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Covid Vaccines & IBD Chat

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# COVID VACCINE & IBD

# U.S. National Database Study: IBD Patients not at increased risk of severe disease or death from COVID-19

- Retrospective cohort utilizing U.S. EHR data (TriNetX): > 40 million patients
  - 232 IBD patients and 19,776 non-IBD patients with COVID-19 PCR or ICD-10 code
- Severe COVID-19 defined as hospitalization or 30 day mortality
- Medication use extracted from encounters in preceding 12 months

Outcomes	Outcomes					
	Before propensity matching			After propensity matching		
	Overall risk n/total (%)	Risk ratio (95% CI)	P value	Overall risk n/total (%)	Risk ratio (95% CI)	P value
Severe COVID-19	IBD 56/232 (24.14)	1.15 (0.92–1.45)	.23	IBD 56/232 (24.14)	0.93 (0.68–1.27)	.66
	Non-IBD 4139/19,776 (20.92)			Non-IBD 60/232 (25.86)		
Hospitalizations	IBD 56/232 (24.14)	1.20 (0.96–1.51)	.11	IBD 56/232 (24.14)	1.10 (0.74–1.40)	.91
	Non-IBD 3960/19,776 (20.02)			Non-IBD 55/232 (23.70)		

# SECURE-IBD Data on COVID-19

Slides courtesy of Ryan Ungaro MD

- Large international registry of IBD patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection
- Web-based, voluntary reporting system
- Health care providers report confirmed COVID-19 cases and outcomes with medication exposure data



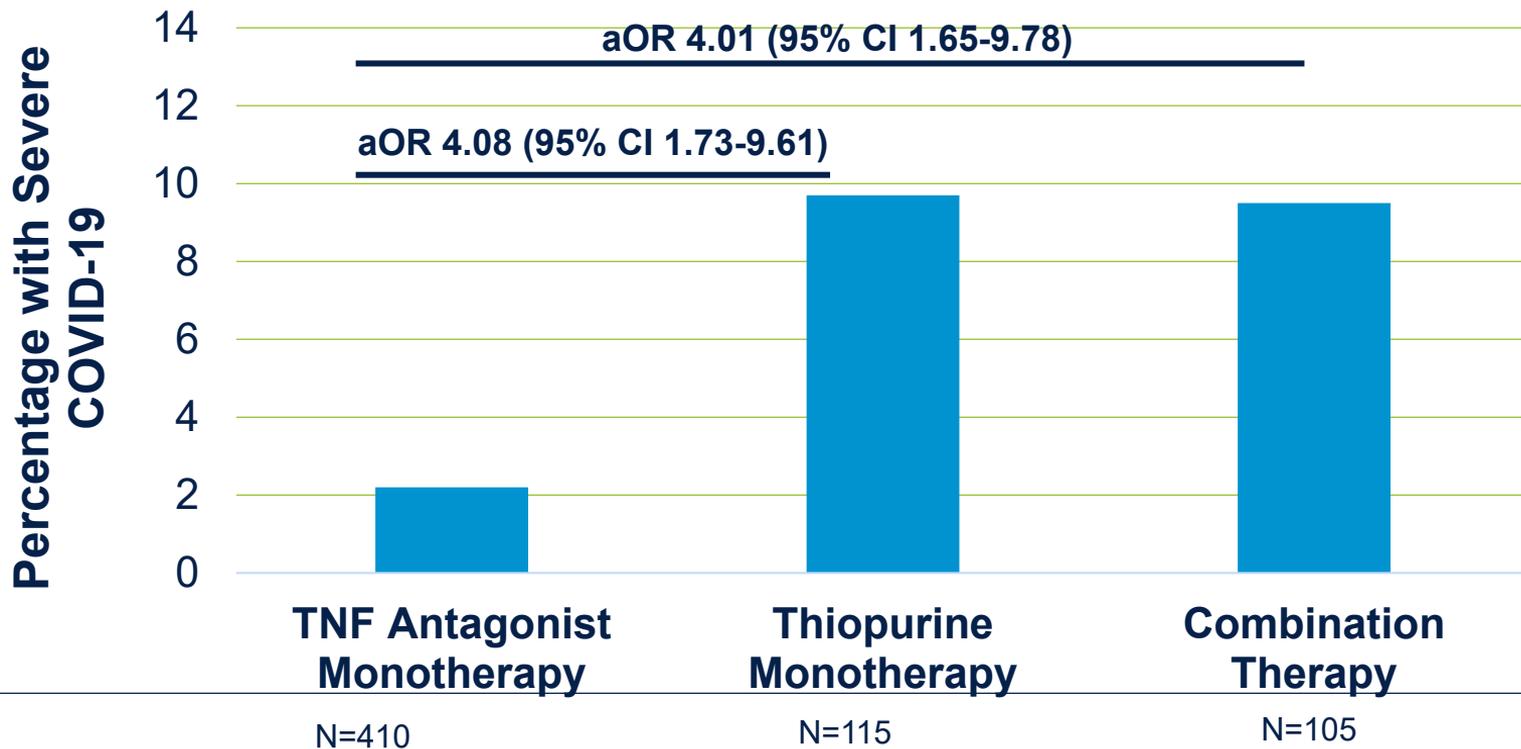
# SECURE-IBD Multivariable Regression for Primary and Secondary Outcomes of COVID



Variable (Referent Group) <sup>a</sup>	ICU/Vent/Death OR (95%CI) N = 517	P-value	Hospitalization or Death OR (95%CI) N = 517	P-value	Death OR 95% CI N= 513	P-value
Age	1.04 (1.01-1.06)	0.002	1.03 (1.01-1.04)	<0.001*	1.07 (1.03-1.11)	<0.001*
Male (Female) <sup>b</sup>	1.20 (0.55-2.60)	0.65	1.38 (0.89-2.15)	0.15	2.78 (0.76-10.14)	0.12
Diagnosis CD (UC/unspecified)	0.76 (0.31-1.85)	0.54	0.84 (0.51-1.38)	0.49	1.64 (0.42-6.43)	0.48
Disease severity <sup>c</sup> Active disease (remission)	1.14 (0.49-2.66)	0.76	1.96 (1.23-3.11)	0.005*	0.97 (0.26-3.62)	0.96
Systemic corticosteroid (none)	6.87 (2.30-20.51)	<0.001*	6.46 (2.74-15.23)	<0.001*	11.62 (2.09-64.74)	0.005*
TNF antagonist (none)	0.90 (0.37-2.17)	0.81	0.60 (0.38-0.96)	0.03*	0.99 (0.23-4.23)	0.99
Current smoker	0.55 (0.06-4.94)	0.59	2.38 (0.92-6.16)	0.07	1.47 (0.12-17.53)	0.76
BMI $\geq 30$	2.00 (0.72-5.51)	0.18	1.18 (0.61-2.31)	0.63	1.58 (0.28-8.80)	0.60
Comorbidities (none)						
1	1.22 (0.45-3.26)	0.70	1.29 (0.76-2.20)	0.34	1.64 (0.35-7.67)	0.53
$\geq 2$	2.87 (1.05-7.85)	0.04*	4.42 (2.16-9.06)	<0.001*	2.51 (0.56-11.24)	0.23
5-ASA/Sulfasalazine (none)	3.14 (1.28-7.71)	0.01*	1.77 (1.00-3.12)	0.05*	1.71 (0.46-6.38)	0.43

# Thiopurines, Anti-TNF, and Combination Therapy

(updated analysis in >1400 cases)



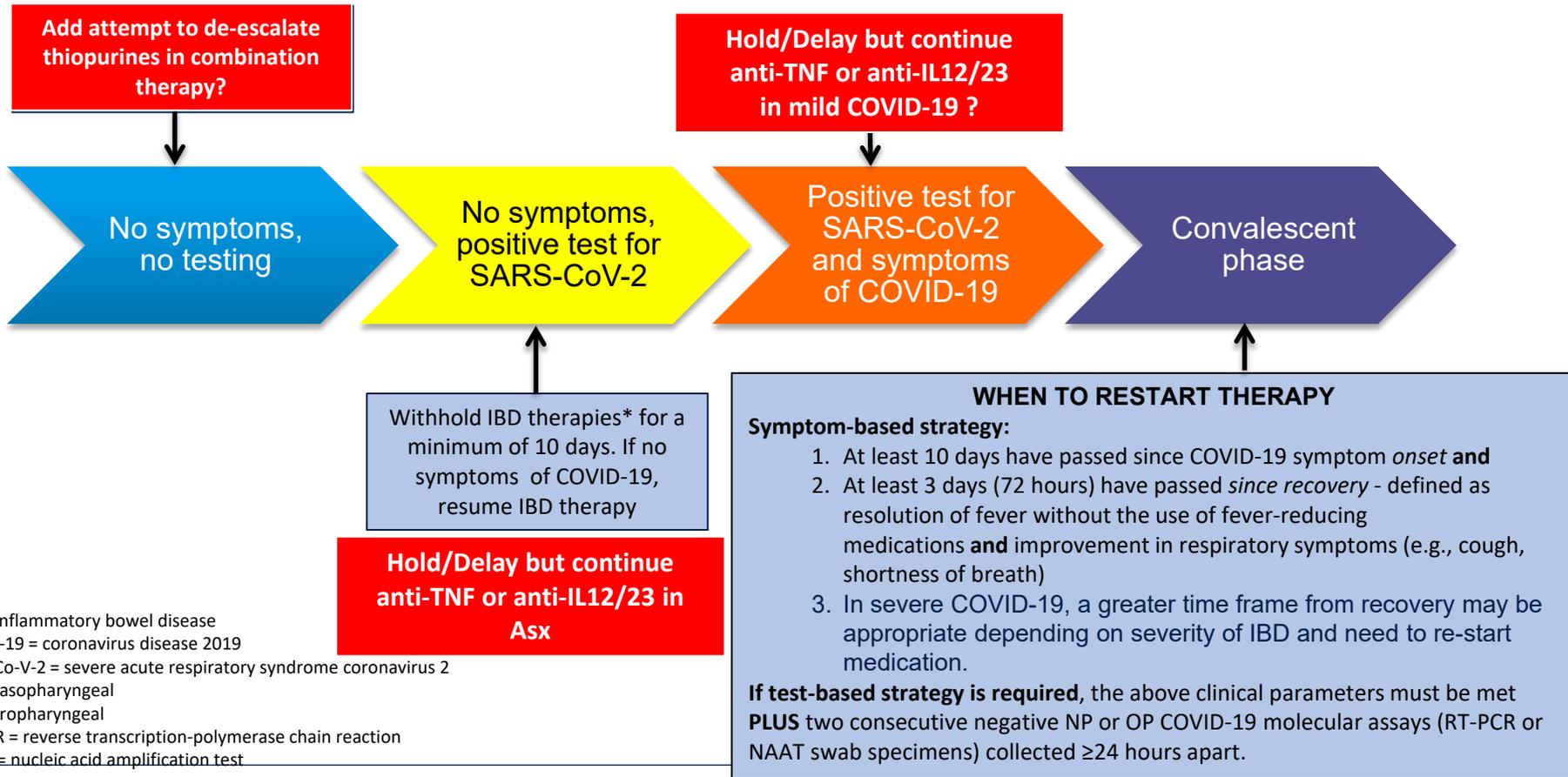
# Impact of Disease Activity in SECURE-IBD

	≤50 years				>50 years			
	ICU/vent/death OR (95% CI)	P-value	Hospitalization OR (95% CI)	P-value	ICU/vent/death OR (95% CI)	P-value	Hospitalization OR (95% CI)	P-value
<b>PGA</b>								
<b>Remission/mild</b>	Reference		Reference		Reference		Reference	
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>1.83 (0.82-4.08)</b>	0.14	<b>1.43 (1.03-1.98)</b>	0.032	1.07 (0.82-1.38)	0.63	1.61 (1.09-2.37)	0.016
<b>Severe</b>	<b>3.67 (1.47-3.36)</b>	0.0052	<b>3.66 (2.11-6.35)</b>	<0.001	0.92 (0.39-2.19)	0.86	0.89 (0.32-2.48)	0.82

Associations between disease activity and COVID-19 outcomes stratified by age (multivariable GEE models)

# Medication Management

# IOIBD Rand Panel: Management of IBD Therapies



IBD = inflammatory bowel disease  
COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019  
SARS-Co-V-2 = severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2  
NP = nasopharyngeal  
OP = oropharyngeal  
RT-PCR = reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction  
NAAT = nucleic acid amplification test

# Conclusions

- IBD patients do not appear to be at increased risk of **contracting** COVID-19
- Certain IBD patients with COVID-19 may be at increased **risk of adverse events**
  - Risk primarily driven by older age, co-morbidities, and steroid use
  - Thiopurines and combination therapy may increase risk as well
- **Anti-TNFs and other biologics appear to be low risk and should be continued in the COVID-19 era**
- IBD patients who develop COVID-19 should be managed on a case by case basis
  - Another reason to de-escalate combination therapy / taper steroids
  - In difficult to control patients, can consider not delaying/stopping biologics if asymptomatic / mild disease

# Vaccines

Company	Platform	Doses	Non-clinical results	# with vaccine (same placebo)	Protection from COVID-19 hospitalization	Protection from COVID severe dz (some at home)	Efficacy against milder COVID
	mRNA-1273 mRNA in lipid nanoparticle	2	Neutralizing Abs; Strong Th1 CD4+ protection from challenge (macaques)	~15,000	90% (1 in vaccine arm <a href="#">after 2nd dose hospitalized</a> )	97% (30 cases in placebo arm; 0 in vaccine reported but 1 severe per FDA)	94.1%
	BNT162b2 mRNA in lipid nanoparticle	2	Neutralizing Abs; Strong Th1 CD4+, CD8+; protection from challenge (macaques)	~18,600	100%	100% (9 cases in placebo arm; 0 in vaccine- <a href="#">1 initially severe but not</a> )	95%
	JNJ-78436725 Non-replicating human adenovirus/DNA	1	Neutralizing Abs; Strong Th1 CD4+ > Th2; CD8+; challenge protection (macaque)	~22,000 US, Latin America, S. Africa	100%	85.4% across 3 sites (7 deaths, 16 hospitalizations, all in placebo arm)	72% US; 61% Latin America; 64% S. Africa (95% B1.351)
	AZD 1222 Non-replicating Chimp Adenovirus-DNA	2	Neutralizing Abs; Strong Th1 CD4+ > Th2; CD8+; protection from challenge (macaques)	~28,588 (UK, SA, US/Peru/Chili)	100%	100% (UK, 15 placebo arm hospitalized, 0 in vaccine; US, 8 severe in placebo, 0 vaccine)	76% US (85% in >65 yrs); 70% UK; S. Africa halted for mild
	Inactivated whole virus	2	Neutralizing Abs; Strong Th1 CD4 responses in phase II trial ( <a href="#">Lancet</a> )	11,000 ( <a href="#">press release</a> 4/21)	100%	100%	78%
	Ad26 and Ad5 adenovirus/DNA	2	NABs; IFN- $\gamma$ secretion PMBCs, cellular response	~14964	100%	100% (20 in placebo; 0 vaccine)	91.6%

## Studies to date that showed COVID-19 vaccines reduce asymptomatic infection (transmission)

Setting	% reduction in asymptomatic infection or transmission	Reference
Healthcare workers in England	85%	<a href="#">Hall Lancet</a> , April 23, 2021
Healthcare workers in Israel	75% and 86%	<a href="#">Amit, Lancet</a> , March 6; <a href="#">Angel JAMA</a> May 6
Patients in Mayo Clinic health system	88.7%	<a href="#">Pawlowski medRxiv</a> , February 27, 2021
Israel Ministry of Health (nationwide)	<b>94% (largest study)</b>	Pfizer <a href="#">press release</a> , March 11, 2021 (and <a href="#">Goldberg Medrxiv</a> , April 24, 2021)
Israel general population (Pfizer)	90%	<a href="#">Dagan NEJM</a> , February 24, 2021
Pre-surgical patients in Mayo Clinic system swabbed asymptotically	80%	<a href="#">Tande Clin Inf Dis</a> , March 10, 2021
Healthcare workers in Cambridge University Hospitals	75%	<a href="#">Weekes Authorea</a> , February 24, 2021
First-line responders and HCWs in US	90%	<a href="#">Thompson A. MMWR</a> , March 30, 2021
Israel population (>16) with children unvaccinated	<b>For every 20-point increase in adult vaccination, rates of kids testing positive halves</b>	<a href="#">Milman O. Medrxiv</a> . March 31, 2021
Long-term care facility, Spain	90%	<a href="#">Salazar P. Medrxiv</a> . April 13, 2021
Nursing homes, U.S. (two studies)	100%	<a href="#">Cavanaugh MMWR</a> , April 21 and <a href="#">Terran MMWR</a> , April 30

Nasal viral load values most important determinant of transmissibility ([Lancet study](#), Spain); Viral loads from post-vaccination exposures are low and likely noninfectious per CT values (use [rapid antigen tests](#) after vaccination if test symptomatic or incorporate CT)

# COVID-19 Vaccines: IOIBD Guidance

- Consensus statements from the International Organization for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IOIBD)
- Iterative Delphi method to develop consensus expert opinion statements

## Highlighted themes of accepted statements related to SARS-CoV-2 vaccination for patients with IBD by the International Organization for the Study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IOIBD)

Patients with IBD should be vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.

The best time to administer SARSCoV-2 vaccination in patients with IBD is at the earliest opportunity to do so.

SARS-CoV-2 vaccines including messenger RNA vaccines, replication incompetent vector vaccines, inactivated vaccines and recombinant vaccines are safe to administer to patients with IBD.

SARS-CoV-2 vaccination should not be deferred because a patient with IBD is receiving immune-modifying therapies.

Patients with IBD vaccinated with SARS-CoV-2 should be counselled that vaccine efficacy may be decreased when receiving systemic corticosteroids.

# Should you vaccinate pregnant women?

- **Pregnant women were not part of the trials**
  - mRNA vaccines do not interact with genetic material DNA because mRNA does not enter the nucleus of the cell.
  - Inactive vaccine so no risk of getting COVID
- **ACOG:**
  - COVID-19 vaccines should not be withheld from pregnant individuals who meet criteria for vaccination based on ACIP-recommended priority groups.
  - COVID-19 vaccines should be offered to lactating individuals similar to non-lactating individuals when they meet criteria for receipt of the vaccine based on prioritization groups outlined by the ACIP.
- **ACIP/CDC:**
  - If a pregnant woman is part of a group (e.g. healthcare personnel) who is recommended to receive a COVID vaccine, she may choose to be vaccinated.
  - V-safe: 275 vaccinated pregnant women: no evidence of harm
- **WHO:**
  - Pregnant women at high risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 (e.g., health workers) or who have comorbidities which add to their risk of severe disease may be vaccinated in consultation with their health care provider
  - WHO does not recommend discontinuing breastfeeding after vaccination

# Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Responses are Attenuated in Patients with IBD Treated with Infliximab and Immunomodulators (INFECTION)

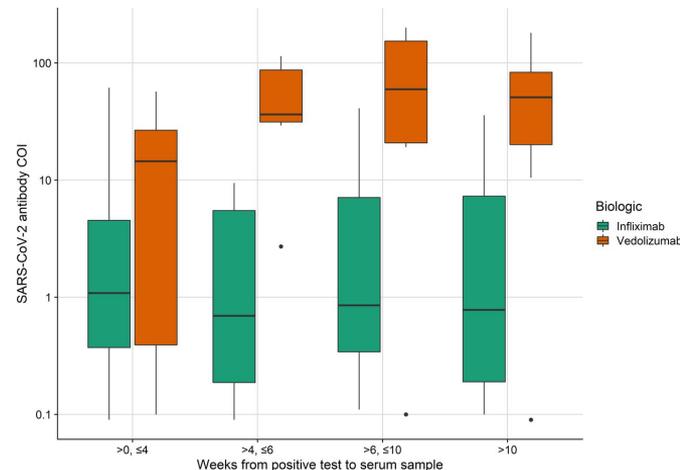
N=6935

67.6% infliximab and 32.4% vedolizumab

Multivariable logistic regression model of associations with a positive anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody

Variable	N	Odds ratio	OR (95% CI)	p
<b>Biologic</b>			Reference	
Vedolizumab	2245			
Infliximab	4675		0.66 (0.51, 0.87)	0.0027
<b>Immunomodulator</b>				
	3059		0.70 (0.53, 0.92)	0.012
<b>Age &gt; 70</b>				
	387		0.56 (0.27, 1.06)	0.097
<b>Ethnicity</b>			Reference	
White	6116			
Asian	479		1.97 (1.35, 2.81)	0.00031
Mixed	154		1.86 (0.95, 3.36)	0.052
Black	108		3.32 (1.75, 5.94)	0.00011
Other	63		2.47 (0.98, 5.33)	0.034
<b>Income deprivation score</b>				
	6920		5.36 (1.42, 19.55)	0.012
<b>Heart disease</b>				
	210		0.98 (0.43, 1.97)	0.96
<b>Diabetes</b>				
	311		1.03 (0.57, 1.73)	0.93
<b>Lung disease</b>				
	963		0.83 (0.56, 1.18)	0.32
<b>Cancer</b>				
	50		0.70 (0.11, 2.36)	0.63
<b>Region</b>			Reference	
South West	958			
East Midlands	467		2.12 (1.01, 4.42)	0.044
East of England	644		2.04 (1.03, 4.12)	0.043
London	1188		3.35 (1.93, 6.20)	<0.0001
North East	284		2.37 (1.06, 5.18)	0.031
North West	630		3.92 (2.18, 7.44)	<0.0001
Scotland	423		1.29 (0.54, 2.94)	0.55
South East	654		2.52 (1.30, 5.03)	0.0069
Wales	451		1.22 (0.51, 2.79)	0.64
West Midlands	527		3.06 (1.63, 5.98)	0.00067
Yorkshire and the Humber	694		3.10 (1.69, 5.94)	0.00038
<b>Shielding Apr-Jul</b>			Reference	
Remained at home	2391			
Exercise w/ own household	2699		1.09 (0.81, 1.47)	0.57
Met others, social distancing	1694		1.33 (0.97, 1.83)	0.072
No social distancing	136		2.83 (1.51, 5.01)	0.00062
<b>Diagnosis</b>			Reference	
Crohn's disease	3941			
UC/IBDU	2979		1.44 (1.09, 1.90)	0.011
<b>5-ASA</b>				
	1825		0.99 (0.74, 1.32)	0.94
<b>Steroid use at any point in 2020</b>				
	1154		1.27 (0.93, 1.70)	0.12

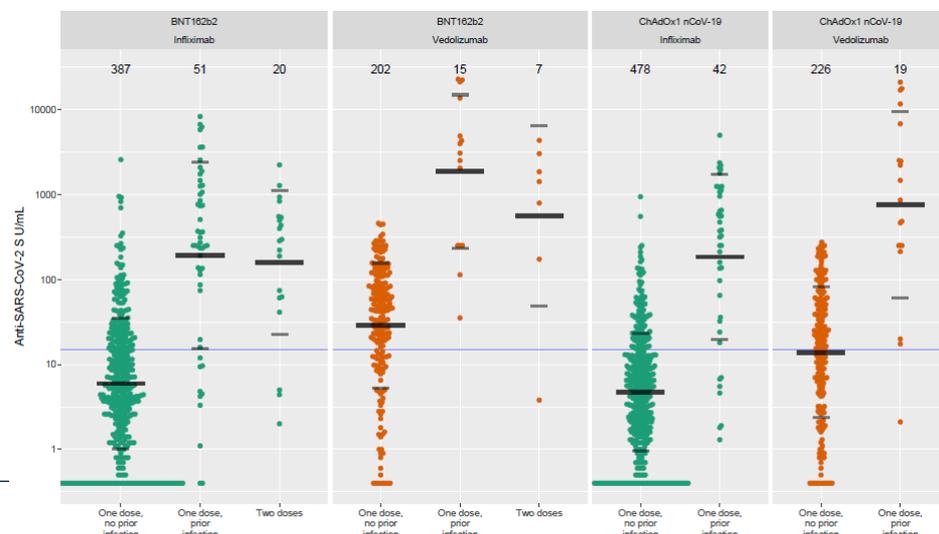
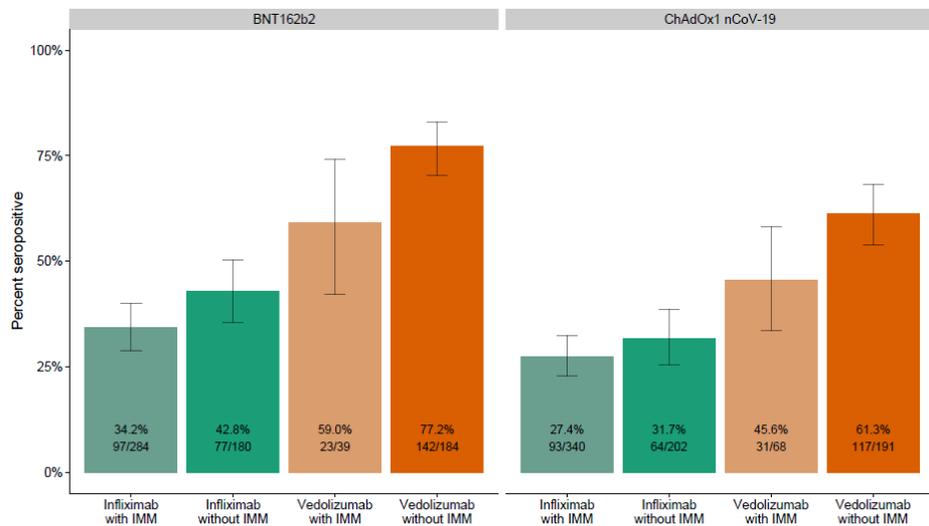
Magnitude of anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody reactivity stratified by biological therapy and time since prior positive PCR test



# Immunogenicity to BNT162b2 (Pfizer/BioNTech) and ChAdOx1 (AstraZeneca) nCoV-19 SARS-CoV-2 vaccines

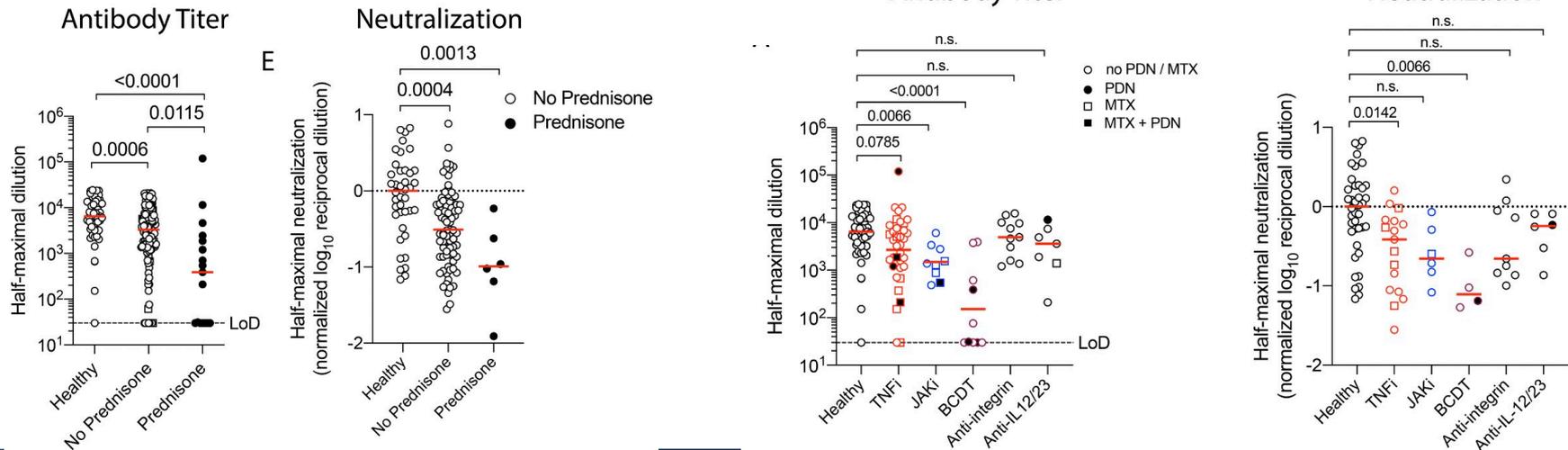
Infliximab n=865; Vedolizumab n=428

- Age >59, immunomodulator use, CD, and smoking were associated with lower, while non-white ethnicity was associated with higher, anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody concentrations.
- Infliximab was associated **with attenuated immunogenicity to a single-dose** of the BNT162b2 and ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 SARS-CoV-2 vaccines **BUT** vaccination after SARS-CoV-2 infection or a **second dose of vaccine led to seroconversion in most patients**
- **Delayed second dosing should be avoided in patients treated with infliximab**



# COVaRiPAD (COVID-19 Vaccine Responses in Patients with Autoimmune Disease) Study

- Prospective assessment of mRNA-based vaccine immunogenicity in 133 adults with chronic inflammatory diseases (CID) and 53 immunocompetent controls
- 31.6% with IBD and 28.6% Rheumatoid Arthritis



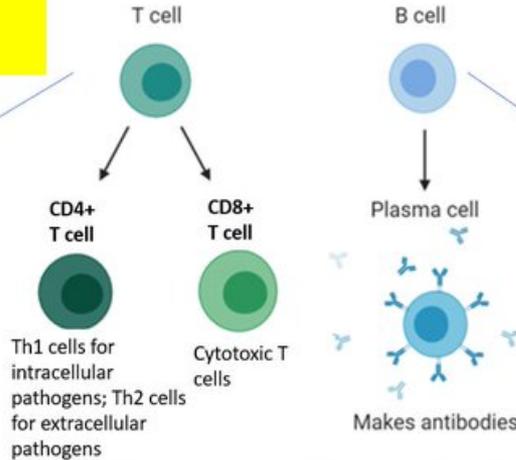
# What if my antibodies are low?

Remember immunity -antibodies and cell-mediated

T cells are the major immune defense against viruses

Memory T cells

Of note, want Th1:Th2 ratio  $\gg 1$  for viruses; Th2 CD4s block antiviral Th1-CD4s and CD8s



Most vaccine trials measured antibodies and T cell responses

- Raise T cells after natural infection or vaccines against 57 pieces of the spike protein and receptor binding domain of the virus.
- Levels of SARS-CoV-2 neutralization antibodies alone do not determine protection

## Vaccinated: What now?

- To Mask or Not to Mask?
  - Follow your local ordinance
  - OK to unmask (if you are comfortable) in the following situations
    - Indoors with a small group of vaccinated people outside of your home contacts
    - Outdoors with space
- Do I need to check antibody?
  - No
    - But if you want to, do it the context of a trial
  - Antibody response is not just antibody, but T cell response as well
  - Most IBD medications should not block response

# Prevent COVID Vaccine Study

Aim 1: To evaluate the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination in preventing COVID-19 infection in patients with IBD

Aim 2: To evaluate safety of COVID-19 vaccination in patients with IBD, including immediate side effects and disease activity

Aim 3: To evaluate antibody response to COVID-19 vaccination in patients with IBD

[www.ibdpartners.org/preventcovid](http://www.ibdpartners.org/preventcovid)

Email: [preventcovid@unc.edu](mailto:preventcovid@unc.edu)

*\*\*Will recruit adult and pediatric patients (based on availability of age groups for vaccines; currently 16 and up)*

# Prevent COVID Data thus far, over 3000 patients enrolled!

- Mean age 44.4 years
- 75% female
- BMI 26.2
- Mean disease duration 18 years
- 5% with prior COVID infection (infected prior to vaccine)
- Types of vaccine:
  - Pfizer 54.1%
  - Moderna 37.2%
  - J&J 4.4%
- Nearly 30% reported fatigue after vaccine as most common side effect
- Very low rates of worsening GI/IBD symptoms after vaccine (<10%)



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# IBD CHAT

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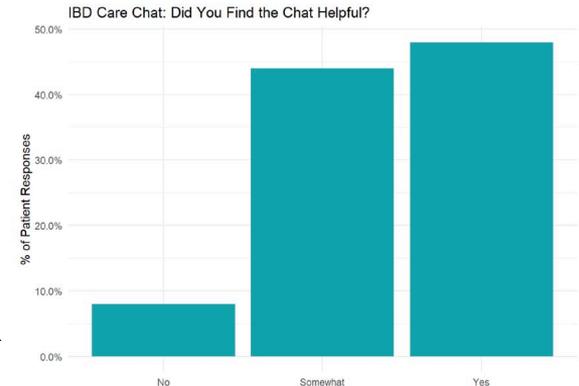
# Chat Goals

- Develop a virtual care chat for remote Patient Reported Outcomes in patients with IBD
- Reminder to obtain labs at appropriate time intervals
- Reassurance if doing well without any symptom flares
- Identify symptom flares for clinical escalation to provider

# Project Evaluation & Impact

- 53 patients enrolled as initial beta test
  - Only 2 patients opted out
- 33 patients (62.3%) have completed at least one chat module
  - 10 patients have entered responses that generated a clinical escalation, sent to Epic In-Basket Pool
- 91% of patients found the chat at least somewhat helpful

Alert Color	Total Alerts (n)	Alerts per patient
red	10	0.3
yellow	189	5.73



# Oliva Bigazzi: Demonstration

# What to Expect

- You will receive an email/text asking you to sign up
- You will get prompts to do your questionnaires
- If you have alarm symptoms we will be alerted
- If you are having severe symptoms, call your doctor!

# IBD Clinical Trials at UCSF

## **Tigenix Stem Cell Trial**

- Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial of Cx601 treatment Darvadstrocel
- Treating complex perianal fistulas in patients with Crohn's Disease
- CD in remission or minimally active

## **Risankizumab**

- Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial of IL-23 Inhibitor on patients with moderate to severe UC
- Failed at least 1 biologic in the past

## **MOSAIC: Management Of Severe UC with Ambulatory Intravenous Corticosteroids**

- Flaring UC patients
- Studying Safety and satisfaction of IV steroid in an outpatient (no hospital admission) setting for patients with severe acute UC

## **PIANO Registry**

- Multicenter national prospective study of pregnancy and neonatal outcomes in women with IBD
- All pregnant women with IBD encouraged to enroll
- [PIANO@ucsf.edu](mailto:PIANO@ucsf.edu)