



Initial immunogenicity and safety data from a first-in-human randomised controlled trial of an invasive non-typhoidal *Salmonella* GMMA vaccine: **The SALVO trial**

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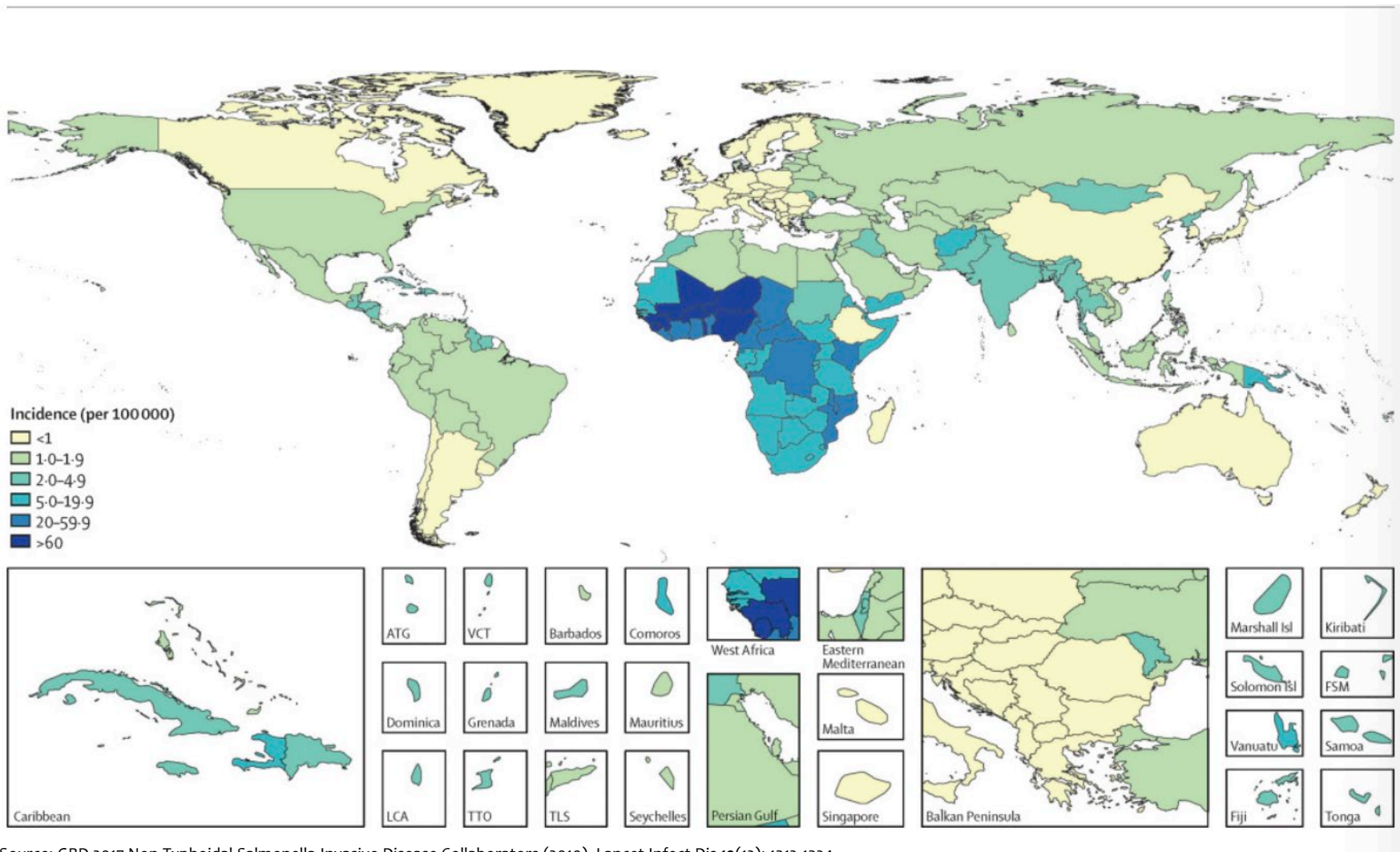
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Global incidence of iNTS in 2017

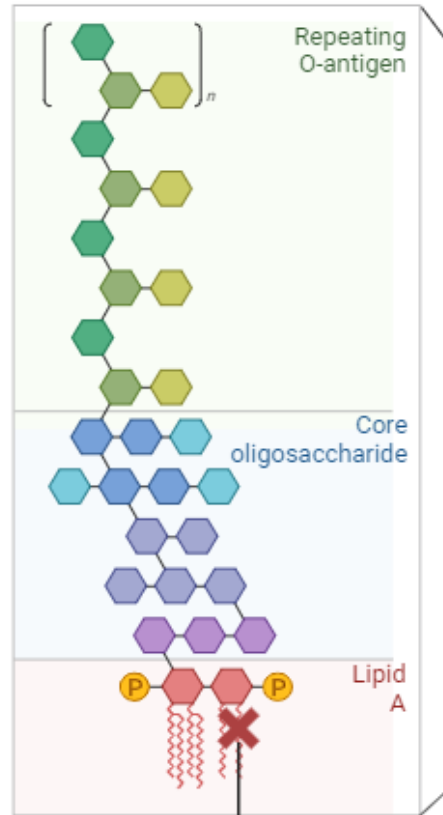


- 51/100,000 in SSA
- Bimodal distribution
- 90% caused by *S. enterica* serovars Typhimurium (STm) & Enteritidis (SEn)
- Case fatality rate 15%
- High rates of AMR
- No licensed vaccines

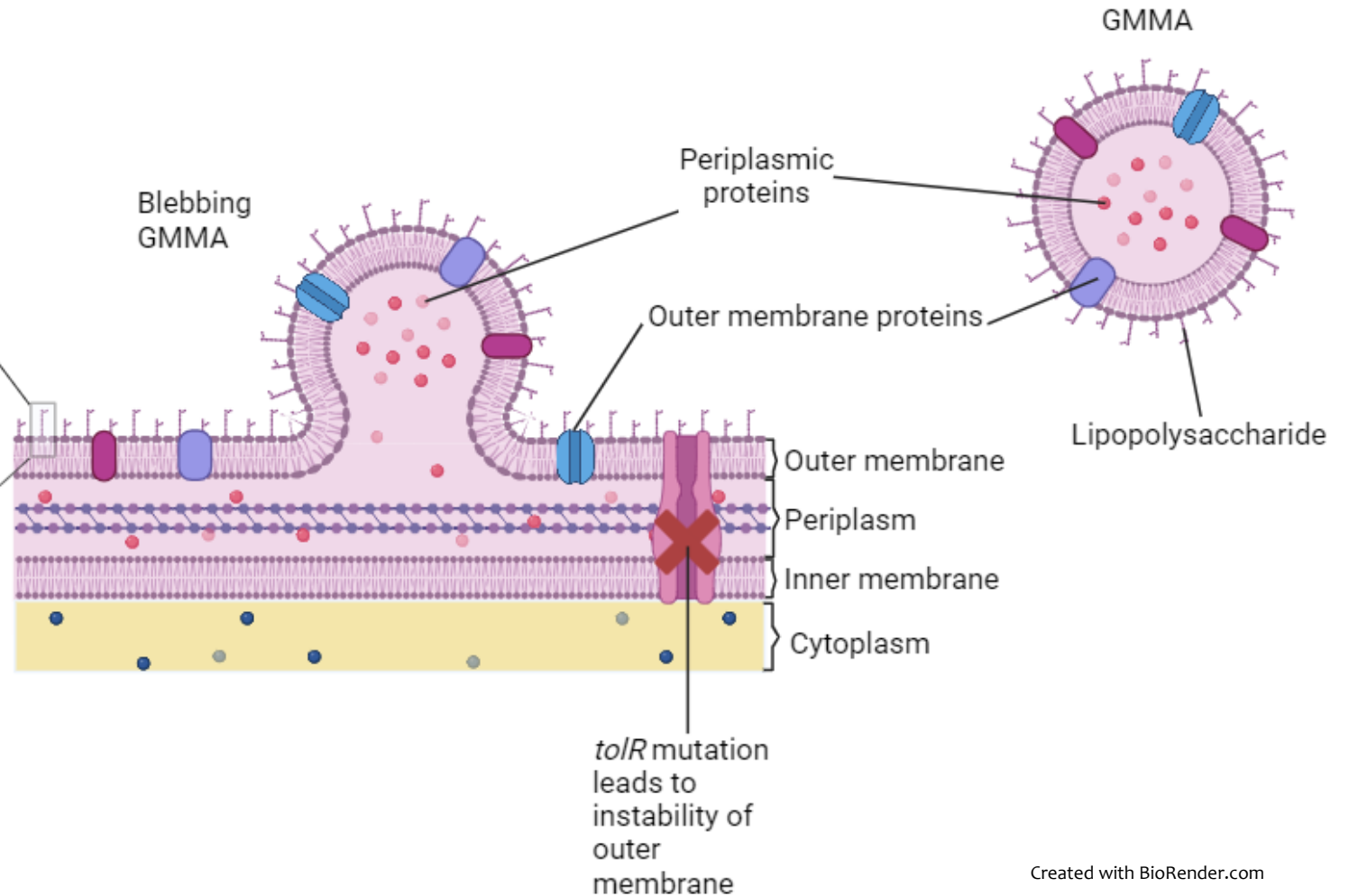
Source: GBD 2017 Non-Typhoidal Salmonella Invasive Disease Collaborators (2019). *Lancet Infect Dis* 19(12): 1312-1324.

Generalised Modules for Membrane Antigens (GMMA)

Lipopolysaccharide structure

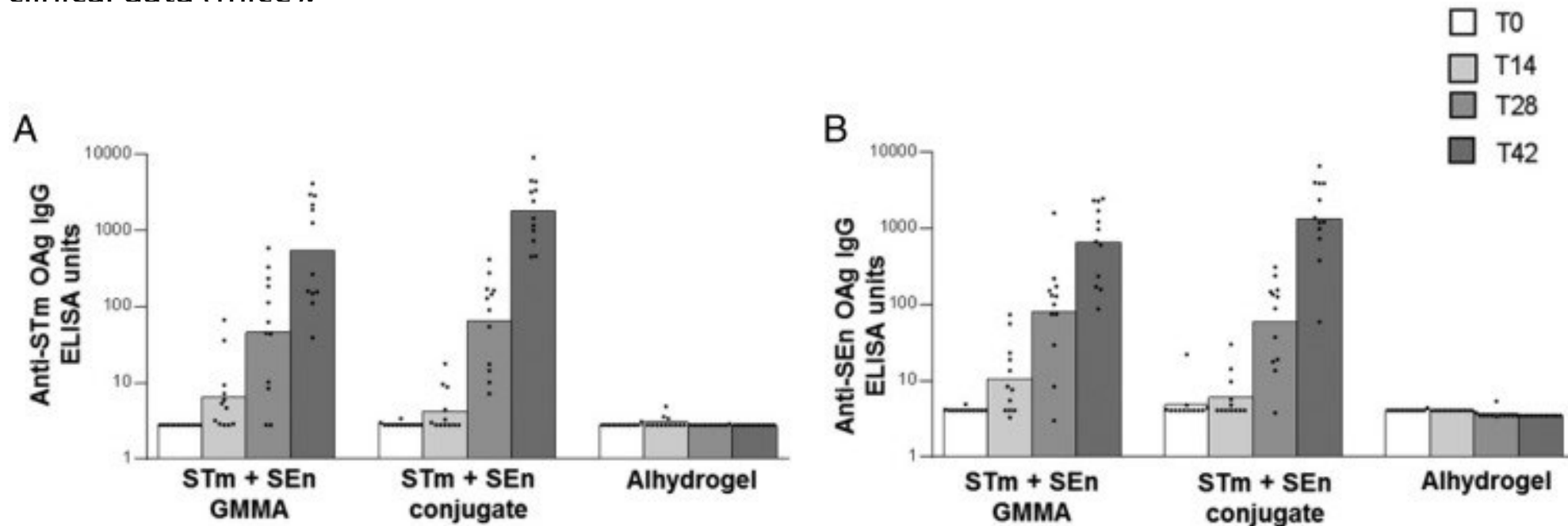


Mutations in *msbB* and *pagP* lead to reduced acylation of lipid A



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- Bivalent vaccine – GMMA from serovars *S. Typhimurium* and *S. Enteritidis*, formulated with Alhydrogel®
- Developed by GSK Vaccines for Global Health (GVGH)
- GMMA vaccine against *Shigella sonnei* (1790-GMMA) well-tolerated and immunogenic in healthy adults
- Pre-clinical data (mice):

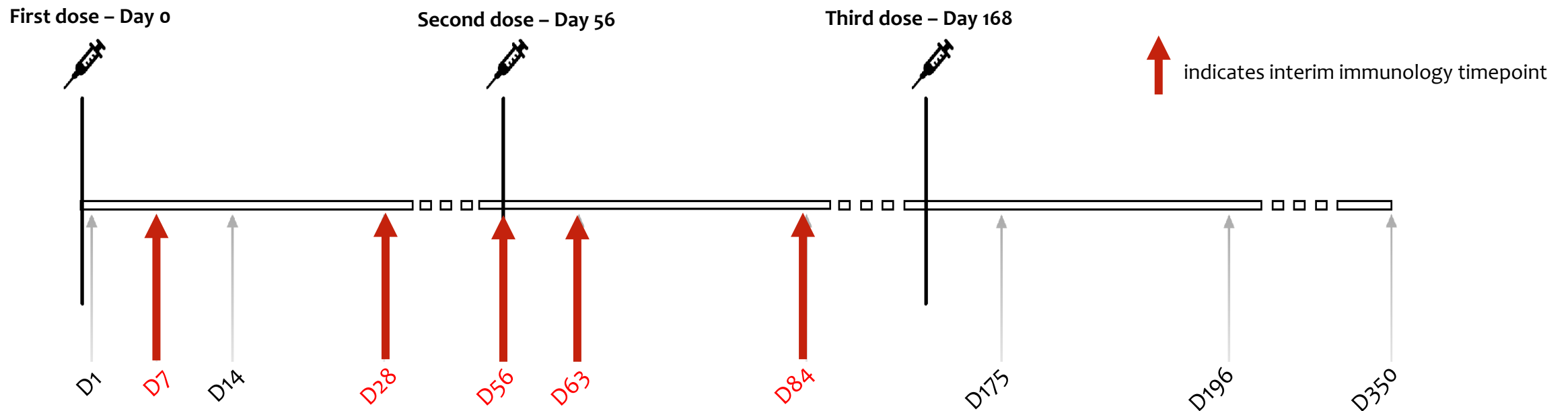


In vivo infection study in mice immunized with GMMA and conjugate in bivalent formulation. Twelve C57BL/6 mice per group were s.c. immunized at days 0 and 28 at 1 µg OAg/dose per each antigen with Alhydrogel. (A and B) Summary graphs of anti-OAg IgG geometric mean units (bars) and individual antibody levels (dots).

Data published in Micoli, F., et al. (2018). "Comparative immunogenicity and efficacy of equivalent outer membrane vesicle and glycoconjugate vaccines against nontyphoidal Salmonella." *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 115(41): 10428-10433.

Methods – SALVO trial design

- First-in-human, double-blind, single-centre, randomised, placebo-controlled clinical trial conducted at the University of Oxford, UK
- Healthy UK adults aged 18-55.
- n = 30-42
- 3 doses of iNTS GMMA or placebo (0, 2 and 6 months). 1 year total follow-up.



- Allocated to one of 3 groups
 - Group 1 (n=7) – randomised 1:1 to receive low dose iNTS GMMA or placebo
 - Group 2 (n=6) – randomised 1:1 to receive high dose iNTS GMMA or placebo
 - Group 3 (n=18) – randomised 2:1 to receive high dose iNTS GMMA or placebo
- NB study remains blinded. For purposes of analysis Groups 2 and 3 combined into single high-dose group

Placebo	Alhydrogel	n=12
Low dose	10.6 µg total OAg per dose	n=4
High dose	40 µg total OAg per dose	n=15

- Primary – safety and tolerability of iNTS GMMA at two dose levels
 - Solicited and unsolicited adverse events (AEs)
 - Laboratory parameters
- Secondary – immunogenicity of iNTS GMMA at two dose levels
 - IgG responses to serovar-specific O-antigens using ELISA
- Exploratory immunology, including:
 - Serum bactericidal assays, functional antibody assays, B and T cell responses

SALVO trial timeline and demographics



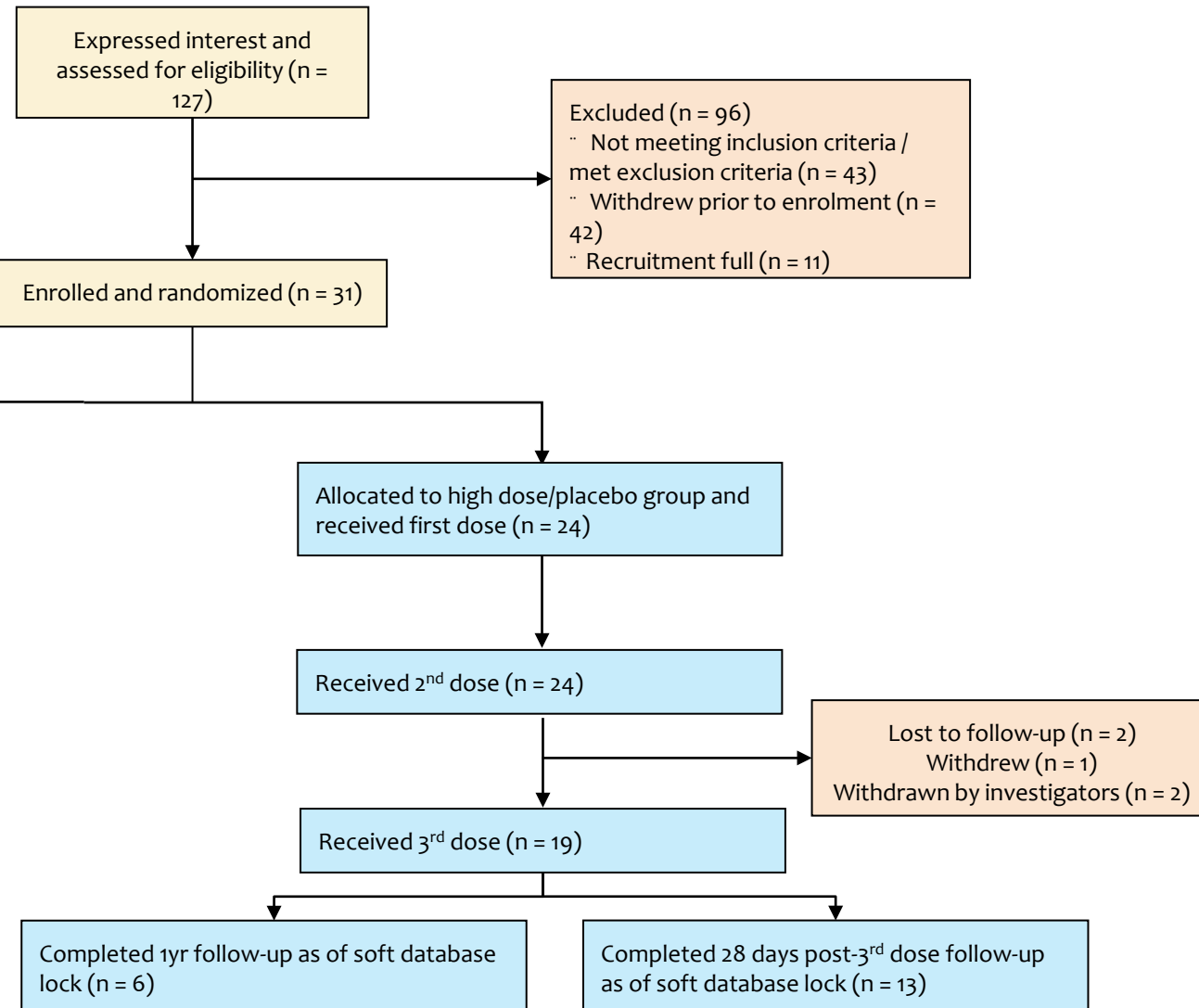
- First participant first visit 22nd June 2022
- Recruitment complete November 2022
- Last vaccination 15th May 2023
- Last participant last visit 16th October 2023

	Group 1 (low dose/placebo)	Groups 2+3 (high dose/placebo)	All participants
Sex (female)	28.6%	33.3%	32%
Median age at enrolment (years)	23.0	30.0	27.0
Ethnicity (white background)	71.4%	91.7%	87%



CONSORT flow diagram (blinded)

*additional participant enrolled into group 1 in error
NB all participants with available data analysed



INTERIM IMMUNOGENICITY DATA

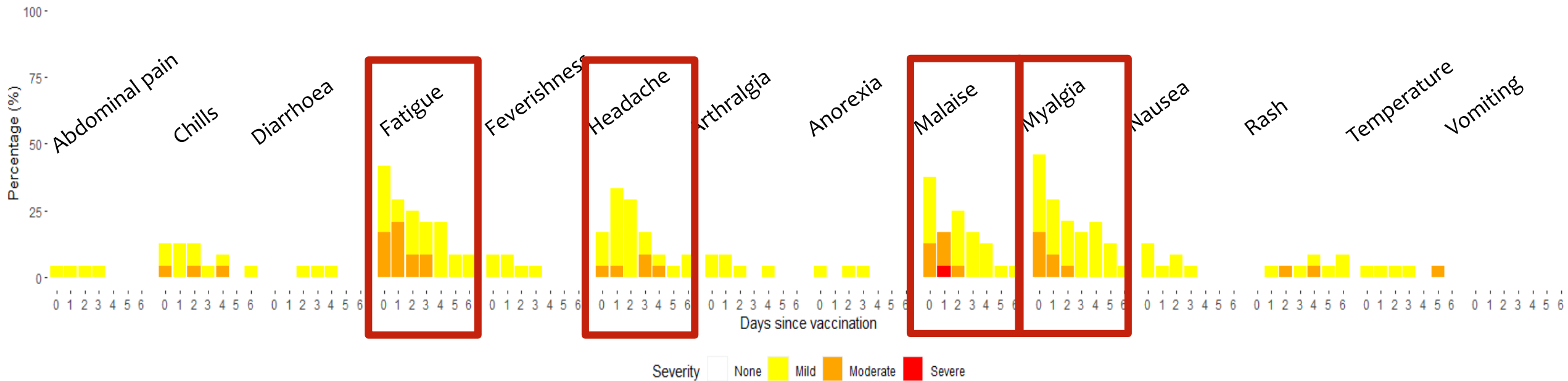
INTERIM SAFETY DATA

Solicited AEs were mostly mild-moderate and transient

Systemic AEs in full-dose group – daily severity across 0-6 days following first vaccination



Full dose group:



NB similar profile after 2nd and 3rd doses. **Blinded data**



AEs were mostly mild-moderate in severity at both dose levels

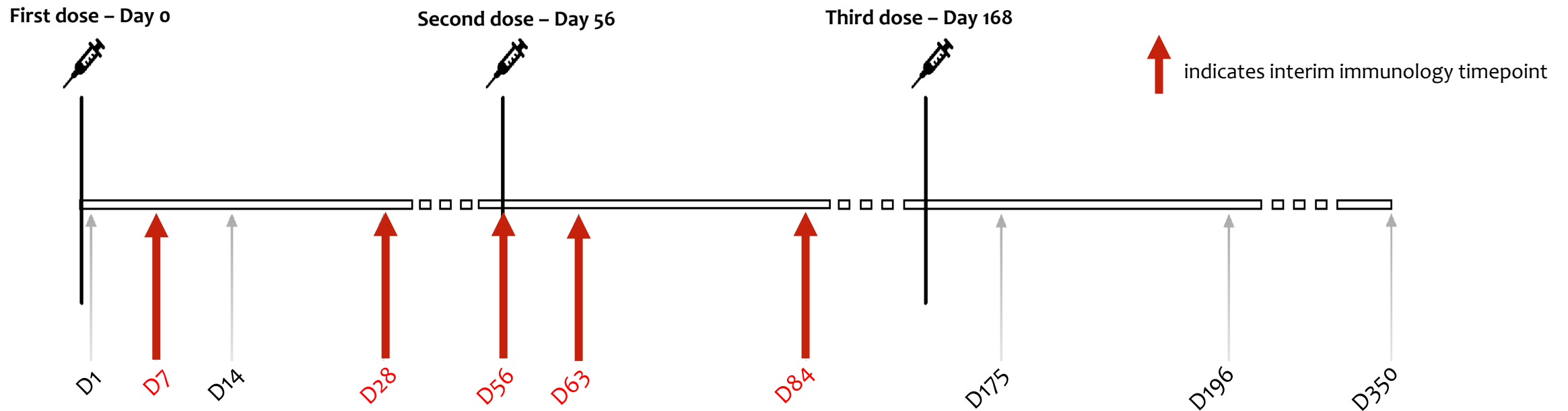


- Local pain and tenderness were mild-moderate and self-resolving
- Erythema, swelling and induration were mostly mild
 - 3/31 participants developed $\geq 100\text{mm}$ erythema after 1st dose, self-resolving
 - 1/31 participant developed 155mm area of swelling after 1st dose (subsequently withdrawn after similar reaction to 2nd dose)
- Laboratory AEs were mild-moderate
 - 1/31 participant withdrawn after 2nd dose due to moderate neutropenia (resolved)
- 59 unsolicited AEs – 81% considered unrelated to vaccine
- No serious AEs reported

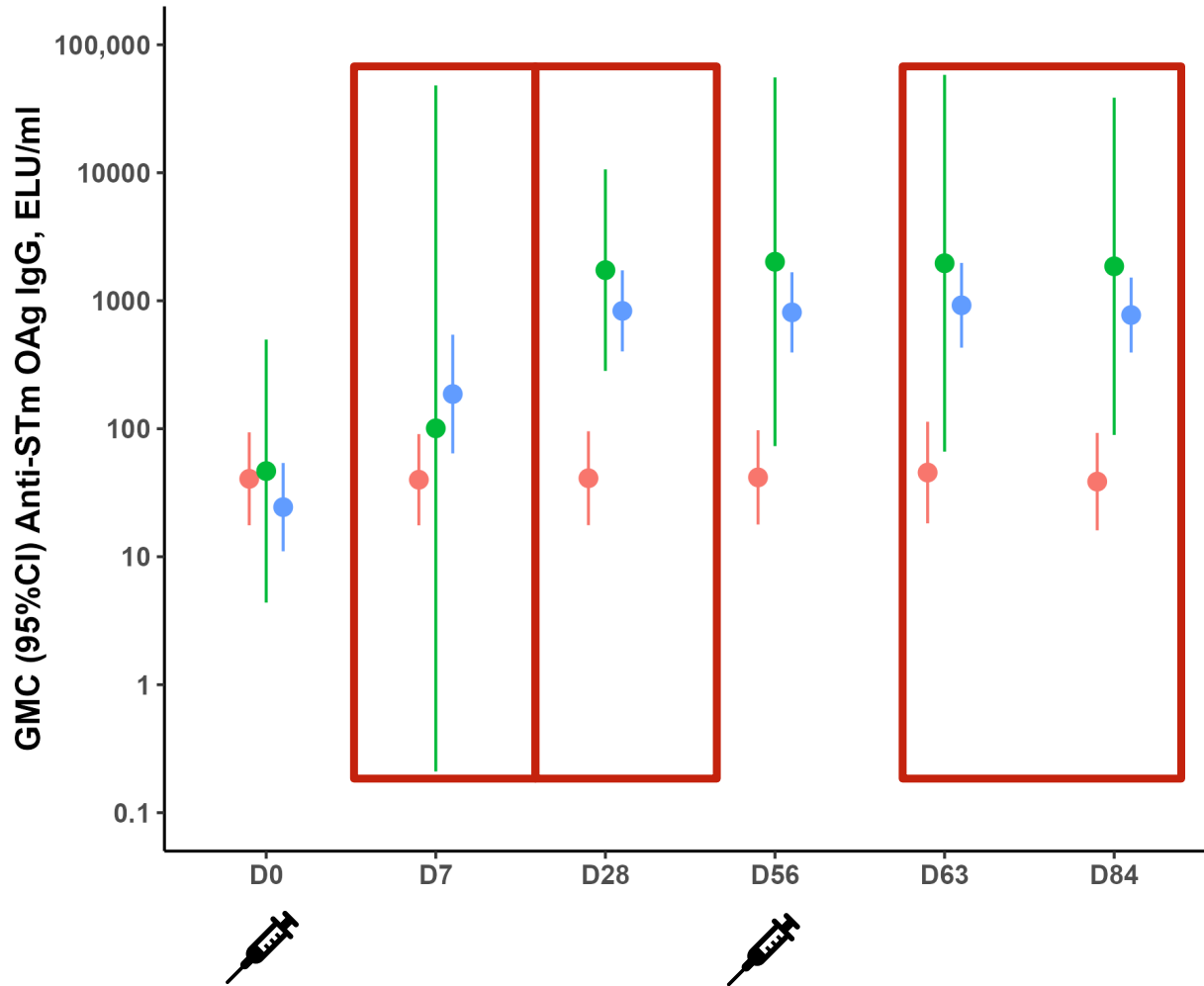


Interim immunogenicity data

- Up to 28 days following 2nd dose
- Study remains blinded – GMCs and 95% CI, not individual data points or range
- NB low dose vaccine group small (n=4) so wide confidence intervals



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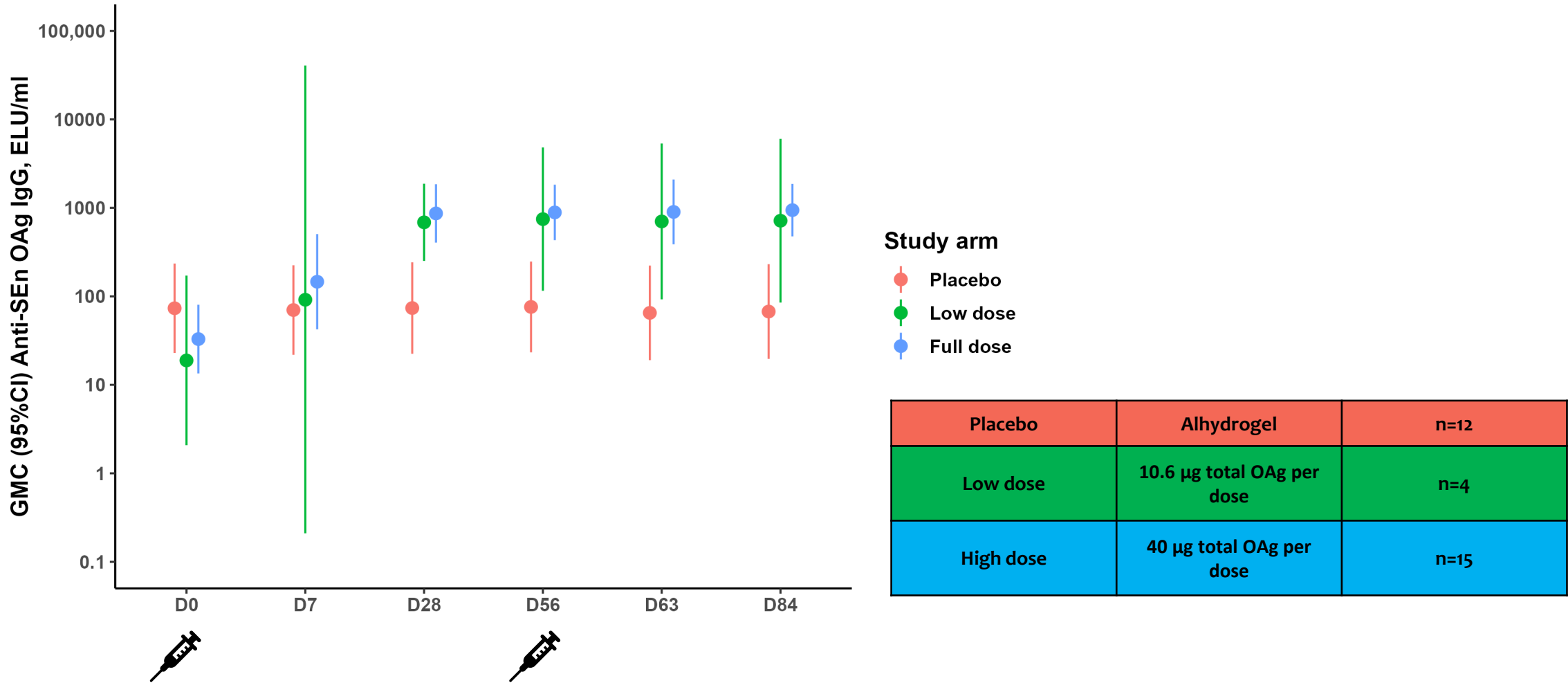
Study arm

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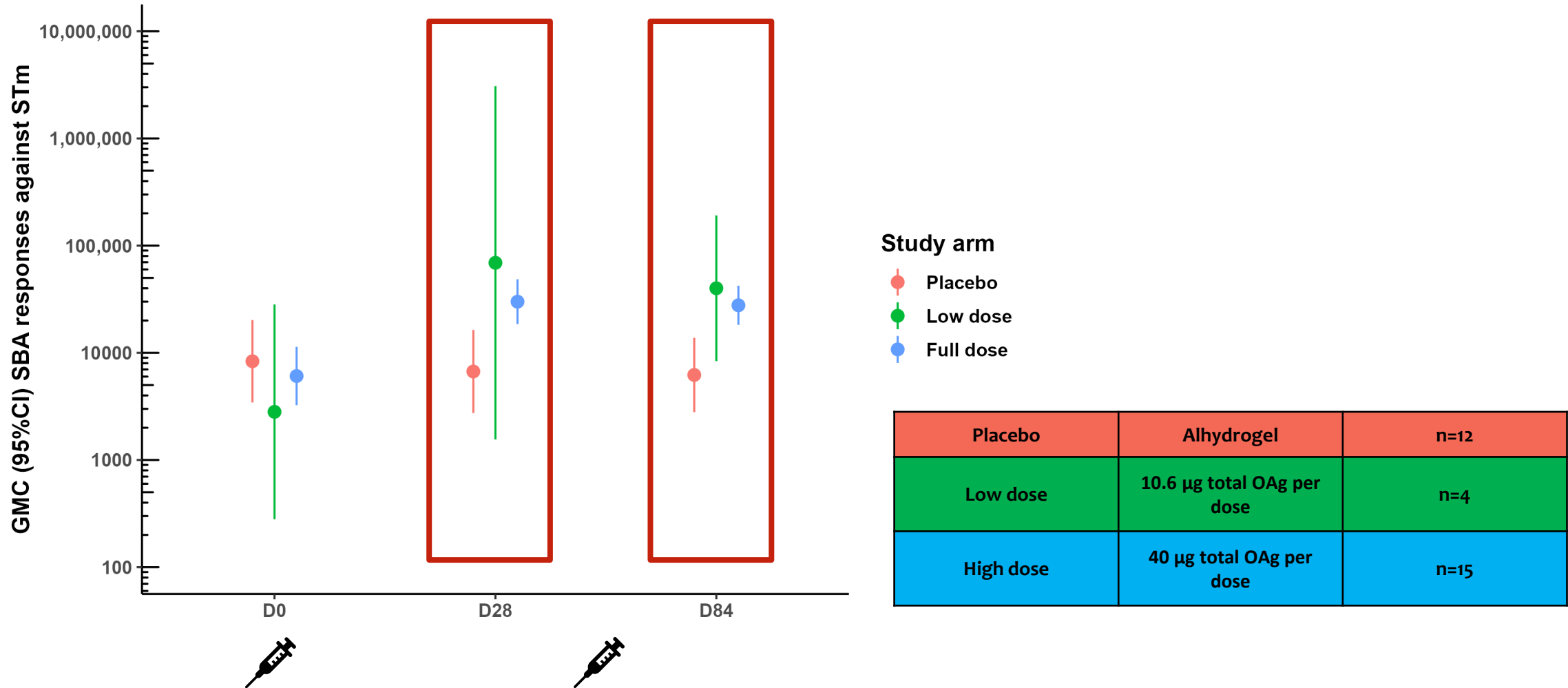
IgG specific to *Salmonella* Typhimurium O-antigen, measured by ELISA and expressed as geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) with 95% confidence intervals. Doses of iNTS GMMA or placebo were administered at D0 and D56.

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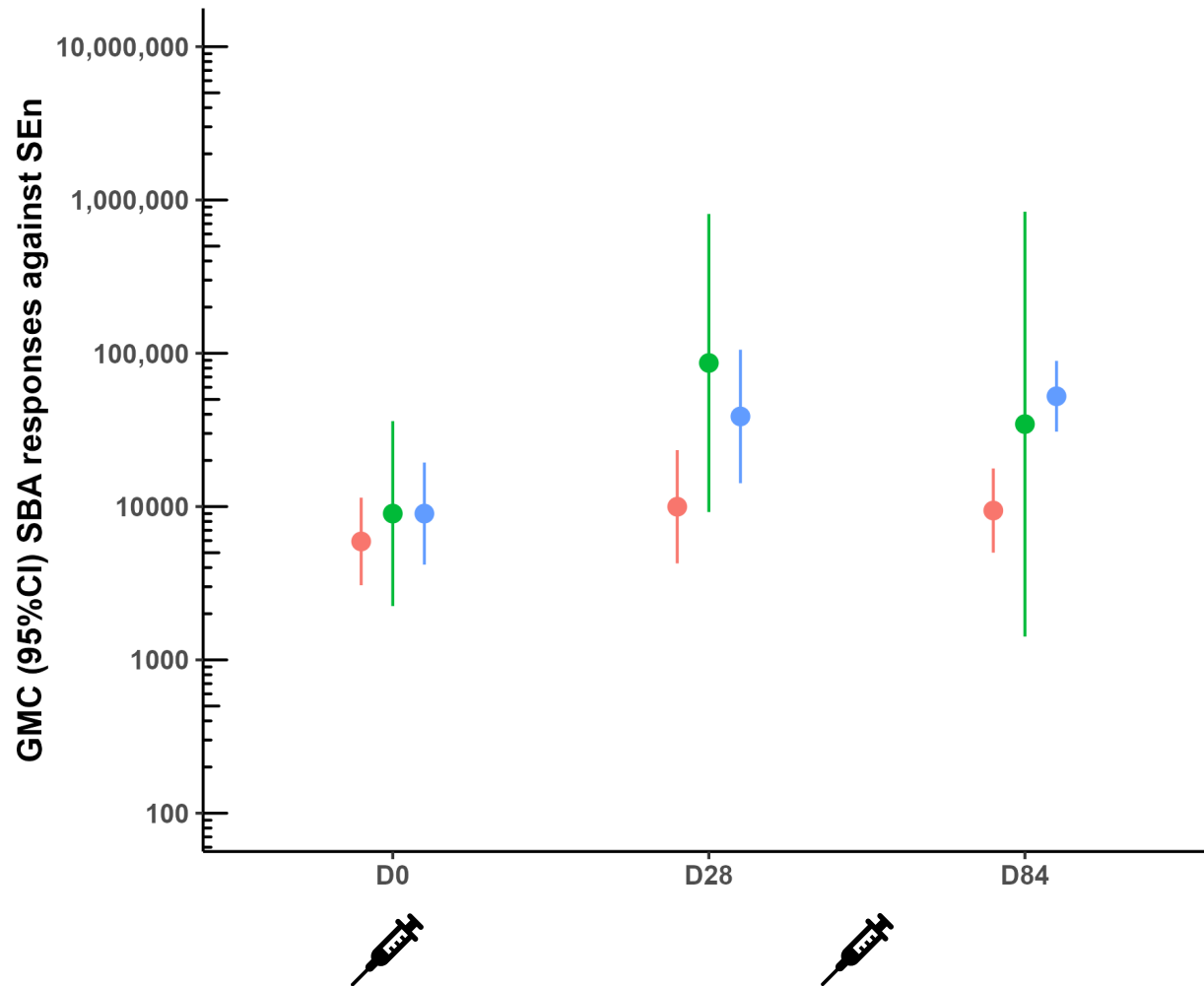
IgG specific to *Salmonella* Enteritidis O-antigen, measured by ELISA and expressed as geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) with 95% confidence intervals. Doses of iNTS GMMa or placebo were administered at D0 and D56.

Full dose group demonstrated anti-STm SBA response



Serum bactericidal activity against *Salmonella* Typhimurium, expressed as geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) with 95% confidence intervals. Doses of iNTS GMMA or placebo were administered at D0 and D56.

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Serum bactericidal activity against *Salmonella* Enteritidis, expressed as geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) with 95% confidence intervals. Doses of iNTS GMMA or placebo were administered at D0 and D56.

- iNTS-GMMA was well-tolerated in adults with no safety signals or concerns after 3 doses
 - AEs largely mild to moderate, and self-resolving
- iNTS-GMMA elicits robust antibody and functional responses to targeted serovars
- What next?
 - Complete safety data, with unblinding to further clarify safety profile
 - Immunogenicity data up to 1 year following first dose, antibody persistence
 - Exploratory immunology
 - Cell-mediated immunity
 - Mucosal immunity
 - Phase 1 stage 2 trial in KEMRI, Kenya

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