

RSV Vaccines: The Road to Licensure

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Viral Vaccines to Prevent Bacterial Drug Resistance?

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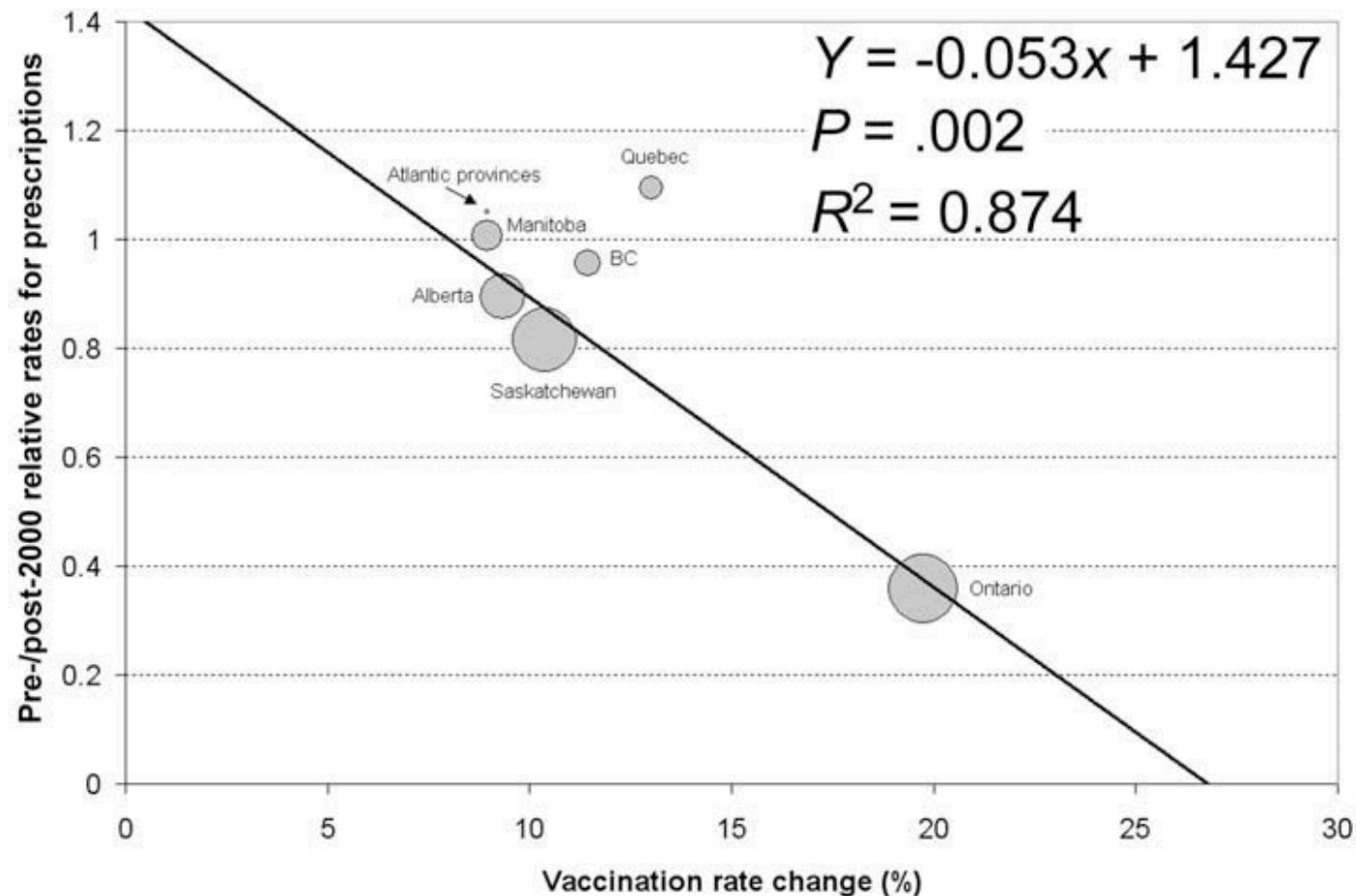
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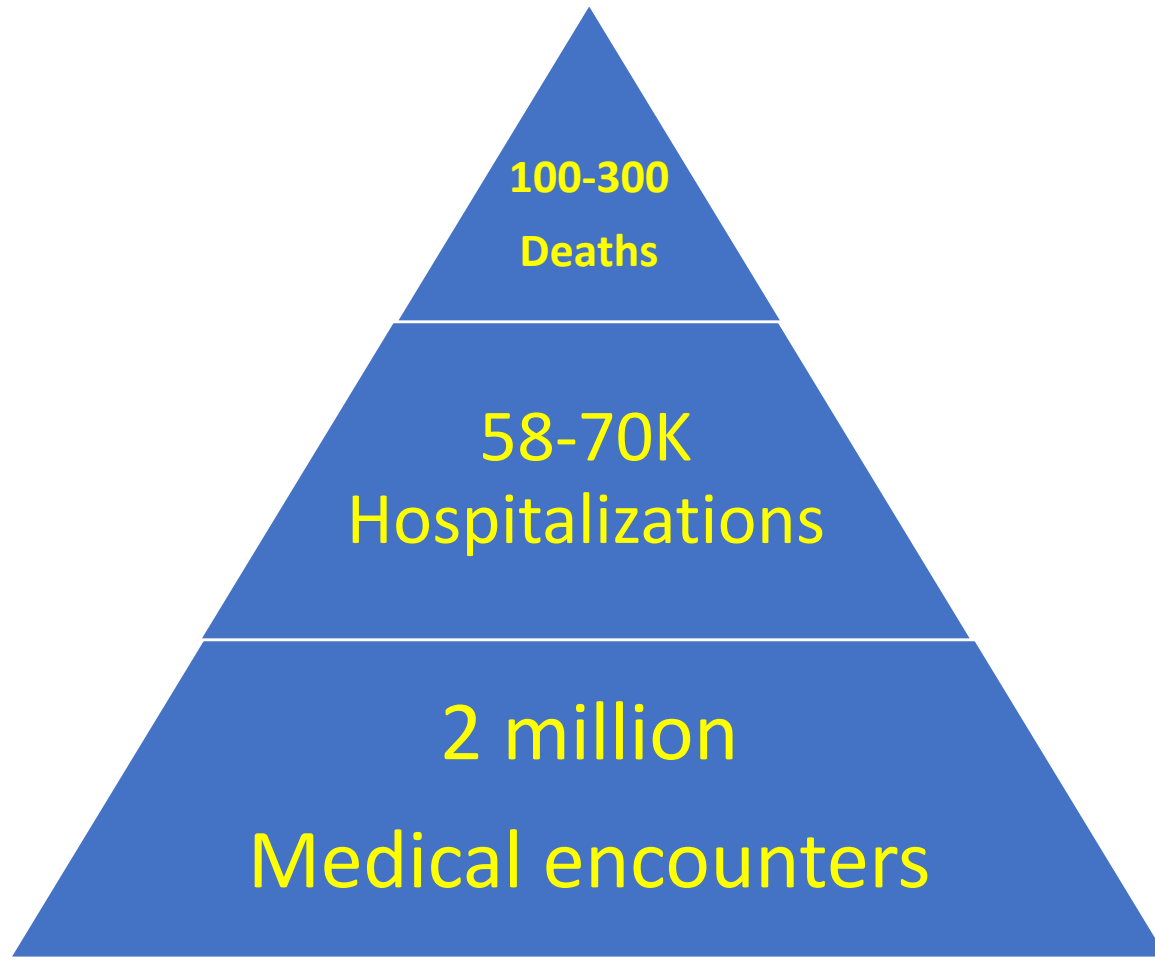
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Viral Vaccines to Prevent Bacterial Drug Resistance?

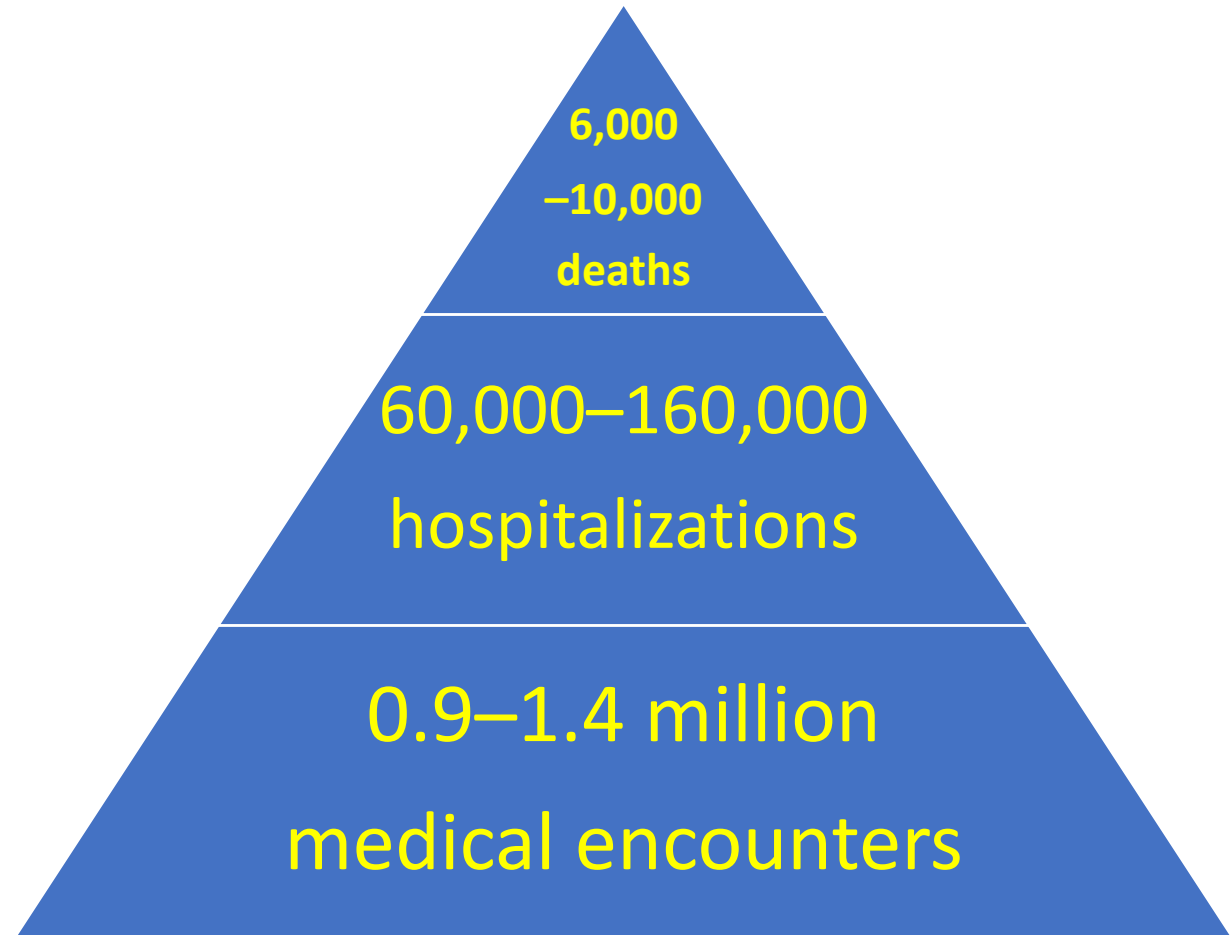
- In 2000: Ontario implemented universal flu vaccination
- Other provinces: targeted flu vaccination
- Outcome: effect of flu vaccination strategy on antibiotic prescriptions



Morbidity and Mortality of RSV in the US



Children younger than 5 years of age



Adults aged ≥ 65 years

Whole inactivated RSV vaccine

The 1960s

- Population: infants 2-7m old
- Intervention 3 doses of RSV vaccine
- Control: parainfluenza virus vaccine
- Endpoint: immunogenicity and RSV infection

	RSV vaccine Group (N=31)	PIV Vaccine Group (N=40)
4fold rise in Neut Ab	43%	Not Done
4fold rise in Comp Fix Ab	91%	15%
RSV infection	65%	53%
Hospitalization (among RSV infected)	80%*	5%

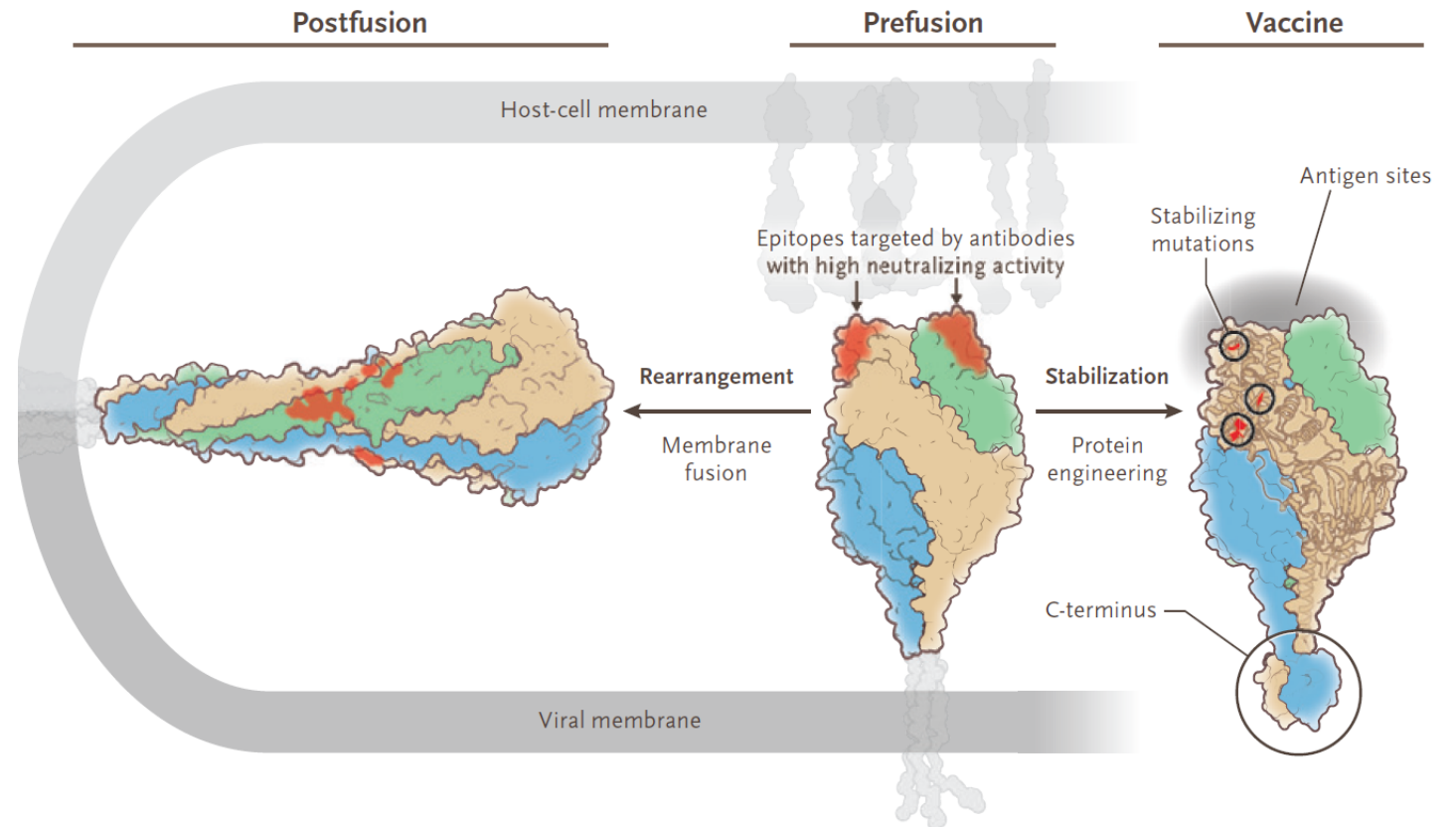
*2 deaths



**Road to RSV VACCINES WAS
BLOCKED FOR DECADES**

RSV vaccine development-Back to the Bench

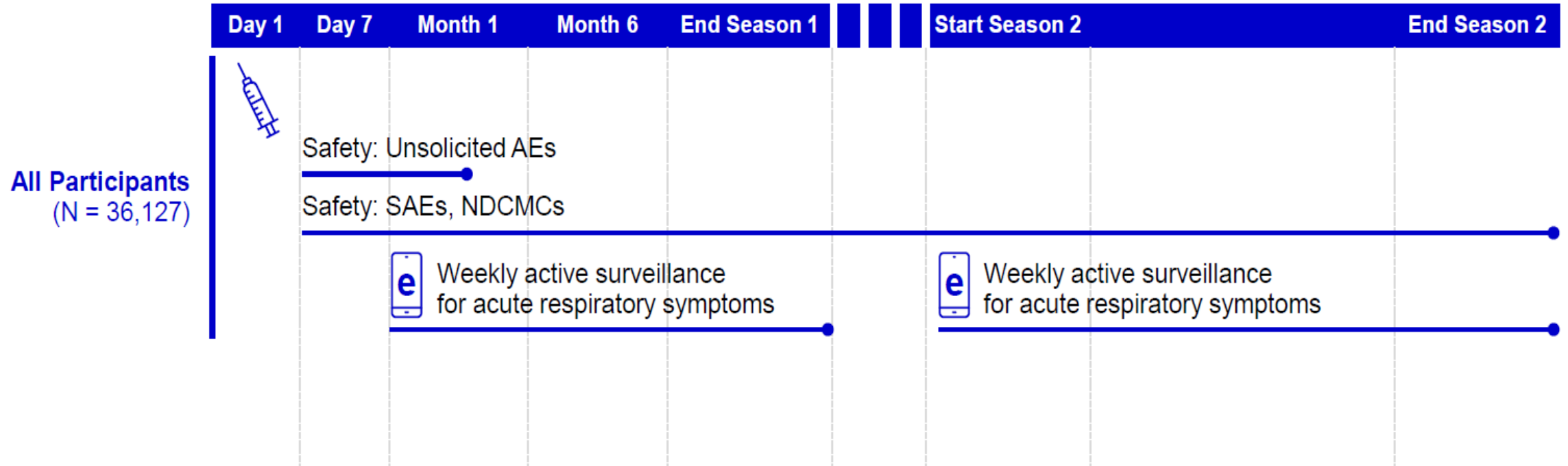
- Majority of Neut Ab are targeted against preF
- The preF state can be locked via the introduction of specific mutations
- Vaccines based on preF antigen generated much higher levels of Neut Ab
- Implications for COVID-19 vaccines



Ph3 clinical trials-RSV clinical trials

1. GSK: Prefusion-stabilized F protein adjuvanted with AS01_E, 120 mcg, RSV A: **Elderly, and pregnancy study (aborted)**
2. Pfizer: Prefusion-stabilized F protein, bivalent 60mcg RSV A+60mcg RSV B. **(Elderly, pregnant women)**
3. Ad26-based product: development halted despite favorable VE data (?fallout from Covid-19 vaccine safety signal)
4. mRNA-1345: expresses Prefusion-stabilized F protein. Favorable VE data.

RSVpreF Ph3 Study Design



1. Efficacy endpoints:

Efficacy of the vaccine against RSV-related lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI) with 2 symptoms

Efficacy against RSV-related LRTI with 3 symptoms

2. Tolerability and Safety Endpoints

RSVpreF Ph3 Study Population

Characteristic	RSVpreF N=16306 n (%)	Placebo N=16308 n (%)
Sex	--	--
Male	8327 (51.1)	8225 (50.4)
Female	7979 (48.9)	8083 (49.6)
Age, years	--	--
60-69 years	10176 (62.4)	10191 (62.5)
70-79 years	5207 (31.9)	5196 (31.9)
≥80 years	923 (5.7)	921 (5.6)

With ≥1 prespecified significant condition: 51% (vaccine) vs 51.5% (placebo)

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): 5.6% (vaccine) vs 6.1% (placebo)

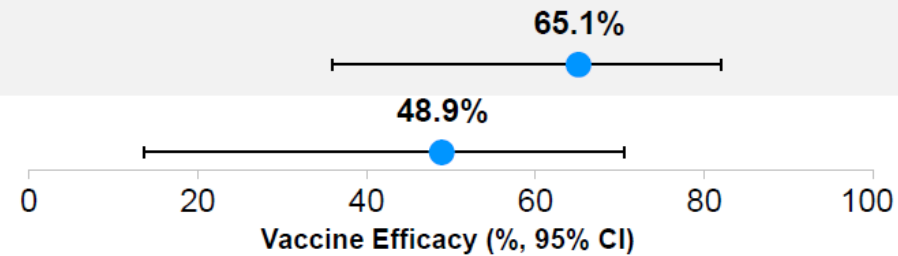
Congestive heart failure (CHF): 1.7% (vaccine) vs 1.8% (placebo)

RSVpreF Ph3 Efficacy against LRTI through mid-season 2

RSV-LRTD with ≥ 2 symptoms

Season 1 (N = 36,127)

Mid-Season 2 (n = 20,019)



Number of Events

RSVpreF	Placebo
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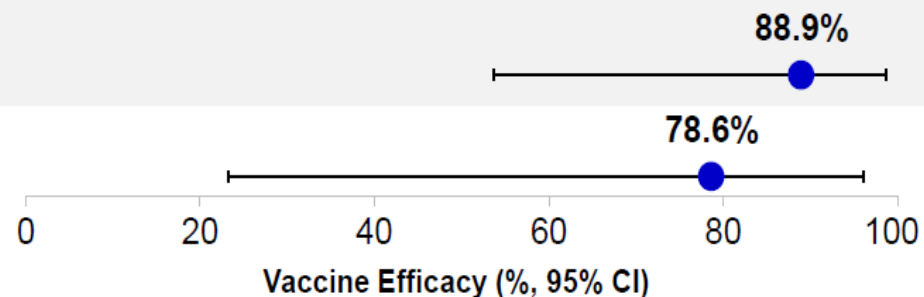
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RSV-LRTD with ≥ 3 symptoms

Season 1 (N = 36,127)

Mid-Season 2 (n = 20,019)



Number of Events

RSVpreF	Placebo
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2	18
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3	14
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RSVpreF Ph3 Safety and Tolerability

Solicited Adverse Reaction	RSVpreF N=3619-3621 n (%)	Placebo N=3532-3539 n (%)
Local reaction ≥ Grade 1	441 (12.2)	235 (6.6)
Grade 3	8 (0.2)	2 (<0.1)

Solicited Adverse Reaction	RSVpreF N=3619-3621 n (%)	Placebo N=3532-3539 n (%)
Systemic reaction ≥ Grade 1	994 (27.5)	909 (25.7)
Grade 3	27 (0.7)	20 (0.6)

RSVpreF Safety and Tolerability (20,255 participants)

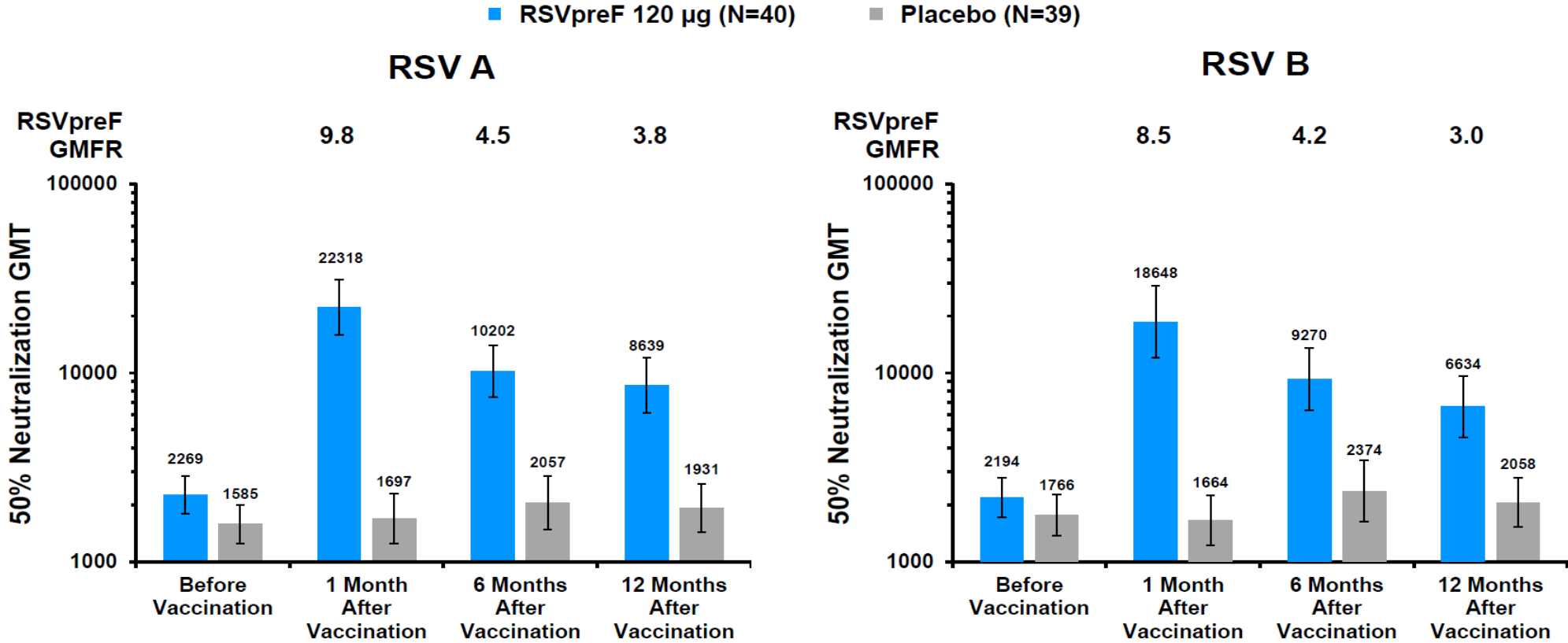
- Atrial fibrillation events in the vaccine (10) vs placebo (4) occurred between 18-30 days post injection
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome: 66 yoM, 7 days post-vaccination, hospitalized, resolving, 68 yo, 21 days post-vaccination
- Miller Fisher Syndrome: 66 yoF, 8 days post-vaccination; hospitalized, resolved by 3 month
- Motor-sensory axonal polyneuropathy: 68 yo, 21 days post-vaccination
- No cases in placebo
- Incidence of GBS in the general population: 1-3 per 100,000 (higher in older persons).

RSVpreF licensing status in the US

The RSVpreF vaccines was approved by the FDA on 31May2023 with a pharmacovigilance plan requirement to report on the following:

1. Full study data to FDA
2. Supraventricular arrhythmia events
3. Guillain Barré Syndrome and other demyelinating conditions

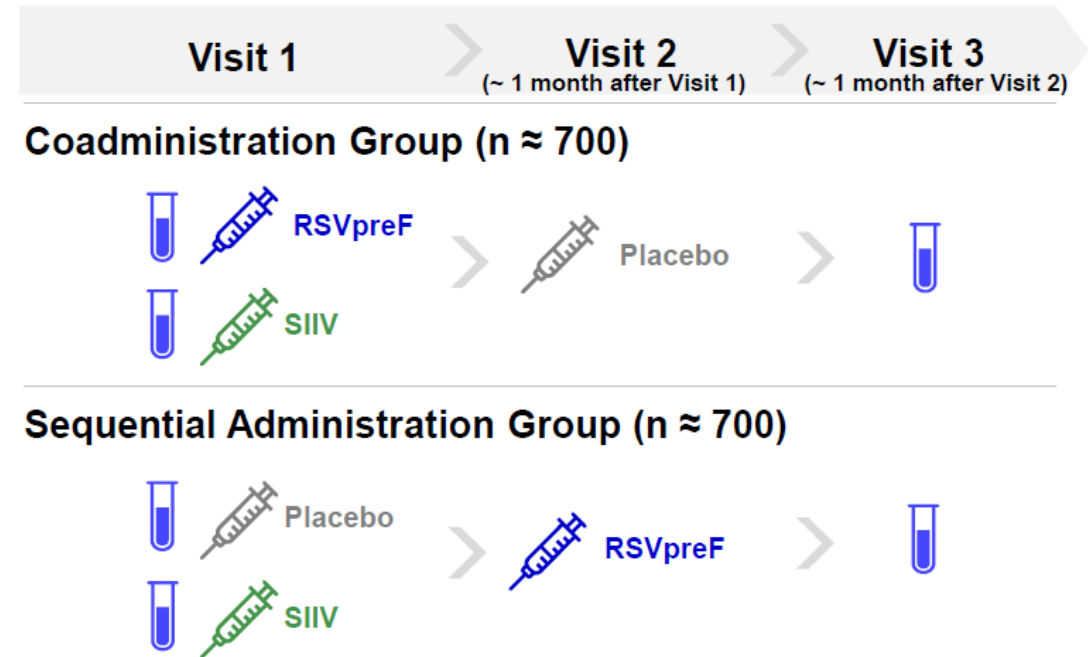
RSV PreF immunogenicity



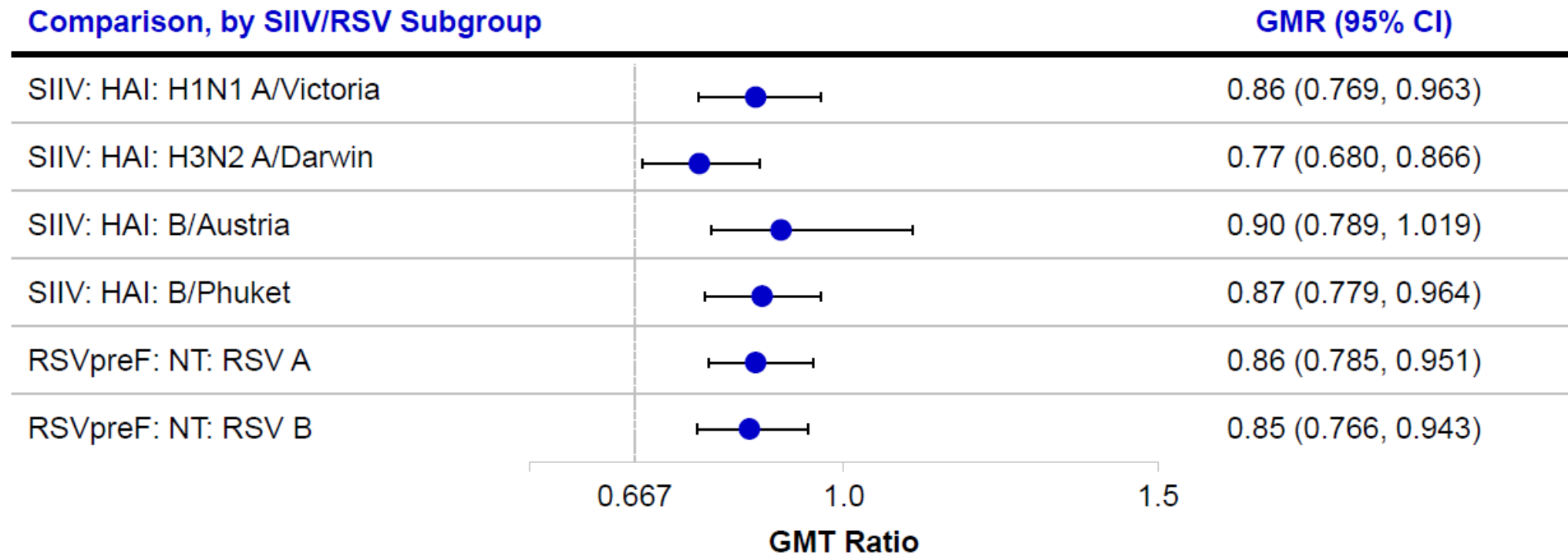
- No data on repeated dosing for the RSV PreF vaccine

RSVpreF co-administration with seasonal flu vaccine

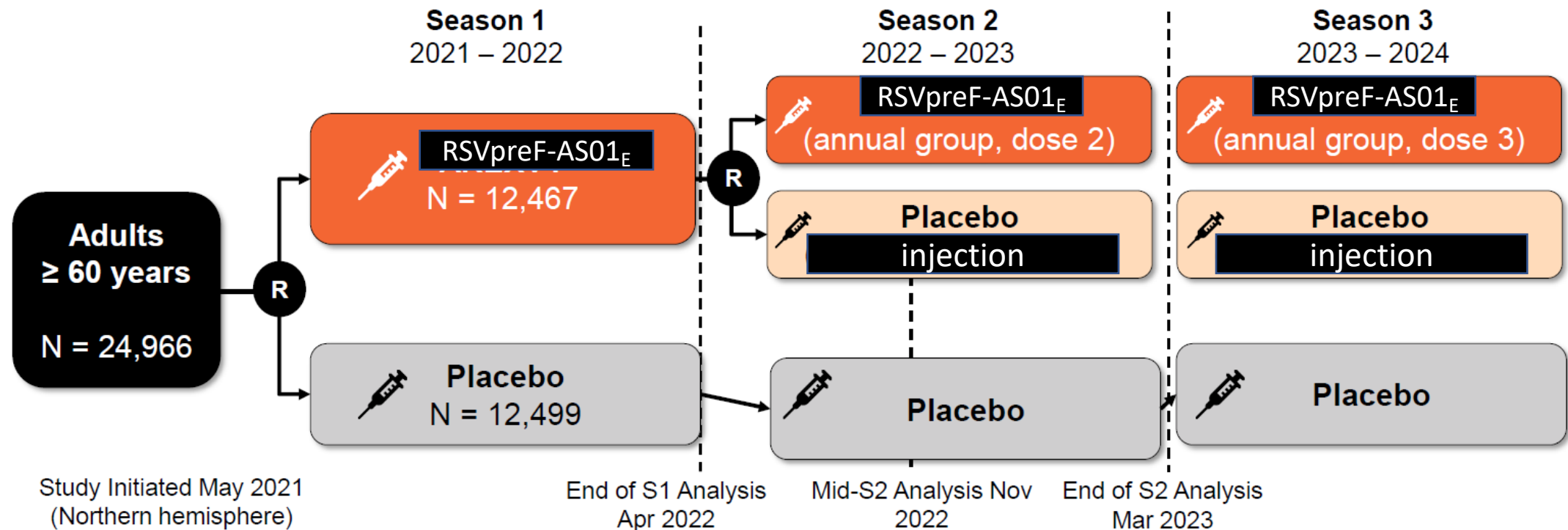
- Placebo-controlled, double-blind study
- Assessing safety and immunogenicity (non-inferiority)
- Australia (31 sites)
- ~1,400 healthy participants ≥ 65 years of age
- Randomized 1:1
- SIV: Fluad Quadrivalent
- Timeframe: April 13, 2022 – October 12, 2022



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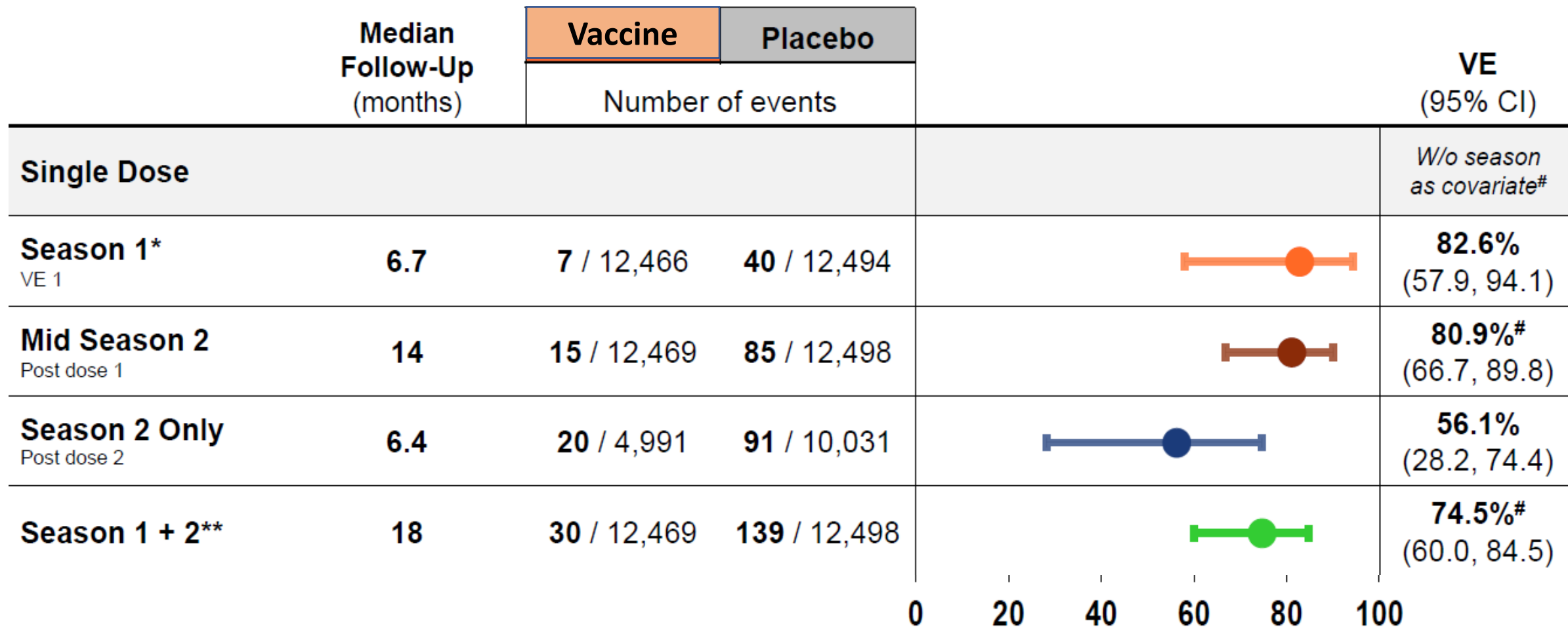
RSVpreF-AS01_E Ph3 Study Design



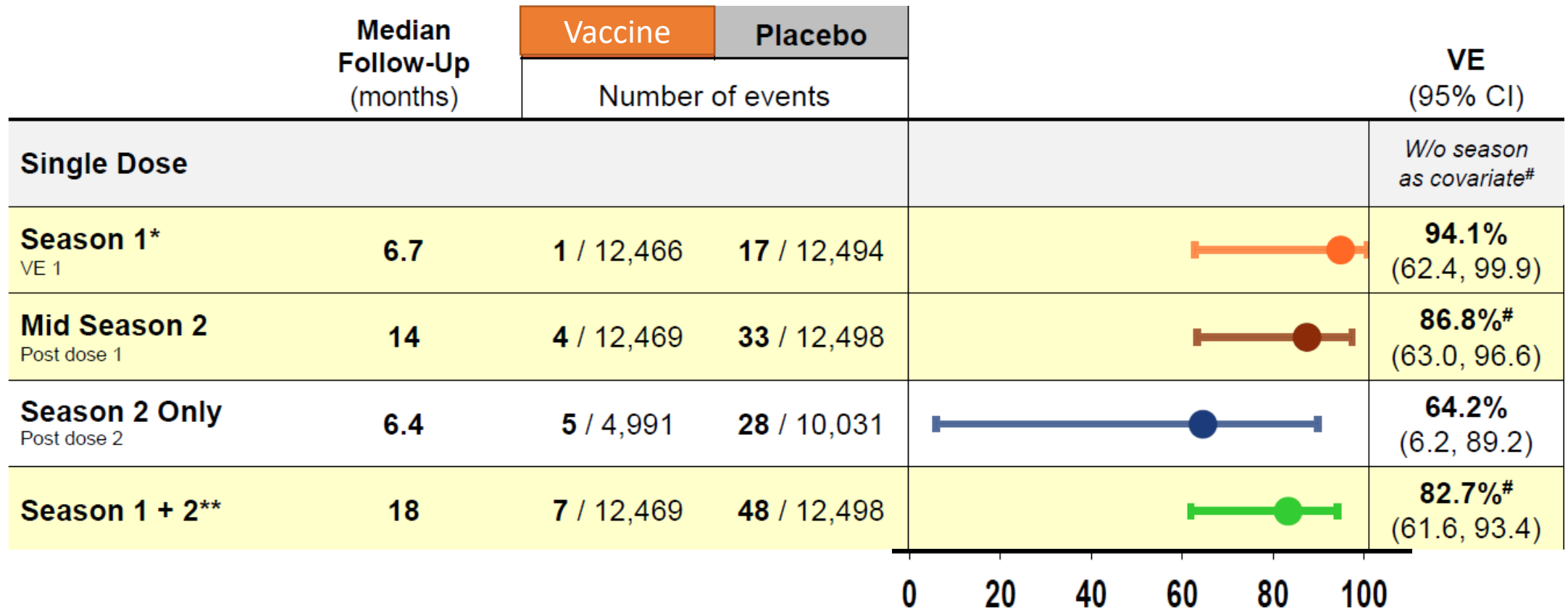
RSVpreF-AS01_E Ph3 Study- Study Population

Characteristic	RSVpreF3-AS01 _E N=12467	Placebo N=12499
Sex, n (%)	--	--
Male	5979 (48.0)	6072 (48.6)
Female	6488 (52.0)	6427 (51.4)
Age, years	--	--
Mean age (SD)	69.0 (6.5)	69.6 (6.4)
Median age (min, max)	69.0 (59, 102)	69.0 (59, 98)
60-69 YOA	6963 (55.9)	6980 (55.8)
70-79 YOA	4487 (36.0)	4491 (35.9)
≥80 YOA	1017 (8.2)	1028 (8.2)
At least 1 pre-existing Cardiorespiratory condition	2496 (20.0)	2422 (19.4)

RSVpreF-AS01_E Efficacy against RSV-LRTD



RSVpreF-AS01_E Efficacy against severe RSV-LRTD



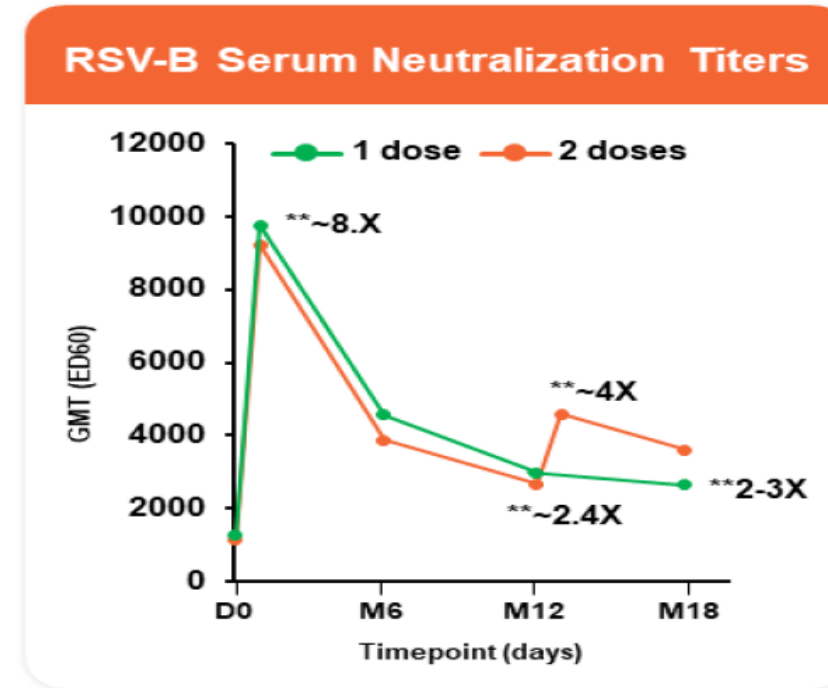
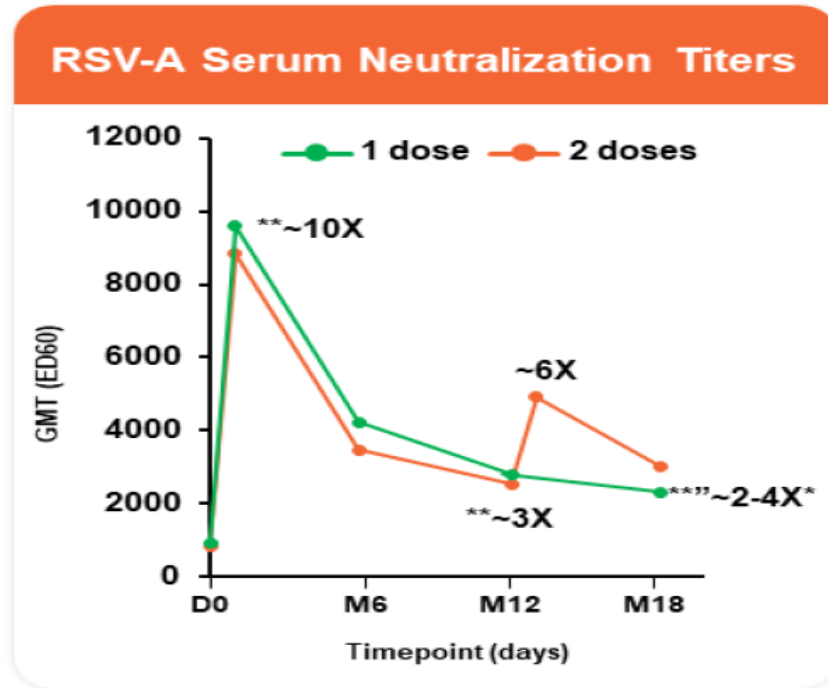
RSV PreF3-Ad Tolerability Data

	RSV Vaccine N = 879	Placebo N = 878
Any solicited AE (within 4 days)	72%	28%
Administration site AEs	62%	10%
Systemic AEs	49%	23%
Grade 3 AEs	4%	0.9%
	Exposed Set	
	RSV Vaccine N = 12,467	Placebo N = 12,499
Within 30 days of vaccination		
Any unsolicited AE*	33%	18%
Any medically attended AE	6%	6%

Adverse Events of concerns ~ 15000 participants

1. Numerical imbalance: atrial fibrillation within 30Days: Vaccine group=10 vs. placebo group=4.
2. Two cases of acute demyelinating encephalomyelitis (71 yo man/71yo woman), both occurred 22 days post vaccination, one fatal-Diagnosis ascertainment called into question.
3. One case of GBS: 78 yo woman, 9 days post vaccine. Required hosp for 6 months.

RSVpreF-AS01_E: immunogenicity of repeated dosing



- A second dose of RSVpreF-AS01_E did not boost antibody responses to levels comparable to first dose response: an unusual finding for protein-based vaccines.

RSVpreF-AS01_E licensing status in the US

- RSVpreF-AS01_E was approved on 03May2023 with a pharmacovigilance plan requirement to report to the FDA back on the following:
 1. ADEM
 2. Guillain Barré Syndrome and other demyelinating conditions
 3. Supraventricular arrhythmia events

QUESTIONS?

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