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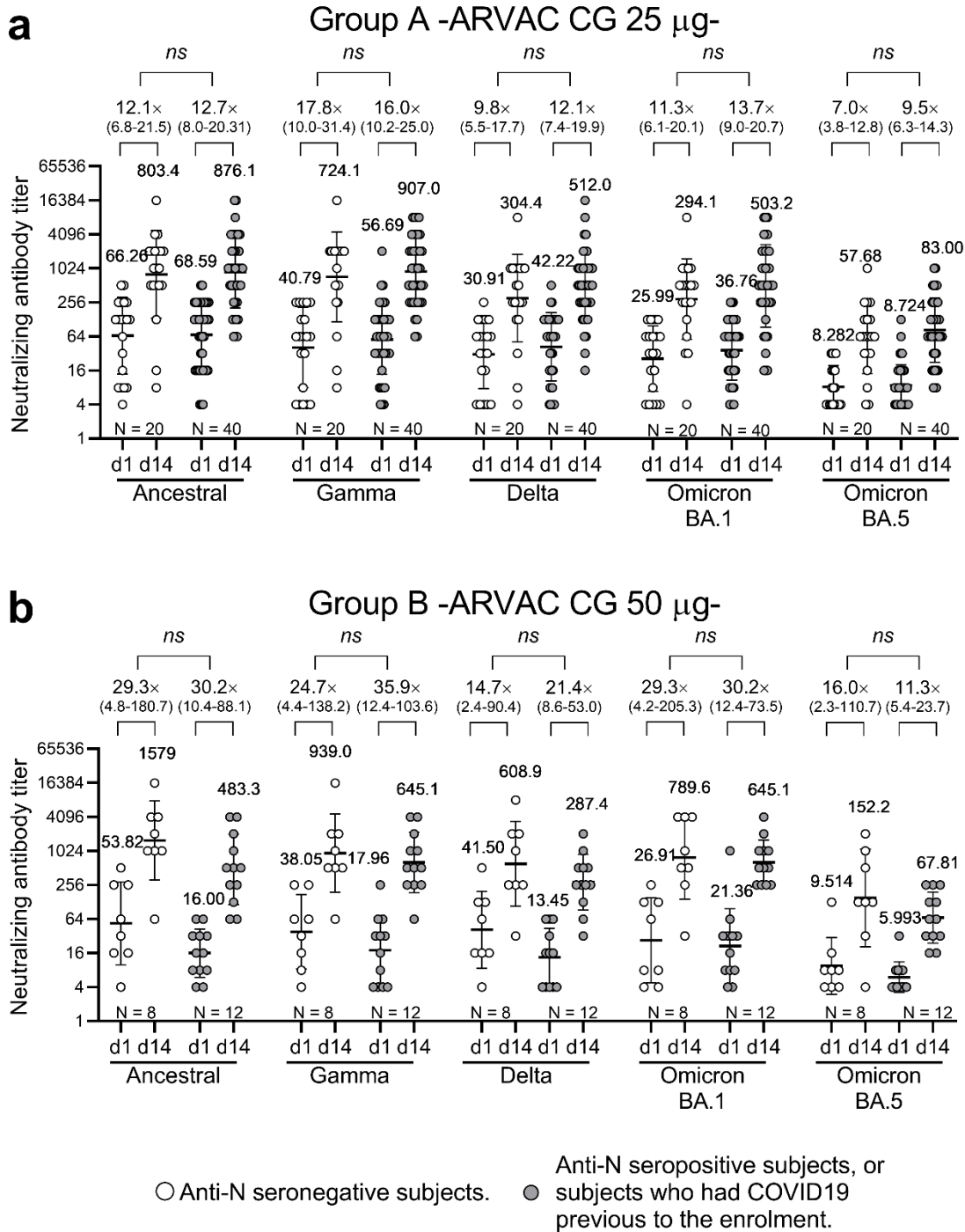
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Supplementary Figures, Tables and Methods

6 **Supplementary Figures**

7 **Supplementary Figure 1**



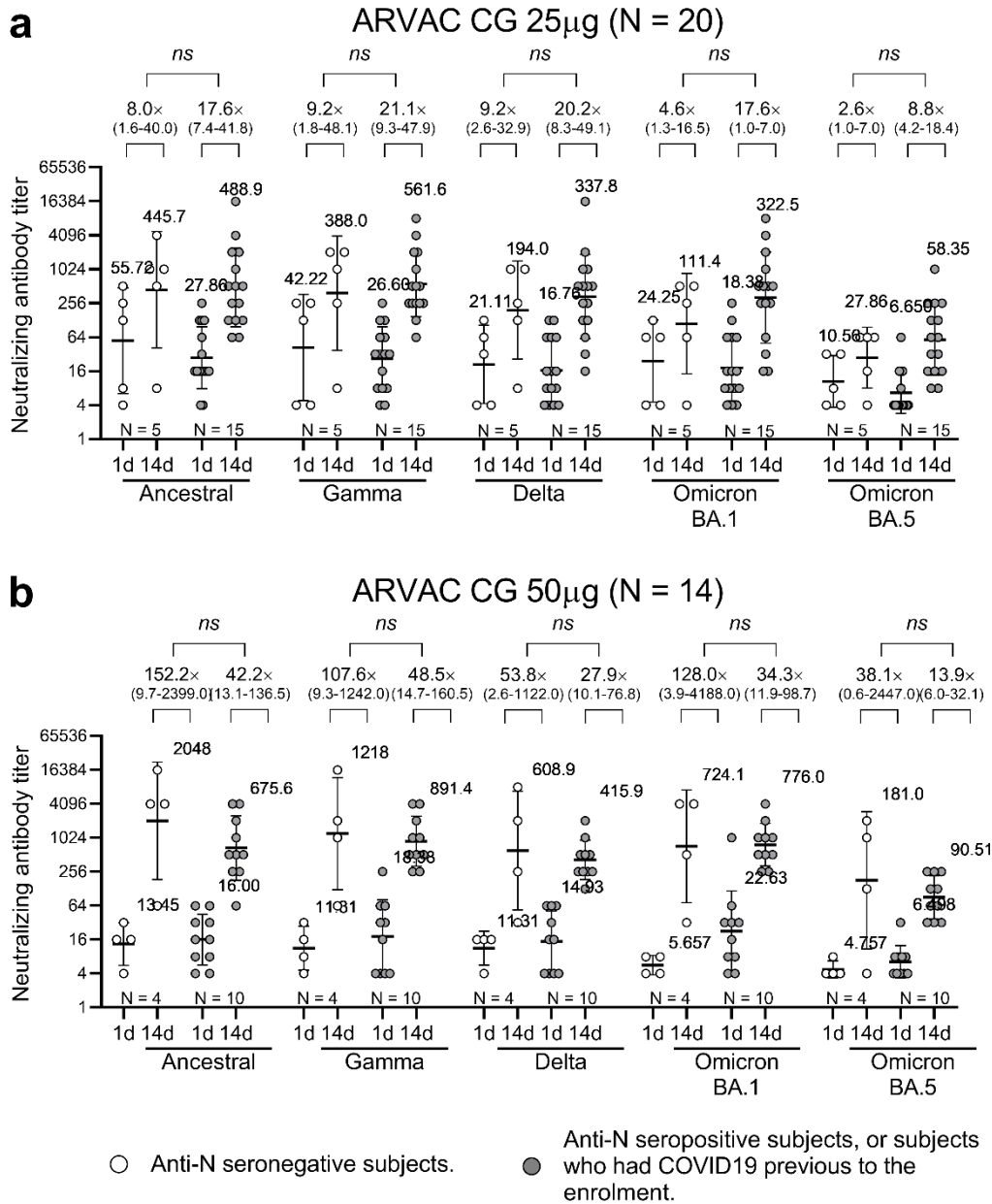
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9 **Supplementary Figure 1: Administration of ARVAC CG as booster increases the Neutralizing antibody**
 10 **titers against the Ancestral, Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 variants of SARS-CoV-2**
 11 **irrespective of the previous history of COVID19 or anti-N serology of the study participants.** Study
 12 participants were classified according to their previous story of COVID19 and/or their anti-N serology into two

13 groups: in the graphs are shown with open circles those who were seronegative for anti-N IgG (at day 1 and at
14 day 28) and have no previous diagnostic of COVID19 ($N = 20$ in Group A and $N = 8$ in group B) and shown
15 with filled circles are those who were seropositive for anti-N IgG (at day 1 or at day 28) or have had COVID19
16 previous to the study ($N = 40$ in Group A and $N = 12$ in group B). The neutralizing antibody titers against the
17 Ancestral, Gamma, Delta and Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 variants of SARS-CoV-2 in plasma samples
18 of individuals boosted with ARVAC CG 25 μ g (a) or 50 μ g (b) prior to the vaccine administration (d1) or after
19 14 days of booster administration (d14) are shown. Each point represents the nAb titer of a volunteer at the
20 indicated time point and against the depicted viral variant. The nAb geometric mean titers (GMTs) with 95%
21 CIs are shown as horizontal and error bars, respectively. The numbers depicted above the individual points for
22 each specified subgroup, time point and viral variant represent the GMT. The fold increases in the GMT from
23 day 1 to day 14 (GMFR) for each specified subgroup of participants and variant are shown with a number
24 followed by a \times with the 95% CI written below between brackets. The number of participants included in each
25 data set analyzed is depicted in the bottom of the bar ($N =$ number of individuals in each data set). Statistical
26 differences were analyzed using the two-tailed Mann Whitney test. ns: $P > 0.05$.
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28 **Supplementary Figure 2**

29 **Neutralizing antibody responses in individuals with BBIBP-CorV primary vaccination stratified by**
 30 **anti-N serology and/or previous COVID19 history.**

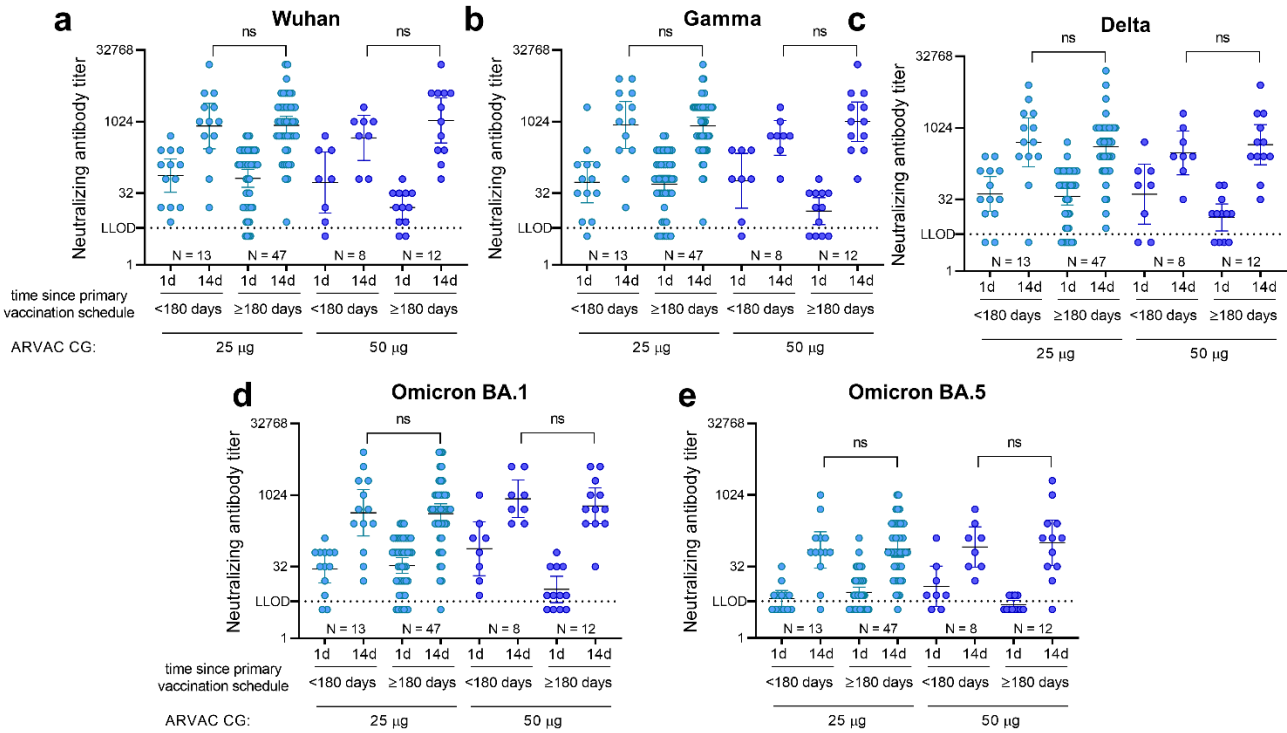


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32 **Supplementary Figure 2: Administration of ARVAC CG as booster to individuals previously vaccinated**
 33 **with BBIBP-CorV vaccine increases the neutralizing antibody titers against the Ancestral, Gamma,**
 34 **Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 variants of SARS-CoV-2 irrespective of the previous history of**
 35 **COVID19 or anti-N serology of the study participants.** Study participants with a primary vaccination scheme
 36 with the BBIBP-CorV vaccine were classified according to their previous story of COVID-19 and/or their anti-
 37 N serology into two groups: in the graphs are shown with open circles those who were seronegative for anti-N
 38 IgG (at day 1 and at day 28) and have no previous diagnostic of COVID-19 ($N = 5$ in Group A and $N = 4$ in

39 group B) and shown with filled circles are those who were seropositive for anti-N IgG (at day 1 or at day 28) or
40 have had COVID19 previous to the study ($N = 15$ in Group A and $N = 10$ in group B). The neutralizing antibody
41 titers against the Ancestral, Gamma, Delta and Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 variants of SARS-CoV-2 in
42 plasma samples of individuals boosted with ARVAC CG 25 μ g (a) or 50 μ g (b) prior to the vaccine
43 administration (d1) or after 14 days of booster administration (d14) are shown. Each point represents the nAb
44 titer of a volunteer at the indicated time point and against the depicted viral variant. The nAb geometric mean
45 titers (GMTs) with 95% CIs are shown as horizontal and error bars, respectively. The numbers depicted above
46 the individual points for each specified subgroup, time point and viral variant represent the GMT. The fold
47 increases in the GMT from day 1 to day 14 (GMFR) for each specified subgroup of participants and variant are
48 shown with a number followed by a \times with the 95% CI written below between brackets. The number of
49 participants included in each data set analyzed is depicted in the bottom of the bar ($N =$ number of individuals
50 in each data set). Statistical differences were analyzed using the two-tailed Mann Whitney test. ns: $P > 0.05$.
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52 **Supplementary Figure 3**

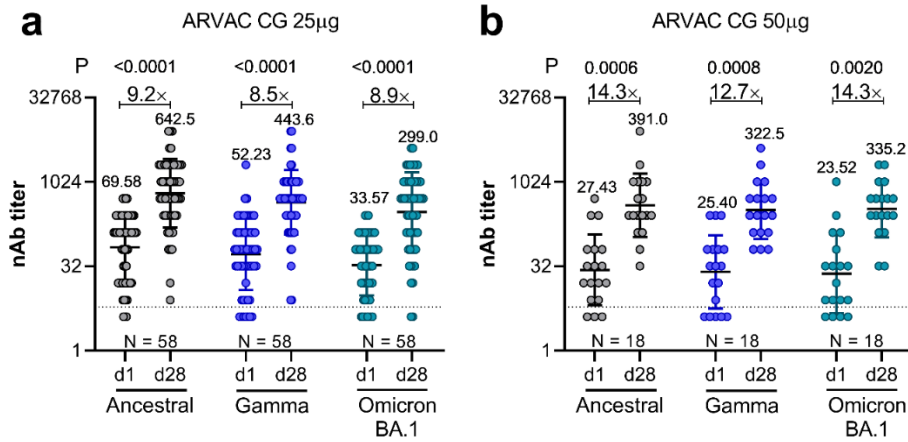


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54 **Supplementary Figure 3: Administration of ARVAC CG as booster increases the Neutralizing antibody**
 55 **titers against the Ancestral, Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 variants of SARS-CoV-2**
 56 **irrespective of the time since primary vaccination series completion.** Study participants were classified
 57 according to the time since primary vaccination series completion in two groups: i) those with time since primary
 58 vaccination completion less than 180 days ($N = 13$ in Group A and $N = 8$ in group B) and ii) those with a time
 59 equal or greater than 180 days ($N = 47$ in Group A and $N = 12$ in group B). The neutralizing antibody titers
 60 against the Ancestral (a), Gamma (b), Delta (c) and Omicron BA.1 (d) and Omicron BA.5 (e) variants of SARS-
 61 CoV-2 in plasma samples of individuals boosted with ARVAC CG 25µg or 50 µg prior to the vaccine
 62 administration (1d) or after 14 days of booster administration (14d) are shown. Each point represents the nAb
 63 titer of a volunteer at the indicated time point and against the depicted viral variant. The nAb geometric mean
 64 titers (GMTs) with 95% CIs are shown as horizontal and error bars, respectively. The number of participants
 65 included in each data set analyzed is depicted in the bottom of the bar ($N =$ number of individuals in each data
 66 set). Statistical differences were analyzed using the two-tailed Mann Whitney test. ns: $P > 0.05$.

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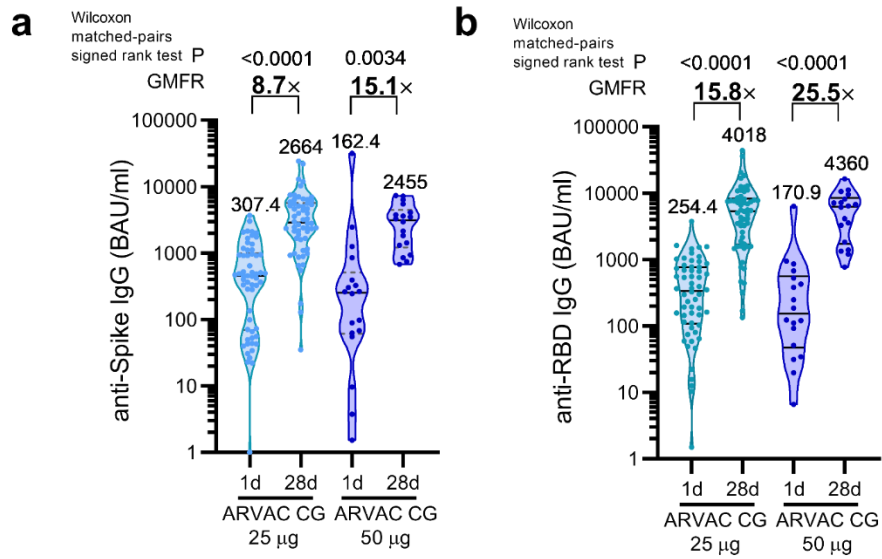
68 **Supplementary Figure 4**



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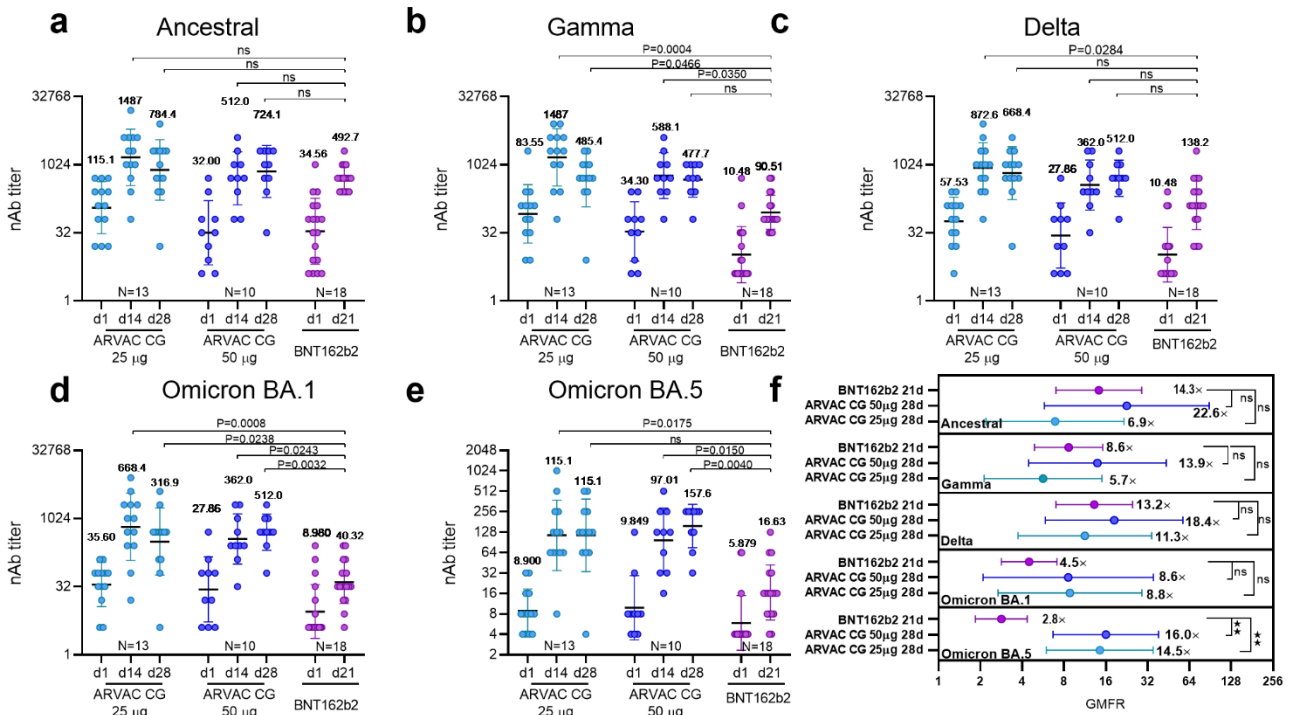
70 **Supplementary Figure 4: Administration of ARVAC CG as booster increases after 28 days the nAb titers**
 71 **against the Ancestral, Gamma and Omicron BA.1 variants of SARS-CoV-2.** Neutralizing antibody titers
 72 against the Ancestral, Gamma, and Omicron BA.1 variants of SARS-CoV-2 in plasma samples of individuals
 73 boosted with ARVAC CG 25µg ($N = 58$) (A) or 50 µg ($N = 18$) (B) prior to the vaccine administration (d1) or
 74 after 28 days of booster administration (d28). Each point represents the nAb titer of a volunteer at the indicated
 75 time point and against the depicted viral variant. The nAb geometric mean titers (GMT) with 95% CIs are shown
 76 as horizontal and error bars, respectively. The numbers depicted above the individual points for each specified
 77 time point and viral variant represent the GMT. The fold increases in the GMT from day 1 to day 28 (GMFR)
 78 for each specified variant are shown with a number followed by a \times . The dashed line represents the positivity
 79 threshold on the neutralization assay. The number of participants included in each data set analyzed is depicted
 80 in the bottom of the bar ($N =$ number of individuals in each data set). Statistical differences were analyzed using
 81 the two-tailed Wilcoxon pair-matched test. P values are depicted above the data sets that were compared. P
 82 values are (a) $P < 10e-15$ (Ancestral), $P = 0.000000000000005$ (Gamma), $P = 0.000000000000005$ (Omicron BA.1),
 83 (b) $P = 0.0006$ (Ancestral), $P = 0.0008$ (Gamma), $P = 0.0020$ (Omicron BA.1).
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85 **Supplementary Figure 5**



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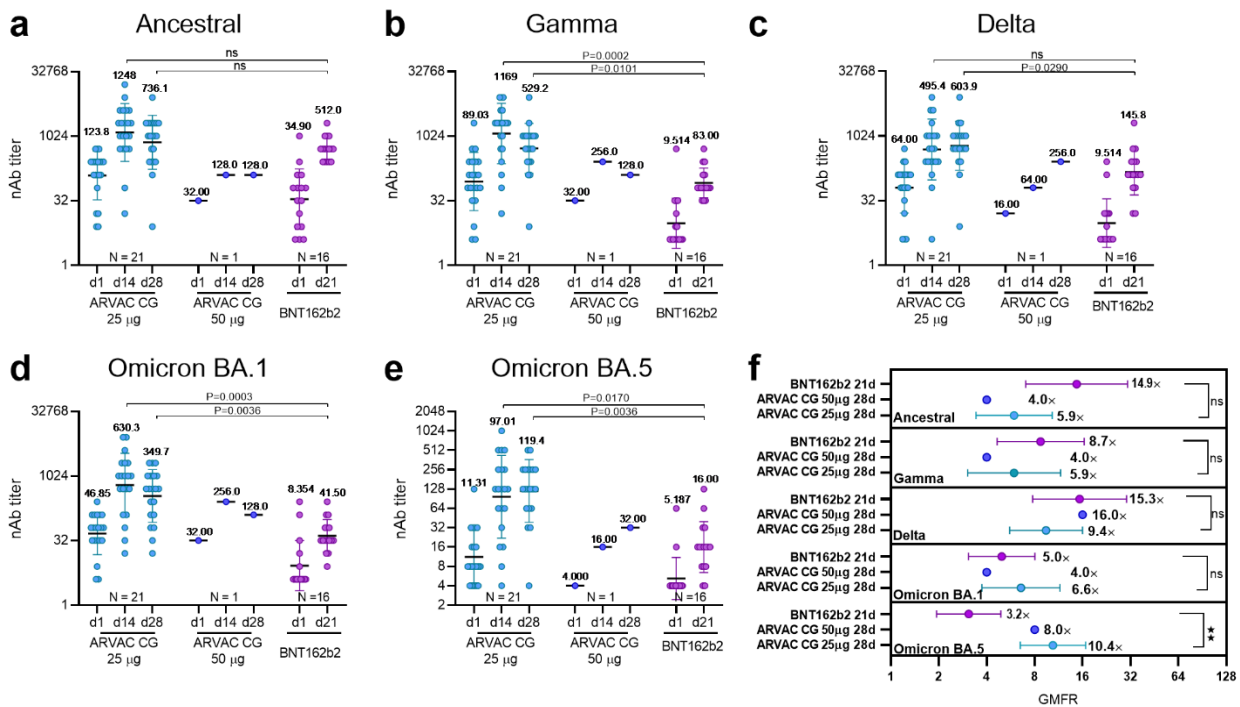
87 **Supplementary Figure 5. Analysis of binding antibody response induced by ARVAC CG booster dose.**
 88 (A) Serum anti-spike IgG (A) or anti-RBD IgG (B) were analyzed by ELISA. Antibody levels are expressed in
 89 BAU/ml according to the WHO International Antibody Standard. Graphs display violin plots showing the
 90 frequency distribution of the data and dots show individual values for each volunteer at a specified time point
 91 ($N = 58$ for ARVAC CG 25 µg cohort and $N = 18$ for ARVAC CG 50 µg cohort). The geometric means are
 92 shown above the violin plots. The fold raise in GM (GMFR) after 28 days of booster (d28) respect to baseline
 93 (d1) is shown above a line connecting both time points. The two-tailed Wilcoxon matched pairs test was used
 94 for statistical analysis. P values are depicted on the graph. P values: **(a)** $P < 10e-15$ (ARVAC CG 25µg),
 95 $P = 0.0034$ (ARVAC CG 50µg); **(b)** $P < 10e-15$ (ARVAC CG 25µg), $P = 0.000015$ (ARVAC CG 50µg).



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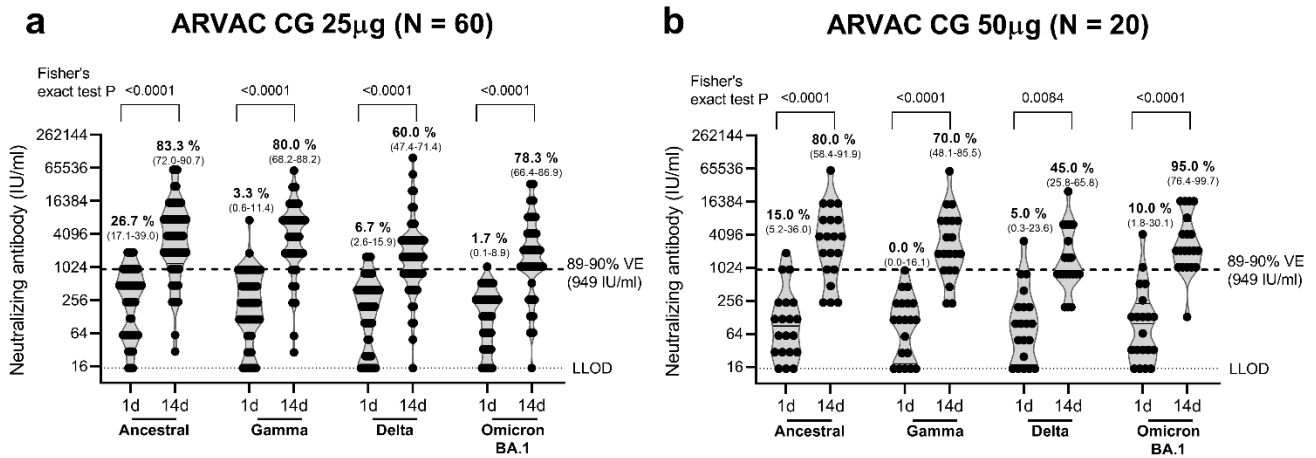
98 **Supplementary Figure 6: Comparison of nAb GMT and GMFR after booster with ARVAC CG or**
 99 **booster with BNT162b2 in individuals whose time since completion of primary vaccination series was less**
 100 **than 180 days.** Neutralizing antibody titers against the Ancestral (a), Gamma (b), Delta (c), Omicron BA.1 (d)
 101 and Omicron BA.5 (e) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in plasma samples of individuals whose time since completion
 102 of primary vaccination series to booster was less than 180 days boosted with the indicated vaccine (ARVAC
 103 CG 25µg, ARVAC CG 50 µg or BNT162b2) prior to the booster administration (d1) or at the indicated days
 104 after booster (d14, d21 or d28). Each point represents the nAb titer of a volunteer boosted with the indicated
 105 vaccine, at the indicated time point and against the depicted viral variant. The nAb GMTs and 95% CIs are
 106 shown as horizontal and error bars, respectively. The numbers depicted above the individual points for each
 107 specified time point and viral variant represent the GMTs. The number of participants included in each data set
 108 analyzed is depicted in the bottom of the bar (*N* = number of individuals in each data set). Data are from
 109 participants whose time since completion of primary vaccination series to booster was less than 180 days and
 110 with no missing data at baseline and at all time points analyzed (ARVAC CG 25µg (*N* = 13), ARVAC CG 50
 111 µg (*N* = 10) or BNT162b2 (*N* = 18). Statistical differences were analyzed using the Kruskal-Wallis test followed
 112 by the Dunn’s multiple comparison test. Exact *P* values are depicted above the data sets that were compared.
 113 ns: *P*>0.05 (F) Fold increases in the GMT from day 1 to day 21 or 28 (GMFR) for each specified variant
 114 represented by a point and written with a number followed by a ×. The horizontal lines represent the 95% CIs.
 115 Data are from participants whose time since completion of primary vaccination series to booster was less than
 116 180 days and with no missing data at baseline and at all time points analyzed (ARVAC CG 25µg (*N* = 13),
 117 ARVAC CG 50 µg (*N* = 10) or BNT162b2 (*N* = 18). Statistical differences were analyzed using Kruskal-Wallis
 118 test followed by the Dunn’s multiple comparison test. ns: *P*>0.05; ★★: *P*<0.01. In Omicron BA.5 VOCs panel
 119 (f) *P* values are VOC: ARVAC CG 25µg vs. BNT162b2, *P*=0.003; ARVAC CG 50µg vs. BNT162b2, *P*=0.004.

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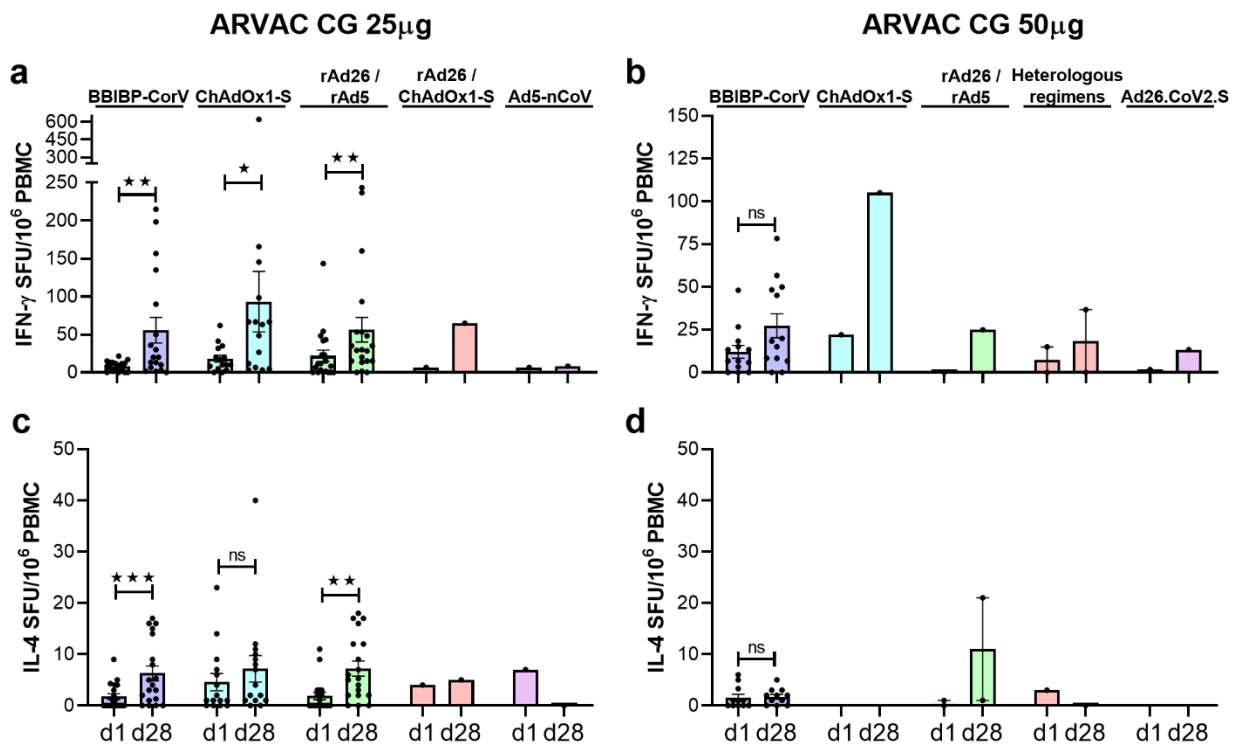
123 **Supplementary Figure 7: Comparison of nAb GMT and GMFR after booster with ARVAC CG or**
 124 **booster with BNT162b2 in individuals whose primary vaccination was rAd26/rAd5.** Neutralizing antibody
 125 titers against the Ancestral (a), Gamma (b), Delta (c), Omicron BA.1 (d) and Omicron BA.5 (e)
 126 variants of SARS-CoV-2 in plasma samples of individuals whose primary vaccination was rAd26/rAd5 (Sputnik V
 127 vaccine) boosted with the indicated vaccine (ARVAC CG 25µg, ARVAC CG 50 µg or BNT162b2) prior to the
 128 booster administration (d1) or at the indicated days after booster (d14, d21 or d28). Each point represents the
 129 nAb titer of a volunteer boosted with the indicated vaccine, at the indicated time point and against the depicted
 130 viral variant. Data are from participants whose primary vaccination series was rAd26/rAd5 (ARVAC CG 25µg
 131 (N=21), ARVAC CG 50 µg (N=1) or BNT162b2 (N=16). The nAb GMTs and 95% CIs are shown as horizontal
 132 and error bars, respectively. The numbers depicted above the individual points for each specified time point and
 133 viral variant represent the GMTs. The number of participants included in each data set is depicted in
 134 the bottom of the bar (N = number of individuals in each data set). Statistical differences were analyzed using
 135 the Kruskal-Wallis test followed by the Dunn’s multiple comparison test. Exact P values are depicted above the
 136 data sets that were compared. ns: P>0.05 (F) Fold increases in the GMT from day 1 to day 21 or 28 (GMFR)
 137 for each specified variant is represented by a point and written with a number followed by a ×. The horizontal
 138 lines represent the 95% CIs. Data are from participants whose primary vaccination series was rAd26/rAd5
 139 (ARVAC CG 25µg (N=21), ARVAC CG 50 µg (N=1) or BNT162b2 (N = 16). Statistical differences were
 140 analyzed using Kruskal-Wallis test followed by the Dunn’s multiple comparison test. ns: P>0.05, ★★: P=
 141 0.0011.



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144 **Supplementary Figure 8: Administration of a booster dose of ARVAC CG increases the frequency of**
 145 **individuals with nAb levels that correlate with high VE.** The nAb titers prior and after the booster were
 146 transformed to international units per ml (IU/ml) by the inclusion in each plate of a secondary standard that was
 147 calibrated with the WHO international standard (NIBSC code: 20/268). A cut off value 949 IU/ml was used
 148 to determine the proportion of individuals with nAb levels \geq 949 IU/ml (levels associated with 80-90% VE)
 149 prior to the booster administration (d1) or 14 days after administration (d14). Each point represents the nAb level
 150 (IU/ml) of a volunteer at the indicated time point and against the depicted viral variant ($N = 60$ for ARVAC CG
 151 $25\mu\text{g}$ and $N = 20$ for ARVAC CG $50\mu\text{g}$ cohorts). The geometric mean of nAb levels with 95% CIs are shown
 152 as horizontal and error bars, respectively. The numbers depicted above the individual points for each specified
 153 time point and viral variant represent the percentage of individuals with nAb levels \geq 949 IU/ml and the
 154 respective 95% CI. The dashed line represents the positivity threshold on the Neutralization assay (LLOD).
 155 Statistical differences were analyzed using the two-sided Fisher's exact test. P Values are depicted above the
 156 data sets that were compared. Exact P values are: **(a)** $P=0.0000000005$ (Ancestral), $P<10\text{e-}15$ (Gamma and
 157 Omicron BA.1), $P=0.0000000003$ (Delta); **(b)** $P=0.00009$ (Ancestral), $P=0.000003$ (Gamma), $P=0.0084$
 158 (Delta), $P=0.00000006$ (Omicron BA.1).

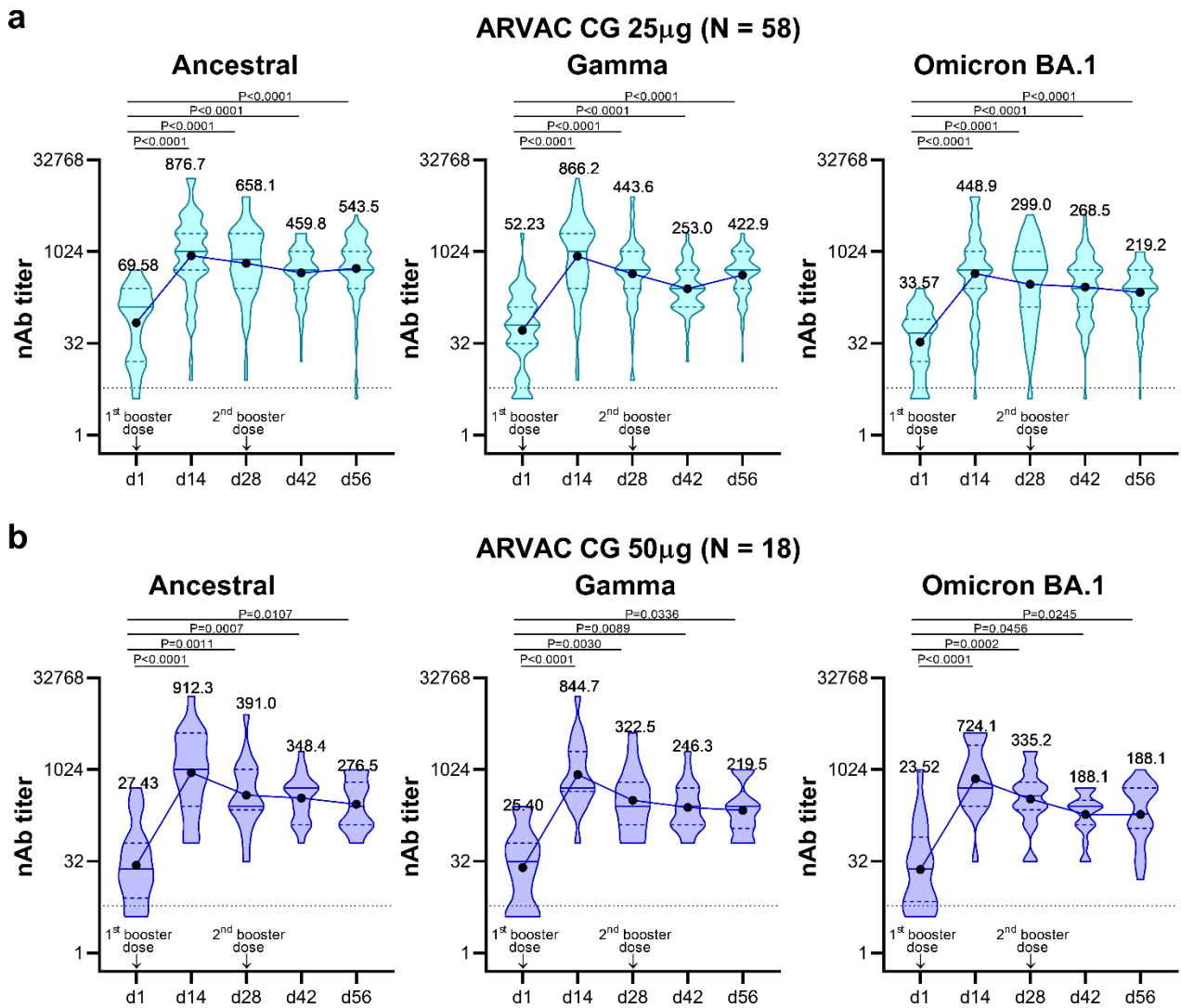
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162 **Supplementary Figure 9. ARVAC CG booster induces significant increase of Th1-predominant cell**
 163 **response measured by IFN- γ and IL-4 ELISpot after restimulation of PBMCs with RBD spanning peptide**
 164 **pool in individuals previously vaccinated with different primary vaccination schemes.** Before booster
 165 administration (1d) and after 28 days (d28) of administration of ARVAC CG 25 μ g (A, C) or 50 μ g (B, D) dose,
 166 RBD-specific cellular responses were measured by IFN- γ (A, B) and IL-4 (C, D) ELISpot in PBMCs. Shown
 167 are spot-forming units (SFU) per 1×10^6 PBMCs producing IFN- γ and IL-4 after stimulation with-RBD peptide
 168 pool from samples with viable cells. Participants in each cohort were grouped according the received primary
 169 vaccination scheme. Group A: BBIBP-CorV ($N = 18$), ChAdOx1-S ($N = 15$), rAd26/rAd5 ($N = 20$),
 170 rAd26/ChAdOx1-S (heterologous vaccination, $N = 1$) and Ad5-nCoV ($N = 1$). Group B: BBIBP-CorV ($N =$
 171 14), ChAdOx1-S ($N = 1$), rAd26/rAd5 ($N = 1$), heterologous vaccination regimens (ChAdOx1-S / mRNA1273
 172 or BBIBP-CorV / BNT162b2; $N = 3$). And Ad26.CoV2.S ($N = 1$). Each point represents the cytokine spot
 173 forming units (SFU) at the indicated time point. The SFU mean is represented by bars and SEM by error bars,
 174 respectively. Statistical differences were analyzed using the two-tailed Wilcoxon pair-matched test. ns: $P > 0.05$;
 175 *: $P < 0.05$; **: $P < 0.01$, ***: $P < 0.001$. Exact P values are: (a) $P = 0.0093$ (BBIBP-CorV), $P = 0.0130$ (ChAdOx1-
 176 S), $P = 0.0041$ (rAd26/rAd5); (b) $P > 0.05$ (BBIBP-CorV); (c) $P = 0.0004$ (BBIBP-CorV), $P > 0.05$ (ChAdOx1-S),
 177 $P = 0.0014$ (rAd26/rAd5); (d) $P > 0.05$ (BBIBP-CorV).

Supplementary Figure 10



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181 **Supplementary Figure 10: The nAb titers against the Ancestral, Gamma and Omicron BA.1 variants of**
182 **SARS-CoV-2 after the first and the second dose of the study.** Neutralizing antibody titers against the
183 Ancestral, Gamma, and Omicron BA.1 variants of SARS-CoV-2 in plasma samples of individuals boosted with
184 ARVAC CG 25µg (A) or 50 µg (B) prior to the vaccine administration (d1) or after 14 or 28 days of first booster
185 administration (d14 and d28) or second booster administration (d42 and d56). Violin plots represent the
186 frequency distribution of data of the volunteers at the indicated time point and against the depicted viral variant.
187 Lines inside each violin plot indicate the median (solid line) and quartiles (dashed lines). The geometric mean
188 of nAb titers (GMT) are written above the violin points and represented as points connected by a line along
189 different time points. The dashed line represents the positivity threshold on the neutralization assay. Statistical
190 differences were analyzed using the Friedman test (non-parametric paired ANOVA) followed by two-sided
191 Dunn’s multiple comparison test. *P* Values are depicted above the data sets that were compared. Exact *P*
192 vs. d1 are: **(a)** Ancestral strain: $P < 10e-15$ (d14), $P = 0.000000000000002$ (d28), $P = 0.0000000070$ (d42), $P =$
193 0.000000000000055 (d56); Gamma VOC: $P < 10e-15$ (d14), $P = 0.0000000000004$ (d28), $P = 0.00007$ (d42),
194 $P = 0.0000000000011$ (d56); Omicron BA.1: $P < 10e-15$ (d14), $P = 0.00000000000011$ (d28),
195 $P = 0.0000000000004$ (d42), $P = 0.000000006$ (d56). **(b)** Ancestral strain: $P = 0.00000001$ (d14), $P = 0.0011$ (d28),
196 $P = 0.0007$ (d42), $P = 0.0107$ (d56); Gamma VOC: $P = 0.0000000020$ (d14), $P = 0.0030$ (d28), $P = 0.0089$ (d42),
197 $P = 0.0336$ (d56); Omicron BA.1: $P = 0.000000003$ (d14), $P = 0.0002$ (d28), $P = 0.0456$ (d42), $P = 0.0245$ (d56).
198 Arrows indicate the days of first booster (1d) and second booster administration (28d).

199 **Supplementary Figure 11.**

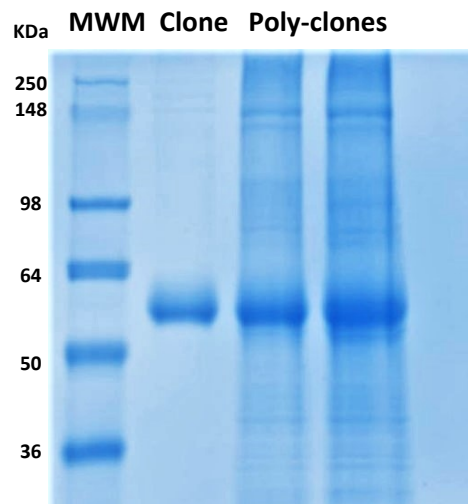
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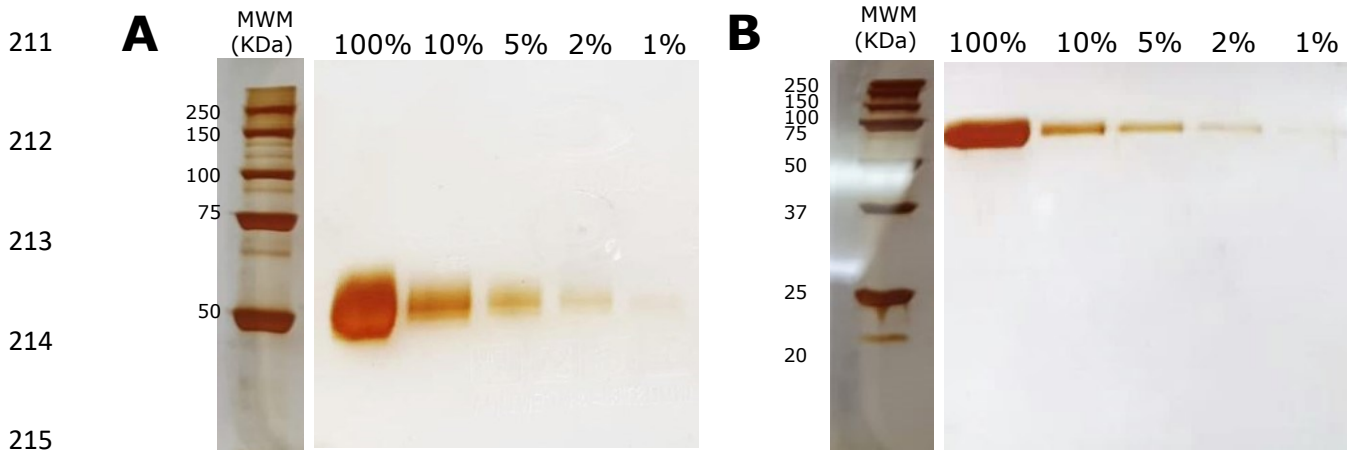
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205 **Supplementary Figure 11. Unpurified cell culture supernatants. Comparison of antigen/total protein ratio**
206 **between polyclones and selected clone.** SDS-PAGE, Coomassie Blue staining. MWM: Protein Molecular
207 weight marker. Representative and qualitative figure obtained during clone screening and clone isolation by the
208 end point dilution method. Uncropped and unprocessed scans of this image is provided in the Source Data file.

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210 **Supplementary Figure 12:**



216 **Supplementary Figure 12. Purity of the RBD Gamma antigen.** SDS-PAGE, Silver stain. Each lane indicates
217 the relative percentage of protein loads to estimate purity. **A.** Non-reducing conditions (to determine higher
218 molecular weight aggregates); **B.** Reducing conditions (to determine impurities of lower molecular weight).
219 More than three batches of antigen have been prepared with similar results. These results are representative of
220 the purity of a final intermediate of the process, obtained during the development of the Downstream process.
221 All batches of RBD Gamma antigen produced up to the date of this publication (N=5) have been released with
222 a purity greater than 95% using, among other purity methods, SDS-PAGE stained with silver or sensitive
223 Coomassie. Uncropped and unprocessed scans of this image is provided in the Source Data file.

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Supplementary tables

Supplementary Table 1. Local and systemic adverse events: Incidence, frequency and severity by vaccine group and doses.								
Dose Administration	ARVAC CG 25-µg Group A				ARVAC CG 50-µg Group B			
	First or second (N = 60)	First (N = 60)	Second (N = 59)	P^A	First or second (N = 20)	First (N = 20)	Second (N = 18)	P^A
Participants with at least one local adverse event, incidence (frequency)								
Any grade P^B	46 (76.7)	41 (68.3)	28(47.5)	0.026	12 (60.0) <i>ns</i>	12 (60.0) <i>ns</i>	5 (27.8) <i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>
Grade 1 P^B	45 (75.0)	41 (68.3)	28 (47.5)	0.026	12 (60.0) <i>ns</i>	12 (60.0) <i>ns</i>	4 (22.2) <i>ns</i>	0.025
Grade 2 P^B	7 (11.7)	5 (8.3)	2 (3.4)	<i>ns</i>	2 (10) <i>ns</i>	1 (5.0) <i>ns</i>	1 (5.6) <i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>
Local adverse events overall frequency, N (%) ^C								
Any	129 (100)	71 (100)	58 (100)		34 (100)	25 (100)	9 (100)	
Grade 1	117 (90.7)	62 (87.3)	55 (94.8)		31 (91.2)	24 (96)	7 (77.8)	
Grade 2	12 (9.3)	9 (12.7)	3 (5.2)		3 (8.8)	1 (4)	2 (22.2)	
Grade 3	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Grade 4	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Participants with at least one systemic adverse event, N (%)								
Any Grade P^B	28 (46.7)	20 (33.3)	21 (35.6)	<i>ns</i>	8 (40.0) <i>ns</i>	8 (40.0) <i>ns</i>	4 (22.2) <i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>
Grade 1 P^B	28 (46.7)	19 (31.7)	21 (35.6)	<i>ns</i>	8 (40) <i>ns</i>	7 (35) <i>ns</i>	4 (22.2) <i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>
Grade 2 P^B	6 (10)	4 (6.7)	4 (6.8)	<i>ns</i>	1 (5) <i>ns</i>	1 (5) <i>ns</i>	0 (0) <i>ns</i>	<i>ns</i>
Systemic adverse events overall frequency. N (%) ^C								
Any	101 (100)	53 (100)	48 (100)		37 (100)	25 (100)	12 (100)	
Grade 1	90 (89.1)	48 (90.6)	42 (87.5)		34 (91.9)	22 (88)	12 (100)	
Grade 2	11 (10.9)	5 (9.4)	6 (12.5)		3 (8.1)	3 (12)	0 (0)	
Grade 3	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Grade 4	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Data are expressed as number of individuals, N (percentage, %) or median (interquartile range, IQR).								
^A Exact P Value. First vs. Second dose. Two-sided Fisher's exact test. <i>ns</i> : P>0.05.								
^B Exact P value. 25-µg vs 50-µg. Two-sided Fisher's exact test. <i>ns</i> : P>0.05.								
^C Overall adverse events in the same study group.								

Supplementary Table 2: Neutralizing antibody and seroconversion analysis against Ancestral SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan), Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 after 25 or 50 µg of ARVAC CG as Booster Dose in Participants.

SARS-CoV-2 variant	Ancestral (Wuhan)		Gamma		Delta		Omicron BA.1		Omicron BA.5	
	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg
ARVAC CG Dose										
No. of participants evaluated ^a	(N=60)	(N=20)	(N=60)	(N=20)	(N=60)	(N=20)	(N=60)	(N=20)	(N=60)	(N=20)
Before booster										
GMT ^b	67.81	25.99	50.8	24.25	38.05	21.11	32.75	23.43	8.574	7.21
(95% CI) ^c	(46.88-98.07)	(13.46-50.2)	(34.6-74.58)	(12.32-47.74)	(26.57-54.49)	(10.81-41.22)	(23.63-45.38)	(11.26-48.75)	(6.895-10.66)	(4.778-10.88)
Day 14										
GMT ^b	851.2	776	841.4	749.6	430.5	388	420.7	699.4	73.52	93.7
(95% CI) ^c	(569.3-1273.0)	(370.4-1626.0)	(568.8-1245.0)	(397.0-1415.0)	(288.4-642.6)	(200.4-751.2)	(273.3-647.5)	(391.2-1250.0)	(52.0-104.0)	(46.4-189.1)
GMFR ^d	12.6	29.9	16.6	30.9	11.3	18.4	12.8	29.9	8.6	13.0
(95% CI) ^c	(8.8-17.9)	(12.6-70.6)	(11.8-23.4)	(13.4-71.5)	(7.8-16.5)	(8.2-41.1)	(9.2-18.0)	(13.0-68.3)	(6.1-12.0)	(6.0-28.4)
Two-sided Mann Whitney test <i>P</i>	0.0448		ns		ns		0.0297		ns	
4× Seroconversion at day 14^e										
Percentage of participants (95% CI)	88.3	90.0	90.0	85.0	80.0	85.0	93.3	85.0	80.0	80.0
(95% CI)	(77.8-94.2)	(64.0-94.8)	(79.9-95.3)	(64.0-94.8)	(68.2-88.2)	(64.0-94.8)	(84.1-97.4)	(64.0-94.8)	(68.2-88.2)	(58.4-91.9)
Two-sided Fisher's exact test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Two-sided Chi-square test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
10× Seroconversion at day 14^f										
Percentage of participants (95% CI)	45.0	70.0	61.7	70.0	40.0	65.0	48.3	75.0	38.3	55.0
(95% CI)	(33.1-57.5)	(48.1-85.5)	(49.0-72.9)	(48.1-85.5)	(28.6-52.6)	(43.3-81.9)	(36.2-60.7)	(53.1-88.8)	(27.1-51.0)	(34.2-74.2)
Fisher's exact test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns		0.0427		ns	
Chi-square test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns		0.0379		ns	

^a The number of participants with non-missing data at baseline or at 28 days is shown.

^b GMT: Geometric Mean titer of nAb against the specified virus variant. Antibody values assessed by means of live virus neutralizing antibody assay that were reported as being below the lower limit of detection (LLOD; 8 for Ancestral SARS-CoV-2, Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5) were replaced by 0.5 times the LLOD.

^c The 95% confidence intervals were calculated on the basis of the t-distribution of log-transformed values or difference in the log-transformed values for geometric mean titer and factor change in geometric mean titer, respectively, then back-transformed to the original scale

^d GMFR: Fold change in the geometric mean titer respect to before booster antibody titers.

^e 4× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 4 times the LLOD, or an increase by a factor of at least four if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOD; the comparison was with the baseline value. Percentages were based on the number of participants with non-missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

^f 10× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 10 times the LLOQ, or an increase by a factor of at least ten if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOQ; the comparison was with the baseline value. Percentages were based on the number of participants with non-missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

ns: $P > 0.05$

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Supplementary Table 3: Neutralizing antibody and seroconversion analysis against Ancestral SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan), Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5 after 25 or 50 µg of ARVAC CG as Booster Dose in Participants with BBIBP-CorV primary vaccination scheme.

SARS-CoV-2 variant	Ancestral (Wuhan)		Gamma		Delta		Omicron BA.1		Omicron BA.5	
ARVAC CG Dose	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg	25 µg	50 µg
No. of participants evaluated ^a	(N=20)	(N=14)	(N=20)	(N=14)	(N=20)	(N=14)	(N=20)	(N=14)	(N=20)	(N=14)
Before booster										
GMT^b	33.1	15.2	29.9	16.0	17.8	13.8	19.7	15.2	7.5	5.9
(95% CI) ^c	(16.4-66.8)	(8.7-26.5)	(14.8-60.4)	(7.4-34.5)	(9.5-33.2)	(7.3-25.9)	(10.3-37.7)	(6.3-36.7)	(4.9-11.4)	(4.2-8.4)
Day 14										
GMT^b	477.7	927.5	512	974.5	294.1	463.7	247.3	760.8	48.5	110.3
(95% CI) ^c	(210.1-1086.0)	(353.0-2436.0)	(245.1-1070.0)	(434.6-2185.0)	(129.6-667.2)	(212.0-1014.0)	(100.9-605.8)	(354.2-1634.0)	(25.1-93.9)	(44.7-272.5)
GMFR^d	14.4	60.9	25.3	60.9	16.6	33.6	21.7	50.0	15.7	18.6
(95% CI) ^c	(7.1-29.3)	(22.7-163.3)	(8.7-33.9)	(23.9-155.1)	(8.2-33.4)	(13.9-81.1)	(6.3-25.1)	(18.4-135.9)	(3.5-12.0)	(7.1-48.3)
Two-sided Mann Whitney test <i>P</i>	0.0154		0.0118		ns		0.0160		0.0459	
4× Seroconversion at day 14^e										
Percentage of participants (95% CI)	85.0	92.9	85.0	92.9	85.0	92.9	95.0	92.9	70.0	85.7
(95% CI)	(64.0-94.8)	(68.5-99.6)	(64.0-94.8)	(68.5-99.6)	(64.0-94.8)	(68.5-99.6)	(76.4-99.7)	(68.5-99.6)	(48.1-85.5)	(60.1-97.5)
Two-sided Fisher's exact test. <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
Two-sided Chi-square test. <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns		ns		ns	
10× Seroconversion at day 14^f										
Percentage of participants (95% CI)	50.0	92.9	70.0	92.9	50.0	78.6	45.0	85.7	30.0	64.3
(95% CI)	(29.9-70.1)	(68.5-99.6)	(48.1-85.5)	(68.5-99.6)	(29.9-70.1)	(52.4-92.4)	(25.8-65.8)	(60.1-97.5)	(14.5-51.9)	(38.8-83.7)
Two sided Fisher's exact test. <i>P</i>	0.0110		ns		ns		0.0302		ns	
Two sided Chi-square test. <i>P</i>	0.0086		ns		ns		0.0162		0.0475	

^a The number of participants with non-missing data at baseline or at 28 days in shown.

^b GMT: Geometric Mean titer of nAb against the specified virus variant. Antibody values assessed by means of live virus neutralizing antibody assay that were reported as being below the lower limit of detection (LLOD; 8 for Ancestral SARS-CoV-2. Gamma. Delta. Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5) were replaced by 0.5 times the LLOD.

^c The 95% confidence intervals were calculated on the basis of the t-distribution of log-transformed values or difference in the log-transformed values for geometric mean titer and factor change in geometric mean titer, respectively. then back-transformed to the original scale

^d GMFR: Fold change in the geometric mean titer respect to before booster antibody titers.

^e 4× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 4 times the LLOD, or an increase by a factor of at least four if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOD; the comparison was with the baseline value. Percentages were based on

the number of participants with non-missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

^f 10× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 10 times the LLOQ, or an increase by a factor of at least ten if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOQ; the comparison was with the baseline value. Percentages were based on the number of participants with non-missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

ns: $P > 0.05$

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Supplementary Table 4. Comparison of the nAb response in male or female individuals after a booster dose of ARVAC CG.

Variant	Dose	Sex		nAb Titer GMT (CI 95%) ^c						4× seroconversion ^d		
		^a	N ^b	d1		d14		<i>P</i> ^e	<i>P</i> ^f	%	95% CI	<i>P</i> ^g
Ancestral	25 µg	M	29	65.6	(36.7-116.9)	682.1	(392.5-1185)	0.0003	ns	90.3	75.1 - 96.7	ns
		F	31	70.0	(42.5-115.3)	1047	(572.7-1915)	0.0001		86.2	69.4 - 94.5	
	50 µg	M	8	26.9	(7.3-99.2)	861.1	(262.1-2829)	0.0004	ns	83.3	55.2 - 97.0	ns
		F	12	25.4	(10.7-60.5)	724.1	(240.3-2182)	0.0002		100.0	67.6 - 100.0	
Gamma	25 µg	M	29	45.8	(27.1-77.5)	750.5	(422.3-1334)	0.0001	ns	90.3	75.1 - 96.7	ns
		F	31	56.0	(31.2-100.5)	936.4	(532.9-1645)	0.0001		89.7	73.6 - 96.4	
	50 µg	M	8	19.0	(5.4-67.6)	664.0	(238.4-1849)	0.0007	ns	83.3	55.2 - 97.0	ns
		F	12	28.5	(11.4-71.3)	812.7	(315.8-2091)	0.0001		87.5	52.9 - 99.4	
Delta	25 µg	M	29	32.8	(19.7 - 54.6)	403.1	(238.7 - 680.8)	0.0001	ns	93.1	78.0 - 98.8	0.0141
		F	31	43.8	(25.8 - 74.3)	457.8	(243.8 - 859.6)	0.0001		67.7	50.1 - 81.4	
	50 µg	M	8	19.0	(5.8 - 62.5)	394.8	(135.4 - 1151)	0.0004	ns	87.5	52.9 - 99.4	ns
		F	12	22.6	(8.8 - 58.4)	383.6	(143.4 - 1026)	0.0005		83.3	55.2 - 97.0	
Omicron BA.1	25 µg	M	29	30.5	(19.0-48.9)	366.4	(193.1-695.2)	0.0001	ns	93.5	79.3 - 98.9	ns
		F	31	35.0	(21.7-56.4)	478.8	(259.2-884.3)	0.0001		93.1	78.0 - 98.8	
	50 µg	M	8	19.0	(6.0-60.0)	430.1	(148.9-1245)	0.022	ns	83.3	55.2 - 97.0	ns
		F	12	26.9	(9.0-80.6)	966.5	(461.9-2022)	0.0001		87.5	52.9 - 99.4	
Omicron BA.5	25 µg	M	29	8.8	(6.3 - 12.3)	62.5	(39.3 - 99.5)	0.0001	ns	79.3	61.6 - 90.2	ns
		F	31	8.4	(6.2 - 11.3)	85.6	(50.3 - 145.8)	0.0001		80.6	63.7 - 90.8	
	50 µg	M	8	6.2	(4.0 - 9.5)	58.7	(19.7 - 175.0)	0.0004	ns	75.0	40.9 - 95.6	ns
		F	12	8.0	(4.1 - 15.8)	128.0	(46.6 - 351.9)	0.0015		83.3	55.2 - 97.0	
Variant	Dose	Sex	N	d1		d28		<i>P</i> ^d	<i>P</i> ^b	%	95% CI	<i>P</i> ^c
Ancestral	25 µg	M	29	65.6	(36.7-116.9)	698.6	(425.3-1147)	0.0001	ns	76.7	59.1 - 88.2	ns
		F	30	67.0	(40.3-(111.1)	601.9	(344.1-1053)	0.003		89.7	73.6 - 96.4	
	50 µg	M	7	26.3	(5.5-124.6)	512.0	(206.8-1268)	0.0034	ns	81.8	52.3 - 96.8	ns
		F	11	28.2	(11.2-71.29)	329.4	(120.6-899.5)	0.002		85.7	48.7 - 99.3	
Gamma	25 µg	M	29	45.8	(27.1-77.46)	443.6	(269-731.5)	0.0001	ns	70.0	52.1 - 83.3	ns
		F	30	54.4	(29.8-99.49)	456.1	(276.7-751.9)	0.0001		82.8	65.5 - 92.4	
	50 µg	M	7	17.7	(3.9-79.18)	344.6	(130.7-908.2)	0.003	ns	81.8	52.3 - 96.8	ns
		F	11	32.0	(12.1-84.99)	309.3	(127.5-749.9)	0.0033		85.7	48.7 - 99.3	
Omicron	25 µg	M	29	68.8	(39.6-119.4)	288.5	(147.3-565.2)	0.0002	0.87	51.5	35.2 - 67.5	0.908
		F	30	67.0	(40.3-111.4)	308.0	(178.1-532.6)	0.0001	76	50.0	32.1 - 67.9	
	50 µg	M	7	23.8	(5.7-99.02)	231.9	(97.9-549.2)	0.0022	0.29	81.8	52.3 - 96.8	0.6052
		F	11	30.5	(9.2-98.41)	423.8	(179.2-1002)	0.002	93	71.4	35.9 - 94.9	

^a Sex. M, male; F: female.

^b Number of participants with non-missing data at the time point (or at baseline).

^c GMT: Geometric Mean titer of nAb against the specified virus variant. Antibody values assessed by means of live virus neutralizing antibody assay that were reported as being below the lower limit of detection (LLOD; 8 for Ancestral SARS-CoV-2, Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5) were replaced by 0.5 times the LLOD. The 95% confidence intervals were calculated on the basis of the t-distribution of log-transformed values or difference in the log-transformed values for geometric mean titer and factor change in geometric mean titer, respectively, then back-transformed to the original scale.

^d 4× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 4 times the LLOD, or an increase by a factor of at least four if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOD; the comparison was with the pre-vaccination baseline value. Percentages were based on the number of participants with non-missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

^e Exact *P* Value. d1 vs. d14 or d28, respectively. Two-tailed Wilcoxon pair-matched test. ns: *P*>0.05.

^f Exact *P* value. D14 or d28 M vs d12 or d28 F. Two-sided Mann Whitney test t. ns: *P*>0.05.

^g Exact *P* value. M vs F. Two-sided Fisher's exact test. ns: *P*>0.05.

Supplementary Table 5: Neutralizing antibody and seroconversion Analysis against Ancestral SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan), Gamma, and Omicron BA.1 after 28 days of administration of 25 or 50 µg of ARVAC CG as Booster Dose in Participants.

SARS-CoV-2 variant ARVAC CG Dose No. of participants evaluated ^a	Ancestral		Gamma		Omicron BA.1	
	25 µg (N=58)	50 µg (N=18)	25 µg (N=58)	50 µg (N=18)	25 µg (N=58)	50 µg (N=18)
Before booster						
GMT ^b (95% CI) ^c	69.6 (48.25-100.4)	27.4 (13.3-56.6)	52.2 (35.5-76.86)	25.4 (12.0-53.6)	33.6 (24.16-46.64)	23.5 (10.5-52.5)
Day 28						
GMT ^b (95% CI) ^c	658.1 (455.1-951.5)	391.0 (204.3-748.3)	443.6 (313.3-628.1)	322.5 (178.6-582.5)	299.0 (195.2-458.1)	335.2 (187.5-599.2)
GMFR ^d (95% CI) ^c	9.5 (6.5-13.1)	14.3 (5.7-35.4)	8.5 (5.8-12.4)	12.7 (5.1-31.5)	8.9 (6.1-13.0)	14.3 (5.9-34.3)
Mann Whitney test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns	
4× Seroconversion at day 28^e						
Percentage of participants (95% CI)	82.8 (71.1-90.4)	83.3 (60.8-94.2)	75.9 (63.5-85.0)	83.3 (60.8-94.2)	75.9 (63.5-85.0)	83.3 (60.8-94.2)
Fisher's exact test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns	
Chi-square test, <i>P</i>	ns		ns		ns	
10× Seroconversion at day 28^f						
Percentage of participants (95% CI)	39.7 (28.1-52.5)	72.2 (49.1-87.5)	43.1 (31.2-55.9)	61.1 (38.6-79.7)	37.9 (26.6-50.8)	61.1 (38.6-79.7)
Fisher's exact test, <i>P</i>	0.0289		ns		ns	
Chi-square test, <i>P</i>	0.0156		ns		ns	

^a Shown is the number of participants with non-missing data at the time point (or at baseline).

^b Antibody values assessed by means of live virus neutralizing antibody assay that were reported as being below the lower limit of detection (LLOD; 8 for Ancestral SARS-CoV-2, Gamma, Delta, Omicron BA.1 and Omicron BA.5) were replaced by 0.5 times the LLOD.

^c The 95% confidence intervals were calculated on the basis of the t-distribution of log-transformed values or difference in the log-transformed values for geometric mean titer and factor change in geometric mean titer (GMT), respectively, then back-transformed to the original scale.

^d GMFR: Fold change in the GMT titer respect to baseline antibody titers.

^e 4× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 4 times the LLOD, or an increase by a factor of at least four if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOD; the comparison was with the baseline value. Percentages were based on the number of participants with no missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

^f 10× Seroconversion was defined as a change from below the LLOD to at least 10 times the LLOD, or an increase by a factor of at least ten if the baseline value was greater than or equal to the LLOD; the comparison was with the baseline value. Percentages were based on the number of participants with no missing data at baseline and the corresponding time point; 95% confidence intervals were calculated with the use of the Wilson/Brown method.

ns: *P*>0.05.

239 **Supplementary Methods**

240 **1- Vaccine manufacture, composition, and quality control.**

241 **ARVAC Quality Summary**

242 ARVAC is a recombinant adjuvanted protein subunit vaccine candidate for intramuscular administration.
243 Clinical lot used for this study was packaged in single dose pharmacopeial type I glass vials with rubber stoppers
244 and aluminum seals.

245 **Formulation and manufacturer**

246 Each 0.5-mL dose of the vaccine candidate contains 25 µg or 50 µg of antigen, adsorbed on 0.5 mg of aluminum
247 hydroxide, in a vehicle composed of dibasic sodium phosphate, monobasic sodium phosphate, L-histidine,
248 sodium chloride, mannitol, and water for injection.

249 Both the antigen (active pharmaceutical ingredient) and the vaccine candidate (finished product) are
250 manufactured under GMP in plants of Laboratorio Pablo Cassará S.R.L located in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

251 **Cell substrate**

252 The cell substrate is a high-productivity clone generated from a CHO-S (Chinese Hamster Ovary) cell line,
253 cultured in high-density suspension, using an animal component-free medium.

254 **Genetic construction and expression of the recombinant antigen**

255 The gene of interest contains the amino acids R319 to K537 corresponding to the receptor binding domain of
256 the Spike protein, of the Variant of Concern (VOC) Gamma (includes the relevant mutations: K417T, E484K
257 and N501Y).

258 The synthetic DNA cassette (GenScript Biotech Corporation) containing the open reading frame (ORF) was
259 introduced in a proprietary plasmid vector for protein expression in mammalian cells. Expression is regulated
260 under a Cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter. The synthetic cassette possesses the codon adaptation for expression
261 in CHO cells. The genetic construct uses the signal peptide of the SARS CoV-2 Spike protein (amino acids M1
262 to Q14), so that the recombinant antigen can be processed and exported to the extracellular space.

263 The genetic material was introduced into the host cell by lipofection, and highly productive stable clones were
264 isolated by end point dilution and screened for productivity using ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immuno-Sorbent
265 Assay) and SDS-PAGE (sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis). Antigen identity was
266 verified by SDS-PAGE Western Blot, and by functional ELISA for human ACE2 receptor affinity. The
267 expected aminoacidic sequence was confirmed by Liquid Chromatography Electrospray Ionization Tandem
268 Mass Spectrometric (LC/ESI-MS/MS) studies (Protagen, Germany).

269 The nucleotide sequence (coding region) of the expression vector and of the specific messenger RNA (through
270 complementary DNA, cDNA) were confirmed in the selected clone. Functionality of the signal peptide and
271 productivity of the selected clone is illustrated in Supplementary Fig. 11, showing the results of an SDS PAGE

272 run of unpurified culture supernatants comparing this clone against polyclones. The selected clone shows a
273 much higher antigen / total protein ratio.

274 Master and working cell banks were prepared from the selected clone and controlled following the
275 recommendations of the ICH guidelines (International Council for Harmonization of Technical Requirements
276 for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use) to establish their identity, purity, and stability.

277 **Antigen manufacturing process**

278 **Upstream**

279 The upstream process is carried out in a single-use perfusion bioreactor (SUB).

280 Perfusion allows the renewal of the culture medium through a cell retention/separation system (in our case it is
281 carried out by an alternate tangential flow filtration device). Conditioned cell-free medium containing the
282 exported active ingredient is harvested and replaced by fresh medium, maintaining high viability and cell density
283 for ca. 30 days. After a first growth phase, daily harvested material is filtered, controlled, and used as starting
284 material for the downstream process.

285 **Downstream**

286 The antigen is soluble and constitutes ca. 50% of the total proteins in the harvest.

287 The downstream process consists of the following purification steps:

288 - Concentration and change of harvest buffer.

289 - Capture chromatography to reduce water content and residual DNA and host cell proteins.

290 - Specific ion exchange chromatography to eliminate antigen-related impurities (aggregates, misfolded protein)
291 and further reduce residual DNA and host cell proteins.

292 - Ion exchange chromatography polishing step to reach target purity of the antigen.

293 - Diafiltration and final filtration.

294 Between each chromatographic step, tangential diafiltration is used to change the buffers and adjust pH and
295 ionic strength of intermediates for the next step.

296 The purified antigen solution contains similar soluble excipients of the vaccine candidate and is stored at -20°C.
297 Supplementary Fig. 12 shows the high purity of the antigen in a silver stained SDS PAGE run of the purified
298 antigen.

299 **Vaccine candidate (finished product) manufacturing process**

300 Soluble excipients are dissolved in water for injection and the solution is sterilized by filtration. Sterile
301 aluminum hydroxide is dispersed in the filtered solution and the antigen is added under aseptic conditions and
302 the suspension is stirred in a closed vessel to accelerate adsorption. The suspension is filled into the final

303 containers and sealed under aseptic conditions. The clinical lot used in this study was filled into single-dose
304 vials. Stability batches filled into multidose vials and ampoules are currently being studied for stability
305 according to ICH guidelines.

306 **Quality Control**

307 Each clinical lot of antigen is released after being tested for: appearance (visual inspection), pH (potentiometry);
308 identity (ELISA, ACE2 receptor affinity, molecular weight), antigen-related impurities (reducing and non-
309 reducing SDS, RP-HPLC and SEC), process – related impurities (host cell proteins by ELISA and residual DNA
310 by real time PCR); protein concentration (UV spectrophotometry), EC50 (ACE2 receptor binding functional
311 ELISA), microbial count and bacterial endotoxins (endpoint chromogenic LAL).

312 Each clinical lot of vaccine candidate is released after being tested for: appearance (visual inspection),
313 resuspendability (visual inspection), pH (potentiometry); identity (ELISA, ACE2 receptor affinity), extractable
314 volume (gravimetry); aluminum content (atomic absorption); free antigen (non-reducing PAGE); EC50
315 (functional ACE2 receptor binding ELISA); sterility; bacterial endotoxins (endpoint chromogenic LAL) and
316 safety (in vivo biological reactivity).

317 Specifications have been established for each parameter based on development data and pharmacopeial
318 standards used for other recombinant protein vaccines.

319 **Stability**

320 Antigen is stable for at least 15 months at -20°C and 1 week at 2 – 8 °C. It remains stable after at least three
321 freeze - thaw cycles.

322 Vaccine candidate is stable for at least 15 months at 2 – 8 °C and up to at least 1 week at 25 ± 2°C in single-
323 dose vials. It should not be frozen.

324 **2- Determination of SARS-CoV-2 Nucleoprotein (N)-specific antibody levels in serum.**

325 Nucleoprotein (N)-specific antibody responses (IgG) were evaluated by indirect ELISA. Recombinant N protein
326 (0.25 µg/well) was used to coat plates and HRP conjugated anti-human IgG was used to detect Ab (Jackson
327 ImmunoResearch Laboratories Ink, Code: 109135-088, Lot number:135723, final dilution 1:8000). Results
328 were read at 450 nm in an 800TS microplate reader with Gen5 software v3.10.06 (Biotek Instrument Ink.) to
329 collect endpoint ELISA data. End-point cut-off values for serum titer determination were calculated as the mean
330 specific optical density (OD) plus 3 standard deviations (SD) from pre-pandemic sera of healthy donors diluted
331 1:200 in assay diluent. Titers were established as the reciprocal of the last dilution yielding an OD higher than
332 the cut-off.

Study synopsis

Protocol N°:	ARVAC-F1-001
Sponsor:	Laboratorio Pablo Cassará Carhué 1096 Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires
Official study title:	Phase 1 study to evaluate safety, tolerability and immunogenicity of a new recombinant protein-based vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 (ARVAC CG), in a population of healthy adult volunteers previously vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 virus.
Version N° and date:	V. 3.0 – February 25, 2022
Clinical pharmacology phase:	Phase I
Type of study:	Open-label, prospective, phase 1 study.
Primary objective:	To describe the safety and tolerability profile of ARVAC CG vaccine (recombinant protein vaccine against SARS-CoV-2) in a population of healthy adult volunteers, previously vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 virus.
Secondary objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To compare the safety profile depending on the primary vaccination schedule received. - To compare the safety profile between volunteers who receive a 2-dose vaccination of 25 µg of antigen and those who receive a 2-dose vaccination of 50 µg of antigen. - To Describe the immune response triggered by the application of ARVAC CG vaccine, after each of the vaccine doses under study, and depending on the different variables involved.
Population:	A total of 80 healthy adult volunteers meeting all of the eligibility criteria named below will be included.
Vaccine under study:	Vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 virus based on a recombinant protein antigen containing the human ACE2 Receptor Binding Domain region of SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein, adjuvanted with aluminum hydroxide.
Inclusion criteria:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Male or female participants between 18 and 55 years of age. 2. With the ability and willingness to comply with the prohibitions and restrictions specified in the protocol. 3. Healthy volunteers, which will be determined by the history referred to interrogation, physical examination and principal investigator's criteria. 4. In fertile female volunteers, negative pregnancy test at the beginning of the study and commitment to use a contraceptive method from the date of signing the consent form until 3 months after vaccine study application. Use of an hormonal

	<p>contraceptive method must begin at least 28 days prior to study vaccine application. The investigator should assess potential contraceptive method failure (e.g. non-compliance, recent onset) in relation to vaccination. Acceptable effective methods for this study include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) hormonal contraceptive method:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) combined (containing estrogen and progestin) associated with the inhibition of ovulation (oral, intravaginal or transdermal);ii) with progestin only, associated with the inhibition of ovulation (oral, injectable or implantable);b) intrauterine device;c) intrauterine hormone release system;d) bilateral tubal ligation/occlusion procedure;e) single couple with vasectomy;f) sexual abstinence, which will be considered effective only if it is defined as abstaining from heterosexual relations from the date of signing the consent until 3 months after receiving the study vaccine. The reliability of sexual abstinence should be assessed in relation to the duration of the study and the participant's usual and preferred lifestyle. <p>5. Participant who agrees to do not donate bone marrow, blood or blood products until 3 months after the last dose of study vaccine;</p> <p>6. Must be able to read, understand, and complete electronic questionnaires about signs and symptoms of COVID-19 surveillance;</p> <p>7. Negative PCR for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.</p> <p>8. With laboratory analysis without clinically significant variations within the 30 days prior to receiving the first dose of the study vaccine, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) complete blood count (hemoglobin (Hb), leukocyte count and leukocyte formula, platelet count;b) complete liver test: total and direct bilirubin, transaminases (alanine aminotransferase [ALT or GPT] and aspartate aminotransferase [AST or GOT]), lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), alkaline phosphatase (ALP).c) biochemistry: glycemia, urea, creatinine;d) Qualitative C-reactive protein (PCR);e) Complete urine. <p>9. Capable of granting their informed consent signed and dated by the volunteer under study, and the authorized physician.</p>
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<p>Exclusion criteria:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of SARS-CoV-2 infection or known previous disease, within 60 days prior to study entry (at least 60 days from epidemiological discharge). 2. Administration of any other commercial vaccine or not based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Live attenuated virus within 28 days prior to study entry. b. Killed virus within 14 days prior to study entry. 3. Individuals that have not received a complete primary vaccination schedule against SARS-CoV-2 virus (1 or 2 doses, depending on the vaccine used in the primary schedule). 4. Administration of complete primary vaccination schedule against SARS-CoV-2 virus (1 or 2 doses, depending on the vaccine received), within 4 months prior to the start of the study. 5. Administration of an additional or booster dose after a complete primary vaccination schedule against SARS-CoV-2 virus. 6. Individuals that have scheduled to receive any other commercial vaccine in the following 3 months. 7. Individuals that have participated in a research study within 60 days prior to the start of the study. 8. Present a history of known allergies or a history of anaphylaxis or any other serious adverse reaction with other vaccines or their excipients. 9. History of alcoholism or substance abuse that prevents compliance with the characteristics of the protocol. 10. Acute infectious disease at enrollment (this does not include minor conditions such as diarrhea or mild upper respiratory tract illness) or temperature $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ within 24 hours prior to scheduled study vaccination; entry at a later date is permitted at the discretion of the investigator and after consultation with the Sponsor. 11. Any laboratory determination alteration with a degree of severity > 1 according to the Common Toxicity Criteria (CTC version 5 – November 2017). Participants with any stable grade 1 abnormality may be considered eligible by the investigator. (grade 1 stable implies a repetition of the sample that persists with an alteration of one grade no greater than 1). 12. Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30 kg/m² or less than 18 kg/m². 13. Individuals currently working in occupations with high exposure to SARS-CoV-2. 14. History of any clinical condition that affects the function of the immune system, including, but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clinical conditions (e.g. autoimmune disease or possibly immune-mediated disease or known or suspected immunodeficiency; diabetes mellitus type I or II, chronic kidney disease, etc.).
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	<p>b. Chronic or recurrent use of systemic corticosteroids in the 6 months prior to study vaccine administration and during the study. A substantially immunosuppressive dose of steroids is considered ≥ 2 weeks of daily administration of 20 mg prednisone or equivalent.</p> <p>c. Administration of antineoplastic and immunomodulatory agents or radiation therapy within 6 months prior to study vaccine administration or during the study.</p> <p>15. The volunteer has received an investigational drug (including drugs related to COVID-19 prophylaxis) or used an investigational invasive medical device in the past 30 days, or has received investigational immunoglobulin or monoclonal antibodies within 3 months (participation in an observational study is allowed at the discretion of the investigator, previously informing the Sponsor about this decision).</p> <p>16. The participant is pregnant, plans to become pregnant within 3 months after the administration of the vaccine, or is in postpartum or lactation period.</p> <p>17. The volunteer has any contraindication to receive intramuscular injections and/or blood draws.</p> <p>18. The volunteer has a history of acute polyneuropathy (e.g. Guillan Barré syndrome).</p> <p>19. The volunteer underwent a surgical procedure that required hospitalization (defined as hospitalization for more than 24 hours or overnight hospitalization), in the 12 weeks prior to vaccination, or has not recovered completely from surgery that required hospitalization, or is scheduled for surgery that will require hospitalization during the time he/she is expected to participate in the study or within 6 months of study vaccine administration.</p> <p>20. Positive serology for hepatitis (HBsAg, Anti-HBc, Anti-HCV).</p> <p>21. Positive antibodies against HIV.</p>
<p>Discontinuation criteria:</p>	<p>The Investigator could discontinue the participation in the study of any of the participants for any of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voluntary withdrawal of the volunteer for any reason. 2. Failure to comply with the administrative requirements of the protocol. 3. Pregnancy. 4. Severe allergic reactions. 5. Any SAE that the participant develops and for which there is no other plausible possible alternative of cause attributable to the event. 6. Any grade 4 event that the participant develops, both regarding local or systemic reactions, and including fever over 40°C after vaccination, which at the Investigator's discretion, is related to the vaccine

	<p>under study and there is no other plausible cause that should be considered as cause of the event.</p> <p>7. If 2 or more participants present a grade 3 event, of similar characteristics, which, at the Investigator's discretion, is related to the vaccine under study and there is no other plausible cause that could be considered as the cause of the event.</p>
<p>Factors to consider:</p>	<p>Safety</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local reactions during the following 7 days after administration of each dose of the vaccine. 2. Systemic reactions during the following 7 days after administration of each dose of the vaccine. 3. Adverse events (AEs) that occur from the application of the first dose until 1 month after the last dose. 4. Serious adverse events (SAEs) that occur from the application of the first dose until 6 months after the last dose. 5. Changes in the laboratory results respect from a baseline control, at days 7, 28 and 56 after the first dose application of the first dose of vaccine. 365 days after the first dose of vaccine, an additional laboratory control will be carried out. <p>Immunogenicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determination of neutralizing antibodies (geometric mean titer – GMT) at 14 and 28 days after each vaccine dose (days 0, 14, 28, 42 and 56). - Determination of total specific antibodies on day 1 (before the first vaccine dose) and 28 days after each vaccine dose (days 28 and 56). - Determination of cellular immune response, specific IFN gamma and IL-4 producing cells directed to RBD (Spike protein region) on day 1 (prior to the first dose) and 28 days after each vaccine dose (day 28 and 56). - Neutralizing antibody titer variation respect from baseline after each of the vaccine doses. <p>As exploratory variables, antibodies variation in the different volunteers subgroups will be described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Depending on the primary vaccination schedule received. - Depending on the vaccine platform used in the primary scheme. - Depending on the dose of the study vaccine received (2 doses of 25 µg of antigen or 2 doses of 50 µg of antigen). - Depending on the history of having had a previous SARS-CoV-2 infection or not.

	<p>Throughout the study, cases of COVID-19 disease will be recorded, reporting their incidence and the difference between the different groups.</p>
<p>Study design:</p>	<p>The study will consist of 7 visits, each of which could last more than 1 day.</p> <p>Visit 1 – Signing of informed consent - Selection of volunteers (Day -30 to -1)</p> <p>Visit 2 – First dose of vaccine (Days 0 to 3).</p> <p>Visit 3 - First face-to-face control (day 7 ± 1).</p> <p>Visit 4 – Second face-to-face control (day 14 ± 2).</p> <p>Visit 5 – Second dose of vaccine (Days 28 to 31 ± 2).</p> <p>Visit 6 - Clinical and immunogenicity control (day 42 ± 3).</p> <p>Visit 7 - Clinical and immunogenicity control (day 56 ± 5).</p> <p>First safety follow-up visit (day 180 ± 15).</p> <p>Second safety and immunogenicity follow-up visit (day 365 ± 20)</p>
<p>Statistical análisis:</p>	<p>Safety analysis</p> <p>Descriptive statistics for each variable of local, systemic and laboratory reactogenicity reported for each dose and vaccine group.</p> <p>AEs will be classified according to the Medical Dictionary for Terms of Regulatory Activities (MedDRA).</p> <p>Safety analysis will be based on the safety population. Participants will be summarized by group, based on the dose of study vaccine received and based on the type of vaccine received in the primary scheme.</p> <p>Missing data in the self-assessment cards completed by the participants will not be imputed.</p> <p>The comparison of frequencies between groups will be carried out by the chi-square test.</p> <p>Immunogenicity analysis</p> <p>The statistical analysis of the immunogenicity results will be based primarily on the analysis of the population defined as the immunogenicity population with 1 and 2 doses of vaccine.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, the antibody titer will be analyzed as geometric means calculated from the anti-log of the mean of logs of the antibody titers. Thus, the means and their respective confidence intervals will be obtained.</p> <p>They will also be tabulated based on the dose of study vaccine received, considering previous SARS-CoV-2 infection or not, and based on the vaccine platform received in the primary scheme. The difference between means will be evaluated using the</p>

	Student's t test. A level of 0.05 will be considered statistically significant.
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