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## Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Meeting

# **FDA Review of Effectiveness and Safety of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (mRNA-1273) Booster Dose *Emergency Use Authorization Amendment***

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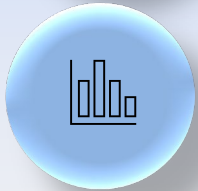
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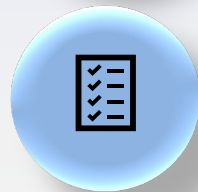
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# Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (mRNA-1273)

## Vaccine composition

- Based on the SARS-CoV-2 spike glycoprotein (S) antigen encoded by RNA
- Formulated in lipid particles
- Based on Wuhan strain

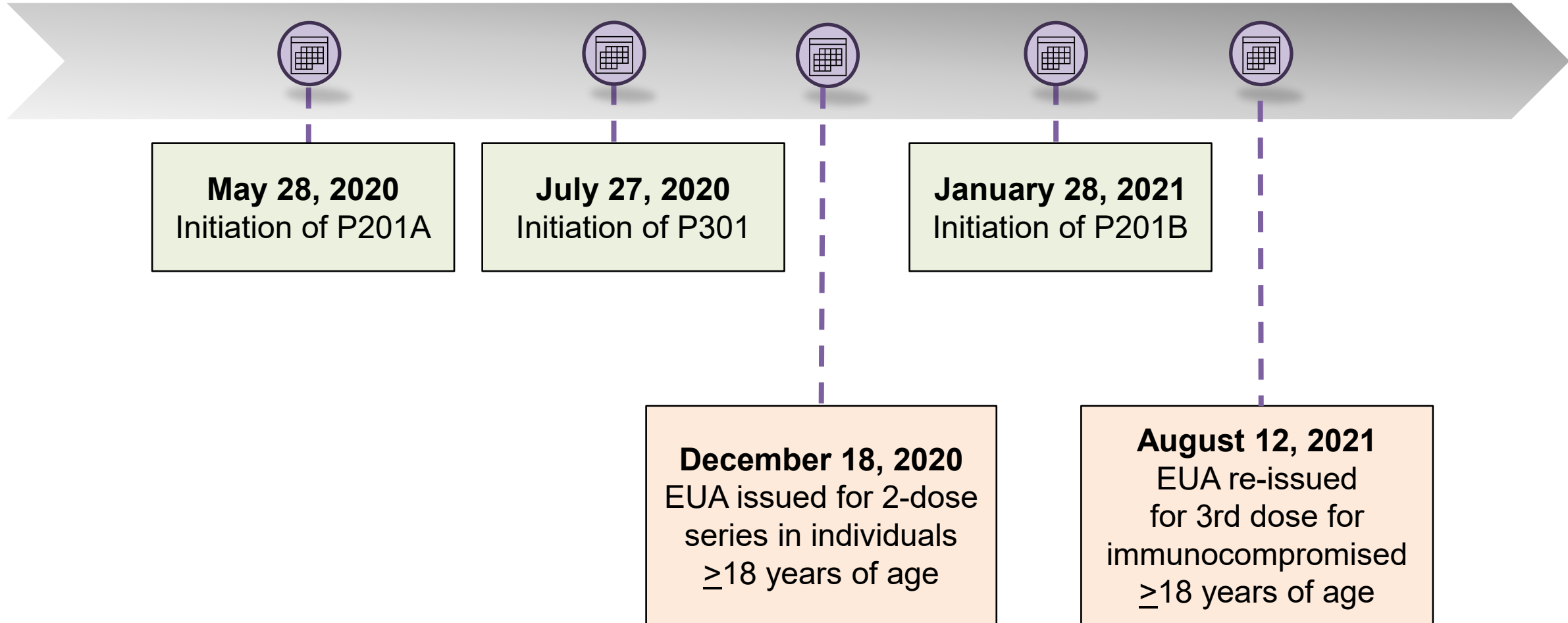
## Dosing Regimen

- Intramuscular 2-dose series, administered 1 month apart; 100 µg mRNA in each 0.5 mL dose
- Third 0.5 mL dose in individuals with certain immunocompromising conditions

- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (mRNA-1273) has been available under EUA since December 18, 2020.
- The EUA amendment is intended to support authorization for booster administration of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (mRNA-1273) at a **50 µg dose** (0.25 mL) at least 6 months following a 2-dose series in the following populations:
  - individuals 65 years of age and older,
  - individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19, and
  - individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19 including severe COVID-19.



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# P301: Study Overview

## Observer-blinded, randomized, stratified, placebo-controlled Phase 3 efficacy study

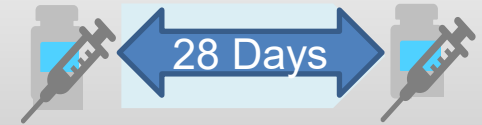
30,351 participants stratified by age and health risk

- Group 1:  $\geq 18$  to  $< 65$  years (no health risk)
- Group 2:  $\geq 18$  to  $< 65$  years (health risk)
- Group 3:  $\geq 65$  years

Randomized  
1:1

Dose 1

Dose 2



- mRNA-1273 100  $\mu\text{g}$
- Placebo

15,184 recipients of 100  $\mu\text{g}$  mRNA-1273 two-dose series

1,080 subjects randomly selected as subcohort for booster dose comparison population





# P201: Study Overview

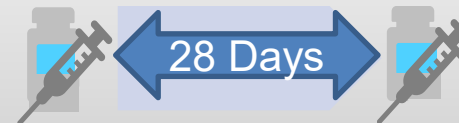
600 participants stratified by age

- Cohort 1:  $\geq 18$  to  $< 55$  years
- Cohort 2:  $\geq 55$  years

Randomized  
1:1:1

Dose 1

Dose 2



- mRNA-1273 50  $\mu\text{g}$
- mRNA-1273 100  $\mu\text{g}$
- Placebo

## PART A

**Observer-blinded, randomized, placebo-controlled 2-dose series phase**

Part A participants who received open-label booster dose in Part B (N=344):

- mRNA 50  $\mu\text{g}$  group (n= 173)
- mRNA 100  $\mu\text{g}$  group (n= 171)

## PART B

**Open label booster phase**

Booster



mRNA-1273 50  $\mu\text{g}$  at least 6 months (median interval  $\sim 7.2$  months [range 5.9, 8.6]) after completion of 2-dose series



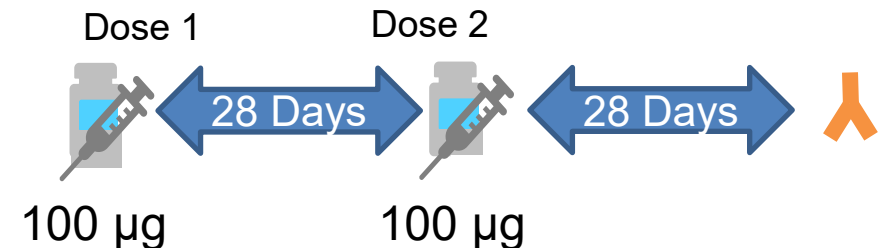
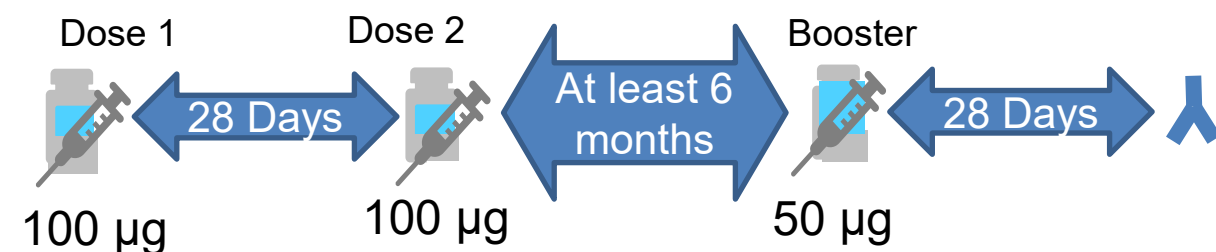
# Booster Dose Effectiveness

Booster dose effectiveness is being inferred by immunobridging analyses comparing geometric mean neutralizing antibody titers\* (GMT) and seroresponse rate\* against a pseudovirus expressing the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein from a USA\_WA1/2020 isolate carrying the D614G mutation [D614G strain]\*

28 days after a single 50  $\mu$ g booster dose in Study P201 Part B (100  $\mu$ g prime group)

TO

28 days after the second 100  $\mu$ g priming dose (Day 57) in random subset from efficacy Study P301



\*50% inhibitory dose (ID50) titers measured with a validated pseudovirus neutralization assay against the D614G strain by Duke University Medical Center



# Immunobridging Analysis of GMT Co-Primary Endpoint

Co-Primary Endpoint: Geometric mean neutralizing antibody titer (GMT) against a pseudovirus expressing SARS-COV-2 spike protein from the D614G strain

**Geometric mean titer (GMT) ratio  
of SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers**

**GMT 28 days Post Booster Dose (P201B)** 

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**GMT 28 days Post Dose 2 (P301)** 

**Immunobridging  
success criteria:**

- lower limit of the 2-sided 95% CI for GMT ratio  $\geq 0.67$
- point estimate of GMT ratio  $\geq 1.0$

\*Given the lack of randomization between studies P201B and P301, an analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) model was used to estimate the GMT ratio that adjusts for differences in age groups (<65 years,  $\geq 65$  years).



# Immunobridging Analysis of Seroresponse Co-Primary Endpoint

Co-Primary Endpoint: % of participants with seroresponse defined as a  $\geq 4$ -fold rise in neutralizing titers (from baseline) against a pseudovirus expressing SARS-COV-2 spike protein from the D614G strain\* (baseline titers  $< \text{LLOQ}^*$  are set to LLOQ)

## Percentage difference between seroresponse at 28 days post booster dose (P201B) and at 28 days post Dose 2 (P301)

%  with 4-fold rise from pre-Booster to 28 days post Booster Dose 

**MINUS**

%  with 4-fold rise from pre-Dose 1 to 28 days post Dose 2 

**Immunobridging success criterion:**  
lower limit of the 95% CI for the difference in % of participants with seroresponse is  $\geq -10\%$

\*The lower limit of quantitation (LLOQ) is defined as the lowest sample concentration that can be measured by the assay with acceptable accuracy, linearity and precision.



# Booster Dose Immunogenicity Co-Primary Endpoints B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant

## Endpoints

- Neutralizing antibody titer (ID50) against pseudovirus expressing SARS-COV-2 Spike protein from USA\_WA1/2020 isolate carrying the D614G mutation
- Neutralizing antibody titer (ID50) against pseudovirus expressing SARS-COV-2 Spike protein from B.1.617.2 variant (unvalidated)
- % of participants with seroresponse

**Geometric mean titer (GMT)\* ratio**

$$\frac{\text{GMT (B.1.617.2) 28 days Post Booster Dose (P201B)}}{\text{GMT (D614G) 28 days Post Dose 2 (P301)}}$$

**Percentage difference between seroresponse at 28 days post booster dose (P201B) and at 28 days post Dose 2 (P301)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{\% 4-fold rise pre-Booster to 28 days post Booster} \\ & \text{Dose (B.1.617.2)} \\ & \text{MINUS} \\ & \text{\% 4-fold rise pre-Dose 1 to 28 days} \\ & \text{post Dose 2 (D614G)} \end{aligned}$$

Results of hypothesis testing pending; descriptive data available for review

\*Given the lack of randomization between studies P201B and P301, the statistical analysis plan pre-specified an analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) model for estimating the GMT ratio that adjusts for differences in age groups (<65 years, ≥65 years)

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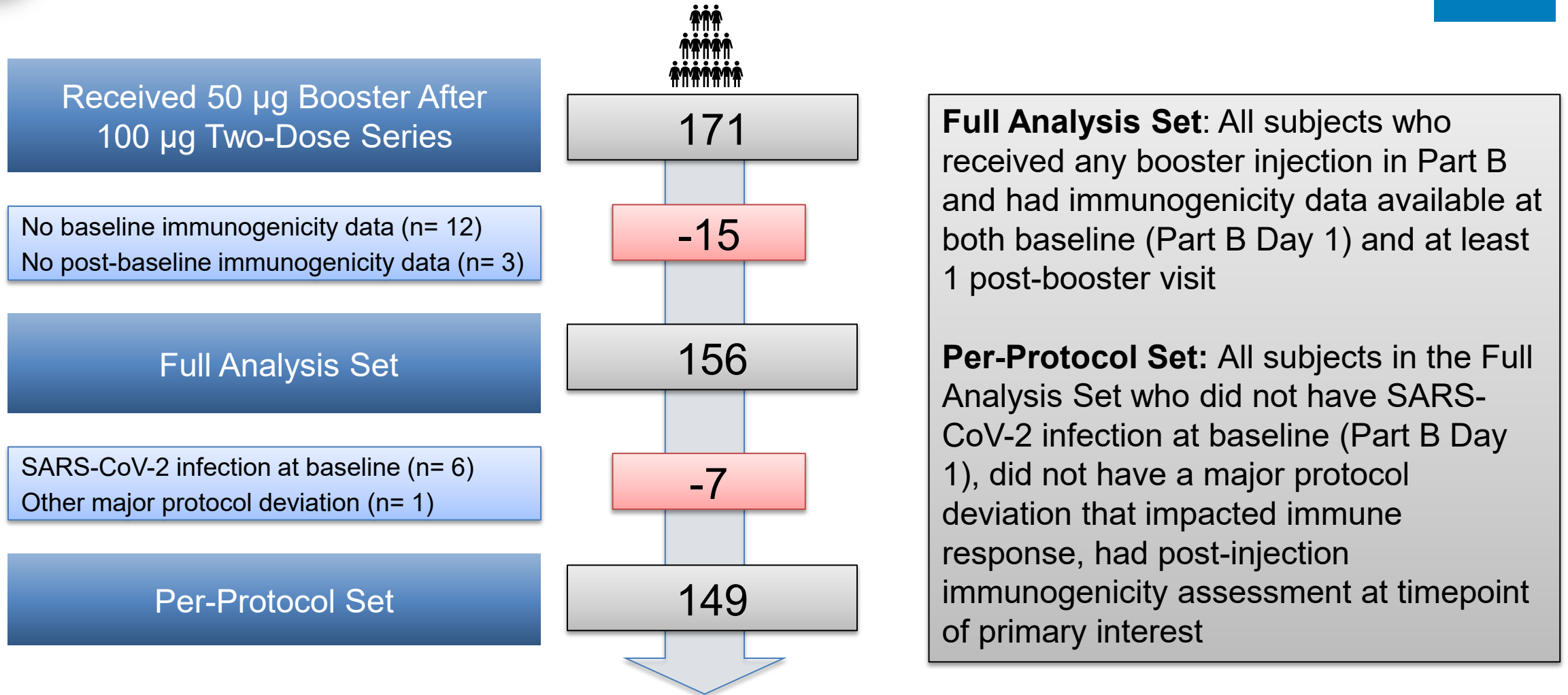
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# Immunogenicity Analysis Population P201B





# Immunogenicity Analysis Population P301

Subjects Selected for Random Subcohort  
(Baseline SARS-CoV-2 Negative)

Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection (n= 18)  
Received dose 2 out of window for PPS (n= 5)  
Did not receive dose 2 per schedule (n= 1)  
Had other major protocol deviation (n= 1)

Per-protocol Set



1,080

-25

1,055

**Per-protocol Set:** All subjects in the Random Subcohort who received 2 doses, did not have SARS-CoV-2 infection at baseline (pre-Dose 1), did not have a major protocol deviation that impacted immune response, had post-injection immunogenicity assessment at timepoint of primary interest (Day 57).





# Demographics (Per-protocol Immunogenicity Subset)



Characteristic	Study P201B 50 µg Booster After 100 µg Two-Dose Series N=149	Study P301 100 µg Two-Dose Series N=1,055
Age (Years) Median (Min, Max)	56 (18, 82)	57 (18, 87)
Age Group, n (%) ≥18 and <65 years old	112 (75.2)	700 (66.4)
Age Group, n (%) ≥65 years old	37 (24.8)	355 (33.6)
Sex, n (%) Female	90 (60.4)	495 (46.9)
Sex, n (%) Male	59 (39.6)	560 (53.1)
Race, n (%) White	142 (95.3)	767 (72.7)
Race, n (%) Black or African American	5 (3.4)	188 (17.8)
Race, n (%) Asian	1 (0.7)	26 (2.5)
Race, n (%) American Indian or Alaska Native	1 (0.7)	17 (1.6)
Race, n (%) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	5 (0.5)
Race, n (%) Multiple	0	15 (1.4)
Race, n (%) Other	0	27 (2.6)
Race, n (%) Not reported/unknown	0	10 (1.0)
Ethnicity, n (%) Hispanic or Latino	10 (6.7)	334 (31.7)
Ethnicity, n (%) Not Hispanic or Latino	139 (93.3)	717 (68.0)
Ethnicity, n (%) Not Reported/Unknown	0	4 (0.4)
Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) Median	25.74	29.62
Obesity (≥30.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	14 (9.4)	500 (47.2)

Note: P201 excluded individuals with pre-existing medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19.



# Immunogenicity Results: Immunobridging based on GMT ratios (USA\_WA1/2020 carrying the D614G mutation)

<b>Study P201B 50 µg Booster After 100 µg Two-Dose Series Day 29 GMT* (95% CI) N=149</b>	<b>Study P301 100 µg Two-Dose Series Day 57 GMT* (95% CI) N=1053</b>	<b>GMT* Ratio (P201B/P301)</b>
1802 (1548, 2099)	1027 (968, 1089)	1.8 (1.5, 2.1)

Success criteria met as the lower bound of the 2-sided 95% CI for the GMT ratio was  $\geq 0.67$  and the point estimate of the GMR was  $\geq 1.0$ .

\*Given the lack of randomization between studies P201B and P301, the statistical analysis plan pre-specified an analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) model for estimating the GMT ratio that adjusts for differences in age groups (<65 years,  $\geq 65$  years)



# Immunogenicity Results: Immunobridging based on seroresponse (USA\_WA1/2020 isolate carrying the D614G mutation)

Study P201B 50 µg Booster After 100 µg Two-Dose Series Day 29 <sup>a</sup> Seroresponse n (%) (95% CI) N=149	Study P301 100 µg Two-Dose Series Day 57 Seroresponse n (%) (95% CI) N=1050	Difference in Seroresponse Rate (P201B-P301) % (95% CI)
131 ( <b>87.9</b> ) (81.6, 92.7)	1033 ( <b>98.4</b> ) (97.4, 99.1)	-10.5 ( <b>-16.7</b> , -6.1)

Study P201B participants who met the  $\geq 4$ -fold increase in titer post-booster dose had a baseline GMT of 109 (range of individual titers 9, 4393); whereas P201B participants who did not meet the  $\geq 4$ -fold increase in titers post-booster had a baseline GMT of 492 (range of individual titers 162, 2239).

Success criterion **NOT** met as the lower limit of the 95% CI for the difference in percentages of participants with seroresponse was not greater than -10%.



# Immunogenicity Results: B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant GMTs\* 28 Days After Booster Dose and 2-Dose Series (Exploratory Analysis)



	<b>≥18 to &lt;65 Years Study P201B Booster Dose N=112</b>	<b>≥65 Years Study P201B Booster Dose N=37</b>	<b>≥18 to &lt;65 Years Study P301 Dose 2 N=434</b>	<b>≥65 Years Study P301 Dose 2 N=146</b>
Pre-Vaccination GMT (95% CI)	54.8 (44.0, 68.3)	31.8 (22.6, 44.7)	NA	NA
1 month post-vaccination GMT (95% CI)	872 (730, 1043)	706 (524, 951)	427 (390, 468)	277 (238, 322)
1 month post-vaccination Seroresponse % (95% CI)	n=98 87.5 (79.9, 93.0)	n=35 94.6 (81.8, 99.3)	NA	NA

Note: P201B participants received a 50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273 ≥6 months after completing a 2-dose series of 100 mRNA-1273. P301 participants received a 2-dose series of 100 µg mRNA-1273.

\*50% inhibitory dose (ID50) titers measured with a unvalidated pseudovirus neutralization assay against the Delta variant



Study P201 Part B, through the August 16, 2021 cutoff date

- SARS-CoV-2 infection was measured by RT-PCR, Roche Elecsys Anti-SARS-CoV-2 N assay or a COVID-19 local diagnostic test at scheduled visits or for potential SARS-CoV-2 exposure and/or symptoms.
- 38 positive tests after the booster dose (20 in 50 µg-primed booster recipients and 18 in 100 µg-primed booster recipients).
- Limitations: Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection was an exploratory endpoint and there was no control group. Collection of information related to potential COVID-19 cases was not systematic as case definitions of COVID-19 were not provided to study sites nor used in the analysis.



# P301 Post-hoc analysis of efficacy: Delta surge

**P301 protocol-specified COVID-19 cases accrued during the current delta variant surge  
01 July 2021 through 27 August 2021  
Participants  $\geq 18$  years of age**

Participants who completed the 2-dose vaccination series **early in the study** (i.e., those who were originally randomized to mRNA-1273; n= 15209)

Incidence **77.1 cases per 1,000 person years**  
(13 severe cases\*: 6.2 per 1,000 person years)

Median of **13 months (7.8-13.3) post-Dose 2**  
at the beginning of the analysis period

Participants who completed the 2-dose vaccination series **later in the study** (i.e., those who were originally randomized to placebo and then crossed over to mRNA-1273; n= 15206)

Incidence **49.0 cases per 1,000 person years**  
(6 severe cases\*: 3.3 per 1,000 person years)

Median of **7.9 months (4.4-7.7) post-Dose 2**  
at the beginning of the analysis period

\*15 of the 19 severe cases occurred among participants  $\geq 65$  years of age and/or who had a risk factor for severe COVID- 19. The 4 remaining cases occurred in participants aged 42, 59, 63 and 64 years who were not at risk for severe disease.

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# Length of Safety Follow-up in Booster Recipients

	<b>P201B 50 µg Booster After 50 µg Two-Dose Series N=173</b>	<b>P201B 50 µg Booster After 100 µg Two-Dose Series N=171</b>	<b>P201B All Booster Dose Recipients N=344</b>
<b>Booster dose to August 16, 2021 cut-off date*</b>			
<b>&lt;2 months, n (%)</b>	4 (2.3)	0 (0.0)	4 (1.2)
<b>≥2 - &lt;4 months, n (%)</b>	3 (1.7)	2 (1.2)	5 (1.5)
<b>≥4 to &lt;6 months, n (%)</b>	135 (78.0)	134 (78.4)	269 (78.2)
<b>≥6 to &lt;8 months, n (%)</b>	31 (17.9)	35 (20.5)	66 (19.2)
<b>Mean</b>	5.5	5.7	5.6
<b>Median</b>	5.7	5.7	5.7
<b>Min, max</b>	0.3, 6.4	3.1, 6.4	0.3, 6.4

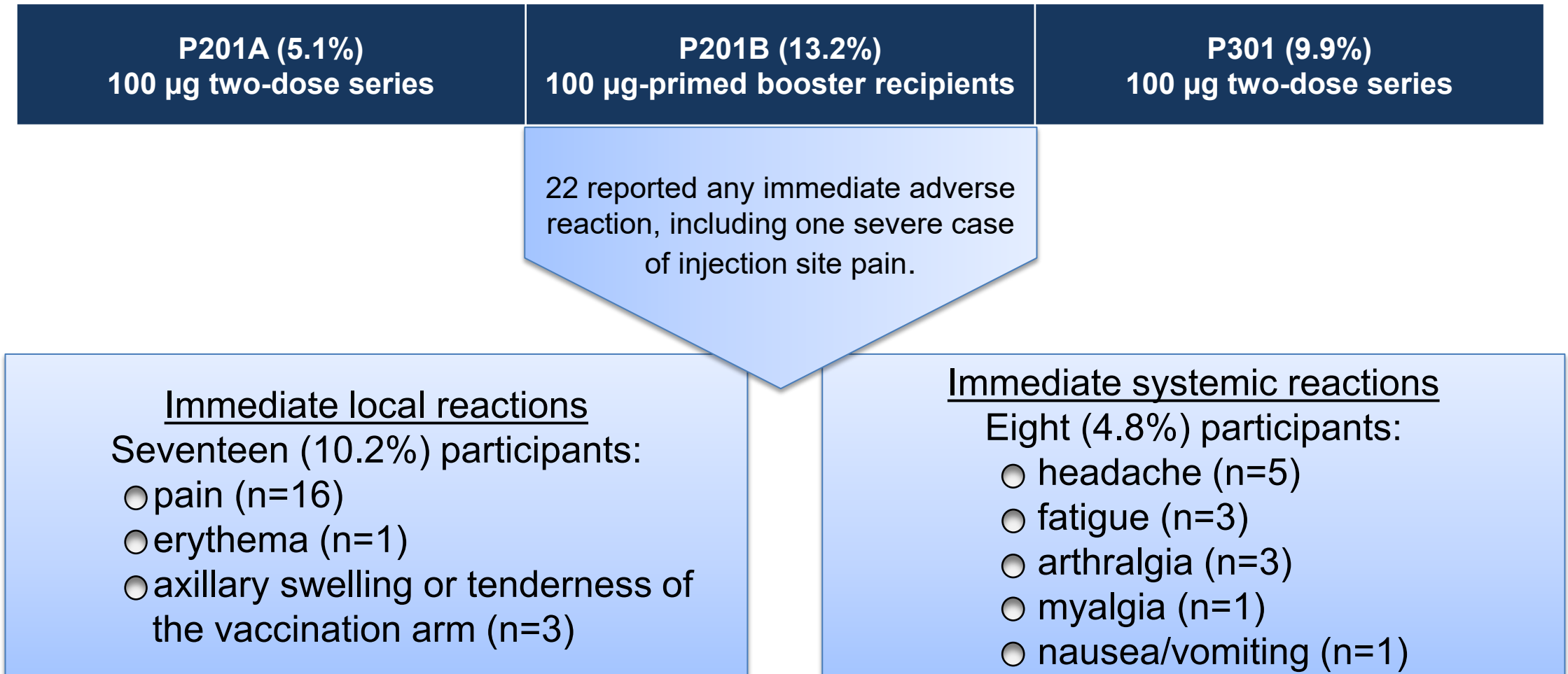
\*P201B data were provided through study day 29 post-booster vaccination (June 10, 2021 database lock date); additional data subject to additional cleaning were provided through August 16, 2021.

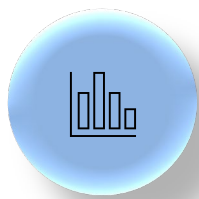




# Safety: Immediate Reactogenicity

Proportion of participants  $\geq 18$  years of age with immediate local and systemic reactions





# Local Reactogenicity 7 Days After Dose 2 of 100 µg Two-Dose Series in P201A and 7 Days After Booster Dose (following 100 µg Two-Dose Series) in P201B



**≥18 to <65 years**

**≥65 years**

	<b>P201A Dose 2 ≥18 to &lt;65 years N<sup>a</sup>=155 n<sup>b</sup> (%)</b>	<b>P201B Booster Dose ≥18 to &lt;65 years N<sup>a</sup>=129 n<sup>b</sup> (%)</b>	<b>P201A Dose 2 ≥65 years N<sup>a</sup>=43 n<sup>b</sup> (%)</b>	<b>P201B Booster Dose ≥65 years N<sup>a</sup>=38 n<sup>b</sup> (%)</b>
<b>Any Injection Site Pain<sup>c</sup></b>	137 (88.4)	111 (86.0)	32 (74.4)	29 (76.3)
<b>Severe</b>	1 (0.7)	4 (3.1)	0	2 (5.3)
<b>Any axillary swelling or tenderness of the vaccination arm<sup>c</sup></b>	18 (11.6)	32 (24.8)	2 (4.7)	2 (5.3)
<b>Severe</b>	0 (0.0)	1 (0.8)	0	0
<b>Any Swelling (&gt;2.5 cm)<sup>d</sup></b>	16 (10.3)	8 (6.2)	5 (11.6)	1 (2.6)
<b>Severe</b>	0	0	1 (2.3)	1 (2.6)
<b>Any Redness (&gt;2.5 cm)<sup>d</sup></b>	12 (7.7)	7 (5.4)	3 (7.0)	1 (2.6)
<b>Severe</b>	2 (1.3)	1 (0.8)	3 (7.0)	0

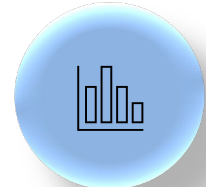
P201B participants received a 50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273 ≥6 months after completing a 2-dose series of 100 mRNA-1273. P201A participants received a 2 dose series of 100 µg mRNA-1273.

a. N = # of participants reporting ≥1 yes or no response for the specified reaction after the specified dose.

b. n = # of participants with the specified reaction.

c. Severe: prevents daily activity or any use of prescription pain reliever.

d. Severe: >10.0 cm.



# Systemic Reactogenicity 7 Days After Dose 2 of 100 µg Two-Dose Series in P201A and 7 Days After Booster Dose (following 100 µg Two-Dose Series) in P201B



≥18 to <65 years

≥65 years

	P201A Dose 2 ≥18 to <65 years N <sup>a</sup> =155 n <sup>b</sup> (%)	P201B Booster Dose ≥18 to <65 years N <sup>a</sup> =129 n <sup>b</sup> (%)	P201A Dose 2 ≥65 years N <sup>a</sup> =43 n <sup>b</sup> (%)	P201B Booster Dose ≥65 years N <sup>a</sup> =38 n <sup>b</sup> (%)
<b>Any Fatigue<sup>c</sup></b>	105 (67.7)	80 (62.0)	23 (53.5)	18 (47.4)
<b>Severe</b>	16 (10.3)	4 (3.1)	2 (4.7)	3 (7.9)
<b>Any Headache<sup>d</sup></b>	87 (56.1)	76 (58.9)	17 (39.5)	16 (42.1)
<b>Severe</b>	8 (5.2)	1 (0.8)	1 (2.3)	1 (2.6)
<b>Myalgia<sup>c</sup></b>	89 (57.4)	64 (49.6)	15 (34.9)	18 (47.4)
<b>Severe</b>	15 (9.7)	4 (3.1)	0	1 (2.6)
<b>Arthralgia<sup>c</sup></b>	66 (42.6)	54 (41.9)	11 (25.6)	15 (39.5)
<b>Severe</b>	8 (5.2)	4 (3.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.6)
<b>Chills<sup>c</sup></b>	71 (45.8)	52 (40.3)	7 (16.3)	7 (18.4)
<b>Severe</b>	1 (0.6)	0	0	0
<b>Nausea/vomiting<sup>e</sup></b>	36 (23.2)	16 (12.4)	5 (11.6)	3 (7.9)
<b>Severe</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Fever ≥38.0°C</b>	24 (15.5)	9 (7.0)	2 (4.7)	2 (5.4)
<b>Fever ≥38.0°C to 38.4°C</b>	18 (11.6)	5 (3.9)	1 (2.3)	1 (2.7)
<b>Fever &gt;38.4°C to 38.9A°C</b>	3 (1.9)	2 (1.6)	0 (0.0)	1 (2.7)
<b>Fever &gt;38.9 to 40.0°C</b>	3 (1.9)	2 (1.6)	1 (2.3)	0
<b>Fever &gt; 40.0°C</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Any Rash<sup>f</sup></b>	5 (3.2)	3 (2.3)	1 (2.3)	0 (0.0)
<b>Use of antipyretic/pain medication<sup>f</sup></b>	86 (55.5)	64 (49.6)	11 (25.6)	11 (28.9)

Note: P201B participants received a 50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273 ≥6 months after completing a 2-dose series of 100 mRNA-1273. P201A participants received a 2-dose series of 100 µg mRNA-1273.

a. N = Number of participants reporting at least 1 yes or no response for the specified reaction after the specified dose.

b. n = Number of participants with the specified reaction.

c. Severe: prevents daily activity.

d. Severe: prevents daily activity or any use of prescription pain reliever.

e. Severe: requires outpatient intravenous hydration or prevents daily activity.

f. Severity was not collected for rash or for use of antipyretic or pain medication



- Through the August 16, 2021 cutoff date, there were no unsolicited adverse events (AEs) not already captured as solicited local and systemic reactions that were considered causally related to Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- A total of 20 subjects (11.7%) reported unsolicited AEs through 28 days after the booster dose. The most common unsolicited AEs (reported by >1 participant) included headache (n= 4; 2.3%) and fatigue (n= 4; 2.3%).
- An event of Bell's palsy (5 hours after booster dose) was reported and considered unlikely to be related based on temporal implausibility.
- There were no serious adverse events (SAEs) reported within 28 days after booster vaccination.
- As of the August 16, 2021 cutoff date, five SAEs were reported in four participants with time to onset more than 30 days following the booster dose (tendon rupture, spontaneous abortion, deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolism, pericarditis). None of these SAEs were considered likely to be related to the vaccine because the timing of the events in relation to vaccination did not suggest a causal relationship and/or a more likely alternative etiology was identified.
- No participants were withdrawn due to AEs.

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## Immunogenicity

- Immunobridging analyses against the D614G strain met the pre-specified success criteria for the GMT ratio (P201B/P301) but not for seroresponse rates.
- In post-hoc analyses, participants with lower pre-booster neutralizing antibody titers were more likely to achieve a  $\geq 4$ -fold rise in neutralizing antibody titers after booster vaccination compared to participants with higher pre-booster neutralizing antibody titers.
- Immunogenicity data to support effectiveness of the booster dose against the Delta variant are limited to exploratory analyses using a non-validated assay.

## Safety

- There was no evidence of increased reactogenicity following a booster dose relative to Dose 2, with the exception of axillary swelling or tenderness of the vaccination arm in participants  $\geq 18$  to  $< 65$  years of age.
- Unsolicited adverse events did not reflect any new safety concerns.
- Through the August 16, 2021 cut-off date, there were no deaths or SAEs considered causally related to Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.



Thank you