

# PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir / ritonavir)

## Main Protease Inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 Corona Virus

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# Agenda

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# PAXLOVID

An Oral Antiviral Containing Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir, Co-Packaged

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**Emergency Use Authorization issued 22 December 2021**

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**Orally administered together twice daily for 5 days**

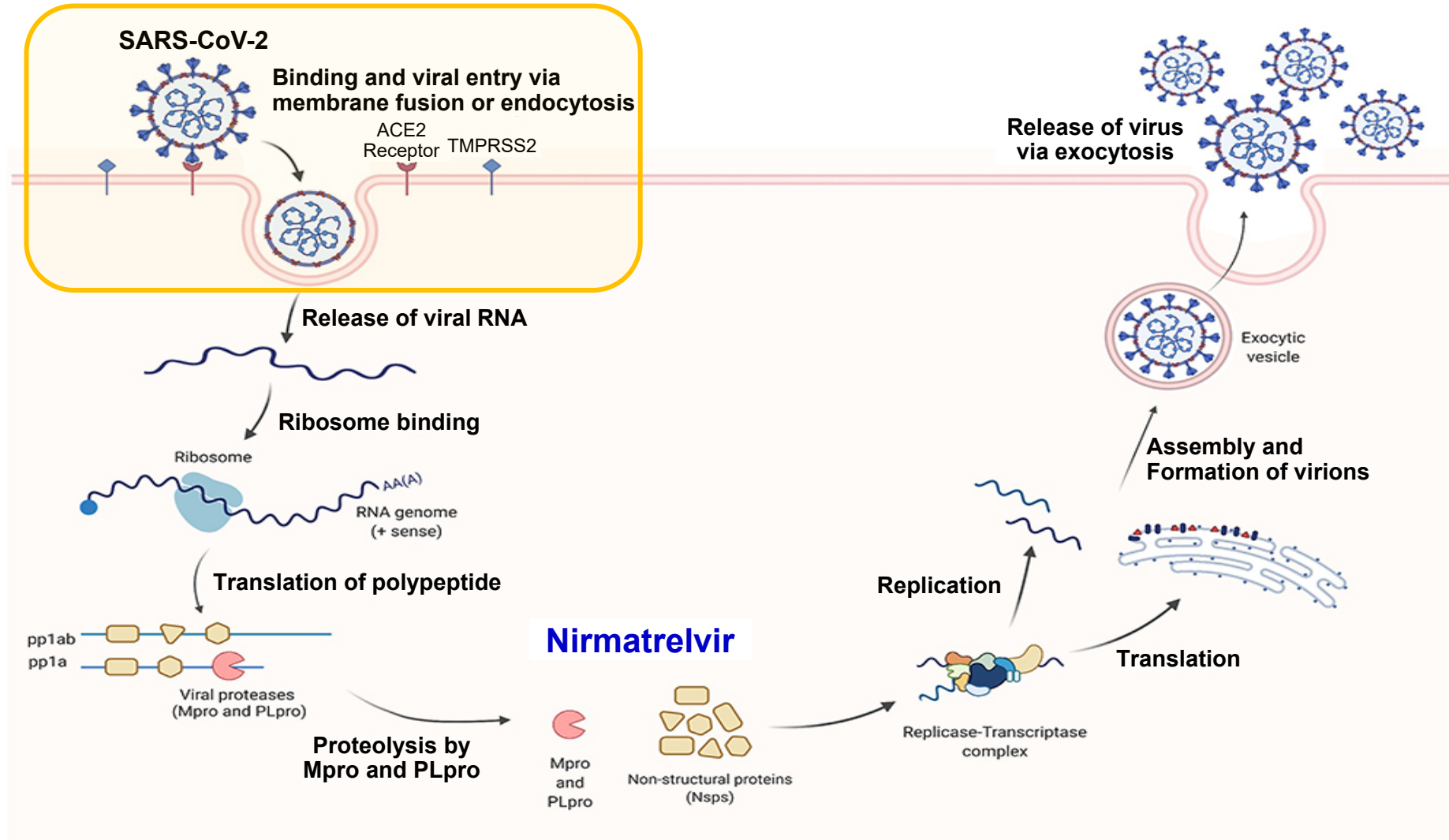
- Nirmatrelvir 300 mg (two 150 mg tablets): inhibitor of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus Main Protease
  - Ritonavir 100 mg (one 100 mg tablet): not pharmacologically active against SARS-CoV-2, co-administered to enhance nirmatrelvir pharmacokinetics
  - Reduced dose for impaired renal function eGFR <60 mL/min, no dose adjustment in mild-moderate hepatic impairment
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## **PROPOSED INDICATION**

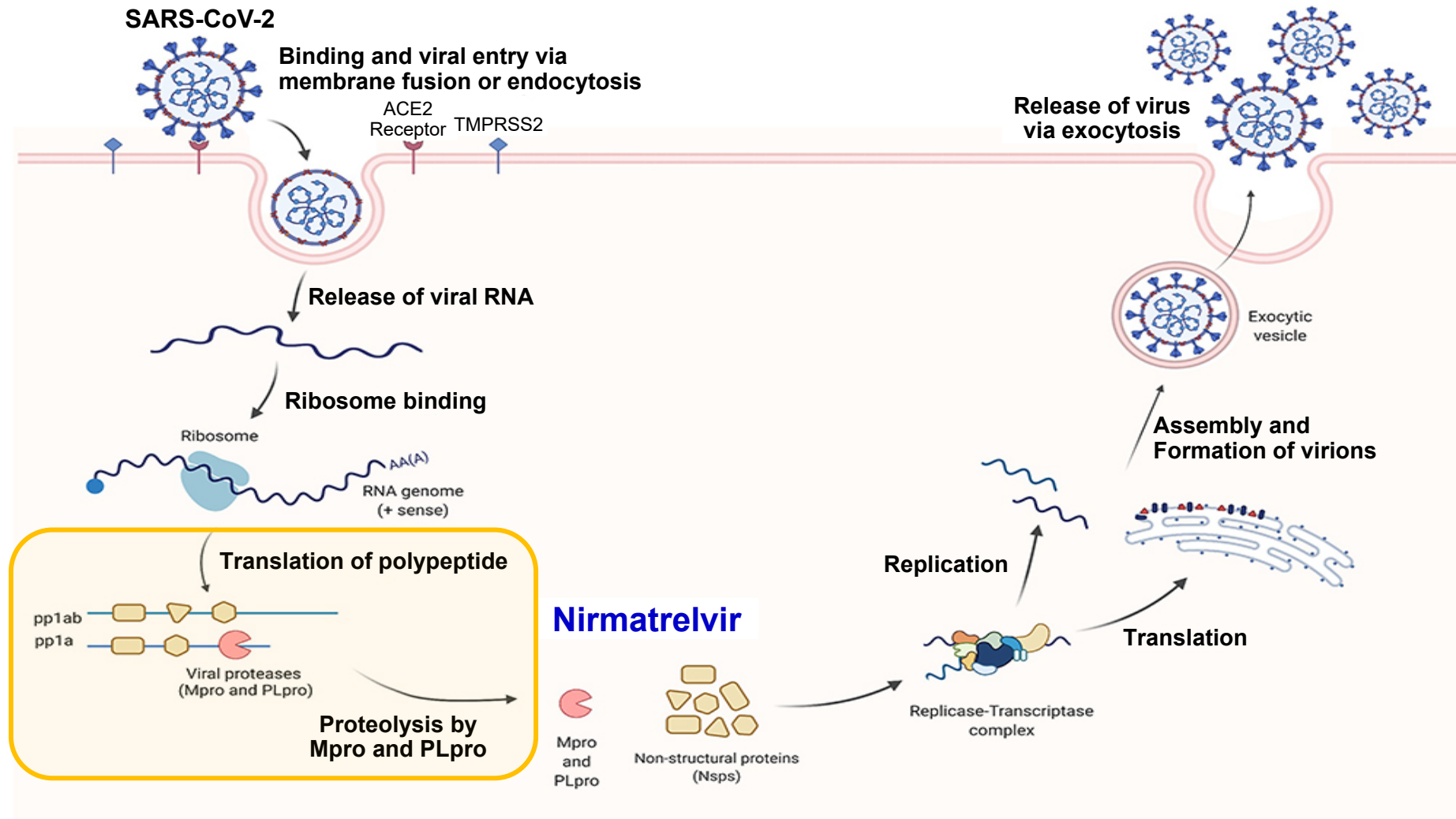
**For the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID 19, including hospitalization or death.**

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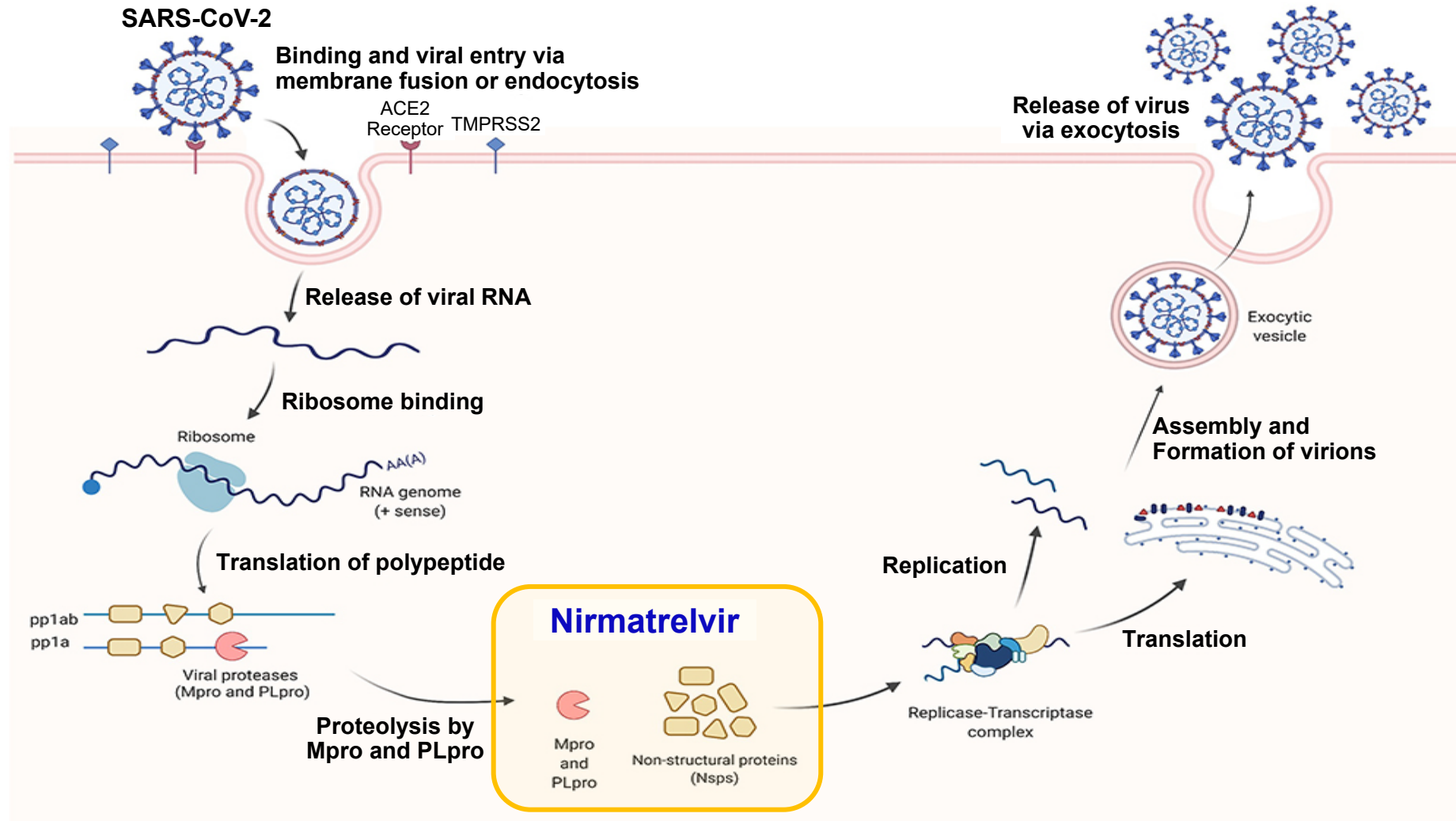
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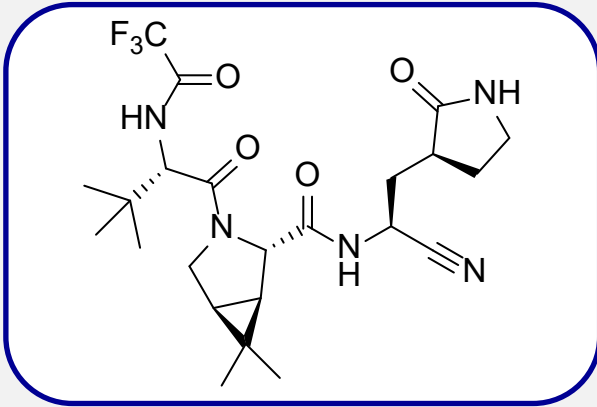
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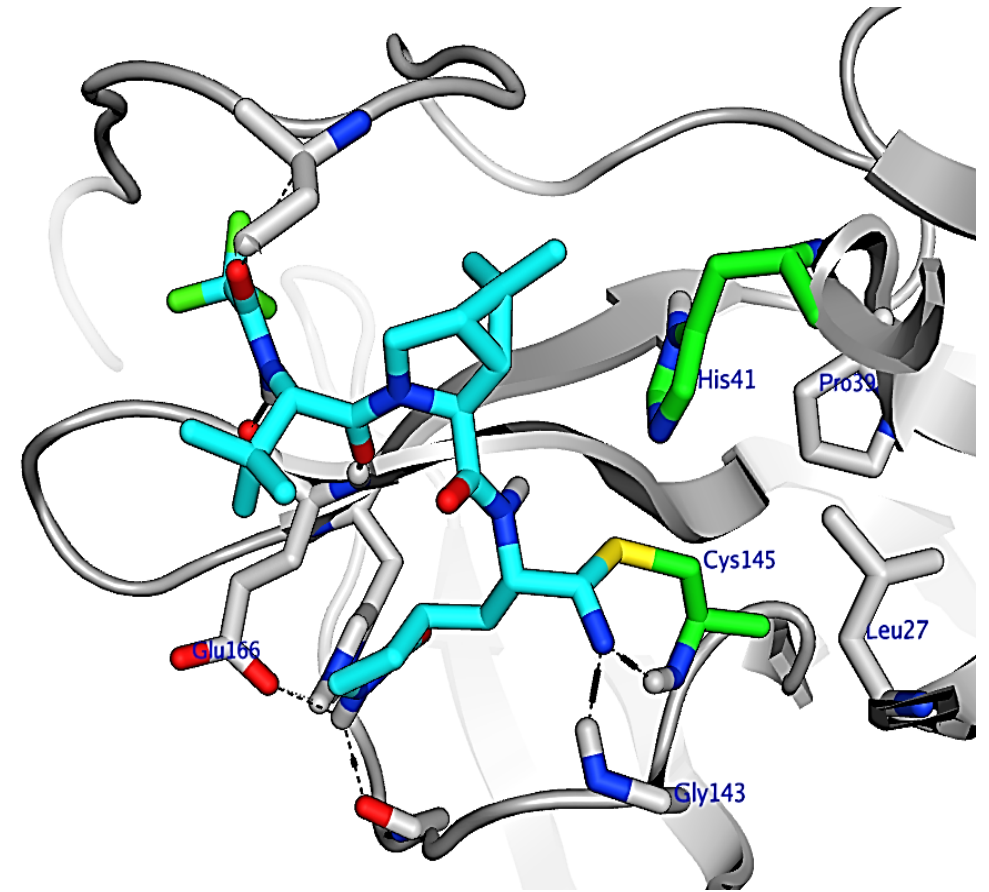
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# Nirmatrelvir is a Potent and Selective SARS-CoV-2 M<sup>pro</sup> Inhibitor with Robust Pre-clinical Safety Profile



- Nirmatrelvir binds to the M<sup>pro</sup> active site forming a reversible covalent adduct with the catalytic cysteine, Cys145:  $K_i = 3 \text{ nM}$
- Through M<sup>pro</sup> inhibition nirmatrelvir prevents viral replication: Antiviral activity in human airway epithelial cells;  $EC_{50} = 61.8 \text{ nM}$ ,  $EC_{90} = 181 \text{ nM}$ <sup>1</sup>
- Nirmatrelvir has good selectivity over human targets and no adverse findings in 1 month rat and monkey toxicity studies, no genetic toxicity



# Nirmatrelvir Retains Consistent, Potent in-vitro Anti-viral (AV) Activity Across SARS-CoV-2 Variants

Variant	M <sup>pro</sup> Mutations	Variant Fold EC <sub>50</sub> Relative to WT EC <sub>50</sub> (n≥3) <sup>a</sup>
Washington	Wildtype	--
Alpha	N/A (same as WT)	~1
Beta B.1.351	K90R (99%)	~4
Delta	N/A (same as WT)	~0.5
Gamma	N/A (same as WT)	~1
Lambda	G15S (93%)	~0.6
Omicron BA.1	P132H (100%)	~0.5
Omicron variants: BA.2	P132H (100%)	~1
BA.2.12.1	P132H (100%)	~0.6
BA.4	P132H (100%)	~0.6
BA.5	P132H (100%)	~0.6
BF.7 <sup>b</sup>	P132H (100%), P252L (31%), F294L (70%)	~1
BF.7 <sup>b</sup>	P132H (100%), T243I (100%)	~0.8
BQ.1.11 <sup>b</sup>	P132H (100%)	~0.9 <sup>c</sup>
BQ.1 <sup>b</sup>	P132H (100%)	~1
XBB.1.5 <sup>b</sup>	P132H (100%)	~1

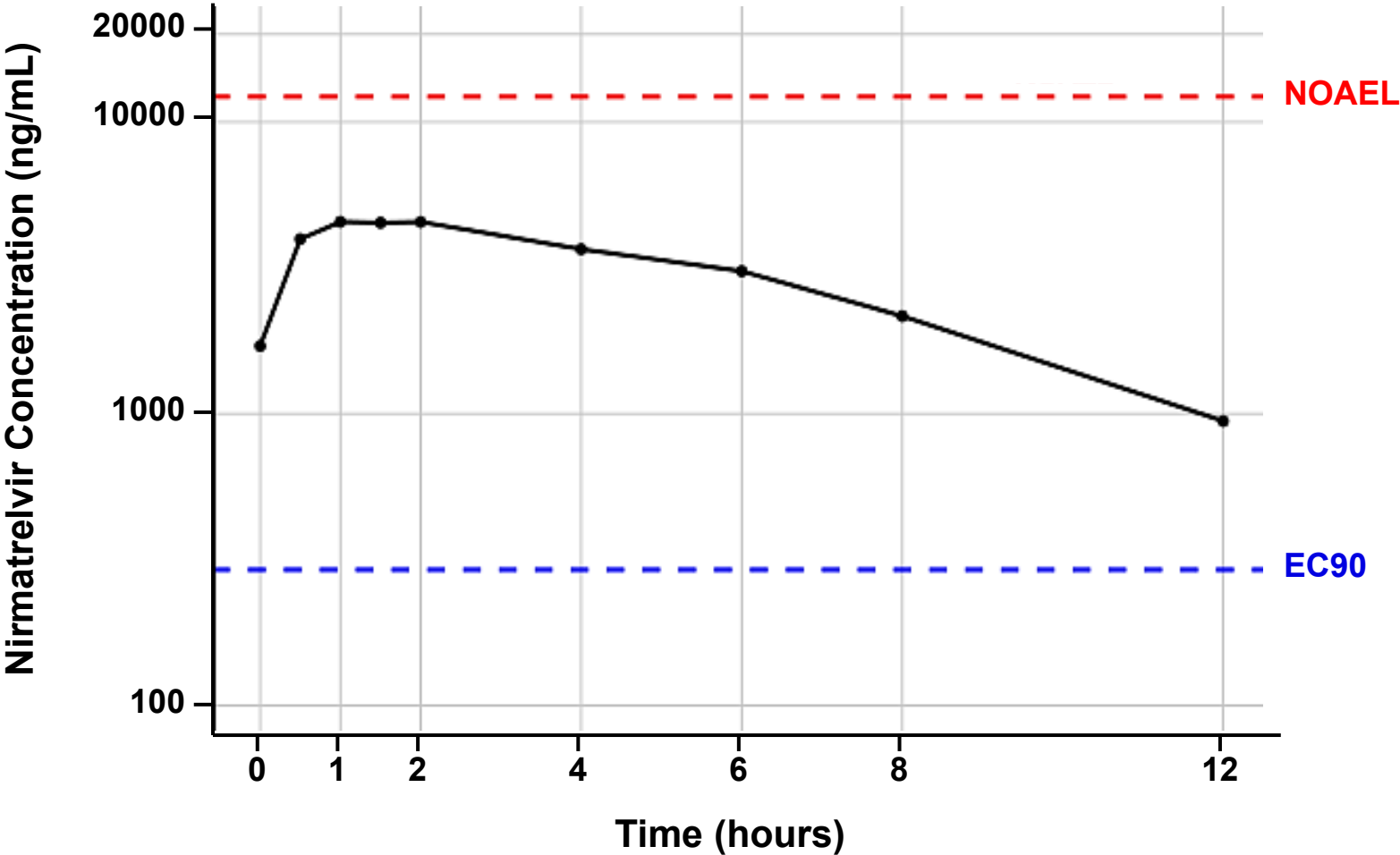
a. Cell type – Vero E6 P-gp KO or Vero E6 TMPRSS2; b. New data as of Feb. 27, 2023; c. n=2

Source: Pfizer Internal Data, Report #042713



# PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir) Maintains Plasma Concentrations at Multiples Above the AV Cellular EC<sub>90</sub> Throughout the Dosing Period

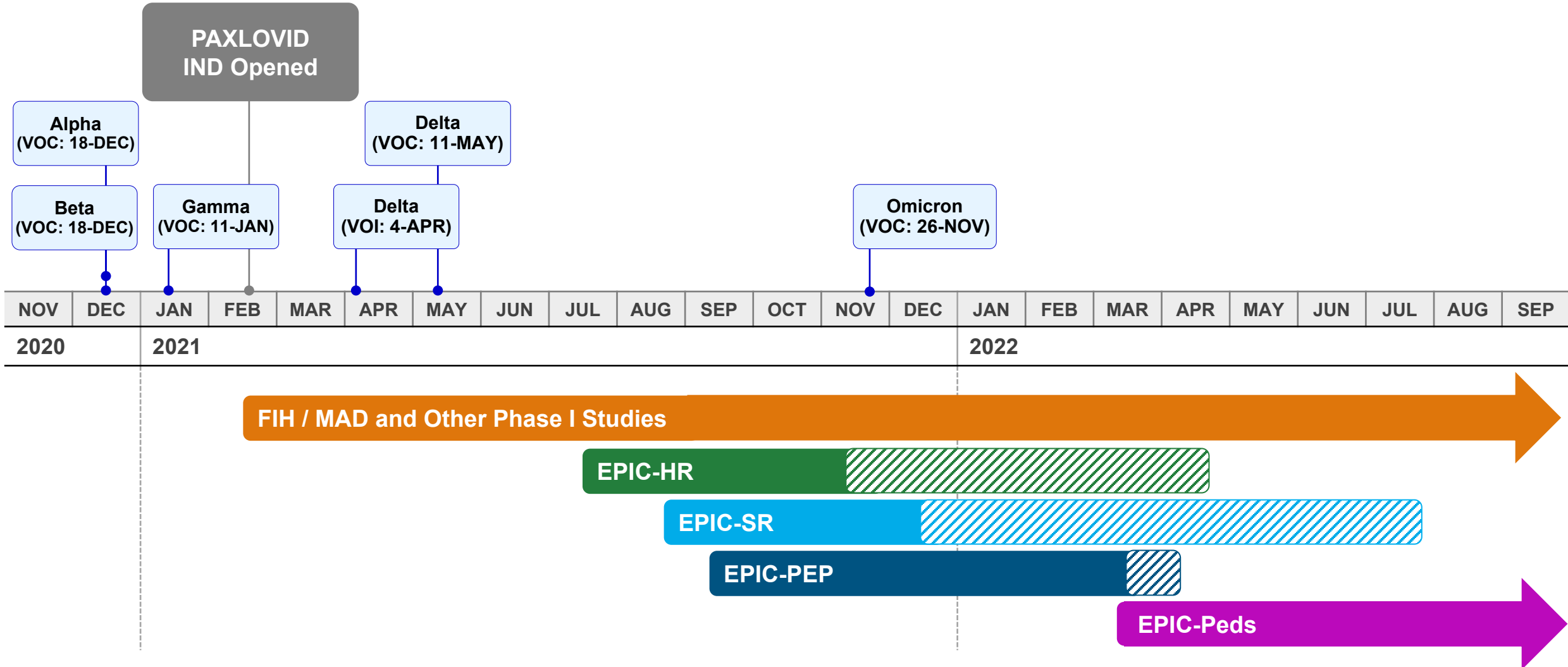
Mean Steady-State Plasma Nirmatrelvir Concentrations<sup>a</sup>



a. Healthy Volunteer Study C4671015

# Large Clinical Development Program

Safety and Efficacy Evaluated in >6000 Participants in 21 Countries



# Severe Illness from COVID-19 Remains a Serious Public Health Threat

- **COVID-19 continues to cause significant burden in the US**
  - ~ 200,000 reported cases each week<sup>1</sup>
    - For each reported case, an estimated 7-10 cases are unreported<sup>2</sup>
  - 3000-4000 hospital admissions daily<sup>1</sup>
  - 300-400 deaths daily<sup>1</sup>
- **≥176M US adults are at increased risk of severe COVID-19<sup>3</sup>**
  - Almost 9 out of every 10 COVID-19 deaths are among older adults aged ≥65 years<sup>4</sup>
- **COVID-19 can cause long-term sequelae (or long COVID). Severe COVID-19 illness is associated with increased risk of long COVID<sup>5</sup>**
- **SARS-CoV-2 is unpredictable. Treatment options are needed to address the significant burden and uncertainty of COVID-19**

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. COVID Data Tracker. Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2023, February 23. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>; 2. CNN. (2022). Why the Omicron offshoot BA.5 is a big deal. (2022, July 18). Available from: <https://www.cnn.com/2022/07/14/health/omicron-ba-5-variant-immunity-severity/>. Accessed on: 23 Feb 2023.; 3. Ajufo et al. Am J Prev Cardiol 2021. doi: 10.1016/j.ajpc.2021.100156; 4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2023, February 23. [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid\\_weekly/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm); 5. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Long COVID or Post-COVID Conditions. Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2022, December 16. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects/index.html>

# Presentation Objectives

- **To demonstrate that the benefit-risk balance of PAXLOVID is positive in the context of:**
  - Efficacy and safety profile
  - Intended patient population
  - Safety surveillance and risk management
- **To establish that the available data supports approval of the full marketing authorization of PAXLOVID for the treatment of COVID-19 in vaccinated or unvaccinated adult patients who have risk factors for severe COVID-19 illness**

# Efficiency from EPIC Randomized Clinical Trials

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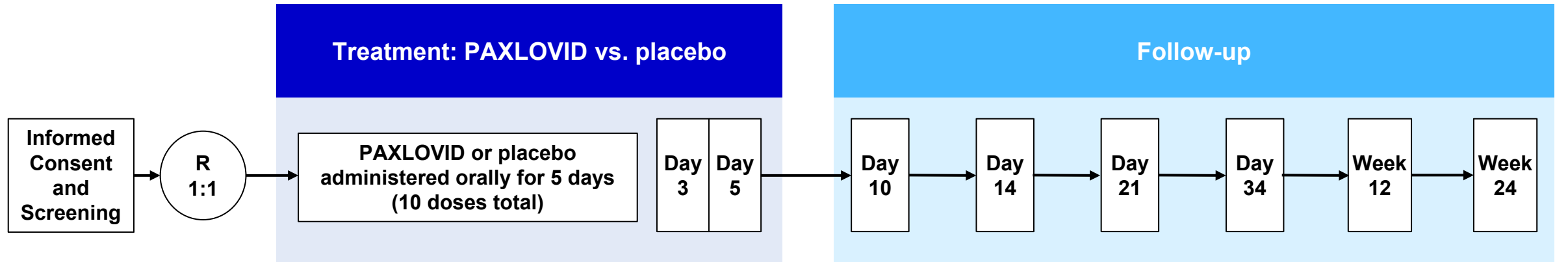
# Efficacy Presentation

- **Pivotal Study C4671005 (EPIC-HR)**
  - Unvaccinated adult participants with  $\geq 1$  risk factor for severe COVID-19 illness
  - Primary endpoint - Proportion of participants with COVID-19 related hospitalization or all-cause death through Day 28
- **Supportive Studies**
  - C4671002 (EPIC-SR)
    - Participants at standard risk for severe COVID-19 illness (unvaccinated with no risk factors or fully vaccinated with at least 1 risk factor for severe COVID-19 illness)
  - C4671006 (EPIC-PEP)
    - Participants who were asymptomatic, tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 infection and were exposed to SARS-CoV-2 by a recently diagnosed household contact

# Study Design

## Pivotal Study C4671005 (EPIC-HR)

Phase 2/3 safety and efficacy study in unvaccinated, symptomatic adult participants with confirmed COVID-19 who have at least 1 risk factor<sup>a</sup> for developing severe COVID-19 illness



Screening / Baseline and Day 5 visits conducted in-person, all other visits conducted as in-person or telemedicine visits

Patient daily diary entry for COVID-19 signs and symptoms (Day 1 to 28)

Viral RNA (RT-PCR) assessments at Baseline, Days 3, 5, 10 and 14

**Day 28 Primary Endpoint**  
Proportion of participants with COVID-19 related hospitalization or All-cause Death through Day 28

a. Risk Factors Include: Age  $\geq 60$ , BMI  $> 25$ , Medical History terms of Cigarette Smoker, Immunosuppression, Chronic kidney Disease, HIV Infection, Sickle Cell Disease, Neurodevelopmental Disorder, Cancer and Device Dependence

# Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Study C4671005 EPIC-HR, Full Analysis Set (N=2113)

Demographics	
Gender	Female: 49.4% / Male: 50.6%
Race	White = 70.8%; Black = 4.2%; Asian = 14.9%
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino = 41.3%

Age (years), n (%)			
Mean (SD)	≥60	<75	≥75
45.4 (15.5)	438 (20.7)	2049 (97.0)	64 (3.0)

Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), n (%)			
Mean (SD)	≥25	<30	≥30
29.1 (5.6)	1692 (80.1)	1357 (64.2)	755 (35.7)

Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Illness				
Number of Risk Factors <sup>a</sup>	1	2	3	≥4
	40.2%	35.7%	16.2%	7.9%

Comorbidities with Prevalence ≥1%, n (%)	
Cardiovascular	87 (4.1)
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Diabetes mellitus	228 (10.8)
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Cigarette smoker	826 (39.1)

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# 94% of PAXLOVID Treated Participants Completed Treatment in EPIC-HR

	<b>PAXLOVID N=1049 n (%)</b>	<b>Placebo N=1064 n (%)</b>
Participants who entered treatment <sup>a</sup>	1049 (100)	1064 (100)
<b>Completed treatment</b>	<b>986 (94.0)</b>	<b>979 (92.0)</b>
Discontinued treatment for any reason	63 (6.0)	85 (8.0)
<b>Withdrawal by subject</b>	<b>30 (2.9)</b>	<b>27 (2.5)</b>
Adverse Event	21 (2.0)	45 (4.2)
Other	9 (0.9)	11 (1.0)
No longer meets eligibility criteria	3 (0.3)	1 (<0.1)
Medication error without associated AE	0	1 (<0.1)
Death	0	0
Lack of efficacy	0	0
Lost to follow-up	0	0
Pregnancy	0	0
Protocol deviation	0	0
Noncompliance with study drug	0	0

# Clinically and Statistically Significant Benefits Across Multiple Endpoints

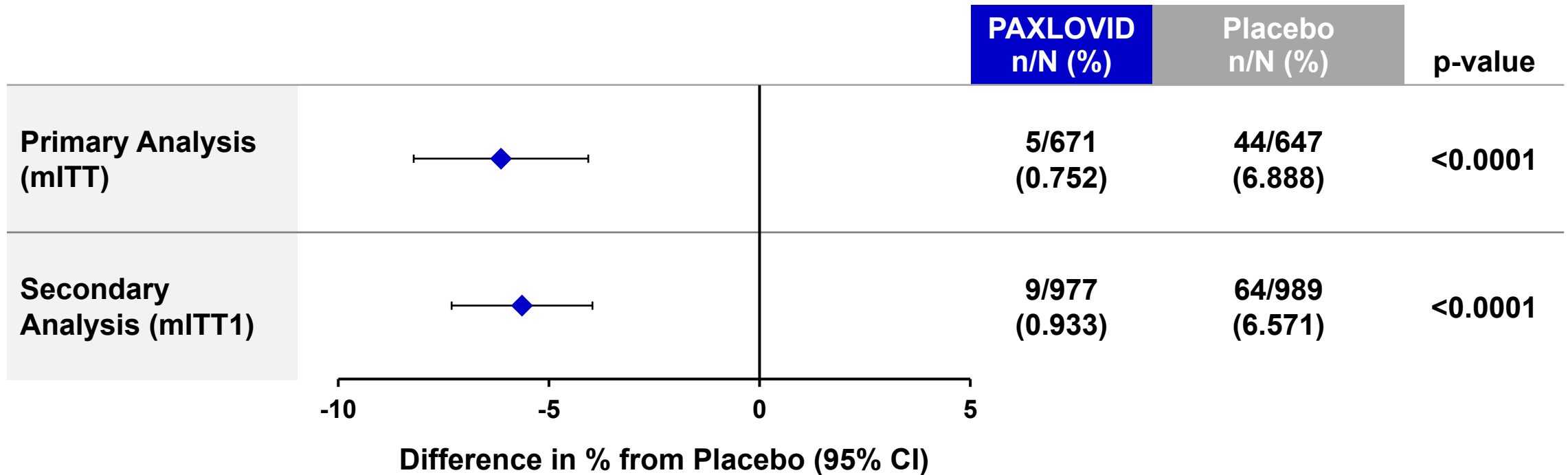
## EPIC-HR

### PAXLOVID administered twice daily results in:

- **89.1% (-6.1% difference,  $p < 0.0001$ ) and 85.8% (-5.6% difference,  $p < 0.0001$ ) reduction in the proportion of participants with COVID-19 related hospitalization or all-cause death through Day 28 when treatment was initiated within 3 days (primary endpoint) or 5 days (key secondary endpoint) of symptom onset, respectively**
  - Consistent efficacy across prespecified subgroup analyses of primary endpoint by participant demographic and baseline characteristics
  - No deaths for PAXLOVID treated participants and 15 total deaths, 13 by Day 34 and 2 during long-term follow-up (post-Day 34) for placebo treated participants
- **PAXLOVID associated with 2- and 3-day reductions in median time to sustained alleviation and resolution of all targeted COVID-related symptoms, respectively and PAXLOVID treated participants were 27% ( $p < 0.0001$ ) and 20% ( $p = 0.0022$ ) more likely to achieve sustained alleviation and resolution compared with placebo**
- **73% relative risk reduction compared to placebo in COVID-19 related medical visits**
- **Placebo-adjusted reduction of 0.78  $\log_{10}$  copies/mL ( $p < 0.0001$ ) in SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA concentration at 5 days after initiation of treatment**

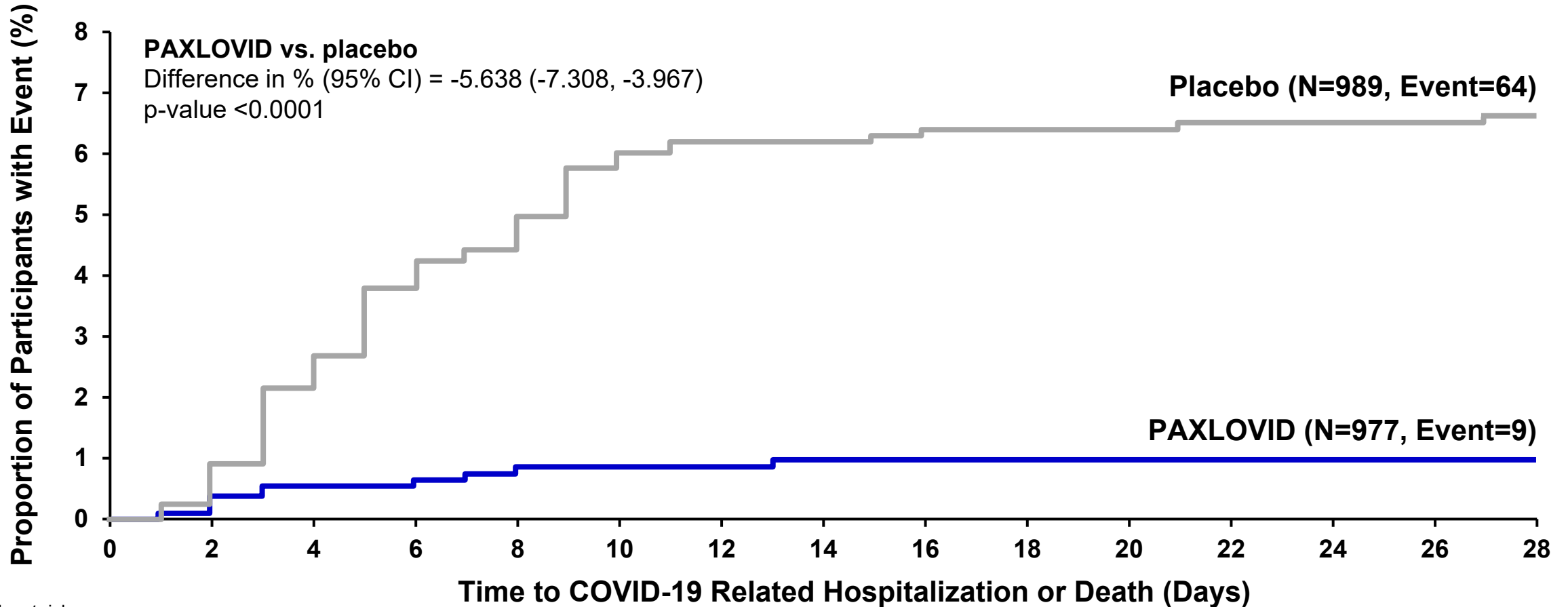
# Significant Reduction in COVID-19 Related Hospitalization or All-cause Death when Treatment is Initiated within 3 or 5 Days of Symptom Onset

## EPIC-HR



# Between Group Differences in Events of COVID-19 Hospitalization and All-cause Death Evident Beginning at Day 3

EPIC-HR, mITT1



No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28													
<b>PAXLOVID</b>	977	977	972	966	960	952	952	949	946	943	943	942	941	941	940	939	937	937	936	935	933	933	932	932	932	932	932	932
<b>Placebo</b>	989	989	985	975	959	947	935	929	922	917	908	906	904	904	904	902	900	899	898	897	896	896	893	893	893	893	893	892

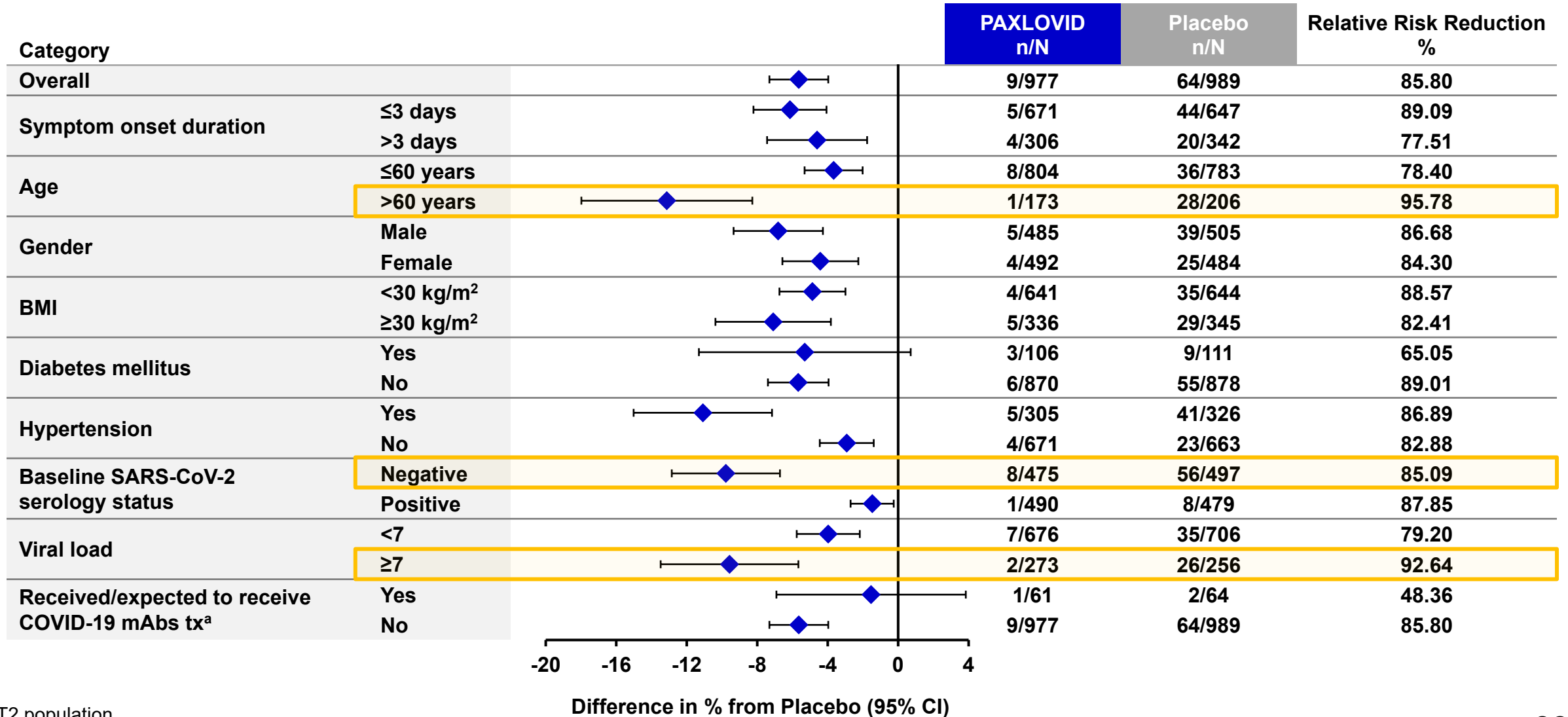
Kaplan-Meier Method; difference of the proportions, 95% CI and p-value based upon normal approximation

mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1



# Consistent Reduction in Risk of COVID-19 Hospitalization or All-cause Death Across Prespecified Participant Subgroups

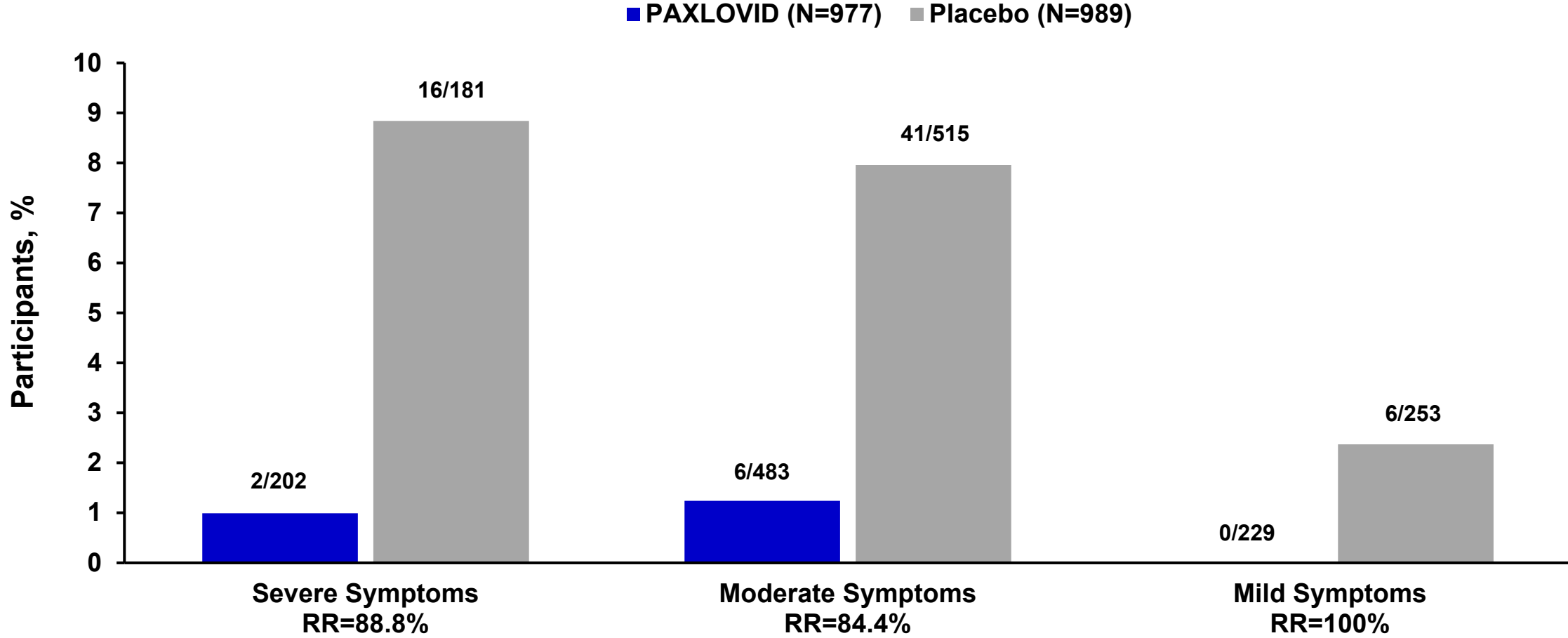
EPIC-HR, mITT1



<sup>a</sup>mITT2 population  
BL=Baseline, mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1

# Consistent Reduction in Risk of COVID-19 Hospitalization or Death Regardless of Baseline Symptom Severity

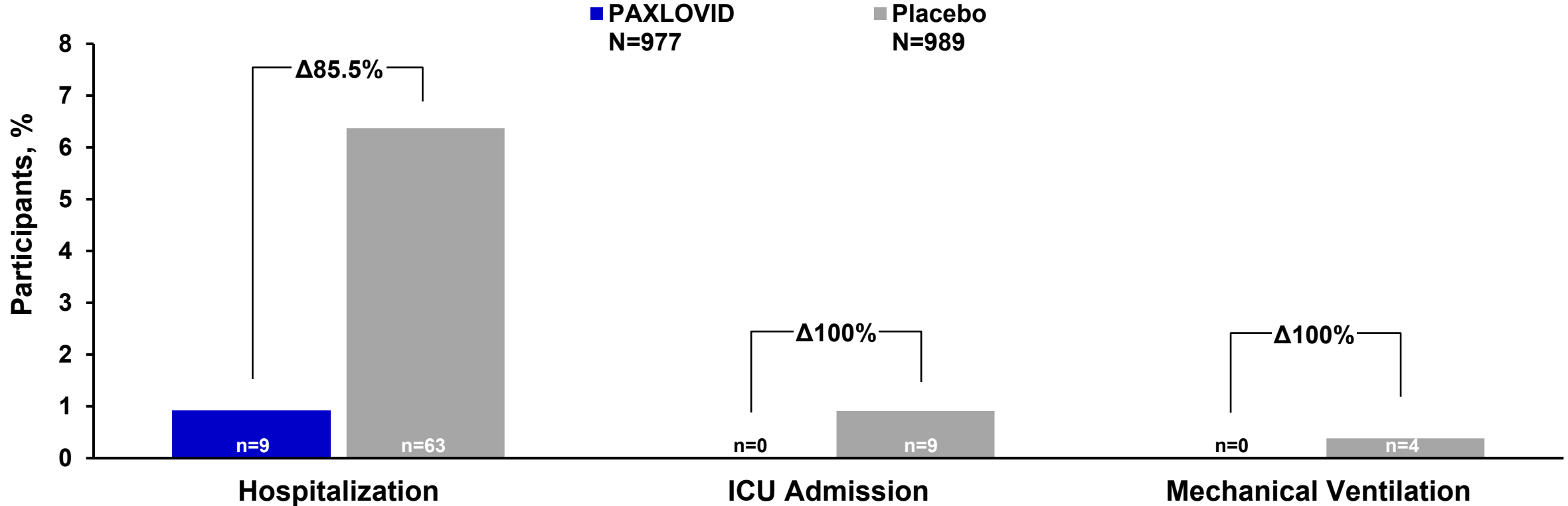
EPIC-HR, mITT1



mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1; RR=risk reduction

# Reduction in Risk of COVID-19 Hospitalization<sup>a</sup>

EPIC-HR, mITT1



Among hospitalized participants with known discharge status, **100%** of those who received PAXLOVID were discharged to home self care versus **54.7%** of those receiving placebo

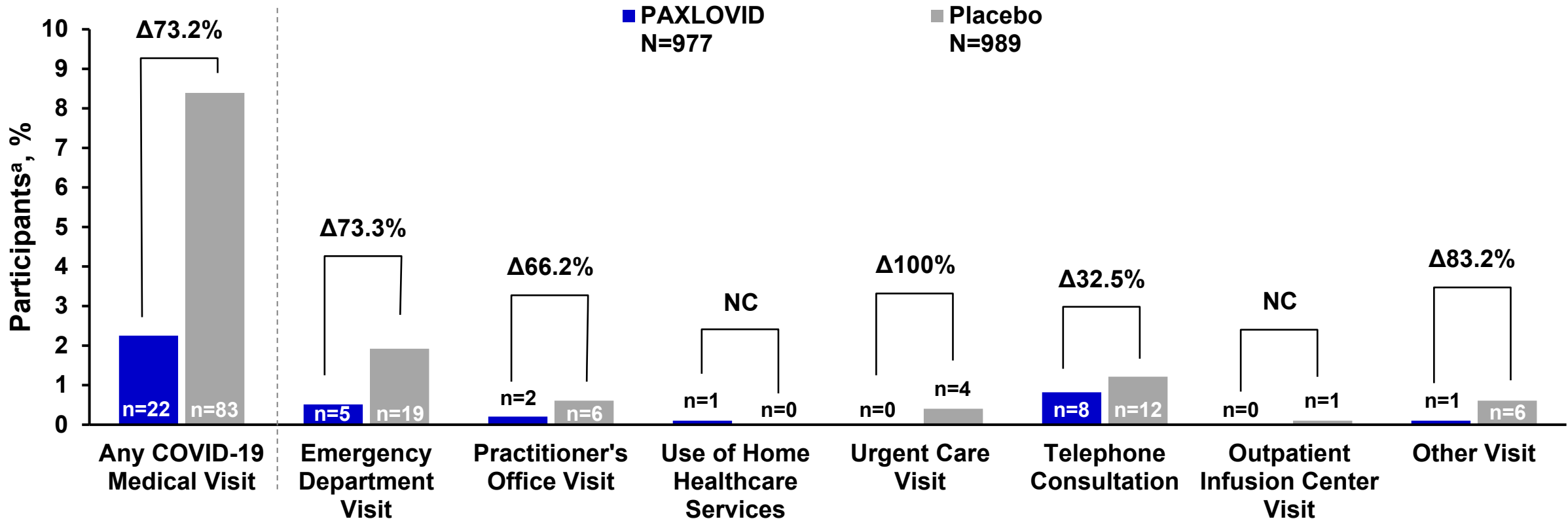
a. Not limited through Day 28.

Δ = percent reduction with PAXLOVID compared with placebo.

FAS=Full Analysis Set, ICU=intensive care unit, mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1

# Reduction in COVID-19 Health Care Utilization

EPIC-HR, mITT1<sup>a</sup>



**2.3% (22/977) with PAXLOVID and 8.4% (83/989) of participants who received placebo reported any COVID-19-related medical visit, corresponding to a 73% relative risk reduction with treatment**

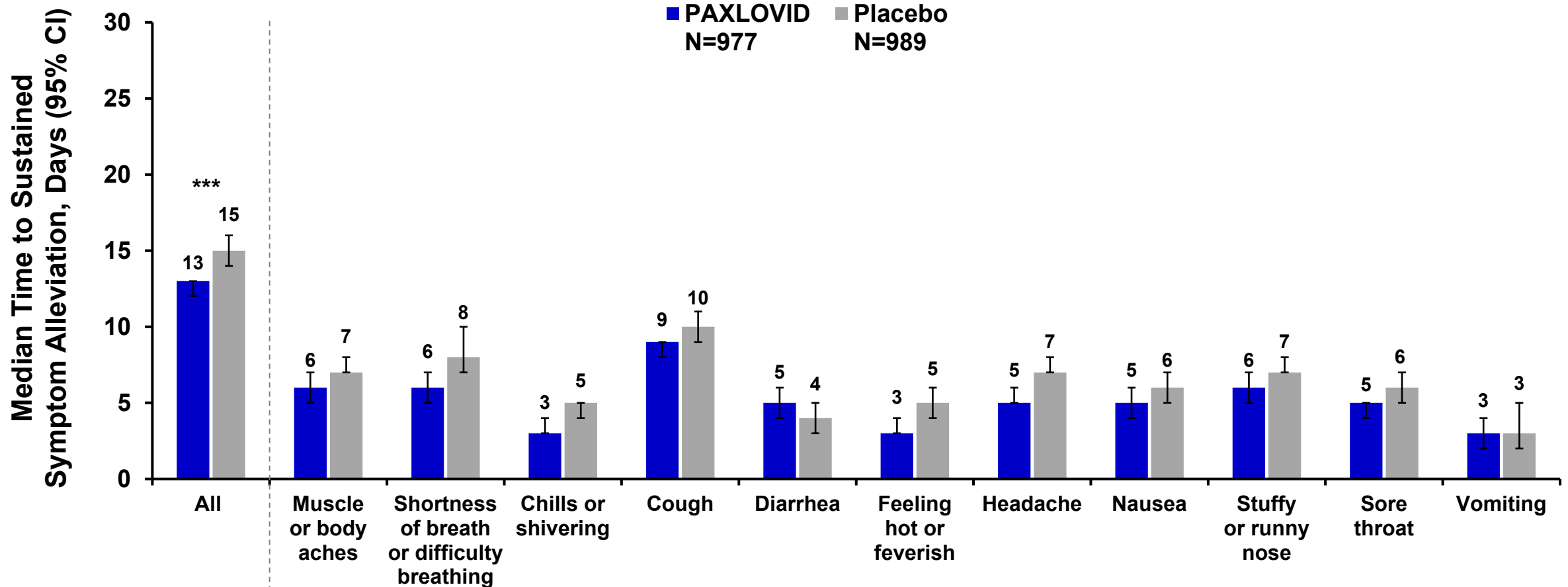
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Δ = percent reduction with nirmatrelvir / ritonavir compared with placebo.

mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1, NC=not calculated

# Reduction in the Time to Sustained Alleviation of Targeted COVID-19 Signs or Symptoms Through Day 28

EPIC-HR, mITT1



**2 Day reduction (13 vs 15 days) in median time to sustained alleviation of all COVID-19 signs and symptoms and PAXLOVID treated participants were 27% (p<0.0001) more likely to achieve sustained alleviation compared with placebo**

\*p<0.05; \*\*p<0.001; \*\*\*p<0.0001 vs placebo  
CI=Confidence Interval, mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1

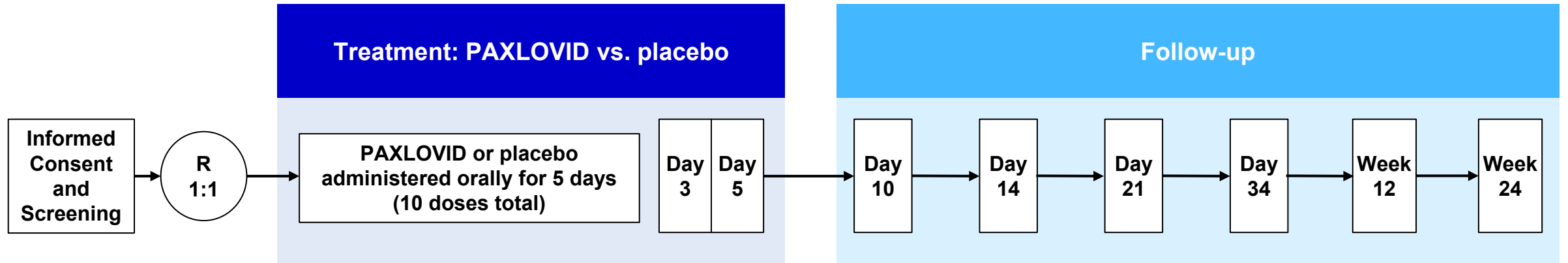
# Efficacy Presentation

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  - Unvaccinated adult participants with  $\geq 1$  risk factor for severe COVID-19 illness
  - PAXLOVID twice daily x 5 days versus placebo
  - Proportion of participants with COVID-19 related hospitalization or all-cause death
- **Supportive Studies**
  - C4671002 (EPIC-SR)
    - Participants at standard risk for severe COVID-19 illness
      - Unvaccinated with no risk factors or fully vaccinated with risk factors for severe COVID-19 illness
    - PAXLOVID twice daily x 5 days versus placebo
    - Time to sustained alleviation of all targeted COVID-19 signs / symptoms
  - C4671006 (EPIC-PEP)
    - Participants who were asymptomatic, tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 infection and were exposed to SARS-CoV-2 by a recently diagnosed household contact
    - PAXLOVID twice daily x 5 days or 10 days versus placebo
    - Proportion of participants who developed symptomatic, RT-PCR or RAT confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection

# Study Design

## Supportive Study C4671002 EPIC-SR

Phase 2/3 safety and efficacy study in symptomatic adult participants with confirmed COVID-19 who were considered to be at standard risk for severe COVID-19 illness unvaccinated and with no risk factors<sup>a</sup> or vaccinated with at least 1 risk factor for developing severe COVID-19 illness



Screening / Baseline and Day 5 visits conducted in-person, all other visits conducted as in-person or telemedicine visits

Patient daily diary entry for COVID-19 signs and symptoms (Day 1 to 28)

Viral RNA (RT-PCR) assessments at Baseline, Days 3, 5, 10 and 14

**Day 28 Primary Endpoint**  
Time to sustained alleviation of all targeted COVID-19 signs/symptoms through Day 28

a. Risk Factors Include: Age  $\geq 60$ , BMI  $> 25$  and Verbatim from pre-specified Medical History (Cigarette Smoker, Chronic Kidney Disease, Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, Cardiovascular Disorder, Chronic Lung Disease, HIV Infection, Sickle Cell Disease, Neurodevelopmental Disorder, Cancer and Device Dependence)

# Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Study C4671002 EPIC-SR mITT1 (N=1068)

Demographics	
Gender	Female: 52.3% / Male: 47.7%
Race	White = 78.5%; Black = 3.5%; Asian = 12.8%
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino = 42.8%
Vaccination status	Vaccinated: 61.0% / Unvaccinated: 39.0%

Age (years), n (%)			
Mean (SD)	≥60	<75	≥75
42.0 (13.5)	104 (9.7)	1052 (98.5)	16 (1.5)

Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), n (%)			
Mean (SD)	≥25	<30	≥30
26.5 (5.4)	520 (48.7)	836 (78.3)	230 (21.5)

Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Illness					
Number of Risk Factors <sup>a</sup>	0	1	2	3	≥4
	40.3%	33.3%	16.6%	6.7%	3.1%

Comorbidities with Prevalence ≥1%, n (%)	
Cardiovascular	15 (1.4)
Chronic lung disease	21 (2.0)
Diabetes mellitus	66 (6.2)
Hypertension	160 (15.0)
Cigarette smoker	170 (15.9)

Baseline Characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 Infection					
Serology Status, n (%)	Negative		Positive		
	261 (24.4)		787 (73.7)		
Baseline Viral Load (log <sub>10</sub> Copies / mL)	0	<4	≥4	<7	≥7
	18.0%	30.1%	68.1%	66.2%	31.9%
Days Since First Symptom, n (%)	≤3		>3		
	785 (73.5)		283 (26.5)		

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kg=kilogram, m=meter, mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1, mL= milliliter, SD=Standard Deviation



# >95% of PAXLOVID Treated Participants Completed Treatment in EPIC-SR

	PAXLOVID N=544 n (%)	Placebo N=531 n (%)
<b>Participants who entered treatment</b>	<b>544 (100)</b>	<b>531 (100)</b>
Completed treatment	521 (95.8)	510 (96.0)
Discontinued treatment for any reason	23 (4.2)	21 (4.0)
Adverse Event	10 (1.8)	5 (0.9)
Withdrawal by subject	7 (1.3)	11 (2.1)
Other	4 (0.7)	3 (0.6)
No longer meets eligibility criteria	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)
Death	0	0
Lack of efficacy	0	0
Lost to follow-up	0	0
Pregnancy	0	0
Protocol deviation	0	0
Noncompliance with study drug	0	0

# Favorable Trends in Subjective and Objective COVID-19 Endpoints

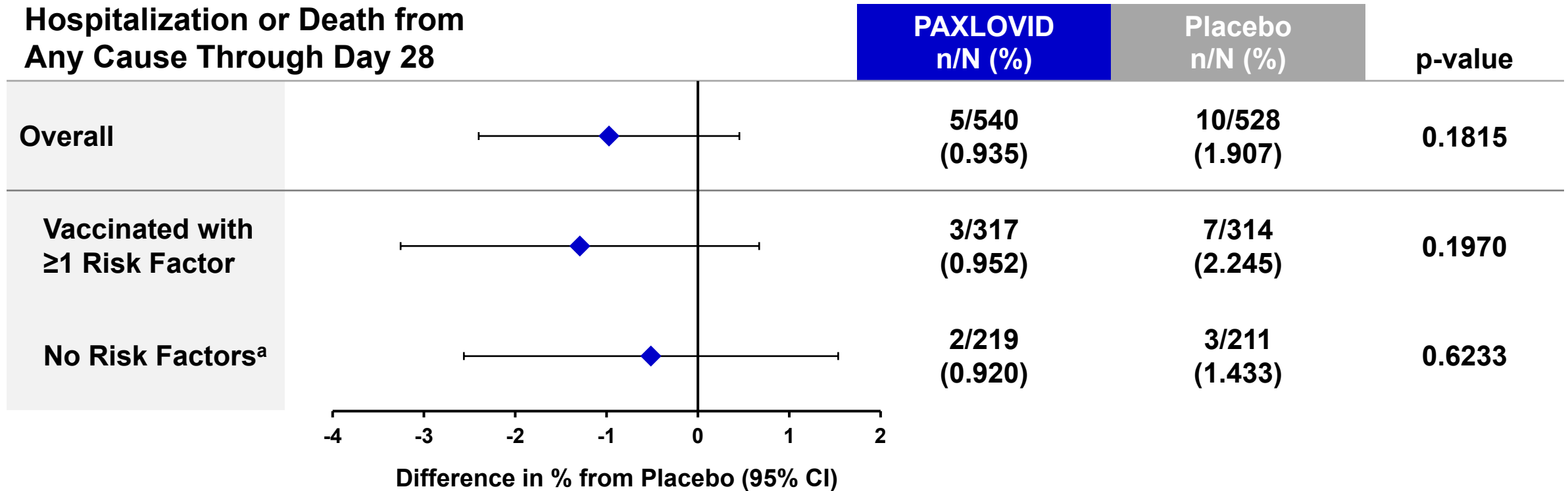
EPIC-SR, mITT1

**PAXLOVID administered twice daily within 5 days of symptom onset resulted in:**

- **Reduction in median time to sustained alleviation of all targeted COVID-related symptoms from 14 days with placebo treatment to 13 days with Paxlovid treatment (p=0.5150)**
  - Primary efficacy endpoint not met
- **Similar 1-day improvement observed among vaccinated participants with risk factors for severe COVID (Hazard ratio p=0.8484)**
- **Reduction in the proportion of participants with COVID-19 related hospitalization or all-cause death through Day 28**
  - 57.6% (-1.3% difference, p=0.1970) and 35.8% (-0.51% difference, p=0.6233) relative risk reductions in vaccinated participants with risk factors for severe COVID-19 and in vaccinated or unvaccinated participants without risk factors for severe COVID-19
  - 1 death in a placebo treated participant (vaccinated with risk factors) through Day 28, no deaths in either treatment group during long-term follow-up
- **59% relative risk reduction compared to placebo in COVID-19 related medical visits**
- **Placebo-adjusted reduction of 0.87 log<sub>10</sub> copies/mL (p<0.0001) in mean SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA concentration at 5 days after initiation of treatment**

# Reduction in COVID-19 Related Hospitalization or Death When Treatment is Initiated Within 5 Days of Symptom Onset

EPIC-SR, mITT1



a. Includes participants who were or were not vaccinated

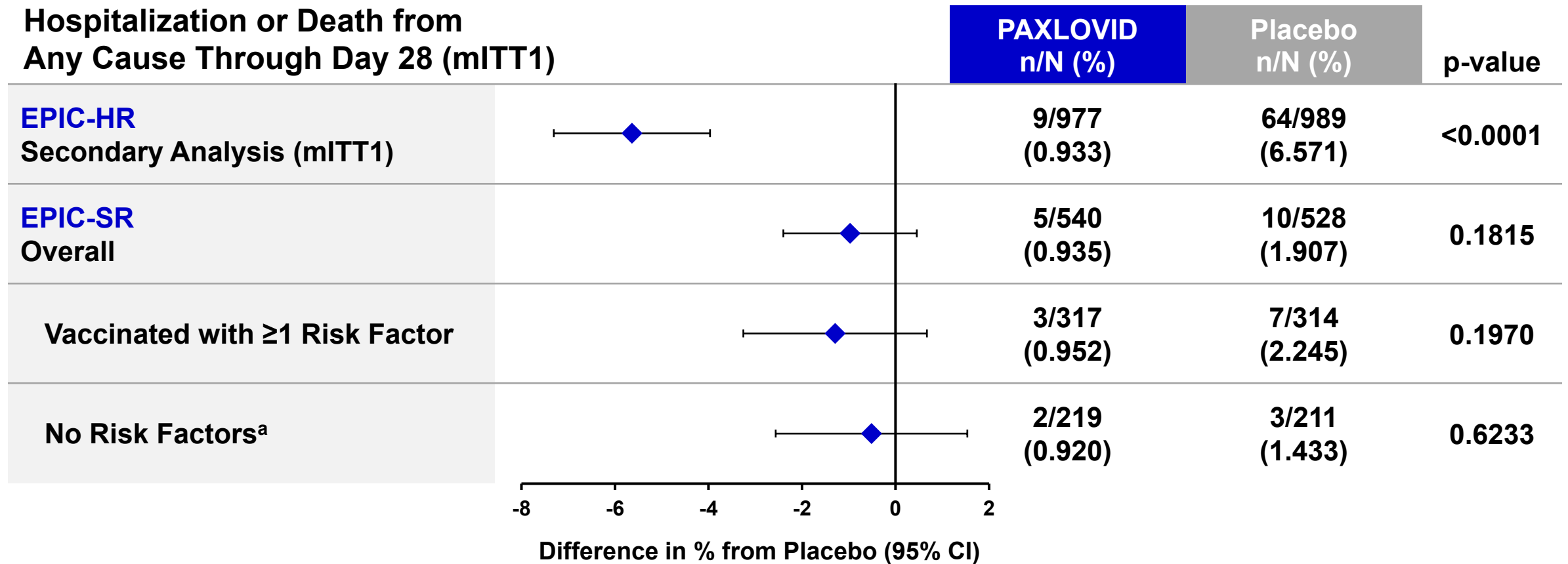
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mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1

# Reduction in Risk of COVID-19 Related Hospitalization or Death Regardless of Vaccination Status

EPIC-HR and EPIC-SR

Hospitalization or Death from  
Any Cause Through Day 28 (mITT1)



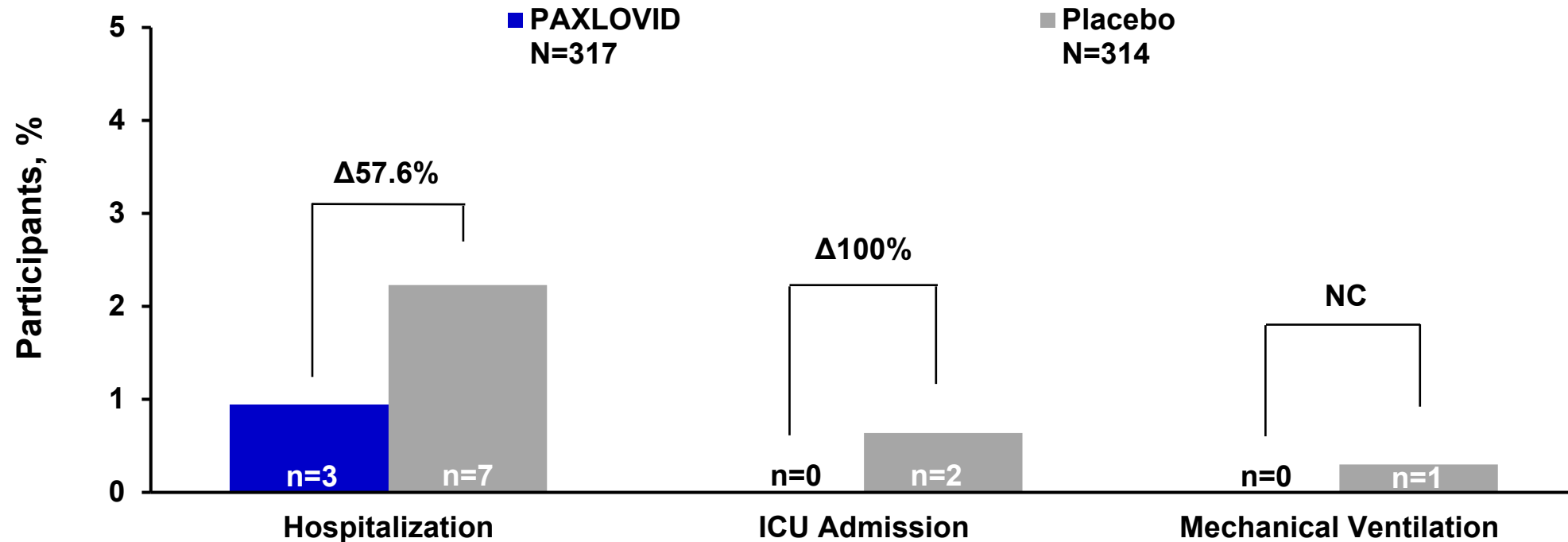
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# Reduction in Risk of COVID-19 Hospitalization<sup>a</sup> in Vaccinated Participants with Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19

EPIC-SR, mITT1



**Favorable trend in reduction for risk of hospitalization and need for intensive care in vaccinated participants with risk factors for severe COVID-19 illness**

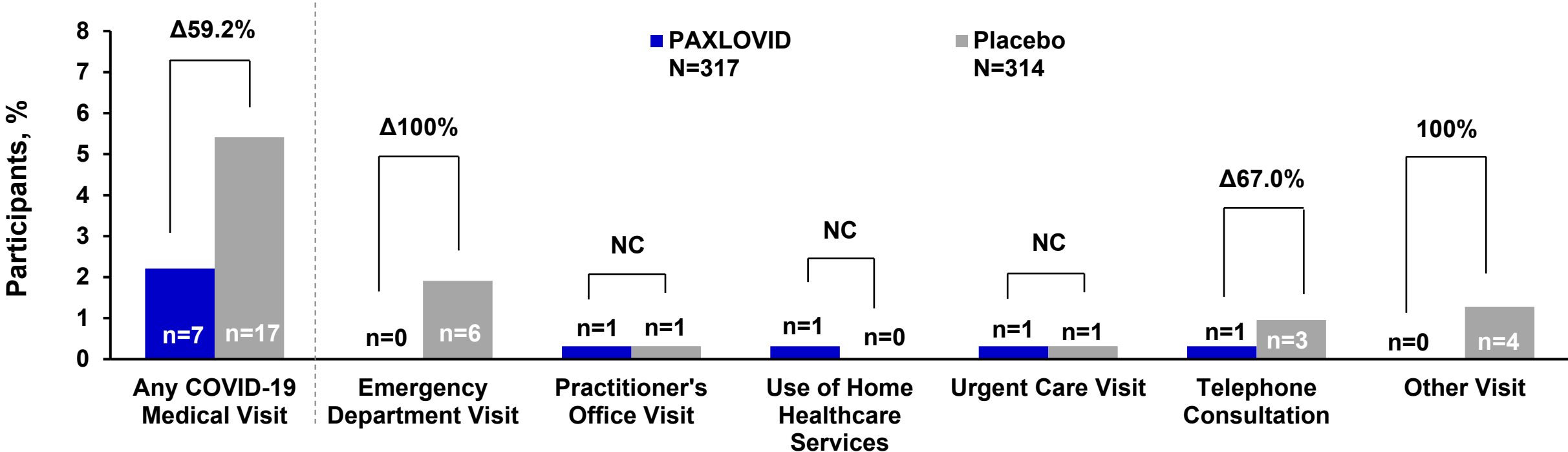
a. Not limited through Day 28.

Δ = percent reduction with PAXLOVID compared with placebo.

ICU=intensive care unit, mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1, NC=Not Calculated

# Reduction in COVID-19–Related Health Care Utilization in Vaccinated Participants with Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19

EPIC-SR, mITT1<sup>a</sup>

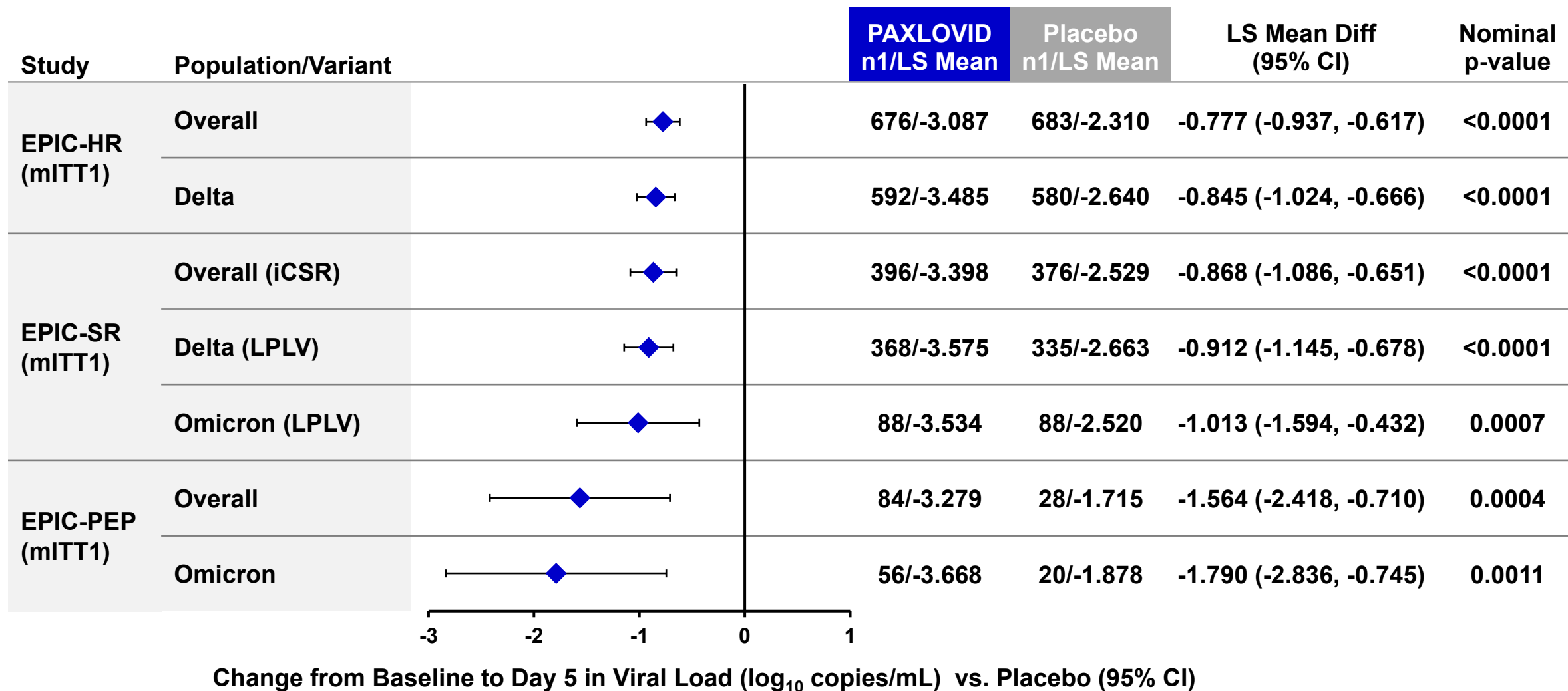


**2.2% (7/317) with PAXLOVID and 5.4% (17/314) of participants who received placebo reported any COVID-19-related medical visit, corresponding to a 59% relative risk reduction with treatment**

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 mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1, NC=not calculated

# Analysis of Change from Baseline to Day 5 in Viral Load by Variant

## EPIC-HR, EPIC-SR, and EPIC-PEP





# Effectiveness from Real-World Studies

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<b>Population and analysis sample size</b>	≥18 y n = 2260 (matched 1:1)	≥50 y n = 44,045	≥18 years n = 16,529 (matched ~1:1)	≥18 y n = 693,084	≥12 y n = 133,426 (matched 1:n)
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# Efficacy Conclusions and Safety from EPIC Randomized Clinical Trials

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# PAXLOVID is an Effective Treatment Option for High-risk Patients Irrespective of Prior Vaccination Status

PAXLOVID administered twice daily within 5 days of symptom onset results in:

- 85.8% (-5.6% difference,  $p < 0.0001$ ) reduction in hospitalization or all-cause death in **EPIC-HR**
- 57.6% (-1.3% difference,  $p = 0.1970$ ) reduction hospitalization or all-cause death in vaccinated participants with risk factors for severe COVID-19 in **EPIC-SR**
- No deaths for PAXLOVID treated participants vs 16 in placebo treated participants
- Reduction in number of COVID-19 related medical visits
- Reductions in time to sustained alleviation and resolution of all targeted COVID-related symptoms in EPIC-HR
- Significant additional reduction in SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA concentration of  $\sim 0.8 - 1.8 \log_{10}$  copies/mL at Day 5 in studies with Delta and Omicron predominance
- Real world data across multiple US studies confirm findings in 1) Omicron era; 2) Vaccinated patients and 3) CDC defined high risk groups

# **Safety Presentation Topics**

## **Overview of:**

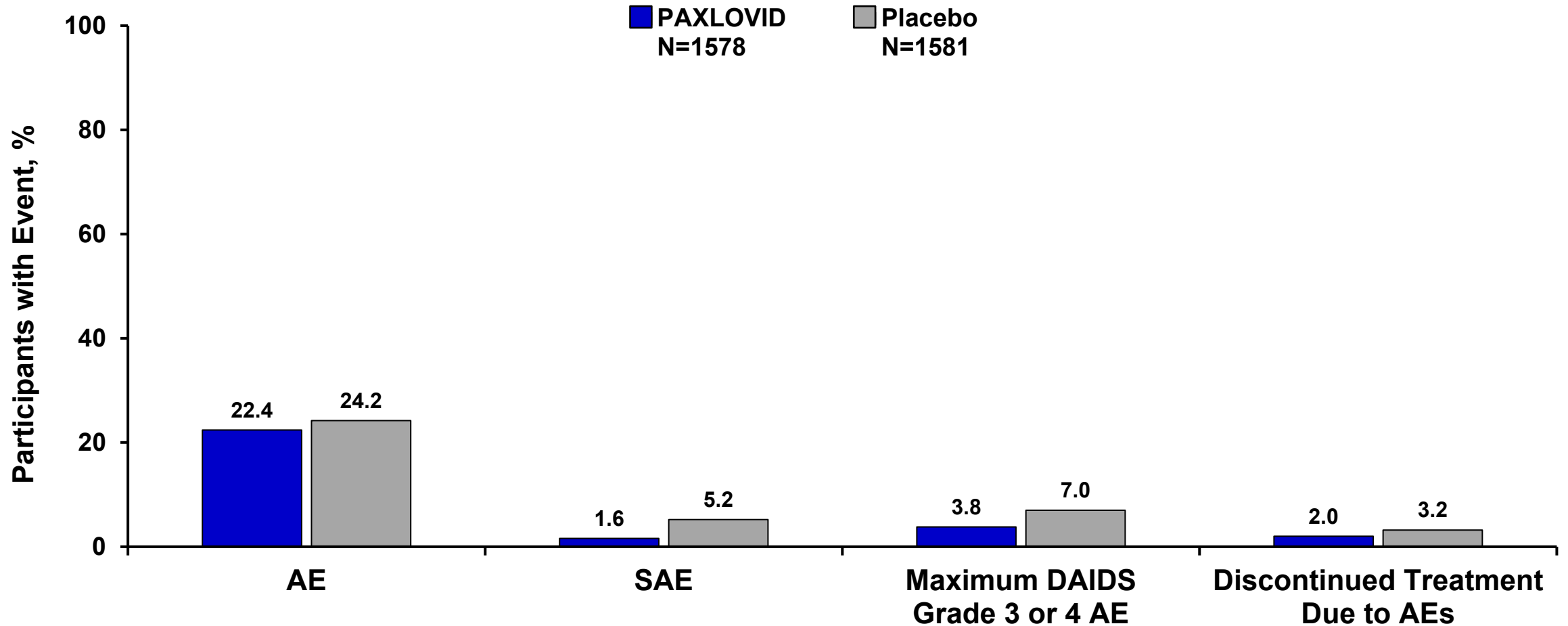
- **Adverse events**
- **Clinical laboratory and vital sign evaluations**
- **Post-marketing safety surveillance**

# Overview of General Safety

- **Overall safety profile based on safety data from ~6300 participants (>3600 PAXLOVID treated) in 13 clinical studies**
  - 4 Phase 2/3 and 9 Phase 1
- **Consistent pattern of safety across studies in the integrated safety pool (EPIC-SR and EPIC-HR) and in various participant subgroups**
  - Majority (96%) of AEs, mild-moderate (DAIDS Grade 1 or 2) in severity
    - ≤2% incidence of SAEs or AEs leading to discontinuation of treatment
  - 16 deaths in total through 24 weeks of follow-up, all in placebo treatment group
  - No clinically meaningful changes in laboratory values, vital signs or ECG results
- **PAXLOVID has an acceptable safety profile that supports a positive benefit / risk assessment for the treatment indication being sought**

# Treatment Emergent Adverse Events

Pooled EPIC-SR and EPIC-HR, SAS





# Most Frequent ( $\geq 1\%$ ) All-Causality AEs

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# All-Causality SAEs, >1 Participant

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With Any SAE	26 (1.6)	82 (5.2)
<b>COVID-19 Pneumonia</b>	<b>10 (0.6)</b>	<b>44 (2.8)</b>
Pneumonia	2 (0.1)	13 (0.8)
COVID-19	2 (0.1)	8 (0.5)
Creatinine Renal Clearance Decreased	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)
Dyspnea	1 (0.1)	3 (0.2)
Acute Respiratory Failure	0	5 (0.3)
Pneumonitis	0	5 (0.3)
Hypoxia	0	2 (0.1)
Interstitial Lung Disease	0	2 (0.1)
Pulmonary Embolism	0	2 (0.1)

# No Laboratory, Vital Sign or ECG Related Safety Concerns or Precautions for Use in Special Populations

- **No clinically meaningful differences were observed between PAXLOVID and placebo groups with respect to hematology and clinical chemistry laboratory test results**
  - No potential Hy's Law cases identified in any treatment group through Study Day 34 (28 days post-treatment)
- **No clinically meaningful findings in vital sign measurements were observed in either treatment group**
- **PAXLOVID not associated with clinically meaningful changes in ECG results**
  - C-QTc analysis indicates that treatment with nirmatrelvir is not associated with clinically relevant QTc prolongation
- **No special precautions regarding safe use of PAXLOVID in any of the assessed participant sub-populations**
  - Age, gender, race, BMI, vaccination status, presence or number of risk factors for severe COVID-19

# Has an Acceptable Safety Profile That Supports a Positive Benefit / Risk Assessment

- **Consistent pattern of safety in >3100 participants in the integrated safety pool (EPIC-SR and EPIC-HR) and in various participant subgroups**
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- **Pharmacovigilance system operational for >1 yr and will continue to help monitor and guide safe use of PAXLOVID**

# Safety from Post-Marketing Surveillance

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# Overview of Post-Marketing Spontaneous Reports Received from the US

- **PAXLOVID safety profile in the post-marketing setting is consistent with safety conclusions derived from the clinical program**
- **Majority of cases reported have been non-serious (93%) and reported listed ADRs or underlying COVID-19 infection**
- **Robust signal detection has supported labelling updates; most notably include:**
  - Updates to Warnings and Precautions to include hypersensitivity
  - Regular updates to the drug interaction table and contraindications list to support appropriate PAXLOVID use
  - Addition of ADRs to the label such as anaphylaxis

# Ongoing and Active Pharmacovigilance and Pharmacoepidemiology

## Pharmacoepidemiology Studies

- 2 studies in pregnant patients
- Studies include pediatric patients

## Pharmacovigilance

- Detect unexpected safety events rapidly
- Spontaneous report collection
- Active follow-up
- Frequent signal detection and evaluation

## Proactive Risk Mitigation

- Labeling
- Eligibility checklist
- Educational materials
- Drug interaction checker
- Updated packaging presentation
- Continuing education



# Drug-Drug Interactions (DDIs)

- **DDIs with PAXLOVID are mainly due to:**
  - Ritonavir-mediated inhibition of CYP3A4, CYP2D6, and P-gp substrates
  - Potent CYP3A inducers which reduce the systemic levels of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir
- **PAXLOVID is contraindicated with drugs highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening reactions, and with potent CYP3A inducers**
- **Concomitant use of PAXLOVID and certain drugs may result in potentially important DDIs which can be managed through:**
  - Dose reduction of the concomitant medication
  - Increased monitoring for adverse events or concomitant medication drug levels
  - Temporary discontinuation of concomitant medications or avoiding co-administration
- **The short duration of therapy is an inherent risk mitigation**
- **DDIs should be managed as described in the FactSheet and should be an important benefit vs. risk consideration**

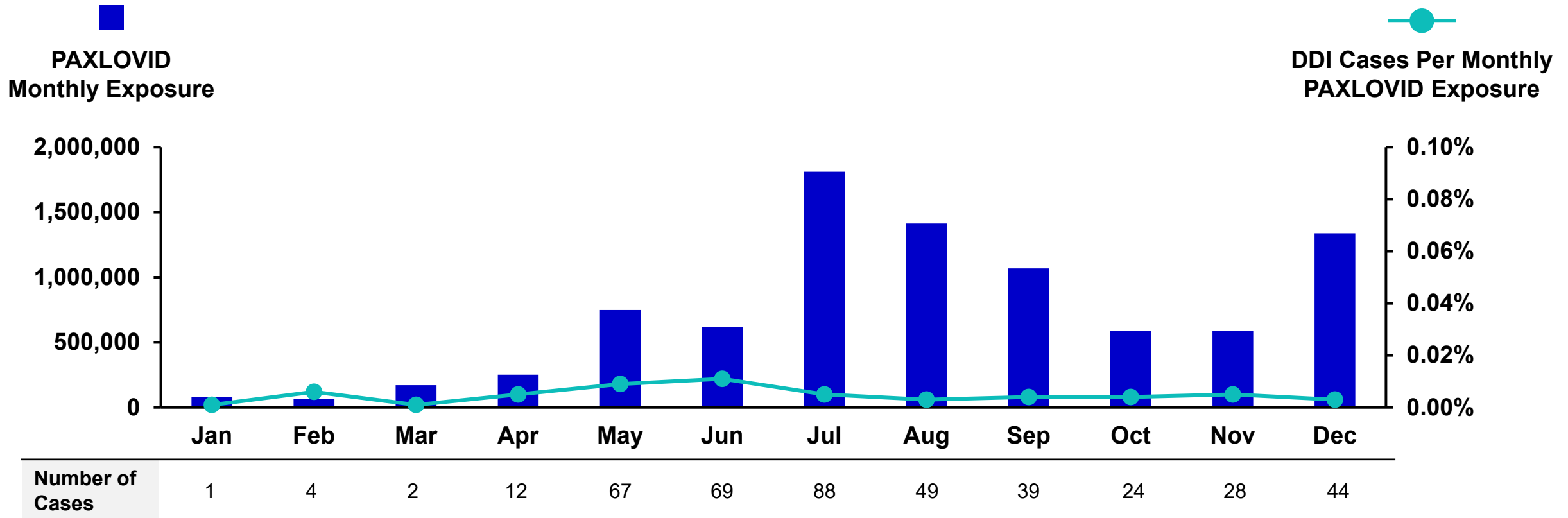
# Risk Mitigation for Drug Interactions

Method of Risk Mitigation	Resources under EUA	Additional Resources under NDA
Communication and Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHCP letters<sup>a</sup></li> <li>• Social media and medical outreach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journal informational pieces</li> <li>• Publications on drug interactions with most prescribed US drugs</li> </ul>
Point of Care Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCP Fact Sheet</li> <li>• FDA Prescriber eligibility checklist<sup>a</sup></li> <li>• Drug interaction tools (Pfizer, NIH, University of Liverpool)<sup>a</sup></li> <li>• Computerized drug interaction checker programs used in community pharmacies<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert box on outer packaging proposed</li> <li>• HCP USPI</li> </ul>
HCP Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug interaction resource on Pfizer Medical Portal<sup>a</sup></li> <li>• Drug-specific Medical Information Scientific Response Documents<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing Medical Education Grant</li> <li>• Prescribing awareness poster</li> </ul>
Patient Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient, Parent and Caregiver Fact Sheet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDA approved patient labelling</li> </ul>

a. Resources available under EUA will continue under NDA.

# Reporting Rate of Drug Interactions in the US Post-Marketing Setting Remains Low

- Amongst 8.6 M patient exposure, the overall cumulative reporting rate remains low (0.005%)
- 427 cases reported a DDI, 83 serious cases
  - Of the serious, 44 cases led to hospitalization, includes 2 fatal cases<sup>a</sup> (multiple co-morbidities)



a. Both patients had multiple co-morbidities, one died from COVID-19 and the other patient's cause of death was reported as Cardiac arrest following multiple events and interventions.  
Data from January-December 2022

# COVID-19 Rebound, Continued Development, and Conclusions

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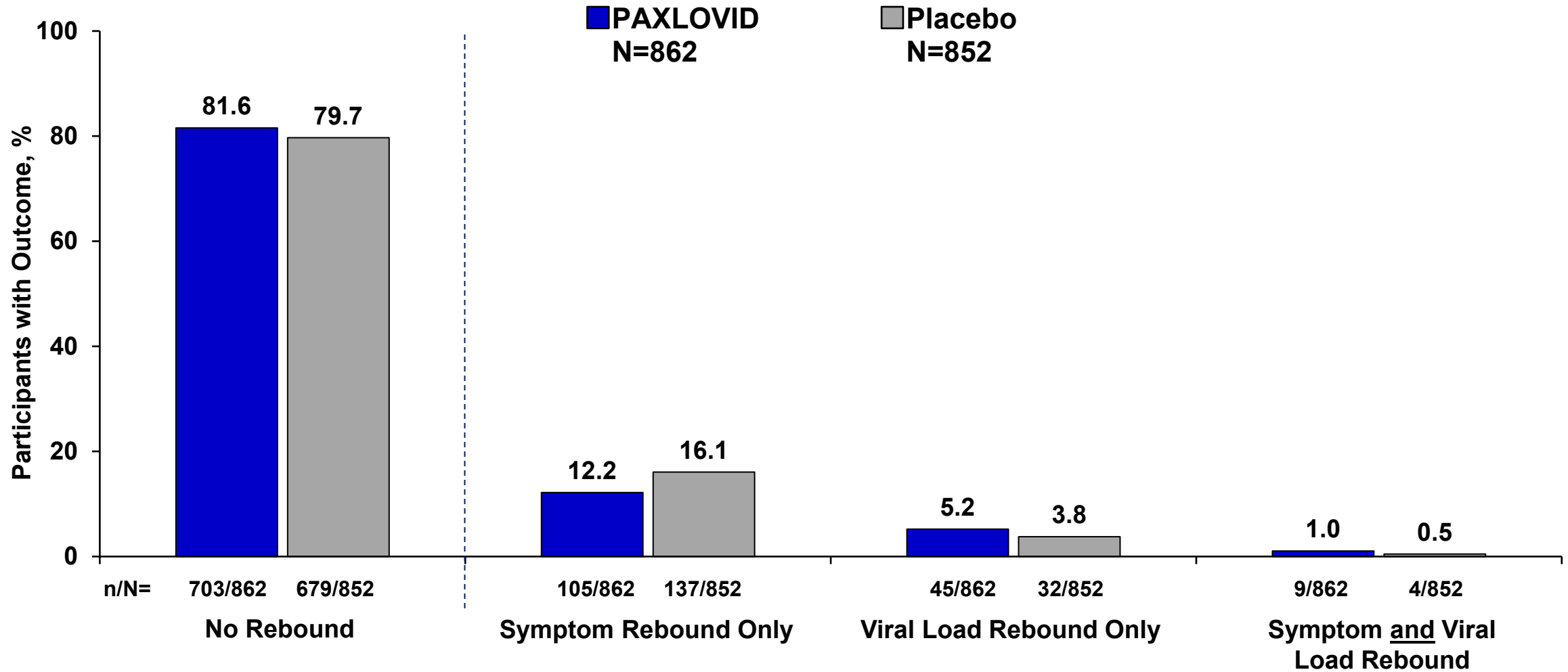
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# COVID-19 Rebound

- **Incidence similar between PAXLOVID and placebo treatment groups**
  - Not associated with severe COVID-19 illness including hospitalization or death
  - Not associated with low nirmatrelvir exposure
  - Not associated with emergence of resistant viral mutations

# Symptom<sup>a</sup> and Viral Load<sup>b</sup> Rebound Occurrence in EPIC-HR is Low and Similar Across Treatment Groups



1. Deo et al. Ann Intern Med 2023. doi:10.7326/M22-2381 (Viral rebound on or after Day 5 and Symptom rebound any time after Day 0)

a. Symptom rebound defined as any improvement in COVID-19 signs/symptoms and subsequently worsened (total symptom score increased by  $\geq 4$ )

b. Rebound in viral load defined as: 1) if VL < LLOQ at Day 5, Day 10 or 14 VL  $\geq 3.0 \log_{10}$  copies/mL; (2) if VL  $\geq$  LLOQ at Day 5, Day 10 or 14 VL increases by  $\geq 0.5 \log_{10}$  copies/mL from Day 5, AND the Day 10 or 14 VL has to be  $\geq 3.0 \log_{10}$  copies/mL

# Incidence of Rebound from Literature Consistent with Observations from EPIC-HR

Source	Viral Load Rebound or SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test Positivity	Symptom Relapse
<b>Clinical Trial Evidence</b>		
<b>ACTIV-2 placebo cohort (NIH)<sup>1</sup></b>	Increase of 0.5 and $\geq 3.0$ log <sub>10</sub> RNA copies/mL: Placebo 20% (53/261)  Increase of 0.5 and $\geq 5.0$ log <sub>10</sub> RNA copies/mL: <b>Placebo 6.5% (17/261)</b>	<b>Placebo: 26% (148/563)</b> 4-point worsening after symptom improvement
<b>Real World Evidence</b>		
<b>Wang <i>et al</i> (TriNetX)<sup>2</sup></b>	30 Day PAXLOVID: 7.1% (159/2226) 30 Day Molnupiravir: 8.5% (189/2226)	30 Day PAXLOVID: 7.6% (168/2226) 30 Day Molnupiravir: 8.0% (178/2226)
<b>Ranganath <i>et al</i> (Mayo Clinic)<sup>3</sup></b>	Not Available	30 Day PAXLOVID: 0.8% (4/483)

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2. Wang et al, pre-print, Jun 2022

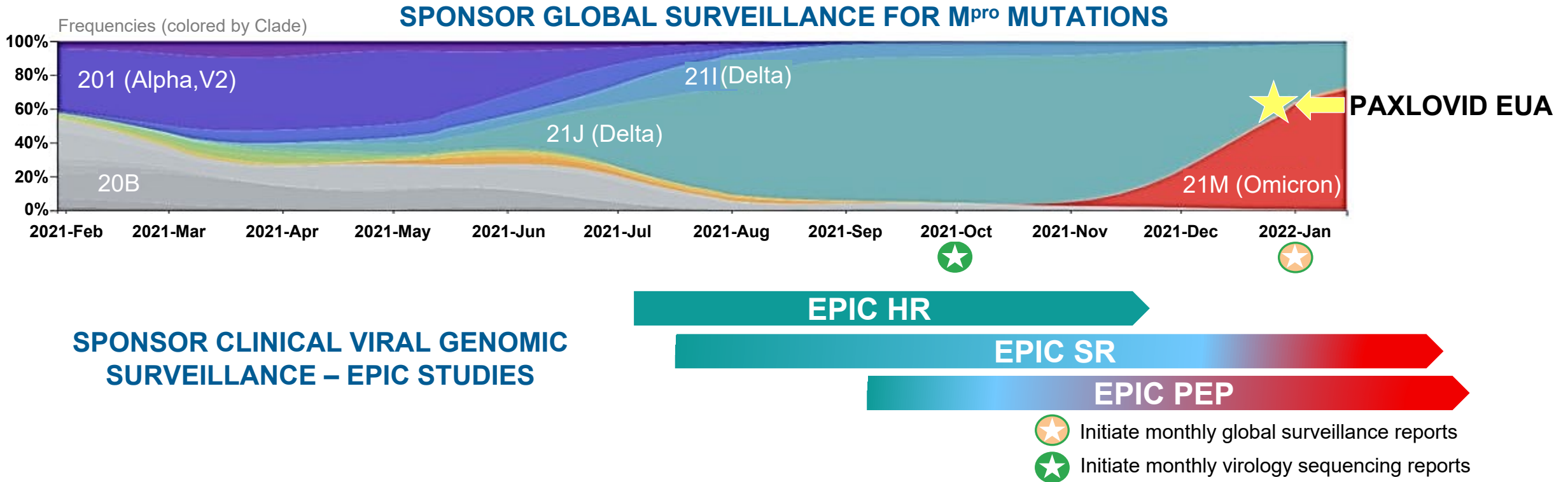
3. Ranganath et al. CID 2023. doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciac481

# CDC Health Advisory: COVID-19 Rebound After PAXLOVID Treatment

**“...A brief return of symptoms may be part of the natural history of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) infection in some persons, independent of treatment with Paxlovid and regardless of vaccination status.** Limited information currently available from case reports suggests that persons treated with Paxlovid who experience COVID-19 rebound have had mild illness; there are no reports of severe disease...”



# Surveillance Shows No Evidence of Clinical Resistance in EPIC-HR, SR, or PEP Study Participants or Through Global Monitoring<sup>a</sup>



- **No hospitalization or death in EPIC-HR, SR and PEP participants were associated with mutations with reduced in vitro susceptibility to nirmatrelvir discovered in Pfizer or in the literature<sup>b</sup>**
- **One in vitro resistance mutation, E166V, emerged on treatment in 3 patients from EPIC-HR, SR, and PEP. None of these patients experienced hospitalization or death<sup>c</sup>**

a. Clinical resistance is defined as the emergence or preexistence of resistance mutations that lead to treatment failure.

b. Internal Pfizer data and Zhou et al, bioRxiv 2022; Iketani et al, bioRxiv 2022

c. Emergent mutation reporting  $\geq 10\%$  AAFREQ, absent at baseline, PAX incidence  $\geq 2.5x$  Placebo, with  $\geq 3$  more occurrences on PAXLOVID.



# **PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir / ritonavir)**

## **Continued Development and Conclusions**

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# Further Study to Guide Use of PAXLOVID in Special Populations

- **EPIC-IC: Immunocompromised participants who are not hospitalized (NCT05438602)**
  - DB RCT – 5, 10, 15 days of PAXLOVID; virologic and clinical endpoints
- **Long-COVID studies**
  - NIH/NHLBI/NIAID RECOVER program; studies for both treatment and prevention
  - Clinical research collaborations with multiple academic institutions
- **Retreatment in patients who have symptomatic COVID-19 rebound (NCT05567952)**
  - 5 days PAXLOVID vs. placebo
- **PK Studies in special populations**
  - Adolescent and pediatric patients (EPIC-Peds / NCT05261139)
  - Patients with severe renal impairment (EPIC-SRI / NCT05487040)
  - Patients who are pregnant (C4671035 / NCT05386472) or lactating (C4671039 / NCT05441215)

# Benefit-Risk and Conclusions

- **Based upon efficacy and safety data from EPIC-HR and supportive EPIC-SR and EPIC-PEP studies**
  - Efficacy against hospitalization or death in both unvaccinated and vaccinated patients who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness – similar reduction seen across patient subgroups
  - In vitro potency demonstrated across all known viral variants to date
  - Safe and well tolerated
- **Efficacy and safety further supported by a growing body of real-world evidence (14M patients globally with 10M in US) – confirming effectiveness against Omicron strains regardless of vaccination status**
- **Completion of planned/ongoing studies and robust ongoing pharmacovigilance and surveillance for viral resistance will further enable the safe use of the product**
- **Approval of the New Drug Application for treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 disease in adults who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, is warranted**