

1 **Eleven-month longitudinal study of antibodies in SARS-CoV-2 exposed**
2 **and naïve primary health care workers upon COVID-19 vaccination**

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28 **ABSTRACT**

29 We evaluated the kinetics of antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) and
30 nucleocapsid (N) antigens over 5 cross-sectional visits (January-November 2021), and
31 the determinants of pre-booster immunoglobulin levels, in a prospective cohort of
32 vaccinated primary health care workers in Catalonia, Spain. Antibodies against S
33 antigens after a full primary vaccination course, mostly with BNT162b2, decreased
34 steadily over time and were higher in pre-exposed (n=247) than naïve (n=200)
35 individuals, but seropositivity was maintained at 100% (100% IgG, 95.5% IgA, 30.6%
36 IgM) up to 319 days after the first dose. Antibody binding to variants of concern was
37 highly maintained for IgG compared to wild type but significantly reduced for IgA and
38 IgM, particularly for Beta and Gamma. Factors significantly associated with longer-term
39 antibodies included age, sex, occupation, smoking, adverse reaction to vaccination,
40 levels of pre-vaccination SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, interval between disease onset and
41 vaccination, hospitalization, oxygen supply, post COVID and symptomatology. Earlier
42 morning vaccination hours were associated with higher IgG responses in pre-exposed
43 participants. Symptomatic breakthroughs occurred in 9/447 (2.01%) individuals, all
44 among naïve (9/200, 4.5%) and generally boosted antibody responses. Additionally, an
45 increase in IgA and/or IgM seropositivity to variants, and N seroconversion at later time
46 points (6.54%), indicated asymptomatic breakthrough infections, even among pre-
47 exposed.

48 Seropositivity remained highly stable over almost a year after vaccination. However,
49 gradually waning of anti-S IgGs that correlate with neutralizing activity, coupled to
50 evidence of an increase in breakthrough infections during the Delta and Omicron
51 predominance, provides a rationale for booster immunization.

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53 **Keywords:** SARS-CoV-2; COVID-19; vaccine; antibodies; duration; kinetics; health
54 care workers; cohort; spike; variants; baseline determinants, vaccine breakthroughs.

55 **SUMMARY**

56 Antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 spike antigens after a primary vaccination course,
57 mostly with BNT162b2, decreased steadily over 5 cross-sectional visits (January-
58 November 2021), being higher in pre-exposed (n=247) than naïve (n=200) primary
59 health care workers in Catalonia, Spain, but seropositivity was maintained at 100% up
60 to 319 days after the first dose. Factors significantly associated with longer-term
61 antibodies included age, sex, occupation, smoking, adverse reaction to vaccination,
62 levels of pre-vaccination antibodies, hour of vaccination, interval between disease
63 onset and vaccination, hospitalization, oxygen supply, post COVID and
64 symptomatology. Antibody binding to variants of concern was highly maintained for IgG
65 compared to wild type but significantly reduced for IgA and IgM, and symptomatic
66 breakthroughs occurred in 2% individuals, all among naïve, and generally boosted
67 antibody responses.

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69 **INTRODUCTION**

70 Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic and one year after the start of vaccination
71 rollout, the world faced a peak of cases associated with the highly contagious Omicron
72 variant of concern (VoC) of SARS-CoV-2. Immunity achieved through natural infection
73 and vaccination has had a large impact in containing disease severity and deaths, but
74 transmission has not been interrupted and breakthrough infections are common,
75 though often asymptomatic or mild [1]. Key questions remain regarding the correlates
76 of protection [2–4], durability of immunity and evasion capacity of emerging VoCs,
77 which prevent a rational prioritization of second-generation vaccines and the design of
78 booster immunization policies. The mRNA-1273 (Moderna) [5] and BNT162b2
79 (Pfizer/BioNTech) [6] vaccines remain 93% and 84% effective, respectively, 6 and 4
80 months after a second dose, but an apparent decline of protection in subsequent
81 months led to the implementation of 3rd doses, even when a substantial number of
82 individuals may still have high antibody and cellular immune responses. Most vaccines

83 maintain binding and functional antibodies against many SARS-CoV-2 variants, with
84 Beta (B.1.351) and Omicron (B.1.1.529) having the lowest antibody recognition [7, 8].
85 However, data on primary vaccination effectiveness are lacking beyond 9 months,
86 even though booster administrations (3rd and beyond) were implemented in many
87 countries [9–13].

88 There is significant individual heterogeneity in the immune response to natural infection
89 and to partial immunization, less so at the peak response after a full primary
90 vaccination course [14], and immunity differs by vaccine [15]. A more potent response,
91 so-called hybrid immunity, is achieved following SARS-CoV-2 infection (more so if
92 symptomatic) and vaccination, even with only one dose [15–17]. Other factors affecting
93 primary vaccine responses include interval between doses [18], comorbidities and
94 smoking [15]. However, it is less clear what determinants affect the maintenance of
95 immune responses as time progresses and thus who should be revaccinated and
96 when. Moreover, it is likely that, as antibodies decline months after vaccination, there is
97 variability also in their decay rate. Therefore, it is important to identify the determinants
98 of sustained immunity to move towards more personalized evidence-based vaccine
99 strategies if and when protective immunity wanes.

100 To better understand determinants of durability of vaccine antibody responses, we
101 performed a longitudinal cohort study between January and November 2021 in 447
102 health care workers (HCW) with and without prior COVID-19, and assessed
103 demographic, clinical (symptoms, comorbidities) and epidemiological factors affecting
104 the levels of antibodies almost a year after vaccination, just before the implementation
105 of the 3rd booster and the onset of the Omicron wave (sixth) in Spain. Such data are
106 relevant to establish what factors impact resistance to breakthrough infections, and
107 rationally define when revaccination may be warranted.

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109 **METHODS**

110 **Study subjects**

111 The CoviCatCentral cohort is composed of two groups of primary HCW, recruited in
112 three primary care counties in Barcelona, Spain, who were offered COVID-19
113 vaccination starting December 2020. The first group was composed of individuals
114 recruited since the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic (March-April 2020, n=247)
115 with symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection confirmed by RT-PCR and/or antigen RDT; all
116 HCW with COVID-19 were invited to participate. HCW were subsequently visited at
117 seven cross-sectional surveys up to end November 2021, with venous blood collection
118 since September 2020. The second group was composed of naïve HCW recruited
119 since March-April 2021 after full primary vaccination (n=200), having similar
120 characteristics (age, sex, professional category, smoking habits) to the pre-exposed
121 group; participants were visited at four cross-sectional surveys, with venous blood
122 collection up to end November 2021. Demographic and clinical data were collected at
123 baseline and during follow-up visits through telephone interviews and questionnaires
124 by study physicians and nurses. Recorded baseline information included history of
125 previous environmental allergies, smoking habits, and symptoms in the SARS-CoV-2
126 infected ones (fever, shivers, headache, asthenia, myalgia, arthralgia, dyspnea, chest
127 pain, cough, sputum production, anosmia, hypogeusia, odynophagia, tachycardia,
128 dizziness and thrombosis). For the multivariable regression analysis, symptoms were
129 grouped into categories: digestive, otolaryngology, neurological, ophthalmology
130 (conjunctival hyperemia, tearing, dry eyes, blurred vision), and skin disorders. Follow-
131 up questionnaires registered comorbidities, including chronic kidney disease, chronic
132 obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, cardiovascular disease, neurological diseases,
133 digestive diseases, autoimmune diseases, cancer, immunosuppression (disease or
134 drug-related), diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, hypertension, depression and/or anxiety
135 and hypothyroidism, as well as pregnancy status, obesity and other cardiovascular risk
136 factors (smoking habits), and new or persistent symptoms, including sequelae post
137 COVID-19 condition (occurrence of symptoms three months after COVID-19, with

138 symptoms and effects lasting for at least two months). Reinfections and vaccine
139 breakthroughs were captured by passive case detection.

140 The study protocol was approved by the IRB *Comitè Ètic d'Investigació Clínica IDIAP*
141 *Jordi Gol* (codes 20/094-PCV and 20/162-PCV) and written informed consent was
142 obtained from participants.

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144 **Antibody measurements**

145 Levels of IgM, IgA and IgG were quantified in plasma by Luminex. [The performance of](#)
146 [these Luminex assays to detect seropositivity has been previously reported being of a](#)
147 [100% specificity and 95.78% sensitivity at \$\geq 14\$ days, and 95.65% sensitivity at \$\geq 21\$](#)
148 [days since the onset of symptoms, with areas under the curve \(AUCs\) of 0.977 and](#)
149 [0.999, respectively \[19\].](#) Recombinant proteins included the nucleocapsid (N) full length
150 (FL) protein and the C-terminal fragment (N CT), both produced at ISGlobal, the spike
151 (S) full length protein produced at CRG, its subregion S2 (SinoBiological), the receptor-
152 binding domain (RBD) donated by the Krammer lab (Mount Sinai, New York), and the
153 RBD proteins of four VoCs produced at CRG: Alpha, Beta, Delta and Gamma. Antigen-
154 coupled microspheres were added in multiplex to a 384-well μ Clear® flat bottom plate
155 (Greiner Bio-One, Frickenhausen, Germany) in 90 μ L of Luminex Buffer (1% BSA,
156 0.05% Tween 20, 0.05% sodium azide in PBS) using an Integra Viaflo semi-automatic
157 device. Positive control pools were added to each assay plate as serially diluted
158 titration curves for QA/QC purposes. Pre-pandemic samples (n=128) were used as
159 negative controls. Test and control plasma samples were added to the 384-well plate
160 using an Assist Plus Integra device. All samples were tested at 1:500 dilution, and
161 additionally at 1:5000 dilution for anti-S IgG antibodies to avoid saturation upon
162 vaccination. For IgM and IgA, samples were pre-treated with anti-Human IgG
163 (GullSorb) at 1:10 dilution, to avoid IgG interferences. Technical blanks (Luminex Buffer
164 and microspheres without samples) were added to control for non-specific signals.

165 Plates were incubated for 1 h at room temperature in agitation at 900 rpm and
166 protected from light. Then, plates were washed three times with 200 μ L/well of PBS-T
167 (0.05% Tween 20 in PBS), using a BioTek 405 TS. Twenty five μ L of goat anti-human
168 IgG-phycoerythrin (PE) (GTIG-001, Moss Bio) at 1:400, goat anti-human IgA-PE
169 (GTIA-001, Moss Bio) at 1:200, or goat anti-human IgM-PE (GTIM-001, Moss Bio) at
170 1:200 in Luminex buffer, were added to each well and incubated for 30 min. Plates
171 were washed and microspheres resuspended with 80 μ L of Luminex Buffer and
172 acquired on a Flexmap 3D® reader (at least 50 microspheres per analyte per well),
173 and median fluorescence intensity (MFI) was reported for each analyte. The cutoff for
174 seropositivity was calculated with pre-pandemic plasma samples as 10 to the mean
175 plus 3 standard deviations of \log_{10} -transformed MFI values.

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177 **Data analysis**

178 The percentage decrease in seropositivity for RBD VoCs compared to the RBD wild
179 type (WT) Wuhan was calculated as: $([\text{seropositivity RBD WT} - \text{seropositivity RBD}$
180 $\text{VoC}]/\text{seropositivity RBD WT}) * 100$. The changes in post-vaccination levels in relation to
181 days since first dose were expressed as Spearman coefficient (ρ) with p-values.
182 Univariable and multivariable stepwise linear regression models were fit to identify the
183 variables affecting the antibody levels (\log_{10} MFI) up to 11 months after vaccination.
184 Multivariable models were selected based on the Akaike information criterion,
185 Bayesian information criterion and adjusted r-square parameters. For an easier
186 interpretation of the results, a transformed beta value (%) of the log-linear model was
187 calculated with the formula: $([10^{\beta}] - 1) * 100$, giving the difference (in percentage) in
188 antibody levels when comparing to the reference group for categorical variables or for
189 a one-unit increase for continuous variables. Likewise, a transformed beta value (%) of
190 the log-log model was calculated with the formula: $([10^{(\beta * \log_{10}(1.1))}] - 1) * 100$, giving
191 the difference (in percentage) in antibody levels for a 10% increase of the predictor

192 variable, for continuous variables. P-values were considered statistically significant at
193 the 5% level. All data collected were managed and analyzed using the R software
194 version 4.1.2.

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196 **RESULTS**

197 The characteristics of the study population at baseline and at the later timepoint 8 (T8)
198 visit, when the determinants of long-lasting antibody levels were evaluated, are
199 included in **Tables 1** and **S1**. Most HCW (97.6%) were vaccinated with BNT162b2
200 Comirnaty (Pfizer/BioNTech), and a minority received mRNA-1273 Spikevax
201 (Moderna), ChAdOx1 nCov-19 Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) or Ad26.COV2.S (Janssen,
202 Johnson & Johnson), or combinations.

203 **SARS-CoV-2 seropositivity over time**

204 Seropositivity rates over five cross-sectional visits (T4-T8) following COVID-19
205 vaccination for each antibody isotype /antigen pair are shown in **Table S2**, and
206 stratified by prior COVID-19 disease in **Table 2**. All participants had seroconverted for
207 at least one immunoglobulin/S antigen pair after vaccination, and this was maintained
208 up to 11 months, with no seroreversions. IgG responsiveness was the highest,
209 reaching 100% in all timepoints except the first visit (T4) when some exposed
210 participants had only received one vaccine dose. For IgA and IgM, the percentage of
211 responders was higher in the vaccinated pre-exposed compared to the naïve
212 individuals, reflecting hybrid immunity. Thus, non-responders or hypo-responders were
213 not identified in these HCW cohorts. The most immunogenic antigen was the full-length
214 S, followed by RBD and by S2, which were shown to highly correlate with neutralizing
215 antibodies in our prior studies [20][15]. The inclusion of N antigens also allowed
216 assessing the evolution of seropositivity over time in those with prior COVID-19 history,
217 which generally decreased over time. Furthermore, N serology allowed to identify

218 about 1% (for IgG and IgM) to 3% (for IgA) prior unnoticed SARS-CoV-2 exposures,
219 according to N FL seropositivity, in the infection-naïve cohort where individuals did not
220 have prior documented COVID-19 diagnosis. Seropositivity to N CT was excluded from
221 this analysis as we have previously identified a potential antibody cross-reactivity with
222 S following vaccination [21]; indeed seropositivities in naïve individuals post
223 vaccination (T5) were higher for N CT than for N FL (2.5% for IgM, 6.5% for IgA and
224 10% for IgG) but decreased over time, thus suggesting a transient nature. Finally, N
225 serology also allowed to monitor potential breakthrough infections (see below), with an
226 increase in N FL seroprevalence noted from T7 to T8 for both naïve and pre-exposed
227 individuals (up to 1.8% IgM, 14.6% IgA, and 17.3% IgG). The increase in N FL
228 seroprevalence was accompanied by an increase in IgM and IgA to S antigens,
229 coinciding with the onset of the sixth wave in Spain [22], in face of waning antibody
230 levels (see kinetics below).

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232 **Antibody recognition of SARS-CoV-2 variants**

233 Seropositivity rates to SARS-CoV-2 RBD from VoCs in comparison to WT RBD over
234 three cross-sectional visits (T6-T8) after COVID-19 vaccination, are shown in **Tables 3**
235 and **S3**. There was little variation in IgG seropositivity against RBD from VoCs, with an
236 overall decrease between 4.7-5.8% against Beta (9.0-11.7% among COVID-19 pre-
237 exposed) and negligible (up to 1%) against Alpha, Delta, or Gamma. However, there
238 was less cross-variant antibody recognition for IgA, with a greater percentage decrease
239 in seropositivity against RBD from Beta (~50%) > Gamma (~30%) > Delta (~5%) >
240 Alpha (~1%), being about 2-fold higher or more in pre-exposed. There was higher IgA
241 seropositivity to the Alpha variant compared to the WT at T6 when Alpha was the
242 predominant VoC circulating, and higher IgA seropositivity to the Delta variant
243 compared to the WT at T8 when Delta became the predominant VoC (**Tables 3 & S3**).
244 A similar gradient of VoC cross-reactivity with WT was seen for IgM among pre-

245 exposed individuals, with lower variant-transcending recognition compared to IgG
246 (particularly for Beta and Gamma, with ~80% decrease in seropositivity), but
247 seroprevalences were much lower (**Table S3**). However, among vaccinated naïve
248 individuals, IgM seropositivity rates increased for Alpha (predominant at T6) and Delta
249 (predominant at T7 and T8) RBD, with a general most prominent increase at T8 when
250 IgG antibodies were the lowest, coinciding with the onset of the sixth wave in Spain
251 (just pre-Omicron), possibly indicative of subclinical incident infection breakthroughs.

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253 **Antibody kinetics following vaccination**

254 The evolution of SARS-CoV-2 antibody levels (\log_{10} MFI) over up to 319 days for each
255 immunoglobulin isotype/antigen pair, including RBD to VoC, is shown in **Figure 1**. The
256 correlation between antibody levels with days since the first vaccine dose resulted in
257 negative and significant Rho Spearman correlation coefficients for IgG and IgA,
258 indicative of waning. IgA appeared to have somewhat slower antibody decay than IgG,
259 and the slope of IgG decay seemed more pronounced post-vaccination ($\text{Rho} \cong -0.5$)
260 compared to post-natural infection ($\text{Rho} \cong -0.25$) in a prior analysis of this cohort over a
261 similar follow-up time [23]. In multivariable regression models, time since vaccine dose
262 1 was negatively and significantly associated with IgG to S and RBD antigens at T8
263 (**Table 4**). Regarding IgM, even though most participants were seronegative at T8, the
264 slopes of the correlation lines were more stable and, for some antigens (N FL, RBD),
265 Rho values were positive due to increases in levels in T8, as seen with seropositivity.
266 Stratifying by COVID-19 status pre-vaccination, IgA and IgG levels were higher for
267 individuals with prior symptomatic diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 but the slopes of the
268 waning curves did not seem to diverge substantially from those of naïve individuals
269 (**Figure 2**). Consistently, the strongest determinant for T8 antibody levels in
270 multivariable regression models was having had COVID-19 before vaccination (**Table**
271 **4**). At the individual level, a 10% increase in pre-vaccination IgG levels significantly

272 increased T8 post-vaccination levels by 3.85% (95%CI 1.03-3.05) against S, 4.16%
273 (95%CI 1.03-3.25) against RBD, and 6.02% (95%CI 1.05-4.92) against S2 (all
274 $p < 0.0001$) antigens.

275 The pattern for anti-N antibodies differed between groups, as expected, with waning in
276 levels for pre-exposed individuals while naïve had flat negative values, with an
277 increase also noted at T8 for N FL IgM and IgA (**Figure 2**).

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279 **Other factors affecting late post-vaccination antibody levels**

280 Baseline and follow-up variables significantly associated with lower T8 post-vaccination
281 antibody levels by multivariable regression models included older age, male sex, being
282 a physician or a nurse compared to other occupations, smoking, and not having had
283 adverse events (AEs) during primary vaccination (**Table 4**).

284 Among individuals with prior history of COVID-19, variables significantly associated
285 with higher T8 post-vaccination antibody levels by multivariable regression models
286 included longer intervals since disease onset, hospitalization, not having received
287 supplementary oxygen, as well as having had anosmia/ageusia, fever, dyspnea, or
288 shivers (**Table 4**). Post COVID condition was associated with lower IgM levels to RBD.

289 In addition, the hour of first dose vaccination had an effect, with significantly lower
290 levels of IgG to S and all RBD variants with increased time, i.e, each hour increase in
291 the vaccination time (from 8:30 am) reduced post-vaccination T8 IgG levels between
292 3.8-5.7%, adjusted by other significant covariates (**Table 5**). The determinants
293 associated with T8 IgG levels to RBD VoCs were very similar to those shown in Table
294 4 for the RBD WT (data not shown).

295 Type of vaccine had minor effects because very few HCW received products other
296 than Pfizer/BioNTech. In spite of this, in multivariable models, adenoviral (AstraZeneca
297 and/or Janssen) and Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines induced 56.7% ($p = 0.005$) and 37.5%
298 ($p = 0.015$) lower cross-reactive N CT IgA levels at T8, respectively, than vaccination
299 schedules including Moderna [21]. Among pre-exposed HCW, adenoviral vaccination

300 induced 51.2% (p=0.029) lower cross-reactive N CT IgA levels than Moderna, and
301 Pfizer/BioNTech 74% (p=0.028) higher RBD IgM levels than Moderna.

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303 **Breakthrough infections and antibody boosting**

304 There were 9 symptomatic vaccine breakthroughs detected, all between HCW with no
305 history of COVID-19, all at the time of Delta predominance during the fifth wave in
306 Spain (Summer-Autumn 2021). **Figures 3** and **S1** show the boost in antibodies
307 following those patent infections. An increase in N seropositivity at T8 (**Figure 1**) was
308 also indicative of asymptomatic breakthroughs, still during the Delta predominance and
309 when the Omicron wave just started. Thus, there were 25/382 seroconverters to N FL
310 (6.54% asymptomatic breakthroughs), of whom 11 (44%) had prior COVID-19 history
311 (i.e. 2.9% asymptomatic breakthroughs among pre-exposed).

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313 **DISCUSSION**

314 Our study shows that seropositivity after 1 or 2 vaccine doses was maintained in all
315 participants of a prospective HCW cohort up to 11 months after initial immunization,
316 although levels gradually decreased but with high heterogeneity. Infection
317 breakthroughs (2.01% symptomatic and 6.54% asymptomatic) were more frequent
318 towards the end of the follow up and coinciding with predominance of more highly
319 transmissible VoCs. We confirmed that individuals with prior history of COVID-19 still
320 had higher responses almost a year after vaccination, and that post-vaccination levels
321 were positively associated with pre-vaccination levels. Remarkably, compared with our
322 prior analysis post one-year in the same cohort [23], a more steep decay in antibodies
323 was seen after vaccination than following natural exposure, indicating that SARS-CoV-
324 2 infection may induce better memory responses or longer-lived plasma cells.

325 Although we do not have an absolute correlate of protection to ascertain what
326 circulating levels may suffice to prevent infection, and to rationally indicate when

327 boosters would be beneficial, the occurrence of breakthrough infections suggests that
328 such threshold was likely crossed for a number of individuals, more over in face of a
329 more contagious VoC (Delta) with a high degree of immune escape [24, 25]. Of note,
330 none of the breakthroughs were related to severe disease. In addition to symptomatic
331 cases, seroconversion of N FL antibodies (including IgM) was indicative of
332 asymptomatic infections that appeared to increase further at the later timepoints (T8)
333 when the lowest levels of IgG were attained. Although advances are underway to
334 establish correlates of protection [3, 26–30], not having them also makes it more
335 difficult to link analysis of antibody waning with effectiveness [31], and to predict the
336 impact of VoC like Omicron. In prior studies, one month after the second dose of
337 Moderna, 85% of participants had neutralizing activity against Omicron but after 7
338 months this was reduced to 55% [32].

339 Here, factors affecting the levels of longer-term antibodies were similar to those
340 involved in early peak responses (age, sex, smoking, time intervals), but with some
341 additional results. We consistently found that physicians and nurses had lower
342 responses than other occupations in the primary care health sector, and this could be
343 due to work-related stress or burn out [33][34]. The finding that patients who received
344 oxygen supplement also had lower levels is somewhat surprising as more COVID-19-
345 like symptoms (e.g. fever, dyspnea, shivers) and severe disease are associated with
346 higher antibody levels [35][36]. Oxygen requirement could be indicative of a status of
347 immune suppression and poorer response to vaccination, or it could be related to a
348 worse recovery, or have a long-term impact that affects vaccine responses months
349 later. As models were controlled for time between infection and vaccination, this factor
350 would not be a confounder. Interestingly, lower RBD IgM levels were associated with
351 post COVID condition, and this could be related to the pathophysiological mechanisms
352 of this heterogeneous syndrome that at the moment remain unknown.

353 As reported in our prior hospital-based studies [15], having AEs after vaccination was
354 associated with higher antibody levels; consistently with the age pattern of lower
355 responses with age, more frequent AEs were seen in younger than older individuals.
356 Of note, this impact of AEs on antibody levels appears to affect not only the early peak
357 responses but also the long-term steady phases. Interestingly, we found a significant
358 association between earlier vaccination and better immune response, but only in those
359 pre-exposed. Previous studies have reported similar results for COVID-19 and other
360 vaccines [37][38], while one study reports a better response if vaccination is in the
361 afternoon [39]. Our data indicate a benefit of early morning vaccination to attain better
362 immunogenicity and durability.

363 Information on when antibodies wane below protective levels is needed to avoid too
364 frequent booster immunizations in high-income countries that may not be necessary in
365 younger or healthier populations or even be counter-productive [40], and to direct
366 limiting vaccine supplies for more vulnerable populations (unvaccinated, elderly and
367 immune compromised). Ensuring maximum vaccine coverage worldwide will, in turn,
368 slow down the emergence of VoC that may threaten vaccine effectiveness. In
369 individuals boosted with a 3rd dose, neutralizing titers against Omicron variant were
370 much higher, and remained detectable 6 months after the booster [32]. However, there
371 are also memory B and T lymphocytes that would respond rapidly after an infection
372 and control it to not progress to severe forms, therefore only antibodies may not fully
373 predict protection against severe COVID-19.

374 The study has some limitations, like the focus on HCW that may not be representative
375 of the overall population, particularly not including the elderly in whom seroreversions
376 in the 11-month period would have been expected. In addition, we do not report
377 neutralizing activity, but our prior studies have shown a very strong correlation with
378 anti-S IgG and IgA levels. Our investigation precedes the implementation of vaccine
379 boosters and the rise of Omicron, but few studies have performed such long and depth

380 analyses of long-term antibodies after primary vaccination and including all the main
381 VoC up to the Delta waves. Ongoing experiments will address the role of cellular
382 immunity in this population in relation to antibody maintenance and immune escape.
383 In conclusion, data indicate that older physician or nurse males not having vaccine
384 reactogenicity will be more likely to have lower antibodies within a year timeframe, and
385 thus be prioritized for booster vaccinations. On the other hand, non-smoking younger
386 individuals with hybrid immunity as a result of a prior COVID-19 episode with certain
387 features (anosmia/ageusia, fever, dyspnea and hospitalization but not oxygen supply)
388 would maintain higher antibody levels and be less likely to need vaccine boosters in
389 the timeframe that many Western countries have adopted them. The study also
390 manifests the benefit of administering the vaccines earlier in the morning and as late as
391 possible after a COVID-19 episode, and confirms that Moderna is superior to
392 Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines, despite the asymmetrical distribution.
393 Future biannual longitudinal follow-up studies will address further the breadth and
394 maintenance of immunity and the waning of antibodies following the booster doses,
395 including the impact on emerging variants like Omicron on breakthrough infections.

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564 **Figure 2. SARS-CoV-2 antibody levels by days since first dose of vaccination and**

565 **by previous COVID-19 status.** IgA (1/500 dilution), IgG-N FL & N CT (1/500 dilution),
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568 prior COVID-19 diagnosis and blue dots individuals without (open circles for 1st doses
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571 naïve individuals, respectively. The Spearman correlation coefficients and p-values are
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576 **Figure 3. Dynamic changes in IgG levels in nine patients with symptomatic**

577 **breakthroughs.** Vaccine doses as dashed lines and infections as red lines. IgG levels

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Table 1. Population characteristics of the entire study cohort according to COVID-19 pre-exposure (up to timepoint 8), and when antibodies were assessed (11 months after vaccination).

| | Full study cohort | | Timepoint 8 | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Pre-exposed N=247 (55.3%) | Naive N=200 (44.7%) | Pre-exposed N=194 (50.8%) | Naive N=188 (49.2%) |
| Age¹ | 47 (17) | 46 (17) | 48.5 (17.8) | 47 (16.3) |
| Sex (female) | 205 (83.0%) | 170 (85.0%) | 160 (82.5%) | 160 (85.1%) |
| Occupation | | | | |
| Physician or dentist | 86 (34.8%) | 60 (30.0%) | 70 (36.1%) | 56 (29.8%) |
| Nurse or auxiliary nurse | 111 (44.9%) | 84 (42.0%) | 82 (42.3%) | 79 (42.0%) |
| Other ² | 50 (20.2%) | 56 (28.0%) | 42 (21.6%) | 53 (28.2%) |
| Site | | | | |
| Bages | 122 (49.4%) | 105 (52.5%) | 92 (47.4%) | 99 (52.7%) |
| Osona | 72 (29.1%) | 37 (18.5%) | 65 (33.5%) | 35 (18.6%) |
| Anoia | 53 (21.5%) | 58 (29.0%) | 37 (19.1%) | 54 (28.7%) |
| Type vaccine (dose 1 - dose 2)³ | | | | |
| Moderna alone or combined | 2 (0.8%) | 0 (0.0%) | 2 (1.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Pfizer alone | 207 (83.8%) | 200 (100.0%) | 185 (95.4%) | 188 (100.0%) |
| Astrazeneca or Janssen | 6 (2.4%) | 0 (0.0%) | 6 (3.1%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Astrazeneca and Pfizer combined | 2 (0.8%) | 0 (0.0%) | 1 (0.5%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Number doses³ | | | | |
| One | 76 (30.8%) | 0 (0%) | 71 (36.6%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Two | 141 (57.1%) | 200 (100%) | 123 (63.4%) | 188 (100%) |
| Days since 1st vaccination¹ | na | na | 289.5 (105.2) | 307 (11) |
| Days since 2nd vaccination^{1,4} | na | na | 281 (25) | 286 (11) |
| Hour vaccine dose 1^{1,5} | 16 (4) | 17 (3) | 16 (4) | 18 (3.3) |
| Hour vaccine dose 2^{1,6} | 16 (3) | 17 (2) | 17 (3) | 17 (2) |
| Adverse events dose 1⁷ | | | | |
| None | 65 (26.3%) | 122 (61.0%) | 58 (29.9%) | 115 (61.2%) |
| Local | 53 (21.5%) | 36 (18.0%) | 48 (24.7%) | 32 (17.0%) |
| Systemic | 99 (40.1%) | 42 (21.0%) | 88 (45.4%) | 41 (21.8%) |
| Adverse events dose 2⁸ | | | | |
| None | 55 (22.3%) | 83 (41.5%) | 44 (22.7%) | 79 (42.0%) |
| Local | 10 (4.0%) | 19 (9.5%) | 10 (5.2%) | 19 (10.1%) |
| Systemic | 76 (30.8%) | 98 (49%) | 69 (35.6%) | 90 (47.9%) |
| Smoking | | | | |
| No | 175 (70.9%) | 117 (58.5%) | 132 (68.0%) | 109 (58.0%) |
| Ex-smoker | 54 (21.9%) | 30 (15.0%) | 50 (25.8%) | 29 (15.4%) |
| Yes | 18 (7.3%) | 53 (26.5%) | 12 (6.2%) | 50 (26.6%) |
| Baseline comorbidities | 148 (59.9%) | 120 (60%) | 124 (63.9%) | 112 (59.6%) |
| Days between onset symptoms and vaccination^{1,9} | 304 (69) | na | 303.5 (69.8) | na |
| Hospitalization first COVID-19 episode | 25 (10.1%) | na | 21 (10.8%) | na |
| Intensive care unit first COVID-19 episode | 1 (0.4%) | na | 1 (0.5%) | na |
| Oxygen first COVID-19 episode | 16 (6.5%) | na | 15 (7.7%) | na |
| Any symptoms first COVID-19 episode | 247 (100%) | na | 194 (100%) | na |
| Duration symptoms (days)¹ | 22 (21.5) | na | 20.5 (19.8) | na |
| Post COVID condition | 117 (47.4%) | na | 95 (49%) | na |

na = not applicable; NA = missing data. See Table S1 for detailed list of comorbidities and symptoms.

¹ Median (IQR)

² Social worker, customer service, technician, driver, maintenance worker, IT worker, X-ray technician, others

³ na (no doses received): in the full study cohort, 30 (6.7%) among all, 30 (12.1%) among exposed

⁴ na (without dose 2): 71 (all), 71 (pre-exposed)

⁵ Full study cohort: na (without dose 1): 30 (all), 30 (pre-exposed). NA (missing data from dose 1): 22 (all), 17 (pre-exposed), 5 (naive)
T8 only: NA (missing data from dose 1): 18 (all), 14 (pre-exposed), 4 (naive)

⁶ Full study cohort: na (without dose 2): 106 (all), 106 (pre-exposed). NA (missing data from dose 2): 10 (all), 3 (pre-exposed), 7 (naive)
T8 only: na (without dose 2): 71 (all), 71 (pre-exposed). NA (missing data from dose 2): 8 (all), 2 (pre-exposed), 6 (naive)

⁷ Full study cohort: na (without dose 1): all 30 (6.7%), pre-exposed 30 (12.1%)

⁸ Full study cohort: na (without dose 2): All 106 (23.7%), pre-exposed 106 (42.9%); T8 only: All 71 (18.6%), pre-exposed 71 (36.6%)

⁹ Full study cohort: na (without dose 1): 30

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587 **Table 2.** Percentage seropositivity after vaccination stratified by prior COVID-19 status.

| | T4 | T5 | | T6 | | T7 | | T8 | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Exposed (n=79) | Naive (n=200) | Exposed (n=133) | Naive (n=198) | Exposed (n=165) | Naive (n=188) | Exposed (n=187) | Naive (n=188) | Exposed (n=194) |
| Positive | 97.47% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| IgA | 96.20% | 98% | 96.99% | 89.90% | 96.97% | 81.38% | 95.72% | 93.09% | 97.94% |
| IgA N CT | 84.81% | 6.50% | 44.36% | 2.02% | 15.76% | 2.66% | 12.83% | 4.79% | 11.34% |
| IgA N FL | 50.63% | 3% | 20.30% | 2.02% | 9.09% | 3.72% | 6.95% | 10.11% | 19.07% |
| IgA RBD | 94.94% | 87% | 93.98% | 39.90% | 86.67% | 31.91% | 86.63% | 62.23% | 95.36% |
| IgA S | 96.20% | 97.50% | 96.99% | 88.89% | 96.97% | 80.32% | 95.72% | 93.09% | 97.94% |
| IgA S2 | 93.67% | 75% | 93.23% | 26.77% | 80.61% | 17.55% | 78.61% | 43.62% | 93.30% |
| IgG | 97.47% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| IgG N CT | 88.61% | 10% | 67.67% | 0% | 19.39% | 2.13% | 12.30% | 0.53% | 0.52% |
| IgG N FL | 59.49% | 1% | 36.84% | 1.01% | 12.73% | 1.06% | 4.28% | 6.91% | 27.32% |
| IgG RBD | 96.20% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| IgG S | 97.47% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| IgG S2 | 96.20% | 99.50% | 100% | 92.93% | 98.18% | 73.94% | 96.26% | 67.02% | 96.39% |
| IgM | 68.35% | 42.50% | 65.41% | 9.60% | 17.58% | 5.85% | 12.30% | 22.34% | 38.66% |
| IgM N CT | 1.27% | 2.50% | 2.26% | 1.01% | 1.21% | 0% | 1.07% | 3.19% | 2.06% |
| IgM N FL | 1.27% | 1% | 0% | 1.52% | 0% | 0.53% | 0% | 2.66% | 1.03% |
| IgM RBD | 48.10% | 17% | 45.86% | 1.52% | 11.52% | 1.60% | 8.02% | 7.98% | 30.93% |
| IgM S | 58.23% | 38.50% | 48.12% | 7.58% | 6.67% | 3.72% | 3.21% | 11.17% | 13.92% |
| IgM S2 | 40.51% | 7% | 20.30% | 0% | 2.42% | 0% | 2.14% | 1.06% | 8.25% |

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589 T4 – January/February 2021, T5 – March/April 2021, T6 – May/June 2021, T7 – July 2021, T8 – November 2021.
590 n, number of individuals who donated samples per timepoint.

591 Participants with diagnosis of COVID-19 before vaccination were classified as exposed, and those without prior COVID-19 diagnosis (recruited at T5) as naïve.
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593 **Table 3.** Percentage decrease in seropositivity to receptor binding domain (RBD) after
 594 vaccination for variants of concern (VoC) compared to Wuhan, stratified by COVID-19
 595 status.

| | T6 | | T7 | | T8 | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Naive (n=198) | Exposed (n=165) | Naive (n=188) | Exposed (n=187) | Naive (n=188) | Exposed (n=194) |
| IgA RBD Alpha | -2.53 ¹ | -0.69 | 3.32 | 0.62 | -3.42 | 0.53 |
| IgA RBD Beta | 87.34 | 42.66 | 78.35 | 47.54 | 72.65 | 35.68 |
| IgA RBD Gamma | 62.03 | 19.58 | 58.32 | 24.08 | 34.18 | 11.89 |
| IgA RBD Delta | 5.06 | 0.7 | 21.65 | 1.24 | -15.39 | 0 |
| IgG RBD Alpha | 0 | 0 | 1.06 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IgG RBD Beta | 9.6 | 1.21 | 11.7 | 3.21 | 9.04 | 0.52 |
| IgG RBD Gamma | 0 | 0 | 1.6 | 1.07 | 1.06 | 0 |
| IgG RBD Delta | 0 | 0 | 1.06 | 1.07 | 0 | 0 |
| IgM RBD Alpha | -165.79 | 26.39 | -66.25 | 33.29 | -19.92 | -1.75 |
| IgM RBD Beta | 33.55 | 89.5 | 100 | 100 | 73.31 | 91.65 |
| IgM RBD Gamma | 66.45 | 89.5 | 66.88 | 93.39 | 53.38 | 76.63 |
| IgM RBD Delta | -199.34 | 36.89 | -99.38 | 19.95 | -79.2 | -33.46 |

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 597 Calculated as (seropositivity RBD Wuhan – seropositivity RBD VoC) / seropositivity RBD
 598 Wuhan * 100
 599 ¹ Negative percentage values indicate increase in seropositivity
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601 **Table 4.** Variables significantly associated with antibody levels to spike antigens post vaccination (T8) by multivariable linear regression models.

| | IgM RBD | | IgM S | | IgM S2 | | IgA RBD | | IgA S | | IgA S2 | | IgG RBD | | IgG S | | IgG S2 | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| | Beta ¹ | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | Beta | p-value | | |
| FULL COHORT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age | -1,06 | 0,0002 | -1,50 | <0,0001 | -1,89 | <0,0001 | | | | | | | | | | 0,77 | 0,0427 | | | |
| Sex (ref: male) | | | 23,95 | 0,0074 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cohort (ref: exposed) | -38,29 | <0,0001 | -13,51 | 0,03 | -34,87 | <0,0001 | -78,05 | <0,0001 | -70,47 | <0,0001 | -78,67 | <0,0001 | -74,75 | <0,0001 | -63,99 | <0,0001 | -74,57 | <0,0001 | | |
| Occupation (ref: other ²) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physician or dentist | | | | | | | | | -25,80 | 0,0484 | -26,16 | 0,0492 | | | -21,13 | 0,032 | | | | |
| Nurse or auxiliary nurse | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | -22,40 | 0,0186 | -22,42 | 0,0205 | | |
| Smoking (ref: no) | | | | | | | | | | | | | -39,97 | 0,0006 | -24,80 | 0,0164 | -21,53 | 0,0443 | | |
| Days since 1st vaccination | | | | | | | | | | | | | -0,36 | 0,0046 | -0,28 | 0,0072 | -0,24 | 0,0226 | | |
| Adverse events dose 1 (ref: none) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Systemic | | | | | | | | | | | | | 32,88 | 0,0224 | | | | | | |
| Adverse events dose 2 (ref: none) ³ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 56,68 | 0,0189 |
| Systemic | | | | | | | | | | | | | 43,06 | 0,0125 | 42,66 | 0,0018 | 45,21 | 0,0017 | | |
| Days between onset symptoms and dose 1⁴ | | | | | | | 0,38 | <0,0001 | 0,30 | <0,0001 | | | 0,19 | 0,0084 | 0,15 | 0,0123 | | | | |
| PRE-EXPOSED COHORT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Age | -1,38 | 0,0037 | -1,51 | 0,0002 | -1,69 | 0,0036 | | | | | | | | | | 1,02 | 0,0371 | | | |
| Occupation (ref: other) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physician or dentist | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Days between onset symptoms and dose 1 | | | | | | | 0,32 | 0,0001 | 0,24 | 0,0019 | | | 0,17 | 0,0042 | 0,14 | 0,0044 | 0,11 | 0,045 | | |
| Adverse events dose 1 (ref: none) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Systemic | | | | | | | | | | | | | 34,17 | 0,042 | | | | | | |
| Adverse events dose 2 (ref: none) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local | | | | | | | | | | | | | 147,75 | 0,0043 | 99,88 | 0,0112 | 105,21 | 0,0226 | | |
| Systemic | | | | | | | | | | | | | 61,03 | 0,0106 | 36,93 | 0,0493 | 43,87 | 0,0495 | | |
| Hospitalization first COVID-19 episode | | | | | | | | | 190,0 | 0,0242 | 170,12 | 0,0418 | 321,31 | 0,0001 | 200,69 | 0,0003 | 144,39 | 0,0067 | | |
| Oxygen first COVID-19 episode | | | | | | | | | -66,4 | 0,041 | -71,24 | 0,0242 | | | | | | | | |
| Post COVID condition | -19,41 | 0,0387 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Symptoms first COVID-19 episode | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anosmia/Ageusia | | | | | | | | | | | | | 37,66 | 0,0097 | 36,31 | 0,003 | 47,89 | 0,0006 | | |
| Dispnea | | | | | | | | | | | | | 42,13 | 0,0098 | 28,31 | 0,0289 | 35,90 | 0,0139 | | |
| Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40,29 | 0,0153 | 31,52 | 0,0195 | 38,09 | 0,0118 | | |
| Shivers | | | 18,00 | 0,0454 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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603 ¹ Beta coefficient has been transformed into percentage for easier interpretation (see Materials & Methods)
604 ² Other: social worker, customer service, technician, driver, maintenance worker, IT worker, X-ray technician, others.
605 ³ 71 na (not applicable) values: not vaccinated with dose 2. Separate model removing the variable number of doses because all individuals included had
606 received 2 doses.
607 ⁴ 188 na (not applicable) values: naive cohort, without onset of symptoms. Separate model removing variable cohort because all individuals included were pre-
608 exposed.
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610 **Table 5.** Effect of one hour increase in the dose 1 vaccination time (from 8.30 am) on
611 levels of IgG antibodies up to 11 months later in health care workers with prior history
612 of COVID-19.

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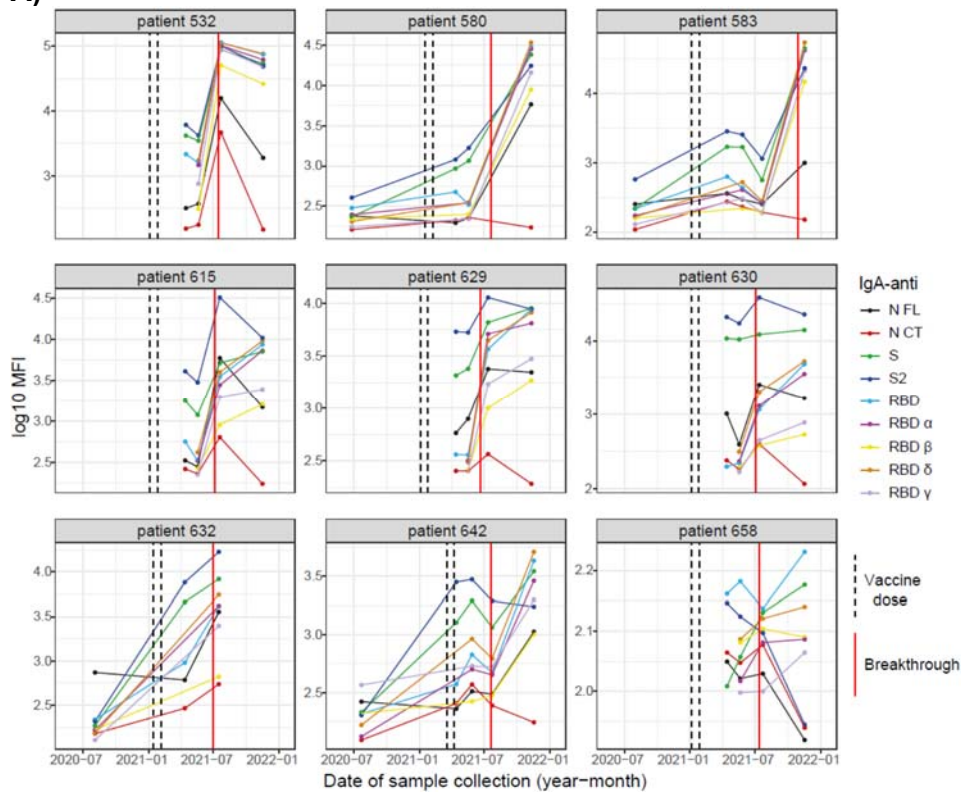
| Antigens | %Beta | 95% CI | P-value |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| S | -3.81 | -0.0325; -0.0013 | 0.034 |
| RBD Wuhan | -5.45 | -0.0429; -0.0057 | 0.011 |
| RBD Alpha | -5.66 | -0.0442; -0.0064 | 0.009 |
| RBD Beta | -4.38 | -0.0381; -0.0008 | 0.041 |
| RBD Delta | -5.00 | -0.0406; -0.0039 | 0.018 |
| RBD Gamma | -4.95 | -0.0418; -0.0023 | 0.029 |
| S2 | -3.21 | -0.032; 0.0037 | 0.118 |

614 Multivariable models including as regression variables also age, sex, professional category,
615 vaccine adverse events, time between onset of symptoms and dose 1, hospitalization, oxygen
616 support, symptoms (fever, shivers, dyspnea, anosmia/ageusia, digestive, dyslipidemia) and
617 their duration. Significant associations or trends are shown.

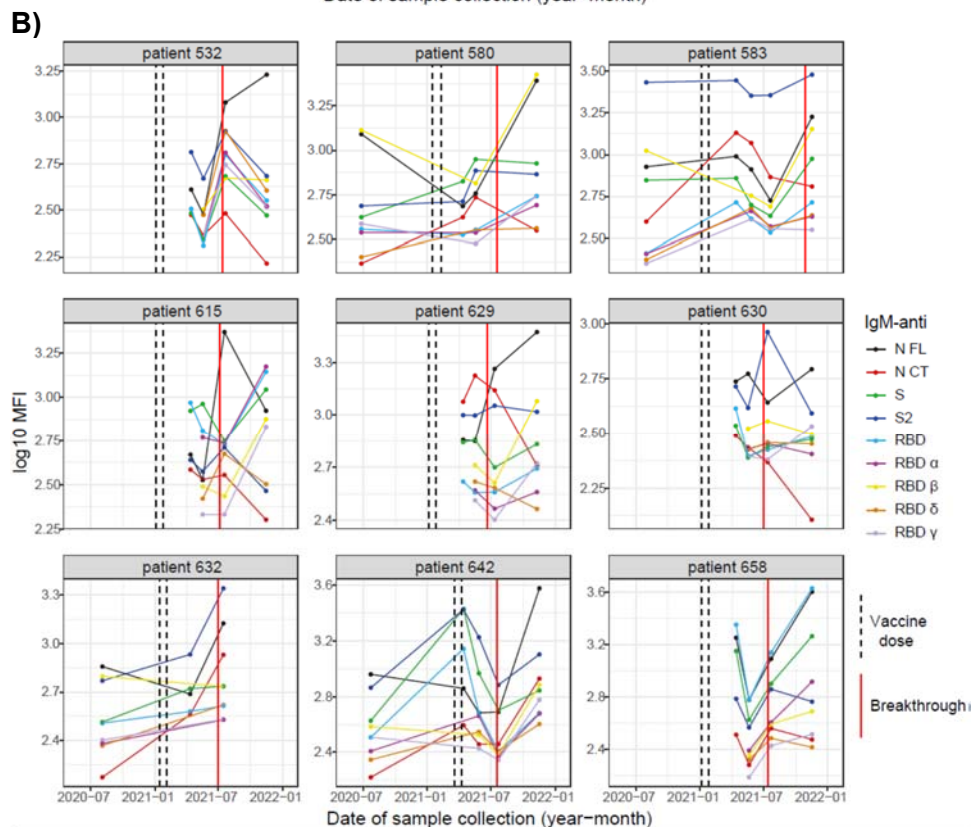
618 Negative transformed beta coefficient means that there is a decrease in antibodies with
619 increased hours.
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621 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

622 **Figure S1.** Changes in IgA (A) and IgM (B) levels (\log_{10} MFI) in nine vaccinated
 623 patients after symptomatic breakthrough infection. Antigens: nucleocapsid full length (N
 624 FL) and C-terminus (N CT), spike full length (S), S2 subunit, and receptor-binding
 625 domain (RBD) for wild type and variants of concern.
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630 **Table S1.** Detailed baseline comorbidities and symptoms of the entire study cohort (up
 631 to timepoint 8), and when antibodies assessed (11 months after vaccination).

| | Full study cohort | | Timepoint 8 | |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Pre-exposed N=247 (55.3%) | Naive N=200 (44.7%) | Pre-exposed N=194 (50.8%) | Naive N=188 (49.2%) |
| Baseline comorbidities | | | | |
| Allergy | 41 (16.6%) | 16 (8.0%) | 33 (17.0%) | 16 (8.5%) |
| Asthma | 16 (6.5%) | 15 (7.5%) | 12 (6.2%) | 14 (7.4%) |
| Autoimmune | 23 (9.3%) | 15 (7.5%) | 19 (9.8%) | 15 (8.0%) |
| Cancer | 10 (4.0%) | 10 (5.0%) | 9 (4.6%) | 10 (5.3%) |
| Cardiac disease | 4 (1.6%) | 3 (1.5%) | 2 (1.0%) | 3 (1.6%) |
| Depression | 51 (20.6%) | 47 (23.5%) | 42 (21.6%) | 42 (22.3%) |
| Digestive disease | 22 (8.9%) | 13 (6.5%) | 19 (9.8%) | 13 (6.9%) |
| Dyslipidemia | 35 (14.2%) | 25 (12.5%) | 32 (16.5%) | 23 (12.2%) |
| Diabetes Mellitus | 6 (2.4%) | 3 (1.5%) | 4 (2.1%) | 3 (1.6%) |
| Hypotiroidism | 26 (10.5%) | 13 (6.5%) | 23 (11.9%) | 12 (6.4%) |
| Hypertension | 20 (8.1%) | 13 (6.5%) | 16 (8.2%) | 12 (6.4%) |
| COPD | 1 (0.4%) | 2 (1.0%) | 1 (0.5%) | 2 (1.1%) |
| Chronic kidney disease | 2 (0.8%) | 0 (0.0%) | 1 (0.5%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Neurological disease | 24 (9.7%) | 26 (13.0%) | 22 (11.3%) | 23 (12.2%) |
| Immunodepression | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Pregnancy | 3 (1.2%) | 0 (0.0%) | 3 (1.5%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| Obesity | 26 (10.5%) | 16 (8.0%) | 22 (11.3%) | 16 (8.5%) |
| Symptoms first COVID-19 episode | | | | |
| Anosmia/Ageusia | 147 (59.5%) | na | 116 (59.8%) | na |
| Fever | 178 (72.1%) | na | 136 (70.1%) | na |
| Shivers | 121 (49.0%) | na | 94 (48.5%) | na |
| Headache | 179 (72.5%) | na | 138 (71.1%) | na |
| Dizziness | 44 (17.8%) | na | 32 (16.5%) | na |
| Myalgia/Arthralgia | 144 (58.3%) | na | 114 (58.8%) | na |
| Cough | 145 (58.7%) | na | 118 (60.8%) | na |
| Dispnea | 81 (32.8%) | na | 63 (32.5%) | na |
| Thorax pain | 44 (17.8%) | na | 29 (14.9%) | na |
| Digestive | 136 (55.1%) | na | 102 (52.6%) | na |
| Asthenia | 192 (77.7%) | na | 149 (76.8%) | na |
| Oftalmological | 43 (17.4%) | na | 31 (16.0%) | na |
| Cutaneous | 35 (14.2%) | na | 30 (15.5%) | na |
| Odynophagia | 82 (33.2%) | na | 64 (33.0%) | na |
| Sputum | 16 (6.5%) | na | 10 (5.2%) | na |
| Tachycardia | 33 (13.4%) | na | 24 (12.4%) | na |
| Neurological | 22 (8.9%) | na | 15 (7.7%) | na |
| Otorhino | 113 (45.7%) | na | 89 (45.9%) | na |
| Thrombosis | 1 (0.4%) | na | 1 (0.5%) | na |

632 na = not applicable

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634 **Table S2. Seropositivity over time after vaccination.**

| | T4 (n=79) | | T5 (n=333) | | T6 (n=363) | | T7 (n=375) | | T8 (n=382) | |
|--------------|-----------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Total | 77 | 97.47% | 333 | 100% | 363 | 100% | 375 | 100% | 382 | 100% |
| IgA | 76 | 96.20% | 325 | 97.60% | 338 | 93.11% | 332 | 88.53% | 365 | 95.55% |
| IgA N CT | 67 | 84.81% | 72 | 21.62% | 30 | 8.26% | 29 | 7.73% | 31 | 8.12% |
| IgA N FL | 40 | 50.63% | 33 | 9.91% | 19 | 5.23% | 20 | 5.33% | 56 | 14.66% |
| IgA RBD | 75 | 94.94% | 299 | 89.79% | 222 | 61.16% | 222 | 59.20% | 302 | 79.06% |
| IgA S | 76 | 96.20% | 324 | 97.30% | 336 | 92.56% | 330 | 88.00% | 365 | 95.55% |
| IgA S2 | 74 | 93.67% | 274 | 82.28% | 186 | 51.24% | 180 | 48.00% | 263 | 68.85% |
| IgG | 77 | 97.47% | 333 | 100% | 363 | 100% | 375 | 100% | 382 | 100% |
| IgG N CT | 70 | 88.61% | 110 | 33.03% | 32 | 8.82% | 27 | 7.20% | 2 | 0.52% |
| IgG N FL | 47 | 59.49% | 51 | 15.32% | 23 | 6.34% | 10 | 2.67% | 66 | 17.28% |
| IgG RBD | 76 | 96.20% | 333 | 100% | 363 | 100% | 375 | 100% | 382 | 100% |
| IgG S | 77 | 97.47% | 333 | 100% | 363 | 100% | 375 | 100% | 382 | 100% |
| IgG S2 | 76 | 96.20% | 332 | 99.70% | 346 | 95.32% | 319 | 85.07% | 313 | 81.94% |
| IgM | 54 | 68.35% | 172 | 51.65% | 48 | 13.22% | 34 | 9.07% | 117 | 30.63% |
| IgM N CT | 1 | 1.27% | 8 | 2.40% | 4 | 1.10% | 2 | 0.53% | 10 | 2.62% |
| IgM N FL | 1 | 1.27% | 2 | 0.60% | 3 | 0.83% | 1 | 0.27% | 7 | 1.83% |
| IgM RBD | 38 | 48.10% | 95 | 28.53% | 22 | 6.06% | 18 | 4.80% | 75 | 19.63% |
| IgM S | 46 | 58.23% | 141 | 42.34% | 26 | 7.16% | 13 | 3.47% | 48 | 12.57% |
| IgM S2 | 32 | 40.51% | 41 | 12.31% | 4 | 1.10% | 4 | 1.07% | 18 | 4.71% |

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T4 – January/February 2021, T5 – March/April 2021, T6 – May/June 2021, T7 – July 2021, T8 – November 2021.
n, number of individuals who donated samples per timepoint

641 **Table S3. Seropositivity over time after vaccination for variants of concern.**

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| | T6 | | | T7 | | | T8 | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Naive (n=198) | Exposed (n=165) | Total (n=363) | Naive (n=188) | Exposed (n=187) | Total (n=375) | Naive (n=188) | Exposed (n=194) | Total (n=382) |
| IgA RBD Wuhan | 39.9 | 86.67 | 61.16 | 31.91 | 86.63 | 59.2 | 62.23 | 95.36 | 79.06 |
| IgA RBD Alpha | 40.91 | 87.27 | 61.98 | 30.85 | 86.09 | 58.4 | 64.36 | 94.85 | 79.84 |
| IgA RBD Beta | 5.05 | 49.7 | 25.34 | 6.91 | 45.45 | 26.13 | 17.02 | 61.34 | 39.53 |
| IgA RBD Gamma | 15.15 | 69.7 | 39.94 | 13.3 | 65.77 | 39.47 | 40.96 | 84.02 | 62.83 |
| IgA RBD Delta | 37.88 | 86.06 | 59.78 | 25 | 85.56 | 55.2 | 71.81 | 95.36 | 83.77 |
| IgG RBD Wuhan | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| IgG RBD Alpha | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98.94 | 100 | 99.47 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| IgG RBD Beta | 90.4 | 98.79 | 94.21 | 88.3 | 96.79 | 92.53 | 90.96 | 99.48 | 95.29 |
| IgG RBD Gamma | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98.4 | 98.93 | 98.67 | 98.94 | 100 | 99.48 |
| IgG RBD Delta | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98.94 | 98.93 | 98.93 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| IgM RBD Wuhan | 1.52 | 11.52 | 6.06 | 1.6 | 8.02 | 4.8 | 7.98 | 30.9 | 19.63 |
| IgM RBD Alpha | 4.04 | 8.48 | 6.06 | 2.66 | 5.35 | 4 | 9.57 | 31.44 | 20.68 |
| IgM RBD Beta | 1.01 | 1.21 | 1.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.13 | 2.58 | 2.36 |
| IgM RBD Gamma | 0.51 | 1.21 | 0.83 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 3.72 | 7.22 | 5.5 |
| IgM RBD Delta | 4.55 | 7.27 | 5.79 | 3.19 | 6.42 | 4.8 | 14.3 | 41.24 | 28.01 |

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T6 – May/June 2021, T7 – July 2021, T8 – November 2021.
n, number of individuals who donated samples per timepoint

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