

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

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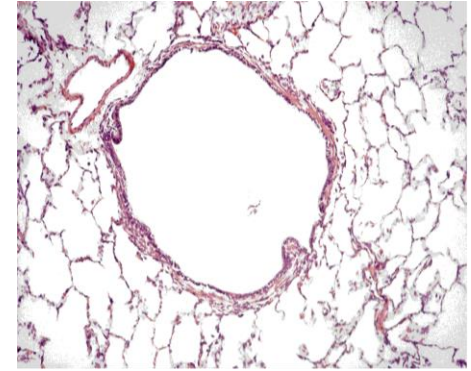


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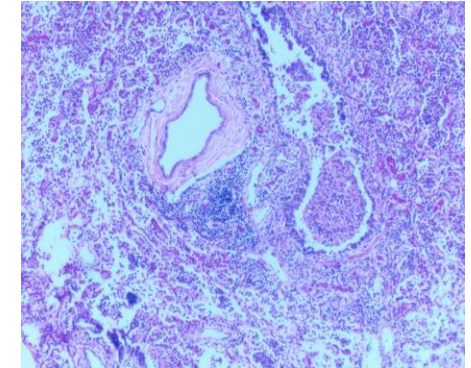
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Annual global pediatric RSV disease burden (< 5 years of age)

- Leading cause of severe respiratory tract infection
 - 33M episodes, 20% in < 6 m.o.
- Leading cause of pediatric hospitalization
 - 3.6M hospitalizations, 39% in < 6 m.o.
- Significant pediatric mortality
 - 101K deaths, 46% in < 6 m.o.
 - Share of global child mortality due to RSV
 - 3.6% < 6 m.o.
 - 2.3% < 5 y



Normal



RSV bronchiolitis

Graham B. /ICRV 2003.

RSV in the elderly

- Up to 10% annual attack rate in older adults within the community
 - Between 5%-10% of older adults within residential settings
- Increased risk of severe disease and hospitalization in older adults with RSV
- Increasing population of aging adults

Branche AR, et al. 2015. *Drugs Aging*. 32:261-9.

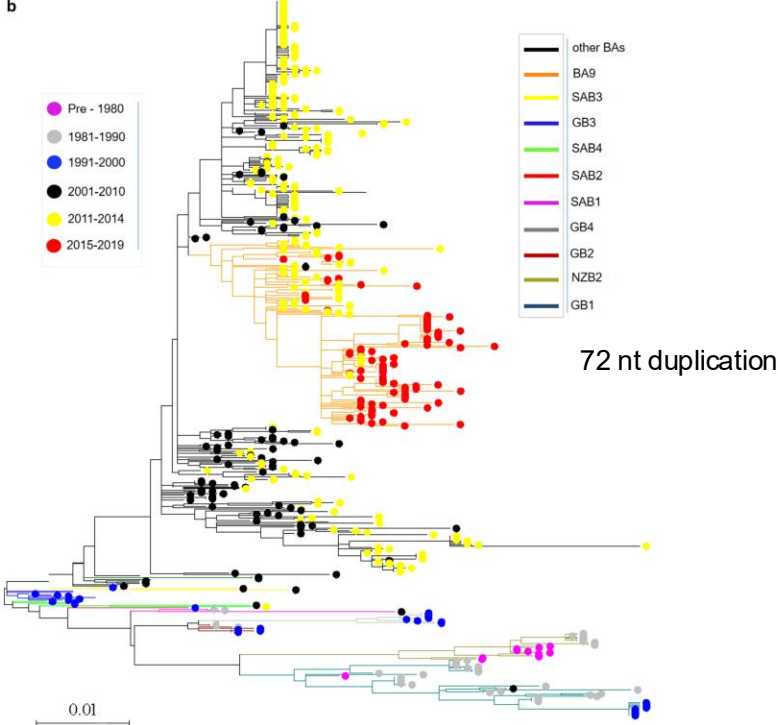
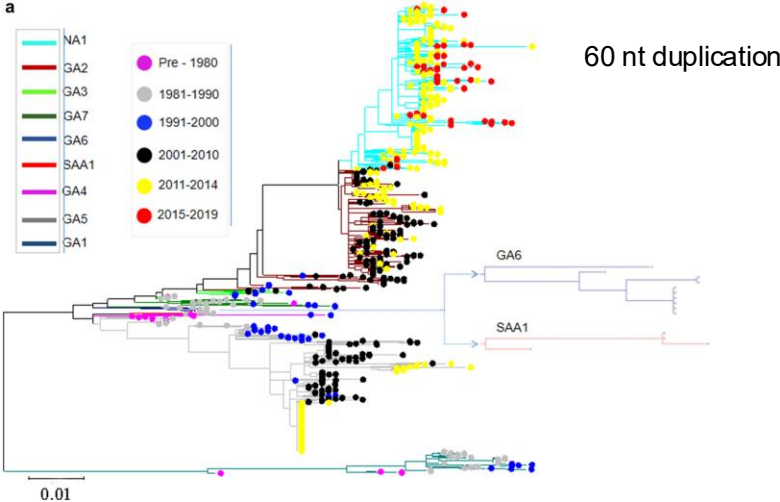
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Epidemiology of RSV

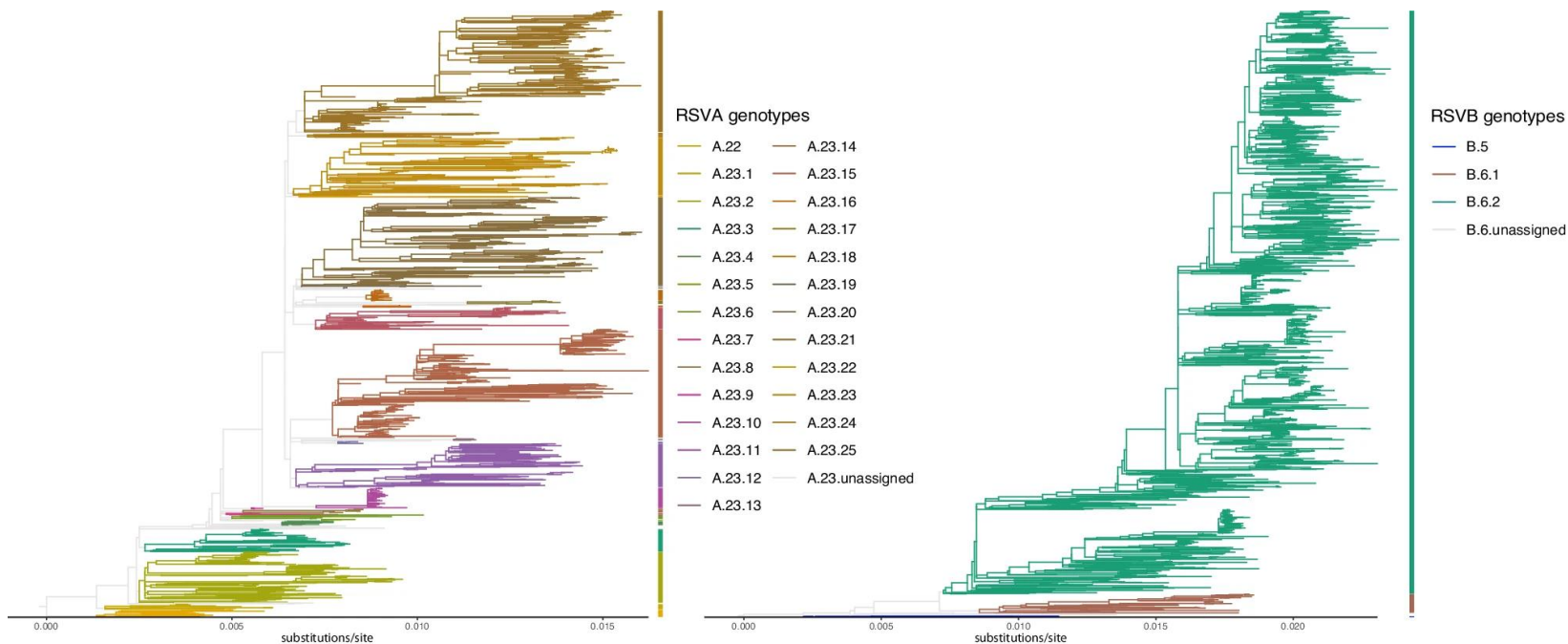
Epidemiology of RSV

- Ubiquitous pathogen
 - 4th most common after influenza A and B, SARS CoV-2
 - Two co-circulating subgroups (A and B) based on antigenic and sequence analysis
- Seasonal (winter months in Northern and Southern hemispheres)
- >50% of infants are infected during 1st RSV season, ~100% by 2 yrs.
 - Most serious infections in infants
 - ~1% require hospitalization
- Reinfections are common
 - Protective immunity to RSV is not long-lived
 - Decreased severity, frequency with age.
 - Increased severity at >65 yrs

Evolution of RSV subgroups A and B (G gene sequences)



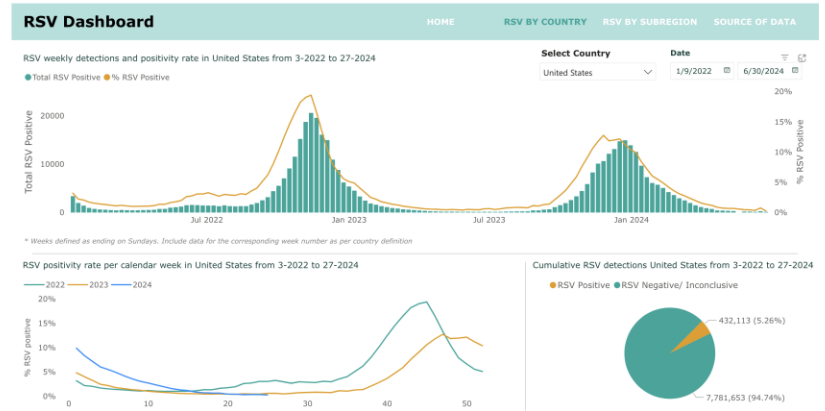
Evolution of RSV subgroups A and B



RSV testing and surveillance



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Real world RSV vaccine effectiveness

Formalin-inactivated RSV vaccine failure

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS DISEASE IN INFANTS DESPITE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION OF ANTIGENIC INACTIVATED VACCINE

KIM HW, CANCHOLA JG, BRANDT CD, PYLES G, CHANOCK RM, JENSEN K, PARROTT RH
American Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 89, Issue 4, April 1969, Pages 422–434,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordjournals.aje.a120955>

FIELD EVALUATION OF A RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS VACCINE AND A TRIVALENT PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE IN A PEDIATRIC POPULATION

CHIN J, MAGOFFIN RL, SHEARER LA, SCHIEBLE JH, LENNETTE EH
American Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 89, Issue 4, April 1969, Pages 449–463,
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RSV vaccines

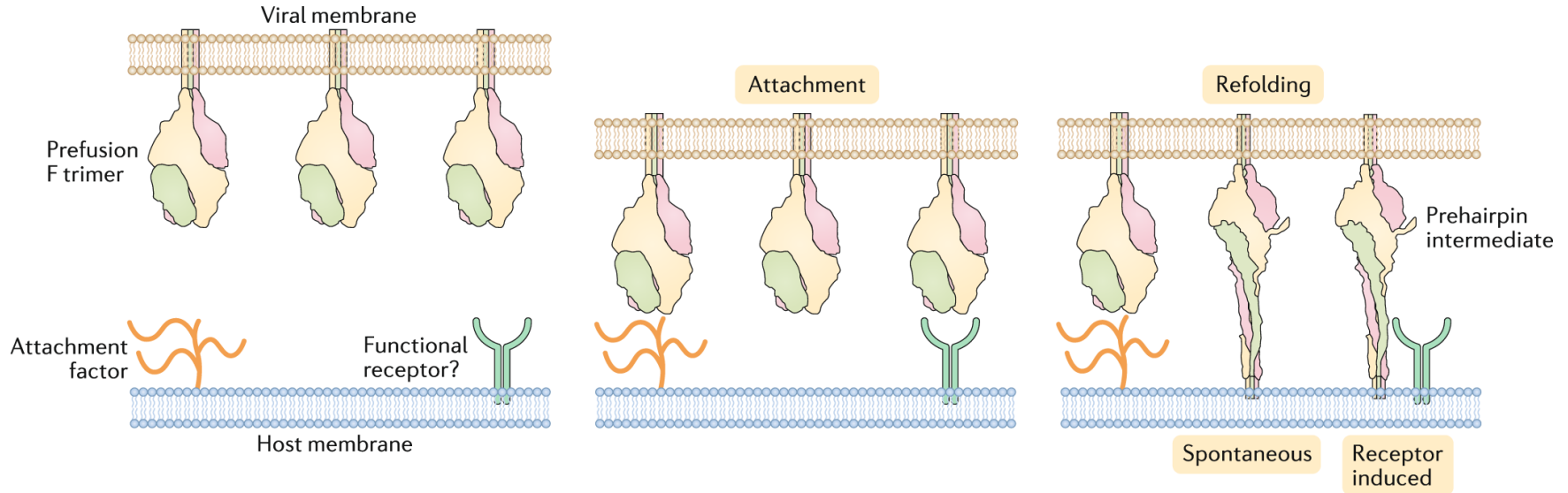
Protein

- Arexy (GSK)
 - RSVpreF3, monovalent (A), AS01_E adjuvant
 - 120 µg, i.m.
 - > 60 y.o. (18 – 59 high risk)
- ABRYSSVO (Pfizer)
 - RSVpreF, bivalent (A and B), unadjuvanted
 - 120 µg i.m.
 - > 60 y.o. (18 – 59 high risk)
 - Maternal immunization (GA 32 - 36 wks)

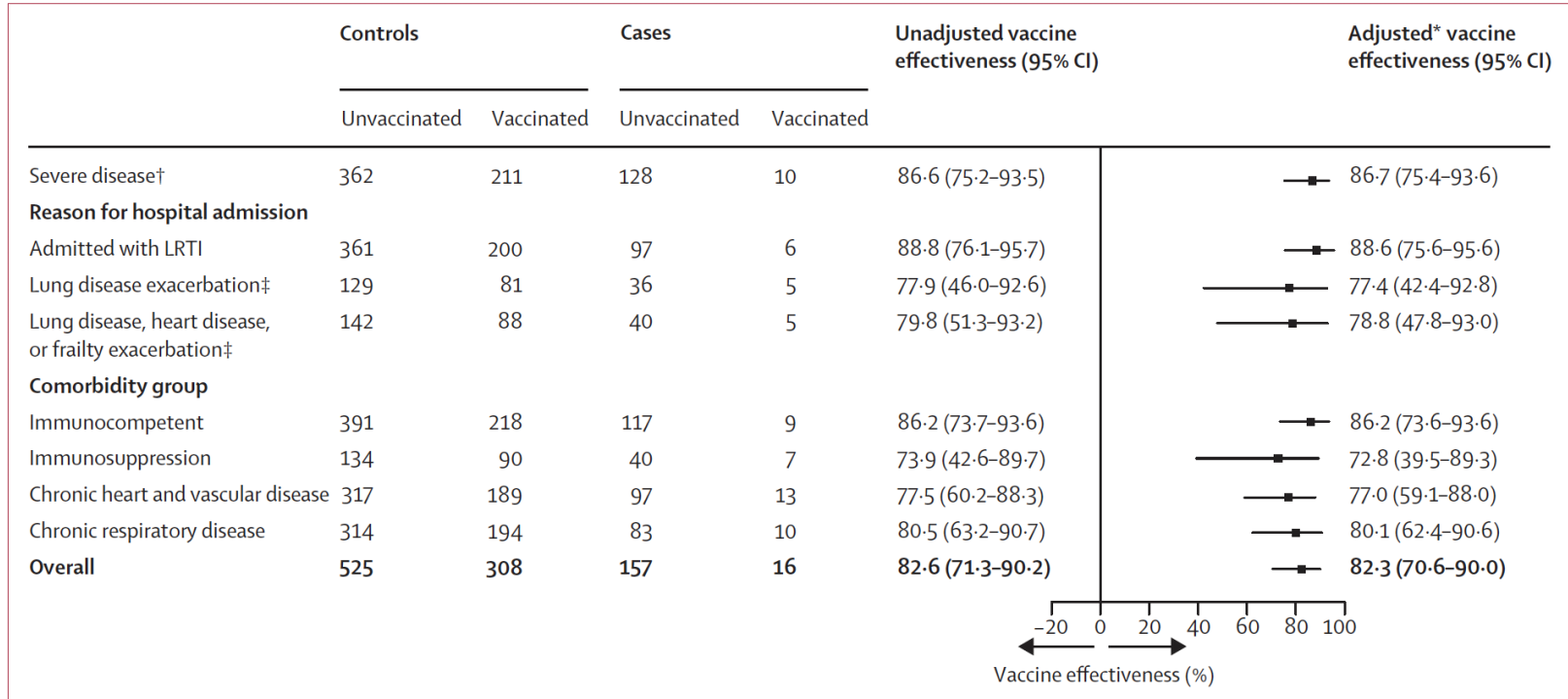
mRNA

- mRESVIA (Moderna)
 - LNP-mRNA
 - RSV preF, monovalent (A)
 - 50 µg i.m.
 - > 60 y.o. (18 – 59 high risk)

RSV fusion (F) protein



RSV vaccine effectiveness in elderly



Abrysvo in England, 75 – 79 yo

Symes, R. et al. *Lancet Infect Dis* 2026; 26: 229–38.
[https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099\(25\)00546-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(25)00546-8)

RSV monoclonal antibodies

Synagis (palivizumab)

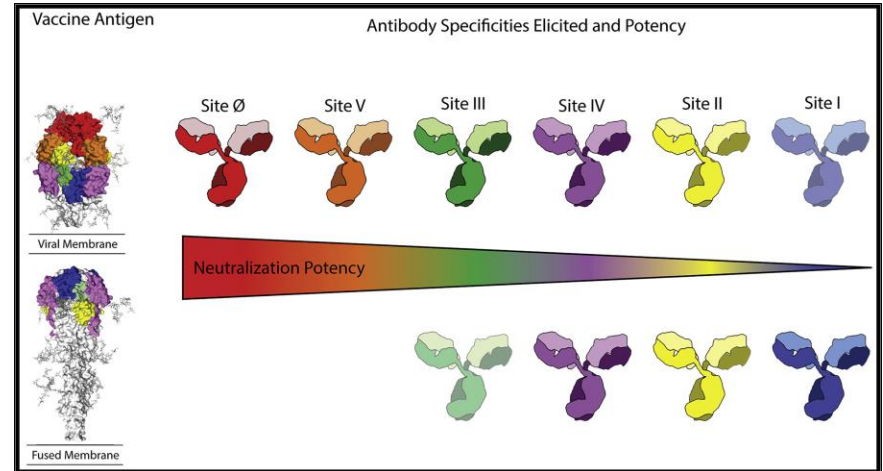
- Humanized anti-F monoclonal antibody (site II)
- 15 mg/kg s.c., monthly
- Recommended for preterm infants <29 wk GA and infants with chronic lung/heart disease

Beyfortus (nirsevimab)

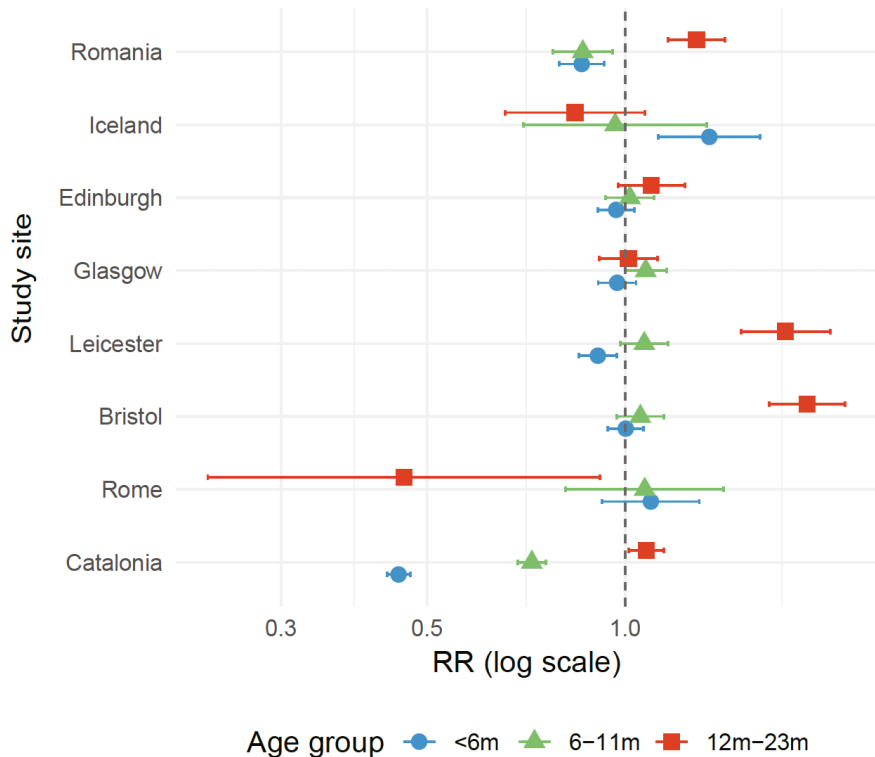
- Human anti-F monoclonal antibody (site Ø)
 - In vitro-optimized
 - Extended serum half-life
- 50 mg i.m., <5 kg; 100 mg i.m., >5 kg

Enflosia (clesrovimab)

- Human anti-F monoclonal antibody (site IV)
 - Extended serum half-life
- 105 mg i.m.



Nirsevimab effectiveness (ED visits, 2024-2025 season)



Palivizumab for high-risk infants

Palivizumab for high-risk infants
Maternal immunization (49.2 – 60.5%)

Nirsevimab (up to 75%)
beginning Nov. 2024

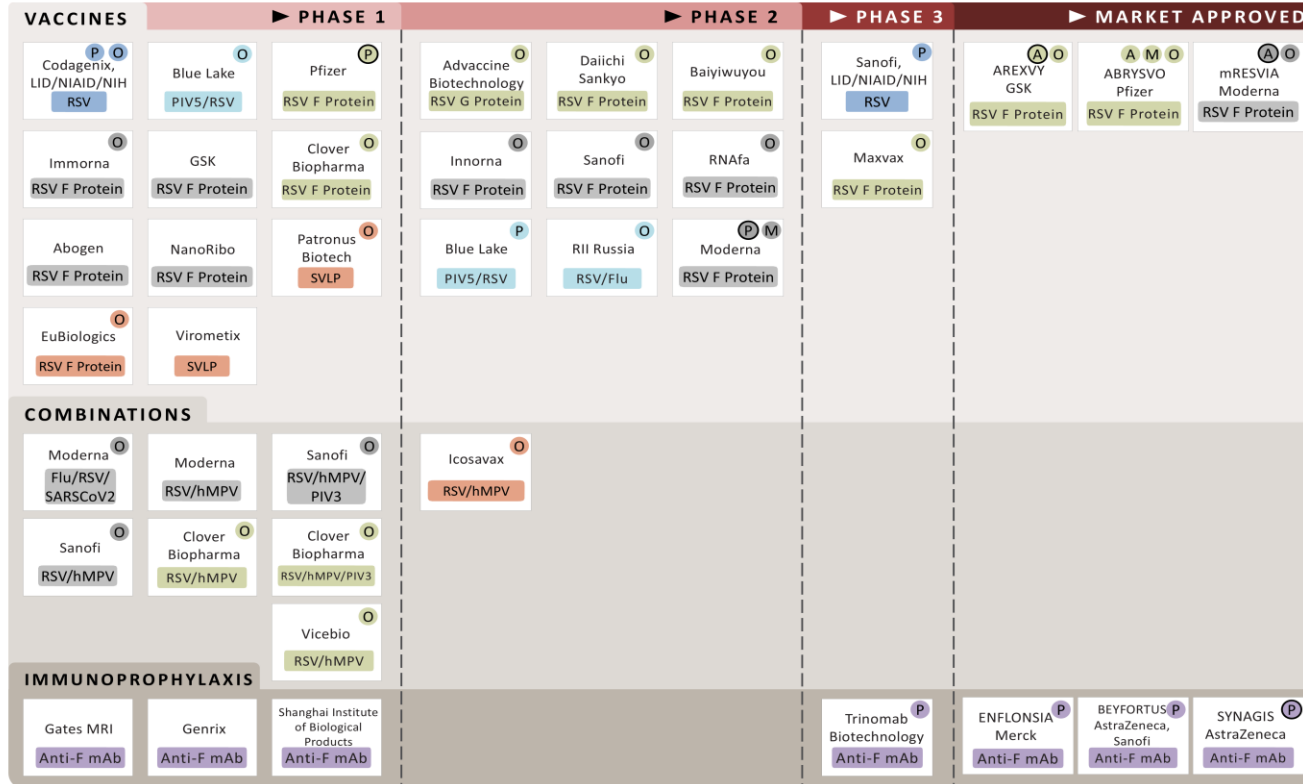
Nirsevimab (>90%)

RSV Vaccine and mAb Snapshot

P = PEDIATRIC **M** = MATERNAL
A = ADULT **O** = OLDER ADULT
○ = LIMITED TO INCREASED RISK

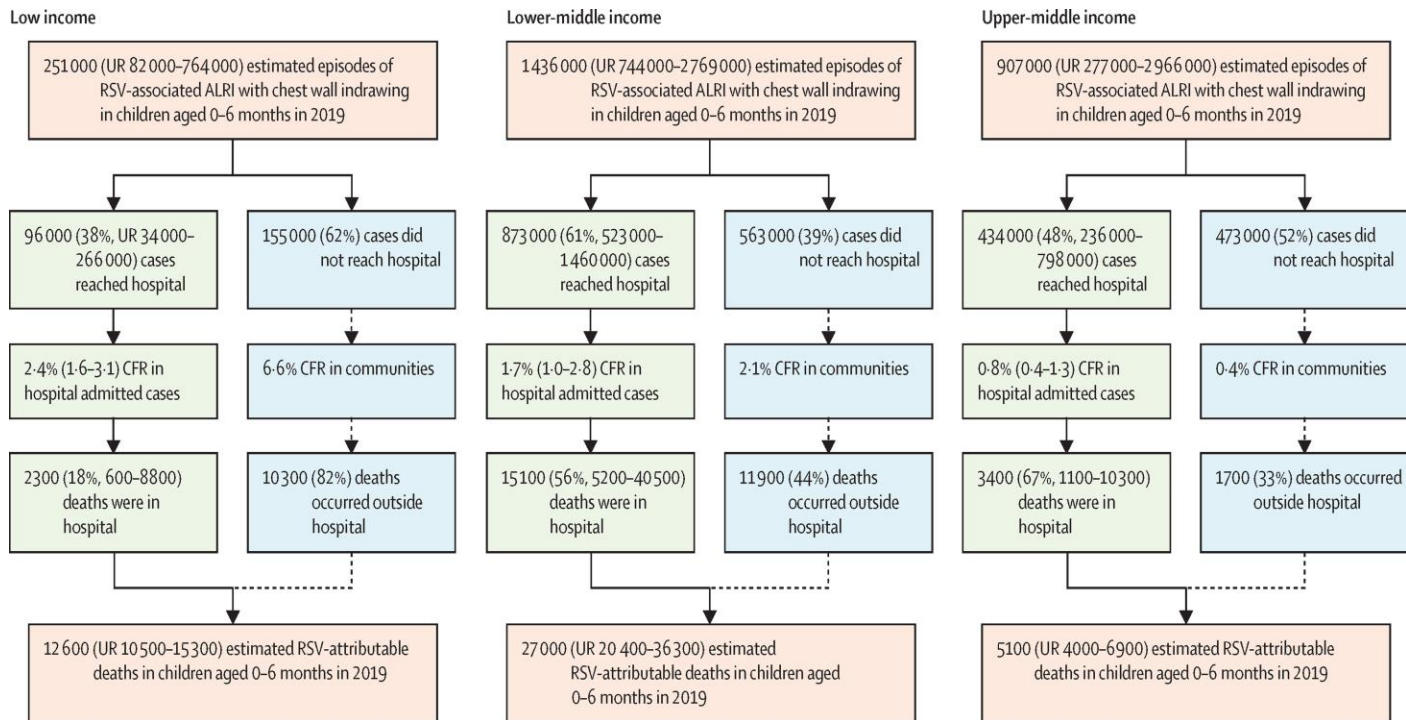
PLATFORM KEY:

● = LIVE/CHIMERIC ● = mAb
● = VECTORED ● = PARTICLE
● = SUBUNIT ● = NUCLEIC ACID

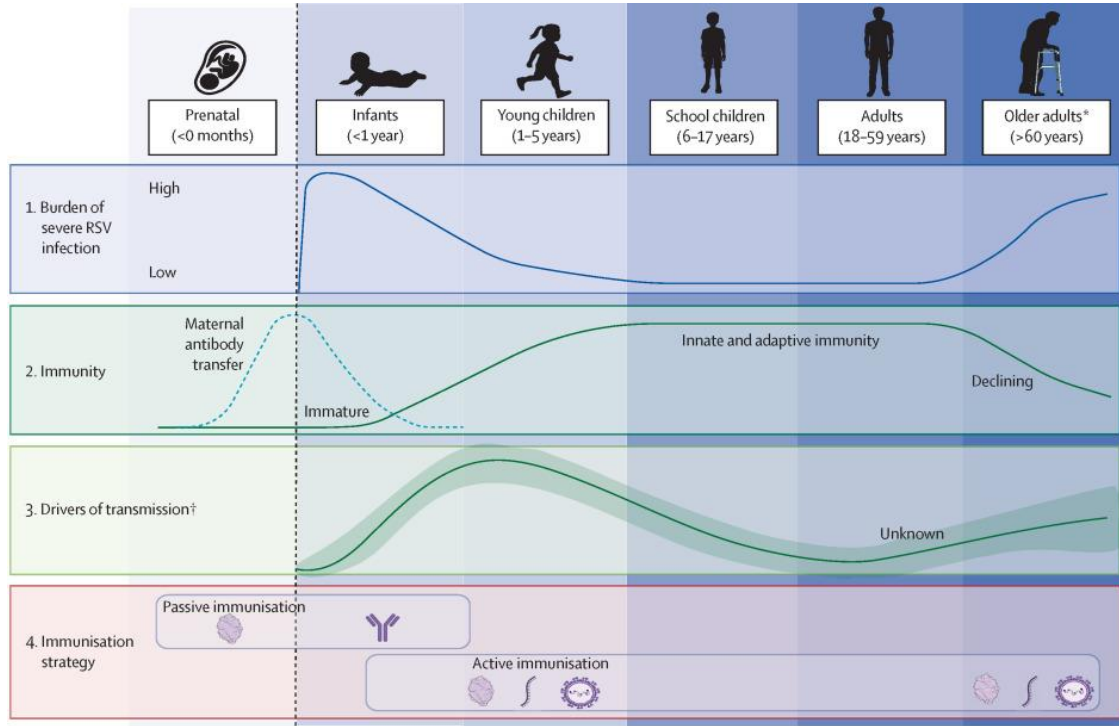


*SVLP = Synthetic virus-like particle

Most pediatric RSV mortality occurs in low- and middle-income countries



Current concepts of RSV prevention strategies





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