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# Com-COV3 Study

Comparing COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule Combinations in Adolescents

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## Cohort A study design

Participants:  
**Healthy 12-to -  
16-year-olds**

1<sup>st</sup> dose:  
BNT162b2  
30 mcg



Randomised 1:1:1 to either:

BNT162b2  
30 mcg (full dose)



BNT162b2  
10 mcg (1/3 dose)



~~BNT162b2  
10 mcg (1/3 dose)~~



Outcomes

**Primary:**  
Reactogenicity

**Secondary:**  
Immunogenicity  
Safety

**Exploratory:**  
Neutralising  
antibodies,  
'Breakthrough  
infections'

Sept 2021      Nov 2021

Recruitment

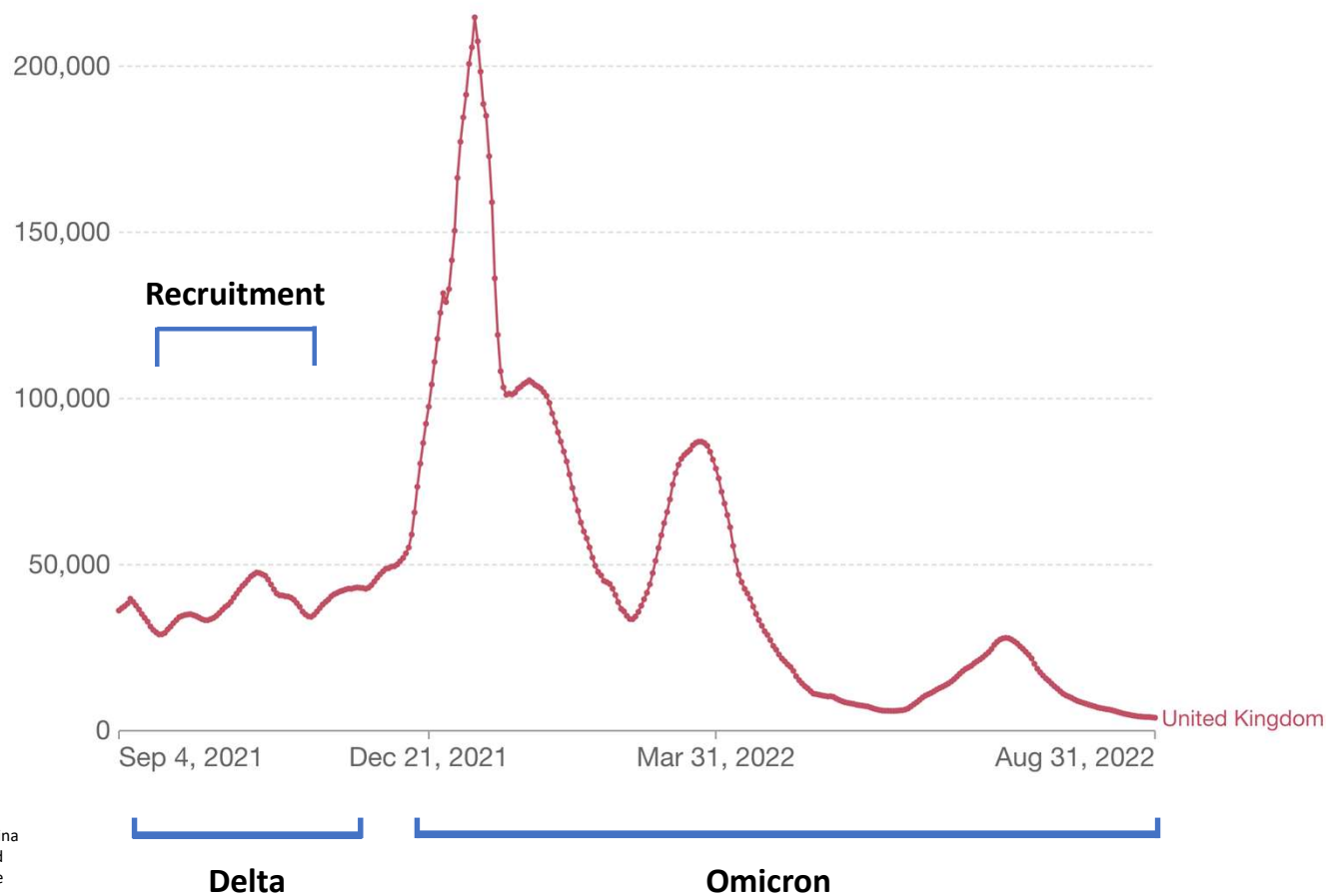
Recruitment across 7 UK sites. Cohort A completed Sept 2022.



## UK infection rates during Cohort A study

### Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases

7-day rolling average. Due to limited testing, the number of confirmed cases is lower than the true number of infections.



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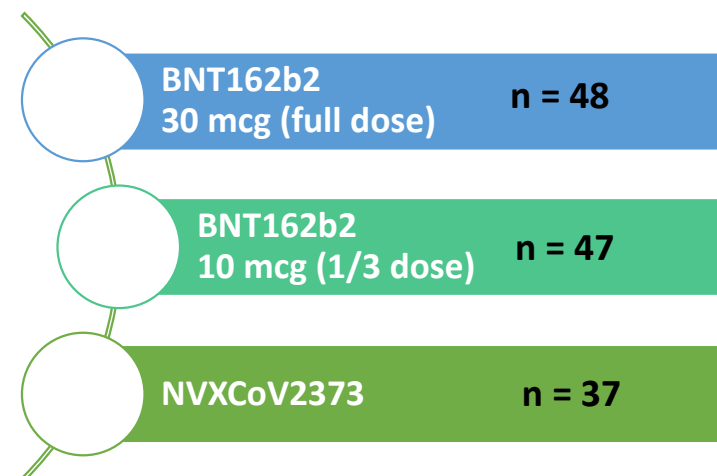
Max Roser and Esteban Ortiz-Ospina  
(2019) – "UK: Daily new confirmed  
COVID-19 cases". Published online  
at OurWorldInData.org.



## Cohort A Demographics

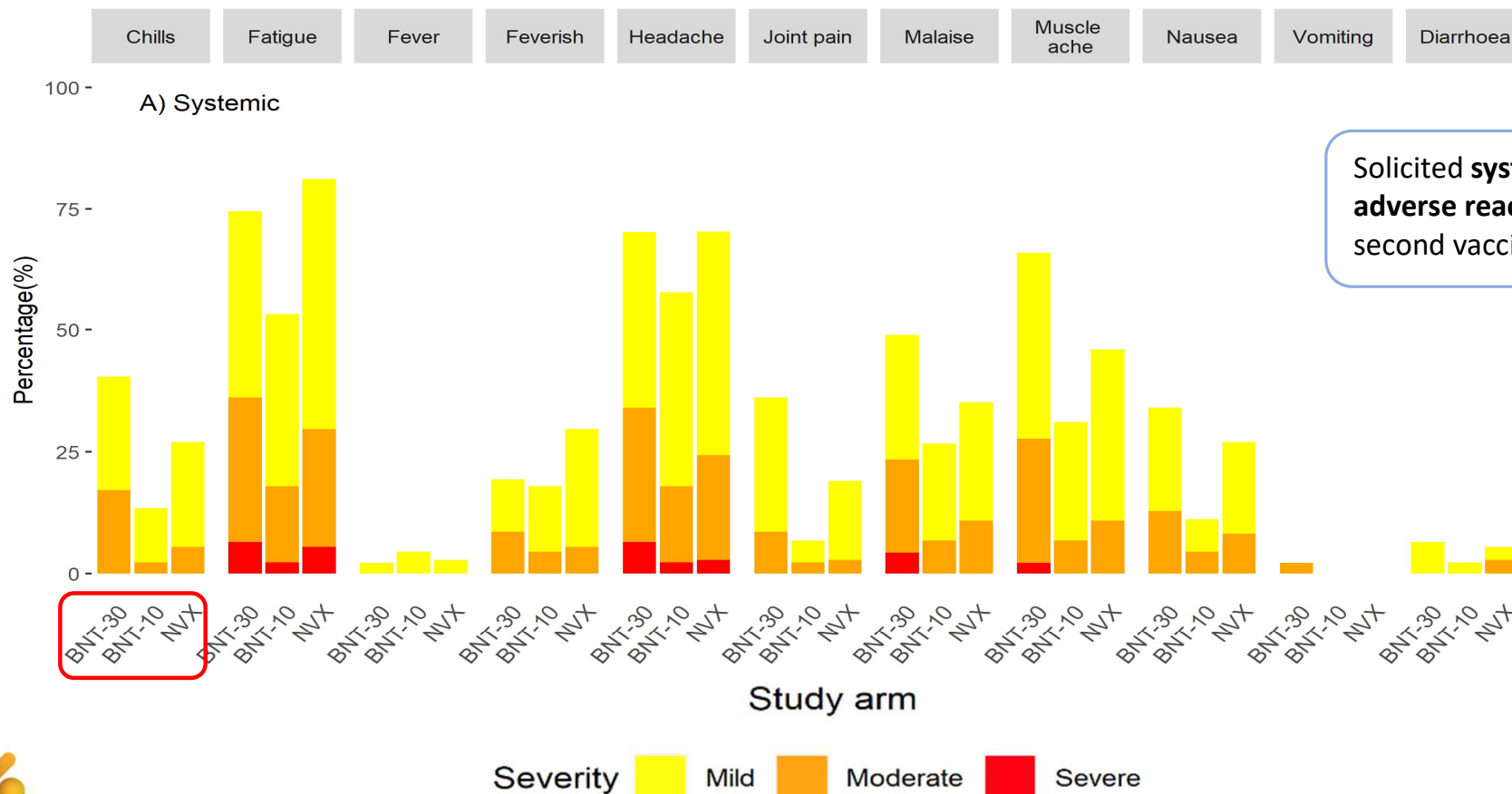


- **148** participants enrolled and 132 randomised to receive second dose
- Median age **14 years old**
- **61%** female
- **96%** Caucasian
- **30%** anti-nucleocapsid positive at time of second dose (previously infected with SARS-CoV-2)
- Inter-dose interval median **59 days** (range 56, 109)



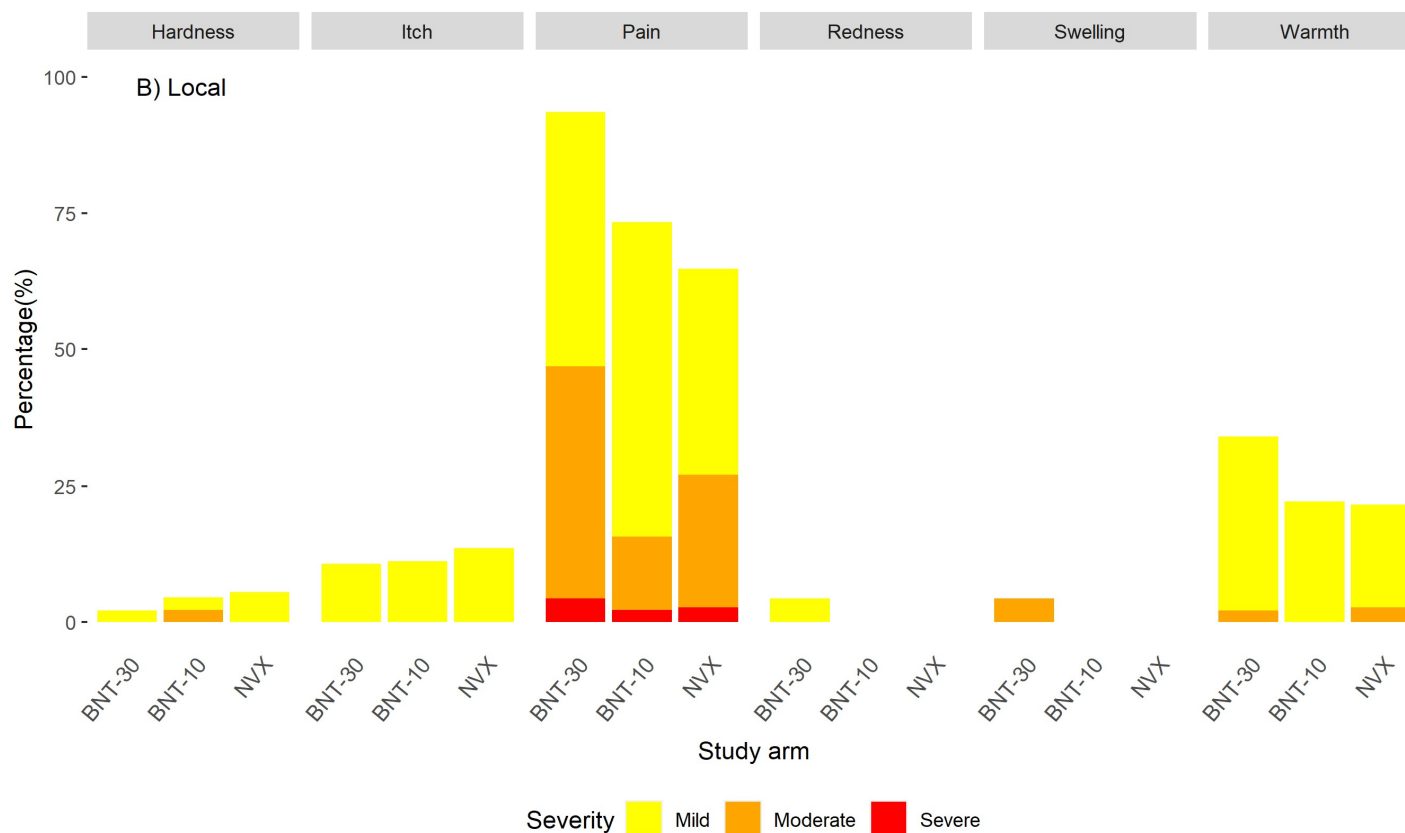


## Cohort A Primary outcome: Reactogenicity





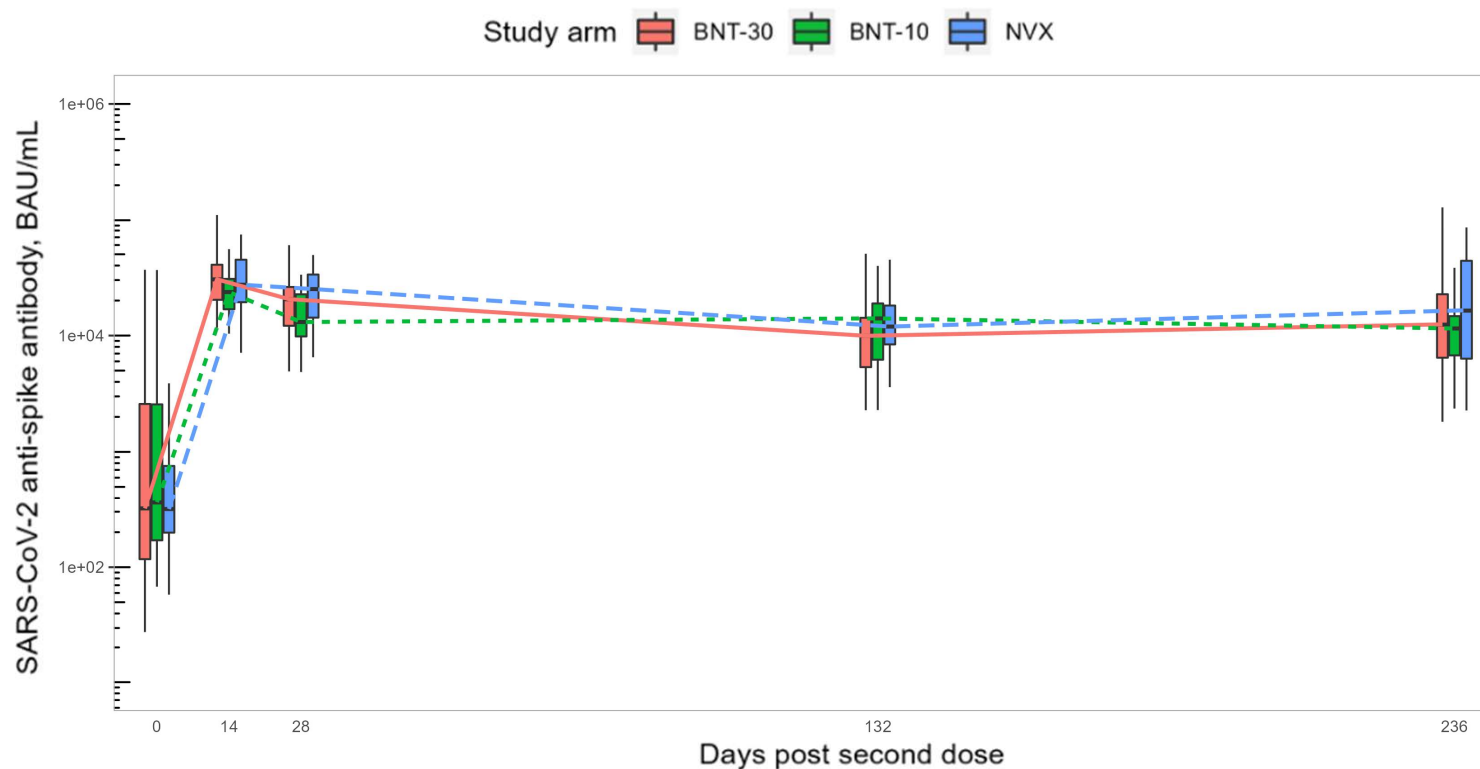
## Solicited local adverse reactions post second vaccination





## Anti-spike antibody response (Victoria)

All participants, day 236 mITT population



Participant numbers:  
Total =103  
BNT-30: 42  
BNT-10: 35  
NVX: 26

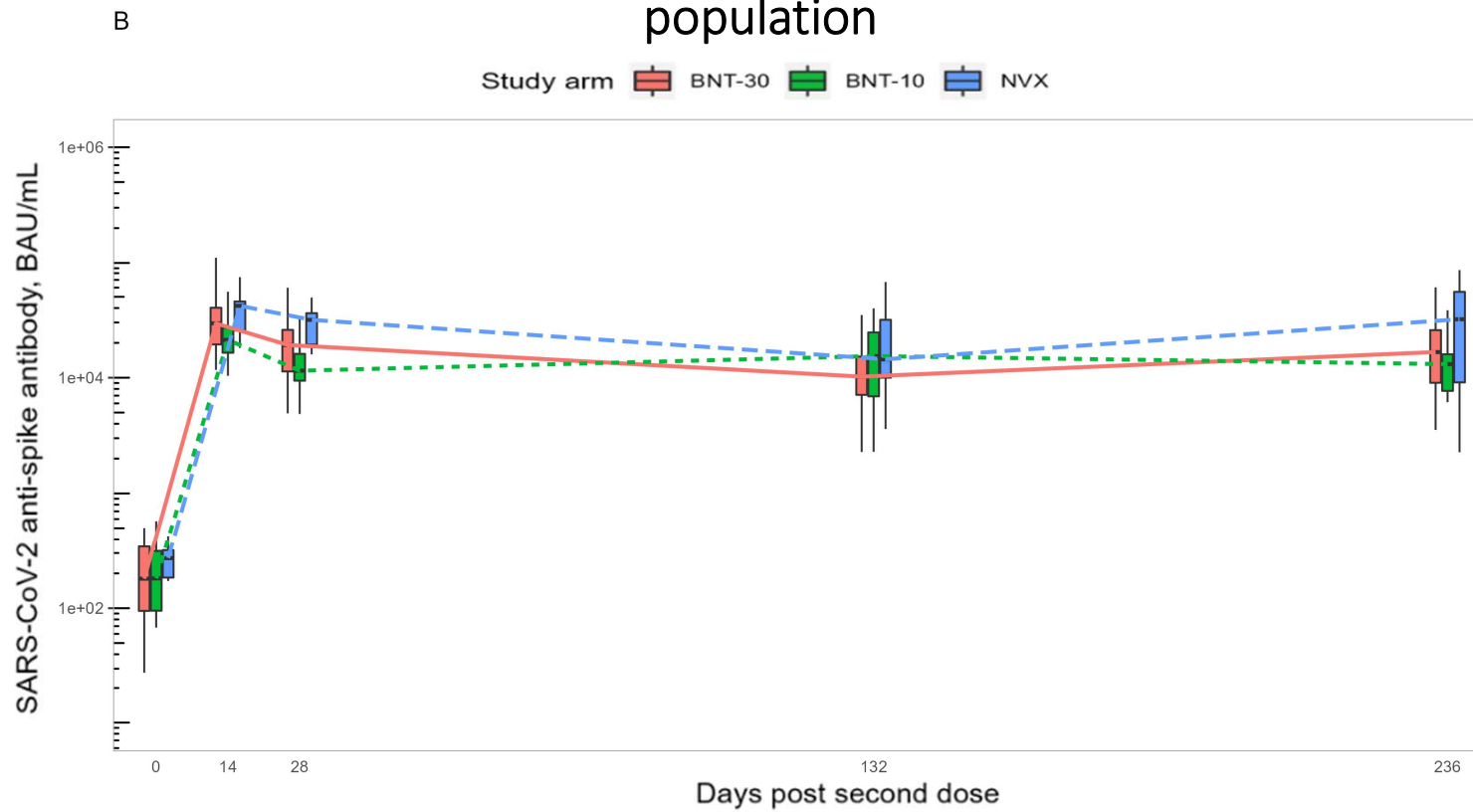
Modified intention-to-treat (mITT) population excludes participants who withdrew, had no blood sample at visit, self-reported a COVID-19 infection within 14 days of second dose, or received a third dose before 236 visit.





# Anti-spike antibody response

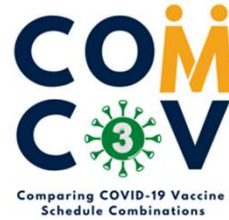
## Seronegative pre-second dose participants, mITT population



Participant numbers:  
Total = 68  
BNT-30: 28  
BNT-10: 22  
NVX: 18



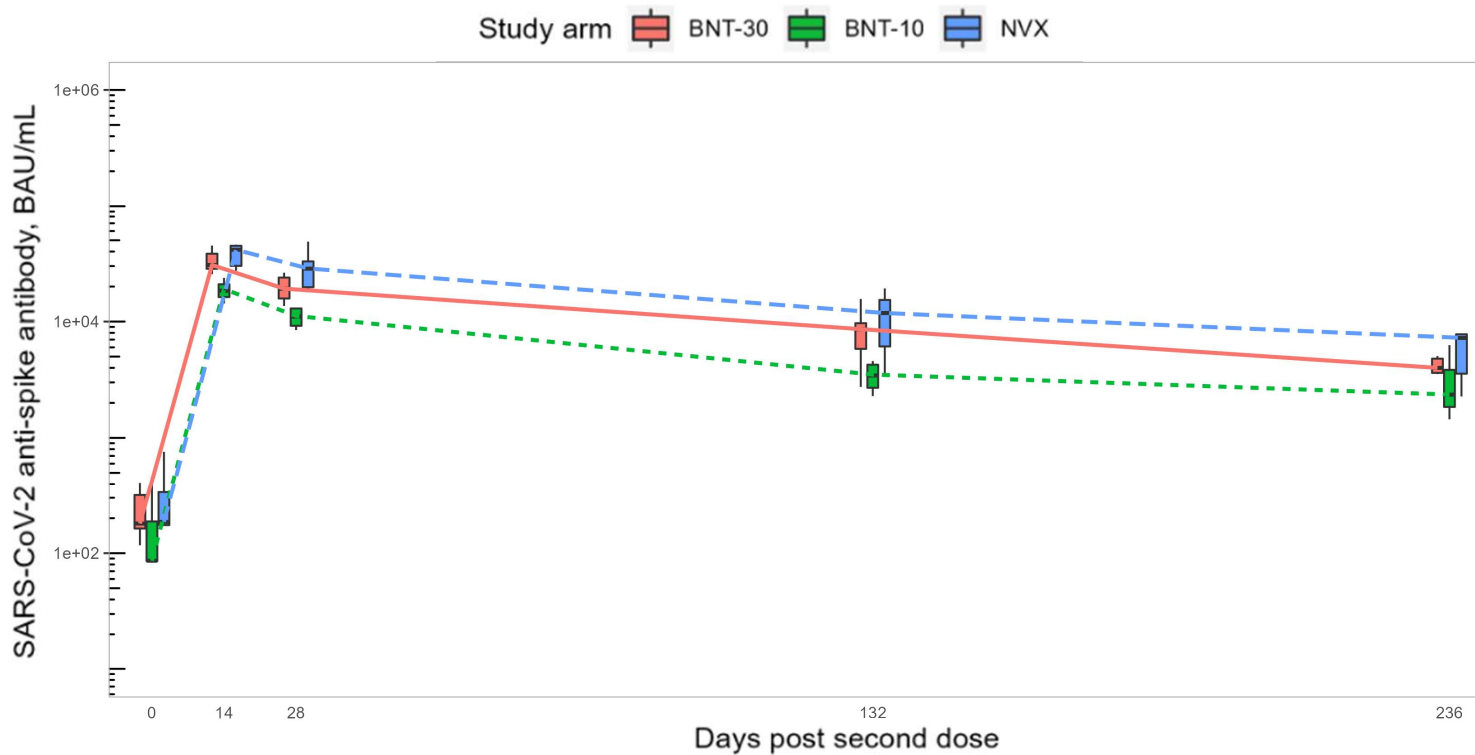




# Anti-spike antibody response

Seronegative pre-second dose participants with no infection during follow-up, mITT population

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Participant numbers:  
Total = 38  
BNT-30: 16  
BNT-10: 9  
NVX: 13

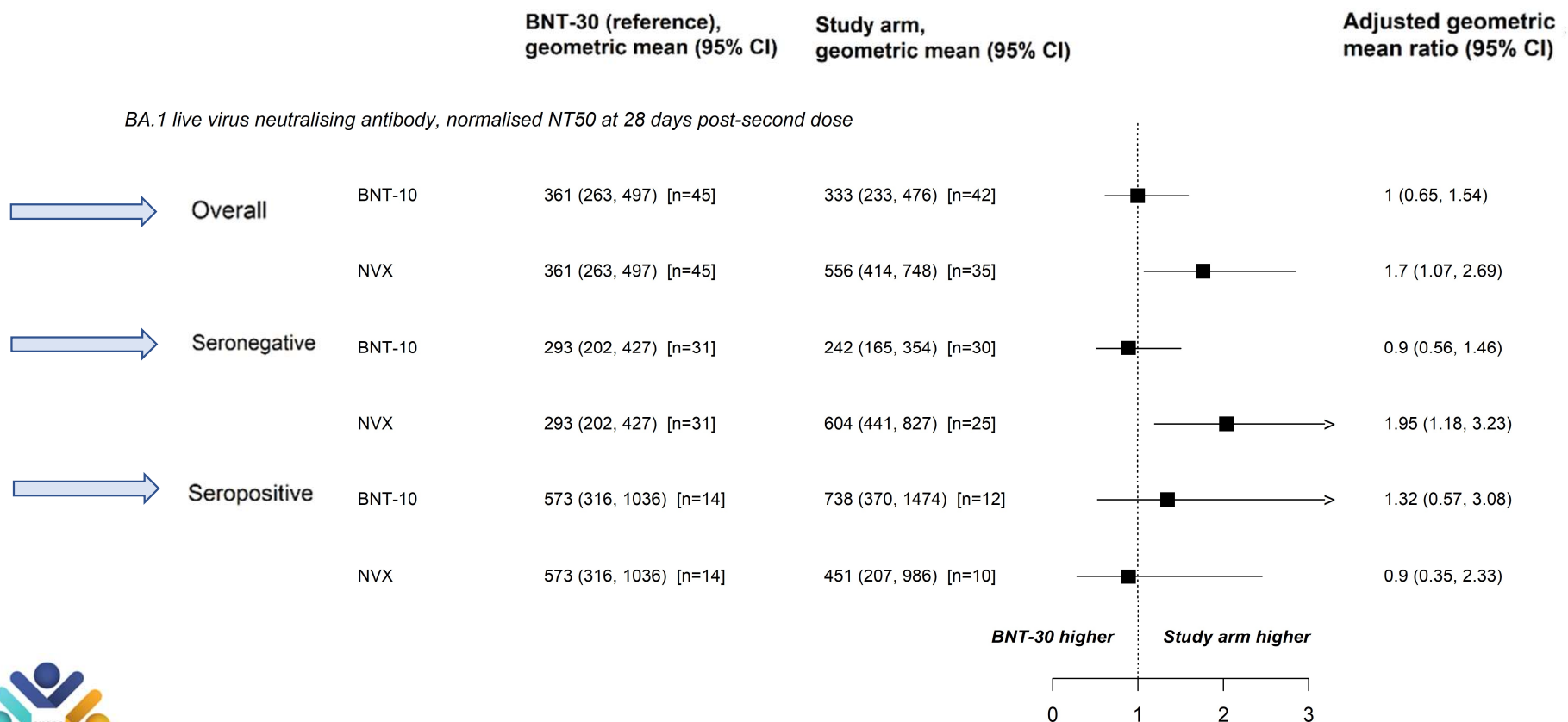
COVID-19 infections from 28 to 236 days post second dose are excluded





# BA.1 live virus neutralising antibody response

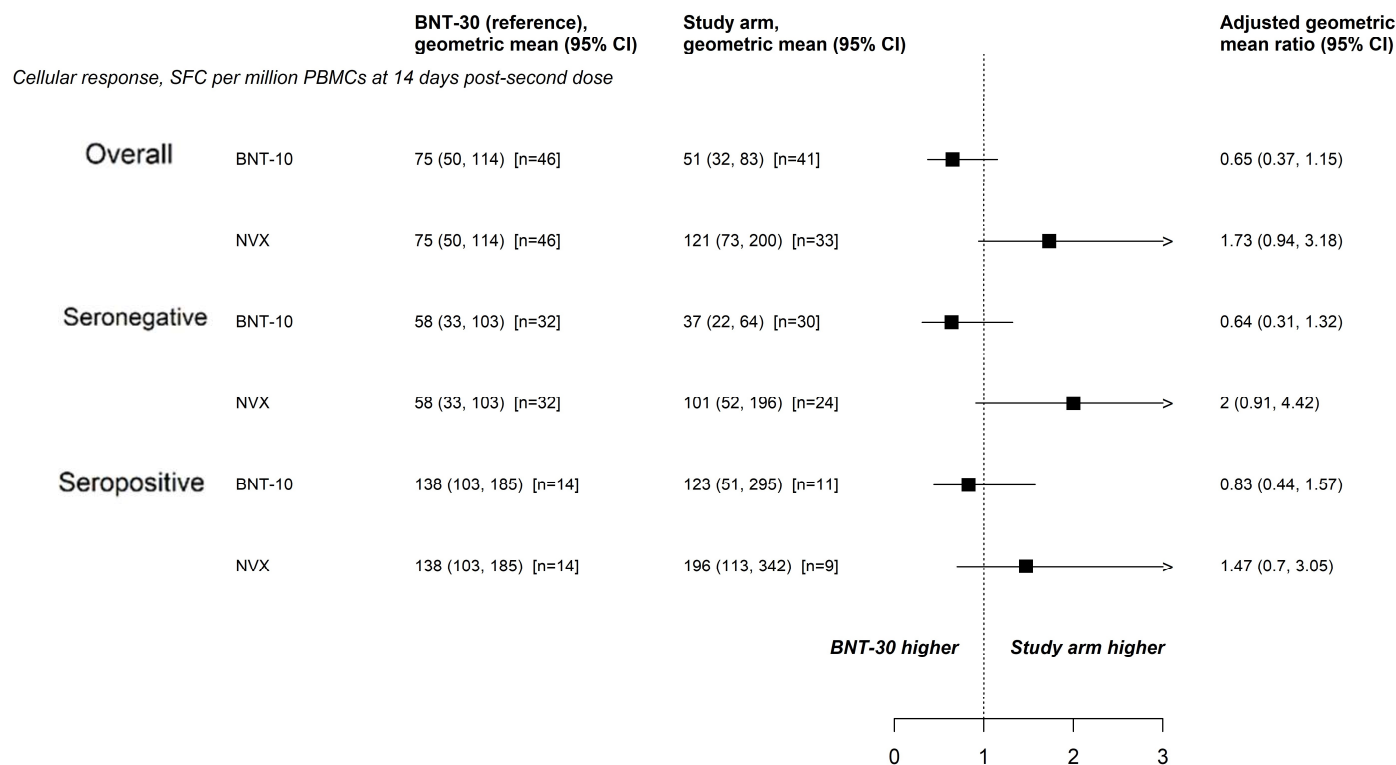
## Day 28 modified intention-to-treat population





# Cellular response

## Day 14 modified intention-to-treat population



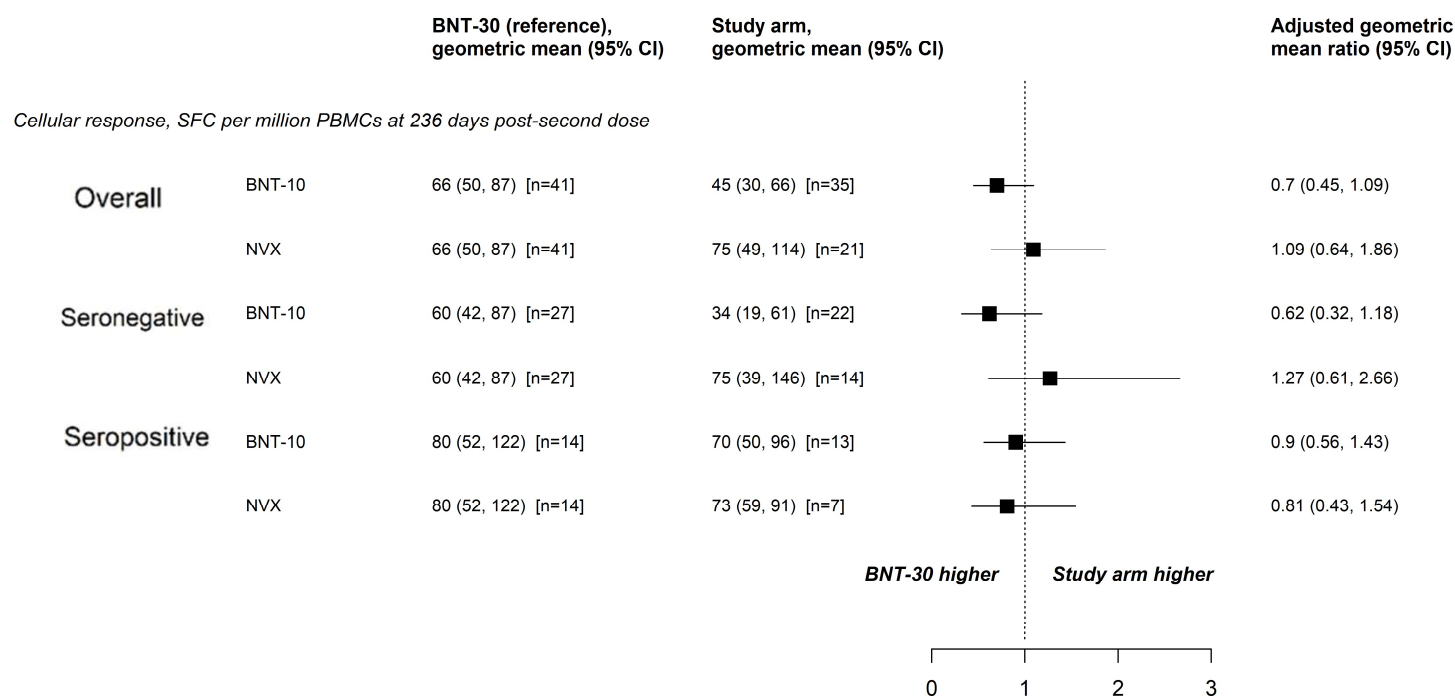
MITT population excludes participants who withdrew, had no blood sample at visit, self-reported a COVID-19 infection within 14 days of second dose.





# Cellular response

## Day 236 modified intention-to-treat population



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# COVID-19 'Breakthrough Infections' during follow up

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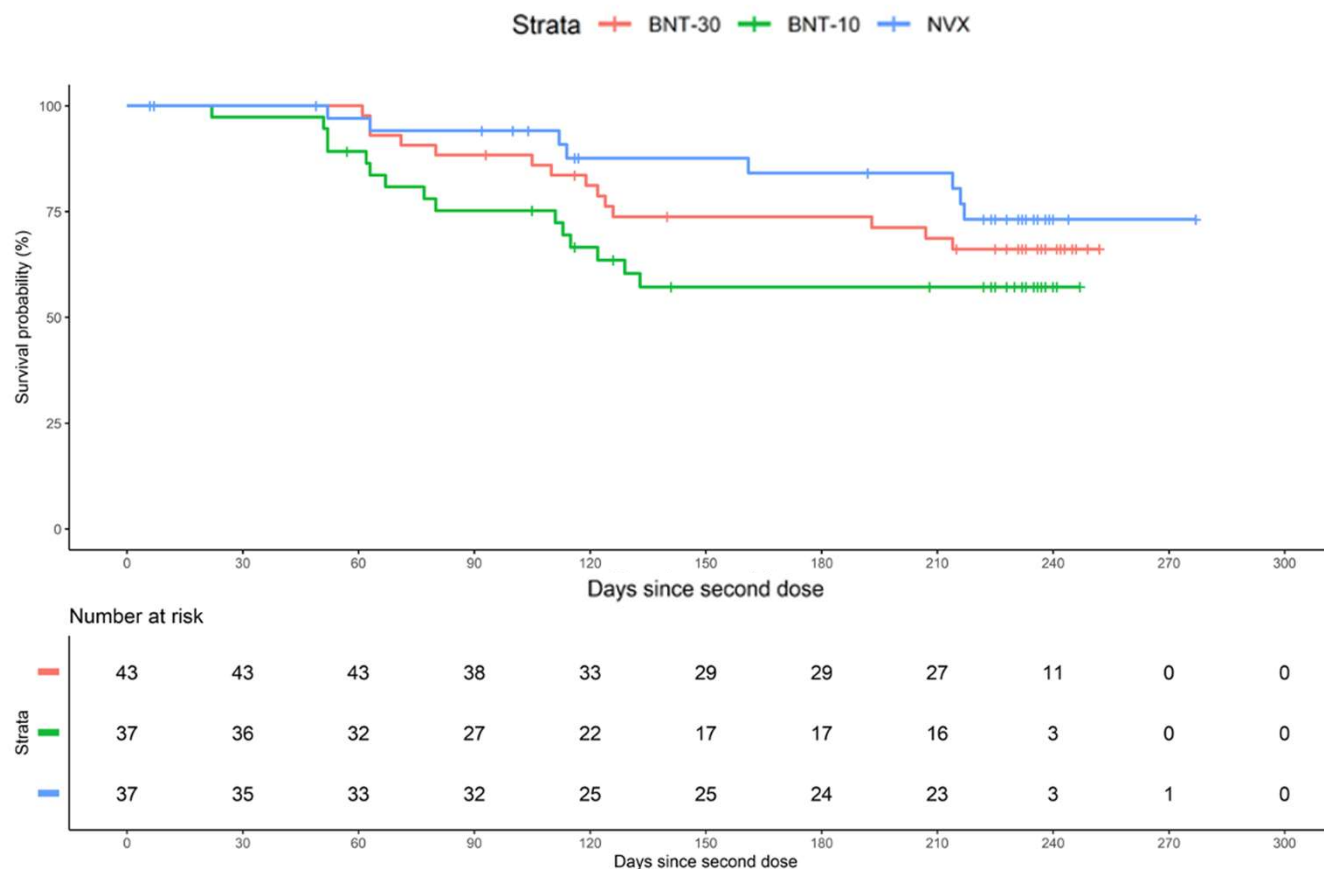
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# Time-to-event analysis: Self-reported COVID-19 infections during follow-up

## All participants





# Summary

- Heterologous and fractional dose COVID-19 vaccine schedules were well tolerated, no safety concerns

## **Anti-spike antibodies:**

- Similar anti-spike Ig responses across the three study arms
- Highest response in seronegative NVX participants
- Steady decline in responses across the study arms for participants with no infection during follow-up

## **Breakthrough infections:**

- Highest rate in BNT-10 group; lowest in NVX group

## **Support for heterologous COVID-19 vaccine schedules**

- Implications for schedule flexibility and vaccine access globally



Kelly E, Greenland M, de Whalley PCS et al. Reactogenicity, immunogenicity and breakthrough infections following heterologous or fractional second dose COVID-19 vaccination in adolescents (Com-COV3): A randomised controlled trial. J Infect. 2023 Sep;87(3):230-241. doi: 10.1016/j.jinf.2023.06.007.





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# Com-COV3 Cohort B Study

Reactogenicity and Immunogenicity following Heterologous and Homologous  
Third Dose COVID-19 vaccination in Adolescents





## Cohort B study design



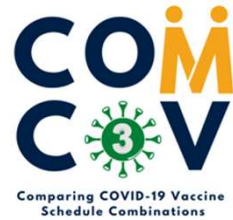
Study arm*	Dose 1 + 2 (Received in community/ Cohort A)	Dose 3 given at Study D0: (3 months after dose 2)	3 months (Day 84)	6 months (Day 182)
1 (n= up to 62)	BNT162b2 30 µg x 2	BNT162b2 30 µg	-	-
2 (n= up to 62)	BNT162b2 30 µg x 2	BNT162b2 10µg (adult) 1/3 dose 0.1 ml	-	-
3 (n= up to 62)	BNT162b2 30 µg x 2	BNT162b2 10µg (paediatric) 0.2 ml	-	-
4 (n= up to 62)	BNT162b2 30 µg x 2	NVXCoV2373	-	-
5 (n= up to 62)	BNT162b2 30 µg x 2	4CMenB CONTROL	4CMenB CONTROL	Comirnaty Original/ Omicron BA.1 15/15µg

\* Target n = up to 310 based on non-inferiority power calculation





# Cohort B: Outcomes



- **Primary:**
  - Reactogenicity
  - To determine if immunogenicity following 10µg adult formulation BNT162b2 is non-inferior to 10µg paediatric formulation BNT162b2
- **Secondary:**
  - Immunogenicity
  - Safety
- **Exploratory**
  - Neutralising Ab (Victoria, BA.5, XBB.1.5)
  - Breakthrough infection

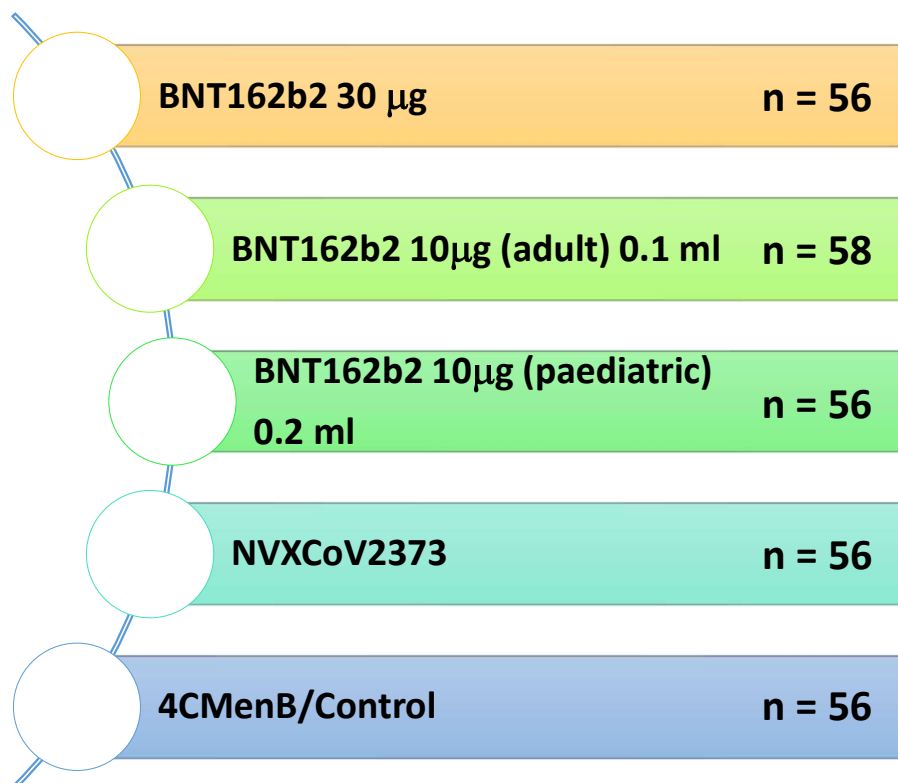




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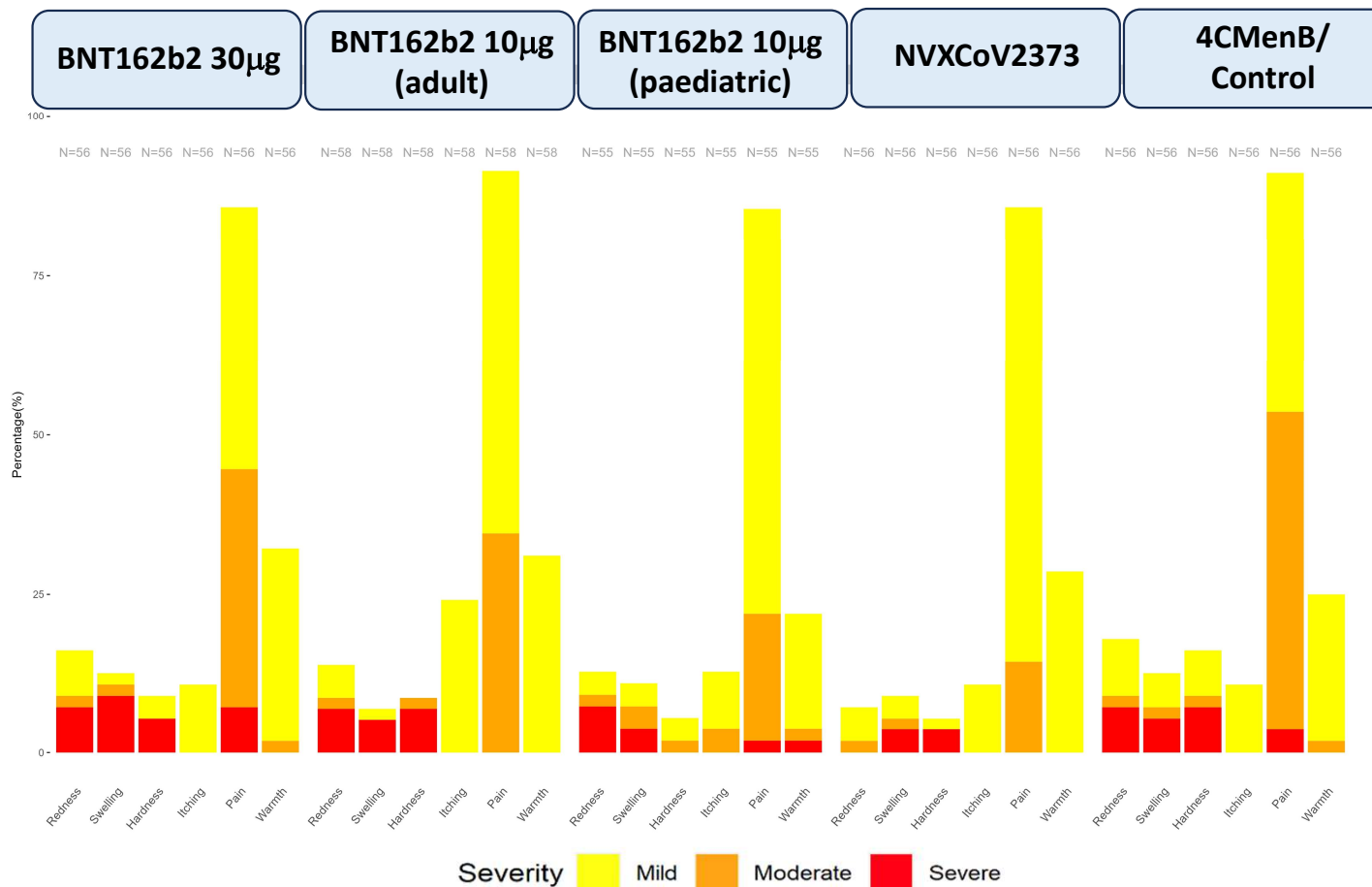


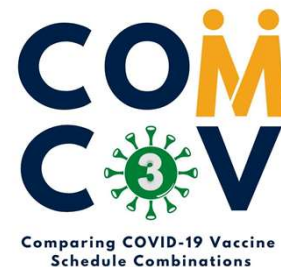
- **281** participants enrolled
- Mean age **14 years old**
- **56%** female
- **89%** Caucasian
- **65%** previous history of SARS-CoV-2 infection
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-dose interval:
  - mean **244.8** days (SD 91.3)





# Cohort B Co-Primary outcome: Local Reactogenicity





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