COVID-19 VACCINATION IN PEOPLE (12+ YEARS) WITH DOWN SYNDROME: THE TRISOMY 21 RESEARCH SOCIETY SURVEY

Take home messages

In line with data from the general population, our survey of 1708 vaccinated individuals with Down syndrome shows that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for individuals with Down syndrome:
- Most people had either no or very mild reactions after vaccination
- Less than 1% of the vaccinated individuals with Down syndrome contracted COVID-19 after vaccination
- All individuals with Down syndrome who had COVID-19 after vaccination fully recovered

1895 participants

- age 12+ years
  - 1708 (90.1%) have had at least 1 dose
  - 1482 (86.7%) have had a second dose
  - 187 (10.8%) have not received the vaccine
  - 36 (20%) because vaccine not available yet
  - 15 (9%) for medical reasons
  - 129 (70%) for other reasons

Study participants

- Vaccine manufacturer
  - Pfizer-BioNTech: 58.1%
  - Moderna: 19.1%
  - Oxford-AstraZeneca: 19.5%
  - Johnson & Johnson: 1.3%
  - 2% Other

Results stratified by age

Age 12 – 17 (n=329)  
Age 18 + (n=1379)

Reactions similar to those reported by people without Down syndrome

Very few reactions required clinical care

0.8% of vaccinated people contracted COVID-19 infections after vaccination

- 0.3% of those 12 – 17 years
  - 1 case after 2nd dose
    - More than 60 days after 2nd dose
    - Not admitted to hospital
    - Symptoms for 10 days
    - Fully recovered

- 0.9% of those 18+ years
  - 8 cases after 1st dose
    - 2 hospitalized
    - All recovered
  - 5 cases after 2nd dose
    - All after 60 days
    - None admitted to hospital
    - All recovered

Limitations

- Participants were from different countries with different health care systems and resources; thus conclusions may not extend to each setting
- The majority of participants were adults (81%)
- The average time between 2nd dose and participation in the survey was 112 days and therefore does not address long-term protection

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Detailed results stratified by age, reaction types, and reactions requiring clinical care can be found in the full report.