COVID-19 Vaccines: Non-mRNA

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Vaccine Types



AstraZeneca AZD-1222

- -Viral vector vaccine ChAdOx1
- -Replication deficient chimpanzee adenoviral vector
- -Will infect human cells but cannot replicate
- -No pre-existing human immunity to primate viruses
- -Contains spike protein gene
- -Primes immune system to develop anti-spike antibodies
- -Storage: refrigeration





AZD-1222 Efficacy

11,636 participants: UK, Brazil, S Africa

-2 doses 28 days apart

-overall efficacy 70.4%

-90% in low dose followed by high dose

-62% in group with 2 standard doses

-The low dose/high dose regimen was an error

and not in the protocol and will require further investigation by regulatory agencies

-Currently in use in UK

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AZD-1222 Side Effects

- -Trial halted due to a case of Transverse Myelitis
- DSMB determined not related to vaccine

-2 additional cases of TM, one turned out to be MS, one in placebo group

-Other side effects not reported in detail in the published study



J&J Ad26.COV2.S

-Human Adenovirus 26 recombinant vector which contains genes for Spike protein

-Single dose

-Storage: Standard refrigerator temps for 3 months – easier to distribute to regular offices

-Uses Janssen's AdVac vaccine platform also used for their Zika, RSV, HIV and Ebola vaccines

-2 dose regimen also in Phase 3 trials



J&J Ad26.COV2.S

Ensemble trial data

-presented only in press release so far

- -US, S America, S Africa
- -45,000 participants
- -Neutralizing antibodies in 90% by day 29 and 100% by day 57
- -Efficacy in US 72% in preventing moderate to severe COVID
- -Efficacy 66% in S America and 57% in S. Africa (most cases due to S African variant strain)

-85% effective in preventing severe COVID (ICU, resp failure, death)



J&J Ad26.COV2.S

Side effect profile:

-no significant safety concerns from the DSMB of the trial

-Fever 9%

-No anaphylaxis reported J&J plans to file for EUA in US early Feb 2021



Novavax NVX-CoV2373

-Genetically engineered coronavirus spike protein antigen with an adjuvent (subunit vaccine)

- -Produced in insect cells
- -Phase 3 trial in UK and S. Africa just announced in press release
- -Currently still enrolling in US and Mexico trial
- -2 doses 21 days apart
- -Stable at refrigerator temps



Protein Subunit Vaccine - Novavax





Novavax Subunit Protein Vaccine

- -UK data: 15,000 patients
- -Endpoint: PCR confirmed symptomatic COVID case
- -Efficacy 89.3%

-95.6% against original COVID strain-85.6% against the UK variant strain



Novavax Subunit Protein Vaccine

-S Africa data:

-Phase 2b study 4400 patients

-60% efficacy in Non-HIV population

-49.4% in total population

-92% of cases were the new triple mutant S Africa variant

-1/3 of enrollees were COVID seropositive but still acquired infection with the new variant strain

-Novavax reformulating their vaccine with the new S African variant spike protein

-Plans for bivalent vaccine in progress (original strain + variant strain)



Novavax Subunit Protein Vaccine

- -US and Mexico vaccine trial 30,000 patients to complete enrollment in Feb
- -Side effects: "Low level" per press release



CoronaVac (Sinovac)

-Inactivated COVID virus vaccine

-Phase 1-2 trial – neutralizing antibody levels developed in the majority of participants but lower level than with natural infection

-Efficacy:

- -Brazil ~50%
- -Turkey 91.2%

-No peer reviewed published phase 3 studies



Others

- -At least 22 other candidate vaccines in various stages of development
- -Some orally or nasally inhaled



Questions:

- What to do about the new variant strains?
- What level of efficacy is worth continuing with a vaccine when the variant strains predominate?
- How quickly can we make bivalent or trivalent vaccines which include the variant epitope genetic material or proteins?
- Can we get ahead of this virus???



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