



Pertussis vaccines: a partial success story

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Reduction of global burden of pertussis

- It is estimated that without vaccination there would be >1.3 million pertussis related deaths globally in 2001
- Estimates from WHO suggest that, in 2013:
 - Around 63,000 deaths in children < 5 years of age
- Facts and data from USA : pre-vaccination 5000 deaths/yr mostly pediatric ; 2014 : 9 deaths, 7 in < 3 mths of age

This qualifies as a partial success story

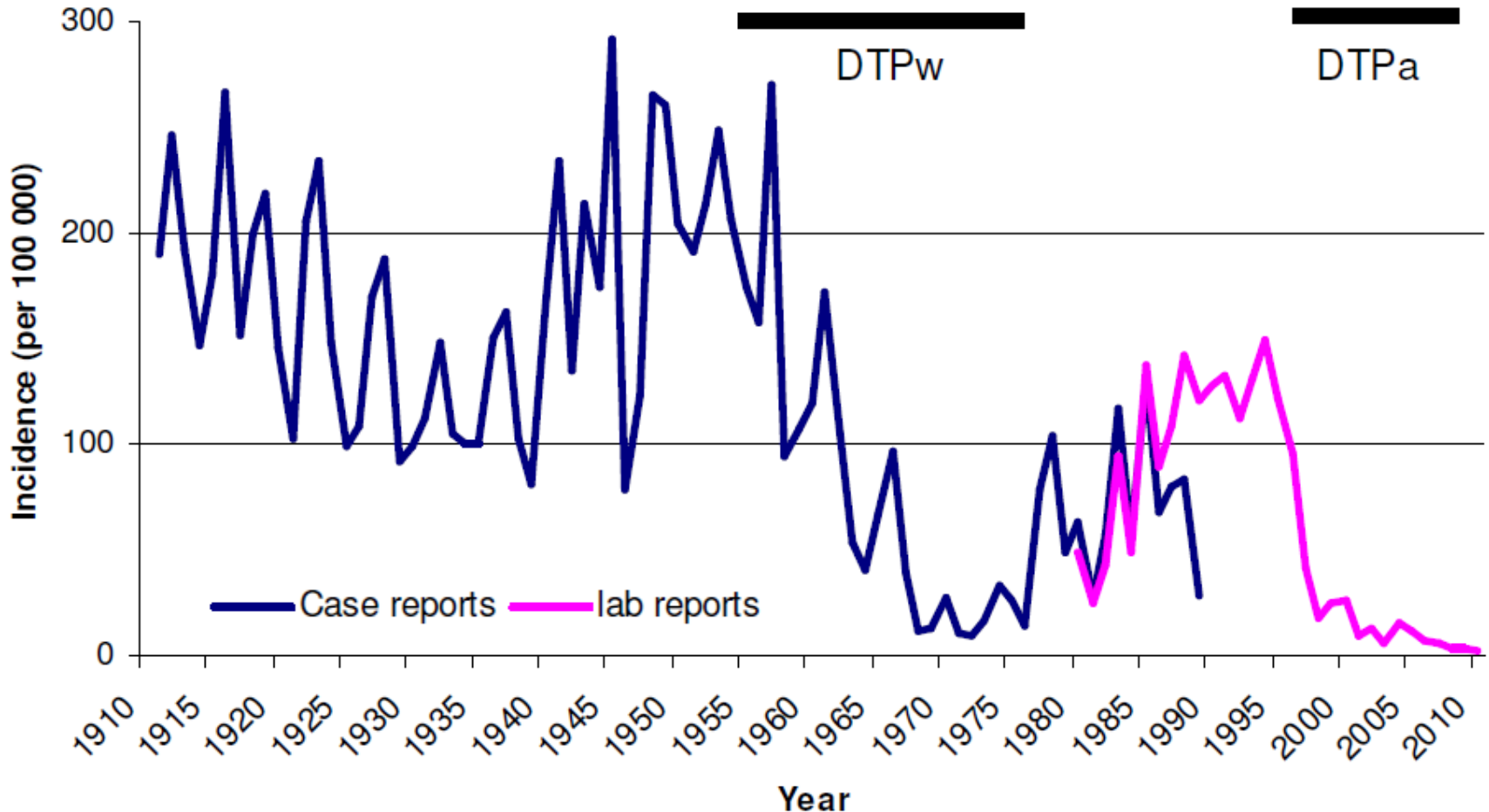
Bob Dylan 1965 :

“There is no success like failure, but failure is no success at all”

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/pert.pdf>; WHO Pertussis vaccines: WHO position paper 2015

Vaccines protect: Swedish example

Overall incidence of laboratory reported pertussis over time



Source: Swedish Institute for Communicable Disease Control (Smittskyddsinstitutet). Article number: 2011-18-1. Case reports from general practitioners until mid 1980:s and according to the communicable disease act from 1997, lab-reports from 1980

Why did high income countries stop wP?

Reactogenicity, neurological illness, vaccine encephalopathy

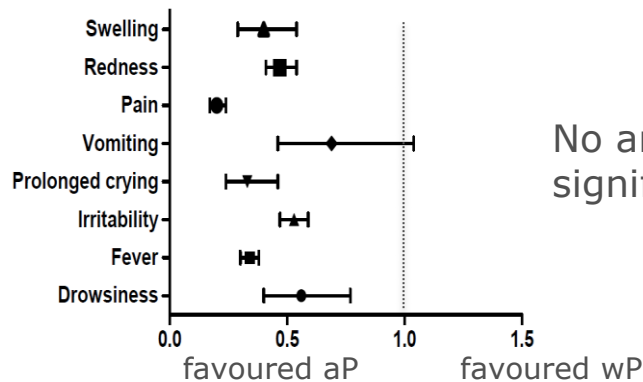
Observations:

Numerous reported cases of neurologic damage following wP

However:

- Comparisons with unvaccinated subjects were not available
- Alternative causes were rarely studied
- No link demonstrated between vaccination and neurological illness

Less side effects associated with aP vaccines over wP:



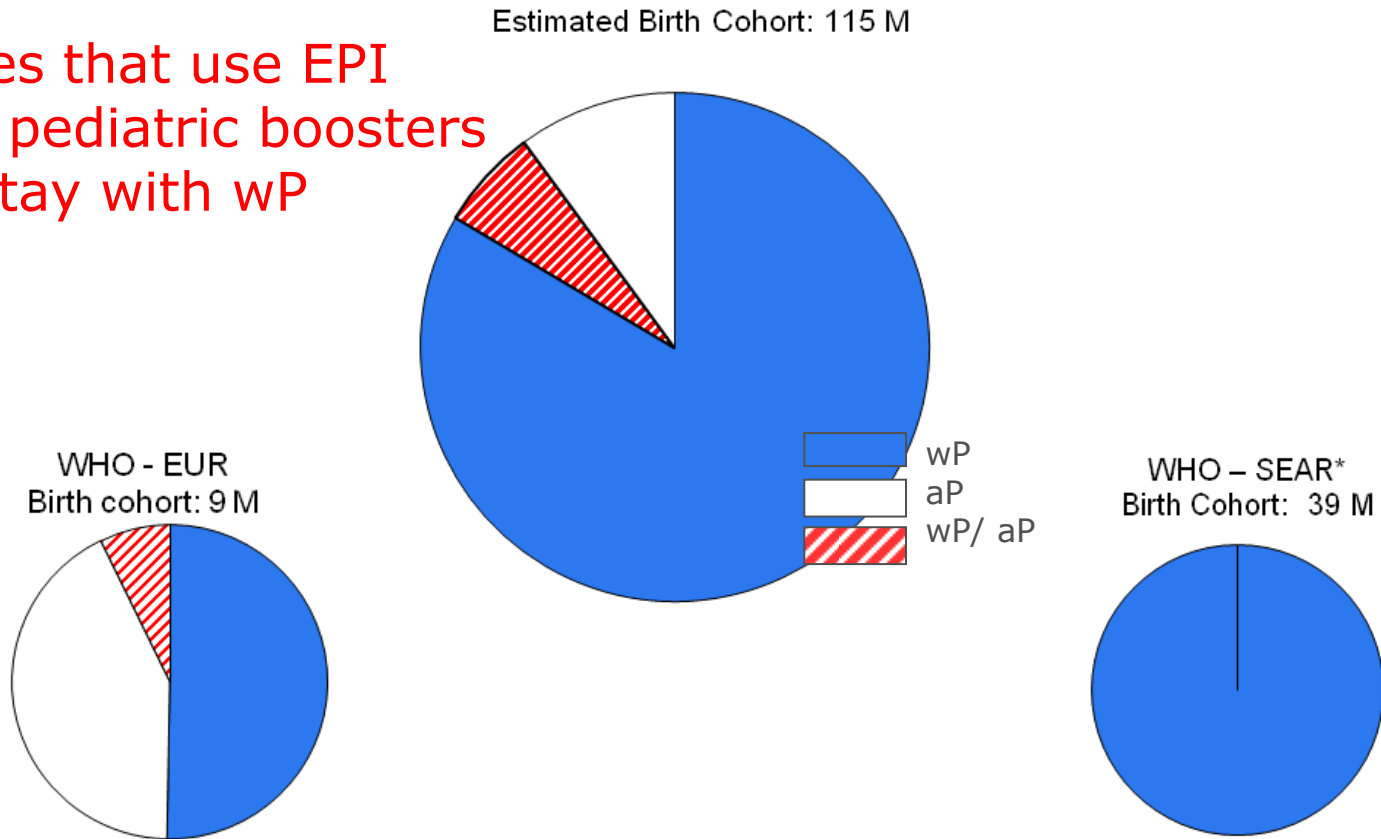
No analysis of any endpoint resulted in a RR that significantly favoured whole-cell vaccines*

Source: Moore D, et al. PIDJ 2004; Mattoo S, et al. Clin Micro Rev 2005; *Zhang L, et al. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014

Current worldwide use of wP and aP

Annually 115 million children worldwide receive a DTP vaccine

Countries that use EPI without pediatric boosters better stay with wP

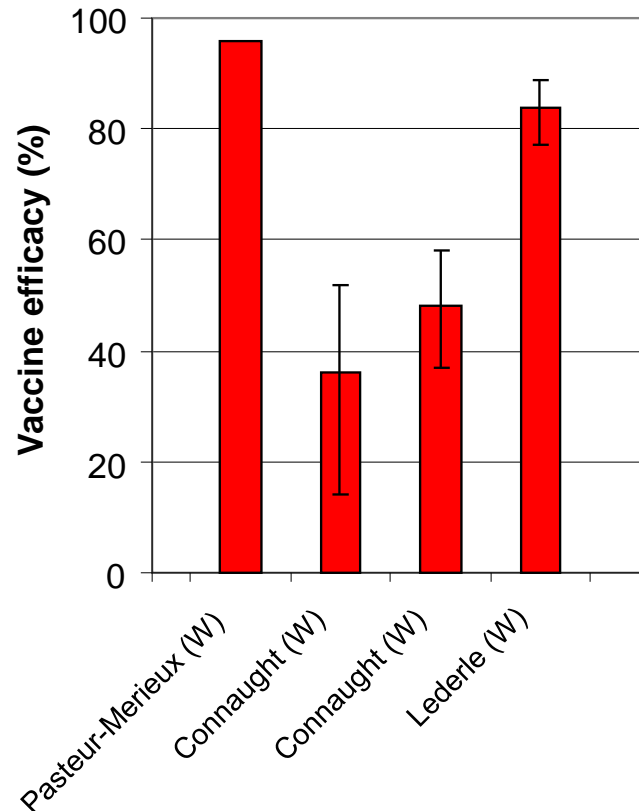


DTwPHBV-Hib vaccines are the cornerstone of Global Immunization programs

Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form (2010); 2008 population/birth rates NationMaster.com; WHO/UNICEF coverage estimates 2014 revision, July 2015, * South East Asian Region

Differences in clinical efficacy of wP vaccines

Presumed manufacturing issues?

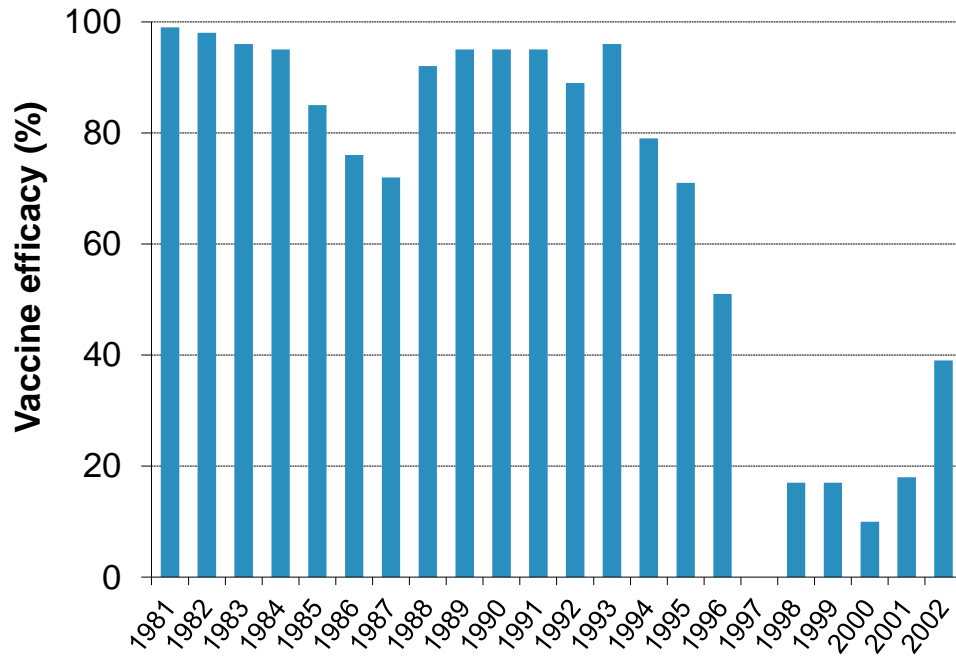


Explanations:

- Mutations in circulating strains
- Weak vaccine: different in production/seed lots
- Shift to ptxS1A and prn2

Source: Zhang L, et al. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2014

Dutch wP vaccine in the late 90's: wP vaccine efficacy going down

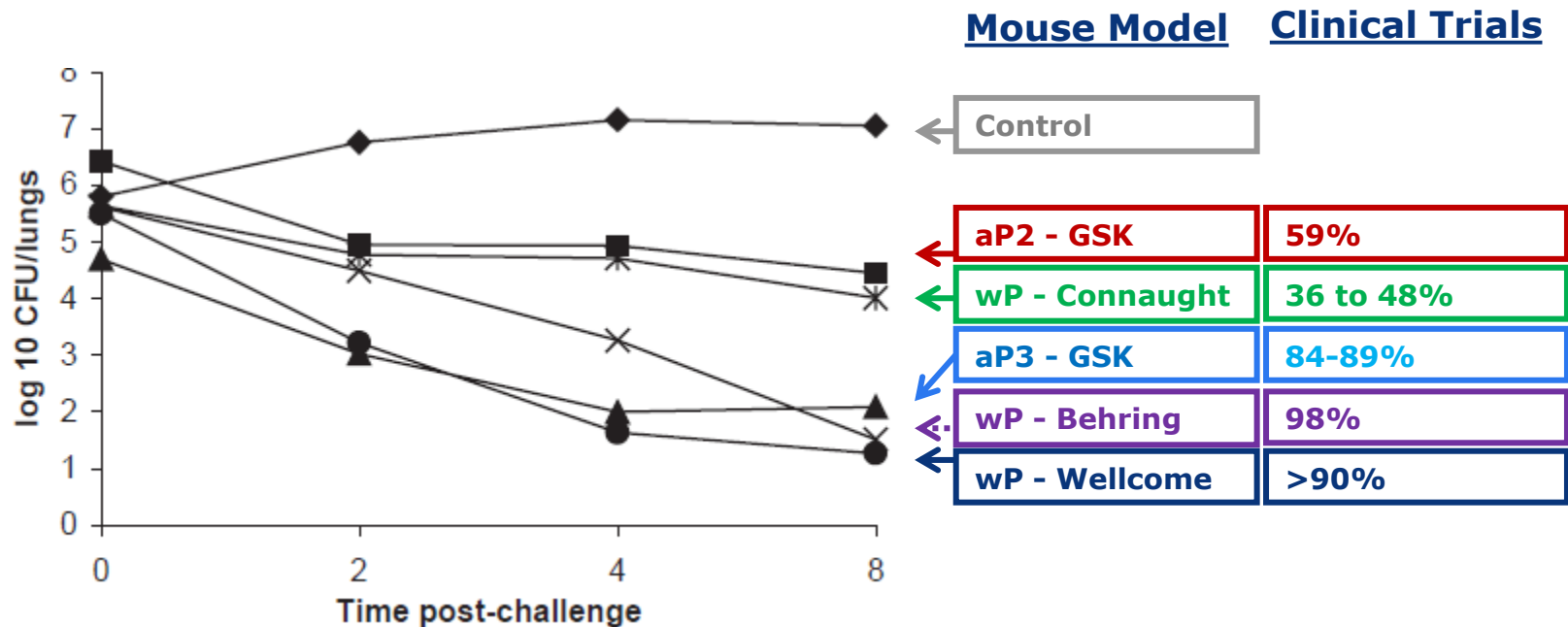


Possible explanations

- Switch to an avirulent Bvg-negative phenotype?
- *B. pertussis* phenotype controlled by BvgAS two-component signal transduction system

Source: Health Council of the Netherlands. Vaccination against pertussis 2004; publication no. 2004/04E Accessed on November 3, 2015 @ <http://www.gezondheidsraad.nl/sites/default/files/engreport.pdf>

Mouse intranasal challenge test correlates with vaccine efficacy



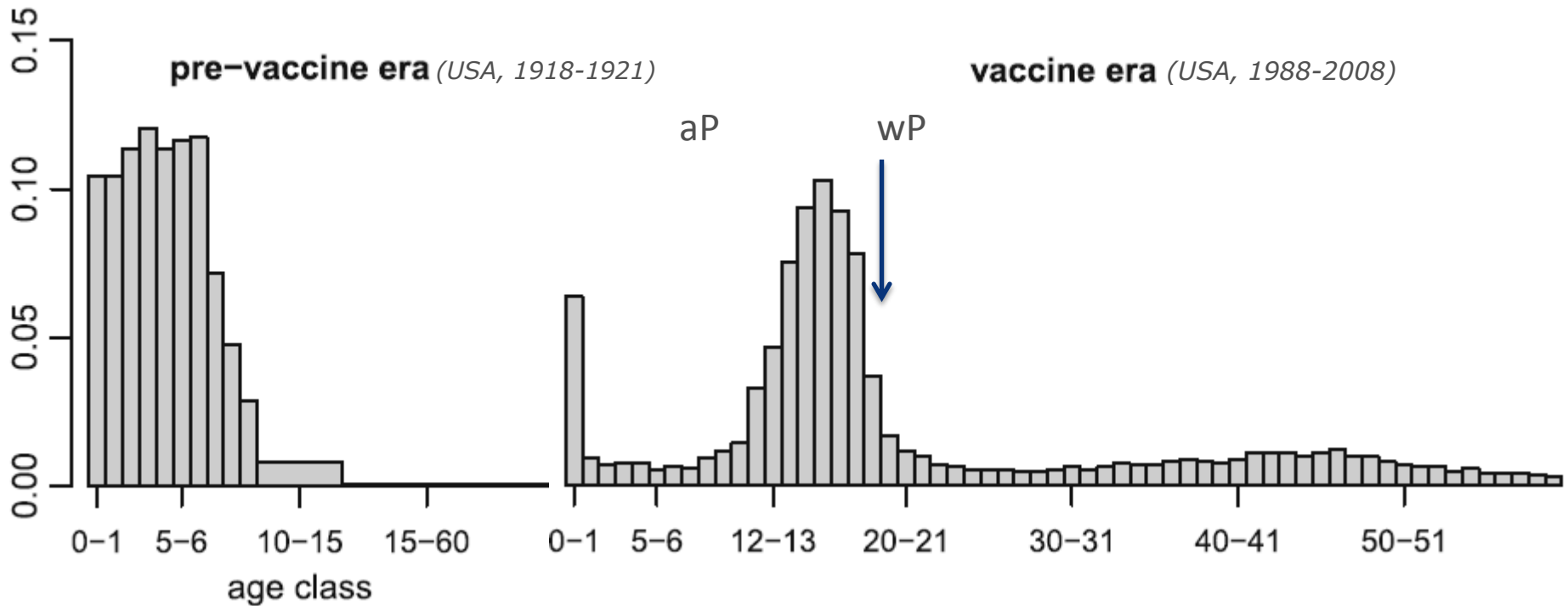
Mouse lung clearance test would be valuable in addition to Kendrick test

Source: Godfroid F, Int J Med Micr. 2004

Vaccines have changed pertussis epidemiology

Age related shift in pertussis disease

Among adolescents high incidences are found



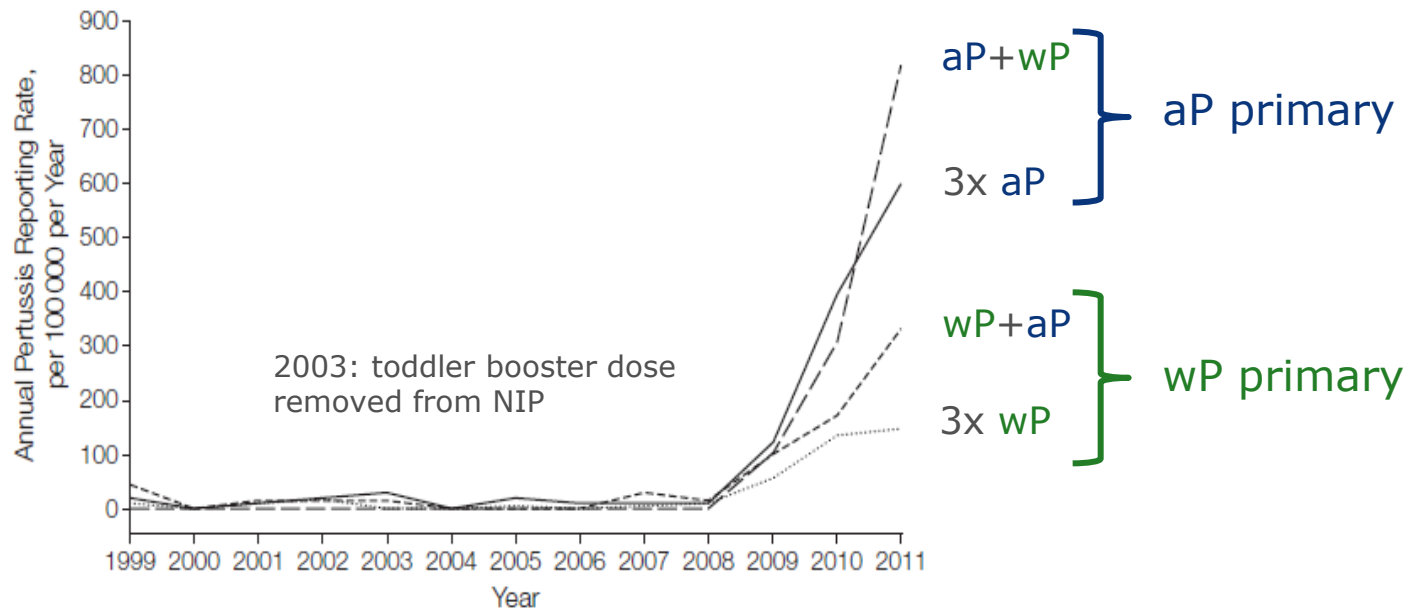
- High disease burden between 0-8 years of life
- High disease burden in infants too young to be (fully) vaccinated
- Short duration of protection of aP vaccines: disease peak in teenagers

Source: Lavine J, et al. PNAS 2011

Shorter duration of protection after priming with aP versus wP could explain age-shifts

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Figure. Pertussis Reporting Rates Between 1999 and 2011 by Primary Course of Pertussis Vaccination for Children Born in 1998



DTaP indicates diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis; DTwP, diphtheria-tetanus-whole cell pertussis.

Source: Sheridan S, et al. JAMA 2012

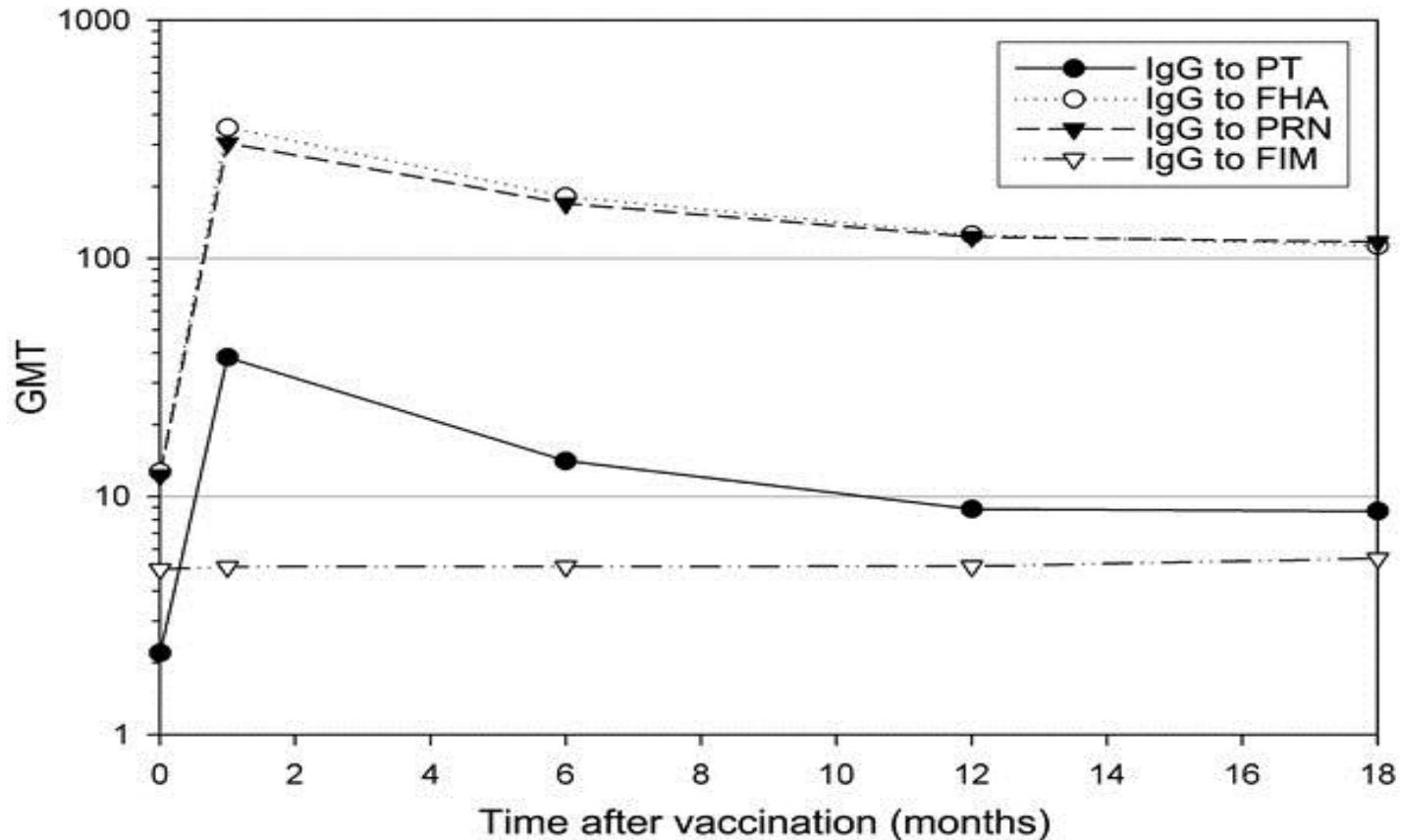
Possible explanations? Multifactorial!

To pick four :

1. Shorter duration of protection of aP vaccines :
2. Short duration of anti-PT
3. *B. pertussis* isolates lacking pertactin production
4. Different impact of aP on transmission of *B.pertussis*

Antibodies against pertussis toxin wane fast

Pressure on PRN escape?



Source: Le T, et al. JID 2004

Currently between 3 to 85% of isolates is PRN-deficient

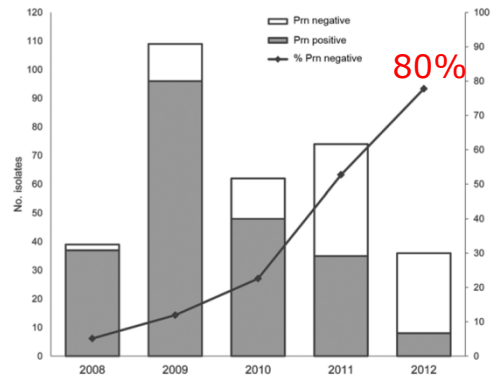
USA, 2011-2013

Table 1. Number of *Bordetella pertussis* Isolates Collected Between May 2011 and February 2013

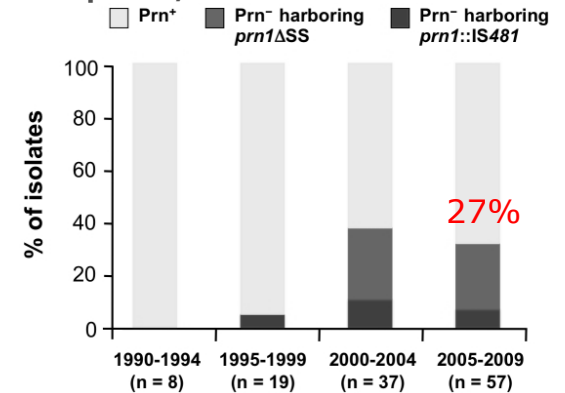
State Submitting Isolate	Pertactin Protein Deficient, No. (%)	Pertactin Protein Produced, No. (%)	Total
Colorado	6 (67)	3 (33)	9
Connecticut	13 (81)	3 (19)	16
Minnesota	83 (95)	4 (5)	87
New Mexico	4 (100)	0 (0)	4
New York	51 (94)	3 (6)	54
Oregon	68 (79)	18 (21)	86
Vermont	235 (92)	20 (8)	255
Washington	180 (74)	62 (26)	242
Total	113 (15)	753	

85%

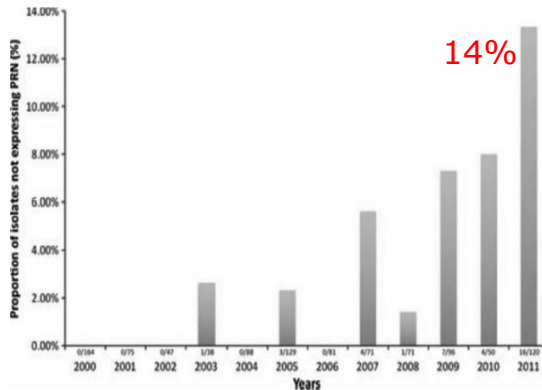
Australia, 2008-2012



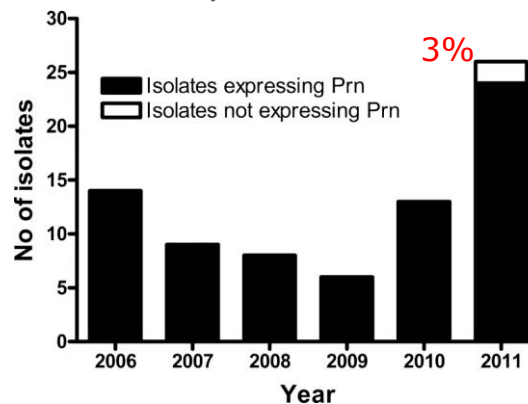
Japan, 1990-2009



France, 2000-2011



Finland, 2006-2011



Source: Martin S, et al. JID 2015; Lam C, et al. Emerg Infect Dis 2014; Otsuka N, et al. PLoS One 2012; Hegerle N, et al. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2012; Barkoff A, et al. Clin. Vaccine Immunol 2012

2 to 3 times higher odds of having pertussis disease by PRN-neg. strain when vaccinated

Vaccine Receipt	Pertactin Protein Deficient	Pertactin Protein Produced	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI) ^a
Vaccinated: ≥1 dose	462	65	3.2 (1.9–5.3)	2.2 (1.3–4.0)
Unvaccinated	65	29	Referent	Referent
Vaccinated: Up-to-date, according to schedule and >1 y of age	248	26	3.7 (1.9–7.1)	2.7 (1.2–6.1)
Unvaccinated and >1 y of age	52	20	Referent	Referent

Important remark: No correlation observed between PRN-neg. and disease symptoms

Source: Martin S, et al. CID 2015; Bodilis H, et al. Emer Inf Dis 2013

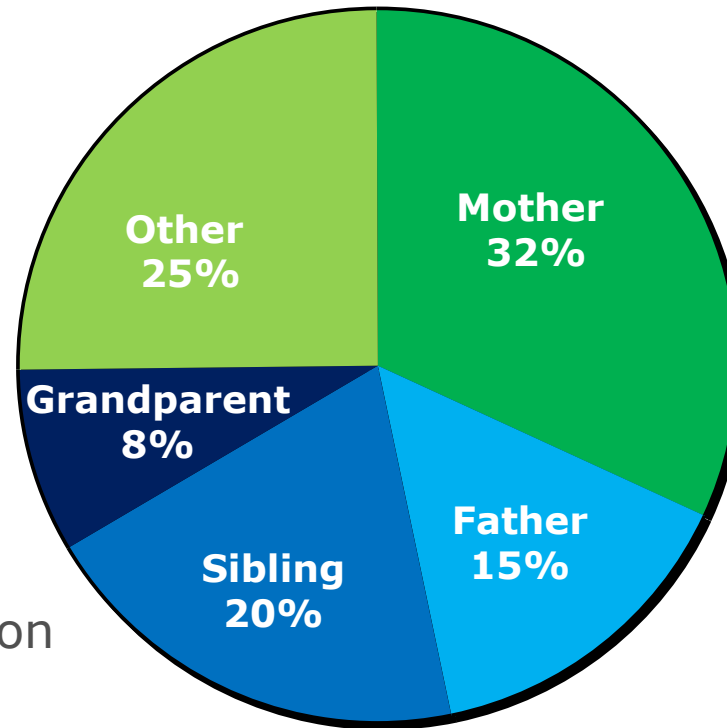
Sources of pertussis transmission

Neonates are most vulnerable

Toddler immunization

Increased transmission
aP > wP ?

Subclinical infections



Source of infant pertussis

Source: Bisgard K, et al. PIDJ. 2004

wP vaccinated seem less susceptible

Different impact of wP on subclinical infections and transmission?

Pa primed children had higher rates of reported pertussis during a USA outbreak

Table 1. Pertussis among Children in Oregon, According to Type of First Dose of Pertussis Vaccine.*

	First Pertussis Vaccine†		Pertussis Cases‡		Incidence per 100,000		Risk Ratio (95% CI)§
	Acellular	Whole Cell	Acellular	Whole Cell	Acellular	Whole Cell	
Any pertussis vaccination¶	164,885	31,074	315	31	191.0	99.8	1.91 (1.32–2.77)
3 pertussis vaccinations in first yr of life	120,712	24,569	243	23	201.3	93.6	2.15 (1.40–3.30)
≥5 pertussis vaccinations starting before 1 yr of age	111,965	22,093	190	18	169.7	81.5	2.08 (1.28–3.38)
≥5 pertussis vaccinations starting before 1 yr of age, and disease at age ≥10 yr	113,502	22,229	130	10	114.5	45.0	2.55 (1.34–4.84)
≥5 pertussis vaccinations starting before 1 yr of age, with Tdap at age ≥10 yr	86,105	16,800	65	5	75.5	29.8	2.54 (1.02–6.36)
Any receipt of Tdap	106,893	17,889	85	6	79.5	33.5	2.37 (1.04–5.42)

Source: Liko J, et al. NEJM 2013

Ultimate goal: induce long-lasting protection, without reactogenicity such as with DTwP

Short-term aP improvements with known protective antigens:

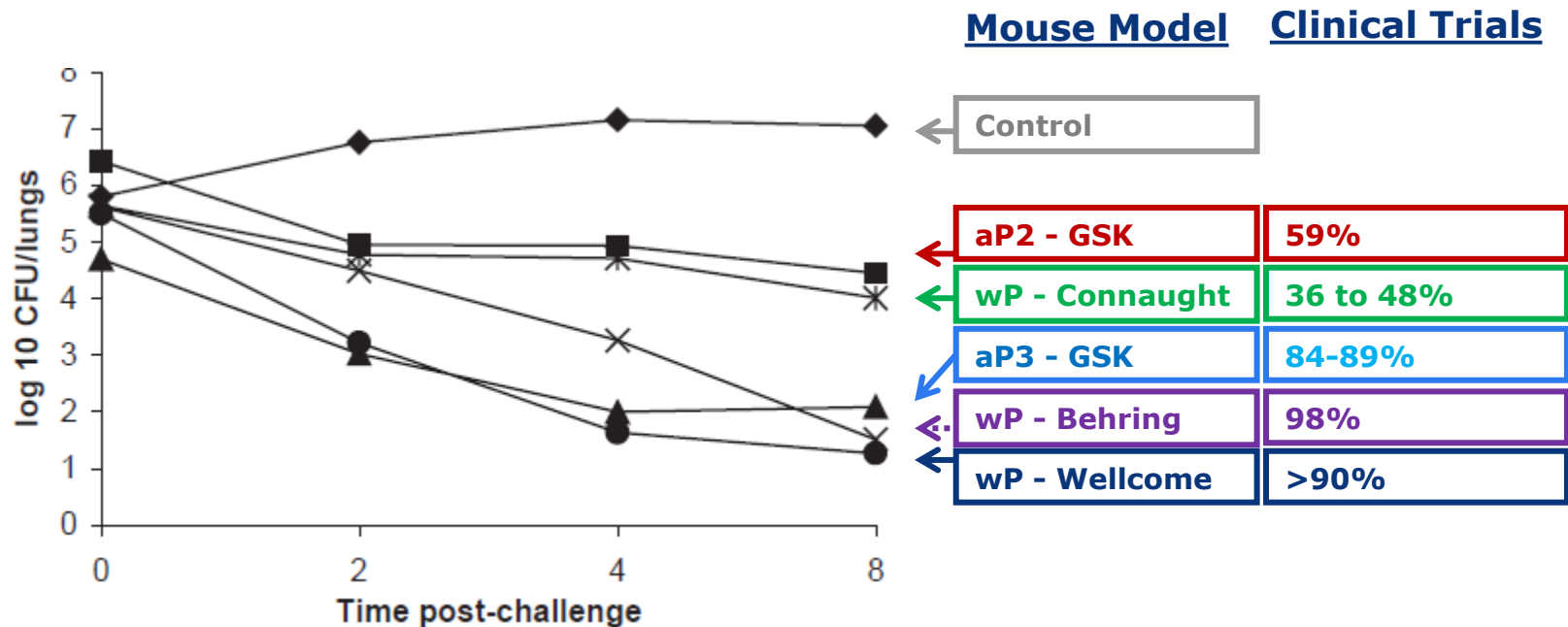
1. PT immunogenicity (by genetically detoxified PT)
2. Effectiveness against PRN- strains (by increasing/adding FIM)
3. Introduce maternal vaccination

Long-term improvements:

4. New antigens, including adjuvanted wP
5. Adjuvantia
6. New delivery systems

Will not be discussed

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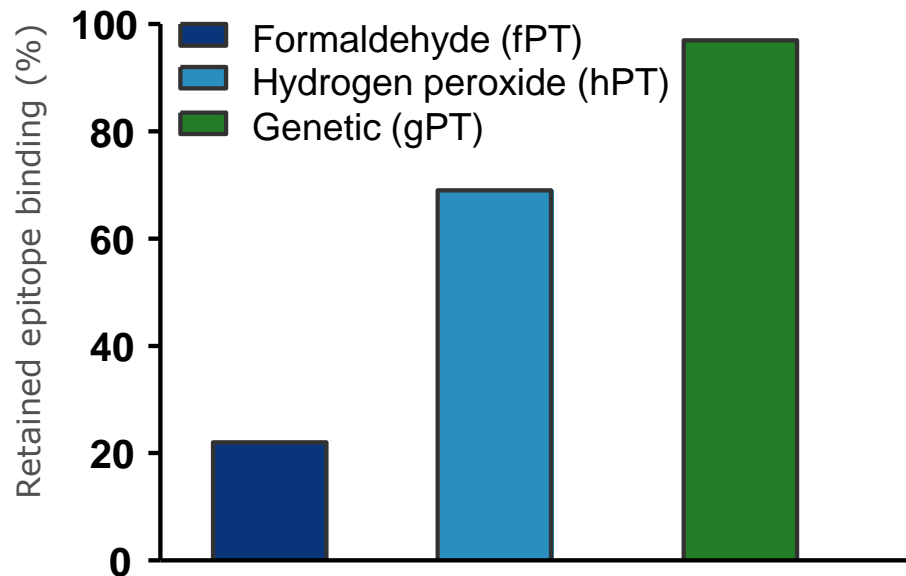
Mouse model measures nonlethal colonization , not a disease endpoint :
disfavours anti-PT immunity

Source: Godfroid F, Int J Med Micr. 2004

Chemical PT detoxification reduces immunogenicity

first short-term improvement : mutant PT

Epitope-binding patterns of several PT MAbs varied considerably and were dependent on the detoxification procedure



fPT - PT treated with formaldehyde at a final protein/formalin ratio (wt/wt) of 0.3 and 0.03 were prepared as described by Nencioni

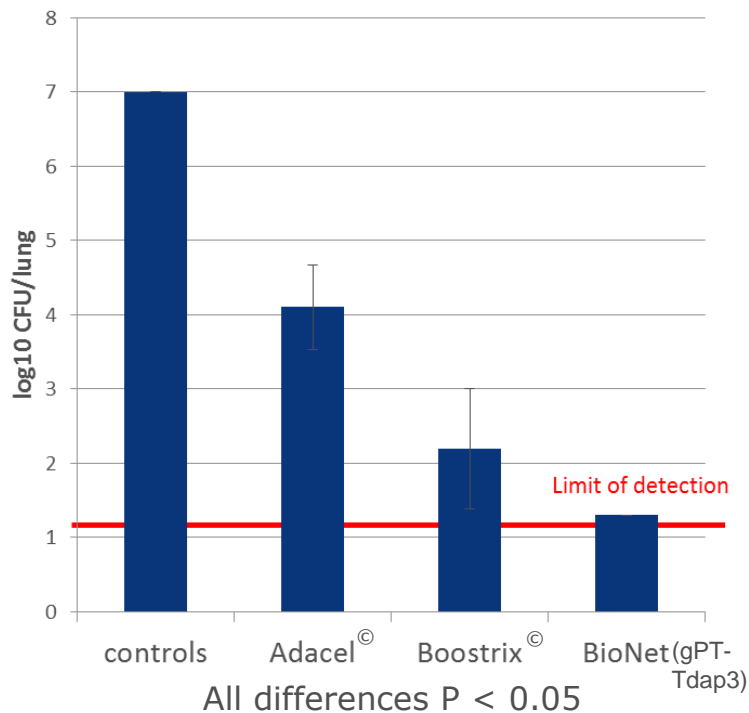
hPT - Hydrogen peroxide-detoxified PT: North American Vaccines

gPT - Genetically detoxified PT (PT-9K/129G): Scavo Research Center

Source: Ibsen P. Vaccine 1996

Variation in vaccine efficacy: combination of PT quantity and quality

Vaccine efficacy 1/10 HD
 Mouse intranasal challenge (WHO 18323)



High dose PT is associated with a 38% lower incidence of *B. pertussis* (IRR = 0.62)

Tdap History Characteristic	Adjusted ^a IRR (95% CI)
Tdap brand	
Adacel	Reference
Boostrix	0.62 (.52–.74)
Unspecified *	1.07 (.88–1.31)
DTaP	0.41 (.10–1.64)

*Unspecified = unspecified brandname

Source: Koepke R, et al. JID 2014; Janssen lab notebook BN-6, BN-7, BN-8; from lungs of 9 week old mice vaccinated with 1/10 human dose 4 and 7 weeks of age. Cave: PT concentration Adacel[®], Boostrix[®] and gPT (BioNet Ltd.), respectively 2.5, 8 and 5 µg/hd

Detoxification method also suggestive of improved immunogenicity in adults

Indirect comparison from three RCTs in adults

	hPT SSI TdaP	fPT Boostrix®	fPT Adacel®	gPT BioNet
	Study 1 (n=802)	Study 2 (n=2,284)		Study 3* (n=20)
Post-vaccination				
Anti-PT response rate (%)	92.0	77.2	47.1	94.4
GMC anti-PT (IU/mL)	121.8	63.6	32.2	268.5

Source: Thierry-Carstensen B, et al. Vaccine 2012; Blatter M, et al. Vaccine 2009; * Personal communication, PhI study; Differences in PT concentration between SSI TdaP, Adacel®, Boostrix® and gPT (BioNet Ltd.), respectively 20µg, 2.5 µg, 8 µg and 5 µg

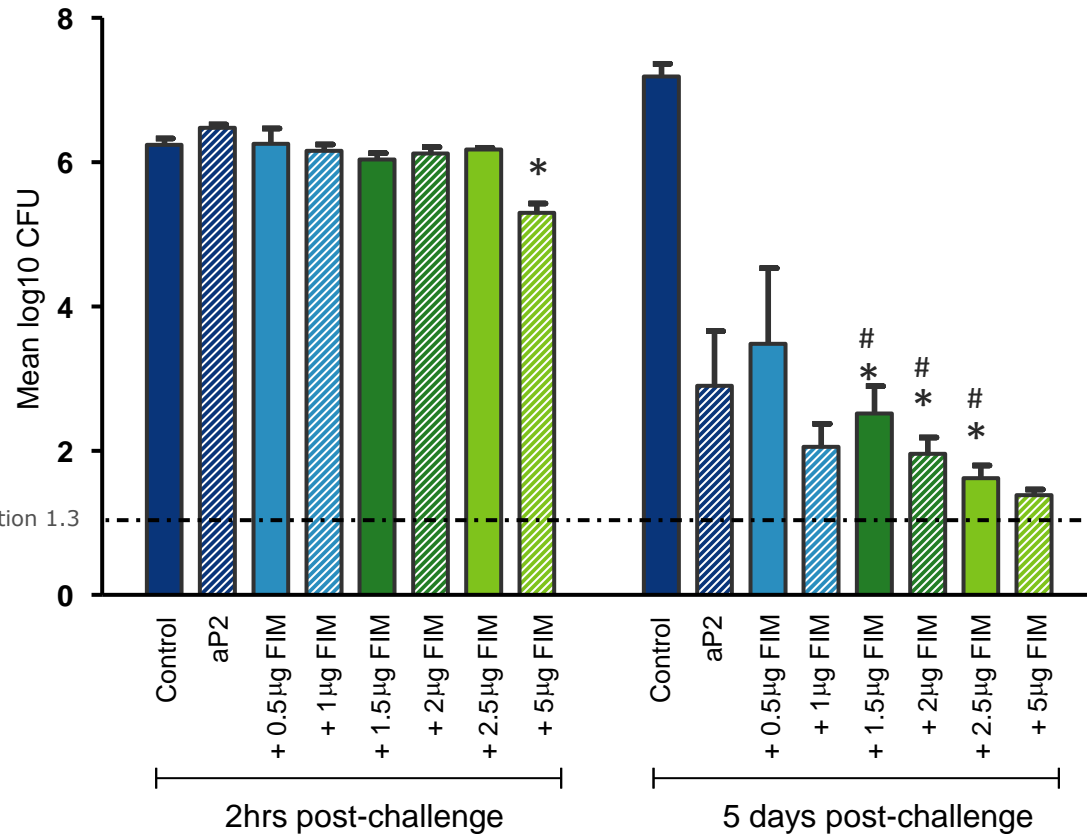
Pertussis in Denmark: No major outbreaks

- Mono-component 40µg H₂O₂-PT-vaccine used in pediatric schedule at 3, 5 and 12 months since 1997
- Last pertussis epidemic year was 2002 with an incidence of 36/100,000
- Pre-school booster since 2003, peak incidence from 5-7yrs to adolescents
- Other explanations for the low incidence of pertussis related to testing and surveillance methods cannot be ruled out

Source: Thierry-Carstensen B, et al. Vaccine 2012; Biggelaar A, et al. 2015 (Submitted for publication)

Second short-term improvement increase levels of FIM

A high level of FIM significantly increases vaccine efficacy in mouse nasopharyngeal challenge model

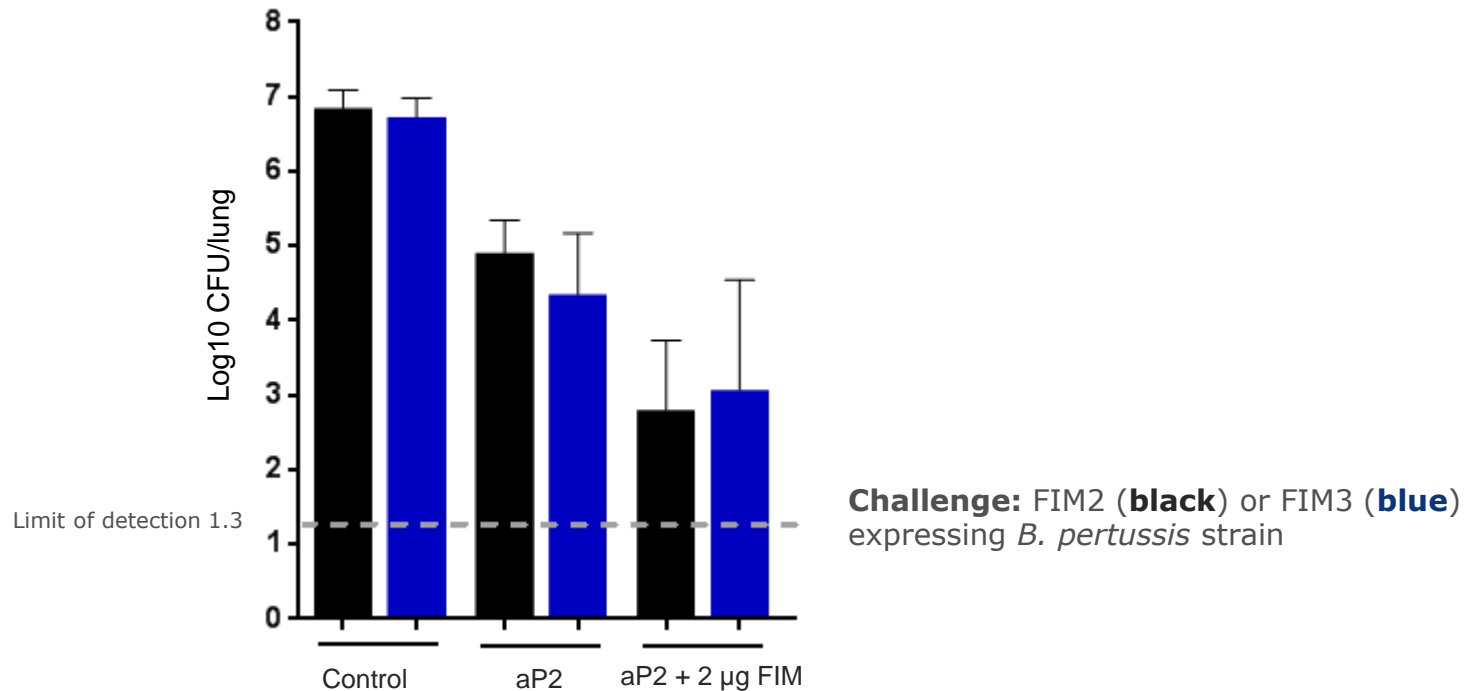


Challenge: PRN- I195 strain

* Statistically significant vs DTaP2 alone
Statistically significant vs DTaP2+0,5µg

Source: WO2014/135651 A1 Janssen NB24779 p160; Mice vaccinated at 4 and 7 weeks with at 1/10 hd DTaP2 = Pentavac®; containing 25 µg/hd PT and 25 µg/hd FHA

FIM2/3 improves DTaP2 vaccine efficacy for both FIM2 and FIM3 challenge strains



Source: [REF]; from 9 week old mice 5 days post-challenge after vaccination with 1/25 hd of DTaP2 (= Pentavac®; 25 µg/hd PT and 25 µg/hd FHA) with the addition of an increasing amount of FIM at 4 and 7 weeks of age

Third short-term improvement implementation of maternal aP

UK experience: Maternal immunization is safe and effective when given in the 3rd trimester

Safety: No evidence of increased risk of adverse events related to pregnancy

Effectiveness of maternal pertussis vaccine by infant age at onset and timing of vaccination

Event*	Vaccinated v historical unvaccinated controls		
	No (%) events		
	Vaccinated women (n=6185)	Matched unvaccinated women (n=18 523)	Incidence rate ratio (95% CI)
Stillbirth	12 (0.19)	42 (0.23)	0.85 (0.45 to 1.61)
Neonatal death (within 7 days)	2 (0.03)	6 (0.03)	1.00 (0.20 to 4.95)
Pre-eclampsia/eclampsia	22 (0.36)	54 (0.29)	1.22 (0.74 to 2.01)
Placenta praevia	2 (0.03)	15 (0.08)	0.40 (0.09 to 1.75)
Intrauterine growth retardation/low birth weight/weight <2500 g	126 (2.04)	311 (1.68)	1.20 (0.98 to 1.48)
Caesarean section	1238 (20.02)	3748 (20.22)	0.99 (0.93 to 1.06)
Premature labour (without delivery)	5 (0.08)	21 (0.11)	0.71 (0.27 to 1.89)
Postpartum haemorrhage	59 (0.95)	181 (0.98)	0.98 (0.73 to 1.31)

	Percentage of cases vaccinated	Average matched coverage*†	Vaccine effectiveness‡
Infants <3 months of age			
Vaccination at least 7 days before birth	15% (12/82)§	62%	91% (84 to 95)
Vaccination at least 7 days before birth with coverage reduced by a relative 20%	15% (12/82)§	49%	84% (71 to 93)
Infants <3 months of age by timing of maternal immunisation			
Vaccination at least 28 days before birth	14% (10/69)¶	63%	91% (83 to 95)
Vaccination 7-27 days before birth	3% (2/72)	19%	91% (70 to 96)
Vaccination 0-6 days before or 1-13 days after birth	3% (2/68)**	5%	38% (-95 to 80)
Infants <2 months of age			
Vaccination at least 7 days before birth	15% (11/71)	61%	90% (82 to 95)
Vaccination at least 7 days before birth with coverage reduced by a relative 20%	15% (11/71)	49%	82% (67 to 90)

Source: Donegan K, et al. BMJ 2014; Amirthalingam G, et al. Lancet ID 2014

Summary

Changing epidemiology

- Increase in pertussis
- Shift in age groups with high disease burden

Challenges with aP and wP

- PRN- negative strains
- Antibodies against detoxified PT wane fast
- Current Tdap short-lived protection
- Not all wP-vaccines are equally efficacious

Short-term improvements

- Better PT: genetically detoxified PT
- Address PRN- strains: High level of FIM
- Protect neonates: Maternal immunization



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