

The value that vaccines bring in the AMR fight and why new-generation antibiotics alone cannot resolve the AMR crisis

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Aims

Introduce BactiVac

Risk of infection in the context of age and “immune function/status”

Interventions to control infection

The differences between antimicrobial and vaccine use and the concept of resistance

The evidence that vaccines reduce antimicrobial use in children and adults

Gaps and needs

Open for discussion

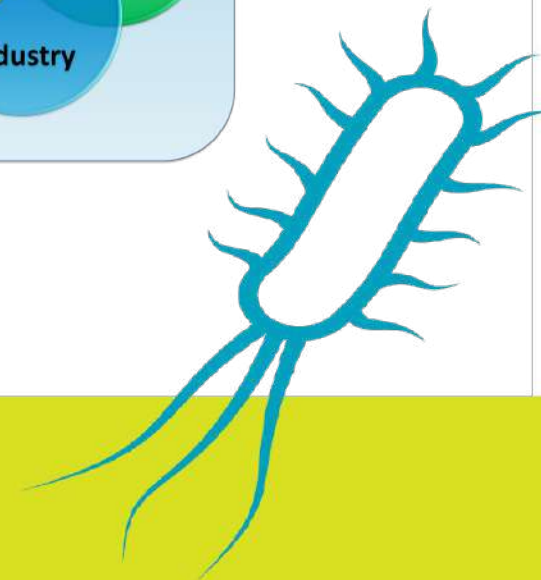
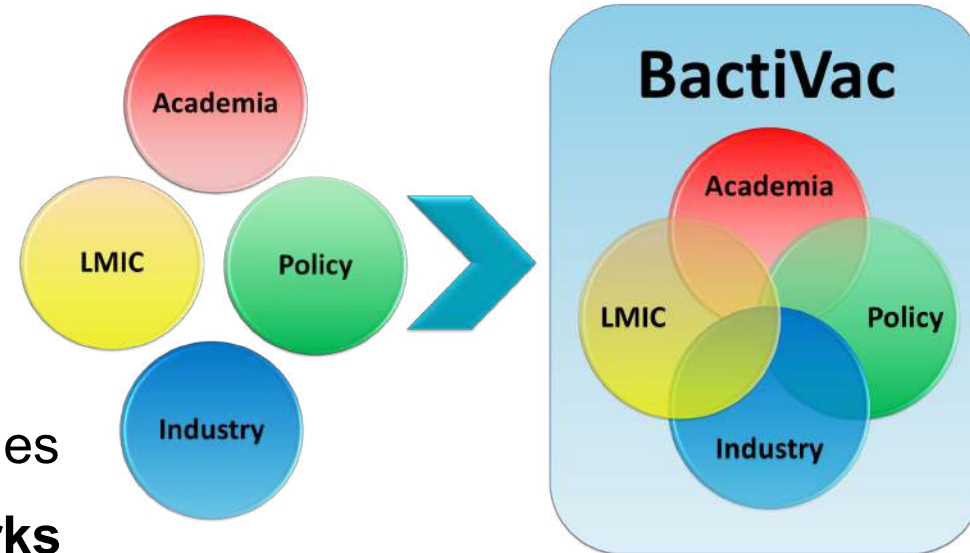
The evidence for this is taken from EU, UK, US and other global sources




BactiVac: what is our mission?

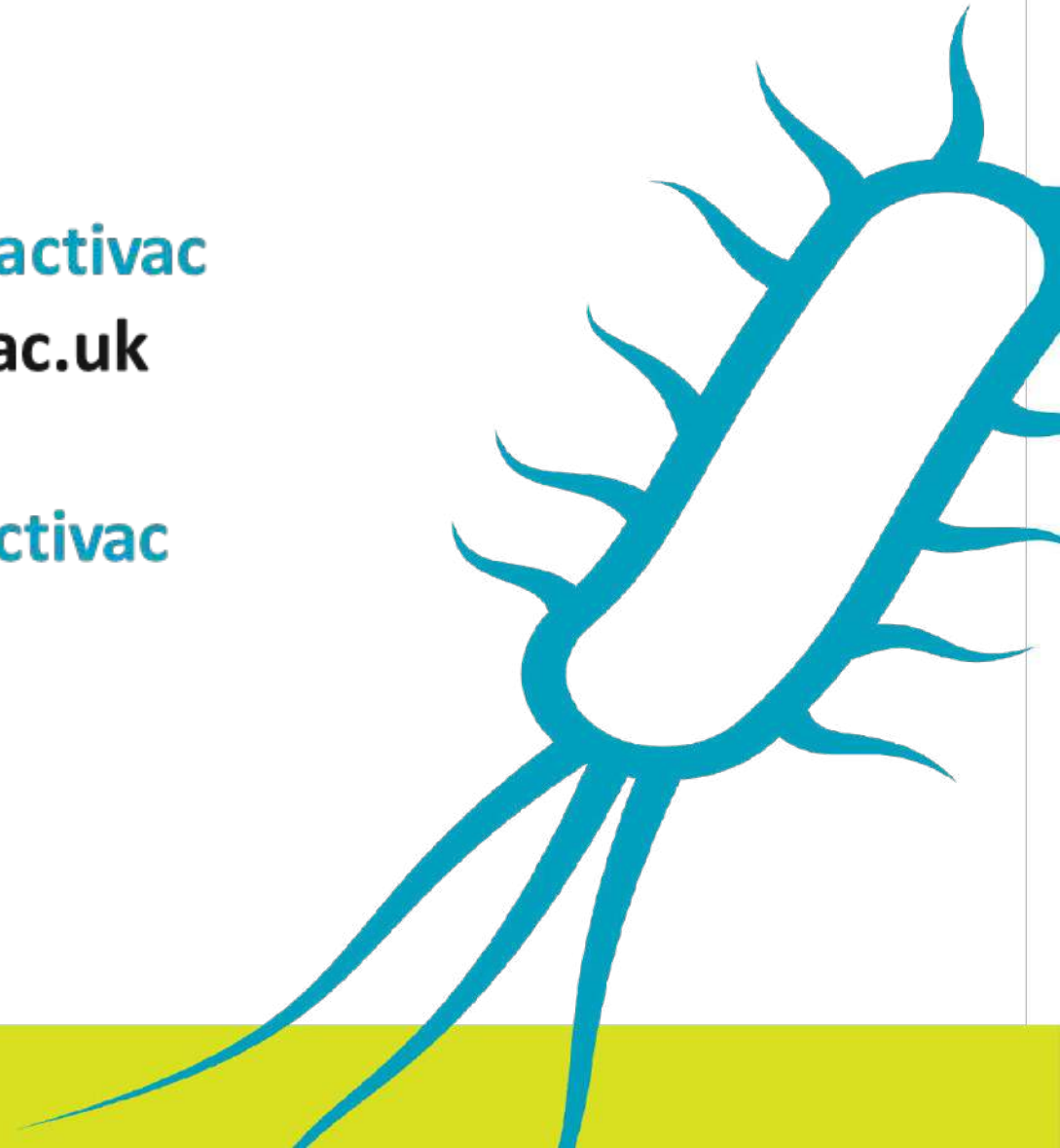
Accelerating the development of vaccines

against bacterial infections relevant to Low Middle Income Countries

- >8 million deaths yearly from bacterial infections
- Focus on bacterial vaccines - >1700 members
- Catalyst project and training funding
- Attract investment/leverage funding
- Advocacy for the development of bacterial vaccines
- **Partnership & collaboration with other networks**
- **Engagement & interaction with industry**



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Infectious disease was a major contributor to total deaths during wars until recently

TABLE 2.—Deaths from disease and battle deaths in principal wars, foreign armies and U. S. Army, 1846-1945

War	Date	Deaths from-		Ratio of deaths from disease to deaths from battle injuries and wounds
		Disease	Battle wounds	
Mexican War (United States)	25 Apr. 1846-5 July 1848.	11,155	1,721	6.48:1
Crimean War (French)	1854-56	70,000	7,500	9.33:1
Civil War (North)	15 Apr. 1861-1 Aug. 1865.	199,720	138,154	1.45:1
Danish War	1864			
German		310	738	.42:1
Danish		870	1,000	.87:1
German War (German)	1866	5,219	4,008	1.30:1
Franco-Prussian War (German)	1870-71	14,904	17,225	.86:1
Russo-Turkish War	1877-78	80,000	20,000	4.00:1
Sino-Japanese War (Japanese)	1894-95	15,850	1,311	12.09:1
Spanish-American War	1 May 1898-31 Aug. 1898.	1,939	369	5.25:1
Philippine Insurrection	11 Aug. 1899-December 1902.	4,350	1,100	3.95:1
Boer War (British)	1899-1901	11,377	6,425	1.77:1
War in Southwest Africa (German)	1904-7	689	802	.86:1
Russo-Japanese War	1904-5			
Japanese		2,403	58,207	.04:1
Russian, less Port Arthur		17,330	23,008	.75:1
World War I	1 Apr. 1917-31 Dec. 1918.			
Total United States Army		51,447	50,510	1.02:1
American Expeditionary Forces.		16,951	150,105	.11:1
World War II	7 Dec. 1941-31 Dec. 1945.			
Total United States Army		15,779	234,874	.07:1
United States Army in Europe		1,779	135,576	.01:1

Disease 70 000 Fighting 7 500

Disease 199 000 Fighting 138 000

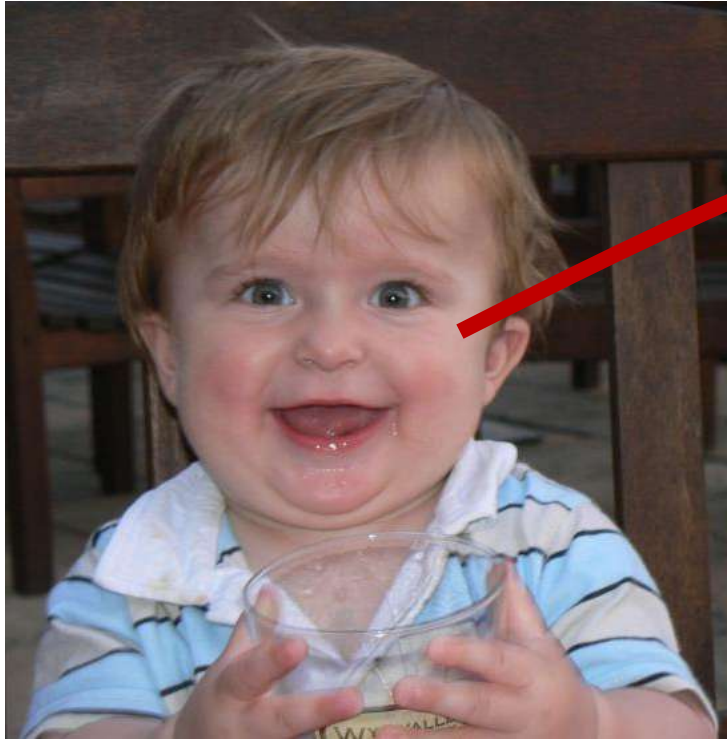
Disease 15 000 Fighting 17 000

Disease 16 000 Fighting 1 000

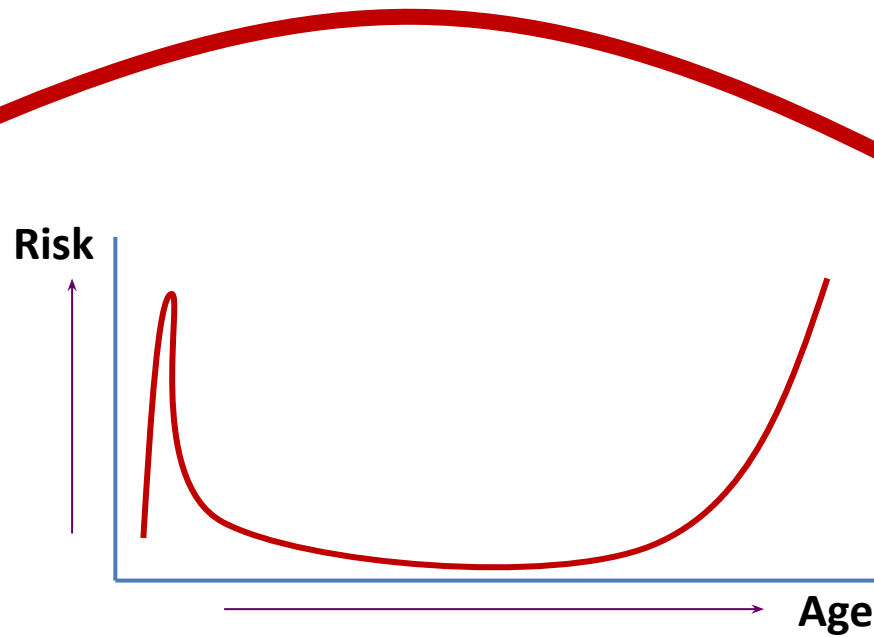
Disease 51 000 Fighting 50 000

Disease 16 000 Fighting 235 000

The extremes of age are when we are most at risk from infection



'Blank canvas'



'Immunologically experienced'

Bacterial infections are a leading cause of death

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and a lack of vaccines, and their use, contribute to this

7.7 million deaths associated with 33 bacterial pathogens

1 in 7 of all deaths globally

2nd leading cause of death globally in 2019

Global mortality associated with 33 bacterial pathogens in 2019: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019

*GBD 2019 Antimicrobial Resistance Collaborators**

4.95 million deaths associated with AMR

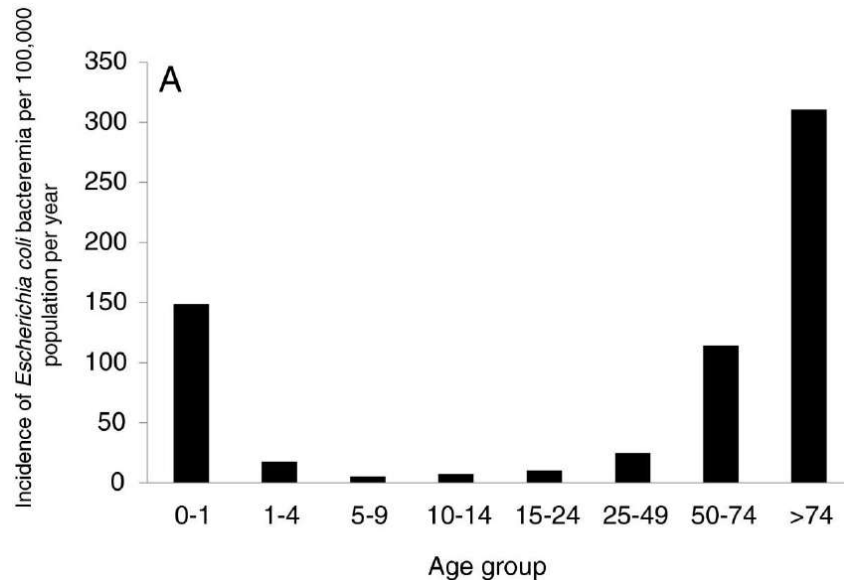
1.27 million deaths attributable to AMR

Global burden of bacterial antimicrobial resistance in 2019: a systematic analysis

*Antimicrobial Resistance Collaborators**

Age and poorer health (co-morbidities) can combine to amplify risk

Incidence of *Escherichia coli* bloodstream infection by age



	Approximate Relative risk	
	Type 1 Diabetes	Type 2 Diabetes
Bone/joint infections	22	5
Endocarditis (Heart)	7	2
Meningitis	6	2
Pneumonia	3	2
Sepsis	6	2
Death from infections	8	2

Adapted from Iain Carey et al Diabetes Care 2018

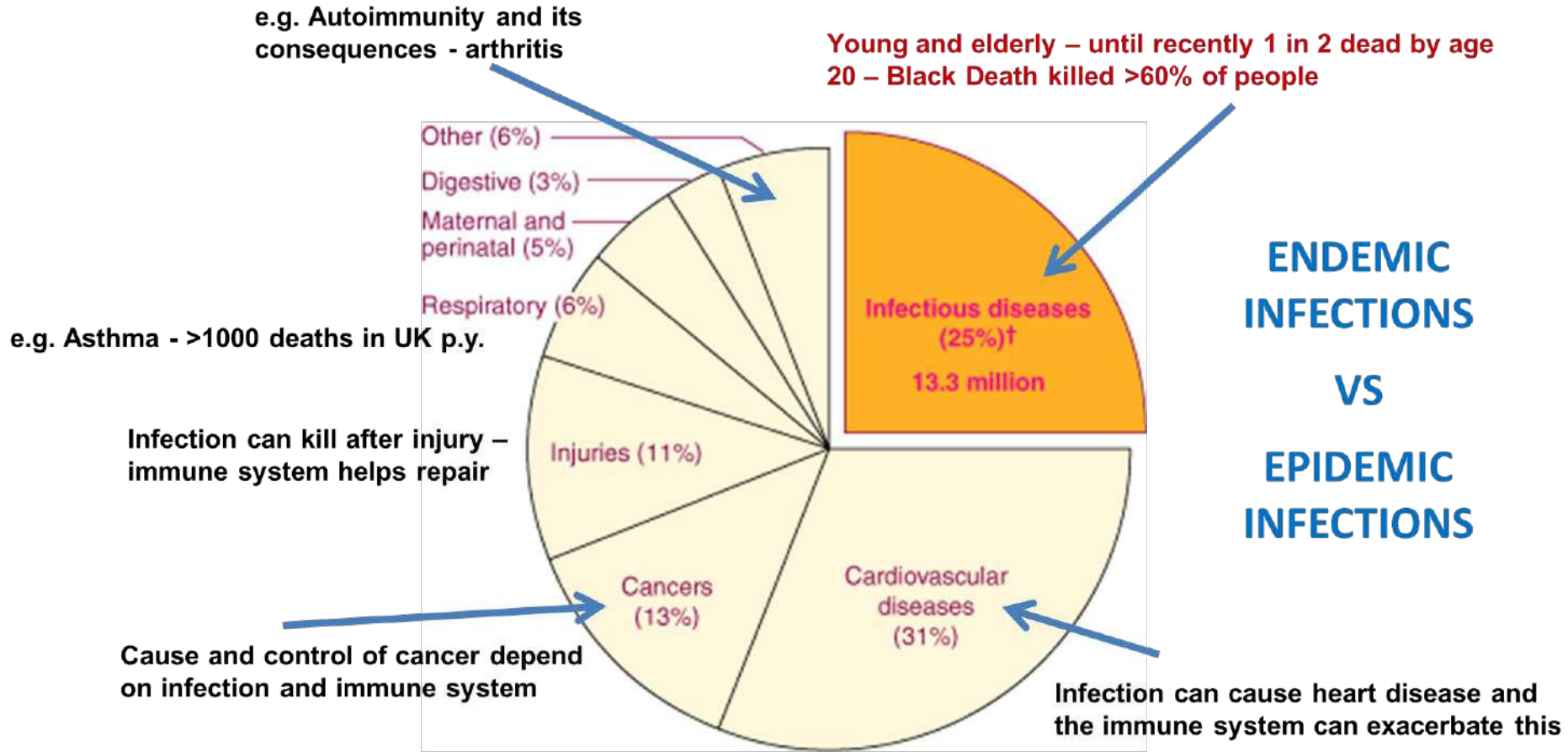
Auckland District Health Board, New Zealand, 2005 – 2011.

Williamson DA et al. BMC Infect Dis 13, 385 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2334-13-385>

COVID-19 (USA)
75% deaths in >65 years old
<1% deaths in <30 years old

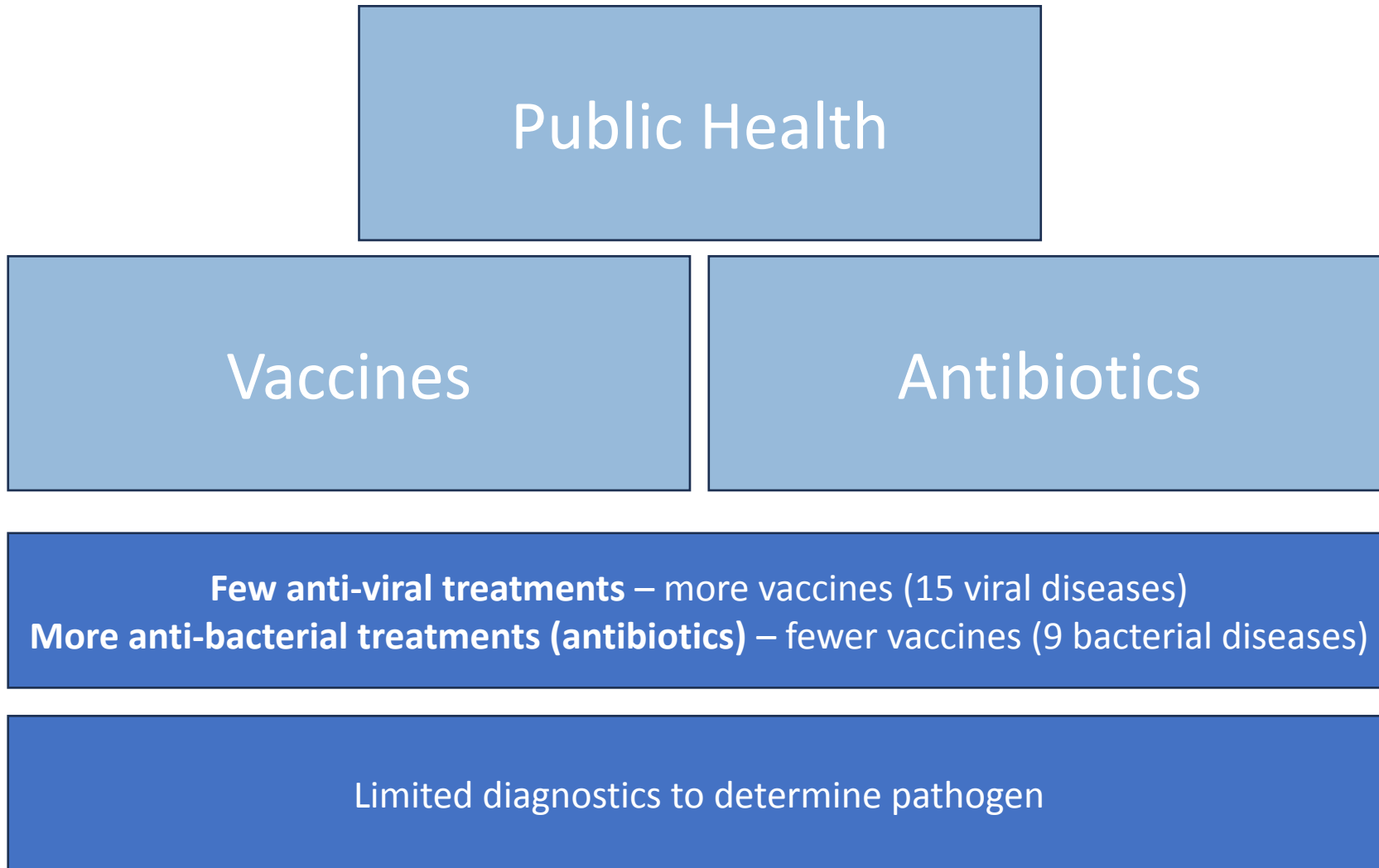
Increased risk with other co-morbidities – chronic kidney disease, cancer (+/- treatment), some autoimmune diseases (+/- treatment)...

Infections cross-cut nearly all diseases



COVID-19 shows what happens in the absence of effective interventions (AMR and vaccines)

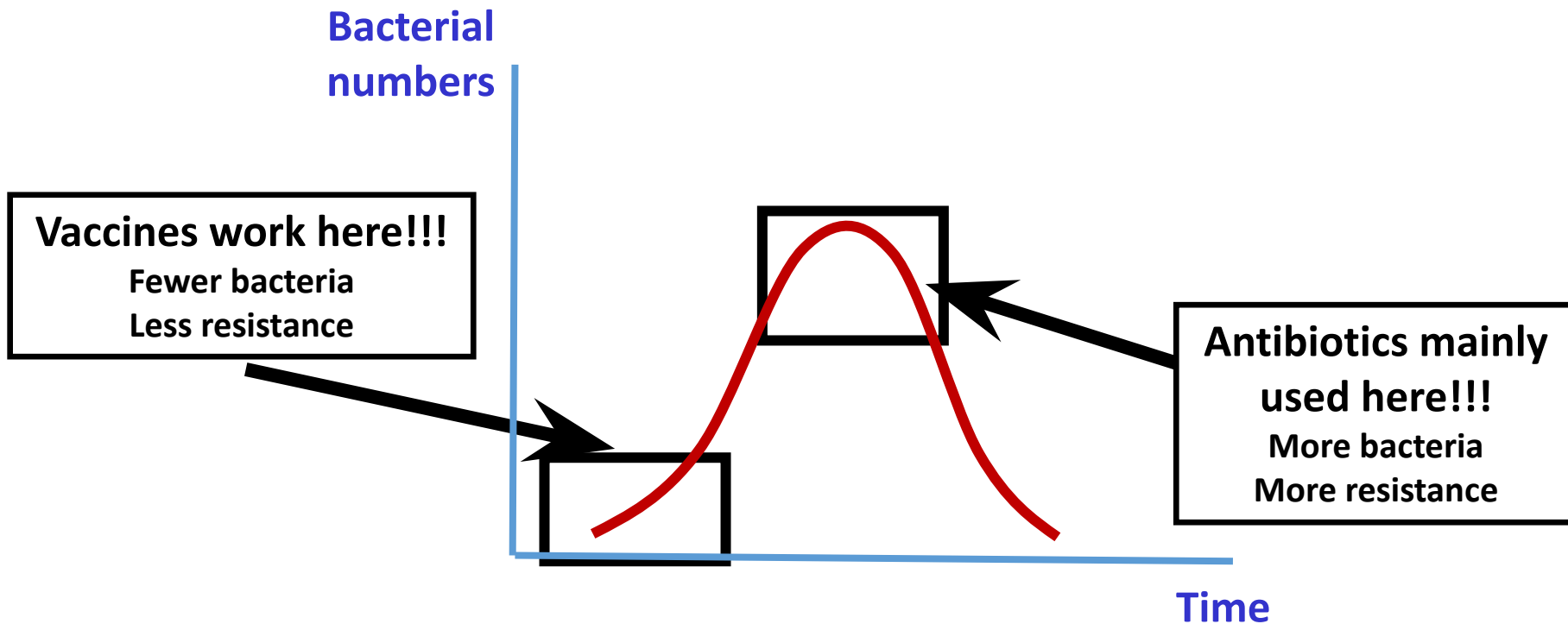
There are three major ways to control infection



Remember, the key point is reducing disease burdens, AMR should be considered in this context!!

Vaccines democratise opportunity across the life course

There are limited options to treat active infections



Vaccines save lives



Antibiotics save lives

The success of vaccines (we rarely know when they have saved our life) can make selling their importance more difficult *cf* antibiotics

AMR can and is changing the landscape of medicine

GLOBAL

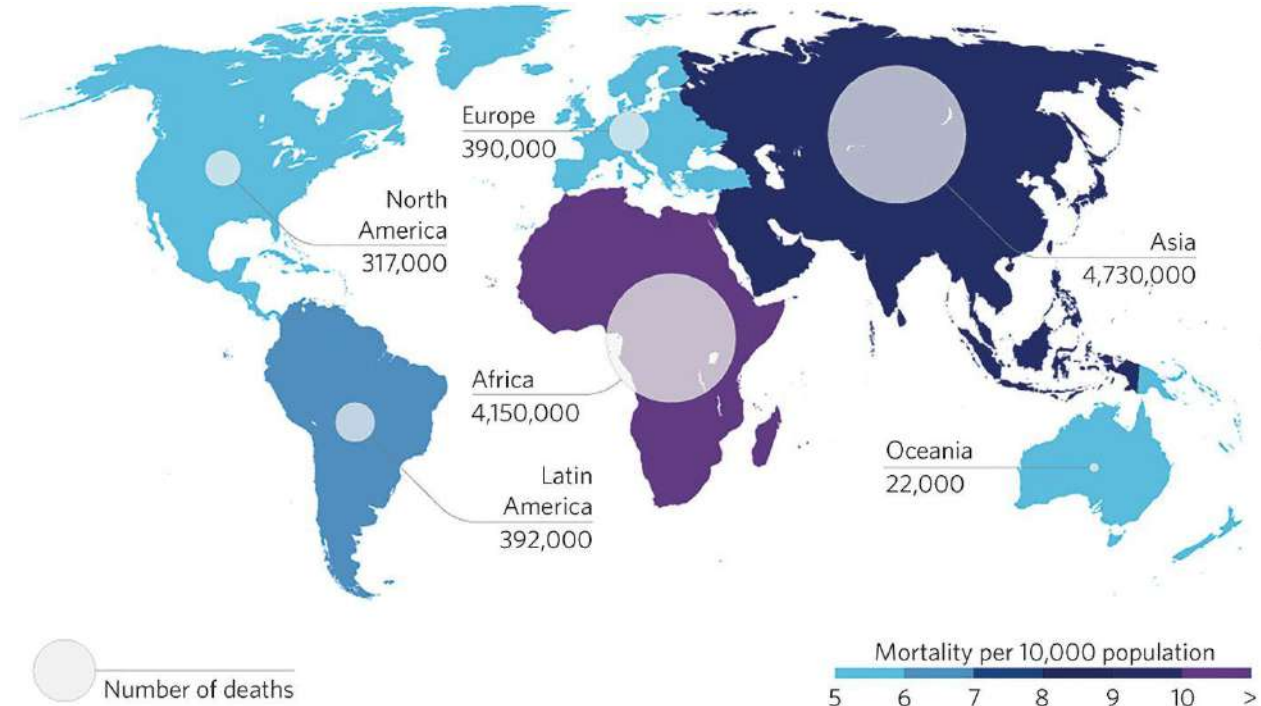
A failure to address the problem of antibiotic resistance could result in:



10m
deaths
by 2050

Costing
£66
trillion

O'Neill report 2016

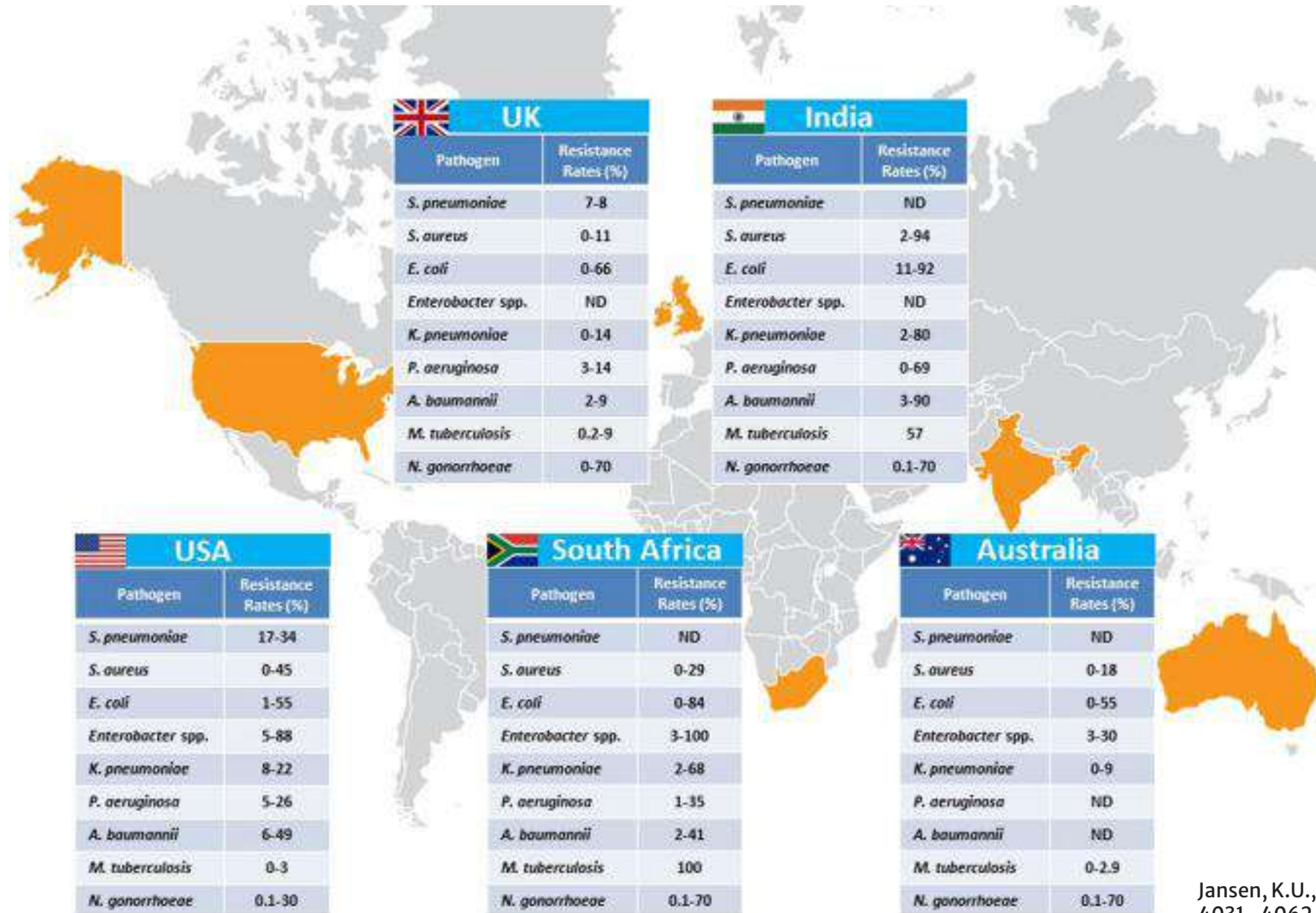


AMR can develop rapidly once an antibiotic is introduced

Antibiotic use continuous and not reducing - 60% of use in veterinary settings

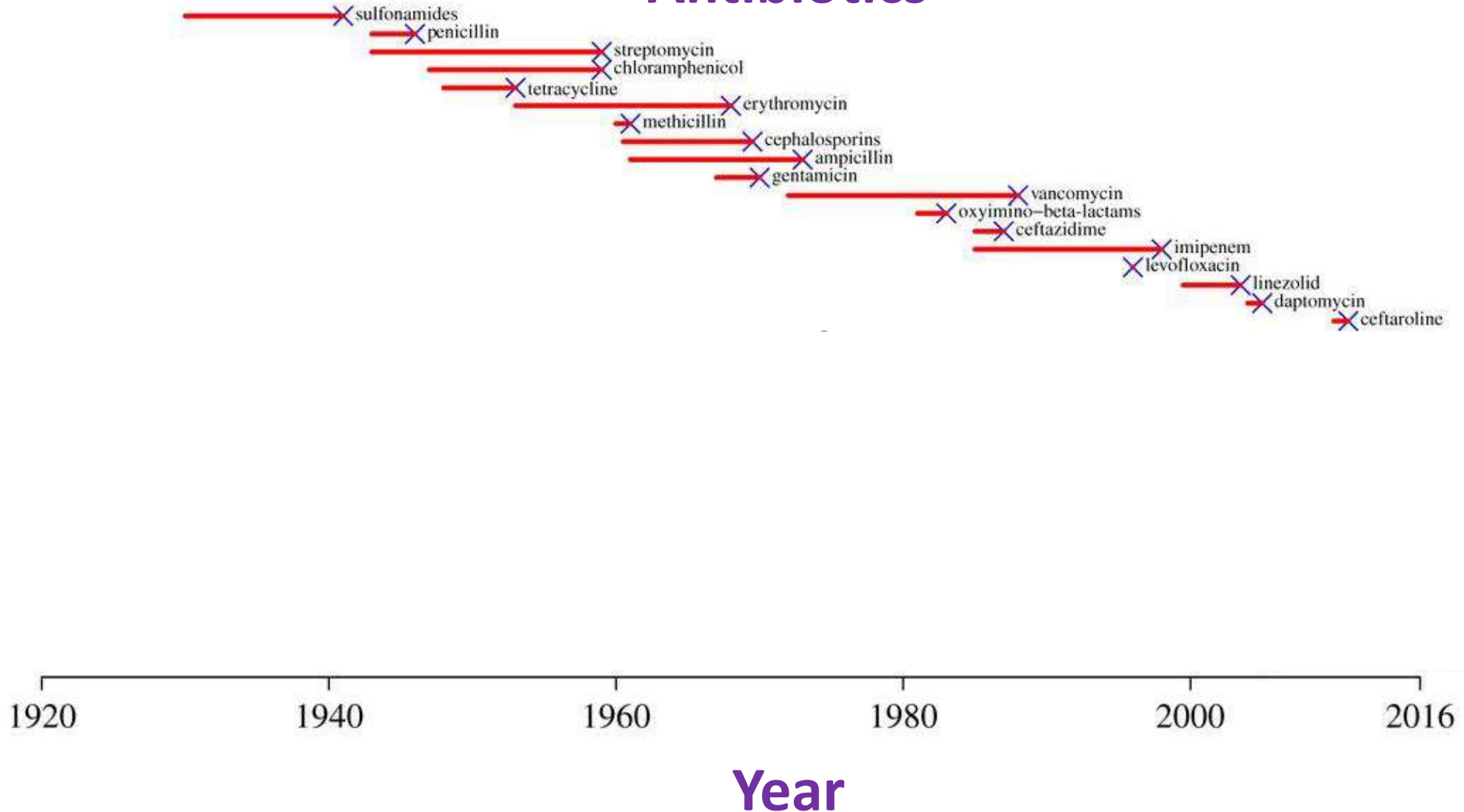
Routine medicine (eg AMR could cause 1000s deaths after hip and colorectal surgery)

Antibiotic resistance is pervasive and global



Resistance to antibiotics develops soon after their introduction – but not to vaccines

Antibiotics



What does success look like for a bacterial vaccine?

Vaccines prevent infections from establishing

Vaccines stop infections from developing into disease

Vaccines reduce the severity of disease if it occurs

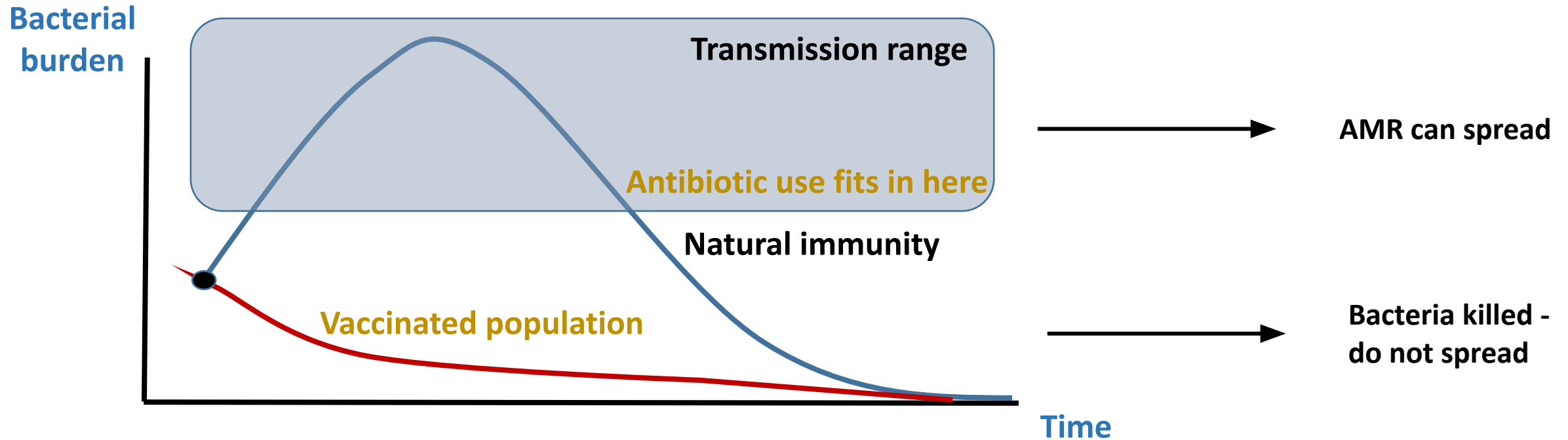
Persistence - Time from vaccination to pathogen encounter

Vaccination has a massive impact on disease rates

Disease	Pre-vaccine Era	2000	% change
Diphtheria	31,054	1	>99
Measles	390,852	86	>99
Mumps	21,342	338	>98
Pertussis	117,998	7,867	>93
Polio (wild)	54,953	0	100
Tetanus	1,314	35	-97
Invasive HiB Disease	24,856	112	-99
Total	566,706	8,624	-98
All Vaccine Adverse Events	0	<13 500	

Vaccines save up to 10 million lives / year (young & old)

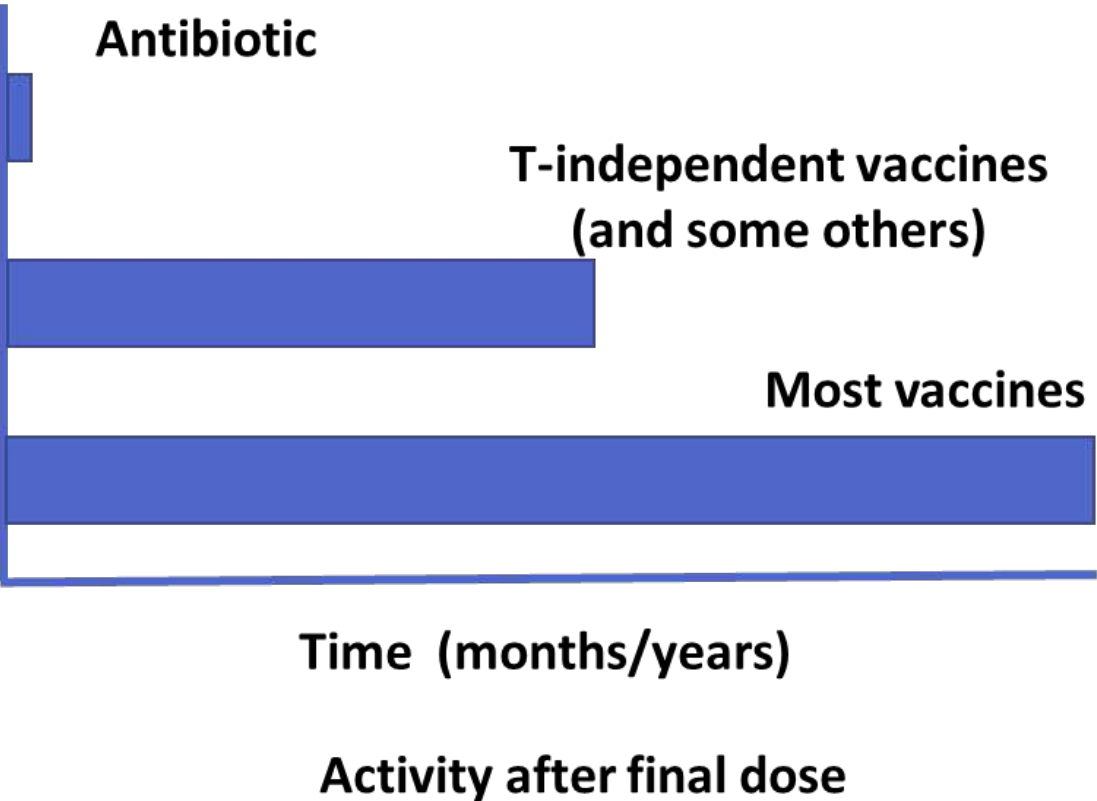
Vaccination prevents pathogen numbers getting sufficiently high to spread



Vaccines offer sustained protection against specific pathogens, whilst antibiotics offer (broader but) short-term activity

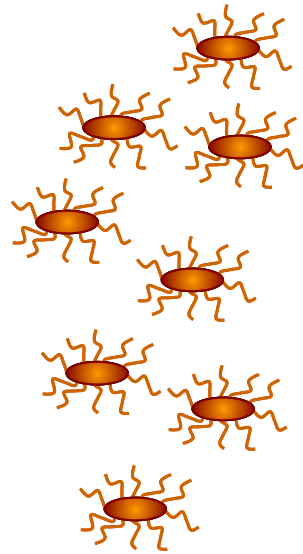
Persistence of responses and lack of acquisition of resistance help make vaccines effective

Length of activity by class of agent after administration

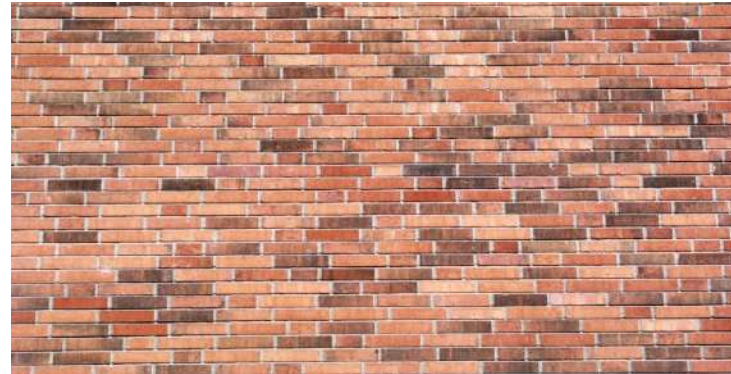


Vaccines are effective because they work before disease becomes established

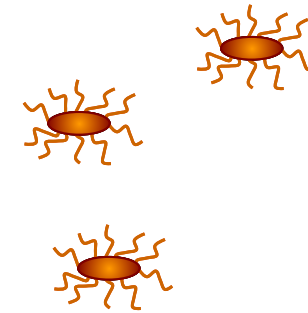
Vaccines have helped protect within hours after infection



Antibody is a barrier



T cells clear



Early

Later

Time



Why is resistance common against antibiotics but not vaccines?

Antibiotics typically have only one target

Bacteria can resist antibiotics through multiple routes – (efflux, antibiotic inactivating enzymes (eg β -lactamases), target modification (loss of binding), cell surface alterations, direct modification of target)

Resistance mechanisms can be spread quickly through genetic mechanisms

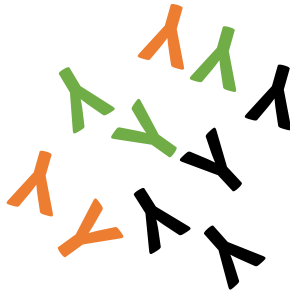
Vaccines target multiple epitopes/antigens, this redundancy in targets is important

Therefore, multiple mutations needed for evasion – difficult to achieve and spread

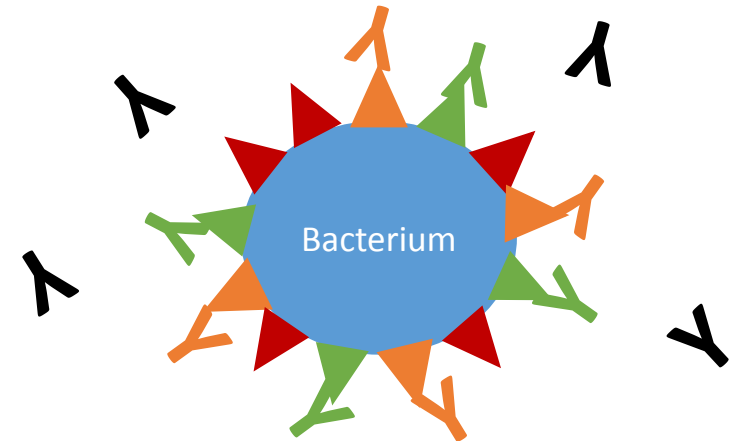
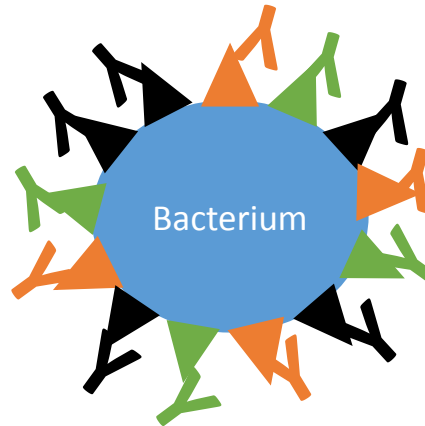
Vaccine



Antibody

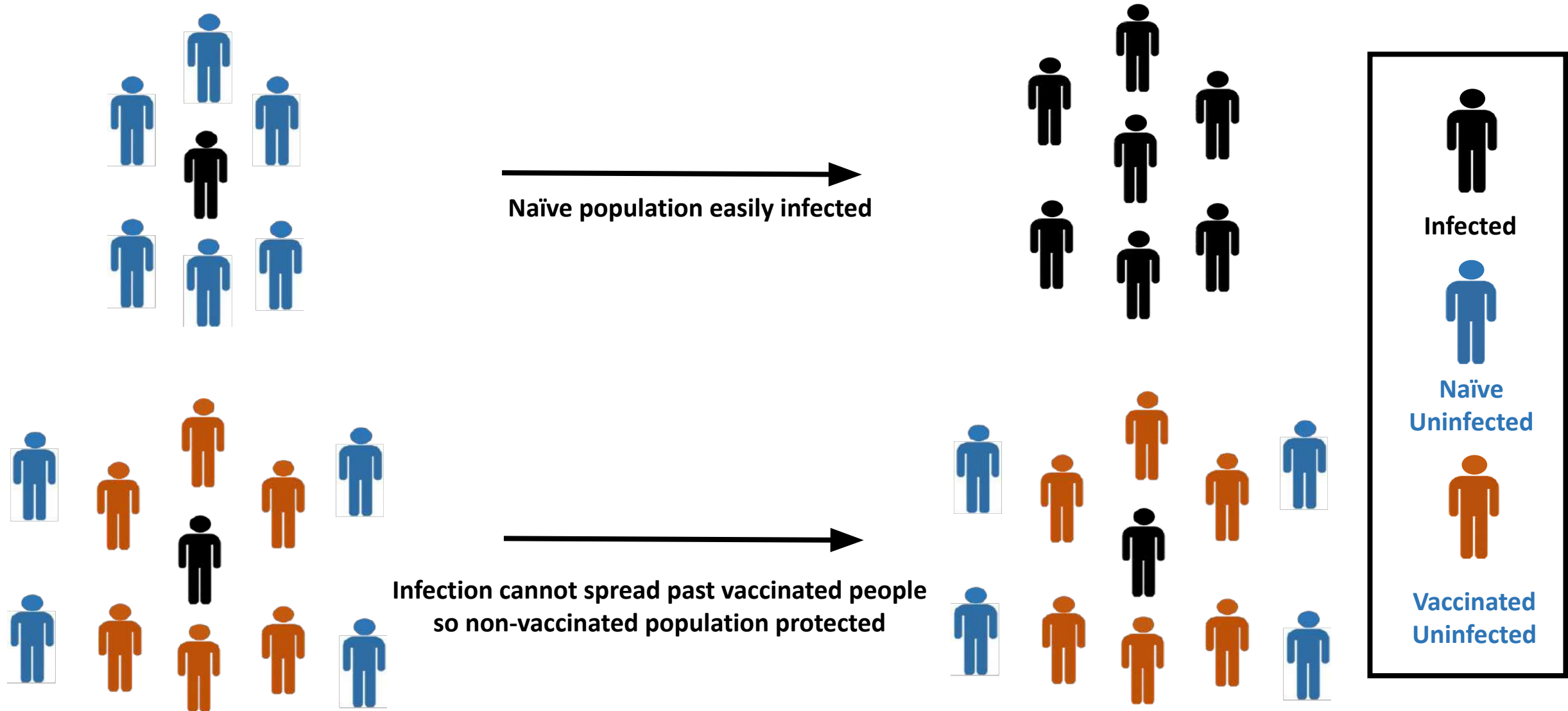


Vaccine induces antibody that recognises multiple bacterial targets



Even 'mutant' bacteria still recognised because multiple antigens targeted

Herd immunity decreases transmission risk and potentially the level of circulating pathogen



How can vaccines help reduce AMR?

Vaccines can help directly and indirectly – **prevent infection, block transmission**

Direct –

Reducing antibiotic use for mild infections

Reduce **development of resistance** – Tetanus, pertussis and diphtheria

Reduce burden of infections with **existing AMR** – *Haemophilus influenzae* B, pneumococcus, *Neisseria* spp

Reduce bacterial **transmission** – Herd immunity

Reduce opportunity for **genetic exchange** by bacteria in shared niches

Indirect –

Block **transmission** – target “similar” pathogens (**Bexsero and gonococcus**)

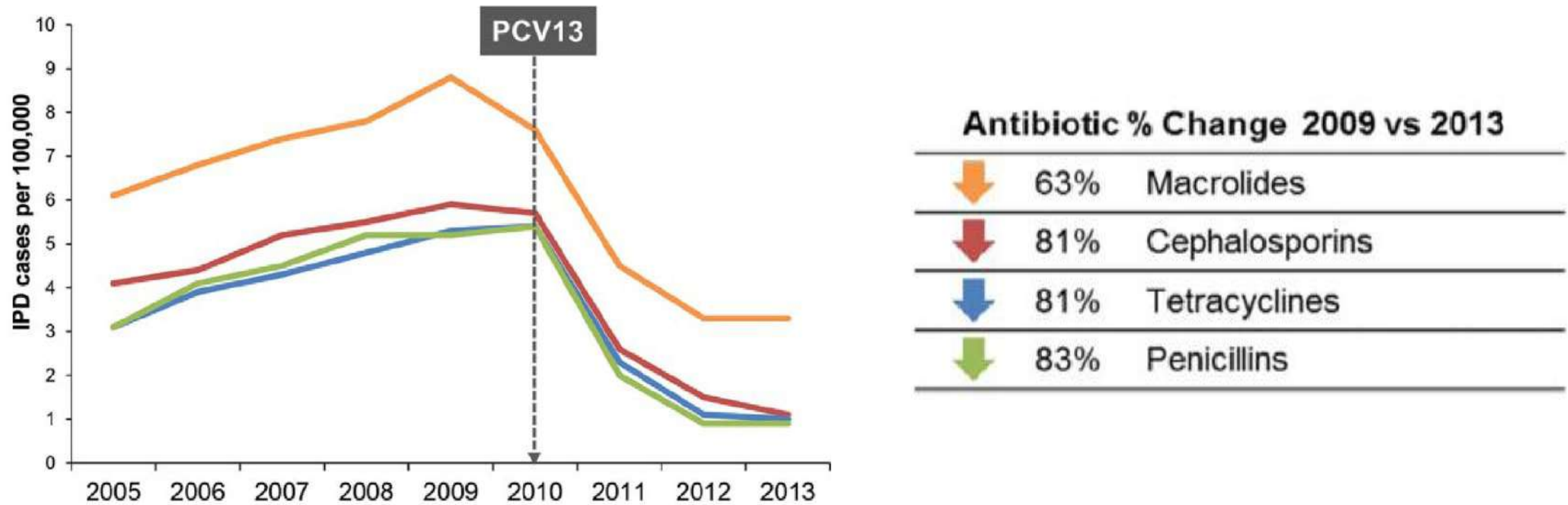
50% antibiotic use **inappropriate** – flu season correlates with antibiotic use - diagnostics

Flu vaccine reduces **secondary bacterial infections** and antibiotic treatments

Vaccinating different age groups - children

Most vaccines designed to protect the young

Clear evidence vaccines reduces antimicrobial use and are effective against AMR pathogens (HiB and typhoid)



Full use of pneumococcal PCV-13 vaccine would mean 11 million less days of antibiotic use each year

A vaccine against Group A Streptococcus would mean 6 billion less antibiotic doses given yearly

Vaccinating different age groups - adults

Fewer vaccines given routinely to adults – so less evidence on full impact on antimicrobial use

Key impacts made for use of pneumococcal and flu vaccines and mostly for over 65s

Evidence mirrors what is seen for vaccinating children – childhood vaccines can reduce disease in adults

Strong evidence that vaccine-mediated protection is independent of antibiotic sensitivity of the pathogen

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine can reduce AMR strains by up to 80% in adults (Kyaw 2006)

This means controlling AMR bacteria can be helped by being vaccinated – individual vs population

Vaccinating against viral and bacterial infections can both help!!

Surprisingly, flu vaccination in adults may be more beneficial than vaccinating against pneumococcus for AMR

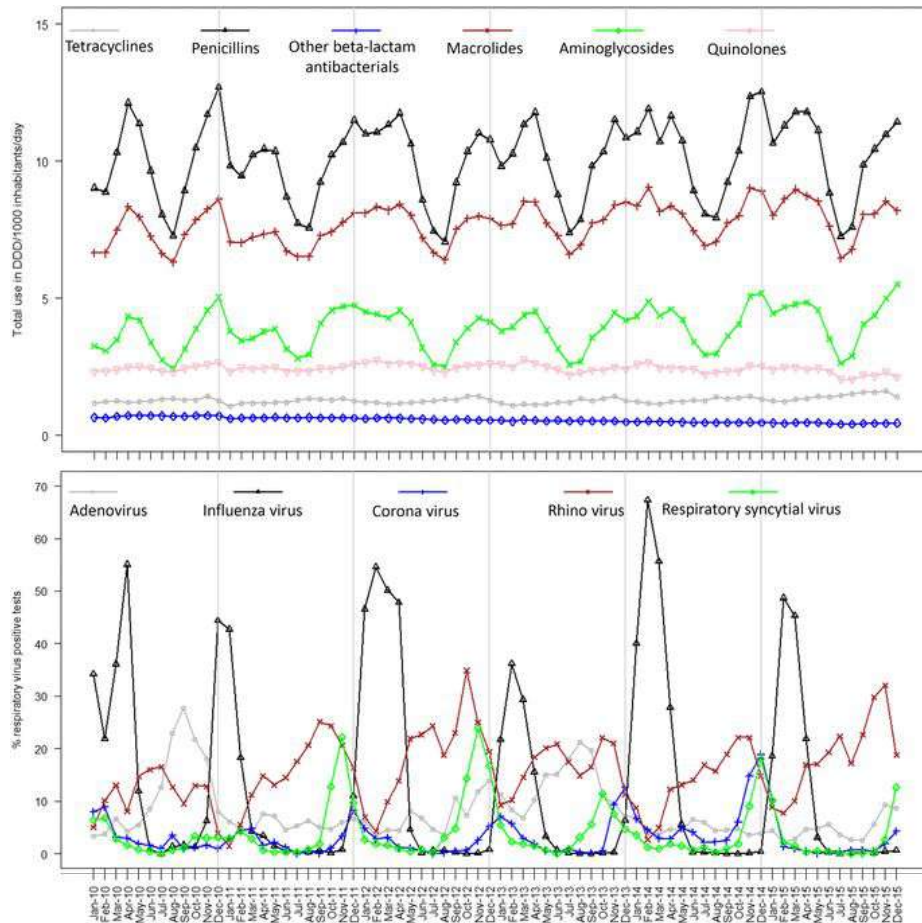
Vaccinating against pneumococcus reduces risk of some viral lower respiratory tract infections and pneumonia

Why?

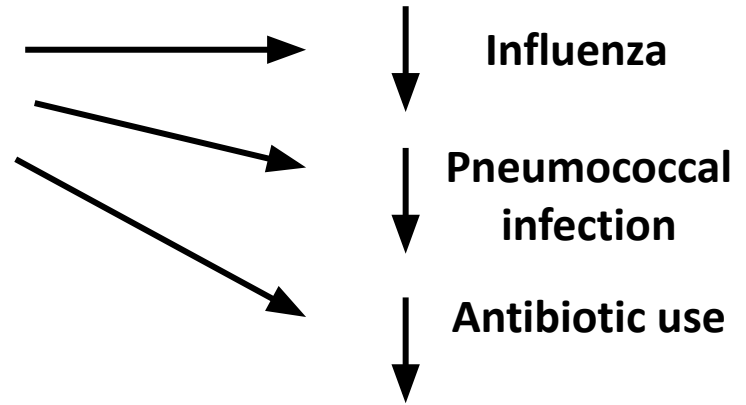
Influenza virus can cause pathology directly or result in susceptibility to a secondary bacterial infection

Viral infection can increase susceptibility to pneumococcus, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Haemophilus influenzae* B

This relationship with pneumococcus **the key reason Spanish flu of 1918 so devastating**



Influenza vaccine

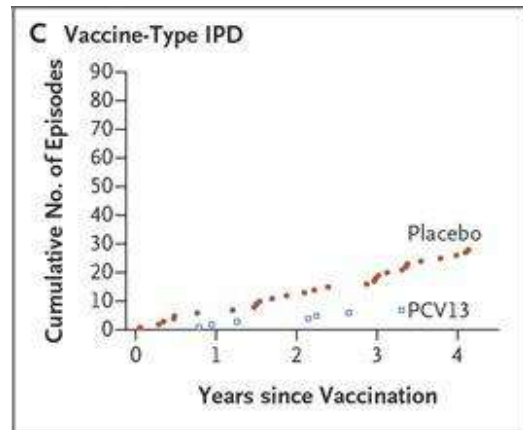
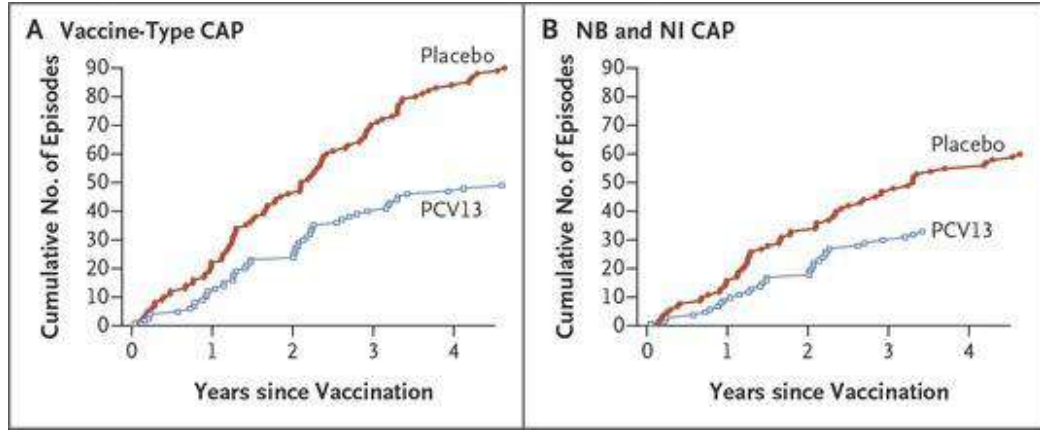


Vaccinating against flu reduces antibiotic use for viral infection

Vaccinating against flu reduces secondary pneumococcal+ infections

Vaccinating against influenza can reduce antimicrobial use in adults by up to 64% among adults and may reduce selection for AMR

Pneumococcal vaccination reduces invasive pneumococcal disease at both ends of the age spectrum

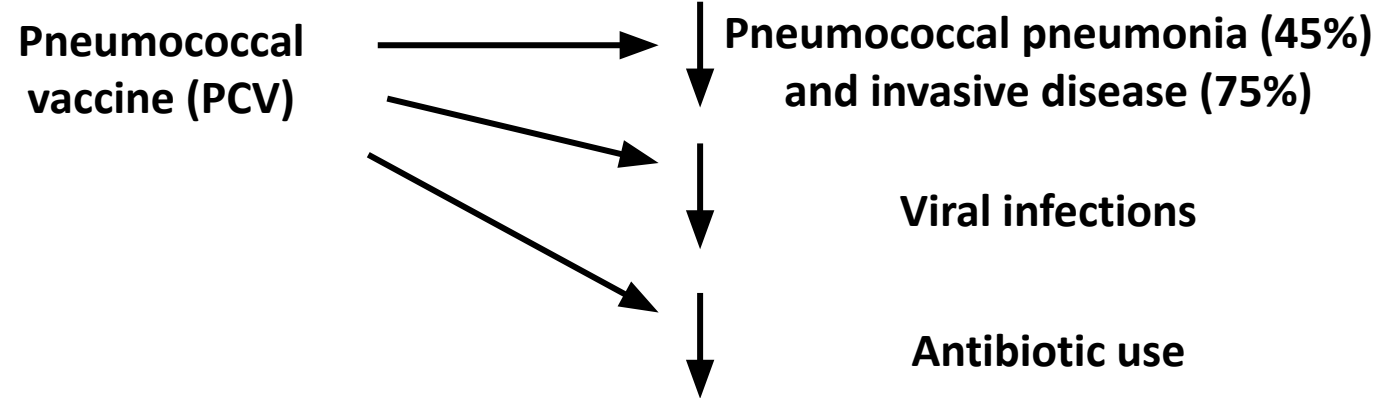


ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine against Pneumococcal Pneumonia in Adults

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CAPiTA – key Dutch trial in >65 years



Immunization with pneumococcal conjugate vaccine can directly reduce the need for antibiotics

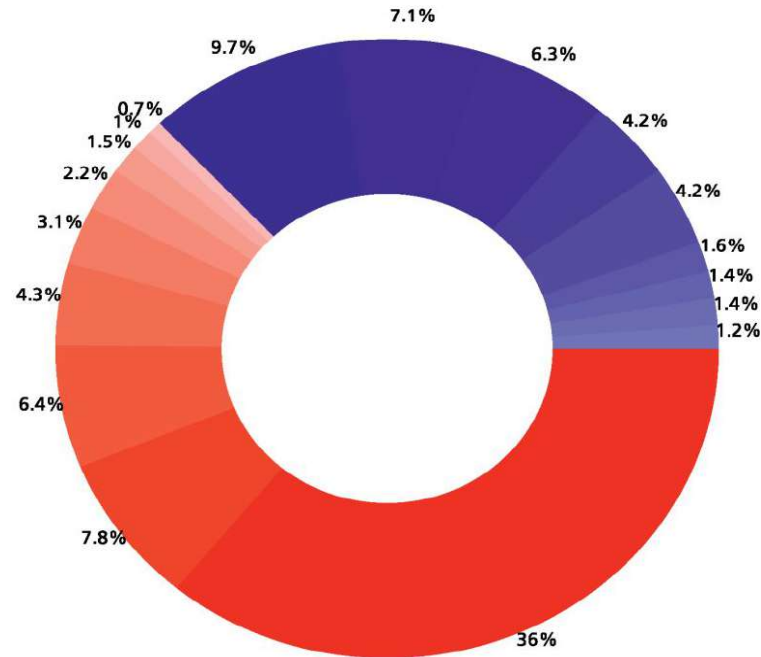
Reduces carriage, transmission, and prevalence of drug-resistant IPD by up to 33%

But...vaccinating against pneumococcus protects against some viral lung infections.....(10-25%)

Pneumococcal vaccination reduces overall antibiotic usage in children but less well studied in adults

There are many pathogens against which there are no vaccines

Figure 1.1: Organisms causing blood stream infections in adults in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, April 2011-March 2012



Technical advances mean better diagnostics

M. tuberculosis, Group A and B *Streptococcus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *E. coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*....

But vaccines can have 'off-target' benefits – innate training, cross-protection (Meningitis B – gonorrhoea)

Reducing AMR requires using less antibiotics – vaccines are a major way to achieve this

Source: HPA. English National Point Prevalence Survey on Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Use, 2011: Health Protection Agency, England; 2012. Note: excludes 13,206 episodes of bacteraemia with coagulase negative staphylococci.

Chief Medical Officer's Report 2011

Gram positive

- Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA) - 9.7%
- Non-pyogenic streptococci - 7.1%
- Enterococcus spp. - 6.3%
- Streptococcus pneumoniae - 4.2%
- Other Gram-positive - 4.2%
- Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) - 1.6%
- Group B Streptococci - 1.4%
- Group A Streptococci - 1.4%
- Diphtheroids - 1.2%

Gram negative

- Escherichia coli - 36%
- Klebsiella spp. - 7.8%
- Other Gram-negative - 6.4%
- Pseudomonas spp. - 4.3%
- Proteus spp. - 3.1%
- Enterobacter spp. - 2.2%
- Bacteroides spp. - 1.5%
- Serratia spp. - 1.0%
- Acinetobacter spp. - 0.7%

Summary and points for discussion

Getting vaccinated as an adult, especially older adults, can reduce risk of infection and sequelae

Vaccination can aid antibiotic stewardship / use, prevent AMR or help prevent infection by an AMR pathogen

Vaccinating against pneumococcus can help reduce many different viral infections (moderate protection)

Vaccinating against flu can help reduce bacterial infections

Wider vaccine uptake in older adults may benefit AMR and antibiotic use

Studies reveal more benefits from vaccination – flu vaccine and cardiovascular associated disease (33% drop)

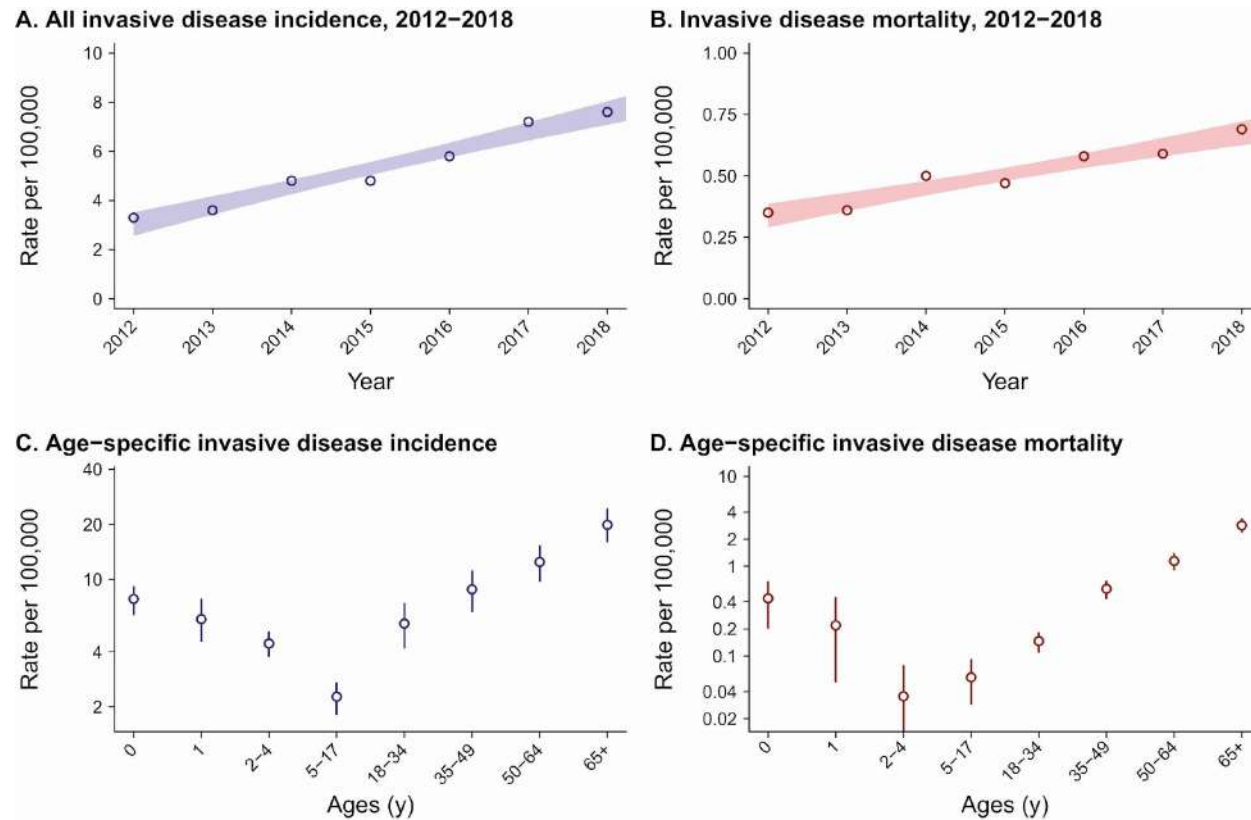
Future vaccines – RSV, new bacterial vaccines needed (many in the pipeline)

Widening vaccine usage and development is as much a political problem as a scientific one

We need to learn the lessons from COVID-19 – boosting enhances and maintains responses

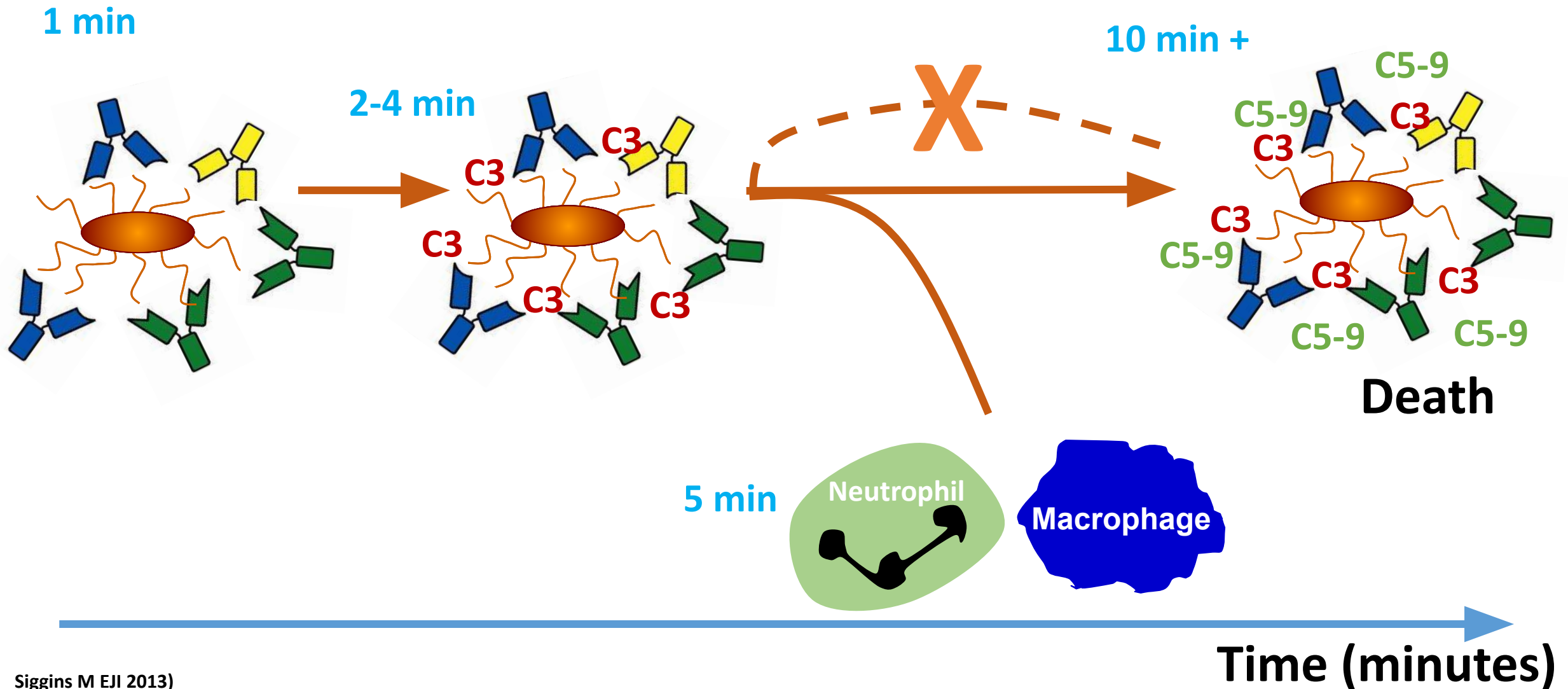
Vaccines can save lives but only when used!! Vaccines don't save lives, vaccination does

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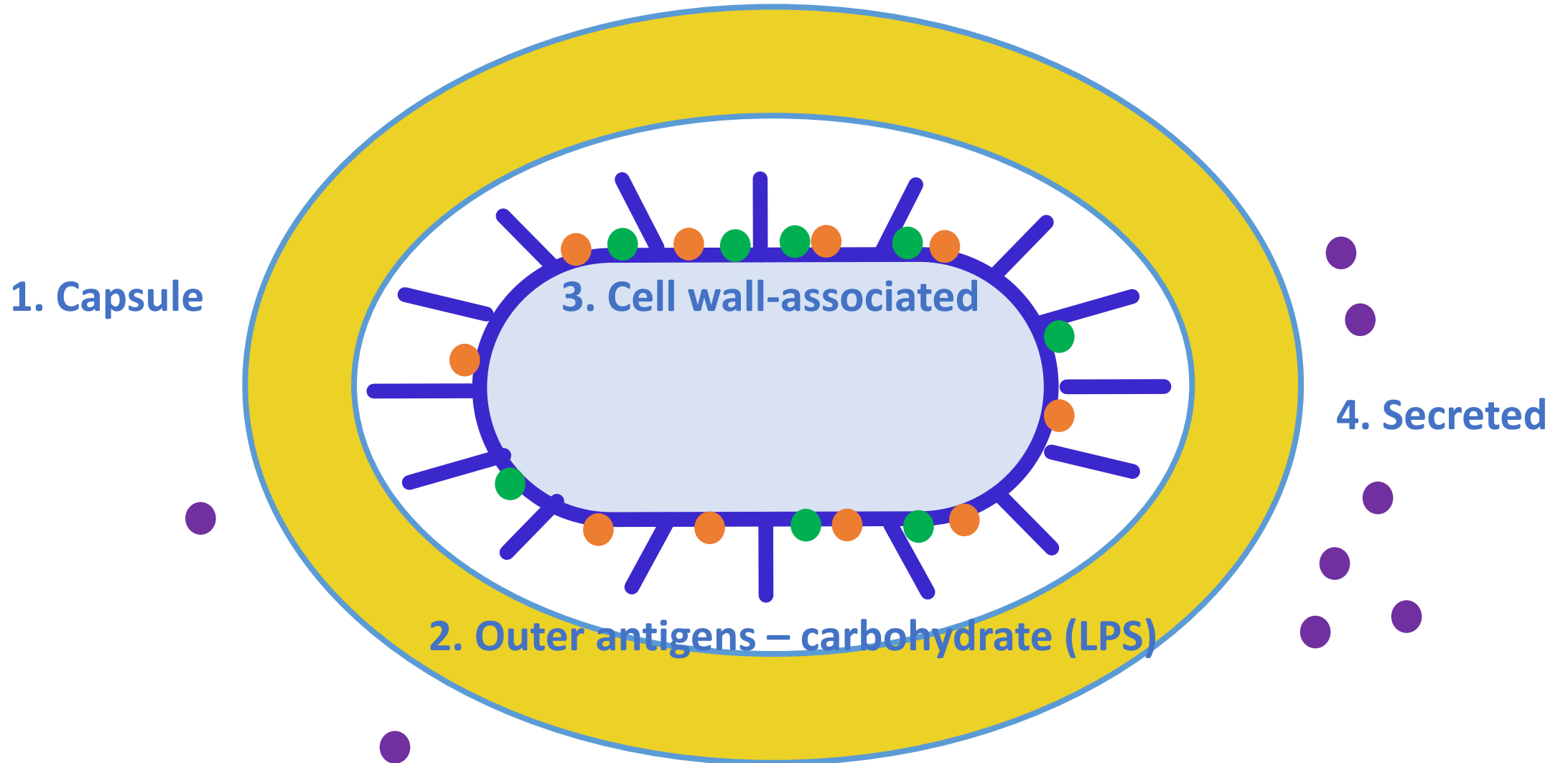


Why are antibodies protective in vivo?

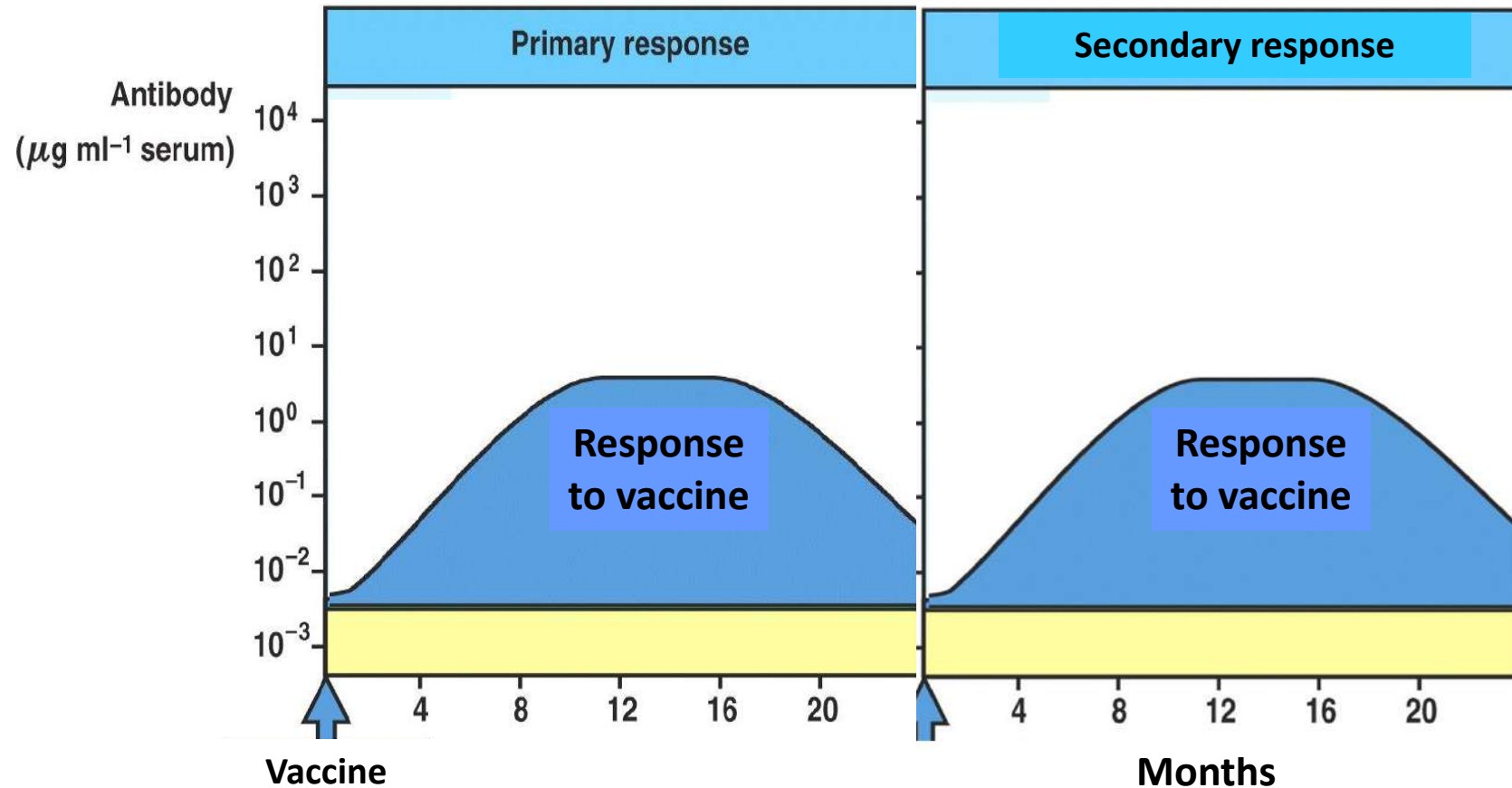
Timing of effector functions are often ignored



Licensed human vaccines are either single antigens (capsules) or are antigenically complex



TI responses are shorter lived (months to years) and do not induce memory



Antibodies to Gram-negative bacteria, induced after natural infection or vaccination, save 100 000s of lives each year

Cons

Targeting the bug or its products

Sometimes known, often not

Natural infection vs vaccination

Immunodominant vs artificially skewing

The right antibody induced

IgM v IgG v isotypes

Cross-protection induced

Many bacteria “related”

The right amount induced

Excess IgG dangerous?

Long-lived responses

Years between vaccination and infection

Target population

Immunocompetent vs compromised

Where is Ab needed?

Systemic vs mucosal

What does this mean in practice?

T-independent - Purified Capsular Polysaccharides

IgM, some IgG of modest affinity (no GC), little IgA (Bone marrow)

Protection modest longevity (typically 2-3 years)

No boost, but potential hyporesponsiveness

No T cell immunity

T-dependent - Conjugate capsular polysaccharides, protein subunits, vesicles, protein subunits, live vaccines

IgM, lots IgG of high affinity (GC), (lots IgA) (Bone marrow)

Protection potentially long-lasting

Boosting

Strong T cell immunity

It will consist in the following activities:

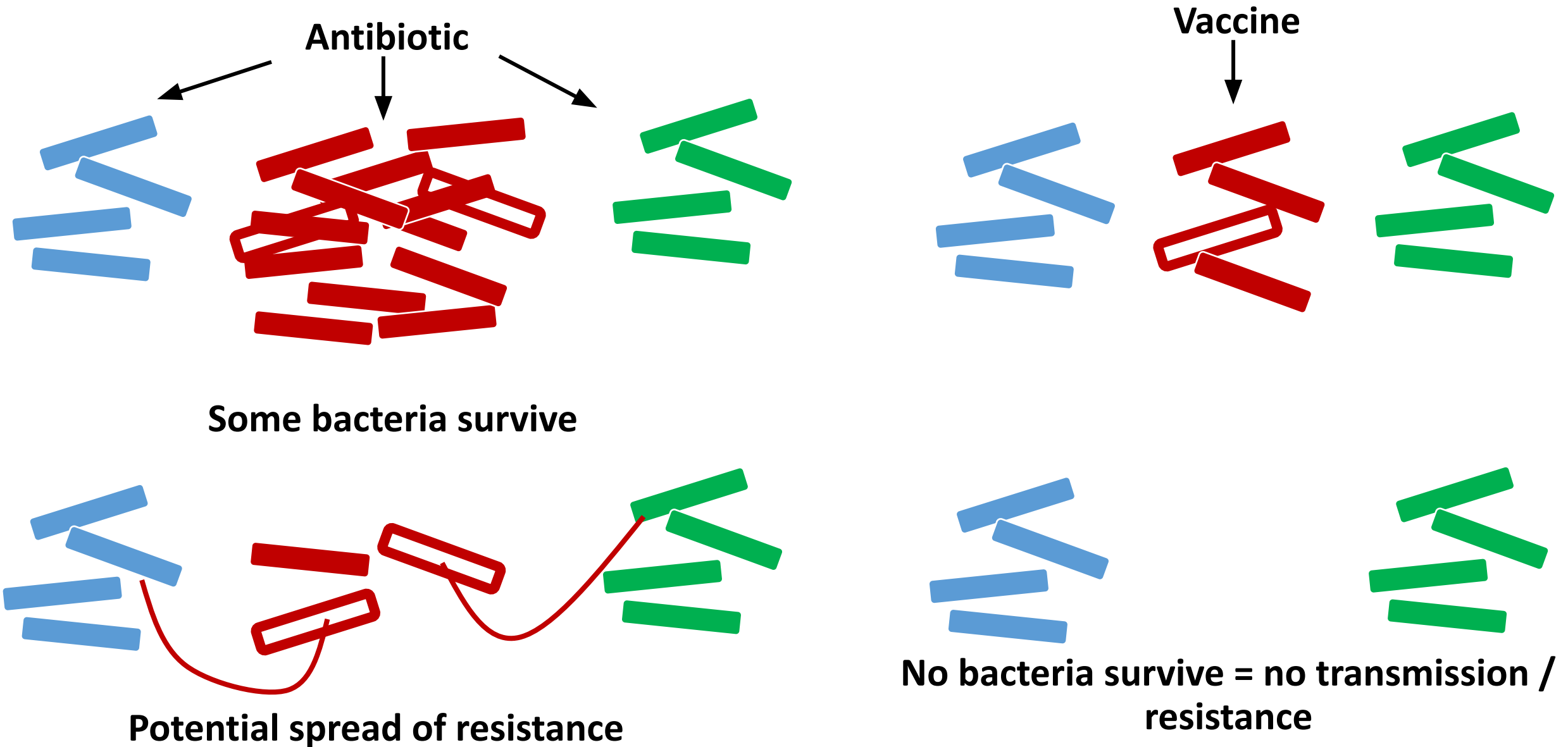
- Participation, as trainer, in 1 online training seminar of a maximum duration of two hours, to be held on 14 December 2023. The seminar will be held in English.

Seminar topics: a proper vaccine culture, in particular to overcome the idea that vaccination is only needed at early ages, and to shift to a life-course vaccination approach and to a harmonised "for-life calendar" at the EU level. the essential role of vaccines in combating AMR, exploring the question of "why new-generation antibiotics alone cannot effectively address the AMR crisis." The session will shed light on the cause-and-effect relationship in AMR mitigation, emphasizing that vaccines target the root causes, while antibiotics primarily manage the consequences.

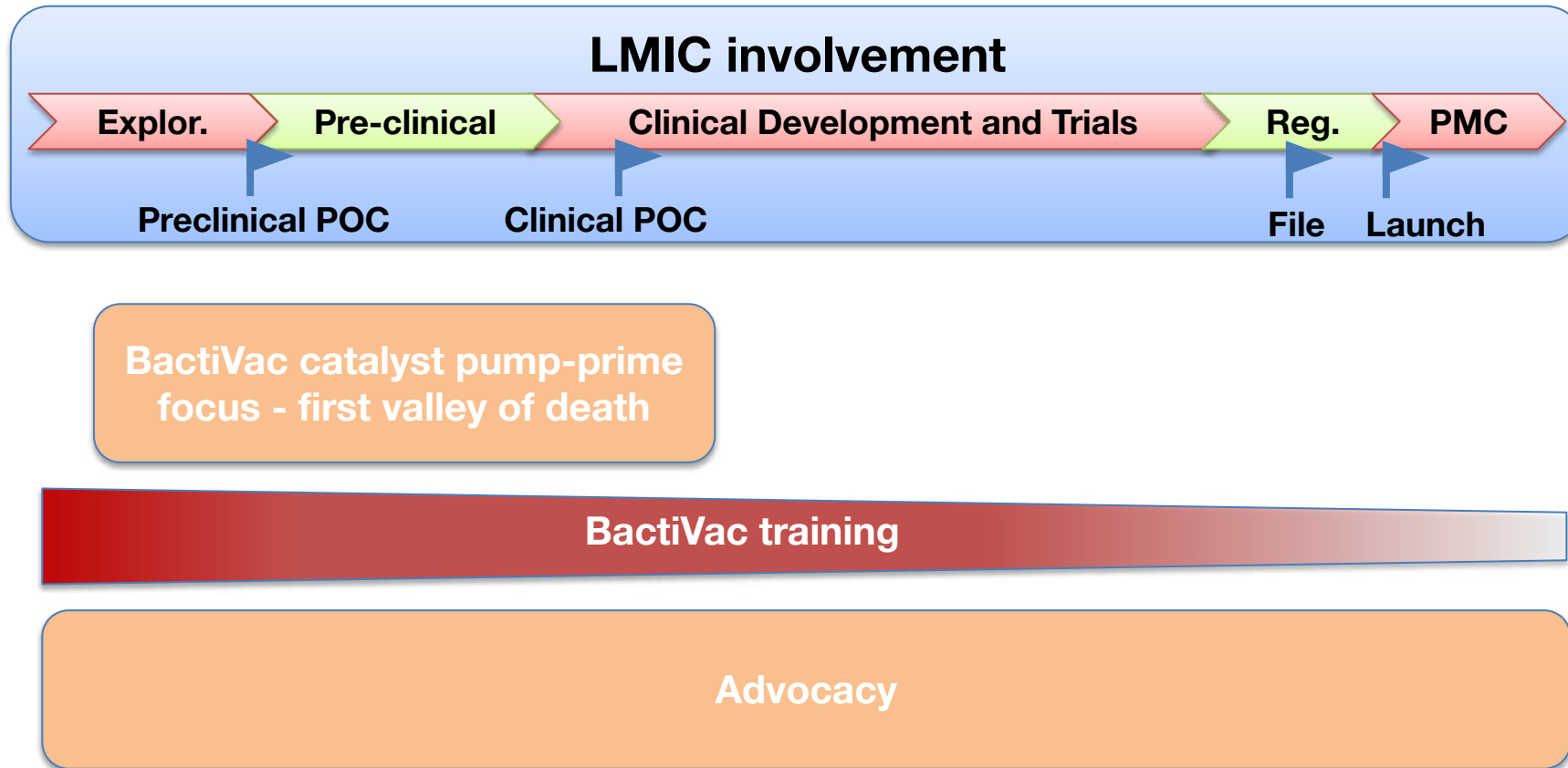
- **The commitment foreseen** will entail the production of a speech for the webinar accompanied by a **presentation in the form of slides/.ppt in English to be sent to the organiser one week before** the event takes place, authorising Cittadinanzattiva APS to publish the presentation produced online.

Differences between vaccines and antibiotics

There is a direct link between antibiotic use and AMR



BactiVac is there to help vaccine development along the whole pipeline



Membership

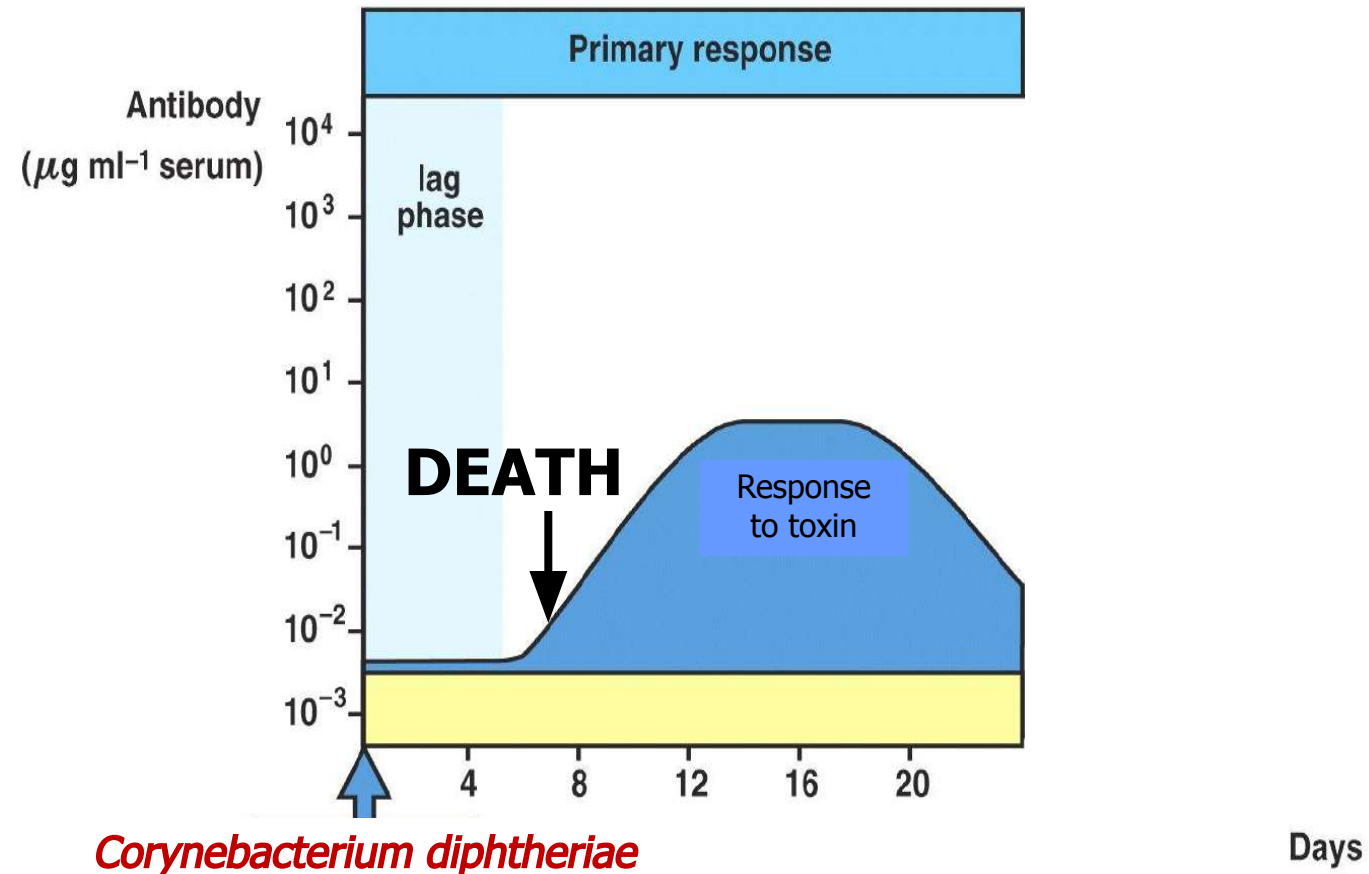
- Grown from 0 to over 1,600 members since 2017
- Members from 84 different countries
- 49% based in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)
- 14% are based in industry



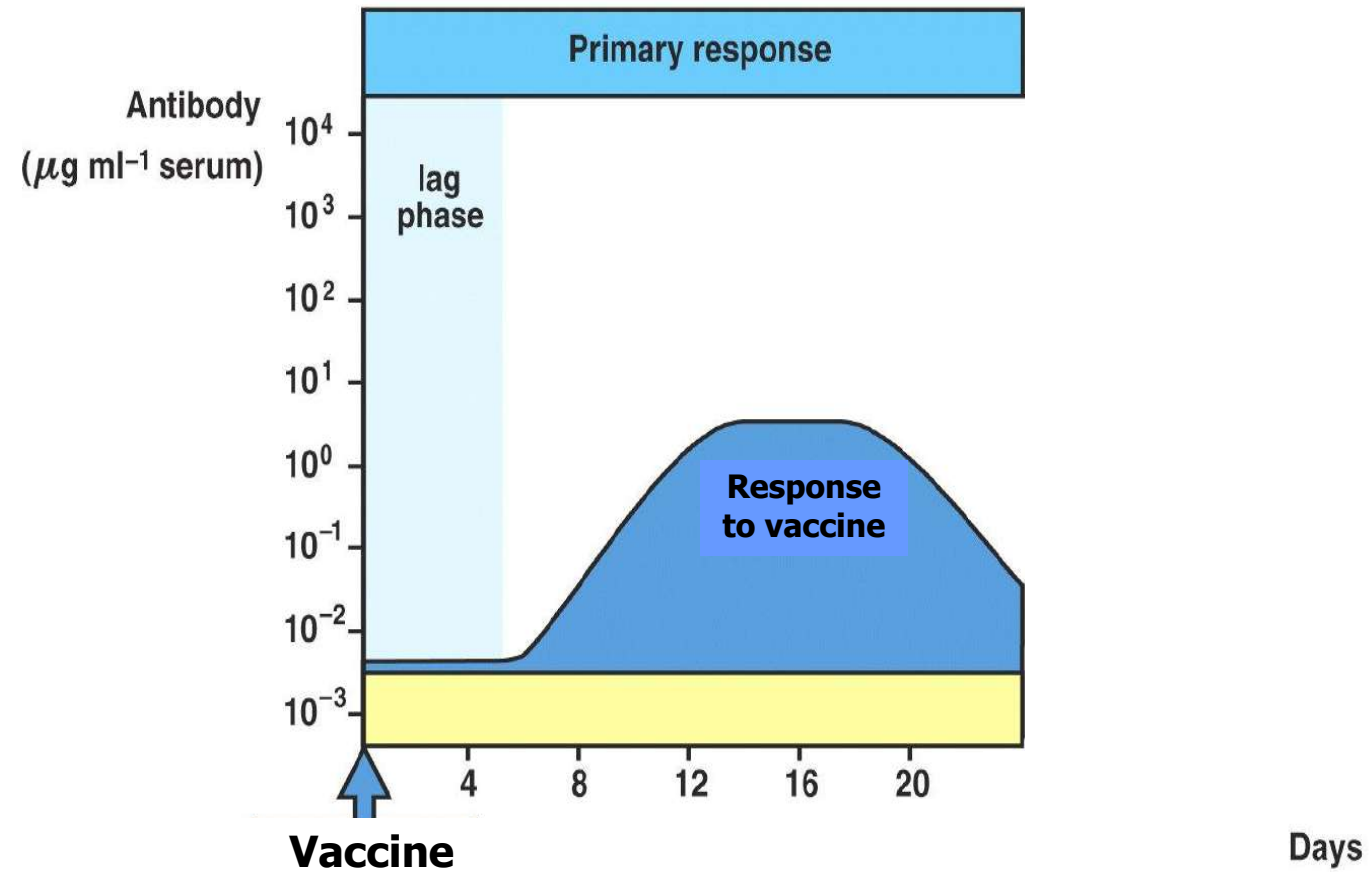
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The benefit of vaccines is timing of their activity



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The residual “shoulder” of antibody and the speed of the recall response can combine to prevent disease

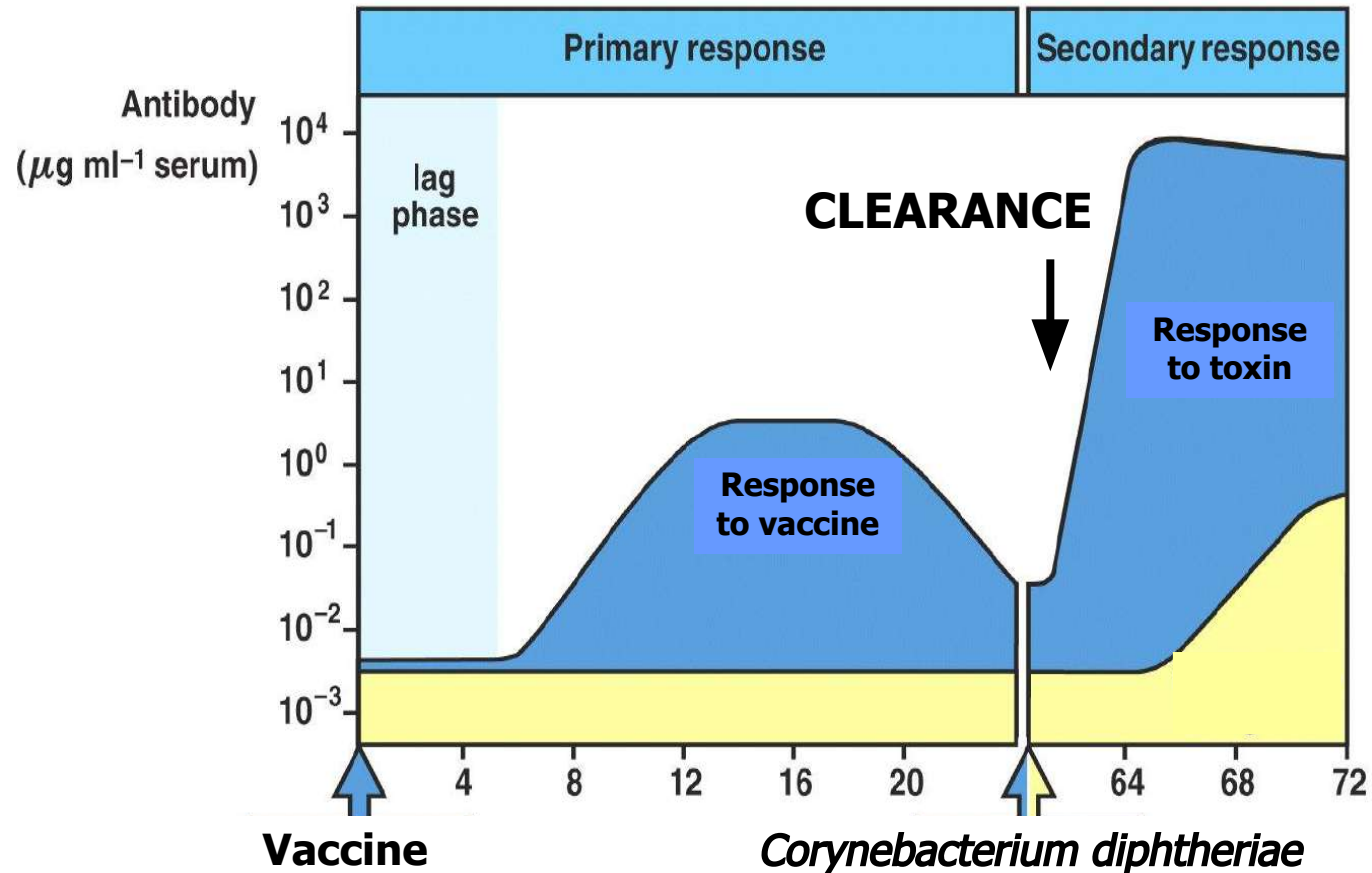


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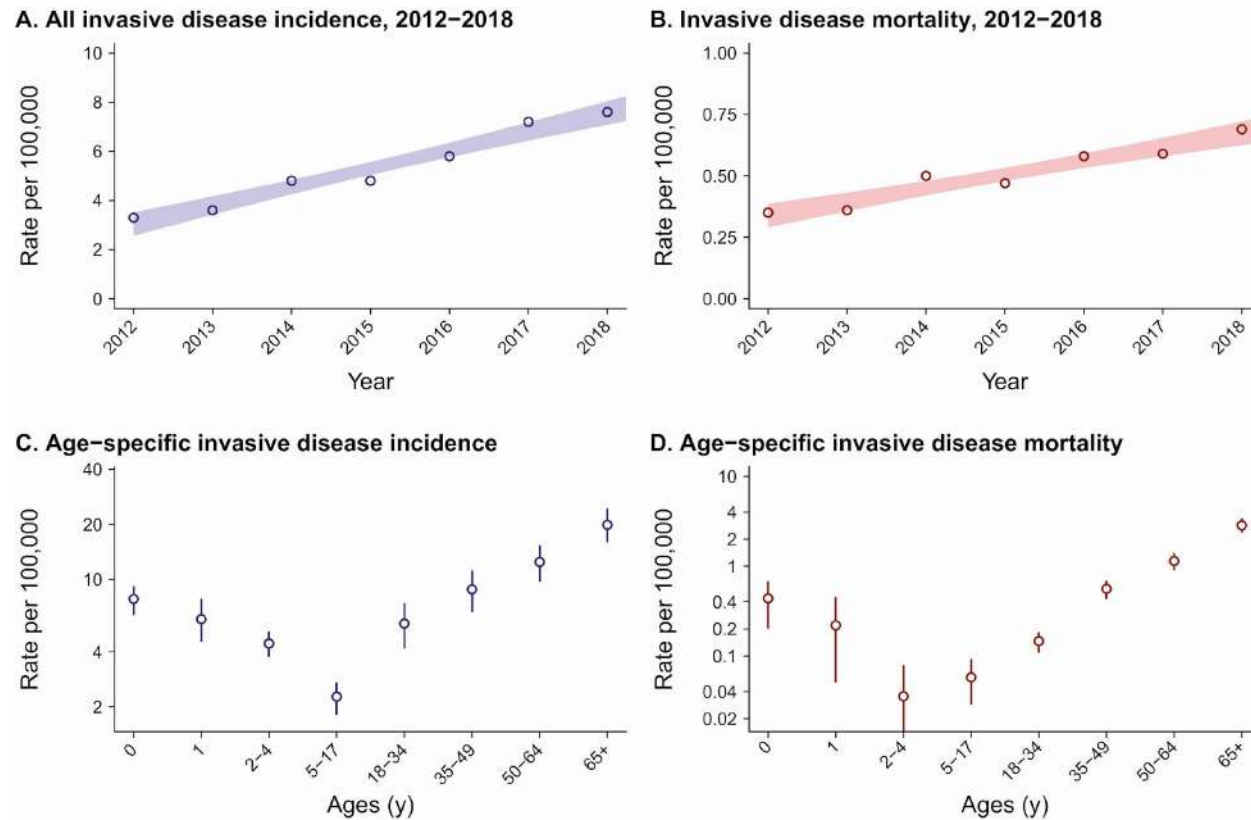
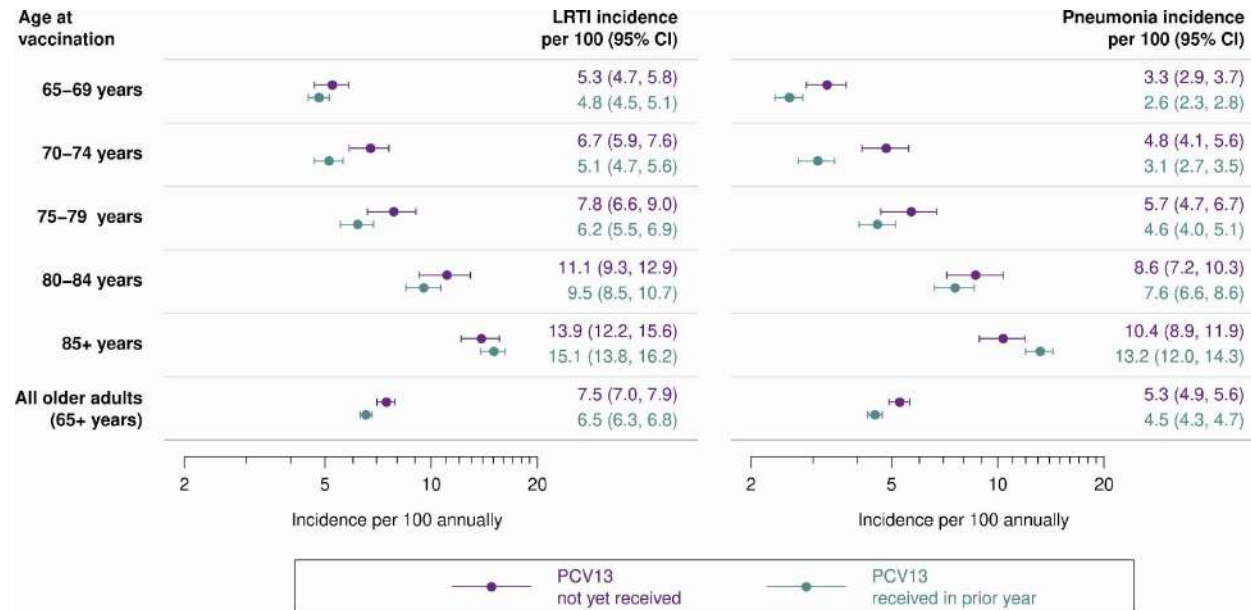


Figure 1. Age-specific incidence of first LRTI and pneumonia during years before and after receipt of PCV13. We present ...

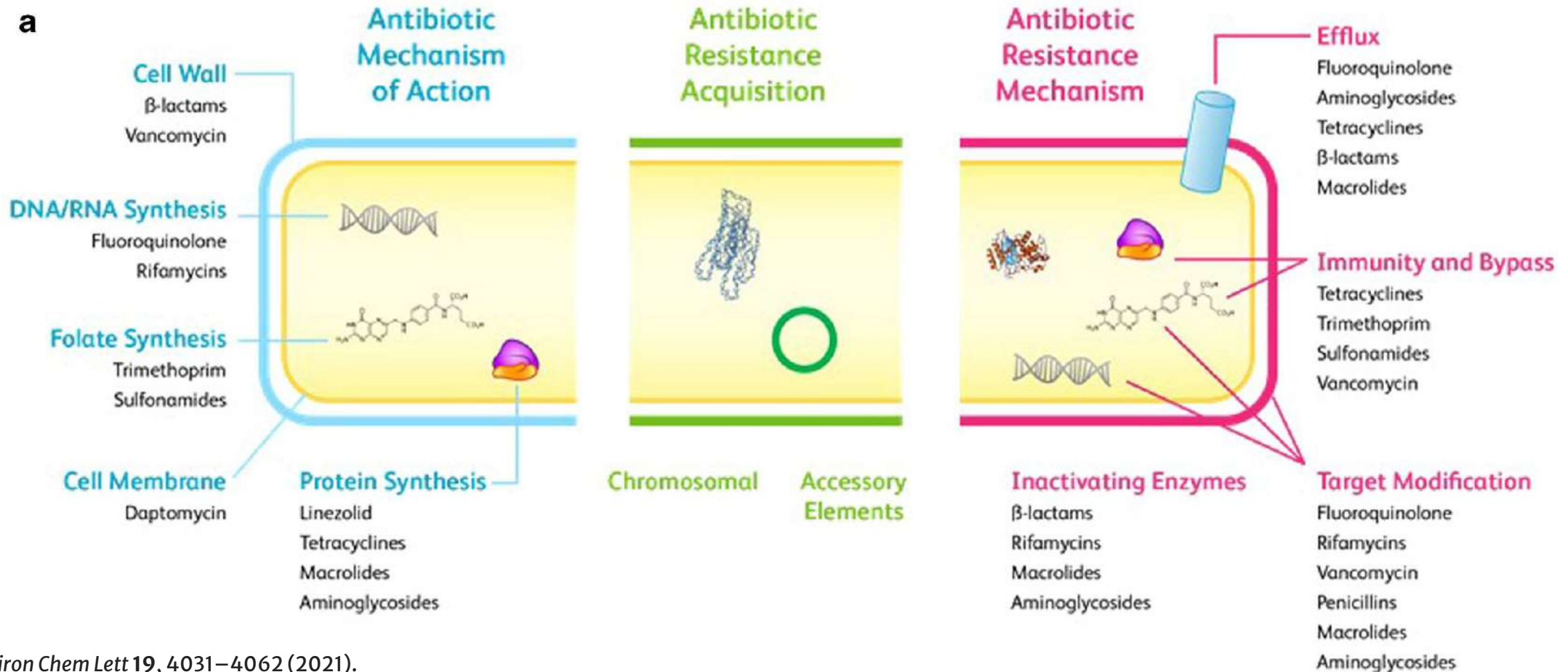


Approx
10%-25% VE
overall
depending
upon study
BUT THIS IS
LRTI AND
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AUSED BY
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<https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiac098>

There are multiple routes that lead to antimicrobial failure – reflective of an ancient arms race that humans and their actions have accelerated

Antibiotics Active infection High pathogen numbers

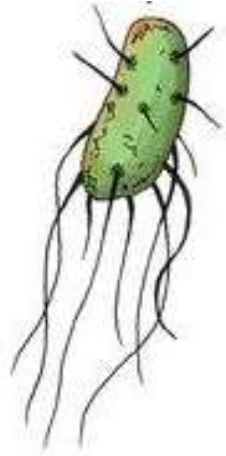


The differences between bacteria and viruses can impact vaccine “success”

SARS-CoV-2

E. coli

IgG



Virus

Intracellular

Host-dependent

Few surface Ag (spike 25-100 copies)

Low 10(0)s Abs can bind

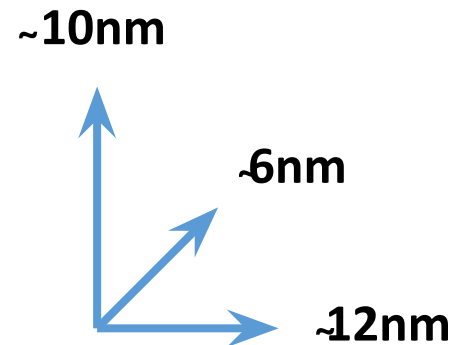
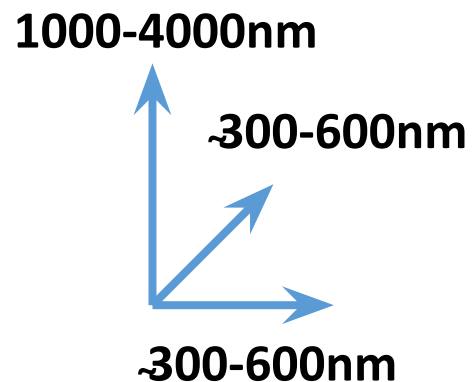
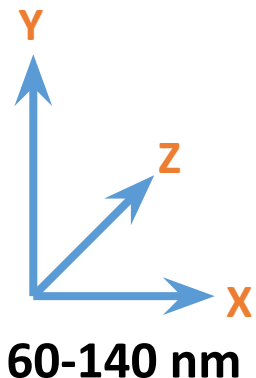
Bacterium

Different niches

Metabolism not host-dependent

100s different surface Ag

1000s Abs can bind



E. coli surface area >>>200 fold; volume ~2000 fold than SARS-2

The limitations of vaccines compared to antibiotics - there are >90 capsule serotypes of pneumococcus, all need specific recognition by Ab but not antibiotics

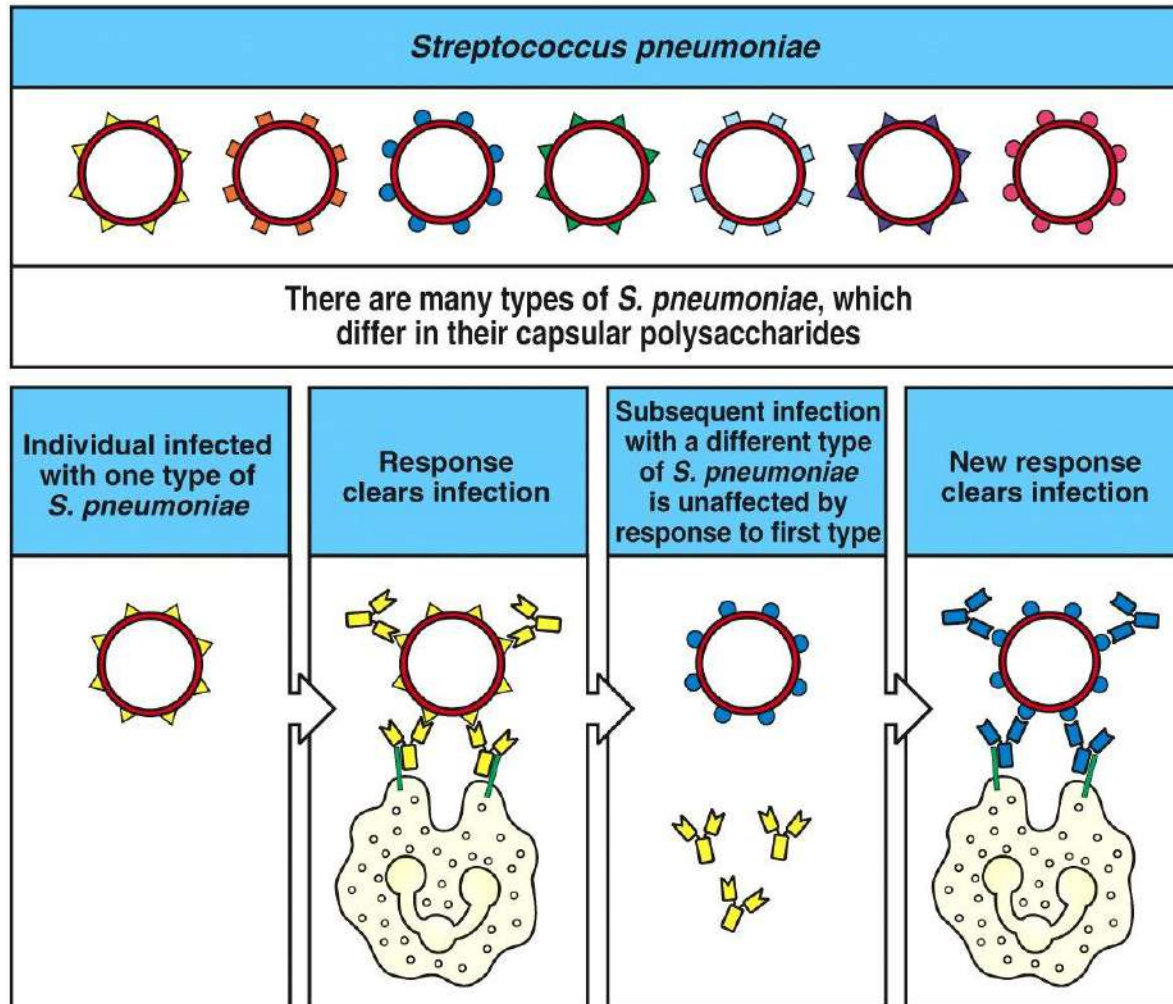


Figure 11-1 Immunobiology, 6/e. (© Garland Science 2005)

Hyporesponsiveness

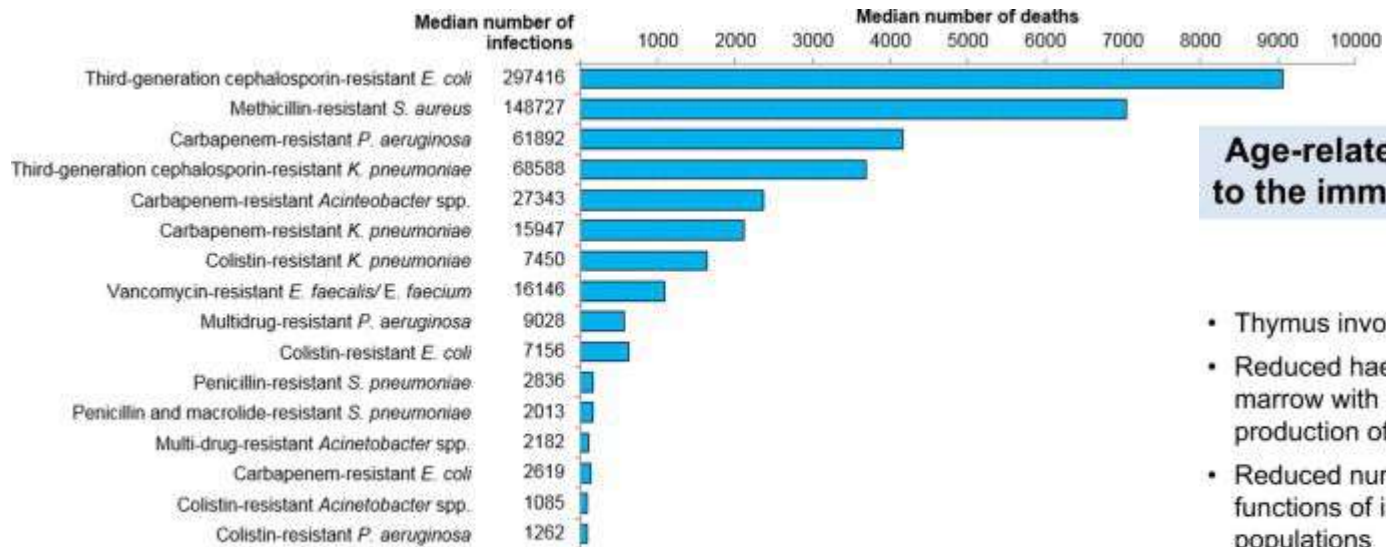
Serotype diversity

Vaccine fatigue/scheduling

Population targeting (who, age group)

Failure? Ab-independent, killing mechanisms

Economic modelling, QALY, measures of value?



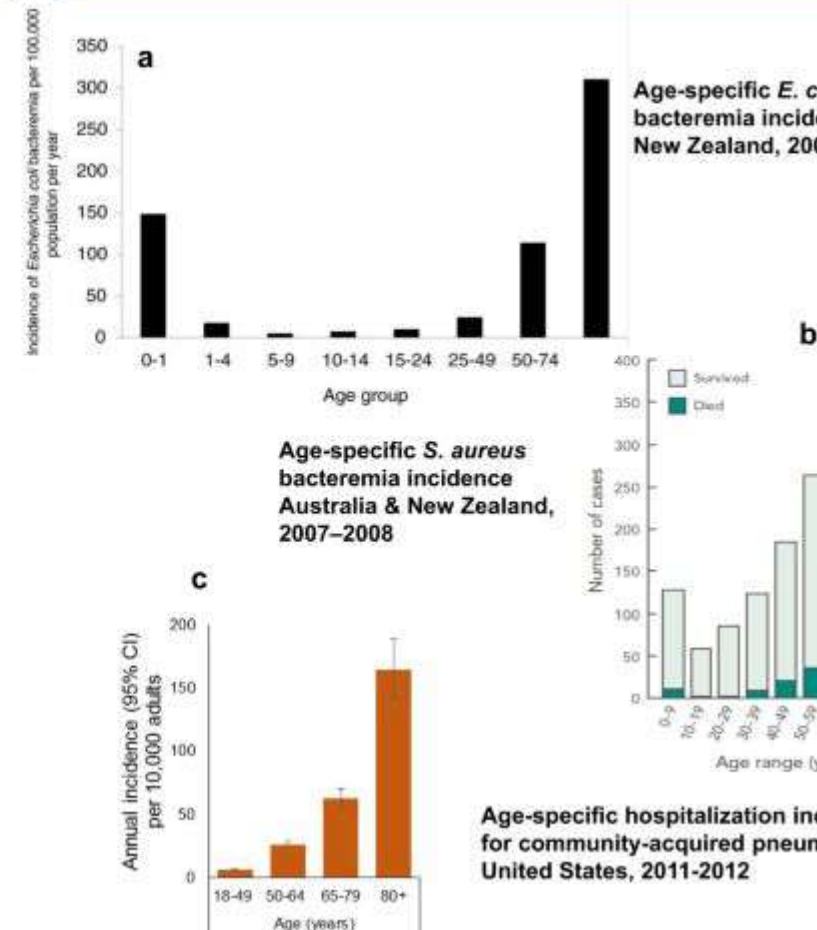
Age-related changes to the immune system

- Thymus involution
- Reduced haemopoietic bone marrow with reduced production of naïve cells
- Reduced number and functions of immune cell populations
- Proliferation of T memory cells and lowered capacity to respond to new antigens
- Imbalances in innate inflammatory mediators leading to chronic low grade inflammation



Increased susceptibility to bacterial infections

The burden of disease and death was modelled using 2015 data from the European Antimicrobial R Network (EARS-Net) country-corrected for population coverage. The graph shows the median estimate and deaths caused by 16 antibiotic-resistant pathogens of public health importance.



oolman, J.T. Expanding the role of bacterial vaccines into e-course vaccination strategies and prevention of antimicrobial-resistant infections. *npj Vaccines* 5, 84 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41541-020-00232-0>

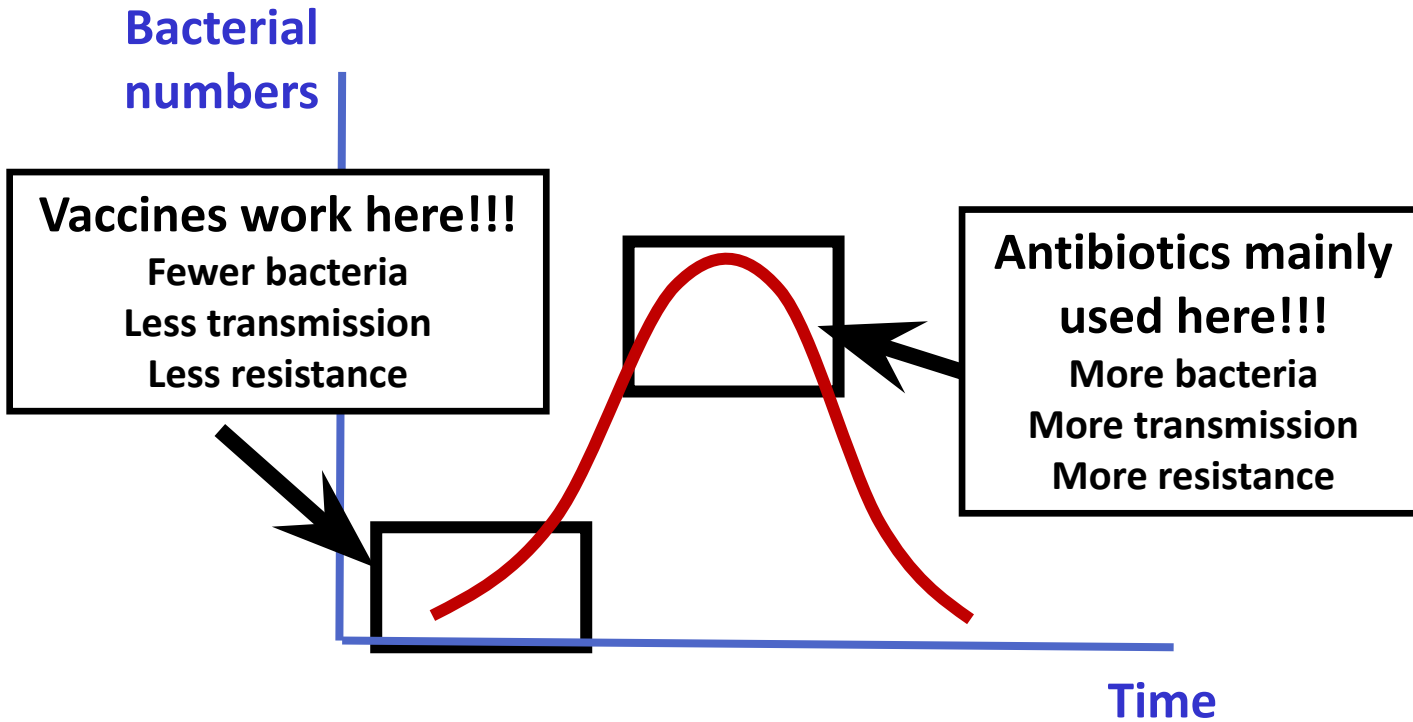
a The age-specific incidence of *E. coli* bacteraemia in all age-groups and highlights the marked burden after age 50 years. b The number of cases of *S. aureus* bacteraemia with higher case proportion of patients who died also increased with age. c The incidence of hospitalised community-acquired pneumonia in adults in the US, which increases substantially with age. Insert a reproduced from Turnidge et al.127. Data for insert c from Jain et al.

Available vaccines

- [Cholera](#)
- [COVID-19 \(corona virus\)](#)
- [Dengue](#)
- [Diphtheria](#)
- [Hepatitis](#)
- [Haemophilus influenzae type b \(Hib\)](#)
- [Human papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#)
- [Influenza](#)
- [Japanese encephalitis](#)
- [Malaria](#)
- [Measles](#)
- [Meningococcal meningitis](#)
- [Mumps](#)
- [Pertussis](#)
- [Pneumococcal disease](#)
- [Poliomyelitis](#)
- [Rabies](#)
- [Rotavirus](#)
- [Rubella](#)
- [Tetanus](#)
- [Tick-borne encephalitis](#)
- [Tuberculosis](#)
- [Typhoid](#)
- [Varicella](#)
- [Yellow Fever](#)

9 bacterial
diseases
15 viral
diseases

Vaccines are active at the time of pathogen encounter, antibiotics are usually used later or (sometimes) not appropriate



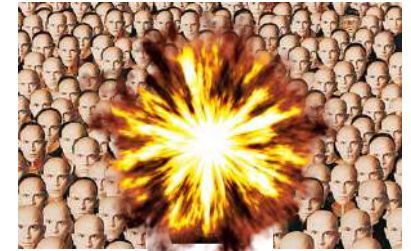
Consequences of prophylactic antibiotic use?



Vaccines save lives



Antibiotics save lives

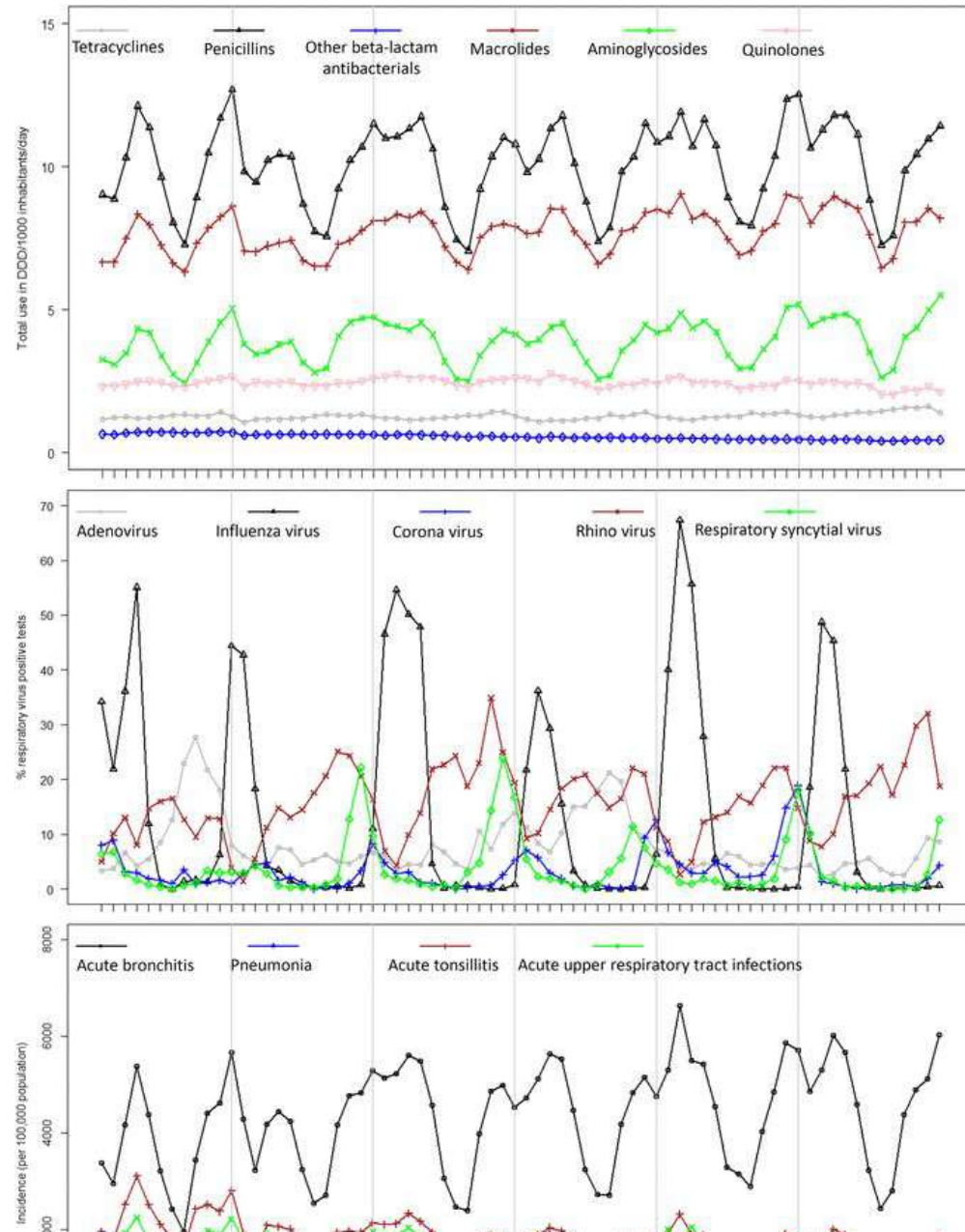


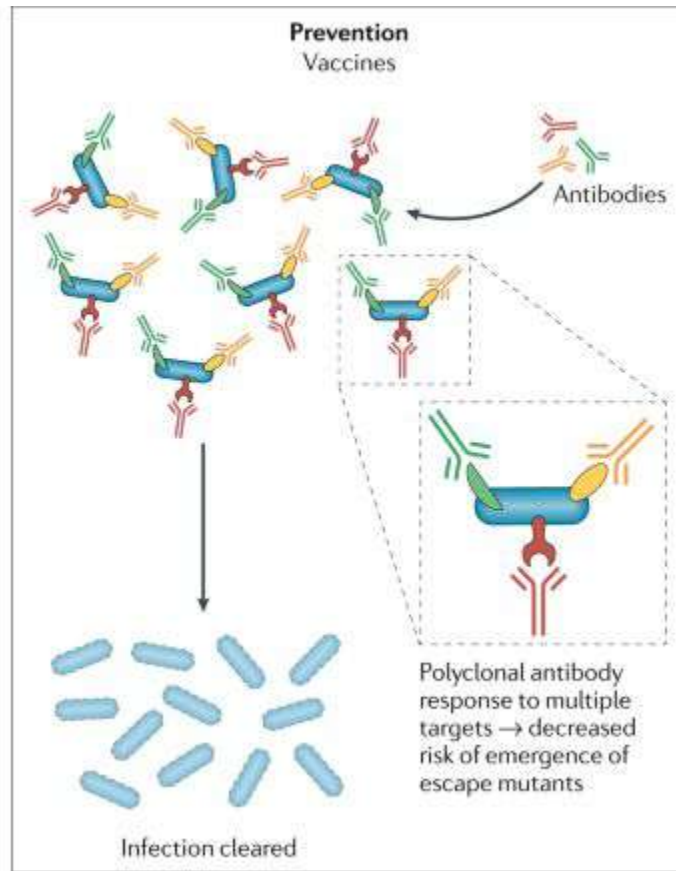
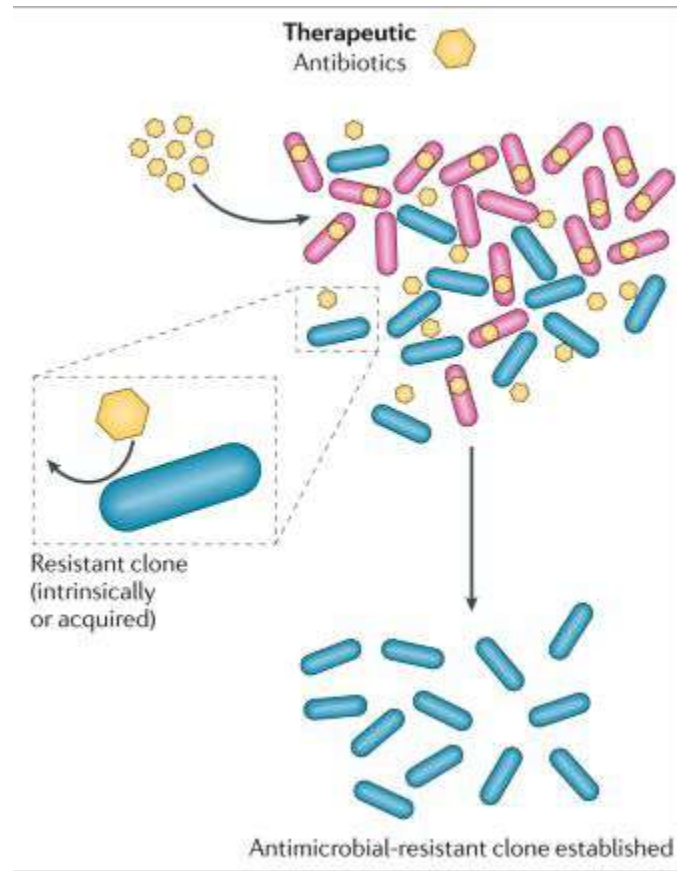
MR bacteria – typhoid

o use abiotics

ctions – flu and pneumo

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The consequences of infection

The more infections, the more likely you are to die earlier

Inflammatory Bowel Disease **CMV and persistent viruses**

Cardiovascular disease

Cancer

Autoimmunity

Arthritis

Deafness

Type 1 diabetes

Cystic fibrosis

Obesity?

Fertility

Hepatitis

Homeostasis

Guillain Barre Syndrome

Behaviour

Blindness

Ageing

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

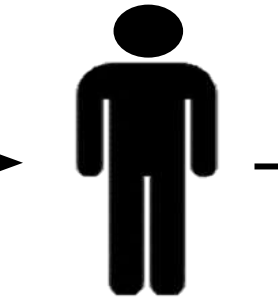
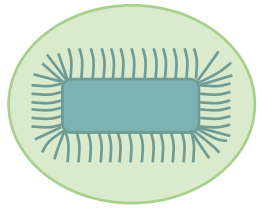
Amputation

Bronchiectasis

Asthma

Herd immunity

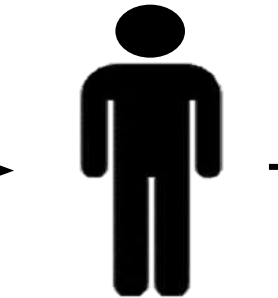
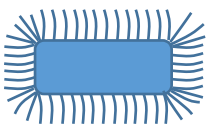
S. Ty O9+ Vi+



Typhoid

Naïve human

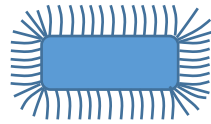
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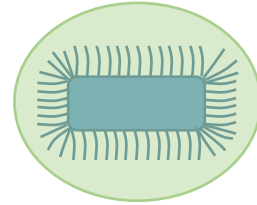
Typhoid
Rarer?

Naïve human

S. En O9



S. Ty O9+ Vi+



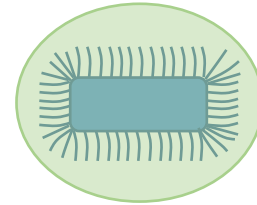
Typhoid

SEn-infected human O9 Ab

Vi vaccine



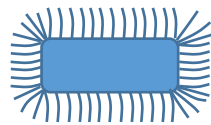
S. Ty O9+ Vi+



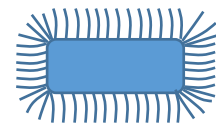
No Typhoid
Anti-Vi Ab kill

Vi-immunized human Vi Ab

S. En O9



S. Ty O9+ Vi-



No Typhoid
Anti-O9 Ab kill

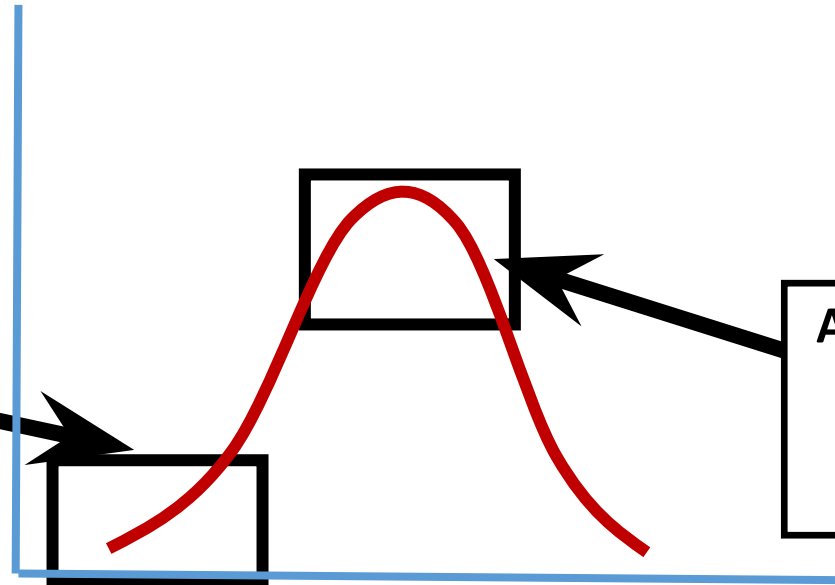
SEn-infected human O9 Ab

Vaccines democratise opportunity across the life course

There are limited options to treat active infections

Bacterial numbers

Vaccines work here!!!
Fewer bacteria
Less resistance



Time

Antibiotics mainly used here!!!
More bacteria
More resistance



Vaccines save lives

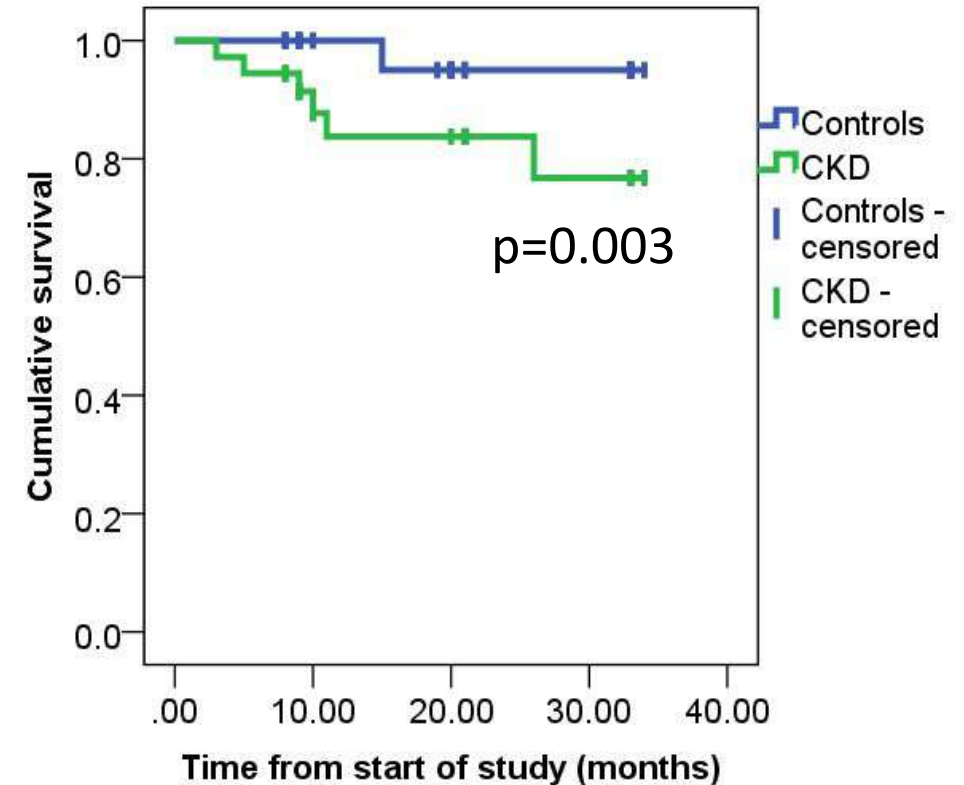


Antibiotics save lives

The success of vaccines (we rarely know when they have save our life) can make selling their importance more difficult cf antibiotics

CKD is associated with more infections and higher mortality

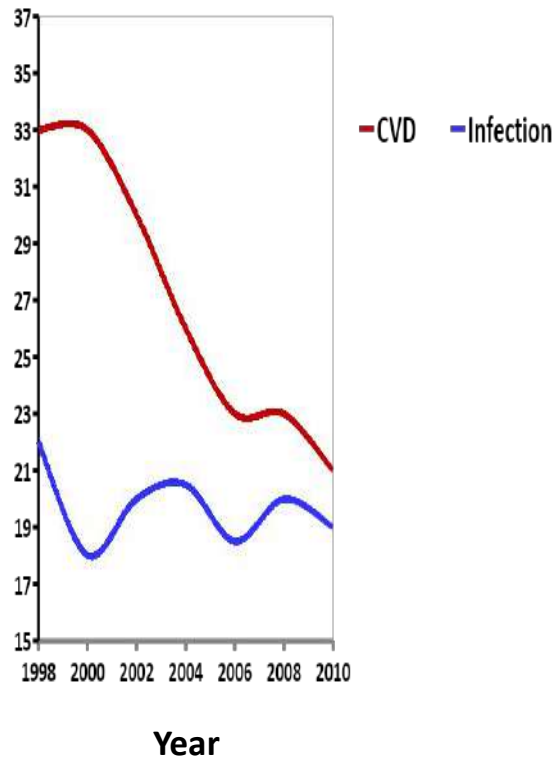
	Controls	CKD	p value
Incidence of ALL infections (per 1000 person days)	1.8 (0.9-3.9)	3.4 (2.2-5.2)	0.09
Incidence of RESPIRATORY infections (per 1000 person days)	1.1 (0.4-2.4)	2.7 (1.6-4.3)	0.05



Chronic Kidney Disease massively increases risk of serious infection and poor response to vaccination

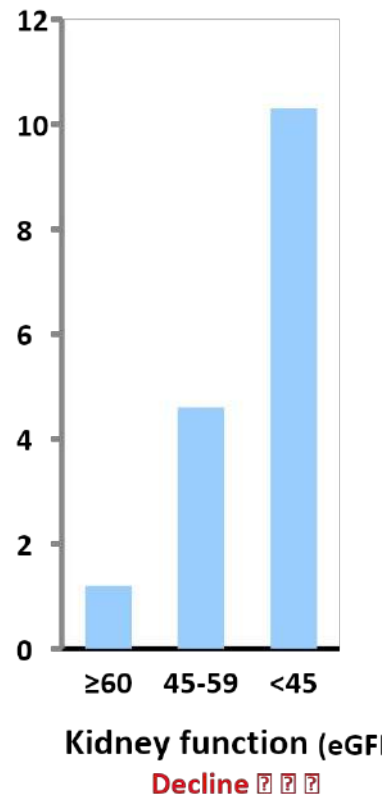
Infection-related mortality unchanged over 10 years

% cause of death



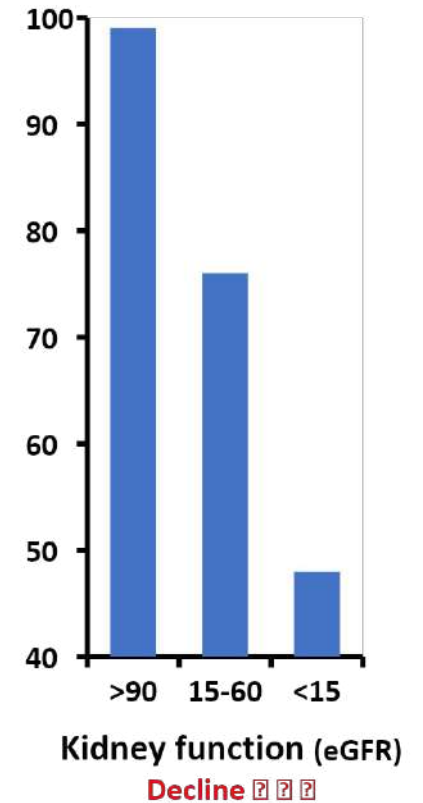
Infection-related mortality ↑ with ↓ kidney function

Deaths / 1000 person years



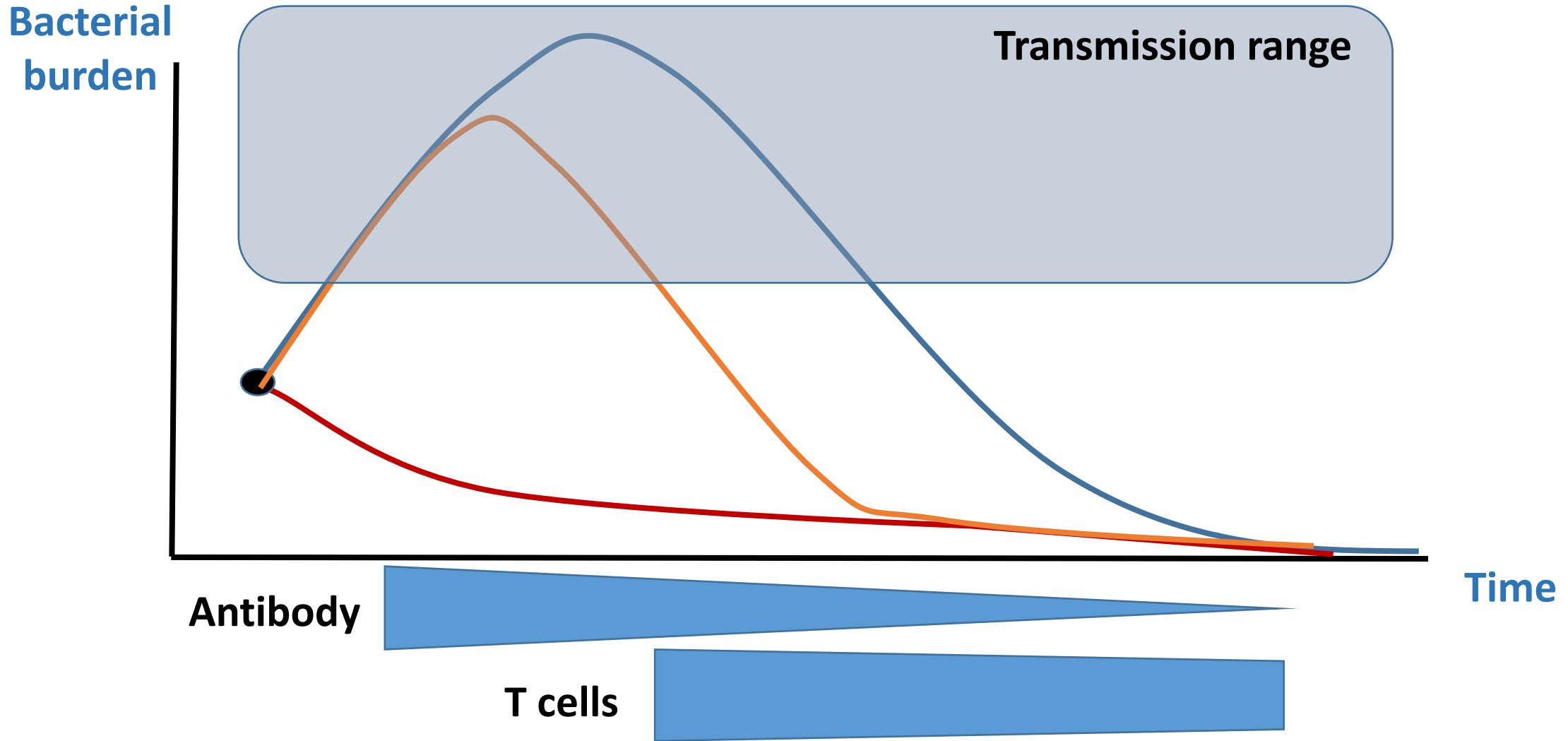
HBV vaccine seroconversion ↓ with ↓ kidney function

% seroconversion



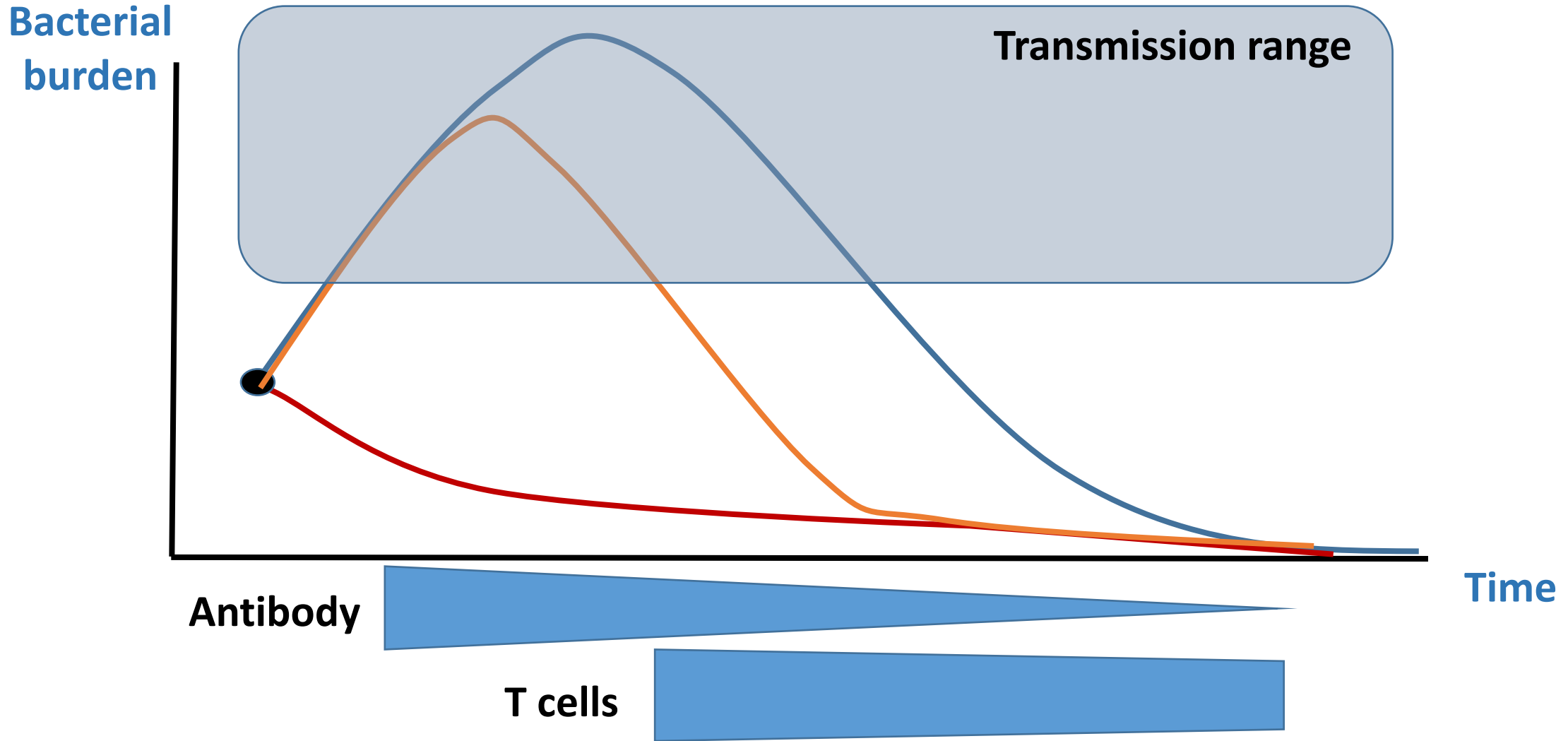
B cell responses help reduce the bacterial burden at the time of first encounter

T cell responses contribute later

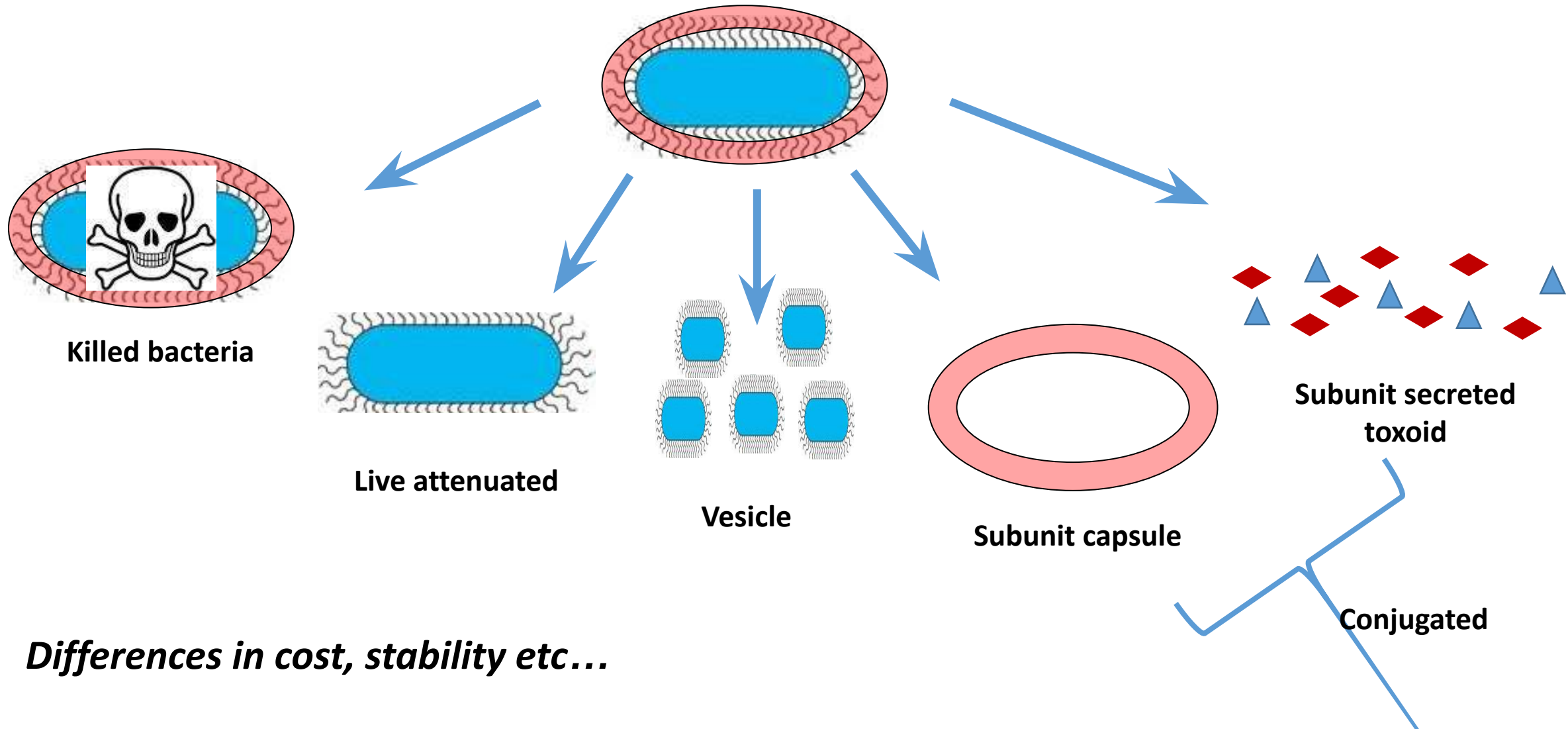


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T cell responses contribute later



What types of vaccines are licensed for use against bacterial infections in humans?



Vaccines can induce **T-dependent** immunity (e.g. to **proteinaceous** molecules such as tetanus toxoid or live vaccines) or **T-independent** immunity (such as **capsular polysaccharides**)

T-independent antigens can become T-dependent antigens by conjugation to proteins

Vaccines often target multiple antigens or multiple epitopes within an antigen-wide coverage – potentially lots of changes needed to introduce evasion

AMR rapid and widespread – vaccine resistance rare and limited (real/semantics) – 6 years staph penicillin, 100s years smallpox. AMR can develop even inside patients fully compliant

There is a difference between evasion and strain replacement and selection based on contact with the vaccine inside a person. The veterinary context may be slightly different as may be wider

That said resistance is more narrow to vaccines and takes longer to appear

Vaccines work before infection and often before transmission – kills potential for transfer

The larger the bacterial population size at the time of treatment, the more likely there is resistance to appear

UNKNOWN – evidence of resistance to bactericidal killing mediated by abs

Drug often interferes with a narrow range of cell activities, vaccine can be more widespread BUT think capsule vaccines – so in some way acts like combination therapy

Pertussis evasion – pertactin-deficient strains, assoc with acellular vac,

Vaccines can be direct – kill pathogen, indirect eg flu reduce abiotic use because no idea what is infection g you or reduce abiotic uxse because less flu and less secondary infection

CKD patients can maintain immune responses to historic antigens

GFR < 60 ml/min/1.73 m² or 1+ markers of kidney damage

Prevalent - Affects 1 in 10 adults, ~2.5% NHS budget

Caused by different pathological processes

Diabetes mellitus (DM)

Hypertension (HTN)

Atherosclerosis (ischaemic nephropathy)

CKD patients have higher inflammatory markers – CRP, TNF etc

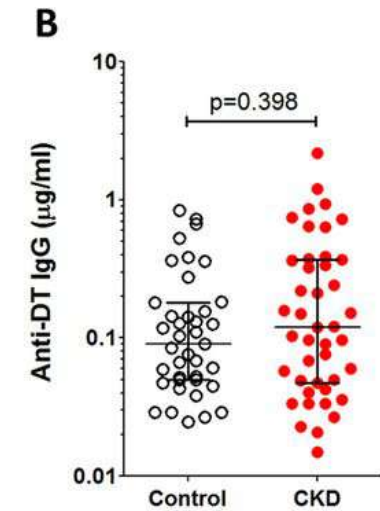
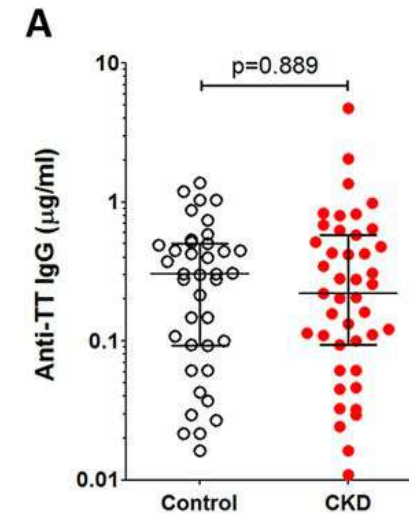
Sepsis mortality 30-50x greater in dialysis patients

1 year mortality = 13% in severe CKD

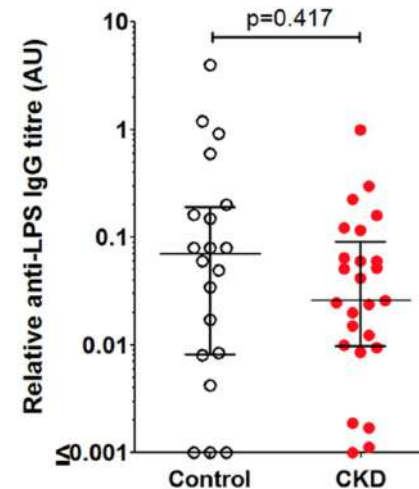
Risk of death increases stepwise with ↓ eGFR

Is this because of a failure to mount immunity?

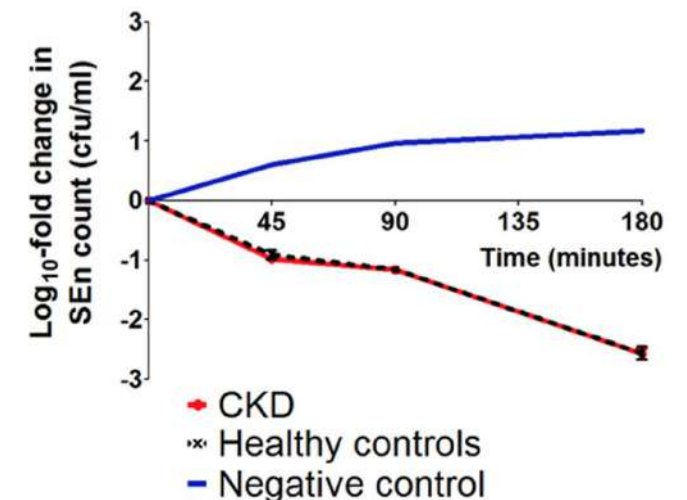
How about responses to historic antigens?



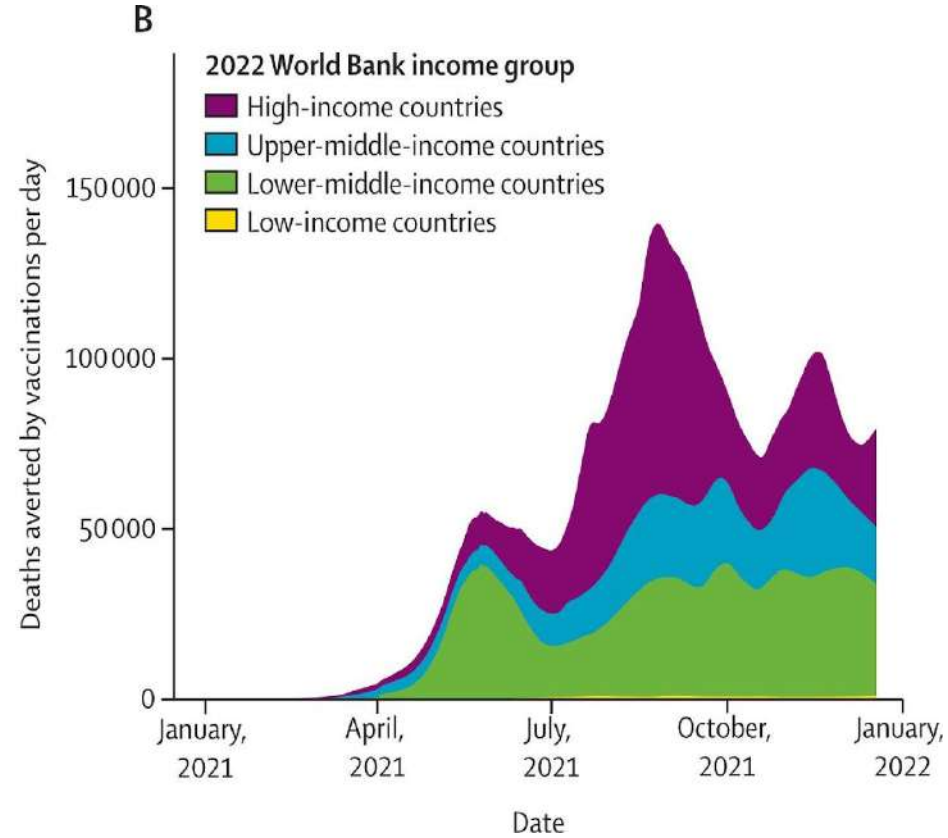
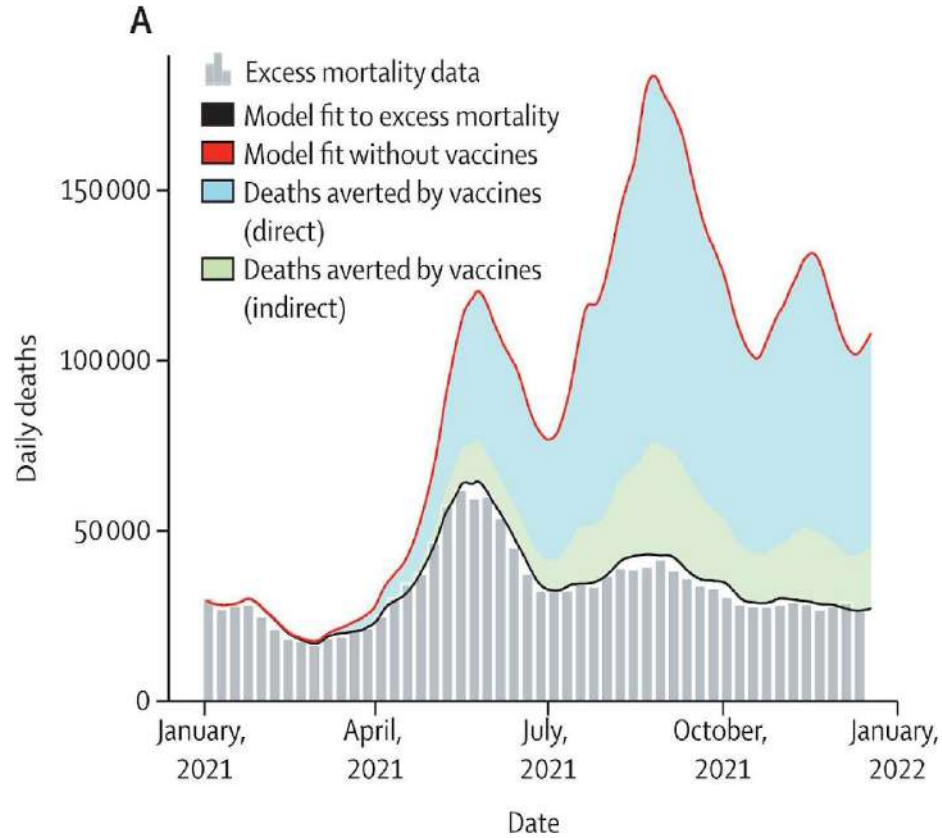
Anti-Salmonella
IgG titres



Bactericidal activity of
anti-Salmonella IgG



en vaccines and treatments able



How can vaccines help reduce AMR?

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Direct –

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Indirect –

Block **transmission** – target “similar” pathogens (**Bexsero and gonococcus**)

50% antibiotic use **inappropriate** – flu season correlates with antibiotic use - diagnostics

Flu vaccine reduces **secondary bacterial infections** and antibiotic treatments

How can vaccines help protect against infection?

Direct

Prevent infection, reduce severity etc

Reduce NCD sequelae (flu and exacerbations of cardiovascular disease)

Protect near certain acquisition (HepB vac of infants born to infected mothers)

Indirect

Herd immunity – e.g. pneumococcus infants and grandparents

Prevent damage and associated secondary infection (e.g. flu and pneumococcus)

Prevent infection in offspring (e.g. maternal immunization)

Prevent complications of NCD – e.g. bronchiectasis

“Innate immune training”

Immunological concepts behind vaccination in the context of military medicine:

1. Herd immunity – unlikely during active deployment?
2. Skewing of adaptive immunity (antibody) to a narrow spectrum of antigens – global pathogen diversity and time before deployment? Cf outbreak pathogens (menB and OMV)
3. Protection from death – balance between disease (+/- infection) most often in adults
4. Added benefits of innate immune training - shorter-lived non-specific benefits (BCG)
5. Reactogenicity vs immunogenicity – original killed typhoid vaccine vs cholera vaccine
6. Time – Induction and persistence, access to boost, need to boost - TT/DT 10 yrs, vs MMR 1000+ years - cholera
7. Some populations will not i) respond well to vaccination; ii) respond to vaccination but still be less protected (classical and non-classical immunodeficiencies) – less important in healthy military recruits?
8. COVID-19 has taught us many lessons – real-time benefit that lasts despite pathogen diversity

We have surprisingly few tools to prevent disease

Clean water, hand washing, public health

Vaccines

Antimicrobials

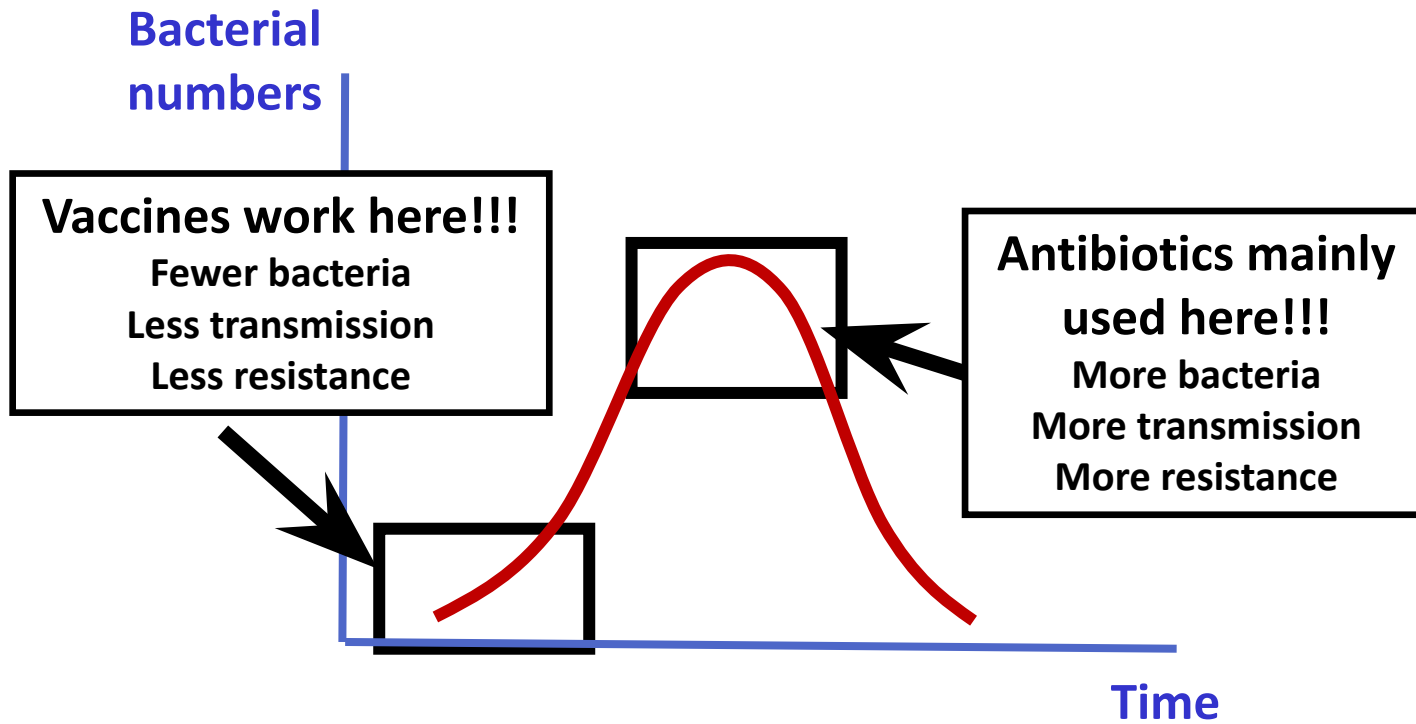
AMR

Cf COVID-19

- Dec 2019 to Dec 2020 – Hands, Space, Face – Dexamethasone
- Vaccines enable return to “normal life”

Vaccines and antibiotics are active at different times after infection

The ultimate function is to control infectious disease



Vaccines save lives



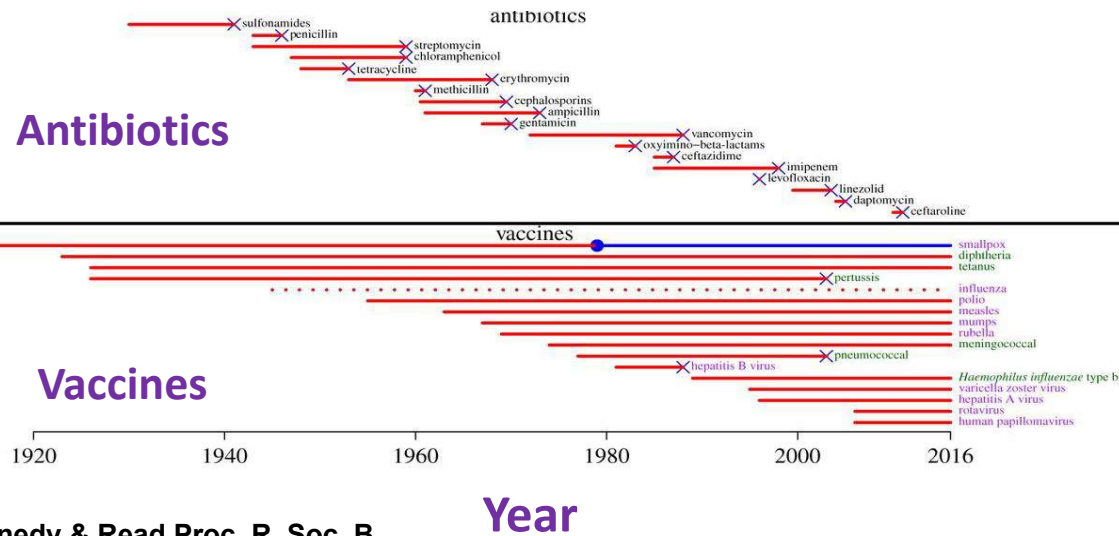
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Vaccines offer sustained protection against disease, whilst antibiotics offer (broader but) short-term activity: *both differ in levels of resistance*

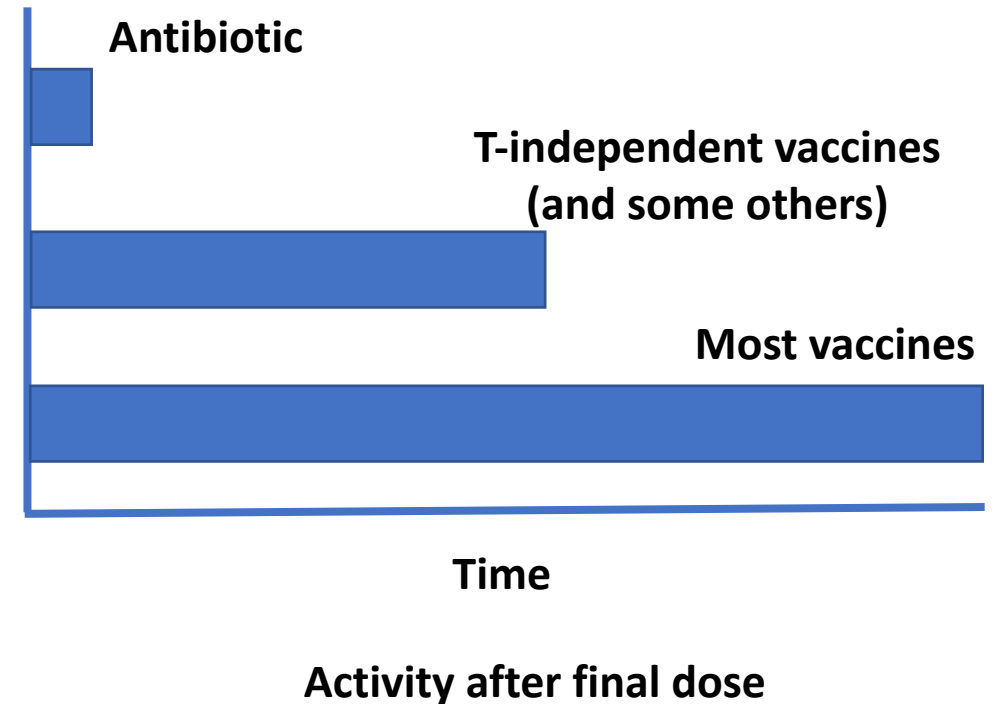
Persistence of responses and lack of acquisition of **resistance** help make vaccines effective

Year agent introduced and resistance detected



Kennedy & Read Proc. R. Soc. B
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Length of activity by class of agent

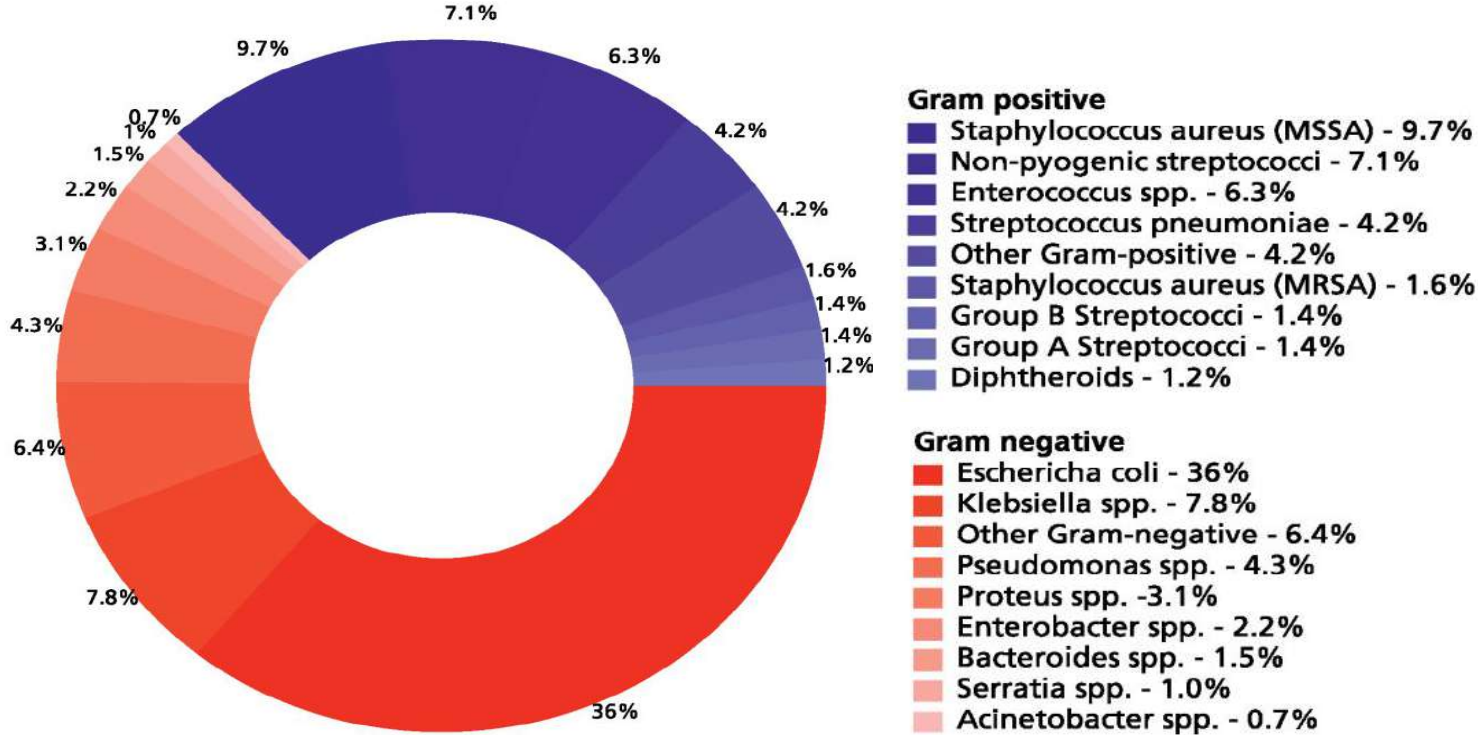


Herd immunity

Off target benefits – meningo BCG

Systemic infections are problems in High and low income countries – AMR & vulnerable groups

Figure 1.1: Organisms causing blood stream infections in adults in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, April 2011-March 2012



Source: HPA. English National Point Prevalence Survey on Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Use, 2011: Health Protection Agency, England; 2012. Note: excludes 13,206 episodes of bacteraemia with coagulase negative staphylococci.

Susceptibility to infection with age can be due to multiple reasons

Classical and non-classical Primary immunodeficiency – sickle cell

Age

Classical secondary immunodeficiency

Non-classical secondary immunodeficiency

Metabolic conditions - diabetes

Vaccination can help vulnerable groups

Other advantages of studying vaccination in risk groups

Allows study of “immunity in action”

Examine immune “failure”

Different perspective to mechanistic work established in animals – real world

Risk of infection can correlate with poor vaccine responses

Vaccines a “window” to try and understand how to alter immune function

Also examine infectious history

Some infections have long-lasting impact

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) can skew tonal immunity

Table 2—Summary of infection rates during 2008–2015 and IRRs among people with diabetes versus matched control subjects

Type of Infection	People with T2DM (n = 96,630)		Control subjects (n = 191,822)		T2DM vs. control subjects	People with T1DM (n = 5,863)		Control subjects (n = 11,695)		T1DM vs. control subjects
	Events	Rate†	Rate†	IRR* (95% CI)	Events	Rate†	Rate†	IRR* (95% CI)		
Bone and joint infections	1,071	2.26	0.50	4.93 (4.34–5.61)	182	5.75	0.30	22.34 (12.12–41.20)		
Cholecystitis (acute)	1,035	2.01	1.35	1.62 (1.48–1.77)	51	1.61	0.85	1.92 (1.22–3.03)		
Endocarditis	100	0.20	0.13	1.84 (1.33–2.53)	8	0.25	0.08	6.70 (1.35–33.39)		
Influenza (laboratory-confirmed)	80,809	161.11	73.36	1.80 (1.78–1.82)	7,884	86.83	84.01	1.50 (1.30–1.85)		
Meningitis	57	0.07	0.05	1.69 (1.00–2.89)	5	0.16	0.04	6.33 (0.67–59.91)		
Pneumonia	3,088	18.92	10.88	1.82 (1.81–1.83)	488	11.31	4.89	2.08 (1.80–2.40)		
Septicemia	3,613	6.29	3.08	2.08 (2.06–2.10)	108	5.18	1.19	4.39 (3.78–5.09)		
Summary groups										
Any plus prescription	132,061	265.62	183.60	1.47 (1.46–1.49)	7,042	247.57	152.09	1.66 (1.59–1.74)		
Any as hospitalization†	19,097	38.77	21.89	1.88 (1.86–1.90)	1,128	37.19	11.07	3.71 (3.28–4.21)		
Death from infection	1,420	2.99	1.85	1.92 (1.78–2.10)	80	2.54	0.80	2.72 (2.47–3.03)		

Iain Carey et al Diabetes Care 2018

Vaccination can have a dramatic effect on the use of antibiotics

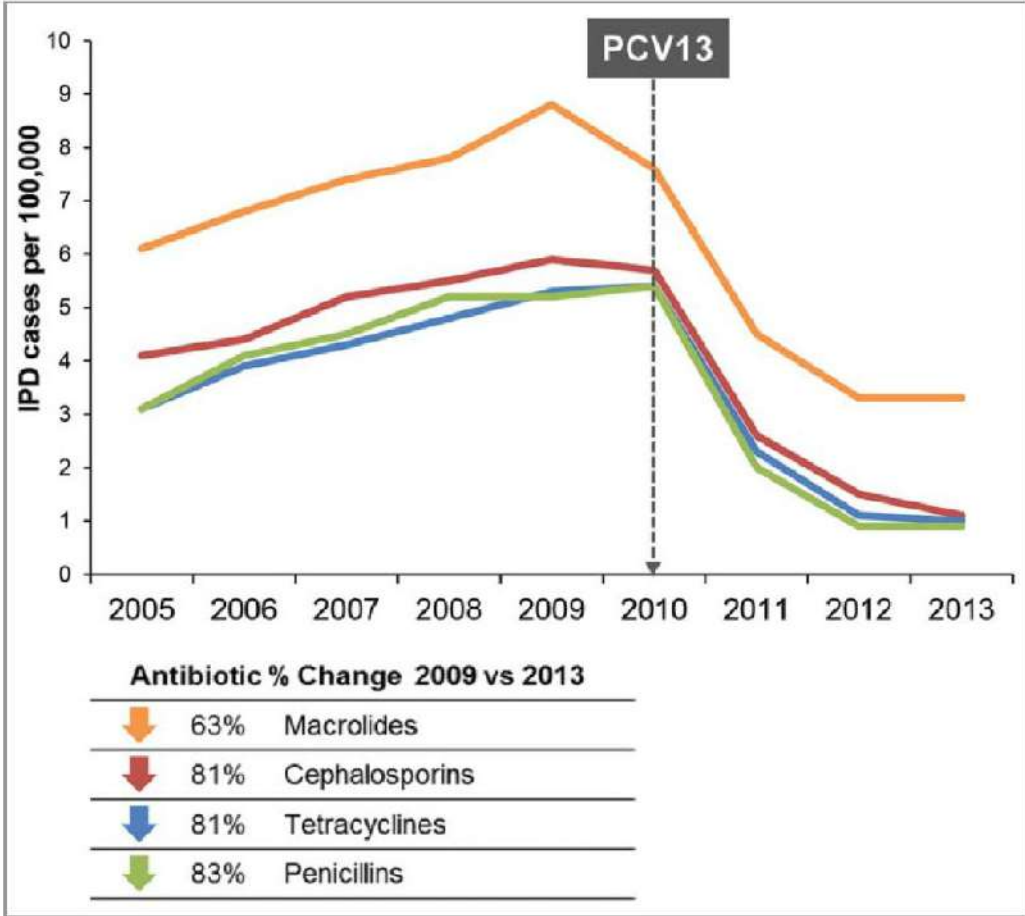


Figure 2. Rates of antibiotic non-susceptible invasive pneumococcal disease (<5 years) 2005–2013.²⁸

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Reduce use of antibiotics in farming / animal husbandry – growth promoters etc (>60% antibiotic use)