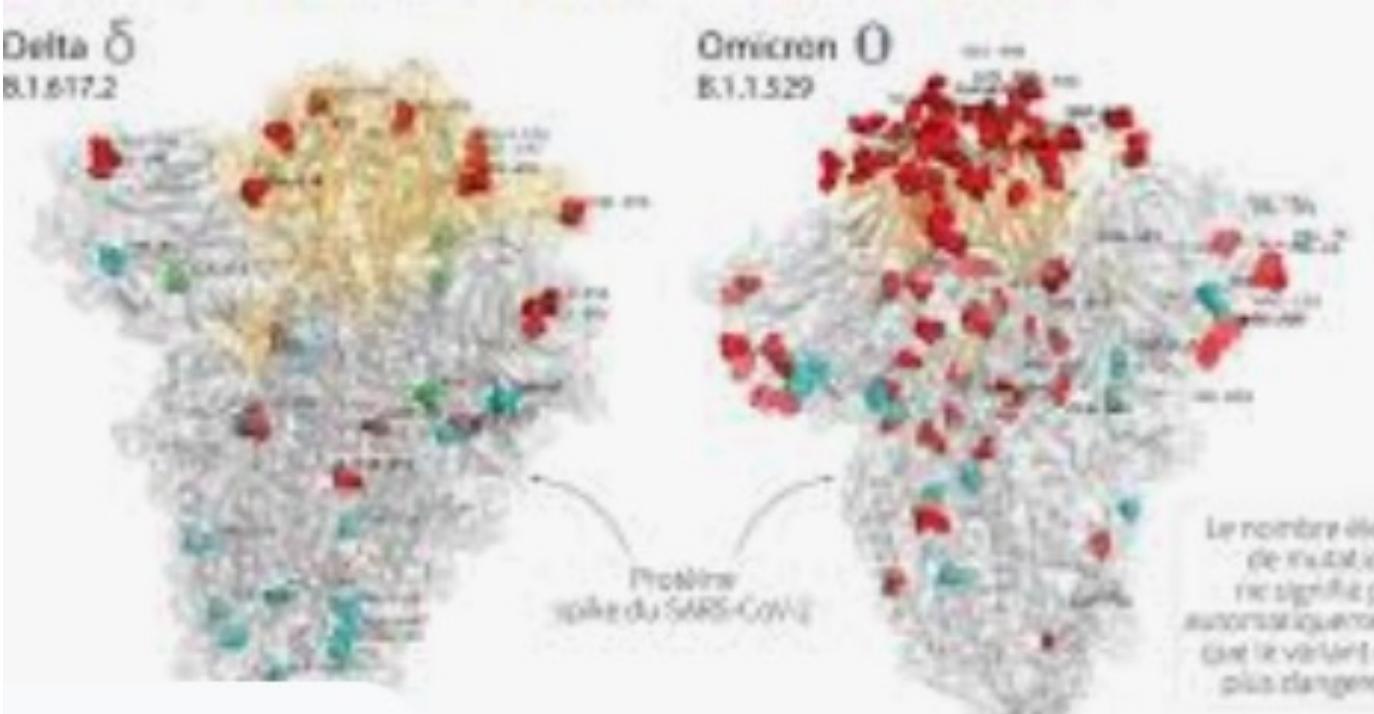




# Variant OMICRON

# VOC : le variant Omicron



Configuration inquiétante

- Mutations Ø pour la transmission
- Mutations Ø pour la vaccination
- + X mutations mal situées
- + insertion d'autres gènes d'autres coronavirus
- Continue d'évoluer : déjà au moins 2 lignées

Les PCR détectant la protéine S peuvent ne pas la retrouver

L'évolution des variants préoccupants n'est peut être pas infinie → Clé et serrure

# Omicron SARS-CoV-2 variant: a new chapter in the COVID-19 pandemic

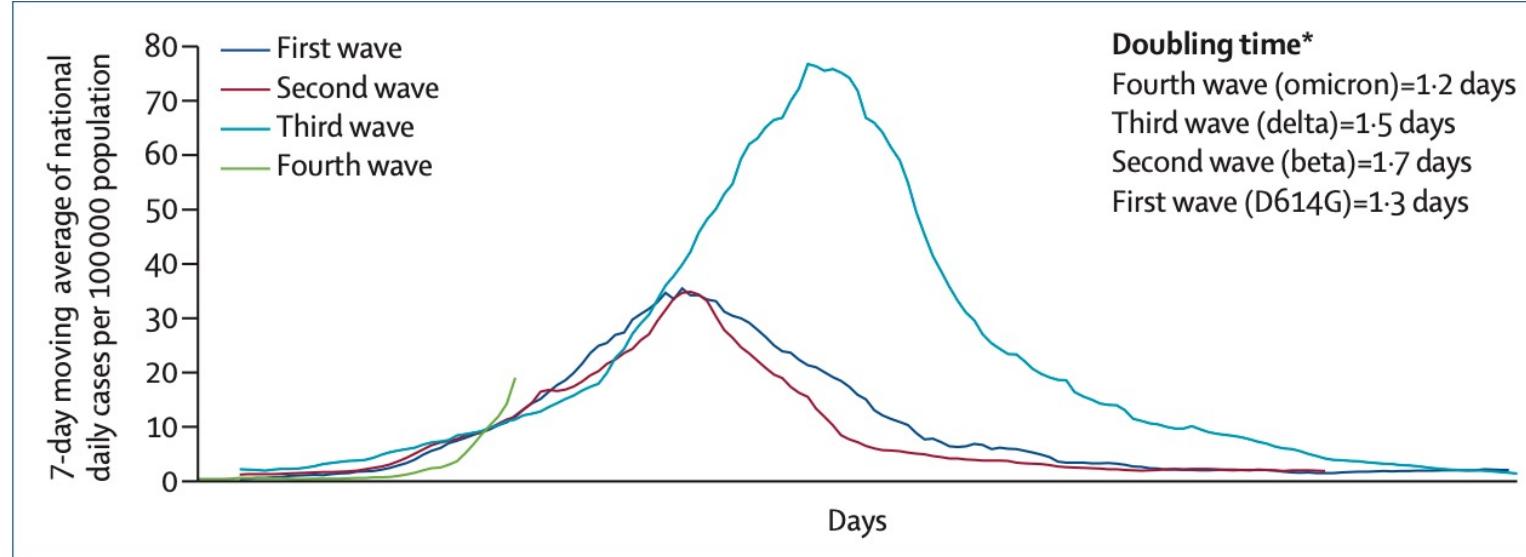


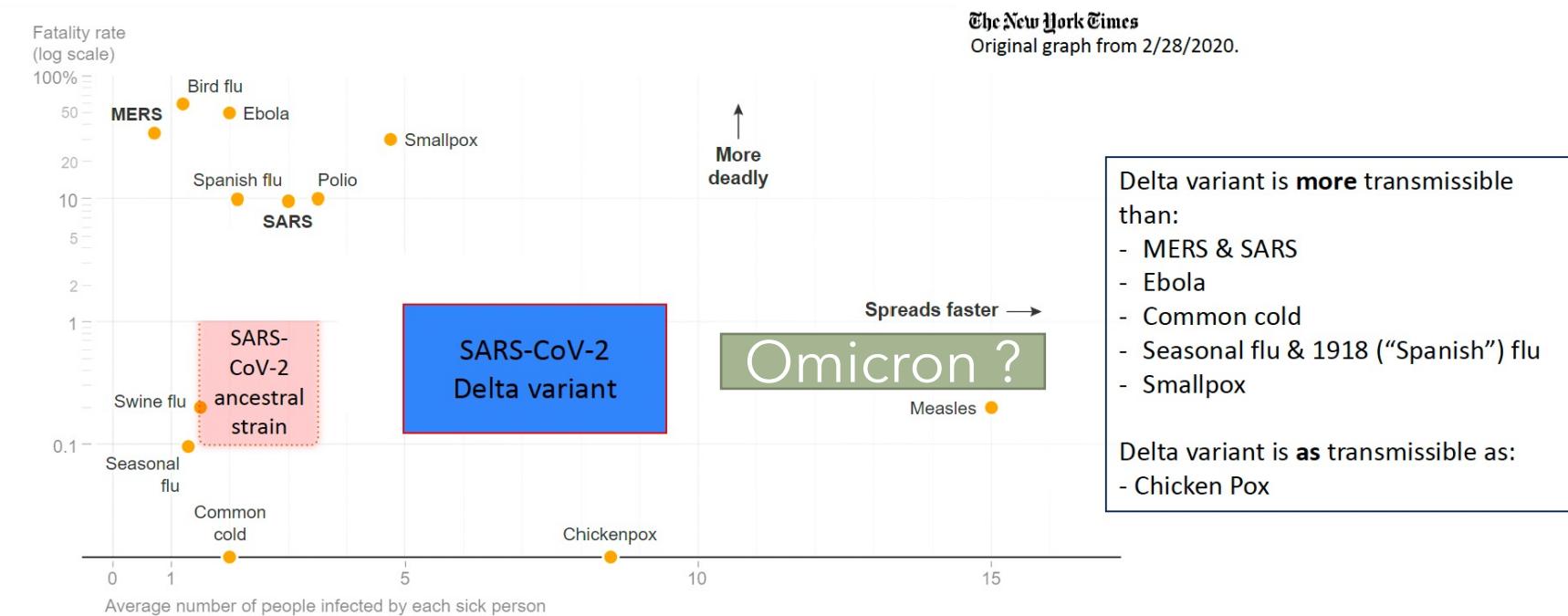
Figure: SARS-CoV-2 cases in first, second, third, and fourth waves, Gauteng Province of South Africa

## Omicron/Delta

- Plus contagieux (3 fois ???)
- Plus souvent à l'origine de 2<sup>ème</sup> infections
- Plus résistant aux vaccins
- Les PCR détectant la protéine S peuvent ne pas la retrouver détecter
- Moins sévère ?

Les autorités anglaises estiment que Omicron représentera > 50% des cas d'ici 1 mois au Royaume Uni

# Transmission of Delta variant vs. ancestral strain and other infectious diseases



The New York Times  
Original graph from 2/28/2020.

Delta variant is **more** transmissible than:

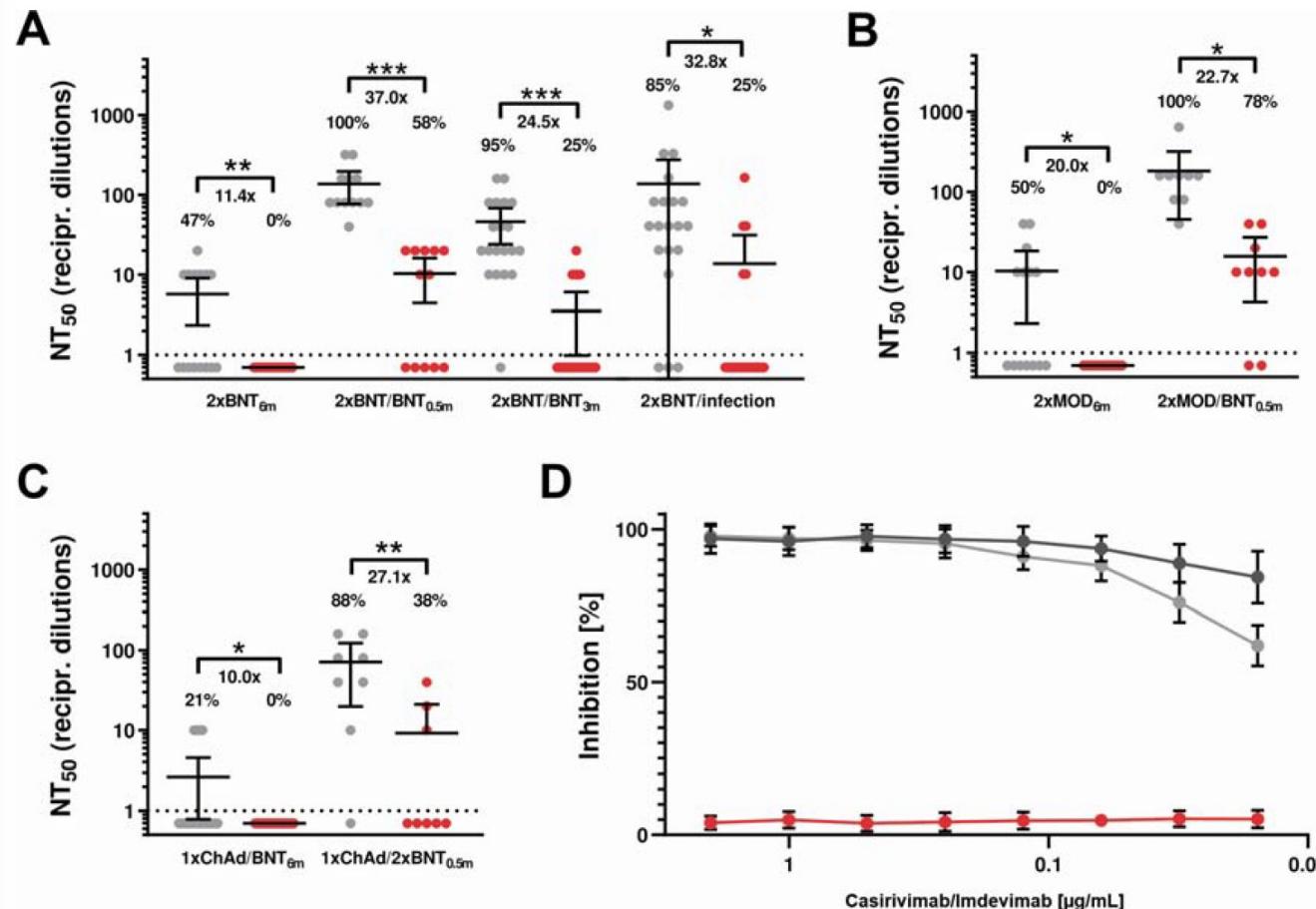
- MERS & SARS
- Ebola
- Common cold
- Seasonal flu & 1918 ("Spanish") flu
- Smallpox

Delta variant is **as** transmissible as:

- Chicken Pox

## Reduced Neutralization of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant by Vaccine Sera and monoclonal antibodies

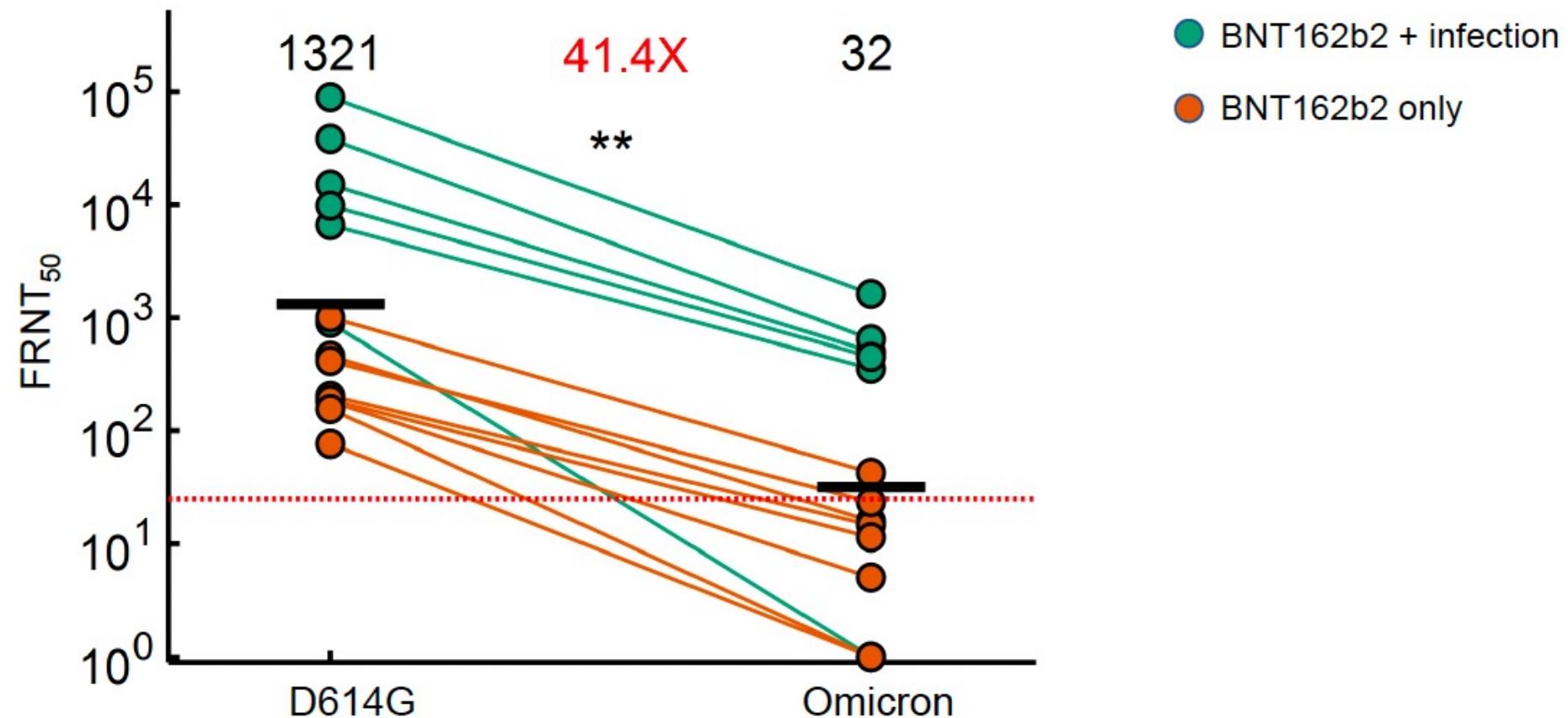
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SARS-CoV-2 Omicron has extensive but incomplete escape of Pfizer  
BNT162b2 elicited neutralization and requires ACE2 for infection

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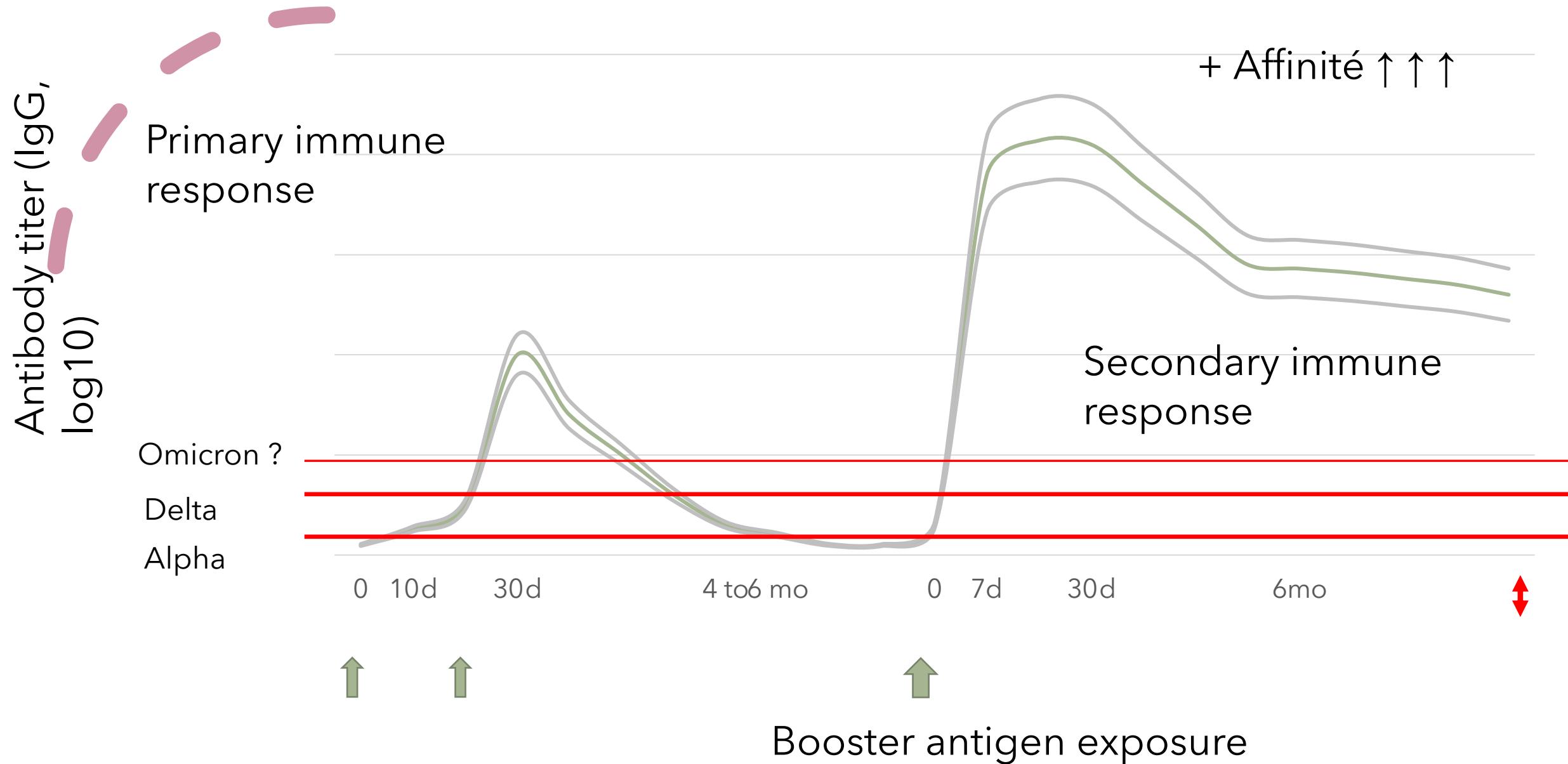


# PFIZER AND BIONTECH PROVIDE UPDATE ON OMICRON VARIANT

Wednesday, December 08, 2021 - 06:54am

- Preliminary laboratory studies demonstrate that 3 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine neutralize the Omicron variant while 2 doses show significantly reduced neutralization titers
- Data indicate that a 3 dose of BNT162b2 increases the neutralizing antibody titers by 25-fold compared to two doses against the Omicron variant;
- titers after the booster dose are comparable to titers observed after two doses against the wild-type virus which are associated with high levels of protection
- As 80% of epitopes in the spike protein recognized by CD8+ T cells are not affected by the mutations in the Omicron variant, two doses may still induce protection against severe disease
- The companies continue to advance the development of a variant-specific vaccine for Omicron and expect to have it available by March in the event that an adaption is needed to further increase the level and duration of protection - with no change expected to the companies' four billion dose capacity for 2022

# La vaccination des enfants est-elle aujourd’hui la meilleure façon d'aider par la vaccination au contrôle de cette vague épidémique (ou des suivantes) ?





# **Conclusions**

Faites rapidement les doses de Booster  
À vous, à vos proches, à vos patients