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Our preliminary result showed that the adjusted odds ratio for effectiveness after the second dose BNT162b2 for adolescents was 0.68. Given that the prevalence of the extended dose was 55% of the Hong Kong population aged less than 18 years old, matched sets (1 case and 4 controls) ranging from 133 to 448 were required to achieve 60% to 95% power to detect the odds ratios of 0.68 at 0.05 significance level. With a power of 80%, the required sample sets are 270 (270 cases and 1080 controls). The line indicates the required sample sets plotted for power from 0.50 to 0.95 by 0.05. The sample size calculation was conducted using the R package "powerSurvEpi". Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics in two case-control studies for Covid-19 infection and Covid-19 hospitalization stratified by case and exposure status

	Covid-19 infection					
	Controls			Cases		
	Regular dosing interval N = 16059	Extended dosing interval N = 5518	SMD	Regular dosing interval N = 4148	Extended dosing interval N = 1248	SMD
Onset time [days, median (25-75 percentile)]	201.00 [183.00, 219.00]	51.00 [19.00, 106.00]	2.562	198.00 [180.00, 215.00]	67.50 [26.00, 118.00]	2.404
Age [mean (SD)]	15.40 (1.27)	14.09 (2.52)	0.656	15.38 (1.28)	14.00 (2.61)	0.670
Sex (male ,%)	8602 (53.6)	2982 (54.0)	0.010	2194 (52.9)	703 (56.3)	0.069
Pre-existing comorbidities (%)						
Asthma	183 (1.1)	75 (1.4)	0.020	73 (1.8)	23 (1.8)	0.006
Diabetes	22 (0.1)	13 (0.2)	0.023	6 (0.1)	2 (0.2)	0.004
Epilepsy	97 (0.6)	63 (1.1)	0.058	37 (0.9)	18 (1.4)	0.051
The use of immunosuppressants						
within 90 days before index date (%)	5 (0.0)	14 (0.3)	0.059	0 (0.0)	3 (0.2)	0.069
	Covid-19 hospitalization					

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	Controls			Cases		
	Regular dosing interval N = 520	Extended dosing interval N = 288	SMD	Regular dosing interval N = 133	Extended dosing interval N = 69	SMD
Onset time [days, median (25-75 percentile)]	186.00 [163.00, 212.50]	71.00 [34.75, 111.50]	2.093	188.00 [165.00, 207.00]	88.00 [57.00, 112.00]	2.304
Age [mean (SD)]	15.41 (1.30)	13.38 (2.92)	0.901	15.35 (1.33)	13.42 (3.02)	0.825
Sex (male ,%)	265 (51.0)	155 (53.8)	0.057	67 (50.4)	38 (55.1)	0.094
Pre-existing comorbidities (%)						
Asthma	9 (1.7)	2 (0.7)	0.095	5 (3.8)	0 (0.0)	0.280
Diabetes	1 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	0.062	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	<0.00 1
Epilepsy	8 (1.5)	5 (1.7)	0.016	7 (5.3)	3 (4.3)	0.043
The use of immunosuppressants within 90 days before index date (%)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	<0.00 1	0 (0.0)	2 (2.9)	0.244

Abbreviation: standard mean difference (SMD), Standard Deviation (SD)

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Age	Covid-19 infection	n	Covid-19 related hospita	alization
	Control	Cases	Control	Cases
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0
5	20	5	4	1
6	73	19	4	1
7	104	26	8	2
8	77	20	16	4
9	124	31	4	1
10	144	36	8	2
11	148	37	16	4
12	219	55	16	4
13	2032	508	92	23
14	4340	1085	148	37
15	4560	1140	172	43
16	4708	1177	132	33
17	5028	1257	188	47
Sum	21577	5396	808	202

Supplementary Table 2	. The number of	participants in each	age strata after matching
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