

Experimental Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection in Adults 60-75 years

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Human vaccine challenge studies in 60-75 year-old subjects enables exploration of...

- RSV vaccine-induced immune response and efficacy in the context of potential immune senescence
- Identify the correlates of protection from RSV infection and disease in one of the vaccine's target populations
- This was a pilot study to establish the safety and pathogenicity in 60-75 year-old subjects

Study Design: RSV 60-75 yrs



Age – 60-75 yrs (8%≥70yrs), initially 60-69yrs, then 70-75yrs

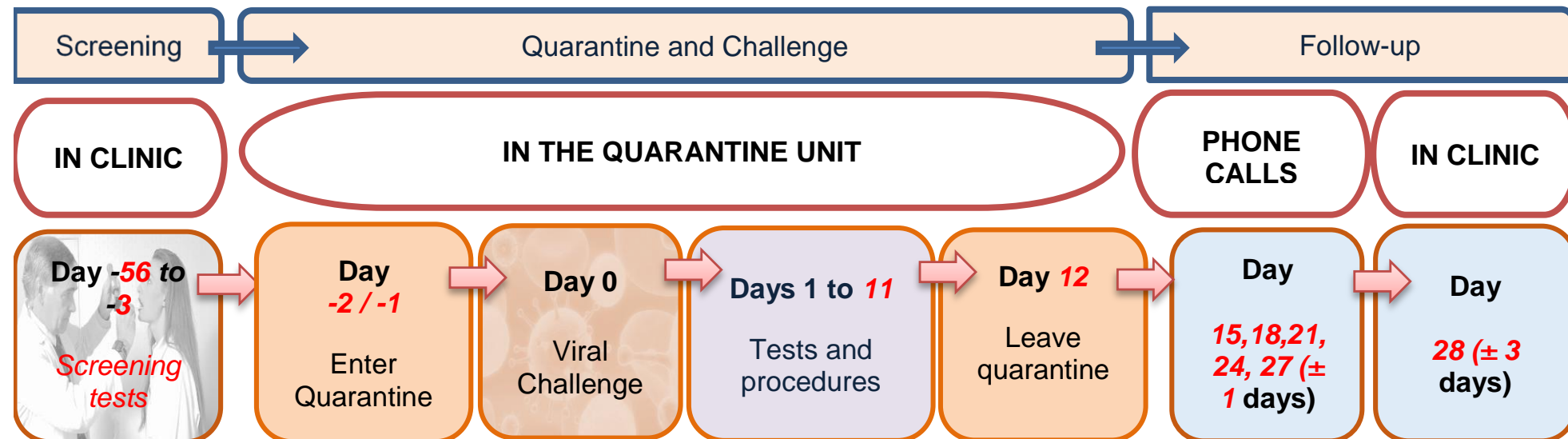
Gender – 6 Female/18 Male

Smoking history – non-smokers / social / low level smokers

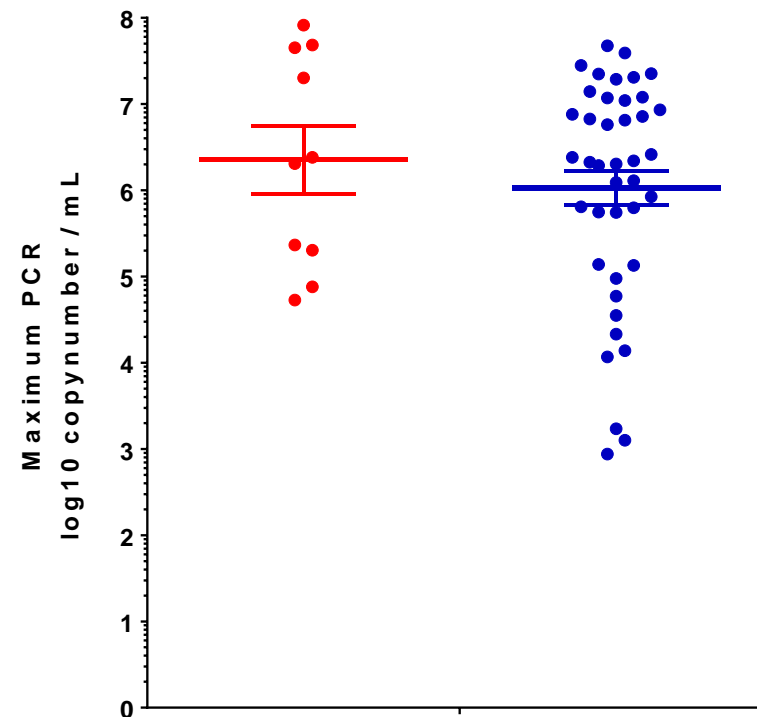
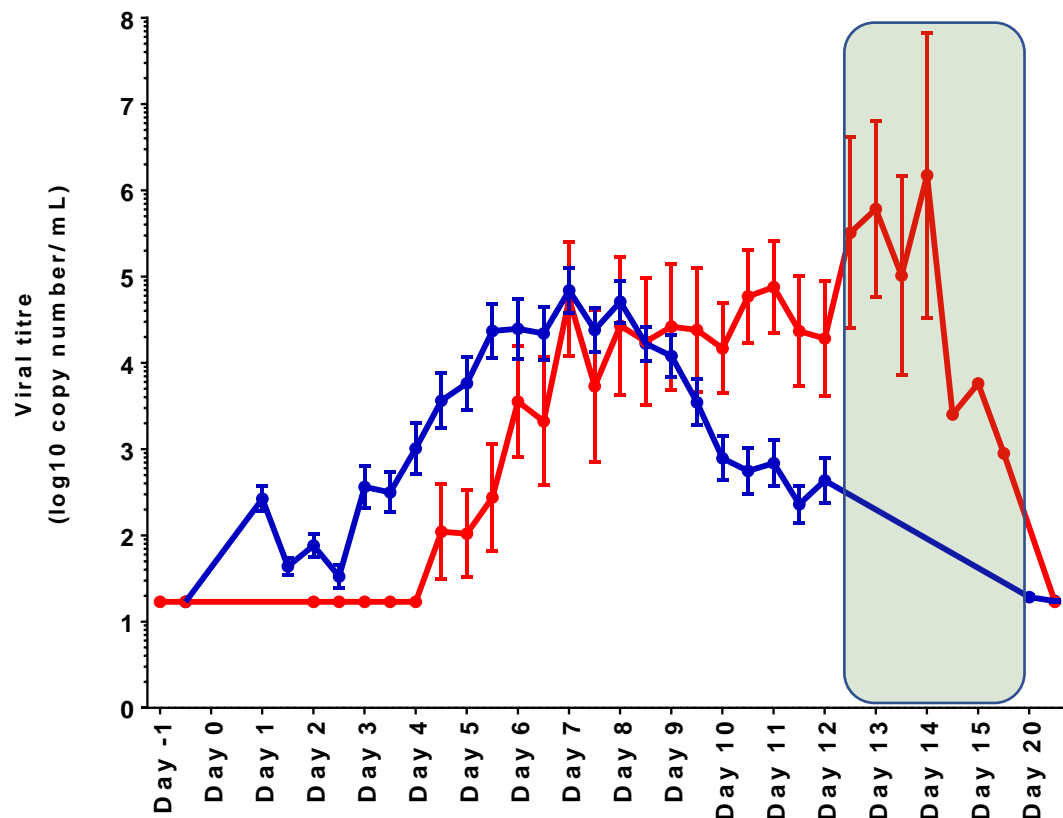
Acceptable comorbidities – e.g. stable age related conditions (investigator discretion)

No known “at-risk” factors – e.g. cardiovascular, respiratory disease

Antibody screening – Subjects only excluded if no pre-existing MNA titre to RSV Memphis 37b



PCR viral load time course in infected 18-55 & 60-75 year old subjects

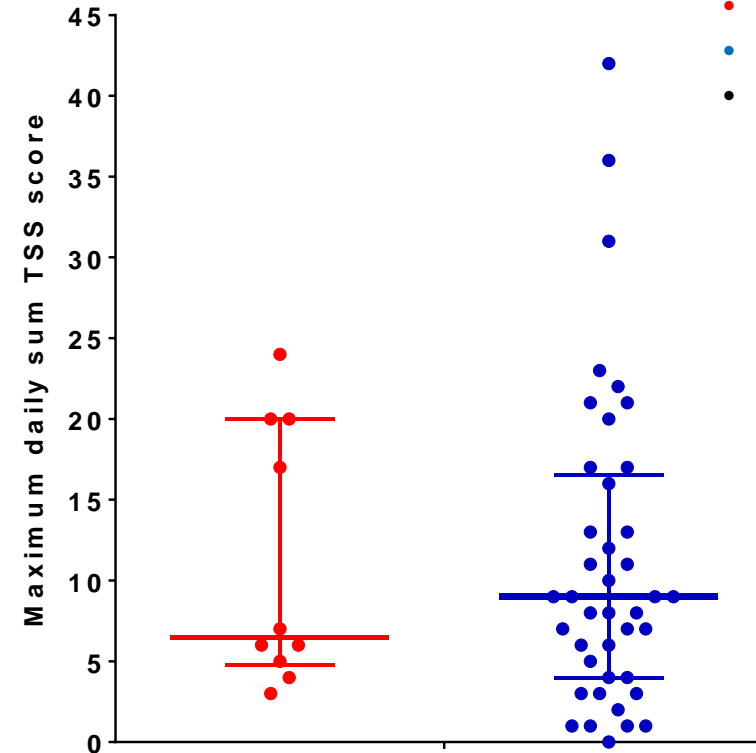
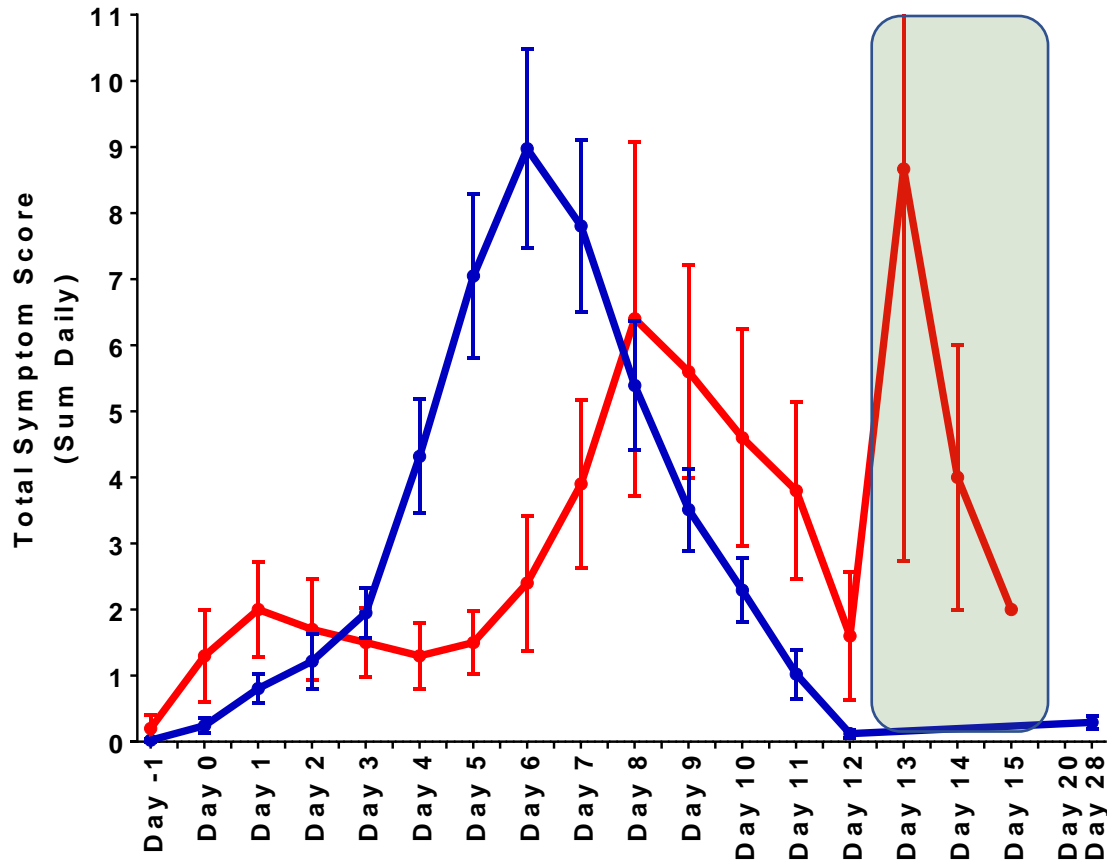


Key:

- Red = 60-75 year olds
- Blue = 18-55 year olds
- **Infected:** 2 quantifiable PCR within 2 days

- A proportion of infected 60-75 year old subjects have a delayed onset of virology compared to the younger subject model (all 18-55 year old subjects discharged on day 12)
- No statistical differences between 18-55 and 60-75 year old model maximum viral titres

Total symptom time course in infected 18-55 & 60-75 year old subjects

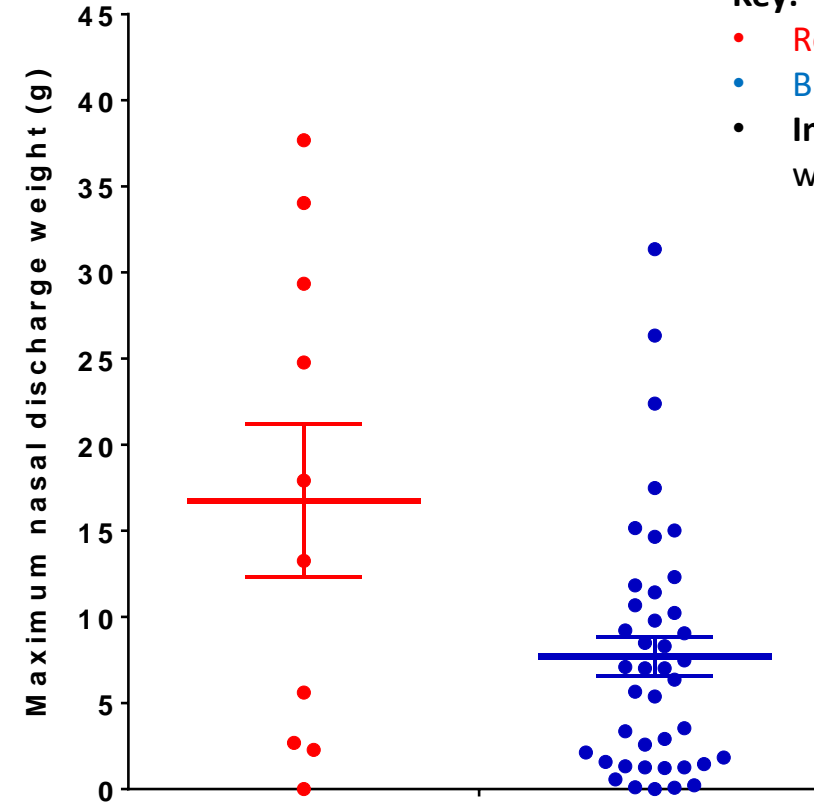
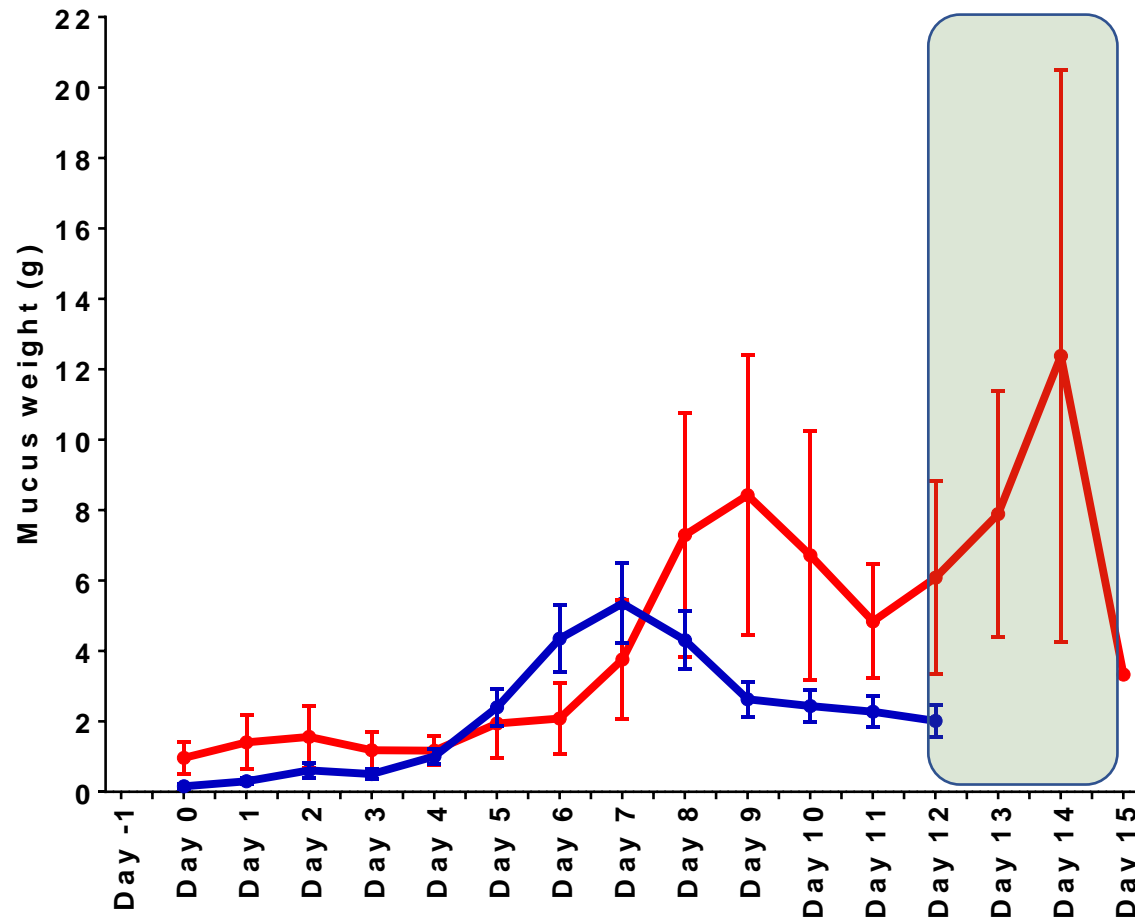


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- 60-75 year old infected subjects had a delayed onset and peak TSS (peak Day 8,9) compared to the 18-55 years old subjects (peak Day 6). Potential that there is greater variation in time to onset with 60-75 yr old age group
- Magnitude of daily sum Total Symptom Score (TSS) similar between the two age groups

Comparison of nasal discharge weight in infected 18-55 & 60-75 year old subjects



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- A proportion of infected 60-75 yr olds had a delayed onset of nasal discharge weight compared to 18-55 yr old s
- 60-75 yr old subjects had a trend towards greater maximal nasal discharge weight compared to 18-55 yr old sub.

Time to onset & peak PCR viral load in RSV infected 18-55 & 60-75 yr old subjects



As a group, 60-75 yr old subjects had a significantly longer time to onset and time to peak viral PCR than 18-55 yr old subjects

Time to onset PCR:

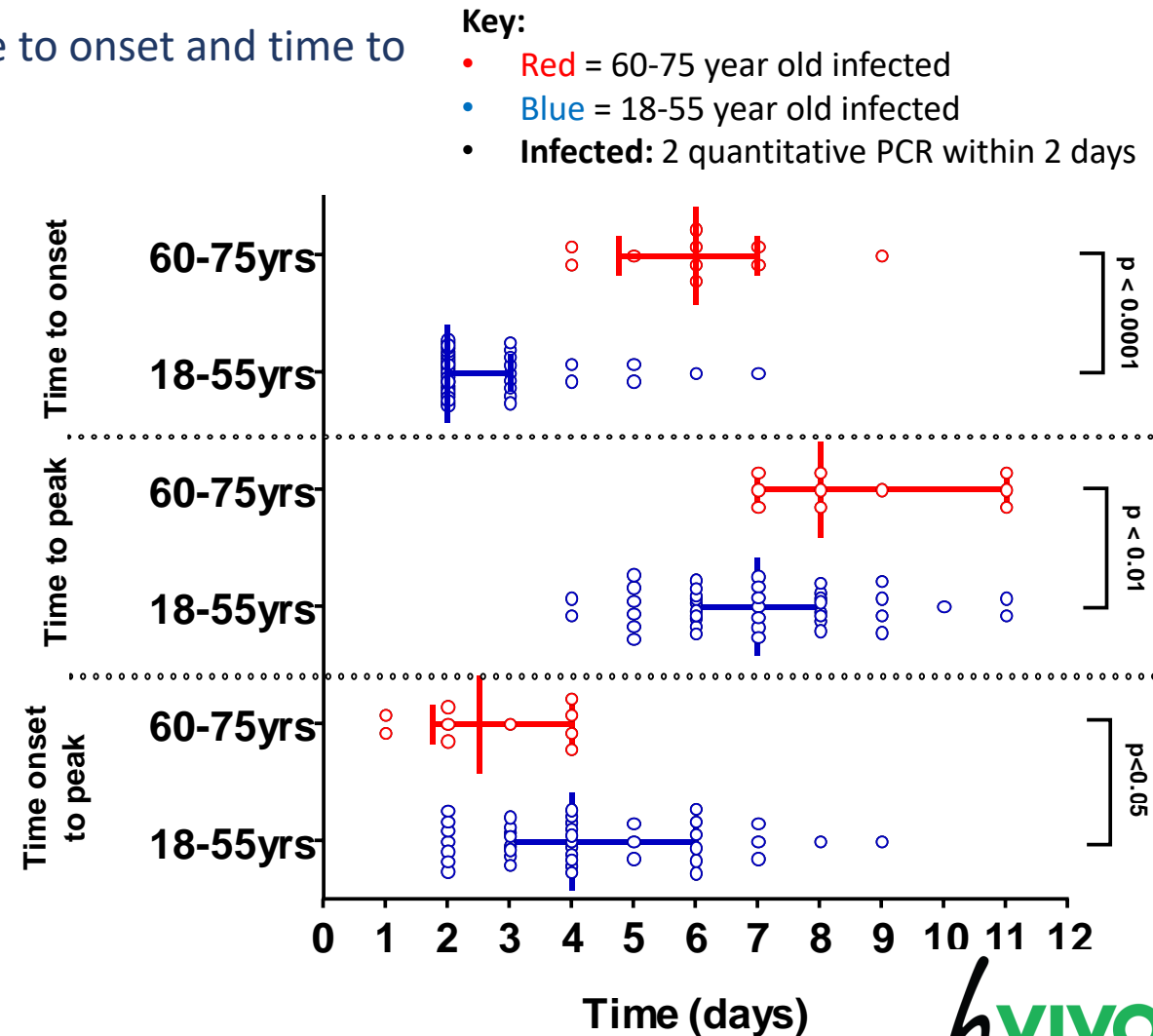
- 60-75 yr old subjects had a significantly longer time to onset viral PCR than 18-55yr old subjects (median ~ 4 days later , $p < 0.0001^*$)

Time to peak PCR:

- 60-75 yr old subjects had a significantly longer time to peak viral PCR 60-75 yr old (median ~ 1 day later, $p < 0.01^*$)

Time from onset to peak PCR:

- 60-75 yr old subjects had a significantly shorter time from onset to peak PCR (median ~2 days earlier, $p < 0.05^*$)



* Mann-Whitney, two sided, non-parametric test



- This novel RSV challenge of 60-75-year-old volunteers was considered safe and induced an appropriate level of disease
- Older subjects had a longer incubation period and rapid rise to peak viral load
- No evidence of pre-existing neutralisation antibody levels affecting susceptibility to infection or severity of disease.
- The model is ready to progress with assessment of vaccines and drugs targeted at the 60-75-year-old population.



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