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Appendix

Table 1. Relative risk, relative risk reduction, absolute risk reduction and numbers needed to treat with 95% confidence intervals from publicly-available information.

Table 2. Calculations

Supplementary table 1.

Company	vaccine arms			Relative risk					Vaccine efficacy: relative risk reduction				Absolute risk reduction				Numbers needed to vaccinate			
		n	N	Risk	RR	SE(RR)	95%LL	95%UL	(RRR)	SE (RRR)	95%LL	95%UL	ARR	SE(ARR)	95%LL	95%UL	NNV	SE(NNV)	95%LL	95%UL
Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT162b2 mRNA	8	18198	0.4396	0.0497	0.7096	0.0245	0.1011	95.03%	0.14%	89.89%	97.55%	0.0084	0.0014	0.0070	0.0098	119	0.0007	102	143
	Placebo	162	18325	8.8404																
Moderna/NIH	mRNA-1273	11	14134	0.7783	0.0592	0.6078	0.0322	0.1087	94.08%	0.19%	89.13%	96.78%	0.0124	0.0019	0.0104	0.0143	81	0.0010	70	96
	Placebo	185	14073	13.1457																
Gamaleya	GamCovidVac	13	14094	0.9224	0.0903	0.6133	0.0489	0.1667	90.97%	0.29%	83.33%	95.11%	0.0093	0.0029	0.0063	0.0122	108	0.0015	82	158
	Placebo	47	4601	10.2152																
Johnson & Johnson	Ad26.COV2.S	116	19514	5.9445	0.3338	0.2092	0.2708	0.4115	66.62%	0.21%	58.85%	72.92%	0.0119	0.0021	0.0097	0.0140	84	0.0011	71	103
	Placebo	348	19544	17.8060																
AstraZeneca/Oxford	ChAdOx1 nCov-19	37	5807	6.3716	0.3316	0.3699	0.2291	0.4800	66.84%	0.41%	52.00%	77.09%	0.0128	0.0041	0.0088	0.0169	78	0.0021	59	114
	Placebo	112	5829	19.2143																

Data source:

Company	vaccine	source	ref.
Pfizer/BioNTech	BNT162b2 mRNA	table 2	2
Moderna/NIH	mRNA-1273	figure 4	3
Gamaleya	GamCovidVac	table 2	5
Johnson & Johnson	Ad26.COV2.S	table 10	8
AstraZeneca/Oxford	ChAdOx1 nCov-19	table 2	4

Supplementary Table 2.

	diseased	healthy	All
Exposed	a	b	n1
Not exposed	c	d	n2
All			

Relative risk : $RR = \frac{a/n_1}{c/n_2}$

Confidence intervals of RR : $95\%CI = e^{Ln(RR) \pm 1.96 * SE}$ where $SE = \sqrt{\frac{b/a}{n_1} + \frac{d/c}{n_2}}$

Relative Risk Reduction: $RRR = 1 - RR$

Confidence intervals of RRR : $95\%CI = 1 - 95\%CI RR$

Absolute Risk Reduction: $aRR = \frac{c}{n_2} - \frac{a}{n_1}$

Confidence Intervals of aRR: $95\%CI = aRR \pm 1.96 * SE$ where $SE = \sqrt{\frac{a/n_1 \times (1 - a/n_1)}{n_1} + \frac{c/n_2 \times (1 - c/n_2)}{n_2}}$

Number Needed to Vaccinate: $NNV = \frac{1}{aRR}$

Confidence Intervals of NNV: $95\%CI = \frac{1}{95\%CI aRR}$