Supplementary Material

Model Equations

We model the dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 using a set of deterministic ordinary differential equations, with susceptible individuals S, exposed individuals E, infected individuals I, and recovered individuals R. Subscripts c and sc refer to clinical and subclinical infections. Although not explicitly included, COVID-19 mortality can be gauged by assuming that a certain fraction of clinically infected individuals will succumb to infection. Subscript v denotes those that are vaccinated. Population size N is constant.

 β represents the transmission rate (infectiousness), $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ represents the average latent period, ν represents the proportion of exposed individuals who develop clinical symptoms, $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ represents the average infectious period, and ρ_c represents the probability of death due to clinical infections.

Vaccine 1: reduces risk of clinical infection to 30% of the original value and transmission rate to 70% of the original value:

$$\nu_v = 0.3\nu, \, \beta_v = 0.7\beta$$

Vaccine 2: reduces risk of clinical infection to 70% of the original value and transmission rate to 30% of the original value:

$$\nu_v = 0.7\nu, \, \beta_v = 0.3\beta$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta \frac{S}{N} (I_c + I_{sc}) - \beta_v \frac{S}{N} (I_{c,v} + I_{sc,v})$$

$$\frac{dS_v}{dt} = -\beta \frac{S_v}{N} (I_c + I_{sc}) - \beta_v \frac{S_v}{N} (I_{c,v} + I_{sc,v})$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \beta \frac{S}{N} (I_c + I_{sc}) + \beta_v \frac{S}{N} (I_{c,v} + I_{sc,v}) - \sigma E$$

$$\frac{dE_v}{dt} = \beta \frac{S_v}{N} (I_c + I_{sc}) + \beta_v \frac{S_v}{N} (I_{c,v} + I_{sc,v}) - \sigma E_v$$

$$\frac{dI_c}{dt} = \nu \sigma E - \gamma I_c$$

$$\frac{dI_{c,v}}{dt} = \nu_v \sigma E_v - \gamma I_{c,v}$$

$$\frac{dI_{sc}}{dt} = (1 - \nu) \sigma E - \gamma I_{sc}$$

$$\frac{dI_{sc,v}}{dt} = (1 - \nu) \sigma E_v - \gamma I_{sc,v}$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma (I_c + I_{c,v} + I_{sc} + I_{sc,v})$$
(1)

Conditions and Parameter Values

Total population size for the simulations was fixed at N = 100k and we assume 20% of the population is already in the 'recovered' class R. The initial size of the exposed class E was set to 200 individuals, and values for the I_c and I_{sc} classes were calculated under a fast dynamics assumption:

$$I_c = \frac{\nu \sigma E}{\gamma} = 140$$

$$I_{sc} = \frac{(1 - \nu)\sigma E}{\gamma} = 260$$

The initial size of the susceptible class S = 0.8(1 - f)N and the initial susceptible vaccinated class $S_v = 0.8fN$, where f is the vaccination coverage level. All other vaccinated classes $(E_v, I_{sc,v}, I_{c,v})$ are initially set to 0, and simulations were run for one year.

We set the average latent period $(1/\sigma)$ to 4.6 days and the average infectious period $(1/\gamma)$ to 5 days [1]. We set the transmission rate β to 0.5 per day, resulting in a basic reproduction number of $R_0 = 2.5$ [2]. We set the risk of an unvaccinated individual developing a clinical infection at $\nu = 0.14$ [3], and the risk of dying from a clinical infection at $\rho_c = 0.02$ [4, 5].

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