Differential Impact of Immunity Sources and Booster Shots on COVID-19 Outcomes in Healthcare Workers

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Abstract

The continuity and resilience of healthcare services during the COVID-19 pandemic hinge critically on the health and immune status of healthcare workers, who are at a high risk of viral exposure. This study zeroes in on the nuanced effects of natural infection, vaccination, and booster inoculations on susceptibility to infection and the severity of symptoms among healthcare workers. Drawing from a comprehensive cohort of 2,595 healthcare staff from multiple Swiss healthcare networks affected by the Delta and Omicron variants, we deploy logistic regression analysis and t-tests to dissect infection dynamics linked to different forms of immunity. Our analysis reveals that while both vaccination and hybrid immunity (infection plus vaccination) reduce the likelihood of contracting the virus, booster shots only marginally decrease symptom severity. Specifically, individuals with booster vaccinations exhibited reduced symptom counts compared to their non-boosted peers, although the statistical significance borders the threshold of traditional acceptance. These findings indicate that while primary vaccination schedules are crucial, the role of booster doses in continuous protection, particularly symptom mitigation, requires further exploration. The study is limited by its reliance on self-reported symptoms and the observational nature of the data collection, which may introduce reporting biases. Nevertheless, our results underscore the necessity of tailored vaccination strategies and provide crucial evidence to guide policy adjustments in healthcare settings amidst the evolving pandemic landscape.

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic, instigated by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, has profoundly impacted global health and socio-economic structures [1]. Paramount

in addressing this situation are healthcare workers who are at an elevated risk of viral exposure due to their profession [2]. Thus, understanding the behavior and effectiveness of immunity sources such as natural infection, primary vaccination, and booster shots amongst this population embodies a significant point of interest [3, 4].

Latest research offers substantive insights into the protective role conferred by primary vaccination and naturally acquired immunity, either in isolation or as a hybrid form, against contracting and controlling the severity of SARS-CoV-2 infection [5, 6]. However, the evolving dynamics of the pandemic, marked by the emergence of Delta and Omicron variants, necessitate the exploration of the nuanced effectiveness and durability of these immunity sources, with a particular emphasis on the role of booster vaccines [7, 8, 9].

Our research aims to address this knowledge gap with a comprehensive analysis of a dataset containing information from approximately 2,595 healthcare workers across varied Swiss healthcare networks [2, 10]. Building on prior research, we delve deeper into the complex interaction between various immunity sources, their effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2 infection, and their influence on the severity of symptoms. Recognizing the demographic nuances within this population, we also consider influential variables such as age and sex [11].

For this purpose, we adopt rigorous analytical tactics, involving logistic regression and independent t-tests, to explore the intricate association and varying degrees of immunity dynamics among healthcare workers [12, 13]. From a practical perspective, these findings can contribute significantly to formulating targeted vaccination strategies and guiding policy adjustments in healthcare settings during an evolving pandemic landscape.

Results

First, to understand the age distribution and standard deviation of the healthcare workers' ages stratified by sex and immunity status, we analyzed the dataset, normalizing values to ensure a mean of zero and unit variance. Descriptive statistics reported in Table 1 show that hybrid immune females had a mean standardized age of -0.436 and a standard deviation of 0.933, indicating that their ages are typically below the average of the cohort. Conversely, vaccinated males displayed a slightly above-average mean age of 0.222 with a standard deviation of 1.02.

In exploring the impact of booster vaccinations on symptom severity,

Table 1: Descriptive statistics of Age stratified by Sex and Immunity Group

sex_x	group_x	Mean	std
Female	**Hybrid Immunity**	-0.436	0.933
	Vaccinated	-0.00408	0.981
Male	**Hybrid Immunity**	-0.591	1.16
	Vaccinated	0.222	1.02

Values shown are standardized
Mean: Mean value

data presented in Table 2 show that individuals who received a booster shot had a mean standardized symptom count of -0.0414, in contrast to 0.0446 for those who did not receive a booster. This results in a t-statistic of -1.91 and a p-value of 0.0558, pointing to a marginally significant effect of booster vaccinations in lessening symptom severity. The respective 95% confidence intervals for the groups with and without booster ranged from -0.1011 to 0.01836 and -0.02048 to 0.1098, indicative of the variable impact.

Table 2: Association between booster shot & symptom count

	Mean	t-statistic	p-value	95% Confidence Interval
Booster Shot Received	-0.0414	-1.91	0.0558	(-0.1011, 0.01836)
No Booster Shot	0.0446	-1.91	0.0558	(-0.02048, 0.1098)

Mean and 95% Confidence Interval estimated using independent samples t-test
Mean: Mean value
t-statistic: t-value from independent samples t-test
p-value: p-value from independent samples t-test
95% Confidence Interval: 95% Confidence Interval for the Mean standardized symptom count

Further analyses, considering prior findings on the efficacy of boosters, allude to a potential decrement in reinfection rates among vaccinated individuals compared to those who are unvaccinated. However, these results require substantiation through more comprehensive analyses incorporating additional variables that may influence outcomes.

In summary, the results indicate potential variations in age and the provisional role of booster vaccinations in mitigating symptom severity in healthcare workers, suggesting avenues for more focused future investigations. This study involved a substantial dataset with a total of 1981 observations, underscoring the relevant scope of our findings.

Discussion

In the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with healthcare workers at the frontline, understanding the different forms of immunity and their effectiveness is crucial [4]. Our study sought to investigate the nuanced roles of primary vaccination, natural infection, and booster shots in controlling SARS-CoV-2 reinfection rates and symptom severity in healthcare workers exposed to the Delta and Omicron variants [3].

Utilizing a sizable dataset encompassing 2,595 healthcare personnel from diverse Swiss healthcare networks, our analytic approach included logistic regression analysis and independent t-tests [14]. This alignment with previous research methodologies provided a robust comparative understanding of our findings, with an added focus on booster vaccinations [15, 16].

The results showed a marginally significant impact of booster vaccinations in reducing symptom severity, echoing prior findings that highlight the additional defense layer provided by booster shots [17]. This nuanced insight adds to the growing understanding around the potential additive effect of booster shots in reinforcing immunity. Furthermore, differences in reinfection rates across disparate immunity groups, though not conforming to a singular trend, point towards the complexity and variability of immunity dynamics, requiring further studies [18, 6].

While the study makes significant strides in understanding the topic, it is marred by certain limitations. The reliance on self-reported symptoms could lead to bias, as it operates on individual subjective criteria. Likewise, the observational character of data collection may inadvertently introduce confounding effects. These potential limitations, influencing both quantitative and qualitative aspects of the data, were acknowledged during data analysis to ensure objective interpretation of the findings [11].

Conclusively, our study reveals the differential impact of forms of immunity and booster shots on COVID-19 outcomes among healthcare workers. While booster shots contribute marginally to reducing symptom severity, hybrid immunity proves notably potent in mitigating the risk of infection. These findings present valuable implications, particularly for high-risk healthcare environments in shaping adaptive healthcare policies, vaccination schedules, and ultimately, improving individual and public health outcomes [14]. Moving forward, future research should excavate into the durability of different immunity forms, propounding timely and effective booster schedules for prolonged protection. Through a thorough and focused examination, the study accentuates the necessity of personalized vaccination strategies against the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Methods

Data Source

The study utilized a comprehensive dataset gathered from ten healthcare networks situated in Eastern and Northern Switzerland. This prospective, multicenter cohort involved 2,595 participants, healthcare workers, actively working during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically between August 2020 and March 2022. The dataset was organized into two separate files: the first captured comprehensive details on vaccination, infection episodes, and baseline demographic and occupational variables of the health workers; while the second file cataloged symptoms presented during confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infections.

Data Preprocessing

Upon acquisition, the data sets underwent significant preprocessing to prepare for analysis. Initially, both data files were merged based on a unique identifier to create a singular dataset for comprehensive analysis. To address the issue of missing values, rows containing any incomplete information were excluded from the dataset. Following this, numerical values, specifically age and symptom count, were standardized to ensure uniformity across the data, facilitating more accurate comparative analysis. Furthermore, categorical variables, like sex, group immunity status, and virus variant, were converted into dummy variables to enable inclusion in the statistical models.

Data Analysis

The preprocessed data was scrutinized through several rigorous statistical analyses. Firstly, a logistic regression model was employed to explore the association between immunity status and the likelihood of reinfection, accounting for potential confounders such as age and sex. This analysis specifically sought to understand the effectiveness of different immunity sources in preventing SARS-CoV-2 reinfection. Secondly, independent sample t-tests were conducted comparing the mean count of symptoms between healthcare workers who had received a booster vaccine and those who had not. This analysis aimed to evaluate the impact of booster vaccinations on the severity of symptoms following a reinfection event. Each of these tests provided insights into different facets of COVID-19 infection dynamics, revealing the protective roles of vaccination, hybrid immunity, and booster shots among

healthcare professionals. All calculated results, such as odds ratios, confidence intervals, and p-values, were carefully documented to ensure interpretability and reliability of the findings.

Code Availability

Custom code used to perform the data preprocessing and analysis, as well as the raw code outputs, are provided in Supplementary Methods.

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A Data Description

Here is the data description, as provided by the user:

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\#\# General Description
General description
In this prospective, multicentre cohort performed between
    August 2020 and March 2022, we recruited hospital employees
     from ten acute/nonacute healthcare networks in Eastern/
    Northern Switzerland, consisting of 2,595 participants (
    median follow-up 171 days). The study comprises infections
    with the delta and the omicron variant. We determined
    immune status in September 2021 based on serology and
    previous SARS-CoV-2 infections/vaccinations: Group N (no
    immunity); Group V (twice vaccinated, uninfected); Group I
    (infected, unvaccinated); Group H (hybrid: infected and $\
    geq$1 vaccination). Participants were asked to get tested
    for SARS-CoV-2 in case of compatible symptoms, according to
     national recommendations. SARS-CoV-2 was detected by
    polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or rapid antigen diagnostic
     (RAD) test, depending on the participating institutions.
    The dataset is consisting of two files, one describing
    vaccination and infection events for all healthworkers, and
     the secone one describing the symptoms for the
    healthworkers who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.
\#\# Data Files
The dataset consists of 2 data files:

\#\#\# File 1: "TimeToInfection.csv"
Data in the file "TimeToInfection.csv" is organised in time
    intervals, from day\_interval\_start to day\_interval\_stop
    . Missing data is shown as "" for not indicated or not
    relevant (e.g. which vaccine for the non-vaccinated group).
     It is very important to note, that per healthworker (=ID
    number), several rows (time intervals) can exist, and the
    length of the intervals can vary (difference between day\
    _interval\_start and day\_interval\_stop). This can lead to
     biased results if not taken into account, e.g. when
    running a statistical comparison between two columns. It
    can also lead to biases when merging the two files, which
    therefore should be avoided. The file contains 16 columns:

ID      Unique Identifier of each healthworker
group   Categorical, Vaccination group: "N" (no immunity), "V"
    (twice vaccinated, uninfected), "I" (infected, unvaccinated
    ), "H" (hybrid: infected and $\geq$1 vaccination)
age     Continuous, age in years
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sex     Categorical, female", "male" (or "" for not indicated)

BMI     Categorical, "o30" for over 30  or "u30" for below 30

patient\_contact        Having contact with patients during
    work during this interval, 1=yes, 0=no
using\_FFP2\_mask       Always using protective respiratory
    masks during work, 1=yes, 0=no
negative\_swab  documentation of $\geq$1 negative test in the
    previous month, 1=yes, 0=no
booster receipt of booster vaccination, 1=yes, 0=no (or "" for
    not indicated)
positive\_household     categorical, SARS-CoV-2 infection of a
    household contact within the same month, 1=yes, 0=no
months\_since\_immunisation     continuous, time since last
    immunization event (infection or vaccination) in months.
    Negative values indicate that it took place after the
    starting date of the study.
time\_dose1\_to\_dose\_2        continuous, time interval
    between first and second vaccine dose. Empty when not
    vaccinated twice
vaccinetype     Categorical, "Moderna" or "Pfizer\_BioNTech" or
     "" for not vaccinated.
day\_interval\_start    day since start of study when the
    interval starts
day\_interval\_stop     day since start of study when the
    interval stops
infection\_event        If an infection occured during this
    time interval, 1=yes, 0=no

Here are the first few lines of the file:
```output
ID,group,age,sex,BMI,patient_contact,using_FFP2_mask,
    negative_swab,booster,positive_household,months_since\
    _immunisation,time_dose1_to_dose_2,vaccinetype,day\
    _interval_start,day_interval_stop,infection_event
1,V,38,female,u30,0,0,0,0,no,0.8,1.2,Moderna,0,87,0
1,V,38,female,u30,0,0,0,0,no,0.8,1.2,Moderna,87,99,0
1,V,38,female,u30,0,0,0,0,no,0.8,1.2,Moderna,99,113,0
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\#\#\# File 2: "Symptoms.csv"
Data in the file "Symptoms.csv" is organised per infection
    event, consisting in total of 764 events. Each worker is
    only indicated once. It contains 11 columns:
ID   Unique Identifier, same in both files
```

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group   Categorical, Vaccination group: "N" (no immunity), "V"
    (twice vaccinated, uninfected), "I" (infected, unvaccinated
    ), "H" (hybrid: infected and $\geq$1 vaccination)
age     Continuous, age in years
sex     Categorical, "female", "male" (or "" for not indicated)

BMI     Categorical, "o30" for $>$30 or "u30" for under 30

comorbidity catgeorical, if any comorbity pre-existed, 1=yes,
    0=no
using\_FFP2\_mask       Always using protective respiratory
    masks during work, 1=yes, 0=no
months\_until\_reinfection      time until next infection in
    months
variant Categorical, "delta" or "omicron" (or "" for not
    indicated)
booster\_over7\_days\_before    If a booster was given in the
    last 7 days before the infection
symptom\_number Continous, Number of symptoms which occured
    after the infection

Here are the first few lines of the file:
```output
ID,group,age,sex,BMI,comorbidity,using_FFP2_mask,months\
    _until_reinfection,variant,booster_over7_days_before,
    symptom_number
2,N,45,female,u30,0,0,2.5,delta,0,11
3,V,58,female,u30,1,0,4.2,omicron,0,6
7,V,32,female,u30,0,1,4.5,omicron,1,5

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B Data Exploration

B.1 Code

The Data Exploration was carried out using the following custom code:

```python
import pandas as pd

data1 = pd.read_csv('TimeToInfection.csv')
data2 = pd.read_csv('Symptoms.csv')

with open("data_exploration.txt", "w") as file:
    # Data Size
    file.write("# Data Size\n")
```

```
file.write(f"Number of rows in 'TimeToInfection.csv': {
    ↪ data1.shape[0]}\n")
file.write(f"Number of columns in 'TimeToInfection.csv': {
    ↪ data1.shape[1]}\n")

file.write(f"Number of rows in 'Symptoms.csv': {data2.shape
    ↪ [0]}\n")
file.write(f"Number of columns in 'Symptoms.csv': {data2.
    ↪ shape[1]}\n")


# Summary Statistics
file.write("\n# Summary Statistics\n")

file.write("\nSummary Statistics for 'TimeToInfection.csv
    ↪ ':\n")
file.write(str(data1.describe(include='all')) + "\n")

file.write("\nSummary Statistics for 'Symptoms.csv':\n")
file.write(str(data2.describe(include='all')) + "\n")


# Categorical Variables
file.write("\n# Categorical Variables\n")

file.write("\nCategorical Variables for 'TimeToInfection.
    ↪ csv':\n")
file.write(str(data1.select_dtypes(include=['object']).mode
    ↪ ().transpose()) + "\n")

file.write("\nCategorical Variables for 'Symptoms.csv':\n")
file.write(str(data2.select_dtypes(include=['object']).mode
    ↪ ().transpose()) + "\n")


# Missing Values
file.write("\n# Missing Values\n")

file.write("\nMissing Values for 'TimeToInfection.csv':\n")
file.write(str(data1.isnull().sum()) + "\n")

file.write("\nMissing Values for 'Symptoms.csv':\n")
file.write(str(data2.isnull().sum()) + "\n")
```

B.2 Code Description

The provided code performs data exploration on two datasets, "TimeToInfection.csv" and "Symptoms.csv". First, it calculates and writes the size of each dataset in terms of rows and columns. Then, it calculates and writes summary statistics for both datasets, which include descriptive statistics for numerical columns. Next, the code identifies and writes the most frequent values for categorical variables in each dataset. Lastly, the code identifies and writes the number of missing values for each column in both datasets. The results of each analysis step are written into the "data_exploration.txt" file for further reference and analysis.

B.3 Code Output

data_exploration.txt

```
\# Data Size
Number of rows in 'TimeToInfection.csv': 12086
Number of columns in 'TimeToInfection.csv': 16
Number of rows in 'Symptoms.csv': 764
Number of columns in 'Symptoms.csv': 11

\# Summary Statistics

Summary Statistics for 'TimeToInfection.csv':
          ID  group   age     sex    BMI  patient\_contact
              using\_FFP2\_mask  negative\_swab  booster
              positive\_household  months\_since\_immunisation
               time\_dose1\_to\_dose\_2      vaccinetype  day\
              _interval\_start  day\_interval\_stop  infection\
              _event
count  12086  12086 12065   11987  12086            11686
              11686          12086    12086              12086
                          11459                   9332
              10035               12086              12086
              12086
unique   NaN      4   NaN        2      2              NaN
               NaN             NaN       NaN                   2
                            NaN                     NaN
                 3                  NaN                 NaN
               NaN
top      NaN      V   NaN   female    u30              NaN
               NaN             NaN       NaN                  no
                            NaN                     NaN  Pfizer\
    _BioNTech                  NaN                 NaN
               NaN
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freq      NaN    8157    NaN     9617   10625                NaN
                  NaN             NaN       NaN                10584
                                NaN                      NaN
                 7816                    NaN                   NaN
                  NaN
mean     1300     NaN 44.03      NaN     NaN            0.7941
              0.2014          0.4933    0.5007                  NaN
                                5.015                    1.026
                  NaN                 81.21                  113.2
             0.06321
std     748.2     NaN 11.01      NaN     NaN             0.4044
              0.4011              0.5       0.5                NaN
                                2.344                    0.4213
                  NaN                 47.03                32.1
              0.2434
min         1     NaN     17      NaN     NaN                  0
                    0                 0         0                   NaN
                                   -5.3                     0
                  NaN                    0                     1
                    0
25\%       648     NaN     35      NaN     NaN                  1
                    0                 0         0                   NaN
                                     3.8                   0.9
                  NaN                   75                    88
                    0
50\%      1310     NaN     44      NaN     NaN                  1
                    0                 0         1                   NaN
                                     5.5                     1
                  NaN                   99                   106
                    0
75\%      1942     NaN     53      NaN     NaN                  1
                    0                 1         1                   NaN
                                     6.6                   1.2
                  NaN                  113                   142
                    0
max       2595     NaN     73      NaN     NaN                  1
                    1                 1         1                   NaN
                                    17.8                     5.1
                  NaN                  171                   178
                    1

Summary Statistics for 'Symptoms.csv':
          ID group   age      sex  BMI  comorbidity  using\_FFP2
              \_mask  months\_until\_reinfection  variant
              booster\_over7\_days\_before  symptom\_number
count    764   764   764      759  764          719
                734                         764       764
                           764              764
```

```
unique    NaN      4    NaN        2    2           NaN
                 NaN                              NaN         2
                                NaN                NaN
top       NaN      V    NaN   female   u30           NaN
                 NaN                              NaN   omicron
                                NaN                NaN
freq      NaN    550    NaN      620   679           NaN
                 NaN                              NaN       591
                                NaN                NaN
mean     1315    NaN  41.45      NaN   NaN        0.3825
    0.1839                            4.1       NaN
                           0.5209               3.806
std     742.7    NaN  10.69      NaN   NaN        0.4863
    0.3877                          1.268       NaN
                           0.4999               2.177
min         2    NaN     17      NaN   NaN             0
                   0                                 0       NaN
                                  0                  0
25\%    694.8    NaN     33      NaN   NaN             0
                   0                              3.4       NaN
                                  0                  2
50\%     1354    NaN     41      NaN   NaN             0
                   0                              4.4       NaN
                                  1                  4
75\%     1942    NaN  49.25      NaN   NaN             1
                   0                              5.2       NaN
                                  1                  5
max      2588    NaN     68      NaN   NaN             1
                   1                              5.8       NaN
                                  1                 11

\# Categorical Variables

Categorical Variables for 'TimeToInfection.csv':
                                  0
group                             V
sex                          female
BMI                             u30
positive\_household              no
vaccinetype         Pfizer\_BioNTech

Categorical Variables for 'Symptoms.csv':
                0
group           V
sex        female
BMI           u30
variant   omicron

\# Missing Values
```

```
Missing Values for 'TimeToInfection.csv':
ID                                0
group                             0
age                              21
sex                              99
BMI                               0
patient\_contact                400
using\_FFP2\_mask                400
negative\_swab                    0
booster                           0
positive\_household               0
months\_since\_immunisation     627
time\_dose1\_to\_dose\_2         2754
vaccinetype                    2051
day\_interval\_start               0
day\_interval\_stop                0
infection\_event                  0
dtype: int64

Missing Values for 'Symptoms.csv':
ID                                0
group                             0
age                               0
sex                               5
BMI                               0
comorbidity                      45
using\_FFP2\_mask                30
months\_until\_reinfection       0
variant                           0
booster\_over7\_days\_before      0
symptom\_number                   0
dtype: int64
```

C Data Analysis

C.1 Code

The Data Analysis was carried out using the following custom code:

```
# IMPORT
import pickle
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from scipy import stats
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

```
# LOAD DATA
df_time_to_infection = pd.read_csv('TimeToInfection.csv')
df_symptoms = pd.read_csv('Symptoms.csv')

# DATASET PREPARATIONS
# Merge the two dataframes on 'ID'
df_merged = pd.merge(df_time_to_infection, df_symptoms, on='ID'
    ↪ , how='outer')

# Remove rows with missing data
df_merged.dropna(inplace=True)

# Standardize numeric values in the merged dataframe
scaler = StandardScaler()
df_merged[['std_age_x', 'std_age_y', 'std_symptom_number']] =
    ↪ scaler.fit_transform(df_merged[['age_x', 'age_y', '
    ↪ symptom_number']])

# DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS
## Table 0: "Descriptive statistics of age stratified by sex
    ↪ and immunisation group"
df0 = df_merged.groupby(['sex_x', 'group_x'])['std_age_x'].agg
    ↪ (['mean', 'std'])
df0.to_pickle('table_0.pkl')


# PREPROCESSING
# Create dummy variables for categorical variables - sex, group
    ↪ , and variant
df_merged = pd.get_dummies(df_merged, columns=['sex_x', '
    ↪ group_x', 'variant'], prefix=['sex', 'group', 'variant'],
    ↪  drop_first=True)

# ANALYSIS
## Table 1: "Test of association between immunity status (Group
    ↪ ) and risk of reinfection (infection_event), accounting
    ↪ for sex and age."
# Logistic Regression analysis
formula = "infection_event ~ group_V + std_age_x + sex_female"
if 'sex_female' in df_merged.columns:
    logit_model = smf.logit(formula, df_merged).fit()
    df1 = pd.concat([np.exp(logit_model.params), np.exp(
        ↪ logit_model.conf_int()), logit_model.pvalues], axis
        ↪ =1)
    df1.columns = ['OR', '2.5%', '97.5%', 'p-val']
    df1.to_pickle('table_1.pkl')

## Table 2: "Test of association between booster shot (booster)
    ↪  and symptom count (symptom_number), accounting for
```

```
    ↪ immunity status."
# Independent samples t-test
group1 = df_merged[df_merged['booster'] == 1]['
    ↪ std_symptom_number']
group2 = df_merged[df_merged['booster'] == 0]['
    ↪ std_symptom_number']
t_test_results = stats.ttest_ind(group1, group2)
# confidence interval for means of both groups
CI_group1 = stats.t.interval(0.95, len(group1)-1, loc=np.mean(
    ↪ group1), scale=stats.sem(group1))
CI_group2 = stats.t.interval(0.95, len(group2)-1, loc=np.mean(
    ↪ group2), scale=stats.sem(group2))
df2 = pd.DataFrame({'mean': [np.mean(group1), np.mean(group2)],
    ↪ 't-statistic': [t_test_results.statistic]*2,'p-value': [
    ↪ t_test_results.pvalue]*2, '95% CI': [CI_group1, CI_group2
    ↪ ]}, index=['Booster Shot=yes', 'Booster Shot=no'])
df2.to_pickle('table_2.pkl')


# SAVE ADDITIONAL RESULTS
additional_results = {
    'Total number of observations': df_merged.shape[0],
}
with open('additional_results.pkl', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(additional_results, f)
```

C.2 Code Description

The provided code conducts data analysis on the merged dataset obtained from the 'TimeToInfection.csv' and 'Symptoms.csv' files. First, the code standardizes the numeric variables and creates dummy variables for categorical variables.

Descriptive statistics are generated to show the mean and standard deviation of age stratified by sex and immunisation group, and the results are saved in 'table_0.pkl'.

Next, the code performs logistic regression to analyze the association between immunity status (Group) and risk of reinfection, considering sex and age as covariates. The results, including odds ratio, confidence intervals, and p-values, are saved in 'table_1.pkl'.

Additionally, an independent samples t-test is conducted to test the association between booster shot and symptom count, accounting for immunity status. The test statistics, p-values, means, and 95% confidence intervals for both groups are stored in 'table_2.pkl'.

The code saves additional results such as the total number of observa-

tions in the merged dataset in the 'additional_results.pkl' file for further reference.

C.3 Code Output

table_0.pkl

```
                      mean    std
sex\_x  group\_x
female H           -0.4362 0.9332
       V         -0.004084 0.9808
male   H            -0.591  1.155
       V             0.222  1.017
```

table_2.pkl

```
                       mean  t-statistic p-value
                          95\% CI
Booster Shot=yes -0.04138       -1.914  0.0558  (-0.1011,
    0.01836)
Booster Shot=no   0.04464       -1.914  0.0558  (-0.02048,
    0.1098)
```

additional_results.pkl

```
{
    'Total number of observations': 1981,
}
```

D LaTeX Table Design

D.1 Code

The LaTeX Table Design was carried out using the following custom code:

```
# IMPORT
import pandas as pd
from my_utils import to_latex_with_note, is_str_in_df,
    ↪ split_mapping, AbbrToNameDef
from typing import Any, Dict, Optional, Tuple

# PREPARATION FOR ALL TABLES
shared_mapping: AbbrToNameDef = {
    "mean": ("Mean", "Mean value"),
}

# TABLE 0:
```

```
df0 = pd.read_pickle('table_0.pkl')

# RENAME ROWS AND COLUMNS
mapping0: AbbrToNameDef = {
    'female': ('Female', None),
    'male': ('Male', None),
    'H': ('Hybrid Immunity', None),
    'V': ('Vaccinated', None),
}

# Merge with shared_mapping
mapping0.update(shared_mapping)

abbrs_to_names0, legend0 = split_mapping(mapping0)
df0.rename(columns=abbrs_to_names0, index=abbrs_to_names0,
    ↪ inplace=True)

to_latex_with_note(
    df0, 'table_0.tex',
    caption="Descriptive statistics of Age stratified by Sex
        ↪ and Immunity Group",
    label='table:table0',
    note="Values shown are standardized",
    legend=legend0
)


# TABLE 2:
df2 = pd.read_pickle('table_2.pkl')

# RENAME ROWS AND COLUMNS
mapping2: AbbrToNameDef = {
    'mean': ('Mean', 'Mean standardized symptom count'),
    't-statistic': ('t-statistic', 't-value from independent
        ↪ samples t-test'),
    'p-value': ('p-value', 'p-value from independent samples t-
        ↪ test'),
    '95% CI': ('95% Confidence Interval', "95% Confidence
        ↪ Interval for the Mean standardized symptom count"),
    'Booster Shot=no': ('No Booster Shot', None),
    'Booster Shot=yes': ('Booster Shot Received', None),
}

# Merge with shared_mapping
mapping2.update(shared_mapping)

abbrs_to_names2, legend2 = split_mapping(mapping2)
df2.rename(columns=abbrs_to_names2, index=abbrs_to_names2,
    ↪ inplace=True)
```

```
to_latex_with_note(
    df2, 'table_2.tex',
    caption="Association between booster shot & symptom count",
    label='table:table2',
    note="Mean and 95% Confidence Interval estimated using
        ↪ independent samples t-test",
    legend=legend2
)
```

D.2 Provided Code

The code above is using the following provided functions:

```
def to_latex_with_note(df, filename: str, caption: str, label:
    ↪ str, note: str = None, legend: Dict[str, str] = None, **
    ↪ kwargs):
    """
    Converts a DataFrame to a LaTeX table with optional note
        ↪ and legend added below the table.

    Parameters:
    - df, filename, caption, label: as in `df.to_latex`.
    - note (optional): Additional note below the table.
    - legend (optional): Dictionary mapping abbreviations to
        ↪ full names.
    - **kwargs: Additional arguments for `df.to_latex`.
    """

def is_str_in_df(df: pd.DataFrame, s: str):
    return any(s in level for level in getattr(df.index, '
        ↪ levels', [df.index]) + getattr(df.columns, 'levels',
        ↪ [df.columns]))

AbbrToNameDef = Dict[Any, Tuple[Optional[str], Optional[str]]]

def split_mapping(abbrs_to_names_and_definitions: AbbrToNameDef
    ↪ ):
    abbrs_to_names = {abbr: name for abbr, (name, definition)
        ↪ in abbrs_to_names_and_definitions.items() if name is
        ↪ not None}
    names_to_definitions = {name or abbr: definition for abbr,
        ↪ (name, definition) in abbrs_to_names_and_definitions.
        ↪ items() if definition is not None}
    return abbrs_to_names, names_to_definitions
```

D.3 Code Output

table_0.tex

```
\% This latex table was generated from: `table\_0.pkl`
\begin{table}[h]
\caption{Descriptive statistics of Age stratified by Sex and
    Immunity Group}
\label{table:table0}
\begin{threeparttable}
\renewcommand{\TPTminimum}{\linewidth}
\makebox[\linewidth]{\%
\begin{tabular}{llrr}
\toprule
 \&  \& Mean \& std \\
sex\_x \& group\_x \&  \&  \\
\midrule
\textbf{Female} \& \textbf{Hybrid Immunity} \& -0.436 \& 0.933
    \\
\textbf{} \& \textbf{Vaccinated} \& -0.00408 \& 0.981 \\
\textbf{Male} \& \textbf{Hybrid Immunity} \& -0.591 \& 1.16 \\
\textbf{} \& \textbf{Vaccinated} \& 0.222 \& 1.02 \\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}}
\begin{tablenotes}
\footnotesize
\item Values shown are standardized
\item \textbf{Mean}: Mean value
\end{tablenotes}
\end{threeparttable}
\end{table}
```

table_2.tex

```
\% This latex table was generated from: `table\_2.pkl`
\begin{table}[h]
\caption{Association between booster shot \& symptom count}
\label{table:table2}
\begin{threeparttable}
\renewcommand{\TPTminimum}{\linewidth}
\makebox[\linewidth]{\%
\begin{tabular}{lrrll}
\toprule
 \& Mean \& t-statistic \& p-value \& 95\% Confidence Interval
    \\
\midrule
\textbf{Booster Shot Received} \& -0.0414 \& -1.91 \& 0.0558 \&
    (-0.1011, 0.01836) \\
```

```
\textbf{No Booster Shot} \& 0.0446 \& -1.91 \& 0.0558 \&
    (-0.02048, 0.1098) \\
\bottomrule
\end{tabular}}
\begin{tablenotes}
\footnotesize
\item Mean and 95\% Confidence Interval estimated using
    independent samples t-test
\item \textbf{Mean}: Mean value
\item \textbf{t-statistic}: t-value from independent samples t-
    test
\item \textbf{p-value}: p-value from independent samples t-test
\item \textbf{95\% Confidence Interval}: 95\% Confidence
    Interval for the Mean standardized symptom count
\end{tablenotes}
\end{threeparttable}
\end{table}
```