



# Vaccins anti- méningocoque

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- Conférences et advisory Boards pour GSK, Pfizer et Sanofi Pasteur.
- Financement des travaux de recherche par la Fondation TOTAL
- Brevet Bexsero *Neisseria meningitidis* X (Novartis/GSK).
- Brevets des tests rapides de diagnostic de *Neisseria meningitidis*.
- Crédit institutionnel pour réaliser des formations internationales sur la méningite (Pfizer).
- Président de l'European Meningococcal and Haemophilus Disease Society (EMGM).
- Membre du Global Meningococcal Initiative (GMI)
- Membre du Task Force de l'OMS pour « Defeating meningitis by 2030 »

# Neisseria meningitidis



- Encapsulated bacterium
- Only encountered in humans
- Inter-human transmission (respiratory but also sexual transmission)
- Highly variable (Transformation & recombination)

**Frequent asymptomatic carriage (10%)**

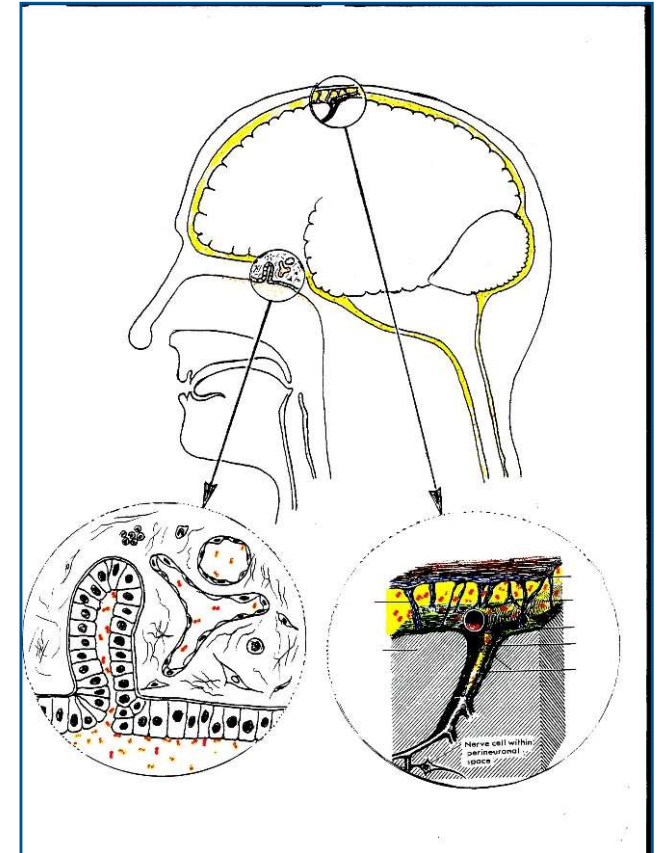
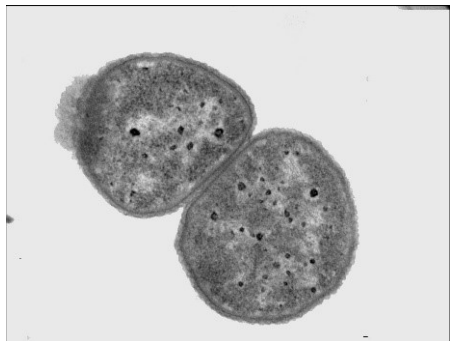
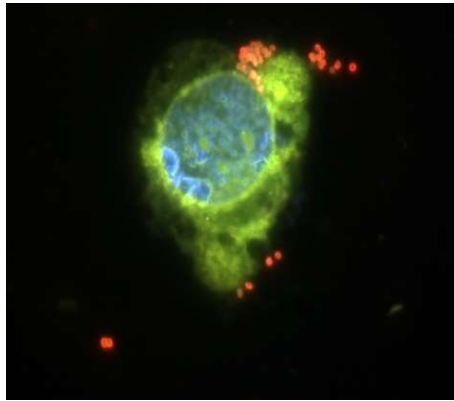
## **Invasive infections:**

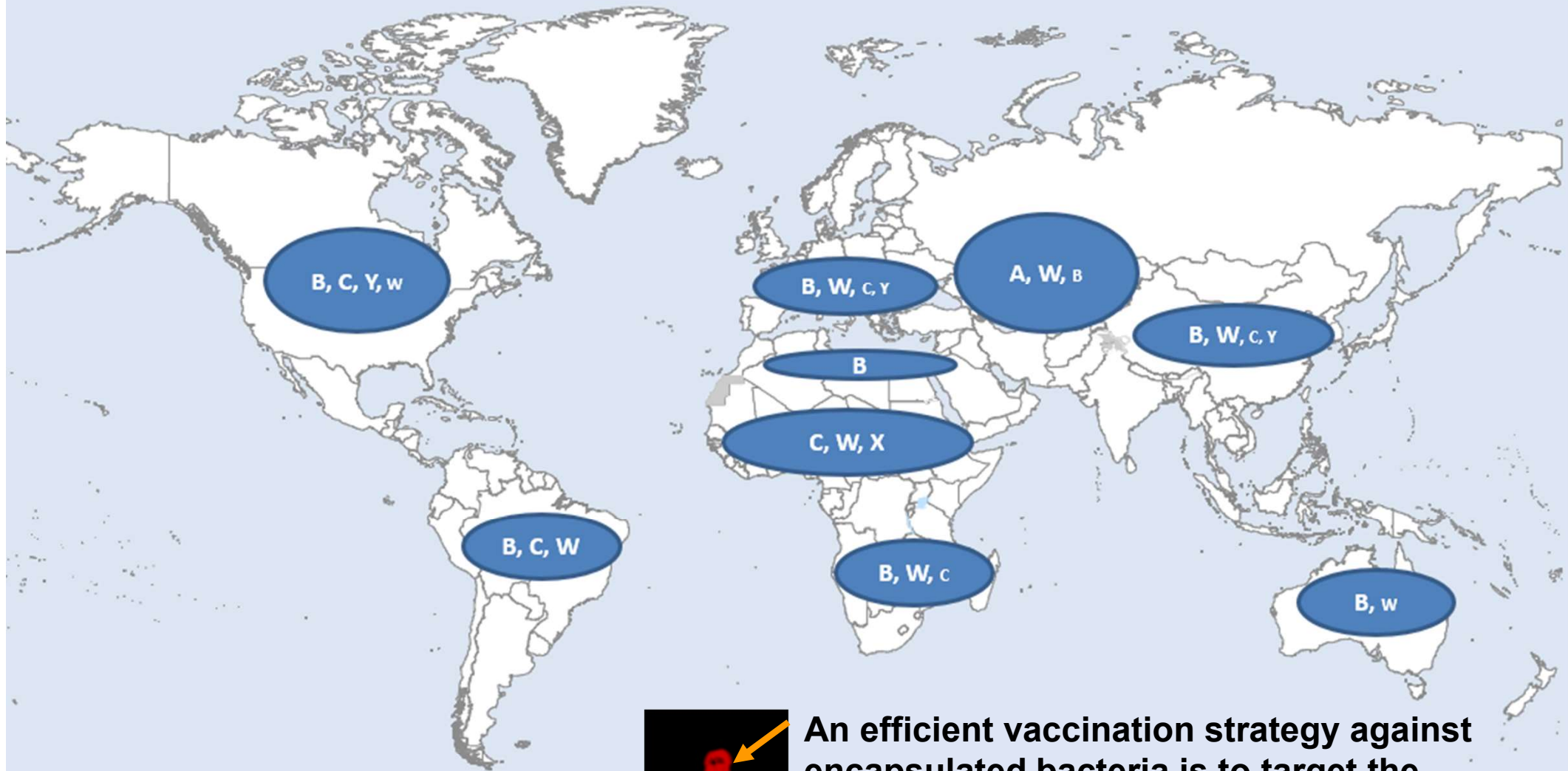
Even treated, IMD still has a case fatality rate of about 10%

## **Invasive infections:**

Sporadic forms : Europe. America  
Incidence 0.11-2 per 100 000 (Europe)

Epidemic forms : Africa (meningitis belt).  
Incidence up to 1000 per 100 000





**SEROGROUP** Most frequent

**SEROGROUP** Less frequent



**An efficient vaccination strategy against encapsulated bacteria is to target the capsule (abundant surface exposed antigen)**

# Vaccines against meningococci

## Capsular polysaccharide-based vaccines:

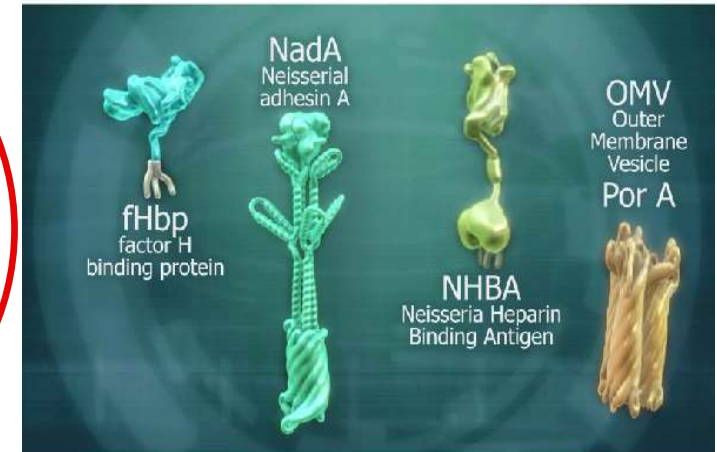
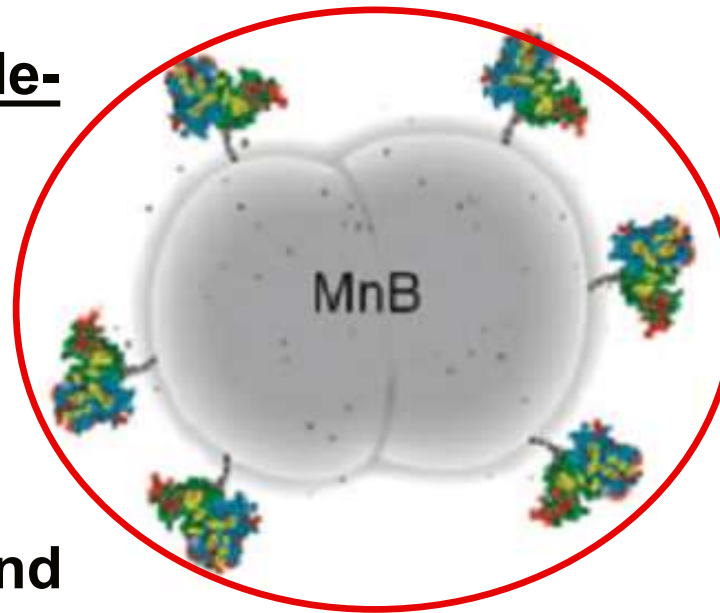
**Monovalent: A, C**

**Tetravalent ACWY**

**Pentavalents ACWYX and ABCWY**  
(underdevelopment)

**Conjugate capsular polysaccharide-based vaccines**

- Impact on carriage
- Persistence of the immune response



## 4CMenB (2 months)

50 µg each

25 µg of OMV NZ98/254,

1.5 of mg aluminum hydroxide

## Bivalent MenB-FHbp (10 years old)

60 µg of each fHBP variant

0.25 mg aluminum phosphate

# Les vaccins disponibles

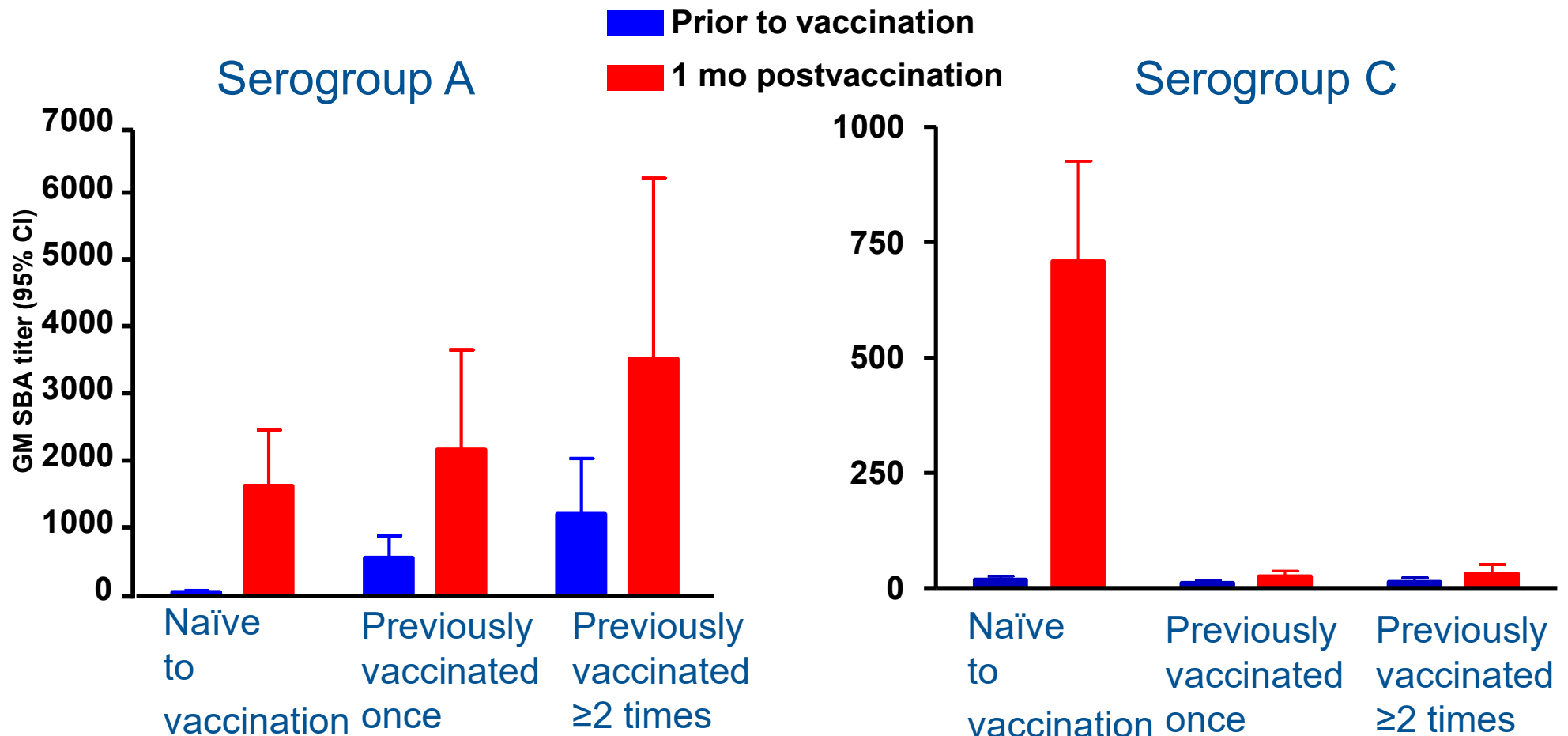
Serogroup	Type of the vaccine	Brand	PS	carrier	Use
A	Conjugate monovalent	MenAfriVac® Serum Institute of India		TT	• 1-29 y (catch-up ≥ 9 months)
C	Conjugate monovalent	Neisvac® (PFIZER) Menjugate® (GSK)	10 10	TT CRM-197	• ≥ 2 months
A C Y W	Conjugate tetravalent	Menveo® (GSK)	10, 5, 5,5	CRM-197	• ≥ 2 y
		Nimenrix® (PFIZER)	5, 5, 5,5	TT	• ≥ 6 weeks
		Mencatra®  Menquad® SANOFI PASTEUR	4, 4, 4, 4  10, 10, 10, 10	Diphtheria toxoid  TT	US 9 months-55 y  ≥ 2 y
B	Protein-based vaccines	Bexsero® (GSK)			• ≥ 2 months
		Trumenba® PFIZER			• ≥ 10 y

# Conjugated Vaccines vs plain polysaccharide vaccines

- Higher quantity of IgG (conjugated vaccines)
- IgG:IgM ration increases (booster) for conjugated vaccines
- Hypo-responsiveness after repeated doses with plain polysaccharide vaccines
- Avidity maturation of antibodies upon booster (conjugated vaccines)
- Memory cell response (conjugated vaccines)
- Impact on carriage acquisition (conjugated vaccines)

# Hyporesponsiveness

Saudi Arabia: Subjects aged 10 to 29 : 38 subjects naïve, 79 subjects with one prior vaccination with the MACP vaccine, and 113 subjects with two or more prior vaccinations with the MACP vaccine.





# Correlate of protection

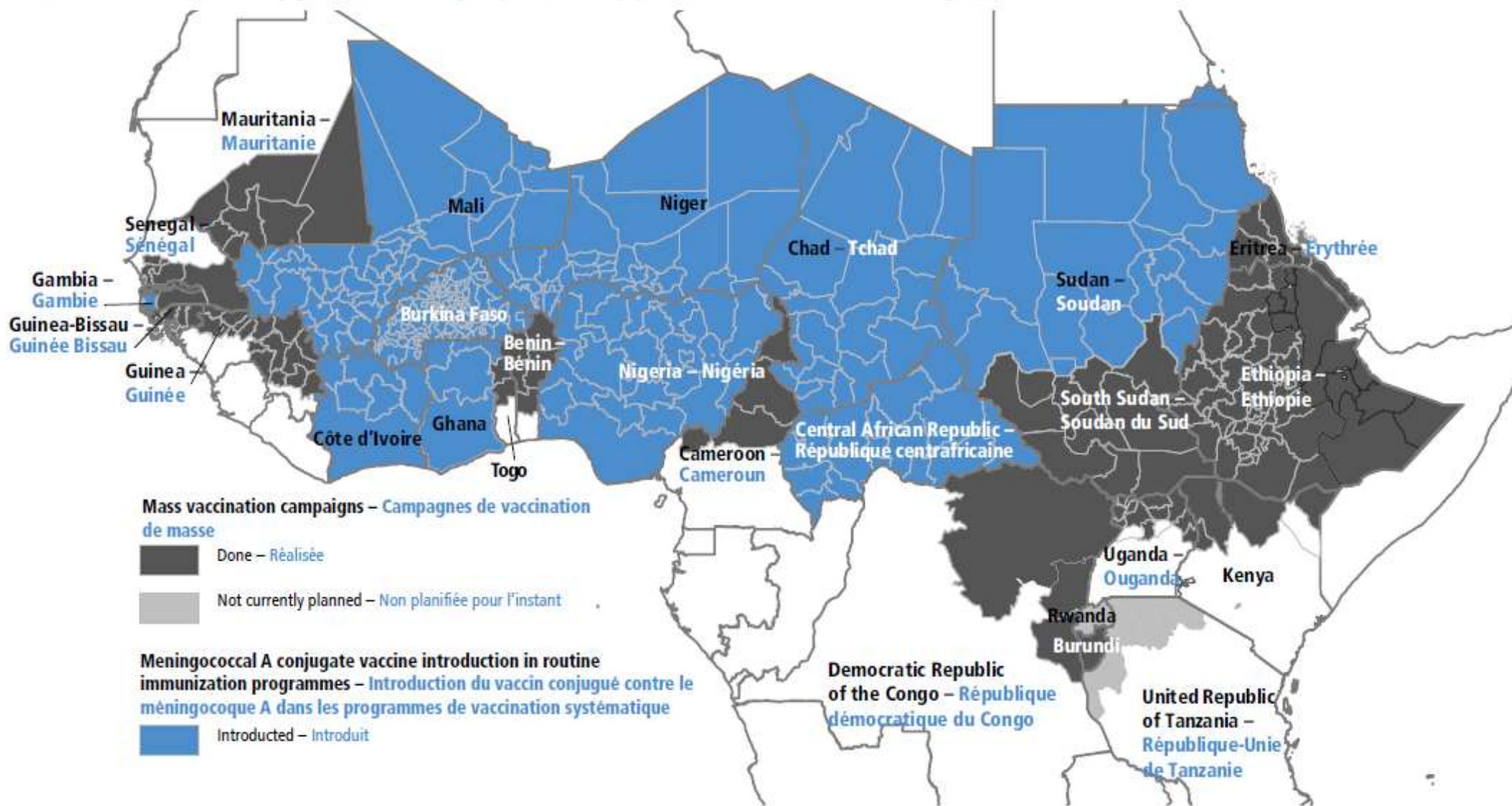
	Bactericidal titer $\geq 4$		<i>P</i>
	Group Cases	Group Control	
<b>Bacterial strain tested</b>	<b>3/54 (5,6%)</b>	<b>444/540 (82%)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

Three values are considered for vaccine licensure:

% of subjects with a titer  $\geq 4$

% of subjects with four fold increase of bactericidal titer

Geometric mean of titers of all subjects



\* Countries depicted as having introduced in routine immunization, also conducted mass vaccination campaigns (not shown), either nation-wide or only on high-risk areas. – Les pays représentés comme ayant été introduits dans les programmes de vaccination systématique, ont également mené des campagnes de masse préventive (non illustré), soit à l'échelle du pays ou dans les zones où le risque est élevé.

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Table 2 Number of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples collected and pathogens identified from suspected meningitis cases, in countries under enhanced surveillance in Africa, 2019<sup>a</sup>Tableau 2 Nombre d'échantillons de liquide céphalorachidien (LCR) prélevés et agents pathogènes identifiés chez les cas suspects de méningite dans les pays placés en surveillance renforcée en Afrique, saison 2019<sup>a</sup>

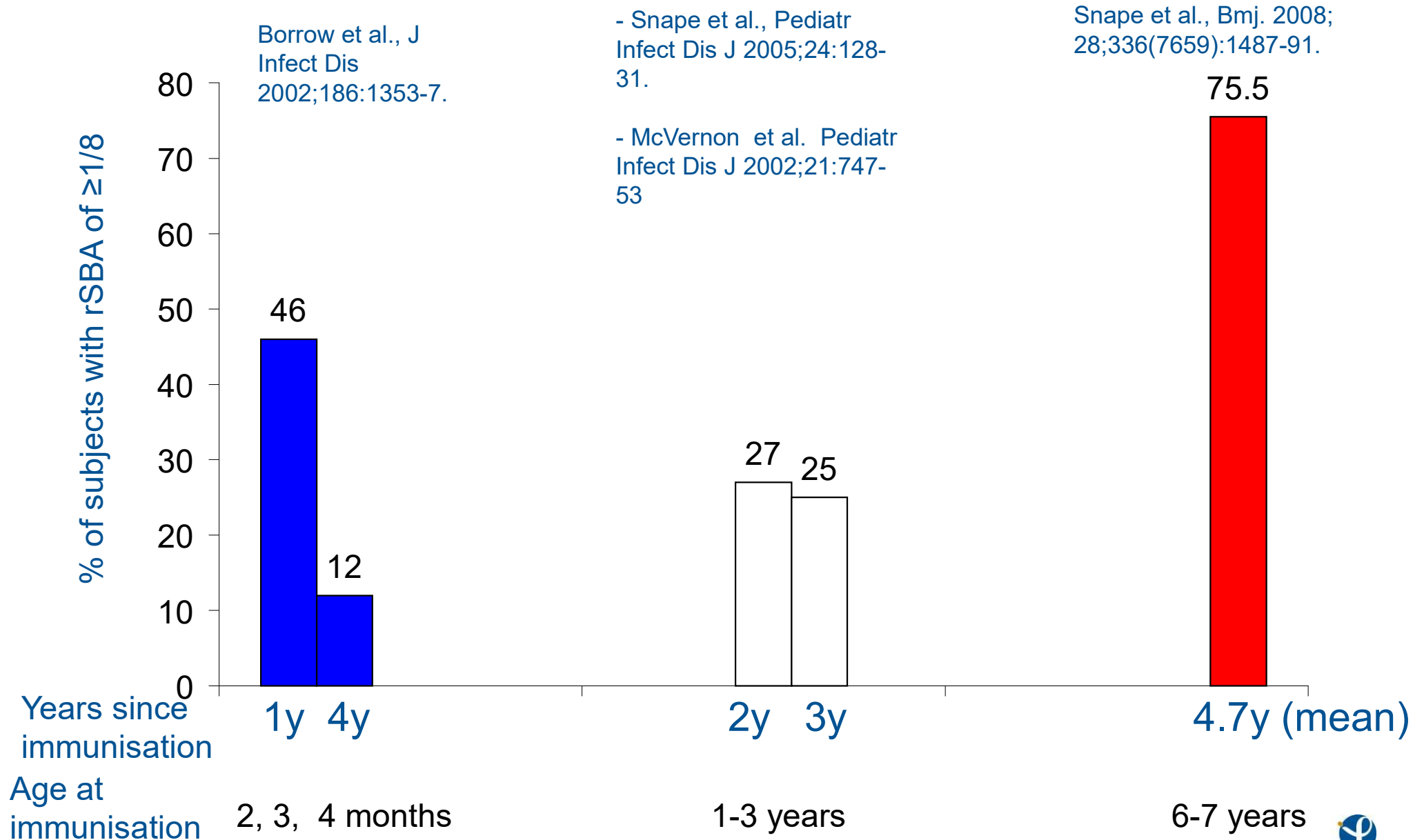
Country – Pays	No. CSF samples – Nombre d'échantillons de LCR		No. CSF posi- tive samples – Nombre d'échantillons de LCR positifs		<i>N.m. A</i>	<i>N.m. C</i>	<i>N.m. X</i>	<i>N.m. W</i>	Other <i>N.m.</i> – Autres <i>N. m.</i>	<i>Spn</i>	<i>Hib</i>	Other pathogens – Autres pathogènes								
	Season – Annual	Season – Annual	Season – Annual	Season – Annual								Season – Annual	Season – Annual	Season – Annual	Season – Annual					
	Saison – Annuel	Saison – Annuel	Saison – Annuel	Saison – Annuel								Saison – Annuel	Saison – Annuel	Saison – Annuel	Saison – Annuel					
Benin – Bénin	236	400	3	11	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	0
Burkina Faso	1596	1754	142	215	0	0	59	75	12	20	0	0	0	0	57	95	12	17	2	8
Cameroon – Cameroun	46	60	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Central African Republic – République centrafricaine	260	661	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	21	0	0	2	9
Chad – Tchad	629	739	200	229	0	0	0	0	22	25	81	91	NI	7	65	84	14	20	1	2
Ghana	632	952	50	88	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	11	0	0	11	41	0	0	28	35
Mali	310	648	57	86	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	34	49	14	17	5	16
Niger	865	1092	290	310	0	0	124	129	56	56	3	3	NI	0	92	105	14	17	0	0
Nigeria – Nigéria	337	441	101	122	0	0	31	47	16	19	2	7	NI	0	39	42	6	7	0	0
Senegal – Sénégal	126	126	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Sudan – Soudan du Sud	9	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Togo	1102	1924	136	141	0	0	104	104	6	6	1	1	0	0	20	22	3	3	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6148</b>	<b>8806</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>75</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data for epidemic seasons (weeks 1–26) and for the whole year (weeks 1–52). – Données pour la saison épidémique (semaines 1-26) et pour toute l'année (semaines 1-52).*N.m.* – *Neisseria meningitidis*; *Spn* – *Streptococcus pneumoniae*; *Hib* – *Haemophilus influenzae* type b.

NI: noninterpretable. – NI: non interprétable.

Source: WHO/AFRO Inter country Support Team for West Africa. Meningitis Weekly Bulletin. – Source: OMS/AFRO Equipe d'appui inter-pays pour Afrique de l'Ouest. Bulletin hebdomadaire sur la méningite cérébrospinale.

# Persistence of bactericidal titers



Borrow et al., J Infect Dis 2002;186:1353-7.

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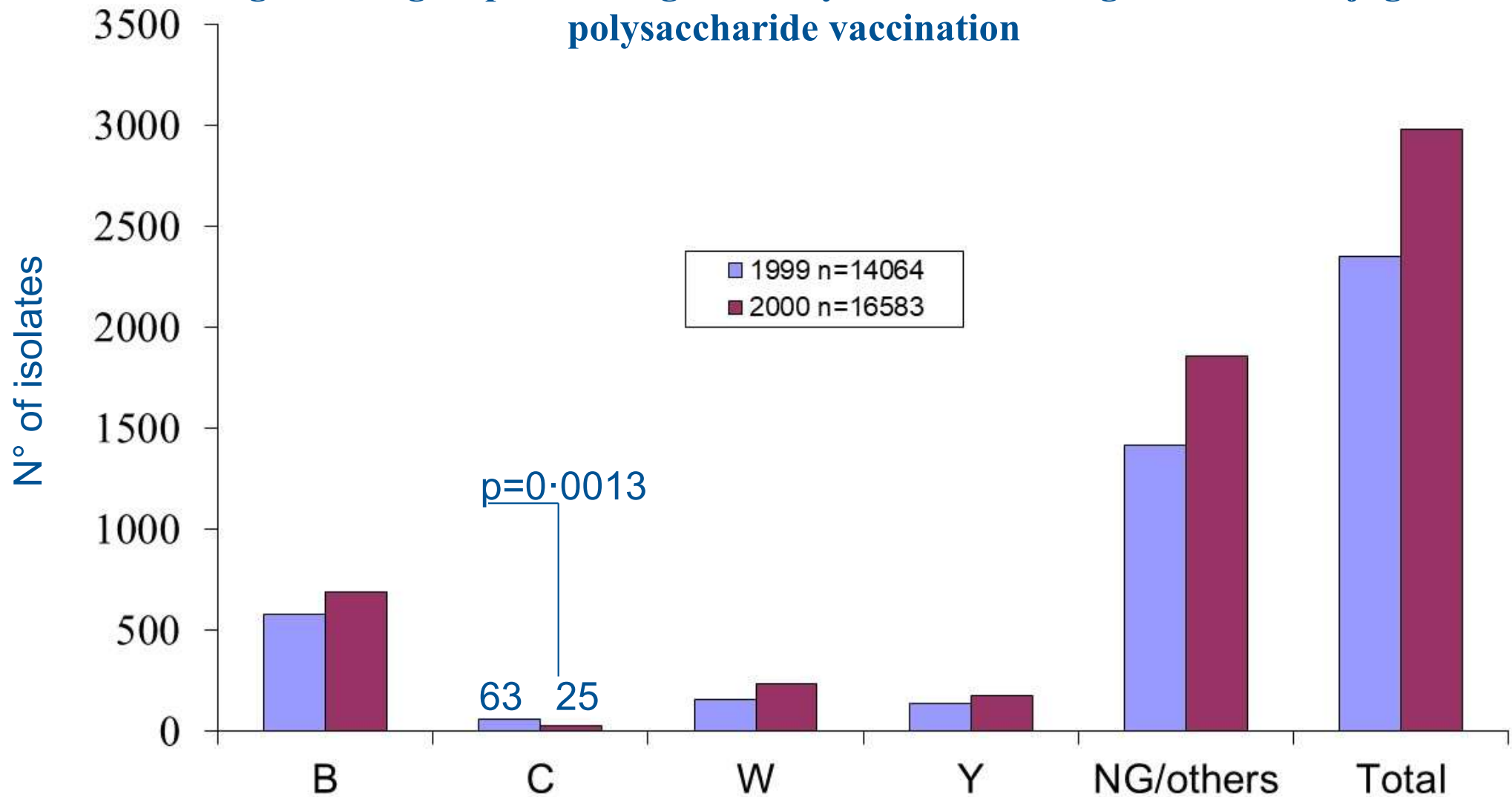
# Invasive meningococcal disease and meningococcal carriage



<https://www.santepubliquefrance.fr/maladies-et-traumatismes/maladies-a-prevention-vaccinale/infections-invasives-a-meningocoque/documents/bulletin-national2/les-infections-invasives-a-meningocoque-en-france-en-2019> [Accessed. Christensen H, et al., Lancet Infect Dis. 2010;10(12):853-861.

# Impact of MenCC on carriage

Carriage of serogroup C meningococci 1 year after meningococcal C conjugate polysaccharide vaccination



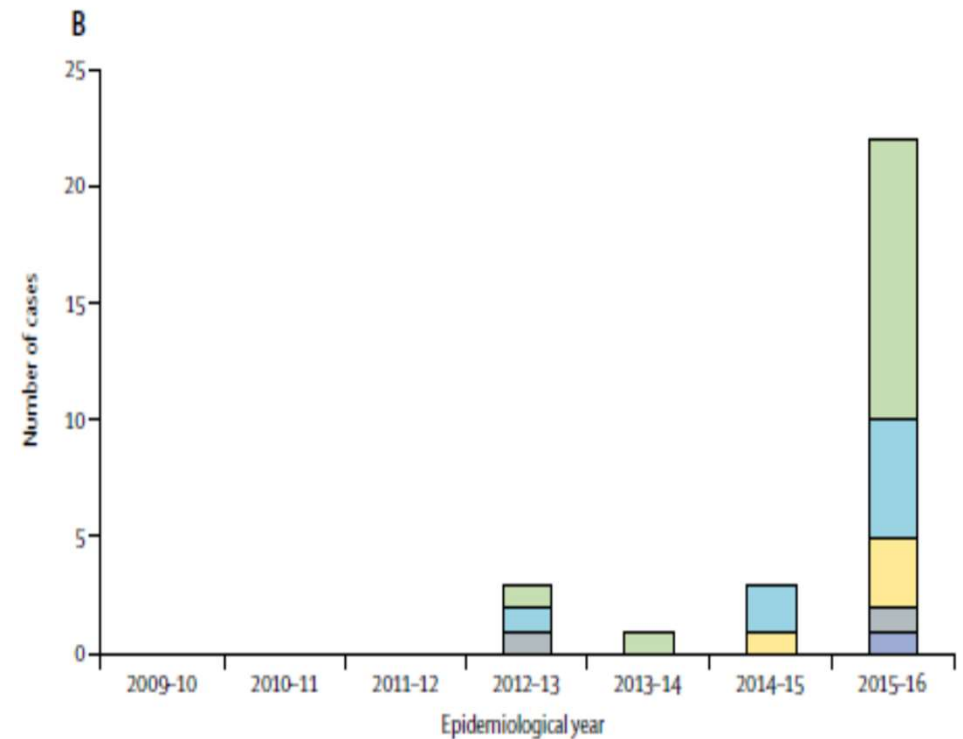
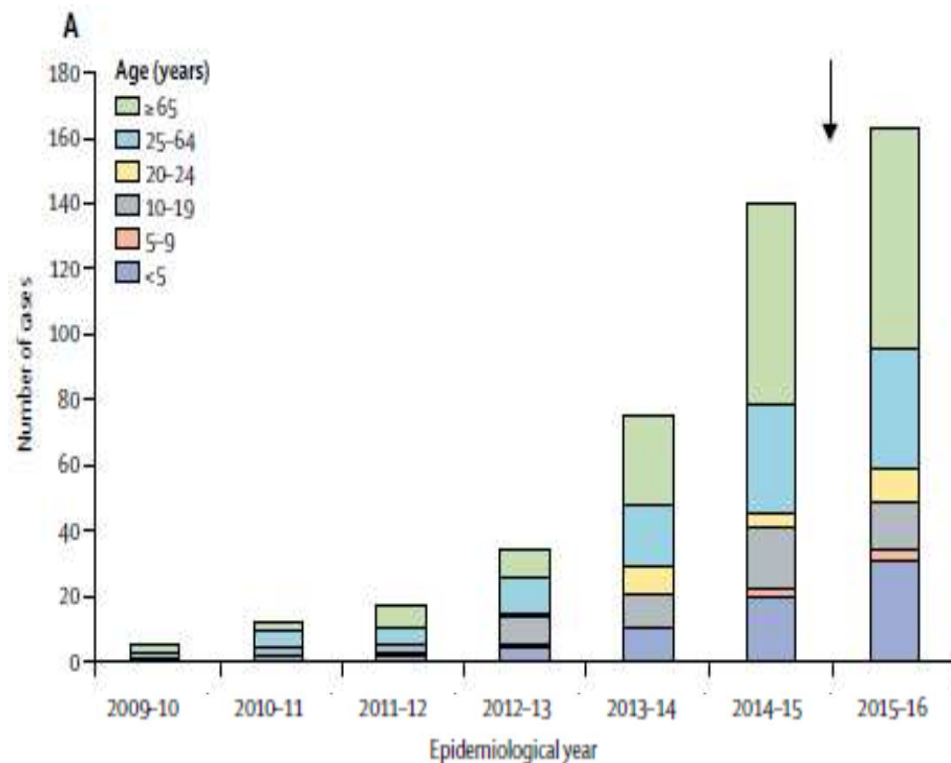
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# N° IMDW disease caused by the South American MenW:cc11 strain sublineages

## England

## The Netherlands



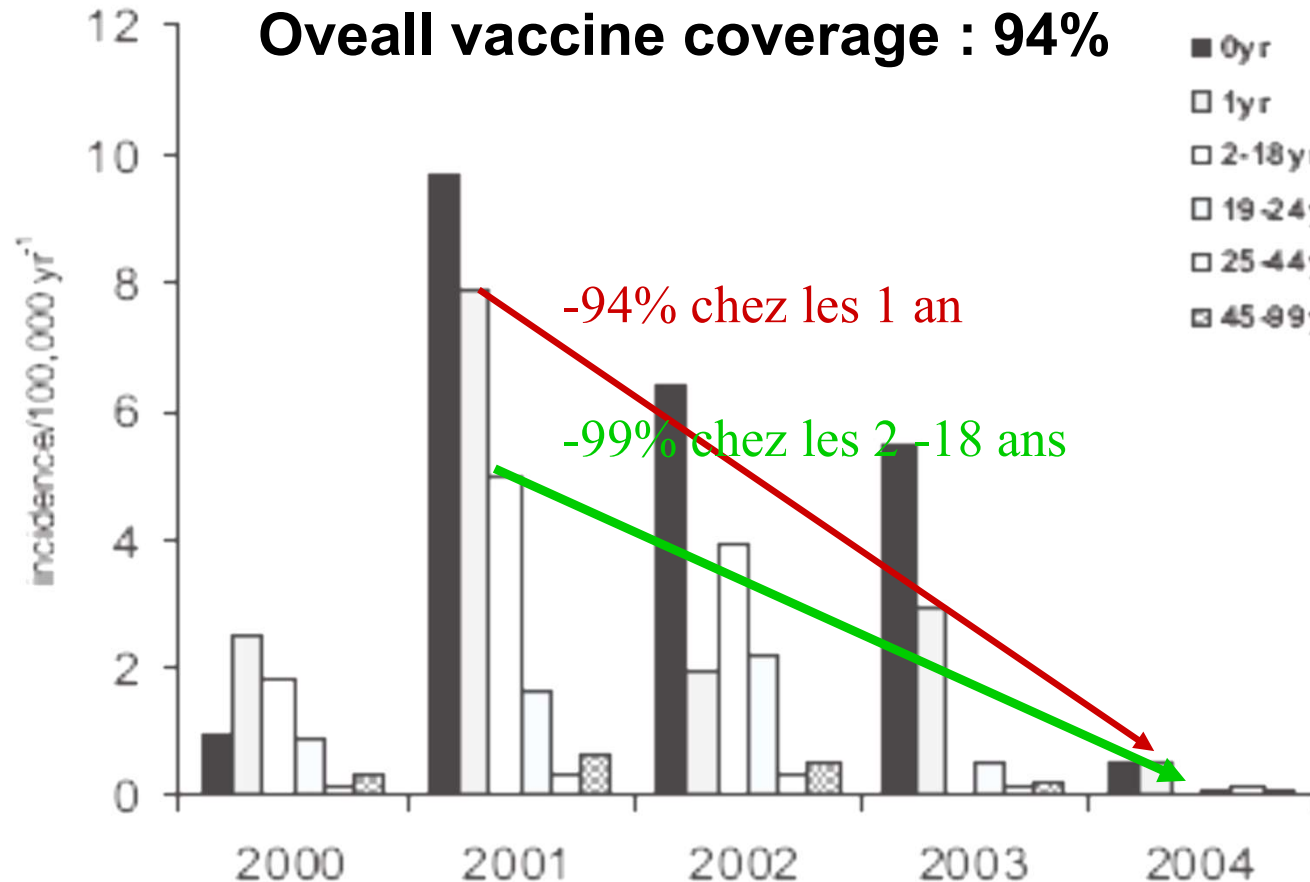


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Septembre 2015	Changement de schéma pour les <12 mois: une dose à 12 mois+ un ACWY à 14 ans + Rattrapage (ACWY) 13-18 ans <b>4CMenB (2+1: 2, 4, and 12 mois).</b>
<b>Août 2022</b> <u>JCVI interim statement 05/08/22</u> la protection directe pendant la petite enfance n'est plus nécessaire	<b>Abandonner la dose contenant du MenC pour les nourrissons un ACWY à 14 ans</b> <b>4CMenB (2+1: 2, 4, and 12 mois).</b>

# Direct and indirect impacts of MCC Vaccination: The Netherlands

Recommendation June 2002 = 1 dose at 14 months + catch-up 2-18 years-old



- May 2018, MenACWY vaccination replaces MenC vaccination at age 14 months
- and from October 2018, 13–14 year-olds are offered MenACWY vaccination.
- If risk group, a booster every 5 years if risk persists

Knol et al.,  
EUROSURVEILLANCE, 2018 (April) :  
23 (16): 2-6

# Stratégie vaccinale : France

## AVIS DU CONSEIL SUPERIEUR D'HYGIENE PUBLIQUE DE FRANCE SECTION MALADIES TRANSMISSIBLES

Relatif à la vaccination par le vaccin conjugué contre le méningocoque C

(Séance du 15 novembre 2002)

● Il n'y a pas lieu de recommander la vaccination généralisée aux nourrissons, enfants, adolescents ou adultes jeunes à l'échelon national.

● La vaccination reste recommandée pour les groupes à risque suivants :  
sujets contacts

dans les zones délimitées où l'incidence du méningocoque de séro groupe C est particulièrement élevée.

enfants souffrant de déficit en fractions terminales du complément, en properdine ou ayant une asplénie anatomique ou fonctionnelle.

# Pourquoi ne pas recommander la vaccination généralisée?

- **Variation cyclique des IIMC**
- **Différence de l'épidémiologie entre les pays en Europe**
- **Capsule switching**

# Men-C vaccination campaigns at a district level, France

	Clermont-Ferrand (1 district)	South-West (3 districts)	Haute-Vienne (1 district)
Year	2001	2002	2007
Total population	600,000	220,000 600,000 300,000	350,000
Number of cases within 52 weeks (Inc rates)	11 (1.7)	7 (3.1) 12 (2.0) 6 (1.8)	7 (2.0)
% of serogroup C	71 %	93 %	100 %
CFR	27 %	20 %	43 %
Strains group/CC	C/CC11	C/CC11	C/CC11



# Rationnel d'une recommandation généralisée

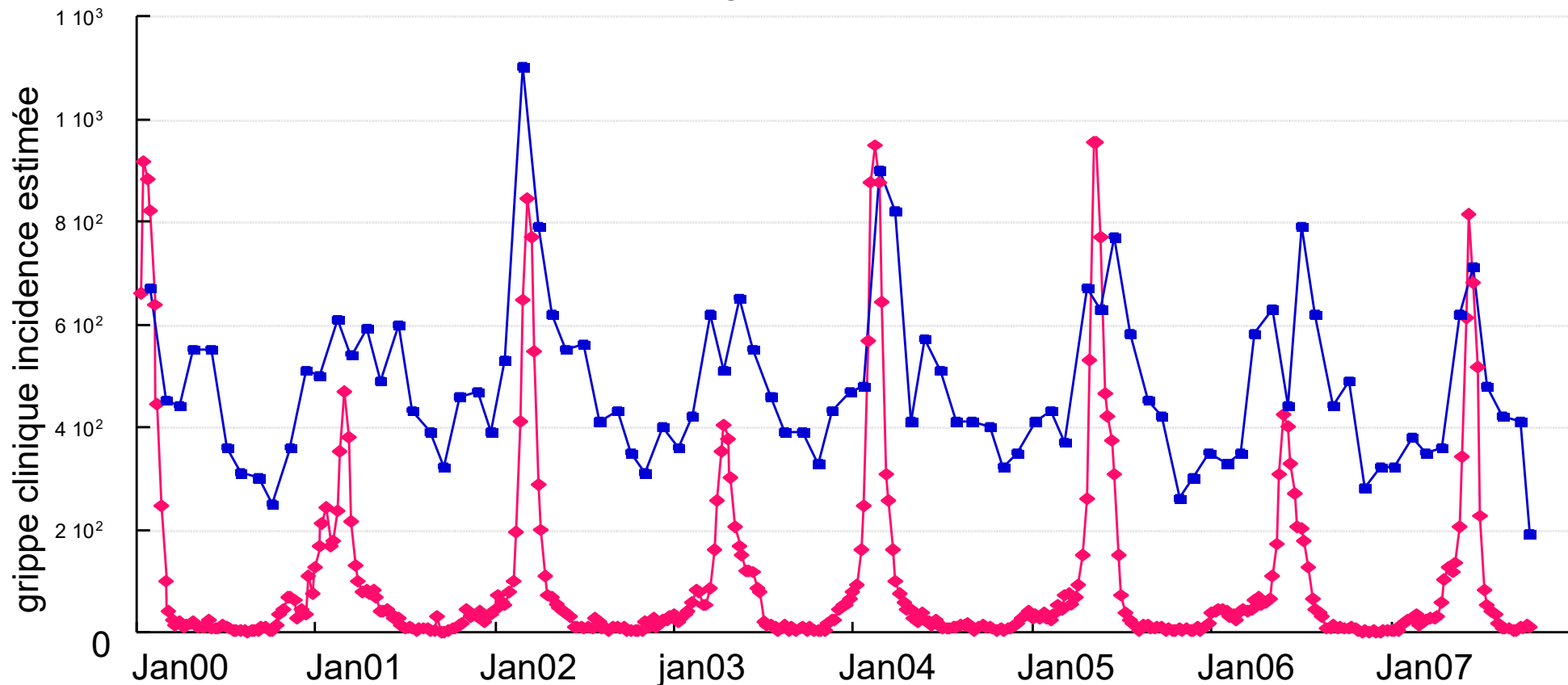
- **La France montrait l'un des taux d'incidence d'infections invasives (IIMC) à méningocoque C les plus élevés d'Europe**
- **Augmentation des alertes.**
- **Association spatio-temporelle entre grippe et IIM**
- **Émergence d'un nouveau clone virulent (++Mortalité et %PF)**
- **Analyse médico-économique**
- **Efficacité clinique démontrée à travers les programmes de vaccination généralisée en Europe**
- **Pas d'expansion de switch capsulaire**

Avis du HCSP du 24 avril et 26 juin 2009 relatif à la vaccination par le vaccin méningococcique conjugué de sérogroupe C

# Grippe et méningocoque

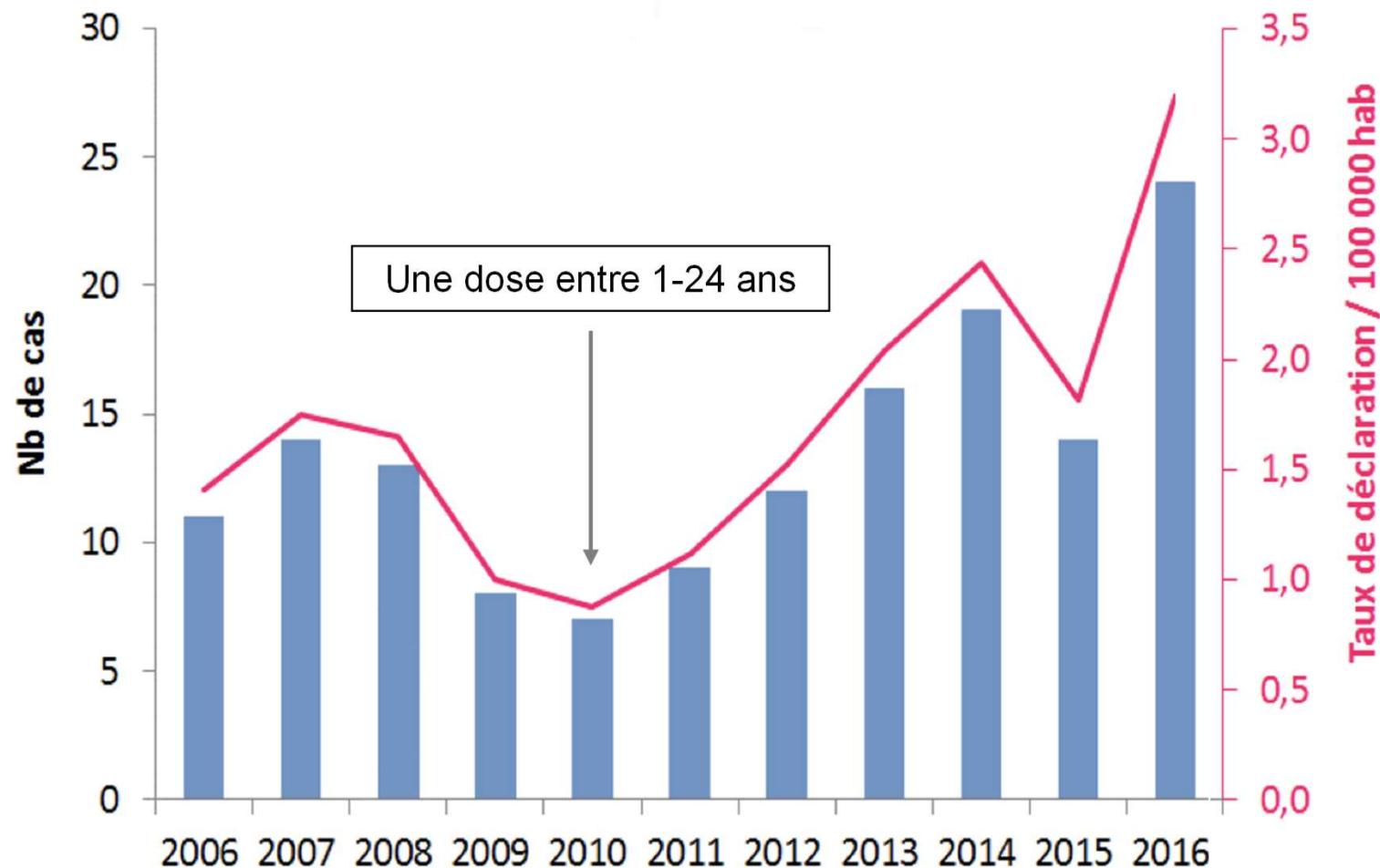
◆ grippe clinique incidence estimée  
■ souches méningocoque isolées par mois\*10

Coïncidence grippe clinique isolement Nm



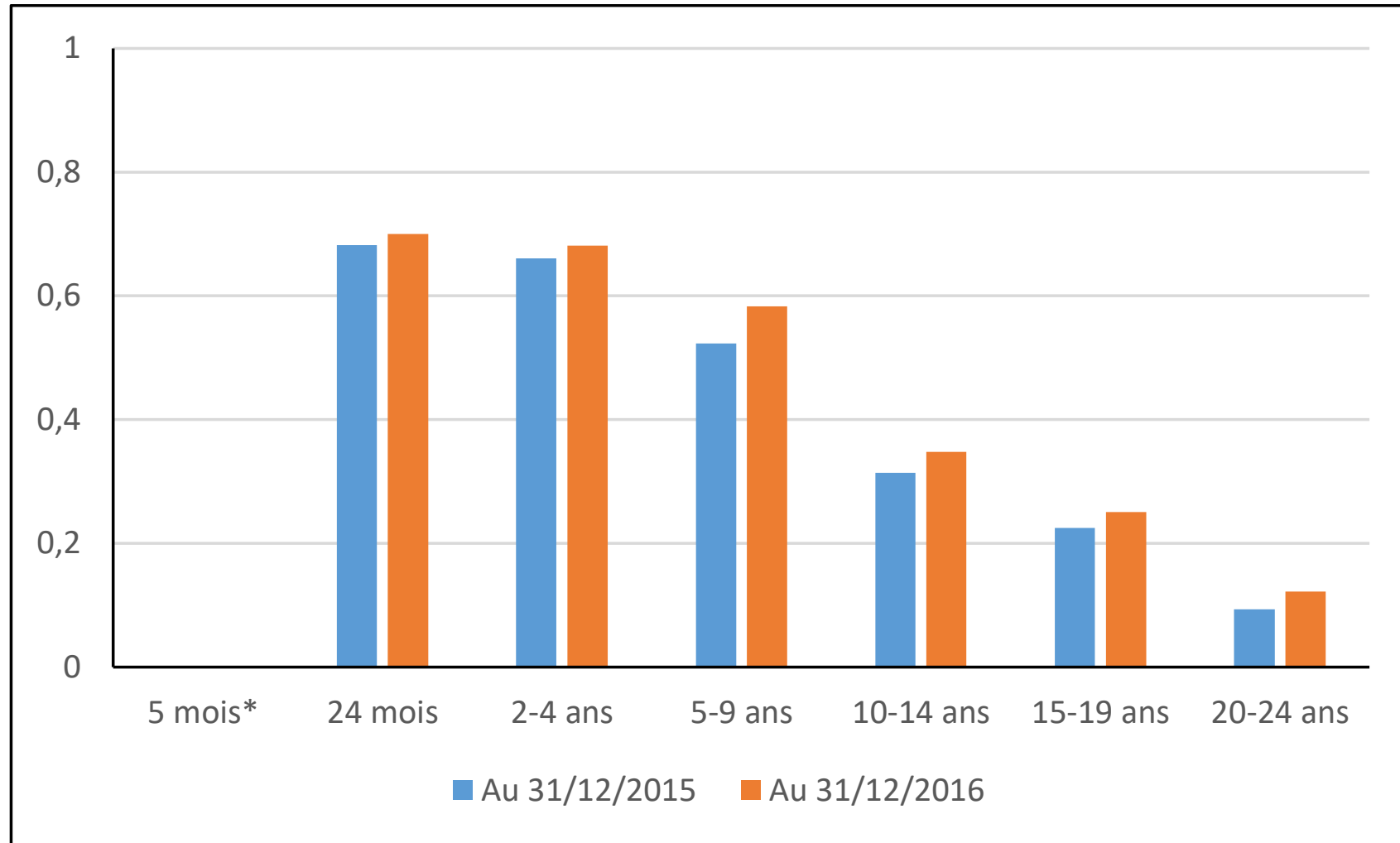
Données du CNR du Méningocoque et des réseaux sentinelles de surveillance de la grippe

# Evolution des recommandations vaccinales contre les IIMC, France, 2006-2016





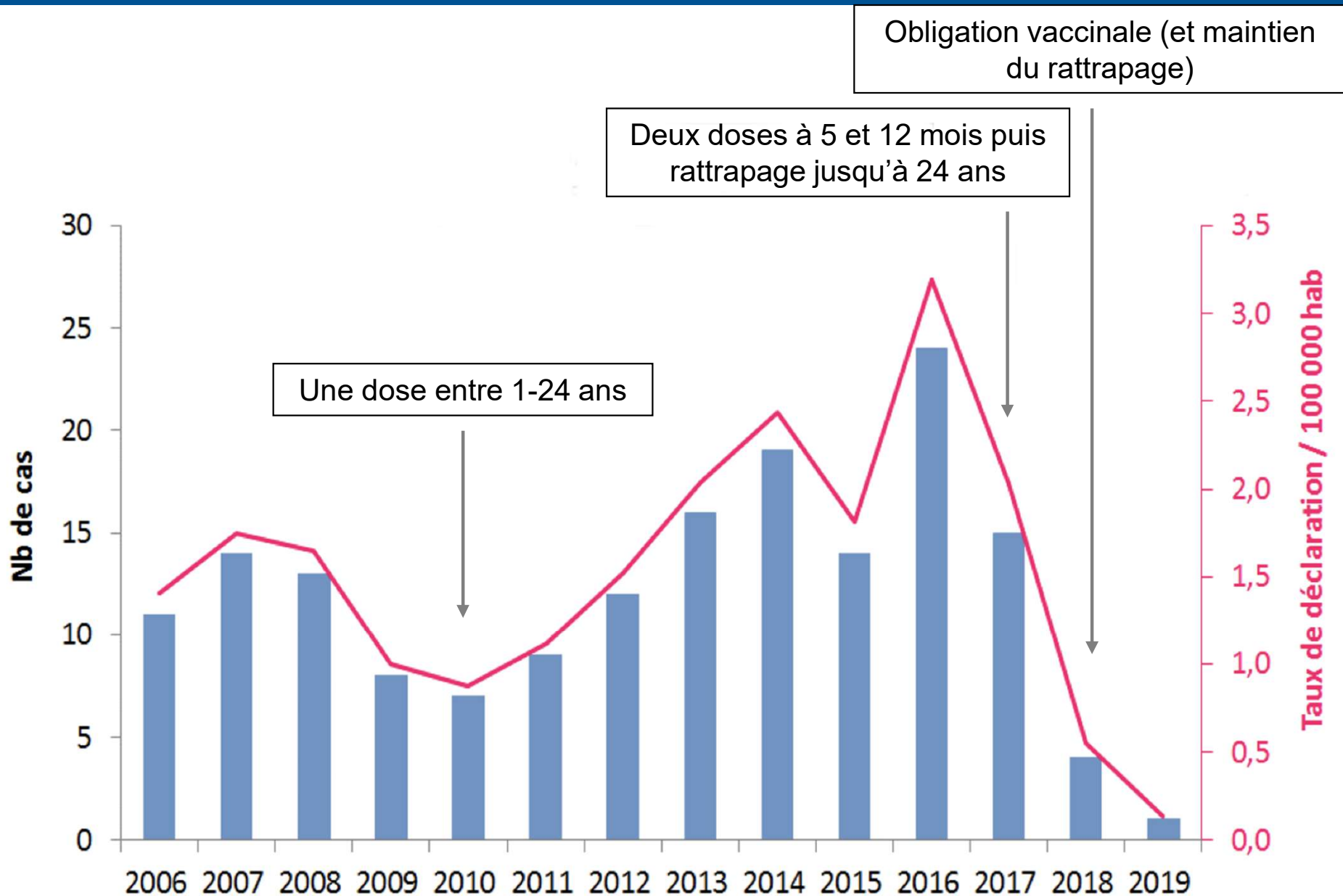
# Couverture vaccinale en France MCC: France



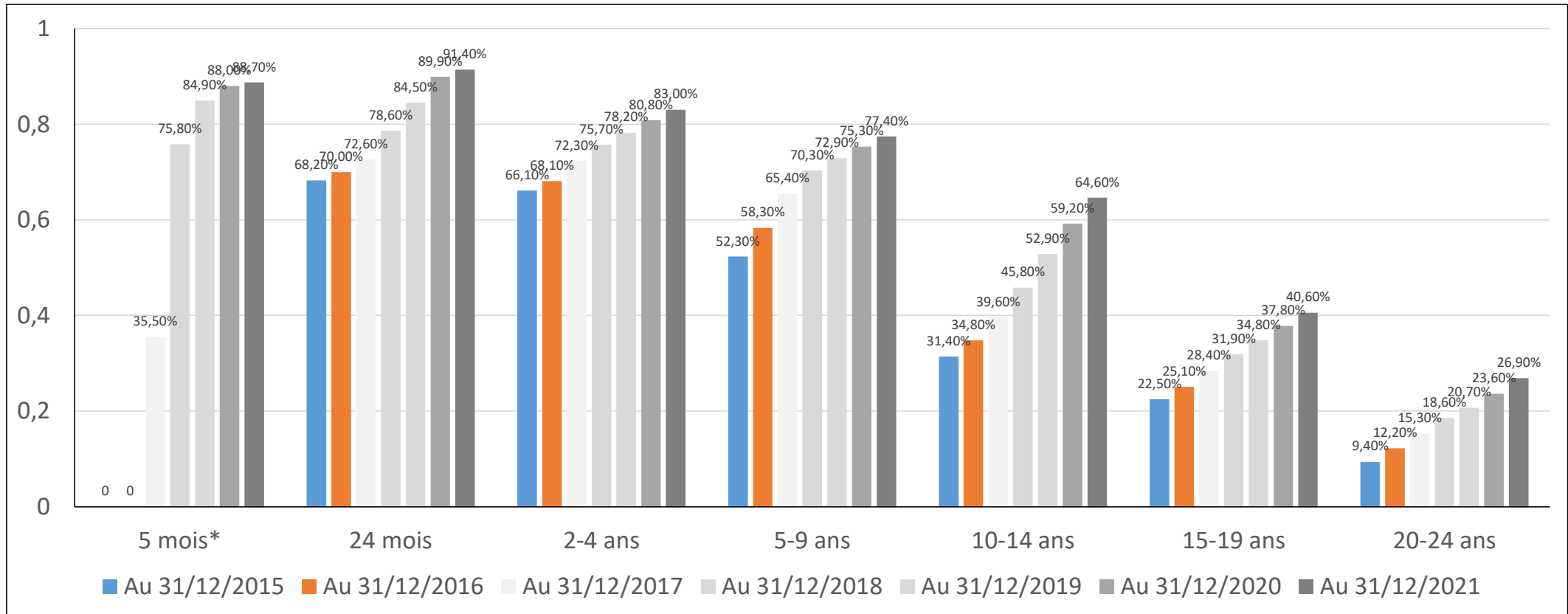
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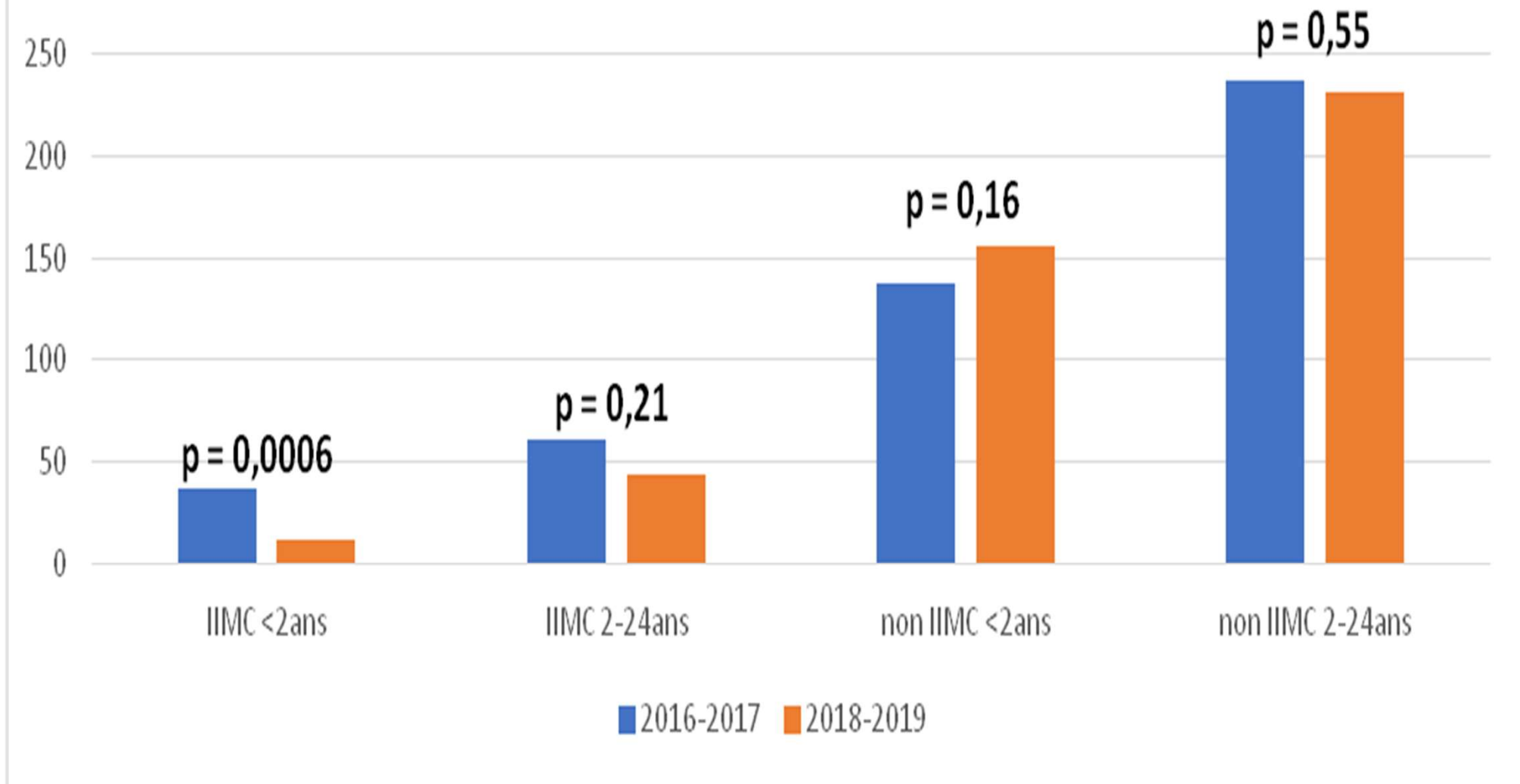


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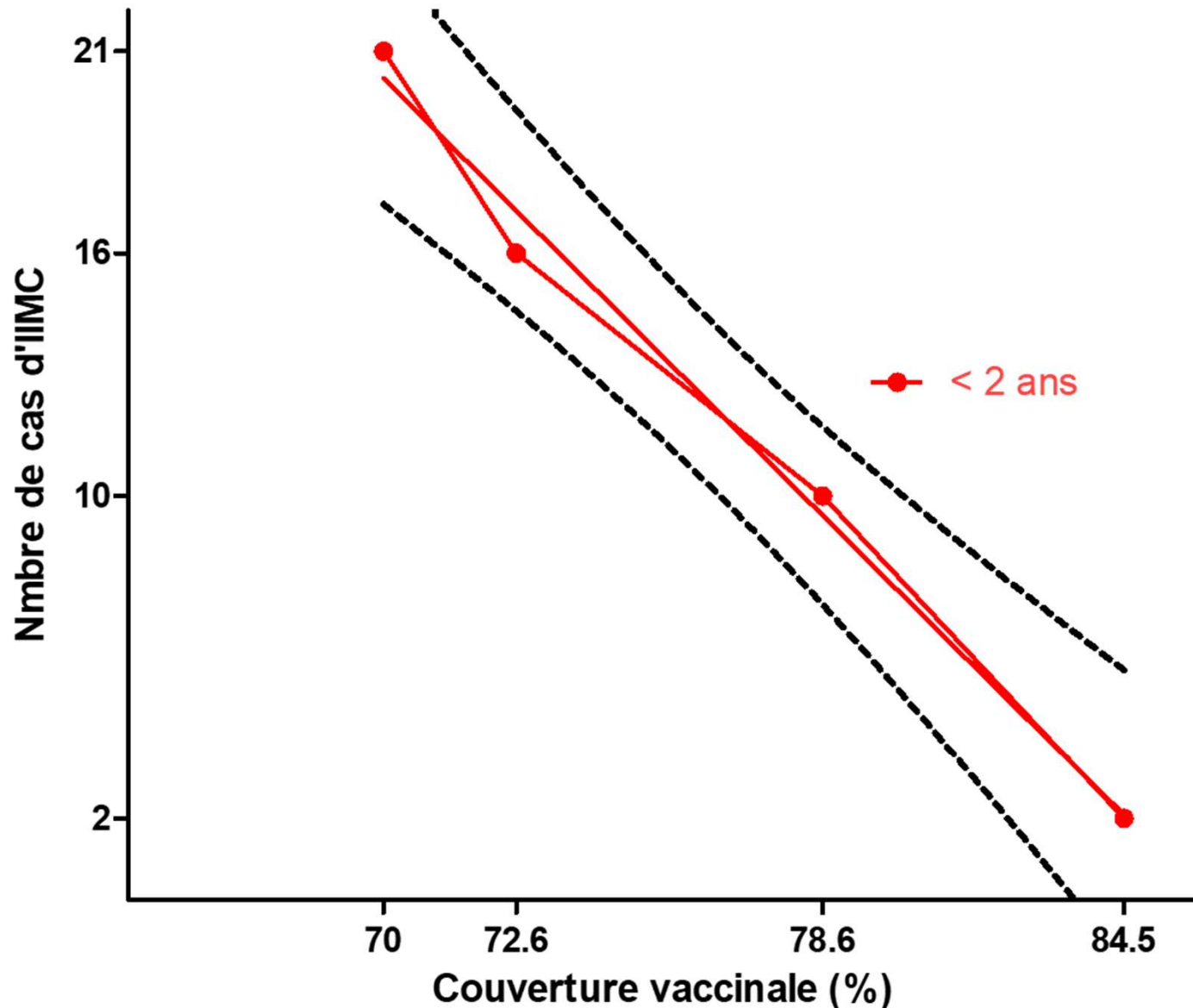
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# Evolution des cas d'IIM liées aux principaux sérogroupes, France entière, 2016-2019

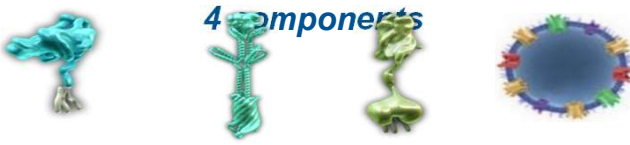

Graphique 3. Nombre de cas d'IIMC et non-C avant et après obligation vaccinale



# Nombre de cas d'IIMC en fonction de la couverture vaccinale chez les < 2 ans



# MenB vaccines

	Two MenB vaccines	
Vaccines	4CMenB Bexsero	Bivalent rLP2086 Trumemba
composition	<p><b>4 components</b></p>  <p>fHbp variant 1 (subfamily B) (50 µg) NadA (50 µg) NHBA (50 µg) PorA P1.4 (25 µg)</p>	<p><b>2 variants of fHbp</b></p>  <p>fHbp variant 1 (subfamily B) (60 µg) fHbp variant 3 (subfamily A) (60 µg)</p>
Licensure	EMA (2013) : ≥ 2 mo    FDA (2015) : ≥ 10 y	FDA (2015) /EMA (2017) : ≥10 y
Schemes	<p>&gt; 2 Mo: 2+1 &gt; 2 y: 2 doses ( 0-2mo) &gt; 10 y: 2 doses (0-1mo)</p>	> 10 y : 2 doses (0-6mo) or 3 doses (0-1/2-6mo)
Persistence	<p>24-36 mo after booster, 3y “real life data” Adolescent: 7.5 y Booster: non determined</p>	<p>4 – 5 y Booster: non determined</p>
Real life data (impact)	In routine: UK, Italy, Portugal Epidemic situations: France, Canada, several US universities USA	Epidemic situations : 2 universities USA
acquisition of carriage	No	No
Cross-protection	In vitro : Against non-B (immunogenicity) Real life data: impact MenW Protection against <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	In vitro : against non-B (immunogenicity)

# Immunogenicity of 4CMenB vaccine: <1y

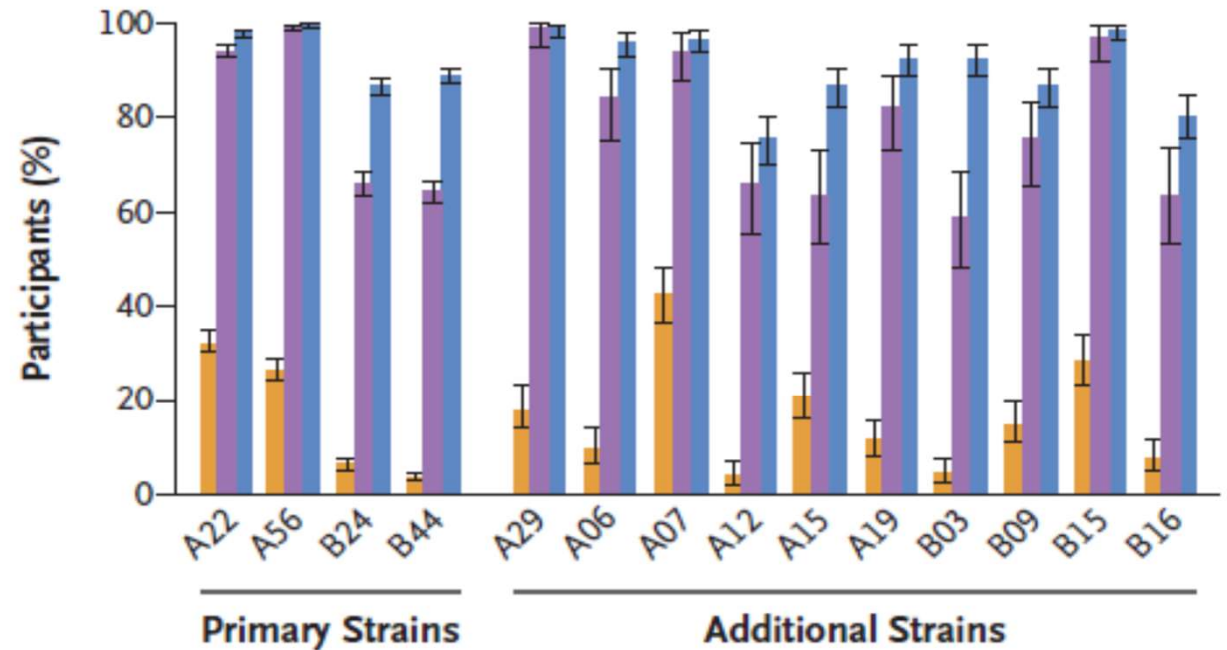
	Concomitant	Intercalated	Accelerated	Control
Strain 44/76-SL fHBP	9.0 (6.7 to 11.7)	7.2 (5.1 to 10.0)	5.9 (3.4 to 9.4)	6.5 (3.7 to 10.3)
	99.2 (98.1 to 99.8)	99.4 (98.4 to 99.9)	99.3 (97.4 to 99.9)	4.4 (2.2 to 7.8)
Strain 5/99 NadA	5.4 (3.6 to 7.7)	6.6 (4.6 to 9.1)	4.5 (2.3 to 7.7)	6.6 (3.7 to 10.7)
	99.4 (98.3 to 99.9)	99.2 (98.0 to 99.8)	100 (98.6 to 100)	5.3 (2.8 to 9.1)
Strain NZ98/254 PorA	3.4 (2.0 to 5.3)	1.0 (0.3 to 2.2)	2.2 (0.8 to 4.8)	0.8 (0.1 to 2.9)
	79.0 (75.2 to 82.4)	86.1 (82.9 to 89.0)	81.7 (76.6 to 86.2)	4.4 (2.2 to 7.7)

# Immunogenicity of MenB-FHbp vaccine

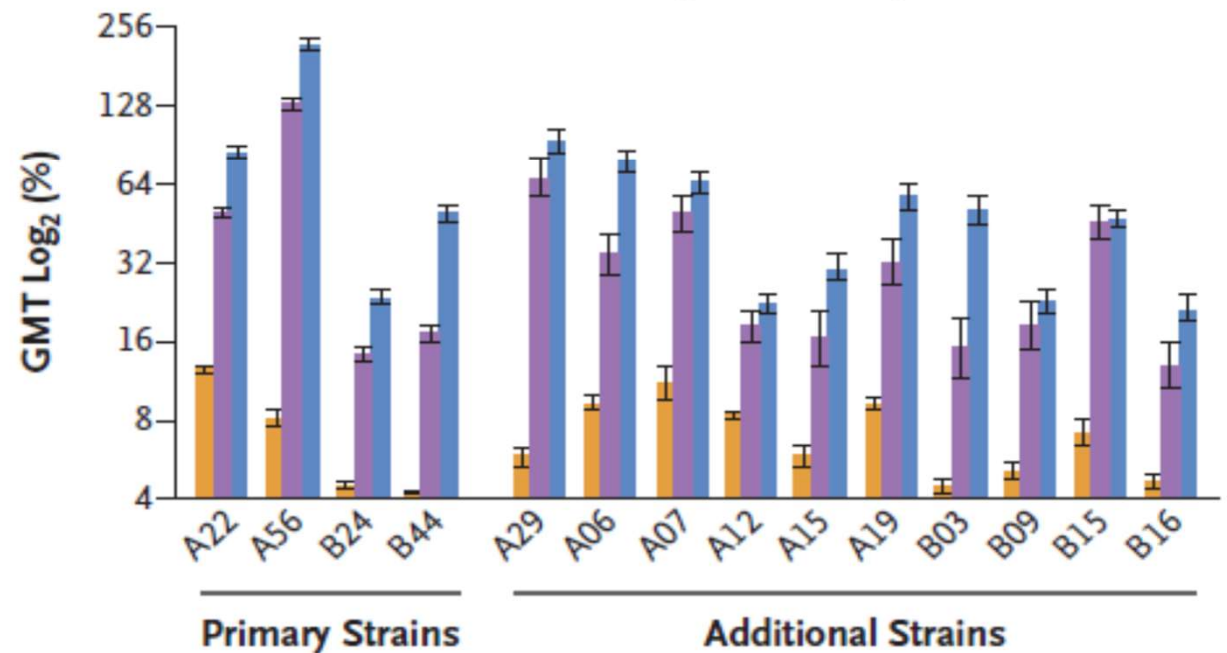
Three doses at 0, 2 and 6 months

- Prevacination
- 1 Mo after dose 2
- 1 Mo after dose 3

C Adolescents with hSBA Titers  $\geq$  Prespecified Limits (LLOQ, 1:8 or 1:16)

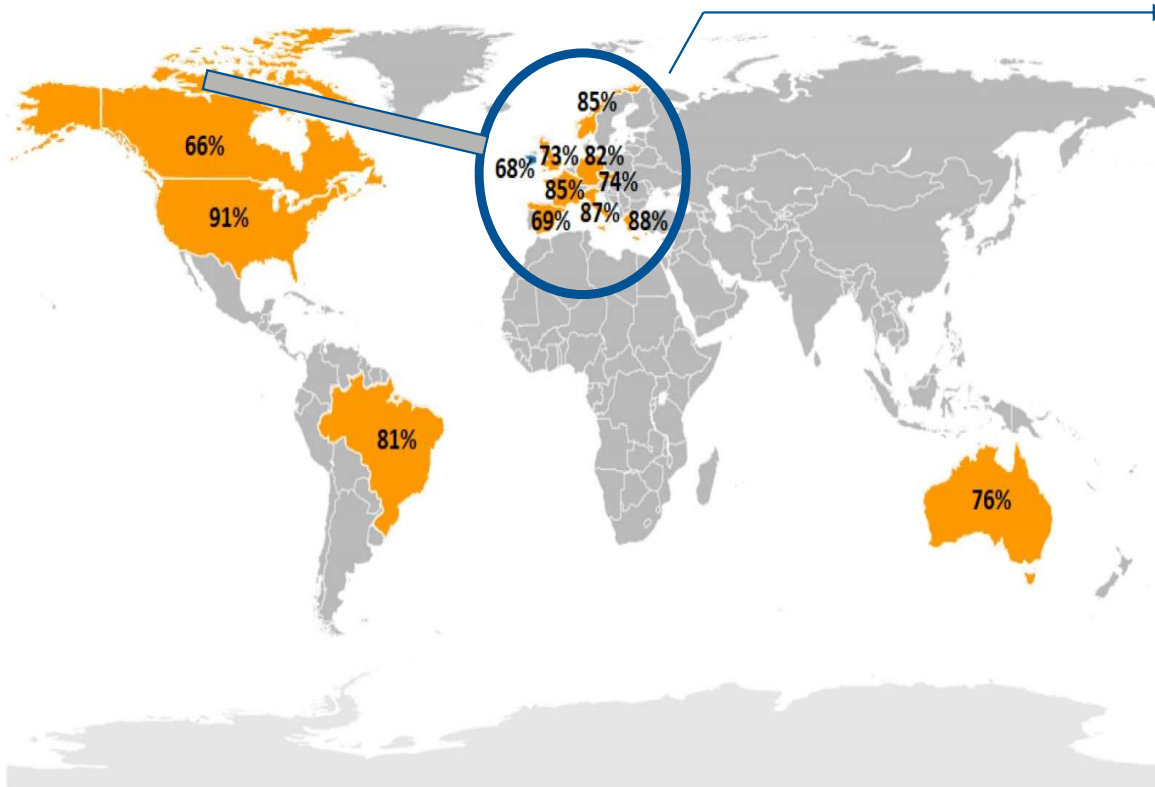


E hSBA GMTs in Adolescents Receiving MenB-FHbp





# Predicated Coverage of 4CMenB Vaccine



	Predicted coverage (95% CI)
England & Wales	73% (57–87)
France	85% (69–93)
Germany	82% (69–92)
Italy	87% (70–93)
Norway	85% (76–98)
Czech Republic	74% (58–87)
Spain	69% (48–85)
Greece	89% (64-99)
Poland	84% (79-91)
Combined*	78% (63–90)

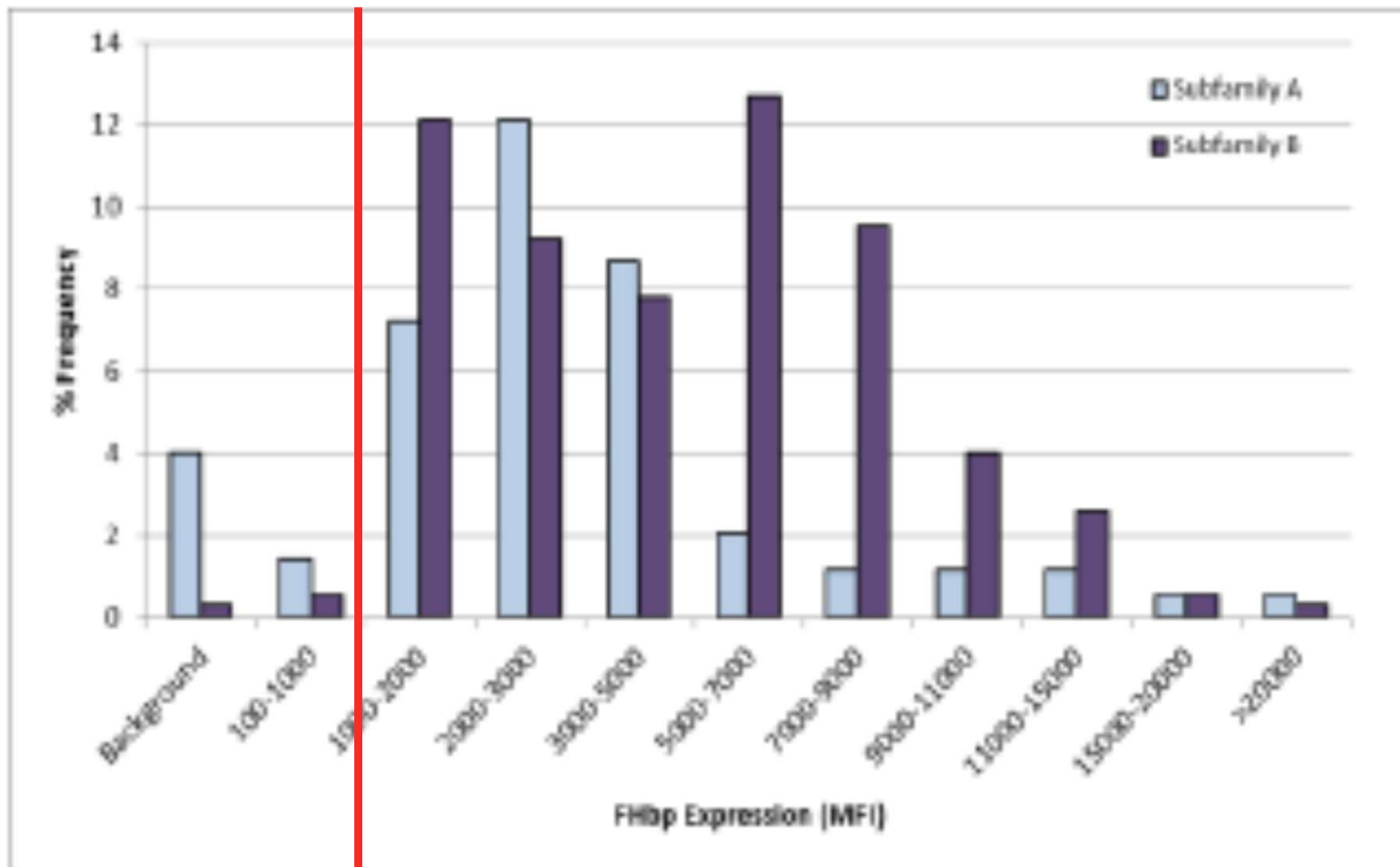
**MATS assay**  
**Meningococcal Antigen Typing System**

\*Excludes Czech Republic, Greece and Poland and Spain

Vogel *et al.*, 2013 Lancet Infect Dis  
 Bettinger *et al.*, 2013 Vaccine Tzanakaki *et al.*, 2014 BMC  
 Microbiol; Wasko *et al.*, 2016 Vaccine

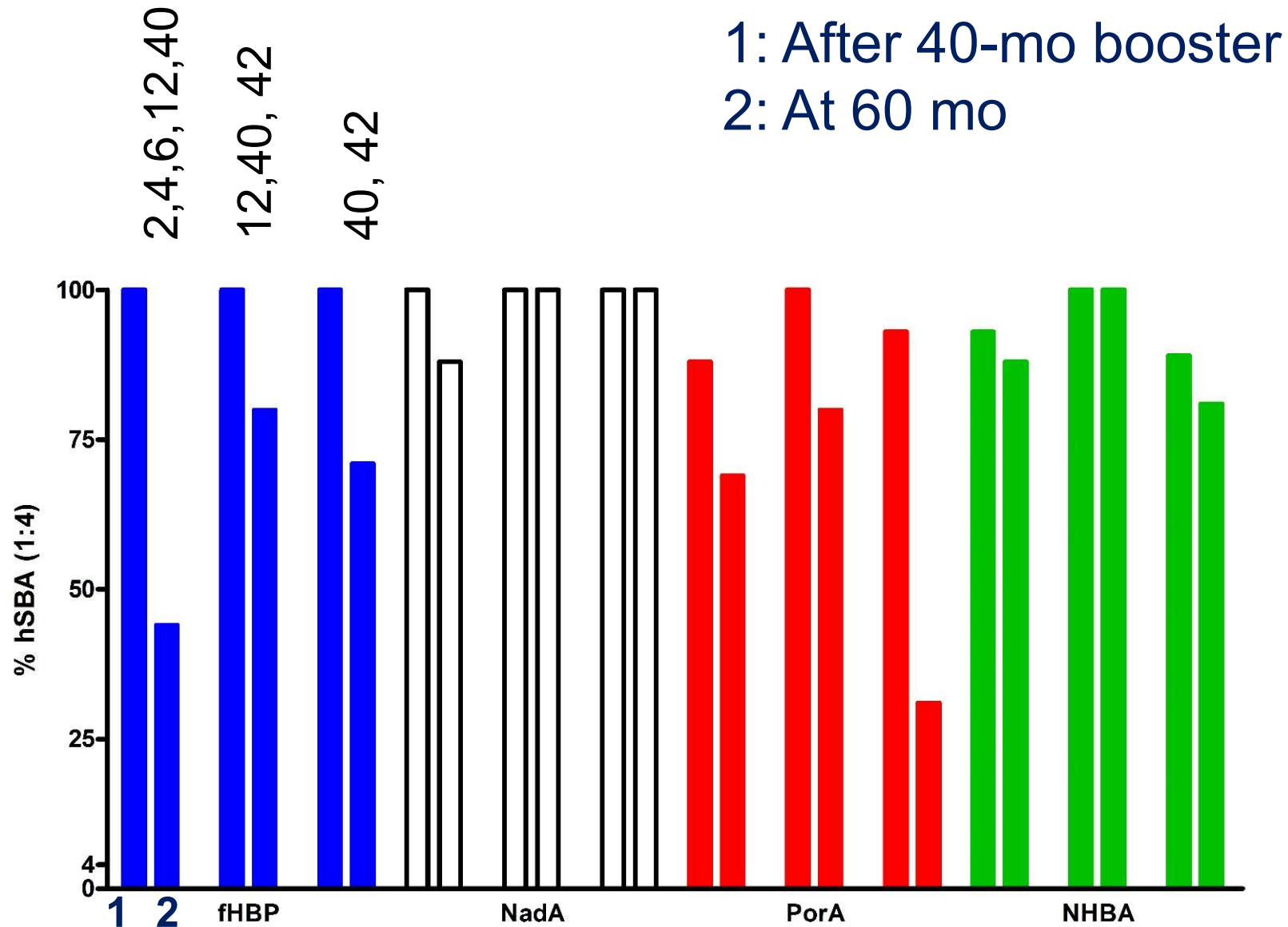
# Predicted Coverage by MenB-FHbp Vaccine

MEASURE (Meningococcal Antigen Surface Expression) assay  
1923 isolates (US, UK, France Norway, Czech Republic, Spain and Germany)



**91% predicted coverage**

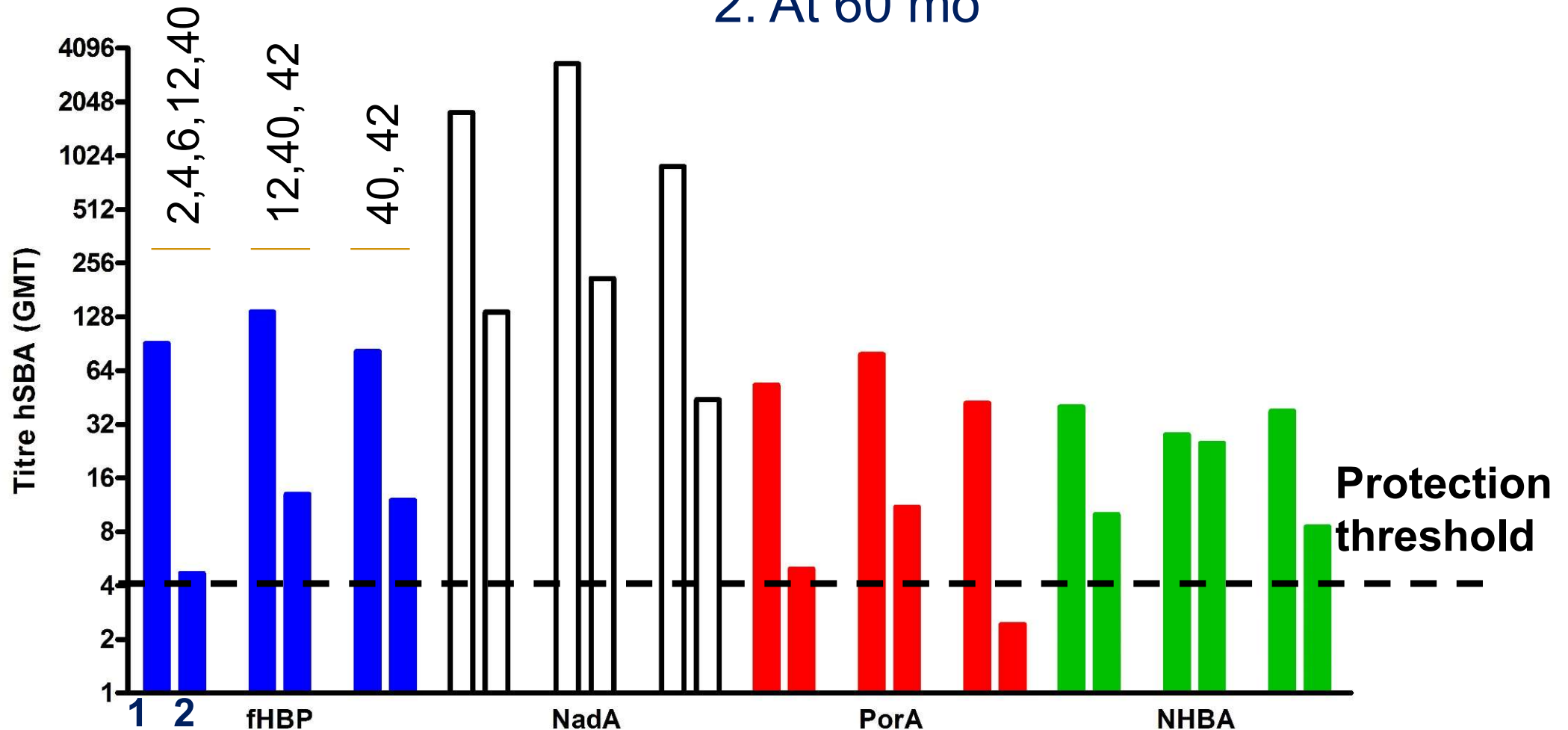
# Five-years Persistence of hSBA (hSBA $\geq$ 1:4) 4CMenB



# Five-years Persistence of hSBA (GMT)

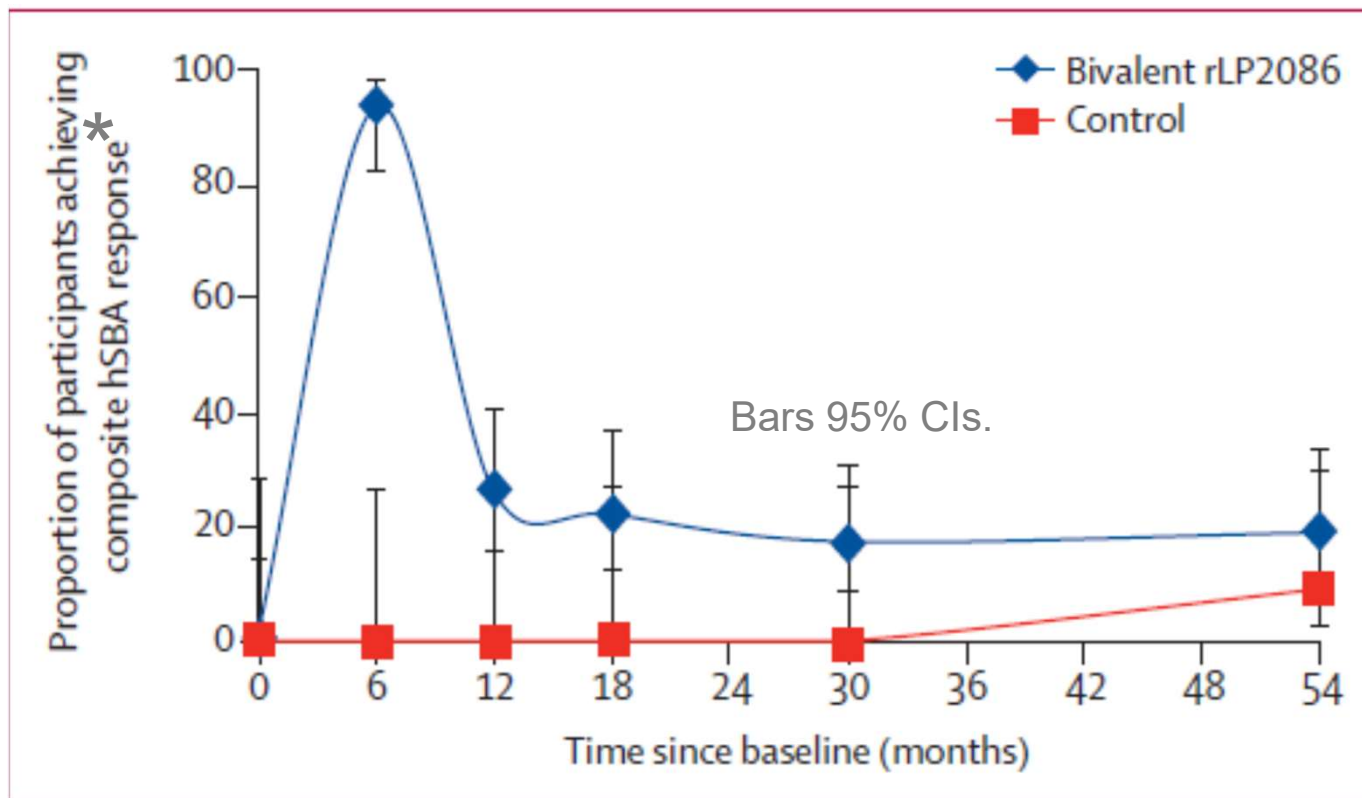
## 4CMenB

1: After 40-mo booster  
2: At 60 mo



# Bivalent rLP2086: 4 year follow-up

- A phase 2 trial 25 sites in Australia, Poland, and Spain.
- Three doses (60 µg, 120 µg, and 200 µg) or placebo at months 0, 2, and 6mo.
- hSBA at months 6, 12, 24, and 48 post-vaccination against 4 strains (2 subfamily A and 2 subfamily B).



hSBA titres greater than or equal to the lower limit of quantification for all four test strains combined.

# Effect of 4CMenB vaccine on meningococcal carriage

Outcome	Vaccination Group (N=12,746)	Control Group (N=11,523)	Odds Ratio (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>
	no. (%)		
Carriage of disease-causing genogroup	326 (2.55)	291 (2.52)	1.02 (0.80–1.31) <sup>‡</sup>
Carriage of any <i>N. meningitidis</i>	547 (4.29)	561 (4.87)	0.85 (0.70–1.04)
Carriage of genogroup B	164 (1.29)	135 (1.18)	1.10 (0.81–1.47)
Carriage of genogroup Y	117 (0.92)	131 (1.13)	0.81 (0.56–1.18)
Carriage of genogroup W <sub>137</sub>	17 (0.16)	18 (0.18)	0.89 (0.43–1.85)
Carriage of genogroup C <sub>1</sub>	12 (0.11)	7 (0.07)	1.87 (0.63–5.55)
Carriage of genogroup X <sub>1</sub>	8 (0.07)	1 (0.01)	7.59 (0.98–58.83) <sup>¶</sup>
Acquisition of any <i>N. meningitidis</i>	430 (3.38)	427 (3.70)	0.91 (0.73–1.13)
Acquisition of disease-causing genogroup	272 (2.13)	238 (2.07)	1.03 (0.79–1.34)

**April 2016–June 2017,  
24,269 surdents (15 to 18 years)  
South Australia**

[Marshall et al., 2020 NEJM](#)

	Odds ratio (95% CI)	Carriage reduction, (95% CI)
<b>All NmB</b>	<b>0.8 (0.6–1.1)</b>	<b>15.6% (-11.0 to 35.9)</b>
<b>Disease associated MenB</b>	<b>0.9 (0.7–1.2)</b>	<b>12.6% (-15 to 34.1)</b>
<b>BCWY</b>	<b>0.7 (0.6–0.9)</b>	<b>26.6% (10.5 to 39.9)</b>
<b>CWY</b>	<b>0.7 (0.5–0.9)</b>	<b>29.6% (8.1 to 46.0)</b>

**Autumn 2010; 2954 participants aged 18–24 years. UK  
987 control group; carriage rate 31%.  
979 4CMenB group; carriage rate 33%.**

[Read et al., 2014, The Lancet](#)

# Meningococcal carriage after MenB-FHbp vaccine Rhode Island, 2015

20%–24% of participants carried any meningococcal bacteria and 4% carried group B

- 71% remained noncarriers,
- 8% cleared carriage,
- 5% remained carriers,
- 7% acquired carriage.

Ten students acquired serogroup B carriage: 3 after 1 MenB-FHbp dose, 4 after 2 doses, and 3 after 3 doses.

→ MenB-FHbp vaccine did not reduce meningococcal carriage or prevent serogroup B carriage acquisition

# 4CMenB: UK

## **Meningitis B vaccine to be introduced in UK after U turn on its cost effectiveness**

*BMJ* 2014;348:g2327 doi: 10.1136/bmj.g2327 (Published 24 March 2014)

Jacqui Wise

An abbreviated schedule was likely to be sufficiently immunogenic → cost-effectiveness could be improved by using a three-dose (2+1) schedule (2, 4, and 12 months).

- Provision of prophylactic paracetamol at the time of or shortly after vaccination, with a further 2 doses every 4-6 hours thereafter
- Reduce likelihood or intensity of fever without diminishing immune response



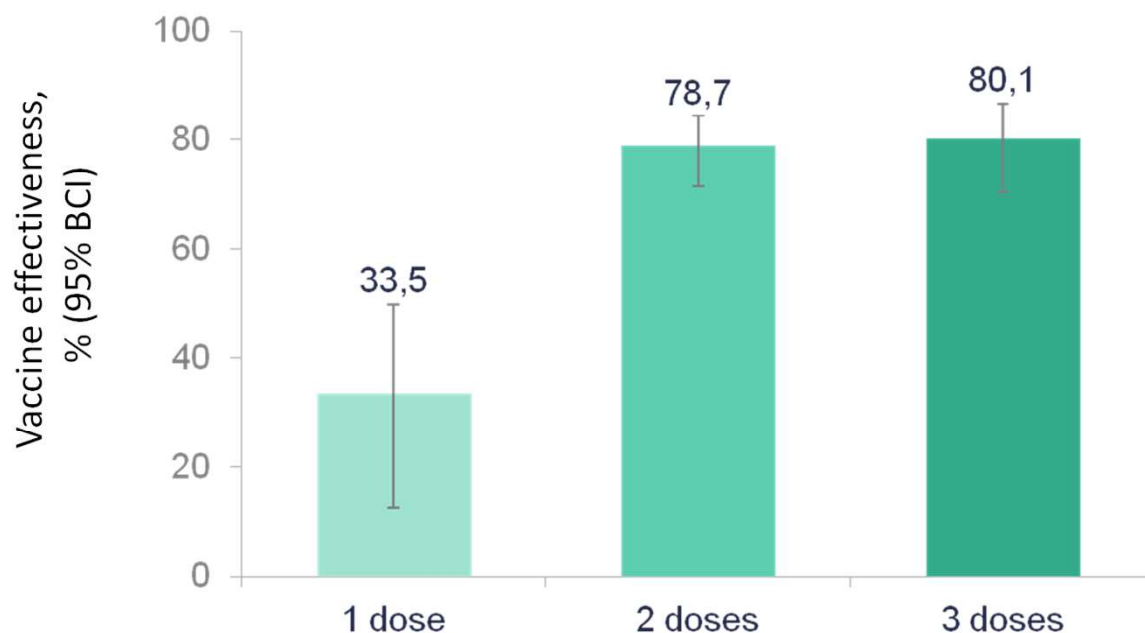
# The UK MenB national immunisation programme



United Kingdom



Introduced in **September 2015**



After the first three years, vaccine uptake was high:

- 2 doses: **92.5%**
- 3 doses: **87.9%**

Reduction of MenB disease across all fully eligible age cohorts:

75.2% (95% BCI, 65.5%–81.9%)

BCI, Bayesian credible interval

**The programme prevented an estimated 312 cases between 2015 and 2018**

# Safety of 4CMenB in routine infant immunisation in the UK

Fever consultations were identified using Read (CTV3) codes, a concept-based clinical coding system used by UK GPs

Twelve month periods (September to August) 2013-2015

Second dose

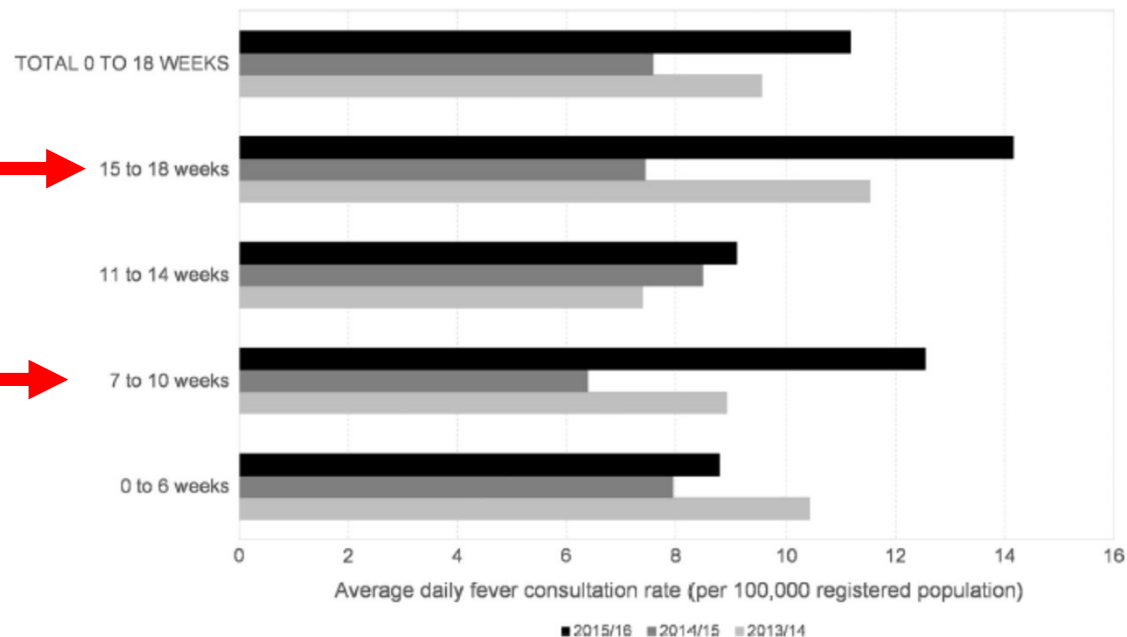
1.5-fold increase

(IRR 1.47,  
95% CI 1.17 to 1.86,  
 $p < .05$ )

First dose

1.6-fold increase

(IRR 1.58,  
95% CI 1.22 to 2.05,  
 $p < .05$ )



A small but significant difference in all-cause fever consultation rates in vaccine eligible infants who would have received 4CMenB with other vaccines.

# Growing and consistent evidence of real-world effectiveness of 4CMenB in infants



## England<sup>1</sup>

Infant NIP

**80% vaccine effectiveness**

**1 case averted every 4 days**

Three doses VE: 80.1%  
(95% BCI: 70.3, 86.7%)

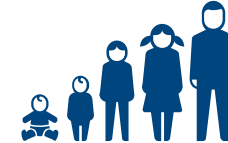


## Italy<sup>2</sup>

Infant NIP

**>90% vaccine effectiveness**

Tuscany VE: 93.6%  
(95% CI: 55.4, 99.1%)  
Veneto VE 91%  
(95% CI: 59.9, 97.9%)



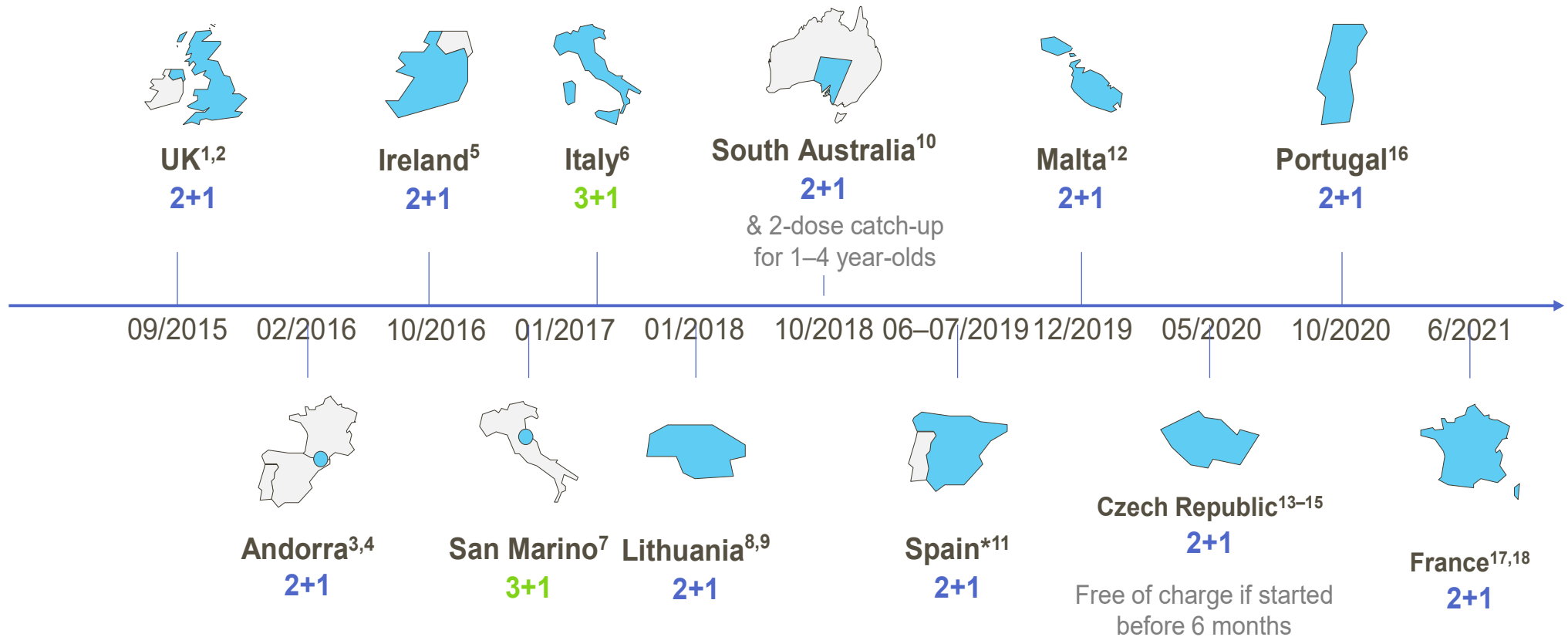
## Portugal<sup>3</sup>

Endemic setting

**79% vaccine effectiveness**

Appropriate for age VE: 79%  
(95% CI: 45, 92%)  
from case-control study in  
individuals aged 2 months to  
18 years

# National and regional infant MenB immunisation programmes



Dates represent when program was announced and/or implemented. MenB, meningococcal serogroup B

\*For Canarias and Castilla y León

1. National Health Service (NHS), 2022; 2. Ladhani SM *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2020;382:309–317; 3. Government of Andorra: Calendari de vacunacions; 4. Andorra Department of Health, 2016; 5. HSE, 2020; 6. Ministry of Health for Italy, 2017; 7. World Health Organization, 2019; 8. Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, 2018; 9. Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, 2018 (annex); 10. Government of South Australia, 2021. Meningococcal B Immunisation Program; 11. Asociación Española de Pediatría de Atención Primaria (AEPap), 2021; 12. Malta National Immunisation Schedule 2020; 13. Česká vakcinologická společnost ČLS JEP, 2020; 14. Czech General Medical Council; 15. Czech Vaccination Society, 2018; 16. SIP/SPP, 2020; 17. France: Haute Autorite De Sante recommendation 2021. 18. France: Calendrier des vaccinations et recommandations vaccinales 2022. URLs in slide notes

# 4CenB in France: targeted recommendation in 2013

## High Council for Public Health considered:

- Low/lack of impact on the acquisition of meningococcal carriage
- The decline in antibody titers after vaccination
- The reactogenicity (especially fever) of the vaccine when co-administered with other early childhood vaccines
- Unfavorable cost-effectiveness

## Use of 4CMenB was recommended only **for targeted use**:

- At risk subjects
- Outbreak control
- Epidemics

### Cas groupés :

#### Survenue d'au moins 2 cas d'IIM B :

- dans une même collectivité ou un même groupe social ;
- dans un délai  $\leq$  à 4 semaines;
- survenus et rattachables à des souches identiques couvertes par le vaccin 4CMenB ou ne pouvant être différenciées.

### Epidémie :

Survenue d'au moins 3 cas sans contact direct entre eux dans un délai de  $\leq$  trois mois, rattachables à des souches identiques ou ne pouvant être différenciées

Haut Conseil de la Santé Publique, 2013. Vaccination contre les infections invasives à méningocoque B. Place du vaccin Bexsero

<http://www.hcsp.fr/Explore.cgi/avisrapportsdomaine?clefr=386> (accessed March 2022)

# Targeted use of 4CMenB in Beaujolais Region, France, 2016

## Background



4 cases of IMD reported in February/March

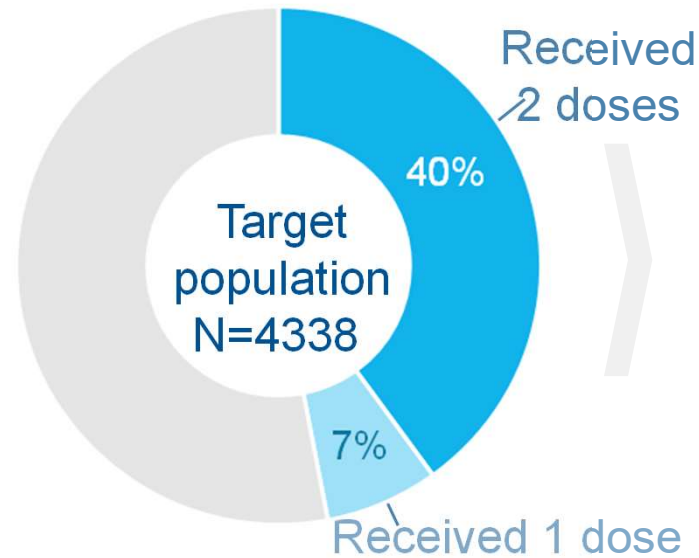
Genotype:

B:P1.19,15:F4-28:cc32

**Covered by  
4CMenB**

## Vaccination campaign

Ages: 2 mo–24 y, from  
12 municipalities in  
affected region



**Reinforced  
pharmacovigilance  
follow-up was set up**

## Outcomes

No new cases reported



Rate of adverse effects:  
3.5%

Alert lifted July 2016

# 4CMenB in France: new recommendations were made on 22 June 2021

## The French National Authority for Health (HAS) considered:<sup>1</sup>

- Data that emerged since 2013 on **real-world effectiveness** in England, Portugal and Italy
- The impact of social inequalities on risk of IMD and access to the 4CMenB vaccine: **Equity**
- Seriousness of IMD in terms of **morbidity and mortality**

## French scientific societies strongly supported generalised infant vaccination against MenB<sup>2</sup>

- **Equity** was a key consideration

## Use of 4CMenB was recommended:<sup>1</sup>

- For all infants aged <1 y
- According to a 2 primary dose + booster schedule



1. Haute Autorité de Santé, France. Stratégie de vaccination pour la prévention des infections invasives à méningocoques : Le sérotype B et la place de BEXSERO. 2021. [https://www.has-sante.fr/jcms/p\\_3066921/fr/strategie-de-vaccination-pour-la-prevention-des-infections-invasives-a-meningocoques-le-serogroupe-b-et-la-place-de-bexsero](https://www.has-sante.fr/jcms/p_3066921/fr/strategie-de-vaccination-pour-la-prevention-des-infections-invasives-a-meningocoques-le-serogroupe-b-et-la-place-de-bexsero) (accessed March 2022); 2. Gras-Le Guen C *et al. Infect Dis Now* 2021;51:407–409

# Parcours de soins des patients d'IIM en France : une analyse de la base de données du système national d'information inter-régime de l'Assurance Maladie (SNIIRAM)

## Care pathways in invasive meningococcal disease: a retrospective analysis of the French national public health insurance database

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HUMAN VACCINES & IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS 2022, VOL. 18, NO. 1, e2021764 (11 pages)  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21645515.2021.2021764>

Une cohorte historique a été constituée à partir de la base de données du SNIIRAM sur une période de 6 ans



Au total, 3 532 cas hospitalisés pour IIM ont été inclus : d'âge médian de 21 ans, ils sont majoritairement de sexe masculin et hospitalisés via les urgences.





# Risk factors for invasive meningococcal disease: a retrospective analysis of the French national public health insurance database

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Universal health coverage for low-income individuals

Social deprivation index calculated based on quintiles of municipality-level deprivation

## Odds ratios of socioeconomic risk factors (CI 95%)

CMU-C Status	1.7 (1.6–1.9)	Socioeconomic risk factors
SDI above median value	1.0 (1.0–1.1)	

## Odds ratios of most prominent statistically significant (CI 95%) medical risk factors per classification

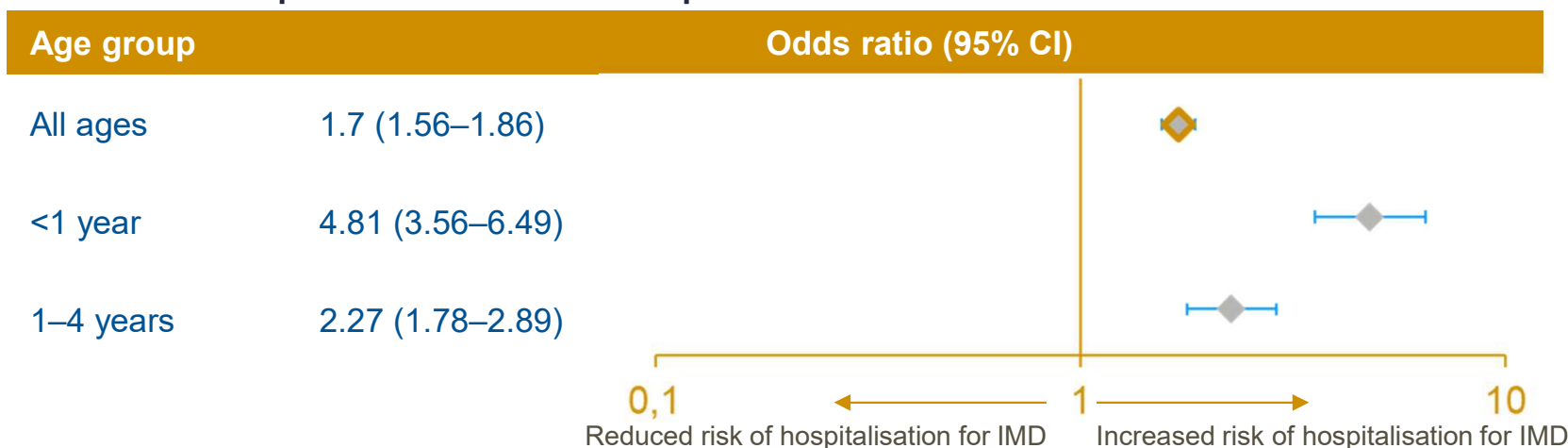
Congenital immunodeficiency	39.1 (5.1–299.1)	European vaccination recommendations
<b>Immunodeficiency (ALD)</b>	<b>10.3 (4.5–24.0)</b>	
<b>Asplenia/hyposplenia</b>	<b>6.7 (3.0–14.7)</b>	
Autoimmune diseases	5.4 (2.5–11.8)	History of severe chronic conditions based on ALD
Haemophilia	4.7 (1.8–12.2)	
Severe chronic respiratory disorders	4.3 (3.1–6.2)	Other risk factors
Acute lower respiratory track infection	3.9 (2.6–5.8)	
Acute upper respiratory track infection	3.3 (1.4–7.4)	
Prematurity	2.7 (1.5–5.0)	

**Odds ratio intervals are all  $\geq 1$**

# Hospitalisation pour IIM: Association CMU-c et âge

French national public health insurance database (SNDS) analysis assessed hospitalisation for IMD as a function of socioeconomic status

Risk of IMD-hospitalisation in CMU-C recipients versus controls<sup>1</sup>









- Les enfants de familles à faible revenu ont un risque plus élevé d'hospitalisation due à une IIM en particulier avant l'âge de 1 an
- Ce sont les enfants les moins susceptibles de bénéficier d'un vaccin disponible à l'achat, mais sans remboursement

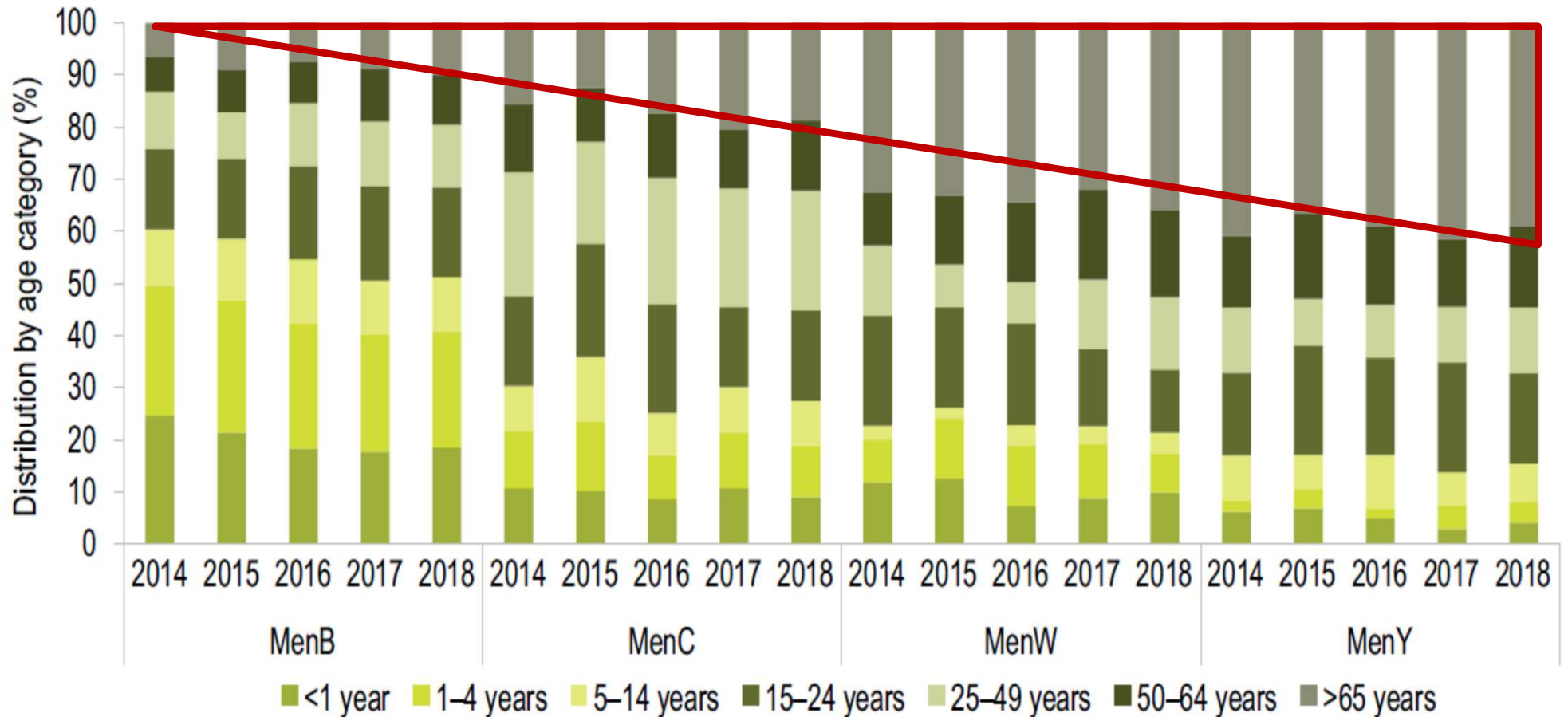
22 Juin 2021

Le HAS recommande de vacciner tous les nourrissons en utilisant le Bexsero selon le schéma de 2 dose + un rappel

# Evolving strategies for meningococcal vaccination in Europe: Overview and key determinants for current and future considerations

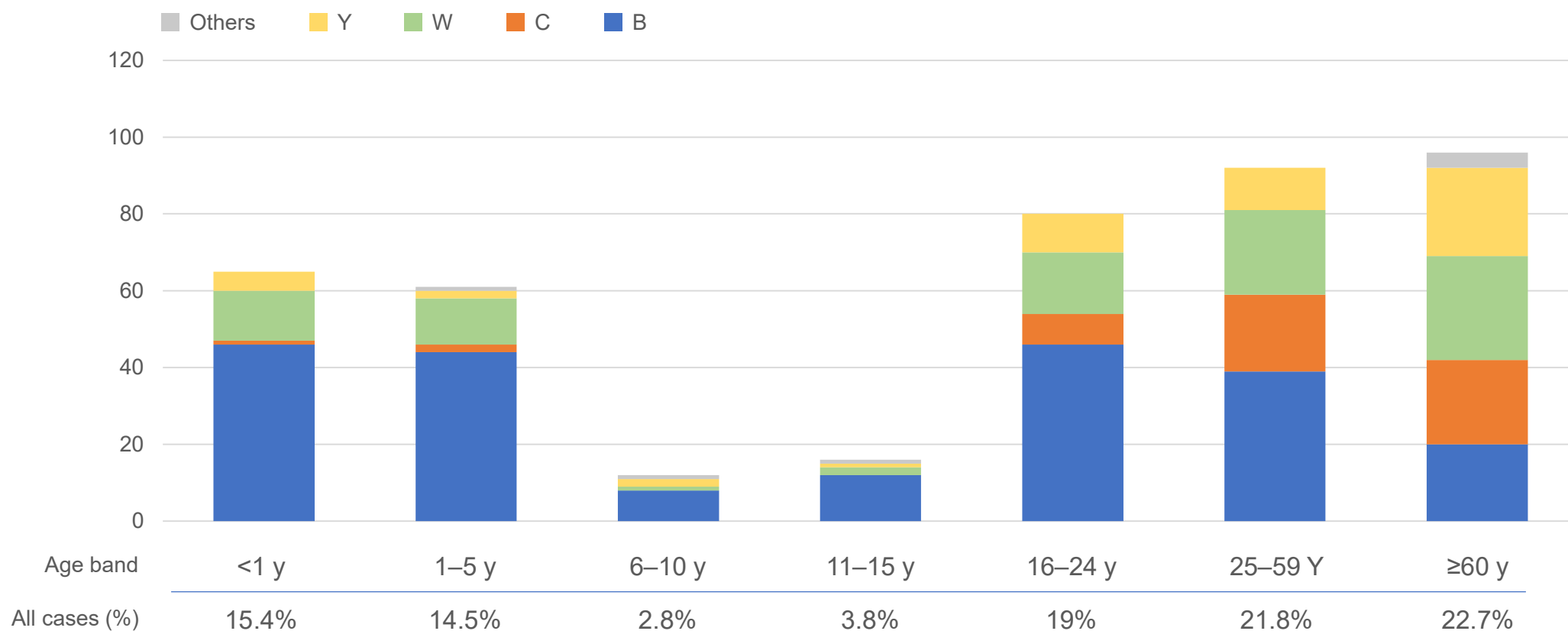
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# Age and serogroup distribution of IMD cases in France (2019)

No. of cases: The highest numbers are among seniors  $\geq 60$  years

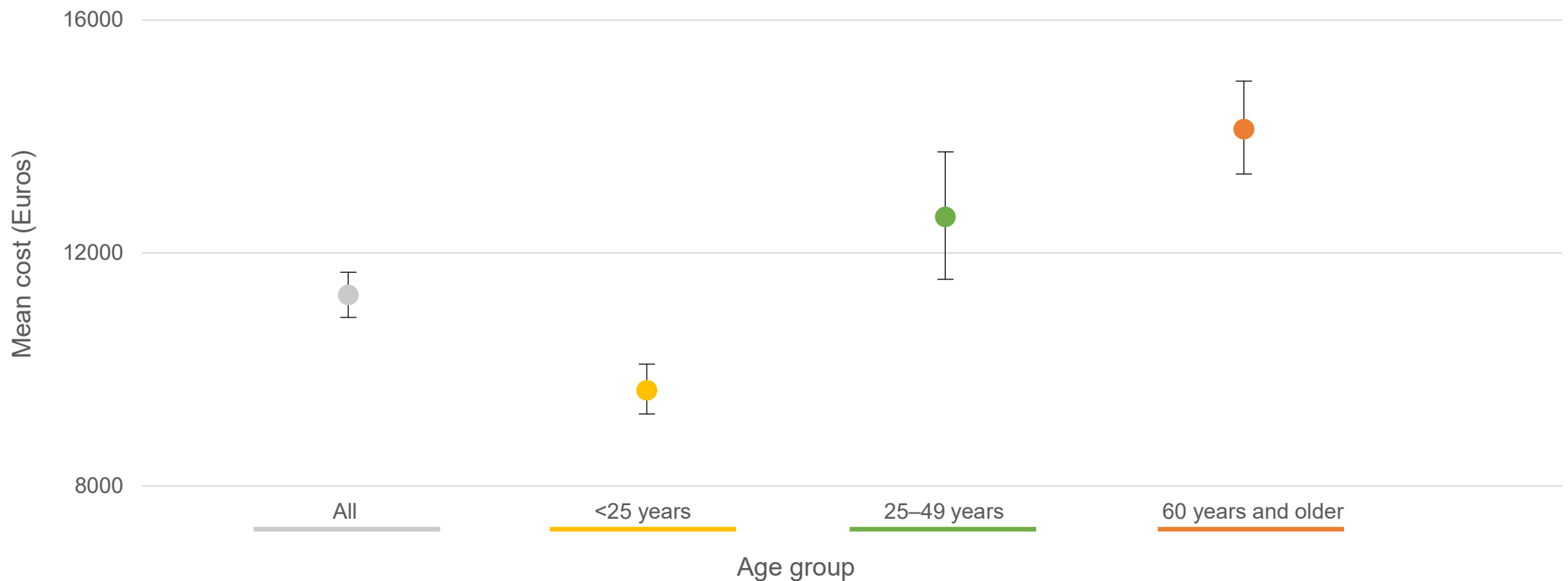


# The case fatality rate is the highest among $\geq 60$ years for all serogroups: France 2019

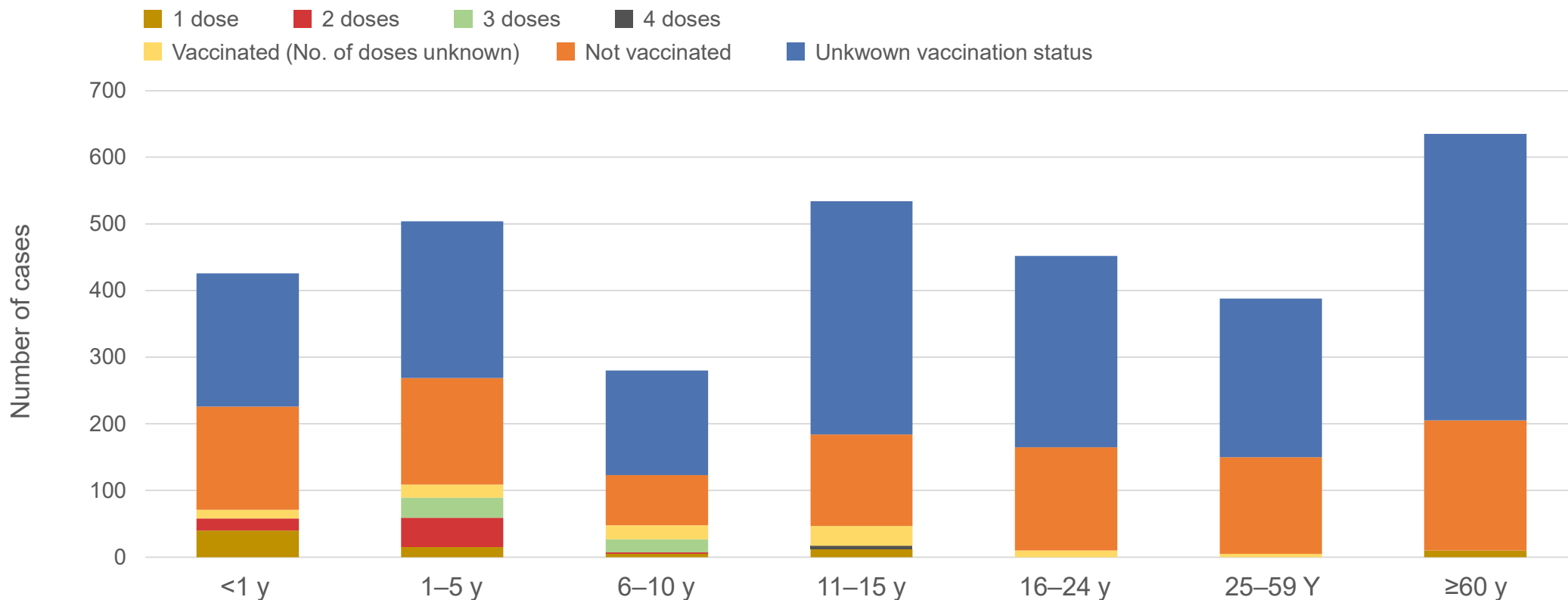
	IMD all groups		IMD B		IMD C		IMD W		IMD Y	
	No. cases	Deaths n (%)	No. cases	Deaths n (%)	No. cases	Deaths n (%)	No. cases	Deaths n (%)	No. cases	Deaths n (%)
<1 y	65	6 (9%)	45	1 (2%)	1	-	13	4 (31%)	4	1
1–4 y	62	4 (6%)	43	2 (5%)	2	-	12	2 (17%)	2	-
5–14 y	33	1 (3%)	24	-	0	-	3	1	1	-
15–24 y	93	4 (4%)	54	-	10	1 (10%)	16	3 (19%)	13	-
25–59 y	104	16 (15%)	48	5 (10%)	18	3 (17%)	22	8 (36%)	11	-
$\geq 60$ y	102	24 (23%)	26	8 (31%)	23	3 (13%)	27	7 (26%)	23	6 (26%)
<b>Total</b>	459	55 (12%)	240	16 (7%)	54	7 (13%)	93	25 (27%)	54	7 (13%)

# The mean cost per capita of the index hospitalisation increases with age ( $p < 0.001$ ): The highest among $\geq 60$ years

● Unlike several other infectious diseases, IMD case management is systematically in hospital settings



# The vaccination status among cases by age-group, EU/EEA, 2014–2018: The lowest among $\geq 60$ years



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Invasive meningococcal disease - Annual Epidemiological Report for 2018. Available at:

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/AER-Invasive-meningococcal-disease-2018.pdf>. [Accessed August 2022].

Implementation of a prospective study for enhancing surveillance of invasive bacterial infections in North Africa



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	Algeria	Morocco	Tunisia	All
Number of samples (Number of patients)	83 (82)	451 (451)	218 (175)	752 (708)
Samples types % (N°)				
CSF	94% (78)	100% (451)	64% (141)	89.1% (670)
Blood	1.2% (1)		11% (24)	3.3 % (25)
CSF and blood	2.4% (2)		22% (48)	6.6% (50)
Skin biopsy	2.4% (2)			0.3% (2)
Pleural fluid			3% (5)	0.7% (5)
Number of positive samples % (N°)	31% (26)	14% (65)	20% (44)	18% (135)
<i>N. meningitidis</i>	17% (14)	7% (31)	9% (20)	9% (65)
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	15% (12)	6% (28)	10% (22)	8% (62)
<i>H. influenzae</i>		1% (6)	1% (2)	1% (8)
Groups of <i>N. meningitidis</i> of all Nm				
B	50% (7)	90% (28)	65% (13)	74% (48)
C		3.2% (1)	10% (2)	4% (3)
Y	21% (3)	6.8% (2)	10% (2)	11% (7)
Non-determined	29% (4)		15% (3)	11% (7)



# Conclusions

- **Meningococcal epidemiology is unpredictable.**
- **Plain and conjugate capsular polysaccharide-based vaccines are available. Use preferentially conjugate vaccines.**
- **Protection for all age groups (including older adults)**
- **Vaccines targeting MenB were developed on the basis of sub-capsular proteins**
  - Vaccination strategies should consider:
  - Local epidemiology & coverage of isolates
  - Cost-effectiveness (criteria?)
  - Direct protection and herd immunity
  - Persistence? Needs for boosters? When and frequencies?