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# Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines Update

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# Introduction

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# Moderna Continues to Prepare and Evaluate New COVID-19 Vaccines as SARS-CoV-2 Variants Emerge

## Moderna's Ongoing Commitment

- Monitor emerging Variants of Concern
- Develop new candidate vaccines
- Generate preclinical data
- Collect sera from vaccine recipients to assess cross neutralization of future variants
- Ensure manufacturing capabilities to rapidly respond to public health needs
- Prepared to supply new variant-containing vaccine as recommended

## Recent Research Activities

- Currently licensed XBB.1.5 vaccine
  - Safety surveillance
  - Assessing real-world effectiveness
  - Evaluated cross neutralization against emerging variants
- Investigational JN.1-lineage vaccines (including JN.1 & KP.2)
  - Developed at risk
  - Generated preclinical data



## **Safety and Effectiveness of Moderna 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) COVID-19 Vaccine**

# Safety of Moderna 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) Vaccine in Adults

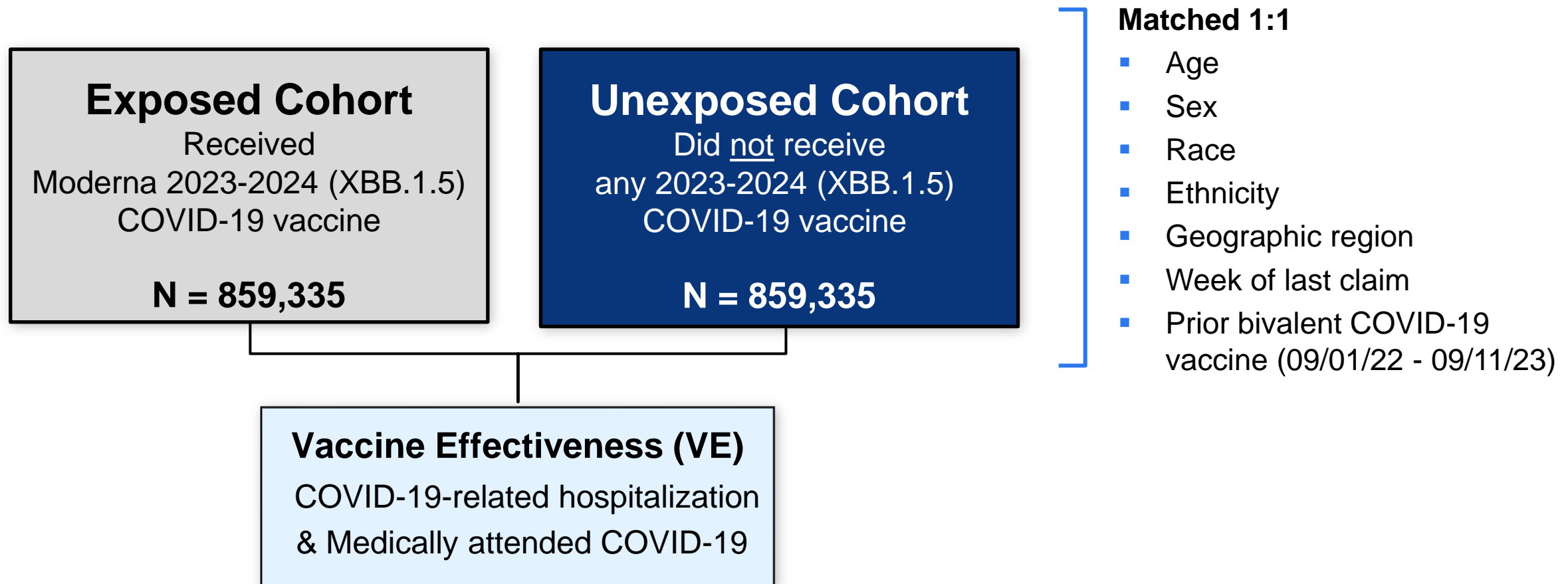
As of 03/17/24:

- ~45 million doses of XBB.1.5 vaccine administered
- No new safety or medical topics of concern observed
- No change in the favorable benefit-risk assessment of the vaccine

Safety surveillance continues

# Observational, Retrospective Cohort Study (Adults $\geq 18$ Years) of Moderna's 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) Vaccine in Adults

*Veradigm Electronic Health Records Linked to Komodo Health Claims*



- Study conducted September 2023 – December 2023
- Median follow-up 63 days

# Effectiveness of Moderna 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) Vaccine

*Study 946 – Vaccinated Sept – Dec 2023; Median Follow-up 63 Days*

Age/Risk	Vaccine Effectiveness (% , Confidence Interval)	
	COVID-19 Related Hospitalizations	Medically Attended COVID-19
≥18 Years	60% (53%, 66%)	33% (30%, 36%)
≥18 Years and High Risk*	59% (51%, 65%)	35% (31%, 38%)
≥50 Years	61% (54%, 67%)	35% (32%, 38%)
≥65 Years	61% (53%, 67%)	39% (35%, 42%)

**Moderna 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) vaccine provides protection against COVID-related hospitalizations and medically attended visits**

Medically attended COVID-19 includes ED visits, urgent care visits, office visits, telemedicine visits, and laboratory results  
\*High risk defined by CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/underlyingconditions.html>  
Kopel et al, *MedRxiv*, 2024



# Cross Neutralization of Moderna 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) Vaccine against New Emerging SARS-COV-2 Variants in Adults

Study 205J

# Study Methodology

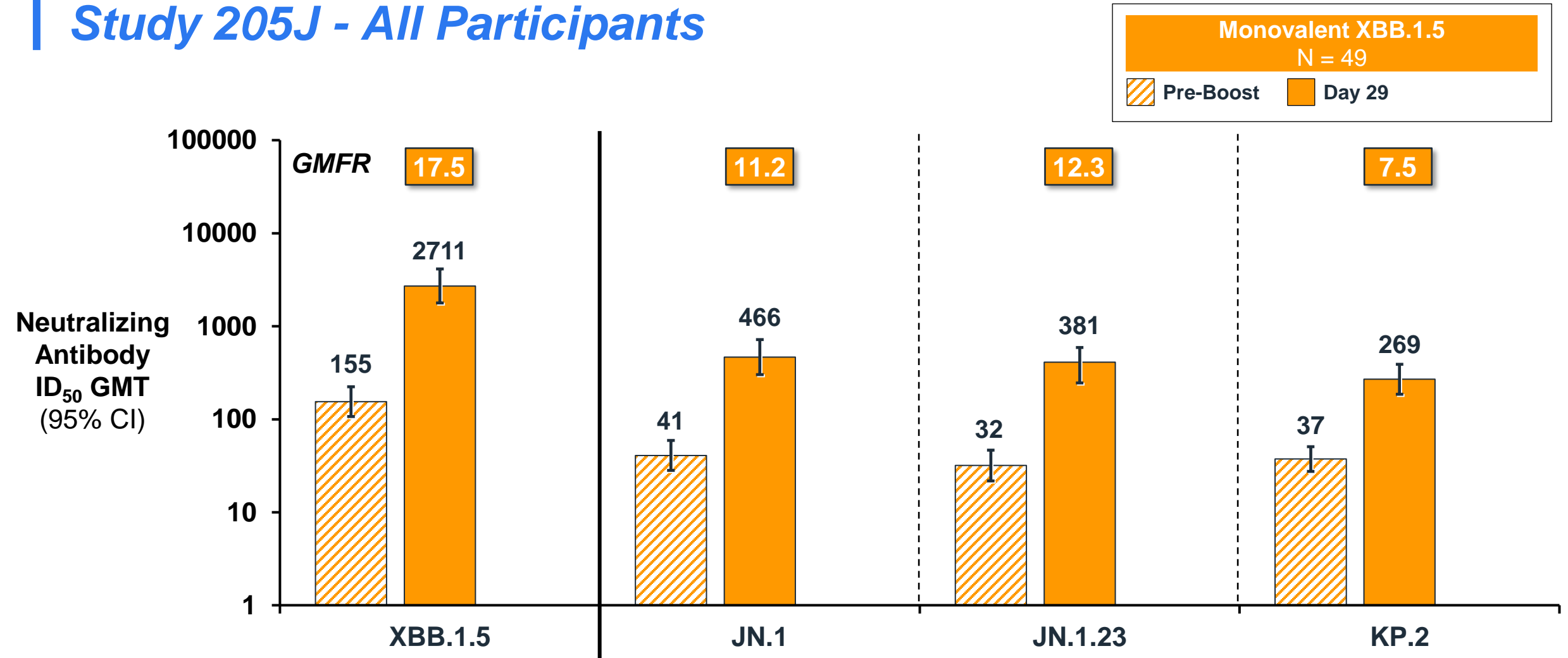
## Study 205J

- 49 adults,  $\geq 18$  years old (mean 52 years)
- Received 5 doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine

4 Prior Vaccine Doses			Study Dose
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
mRNA-1273 100 $\mu$ g	mRNA-1273 50 $\mu$ g	Bivalent BA.4/BA.5 50 $\mu$ g	XBB.1.5 50 $\mu$ g

- 67% with evidence of prior SARS-CoV-2 infection prior to 5<sup>th</sup> dose
- Neutralization assessed Day 29 and Day 181 (6 months) post-vaccination with pseudovirus assay

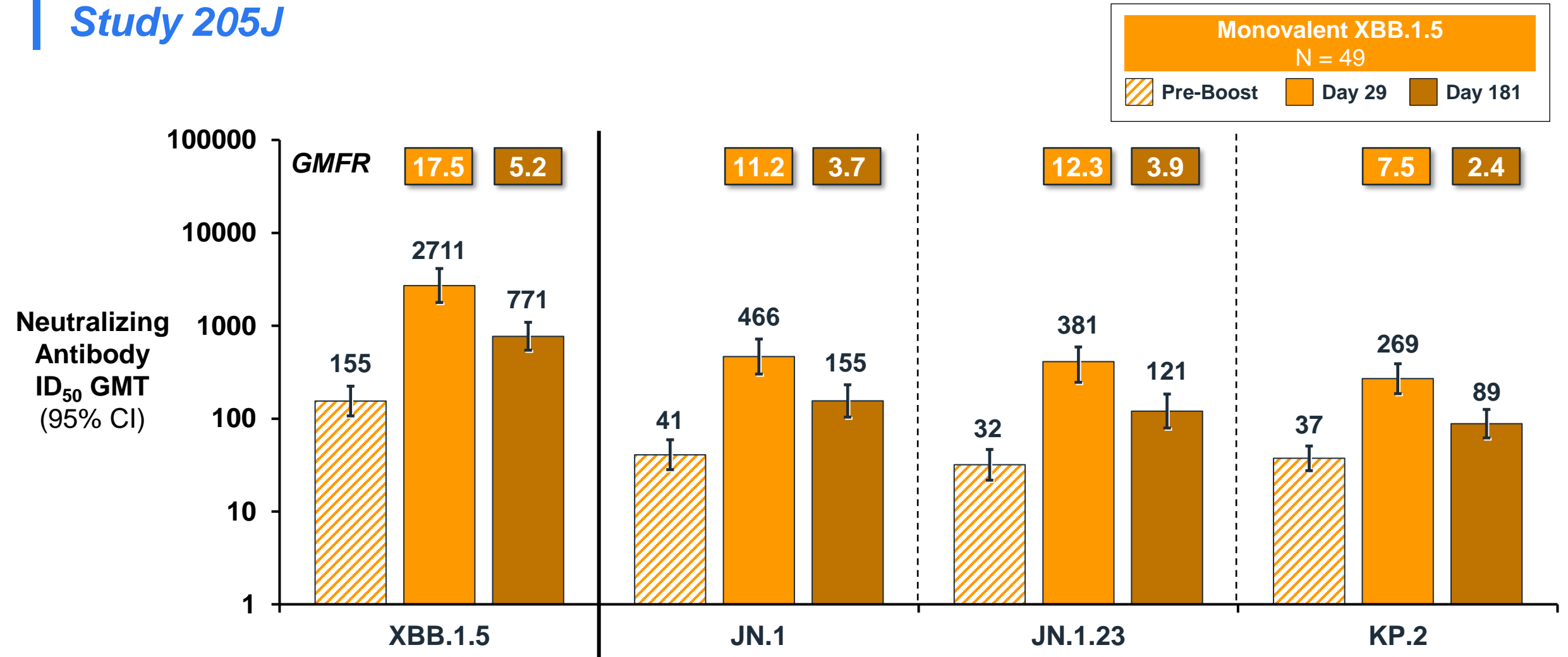
# Day 29 Neutralizing Antibody Against SARS-CoV-2 Variants (XBB and JN.1 variants) following 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) Vaccine *Study 205J - All Participants*



- Neutralizing antibody and cross protection reduced against JN.1 variants after XBB.1.5 vaccine
- Similar results regardless of prior infection status

# 6 Month (Day 181) Neutralizing Antibody Against SARS-CoV-2 Variants (XBB and JN.1 variants) following 2023-2024 (XBB.1.5) Vaccine

*Study 205J*



- Durable neutralizing responses for at least 6 months after XBB.1.5 vaccine
- Reduced response to JN.1 variants at all timepoints

# **Variant Monitoring, Risk Assessment, and Preclinical Assessment of Investigational New Variant Vaccines**

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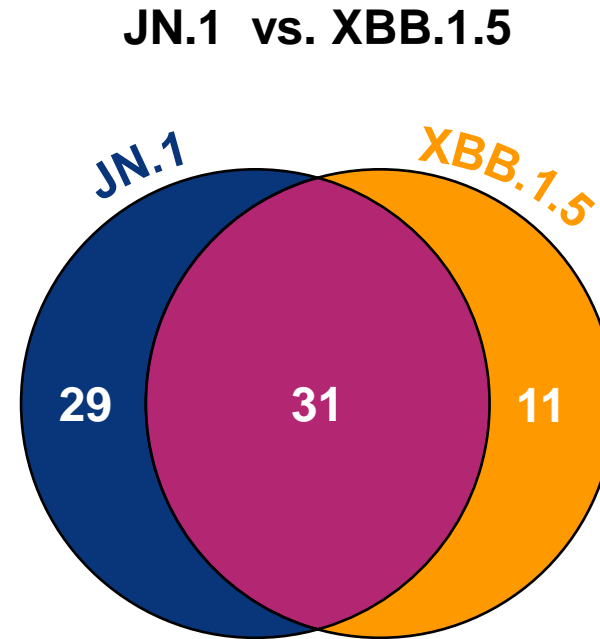
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# Moderna's Current Genomic Surveillance and Risk Assessments

- JN.1 and its subvariants comprise 94% of sequences collected globally in May 2024<sup>1</sup>
  - JN.1 subvariants have become predominant
  - JN.1 continues to decline worldwide
- JN.1 subvariants<sup>1</sup>
  - Subvariants with mutations in the spike receptor binding domain have recently increased in frequency
  - KP.2 is most commonly sequenced variant in the United States
  - KP.3 increasing rapidly worldwide
- Based on our current data, a JN.1 or KP.2 new variant vaccine is expected to provide protection against JN.1, KP.2, KP.3, and other JN.1 subvariants (JN.1.13.1, LA.2, and others)

# JN.1 Has Significant Antigenic Differences Compared to XBB.1.5

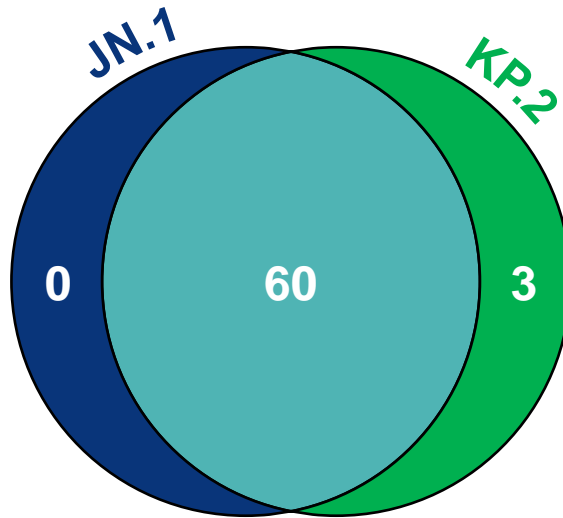


$29 + 11 = 40$  mutations

Antigenic differences between JN.1 and XBB.1.5 suggest an updated vaccine composition may be needed

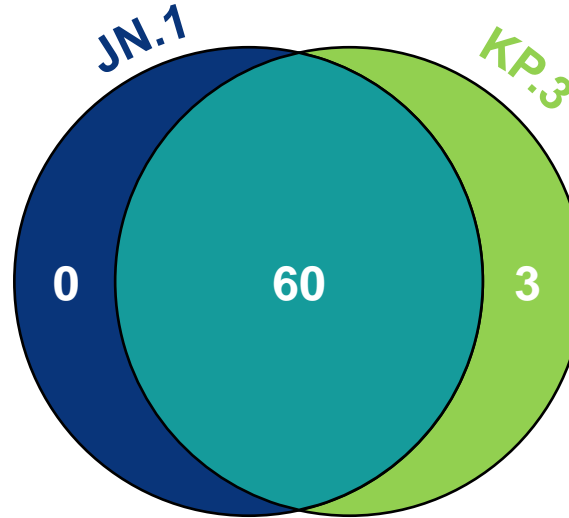
# Minimal Antigenic Differences Between Circulating JN.1 Variants

JN.1 vs KP.2



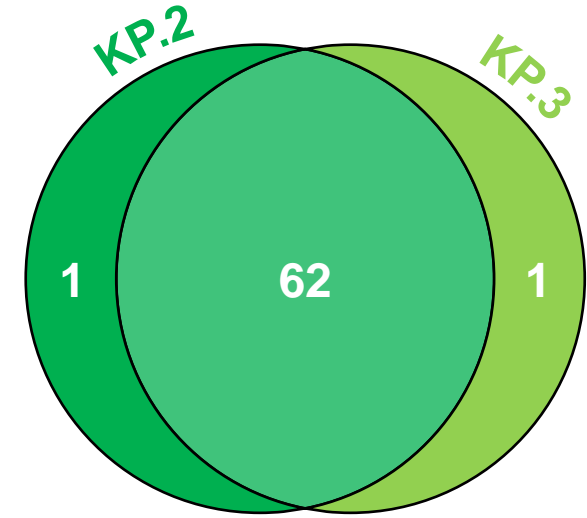
$0 + 3 = 3$  mutations

JN.1. vs KP.3



$0 + 3 = 3$  mutations


KP.2 vs KP.3



$1 + 1 = 2$  mutations

JN.1 or KP.2 vaccines are likely to cross-neutralize





# **Overview of Preclinical Studies to Assess Investigational JN.1 and KP.2 Vaccines**

# Preclinical Studies in Mice Comparing JN.1 or KP.2 Vaccine Candidates versus XBB.1.5 Vaccine

## Primary Series

*Antigen naïve mice*

2 Doses of Monovalent  
JN.1 Vaccine

VS

2 Doses of Monovalent  
XBB.1.5 Vaccine

## Booster (3rd) Dose

*Mice previously immunized with a  
2-dose primary series of mRNA-1273*

+ 1 Dose of Monovalent  
JN.1 Vaccine

VS

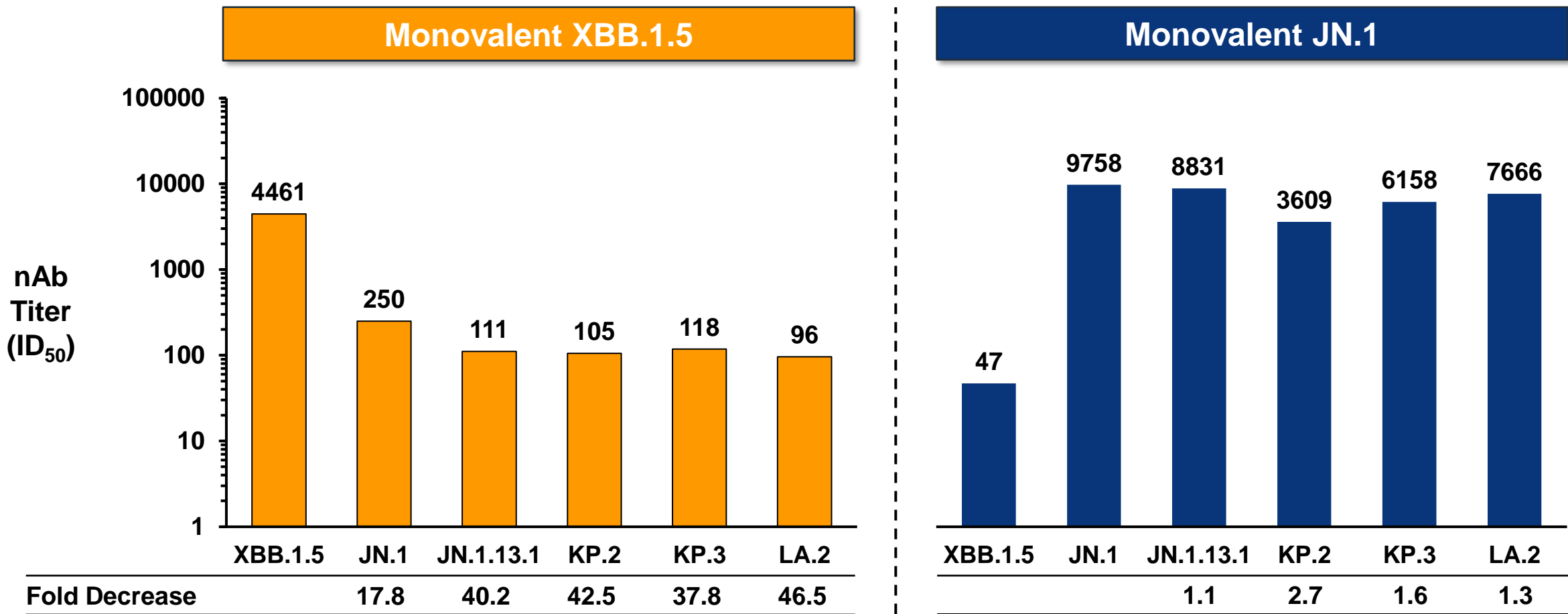
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+ 1 Dose of Monovalent  
KP.2 Vaccine

VS

+ 1 Dose of Monovalent  
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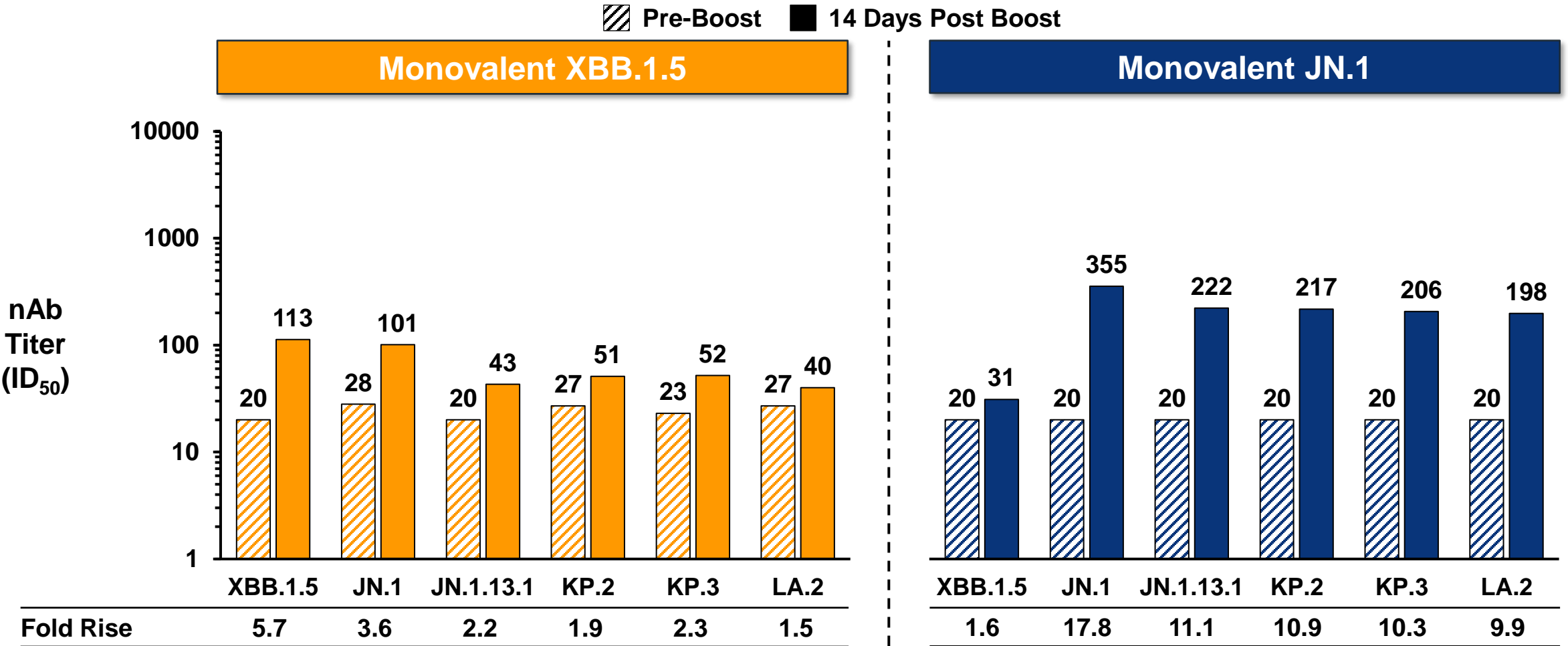
# Neutralizing Antibody Titers in Mice 14 Days after Primary Series of XBB.1.5 Vaccine or JN.1 Vaccine



Monovalent JN.1 vaccine effectively neutralizes JN.1 and cross-neutralizes subvariants of JN.1 (KP.2, KP.3, etc)

1µg dose, D1 and D22, n = 8 per group

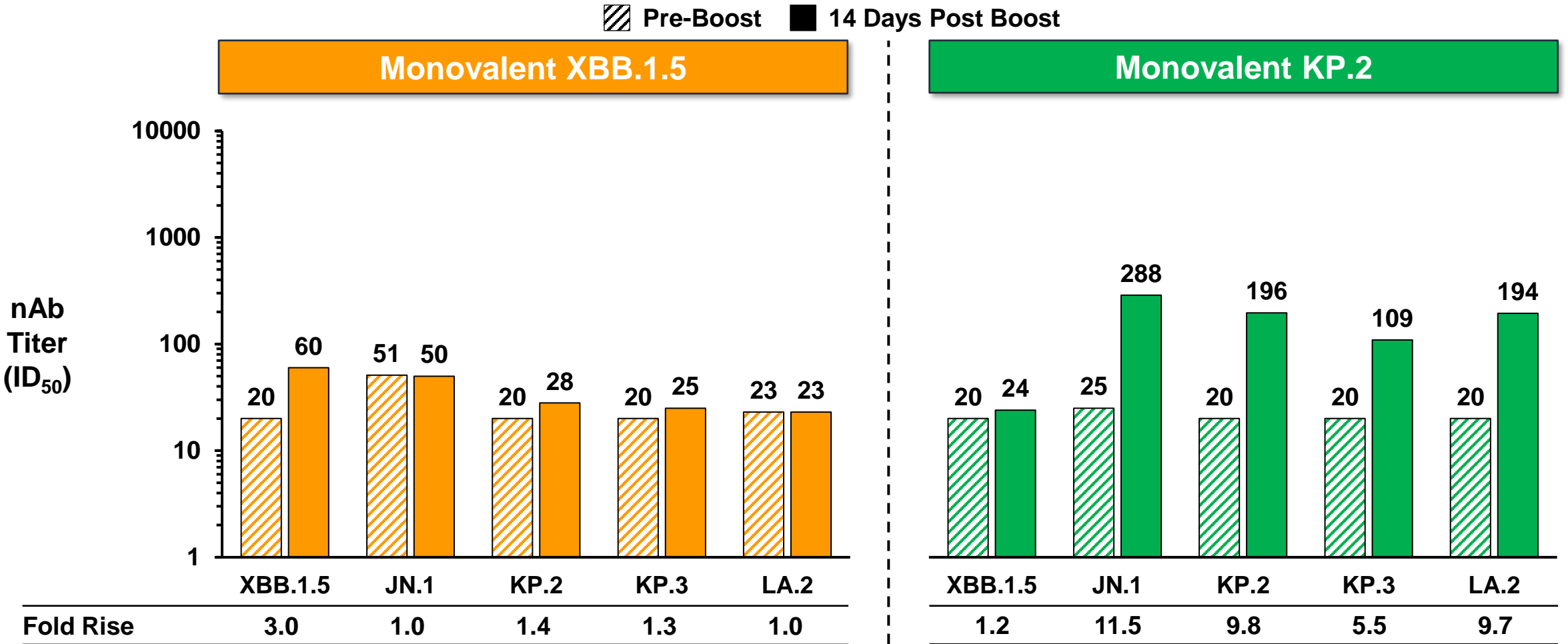
# Neutralizing Antibody Titters in Mice 14 Days after Booster (3rd) Dose of XBB.1.5 Vaccine or JN.1 Vaccine



Monovalent JN.1 vaccine effectively increases neutralization of JN.1 and cross-neutralizes JN.1 subvariant viruses

0.5 µg dose of mRNA-1273, D1 and D22; 1 µg of either JN.1 or XBB.1.5 on D91, n=8 per group

# Neutralizing Antibody Titters in Mice 14 Days after Booster (3rd) Dose of XBB.1.5 Vaccine or KP.2 Vaccine



**Monovalent KP.2 vaccine effectively increases neutralization of KP.2 and cross-neutralizes other JN.1 subvariants**

0.5 µg dose of mRNA-1273, D1 and D22; 1 µg of either KP.2 or XBB.1.5 on D42, n=8 per group

## Summary of Pre-Clinical Data

- Data suggest that both a JN.1 and a KP.2 new variant vaccine increase neutralization against JN.1, KP.2, KP.3, and other currently circulating JN.1 subvariants
- Moderna is prepared to:
  - Submit for approval either a JN.1 or KP.2 new variant vaccine dossier
  - Supply the US market by mid-August, 2024



# Conclusions

# Summary

## Currently Licensed 2023-2024 Vaccine (XBB.1.5)

- Moderna mRNA Vaccine (XBB.1.5) effective against COVID-19 during the period when XBB was predominant
- No new safety concerns identified; vaccine continues to be well tolerated

## Preclinical and Clinical Studies of JN.1 and KP.2 Vaccines

- Pre-clinical data suggest a JN.1 or KP.2 vaccine is more immunogenic against currently circulating JN.1 subvariants than the licensed XBB.1.5 vaccine
- Small clinical trial with the selected new variant vaccine will be conducted post licensure to allow testing against future variants

## Moderna's Vaccine Preparedness

- Moderna is prepared to supply either a JN.1 or KP.2 new variant vaccine in the US by mid-August 2024, if recommended by FDA



# **THANK YOU to Our Study Collaborators, Investigators, and Participants**

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- **Study site personnel**
- **Laboratories**
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