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## **Omicron Escapes Your Covid Antibodies**

Some people who've been fully injected and fully boosted have already had Covid once or twice. A study published in *Nature* magazine has this to say about Omicron: "...he Omicron variant can robustly escape neutralization antibodies, enabling it to infect fully vaccinated or even booster-vaccinated individuals."

However, the Omicron variant has difficulty replicating in the human body, particularly the lungs, making it far less virulent. Researchers suspect that this reduced ability to grow more virus may be a "trade-off" for escaping from antibodies.

Thus, "patients infected with the Omicron variant might develop milder respiratory symptoms. This is very good news.

**"Attenuated replication and pathogenicity of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.529**

**Omicron,"** Huiping Shuai et al, *Nature*, January 21 2022:

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