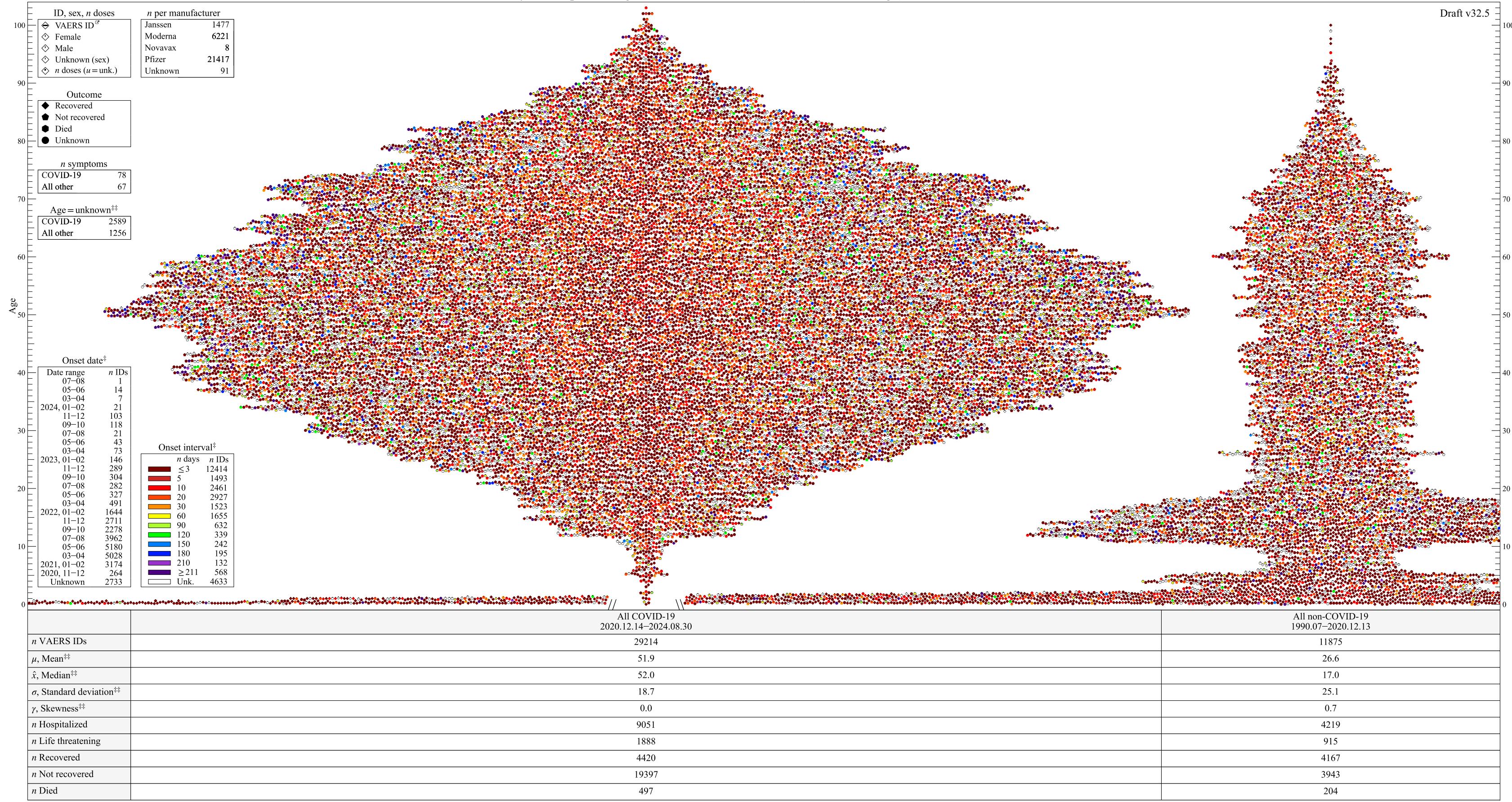


# Paralysis and paresis: age distribution, VAERS data\* (U.S. and foreign), 1990.07–2024.08.30†



<sup>\*</sup>Terms queried in SYMPTOM fields 1–5 include: paralysis, paralytic, -plegia, palsy, and paresis.

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<sup>†</sup>“Onset of symptoms post vaccine.” n IDs are all COVID-19.

<sup>‡</sup>Natural language processing was used to extract age values from SYMPTOM TEXT & fill in missing data. Remaining reports with unknown age are neither plotted, nor included in calculations, but are included in subtotals. All plotted age values have a random adjustment within  $\sim \pm 0.5$  yr. Selected CV-19 missing onset interval data (age < 10 years old) were manually edited using SYMPT TEXT. <sup>‡‡</sup>Symbols link to OpenVAERS.

<sup>§</sup>VAERS disclaimer (excerpts): “... VAERS is designed to rapidly detect unusual or unexpected patterns of adverse events, also known as ‘safety signals’. If a ... signal is found ... further studies can be done in safety systems such as the CDC’s [VSD & CISA].” “VAERS reports may contain information that is incomplete, inaccurate, [or] coincidental.” “... inclusion of events in VAERS data does not infer causality.” vaers.hhs.gov