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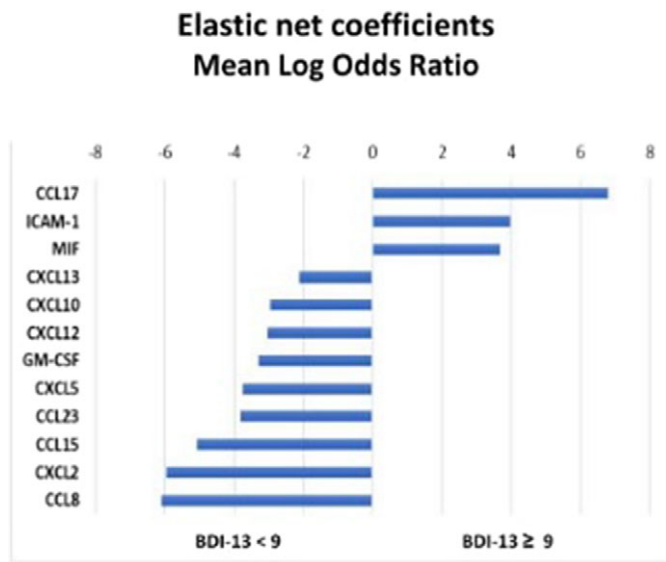


Figure 2. Immune analytes significantly associated to clinically relevant depressive symptomatology (VIP > 95%): C-C motif ligand 17 (CCL17), CCL23, CCL15, CCL8, InterCellular Adhesion Molecule (ICAM-1), Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor (MIF), C-X-C motif chemokine 13 (CXCL13), CXCL10, CXCL12, CXCL5, CXCL2, Granulocyte-Macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF)

Conclusions: This is the first study highlighting a putative inflammatory signature of post-COVID depression. Consistently to the immune profile of Major Depressive disorder, upregulation of innate immunity mediators seems to foster depressive symptoms in the aftermath of COVID. Interestingly, recruiters of B and T cells promoting a physiological adaptive response to viral infection also mitigate its psychiatric sequelae. Understanding the biological basis of post-COVID depression could pave the way for personalized treatments capable of reducing its add-on burden.

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Severe COVID-19 and breakthrough infections in vaccinated schizophrenia patients: A matched controlled cohort study

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Introduction: Schizophrenia patients are at an increased risk for severe SARS-CoV-2 illness. Recent studies indicate that vaccines reduce morbidity gaps between schizophrenia patients and the general population; nonetheless, the ongoing emergence of COVID-19 variants and the increased frequency of breakthrough infections might lead to changes in these risk profiles.

Objectives: In this study we aimed to bridge this gap by assessing the risk of COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and mortality among vaccinated individuals with schizophrenia, as compared

to vaccinated individuals with no schizophrenia, matched for age, sex, and vaccination coverage (first, second, and booster) throughout the first year of the vaccination plan.

Methods: The study included 50,958 vaccinated individuals: 25,479 individuals with schizophrenia and 25,479 without schizophrenia. Data were derived from the databases of Clalit Health Services, the largest healthcare organization in Israel.

Results: Findings indicated that differences among vaccinated schizophrenia patients and controls were non-significant after adjusting for infection (HR = 0.93, 95%CI 0.84-1.03, p = 0.14) and mortality rates (HR = 2.18, 95%CI 0.80-5.90, p = 0.12). Nonetheless, differences in rates of hospitalization remained significant even after controlling for demographic and clinical factors (HR = 2.68, 95%CI 1.75-4.08, p < 0.001). A longitudinal assessment of relative risk indicated that the rate ratio of differences between the groups increased during the fourth infection wave of the B.1.617.2 (delta) variant across all parameters, with schizophrenia patients demonstrating higher relative risk of hospitalization (RR = 4.19, 95%CI 2.41-7.23) and mortality (RR = 7.61, 95%CI 0.93-61.89) during the relevant periods.

Conclusions: These findings suggest that vaccination coverage is effective in narrowing overall morbidity and mortality gaps; nonetheless, individuals with schizophrenia are still at risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes.

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The effect of COVID-19 pandemic on depression and suicidal ideation in Korean community dwelling elderly

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Introduction: The impacts of the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on mental health have been relatively severe.

Objectives: This study examined the influence of the COVID-19 especially on depression and suicidal ideation in community-dwelling elderly in Korea.

Methods: Data were employed from a survey on elderly mental health in Jeollanam-do (southwest province in Korea). A total of 2,423 elderly were recruited from 22 counties in Jeollanam-do between April and October 2021. We used self-reported questionnaires, including sociodemographic factors, COVID-19 related stress, suicidal ideation, Geriatric Depression Scale-Short Form Korean Version (GDS-SF). Logistic regression was performed to examine the factors on depression and suicidal ideation

Results: Of the 2423 subjects, 622 (25.7%) reported depressive symptoms and 518 (21.4%) reported suicidal ideation. The multivariate logistic regression analysis revealed that living alone, poor perceived health status, the worry of COVID-19 infection and restriction of daily activity due to COVID-19 pandemic were significantly associated with depression. Male sex, poor perceived health status, disability in house chores and depressive symptom are risk factors for suicidal ideation.