



Meningococcal B vaccination: policies and effectiveness data in Europe

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WHOcc for Meningitis

Conflicts of interest

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- **Patent: Bexsero & *Neisseria meningitidis* X (Novartis/GSK)**
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Global serogroup distribution

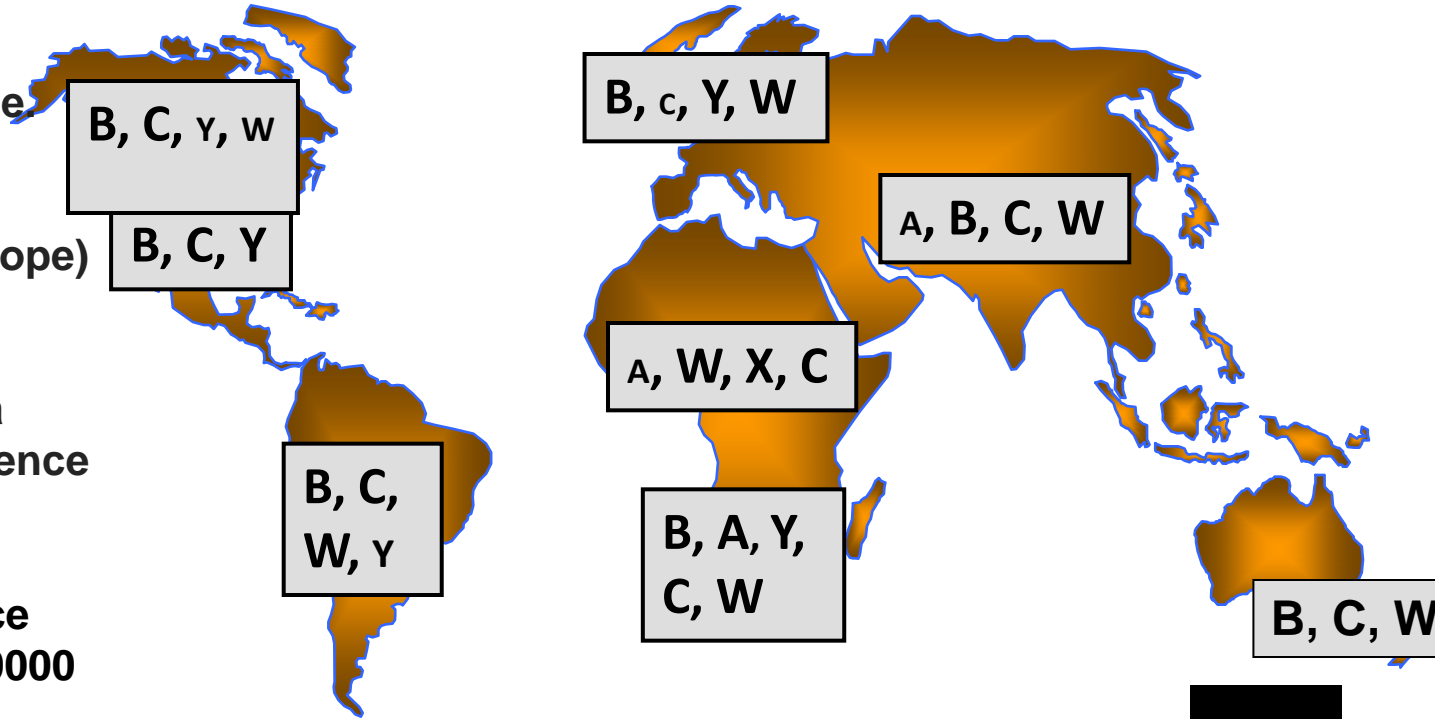
Sporadic forms: Europe
America

Incidence

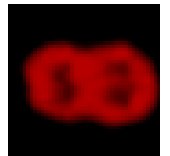
0.11-2 per 100 000 (Europe)
<1 per 100 000 (US)

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

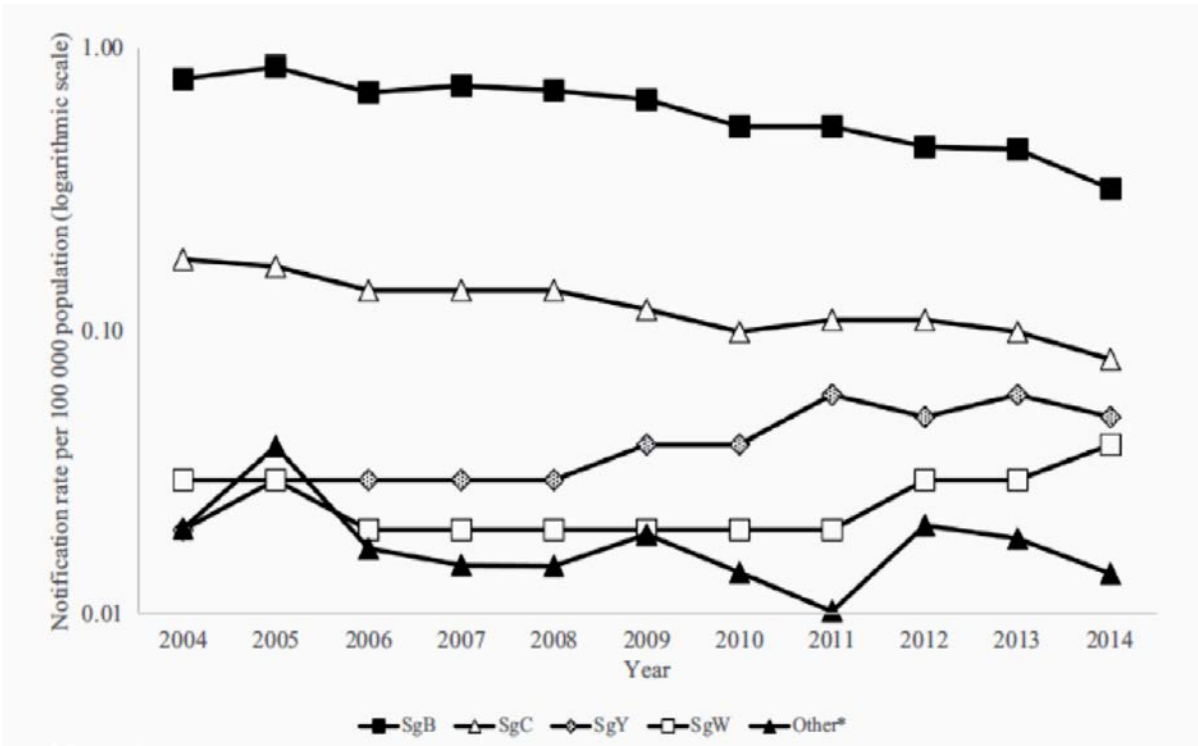
China: global incidence
1.84 (0.91-3.37) per 100000



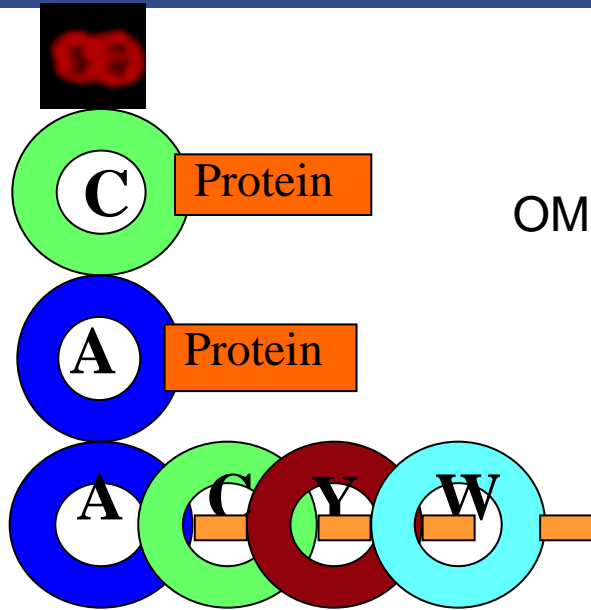
Neisseria meningitidis Gram- capsulated bacteria



Annual notification rate per 100,000 Europe, 2004–2014

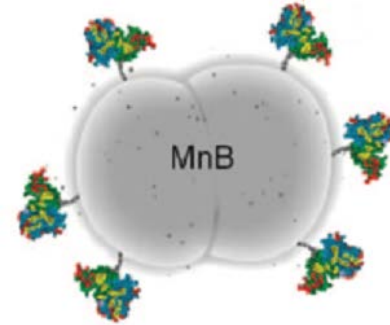


Anti-meningococcal vaccines



OMV-based vaccines

Recombinant vaccines



Bexsero[®] 4CMenB licensed (2013) \geq 2 months
European Union, Canada, Australia, and United States.

Trumenba[®] Bivalent rLP2086, approved in the
United States in individuals 10 to 25 years of age.
Positive opinion CHMP 23 Mars 2017: \geq 10 years

→ Serogroup specific Immunity

→ *No vaccine against serogroup B:
self homologue (NCAM)*

Vaccine components

fHbp (factor H Binding Protein)

Binds specifically human fH → downregulation of complement on Nm surface.

NHBA (Neisserial Heparin Binding Antigen)

Binds glycosaminoglycans (eg, heparan sulfate) on the surface of host cells
Increases bacterial serum resistance.

NadA (Neisserial adhesin A)

Induced by 4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid (4HPA), secreted in human saliva, and 3-Cl-4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid (3Cl-4HPA), produced during inflammation.

PorA

Major porin

Increases bacterial serum resistance by binding 4CBp

Anti-meningococcal vaccines and the basis of the correlate of protection

	Bactericidal titer ≥ 4		<i>P</i>
	Group Cases	Group Control	
Bacterial strain tested	3/54 (5,6%)	444/540 (82%)	<0.001

% of subjects with a titer ≥ 4

% of subjects with four-fold increase of bactericidal titer

Geometric mean of titers of all subjects

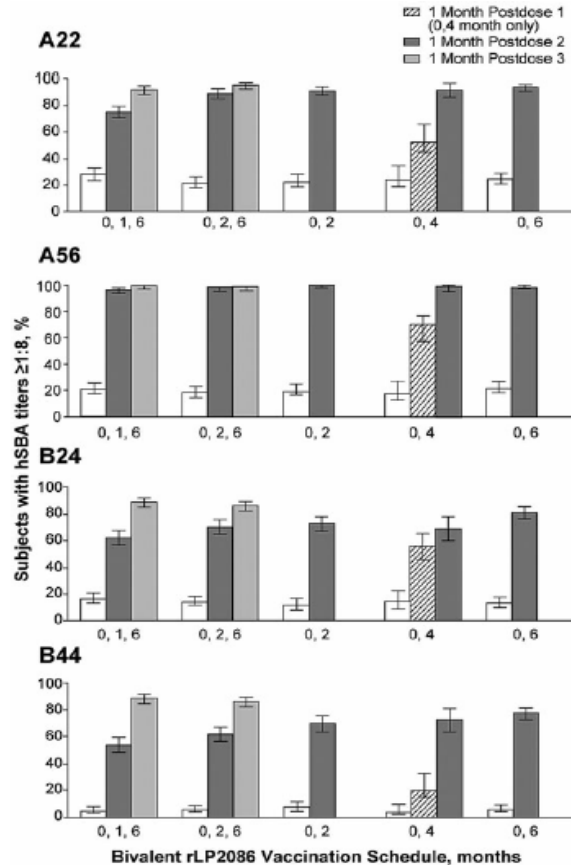
Immunogenicity of 4CMenB vaccine: 11-17y

% of hSBA \geq 1:4

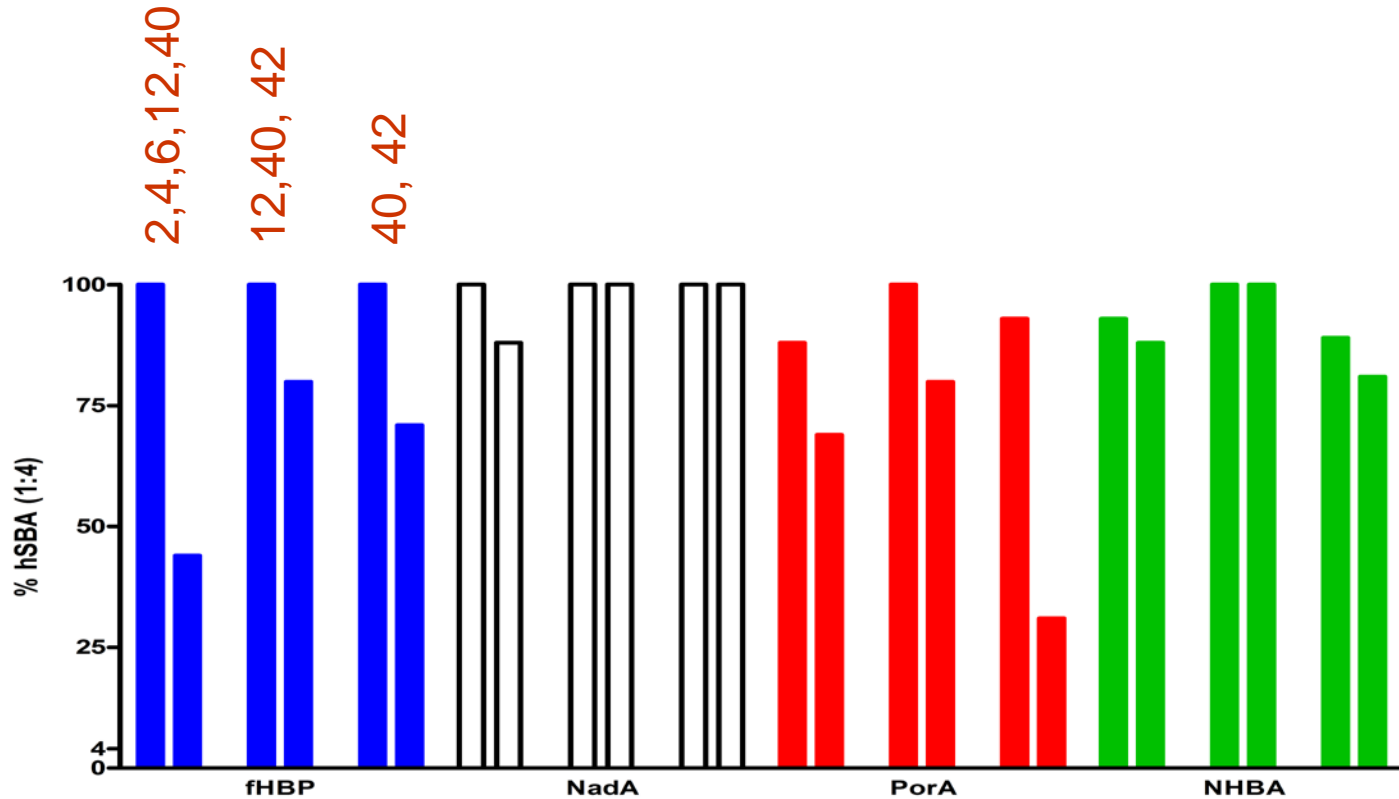
Strain 44/76SL (fHbp)								
Schedule (months)	One dose		Two doses			Three doses		
	0	6	0,1	0,2	0,6	0,1,2	0,1,6	0,2,6
Baseline	105/223	53/116	88/231	108/232	47/112	155/334	46/113	41/110
	47% (40–54)	46% (36–55)	38% (32–45)	47% (40–53)	42% (33–52)	46% (41–52)	41% (32–50)	37% (28–47)
Month 1	206/223	50/115	214/231	214/232	103/112	316/333	107/113	99/110
	92% (88–95)	43% (34–53)	93% (88–96)	92% (88–95)	92% (85–96)	95% (92–97)	95% (89–98)	90% (83–95)
Month 2	196/213	54/109	222/222	196/219	95/108	306/307	108/108	92/105
	92% (88–95)	50% (40–59)	100% (98–100)	89% (85–93)	88% (80–93)	100% (98–100)	100% (97–100)	88% (80–93)
Month 3	182/208	52/108	214/215	215/215	90/107	302/303	104/105	104/104
	88% (82–92)	48% (38–58)	100% (97–100)	100% (98–100)	84% (76–90)	100% (98–100)	99% (95–100)	100% (97–100)
Month 6	136/188	46/100	183/198	196/201	76/100	270/278	93/100	96/99
	72% (65–79)	46% (36–56)	92% (88–96)	98% (94–99)	76% (66–84)	97% (94–99)	93% (86–97)	97% (91–99)
Month 7	123/173	88/95	167/186	170/179	86/86	243/255	95/95	91/91
	71% (64–78)	93% (85–97)	90% (85–94)	95% (91–98)	100% (96–100)	95% (92–98)	100% (96–100)	100% (96–100)

Immunogenicity of rLP2086 bivalent vaccine :11-18y

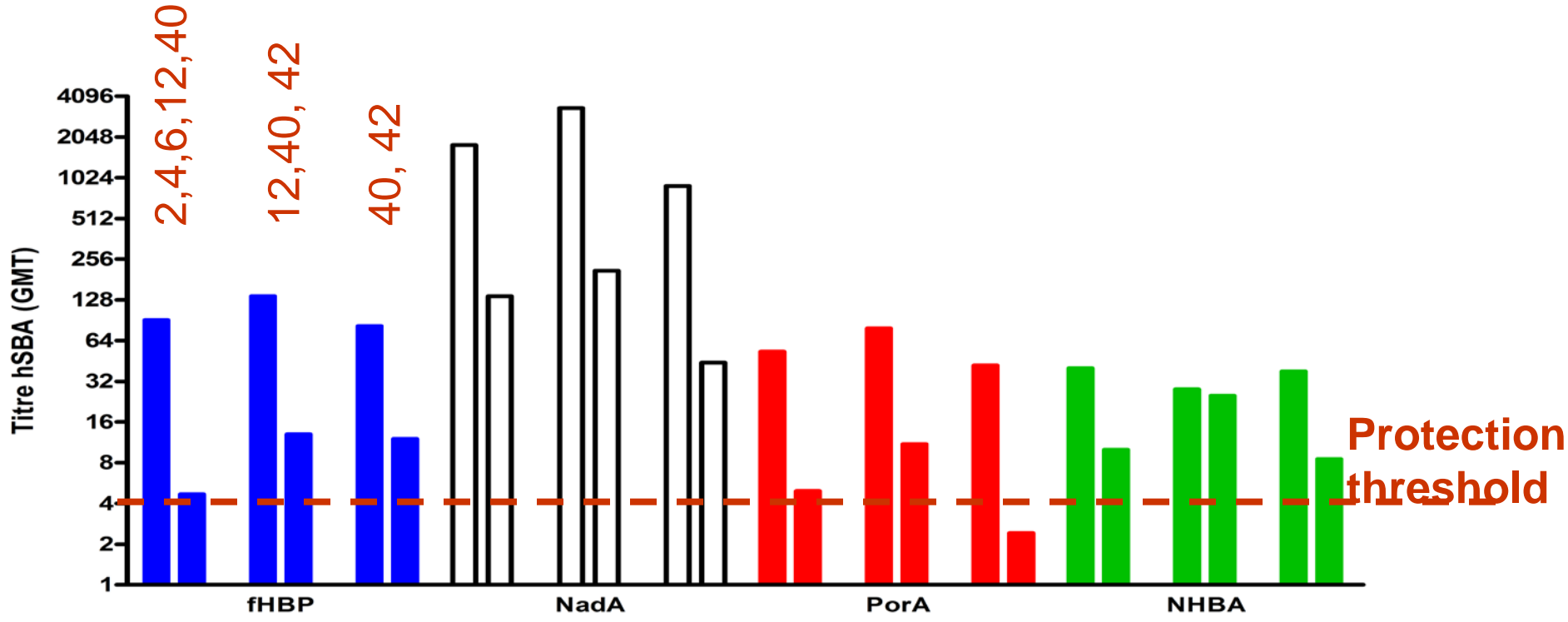
% of hSBA \geq 1:8



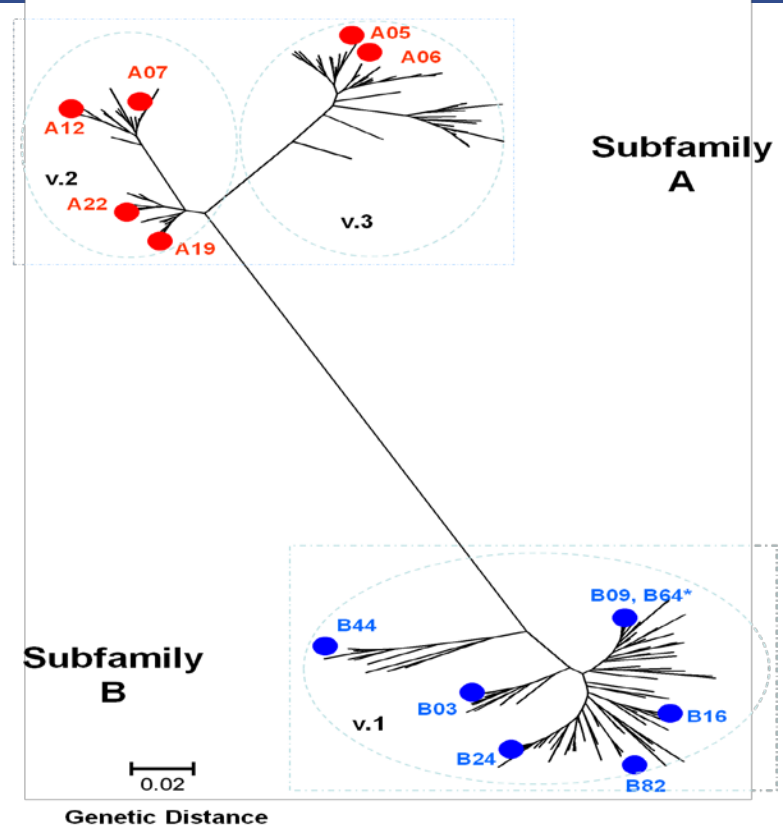
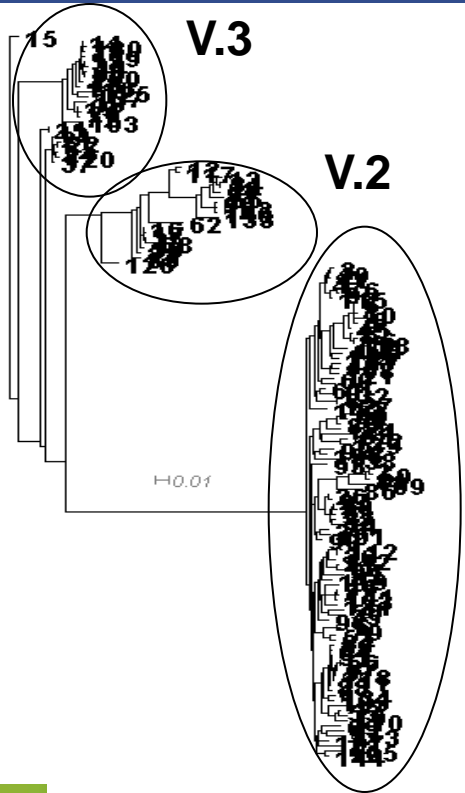
4CMenB: Persistence of hSBA (hSBA \geq 1:4)



Persistence of hSBA (GMT)



Diversity of fHBP



Strain coverage

Are any of the vaccine components in the targeted isolate:

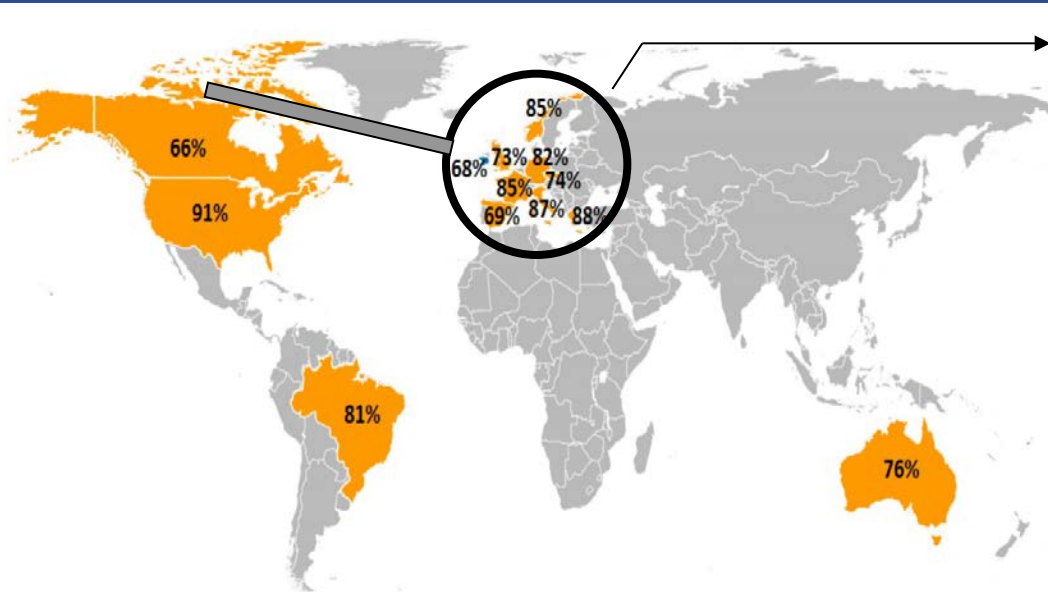
(i) Similar enough to the antigens in the vaccine such that the antibodies generated by the vaccine will kill the bacteria?

and

(ii) Expressed to a sufficient degree?

For an isolate to be 'covered', at least one antigen must be greater than a threshold that predicts killing by sera from vaccinated subjects

Predicated Coverage of 4CMenB Vaccine



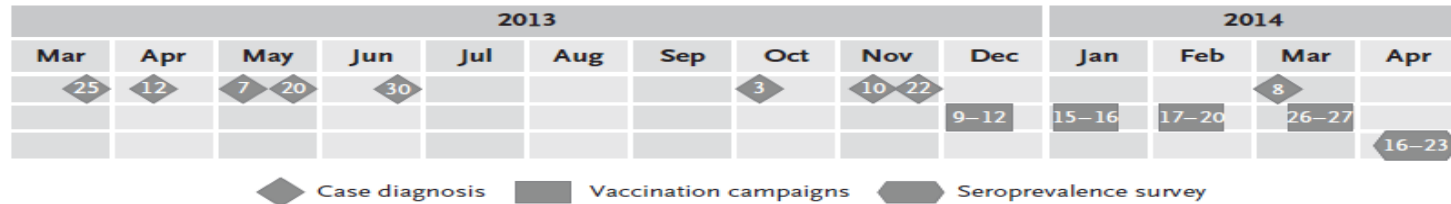
Vogel *et al.*, 2013 *Lancet Infect Dis*
 Bettinger *et al.*, 2013 *Vaccine* Tzanakaki
et al., 2014 *BMC Microbiol*
 Wasko *et al.*, 2016 *Vaccine*

	Predicted coverage (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)

*Excludes Czech Republic, Greece and Poland and Spain

Outbreak Princeton University

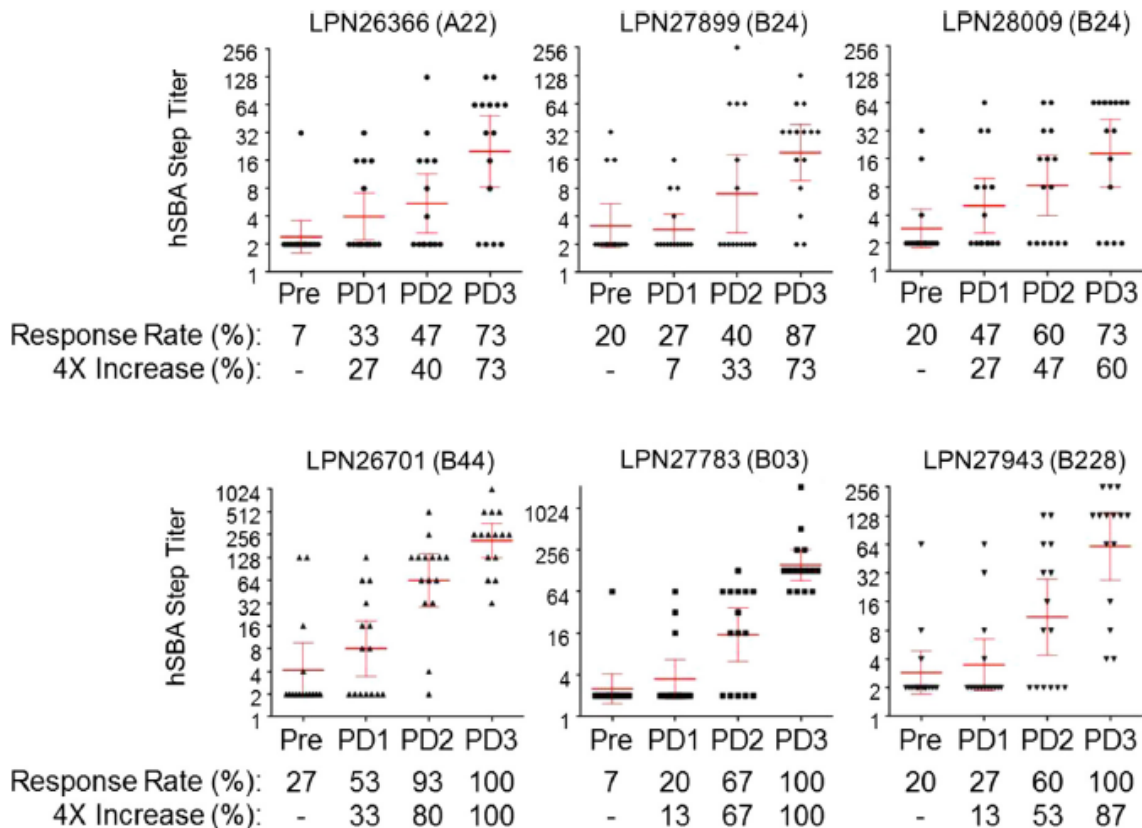
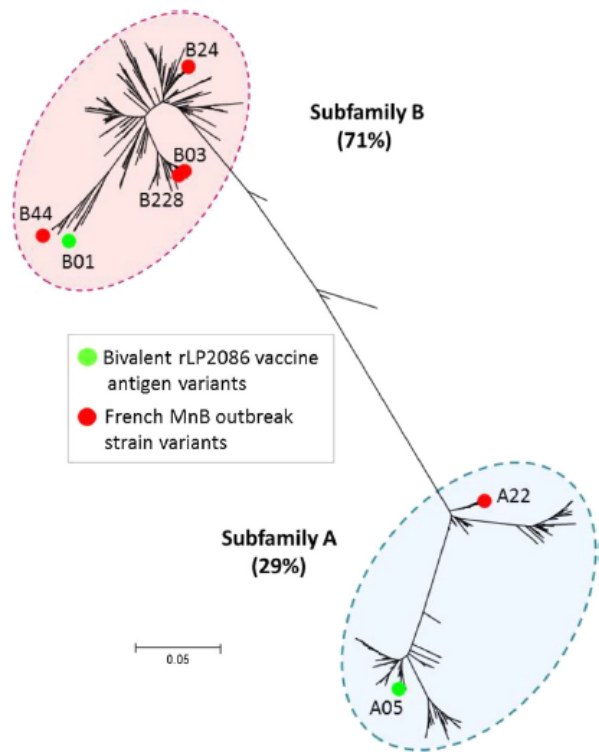
ST 409 [cc41/44/lineage3], PFGE 429, PorA P1.5-1,2.2, fHbp 1.276, NHBA p0002, and NadA-



MATS+ (fHbp and NHBA)

Eight weeks after the second dose of the 4CMenB vaccine was administered, there was no evidence of an hSBA response against the outbreak strain in 33.9%

SBA of sera from adolescents vaccinated with bivalent rLP2086: Isolates from outbreaks



Effect of 4CMenB vaccine on meningococcal carriage

Autumn 2010; 2954 participants aged 18–24 years

987 control group ; carriage rate 31%

979 4CMenB group ; carriage rate 33%

988 MenACWY-CRM group; carriage rate 34%

carriage prevalence compared to control

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

Impact on non-B isolates

Could the multicomponent meningococcal serogroup B vaccine (4CMenB) control *Neisseria meningitidis* capsular group X outbreaks in Africa?

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Vaccine 31 (2013) 1113–1116

Effectiveness of Meningococcal B Vaccine against Endemic Hypervirulent *Neisseria meningitidis* W Strain, England

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Alessia Biolchi, Mariagrazia Pizza,
Kazim Beebeejaun, Jay Lucidarme,
Jamie Findlow, Mary E. Ramsay, Ray Borrow

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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)

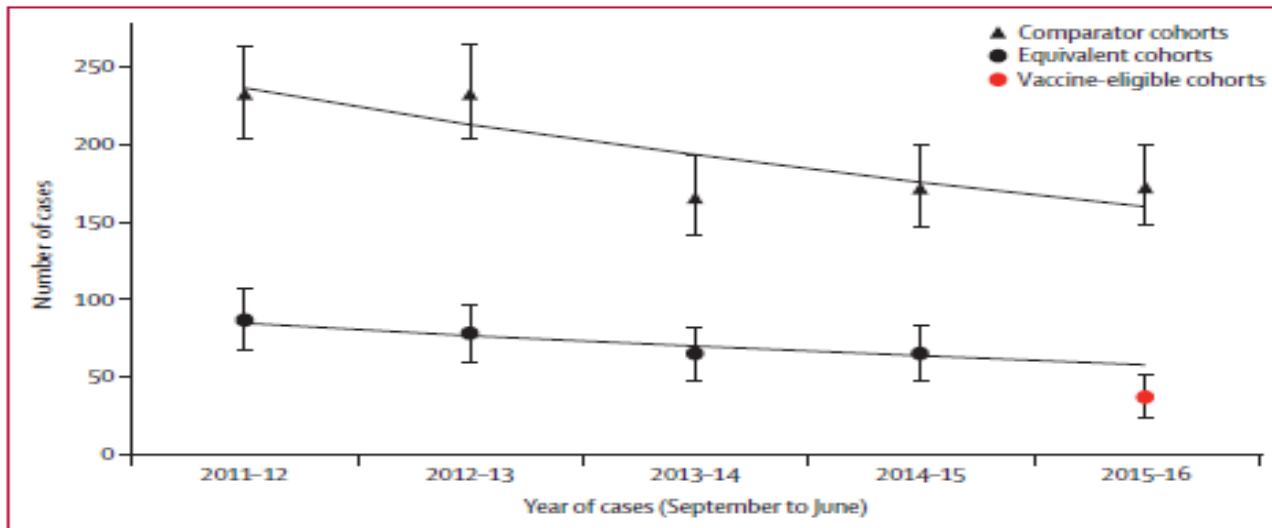
Jacqui Wise

- 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

Impact of 4CMenB on MenB IMD in the United Kingdom

- September, 2015 2 doses at 2 months and 4 months + an opportunistic catch-up for 3 month and 4 month olds.
- Coverage: 95.5% for one dose and 88.6% for two doses
- Cases diagnosed between Sept 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016



**vaccine
effectiveness
94.2%**

A prolonged outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease in an extended Irish Traveller family across three Health Service Executive (HSE) areas in Ireland, 2010 to 2013

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- March 2010–November 2013 eight laboratory-confirmed cases of serogroup B, invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) were identified in an extended Irish Traveller family
- B:P1.7-2,4:cc41/44
- 4CMenB vaccine was administered to family members aged 2 months to 23 years

4CMenB: France



 **Haut Conseil de la santé publique**

AVIS

relatif à l'utilisation du vaccin Bexsero®
(Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics)

25 octobre 2013

- **At risk subjects**
- **Outbreak control**

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

The low/lack of impact, on the acquisition of meningococcal carriage.

- The decline in antibody production after vaccination.
- The reactogenicity (especially fever) of the vaccine when co-administered with other early childhood vaccines.
- Unfavorable cost-effectiveness.

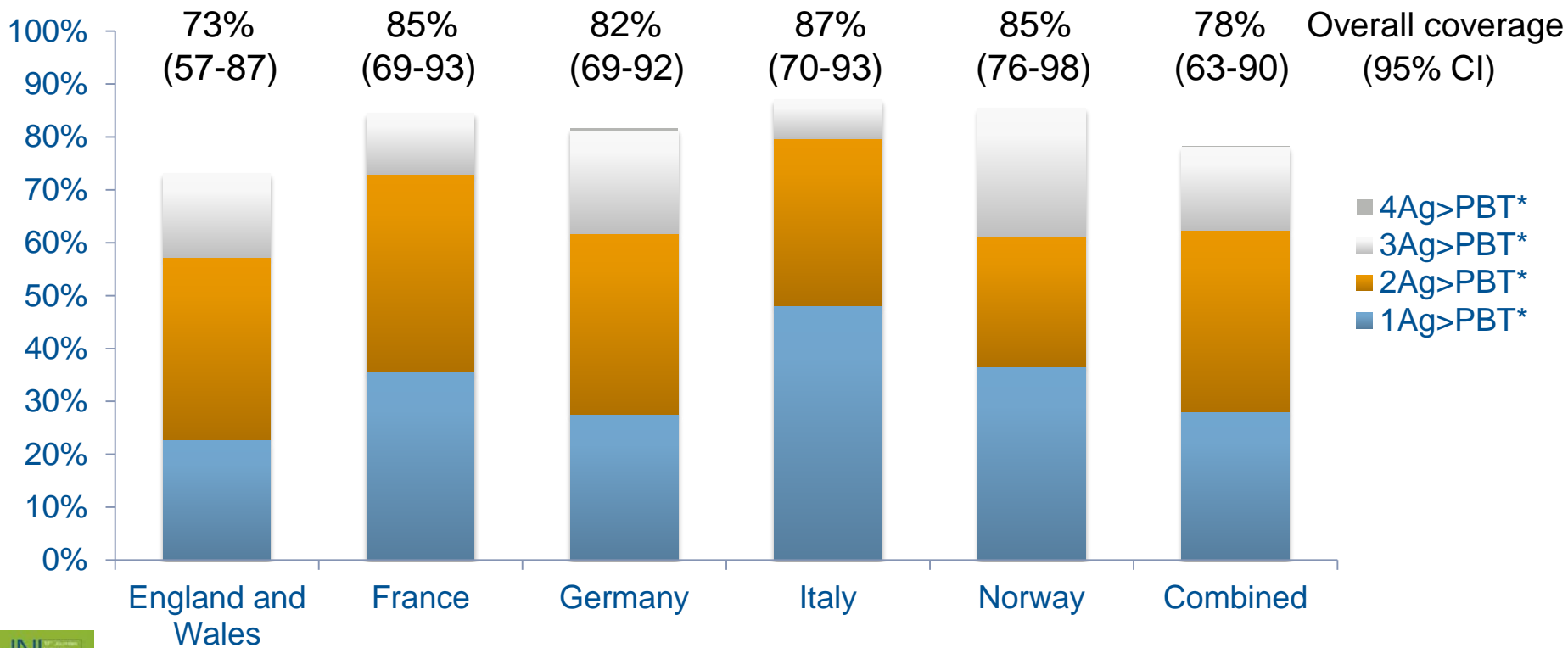
Use of 4CMenB in Beaujolais Region in France

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|-------------|---|
| Background | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 cases of MenB IMD reported in February/March 2016• Serotype: B:P1.19.15:F4-28:cc32 |
| Vaccination | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 doses of 4CMenB vaccination• Recommended for all persons aged 2 months to 24 years (4338 subjects) in 12 municipalities in affected region |
| Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new cases reported• Alert lifted August 2016, surveillance continues |

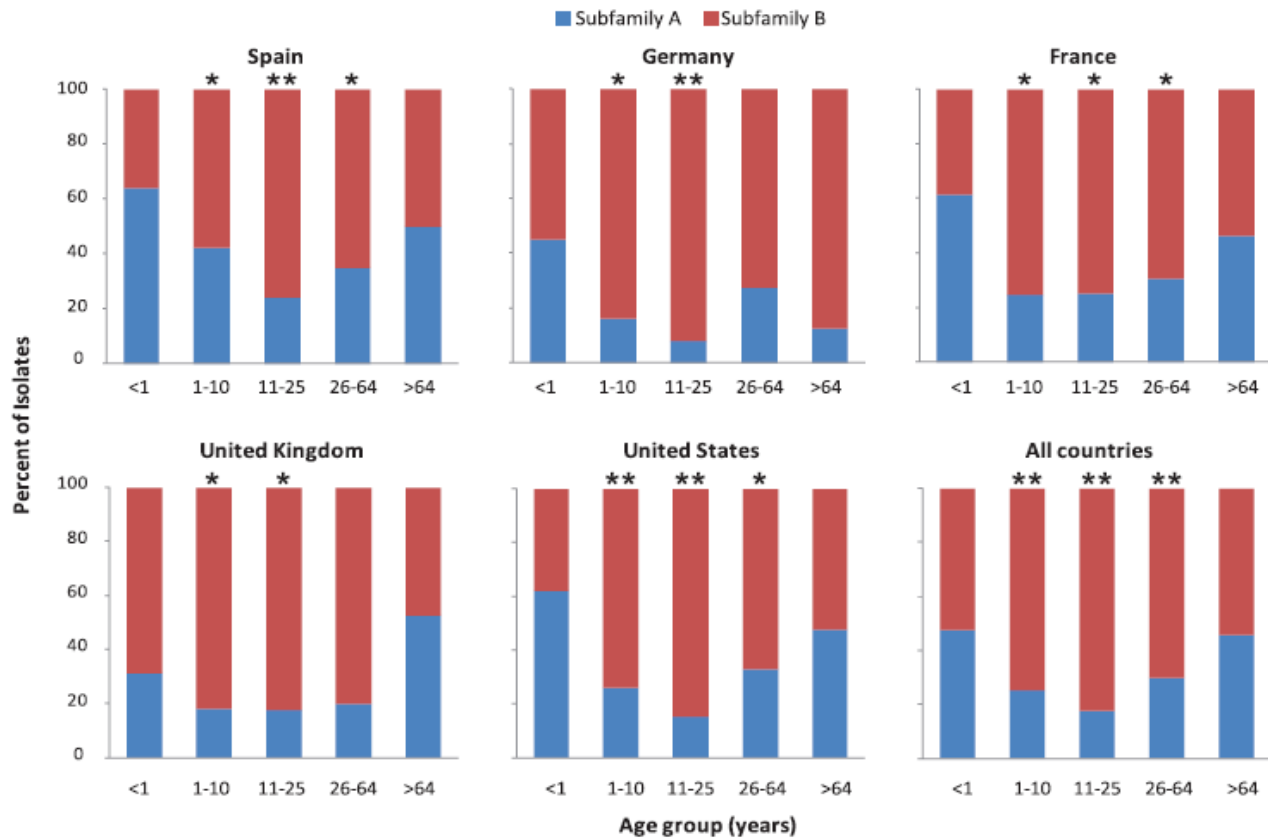
Conclusions

- **Vaccines targeting MenB can be developed on the basis of sub-capsular structures.**
- **Re-evaluate the impact on carriage acquisition.**
- **Explore the “universality” of these recombinant vaccines.**
- **Needs for boosters? When and frequencies?**
- **Vaccine strategies should consider:**
 - **Local epidemiology & coverage of isolates**
 - **Cost-effectiveness (criteria?)**
 - **direct protection and herd immunity**

MATS predicted coverage of MenB isolates by 4CMenB vaccine



Difference in epidemiology of fHBP subfamilies in different age groups



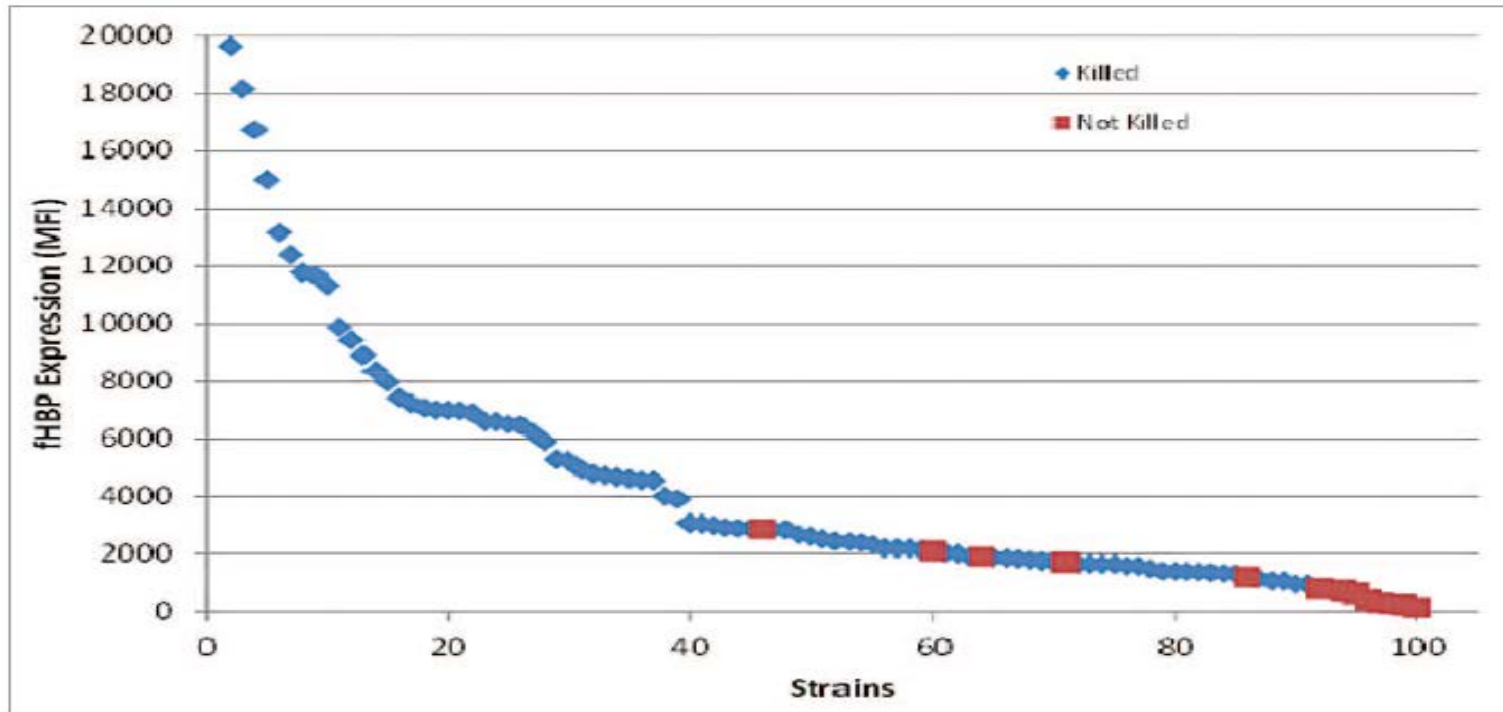
Outbreak isolates: France

Neisseria meningitidis serogroup B outbreak strains from France: genotype and FHbp expression.

Strain ID	FHbp variant	Amino acid sequence identity to bivalent rLP2086 vaccine antigen, %	MLST	Clonal complex	PorA VR1/VR2	PorB	FHbp expression, MFI	FHbp median surface expression level ^a (25th–75th percentile), MFI
LNP26366	A22	88.9	1163	269	22/9	3–25	4214	2519 (1769–3425)
LNP26701	B44	91.6	269	269	19–1/15–11	3–25	8305	14,378 (11,047–18,848)
LNP27783	B03	90.8	UA	41/44	7–2/13–2	3–71	1309	2907 (1815–3948)
LNP27899	B24	86.2	32	32	7/16	3–324	4747	7518 (5583–10,229)
LNP27943	B228	90.8	4954	UA	19/15–1	3–14	4114	None
LNP28009	B24	86.2	32	32	7–2/16	3–36	3425	7518 (5583–10,229)

fHBP surface expression correlates with strain susceptibility in the SBA

Invasive MnB strains (n = 100) tested using the MEASURE assay



Persistence of immune response of 4CMenB in laboratory workers

	<i>Individual serum</i>					
	H44/76	NGH38	5/99	LNP24349		
hSBA titer range (GMT)						
Baseline (n=8)	2-16 (3.084)	2-32 (5.187)	2-8 (3.364)	2-8 (3.668)		
6 weeks after dose 2 (n=8)	16-256 (69.79)	2-256 (32.0)	256 (256)	16-128 (38.05)		
pvalue (reference baseline)	0.0078	0.0156	0.0078	0.0078		
1 year after dose 2 (n=7)	2-16 (4.0)	2-16 (4.876)	2-256 (35.33)	2-8 (4.0)		
pvalue (reference 6w after dose 2)	0.0156	0.0313	0.0625	0.0156		
number of people with ≥ 4 (%)						
Baseline (n=8)	3 (38%)	4 (50%)	4 (50%)	4 (50%)		
After dose 2 (n=8)	8 (100%)	7 (88%)	8 (100%)	8 (100%)		
1 year after dose 2 (n=7)	4 (57%)	4 (57%)	6 (86%)	5 (71%)		
	<i>Pooled serum</i>					
	LNP27783	LNP27896	LNP27899	LNP27931	LNP27942	LNP27943
hSBA titer with Bexpool*						
pre-vaccination	2	2	2	4	8	8
post-vaccination	8	16	8	16	32	32

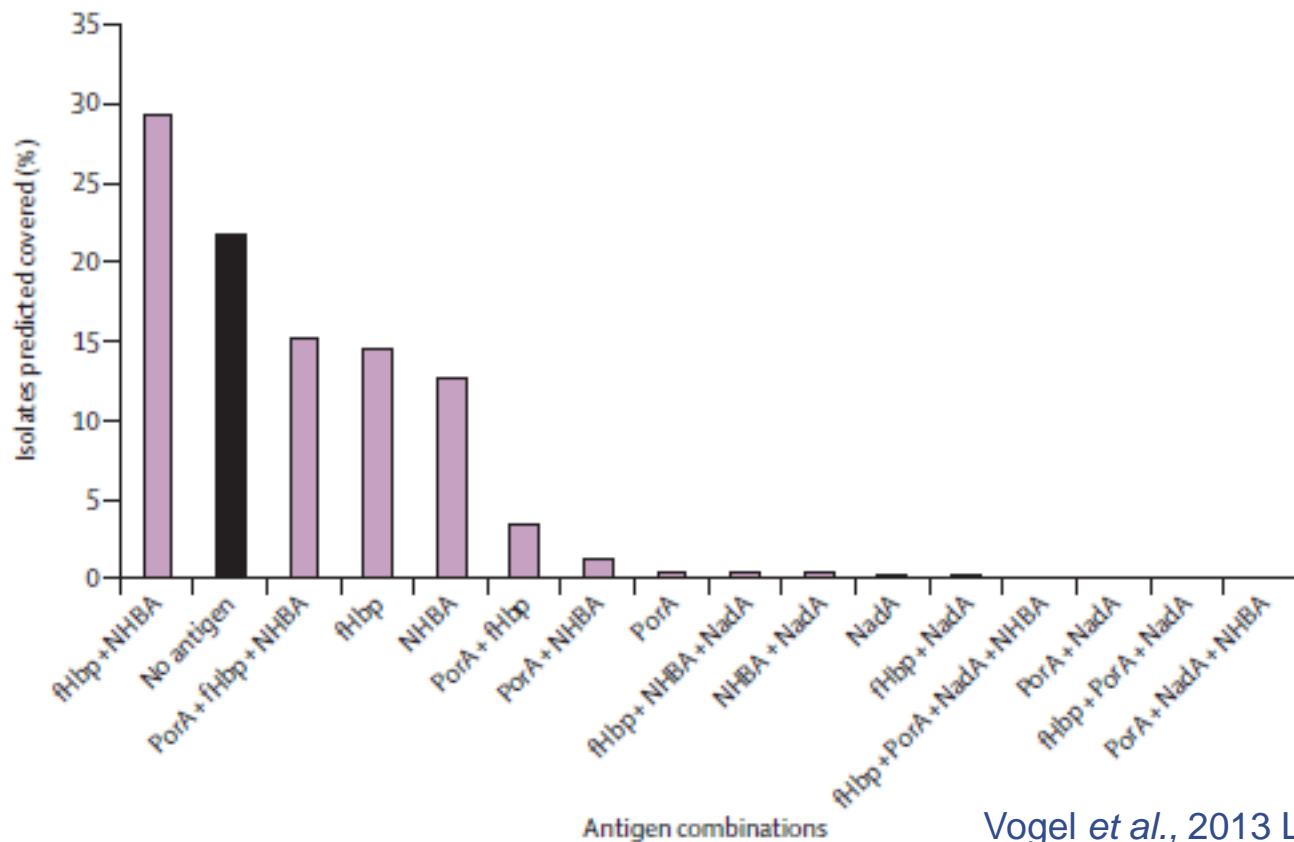


* pool of sera from patients who received 2 doses schedule

18^{es} JNI, Saint-Malo, du 21 au 23 juin 2017

Hong et al., 2016 Hum Vaccin Immunother

Percentages of isolates covered by specific antigen combinations



Immunogenicity against non-B isolates

Isolate	Positive control (rabbit polyclonal) Anti MenX	Adults sera		Adolescents sera		Infant sera		
		PI	Post 3rd	PI	Post 2nd	PI	Post 3rd	Post 4th
LNP13407	>4096	4	>128	<4	128	<4	32	64
LNP14354	2048	16	>128	4	>128	<4	>64	>64
LNP14355	2048	8	64	4	>128	<4	>64	>64
LNP14964	2048	<4	>128	<4	>128	<4	32	>64
LNP15038	1024	16	>128	<4	>128	<4	>64	>64
LNP15075	128	4	128	<4	32	<4	16	16
LNP15877	2048	4	>128	8	>128	<4	>64	>64
LNP23557	2048	<4	128	<4	64	<4	16	32
LNP23558	>4096	16	>128	<4	>128	<4	16	64
LNP24196	128	<4	4	<4	4	<4	<4	<4
LNP24287	1024	<4	4	<4	8	<4	<4	<4

Table. Bactericidal antibody titers in pooled serum samples from infants vaccinated with Bexsero and adolescents immunized with Menveo against 6 invasive clinical *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup W isolates in England and Wales, UK, during 2011–2012*

Isolate	Adolescents receiving Menveo		Infants receiving Bexsero				
	Positive control†		Negative control‡	Pool 1§	Pool 2¶	Pool 3#	Pool 4**
	Before	After					
M11–240417	<16	256	<2	64	128	>128	>128
M11–240427	<16	128	<2	32	32	64	64
M11–240802	<16	512	<2	32	>64	>64	>64
M12–240016	<16	256	<2	32	32	64	128
M11–240798	<16	512	<2	>64	>64	>64	>64
M12–240754	<16	256	<2	64	64	>64	>64

MATS underestimates 4CMenB vaccine strain coverage

- MATS predictions and hSBA results were significantly associated ($P = 0.022$).
- MATS predicted coverage of 70% (95% CI, 55–85%) was largely confirmed by 88% killing in the hSBA (95% CI, 72–95%). MATS had 78% accuracy and 96% positive predictive value against hSBA.

Contingency table for MATS coverage vs. hSBA coverage comparison.

MATS	hSBA ^a	
	Positive	Negative
Positive	27	1
Negative	8	4