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  - Raafat Fahim – [Vaccine Development and Manufacturing](#)
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- 4. Final Remarks** – Panel
- 5. Closing** – Kevin Yeskey

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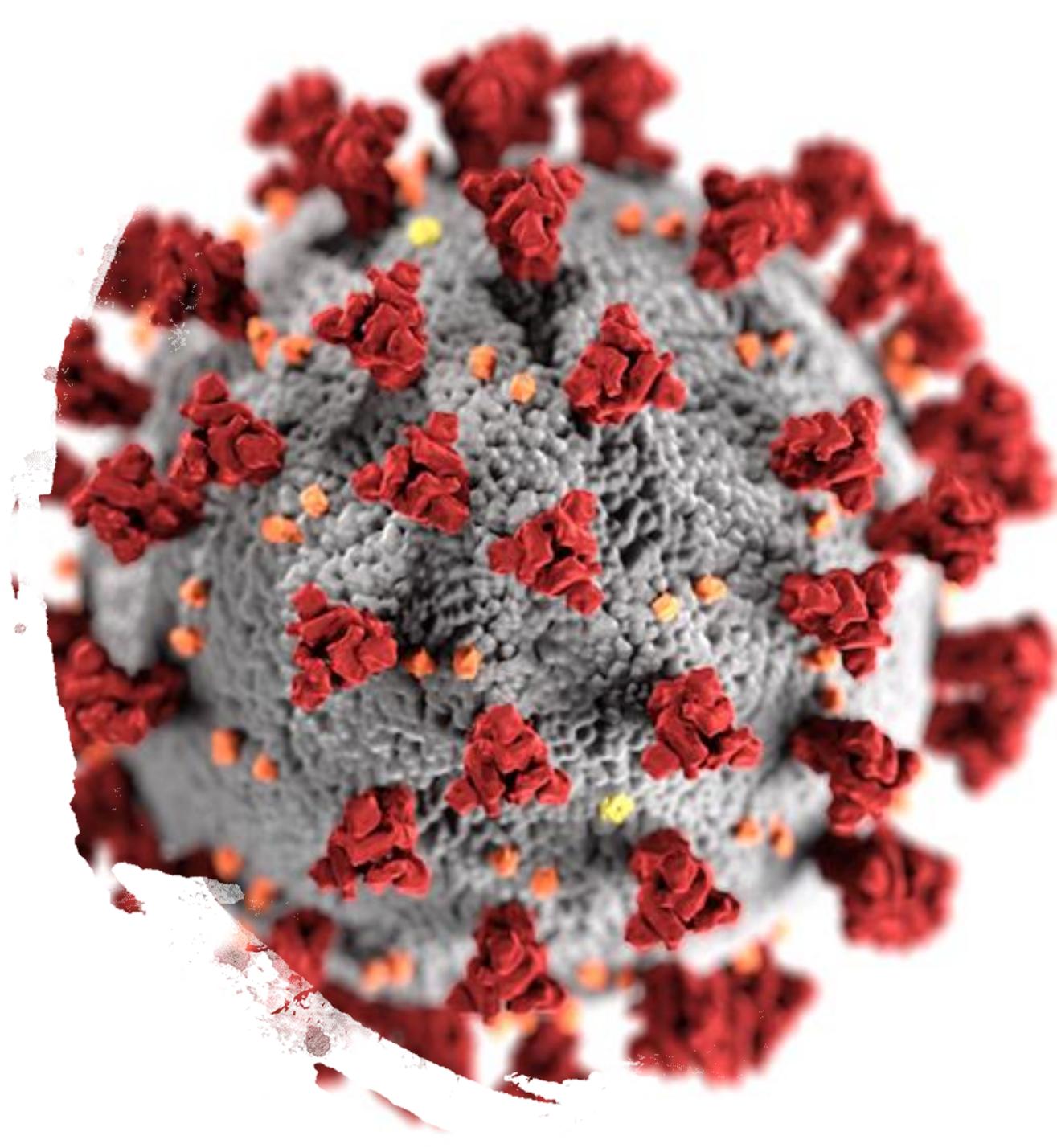
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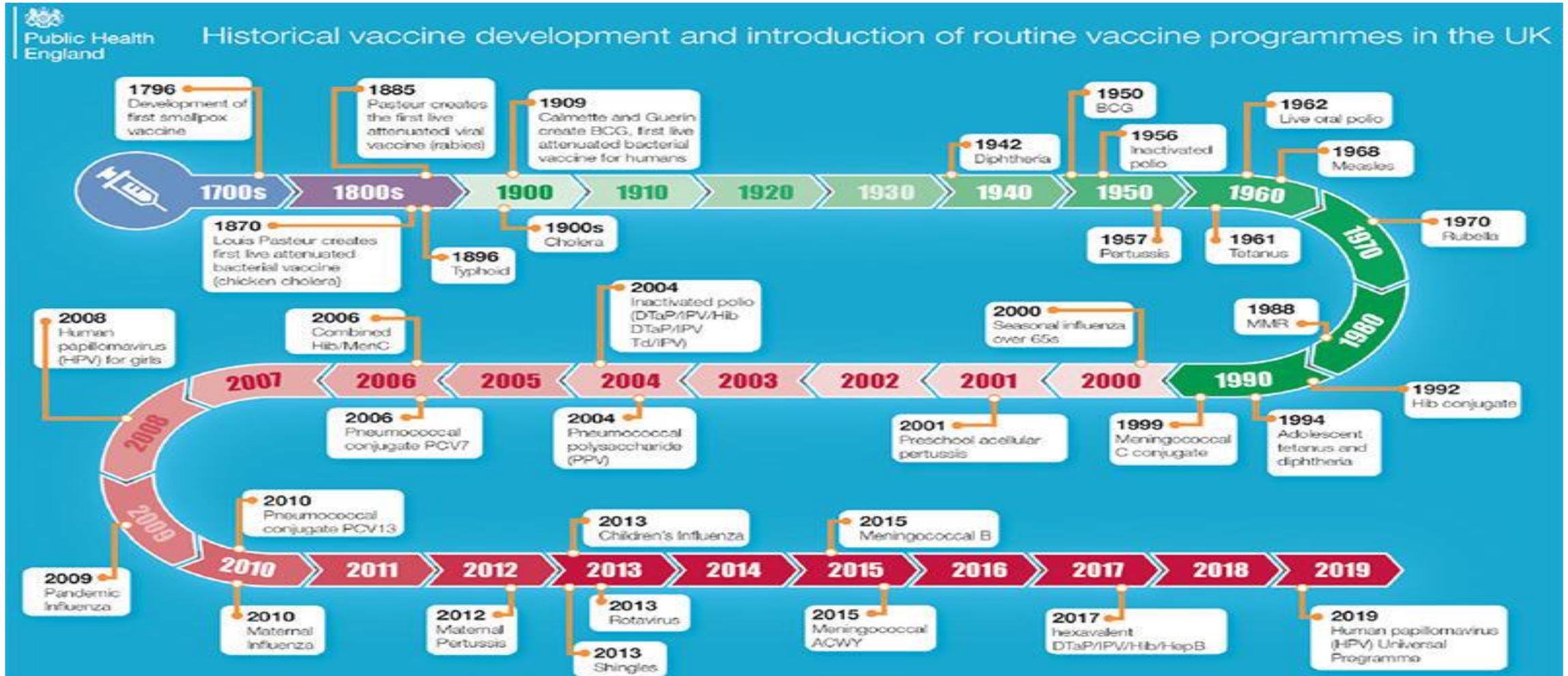


## How Vaccines Work

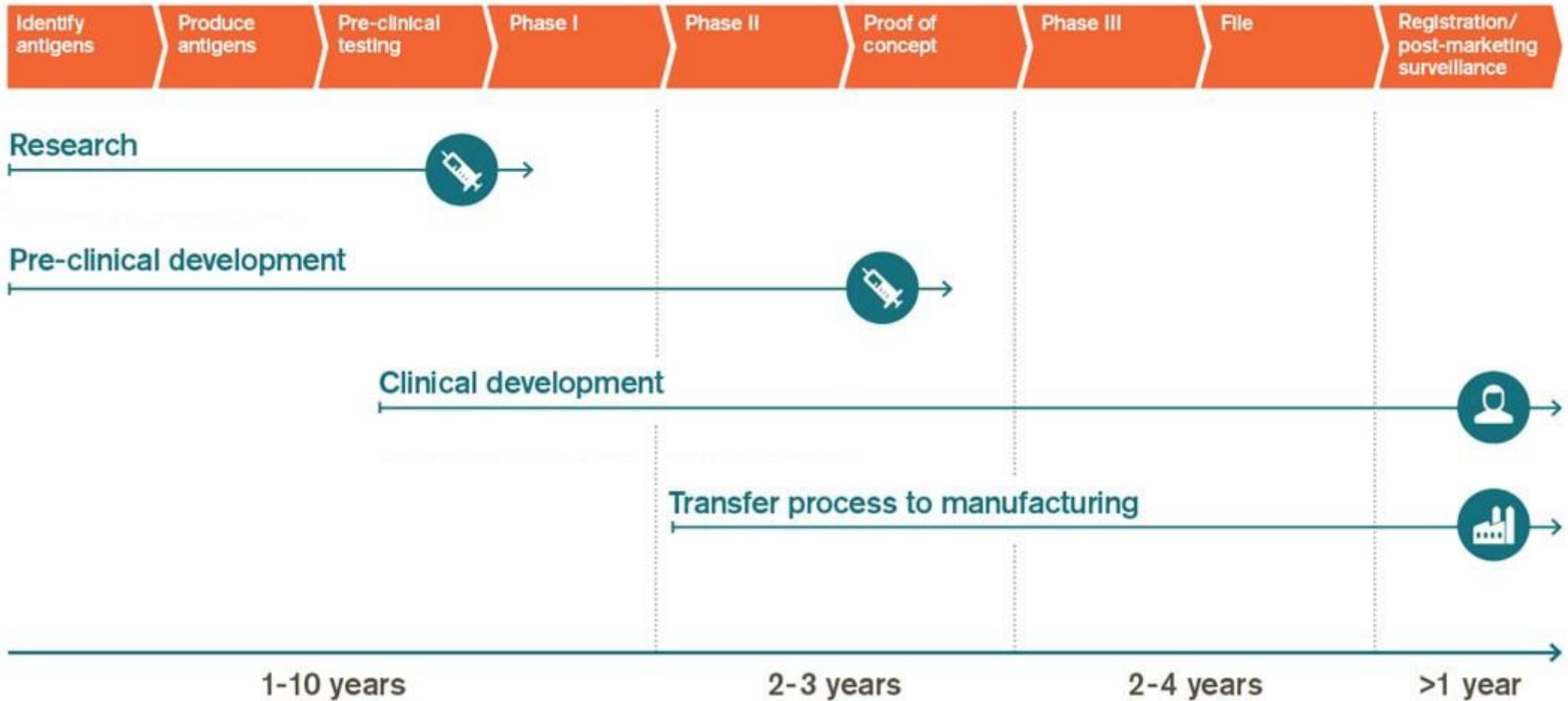
- Vaccines work by mimicking the infectious bacteria or viruses that cause disease. Vaccination stimulates the body's immune system to build up defenses against the infectious bacteria or virus (organism) without causing the disease. The parts of the infectious organism that the immune system recognizes are foreign to the body and are called antigens. Vaccination exposes the body to these antigens.
- Some vaccines contain weakened versions of a bacteria or virus, other vaccines contain only part of the bacteria or virus. Some vaccines contain only the genetic material for a specific protein and direct the body to produce a small amount of that protein. The body's immune system reacts defensively once it detects this protein.
- After vaccination, the immune system is prepared to respond quickly and forcefully when the body encounters the real disease-causing organism.



Vaccines continue to revolutionize our ability to maintain global public health quality. The development of novel vaccines is a long endeavor. It takes usually between 10 to 15 years to prevent diseases, save lives, and improve develop a novel vaccine, as well as establishing its quality, safety and efficacy.

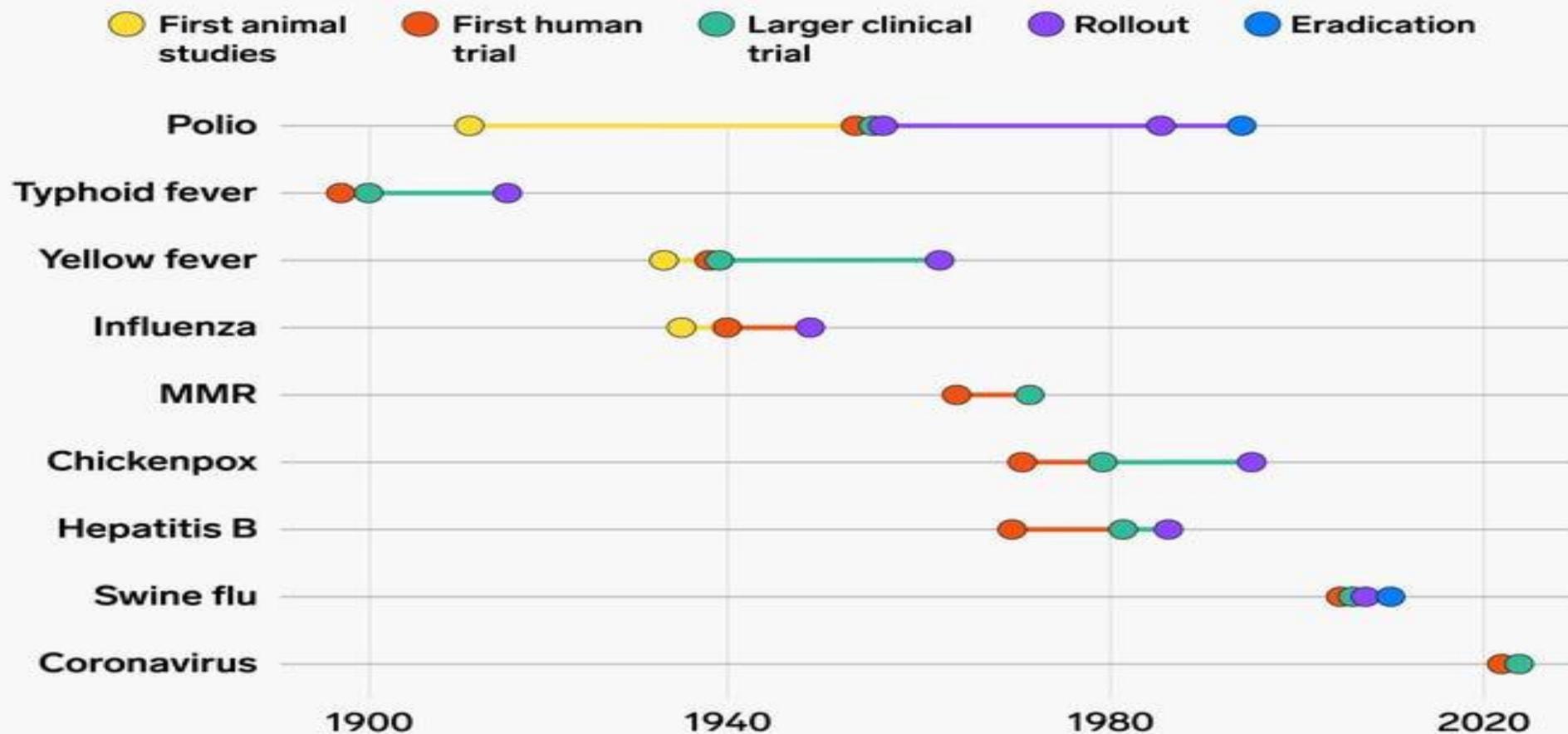


## Vaccines research development cycle (industry average)



Source: ABPI

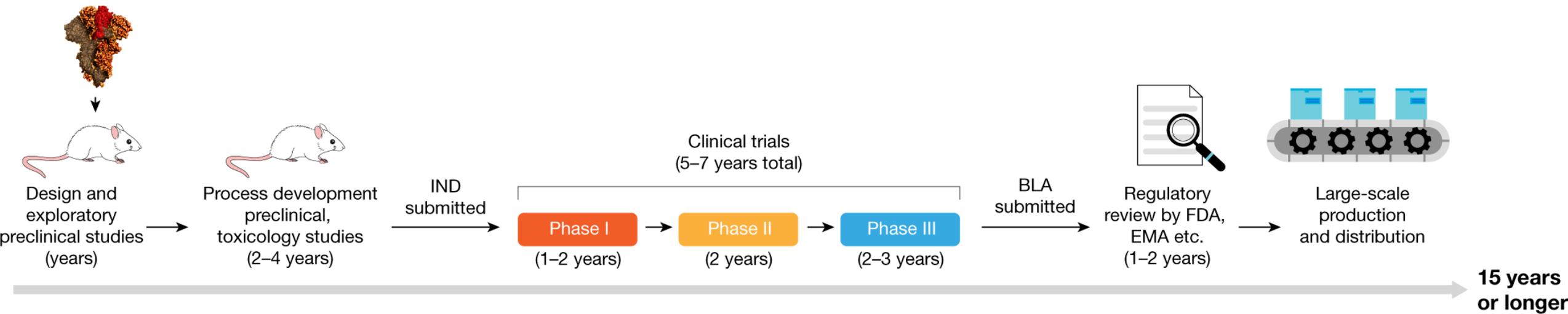
# Comparing vaccine development throughout history



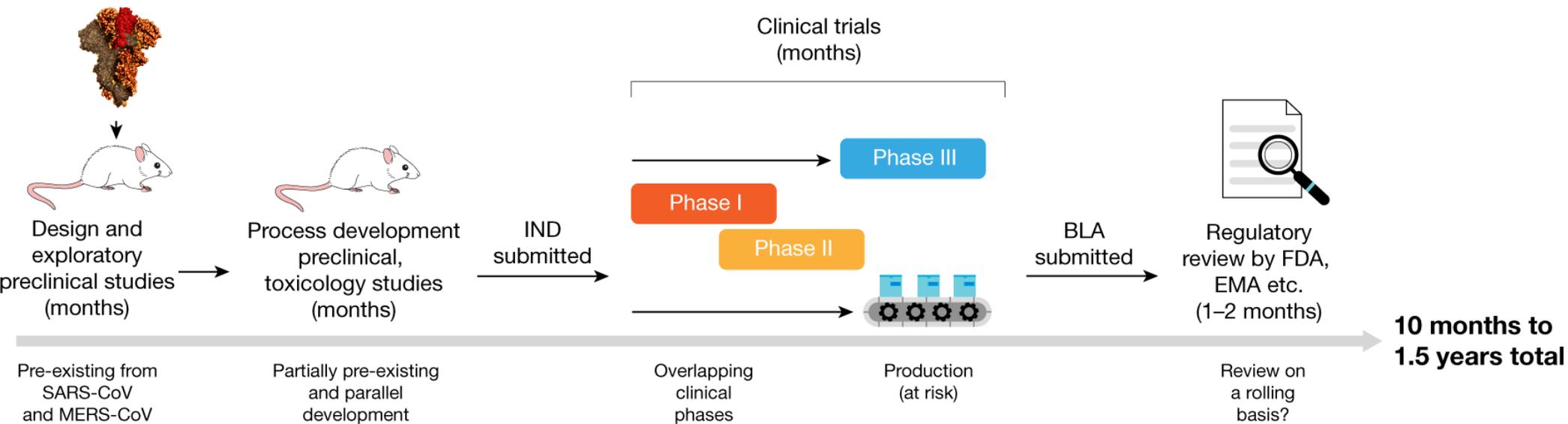
Sources: The College of Physicians of Philadelphia; WHO; CDC; National Institutes of Health; Business Insider

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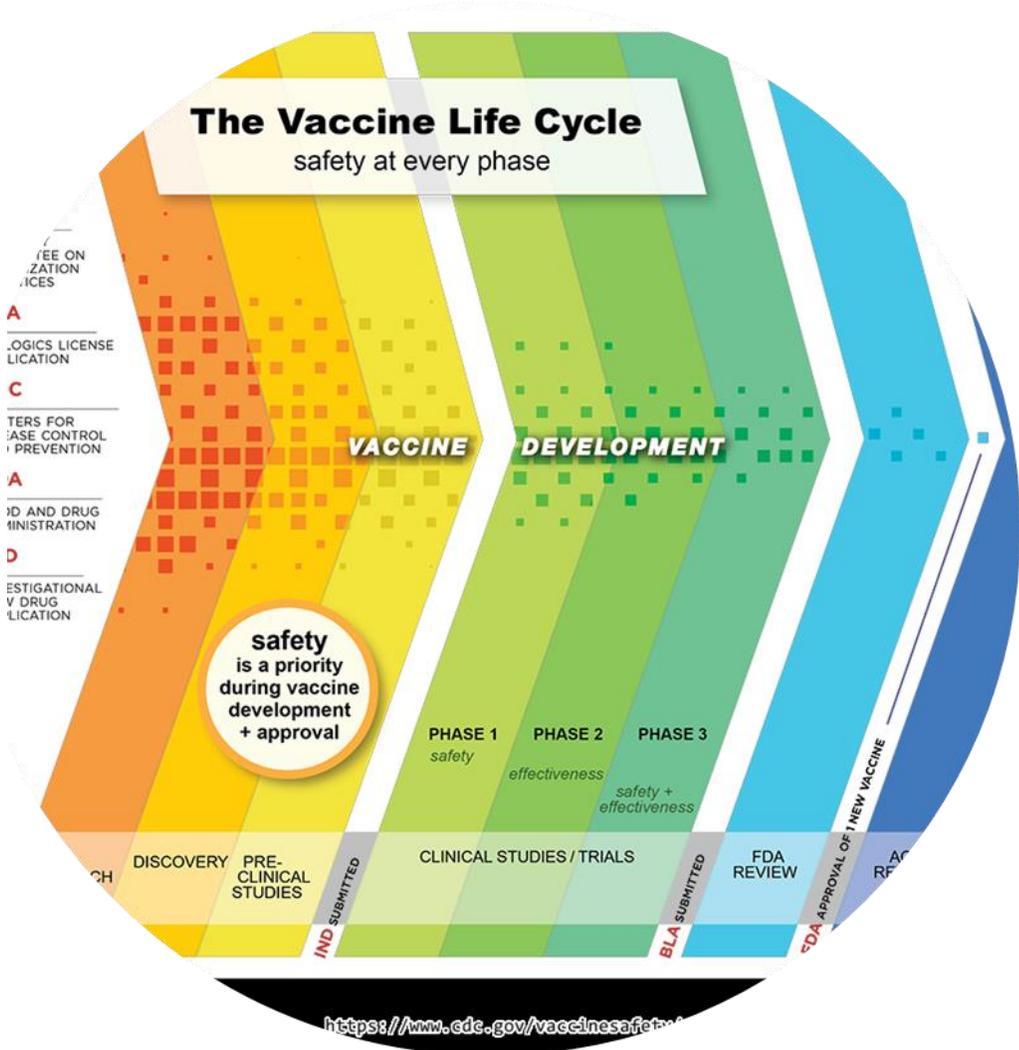
## Traditional development



## SARS-CoV-2 vaccine development



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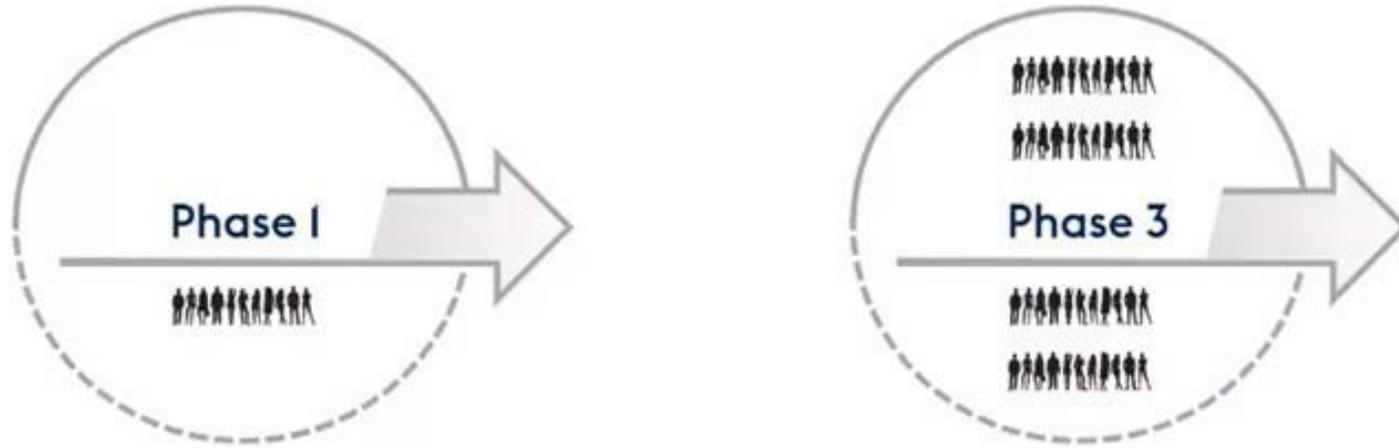
*Preclinical approaches to quickly find safe and effective vaccines against COVID-19*

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**CEPI**

COVID-19 sequence release

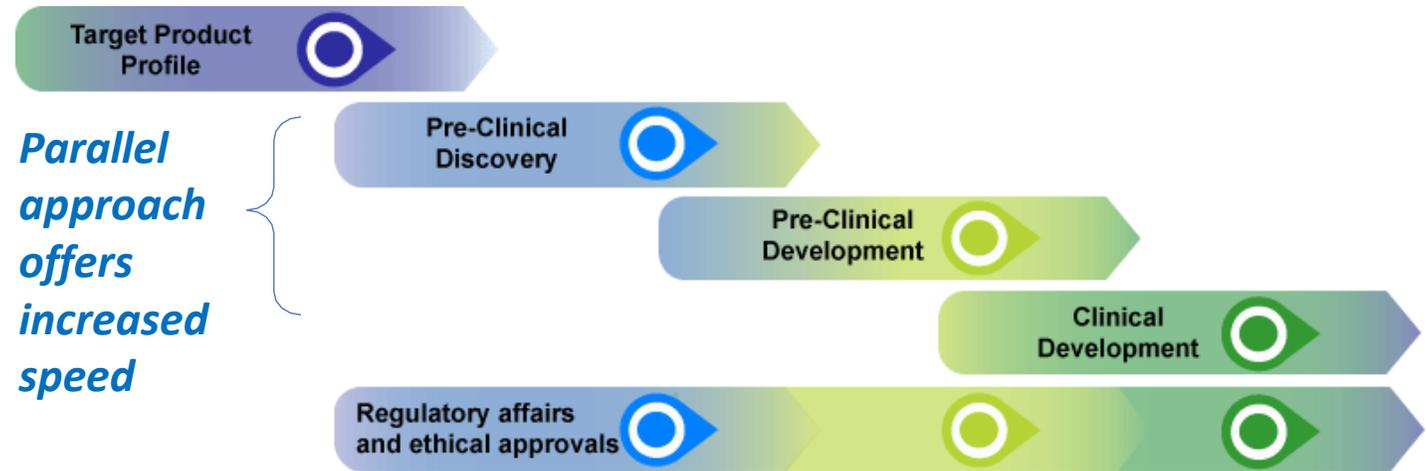


12<sup>th</sup> January 2020



# New speeds of vaccine development never seen before

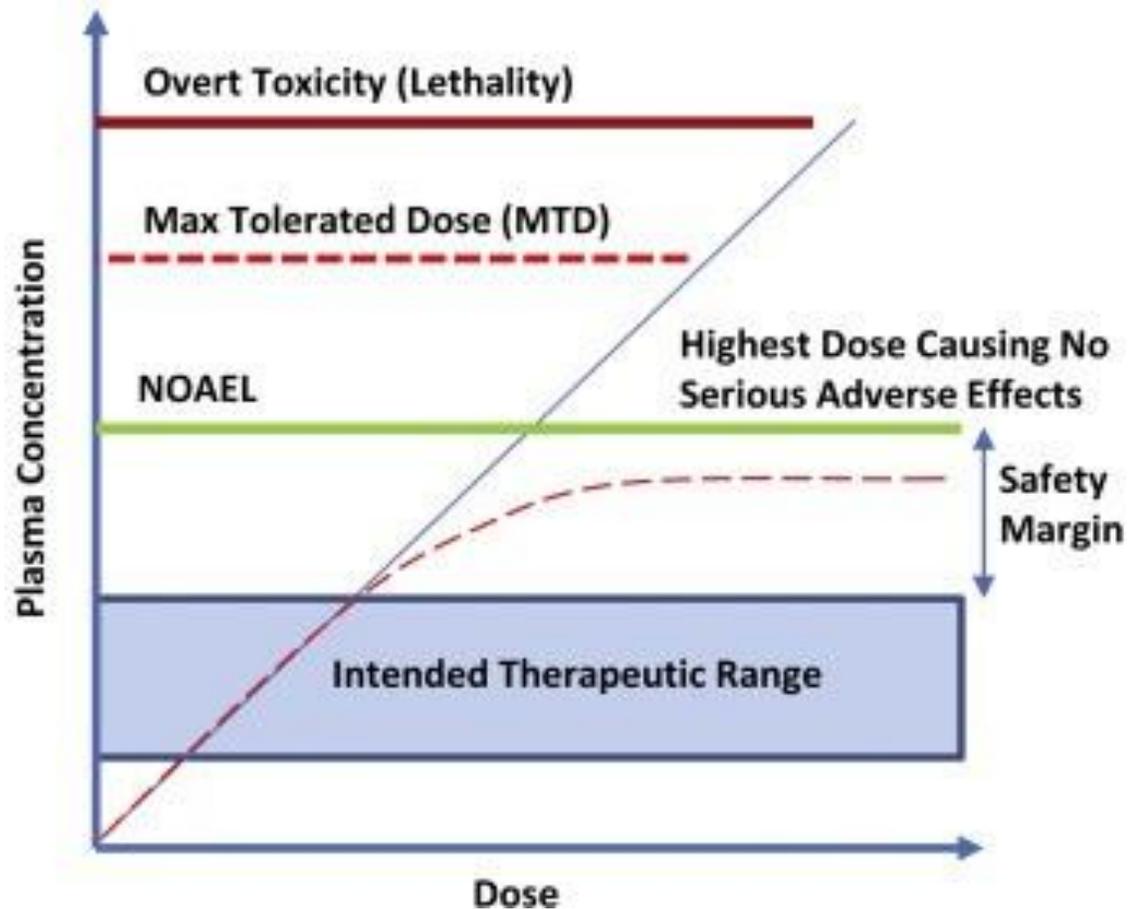
What previously took 10-20 years has been done in about 300 days



# How do early vaccine discovery efforts work?

- **Preclinical discovery studies** prove safety, immunogenicity and efficacy in lab animal models
  - Mice, hamsters, rabbits
  - Larger species
- Safety: dose ranges, dose frequency, any toxic tissue effects/pathology, lack of integration into cellular genetic material, teratogenesis, mutagenesis
- Immunogenicity: humoral and cellular immune responses, antibody binding assays (ELISA), virus neutralizing assays (antibody based blockage of virus *in vitro* assay)
- Efficacy: blocks disease or viral growth in animal model of infection
- Speed: studies can be done in parallel, **shaves off time not safety**

# Safety studies evaluate doses above human level



- Dose multiple times at increased dose levels (0 mcg vs 1, 10, 100, 1000 mcg etc)
  - Look for changes in body weight, appetite, appearance, health
- Dose multiple times at high dose levels
  - 100 mcg or 1000 mcg
  - Look for same
- Concept of n+1
  - *dose 1 + dose 2 + dose 3 at 100 mcg or more*
  - Data must show safety in animals given 1 dose more than what is planned for humans
  - Planned human dose might be 2 doses of 30 mcg or 100 mcg

# Best animal models showing disease/ prevention of disease by vaccination



Hamster, NHP  
hACE2 transgenic mouse

*Less susceptible*

*More susceptible*

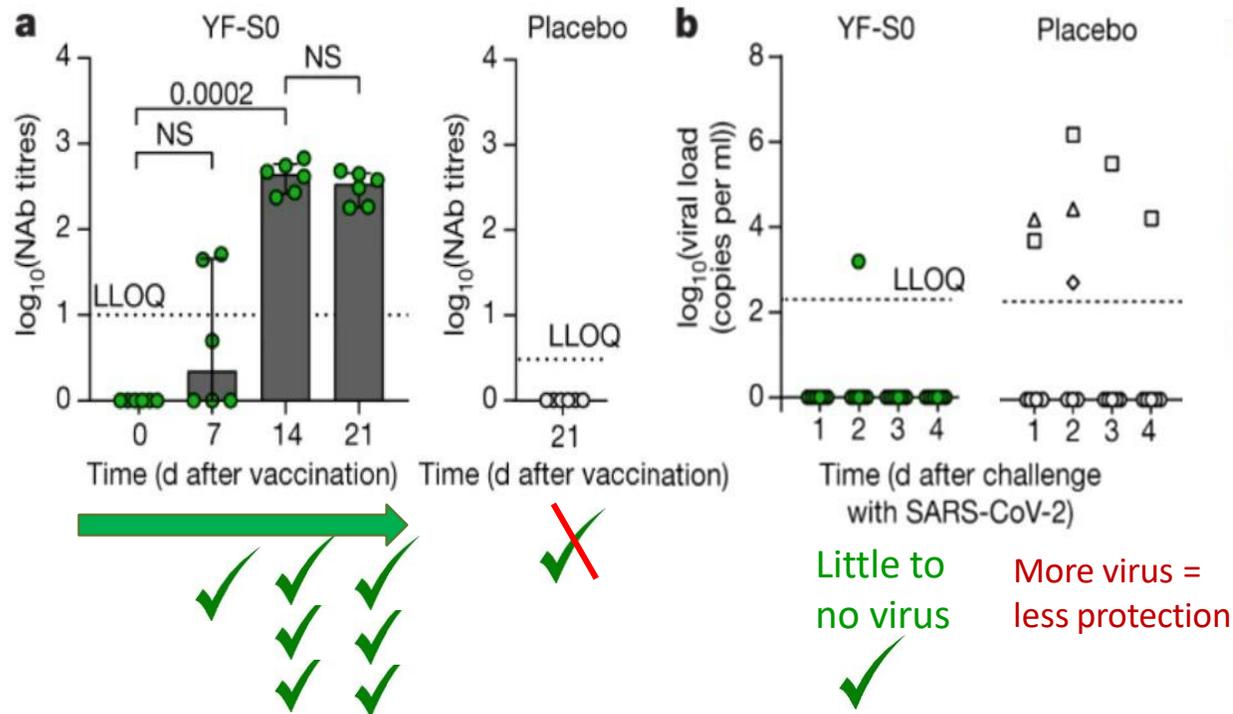
Generally suitable species for lab investigations, laboratory reagents to perform immune function analyses

**Virus genome detection**  
**Seroconversion - antibodies**  
**Transmission**

**Clinical signs of disease**

# Early efficacy studies show solid protection from disease in vaccinated animals

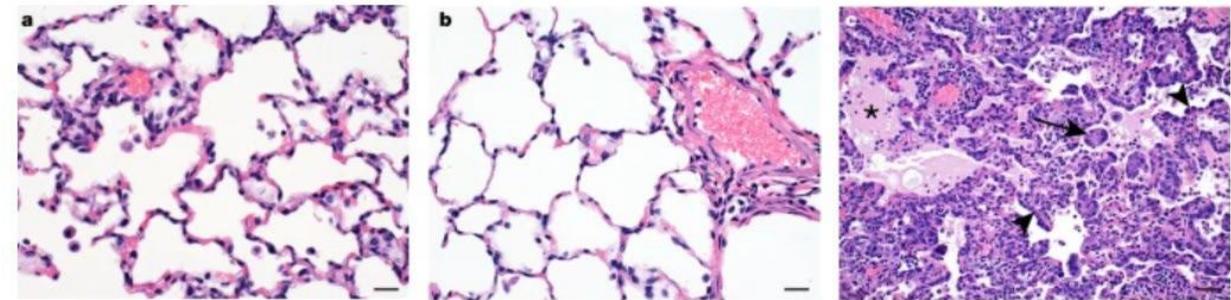
Fig. 3: Immunogenicity and protective efficacy in cynomolgus macaques.



Published reference:  
Dallmeier K et al., Nature 590, 320-325 (2021), YFV vaccine construct expressing SARS-CoV-2 S protein

## Infected lung tissue from...

Fig. 4: Histological changes in lungs of rhesus macaques on 7 d.p.i.



...1 dose of vaccine, protection

...2 doses of vaccine, clear protection, clear air space in lungs

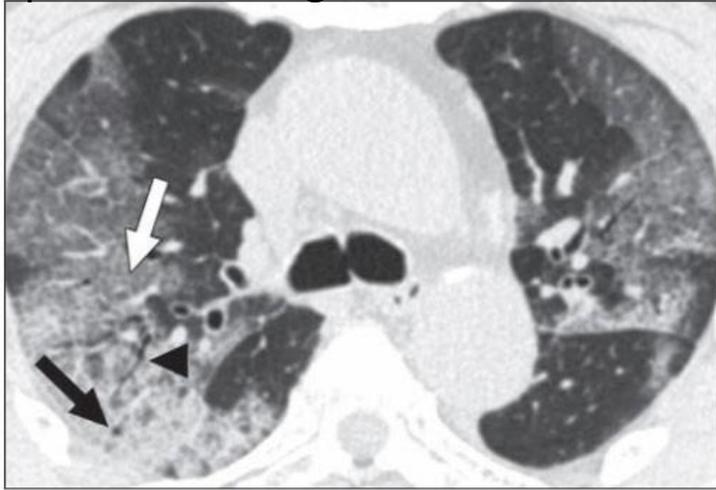
...unvaccinated control animals show COVID-19 pneumonia

Published reference:  
Van Doremalen, N et al., Nature 586, 578-582 (2020), Oxford/AZ adenovirus vaccine construct expressing SARS-CoV-2 S protein

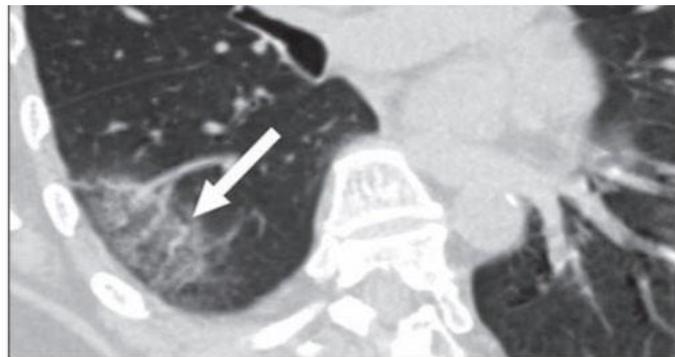
# Respiratory imaging shows similarities between human and animal disease

*Chest CT scanning is a sensitive, accurate and rapid diagnostic tool*

Human patient CT images

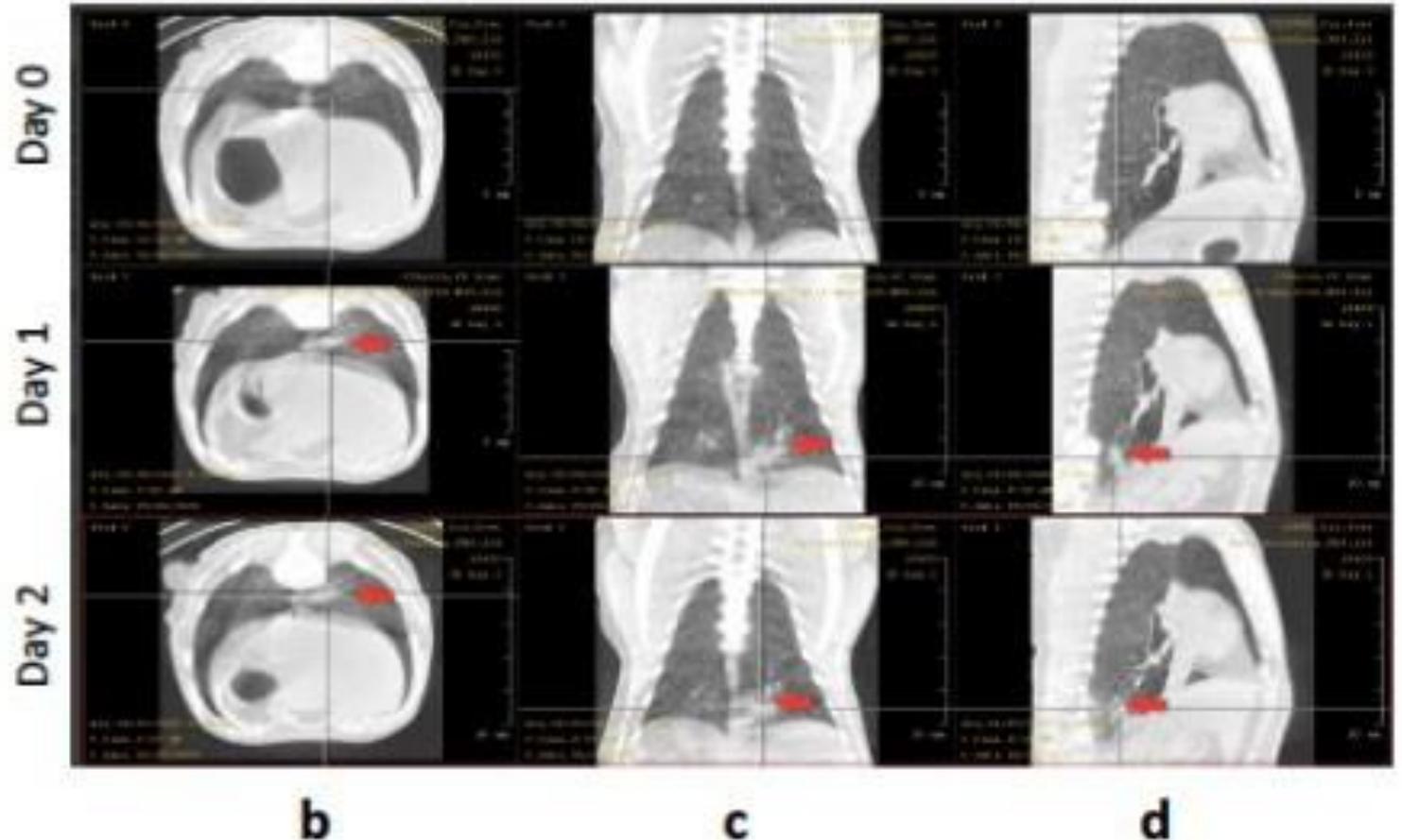


**Fig. 2**—77-year-old woman with coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Transverse CT scan shows multiple ground-glass opacities and consolidation with thickened intralobular and interlobular septum (*white arrow*). Air bronchogram sign (*arrowhead*) and air trapping (*black arrow*) are present.



**Fig. 3**—61-year-old woman with coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Oblique transverse CT image shows ground-glass opacities with vascular enlargement (*arrow*).

NHP CT images



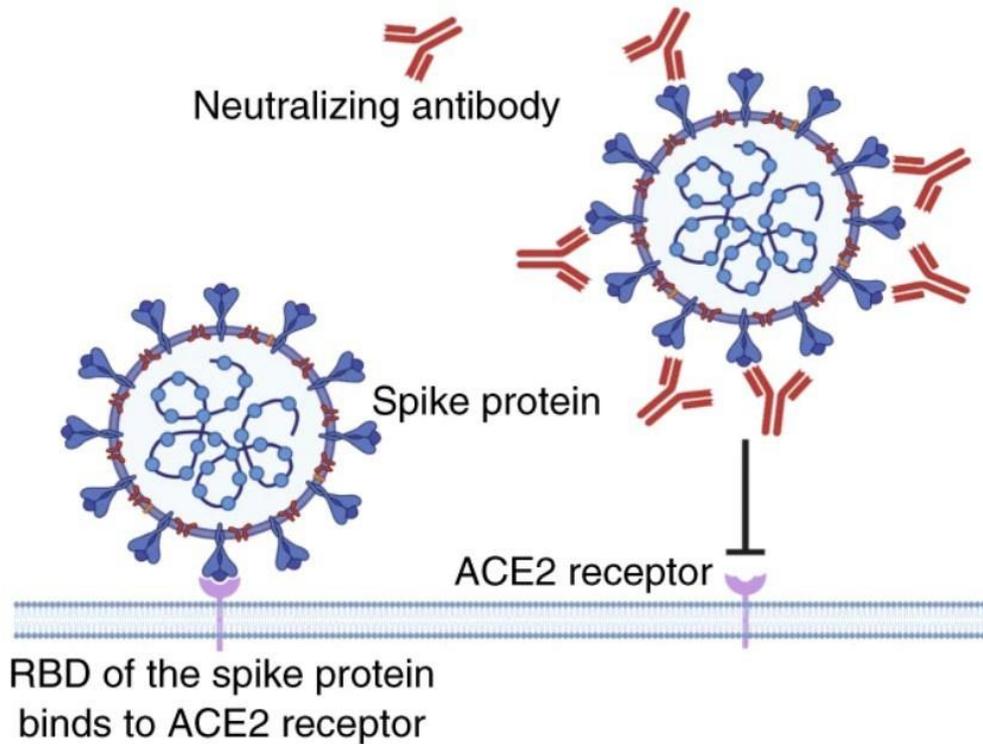
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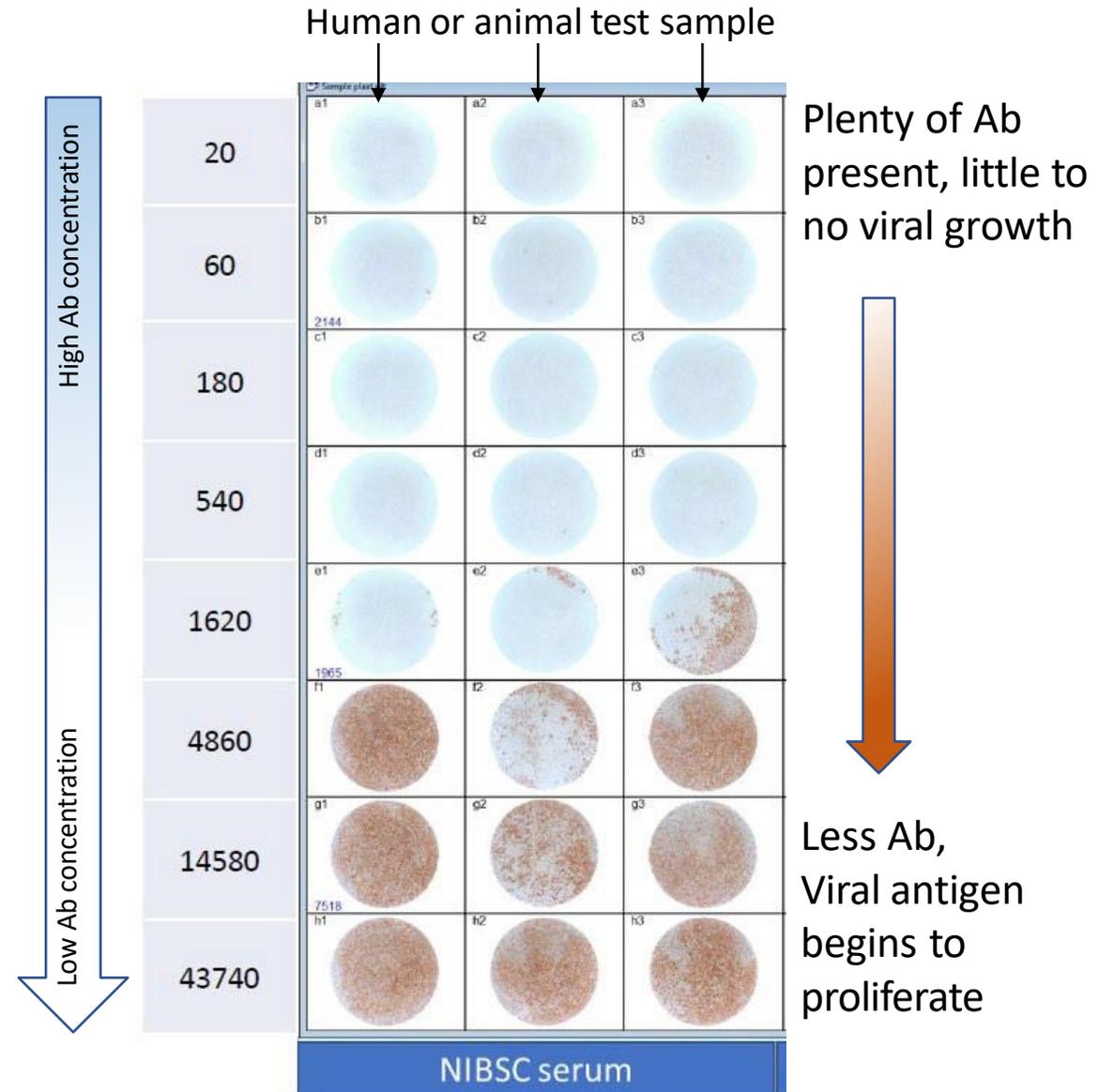
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*Singh DK et al., <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.06.05.136481>*

# Immunology assays – neutralizing antibodies block virus entry into cells



**Live virus is used at BSL-3**  
**Pseudotyped virus at BSL-2**



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Vaccine development can be safely accelerated, if activities are done in concert

Safety studies were not sacrificed in the rapid development of COVID-19 vaccines

- *Studies performed in parallel cut time off development process*

Lab animal studies are beneficial for selecting safe and effective doses of vaccines for humans

Looking for patterns of benefit we want to see in people

- *High antibody response, little to no virus replication, clear lungs in imaging studies*

During preclinical work, vaccine manufacturing and regulatory evaluation of data also happening in parallel; speeds up vaccine development time.

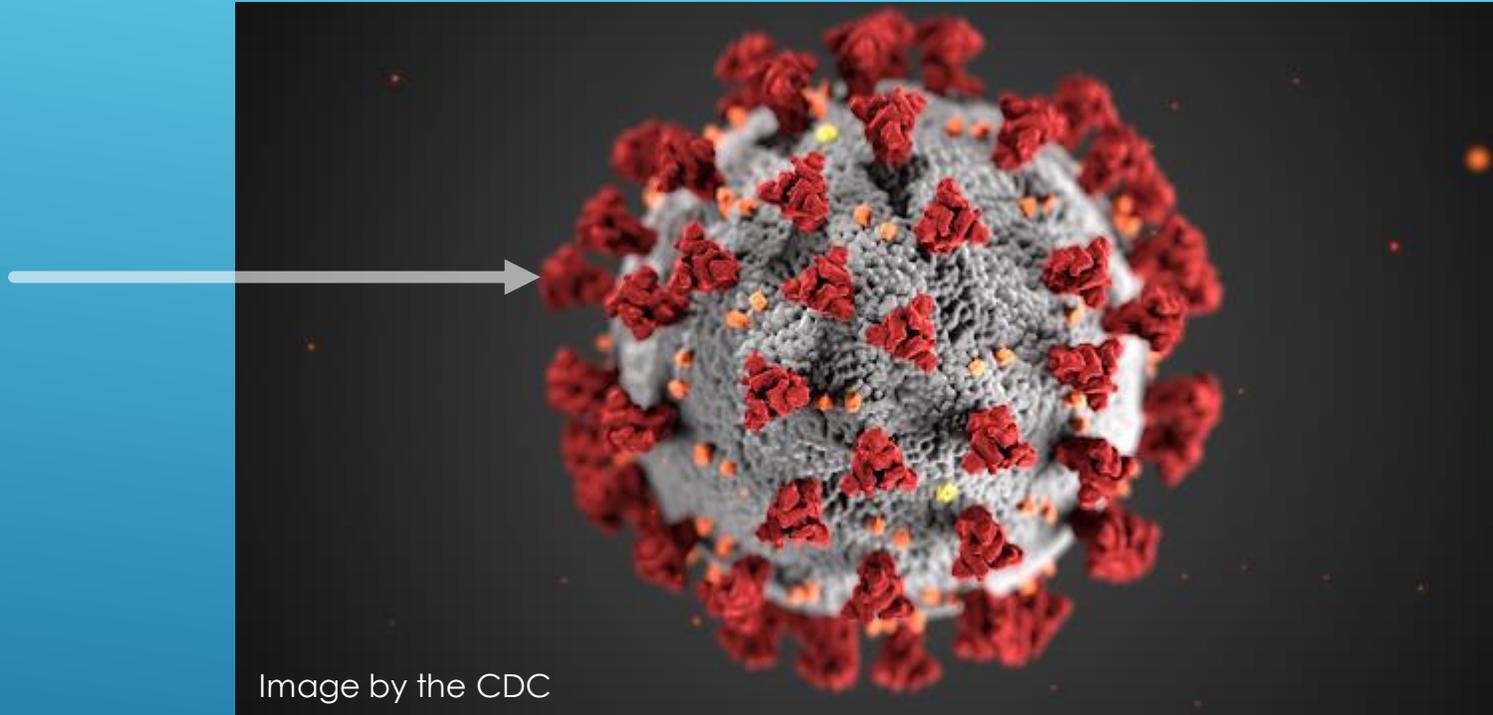
# COVID-19 VACCINES..

## DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING

Raafat Fahim, Ph.D.

A series of several parallel white lines of varying thicknesses, slanted diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right, set against a blue gradient background.

▶ Spike



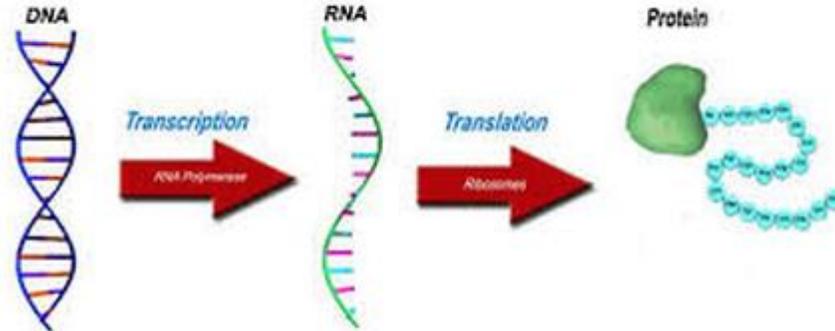
The virus binds to special receptors on the cells through the Spike protein, enters and replicates in the cells

# SARS COV-2 VIRUS CAUSES COVID-19

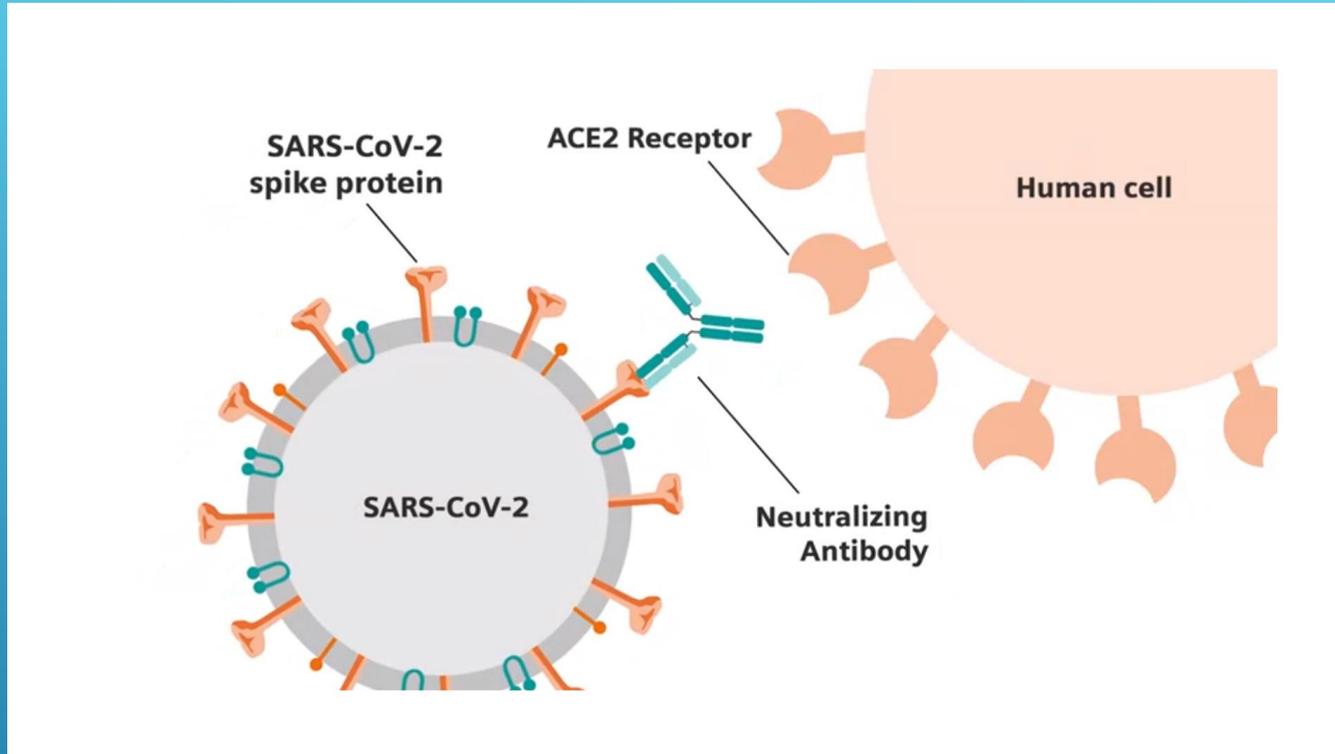
## The Central Dogma of Biology:



How do we go from DNA, to mRNA, to Protein

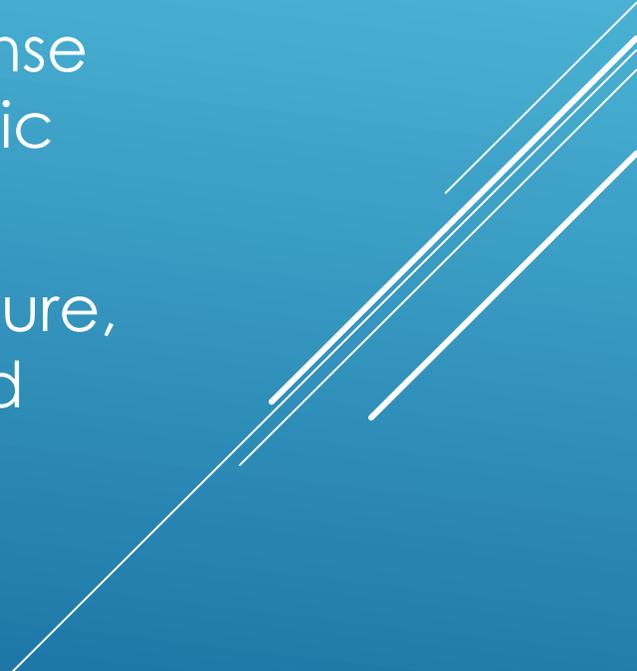


# IMPORTANT BASIC BIOLOGY INFORMATION



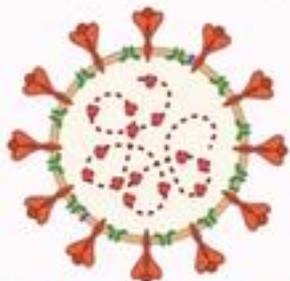
NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES PREVENT  
SARS-COV-2 FROM FUSING TO CELLS

# HOW DO COVID-19 VACCINES WORK

- ▶ Covid-19 vaccines contain (or trigger the production in the body of) all or parts of the spike protein of the virus
  - ▶ When injected, the vaccine provoke an immune response by training our bodies to recognize and produce specific antibodies to the spike protein
  - ▶ If a vaccinated individual encounters the virus in the future, the antibodies bind and neutralize the spike protein and prevent the virus from attaching to the cells
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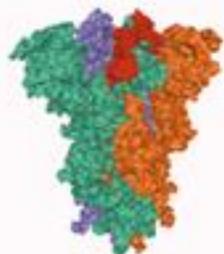
### a. Inactivated vaccines

Inactivated vaccines contain SARS-CoV-2 viruses that are chemically inactivated



### b. Recombinant proteins vaccines

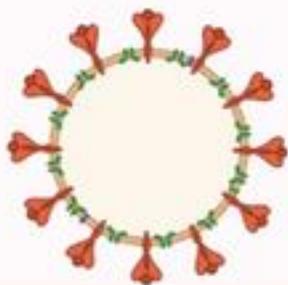
Vaccines composed of recombinant spikes



Vaccines composed of receptor binding domain

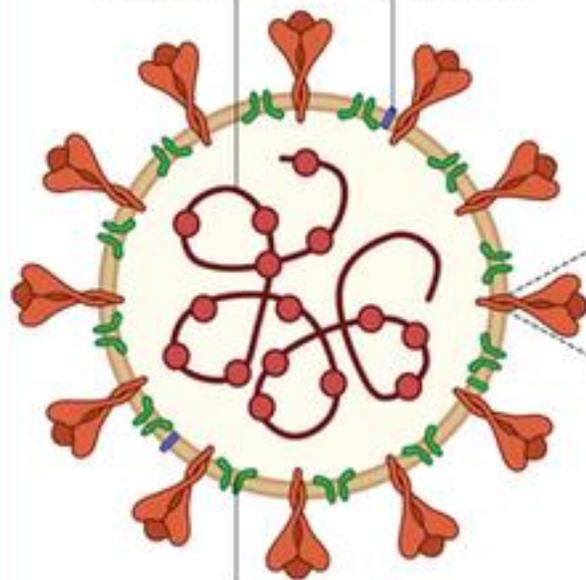


Virus-like particles are devoid of genetic material but display spikes, M and E proteins on their surface



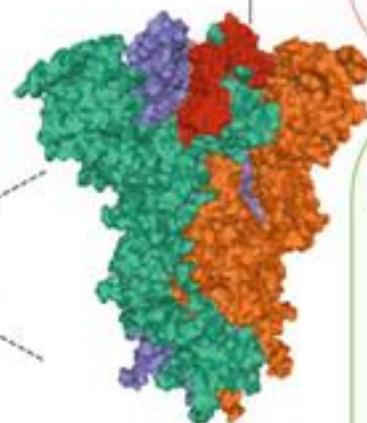
Nucleoproteins and viral RNA

Envelope protein (E)



Membrane protein (M)

Receptor binding domain

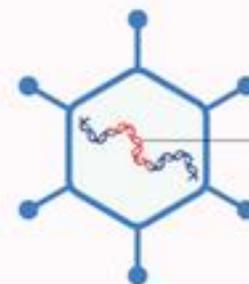


Spike (protein S)

## SARS-CoV-2

### c. Viral vector vaccines

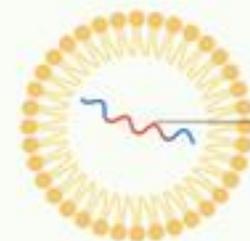
Viral vector vaccines contain another virus modified to express S protein



Spike gene

### d. RNA vaccines

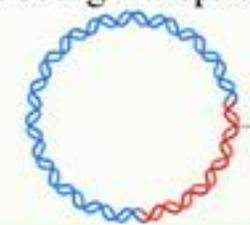
RNA vaccines consist of RNA packed in lipid nanoparticles



Spike gene

### e. DNA vaccines

DNA vaccines contain a circular DNA encoding the spike protein



Spike gene

# Generic Manufacturing Process

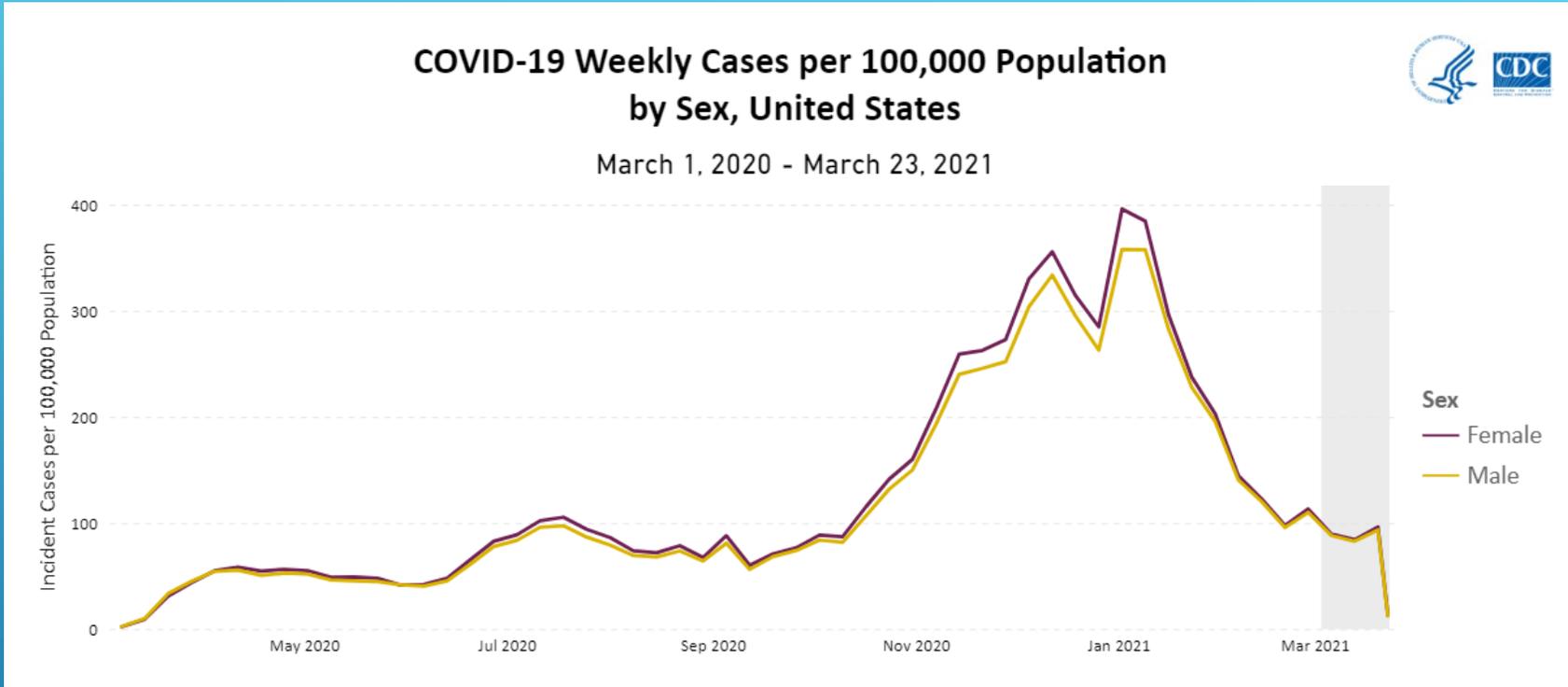


# Vaccine Production in highly Controlled Clean Rooms



Vaccine	Country	Technology	Licensure/ Status	Overall efficacy	Protection Against Hospital & Death	Safety
Pfizer (2 shots)	US/Germany	mRNA	Licensed	95% (published)	Yes	>50 M safely injected
Moderna (2 shots)	US	mRNA	Licensed	94.1% (published)	Yes	>50 M safely injected
Astra-Zeneca (2 shots)	UK	Chimp adeno (Viral vector)	Licensed outside USA	62% to 90% (published)	Yes	> 20 M safely injected
Johnson and Johnson (1 shot)	US	Adenovirus (viral vector)	Licensed	70%	Yes	>4 M safely injected
Novavax (2 shots)	US	Recombinant protein	Good data from UK/SA	89%	Yes	>50,000 safely injected
<b>Sinopharm</b> (2 shots)	China	Inactivated Virus	UAE, China, Egypt, other	76 to 85%	Yes	> 4 M safely injected
<b>Sputnik V</b> (2 shots)	Russia	Adenovirus (viral vector)	Licensed in Russia, others	91%	Yes	> 1 M safely injected

# Clinical Trials were performed at different times during the pandemic



**Timeframe of Moderna trial**



**Timeframe of Pfizer trial**



**Timeframe of JnJ trial**



**Plus emergence of variances**

...Which makes comparison of trial data difficult

# HOW DID COMPANIES DEVELOP THE COVID-19 VACCINES VERY QUICKLY

- ▶ Not starting from scratch. SARS COV-2 is the third Corona virus evolving in the past 20 years (SARS, MERS)
- ▶ Technology has improved significantly and Spike sequence deciphered quickly
- ▶ Accelerated administration
- ▶ Significant funding. There are approximately 350 Covid-19 vaccines being developed with tens of billions of dollars granted
- ▶ Parallel activities: research, development and manufacturing but same care and thoroughness. Manufacturing of commercial vaccines started right after phase I/IIa trials
- ▶ Large number of infected people in multiple countries which significantly reduced efficacy timelines. This reduced efficacy outcomes by almost 10 folds
- ▶ Accelerated, prioritized and concurrent (rolling) regulatory review. The same meticulous review but using significantly more reviewers
- ▶ Note that several vaccines had setbacks (Sanofi/GSK, Merck and CSL) which will delay or terminate their development confirming that important vaccine development activities were not ignored

# The New Variants Of Concern and the current Vaccines

- ▶ So far there are four significant Variants Of Concern:
  - ▶ UK: all vaccines tested seems to protect against this variant
  - ▶ SA: Moderna, Pfizer, JnJ, AZ and Novavax, seems to partially protect against this variant:
    - ▶ Likely other vaccines partially protect as well
    - ▶ Vaccines tested thus far against the SA variant, seem to protect against hospitalization and death
  - ▶ Brazil: Similar to the SA variant
  - ▶ California: not enough information, yet
- ▶ It is likely that there are other variants not yet discovered
- ▶ It is most likely there will be in the future; viruses mutate frequently, most mutations don't change the virus much but some make the virus more transmissible or more deadly
- ▶ So far it seems that the current vaccines are protective (at least) against hospitalization and death of all variants
- ▶ If new variants emerge that escape the vaccine, we will need to produce new vaccines. However, development of new vaccines this time around would take even less time

# COVID-19 Vaccine Development

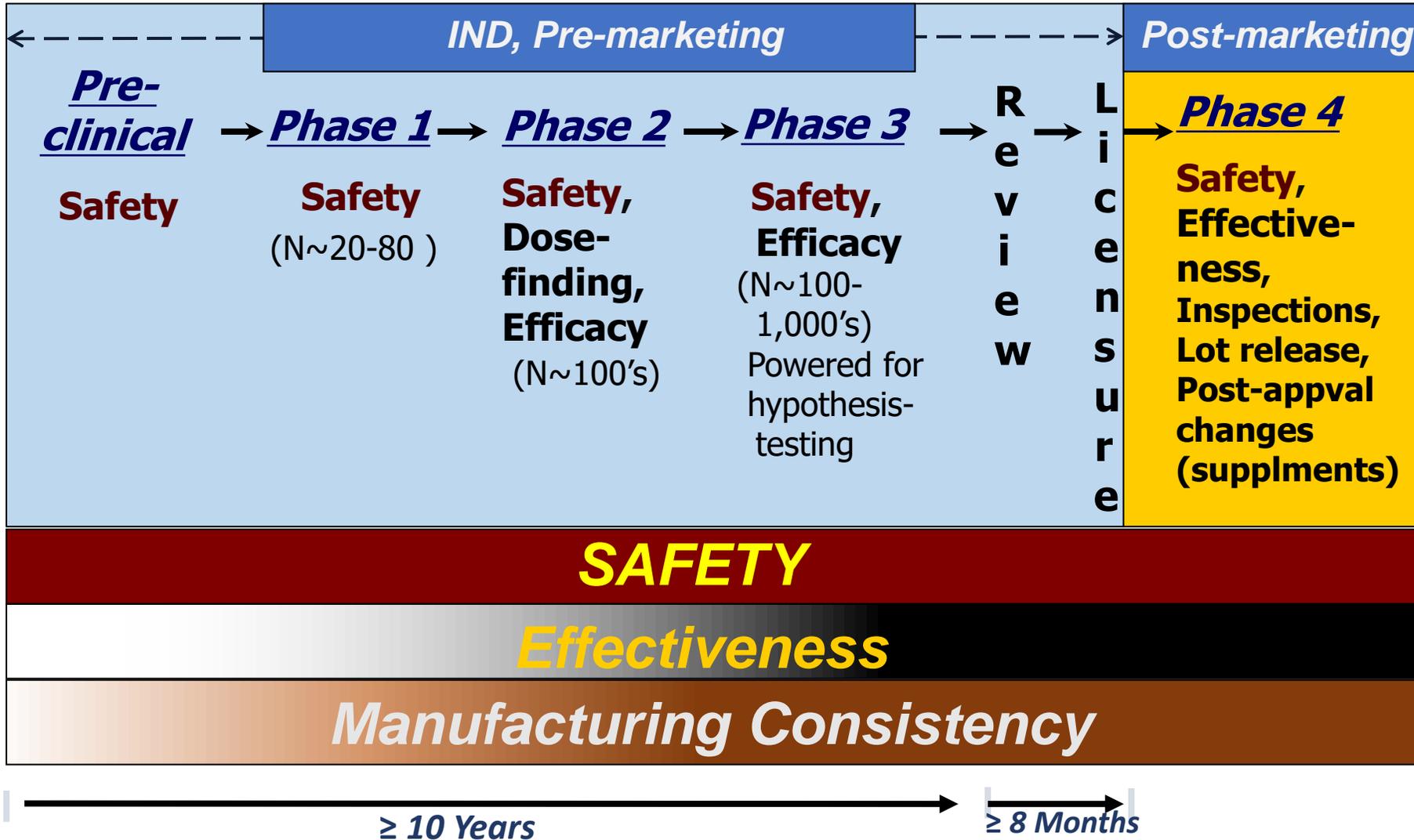
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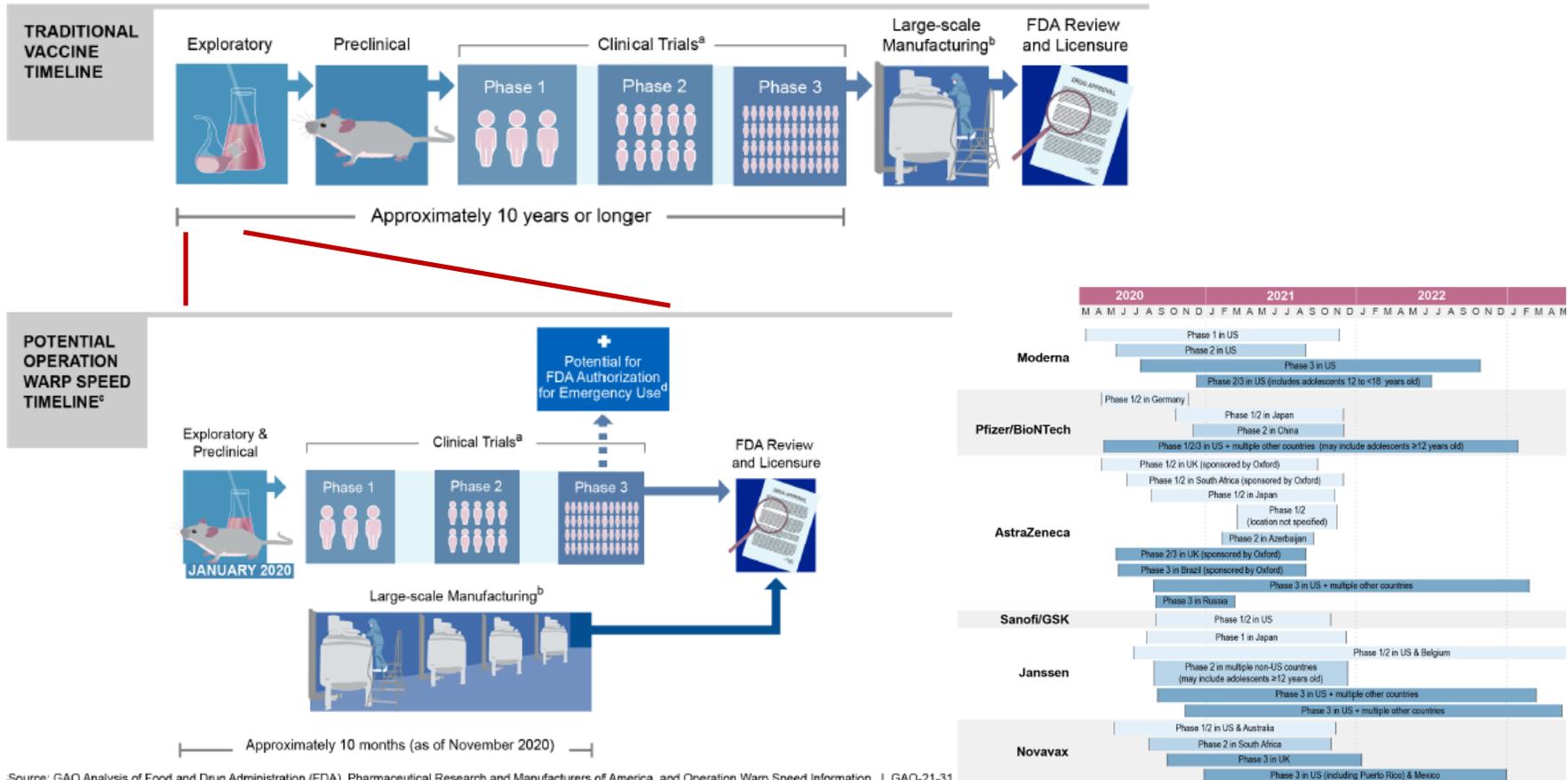
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# Vaccine Development



**Figure 1: Traditional Vaccine Development Timeline Compared To Potential Operation Warp Speed (OWS) Timeline**



Source: GAO Analysis of Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and Operation Warp Speed Information. | GAO-21-31

Source: GAO (analysis); clinicaltrials.gov (data). | GAO-21-319

**“To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan, and not quite enough time.” – Leonard Bernstein**

# Operation Warp Speed Vaccines

Vaccine	Company	Vaccine Ag/ Platform	R&D Funding	Doses Purchased	\$/Dose
<b>BNT162b2</b>	Pfizer/ BioNTech	Spike/mRNA	\$0	\$1.95B (100M doses) and will buy 500M doses more	<b>\$19.5</b>
<b>mRNA-1273</b>	Moderna	Spike/mRNA	\$955M	\$3.2B (200M doses)	<b>\$16</b>
<b>Ad26.COVS.2.S</b>	Janssen	Spike/Replication-defective adenovirus 26 vector	\$456M	\$1B (100M doses) and will buy 200M doses more	<b>\$10</b>
<b>AZD1222</b>	AstraZeneca	Spike/Replication-defective chimpanzee adenovirus vector	\$1.2B	(300M doses)	<b>\$3-4</b>
<b>NVX-2373</b>	Novavax	Spike/Recombinant protein with adjuvant	\$1.6B	(100M doses)	<b>\$16</b>
<b>VAT01</b>	Sanofi/GSK	Spike/Recombinant protein with adjuvant	\$2B	(100M doses)	<b>\$20</b>

## Authorized vaccine P3 case definitions and endpoints

	Case Definition	Primary Endpoint	Time Period	Age	Baseline serostatus
<b>BNT162b2</b>	1) $\geq 1$ symptom/sign* AND 2) (+) NAAT within 4-days of symptomatic period	COVID-19 incidence per 1,000 person-years	$\geq 7$ days after Dose 2	$\geq 16$ y.o.	1) Seronegative AND 2) Seropositive and seronegative
<b>mRNA-1273</b>	1) $\geq 2$ systemic symptoms/signs OR 2) $\geq 1$ respiratory symptom(s)/sign(s) AND 3) (+) PCR	COVID-19 incidence	$\geq 14$ days after Dose 2	$\geq 18$ y.o.	Seronegative
<b>Ad26.CoV2.S</b>	1) $\geq 2$ systemic symptoms/signs OR 2) $\geq 1$ respiratory symptoms/signs, including DVT AND 3) (+) PCR or molecular test	Moderate-severe COVID-19 incidence	1) $\geq 14$ days after Dose And 2) $\geq 28$ days after Dose	$\geq 18$ y.o.	Seronegative

\* Does not include pneumonia

# Authorized vaccines' phase 3 baseline characteristics

	<i>BNT162b2</i>	<i>mRNA-1273</i>	<i>Ad26.CoV2.S</i>
<b>Sites</b>	Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, USA	USA	Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Peru, Mexico, South Africa, USA
<b>Demographics</b>			
<i>White</i>	82.9%	79.2%	58.7%
<i>Black or African-American</i>	9.2%	10.3%	19.4%
<i>Asian</i>	4.2%	4.3%	3.4%
<i>Am Indian/Alaskan Native</i>	0.5%	0.7%	9.5%
<i>Hawaii/Pacific Islander</i>	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Age</b>			
16-18 yo	0.4%	0%	0%
18-65 yo	78.2%	75.2%	80.5%
>65 yo	21.4%	24.8%	19.5%
<b>EUA data cut-off date</b>	Nov 14, 2020	Nov 21, 2020	Jan 22, 2021

# Safety Profile - Findings from EUA Clinical Trials

Vaccine	N	Local	Systemic
<b>Dose 1</b>			
BNT162b2	3K	32% M-S pain	4% fever 27% meds
mRNA-1273	15K	3% S pain	1% fever 23% meds
Ad26.COVS2.S	3K	0.4% S pain	13% fever 26% meds

<b>Dose 2</b>			
BNT162b2	3K	28% M-S pain	15% fever 45% meds
mRNA-1273	15K	4% S pain	17% fever 57% meds

L= mild, M=moderate, S =severe; AE=adverse event

Vaccine	Unsolicited AE	Serious AE
BNT162b2	Lymphadenopathy; Bell's palsy (4:0); Hypersensitivity (137:111)	Appendicitis (8:4)
mRNA-1273	Lymphadenopathy; Bell's palsy (3:1) Hypersensitivity (258:233)	Facial swelling (2:0) Bell's palsy (1)
Ad26.COVS2.S	Tinnitus (6:0)	Thromboembolism (6:2)

Local and systemic adverse event rates generally lower in older age group all 3 vaccines.

“Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.”

# Vaccine efficacy (VE)

$$VE (\%) = \left( 1 - \frac{\text{Incidence of disease in vaccinated arm}}{\text{Incidence of disease in control arm}} \right) \times 100$$

# Authorized vaccines' phase 3 efficacy

## Primary Analyses

	N	Case Rate (%) Vaccine	Case Rate (%) Placebo	Efficacy (95% CI)	FDA Success Criteria Met
<b>BNT162b2</b>					
All ages	34,922	8/17,411 (0.05)	162/17,511 (0.93)	95.0% (90.3-97.6)	Yes
16-55 yo	19,852	5/9,897 (0.05)	114/9,955 (1.14)	95.6% (89.4-98.6)	NA
> 55 yo	15,043	3/7,500 (0.04)	48/7,543 (0.6)	93.7% (80.6-98.8)	NA
<b>mRNA-1273</b>					
All ages	27,817	5/13,934 (<0.1)	90/13,883 (0.6)	94.5% (86.5-97.8)	Yes
18-64 yo	20,791	5/10,407 (<0.1)	75/10,384 (0.7)	93.4% (83.7-97.3)	NA
≥ 65 yo	7,026	0/3,527 (0.0)	15/3,499 (0.4)	100%	NA
<b>Ad26.CoV2.S</b>					
All ages	39,058	116/19,514 (0.6)	348/19,544 (1.8)	66.9% (59.0-73.4)	Yes
18-59 yo	25,532	95/12,750 (0.7)	260/12,782 (2.0)	63.7% (53.9-71.6)	NA
≥ 60	13,526 13,340	21/6,764 (0.3) 14/6,689 (0.2)	88/6,762 (1.3) 41/6,651 (0.6)	76.3% (61.6-86.0) 66.2% (36.7-83.0)	NA

# Vaccine efficacy vs *severe* disease from phase 3 trials

## Secondary Analyses

	N	Case Rate % (Vaccine)	Case Rate % (Placebo)	Efficacy (95% CI)
<i>BNT162b2 vs severe disease</i>				
All ages	34,922	1/17,411	3/17,511	66.4% (-124.8-96.3)
<i>mRNA-1273 vs severe disease</i>				
All ages	27,817	0/13,934	11/13,893	100%
<i>Ad26.CoV2.S vs severe/critical disease</i>				
All ages	39,058	14/19,514	60/19,544	76.7% (54.6-89.1)
18-59 yo	25,532	8/12,750	41/12,782	80.5% (57.8-92.1)
≥ 60 yo	13,526	6/6,764	19/6,762	68.5% (18.1-89.7)

# Emergency Use Authorization vs Licensure

	EUA	Licensure
<b>Disease/Condition</b>	Only serious and life-threatening	All diseases/conditions
<b>Duration</b>	Only during declared public health emergency	In perpetuity
<b>Currently available therapy</b>	No approved alternatives for the indication	Other approved alternatives may be available for the same indication
<b>Evidence of safety and efficacy</b>	Can be only preliminary	Full final data
<b>Good Manufacturing Practice</b>	Can be partial preliminary data; some requirement can be waived	Full manufacturing quality data on commercial scale product
<b>Risk/Benefit of Product</b>	Positive balance with lower level of evidence – “may be effective”	Positive balance based on full review of final data – more certainty
<b>FDA review</b>	Weeks	8-12 Months
<b>Distribution</b>	Directed by U.S. Gov’t based on exigency	Directed by Manufacturer based on market

# From Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines to Licensure

- Submission of Biologic Licensing Application by manufacturer
- Efficacy at longer duration of follow-up
- Longer duration of follow-up of safety in trial participants
- Updated global safety data from use under authorizations and approvals
- CMC data on commercial scale manufacturing
- Completion of inspections of facilities and trial sites

Figure 13 Cumulative Incidence Curves for the First COVID-19 Occurrence After Dose 1 – Dose 1 All-Available Efficacy Population

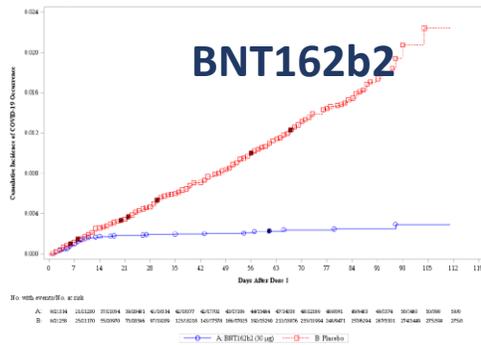


Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence Curves for the First COVID-19 Occurrence After Randomization, mITT Set

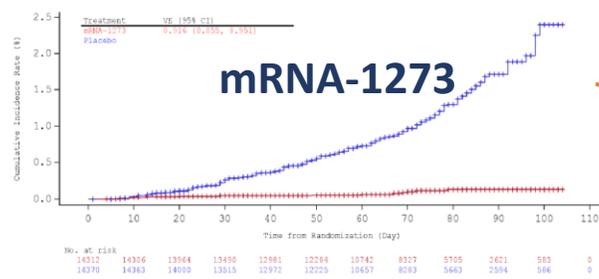
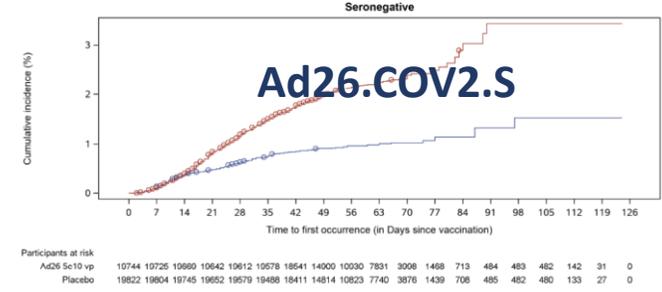


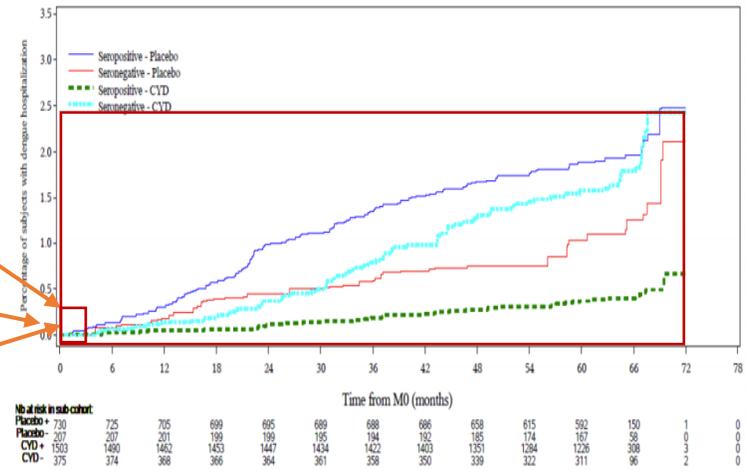
Figure 1. Cumulative Incidence Curve of Centrally Confirmed Moderate to Severe/Critical COVID-19 Cases With Onset at Least 1 Day After Vaccination, Full Analysis Set



Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.  
Dengvaxia (Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine, Live)

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Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Curve of time to dengue hospitalization from M0 in subjects aged 9 to 16 years at enrollment - serostatus classified by PRNT50 at baseline or NS1 (multiple imputation approach)



Source: Adapted from STN 125682/0 Clinical Overview, Figure 15.  
Numbers at risk are average numbers from 10 iterations of multiple imputations.  
Data pooled from CYD14, CYD15, and CYD23/57.

From FDA VRBPAC briefing documents

# Manufacturing consistency



**Biologics License Application Review Sections**

- CTD Module 1 Contents
- CTD Module 2 Contents
- CTD Module 3 Contents: Chemistry Manufacture Control**
  - Drug Substance [3.2.S]**
  - Drug Product (name, dosage form) [3.2.P]**
  - Appendices [3.2.A]**
- Pre-Clinical Section
- [Module 4]
- Clinical Section [Module 5]
- Combination Products
- Adjuvants

## Biologic License Application

### ➤ Module 3 CMC

- 1. Drug Substance (DS)**
  - Facilities registrations
  - Mfg process
  - Characterization DS (e.g. impurities)
  - Control (spec's for safety, identity, purity and potency)
  - Reference Standards
  - Stability
  - Container Closure
- 2. Drug Product (DP)**
  - Pharmaceutical dev
  - Mfg process (control of critical steps and intermediates, validations, e.g. sterility, process changes and justifications)
  - Control of excipients
  - Control of DP (analytic procedures and validation, specification, batch analysis)
  - Reference standards
  - Stability (justifications of dating period, hold times, during shipping)
  - Container closure (e.g. L&E)
- 3. Appendices**
  - Facilities and equipment (e.g. cleaning, HVAC, prevention of cross-contaminations)
  - Method validation package
  - Adventitious agents evaluation
  - Executed batch records
  - Comparability protocols
  - Lot release protocols

# Summary

- Success of COVID-19 vaccines development unprecedented
- Data on safety and efficacy from RCT's supported use under EUA
- Additional requirements in moving from EUA to licensure
- Licensure is based on demonstration of safety, effectiveness and manufacturing consistency
- Problems with conducting comparative effectiveness based on different RCT's

# Vaccines vs. variants

The coronavirus mutations that have scientists playing whack-a-mole

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