



# Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines

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# Agenda – COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness (VE)

- **VE data to inform need for:**
  - Additional doses in immunocompromised
    - What's known about VE in immunocompromised vs. non-immunocompromised adults, including waning by time since dose
  - Additional dose for adults  $\geq 65$  years
    - What's known about waning of a single dose in healthy adults  $\geq 65$  years, including against more severe outcomes
    - Benefits of an additional dose in past seasons

# Some key issues in COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness (VE)

## 1. Time since dose impacts protection

- How much and over what time period?

## 2. SARS-CoV-2 variants change over time

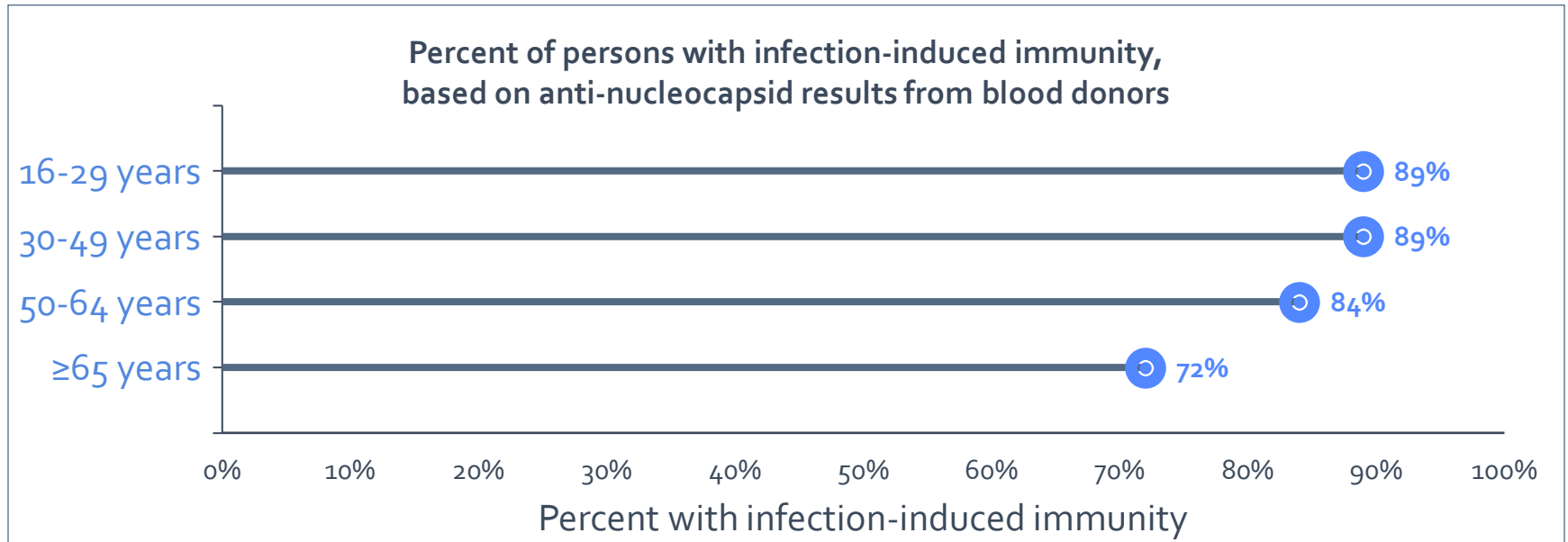
- Variant/vaccine match may impact effectiveness

## 3. Surges in disease, seroprevalence, and time since last SARS-CoV-2 infection impact measured VE

Difficult to disentangle time since dose (true “waning”) vs. impact of changes in variants vs. impact of time since prior infection

## Context for interpreting COVID-19 VE across age groups: SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence before 2023-2024 respiratory virus season

- High rates of SARS-CoV-2 infection-induced immunity by July – August 2023.\*



VE findings should be interpreted as the added benefit provided by COVID-19 vaccination in a population with a high prevalence of vaccine- and infection-induced immunity.

\* Internal CDC data. Data on persons aged  $\geq 16$  years is from a longitudinal, national cohort of  $>35,000$  blood donors.

Methods and prior data available at: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#nationwide-blood-donor-seroprevalence-2022>

# Measuring COVID-19 VE

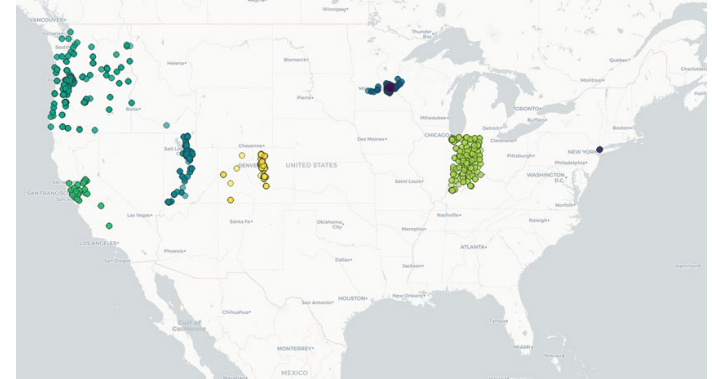
Measure	Definition	Example vaccinated group	Example comparison group
Absolute VE	Compares frequency of health outcomes in vaccinated and unvaccinated people	Received original monovalent COVID-19 vaccine	Received no COVID-19 vaccines ever
Relative VE	Compares frequency of health outcomes in people who received one type of vaccine to people who received a different vaccine	Received <b>bivalent COVID-19 vaccine</b>	Eligible for, but did not receive, bivalent COVID-19 vaccine but received original monovalent COVID -19 vaccine
VE of 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines	Compares people who received <b>2023-2024</b> COVID-19 vaccine to people who did not, regardless of past vaccination	Received <b>updated (2023-24) dose</b>	Eligible for, but did not receive, an <b>updated (2023 -24) dose</b> , regardless of past vaccination history

**Methods**

# VISION Multi-Site Network of Electronic Health Records

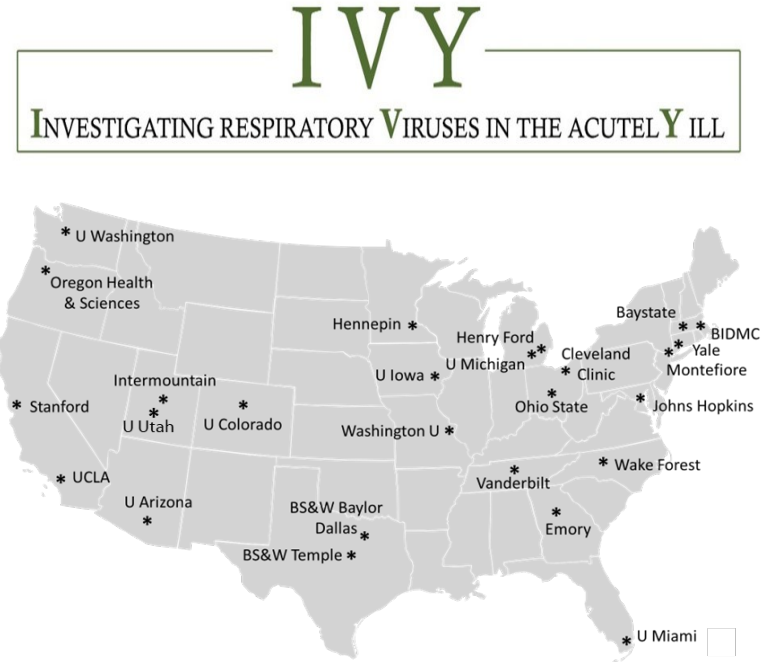
>300 emergency departments and urgent cares and >200 hospitals

- **Design:** Test-negative design
- **Population:** Adults visiting a participating emergency department or urgent care (ED/UC) or hospitalized with COVID-19-like illness (CLI) with a SARS-CoV-2 NAAT test result within 10 days before or 72 hours after encounter
  - **Cases:** CLI with *positive* NAAT for SARS-CoV-2 and no positive NAAT for RSV or influenza
  - **Controls:** CLI with *negative* NAAT for SARS-CoV-2 and no positive NAAT for influenza
- **Vaccination data:** Documented by electronic health records and state and city registries



# IVY Network — 26 hospitals, 20 U.S. States

- **Design:** Test-negative, case-control design
- **Population:** Adults aged  $\geq 18$  years hospitalized with COVID-like illness (CLI)\* and SARS-CoV-2 test results within 10 days of illness onset and 3 days of admission
  - **Cases:** CLI and test *positive* for SARS-CoV-2 by NAAT or antigen
  - **Controls:** CLI and test *negative* for SARS-CoV-2 and influenza by RT-PCR
- **Vaccination data:** Electronic medical records (EMR), state and city registries, and plausible self-report
- **Specimens:** Nasal swabs obtained on all patients for central RT-PCR testing and whole genome sequencing



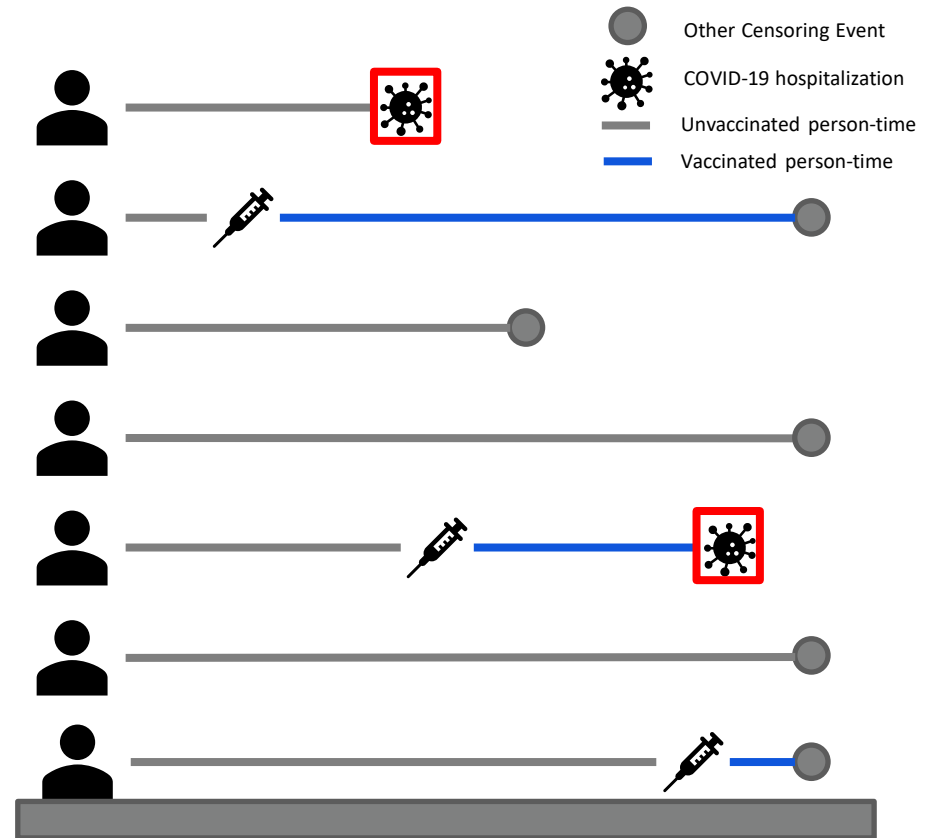
\*CLI is defined as presence of any one of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chest imaging consistent with pneumonia, or hypoxemia



# Medicare data

- **Design:** Retrospective cohort
- **Data source:** Medicare fee-for-service claims data\*
- **Population:** Persons aged  $\geq 65$
- **Censoring events:**
  - COVID-19-related thromboembolic event
  - Death
  - Disenrollment in Medicare Parts A/B
  - Enrollment in Medicare Part C
  - Nursing home stay lasting  $\geq 100$  days
  - Admission to hospice facility
  - Dialysis encounter
  - Receipt of multiple bivalent booster doses
  - Bivalent booster dose < 60 days from the last COVID-19 vaccine dose
  - End of study period
- **VE = (1 - adjusted hazard ratio) x 100%**

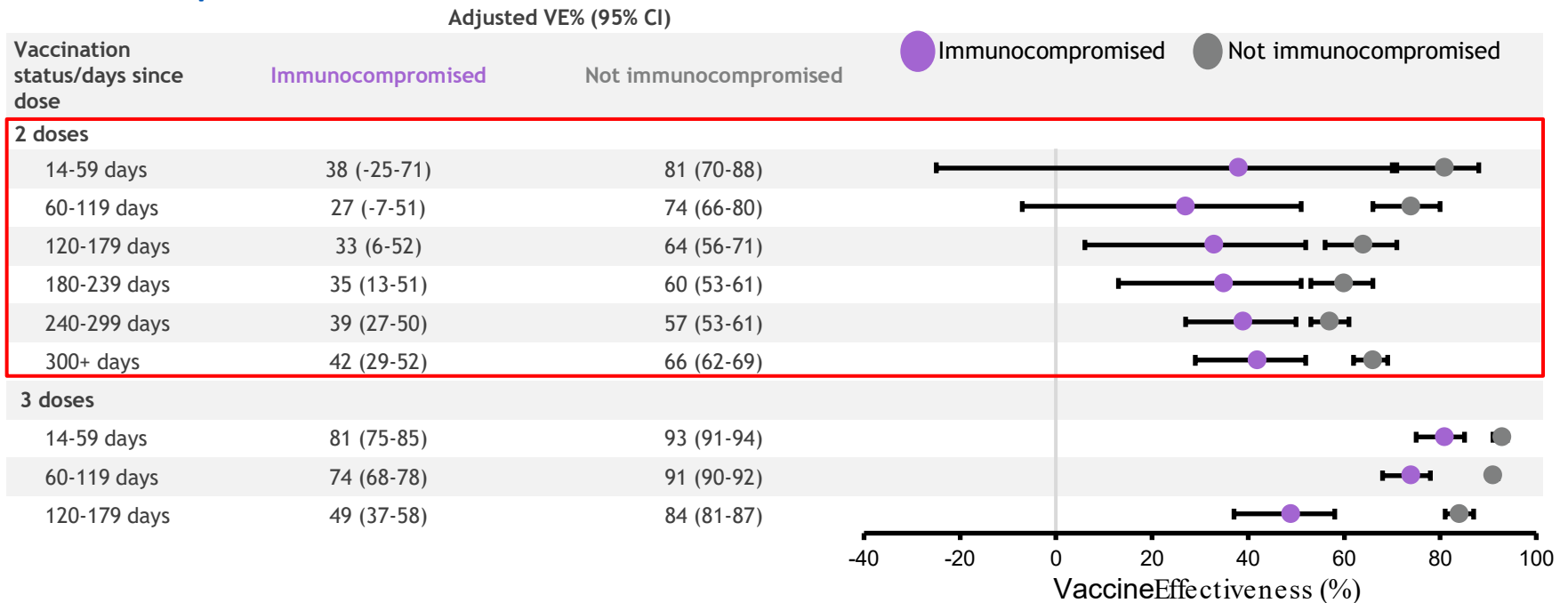
where adjusted hazard ratio =  $\frac{\text{rate of RSV hospitalization}_{\text{vaccinated}}}{\text{rate of RSV hospitalization}_{\text{unvaccinated}}}$



\*Data sources included Medicare Enrollment Database (EDB) and Common Medicare Environment (CME), Common Working File (CWF) and Shared System Data (SSD) Medicare Parts A/B claims data, Minimum Data Set (MDS), and CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). Events identified from Medicare claims data using International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10 CM) and common procedural terminology (CPT) codes.

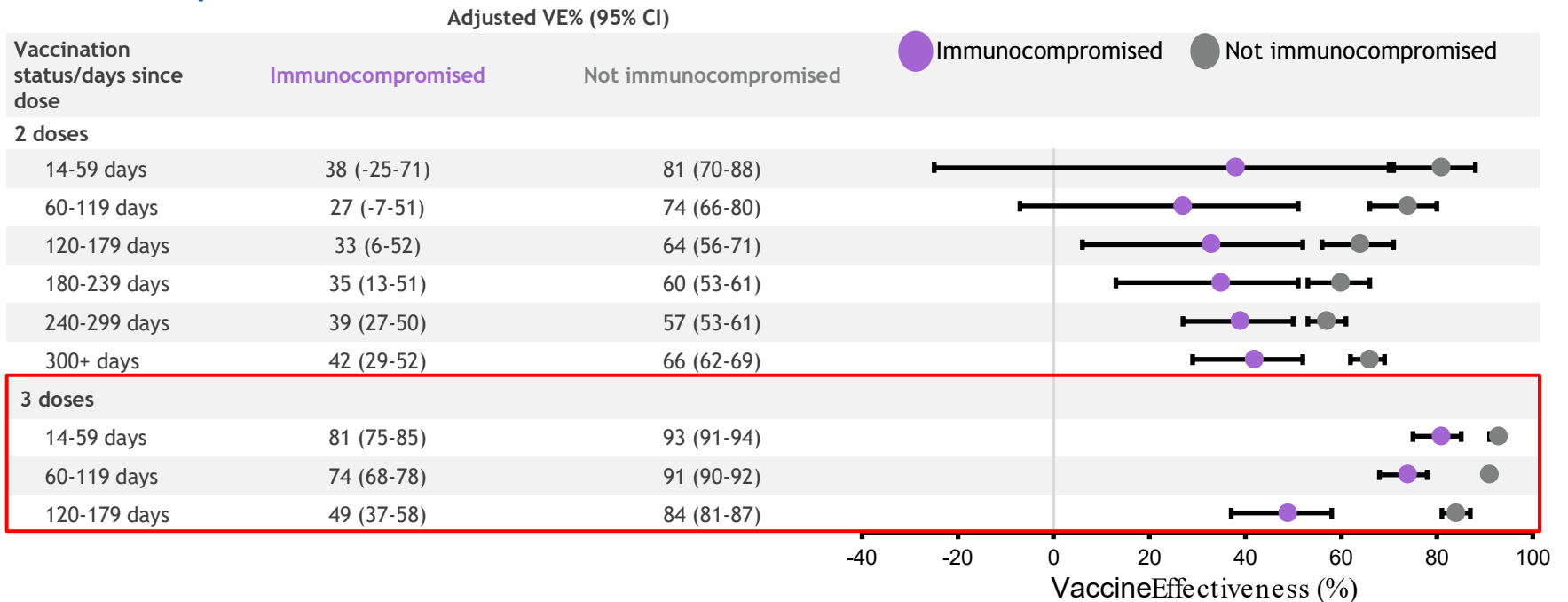
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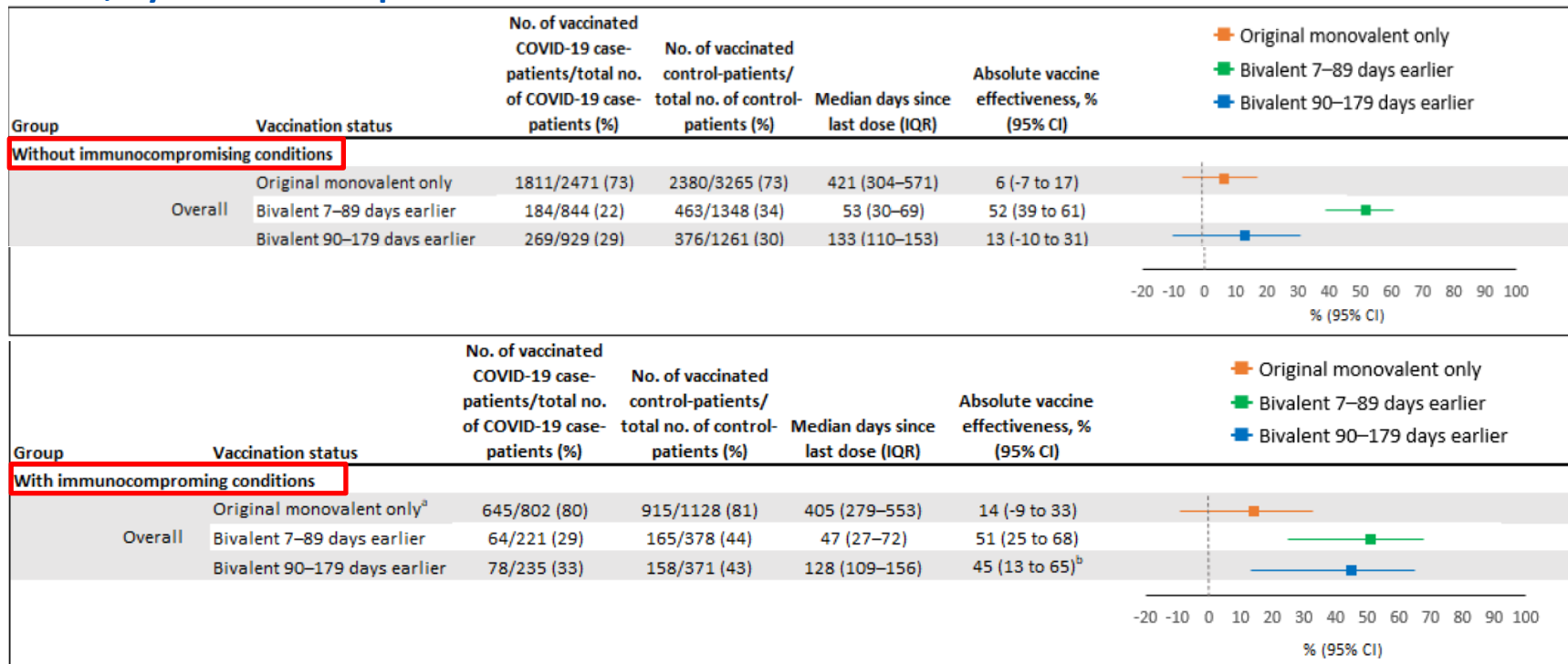
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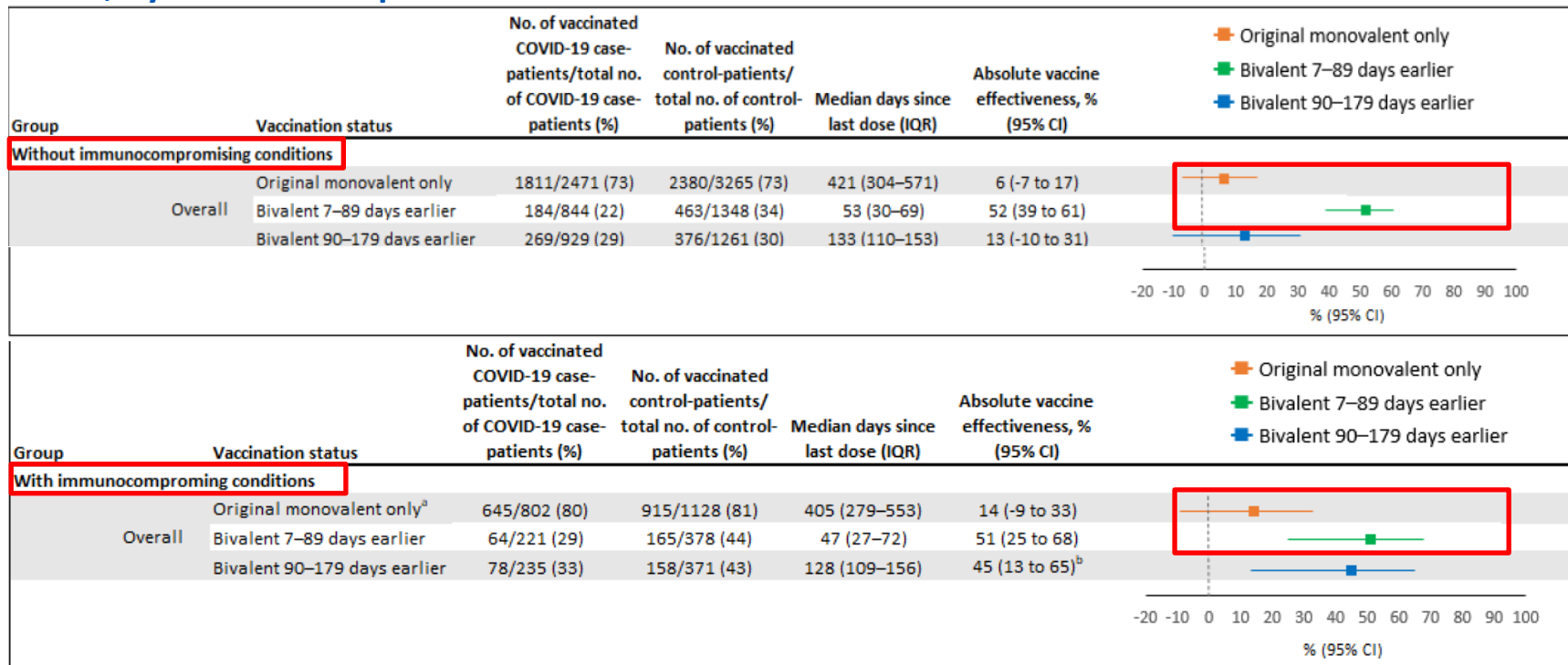
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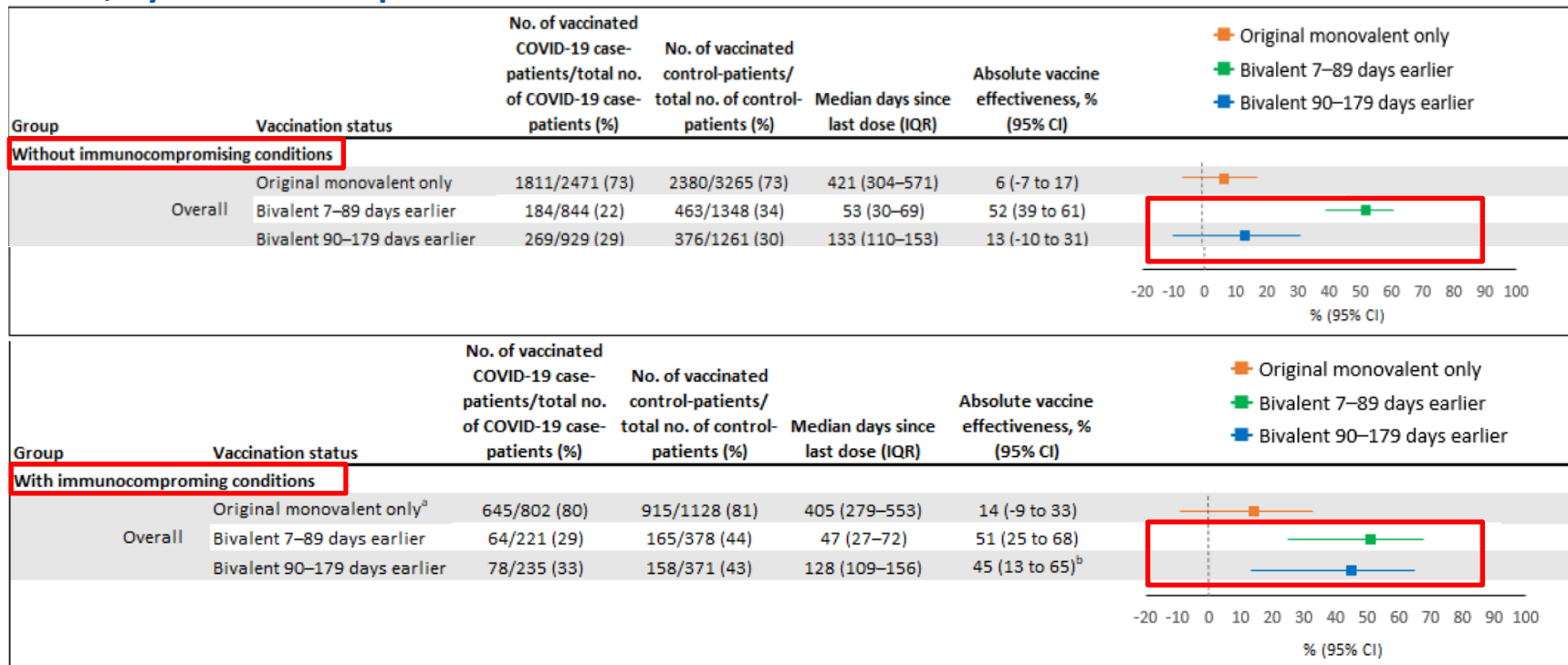
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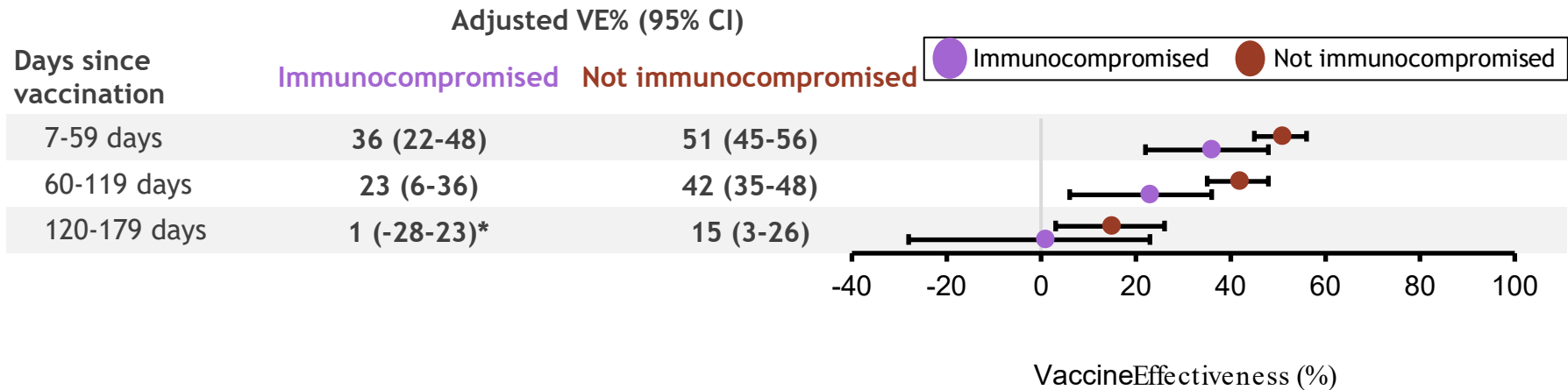
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**VISION: VE of 2023-2024 vs. no 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine against COVID-19-associated *hospitalization* among adults aged  $\geq 18$  years, by immunocompromise status**  
 September 2023 – August 2024



During the 2023-2024 season, VE appeared somewhat lower in immunocompromised individuals, though waning patterns were similar to those in non-immunocompromised individuals.



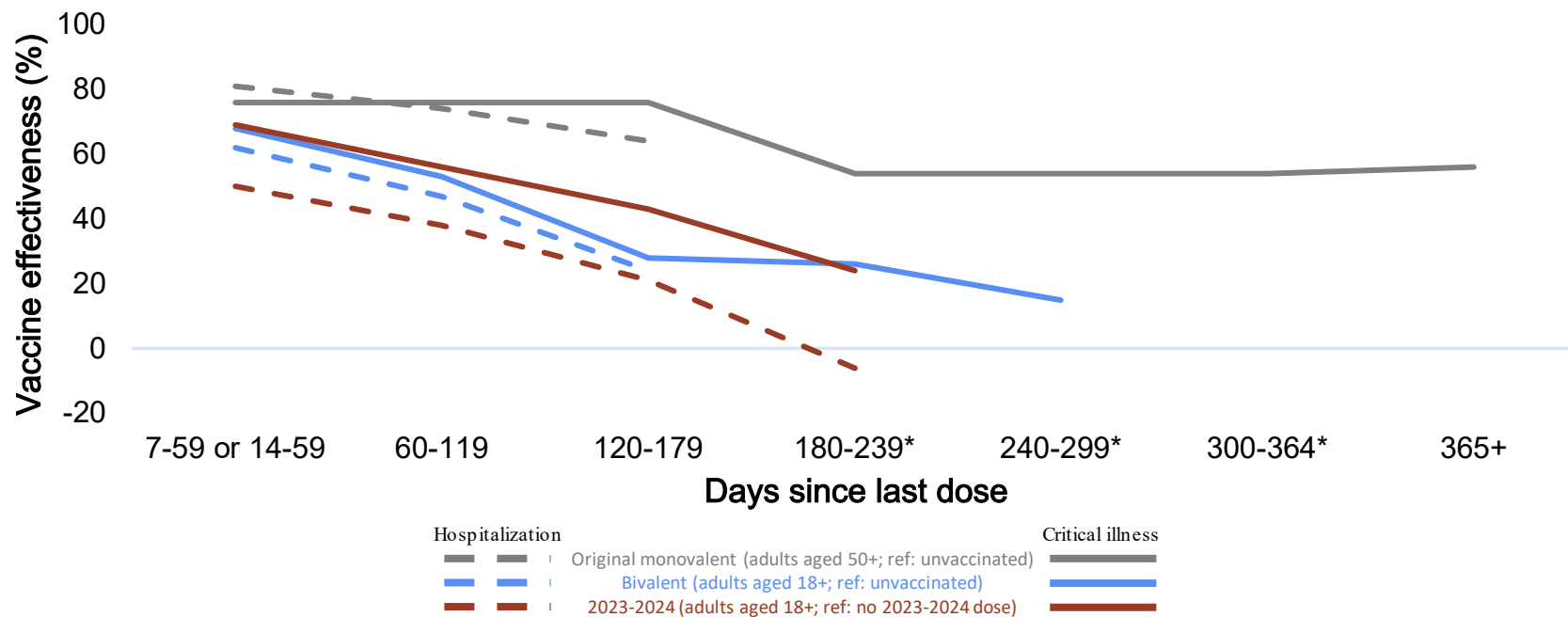
# Conclusions: VE among those with immunocompromising conditions

- COVID-19 vaccines provided protection for both persons with and without immunocompromise.
- Patterns of COVID-19 VE in immunocompromised were different season-to-season, with generally lower VE compared to non-immunocompromised, but inconsistent waning patterns.
  - During 2023-2024, VE against hospitalization in immunocompromised waned to 0 by ~4-6 months.
- **This inconsistency is likely multifactorial, including:**
  - Heterogeneity among those classified as immunocompromised
  - Variation in underlying immunity and response to prior infection
  - Differing health behaviors (e.g., masking, social distancing) over time and by immunocompromise status

**COVID-19 VE data to inform need for an additional COVID-19 vaccine dose for adults aged  $\geq 65$  years**

# COVID-19 VE against COVID-19-associated **hospitalization** wanes over time, but is more sustained against COVID-19-associated **critical illness**, though some waning is evident

Data from VISION and IVY showing VE by vaccine formulation of most recent dose.



Recipients of bivalent and 2023-2024 doses included in this analysis received a single dose of the most recent formulation.

Sources: DeCuir, et al., MMWR 2023/Link-Gelles, ACIP Slides, April 20, 2022; CDC unpublished data updated from Link-Gelles, ACIP Slides, June 23, 2023; CDC unpublished data updated from: Link-Gelles, ACIP Slides, June 27, 2024

\* For original monovalent doses, VE for hospitalization was for 180-364 days from last dose combined. For 2023-2024 doses, VE for hospitalization was for ≥180 days combined, with a median of 228 days (IQR: 202-259).

# IVY: Original monovalent vs. unvaccinated VE against COVID-19-associated hospitalization among immunocompetent adults ≥18 years, by Omicron sublineage period

December 2021-August 2022

SARSCoV-2 variant period/ mRNA dosage pattern/ days since dose	Median (IQR) days from last dose	Vaccinated case-patients no./total no. (%)	Vaccinated control -patients, no./total no. (%)	Adjusted VE (95% CI)
<b>BA.1/BA.2 period</b>				
2 original monovalent doses				
14-150 days	111 (87-130)	62/771 (8)	79/514 (15)	63 (46–75)
>150 days	290 (241-351)	471/1,180 (40)	404/839 (48)	34 (20–46)
3 original monovalent doses				
7-120 days	80 (55-100)	167/876 (19)	393/828 (47)	79 (74–84)
>120 days	180 (154-208)	265/974 (27)	301/736 (41)	41 (23–55)
<b>BA.4/BA.5 period</b>				
2 original monovalent doses				
14-150 days	102 (77-123)	3/189 (2)	13/168 (8)	83 (35–96)
>150 days	430 (329-471)	128/314 (41)	168/323 (52)	37 (12–55)
3 original monovalent doses				
7-120 days	74 (33-110)	13/199 (7)	24/179 (13)	60 (12–81)
>120 days	237 (204-269)	219/405 (54)	208/363 (57)	29 (3–48)

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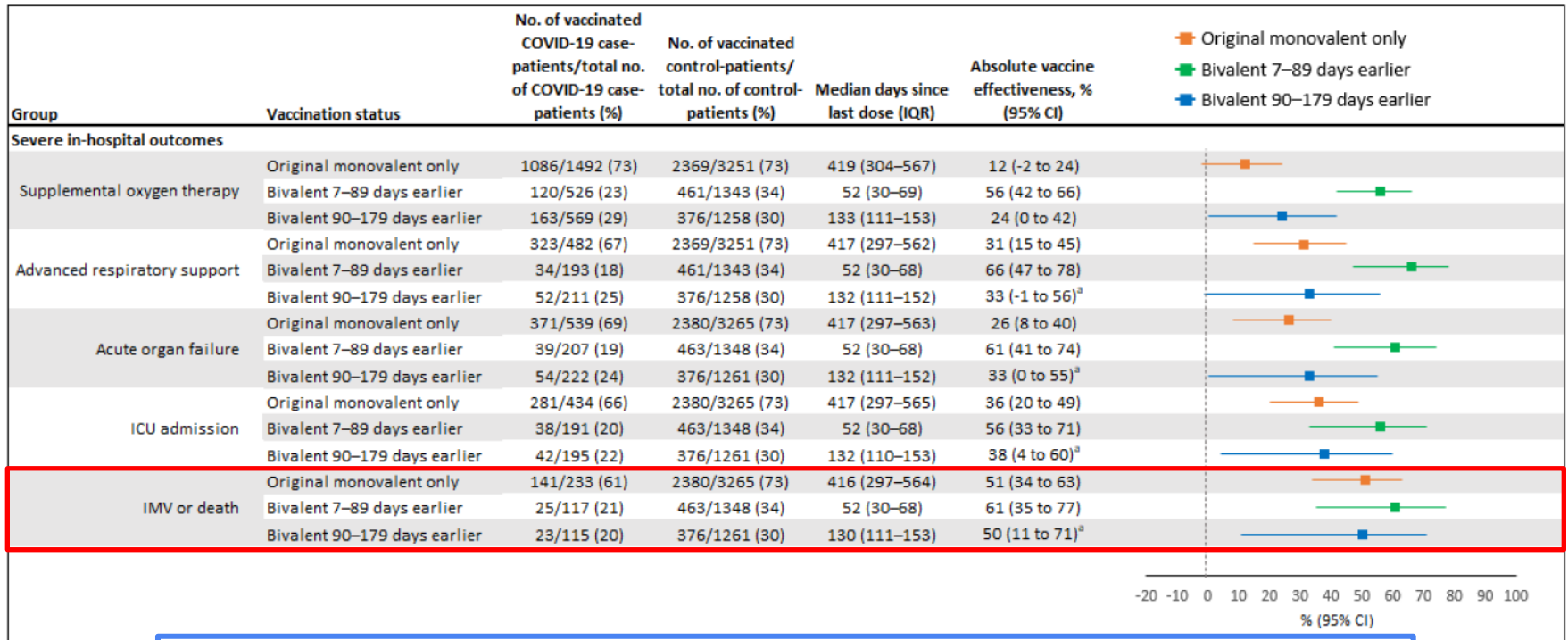
# VISION: Original monovalent vs. unvaccinated VE against COVID-19-associated *hospitalization* among immunocompetent adults ≥65 years

June-August 2022

SARSCoV-2 variant period/ mRNA dosage pattern/ days since dose	Total	SARSCoV-2- test-positive, N (%)	Median interval since last dose, days (IQR)	Adjusted VE (95% CI)
<b>BA.4/BA.5 period</b>				
Unvaccinated (ref)	2,971	743 (25)	--	
<b>2 original monovalent doses</b>				
14-149 days	77	14 (18)	80 (57-105)	--
≥150 days	2828	556 (20)	473 (422-503)	<b>31 (21-39)</b>
<b>3 original monovalent doses</b>				
7-119 days	289	26 (9)	72 (42-98)	<b>73 (55-84)</b>
≥120 days	4838	913 (19)	240 (211-266)	<b>38 (30-46)</b>
<b>4 original monovalent doses</b>				
7-59 days	765	89 (12)	38 (23-50)	<b>66 (53-75)</b>
≥60 days	1549	210 (14)	88 (75-105)	<b>57 (44-66)</b>

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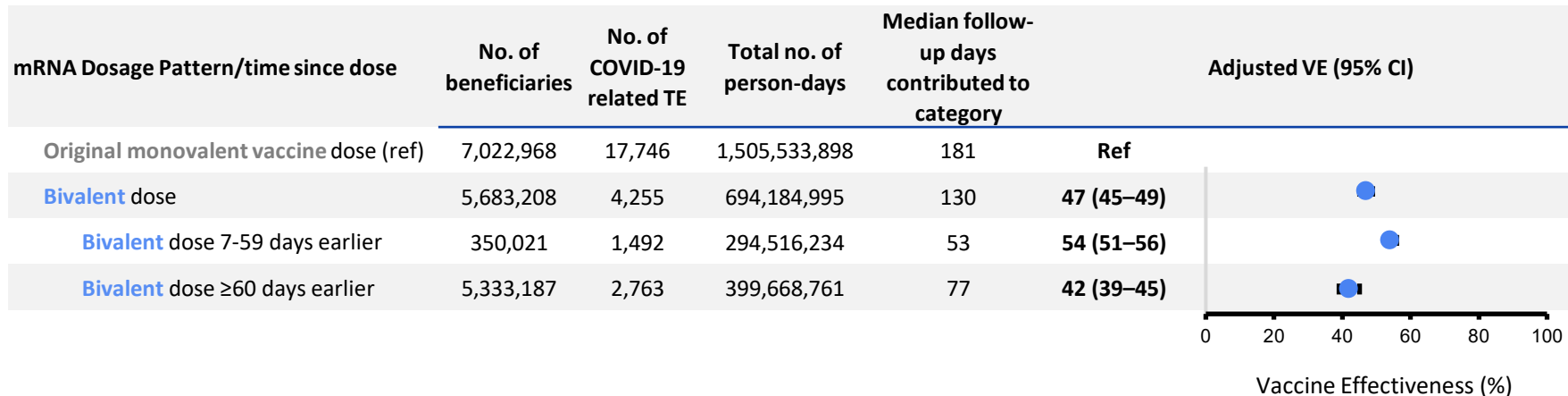
# IVY: Original monovalent and bivalent vs. unvaccinated VE against COVID-19-associated *severe in-hospital outcomes* among adults aged $\geq 18$ years without immunocompromising conditions



VE of COVID-19 vaccines was most durable against the most severe outcomes.

# Medicare: VE of *bivalent* vs. original monovalent COVID-19 vaccine against COVID-19-related *thromboembolic events* among immunocompetent Medicare beneficiaries aged ≥65 years

September 2022 – March 2023



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VE estimates adjusted for age, sex, race and ethnicity, geographic region, and calendar time. Updated from: Link-Gelles et al., MMWR, <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7221a3.htm>

TE = thromboembolic event

# VISION: VE of 2 vs. 1 bivalent doses against COVID-19-associated hospitalization among immunocompetent adults aged ≥65 years

September 2022 – September 2023

mRNA Dosage Pattern	Total encounters	SARSCoV-2- test-positive, N (%)	Median interval since last dose, days (IQR)	Adjusted VE (95% CI)
<b>Hospitalization, 2 vs. 1 bivalent doses (at least 4 months apart)</b>				
1 bivalent dose (ref)	21,825	1,894 (8)	--	Ref
2 bivalent doses	599	50 (8)	50 (26-76)	20 (-9 to 41)

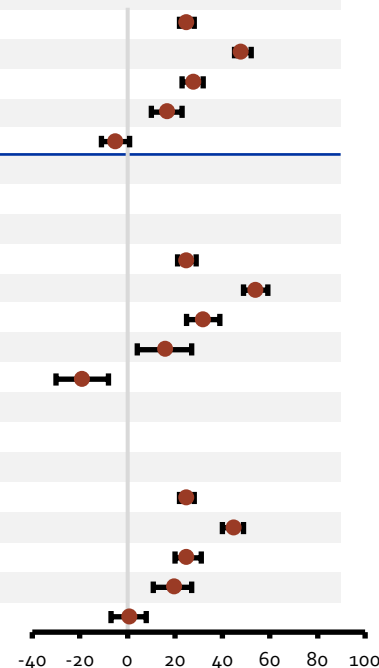
VE of an additional bivalent dose at least 4 months after the original bivalent dose appeared to provide some protection, though the confidence interval was wide and crossed 0.



# VISION: VE of 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine against COVID-19-associated ED/UC encounters among immunocompetent adults aged ≥18 years, by age group

September 2023 – August 2024

Age group/2023 -2024 COVID-19 vaccination status/days since dose	Total encounters	SARSCoV-2-test-positive, N (%)	Median interval since last dose among vaccinated, days (IQR)	Adjusted VE (95% CI)
<b>≥18 years</b>				
No 2023-2024 COVID-19 dose (ref)	266,148	29,492 (11)	750 (534-912)	Ref
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-299 days earlier	59,366	5,079 (9)	115 (60-185)	25 (22 to 28)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-59 days earlier	14,801	1,112 (8)	34 (21-47)	48 (45 to 52)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 60-119 days earlier	16,101	1,338 (8)	88 (73-103)	28 (23 to 32)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 120-179 days earlier	12,636	766 (6)	147 (133-163)	17 (10 to 23)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 180-299 days earlier	15,828	1,863 (12)	229 (203-258)	-5 (-11 to 1)
<b>18-64 years</b>				
No 2023-2024 COVID-19 dose (ref)	189,980	19,809 (10)	783 (617-928)	Ref
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-299 days earlier	20,563	1,545 (8)	112 (58-182)	25 (21 to 29)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-59 days earlier	5,341	318 (6)	34 (20-47)	54 (49 to 59)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 60-119 days earlier	5,566	366 (7)	88 (74-104)	32 (25 to 39)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 120-179 days earlier	4,387	227 (5)	147 (133-163)	16 (4 to 27)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 180-299 days earlier	5,269	634 (12)	228 (202-256)	-19 (-30 to -8)
<b>≥65 years</b>				
No 2023-2024 COVID-19 dose (ref)	76,168	9,683 (13)	661 (431-860)	Ref
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-299 days earlier	38,803	3,534 (9)	116 (61-187)	25 (22 to 28)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-59 days earlier	9,460	794 (8)	34 (21-47)	45 (40 to 49)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 60-119 days earlier	10,535	972 (9)	88 (73-103)	25 (20 to 31)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 120-179 days earlier	8,249	539 (7)	148 (133-163)	20 (11 to 27)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 180-299 days earlier	10,559	1,229 (12)	230 (203-259)	1 (-7 to 8)

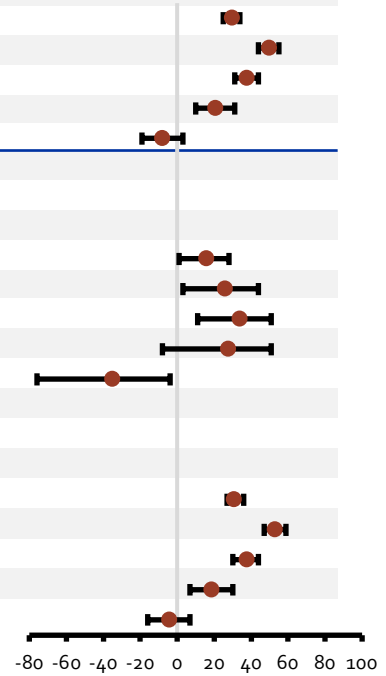


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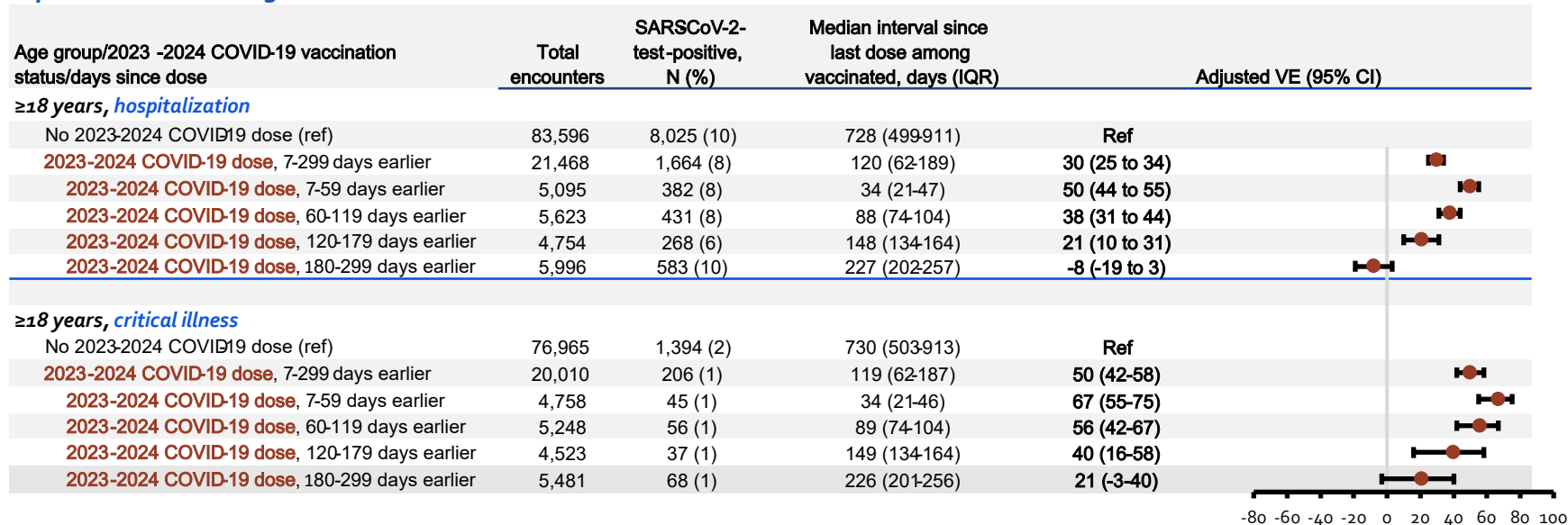
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<b>≥18 years</b>				
No 2023-2024 COVID-19 dose (ref)	83,596	8,025 (10)	728 (499-911)	Ref
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-299 days earlier	21,468	1,664 (8)	120 (62-189)	30 (25 to 34)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-59 days earlier	5,095	382 (8)	34 (21-47)	50 (44 to 55)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 60-119 days earlier	5,623	431 (8)	88 (74-104)	38 (31 to 44)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 120-179 days earlier	4,754	268 (6)	148 (134-164)	21 (10 to 31)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 180-299 days earlier	5,996	583 (10)	227 (202-257)	-8 (-19 to 3)
<b>18-64 years</b>				
No 2023-2024 COVID-19 dose (ref)	33,335	2,076 (6)	783 (600-934)	Ref
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-299 days earlier	3,694	201 (5)	116 (61-182)	16 (1 to 28)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-59 days earlier	903	57 (6)	33 (21-45)	26 (3 to 44)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 60-119 days earlier	999	47 (5)	89 (75-104)	34 (11 to 51)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 120-179 days earlier	834	26 (3)	148 (135-164)	28 (-8 to 51)*
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 180-299 days earlier	958	71 (7)	226 (199-254)	-35 (-76 to -4)*
<b>≥65 years</b>				
No 2023-2024 COVID-19 dose (ref)	50,261	5,949 (12)	692 (460-890)	Ref
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-299 days earlier	17,774	1,463 (8)	121 (63-190)	31 (27 to 36)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 7-59 days earlier	4,192	325 (8)	34 (21-47)	53 (47 to 59)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 60-119 days earlier	4,624	384 (8)	88 (74-104)	38 (30 to 44)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 120-179 days earlier	3,920	242 (6)	148 (134-164)	19 (7 to 30)
2023-2024 COVID-19 dose, 180-299 days earlier	5,038	512 (10)	228 (202-257)	-4 (-16 to 7)



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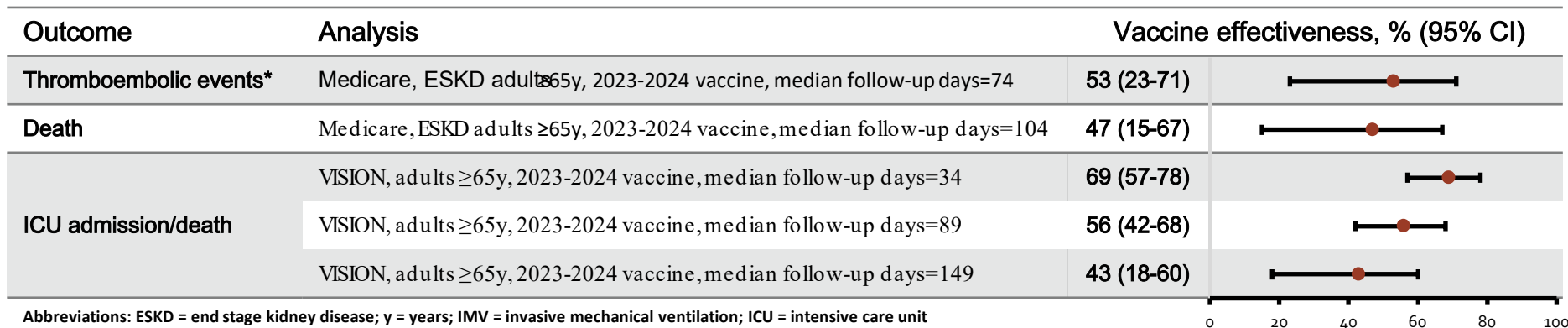
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Additional methods, including definition of immunocompromised available: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7308a5.htm> (Results updated with additional data since publication.) VE was calculated as  $(1 - \text{odds ratio}) \times 100\%$ , estimated using a test-negative case-control design, with odds ratios adjusted for age, sex, race and ethnicity, geographic region, and calendar time.

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## Effectiveness of 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines against COVID-19-associated *critical outcomes* in immunocompetent adults ≥65 years, Medicare and VISION data



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# Conclusions: COVID-19 VE in adults $\geq 65$ years

- VE findings should be interpreted as the added benefit provided by COVID-19 vaccination in a population with a high prevalence of vaccine- and infection-induced immunity at the start of the 2023-2024 respiratory virus season.
- 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccination provided increased protection against COVID-19-associated ED/UC visits and hospitalizations compared to no 2023-2024 vaccine dose.
  - Protection waned to 0 against COVID-19-associated ED/UC visits and hospitalization by ~4-6 months.
- Waning patterns of 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines appeared similar to previous COVID-19 vaccine formulations; most durable protection appeared to be for critical illness
  - VE against critical illness remained above 40% at 5 months after vaccination among those  $\geq 65$  years
- As with previous COVID-19 vaccine formulations, effectiveness was similar across age groups
- Data from prior seasons show that an additional dose of the same formula appeared to provide additional protection.

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