



VACCELERATE

European Corona Vaccine Trial
Accelerator Platform



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Pan-European Backbone Accelerating Phase 2 & 3 Vaccine Trials

- › Largest clinical research network for COVID-19 and other vaccine trials
- › 31 partners, 18 EU Member States, 5 EU-associated countries
- › Part of European Commission's pandemic preparedness





VACCELERATE Objectives

- › Platform building
- › Capacity mapping
- › Capacity building
- › Volunteer registries
- › Laboratory access & assay standardization
- › Solutions for vaccine development issues
- › Development & conduct of academically driven phase 2 & 3 vaccine trials

Two Years of VACCELERATE

>75.000
Volunteers invited
to trials & surveys

11
trials/surveys
provided with
volunteers

30
Vaccine
developer
&
CRO
consultations

15
Accepted
publications

24
Coordination
Board meetings

**16 TCB Vx
&
8 TCB Joint
meetings**

22
Feasibility
requests and
surveys to sites
in Site Network

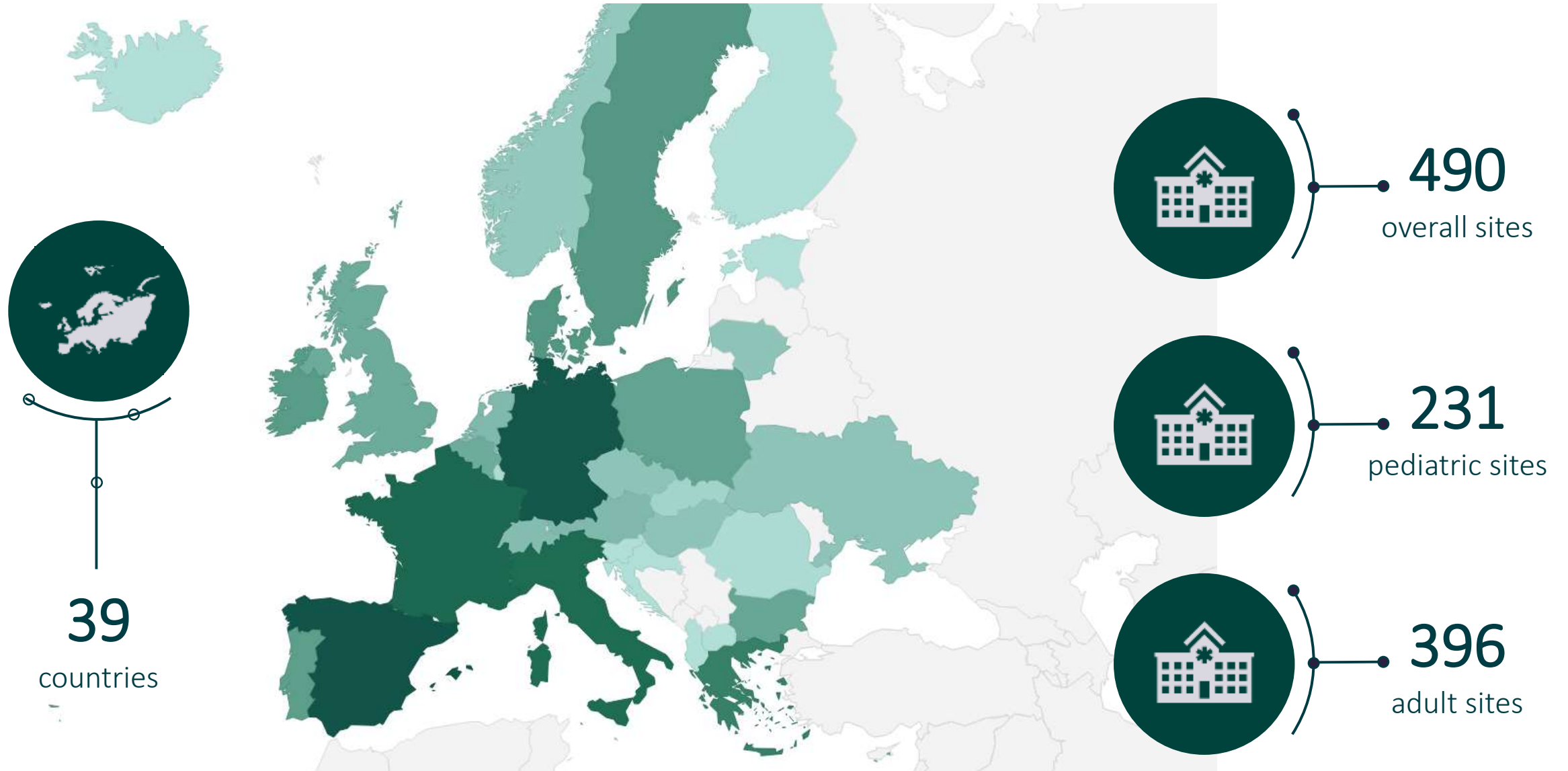
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National
Coordinator
meetings

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Project Updates
to European
Commission

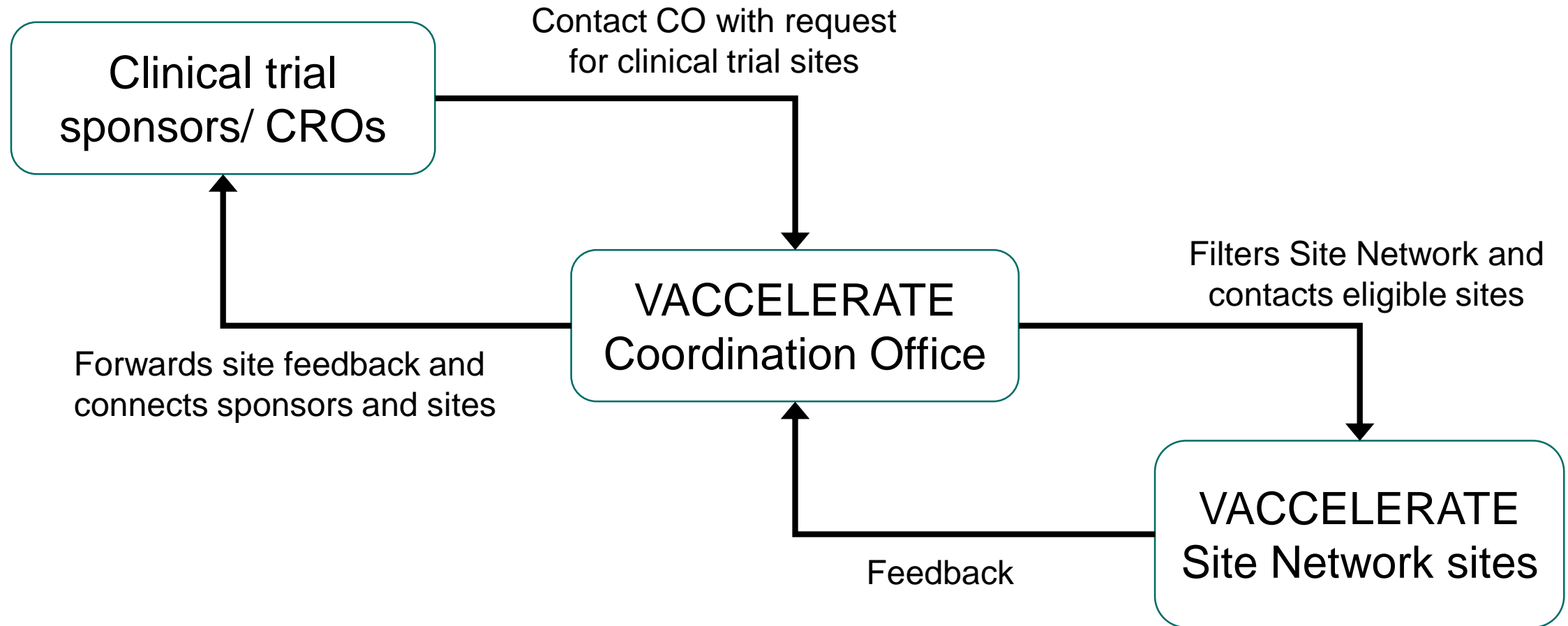
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Ethics &
Scientific
Advisory
Board
meetings

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Project
Management
Office
meetings

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Site Network – Requests for Study Interest/Participation

Date	Study Content	Sponsor	Pathogen of interest	Country
28.10.2020	Protein-based subunit vaccine Phase 2/3 study – interested in sites Spain, Belgium	Clover Biopharma	SARS-CoV-2	China
05.02.2021	Phase 3 trial efficacy & safety of C21 COVID-19 therapy - Sites in Poland	PRA Health Science	SARS-CoV-2	US
17.02.2021	2 PIP trials - Safety & immunogenicity of CVnCOV vaccine candidate – Sites in EU	PRA Health Science	SARS-CoV-2	US
24.02.2021	V118 – Influenza vaccine – Pre-feasibility in Europe	IQVIA	Orthomyxoviridae	US
04.03.2021	S268019-vaccine efficacy trial phase 3 – Pre-feasibility to European sites	Shionogi / IQVIA	SARS-CoV-2	Japan
09.03.2021	BAYER Study - Site Pre-feasibility	Bayer	SARS-CoV-2	Germany
01.10.2021	Pre-fusion spike protein phase 3 -Pre-feasibility to sites	Medigen	SARS-CoV-2	Taiwan
06.07.2021	Protein-based COVID-19 vaccine – Pre-feasibility to sites	Beijing Health Guard Biotechnology	SARS-CoV-2	Germany
08.07.2021	C-19 vaccine safety study in immunocompromised patients – Pre-feasibility to sites	IQVIA	SARS-CoV-2	US
05.08.2021	VACCELERATE EU-COVAT-1_AGED – Site feasibility, Site Selection Process	University Hospital Cologne	SARS-CoV-2	Germany
06.08.2021	VACCELERATE EU-COVAT-2_BOOSTAVAC – Site feasibility, Site Selection Process	University College Dublin	SARS-CoV-2	Ireland
07.08.2021	VACCELERATE EU-COVPT-1_CoVacc – Site feasibility, Site Selection Process	University Medical Centre Utrecht	SARS-CoV-2	Netherlands
04.04.2022	RSV vaccine - Pre-feasibility to sites	Parexel / Moderna	RSV	Germany / US
04.05.2022	mRNA influenza vaccine - Pre-feasibility to sites	Parexel / Moderna	Orthomyxoviridae	Germany / US
25.05.2022	Monkeypox - Capacity mapping all sites	VACCELERATE	Monkeypox virus	Europe
02.06.2022	Monkeypox – Ongoing/planned trials Europe via NCs	VACCELERATE	Monkeypox virus	Europe
02.06.2022	Monkeypox – Ongoing/planned trials in Germany – pre-feasibility to sites	VACCELERATE	Monkeypox virus	Germany
07.07.2022	Monkeypox in children and adult women – Case study to sites	VACCELERATE	Monkeypox virus	Europe

18 different requests towards sites in Site Network

Communication/Consultation with >29 external stakeholders/vaccine developers

Site Network – Capacity Building

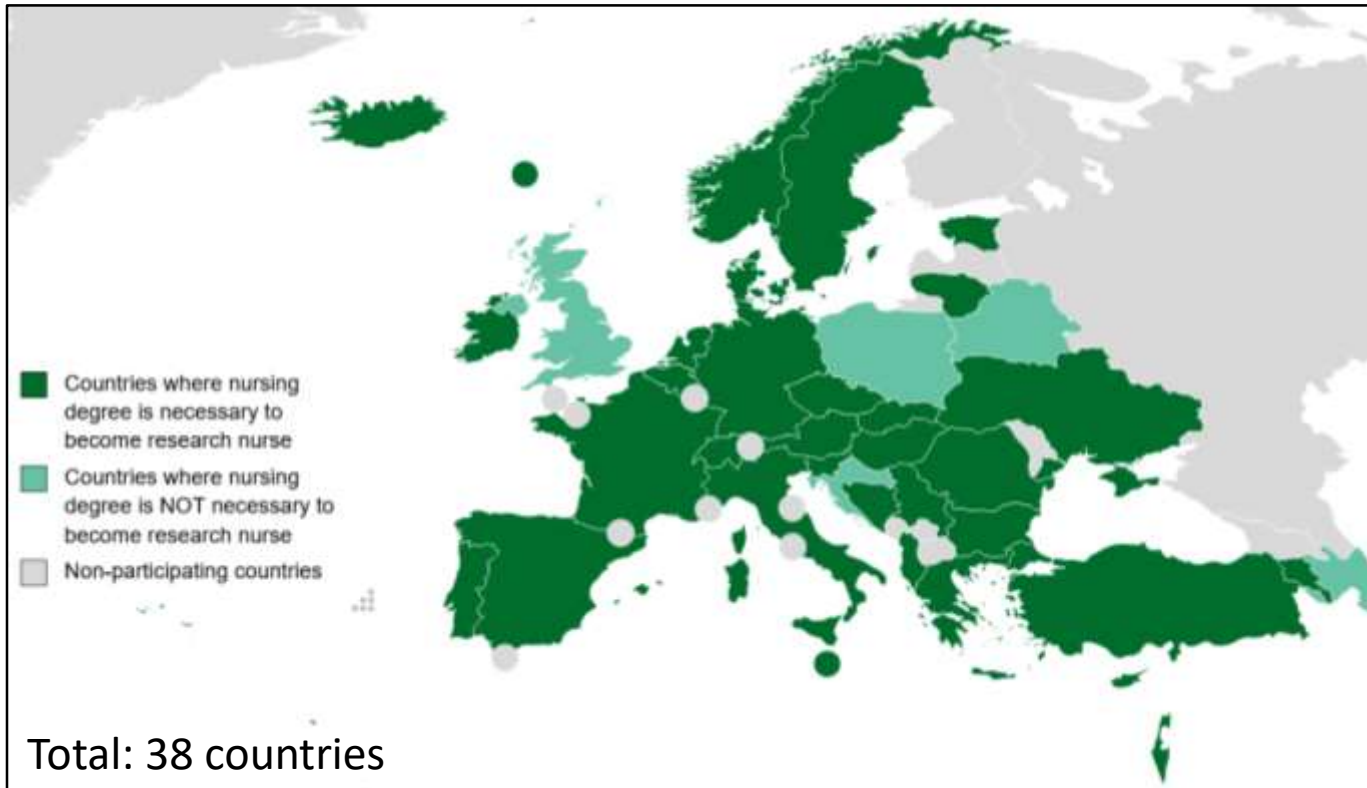
Objective: Trained & qualified site network across Europe

- › Development of VACCELERATE training curriculum
 - GCP-training
 - Vaccine trial course
 - Multinational trial course
 - Study Nurse course
- › Digitizing training content
- › VACCELERATE Online Academy
 - Website with online training courses available for VACCELERATE Site Network members
 - Training requirements specified per site and study team role
 - Site qualification

A screenshot of the VACCELERATE Academy website. The page features the VACCELERATE logo at the top left and right. The main heading is 'VACCELERATE Academy'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text: 'As part of the VACCELERATE Academy, several training courses free of charge are now available to the network. The courses are organized through our partners and are part of the European trial site capacity building in VACCELERATE. They focus on various topics related to (vaccine) trial research.' Below this text, a section titled 'The VACCELERATE Academy offers the following training courses:' lists six courses, each preceded by a magnifying glass icon: 'Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Course', 'Good Clinical Practice for Investigators', 'Good Clinical Practice Refresher', 'Study Nurse Course', 'Clinical Development Of A Vaccine', and 'Management of Multinational Trials'.

How to Become a Research Nurse in Europe?

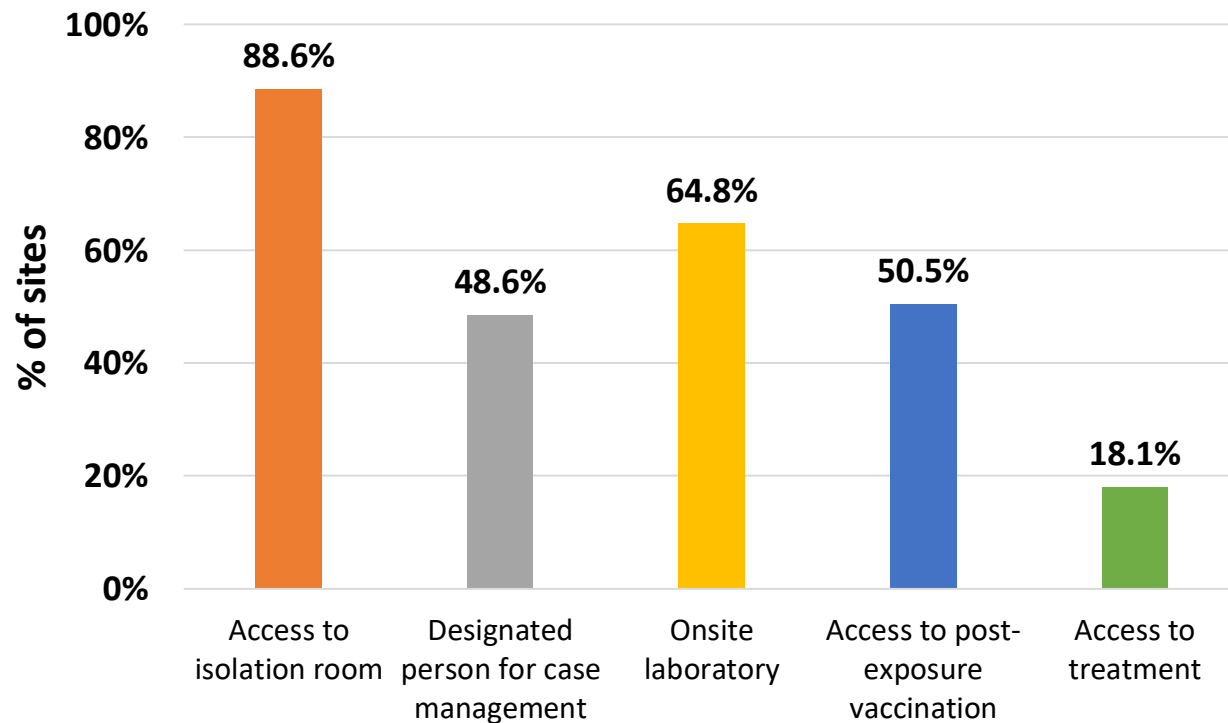
- › Survey in Site Network & among National Coordinators



- › Nursing degree necessary in 33 (87%) countries
- › GCP course necessary in 24 (63%) countries
- › Dedicated courses for research nurse education
 - Available in 18 (47%) countries
 - 29 (76%) countries considered them necessary
- › Baseline educational background varies widely in Europe
- › Education would benefit from dedicated research nurse course
 - VACCELERATE *Study Nurse Course* online from March 2023 (WP5)

VACCELERATE - Mpox Diagnostic Capacity in Europe

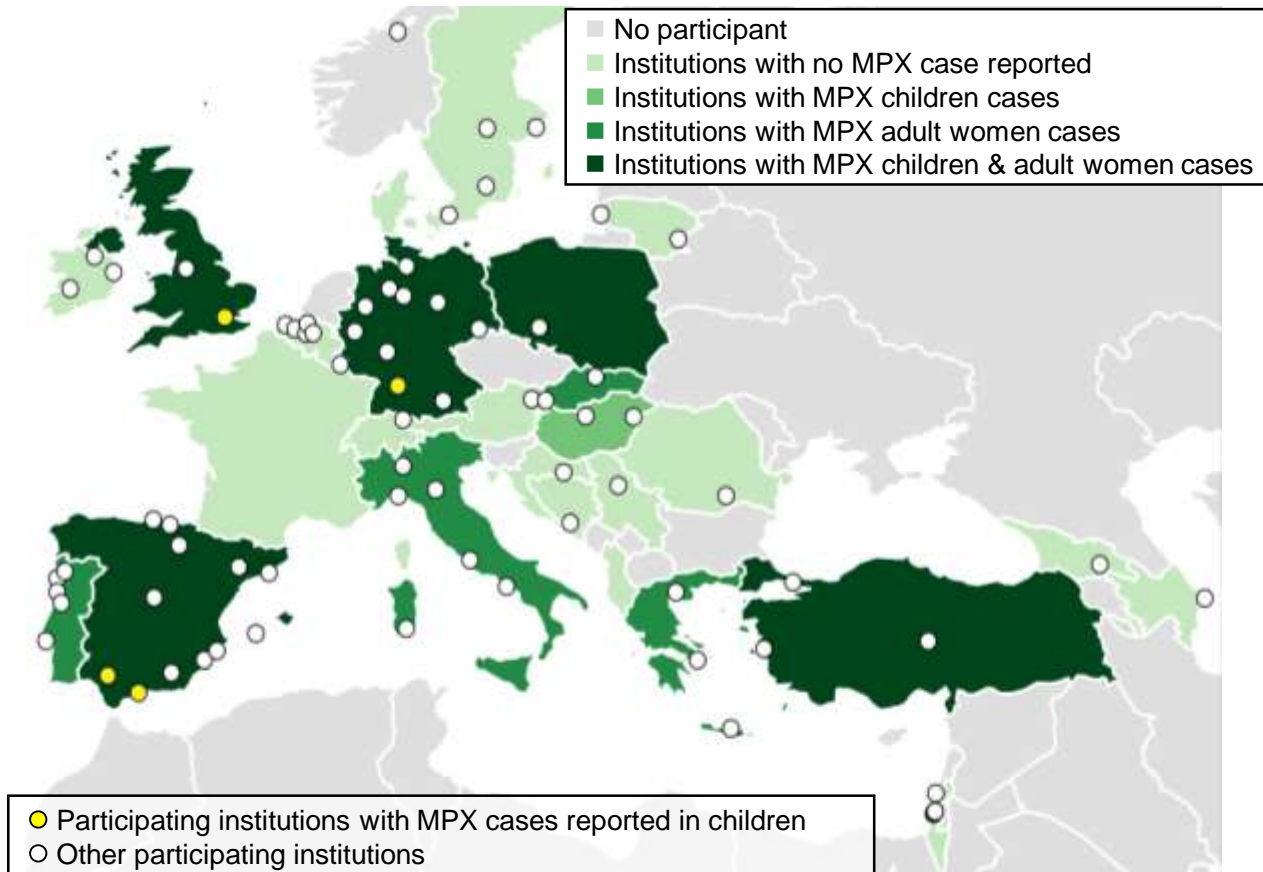
- › Knowledge gap on diagnostic & clinical management capacity for mpox in Europe
- › VACCELERATE Site Network as registry of health-care sites



105 institutions in 36 countries

VACCELERATE - Mpox in Children and Adult Women

- › Knowledge gap on number of evaluated & infected children & women with mpox in Europe
- › VACCELERATE Site Network as registry of health-care sites



- 88 participating institutions in 27 countries
- Most **children *evaluated***: Belgium (n=47) & United Kingdom (n=20)
- BUT Spain (1.00) & Germany (0.33) highest ratios of *confirmed* cases
- Most **women *evaluated***: Spain (n=226) & Belgium (n=60)
- BUT Spain (0.08) & Portugal (0.06) highest ratios of *confirmed* cases

Volunteer Registry – Website



<https://vaccelerate.eu/volunteer-registry>



Welcome to the registration for future COVID-19 vaccine studies and other studies!

If you are interested in participating in a COVID-19 vaccine study or another study, you can register here.

Who are we?

We are the European research network VACCELERATE.

VACCELERATE is a research network that was established on the initiative and with financial support of the European Commission. VACCELERATE aims to improve the response capability to the current pandemic in order to increase the ability to act – also in newly emerging pandemics – and thus to make a decisive contribution to emergency preparedness.

VACCELERATE is coordinated by the University Hospital Cologne, Germany.

One of our tasks within the framework of VACCELERATE is to bring together stakeholders in the development of vaccines against the coronavirus (SARS-CoV2) with citizens who want to participate in vaccine research or other research projects on COVID-19.



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VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – What is it?



- › Single-entry point for European residents interested in clinical trial participation in 22 countries

- › Speeds up the volunteer recruitment process

- › Participants provide
 - First and last name
 - E-mail address
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Pre-existing comorbidities
 - Vaccination status for SARS-CoV-2 + COVID-19 history
 - Maximum distance willing to travel to a clinical trial site, if needed



VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – How to register?



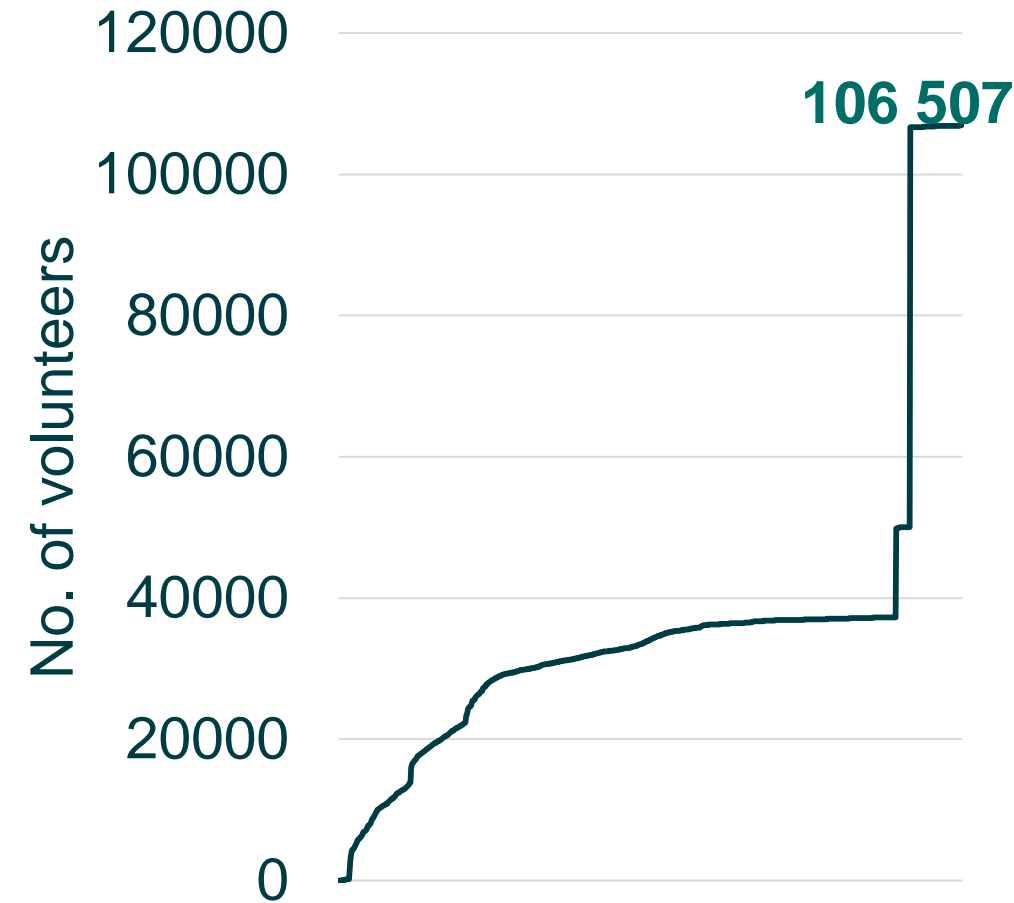
VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Usage

› Clinical trials

- Dementia
- Influenza
- SARS-CoV-2
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

› Epidemiological studies/Citizen science

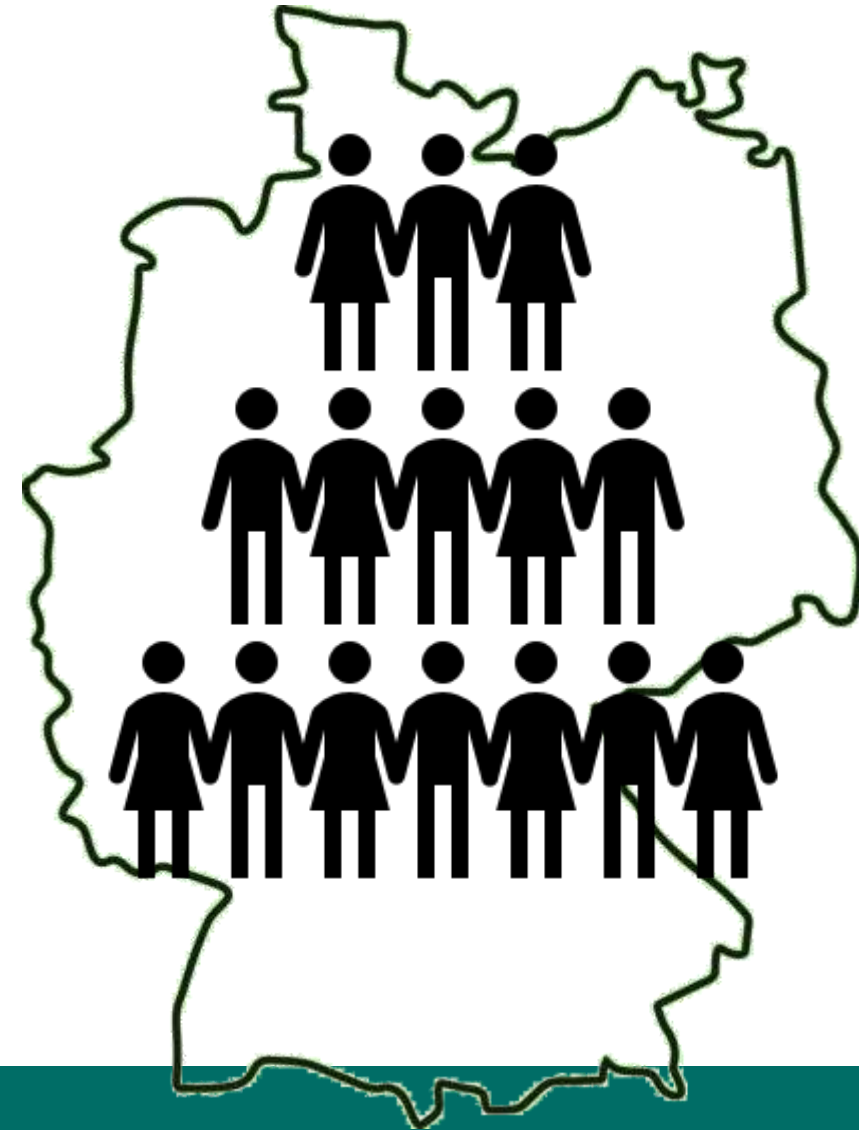
- SARS-CoV-2 point-prevalence
- Poliovirus vaccination coverage
- Adenovirus, influenza A + B, respiratory syncytial virus, SARS-CoV-2 incidence



VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – SARS-CoV-2 point-prevalence

- › **Hypothesis:** There is a discrepancy between officially reported SARS-CoV-2 infection and real-life prevalence
 - Only PCR tests registered in official statistics
 - Underreporting due to shortage of PCR testing capacities
 - Underreporting due to funding cuts for SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen tests

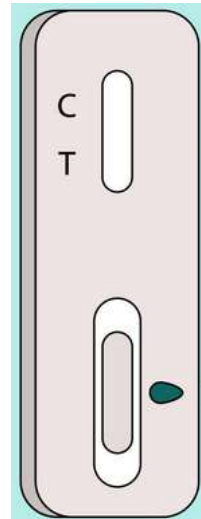
VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – SARS-CoV-2 point-prevalence



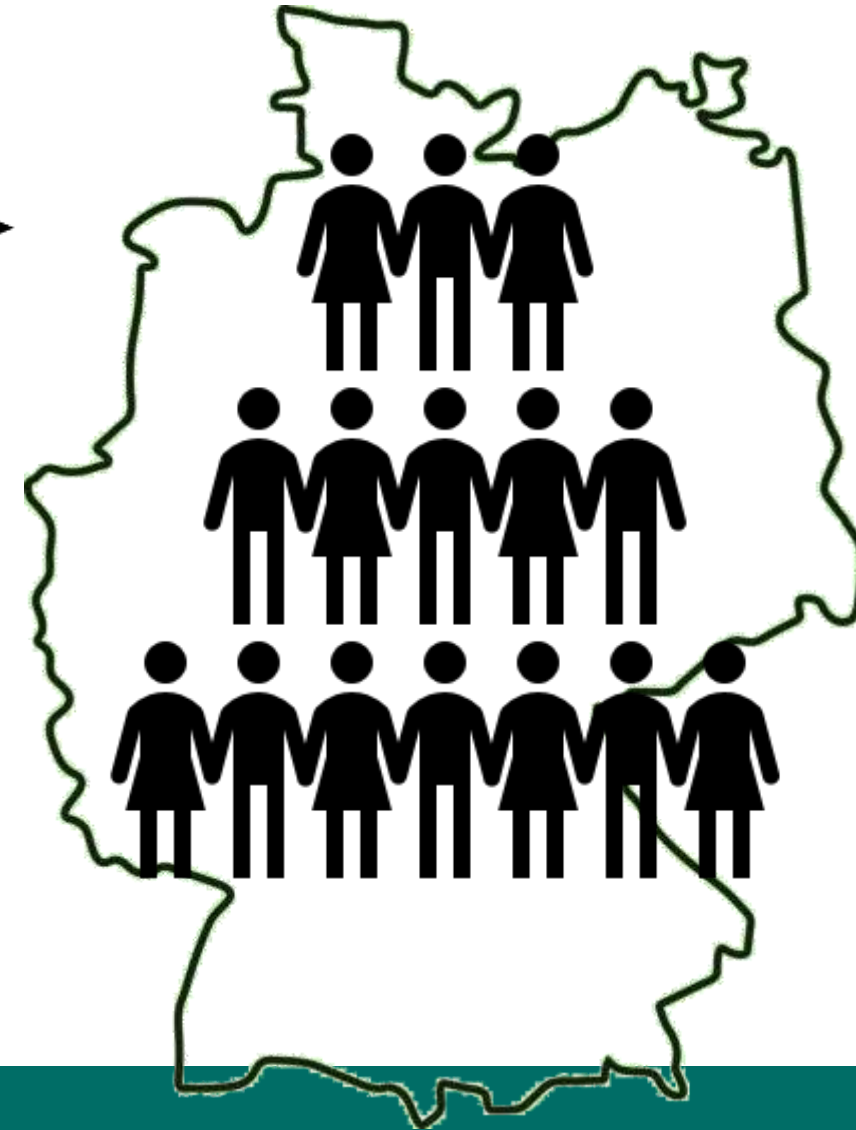
VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – SARS-CoV-2 point-prevalence



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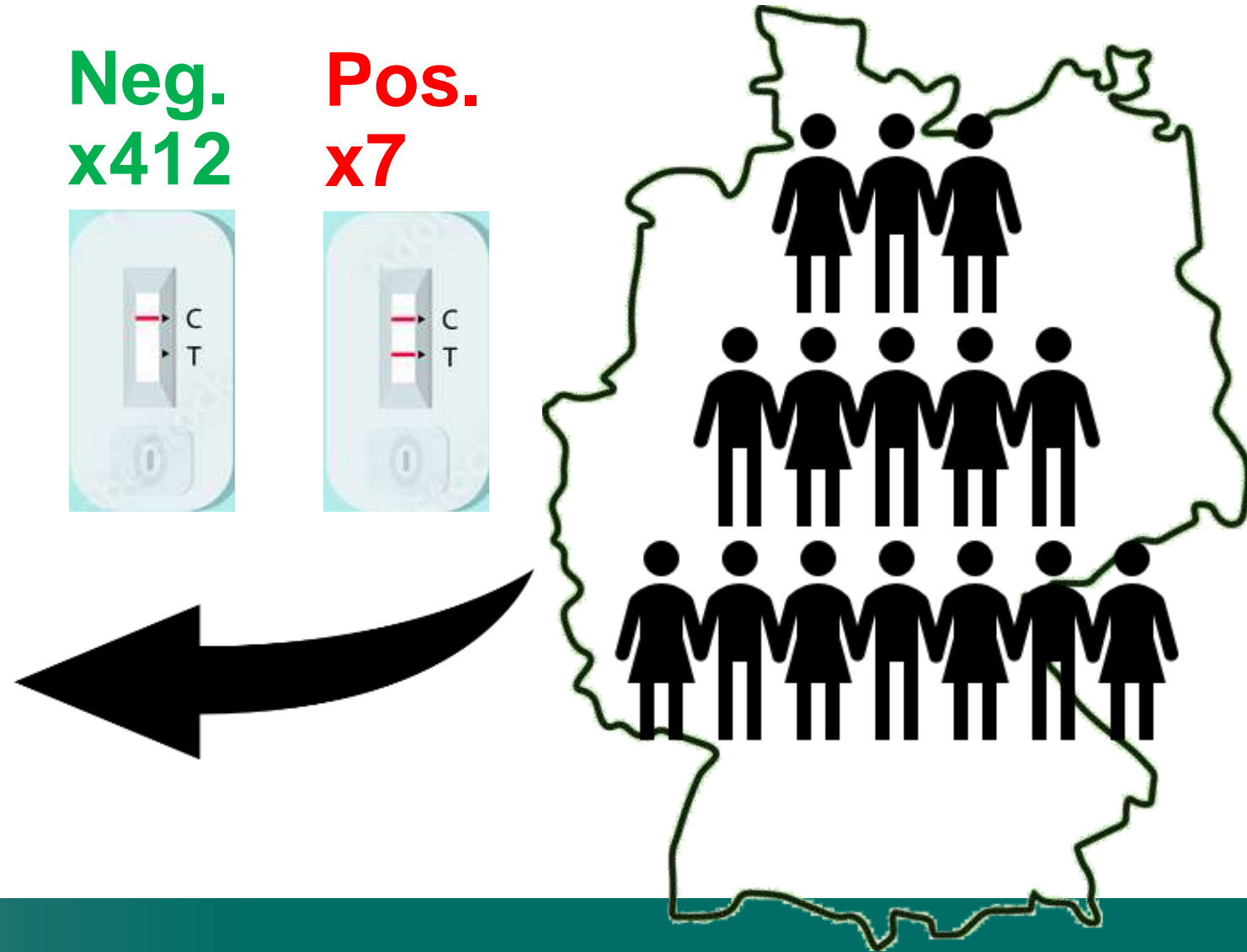
VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – SARS-CoV-2 point-prevalence



Neg.
x412



Pos.
x7



VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – SARS-CoV-2 point-prevalence

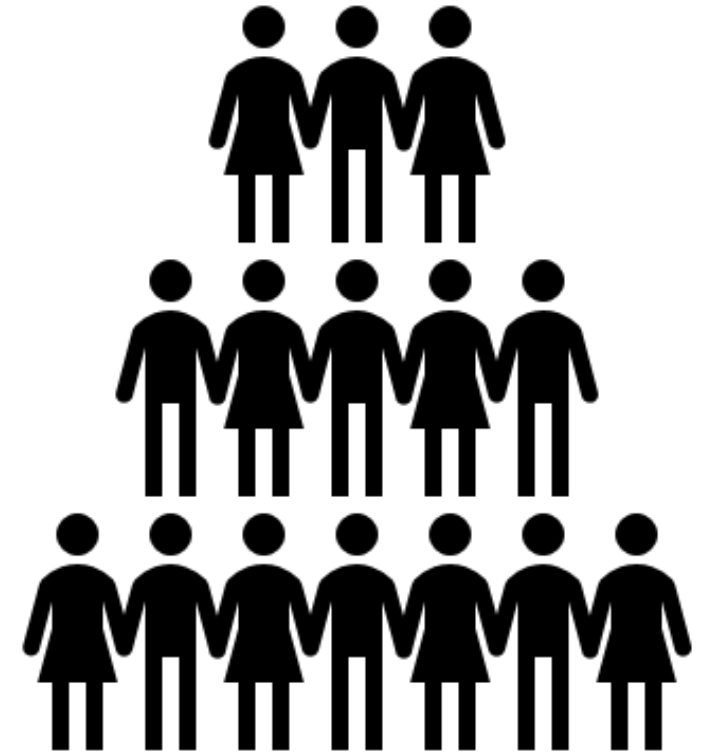
- › 7/419 (1.67%) tested positive
- › 2.39-fold higher prevalence compared to official reports
- › Actual SARS-CoV-2 prevalence could be higher than what surveillance systems were detecting
- › Pandemic surveillance and testing strategies needed to be adapted

VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Poliovirus vaccination coverage



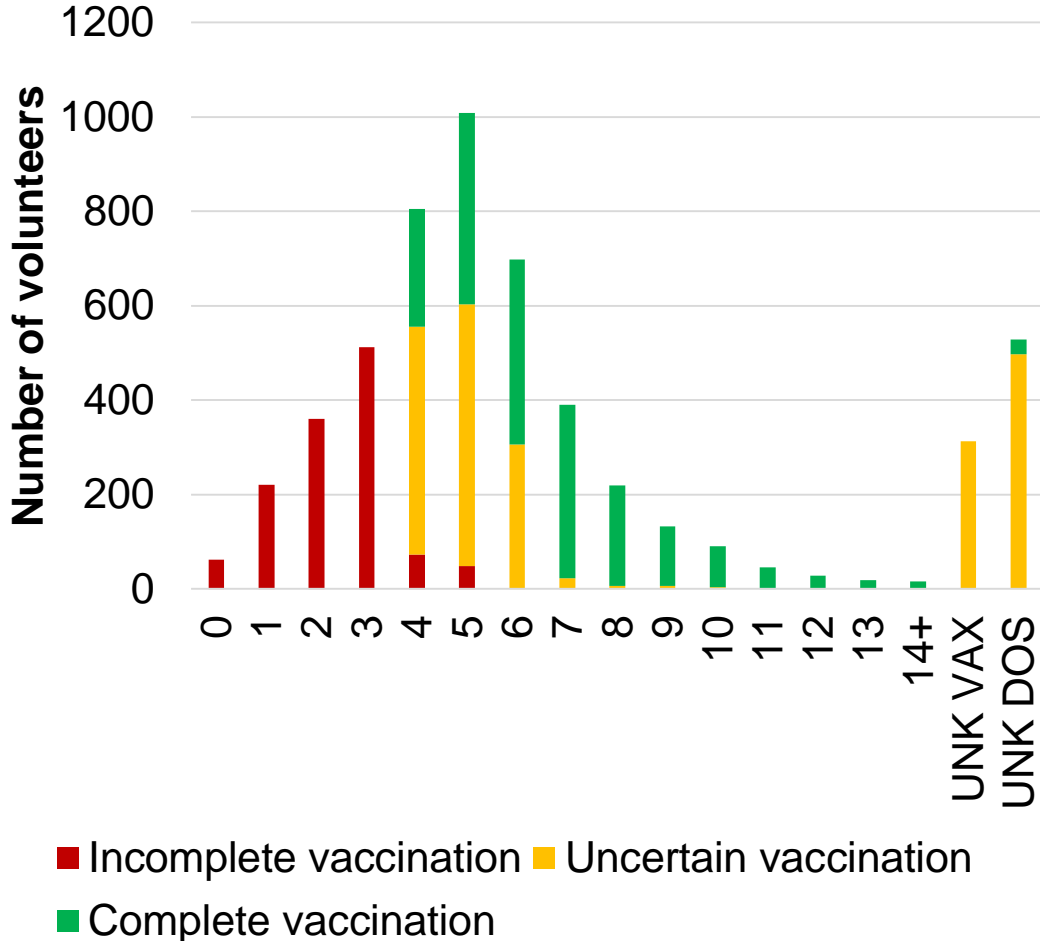
- › **Hypothesis:** Is there an adequate poliovirus vaccination coverage in non-endemic countries?
- › Poliovirus cases in unvaccinated patient from Jerusalem (IL) and New York (US)
- › Poliovirus found in sewage water in London (GB) and New York (US)
- › How is the situation in Germany?

VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Poliovirus vaccination coverage

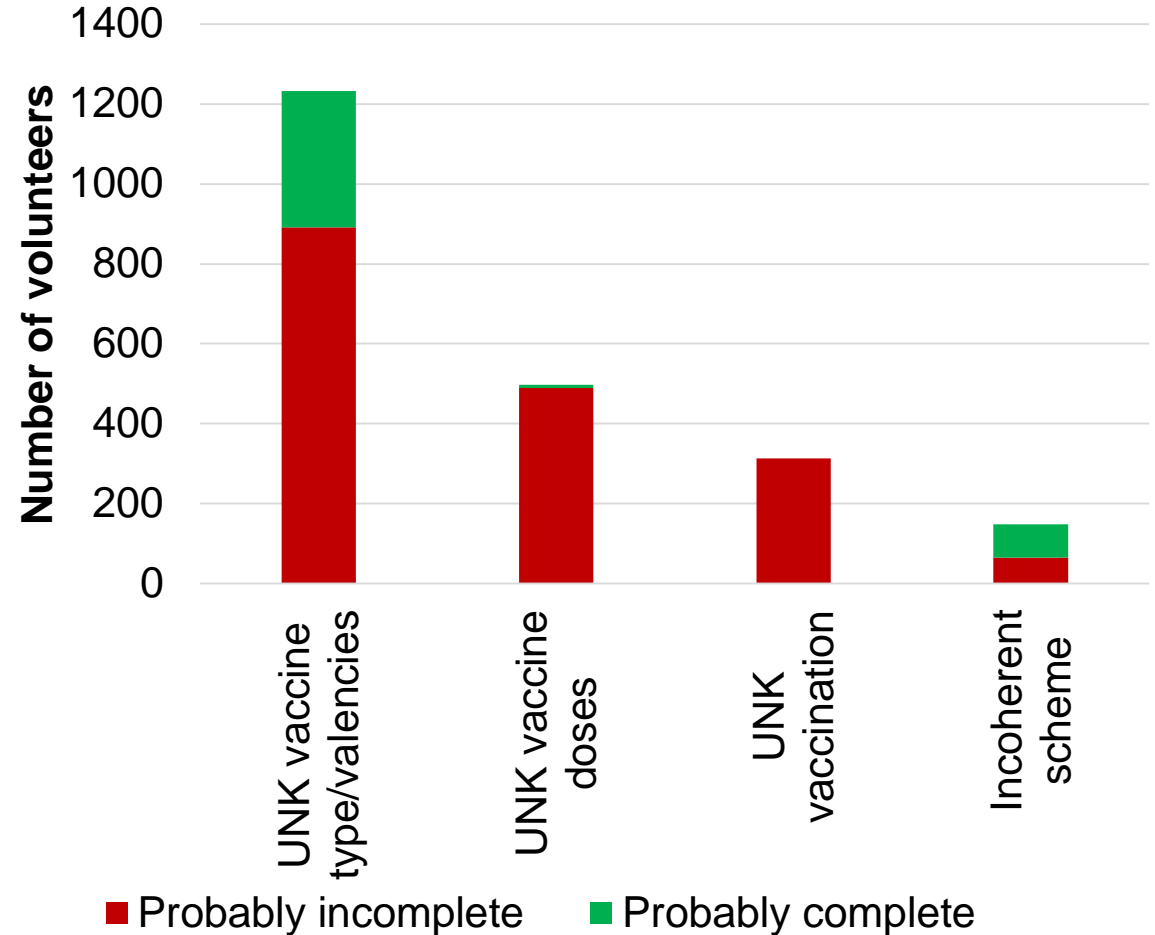


VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Poliovirus vaccination coverage

Vaccine doses



Probability for completeness



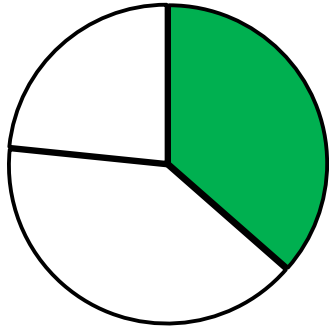
VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Poliovirus vaccination coverage



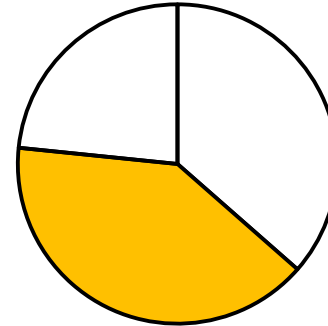
- › Minimum of 4 doses necessary to be fully vaccinated
 - *Differences by type of vaccine possible*



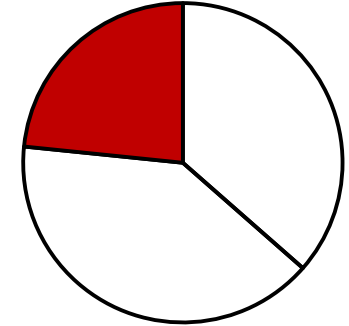
Fully vaccinated
36.4%



Uncertain vaccination
40.2%



Incomplete vaccination
23.4%



- › Poliovirus vaccination status difficult to assess due to
 - Absent or incomplete records on previously administered doses

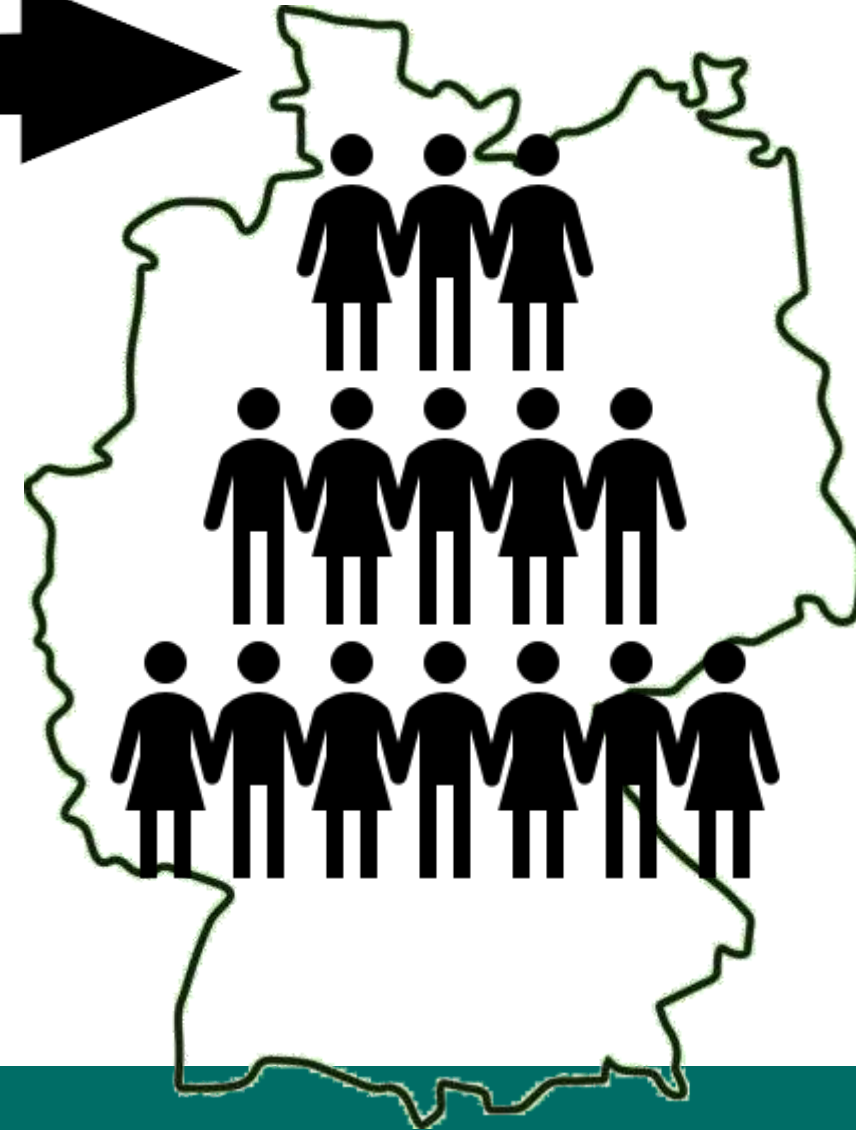
VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Multipathogen Antigen Test Kit (MAK-5)



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1. Adenovirus
2. Influenza A
3. Influenza B
4. Respiratory syncytial virus
5. SARS-CoV-2

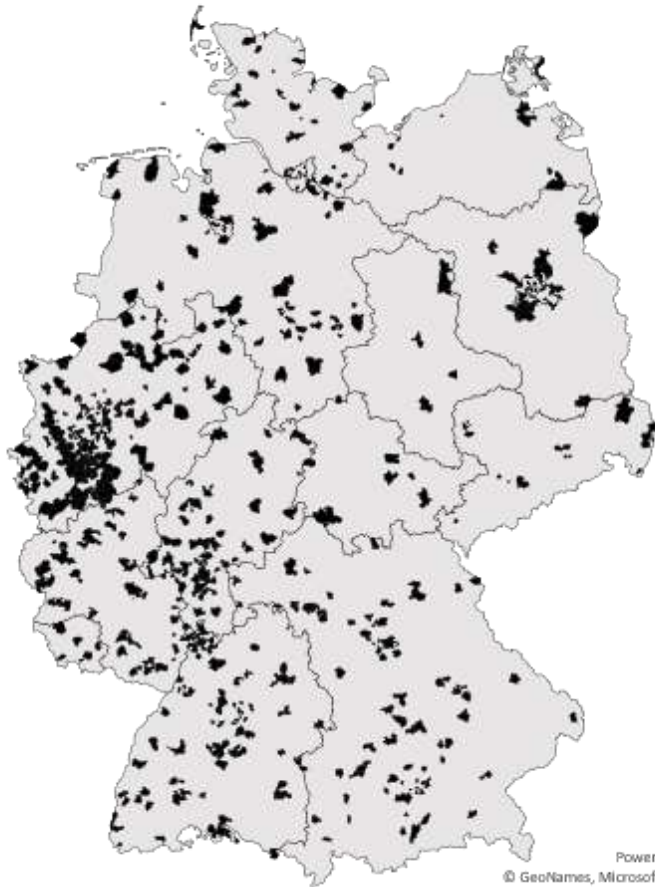


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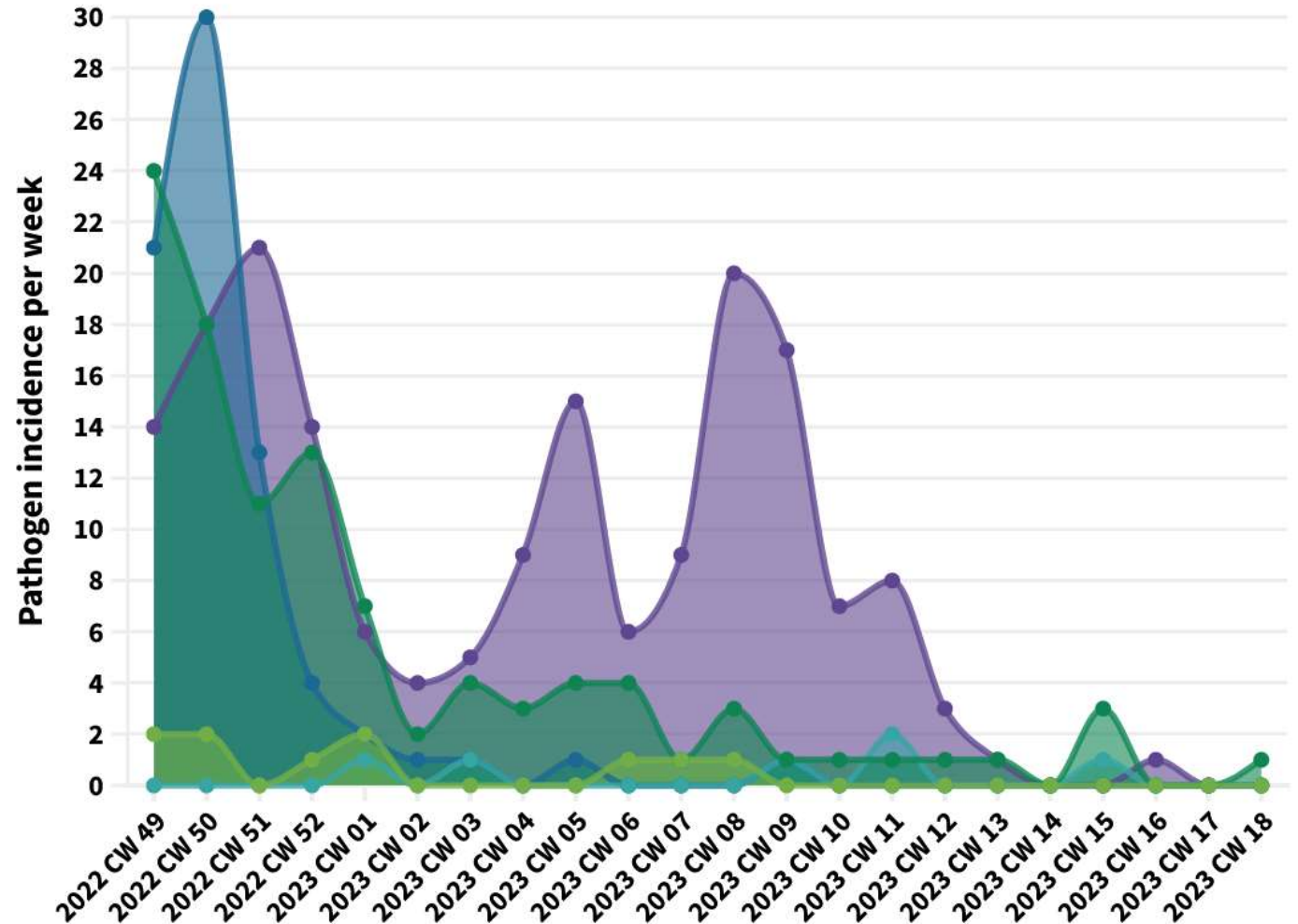


- SARS-CoV-2
- Influenza A
- Influenza B
- Respiratory syncytial virus
- Adenovirus

Test performed



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VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Multipathogen Antigen Test Kit (MAK-5)

- › In the past, “Influenza-like illness” was a valid endpoint
- › Today, “ILI endpoint”, and detects disease BEFORE any medical attention
- › Opportunity to study acute respiratory infection with more detail
 - More respiratory syncytial virus than official records



Volunteer Registry – Study Contributions since Oct 2020

Date	Topic/Study	Pathogen	Sponsor	Site	Country
22.12.2020	mRNA	SARS-CoV-2	CureVac	Tübingen	Germany
22.12.2020	mRNA	SARS-CoV-2	CureVac	Cologne	Germany
08.01.2021	mRNA	SARS-CoV-2	CureVac	Tübingen	Germany
21.07.2021	MVA-SARS-ST Phase 1 study	SARS-CoV-2	UKE, Hamburg	Hamburg	Germany
30.09.2021	VACCELERATE AGED, 3 rd vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UHC, Cologne	Cologne	Germany
13.12.2021	VACCELERATE AGED, 3 rd vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UHC, Cologne	Frankfurt	Germany
13.12.2021	MVA	SARS-CoV-2	UKE, Hamburg	Cologne	Germany
21.02.2022	VACCELERATE BOOSTAVAC, 4 th vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UCD, Ireland	UC Dublin	Ireland
24.06.2022	VACCELERATE AGED, 4 th vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UHC, Cologne	Cologne	Germany
26.06.2022	Point-prevalence	SARS-CoV-2	UHC, Cologne	Cologne	Germany
27.06.2022	V116-003	Streptococcus pneumoniae	MSD	Cologne	Germany
30.06.2022	VACCELERATE AGED, 4 th vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UHC, Cologne	Cologne	Germany
18.07.2022	Dementia prevention	NA	CECAD, UHC	Cologne	Germany
26.07.2022	V116-003	Streptococcus pneumoniae	MSD	Cologne	Germany
03.08.2022	VACCELERATE BOOSTAVAC, 4 th vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UCD, Ireland	Cologne	Germany
16.08.2022	MVA	SARS-CoV-2	UKE, Hamburg	Cologne	Germany
30.08.2022	V116-003	Streptococcus pneumoniae	MSD	Cologne	Germany
05.10.2022	VACCELERATE AGED, 4 th vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UHC, Cologne	Dublin	Ireland
28.10.2022	Vaccination status	Enterovirus poliovirus	UHC, Cologne	Cologne	Germany
23.11.2022	Point-prevalence	SARS-CoV-2, influenza A/B, RSV, Adeno	UHC, Cologne	Cologne	Germany
23.11.2022	V116-010	Streptococcus pneumoniae	MSD	Munich	Germany
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14 different trials/surveys supported with ~75,000 Volunteer-to-Study Matches

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05.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Cologne	Germany
14.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Berlin	Germany
14.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Hamburg	Germany
14.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Dresden	Germany
14.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Hannover	Germany
14.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Karlsruhe	Germany
14.12.2022	mRNA/Influenza	SARS-CoV-2 / Influenza	Moderna	Schwerin	Germany
06.01.2023	VACCELERATE BOOSTAVAC, booster vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UCD, Ireland	Dublin	Ireland
27.01.2023	VACCELERATE BOOSTAVAC, booster vaccination	SARS-CoV-2	UCD, Ireland	Dublin	Ireland

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VACCELERATE Trials

› AGED – Best booster 75+, H2H-RCT

323 recruited

600 planned

- MS policy changes → 4 protocol AMDs
- Contracting: 6-country avg 5 months

› BOOSTAVAC – Best booster strategy 18+

190 recruited

500 planned

- Recruitment ongoing
- MS policy changes → 3 protocol AMDs
- Contracting: 6-country avg 7 months

› CoVACC – Best vaccination strategy 5-11 yrs

30 200 planned

- Recruitment ongoing
- MS policy (changes) → 4 protocol AMDs
- Contracting: 5-country avg 7 months

VACCELERATE Volunteer Registry – Remarks



- › Useful for both clinical trials and epidemiological studies
- › Reference in Europe for study sponsor and clinical trial site units to speed up volunteer recruitment process
- › Expansion expected



**Thank
you!**