

Was Pfizer's 95% Vaccine Efficacy Claim Fraudulent From the Start? Data Show 'Staggeringly Low' 12%



Buried within the FDA's [briefing document](#) for the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) meeting on December 10, 2020, for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine – there is alarming data and a [concerning issue](#) that should be addressed.

Firstly, it's worth pointing out that Pfizer used a 'central laboratory' (see page 13 of the document) of its choice to confirm COVID-19 cases using a PCR test. *'If at any time, a participant develops acute respiratory illness, an illness visit occurs. Assessments for illness visits include a nasal (mid-turbinate) swab, which is tested at a central laboratory using a reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test.'*

I've previously written an in-depth investigative report on

the [PCR test](#). The cycle threshold (CT) value used, greatly impacts the outcome of a test.

According to a [study by Jaafar et al.](#), the authors found that when running PCR tests with 35 cycles or more – the accuracy dropped to 3%, meaning up to 97 % of positive results could be false positives.

There is no information given on the CT value used at this 'central laboratory.'

Given what we know, that Pfizer's pivotal clinical trial was a de facto, unblinded one – their unblinding guidelines are clearly stated within their own study protocol and for potential COVID-19 cases, the trial site staff were immediately unblinded. This means trial staff knew whether a particular symptomatic participant had the placebo or the vaccine.

Pfizer's widely touted vaccine efficacy rate of 95% arose from PCR test results generated from this central lab. The unblinding of clinical trials leads to strong bias and a severe loss of data integrity, so potentially the CTs could have been ramped up for the unvaccinated (placebo) participants suspected of having COVID-19 leading to almost guaranteed Covid positive results. For those who had the vaccine, the CT value used could have been much less, making it more likely to generate a negative result.

On page 24 of the document, the results showing 95% VE (vaccine efficacy) for the vaccine can be found below.

For participants without evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection prior to 7 days after Dose 2, VE against confirmed COVID-19 occurring at least 7 days after Dose 2 was 95.0%. The case split was 8 COVID-19 cases in the BNT162b2 group compared to 162 COVID-19 cases in the placebo group (Table 6). The 95% credible interval for the vaccine efficacy was 90.3% to 97.6%, indicating that the true VE is at least 90.3% with a 97.5% probability, which met the pre-specified success criterion.

Table 6. Final Analysis of Efficacy of BNT162b2 Against Confirmed COVID-19 From 7 Days After Dose 2 in Participants Without Evidence of Prior SARS-CoV-2 Infection - Evaluable Efficacy Population

Pre-specified Age Group	BNT162b2	Placebo	Vaccine Efficacy % (95% CI)	Met Predefined Success Criterion*
	N ^a = 18198 Cases n ^{1b} Surveillance Time ^c (n ^{2d})	N ^a = 18325 Cases n ^{1b} Surveillance Time ^c (n ^{2d})		
All participants	8 2,214 (17411)	162 2,222 (17511)	95.0 (90.3, 97.6) ^e	Yes
16 to 55 years	5 1,234 (9897)	114 1,239 (9955)	95.6 (89.4, 98.6) ^f	NA
> 55 years and older	3 0,980 (7500)	48 0,983 (7543)	93.7 (80.6, 98.8) ^f	NA

The 95% VE (vaccine efficacy) arises from the 8 confirmed Covid cases from the vaccinated group (*from at least 7 days after Dose 2*) compared to 162 from the placebo group. These two data points are essentially what Pfizer hangs its hat on to prove its vaccine was a success.

This is the data that the FDA and other regulatory bodies around the world relied upon to grant EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and for billions of doses to be shipped around the world with some countries enforcing highly controversial draconian vaccine mandates.

A key section buried within this document, which alludes to possibly the real VE at that time, is the following damning data below (found on page 42).

Among 3410 total cases of suspected but unconfirmed COVID-19 in the overall study population, 1594 occurred in the vaccine group vs. 1816 in the placebo group. Suspected COVID-19 cases that occurred within 7 days after any vaccination were 409 in the vaccine

These were people showing actual symptoms. If you calculate the VE from these numbers, it's a staggeringly low 12%. VE is calculated by dividing the difference between the case numbers in the placebo and vaccine groups, by the case number in the placebo group x 100 = VE of 12 %.

This is a vast climb down from the 95% VE generated by easily manipulated PCR tests, conducted in a central lab chosen by Pfizer. What's even more alarming, is that this data was known almost a year and a half ago, by the FDA themselves.

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