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# 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Formula: Pfizer/BioNTech Clinical and Preclinical Supportive Data

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# Presentation Outline



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## Real-World Evidence & Variant Epidemiology

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## Omicron XBB.1.5-Adapted Vaccine Clinical Humoral Immune Responses

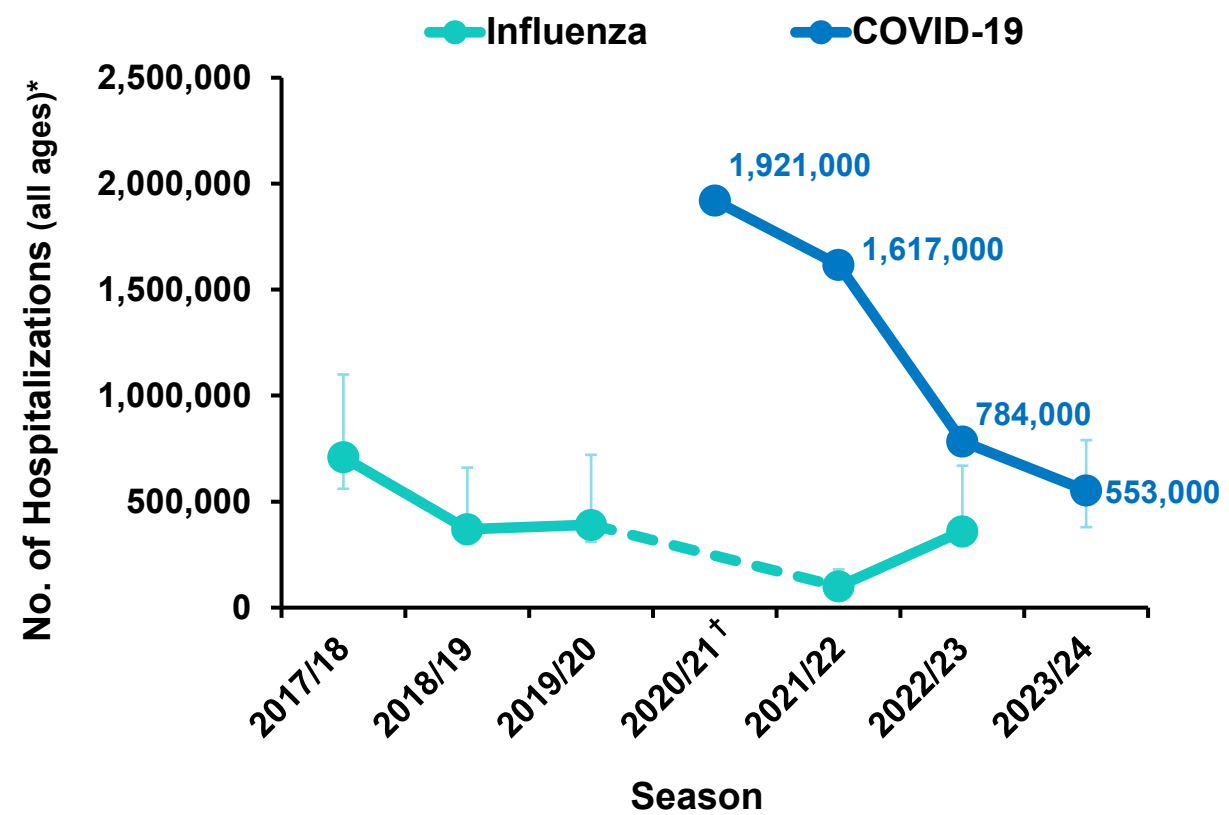
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## Preclinical Evaluation of Omicron JN.1 Lineage-Adapted Vaccines

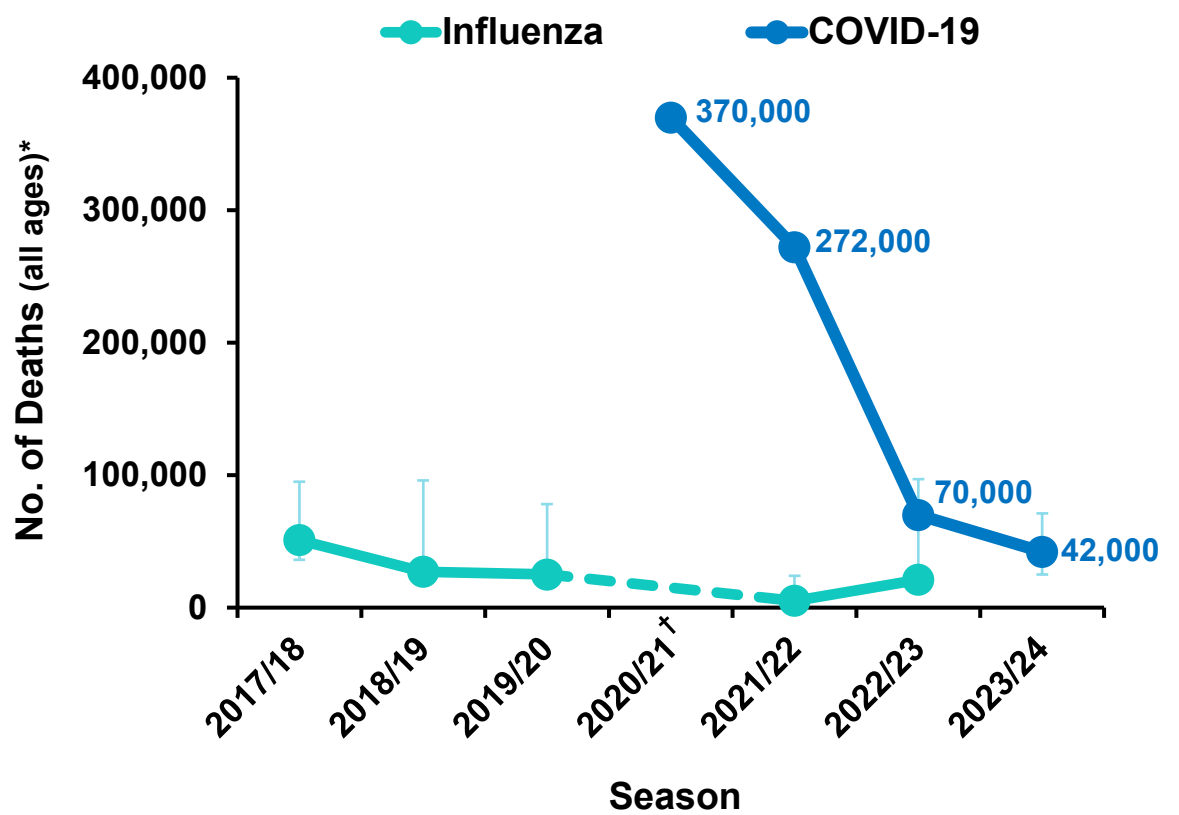
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# Seasonal COVID-19 Burden is Comparable to or Higher than Influenza

U.S. Hospitalizations<sup>1-3</sup>



U.S. Deaths<sup>2-4</sup>

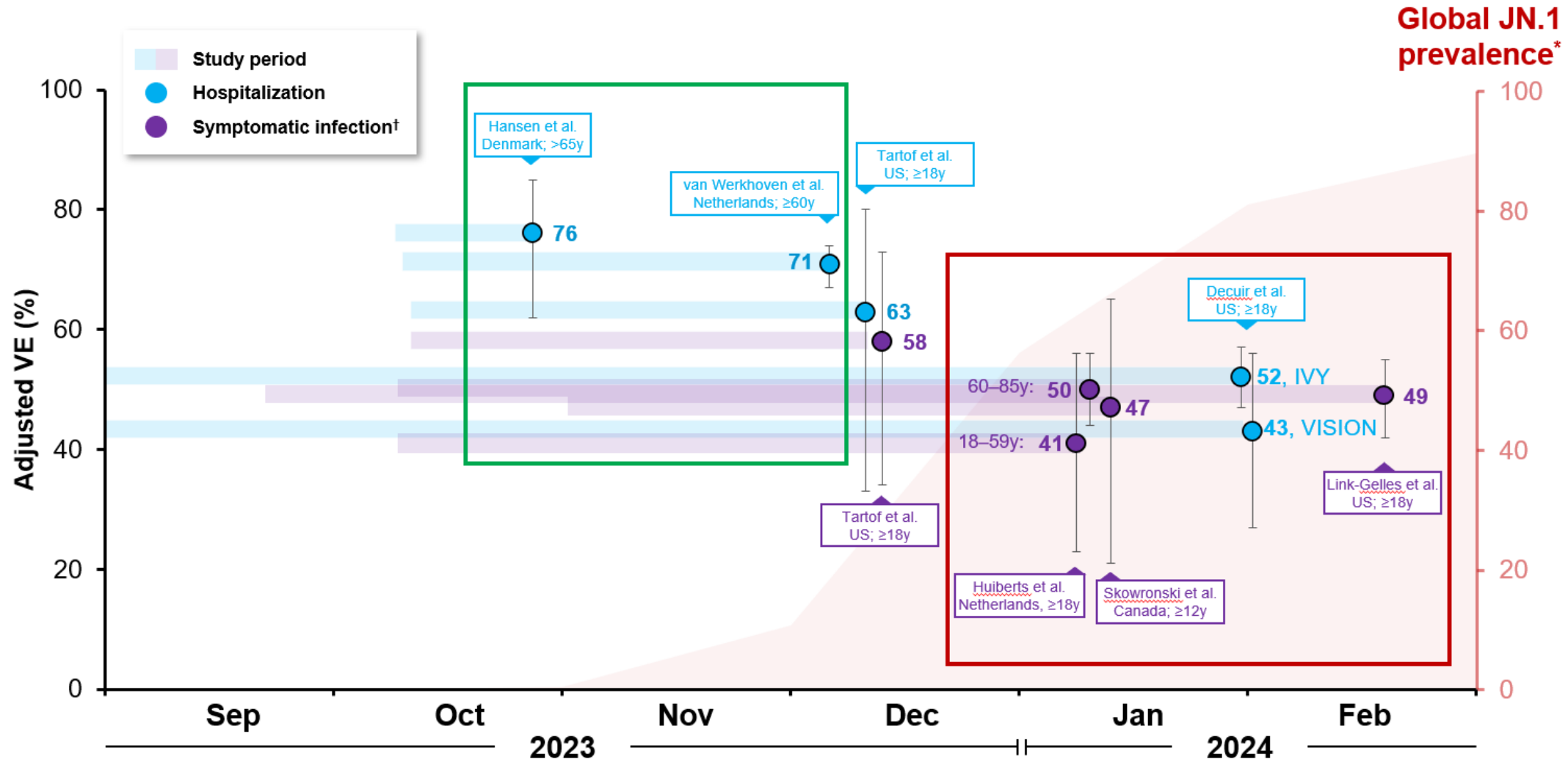


\* Error bars represent 95% uncertainty intervals for influenza and are not listed for COVID-19 data.  
† 2020-2021 season estimates are not available due to minimal influenza activity.  
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2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Disease Burden of Flu. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/index.html>.  
3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). 2023-2024 U.S. Flu Season: Preliminary In-Season Burden Estimates. Accessed 2024 May 30. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/preliminary-in-season-estimates.htm>.  
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. COVID Data Tracker. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2024 May 30. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>.

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# XBB.1.5 Vaccine Effectiveness Initially Robust, Decreased Over Course of 2023/2024 Season

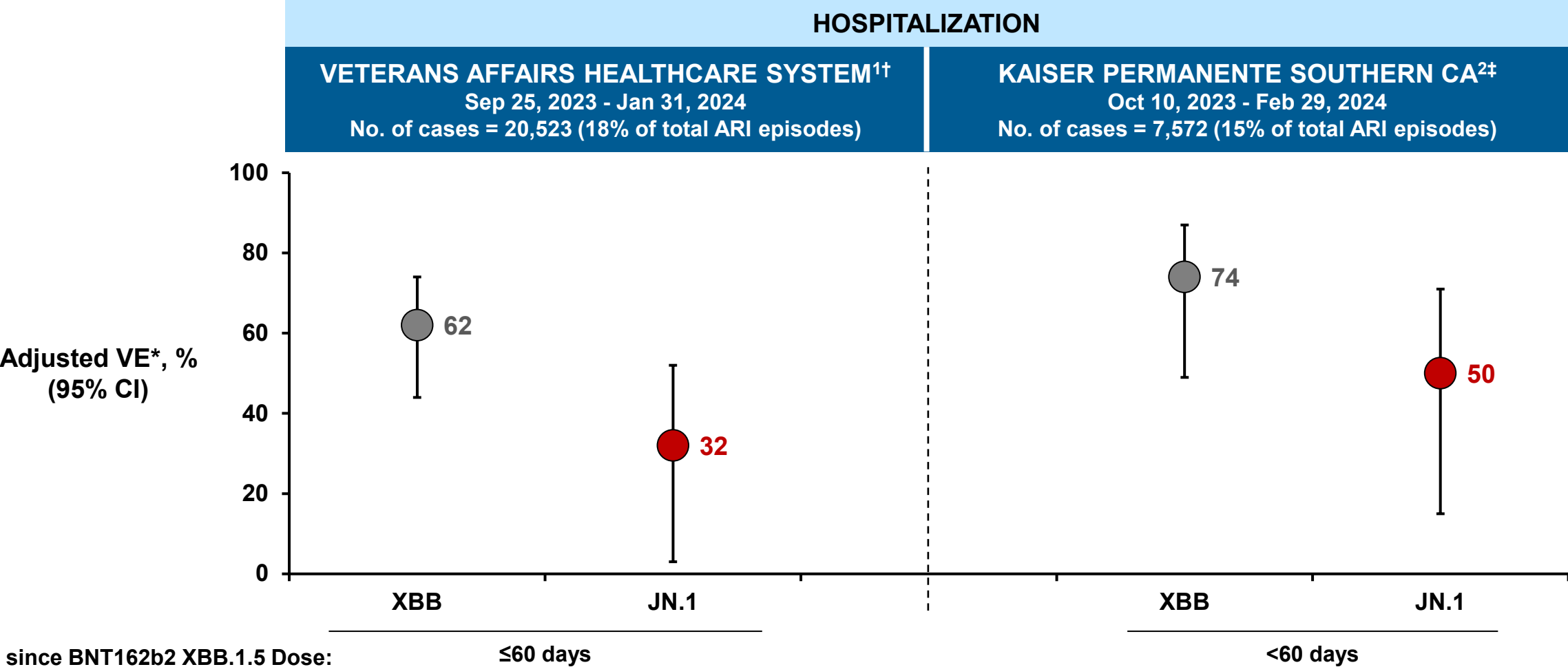


VE, vaccine effectiveness

\*Historical data from: <https://cov-spectrum.org>. Accessed 2024 March 14. † Includes outcomes such as symptomatic infections, outpatient visits, and infections that were almost all symptomatic.

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# Vaccine Effectiveness Lower Against JN.1 Compared to XBB, When Controlling for Time Since Vaccination



ARI, acute respiratory infection; CA, California; CI, confidence interval; No., number; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; VE, vaccine effectiveness

\* Compared to no receipt of any XBB vaccine.

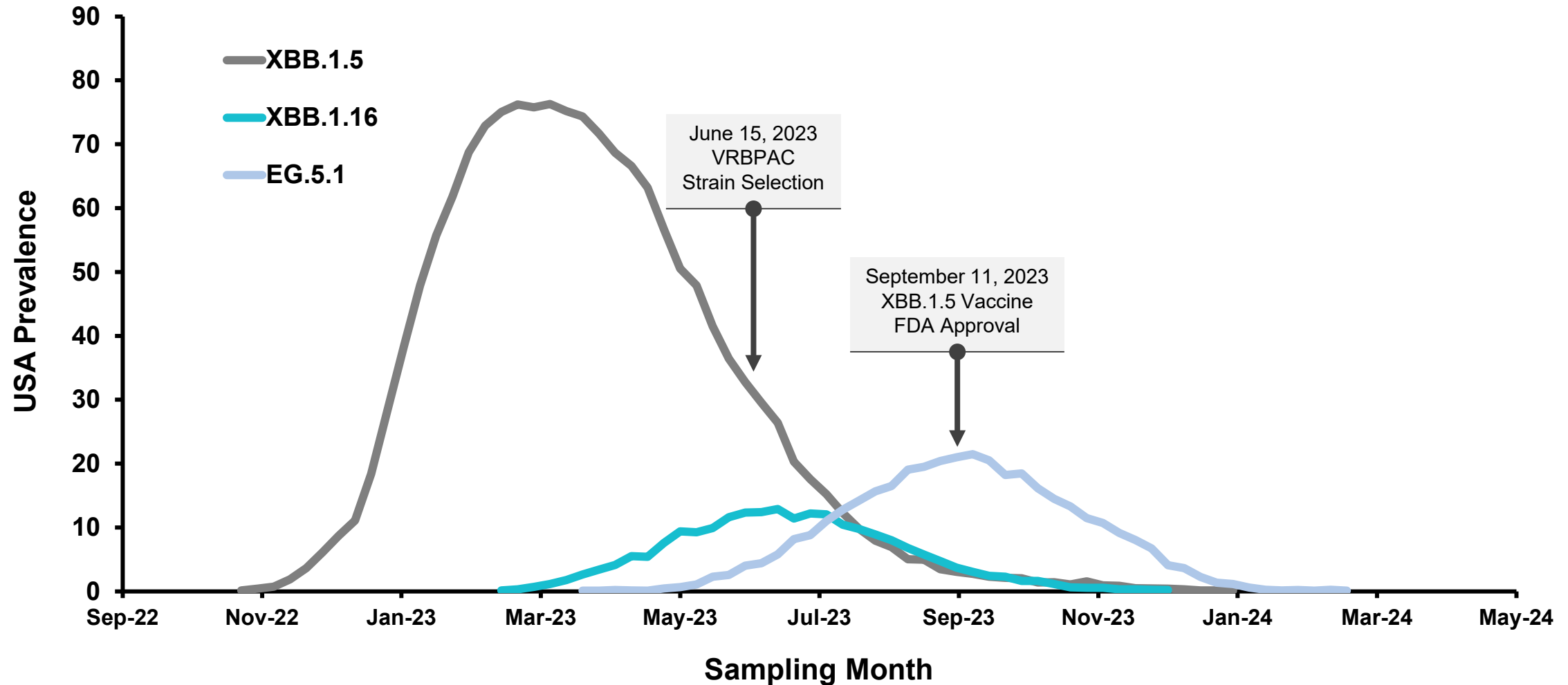
† Strain predominance periods defined as >80% prevalence of sequenced strains in the United States. The XBB period was defined as Sep 25 – Nov 30, 2023, and the JN.1 period was defined as Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2024.

‡ Strain determined using a hierarchical approach depending on available information: (i) whole genome sequencing (WGS), (ii) spike gene target failure, or (iii) periods of >80% sublineage predominance based on WGS data from US Health and Human Services Region 9. For (iii), cases were classified as XBB from Oct 10 – Dec 9, 2023, and as JN.1 from Jan 20 – Feb 29, 2024.

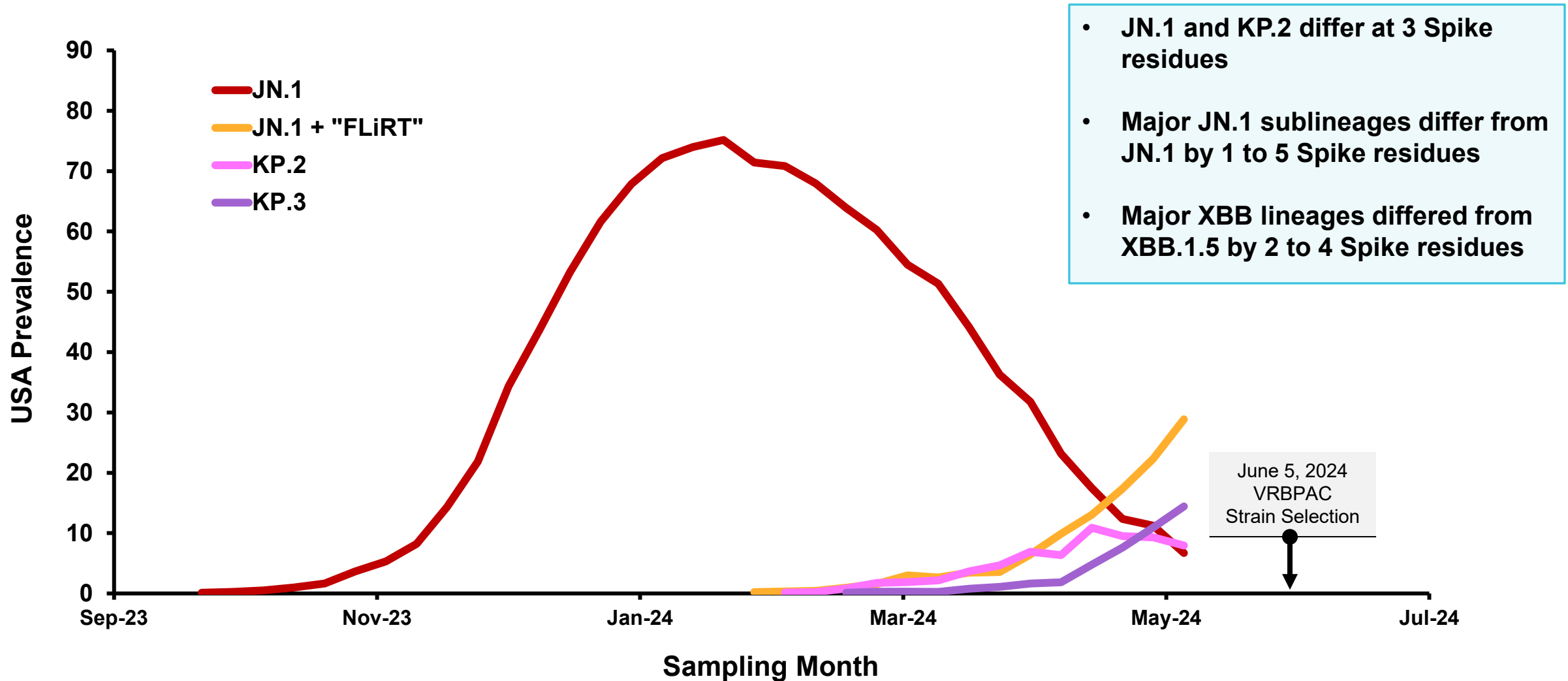
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# XBB.1.5 Dominance Declining and XBB.1.16 Peaking at Time of June 2023 VRBPAC

Trajectory of Emerging Variants Compared with Historic Dominant Variants



# JN.1 Transitioning to Rise of Expanding Set of Closely Related Sublineages



Source: [GISAIID - gisaid.org](https://gisaid.org); data accessed/analysed/plotted within Pfizer, as of June 2, 2024. Each individual labelled lineage includes all sublineages with the same Spike protein amino acid sequence, except JN.1+"FLiRT" curve does not contain KP.2. **JN.1+"FLiRT"** includes all JN.1 sublineages that contain S: R346T, F456L; **KP.2** contains S: R346T, F456L, V1104L; **KP.3** contains F456L, Q493E, V1104L.

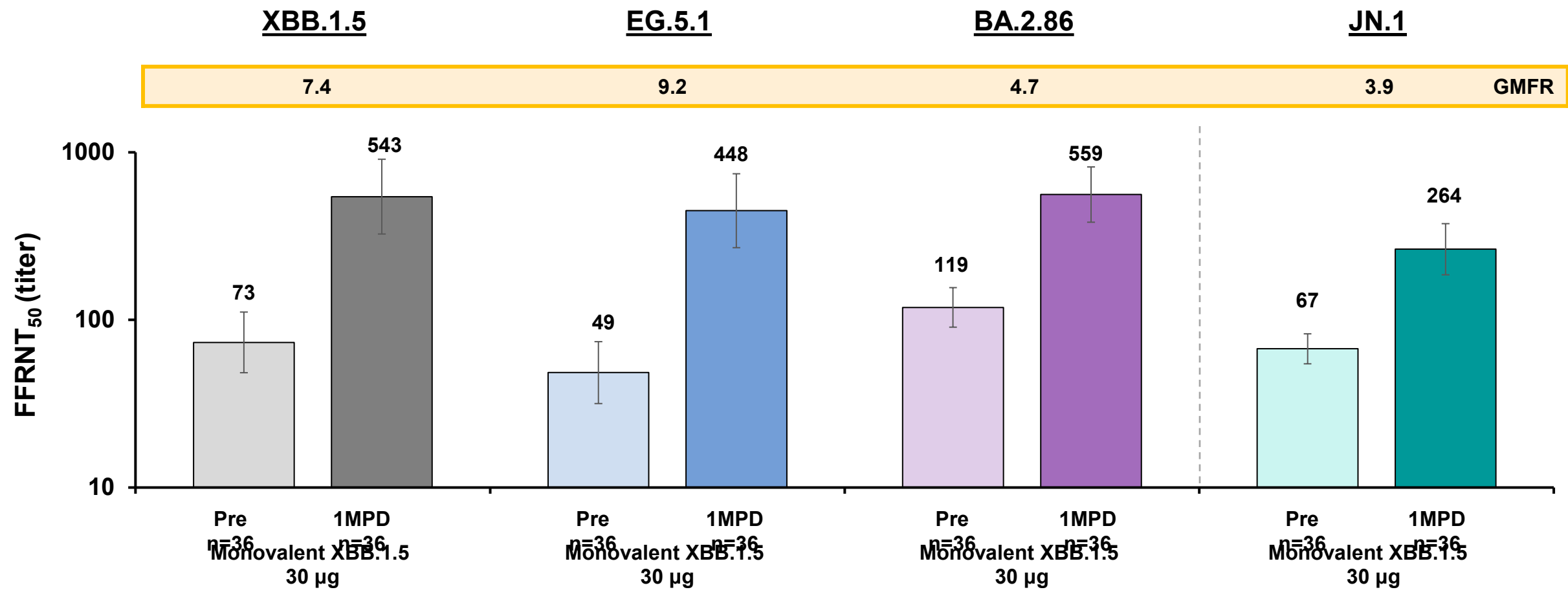




# **XBB.1.5 Omicron-Adapted Vaccine Clinical Humoral Immune Response**

# Clinical Study: XBB.1.5 Vaccine Neutralizing Titers Maintain Against Variant Drift Until Emergence of Omicron JN.1

Evaluable Immunogenicity Population\* – FFRNT Assay



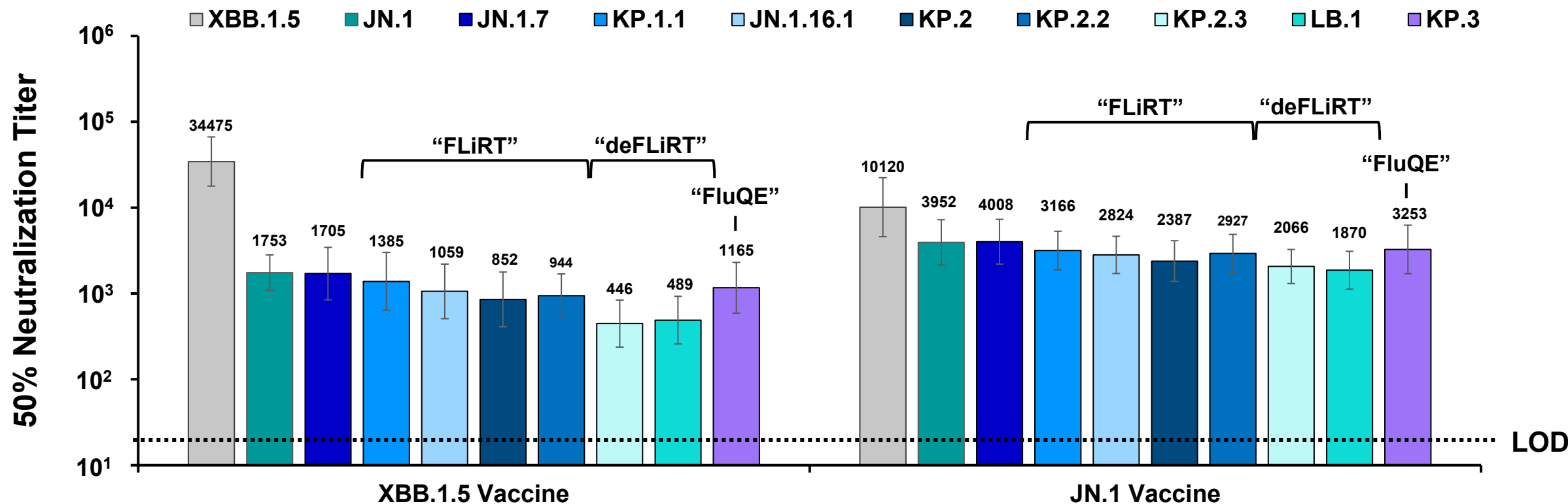
All participants were 18-55 years old; baseline seropositive for prior SARS-CoV-2 infection and had ≥ 3 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines with last vaccine being a bivalent (Original + Omicron BA.4/5) COVID-19 vaccine 150-365 days prior to enrolment.  
GMFR = Geometric Mean Neutralizing Titer Fold Rise; Pre = Pre vaccination; 1MPD = 1 month post dose; FFRNT = fluorescent focus reduction neutralization test  
XBB.1.5, BA.2.86 and EG.5.1 assays (grey, blue and purple bars) were run at a different time to JN.1 (green bars), which was also run with XBB.1.5, BA.2.86 (Neutralization titers and GMFRs were similar to those presented here).





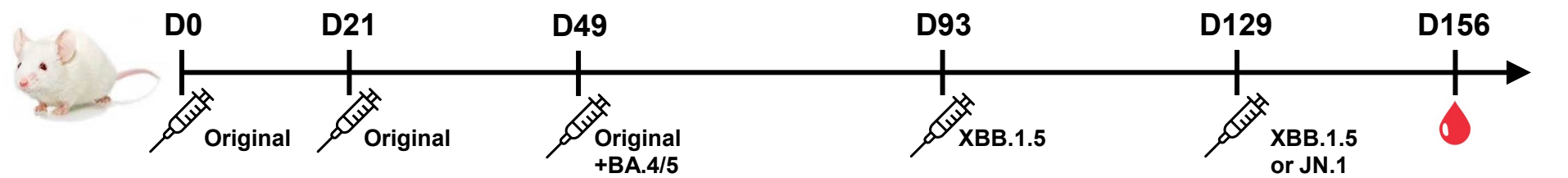
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# Vaccine-Experienced: 1 Month Post 5th Dose Neutralizing Responses Elicited by JN.1 and XBB.1.5 Vaccines



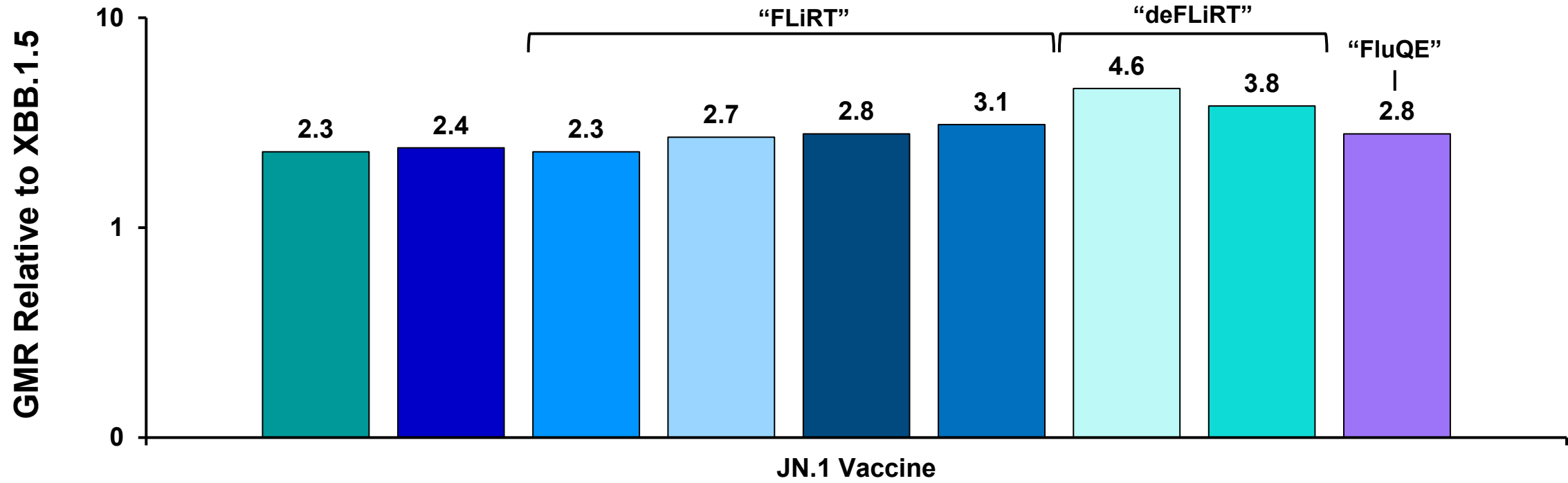
Pseudovirus neutralization assay; LOD = Limit of detection; the lowest serum dilution of 1:20.  
N = 10 mice per vaccine group. Vaccine dose 0.5 µg.  
“FLiRT” contains S: F456L, R346T; “deFLiRT” contains S: S31del, F456L, R346T; “FLuQE” contains S: F456L, Q493E

# Vaccine-Experienced: Geometric Mean Ratios of JN.1 to XBB.1.5 Vaccine Neutralizing Titers at 1 Month Post 5th Dose



Legend for vaccine groups:

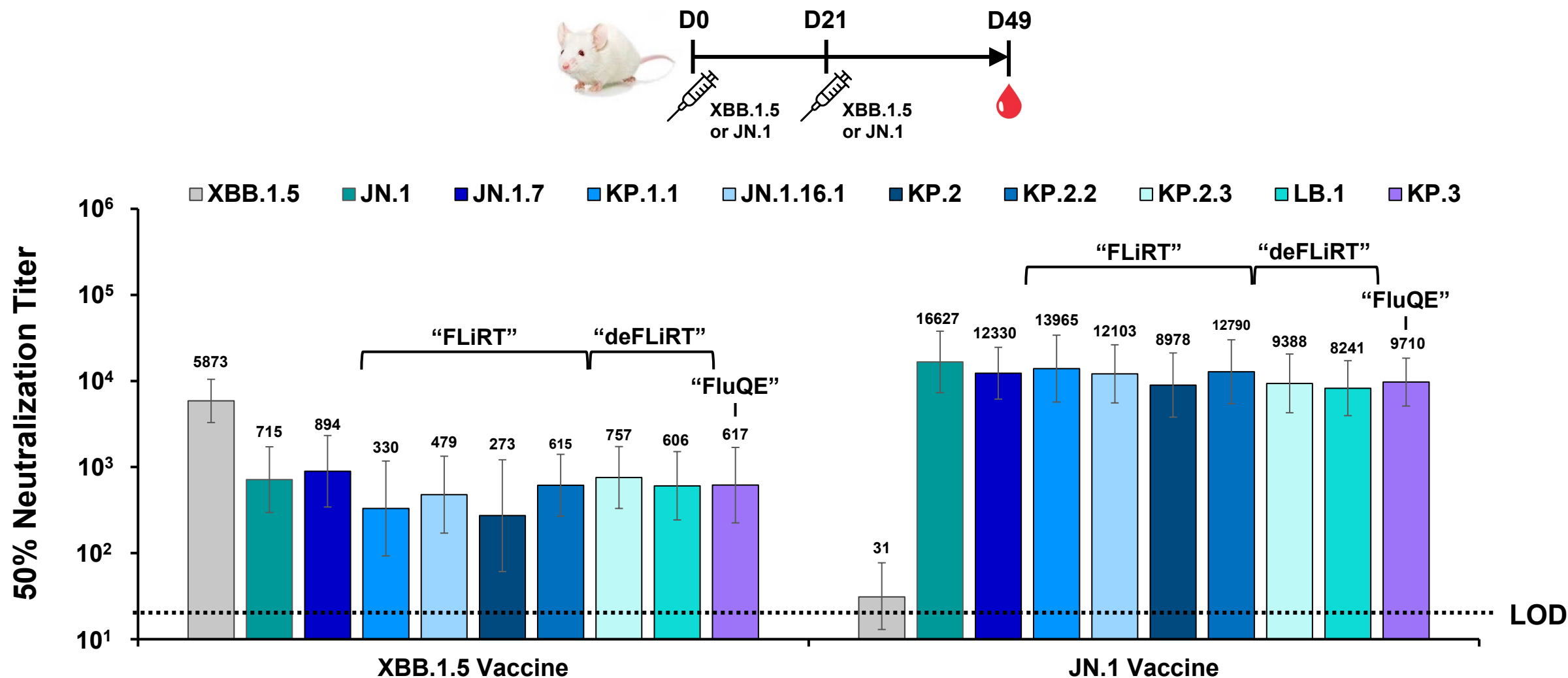
- JN.1
- JN.1.7
- KP.1.1
- JN.1.16.1
- KP.2
- KP.2.2
- KP.2.3
- LB.1
- KP.3



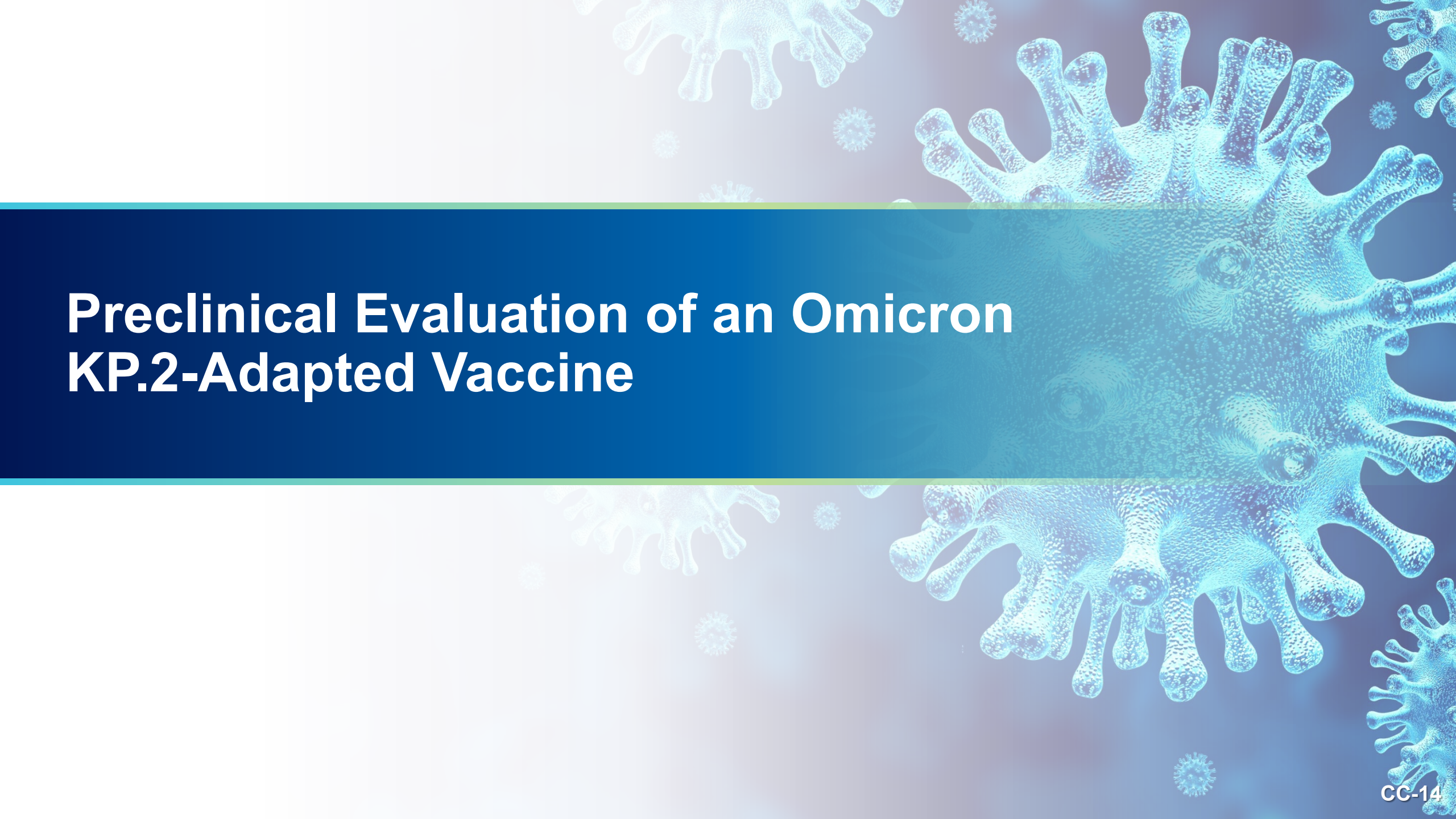
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# Vaccine Naïve: 1 Month Post 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Neutralizing Responses Elicited by JN.1 and XBB.1.5 Vaccines

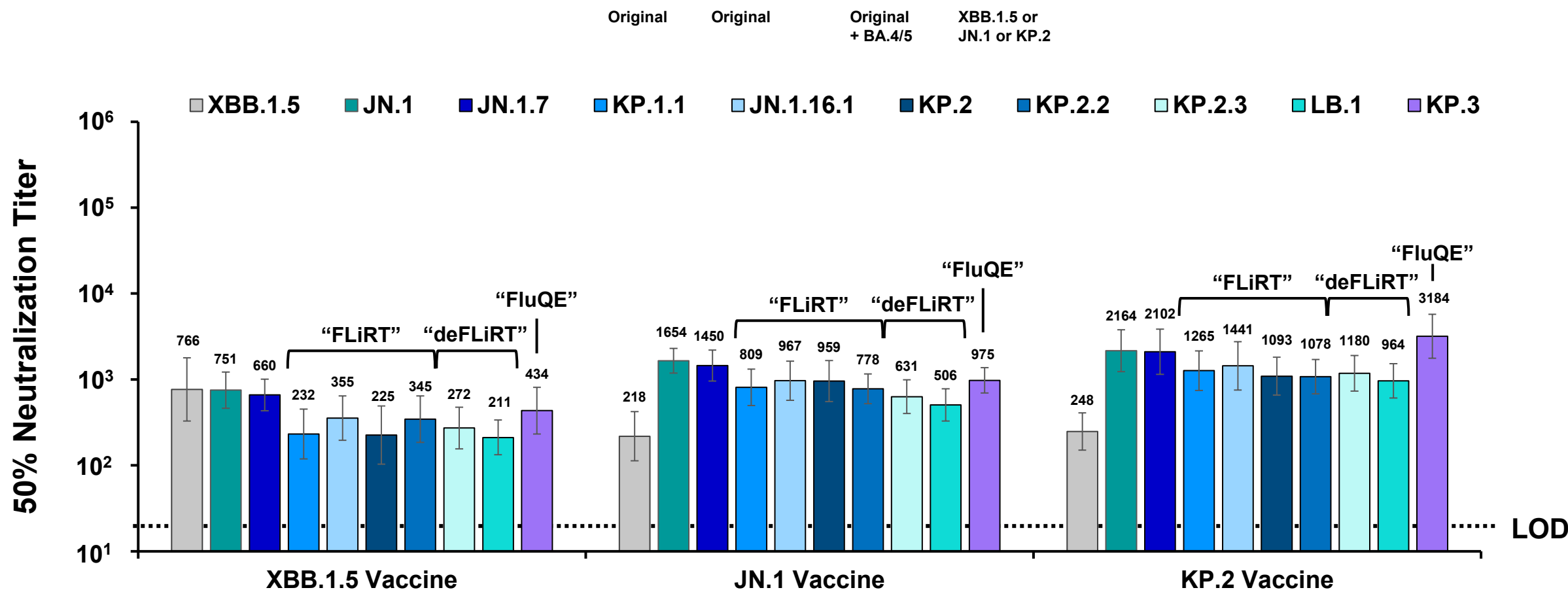


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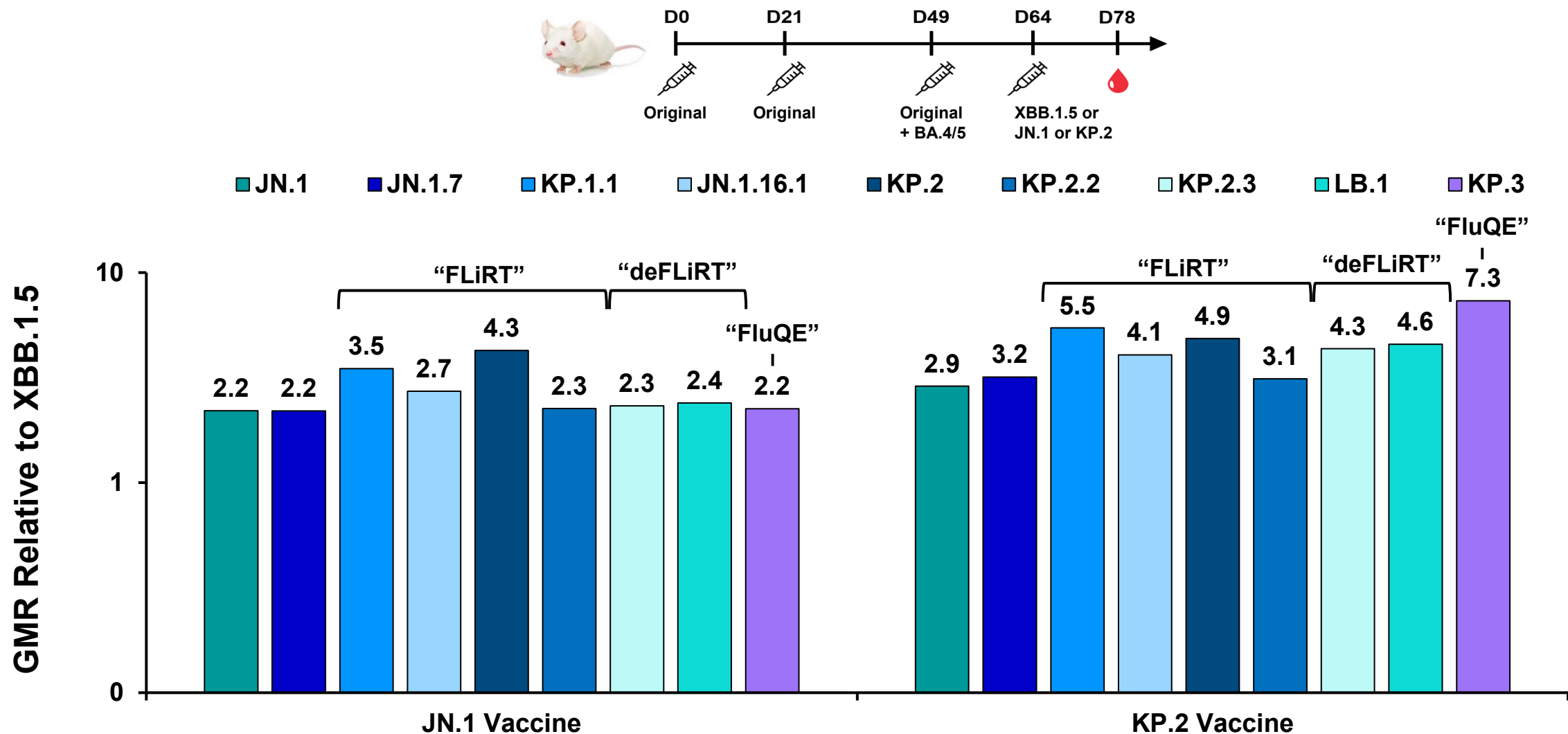
# Preclinical Evaluation of an Omicron KP.2-Adapted Vaccine

# Vaccine-Experienced: 2 Weeks Post 4<sup>th</sup> Dose Neutralizing Responses Elicited by XBB.1.5, JN.1 and KP.2 Vaccines



Pseudovirus neutralization assay; LOD = Limit of detection; the lowest serum dilution of 1:20.  
N = 10 mice per vaccine group. Vaccine dose 0.5 µg  
“FLiRT” = S: F456L, R346T; “deFLiRT” = S: S31del, F456L, R346T; “FLuQE” = S: F456L, Q493E

# Vaccine-Experienced: Geometric Mean Ratio of JN.1 and KP.2 Vaccine Responses Compared to XBB.1.5 Vaccine Responses, 2 Weeks Post 4<sup>th</sup> Dose



Pseudovirus neutralization assay; LOD = Limit of detection; the lowest serum dilution of 1:20.  
N = 10 mice per vaccine group. Vaccine dose 0.5 µg  
“FLiRT” = S: F456L, R346T; “deFLiRT” = S: S31del, F456L, R346T; “FluQE” = S: F456L, Q493E



# Conclusions

## **Summary Evidence Supports a JN.1 Lineage Vaccine Update for the 2024/2025 Season**

- **XBB.1.5 vaccine had robust effectiveness against XBB lineages that declined against JN.1**
- **JN.1 sublineages are dominant, with minimal antigenic differences within family, mirroring observations for XBB lineages relative to XBB.1.5**
- **JN.1- and KP.2-adapted vaccines confer improved neutralizing responses over XBB.1.5 vaccine against broad panel of emerging variants**
- **Prepared to initiate supply of either JN.1 vaccine or KP.2 vaccine immediately upon approval**



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