Vaccine-Induced Antibody Protection Against SARS-COV-2

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- NAb titers correlated with protection in the phase 3 efficacy trials against ancestral virus
- But platforms differ: J&J required 5-fold lower and NVX required 5-fold higher NAb titers for similar protection as Moderna
- Suggests role of T cells in protection
- Omicron increased transmissibility and reduced incubation period impact correlates
- Recent real-world data show that NAb titers of 100 do not protect against Omicron
- These NAb correlates do not hold for variants

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Neutralization Escape of BA.1, BA.2, BA.5 Variants

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In Vivo CD8 T Cell Depletion to Evaluate Mechanistic Correlates of Protection Against Delta in Macaques

Vaccine		Depleting S Antibody	SARS-CoV-2 Delta
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Week	0	5	6
	Ad26.COV2.S	Anti-CD8α	SARS-CoV-2
	Ad26.COV2.S	Anti-CD8β	SARS-CoV-2
	Ad26.COV2.S	Sham	SARS-CoV-2
	Sham	Anti-CD8α	SARS-CoV-2
	Sham	Anti-CD8β	SARS-CoV-2
	Sham	Sham	SARS-CoV-2

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Peak (BAL)

Day 4 (BAL)

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Correlates of Protection for COVID-19 Vaccines: Conclusions

- Neutralizing, Fc functional, and binding antibodies correlate with protection against SARS-CoV-2
- Data from macaques and humans suggest that both antibodies and CD8 T cells, and not antibodies alone, are important for vaccine protection
- CD8 T cell responses demonstrate substantially greater durability and cross-reactivity against variants than neutralizing antibody responses
- Short-term NAb responses are important, but durability of Ab and T cell responses critical for protection against severe disease with variants



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