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2025-2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Formula: Pfizer/BioNTech Supportive Data

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Presentation Outline



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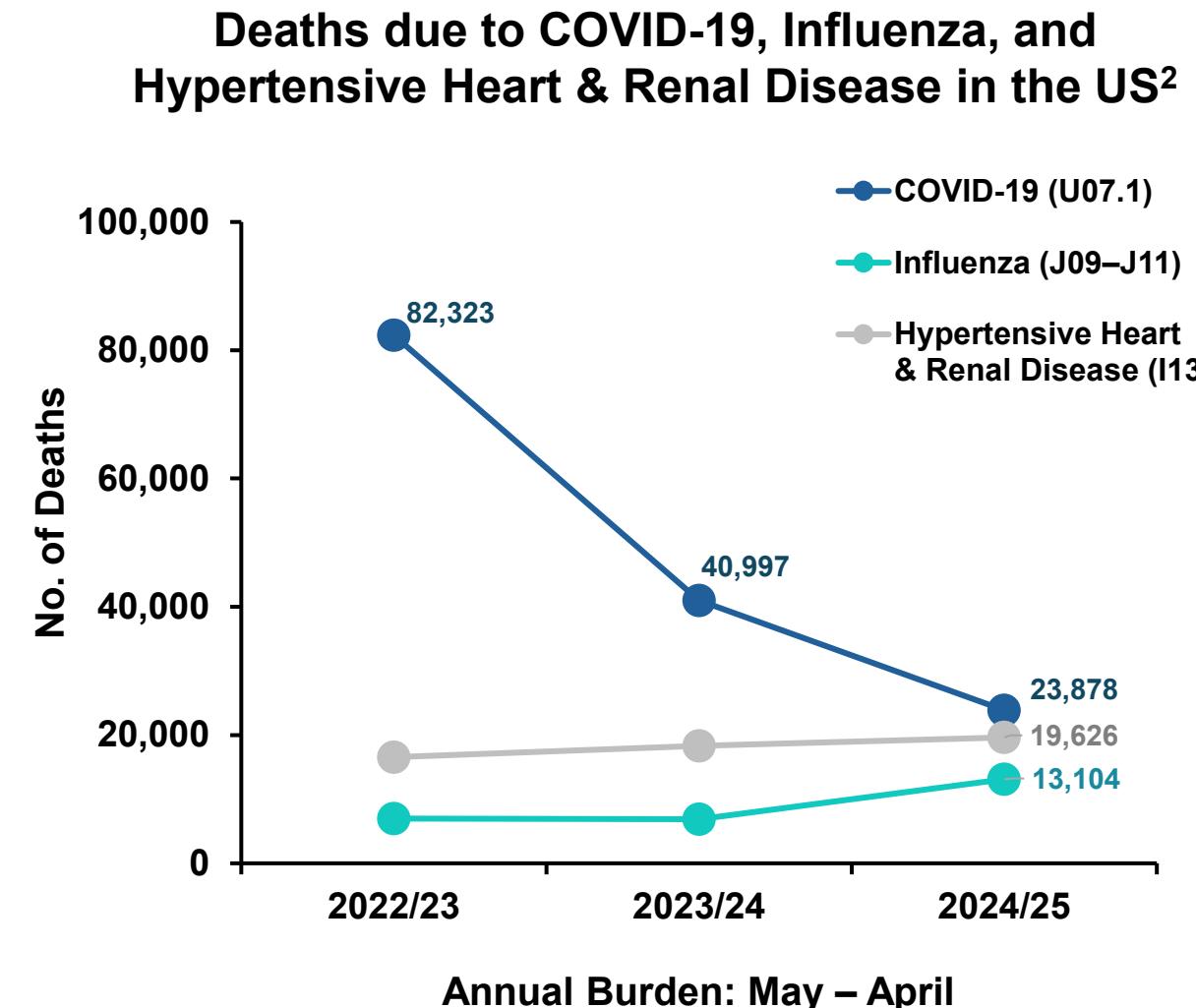
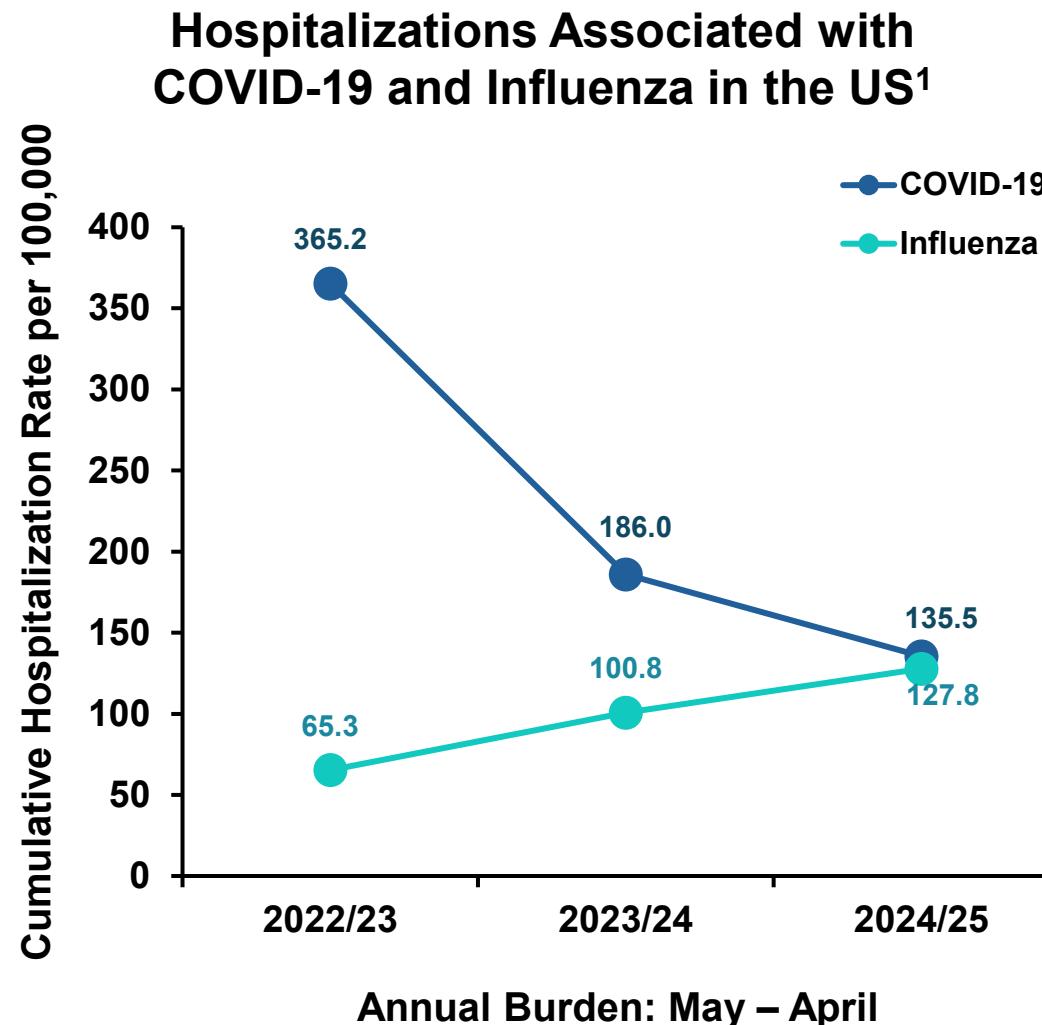
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COVID-19 Still Causes Significant Morbidity and Mortality



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COVID-19 Vaccines Prevent Severe Illness and Deaths in US

BURDEN PREVENTED¹

2023 – 2024

Seasonal

Annual



Hospitalizations

68,000

107,000



ICU Admissions

13,000

18,000



In-hospital Deaths

5,300

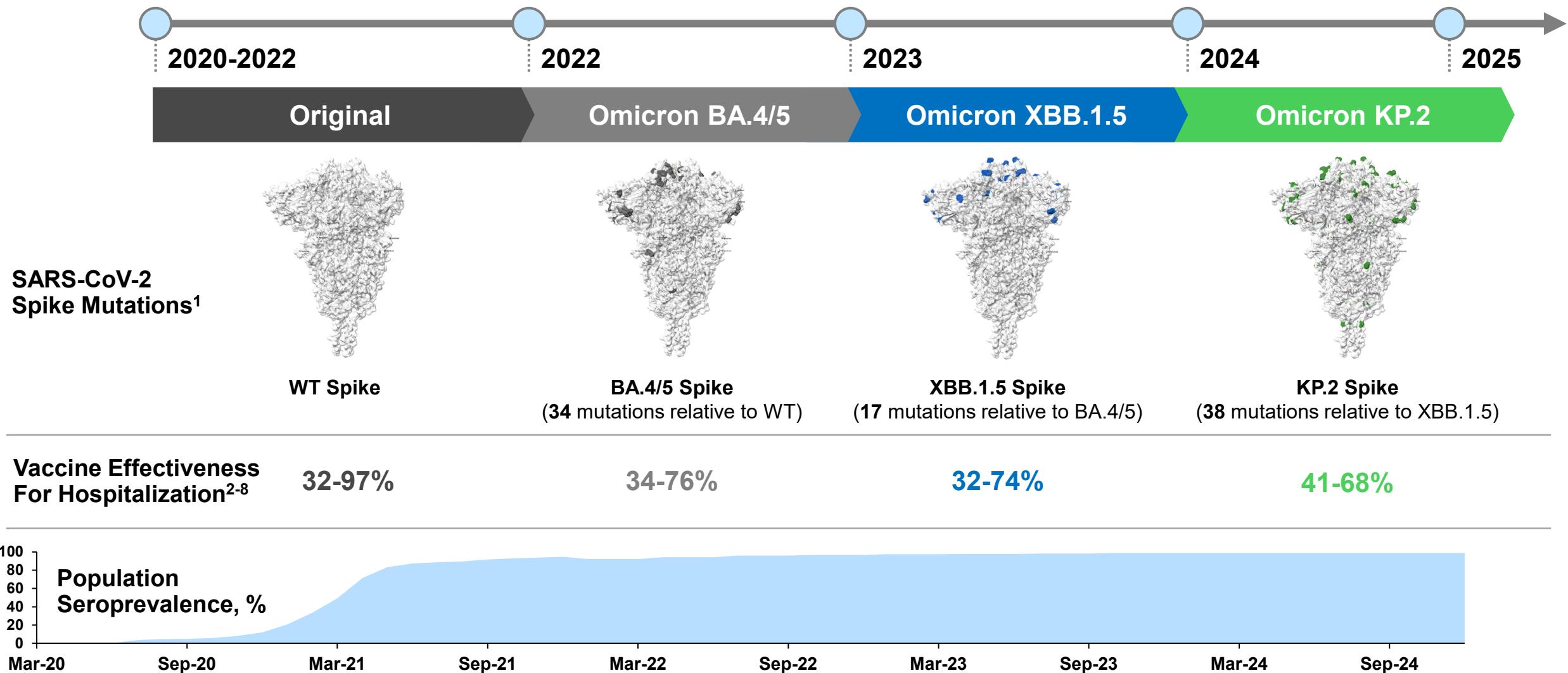
6,700

BNT162b2 Safety & Effectiveness Continuously Monitored by Pfizer/BioNTech

- **5 billion doses distributed globally since 2020 authorization**
- **22 clinical studies performed, enrolling > 70,000 participants**
 - >10,000 participants \geq 65 years of age
 - >42,000 participants \geq 18 to 64 years of age
 - >18,000 participants \geq 6 months to 17 years of age
- **12 postmarketing safety studies evaluating safety in >60 million individuals**
- **Studies on 5 continents to monitor real-world effectiveness**

The BNT162b2 vaccine maintains a highly favorable benefit-risk profile

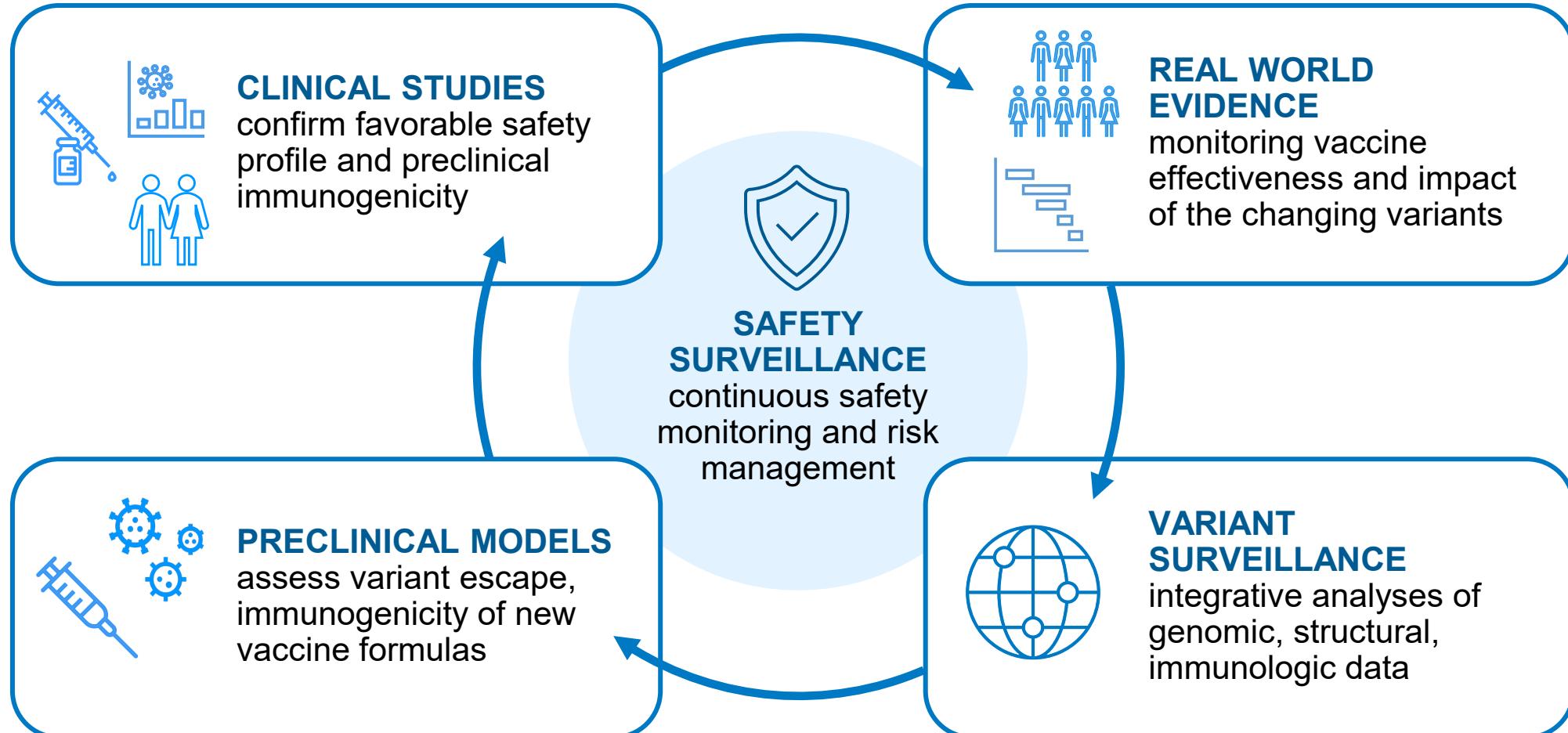
COVID-19 Variant-Adapted Vaccine Approvals Keeping Pace with Virus Evolution



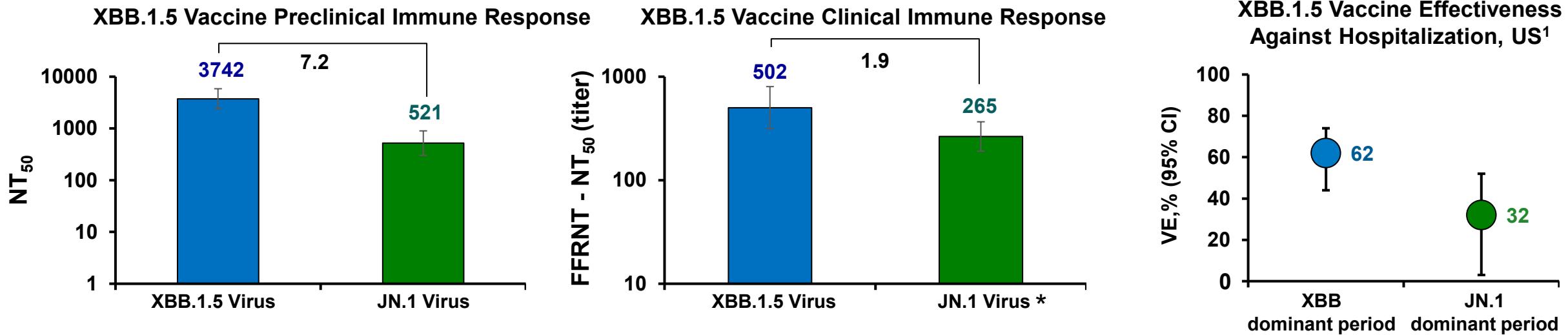
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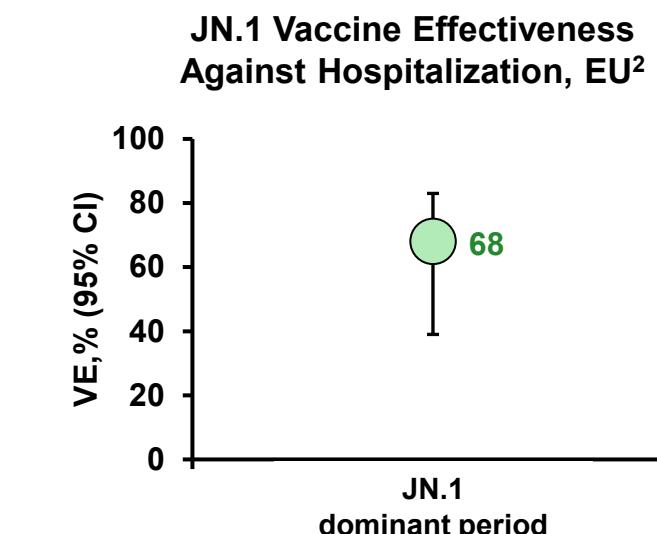
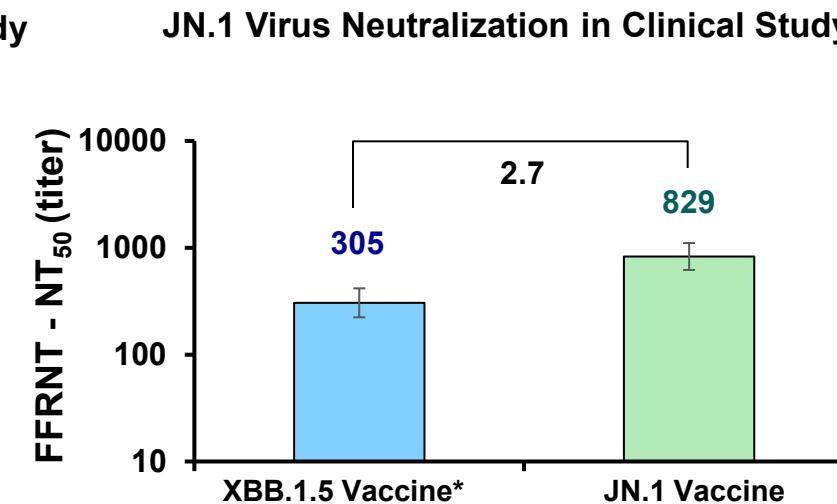
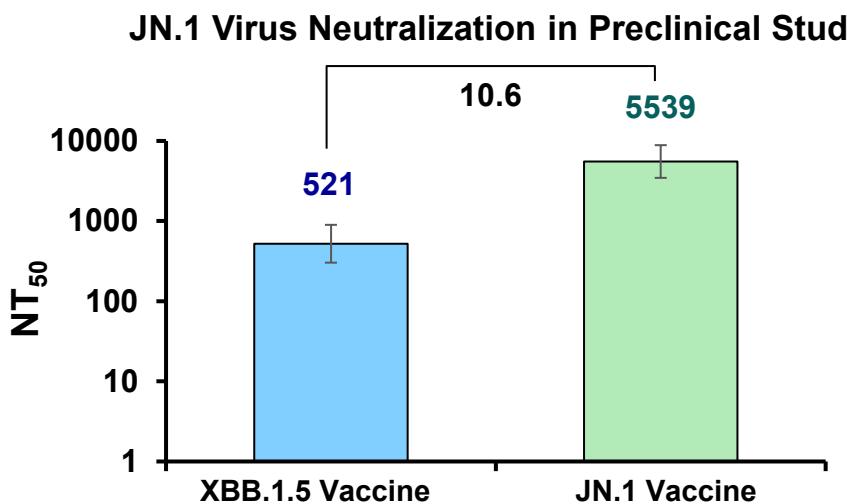
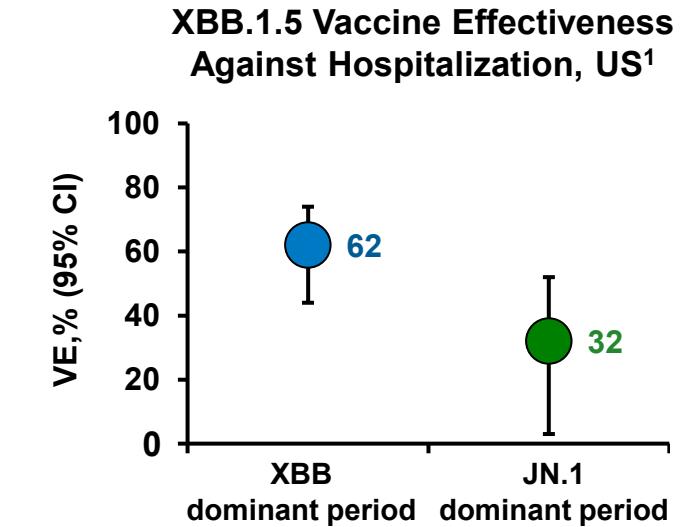
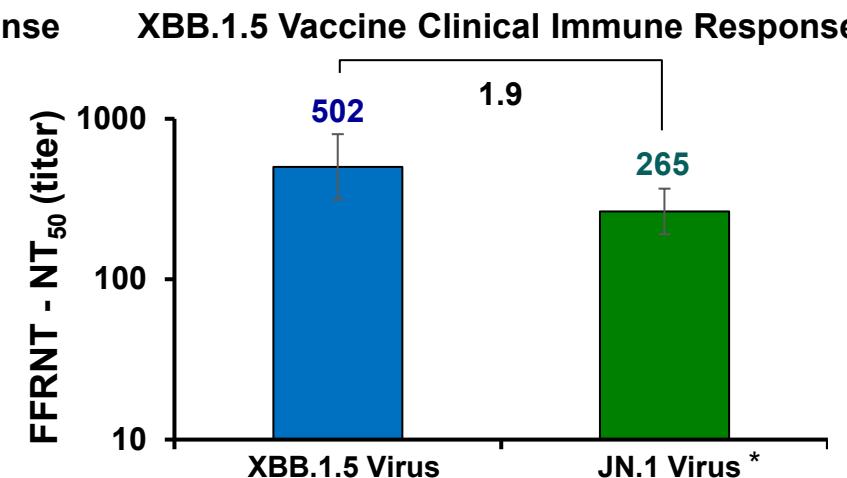
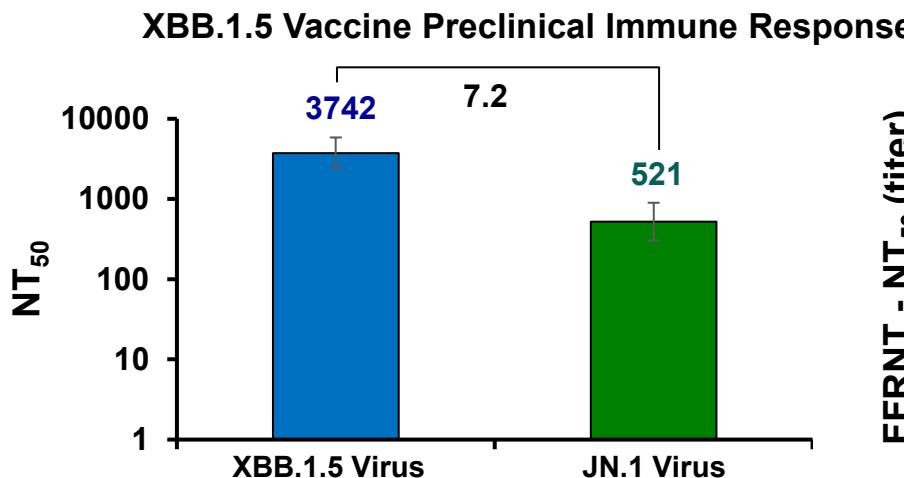
Pfizer/BioNTech's Multifaceted and Continual Process for Variant-Adapted Vaccine Evaluation



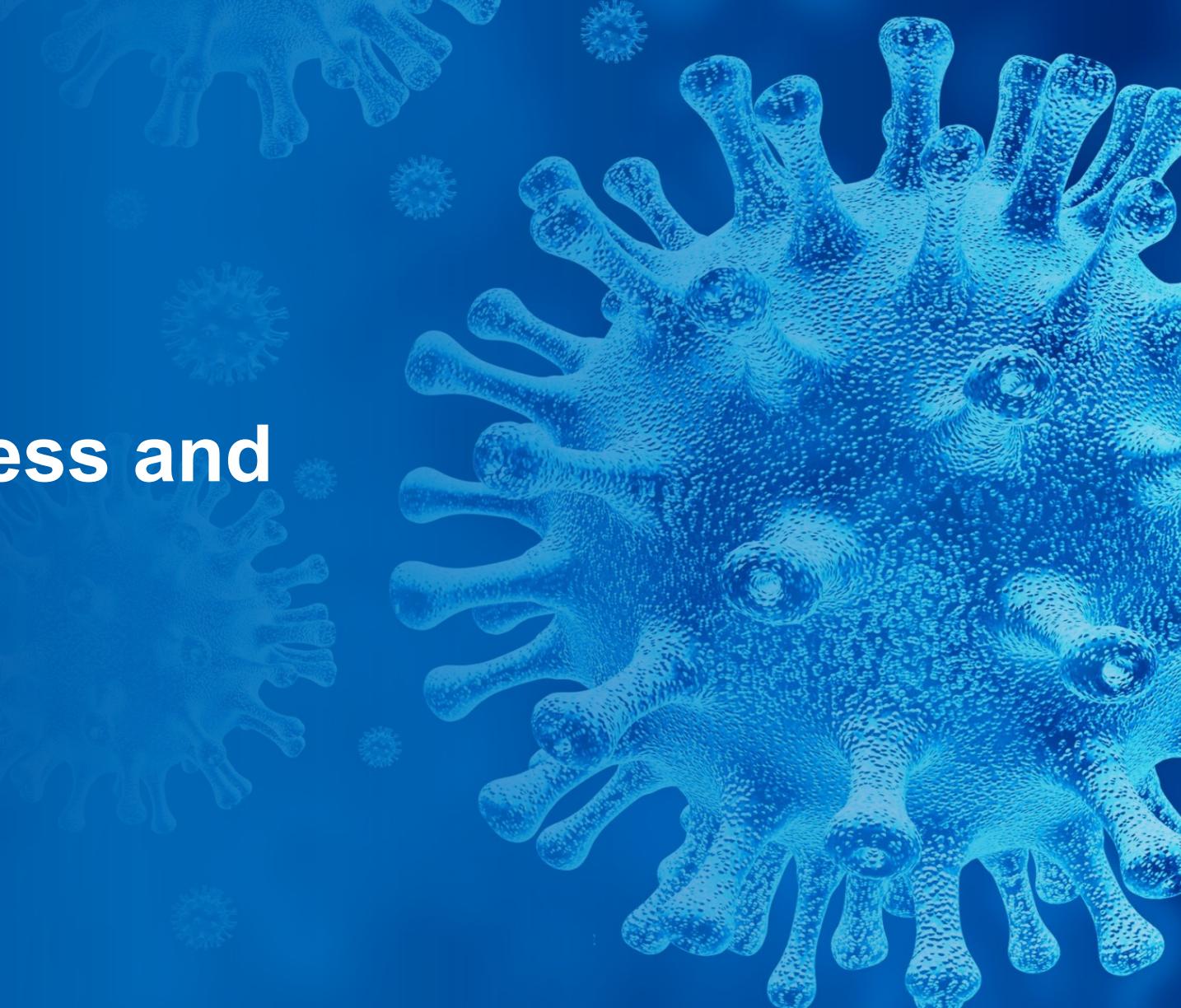
Virus Evolution to New Variant Results in Immune Escape; Reducing Vaccine Effectiveness



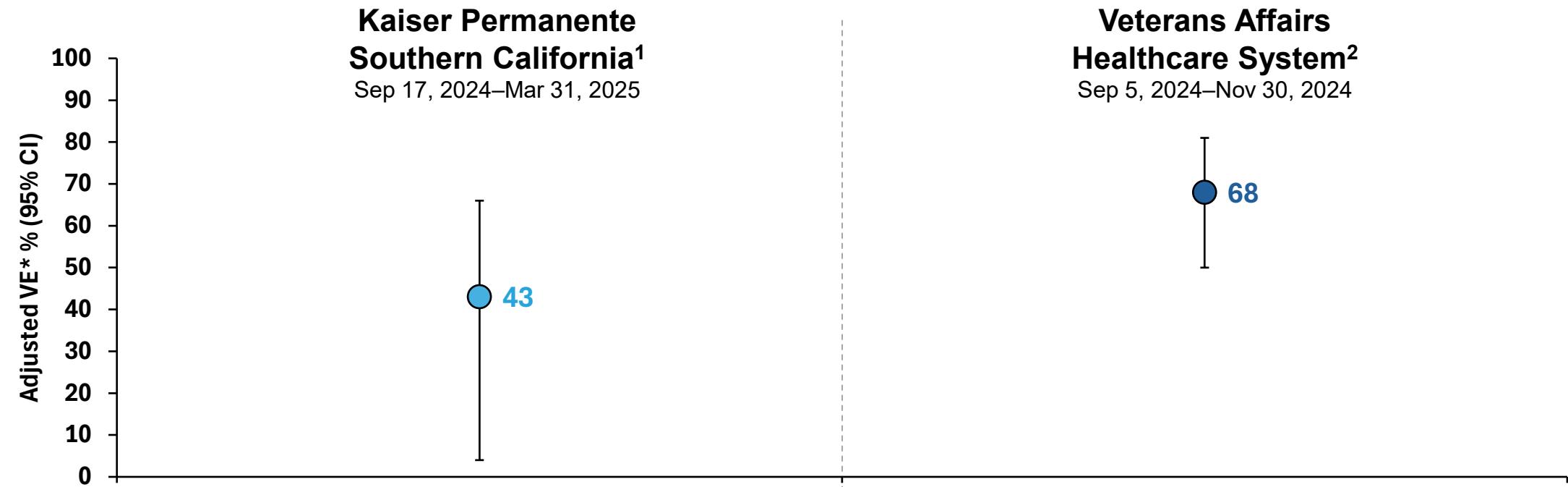
Virus Evolution to New Variant Results in Immune Escape; Updating Vaccine Provides Benefit



Real World Effectiveness and Variant Epidemiology



KP.2-Adapted Vaccine Provides Effectiveness Against Hospital Admission



Design	Test-negative case-control	Test-negative case-control
Population	≥18y with ARI diagnosis and SARS-CoV-2 PCR test	≥18y with ARI diagnosis and SARS-CoV-2 PCR or RAT test
Median (IQR) age	53y (35 to 71)	68y (56 to 76)
Median (IQR) time since dose	88d (54 to 121)	30d (21 to 43)
Number of cases (%)	3,039 (5.1%)	7,224 (16.2%)

1. Pfizer data on file.

2. Appaneal, H.J. et al. Early Effectiveness of the BNT162b2 KP.2 Vaccine against COVID-19 in the US Veterans Affairs Healthcare System. *Nature Communications*. 2025. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-59344-7>

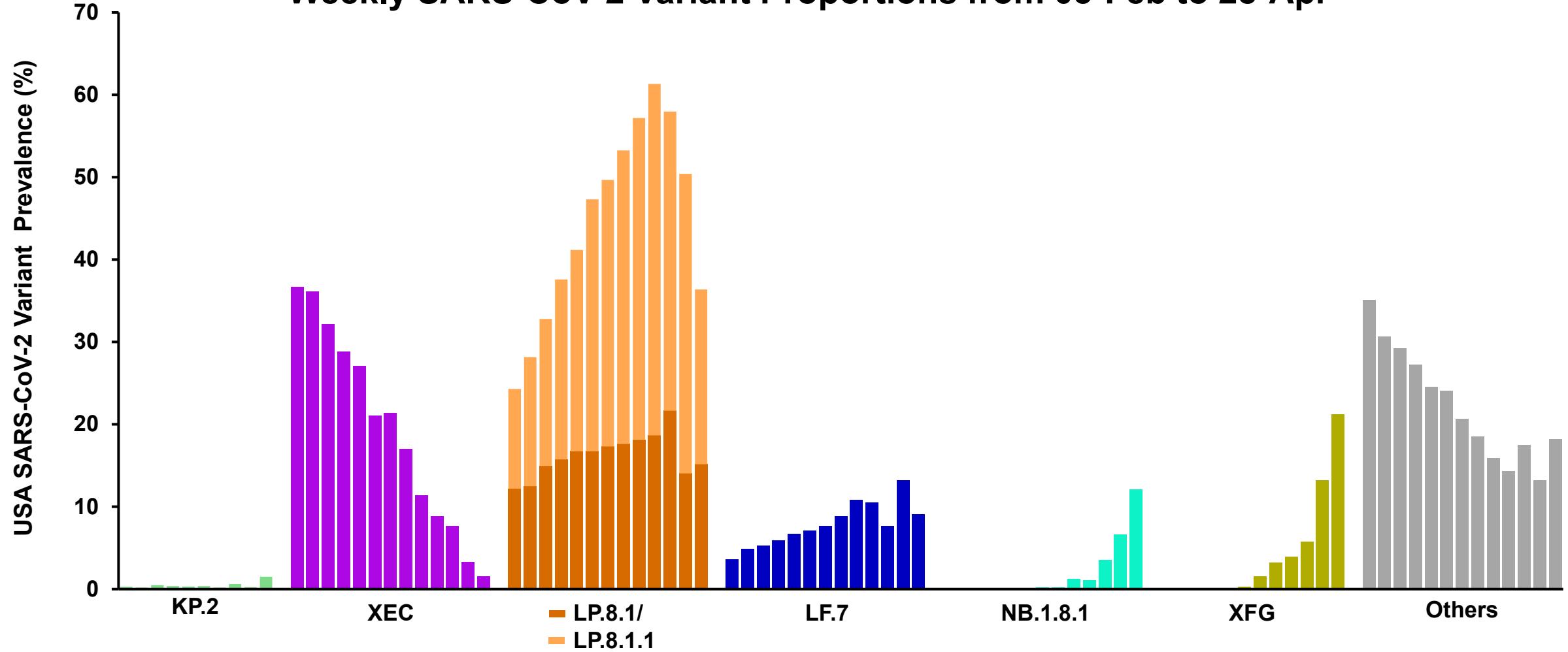
ARI, acute respiratory infection; CI, confidence interval; d, days; IQR, interquartile range; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; RAT, rapid antigen test; VE, vaccine effectiveness; y, years.

Vaccine Effectiveness (VE) Estimates are compared to no receipt of any 2024–2025 Covid-19 vaccine.

LP.8.1 is Dominant Variant; Emerging Variants Rise in Prevalence

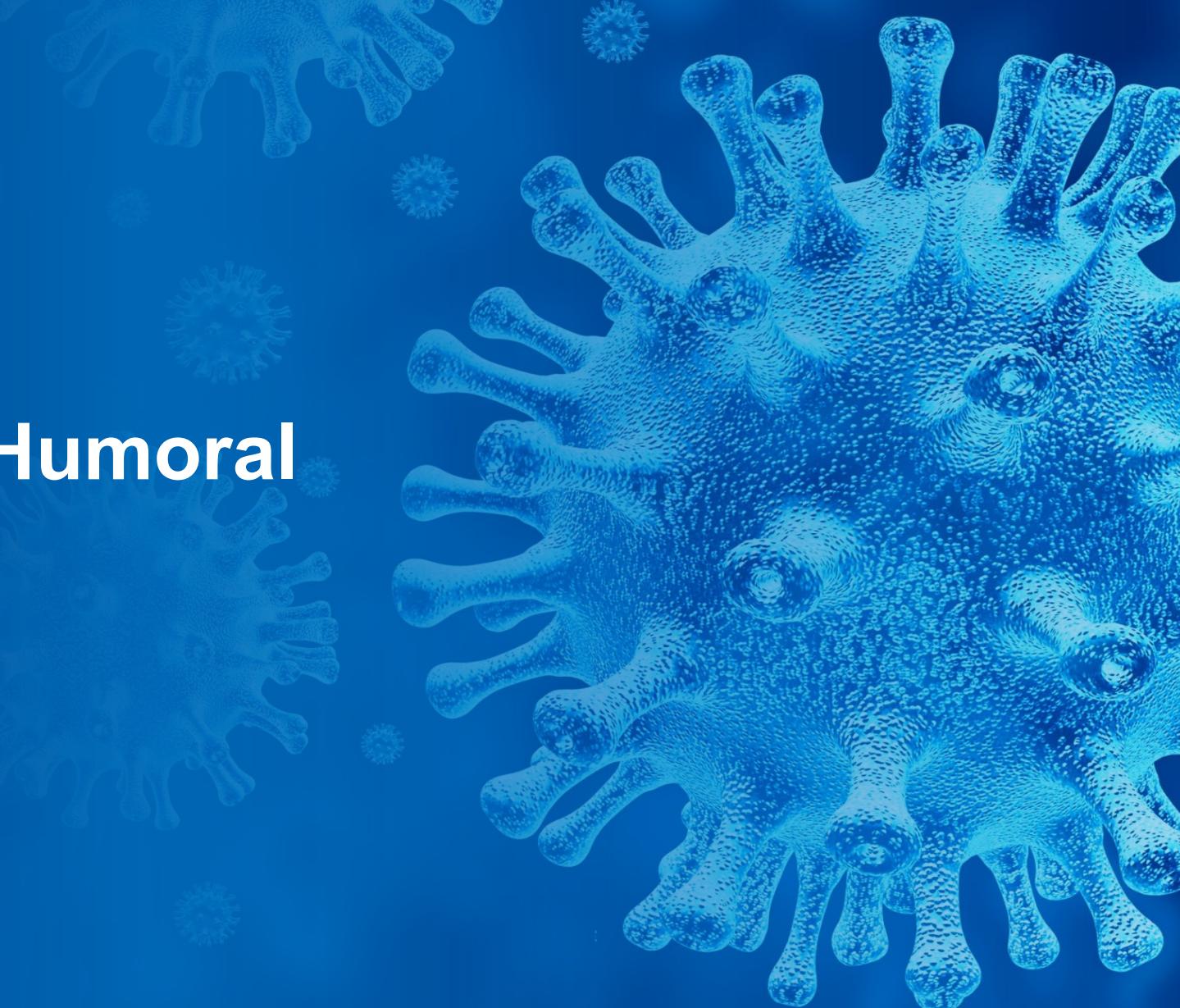


Weekly SARS-CoV-2 Variant Proportions from 03-Feb to 28-Apr



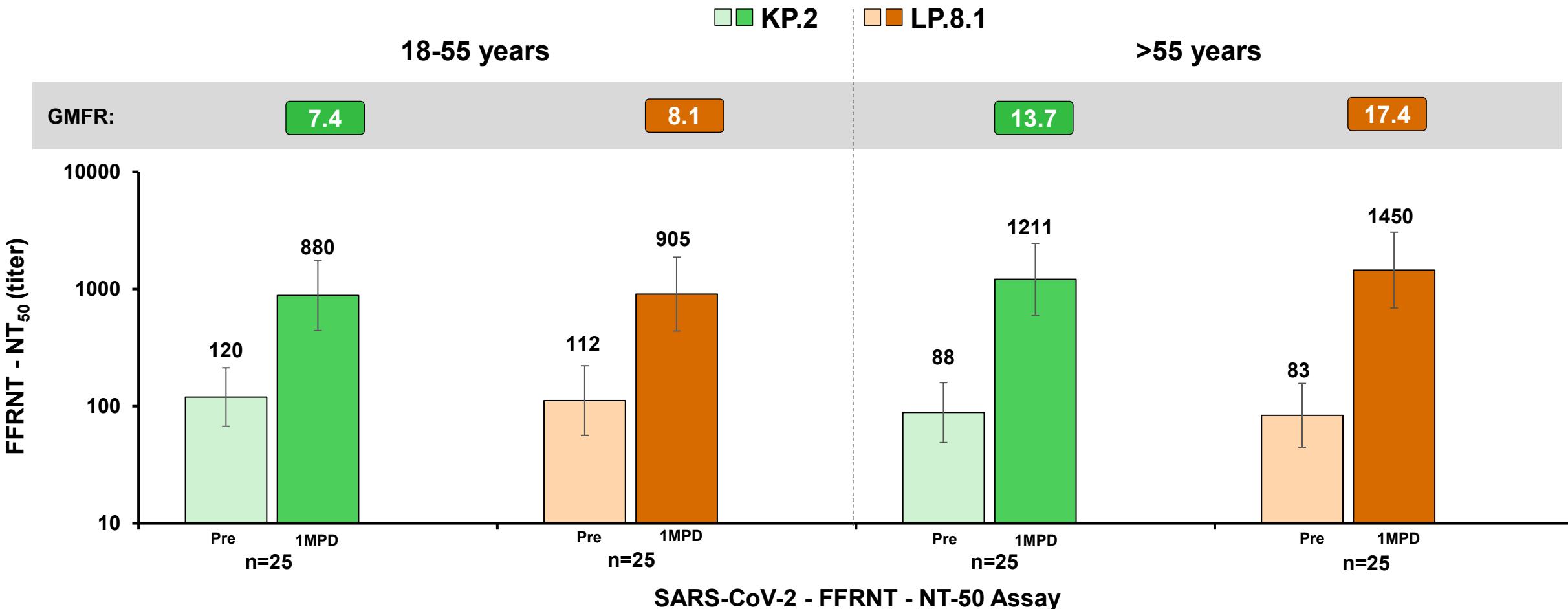
Source: [GISAID - gisaid.org](https://gisaid.org); data accessed/analysed/Plotted within Pfizer, as of May 11, 2025. Each individual labelled variant includes all subvariants including those with the same Spike protein amino acid sequence. Each bar represents 1 week's variant prevalence data.

KP.2 Vaccine Clinical Humoral Immune Responses



Clinical Trial: KP.2-Adapted Vaccine Elicits Robust Neutralizing Responses Against KP.2 and LP.8.1 Variants

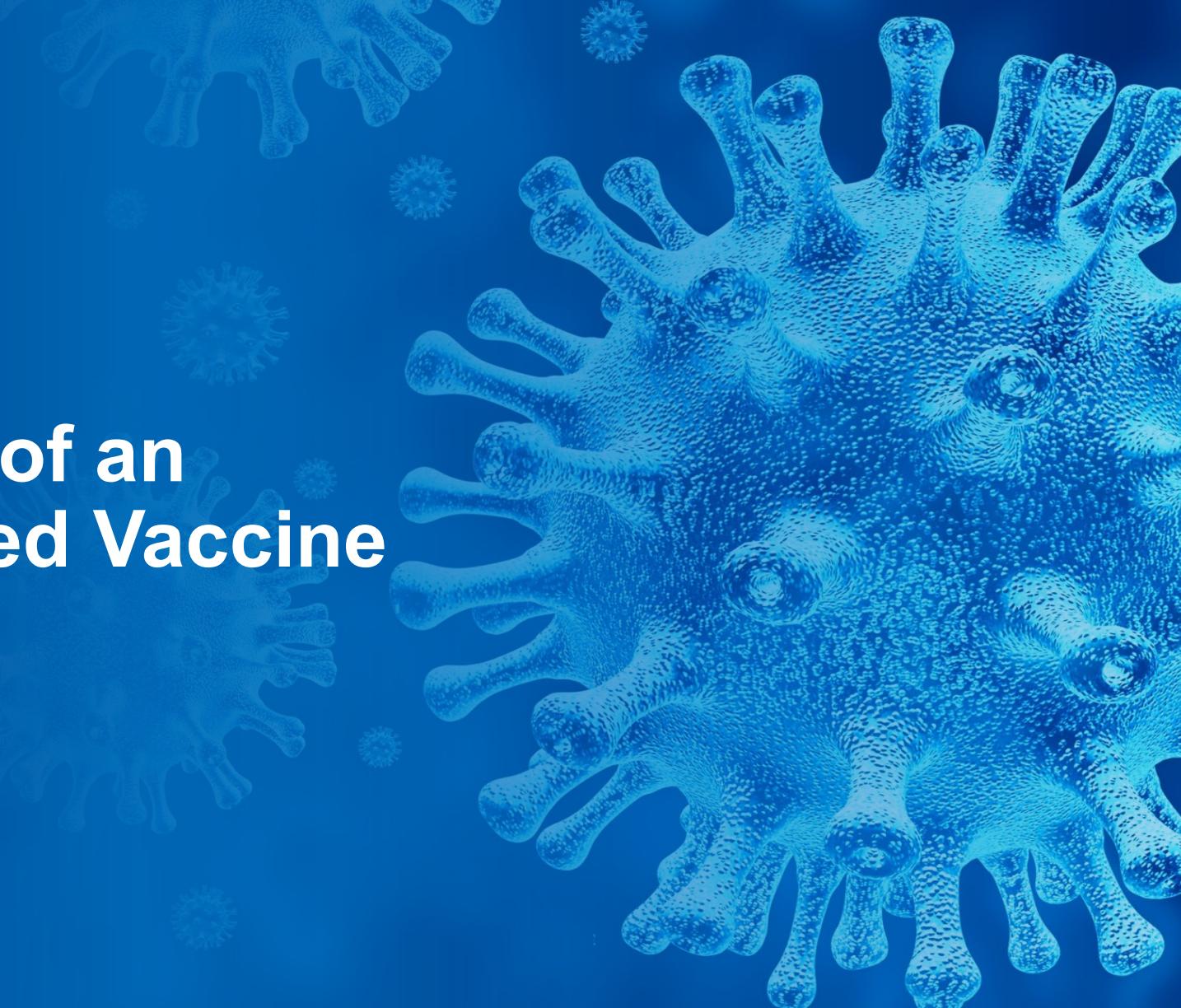
Evaluable immunogenicity population – KP.2 Adapted Vaccine



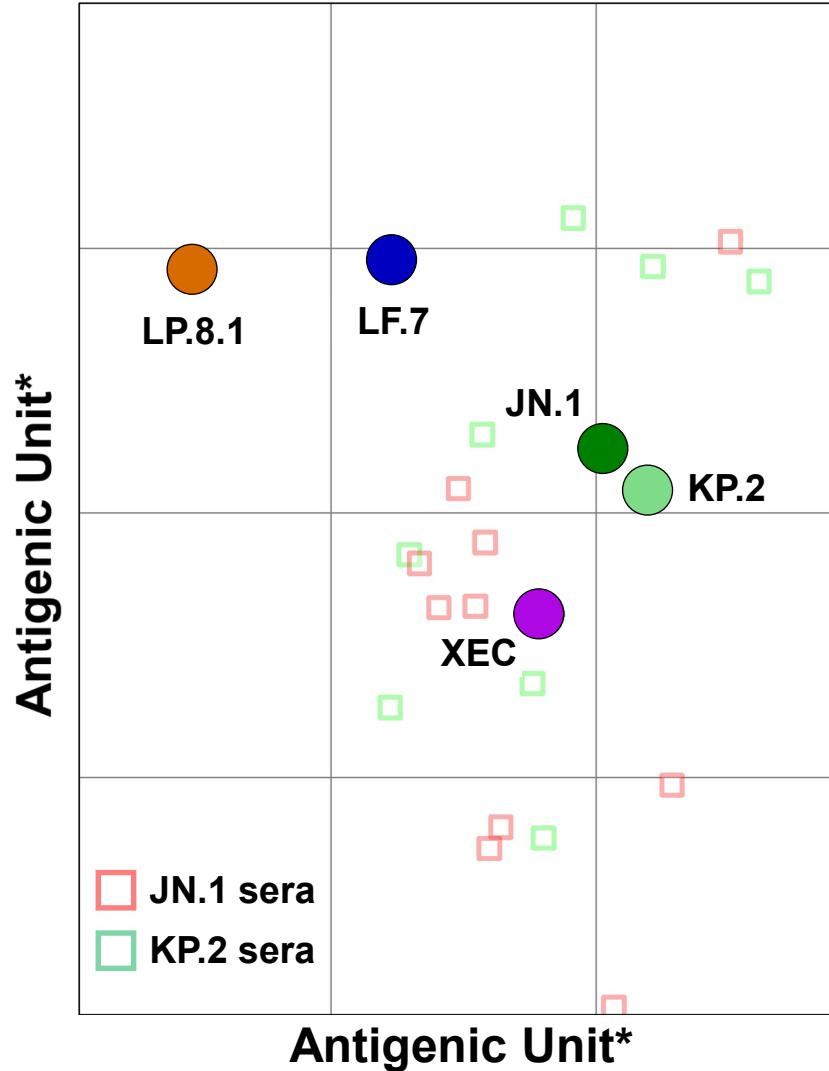
All participants were ≥ 18 years old; vaccine naïve or vaccine experienced with last COVID-19 vaccine being administered at least 150 days prior to enrollment.

GMFR = Geometric Mean Neutralizing Titer Fold Rise; Pre = pre-vaccination; 1MPD = 1-month post-vaccination; FFRNT = fluorescent focus reduction neutralization test

Preclinical Evaluation of an Omicron LP.8.1-Adapted Vaccine



Recent JN.1 Subvariants Exhibiting Greater Antigenic Drift

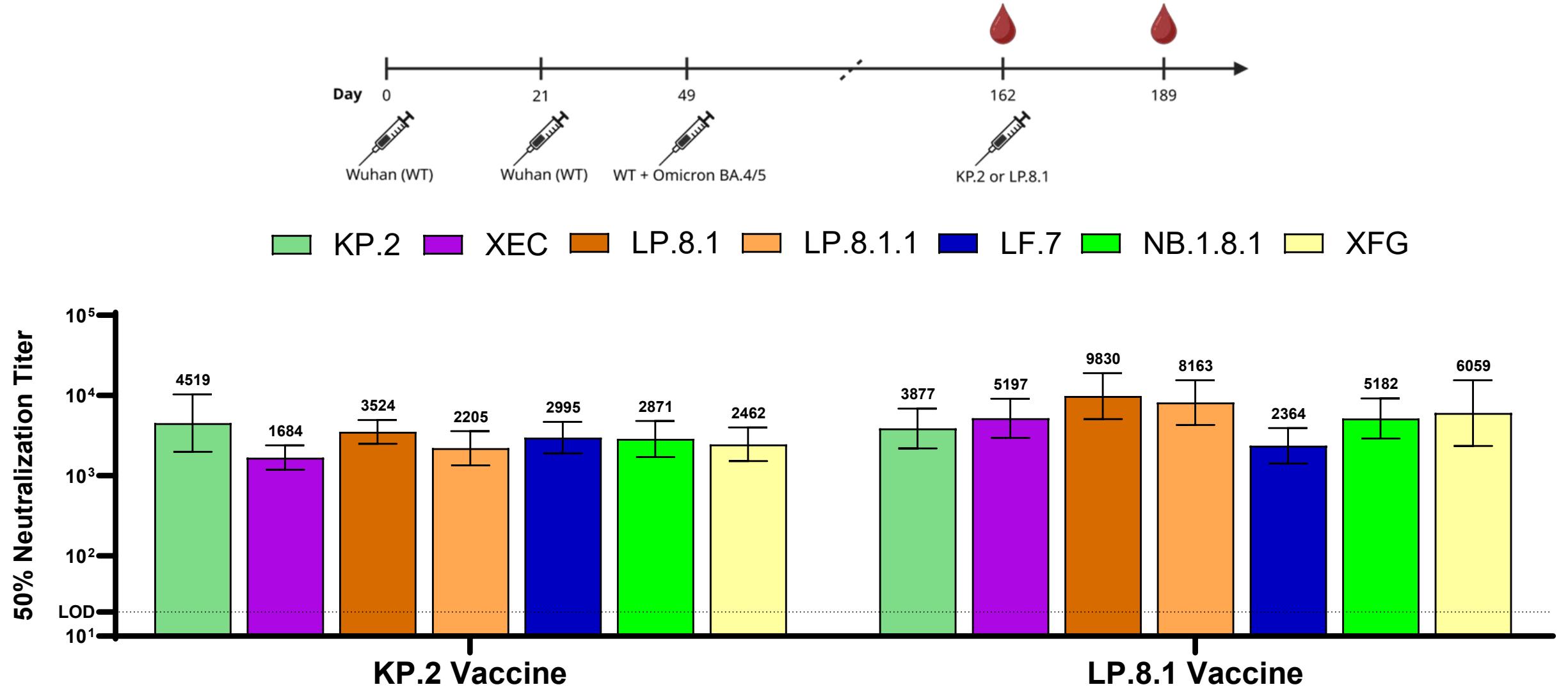


*Each box represents 1 antigenic unit = 2-fold difference in neutralization titer.

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Generated from pseudovirus neutralization titers elicited by JN.1- and KP.2-adapted vaccines administered as a primary series to naïve mice.

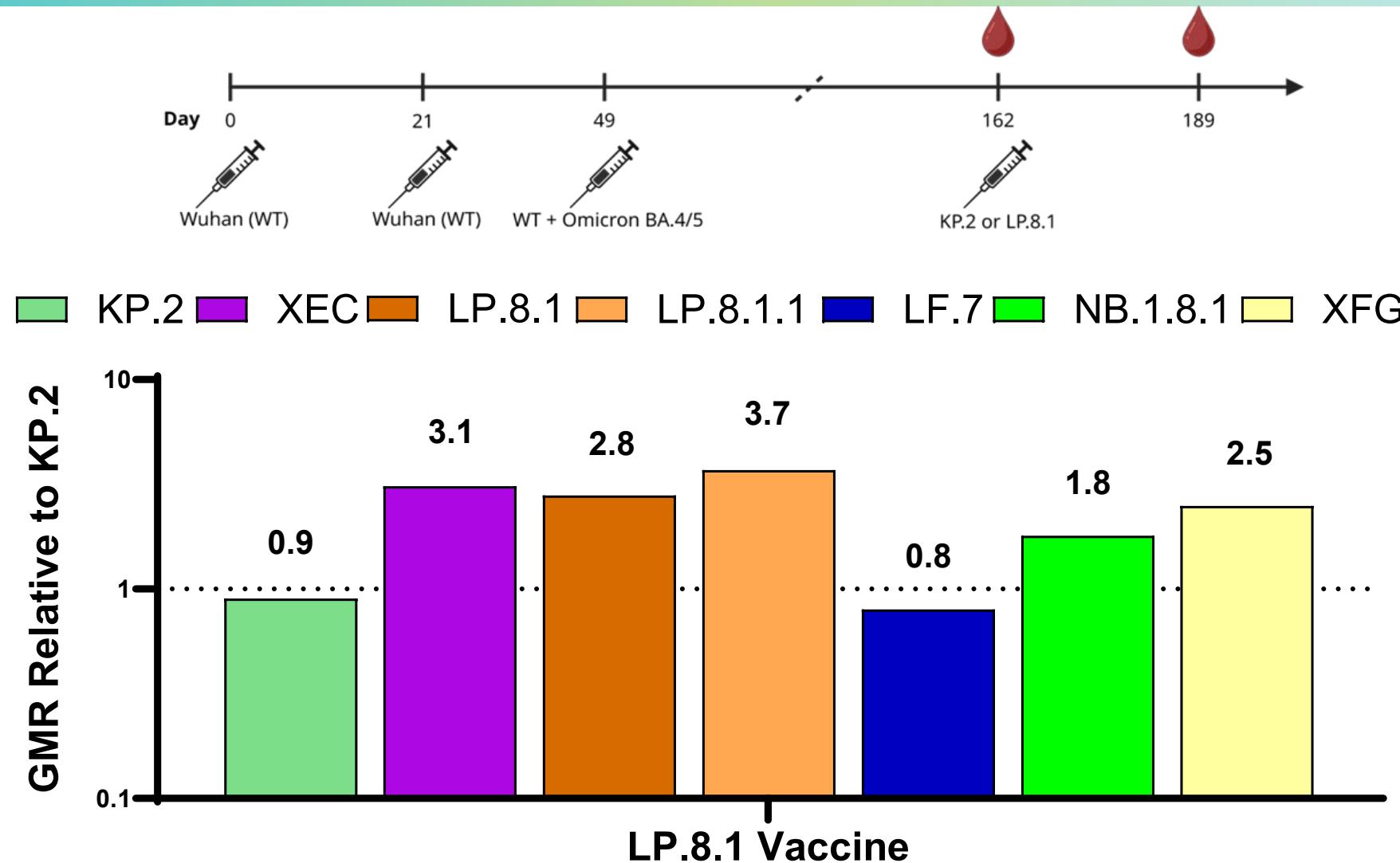
LP.8.1 Vaccine Elicits Broadly Cross-Reactive Neutralizing Responses in Vaccine-Experienced Mice



Neutralization titers measured by pseudovirus neutralization assay.
N = 10 mice per vaccine group. Vaccine dose 0.5 µg.

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LP.8.1 Vaccine Elicits Improved Neutralization Compared to KP.2 Vaccine in Vaccine-Experienced Mice

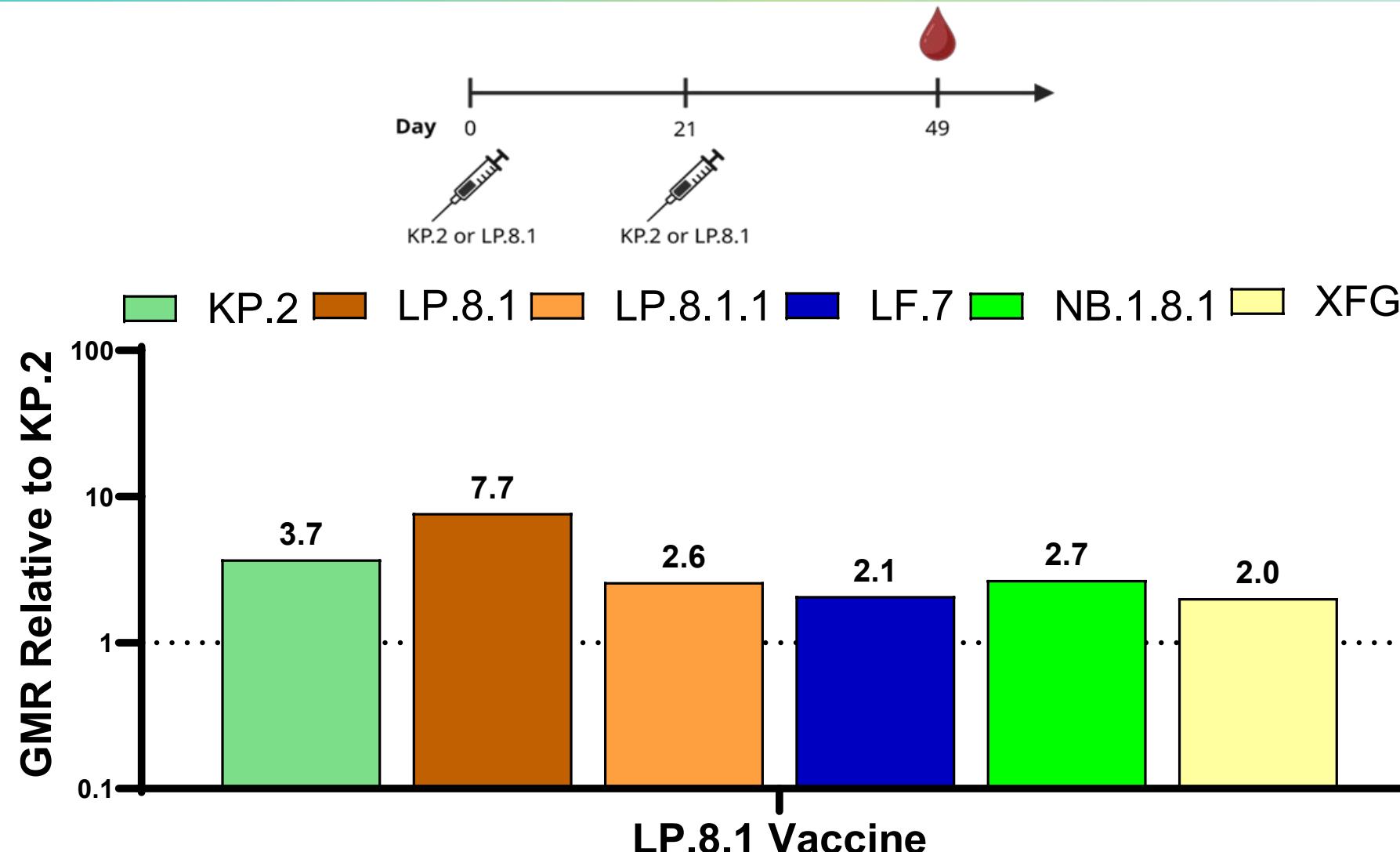


Neutralization titers measured by pseudovirus neutralization assay.

GMR = Geometric Mean Ratio of 50% neutralization titers.

N = 10 mice per vaccine group. Vaccine dose 0.5 μ g.

LP.8.1 Vaccine Elicits Improved Neutralization Compared to KP.2 Vaccine in Vaccine-Naïve Mice



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Conclusions

Summary Evidence Supports Consistent Benefit of Seasonal Updates to Vaccine Formulas For Antigenically Divergent Variants

- **Processes and outcomes for variant-adapted vaccine updates have been reliable in their clinical benefit**
- **KP.2 vaccine demonstrates cross-reactive clinical response to LP.8.1, continued effectiveness and favorable benefit-risk profile consistent with original vaccine**
- **LP.8.1 vaccine confers improved immune response, in preclinical models, against currently dominant and emerging variants**
- **Pfizer/BioNTech prepared to supply 2025/2026 vaccine formula per FDA guidance, upon approval**

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