

Pandemic Influenza and Vaccine Preparedness



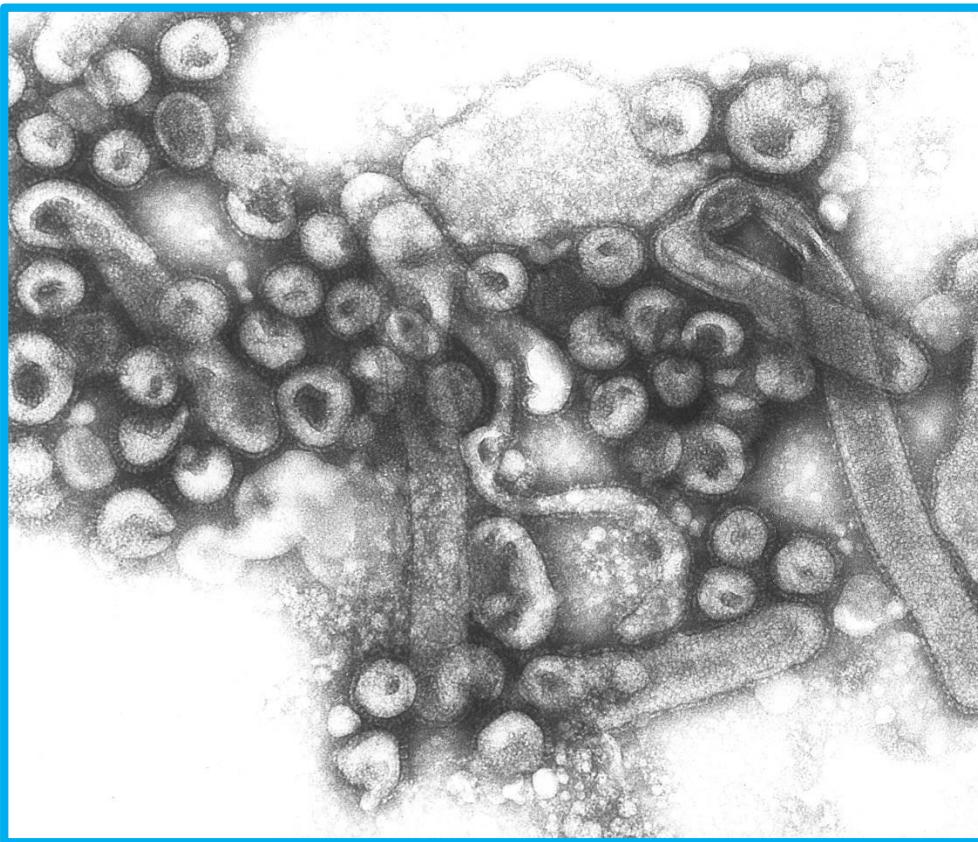


World Health
Organization

Influenza viruses



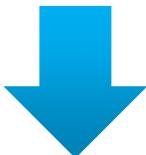
- Emergence of novel influenza virus
 - No immunity in humans
 - Efficient human-to-human transmission
- Pandemic H1N1 2009
- Threat persisting: repeated zoonotic transmission to humans
 - Avian viruses: H5, H7, H9
 - Variant viruses
 - Since 2014: **H1N1v, H3N2v, H5N1, H5N6, H7N2, H7N9, H9N2 and H10N8 ...**



Courtesy of Drs. K.Gopal Murti and Robert Webster
St Jude Children's Research Hospital of Memphis , Tennessee, USA.

- Constantly evolving
 - Multiple species
 - Multiple directions
 - Rapid spreading
 - without administrative boundaries
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- Surveillance & control measures:
 - Timely
 - Continuous
 - Global

- 1918: “Spanish-flu”



- 3 April 1947 – 3rd Session of Interim Commission

- Representative from the Netherlands, Dr. C. van den Berg, presented a paper on Influenza

- Surveillance → preparedness → response: GLOBAL INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

- Milestones:

- **8 July 1948** – WHO Approves the establishment of the Global Influenza Surveillance System

- **15 June 1949** – 2nd WHA World Influenza Center established in Geneva to support development of experimental vaccine

- **21 February 1950** – WHO Executive Board Resolution EB3.R3

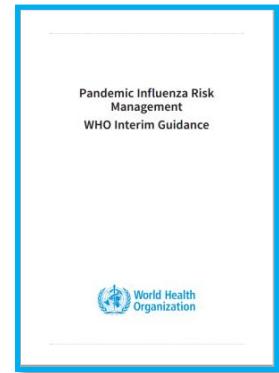
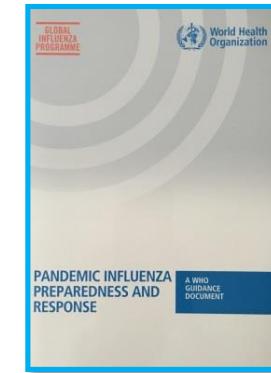
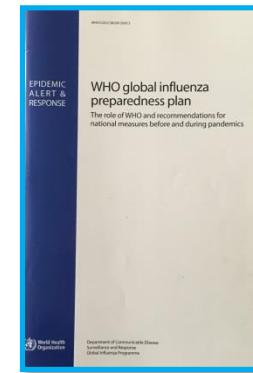
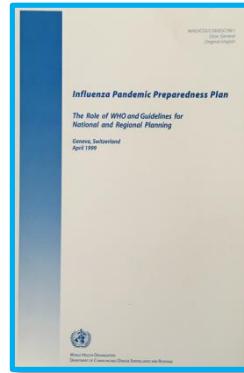
- Need for information on Influenza available to WHO in Geneva for dissemination

- **Sept 1952** – Birth of Global Influenza Surveillance Network (**GISN**)

- Renamed in 2011 → Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (**GISRS**)



Shaping out ...



1969

WHA
adoption
of IHR



1997 1999

HPAI
H5N1
outbreak in
Hong Kong



- SARS-CoV outbreak
- Re-emergence of HPAI H5N1



2005

WHA adoption
of IHR2005



2009

Pandemic
H1N1
2009



2011

WHA resolutions:

- Adoption of IHR Review on response to H1N1 2009 pandemic
- Adoption of Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework





- Rapid containment X
- Stockpile H5N1 vaccines
 - Real-time access under SMTA2/PIP Framework
- One-cut response binding to global “Phases” X
 - Flexibility
 - Response based on risk assessment
 - Global response critical in certain areas e.g. vaccines
- Post-Ebola: emergency response



Influenza Pandemic Planning

Emergency Pandemic Preparedness



Vaccine
↓
the
primary intervention
to reduce influenza mortality and morbidity

(to license purposes only) *only for educational purposes*
but not for commercial purposes

■ Seasonal influenza

- 1973 – 1st formal recommendation issued
- 17-18 Feb 1986 – 1st documented WHO annual consultation
- 1998 – start biannual WHO recommendations for northern and southern hemispheres
- 2012 – fourth component formally in WHO recommendation for quadrivalent vaccines.
- 2016 – cell-propagated CVV(Candidate Vaccine Viruses) recommended
- *2016 – guidance on vaccine formulation recommendation for tropics and subtropics*

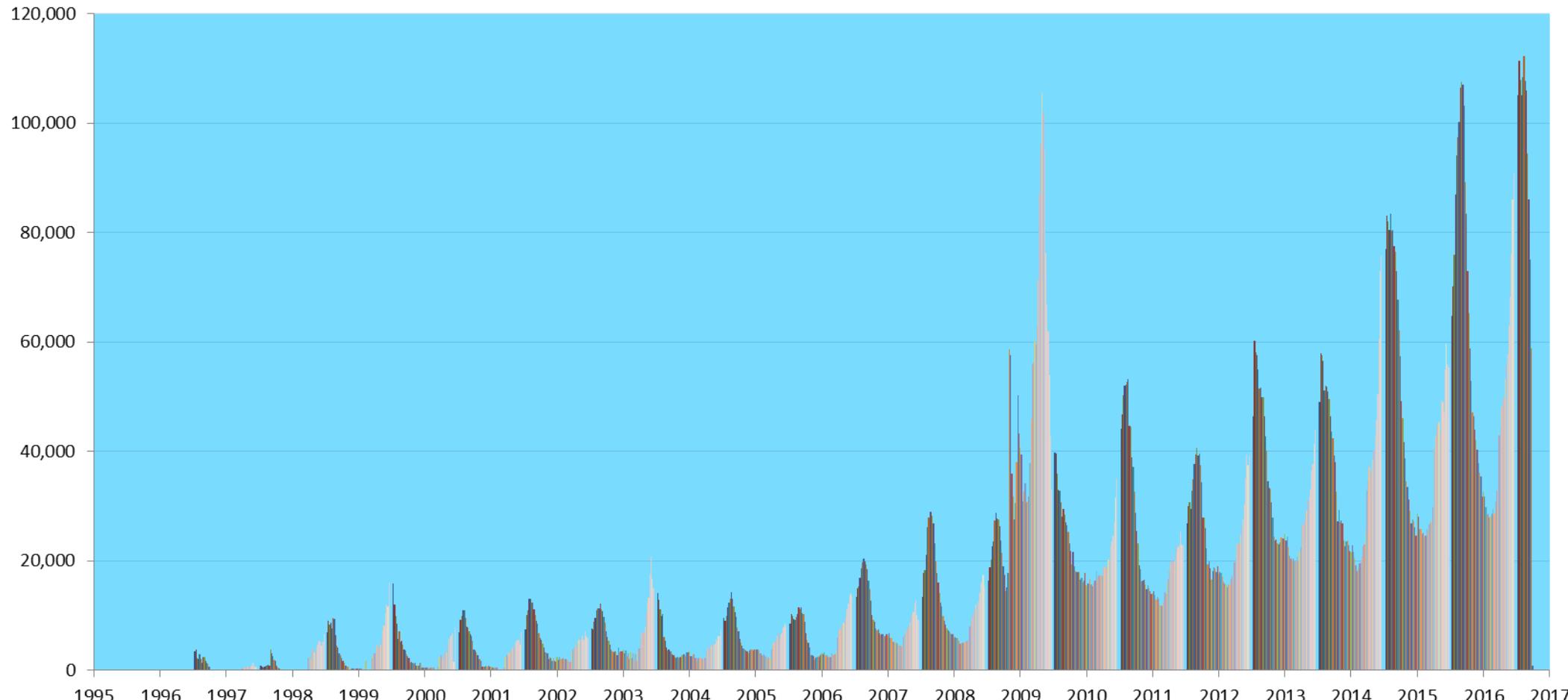
■ Pandemic influenza - 2009 H1N1

■ Zoonotic influenza

- H5(H1,N6), H7(N7,N9), H9N2, variant viruses

- > 2000000 specimens tested in GISRS per year since 2015

- > 20
 - ~ 10



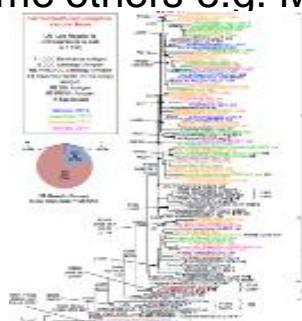
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Data → vaccine virus decision

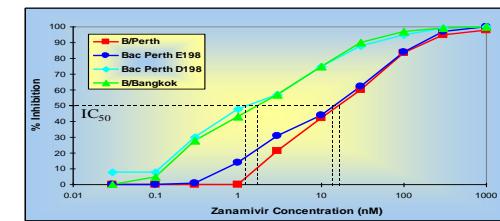
Comparative titres by haemagglutination inhibition assays



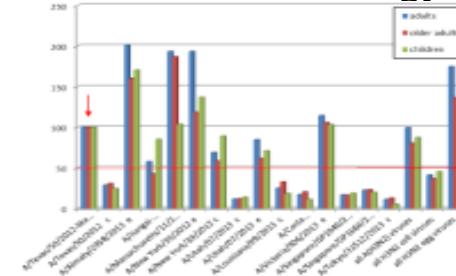
Sequence data
- mainly HA & NA
- Some others e.g. M



Antiviral drug resistance
- Oseltamivir
- Zanamivir
- Other compounds



Human vaccine serology



Vaccine virus selection

Other information



Growth in eggs & cells

Other data:

- Epi data, Plaque reduction, Virus neutralization, Structural data, VE, virus clade predictive modelling

Revised from Ian Barr slide



Northern hemisphere

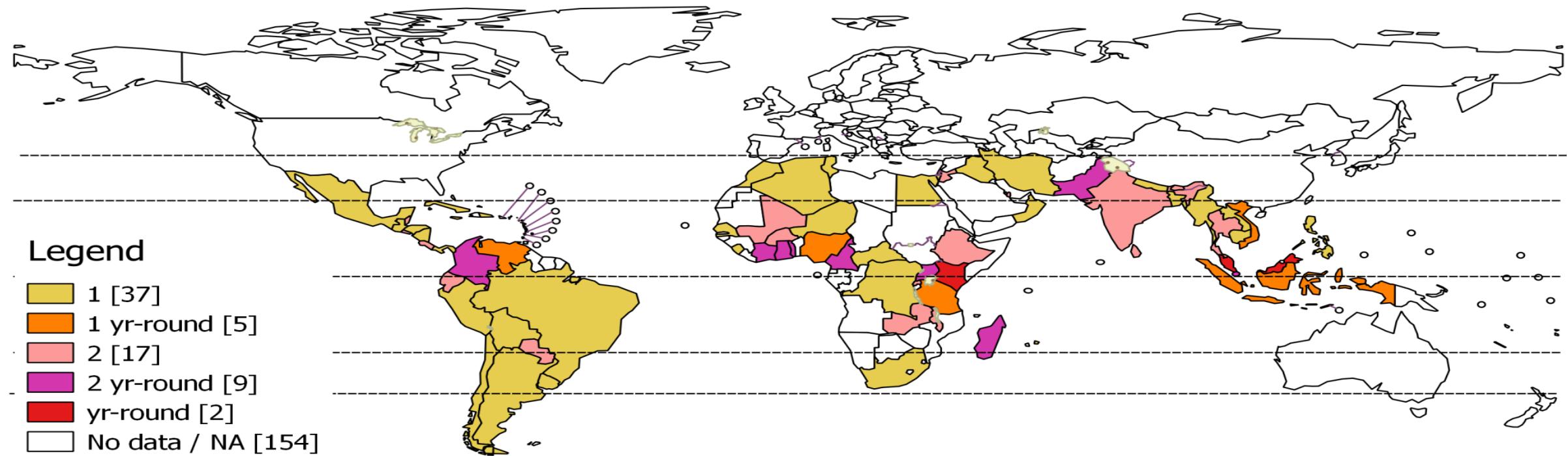
vs.

Southern hemisphere



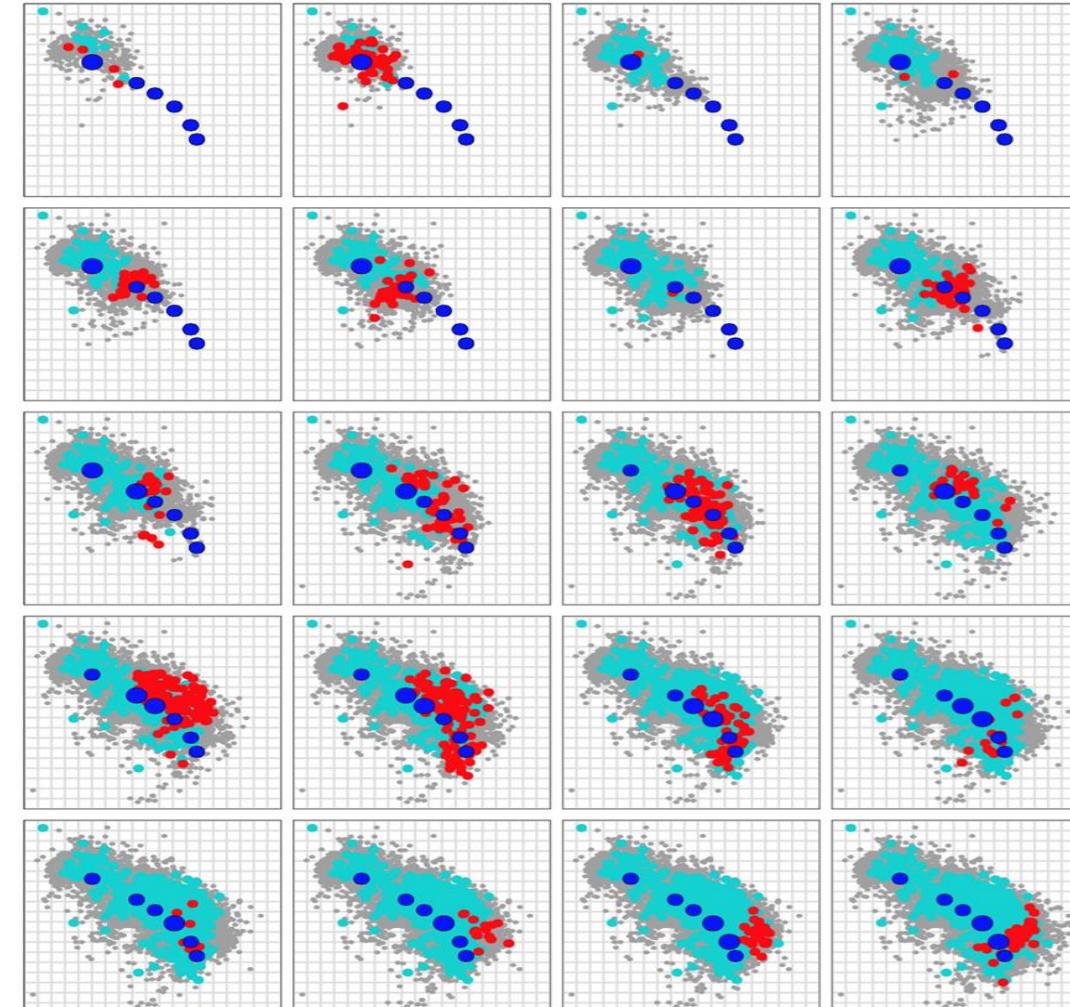
**Which formulation
to use in tropics and subtropics**

Influenza peaks



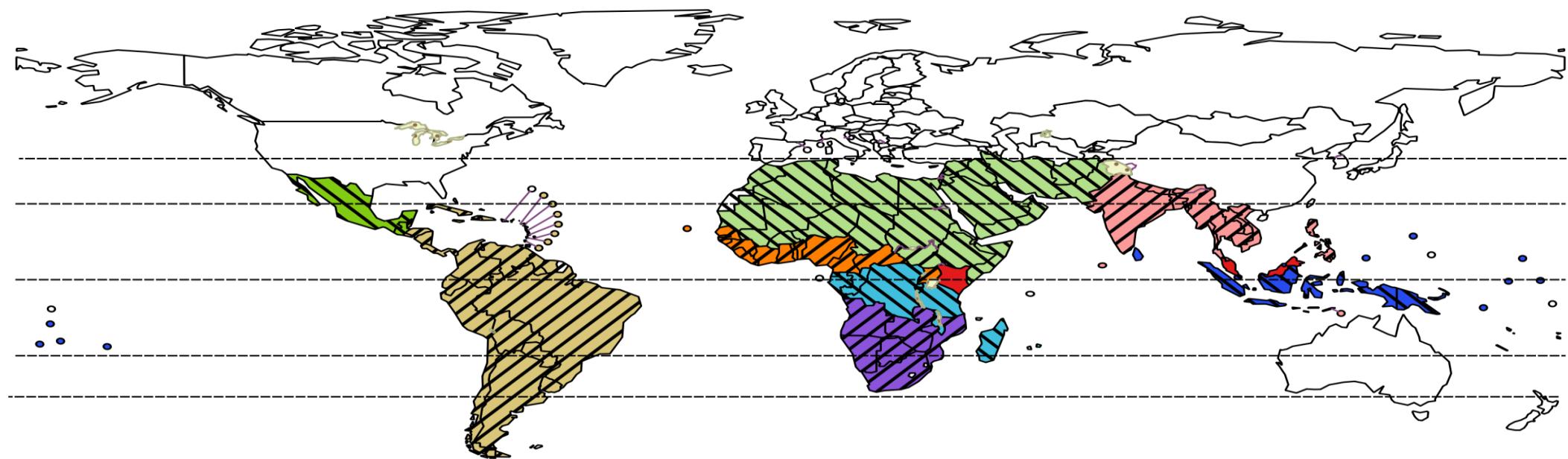
Summary of seasonality analysis by
CDC, NIVEL, PATH, WHO and published literature

Antigenic evolution of viruses from tropics



Time series showing the antigenic evolution of human seasonal A/H3N2 viruses isolated from Thailand and from the rest of the world. Red dots indicate viruses isolated in Thailand in particular 3-month period, in subsequent figures red dots become light blue to indicate the antigenic history of the red dots. Grey dots indicate viruses isolated elsewhere in the world and also remain in subsequent figures to show the antigenic history of the grey dots. Time series runs from Q2 2002 to Q4 2006. Blue dots indicate vaccine viruses, which from top to bottom are A/Moscow/10/1999, A/Fujian/411/2002, A/Wellington/1/2004, A/California/7/2004, A/Wisconsin/67/2005, and A/Brisbane/10/2007

Courtesy: Derek Smith



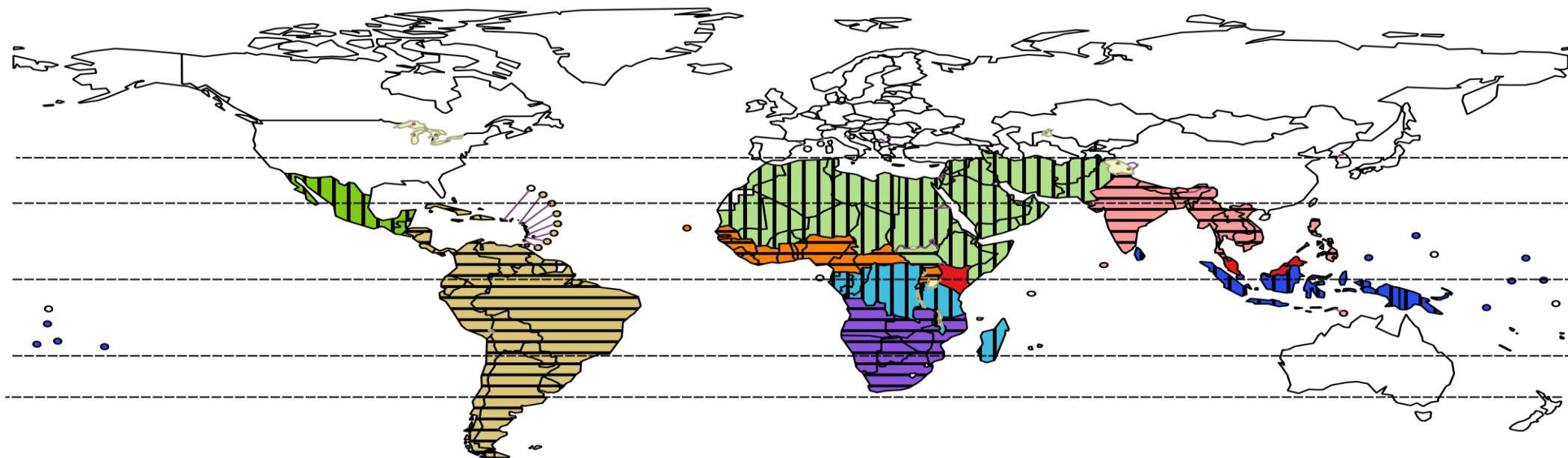
Influenza Vaccination Zones

 North America	 Western Africa	 Tropical Asia
 South America	 Equatorial Africa	 Equatorial Asia
 North Africa & Middle East	 Southern Africa	 Year-round

Vaccine Formulation

-  SH
-  NH

Recommended vaccination timing for tropics/ subtropics



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Vaccination timing

—	April
	October

<http://www.who.int/influenza/vaccines/tropics/en/>



Burden of influenza disease

- Provide guidance on how to measure influenza disease burden and associated economic burden
- Use estimates derived from the WHO developed methods as standard and triangulate with estimates derived from other methods
- Map existing knowledge
 - Literature reviews
 - Unpublished data working with networks
 - Hold consultations to identify gaps
- Engage international expertise

- Manual for Estimating Disease Burden Associated With Seasonal Influenza¹
- WHO Manual for estimating the economic burden of seasonal influenza²



1. Available here: http://www.who.int/influenza/resources/publications/manual_burden_of_disease/en/
2. Available here: <http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/250085/1/WHO-IVB-16.04-eng.pdf?ua=1>

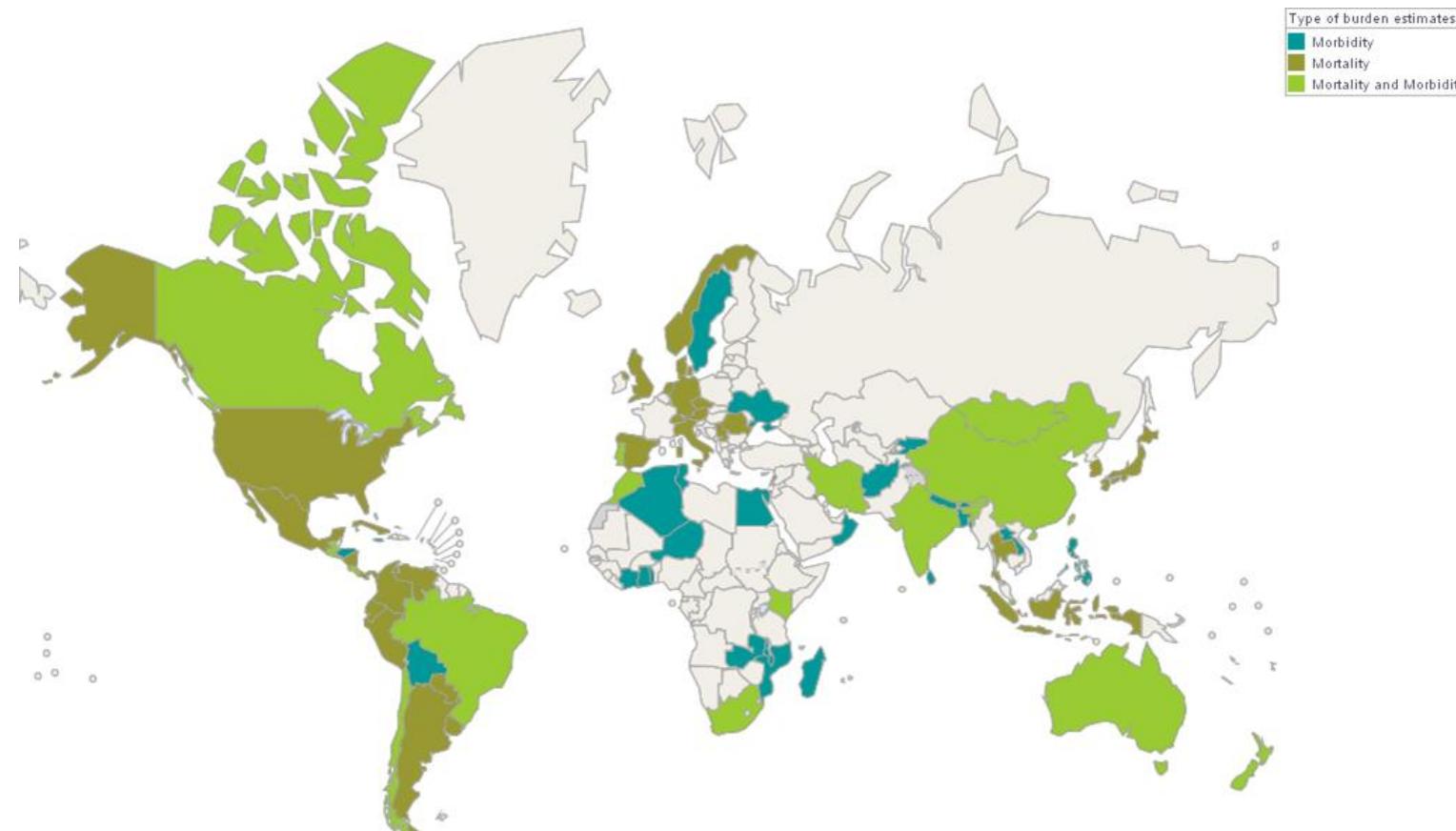
- Existing knowledge: annual attack rate estimated at 5%–10% in adults and 20%–30% in children. Worldwide, annual epidemics estimated to result in 3 to 5 million cases of severe illness, and 250 000 to 500 000 deaths.¹
- Global **respiratory** mortality studies
 - GBD 2015 Lower respiratory infections death due to influenza
83 100 (55 700-122 100)²
 - **Estimates of respiratory** death per year (As of Feb 2016)
CDC Global 269 731 – 617 897 (or 3.8 – 8.7/100 000)
GLAMORII 226 000 – 427 000 (or 3.1 – 5.8/100 000)
- Influenza is associated with 10% of **respiratory** hospitalizations in children³

1. WHO fact sheet seasonal influenza March 2014 <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs211/en/>

2. Global, regional, and national life expectancy, all-cause mortality, and cause-specific mortality for 249 causes of death, 1980–2015: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2015 Wang, Haidong et al. *The Lancet*, Volume 388 , Issue 10053 , 1459 - 1544

3. Lafond KE, Nair H, Rasooly MH, Valente F, Booy R, Rahman M, et al. (2016) Global Role and Burden of Influenza in Pediatric Respiratory Hospitalizations, 1982–2012: A Systematic Analysis. *PLoS Med* 13(3): e1001977. doi: 10.1371/journal.pmed.1001977 PMID: 27011229

- Reaching out to countries with influenza associated hospitalization estimates
→ seeking agreement to participate
- Using expert panel to advise on extrapolation model



■ ***By the end of 2017***

- A global influenza-associated respiratory hospitalization and mortality estimate
- Representative country estimates on influenza hospitalization burden
- A tool to estimate influenza economic burden and country estimates

■ ***Post- 2017***

- A mechanism to generate annual global BoD
- Application of BoD to public health policies
 - in particular seasonal influenza vaccine introduction (combined with cost-effective studies)
- Estimate whole spectrum of the burden (cardiovascular, outpatients)
- Methodology development to support country estimates

■ **Directions: *draw data closer to policies***



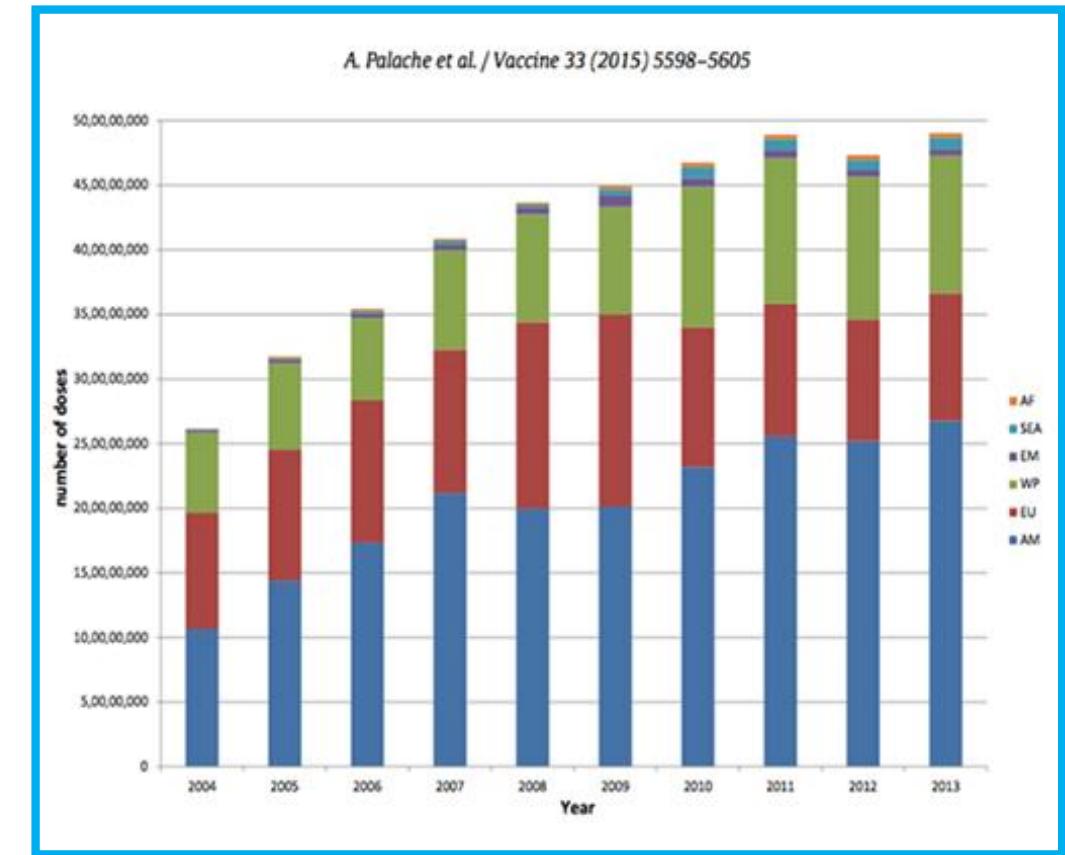
Pandemic vaccine response

Vaccine access toolbox

- **Determination of a PHEIC:** The responsibility of determining a PHEIC lies with the WHO Director-General under Article 12 of the IHR (2005). The determination of a PHEIC leads to the communication of temporary recommendations.
- **Declaration of a pandemic:** During the period of spread of human influenza caused by a new subtype, based on risk assessment and appropriate to the situation, the WHO Director-General may make a declaration of a pandemic.

Vaccine response

- Estimates of burden of influenza disease
 - → Seasonal influenza vaccine use
- SMTA2/PIP
 - Concluded with 8 vaccine manufacturers
 - SMTA2 icon
 - Donate 7.5% - 10%
 - Reserve 1% - 7.5%
 - “Switch” from seasonal to pandemic vaccine production

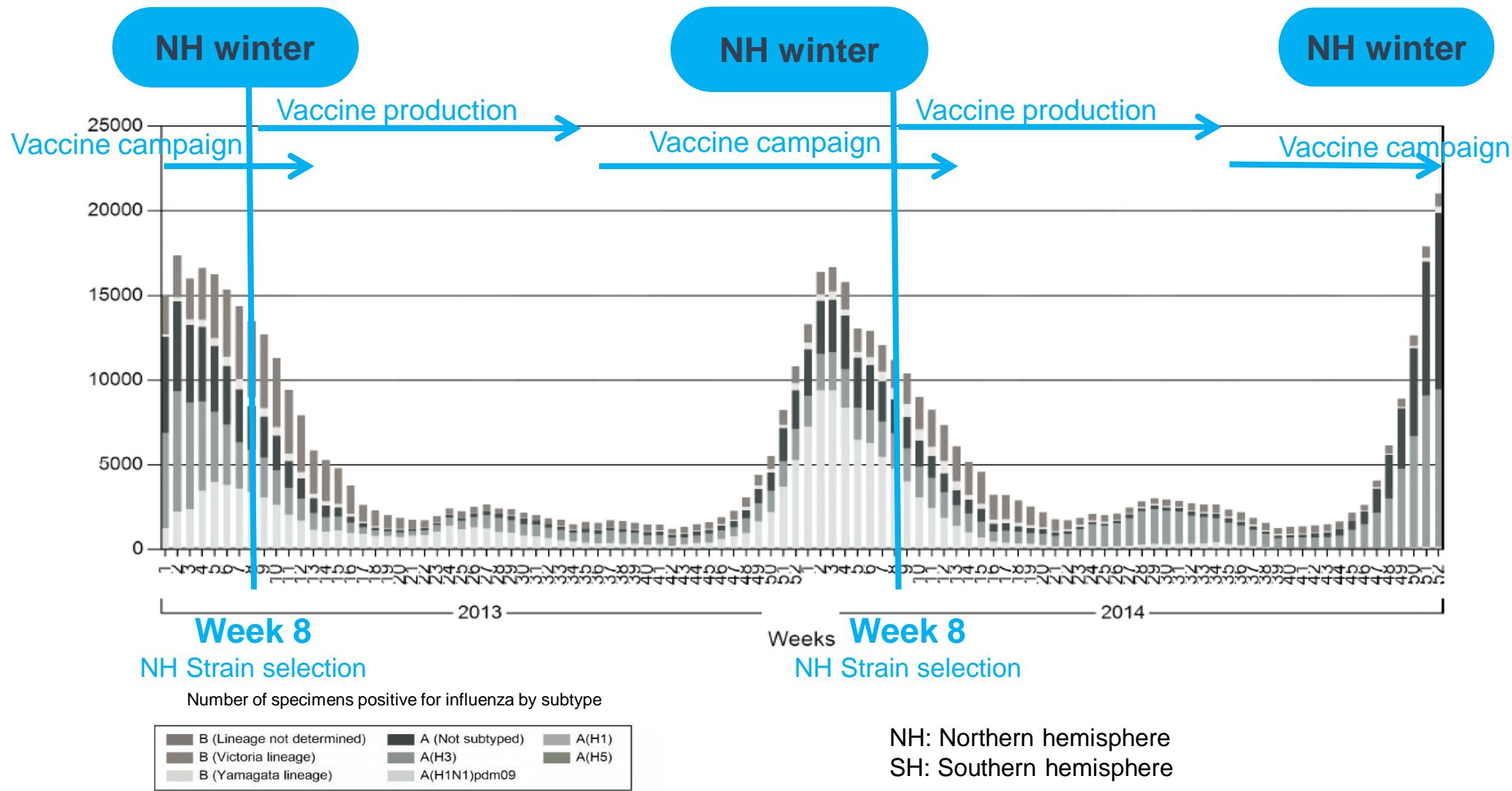


- Vaccine capacity building
 - Global Action Plan for influenza vaccines (GAP)
 - Approved vaccines through GAP
 - 6 pandemic (2 PQ'd) India, Korea, Romania, Thailand
 - 3 seasonal (1 PQ'd) Brazil, India, Indonesia
 - Predicted capacity in developing countries through GAP
 - Reg
 - Dep

	2006	2015	2016/17	2018/19
Reg	0	338	600	>1.100

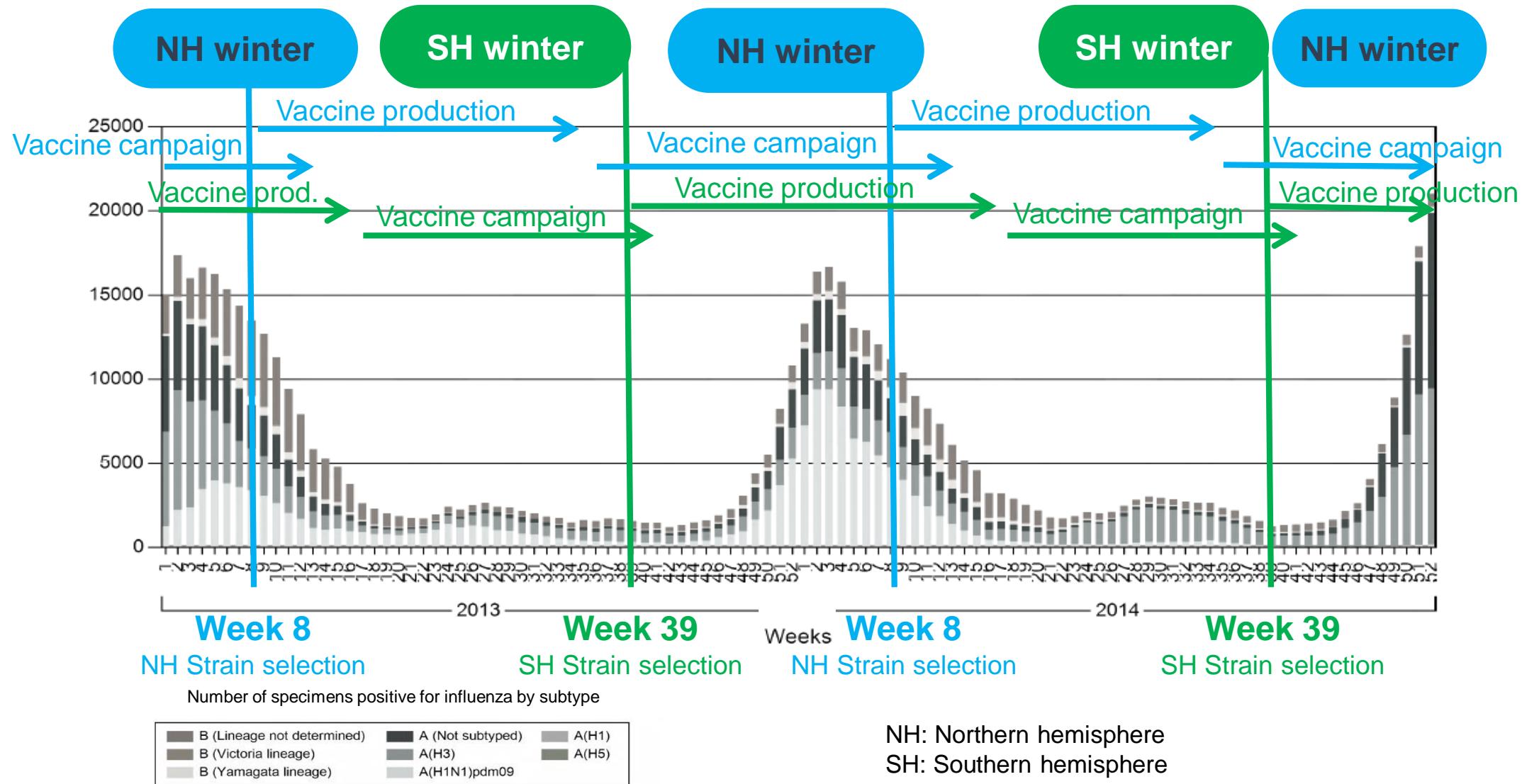


Cycle of vaccine strain selection, production and campaign



Data source: FluNet (www.who.int/flunet/), GISRS

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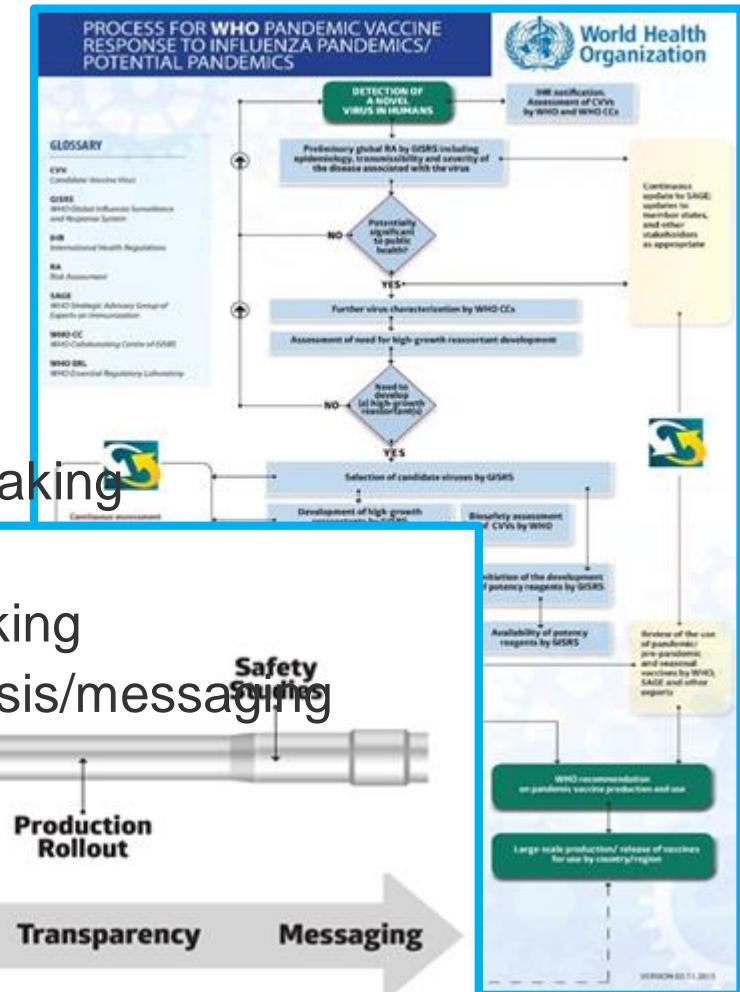
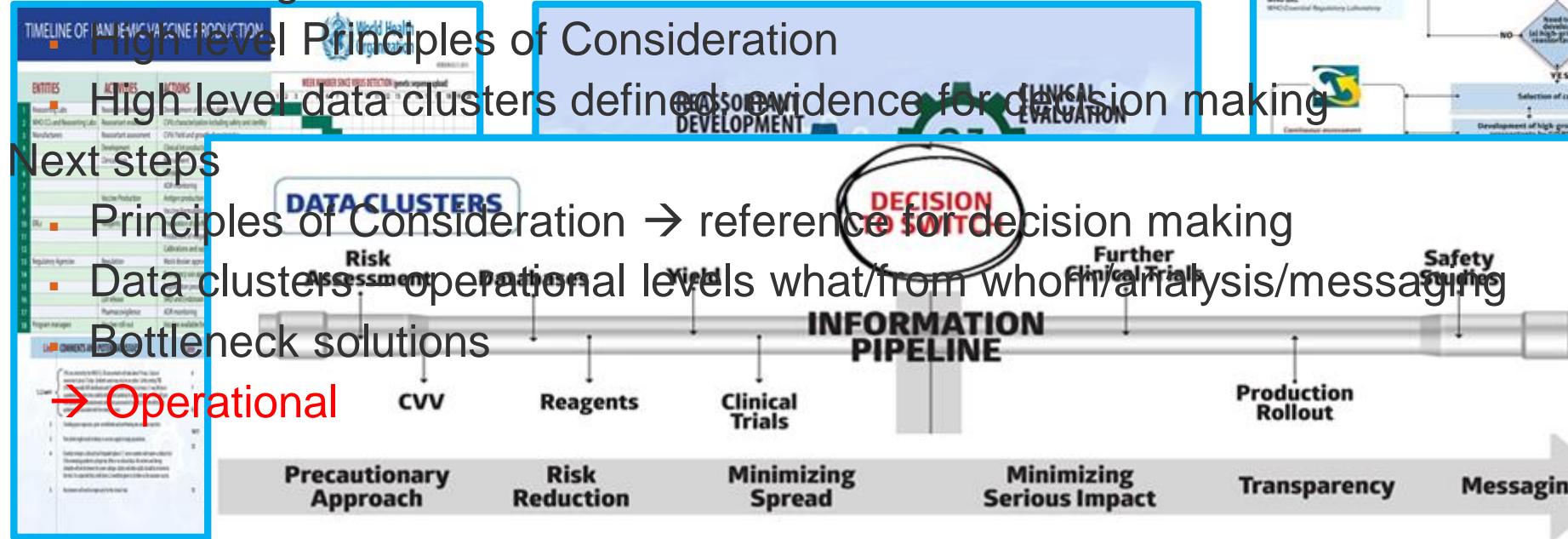


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Pandemic vaccine response – global planning

- Vaccine response

- “Switch” from seasonal to pandemic vaccine production (ongoing; 2 WHO informal consultations)
- Achieved:
 - Clarity of the complexity
 - Better understanding of response (who, when, how)
 - Need for global action – “switch”

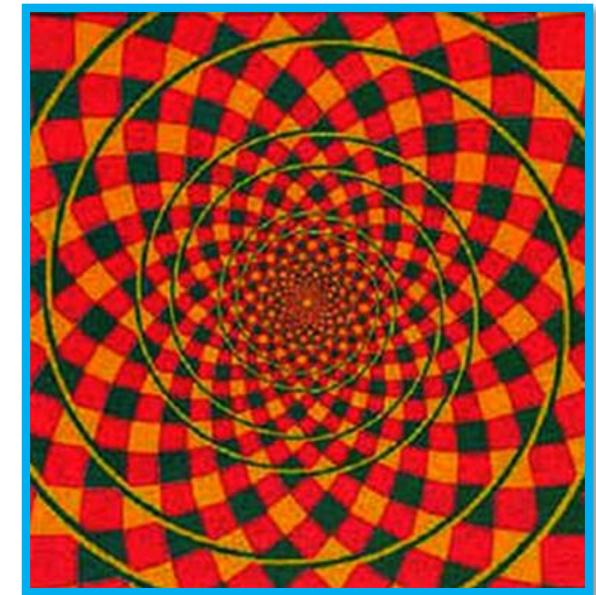


■ From the viruses

- Further evolving and spreading of zoonotic viruses
 - Multi-subtypes, multi-clades, more countries/regions

■ From the world

- Competing priorities
 - Long-term (?) investment vs. short-term needs
- Dynamics of the world
 - Pandemic, epidemic, endemic; emergency, outbreak
- “Flu fatigue”



- Influenza – only known will-be-a-pandemic so far
 - At unknown time, might be very soon
 - Better planning → more life saving
- World's influenza pandemic preparedness better ... **BUT** ...
- Shared responsibility
 - Global coordination key - WHO commitment

Urgency – time is running out

Act now!



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