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# Introduction

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# Janssen's Vaccine Candidate (Ad26.COV2.S) Supports Global Effort to Fight COVID-19

- Phase 3 study enrolled > 44,000 participants and was conducted during height of pandemic
- Offers substantial protection, especially against severe COVID-19 including hospitalization and death, irrespective of variant
- Well-tolerated and safe
- Single-dose regimen with storage, transportation conditions compatible within existing distribution channels

# Key Efficacy Findings From Ad26.COV2.S Phase 3, Single-Dose Study Support EUA



## 85% vaccine efficacy\* against severe COVID-19 globally, including the United States

- Consistent vaccine efficacy against severe disease across all regions
- Equally high protection in South Africa ( $n > 6,500$ ) where B.1.351 is highly prevalent (> 95%)
- Complete protection against COVID-19 related hospitalizations\* and deaths



## 72% vaccine efficacy\* against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 in the United States

- Participants reflected diversity of US population ( $n > 19,000$ )



## 66% vaccine efficacy\* against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 across all countries

- Protection as of 2 weeks after vaccination



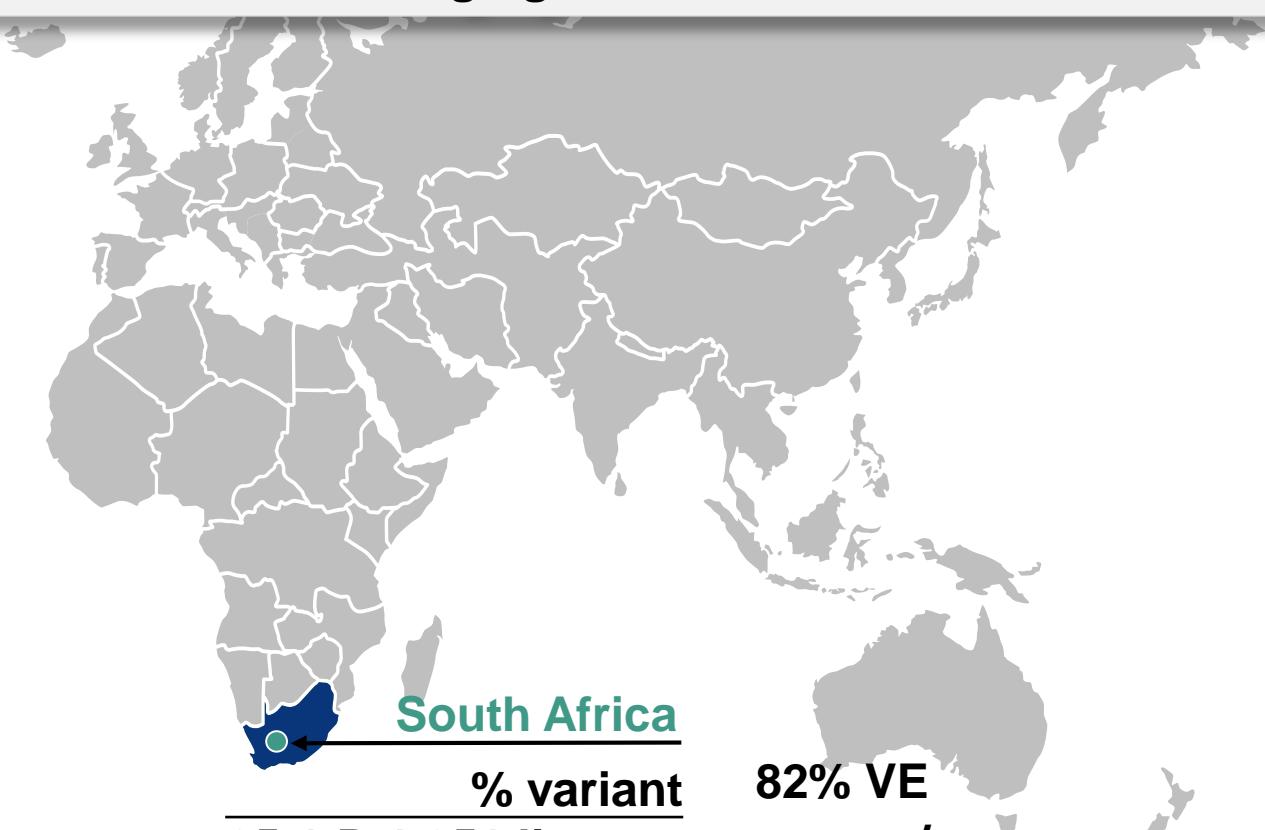
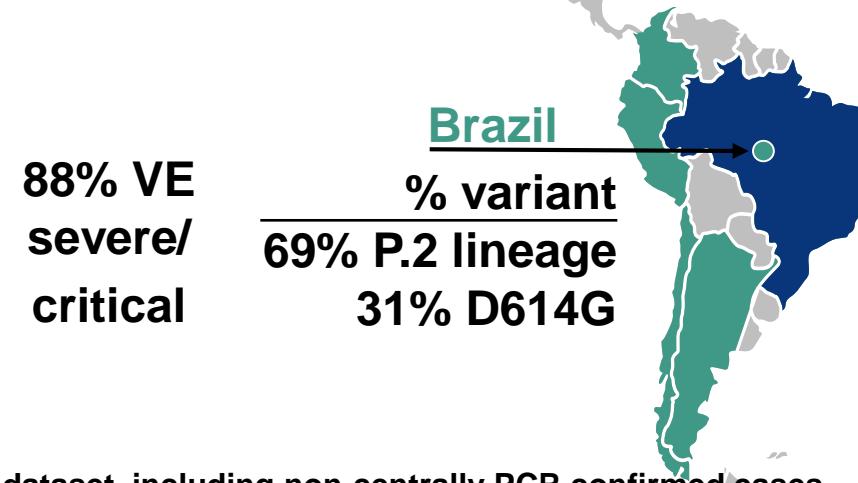
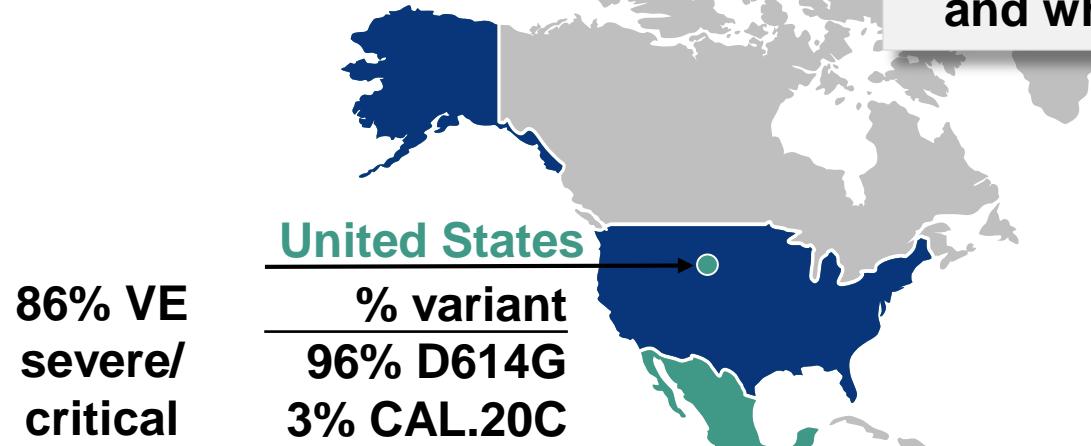
Similar vaccine efficacy demonstrated by age, comorbidities status, sex, race, and ethnicity

# Vaccine Efficacy (VE) Results Support Protection Against Emerging Variants

■ COV3001 site locations

■ Countries with emerging variants

Trial conducted in areas where COVID-19 incidence was highest and where variants were emerging



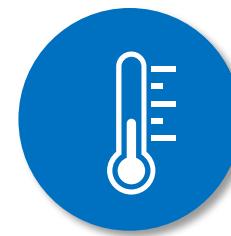
# Logistical, Practical Advantages to Help Simplify Distribution and Expand Vaccine Access of Single Dose Ad26.COV2.S



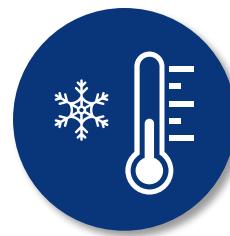
Single, 0.5ml dose offers ability to vaccinate population faster

5 doses per vial

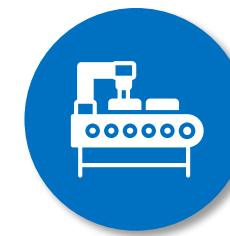
No dilution required



Stored for 3 months at normal refrigerator temperatures,  
 $2^{\circ}$  to  $8^{\circ}$  C  
( $36^{\circ}$  to  $46^{\circ}$  F)



2-year shelf life when frozen,  
 $-25^{\circ}$  to  $-15^{\circ}$  C  
( $-13^{\circ}$  to  $5^{\circ}$  F)



Prepared for large-scale manufacturing

Expect to supply 100 million doses to US in first half of 2021



Shipping fits into existing supply chain infrastructure

# Substantial Experience with Adenovirus 26-based Vaccines

**Substantial clinical experience with Ad26-based vaccines (N > 193,000)**

- Across continents
- Healthy adults
- Elderly > 65 years
- Breastfeeding, pregnant women within Ebola program
- Various races, ethnicities
- Infants ≥ 4 months
- People with HIV

**Regular database reviews show good tolerability, safety**

- Local, systemic reactogenicity in line with other licensed vaccines
- Database searches for AESIs revealed no safety signals

# Comprehensive Development Program

## *Key Studies*

Preclinical  
Animal Studies

Including non-human primate (NHP) studies  
Immunogenicity, efficacy

Phase 1/2a  
COV1001

First in Human (FIH) study  
Safety, immunogenicity, and dose selection

Phase 2  
COV2001

Lower dosing and different intervals  
Safety, immunogenicity in adolescents and adults

Phase 3  
COV3001  
(ENSEMBLE)

Focus of EUA, single-dose pivotal study  
Efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity

# Additional Key Studies

- COV3009: two-dose regimen Phase 3 efficacy study
- Immunogenicity and safety studies in children, 0 – 17 years
  - Adolescent study will open enrollment soon
- Pregnant women
  - Planned to begin late March/early April 2021
- Immunocompromised individuals
  - Planned to begin Q3 2021
- Post-authorization observational studies
  - Including pregnancy exposure registry

# Agenda

## Vaccine Design and Immunogenicity

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## Efficacy and Safety

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Distinguished Investigator of the Mayo Clinic  
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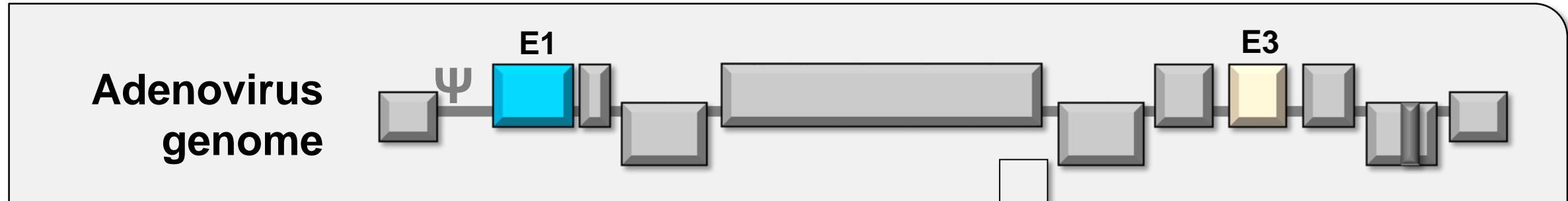
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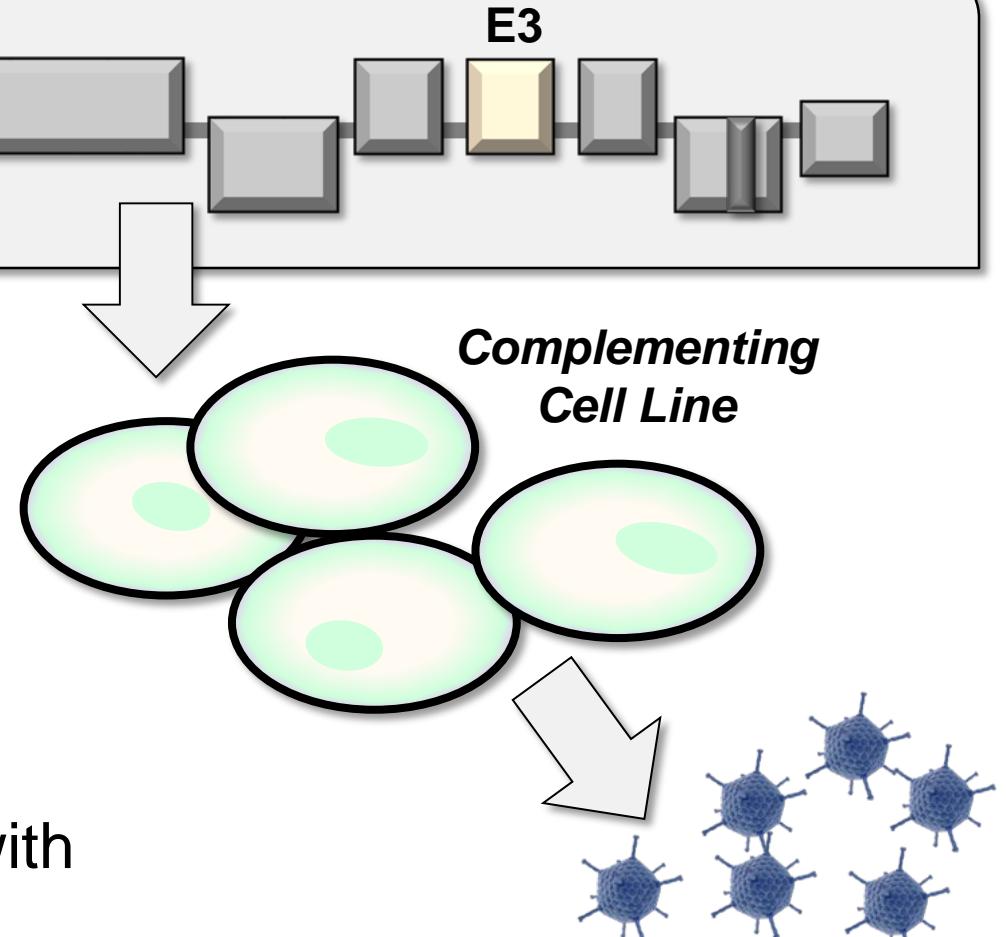
Professor in Virology, Amsterdam University Medical Center



# Ad26 Vector is Replication Incompetent



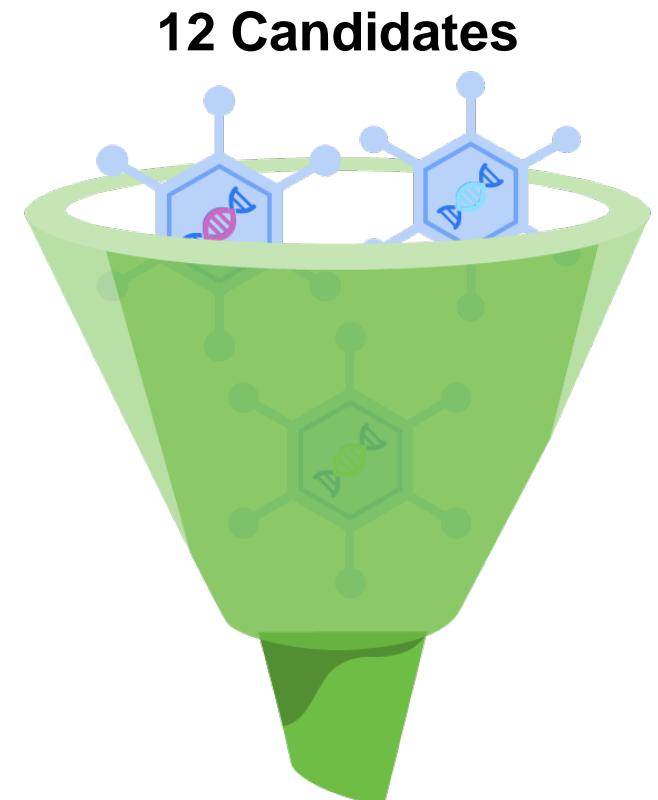
- Janssen Ad26 vector **can not replicate** in the human body
- Cell line grows in medium free of animal components
- Vial of Ad26-based vaccine contains buffer with commonly used ingredients in vaccines
  - No adjuvants, no antibiotics, no preservatives



*Replication Incompetent Vaccine Vectors*

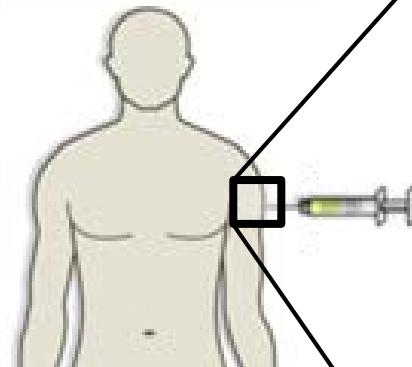
# Targeted Immune Response Against SARS-CoV-2 Spike (S) Protein Based on SARS-1 Experience

- Antibodies directed against S protein can neutralize the virus, T cells against epitopes in the S protein may contribute to protection against disease<sup>1</sup>
- Evaluated multiple transgenes encoding different S designs to select vaccine candidate with optimal:
  - Stabilization, expression, immunogenicity, nonclinical efficacy
- Selected S protein contains two proline mutations and a knocked out furin cleavage site for optimal stability in prefusion confirmation<sup>2</sup>
- Lead candidate Ad26.COV2.S selected based on above factors and optimal manufacturability

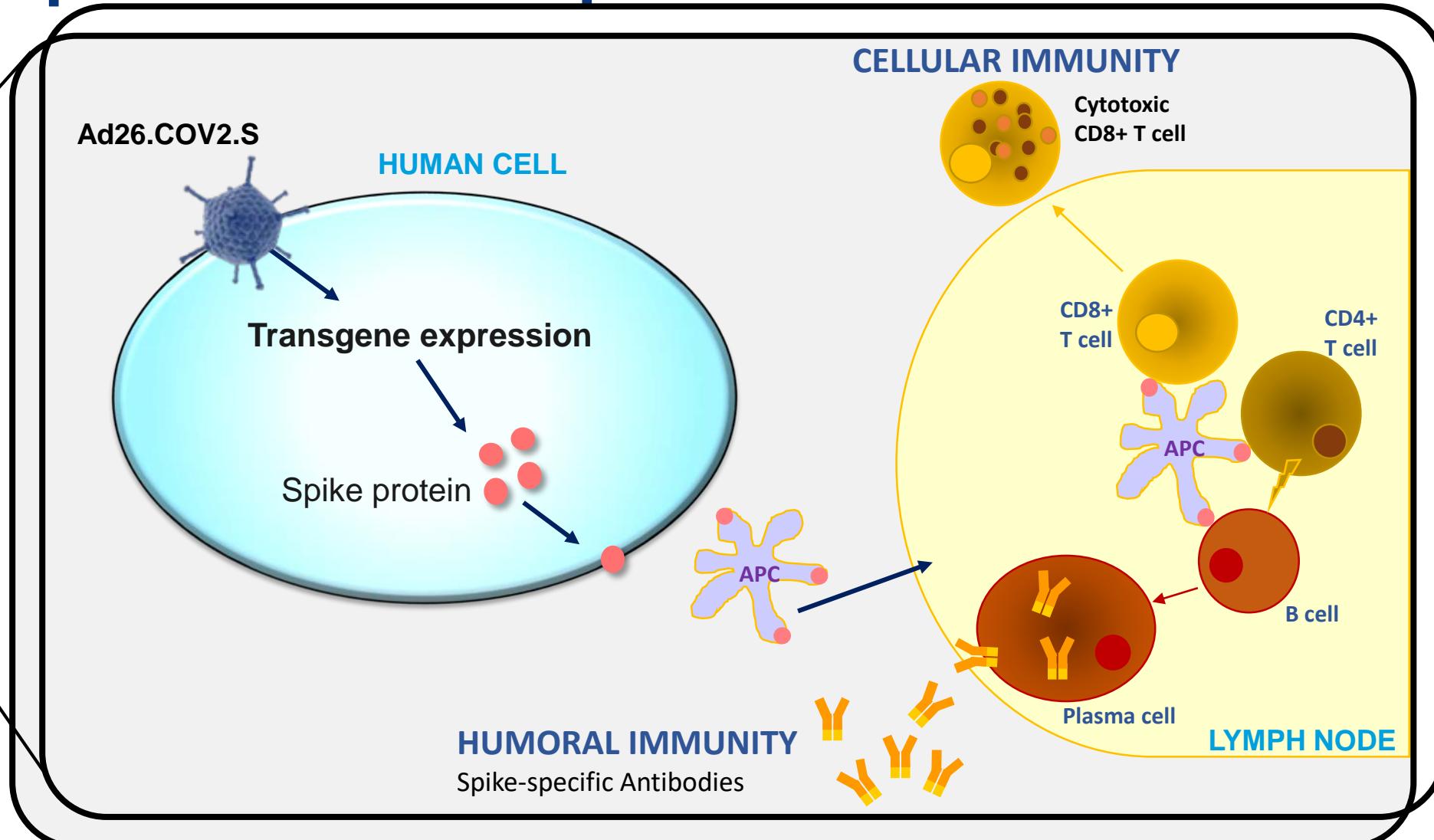


# Ad26.COV2.S Expresses SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein, Eliciting Multiple Immune Responses

I.M.  
injection of  
Ad26.COV2.S



Adenoviral  
vectors  
classified as  
non-integrating\*



# Single-Dose Ad26.COV2.S Fully Protects Against SARS-CoV-2 Challenge in Non-Human Primates (NHP)

- Protection against viral replication
  - Near complete protection in nose
  - Full protection in lung
    - Durability > 6 months
    - Protection seen even with 4-fold lower vaccine dose
  - Nearly full protection in aged NHP
  - Protection in Syrian golden hamsters, no VAED
- Results met FDA criteria to progress to human clinical trials

## **Phase 1/2a (COV1001): First in Human Study**

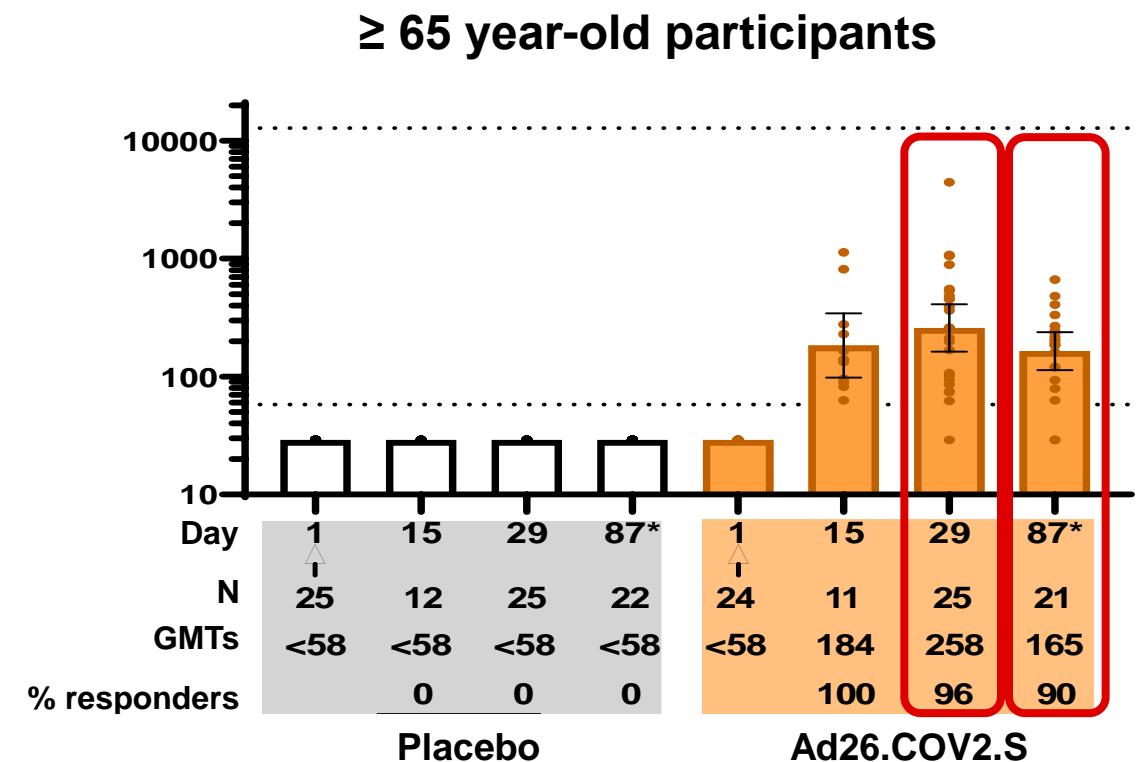
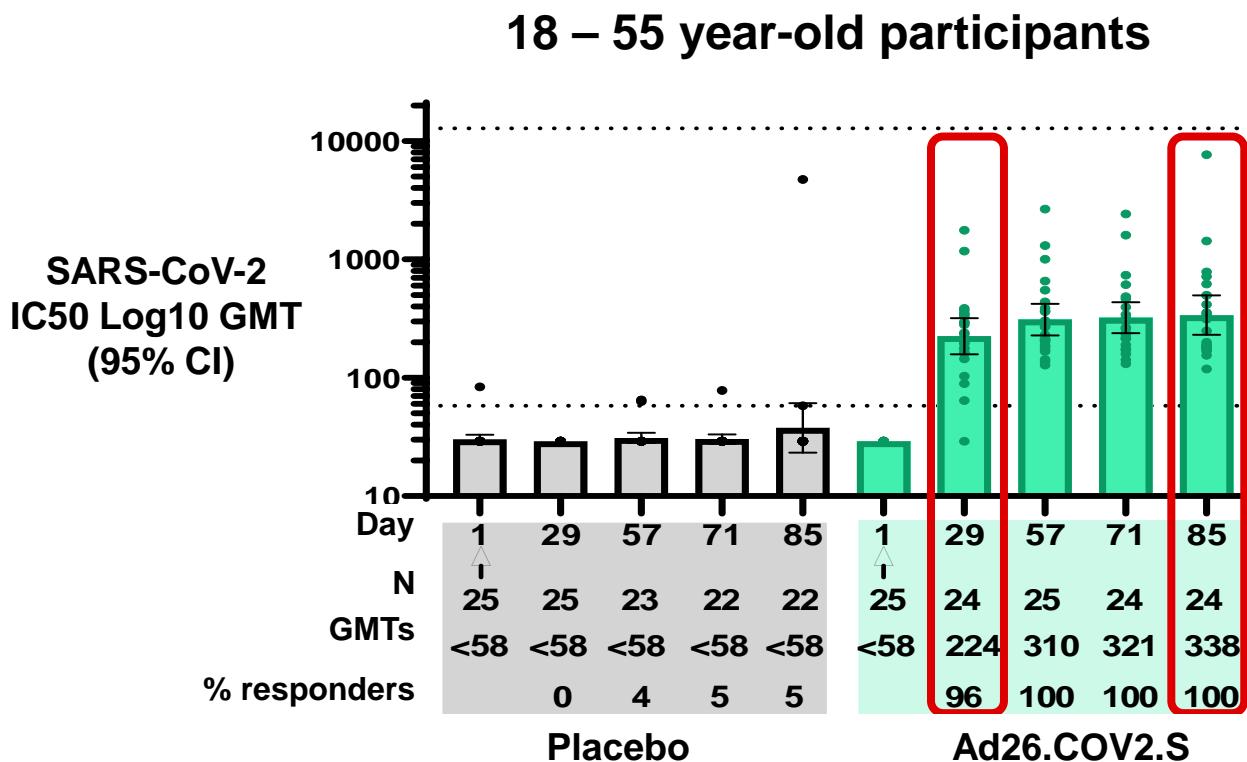
**Focus: 2 groups of healthy adults 18 to 55 years and  $\geq$  65 years**

# COV1001 Evaluated 2 Dose Levels: $5 \times 10^{10}$ vp and $1 \times 10^{11}$ vp

- Administered in 1-dose or 2-dose regimen
  - Intramuscular injection
- Interim analysis conducted at Day 29
  - 28 days following 1<sup>st</sup> dose
  - Evaluated safety and immunogenicity

# Similar and Durable Humoral Immune Responses After Single Dose $5 \times 10^{10}$ vp Ad26.COV2.S in Adults 18-55 and $\geq 65$ Years

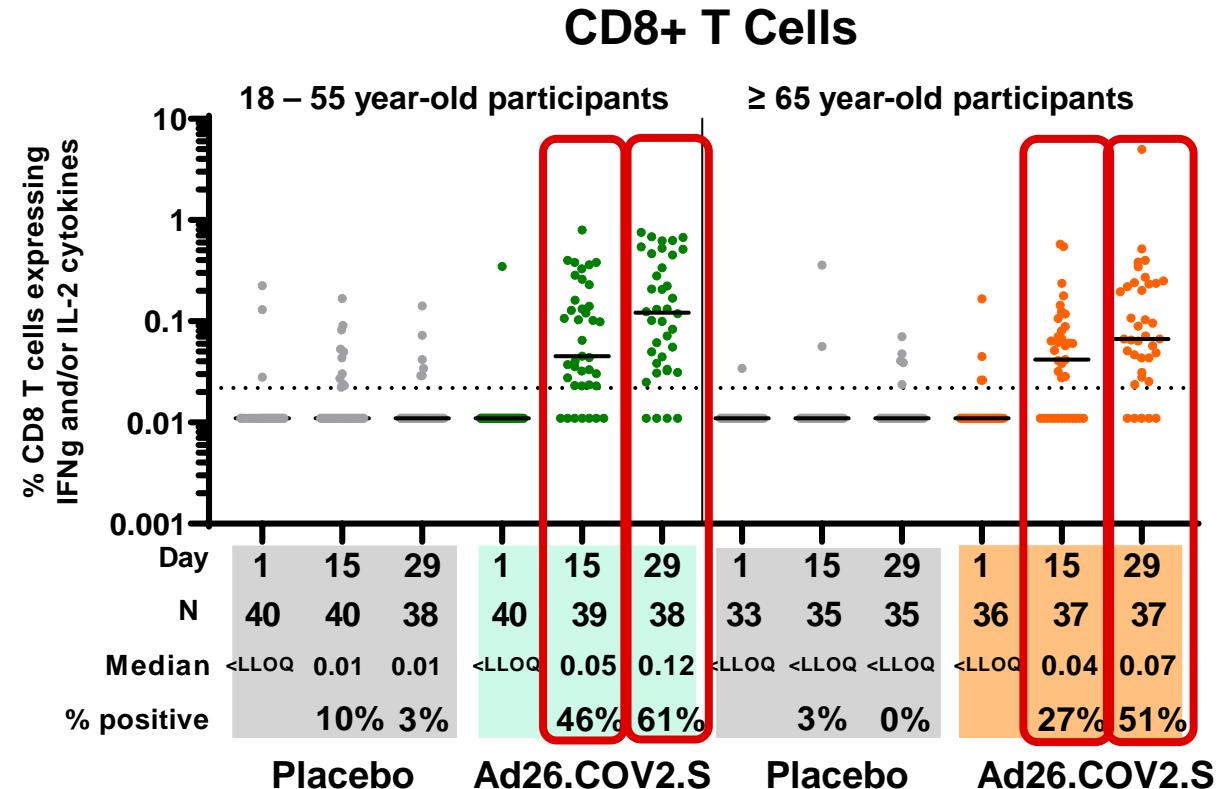
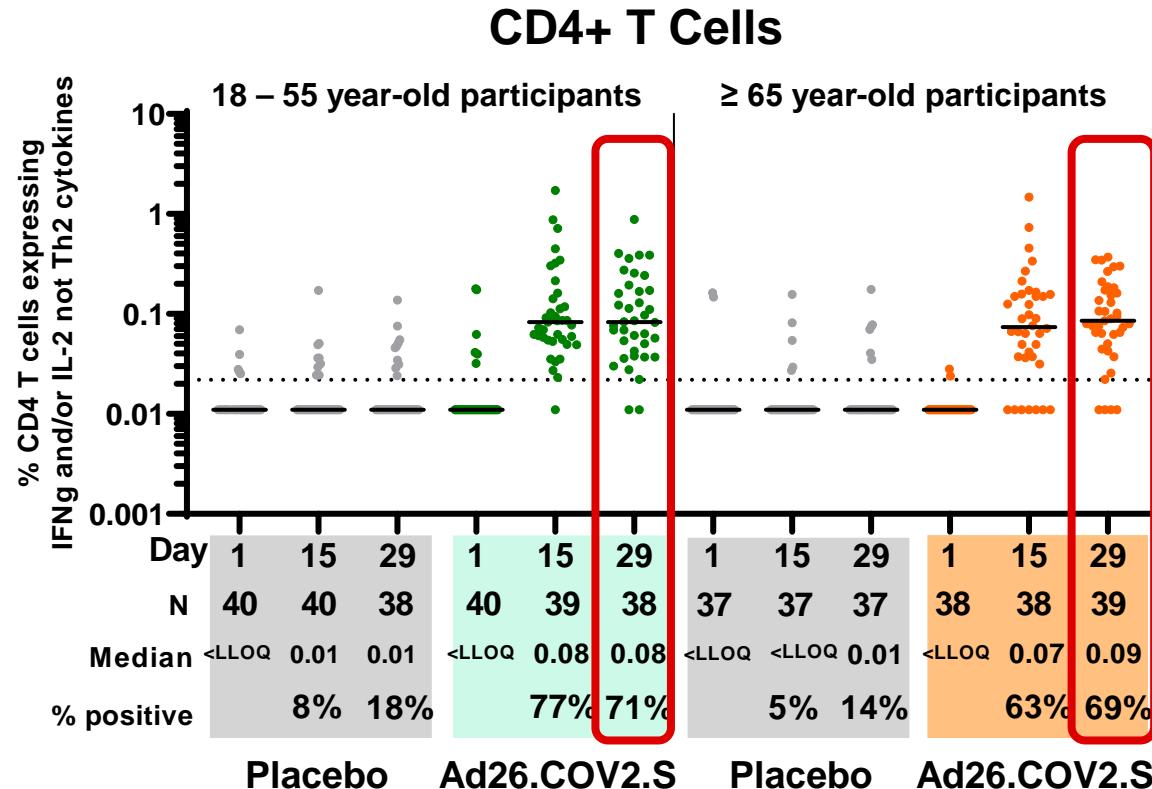
- Observed neutralizing antibody response: 96% of Ad26.COV2.S group (Day 29)
  - Response lasted  $\geq 85$  days in both age groups



# Additional Features of Ad26.COV2.S-Elicited Humoral Immunity

- Antibodies had non-neutralizing Fc tail mediated functionalities
  - Potentially important antiviral effector function, including against emerging variants
  - Not limited to epitopes in receptor binding site or N-terminal domain
- Phase 3: similar humoral immunogenicity observed in Brazil, South Africa, US despite baseline Ad26 seropositivity
  - Baseline Ad26 seropositivity: Brazil (33%), South Africa (69%), US (< 2%)
- Results in line with other experience across Ad26 based vaccines

# Ad26.COV2.S Elicits CD4+ and CD8+ T Cell Responses



Th1/Th2 ratio well above 1

# Summary of Phase 1/2 Immunogenicity Data Following Single Dose of Ad26.COV2.S

- Neutralizing antibody titers elicited in 96% of adults, independent of age
  - Titers detected as early as 14 days post vaccination
  - Increased in following weeks and maintained thereafter
- Strong CD8+ and Th1 dominated CD4+ T cell responses
  - Minimizes risk for vaccine associated enhanced disease (VAED)
- Both doses had favorable safety profile
  - Lower dose more favorable reactogenicity profile
- Ad26.COV2.S  $5 \times 10^{10}$  vp dose selected for COV3001

# Phase 3 Study COV3001 (ENSEMBLE) Efficacy and Safety

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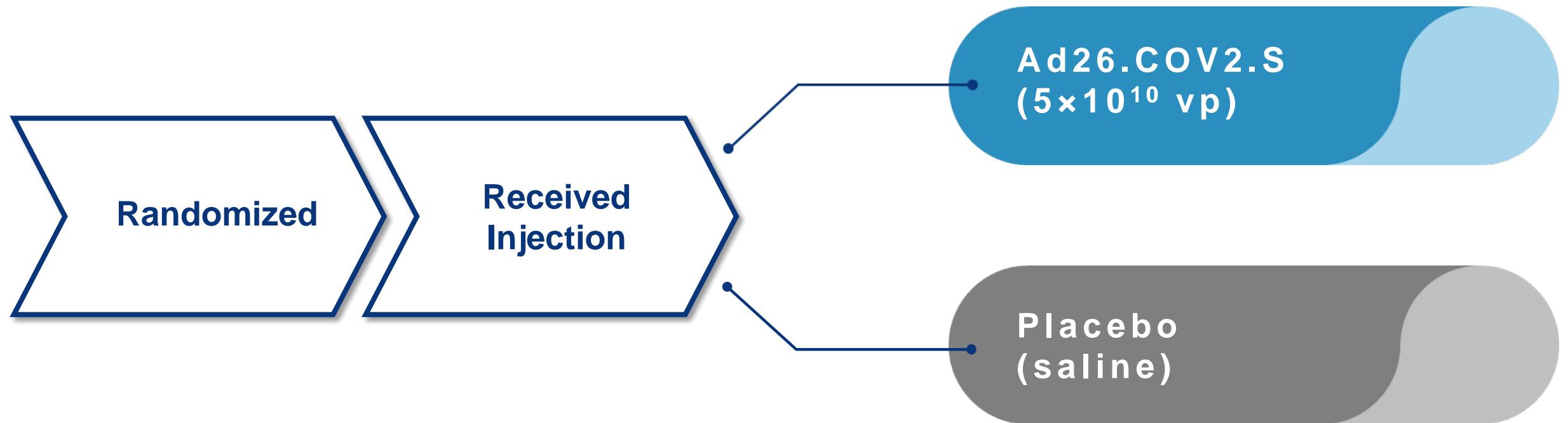
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# COV3001: Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Trial

- Evaluating efficacy, safety, immunogenicity of single dose of Ad26.COV2.S



- Randomization stratified by site, age group, and absence / presence of comorbidities

# COV3001: Began Enrollment with Safety Run-in Phase

## Stage 1a safety run in

- ~2,000 adults 18 – 59 years without comorbidities



## Stage 1b initiated following DSMB review of 1a data

- Adults 18 – 59 years with and without comorbidities

## Stage 2a safety run in

- ~2,000 adults  $\geq 60$  years without comorbidities



## Stage 2b initiated following DSMB review of 2a data

- Adults  $\geq 60$  years with and without comorbidities

Study targeted at least 30% of total study population to be  $\geq 60$  years

# COV3001: Co-Primary Endpoints

Vaccine efficacy to prevent moderate to severe/critical COVID-19



at least 14 days after vaccination



at least 28 days after vaccination

- Primary Hypothesis: lower limit of 95% confidence interval > 30%

# COV3001: Case Definition for Moderate COVID-19

RT-PCR or molecular test confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection

AND

At any time during observation period:

## $\geq 1$ new or worsening sign or symptom

- Respiratory rate  $\geq 20$  bpm
- Abnormal oxygen saturation ( $> 93\%$  on room air)
- Evidence of pneumonia
- Deep vein thrombosis (DVT)
- Shortness of breath

OR

## $\geq 2$ new or worsening sign or symptoms

- Fever
- Heart rate  $\geq 90$  bpm
- Shaking chills
- Muscle pain
- Changes to olfaction or taste
- Gastrointestinal symptoms
- Red or bruised feet or toes
- Malaise
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat

# COV3001: Case Definition for Severe/Critical COVID-19

RT-PCR or molecular test confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection

AND

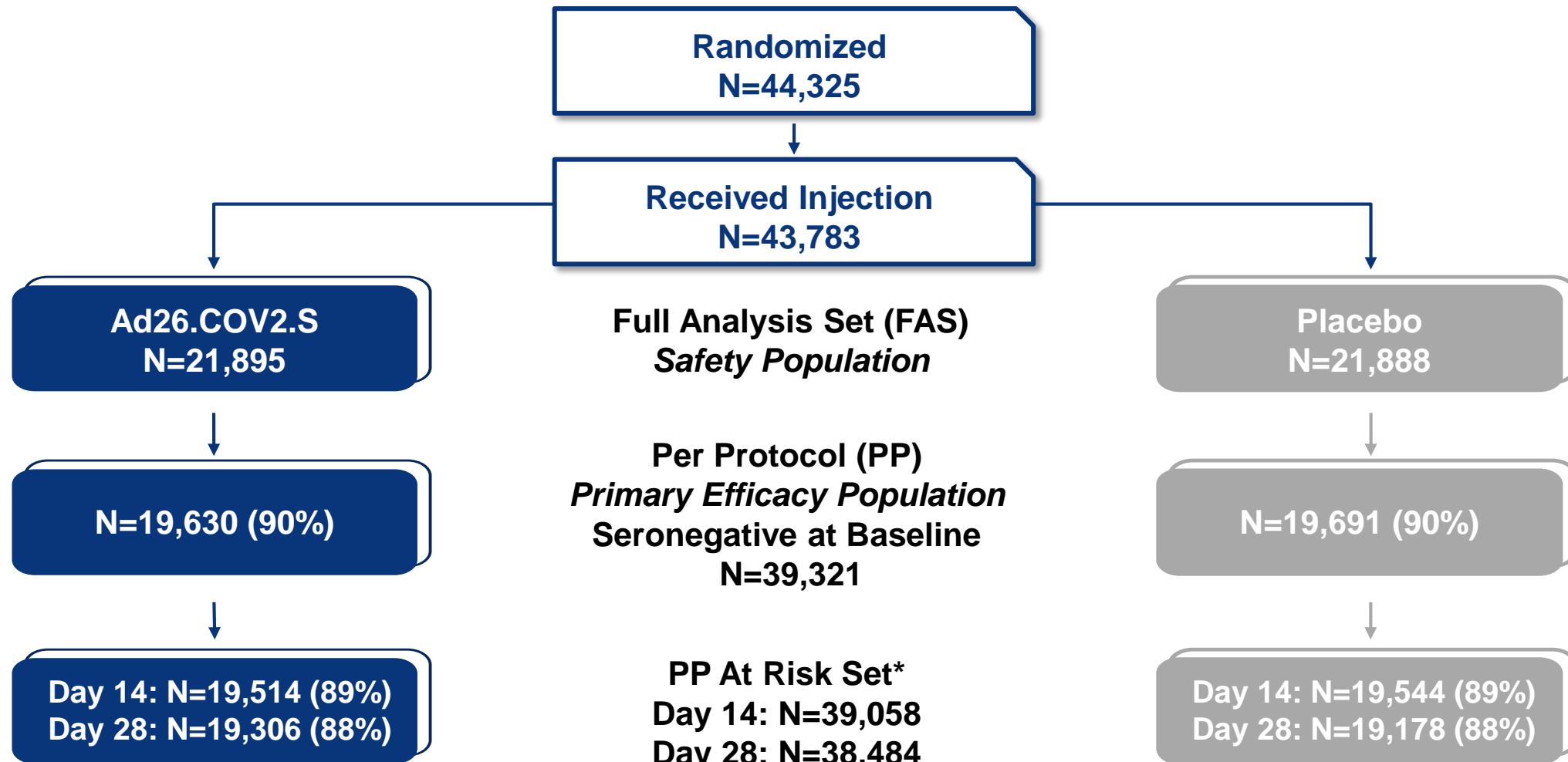
At any time during observation period:

**≥ 1 of these signs or symptoms**

- **Clinical signs indicative of severe systemic illness:** Respiratory rate  $\geq$  30 bpm, heart rate  $\geq$  125 bpm,  $\text{SpO}_2 \leq 93\%$  on room air at sea level or  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 300 \text{ mmHg}$
- **Respiratory failure:** Needing high-flow oxygen, non-invasive ventilation, mechanical ventilation, or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation [ECMO]
- **Evidence of shock:** Systolic blood pressure  $< 90 \text{ mmHg}$ , diastolic blood pressure  $< 60 \text{ mmHg}$ , or requiring vasopressors
- **Significant acute renal, hepatic, or neurologic dysfunction**
- **Admission to ICU**
- **Death**

# Study COV3001: Disposition and Efficacy Results

# COV3001 Disposition of Participants



\*PP At Risk set: excluded participants with positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2 between vaccination and day of efficacy assessment

# COV3001: No Relevant Differences at Baseline Between Vaccine and Placebo Groups Globally

	Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895		Placebo N = 21,888	
	n	%	n	%
<i>Full Analysis Set</i>				
Sex, female	9,820	45%	9,902	45%
Mean Age (SD), years	50.7 (15.0)		50.7 (15.0)	
<i>Age group</i>				
18-59	14,564	67%	14,547	66%
≥ 60	7,331	33%	7,341	34%
≥ 65	4,259	19%	4,302	20%
≥ 75	809	4%	732	3%
<i>Race</i>				
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,083	10%	2,060	9%
Asian	743	3%	687	3%
Black or African American	4,251	19%	4,264	20%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	58	0.3%	48	0.2%
White	12,858	59%	12,838	59%
Multiple, unknown, not reported	1,901	9%	1,989	9%
<i>Ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic or Latino	9,874	45%	9,963	46%

# COV3001: Similar Baseline Demographics Between Vaccine and Placebo Groups in US

	Ad26.COV2.S N = 9,655		Placebo N = 9,647	
	n	%	n	%
<i>Full Analysis Set</i>				
Sex, female	4,292	45%	4,256	44%
Mean Age (SD), years	53.0 (14.7)		53.2 (14.7)	
<i>Age group</i>				
18-59	5,894	61%	5,870	61%
≥ 60	3,761	39%	3,777	39%
≥ 65	2,299	24%	2,369	25%
≥ 75	445	5%	416	4%
<i>Race</i>				
American Indian or Alaska Native	92	1%	95	1%
Asian	655	7%	597	6%
Black or African American	1,246	13%	1,264	13%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	47	0.5%	41	0.4%
White	7,104	74%	7,090	74%
Multiple, unknown, not reported	510	5%	558	6%
<i>Ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic or Latino	1,381	14%	1,454	15%

# COV3001: Global Participants with Comorbidities Similar Between Vaccine and Placebo Groups

<i>Full Analysis Set</i>	Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895		Placebo N = 21,888	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Baseline Comorbidity* Category, ≥ 2%</b>				
≥ 1 risk factor	8,936	40.8%	8,922	40.8%
Obesity ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	6,277	28.7%	6,215	28.4%
Hypertension	2,225	10.2%	2,296	10.5%
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus	1,600	7.3%	1,594	7.3%
Serious heart conditions	497	2.3%	511	2.3%

# COV3001: US Participants with Comorbidities Similar Between Vaccine and Placebo Groups

<i>Full Analysis Set</i>	Ad26.COV2.S N = 9,655		Placebo N = 9,647	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Baseline Comorbidity* Category, ≥ 2%</b>				
≥ 1 risk factor	4,227	43.8%	4,247	44.0%
Obesity ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	3,085	32.0%	3,054	31.7%
Hypertension	1,139	11.8%	1,166	12.1%
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus	743	7.7%	729	7.6%
Serious heart conditions	291	3.0%	304	3.2%
Asthma	160	1.7%	203	2.1%

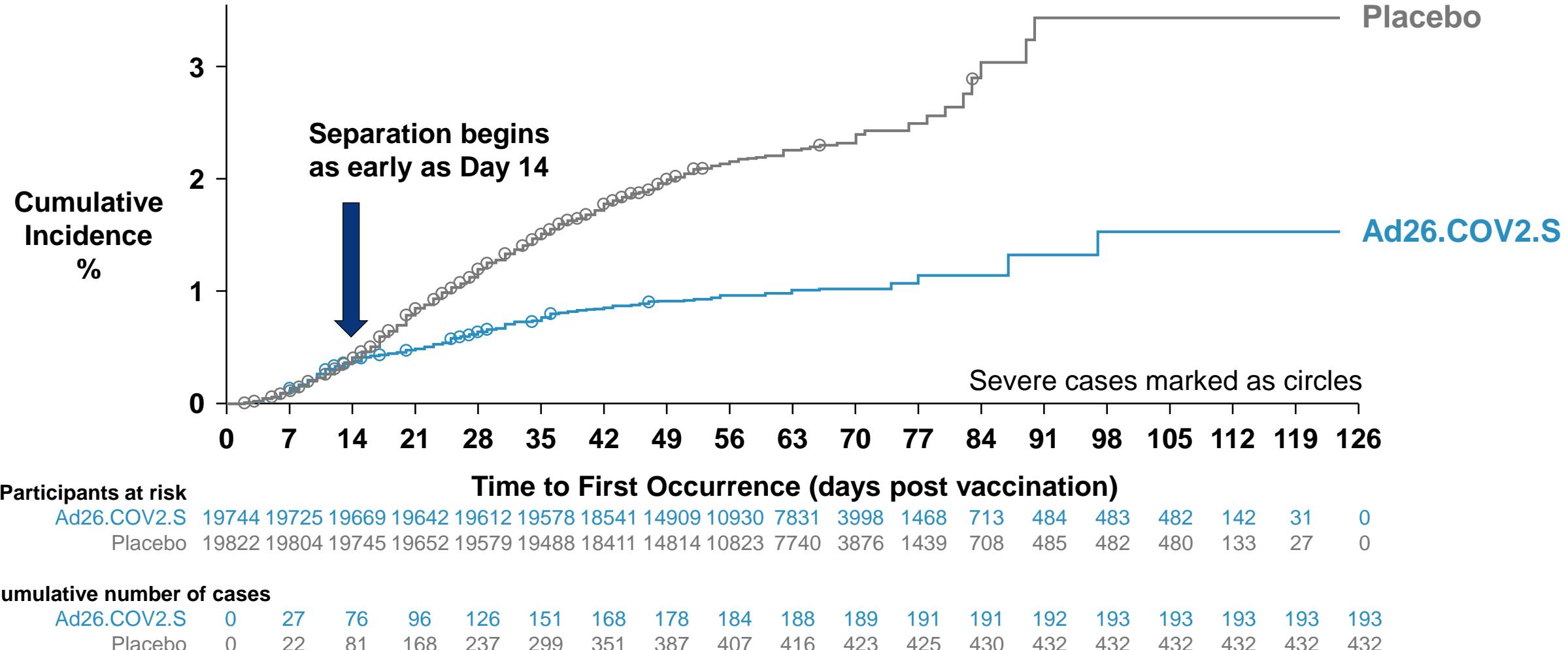
# COV3001 Met Co-Primary Endpoints: Ad26.COV2.S Protects Against Moderate to Severe/Critical COVID-19 Globally

PP At Risk Set	> Day 14		> Day 28	
	Ad26.COV2.S N = 19,514	Placebo N = 19,544	Ad26.COV2.S N = 19,306	Placebo N = 19,178
Number of confirmed cases, n	116	348	66	193
Person-years	3,117	3,096	3,102	3,071
Vaccine efficacy (adjusted 95% CI)	66.9% (59.0, 73.4)		66.1% (55.0, 74.8)	

# Ad26.COV2.S Protects Against Moderate to Severe/Critical COVID-19 in US Population

PP At Risk Set	> Day 14		> Day 28	
	Ad26.COV2.S N = 9,119	Placebo N = 9,086	Ad26.COV2.S N = 8,958	Placebo N = 8,835
Number of cases, n	51	196	32	112
Person-years	1,414	1,391	1,403	1,376
Vaccine efficacy (95% CI)	74.4% (65.0, 81.6)		72.0% (58.2, 81.7)	

# Kaplan Meier Shows Early Onset of Protection Against Moderate to Severe/Critical COVID-19



# Use of Larger Dataset Justified

COVID-19 Case Data Set	Cases (N)		Assessment
	> Day 14	> Day 28	
Molecularly (PCR) confirmed by central laboratory (confirmed)	464	259	Co-primary and secondary efficacy analyses
Global vaccine efficacy: moderate to severe/critical COVID-19	66.9%	66.1%	
PCR+ test from any source, regardless of central laboratory confirmation (non-confirmed)	682	437	Subgroup analyses, COVID-19 hospitalizations, COVID-19-related deaths
Global vaccine efficacy: moderate to severe/critical COVID-19	66.3%	65.5%	



High concordance (90%) between COVID-19 case datasets



Vaccine efficacy results differed between data sets by < 1% at both timepoints

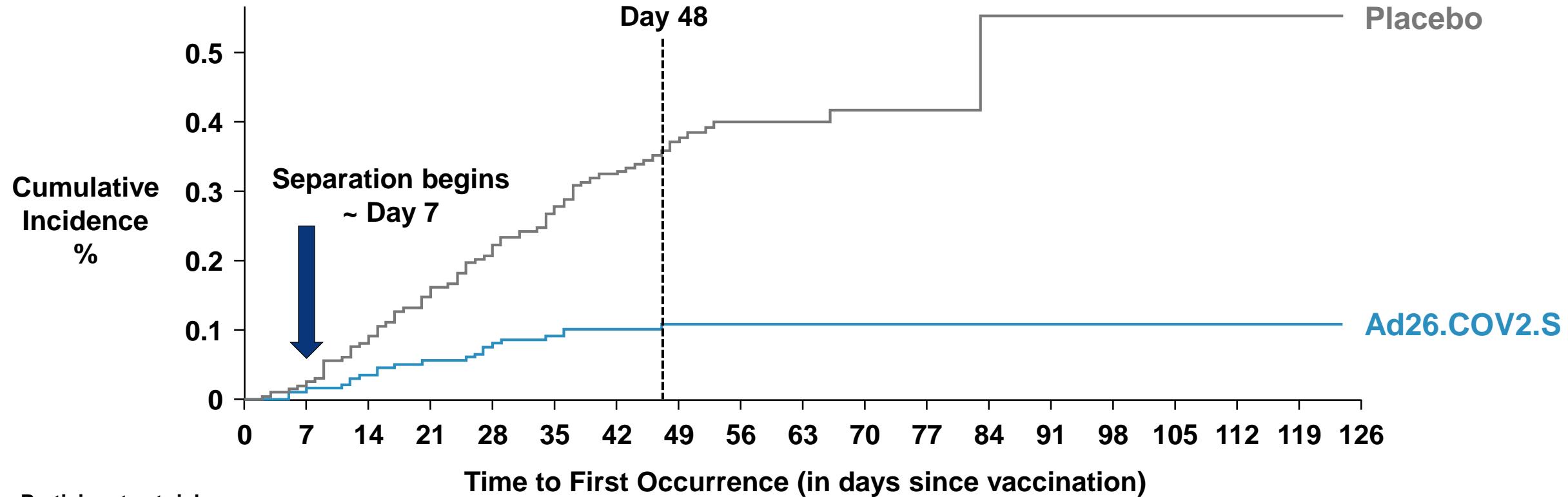
# Study COV3001: Key Secondary and Other Endpoints

- Vaccine efficacy against severe/critical COVID-19
- Vaccine impact on hospitalization and prevention of death
- Vaccine impact on asymptomatic/undetected COVID-19

# High Vaccine Efficacy Against Severe/Critical COVID-19

PP At Risk Set	> Day 14		> Day 28	
	Ad26.COV2.S N = 19,514	Placebo N = 19,544	Ad26.COV2.S N = 19,306	Placebo N = 19,178
Number of confirmed cases, n	14	60	5	34
Vaccine efficacy (adjusted 95% CI)	76.7% (54.6, 89.1)		85.4% (54.2, 96.9)	

# Time to First Occurrence of Severe/Critical COVID-19 Demonstrates Early Onset of Protection



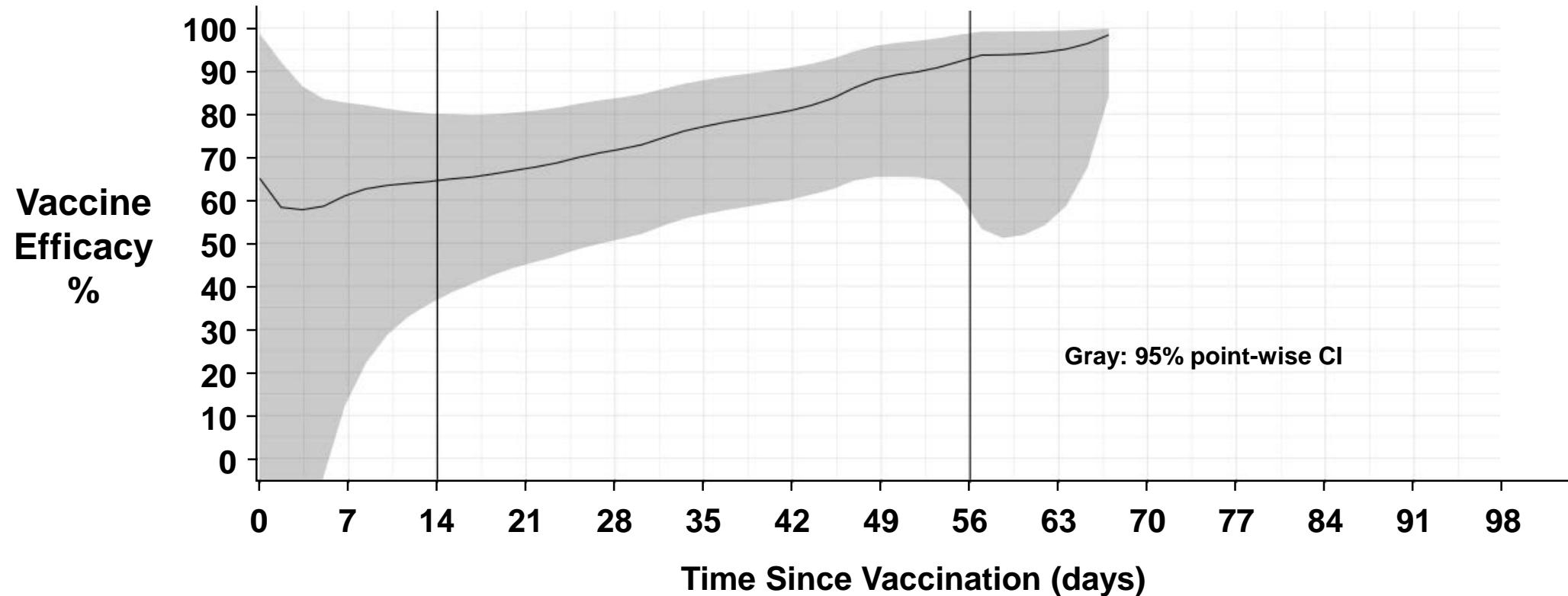
## Participants at risk

Ad26.COV2.S	19744	19741	19734	19725	19718	19705	18685	15043	11046	7919	4039	1481	720	490	490	489	146	31	0
Placebo	19822	19817	19799	19779	19760	19725	18682	15088	11069	7939	3995	1485	732	500	497	495	137	29	0

## Number of cases

Ad26.COV2.S	0	3	7	11	16	18	20	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	0
Placebo	0	5	18	32	44	55	65	73	76	76	77	77	78	78	78	78	78	78	78

# Vaccine Efficacy Against Severe/Critical COVID-19 Increased Over Time Through Day 56



Days of follow-up	7	14	28	42	56	70	84	98
% of participants with follow-up	~100%	~100%	99%	93%	55%	20%	4%	2%

# Data Support Substantial Effect on Prevention of COVID-19 Related Hospitalizations

<i>PP At Risk Set</i>	Ad26.COV2.S Cases, n	Placebo Cases, n	VE (95% CI)
<b>&gt; Day 14</b>			
PCR+ cases from any source, regardless of central confirmation	2	29	93.1% (72.7, 99.2)
<b>&gt; Day 28</b>			
PCR+ cases from any source, regardless of central confirmation	0	16	100.0% (74.3, 100.0)

# Ad26.COV2.S Data Support Complete Protection Against COVID-19-Related Deaths

<i>Full Analysis Set Through January 22, 2021</i>	<b>Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895</b>	<b>Placebo N = 21,888</b>
<b>All cause mortality</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>COVID-19 confirmed death &gt; Day 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 *</b>

\*One PCR+ participant at baseline, not included

<i>Full Analysis Set From January 22, 2021 to February 5, 2021</i>	<b>Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895</b>	<b>Placebo N = 21,888</b>
<b>Additional deaths reported</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>COVID-19 confirmed death &gt; Day 1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

- All COVID-19 associated deaths occurred in South Africa

# Subset of Data Show Effect Against Asymptomatic/Undetected COVID-19

<i>Per Protocol</i>	> Day 29		<b>VE (95%CI)</b>
	<b>Ad26.COV2.S</b> N = 19,630	<b>Placebo</b> N = 19,691	
<b>Serology Risk Set (Day 71 serology results)</b>	<b>N = 1,346</b>	<b>N = 1,304</b>	
<b>Seroconverted SARS-CoV-2 (Day &gt; 29)<sup>a</sup></b>	18	50	<b>65.5% (39.9, 81.1)</b>
<b>Seroconverted SARS-CoV-2 without previous symptoms (Day &gt; 29)<sup>a,b</sup></b>	10	37	<b>74.2% (47.1, 88.6)</b>

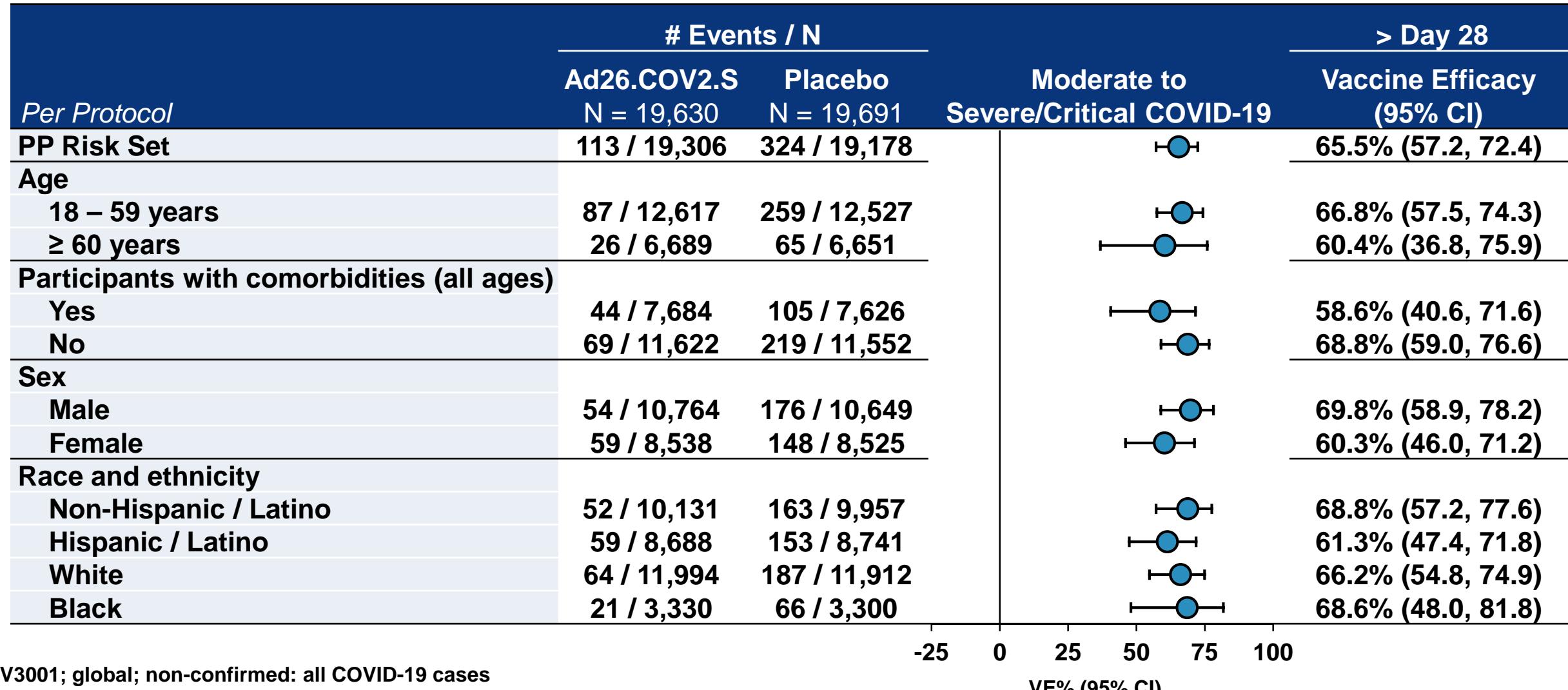
<sup>a</sup> Serologically converted: positive serology (Non-S protein) test without SARS-CoV-2 positive RT-PCR before positive serology test irrespective of previous symptoms

<sup>b</sup> Without previous symptoms: no COVID-19 symptoms occurred before positive serology test at any point during study

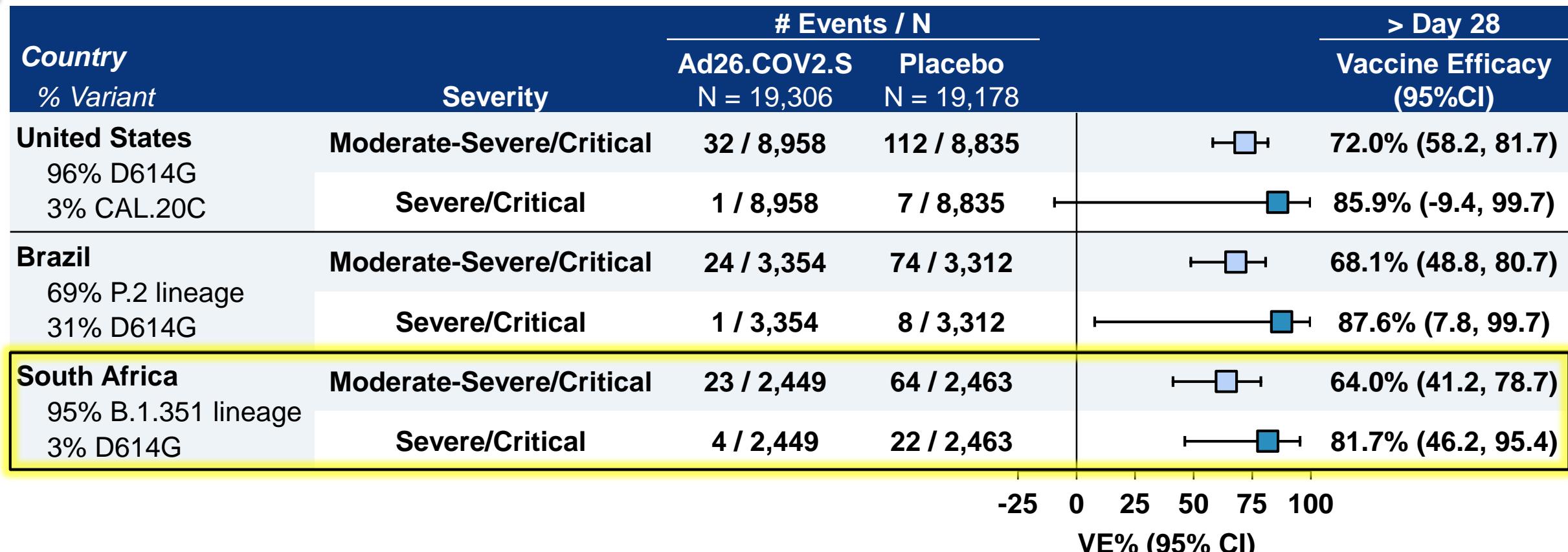
# Study COV3001: Additional Analyses

- Vaccine efficacy by prespecified subgroups
- Vaccine efficacy by countries with emerging variants

# Overall VE Against Moderate to Severe/Critical COVID-19 Consistent Across Prespecified Subgroups



# Vaccine Efficacy Consistently High Across Key Countries > Day 28



South Africa	PP At Risk Set (N = 4,912)	Hospitalizations > Day 28*:	0 vs 6 (Ad26.COV2.S vs placebo)
	Full Analysis Set (N = 6,576)	COVID-related deaths:	0 vs 5** (Ad26.COV2.S vs placebo)

COV3001; non-confirmed: all COVID-19 cases with a positive PCR from any source, regardless of central confirmation

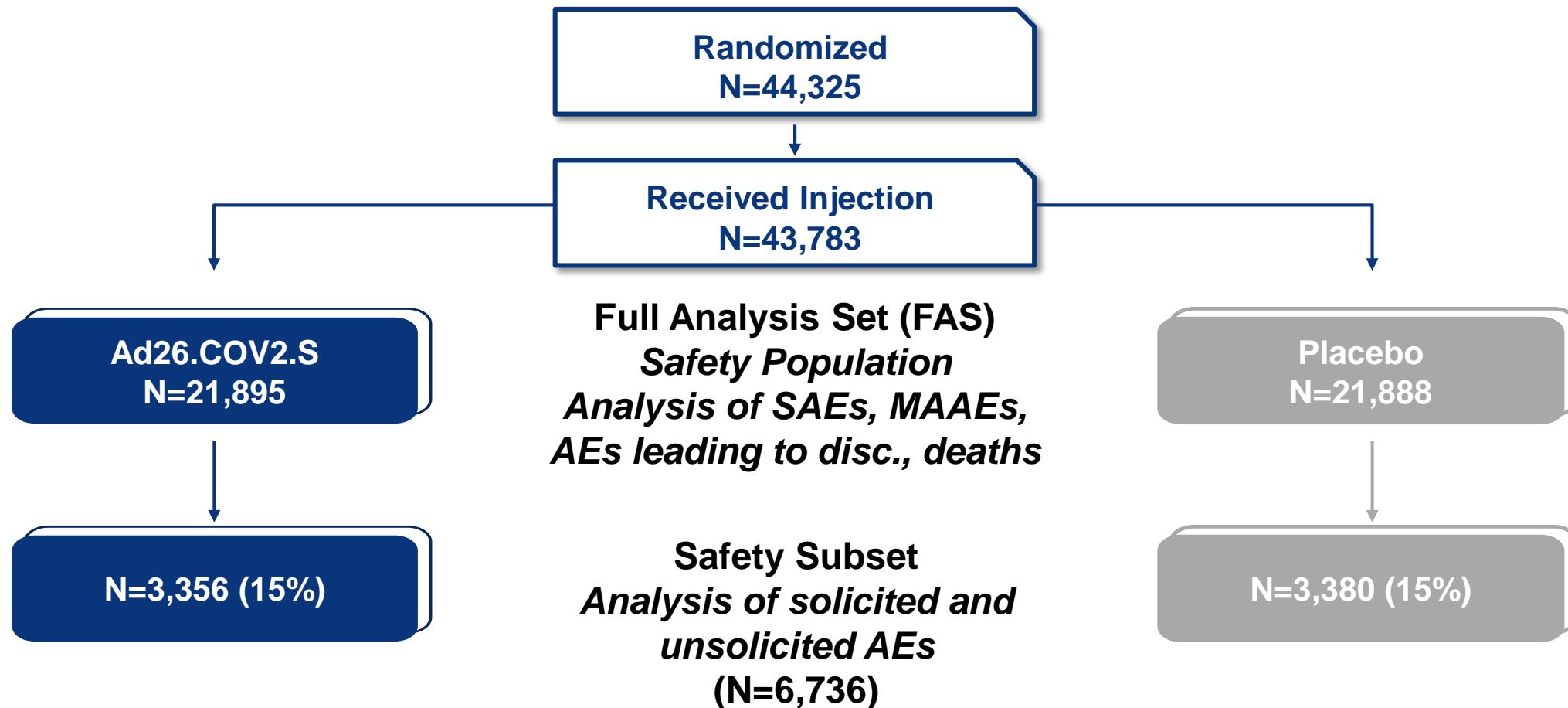
\*Sources: MRU (Medical Resource Utilization), SAE, and MA-COV (medical attendance-COV); \*\*6<sup>th</sup> case excluded due to PCR+ test at baseline

# Single Dose of Ad26.COV2.S Offers Substantial Protection Against COVID-19

- 85% VE\* against severe disease
  - Onset of protection as early as 7 days after vaccination
  - Complete protection against COVID-19 related hospitalizations\* and deaths
- 66% VE\* against moderate to severe disease across all countries
  - Onset evident as early as Day 14, and increased through Day 56
- 72% VE\* against moderate to severe COVID-19 in US
  - Study participants reflected the diversity of the overall US population
- Protection against all symptomatic disease consistent with primary endpoint
- High-quality, robust data at a time when the incidence of SARS-CoV-2 was increasing, and new, highly transmissible variants were emerging
- High levels of protection consistent across subgroups, countries and regions\*

# Study COV3001: Safety Results

# COV3001 Safety Subset Includes Data on Solicited and Unsolicited Adverse Events

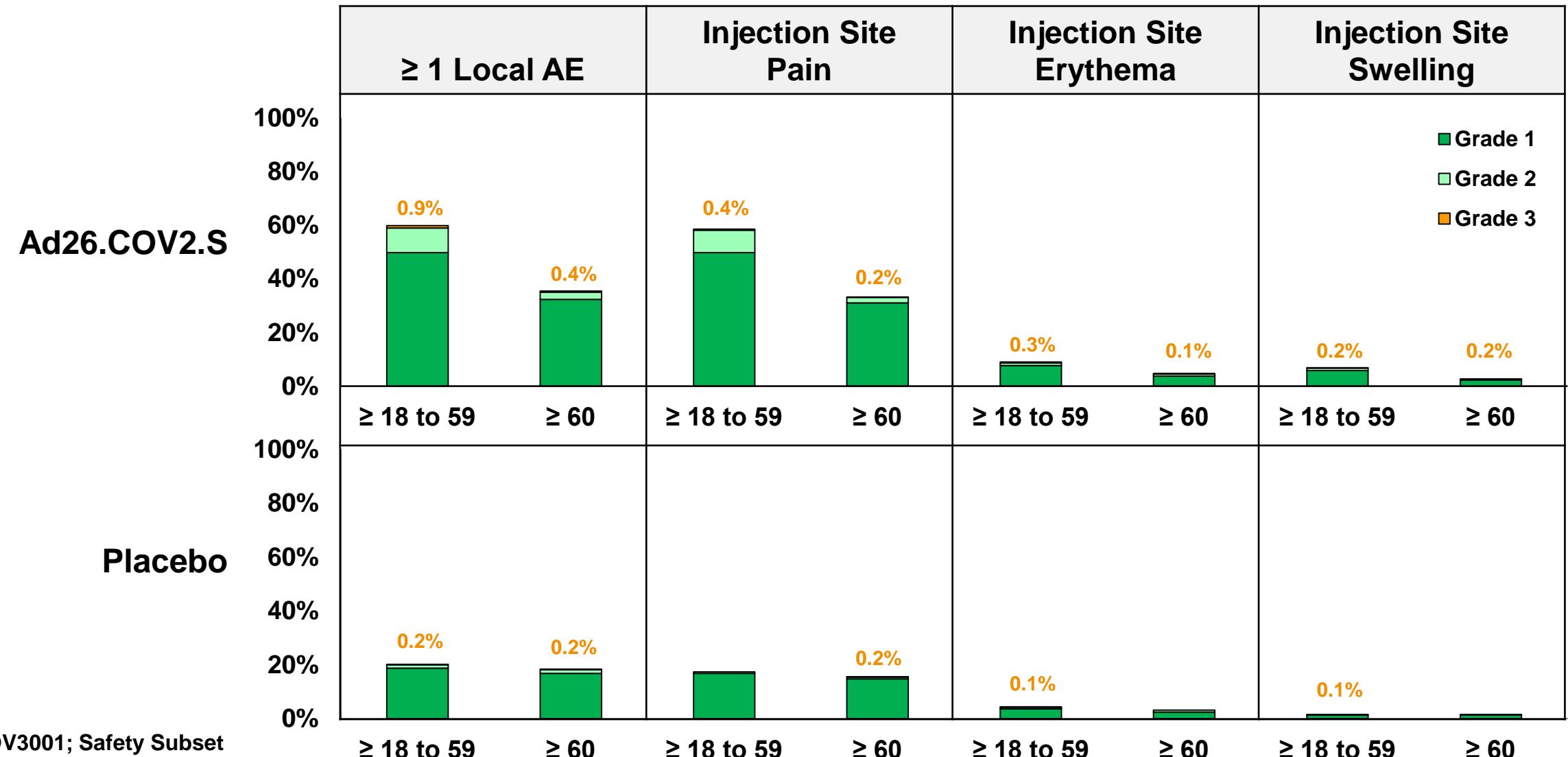


# Safety Data Met FDA Guidelines for Median Follow-Up of At Least 2 Months

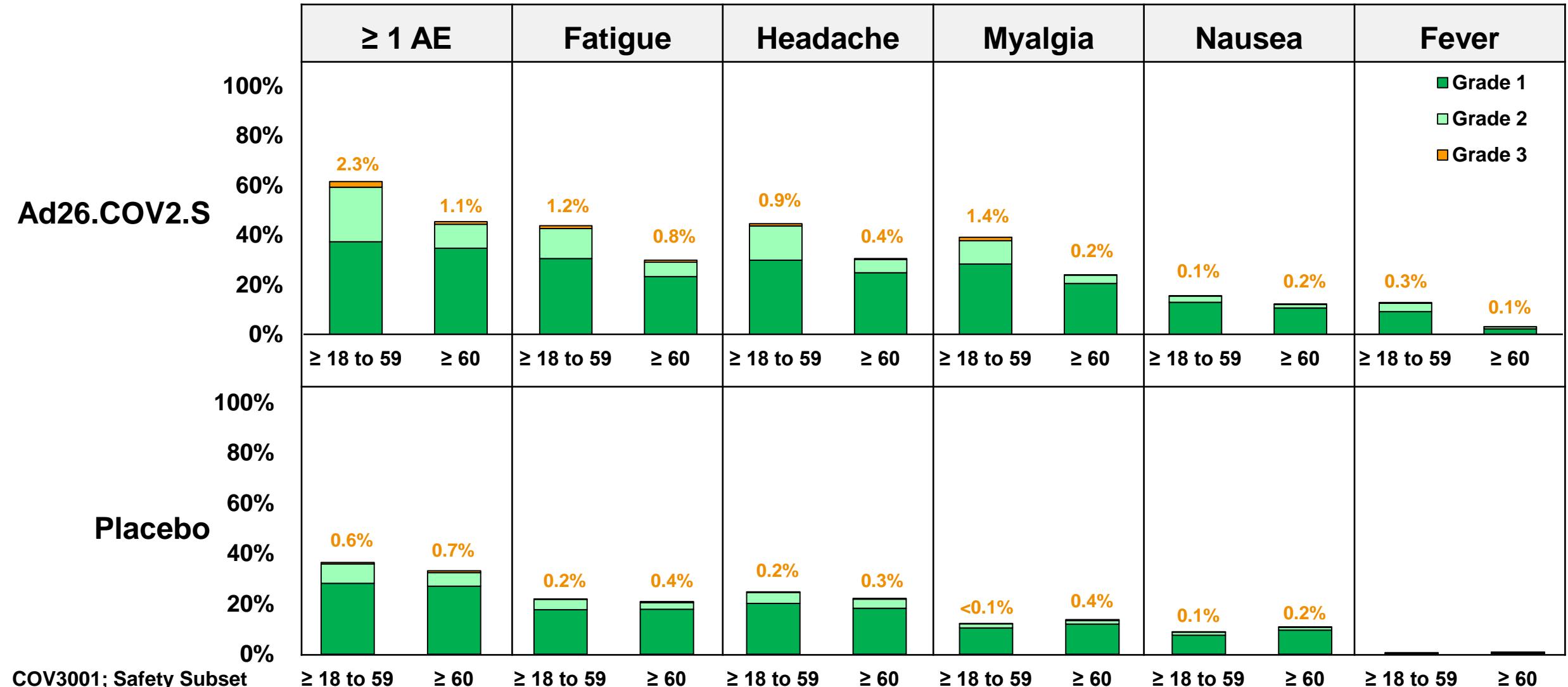
- Median follow up after vaccination was 58 days
- Full Analysis Set: 55% had  $\geq$  2 months of follow-up
- Safety Subset: nearly all (99.9%) completed post-vaccination period of Day 1-29

# Study COV3001: Solicited Adverse Events

# Local Adverse Events, Nearly All Grade 1 and 2 in Severity, All Events Resolved 2-3 Days After Injection



# Systemic Adverse Events Transient with Median Duration of 1-2 Days



# Study COV3001: Unsolicited Adverse Events

# Similar Rates of Unsolicited AEs Between Groups

Unsolicited Adverse Events	Ad26.COV2.S		Placebo	
	n	%	n	%
Safety Subset	<b>N = 3,356</b>		<b>N = 3,380</b>	
Any Adverse Event (AE)	440	13%	407	12%
Full Analysis Set (FAS)	<b>N = 21,895</b>		<b>N = 21,888</b>	
Any Medically-Attended Adverse Event (MAAE)	304	1.4%	408	1.9%
Any Serious Adverse Event (SAE)	90	0.4%	137	0.6%
Not COVID-19-related SAE	83	0.4%	96	0.4%
Any death (reported through January 22, 2021)	3	<0.1%	16	0.1%
COVID-19 related deaths	0	-	5*	-

# No Evidence of Vaccine-Associated Enhanced Respiratory Disease (VAERD) with Ad26.COV2.S

- Clinical data confirms nonclinical observations that theoretical risk for VAERD is low
  - Data demonstrated Th1 dominant immune responses
  - Breakthrough infections in Ad26.COV2.S group milder than those in placebo
- DSMB continuously monitored all cases of COVID-19 for patterns suggestive of VAERD, none found

# Other Adverse Events of Interest

<i><b>Full Analysis Set</b></i>	<b>Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895</b>	<b>Placebo N = 21,888</b>
	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Hypersensitivity*	77	65
Venous thromboembolic events**	14	10
Convulsions	4***	1
Tinnitus	6	0
Peripheral neuropathy	2	2
Guillain-Barre Syndrome	1	1
Bell's Palsy	3	2

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\*No anaphylaxis

\*\*Most participants had relevant predisposing medical conditions and/or other factors

\*\*\*Three participants with history of epilepsy, one additional event followed transverse sinus thrombosis

# Hypersensitivity Events

<i>Full Analysis Set</i> <b>Preferred Term, n</b>	<b>Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895</b>	<b>Placebo N = 21,888</b>
<b>Hypersensitivity Cases, n (%)</b>	<b>77 (0.4%)</b>	<b>65 (0.3%)</b>
Rash	35	23
Urticaria	8	5
Hypersensitivity	9*	6
Dermatitis/eczema	10	16
Edema/swelling	7	3
Eye, nose, throat manifestation	10	16
Cardiovascular	0	1

\* Includes 1 related SAE of Type IV (delayed) hypersensitivity

- Non-serious dermatologic conditions most common hypersensitivity AEs
- Mean time to onset after vaccination: 5.7 days
- Mean resolution time: 13 days
- Majority Grade 1 or 2

No cases met Brighton Collaboration criteria for anaphylaxis  
 Similar profile observed with other Ad26 vaccines

# Thrombotic and Thromboembolic Events

	Ad26.COV2.S N = 21,895	Placebo N = 21,888
Full Analysis Set	n	n
Total participants with any event	14	10
<b>Venous thromboembolic events</b>		
Deep vein thrombosis	6	2
Pulmonary embolism	4	1
Transverse sinus thrombosis	1	0
Thrombosed hemorrhoid	0	1
Total participants with venous events	11	4
<b>Arterial thromboembolic events</b>		
Cerebrovascular events	3*	3
Cardiovascular events	1	3
Total participants with arterial events	3	6

# Benefits of Ad26.COV2.S Outweigh Known and Potential Risks

- Demonstrated acceptable safety and reactogenicity profile
- Overall, reactogenicity mild and transient
  - Grade 3 reactogenicity rare
- Most AEs mild or moderate
  - Generally resolved 1 to 2 days post vaccination
- Safety further supported by > 193,000 individuals exposed to Janssen Ad26-based vaccines

# COV3001 Protocol Amendment to Facilitate Cross-Over of Placebo Participants

- Upon authorization by a regulatory authority, all placebo participants to receive 1 dose of Ad26.COV2.S
- All participants encouraged to remain in study up to 2 years to assess efficacy, safety, immunogenicity
- Amendment will allow assessment of
  - Duration of protection and immunogenicity of single dose by comparing 2 groups vaccinated ~4-6 months apart

# Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness Monitoring During EUA Complements US, Other Systems

- Goal to quickly identify any potential safety signals
- Surveillance of Adverse Events Following Immunizations (AEFIs), prespecified AESIs, known vaccine concerns
- Signal detection through Janssen's global safety database and external databases, including VAERS
- Monitor long-term safety and effectiveness through observational and active surveillance studies
  - Health insurance claims databases, EHRs in US and Europe

# Clinical Perspective and Benefit-Risk Assessment

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# COVID-19 Continues to Spread at Alarming Rates



Large proportion of US population still needs access to safe, effective vaccines



Reached exponential phase of viral spread

- No longer increasing on linear scale
- Periodically spiking at rapid rate

# 3 Ways Pandemics Can Be Controlled



- Hard lockdown, mandatory masking, distancing
  - *Largely unsuccessful in US*



- Virus mutates to be less transmissible
  - *More transmissible variants already emerging in US*



- Highly-efficacious, widely used vaccines
  - *Effective, well-tolerated, simple to deploy*

# Role for Janssen's Vaccine Candidate, 1-Dose Regimen in Urgent Mass-Vaccination Campaign

## Largest Trial To Date

- Multiple countries
- More data to analyze, confidence in results

## Replication Incompetent

- Engineered to express spike protein
- Cannot propagate in cells of a vaccinated individual

## Non-Adjuvanted

- Does not use additional ingredients
- Fewer local, systemic reactions than adjuvanted vaccines

## Traditional Shipping, Storage

- Stored at normal refrigerator temperatures
- 2-year shelf life when frozen

## 1-Dose Vaccine

- Specifically studied as 1-dose regimen
- WHO preference for 1-dose vaccine in Target Product Profile

# Single Dose Regimen Offers Important Logistical, Practical Advantages for Mass Vaccination Campaign

- Can help reach individual and herd immunity more quickly
  - Simplifies the process
- Decreases burden on health care system, health care providers
- Could decrease health care utilization costs

# Ad26.COV2.S Data Demonstrate Strong Vaccine Efficacy, Offers Protection Against COVID-19

- Pivotal study met *both* co-primary endpoints
  - Effective against symptomatic COVID-19
- Highly effective in preventing severe/critical COVID-19
  - Highly effective in preventing hospitalization and death
- Highly effective against newly emerging variants
- Milder breakthrough infections in vaccinated participants

# Single Dose of Ad26.COV2.S Demonstrated to be Safe, Well Tolerated

- Comprehensive plan for ongoing safety monitoring
- Enrolled diverse population, including older adults and individuals with comorbidities
- No safety concerns raised for any assessed population
- Hypersensitivity reactions were rare, usually nonserious
  - No severe allergic reactions reported in COVID-19 studies
- Support sponsor's cross-over plan for placebo participants and post-authorization studies, including children and pregnant women

# Attributes of Ideal COVID-19 Vaccine for Emergency Use Authorization

- Excellent safety profile
- Induces protective immunity, ideally with single dose
- Stimulates protective, balanced immune responses
- Does not elicit immunopathology after vaccination
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# Known Benefits Vastly Outweigh Known Risks for Janssen's COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate

- COVID-19 continues to be a deadly pandemic
- US urgently needs more vaccines under EUA to protect millions of Americans
- Clear and compelling evidence that Ad26.COV2.S is well tolerated and highly efficacious against COVID-19

Meets FDA criteria for  
Emergency Use Authorization

# **Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Application for Ad26.COV2.S**

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Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee

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