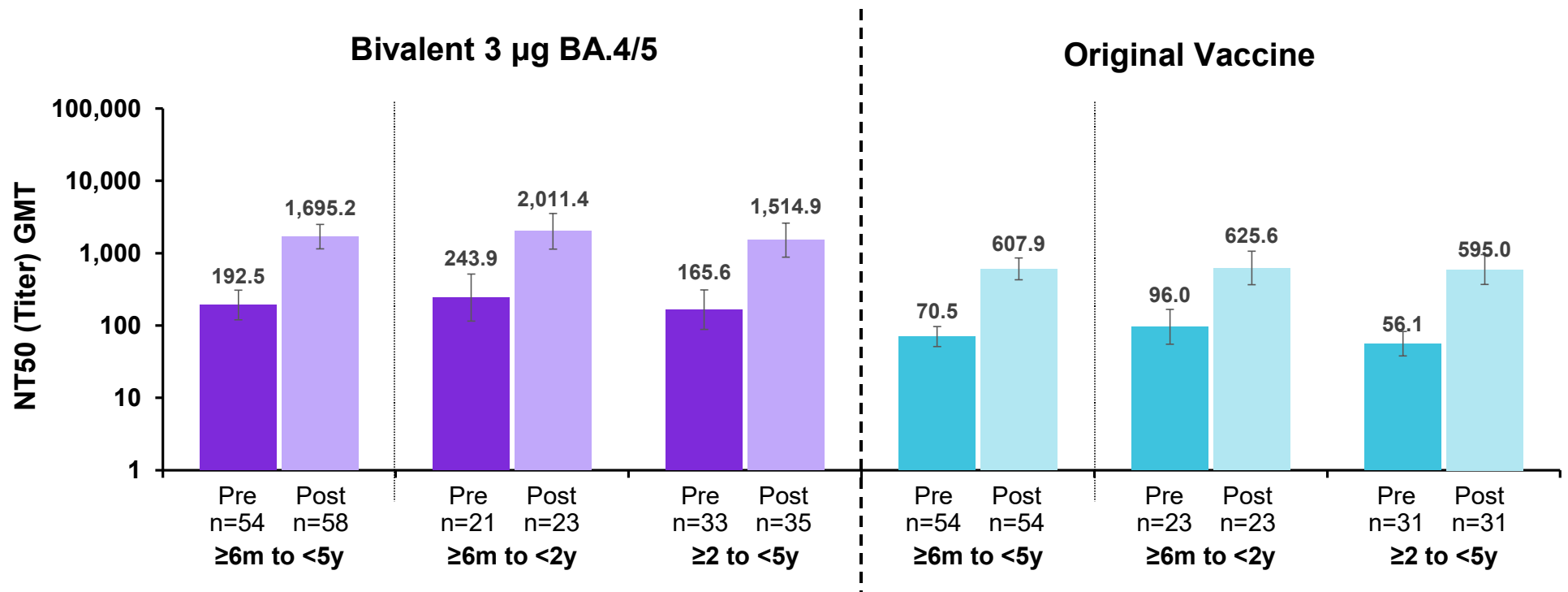
Comparisons were matched by age, baseline status and interval

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GMT=Geometric mean titer; NT50=50% neutralizing titer

# Bivalent Omicron BA.4/5 Elicits Improved Omicron BA.4/5 Neutralizing Response Compared to Original Vaccine

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## Bivalent Variant-Modified Vaccines Demonstrate Improved Effectiveness and Comparable Safety Profile Compared to Original Vaccine

### Safety

- Safety profile for bivalent vaccines (BA.1 and BA.4/5) consistent with original vaccine
- The benefit-risk profile for the original and the bivalent vaccine in authorized populations continues to be favorable

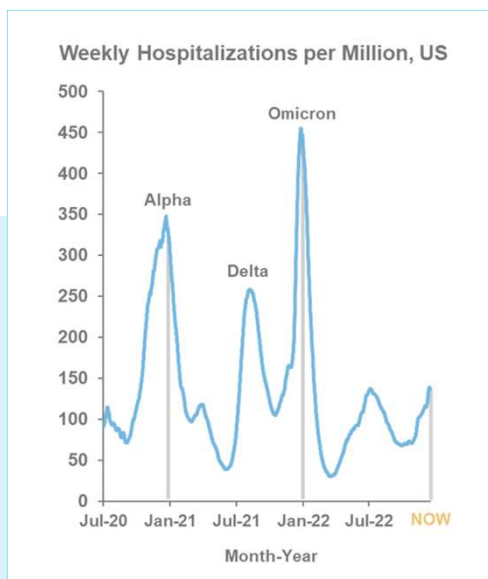
### Effectiveness

- Bivalent BA.4/5 enhances protective immunity against circulating Omicron sublineages
- Benefits both SARS-CoV-2 naïve and those with prior infection

# Factors Impacting Future Vaccine Updates

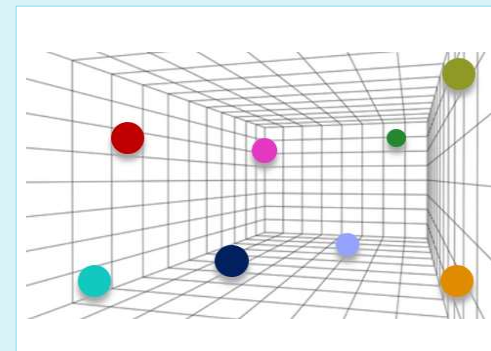
## Effectiveness & Disease Severity

1. Real world effectiveness
2. Clinical phenotype



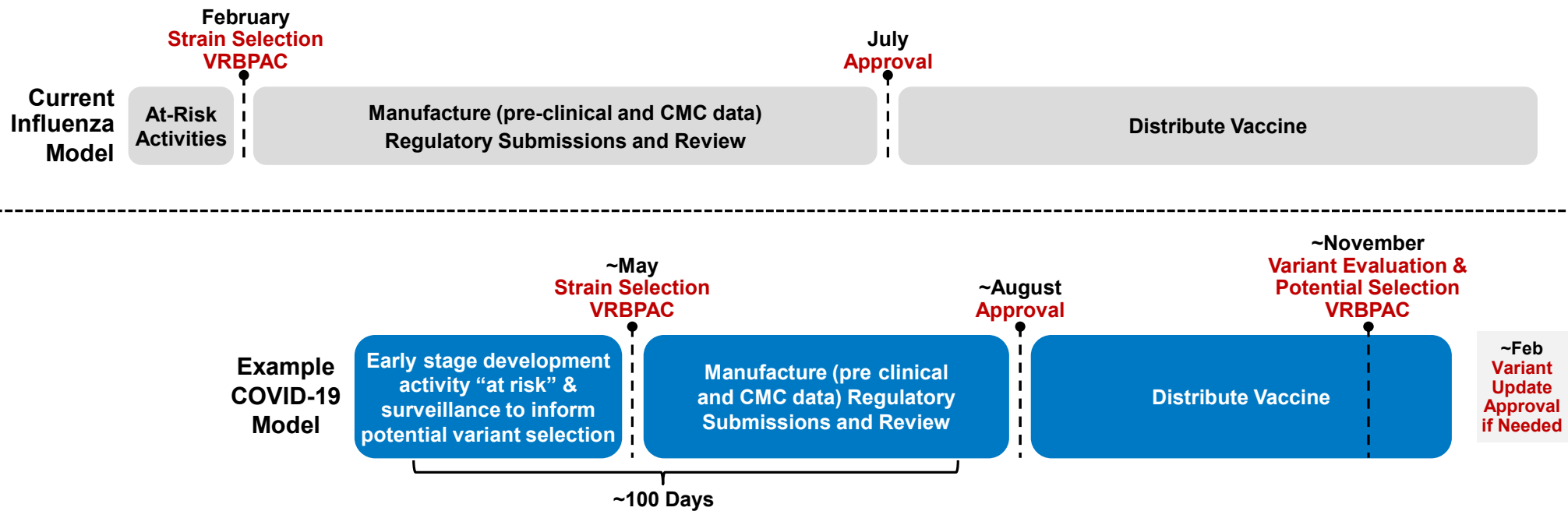
## Evidence Collection

1. Immunology
  - Antigenic distance
  - Immune escape
  - Immune imprinting
2. Epidemiology
  - Populations
  - Localization
  - Transmissibility
3. Valency



# Readiness to Support Future COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- Adapt the flu model and pathway to enable:
  - Later Strain Selection
  - Shortened Review - (~30-day approval post final submission)



Pfizer/BioNTech can support for off-cycle strain selection if needed

Note: Southern Hemisphere Influenza strain selection happens September/October timeframe.

# Conclusions

- **Extensive clinical experience for variant-modified vaccines demonstrating safety across age groups**
- **Demonstrated effectiveness of bivalent vaccine against COVID-19 due to Omicron sublineages – better-matched vaccines offer improved protection**
- **An established model for vaccine strain selection and approval is critical to enable access to optimally matched vaccines**
  - Updates driven by variant epidemiology and vaccine effectiveness
  - Adapt new model based on existing flu model



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