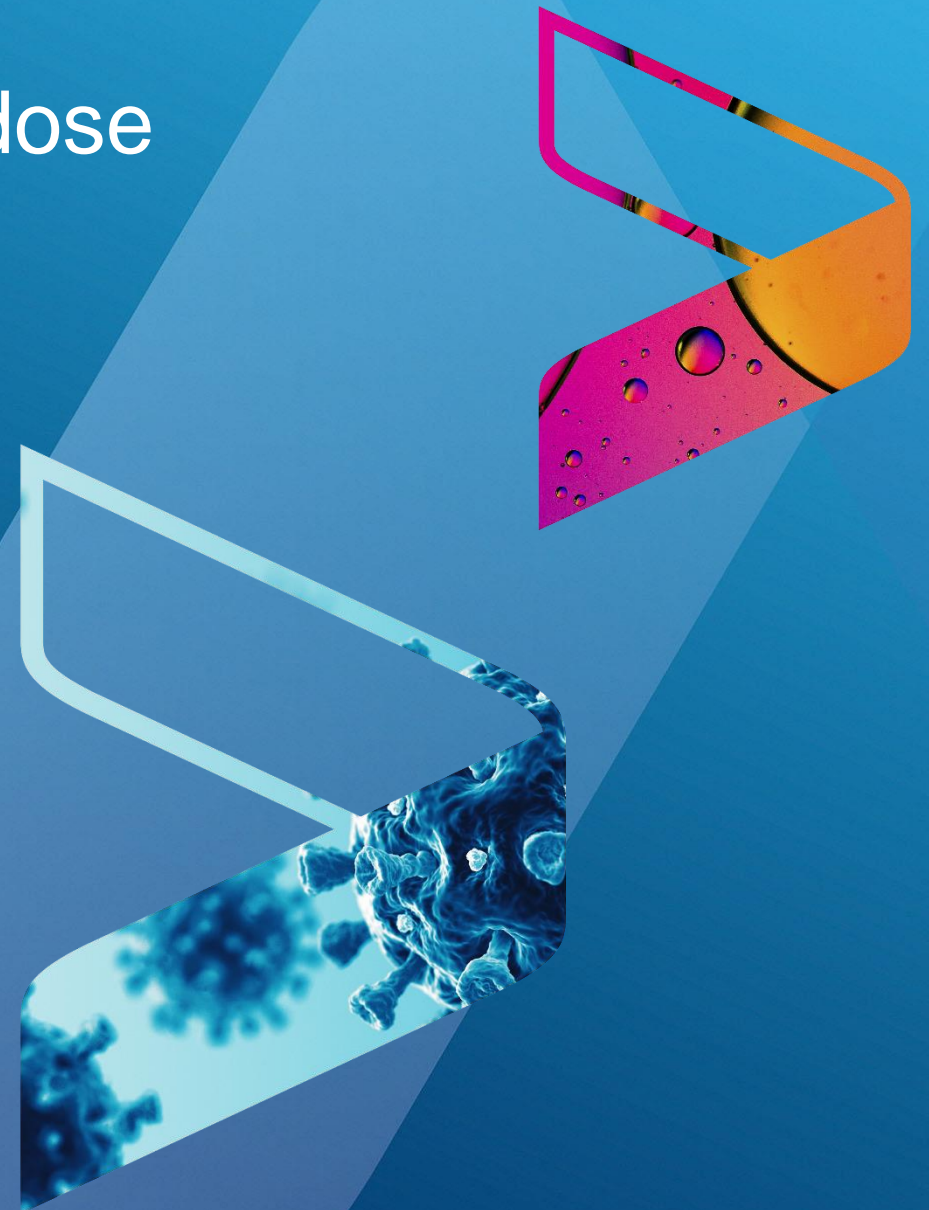


# Antibody persistence of a single-dose live-attenuated chikungunya virus vaccine (VLA1553) in adults.

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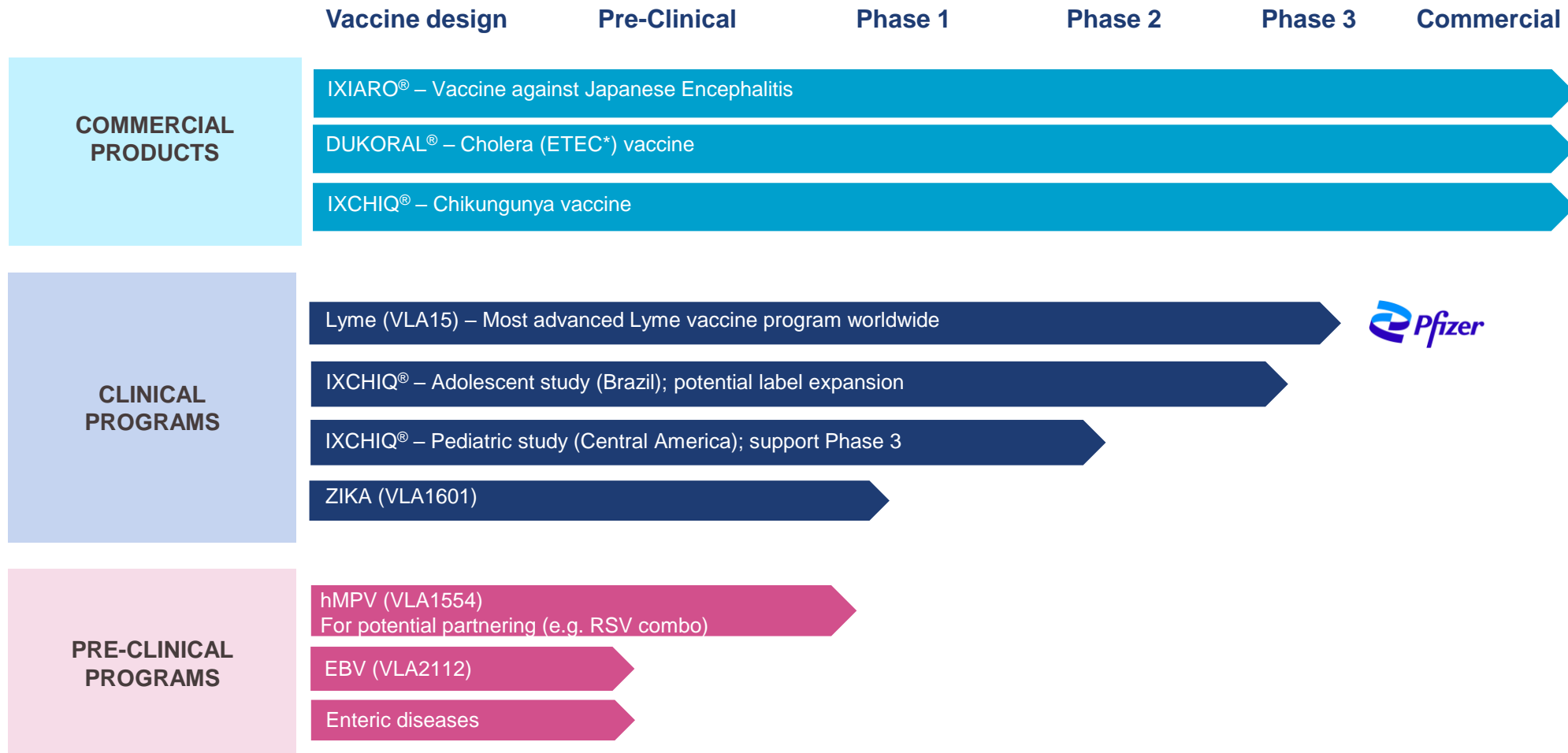
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# Chikungunya: A Major Public Health Threat

Mosquito-transmitted disease with potentially debilitating consequences



*Aedes aegypti*



*Aedes albopictus*

- Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) is transmitted by ***Aedes*** mosquitoes<sup>1</sup>
- Acute chikungunya, seen in up to 97% of those infected, typically presents with sudden onset of **high fever and joint pain**.<sup>1</sup>
- Often causes **large, explosive outbreaks**, affecting one-third to three-quarters of the population<sup>1</sup>; difficult to predict next outbreaks<sup>2</sup>
- High burden of disease: outbreaks can have substantial health-economic impact; infection can progress to **severe chronic symptoms** in many patients<sup>4</sup>
- **Outbreaks** have occurred in Asia, Africa and across Latin America<sup>1</sup> with the potential for it to happen in the U.S. and Europe<sup>2,4</sup>; recent outbreak in Paraguay<sup>5</sup> with PAHO issuing an epidemiological alert for the Americas<sup>6</sup>
- **Returning infected travelers** can trigger local transmission in areas where relevant mosquitoes are established (e.g. Southern U.S./Europe)<sup>2</sup>

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# High Acute Morbidity: Can Lead to Chronic Incapacitation

Lasting months to years in a high proportion of patients

## Acute Phase (up to 97% )<sup>1</sup>

- Symptoms typically begin 3-7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito<sup>1</sup>
  - › Fever and joint pain / joint inflammation, other systemic manifestations<sup>1-4</sup>
  - › Joint symptoms are typically severe and can be debilitating<sup>1</sup>
- Viremia for 5-10 days<sup>2,3</sup>
- Acute symptoms typically resolve in 7-10 days<sup>1</sup>
- Sub-acute post-viremic state (6-21 days) can occur<sup>3,4</sup>
  - › Persistent articular symptoms
  - › Tenosynovitis and bursitis

## Chronic Phase (~43% of cases)<sup>5</sup>

- Long-term suffering differs per study:<sup>6-8</sup>
  - › A study showed that 57% of patients are still somewhat affected by the disease after 2.5 years<sup>6</sup>
  - › However, up to 78.6% of cases may have persistent muscle and joint symptoms at 27.5 months<sup>7</sup>
  - › The CDC Yellow Book reports a range from 5 to 80% of patients with persistent joint pains, as well as prolonged tiredness, for months or years after their illness<sup>8</sup>

Chikungunya means “to become contorted” in Kimakonde, describing sufferers’ stooped appearance

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# Chronic Chikungunya Negatively Impacts Quality of Life

## Persistent rheumatologic disease

Post-CHIKV rheumatism 2 forms	Effect of arthritis/ polyarthritis	Joints typically involved by polyarthritis <sup>5</sup>	Impact on life activities <sup>1-4</sup>
<b>Mechanical musculoskeletal disorders</b>	Long-term joint pain <sup>1-3</sup> Stiffness after immobility <sup>1-3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hands</li> <li>● Knees</li> <li>● Wrists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Standing up</li> <li>● Walking/mobility</li> <li>● Using hands</li> </ul>
<b>Chronic inflammatory arthritis</b>	Can be triggered by change in temperature and physical effort <sup>4</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ankles</li> <li>● Shoulders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Self-care</li> <li>● Daily/leisure activities</li> </ul>



Carpitis and thumb arthritis (left) – Multiple tenosynovitis of fingers and wrist (right)<sup>1</sup>



Two years after CHIKV infection: Intense arthritis of metacarpophalangeal joints and wrist<sup>5</sup>



Symmetrical inflammatory polyarthritis<sup>3</sup>

CHIKV = chikungunya virus.

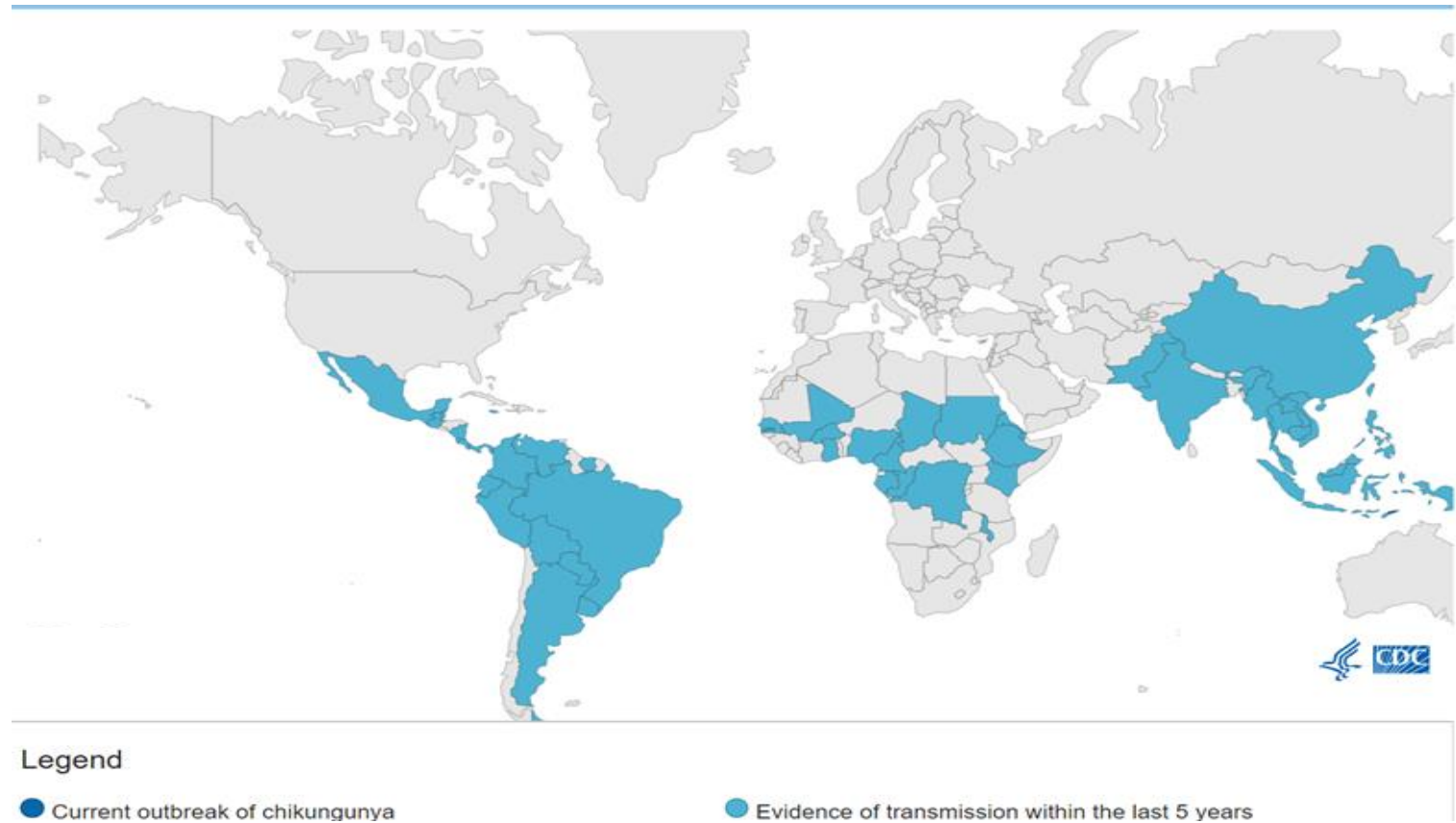
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# Chikungunya: A Global Threat

Chikungunya virus has been identified in >110 countries on all continents except Antarctica<sup>1</sup>

- Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) was first identified in Tanzania in 1952<sup>1</sup>
- Over the following ~50 years CHIKV was geographically isolated and caused occasional outbreaks in Africa and Asia<sup>1</sup>
- CHIKV has since spread rapidly and been identified in over 110 countries throughout the world<sup>1</sup>
- It is estimated that over three quarters of the world's population live in areas at-risk of CHIKV transmission<sup>3</sup>

**Countries with current outbreaks or evidence of chikungunya virus transmission among people within the last 5 years<sup>2</sup>**



\*Does not include countries or territories where only imported cases have been documented (see reference 3 for imported cases in Europe).

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# VLA1553 at a Glance

Live-attenuated CHIKV vaccine targeting long-lasting immunity with a single dose

## CHIKV VLA1553

- **Live-attenuated, single dose, i.m., lyophilized**
- Based on **La Reunion strain** of East Central South African genotype
- **Attenuation by reverse genetics**, large deletion within the non-structural nsP3 protein

## Development Status – FDA Approved, Preparing Phase 4

- **Pivotal Phase 3 Trial: Primary Endpoint (Seroresponse Rate) met**
- **Lot-to-Lot consistency Trial: Primary Endpoint met**
- Antibody persistence trial ongoing: positive **24 months** data
- Adolescents trial in Brazil ongoing: positive Day 29 data

## Regulatory Milestones

- Approved by the FDA (November 2023)
- Additional filings under review by EMA, Health Canada and Anvisa (Brazil)

## Target Populations & Geographic Reach

- **Non-endemic** countries: Travelers / Military / Outbreak preparedness in U.S., EU, CAN<sup>1</sup>
- **Endemic** use: Partnered with CEPI and Instituto Butantan, technology transfer

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recommendations.html>





## Licensure Pathway for Chikungunya Vaccines

Accelerated approval pathway agreed with regulators for chikungunya vaccines

### **Classical efficacy studies for chikungunya vaccines are considered unfeasible in a pre-licensure setting<sup>1</sup>**

- Unpredictable and short-lived outbreaks
- Logistical boundaries
- Acceptable timeframes and cost barriers

### **In the U.S., chikungunya vaccines can be licensed following the “accelerated approval” pathway**

- Other regulators also agreed to licensure based on serological endpoints

### **FDA-agreed surrogate endpoint: “Seroresponse Rate”**

<sup>1</sup> VRBPAC Meeting, Nov 2019.



## Evidence Supporting the Serological Endpoint

After transfer of human post-vaccination sera, neutralizing antibodies conferred sterilizing immunity in non-human primates

**A non-human primate (NHP) model was used to determine a surrogate of protection**

- The NHP model mimics many aspects of human disease

### Experimental Set-Up<sup>1</sup>:

- Sera from human vaccinees at varying titer levels were transferred to NHP's
- Animals challenged with wild-type chikungunya virus, monitored for fever and viremia

### Results<sup>1</sup>:

- **No fever** in any of the NHP's who received human post-vaccination serum
- **No live, replicating virus** detected
- All animals had **strongly reduced, some undetectable, viral RNA** load, depending on titer
  - Determined **pre-challenge titer** resulting in **sterilizing immunity** in NHPs – very conservative approach: **seroresponse defined as  $\mu\text{PRNT}_{50} \geq 150$**

### Further evidence<sup>1</sup>:

Protective titer determined in a **prospective seroepidemiological trial** in the Philippines translated into a  **$\mu\text{PRNT}_{50}$  of ~49**

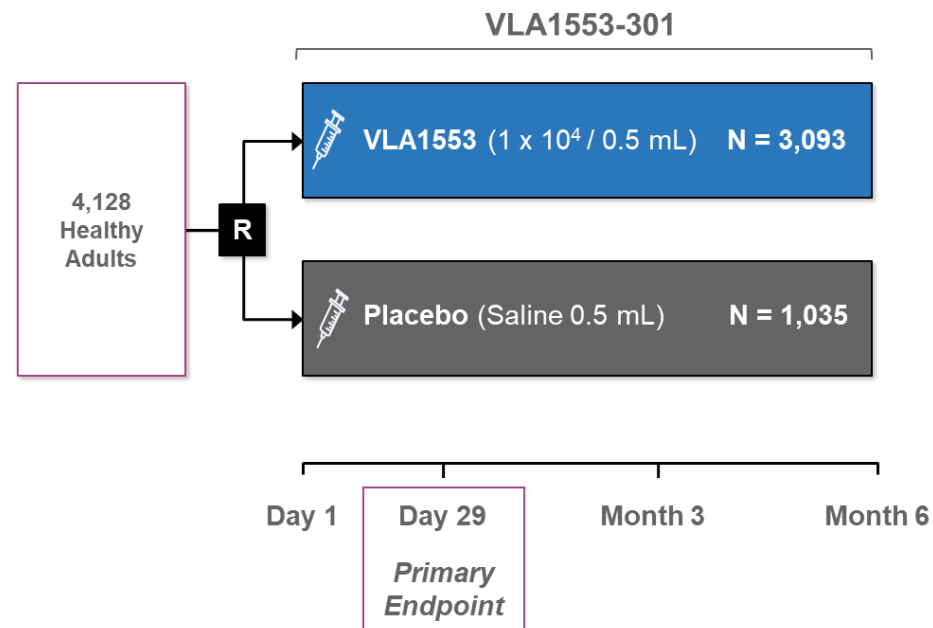
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## Pivotal Clinical Trial VLA1553-301<sup>1</sup>

Provides safety and immunogenicity data as the basis for licensure

- Multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled double-blind Phase 3 clinical trial in adults conducted in US
- 4,128 healthy adults,  $\geq 18$  years old, were randomized 3:1 to receive a single vaccination of VLA1553 or a saline control
- **Primary endpoint: rate of participants achieving seroresponse** (or CHIKV-specific neutralizing antibody titers  $\geq 150$ ) after single vaccination of VLA1553



N = number of participants in the intention-to-treat population

<sup>1</sup> Schneider et al.2023; Lancet 401: 2138–47;



## Demographic Data

Similar baseline characteristics between VLA1553 group and Placebo

	VLA1553 N=3082	Placebo N=1033
<b>Gender n (%)</b>		
Female	1682 (54.6)	569 (55.1)
Male	1400 (45.4)	464 (44.9)
<b>Race n (%)</b>		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	27 (0.9)	5 (0.5)
Asian	51 (1.7)	17 (1.6)
Black or African American	451 (14.6)	122 (11.8)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13 (0.4)	5 (0.5)
White	2456 (79.7)	853 (82.6)
Other	84 (2.7)	31 (3.0)
<b>Age at screening (years)</b>		
Mean	45.1	45.0
(Min/Max)	18, 88	18, 94
<b>Age Group n (%)</b>		
≥ 18 years - 64 years	2736 (88.8)	916 (88.7)
≥ 65 years	346 (11.2)	117 (11.3)

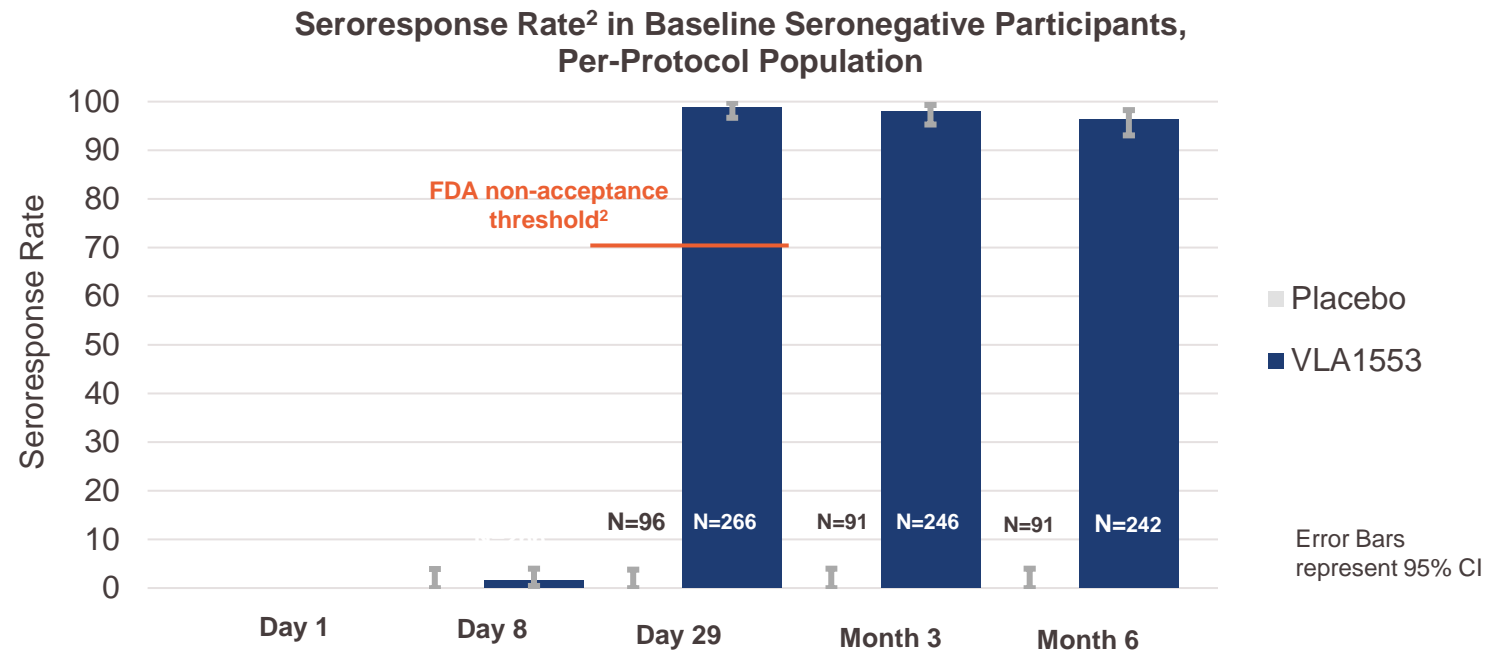
Safety Population

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# VLA1553-301 Primary Endpoint met

## Seroresponse<sup>1</sup> in 99% of Participants



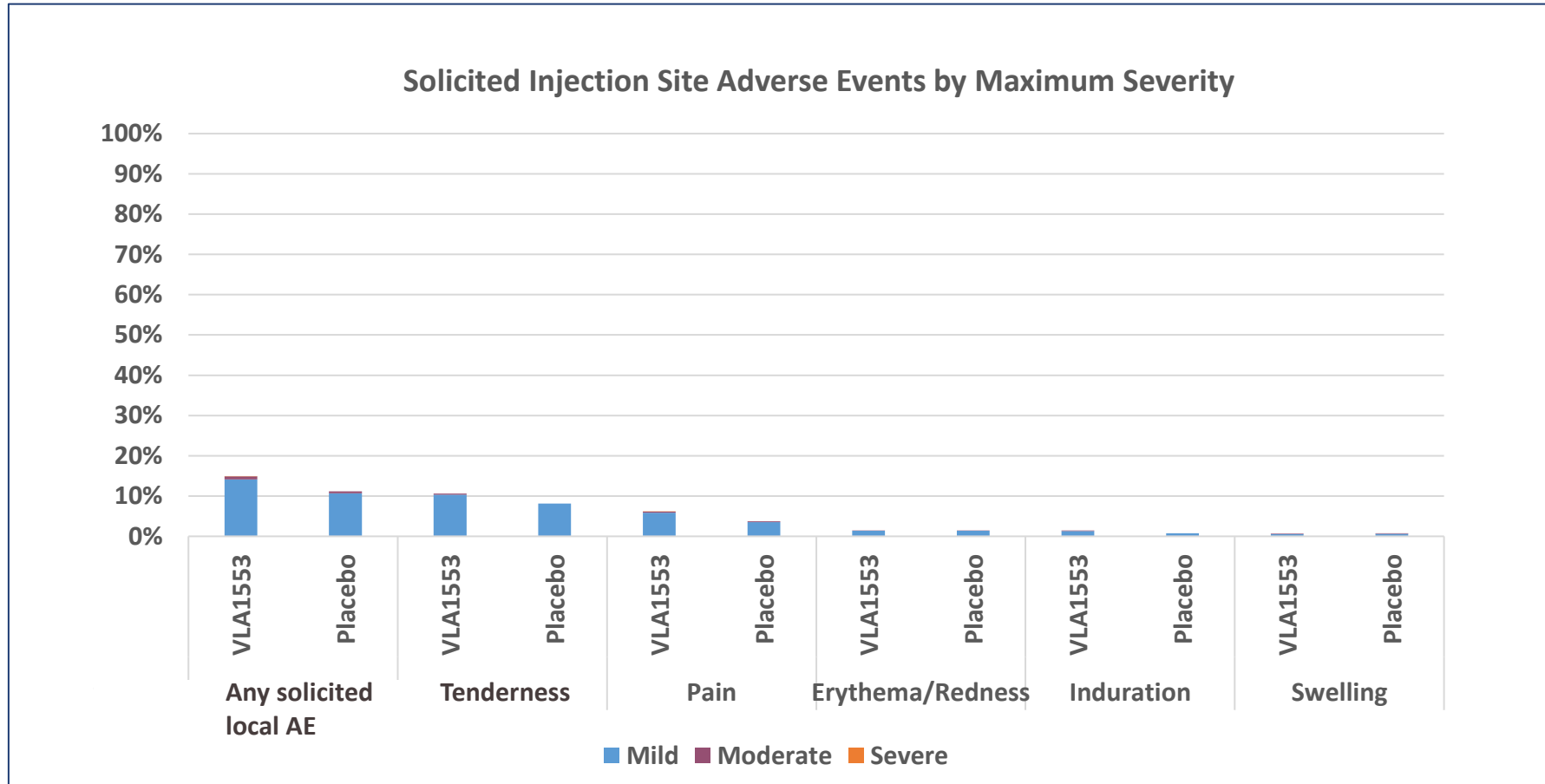
- **Per-Protocol population: 362 / 462 participants from immunogenicity set**
- **Day 29 Seroresponse rate (SRR):**
  - **98.9% (263/266, 95% CI: 96.7- 99.8) vs placebo 0% (0/96, 95%CI 0.0 - 3.8)**
- **High SRR was maintained after six months at 96.3% (233/242, 95% CI: 93.1 - 98.3)**

1 CHIKV neutralizing antibody titer  $\geq 150$  by  $\mu$ PRNT<sub>50</sub>; 2 Schneider et al.2023; Lancet 401: 2138–47;



## Pivotal Phase 3 Solicited Local AE Within 10 Days After Vaccination (VLA1553-301)

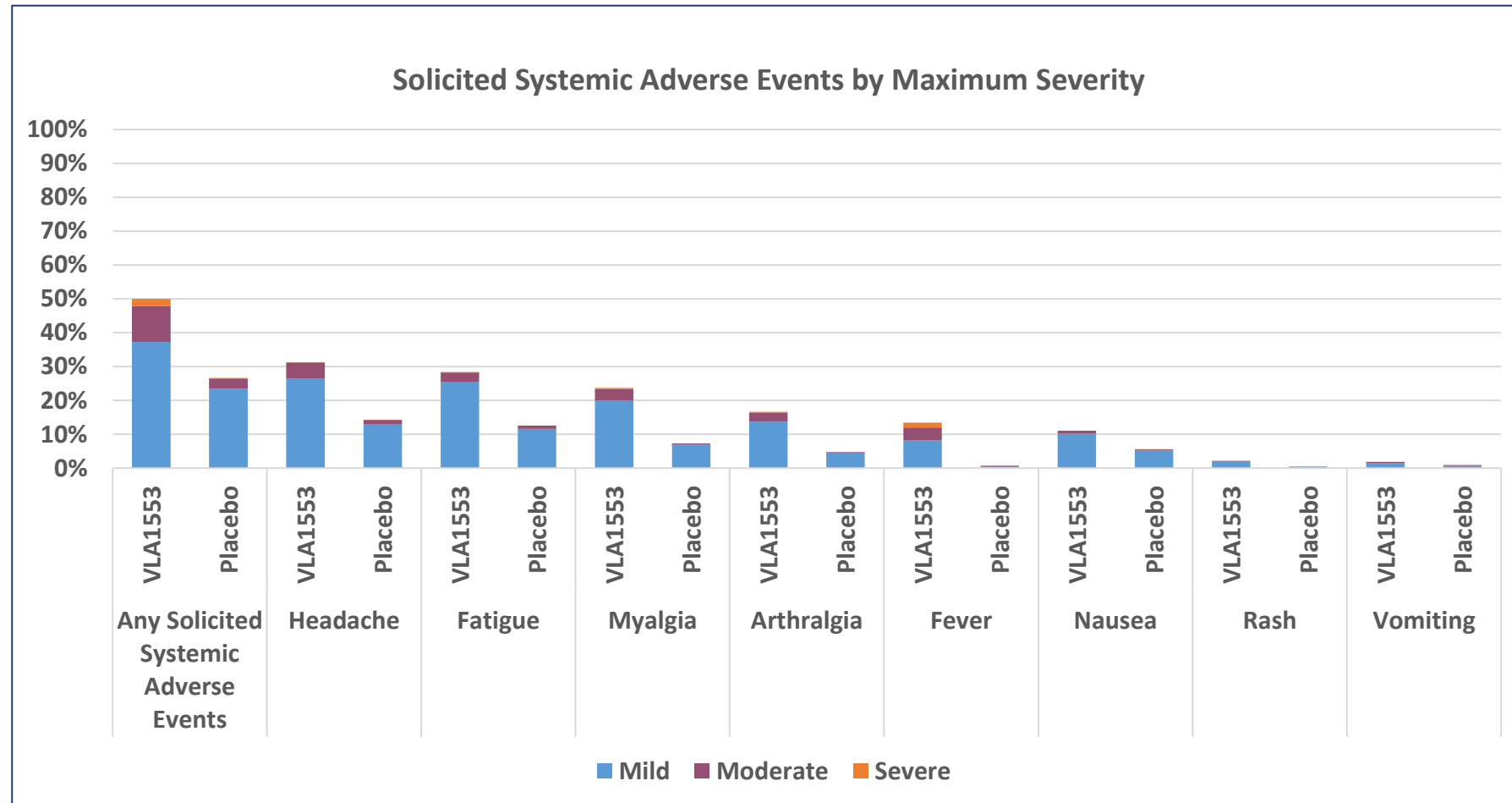
Local AEs in 15% of participants, majority of AEs mild-moderate





# Pivotal Phase 3 Solicited Systemic AE Within 10 Days After Vaccination (VLA1553-301)

Generally well tolerated, majority of AEs mild-moderate



# Safety Summary



- VLA1553 was generally well tolerated among the 3,082 subjects evaluated for safety
- Approximately 50% of study participants experienced solicited systemic adverse events, most commonly headache, fatigue and myalgia - solicited AE rates comparable with other licensed vaccines<sup>1</sup>
  - Majority of solicited adverse events mild or moderate. 2.0% of study participants reported severe solicited adverse events, most commonly fever.
- Two SAEs considered related to immunization were reported, both participants fully recovered
- FDA Prescribing Information contains chikungunya-like adverse reactions\*; defined as individuals with fever and any other symptom also seen with chikungunya, within 30 days after vaccination, 11.7%
- An independent DSMB continuously monitored safety and did not identify a safety concern.

Link to PI <https://www.fda.gov/media/173758/download?attachment>

<sup>1</sup> E.g. compare FDA prescribing information Comirnaty, Bexsero, Shingrix, YF-VAX, all accessible at <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states>

\*Fever + at least one other ChikV symptom, within 30 days post vaccination

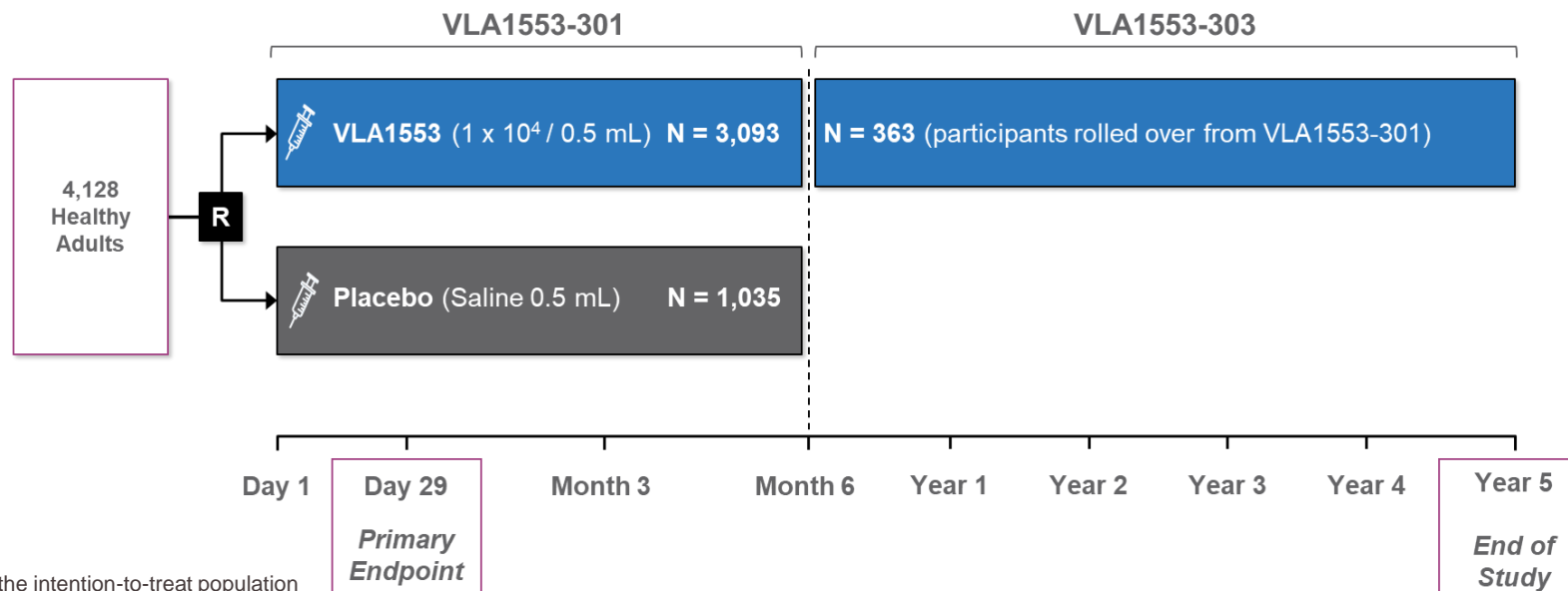




## VLA1553-303: long-term follow-up clinical trial

Designed to evaluate antibody persistence and long-term safety of VLA1553

- VLA1553-303 is an open-label phase 3b, single-arm study
- 363 participants rolled over from VLA1553-301, after completing the 6-month follow-up
- **Primary objective:** Evaluate **persistence of antibodies** annually for up to 5 years after the single immunization with VLA1553
- **Secondary objective:** Evaluate long-term **safety** through 2 years
- Includes new-onset SAEs and any ongoing AESIs from VLA1553-301



N = number of participants in the intention-to-treat population

# VLA1553-303 Demographic Data

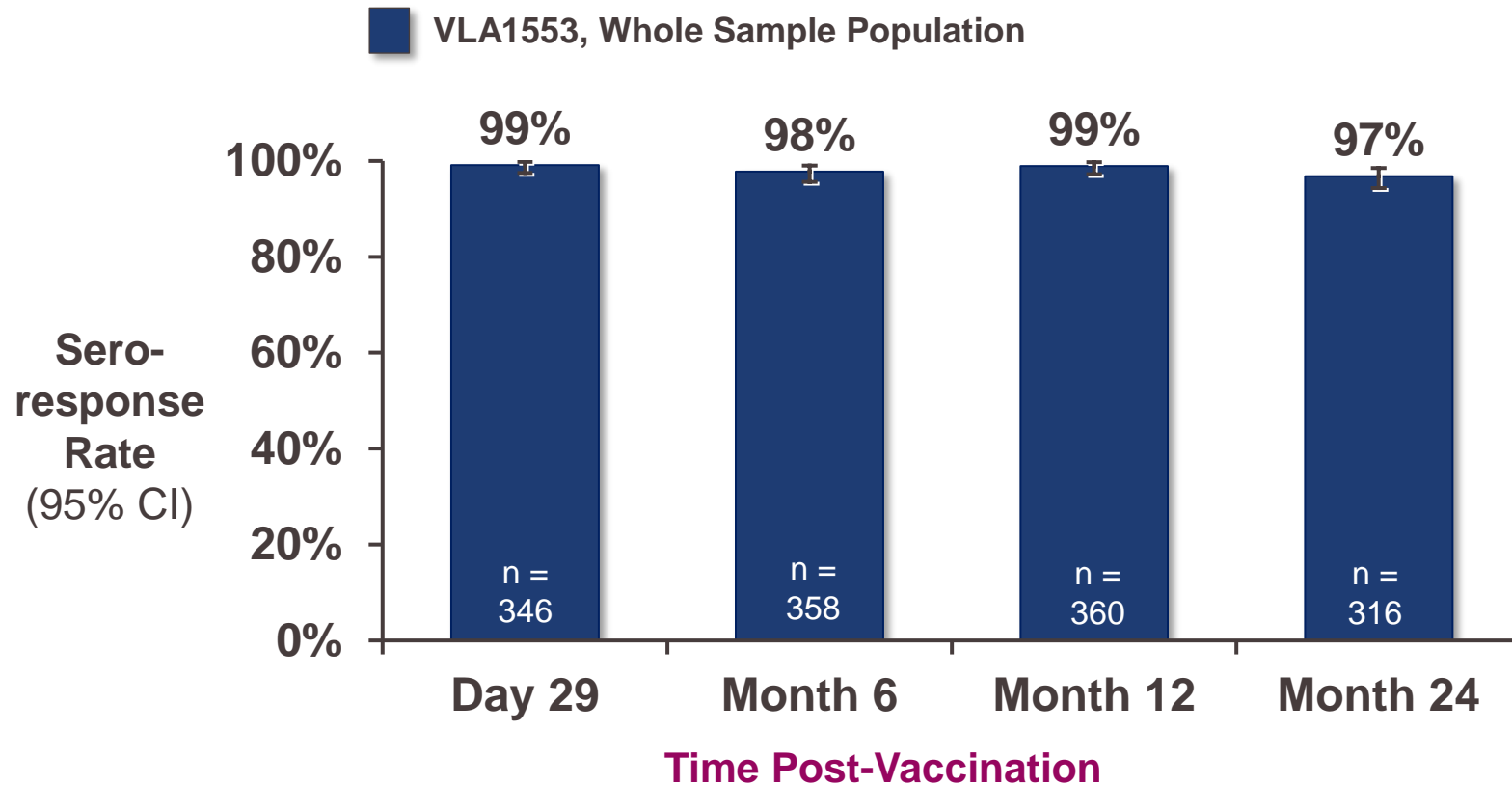


	18-64 Years N=310	>=65 Years N=53	All Subjects N=363
<b>Sex n (%)</b>			
Female	177 (57.1)	30 (56.6)	207 (57.0)
Male	133 (42.9)	23 (43.4)	156 (43.0)
<b>Race n (%)</b>			
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2 (0.6)	0	2 (0.6)
Asian	6 (1.9)	0	6 (1.7)
Black or African American	44 (14.2)	8 (15.1)	52 (14.3)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2 (0.6)	1 (1.9)	3 (0.8)
White	237 (76.5)	43 (81.1)	280 (77.1)
Other	19 (6.1)	1 (1.9)	20 (5.5)
<b>Age (years)</b>			
Mean	44.1 (12.02)	68.7 (3.37)	47.7 (14.15)
(Min/Max)	18, 64	65, 78	18, 78
<b>Age Group n (%)</b>			
18 years – 64 years	310 (100)	53 (100)	310 (85.4)
≥ 65 years			53 (14.6)



# VLA1553-303: seroresponse<sup>1</sup> in 97% of Participants Retained After 24 Months

Data support the anticipated long-term durability of the immune response after a single dose



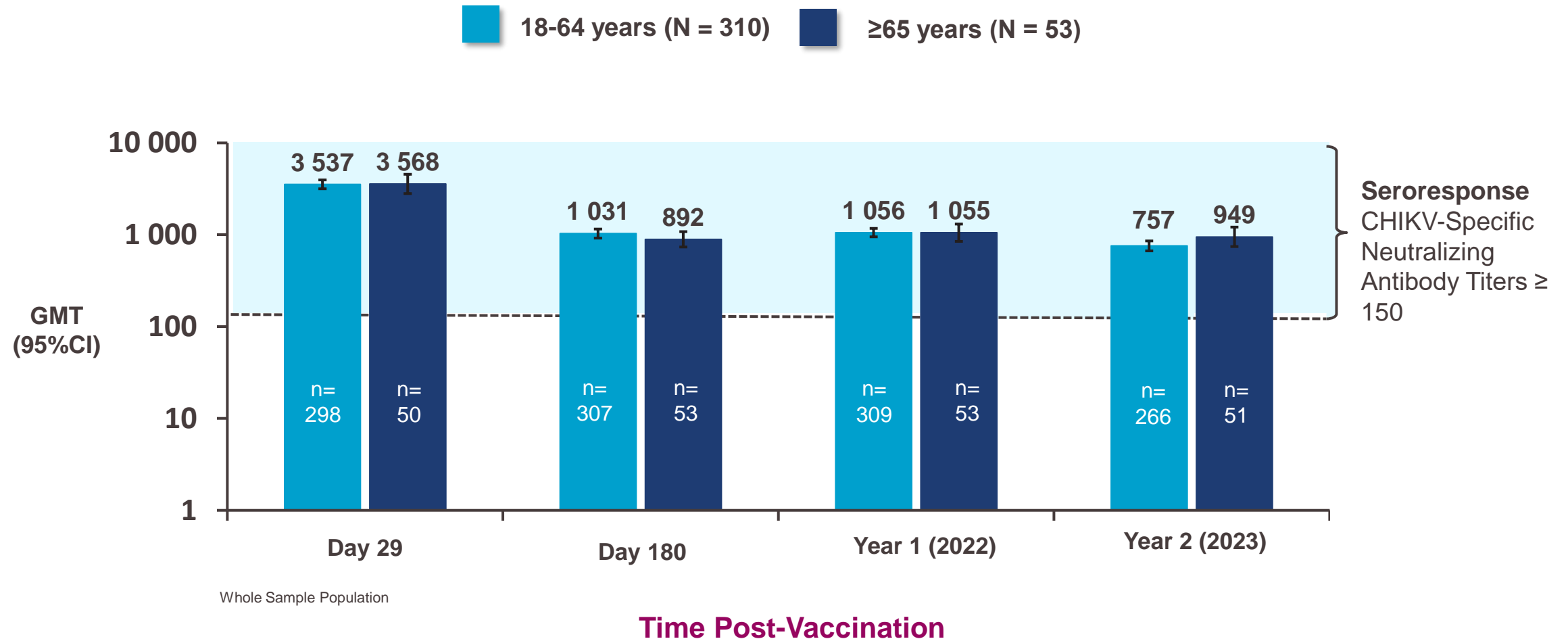
Seroresponse = CHIKV-specific neutralizing antibody titers  $\geq 150$

Sources: Buerger et al, presented at CISTM 2023; Valneva Press Release Dec 4, 2023 <https://valneva.com/press-release/valneva-reports-positive-24-month-antibody-persistence-data-for-its-single-shot-chikungunya-vaccine-ixchiq/>



# VLA1553-303: Comparable Titers Retained in Participants 18-64 or ≥65 Years

In older adults aged ≥ 65 years, antibody persistence was similar as in younger adults





## VLA1553-303 Serious Adverse Events from Month 6 until Year 2

No SAE deemed related to VLA1553 administration

	System Organ Class Preferred Term [n (%)]	18-64 Years N=310	>=65 Years N=53	All Subjects N=363
	<b>Any SAE</b> [n (%) m]	7 (2.3) 8	2 (3.8) 2	9 (2.5) 10
Month 6 - 12	<b>Pelvic Fracture</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
	<b>Intracranial Aneurysm</b>	0	1 (1.9)	1 (0.3)
	<b>Seizure</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
	<b>Upper abdominal pain</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
Year 2	<b>Gun shot wound</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
	<b>Overdose</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
	<b>Apallic syndrome</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
	<b>Coronary artery disease</b>	0	1 (1.9)	1 (0.3)
	<b>Myocardial infarction</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)
	<b>Cholecystitis</b>	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)

Serious AEs (SAEs): results in death, life threatening, requires/prolongs hospitalization, results in significant disability, congenital defect, medical important condition.

n = number of subjects with an event  
 Row Any SAE displays n (%) m.  
 m = number of events

Table 14.3.2.1, WS Population



# Conclusions

- It is estimated that **over three quarters of the world's population** live in areas at-risk of CHIKV transmission<sup>1</sup>
- Chikungunya epidemics are characterized by **large, explosive outbreaks with high attack rates** that often overwhelm local health systems<sup>2</sup>
- **Travel to, from and within Europe or the US can contribute to the spread of CHIKV** and poses a public health threat in the region<sup>3</sup> especially if coinfections occur with other vector-borne diseases, such as dengue<sup>4</sup>
- A single immunization with VLA1553 induced a **strong and robust immune response** with a seroresponse rate of 98.9% (VLA1553-301)<sup>5</sup>
- Immunogenicity was shown to be **unaffected by participant age** (VLA1553-301)<sup>5</sup> and **persists for at least 24 months** (VLA1553-303)<sup>6</sup>
- VLA1553 was generally well tolerated (VLA1553-301)<sup>7</sup>

CHIKV = chikungunya virus.

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