

# Infectious disease modelling and cost-effectiveness of RSV intervention strategies

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# RSV protection in infants in 2023

## Nirsevimab (Beyfortus, Sanofi)

- Long-acting monoclonal antibody
- Given once before RSV season

74.5% (95 CI 49.6 to 87.1) against MA-LRTI

Hammit et al. 2022. NEJM

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## Nirsevimab for Prevention of RSV in Healthy Late-Preterm and Term Infants

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## Bivalent Prefusion F Vaccine in Pregnancy to Prevent RSV Illness in Infants

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## RSVPreF (ABRYSVO, Pfizer)

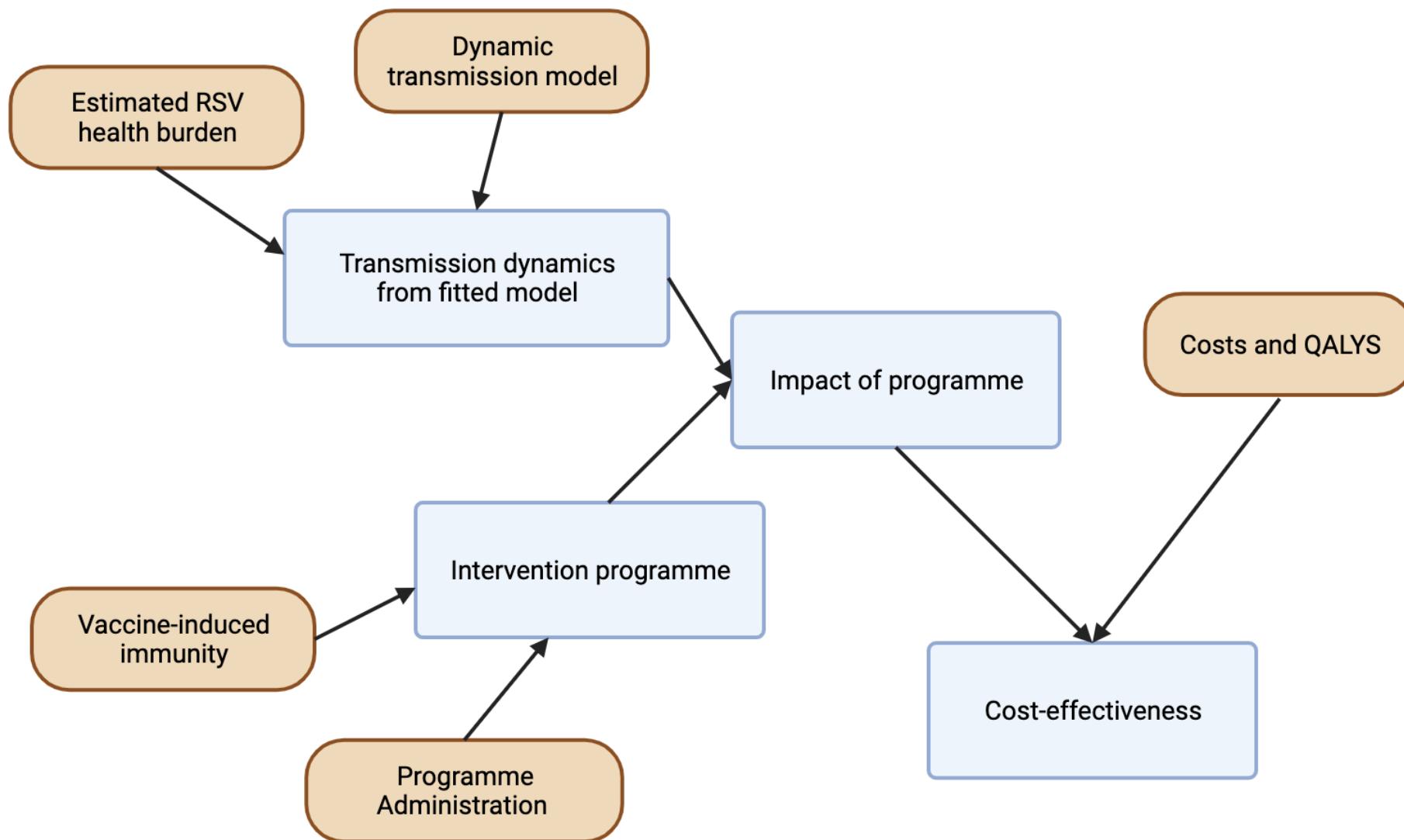
- Maternal vaccine
- Given during third trimester

69.4% 97.58% CI (44.3 to 84.1) against severe MA-LRTI

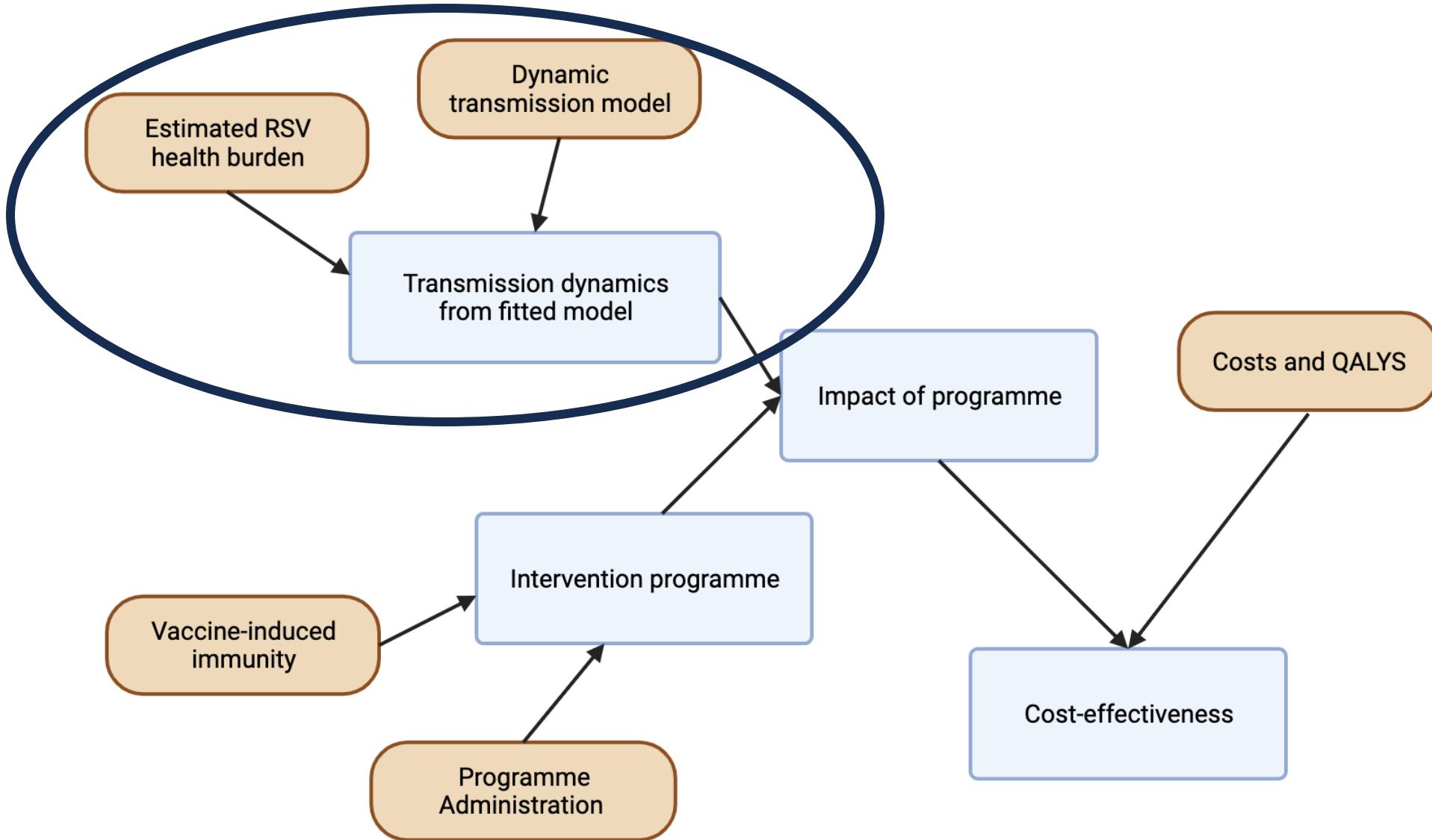
Both approved for use by FDA/EMA

Question for UK: which, if any, of these should we incorporate into the NIP?

# Overview of project



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RSV is infectious

- Complex transmission patterns (indirect effects)



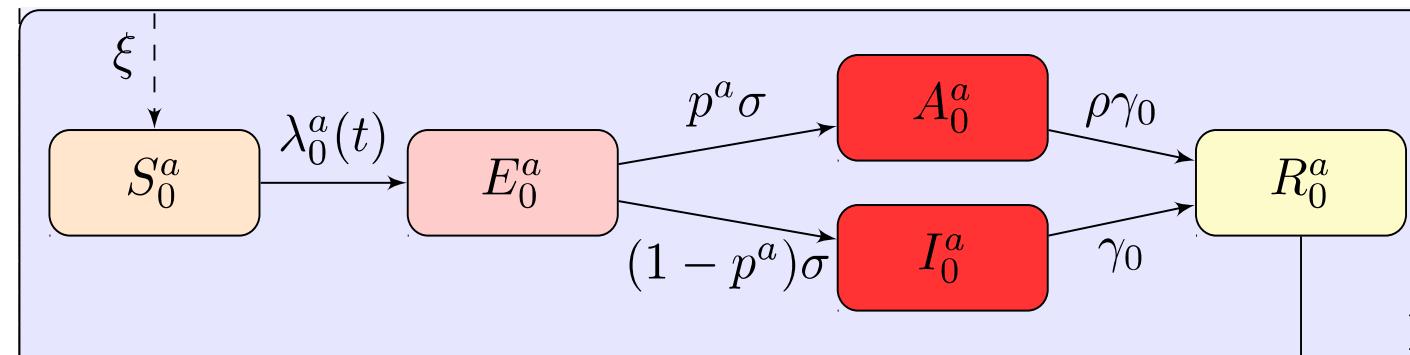
RSV has various levels of severity

- Very severe in infants/Milder in adults
- Requires different estimates for QALY



Exposure also effects duration of infection, susceptibility etc

# Base model



Two infection categories, A (asymptomatic,) I (symptomatic) infection chosen as a large proportion of infections are asymptomatic in adults and there is a different in dynamics of transmission

Reinfection possible, so duration of protection from infection is temporary

Maternal protection group for newborns

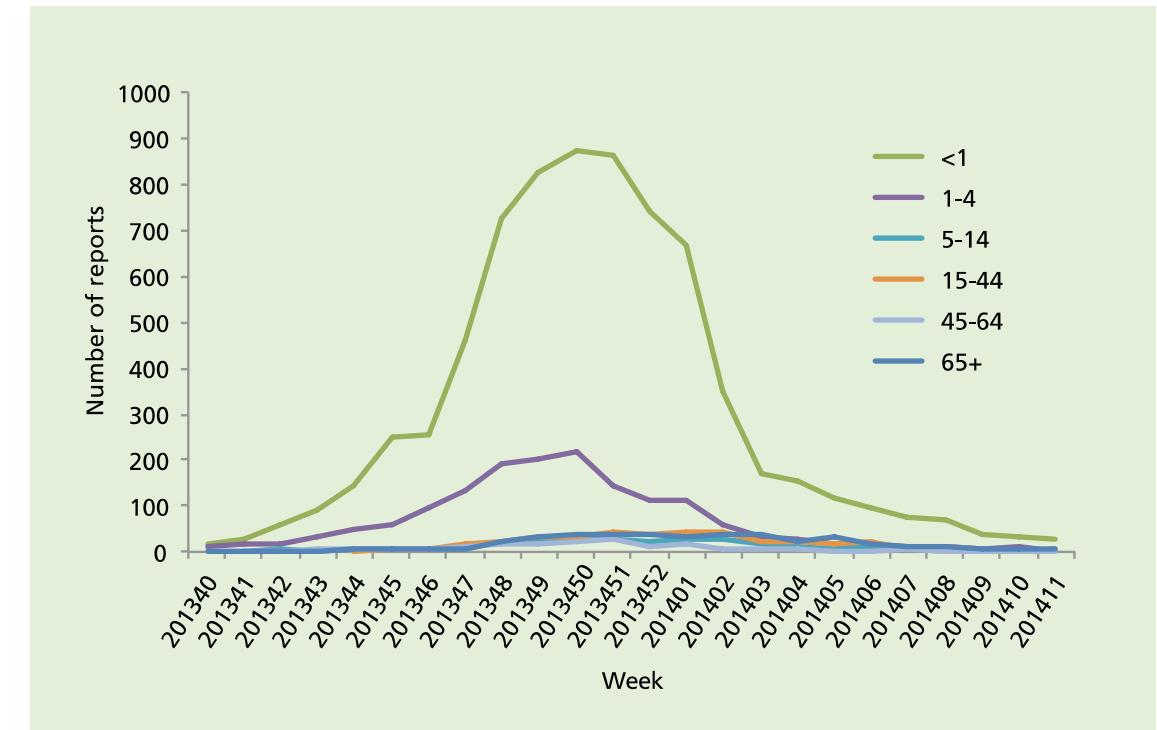
Force of infection,  $\lambda(t)$  is seasonally forced.

# Capturing age-specific factors

RSV disease severity is heterogeneous with age

Why?

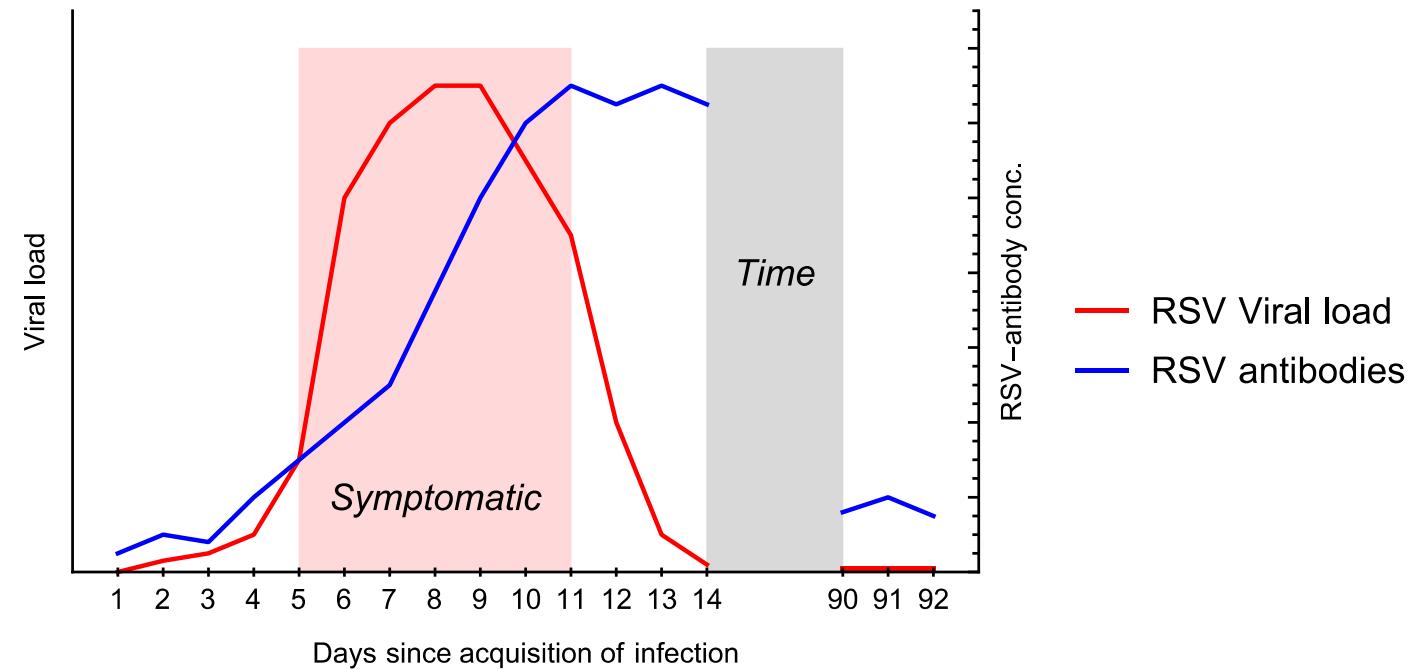
Age-related reasons include  
immaturity of immune system; small  
bronchioles etc.



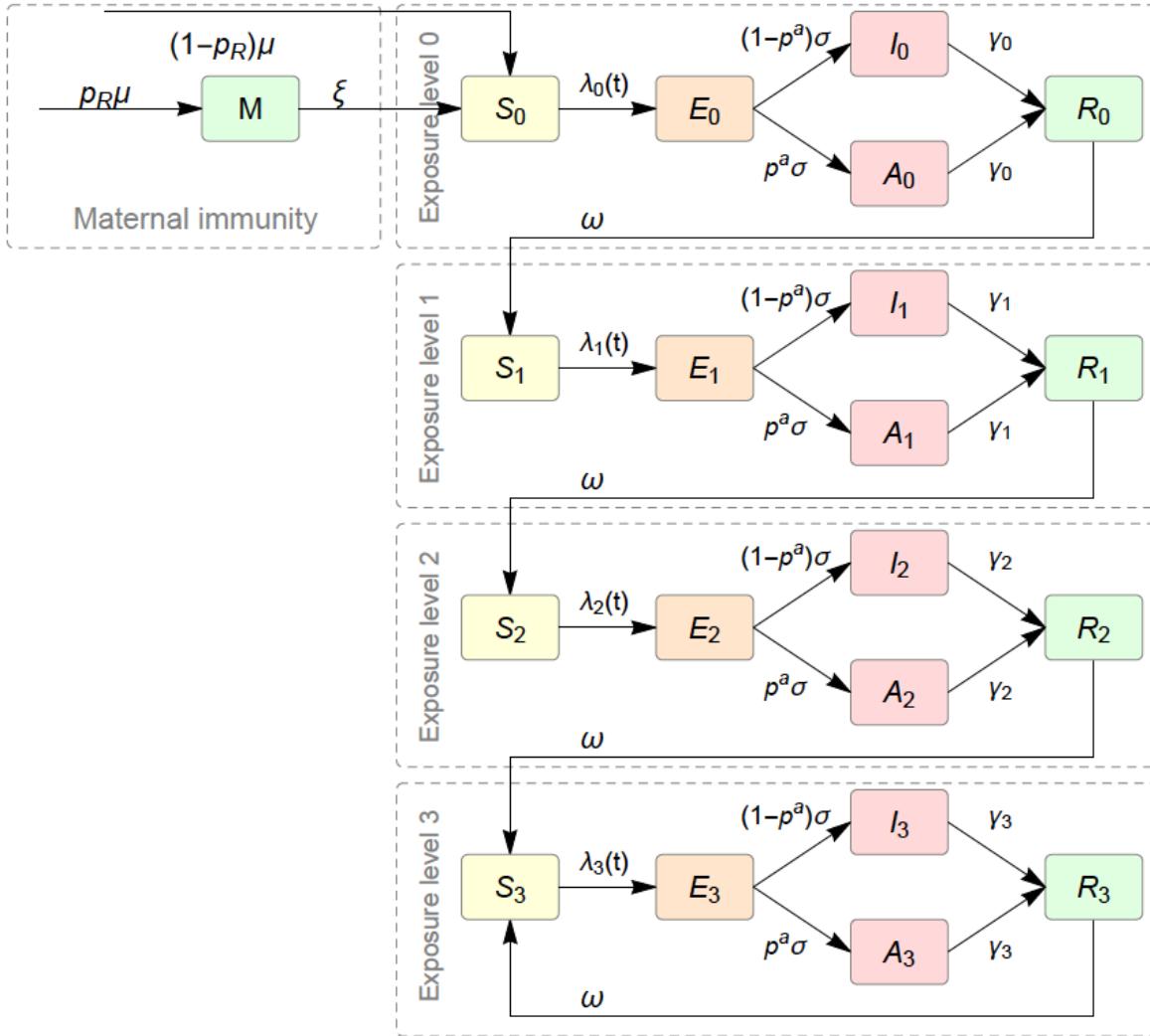
**Figure:** RSV incidence across ages. [Communicable Disease Control Handbook 2005. 135-141.]

# Role of exposure

- There is a cumulative build-up of antibodies after each RSV infection
- The level of antibody build-up reduces the severity of subsequent infections
- Therefore, first infection is most severe, then future infections become milder

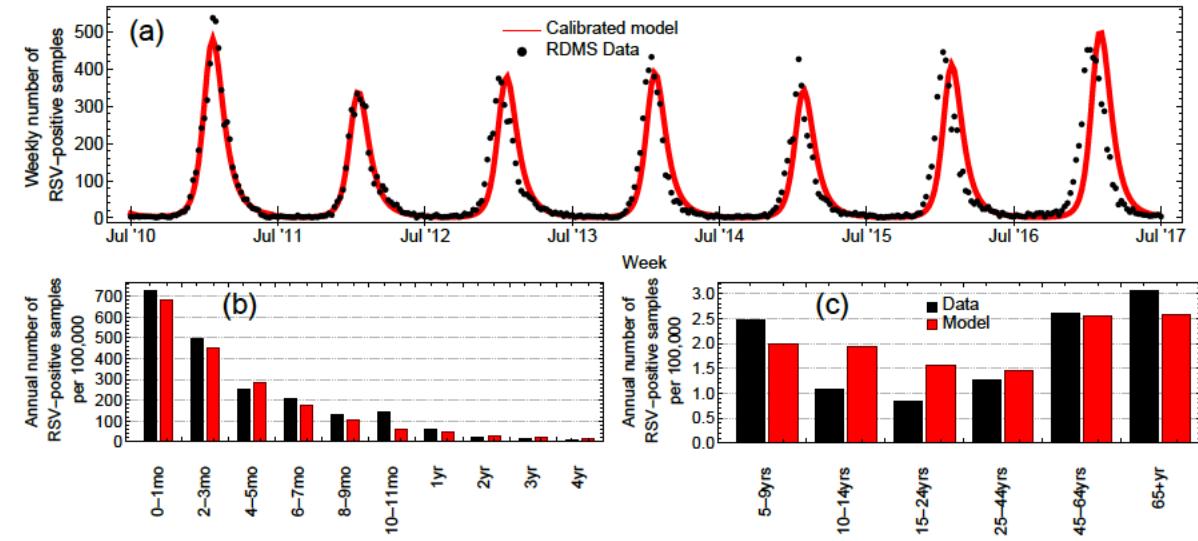


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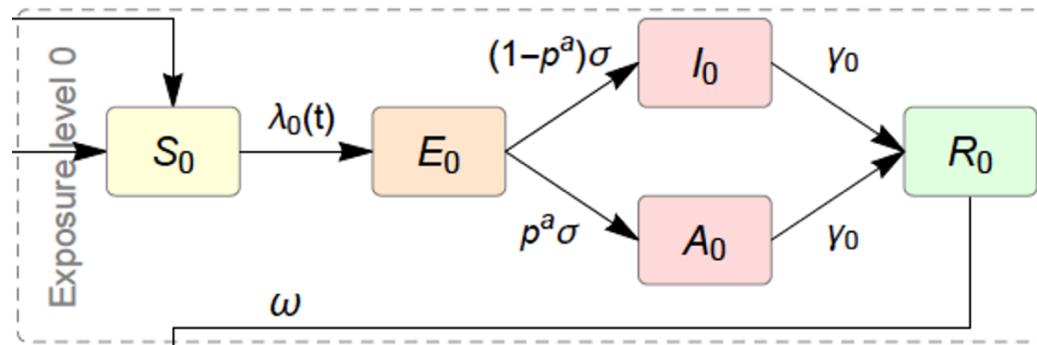
<- Full SEIR model per age group

Data we fit too:



# Modelling RSV transmission

# SEIRS model fitted to RDMS (RSV positive samples)



S: susceptible

E: exposure but not yet infectious

## A: Infected but asymptomatic

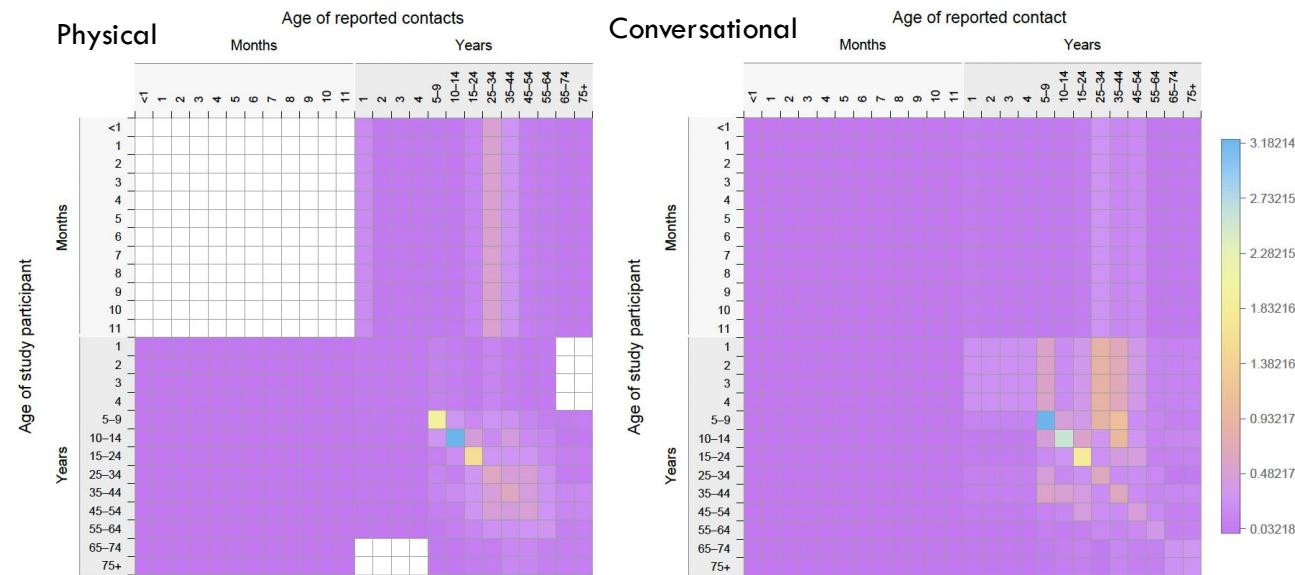
## I: Infected but symptomatic

## R: Post-infection immunity (temp)

25 age groups:

Monthly up to 11 months, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-9,  
10-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75+  
years

## Contact matrix from POLYMOD



# Risk of health outcomes



## Symptomatic cases

- Taken from model



## GP consultations

- Cromer et al. 2017 *Lancet Public Health*
- **Taylor et al. 2016 *BMJ***
- **Fleming et al. 2015 *BMC Inf Dis***



## A+E

- Ajayi-Obe et al. 2008 *Epidemiol Infect*



## Hospital cases

- Reeves et al. 2017 *Influenza Other Respir Viruses*
- Reeves et al. 2019 *J Infect*
- **Taylor et al. 2016 *BMJ***
- Sharp et al. 2022 *Influenza Other Respir Viruses*

Annual burden health outcomes of RSV in England and Wales



Estimated risk of health outcome per infection



## ICU

- Thwaites et al. 2020 *Eur J Pediatr*
- **Walsh et al. 2022 *Health Sci Rep***

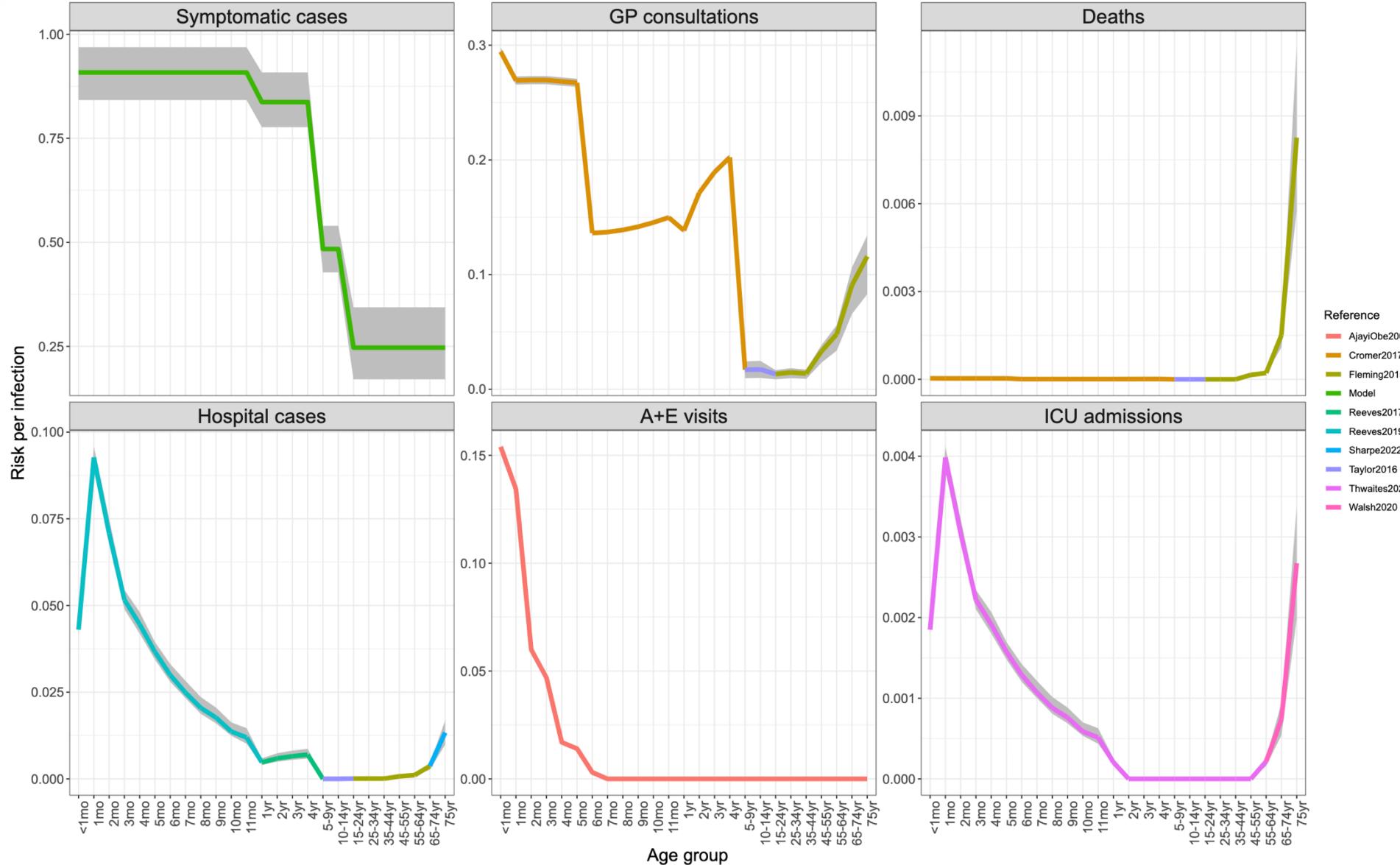


## Deaths

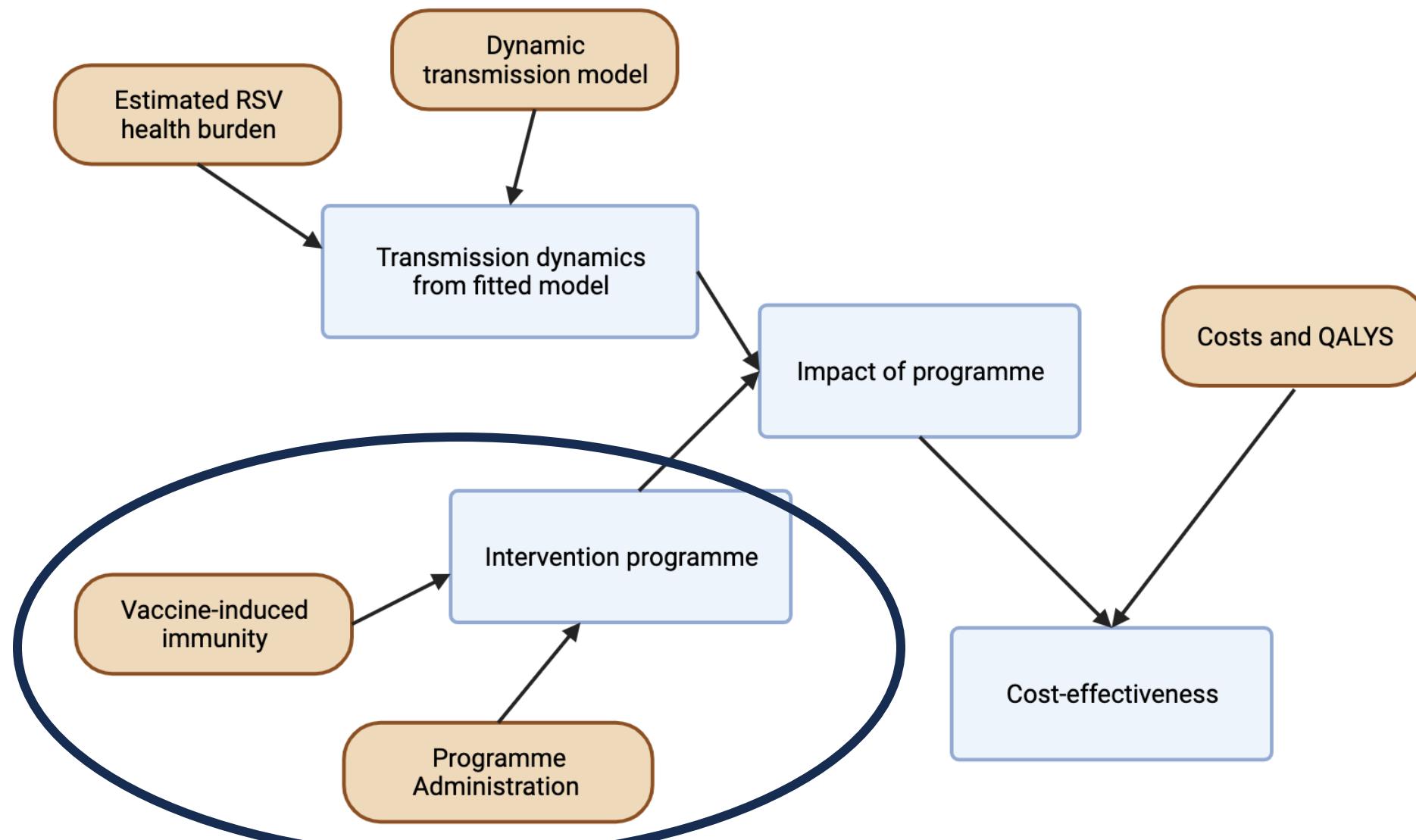
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- **Li et al. 2023 *Infect Dis Ther***

# Risks of healthcare outcomes

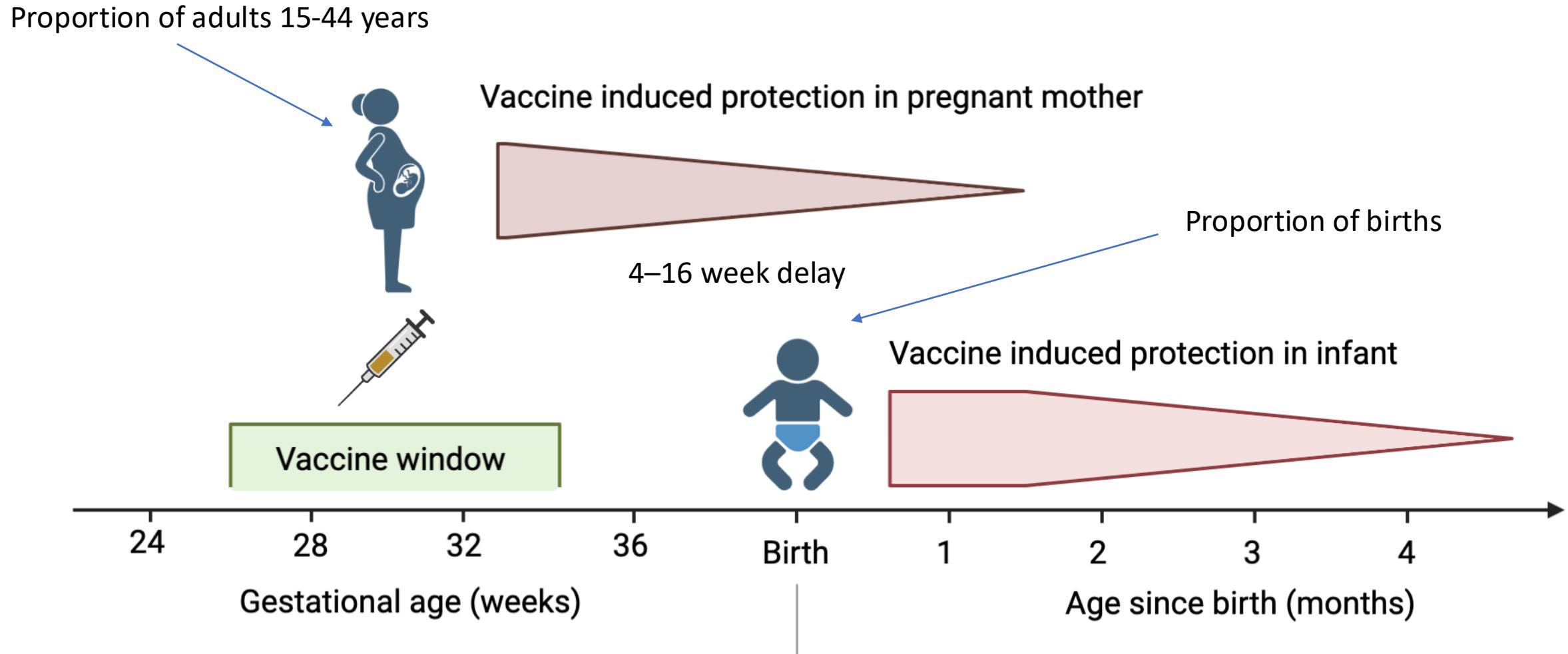
**Risk per infection:**  
outcome incidence/  
model predicted  
incidence



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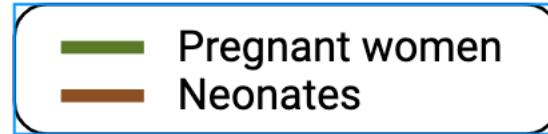


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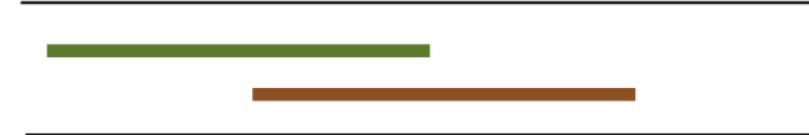


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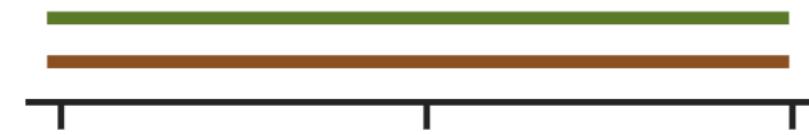
## Calendars



Seasonal



Year-round



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Jan

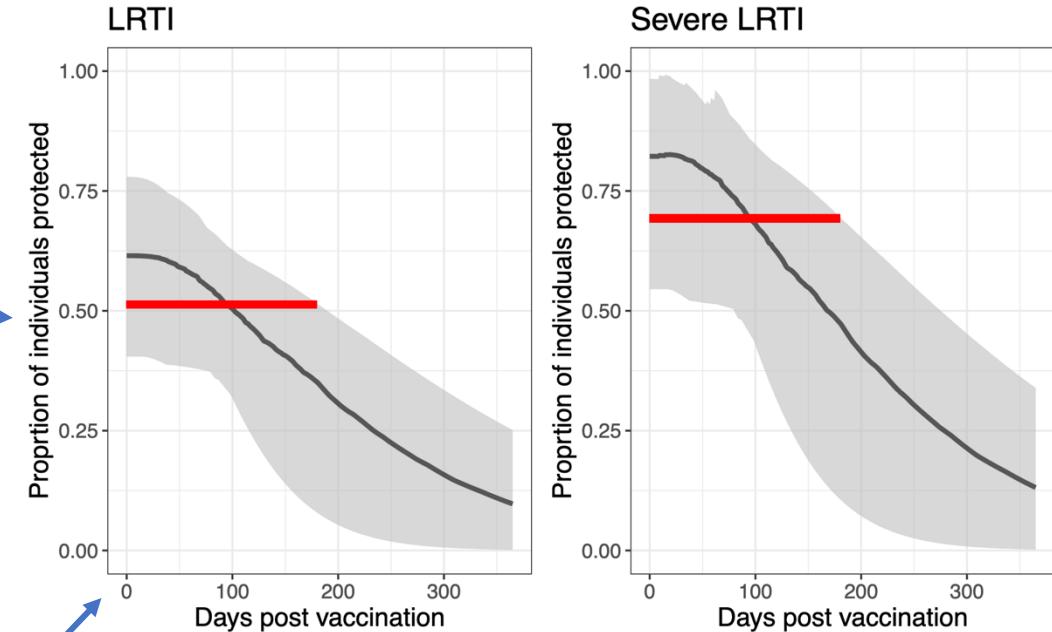
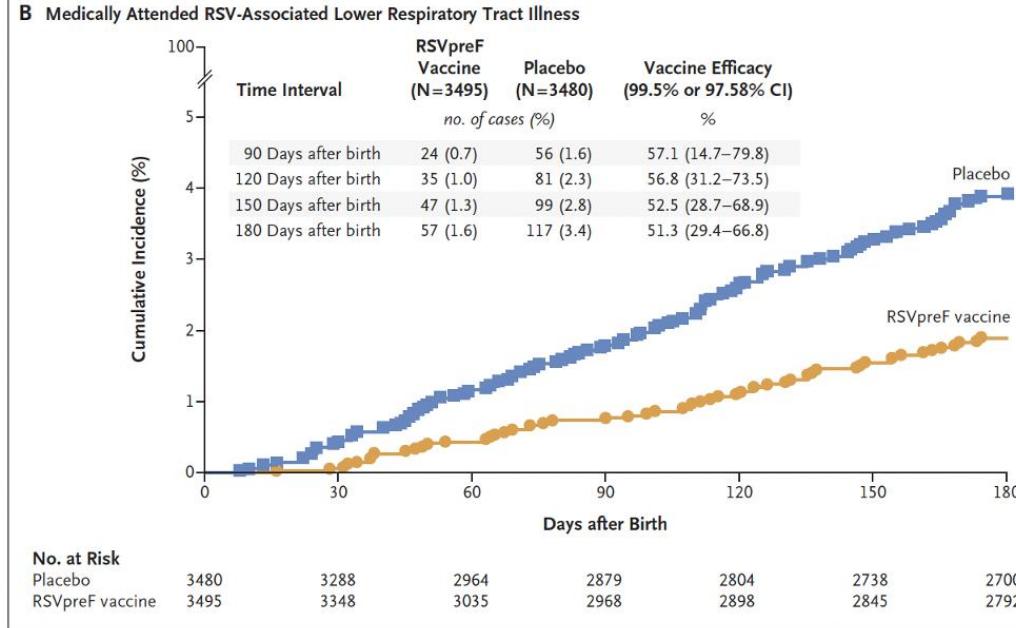
Jun

## Coverage in pregnant women (%)

	Flu	Pertussis
2022/23	35.0	—
2021/22	37.9	60.0
2020/21	43.7	65.0
2019/20	43.6	73

Base assumption: **60% (50-90)**

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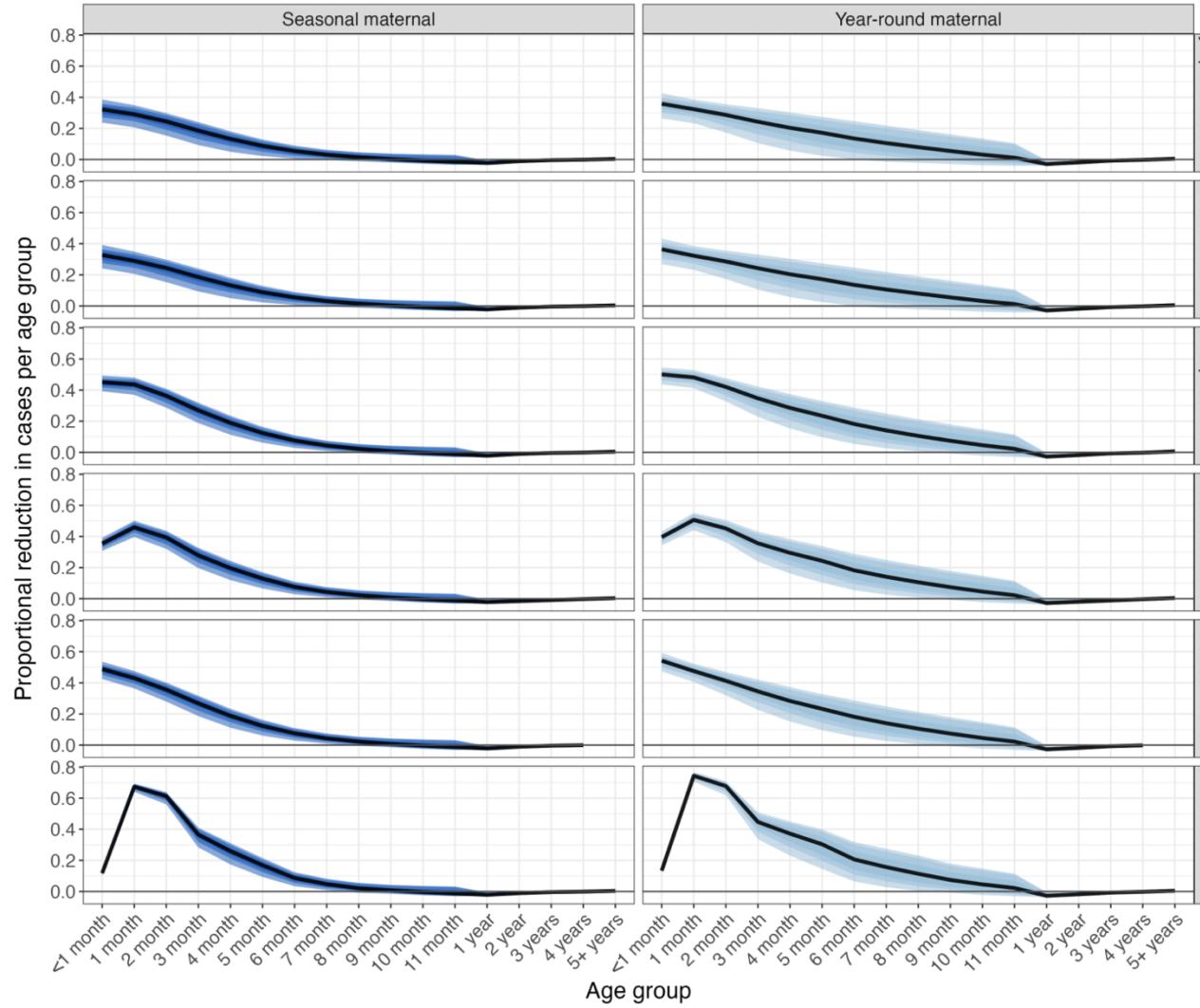


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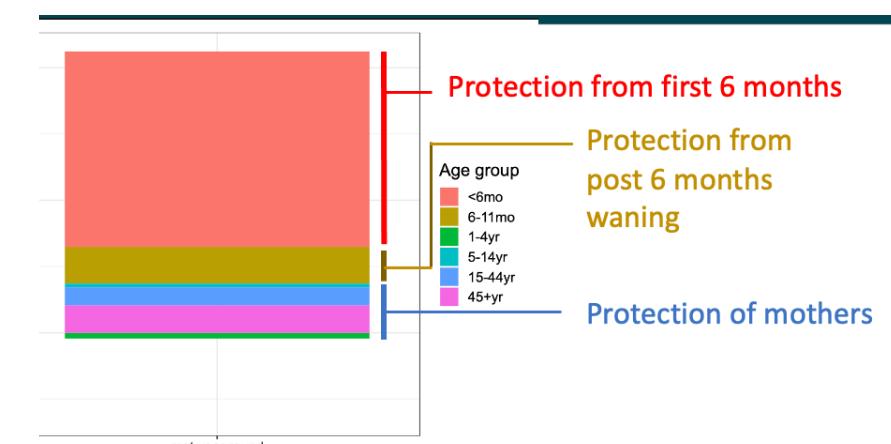
0.093 (95% 0.001–0.237) of infants still have protection 365 days after vaccination.

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Infection	51.3%	0
Symptomatic	51.3%	0
GP consultations	51.3%	0
A + E attendances	69.4%	0.35
Hospital admission	69.4%	0.35
ICU admissions	69.4%	0.35
Death	69.4%	0.35

# Impact of MV programmes

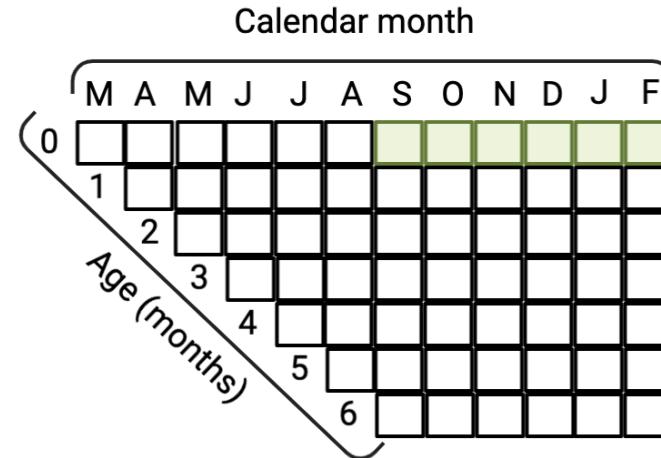


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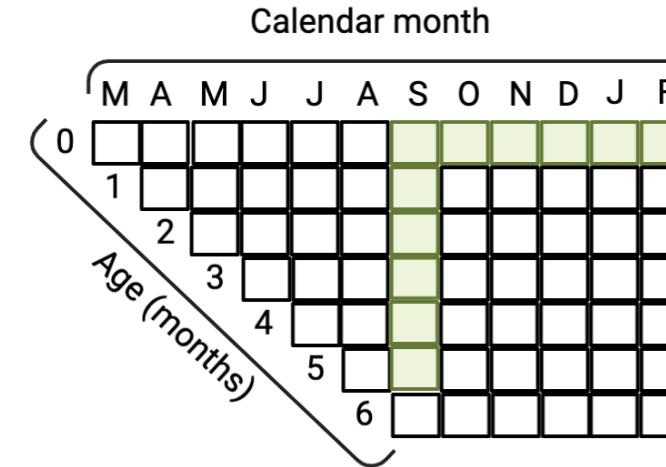


# Modelling monoclonal antibodies (implementation)

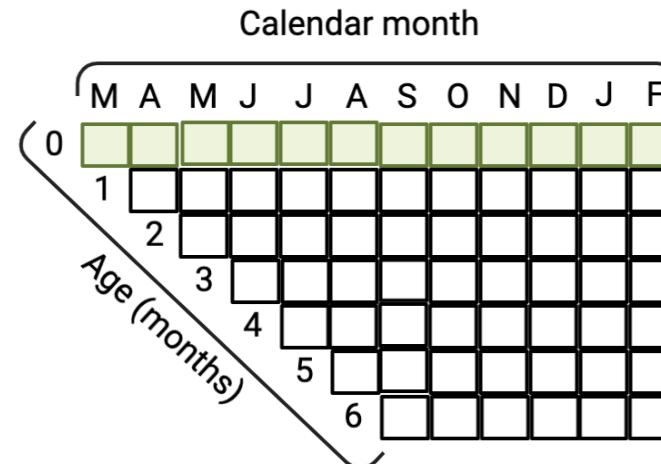
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SEASONAL + ANNUAL CATCH-UP

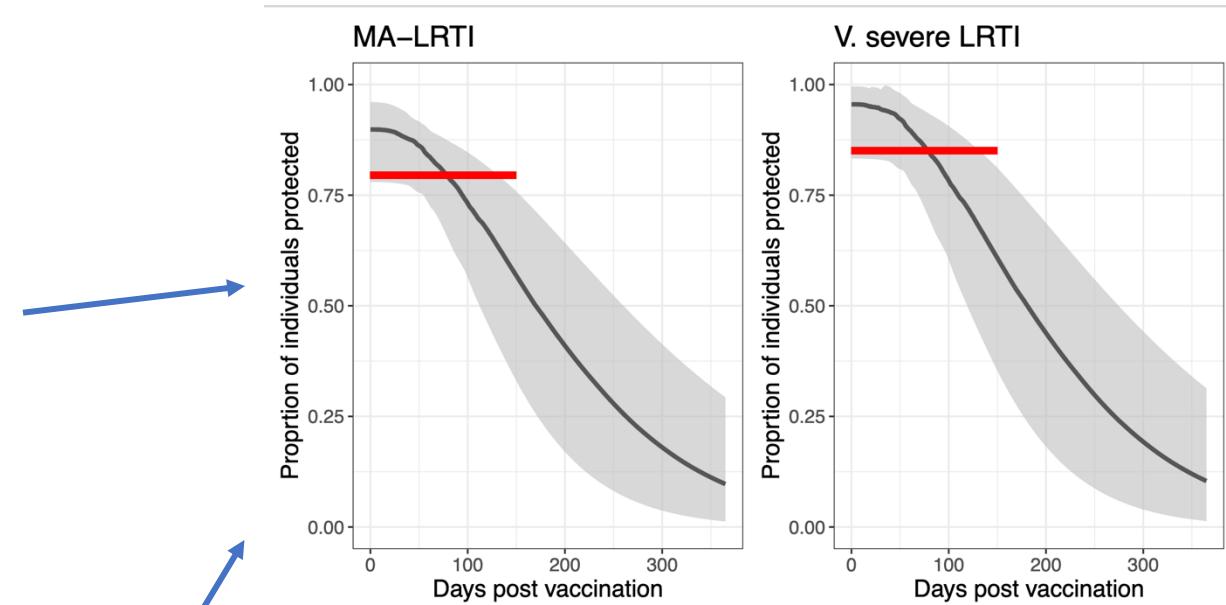
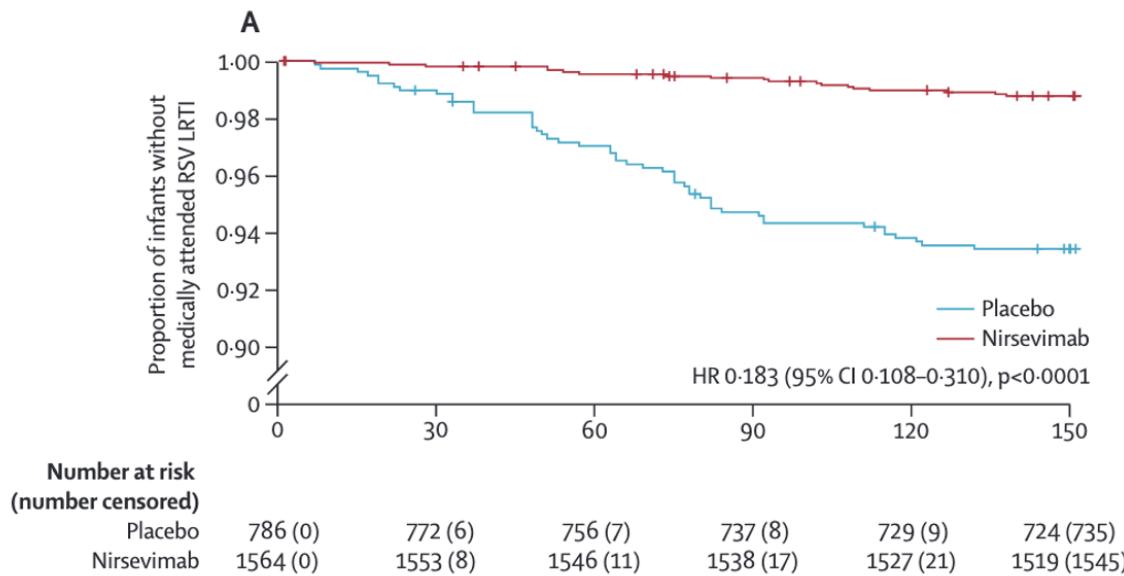


YEAR ROUND



**Coverage: 90% (as Vitamin K) (range: 70–90)**

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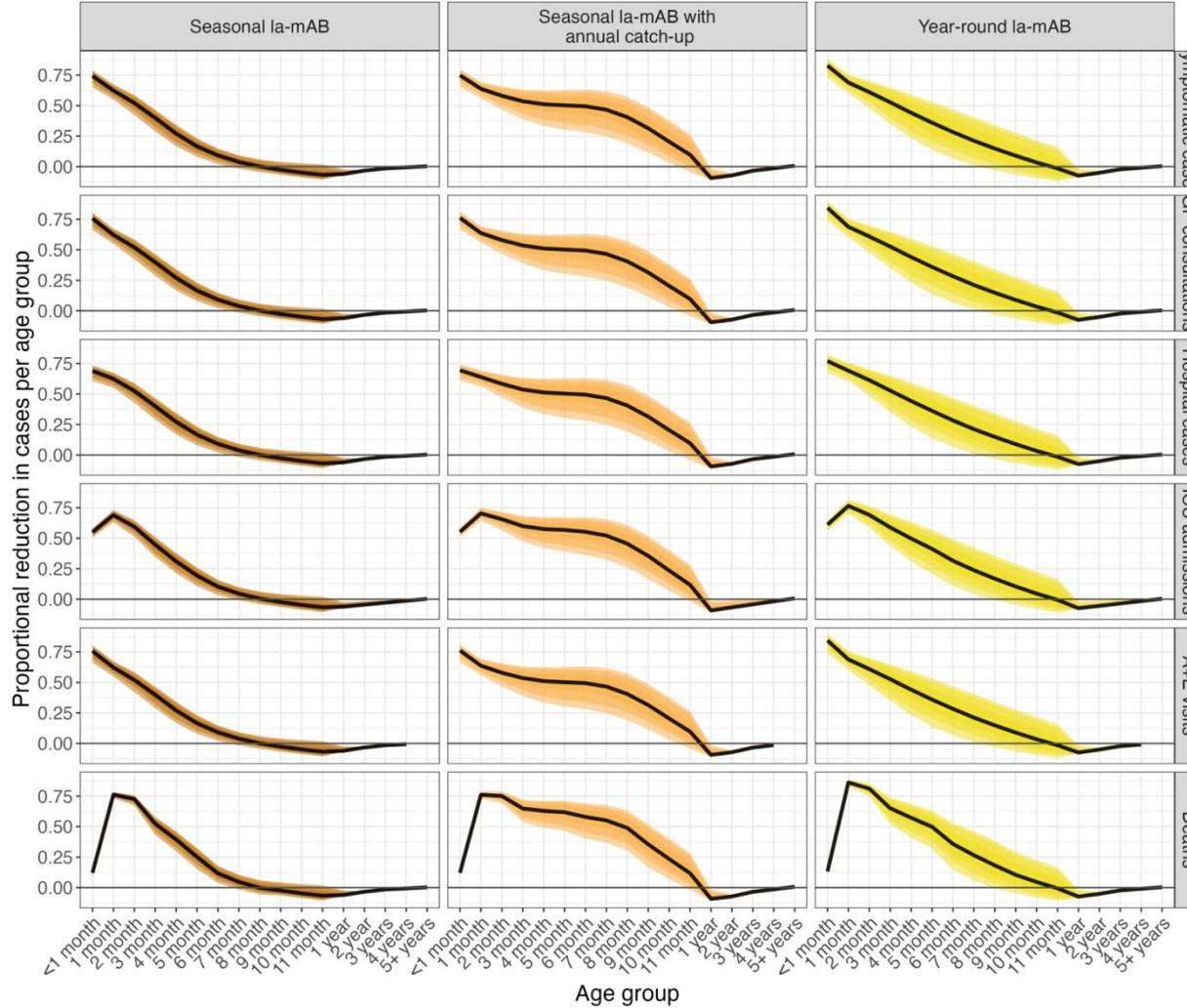


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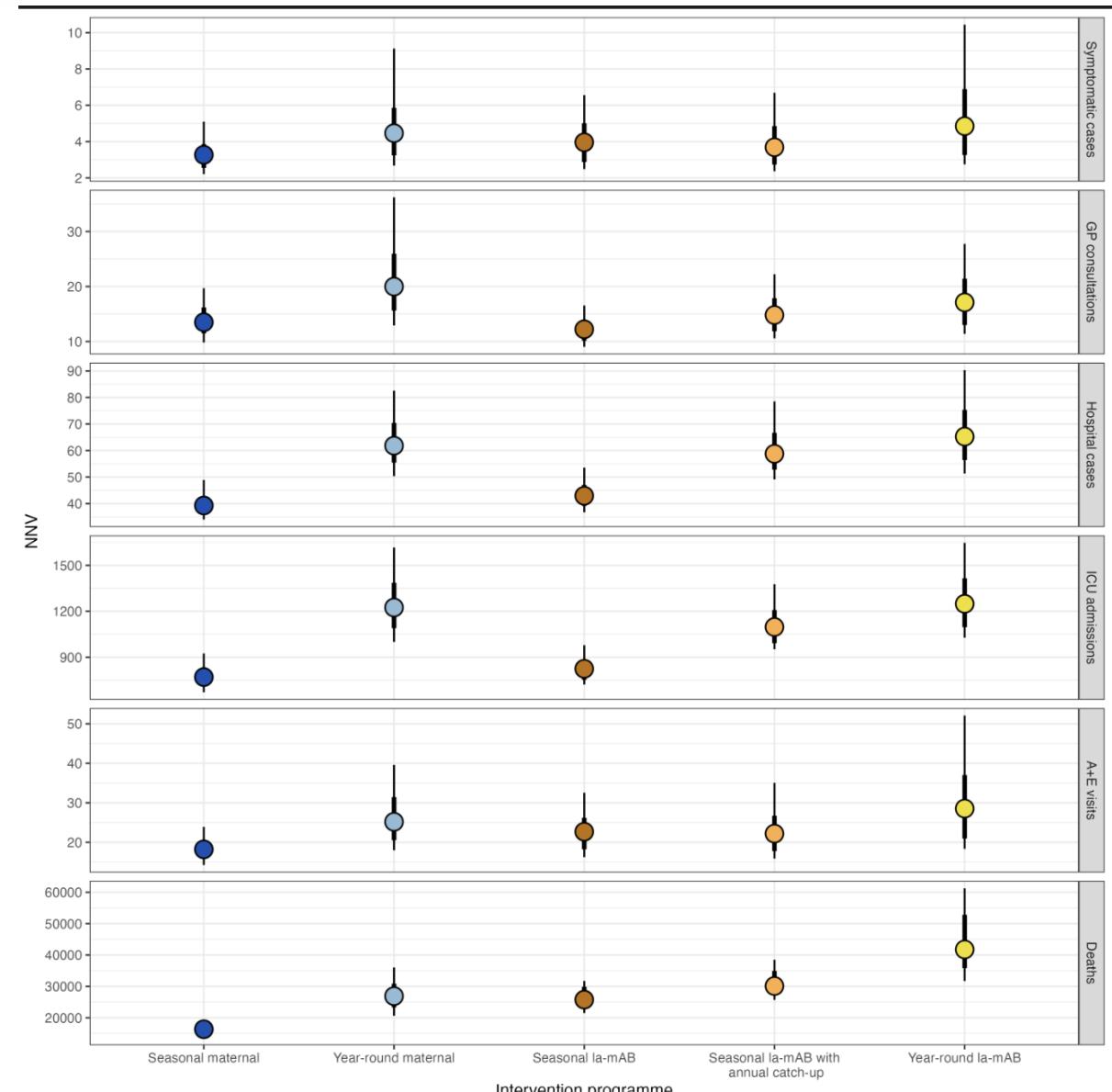
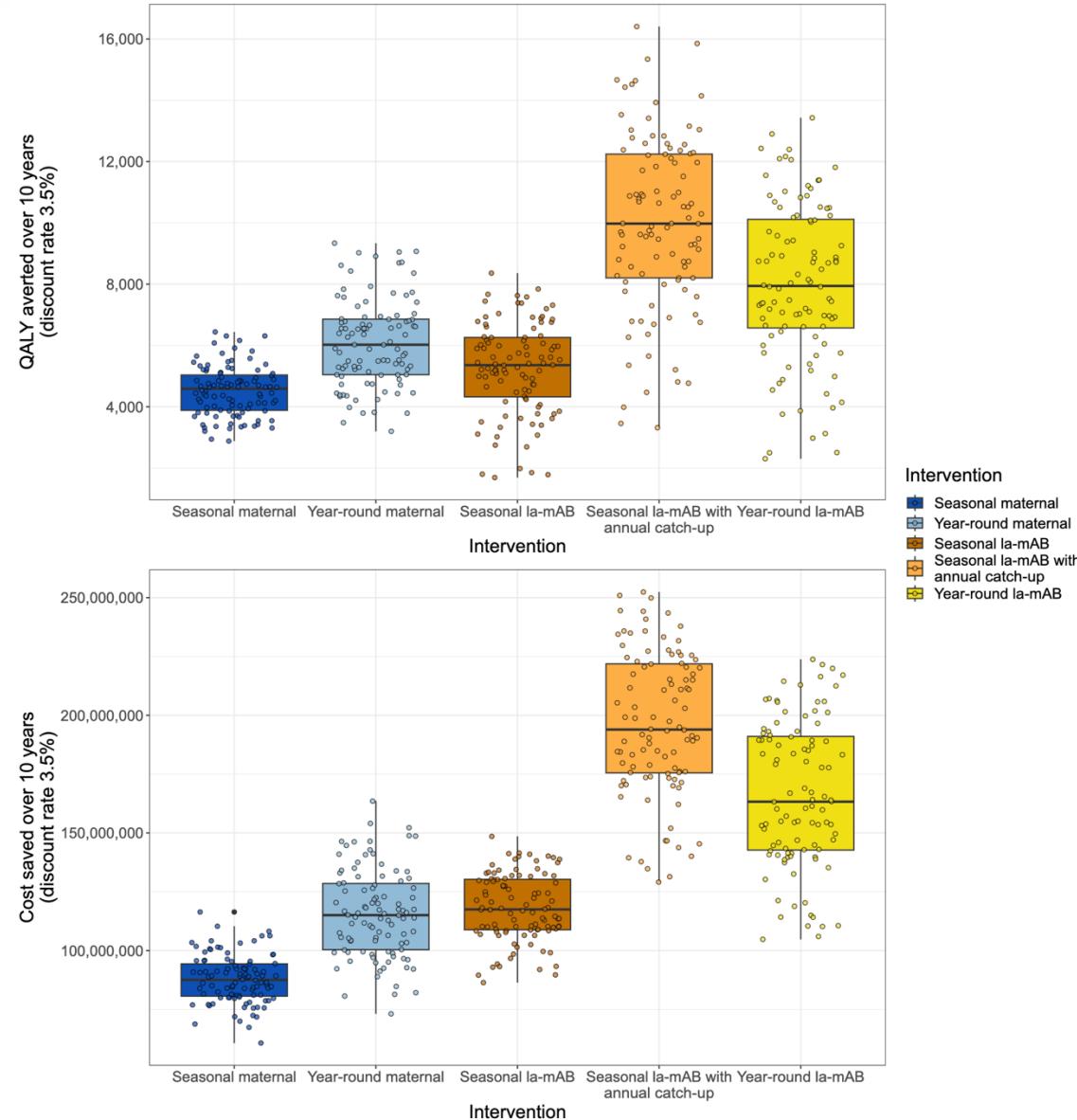
Health outcome	Efficacy $e_d$ (point-estimate, 180 days)	Disease protection proportion ( $f_d$ )
Infection	79.5%	0
Symptomatic	79.5%	0
GP consultations	79.5%	0
A + E attendances	79.5%	0
Hospital admission	79.5%	0
ICU admissions	86.0%	0.08
Death	86.0%	0.08

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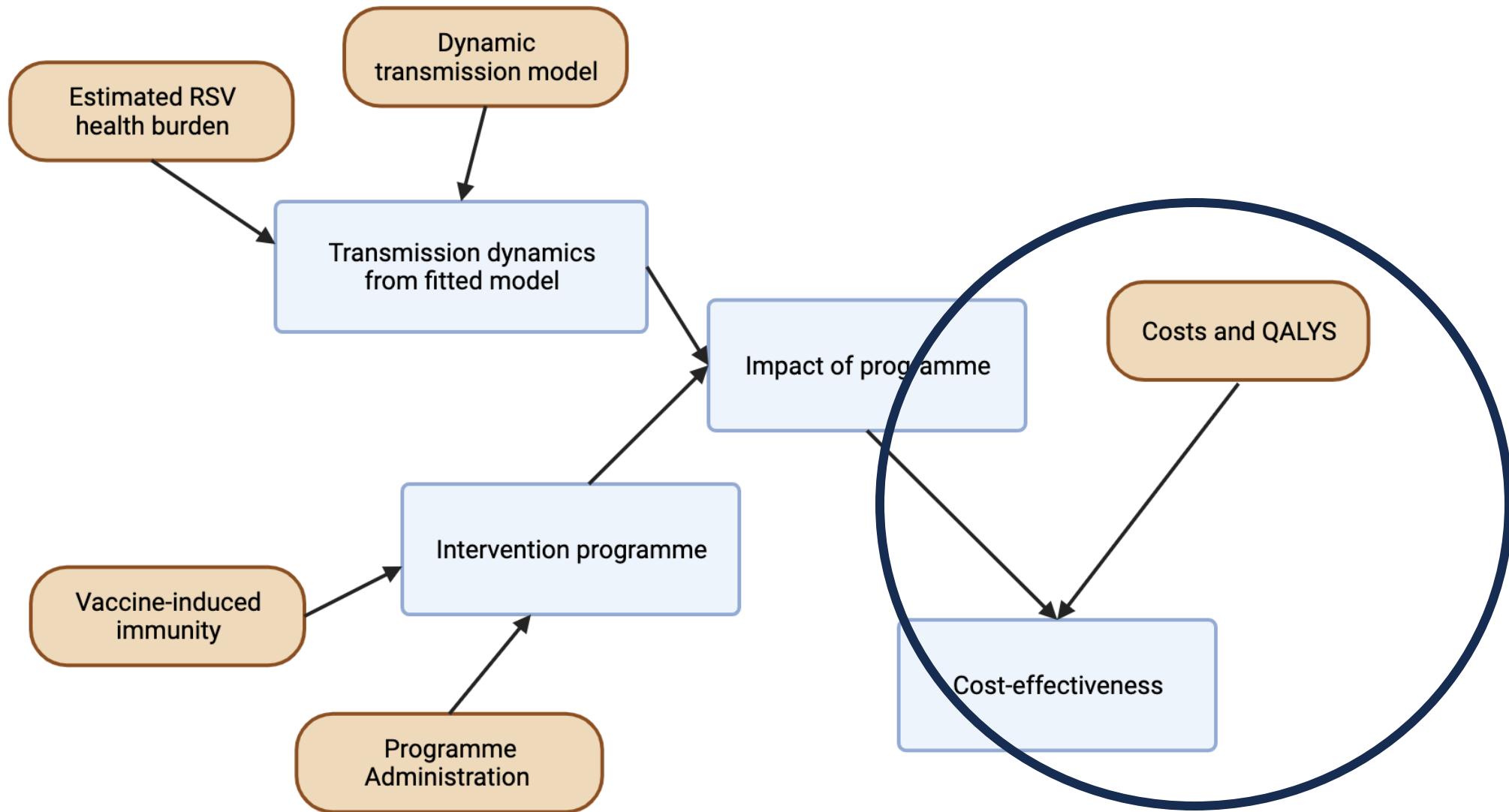


Metric	Annual number of cases averted seasonal (Ia-mAB) (mean, 95% CrI)	Annual number of cases averted seasonal (Ia-mAB) + annual catch-up (mean, 95% CrI)	Annual number of cases averted year-round (Ia-mAB) (mean, 95% CrI)
Symp.	82660 (47095-124161)	176110 (93511-263758)	136835 (59448-225610)
GP cons.	26102 (18677-34211)	43283 (28118-59113)	37606 (22342-54421)
A + E visit	14137 (9494-19032)	28881 (17837-39319)	22631 (11904-33786)
Hospital cases	7171 (5771-8414)	10549 (7958-12720)	9562 (6864-12066)
ICU admissions	377 (316-428)	570 (454-656)	499 (376-603)
Deaths	12 (10-14)	20 (16-24)	15 (10-20)

# Comparison of impact



# Overview of project



# Economic parameters

## COSTS

### GP consultations:

- £36. *Unit costs manual*

### A + E Visits:

- £182.28. *National schedule of NHS costs (T0\_)*

## QALY LOSS

SUBGROUP	QALY LOSS	REFERENCE
< 5 years Symptomatic	$2.336 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.269 \times 10^{-3}$ – $9.255 \times 10^{-3}$ )	Hodgson et al. 2020
≥5 years symptomatic	$1.448 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.135 \times 10^{-3}$ – $5.928 \times 10^{-3}$ )	
< 5 years hospitalisations	$4.098 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.624 \times 10^{-3}$ – $13.141 \times 10^{-3}$ )	
≥5 years hospitalisations	$2.990 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.346 \times 10^{-3}$ – $11.387 \times 10^{-3}$ )	

## Hospital cases

AGE GROUP	MEDIAN RSV-RELATED HOSPITAL ADMISSION COST (£, 95% CrI)	
	SHORT-STAY ONLY	SHORT- AND LONG-STAY
<15 years of age	1100.23 (1029.66–1253.16)	1909.86 (1599.19–3711.22)
≥ 15 years of age	652.29 (585.37–740.31)	1753.21 (1233.30–2739.47)

\*Paediatric Acute Bronchiolitis with CC Score 0–5+ (PD15A–PD15D). *National schedule of NHS costs*

\*Unspecified Acute Lower Respiratory Infection with/without Interventions 0–13+ (DZ22K–DZ22Q). *National schedule of NHS costs*

## ICU admissions

AGE GROUP	MEDIAN RSV-RELATED ICU ADMISSION COST (£, 95% CrI)
<15 years of age	2905.20 (2282.80–3862.67)
≥ 15 years of age	2324.80 (1948.25–2653.25)

\* Paediatric Critical Care, Advanced Critical Care 1–5 (XB01Z–XB07Z). *National schedule of NHS costs*

\*Adult Critical Care, 0–6+ Organs Supported (XC01Z–XC07Z).

Cost-effectiveness analysis conducted according to NICE guidelines:

- Cost from perspective of NHS only (GBP)
- Health burden in QALYs
- 3.5% annual discount rate, 10-year time horizon
- ICER threshold at £20,000/QALY

Algorithm to determine most cost-effective programme (for a MC sample)

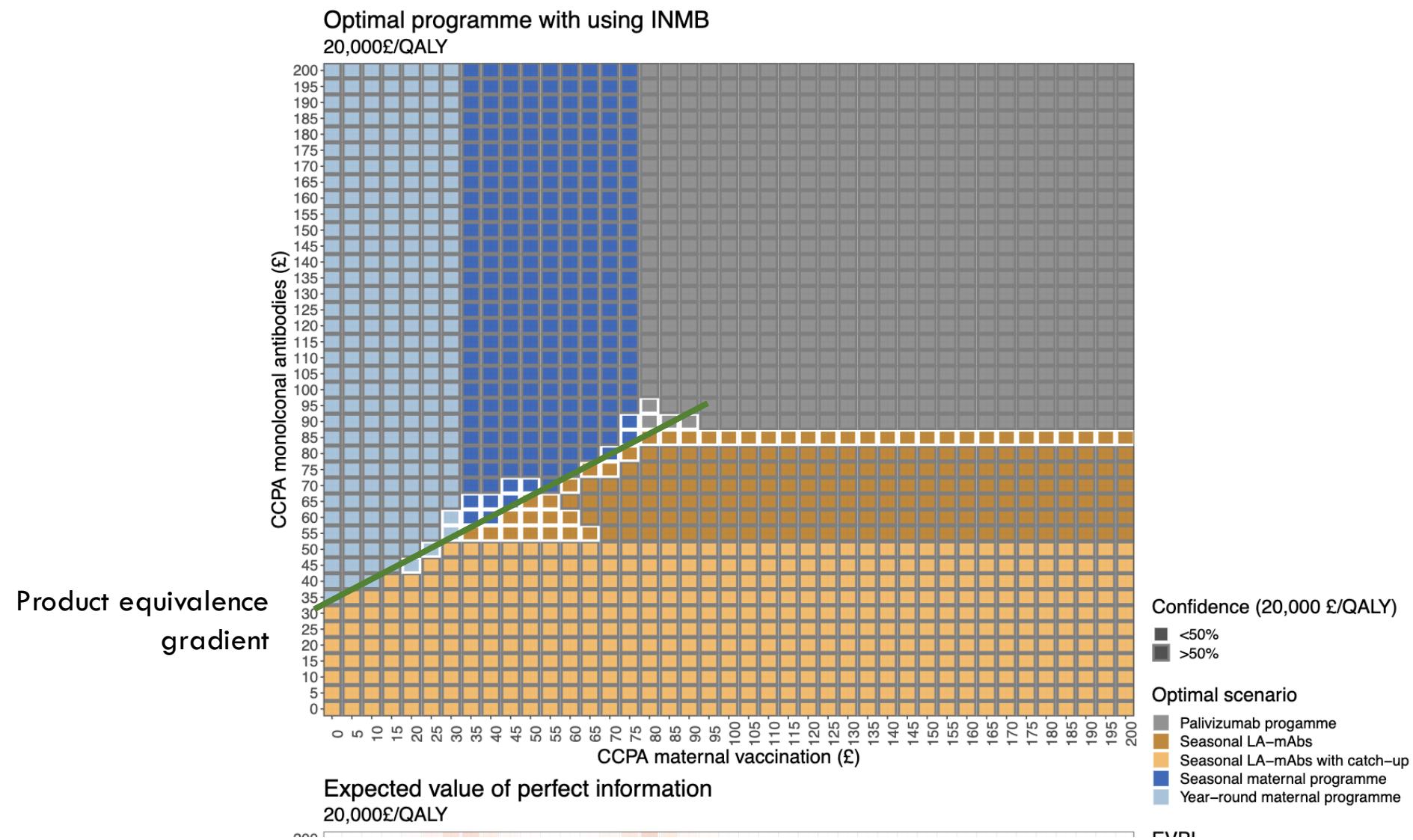
- A CCPA is picked for maternal vaccination (£0–200) + monoclonal antibodies (£0–200)
- Calculate costs (implementation + healthcare costs) for all five intervention programmes
- Calculate the INMB of each programme compared to Palivizumab only
- The programme with the greatest INMB is the most cost-effective programme

Blicke, Beutels 2022, *Med Decis Making*

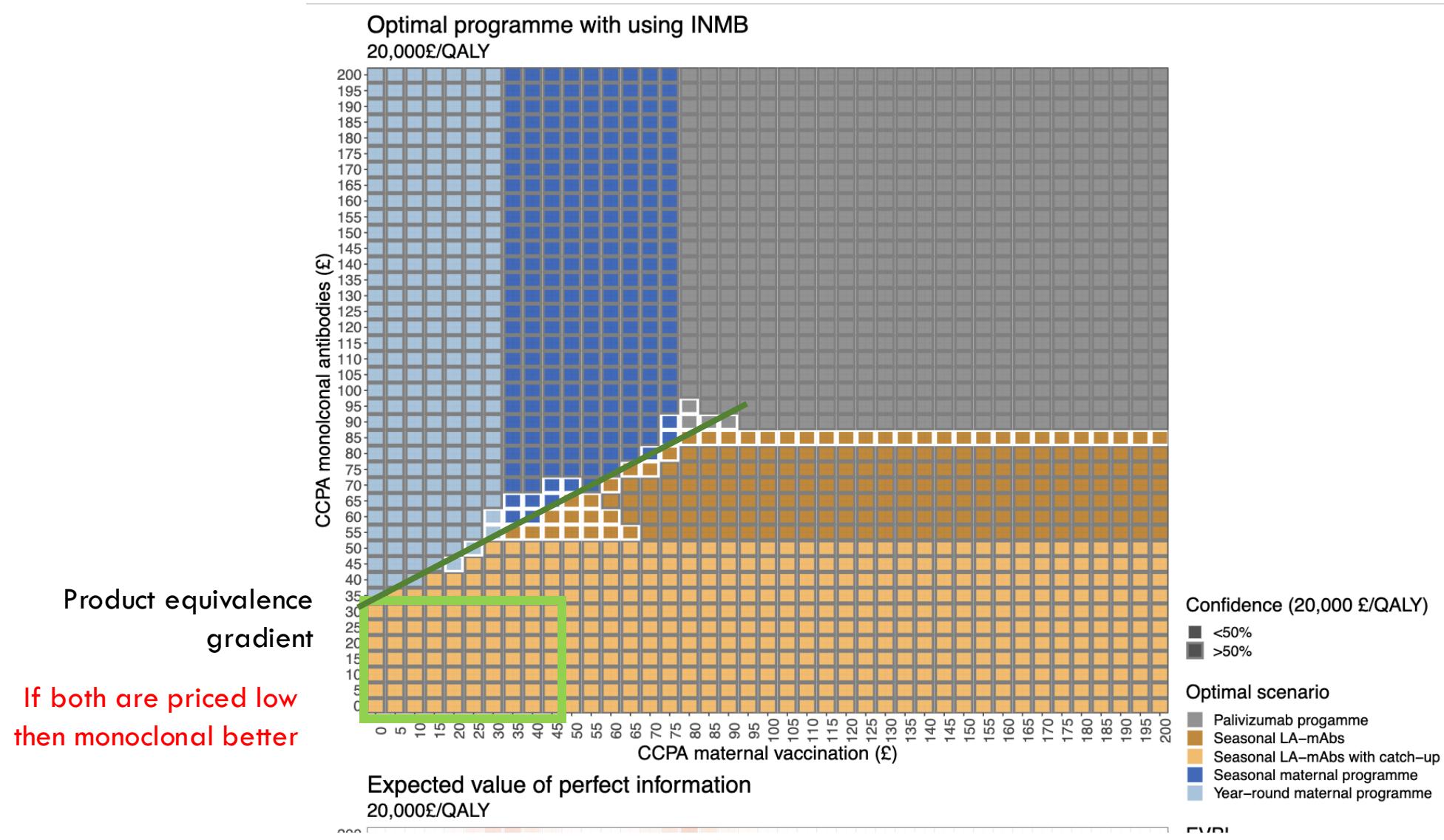
CCPA = cost of buying and administration of product per dose

NMB = (Incremental health gain) \* 20000 – (Incremental cost gain)

# Cost-effectiveness analysis



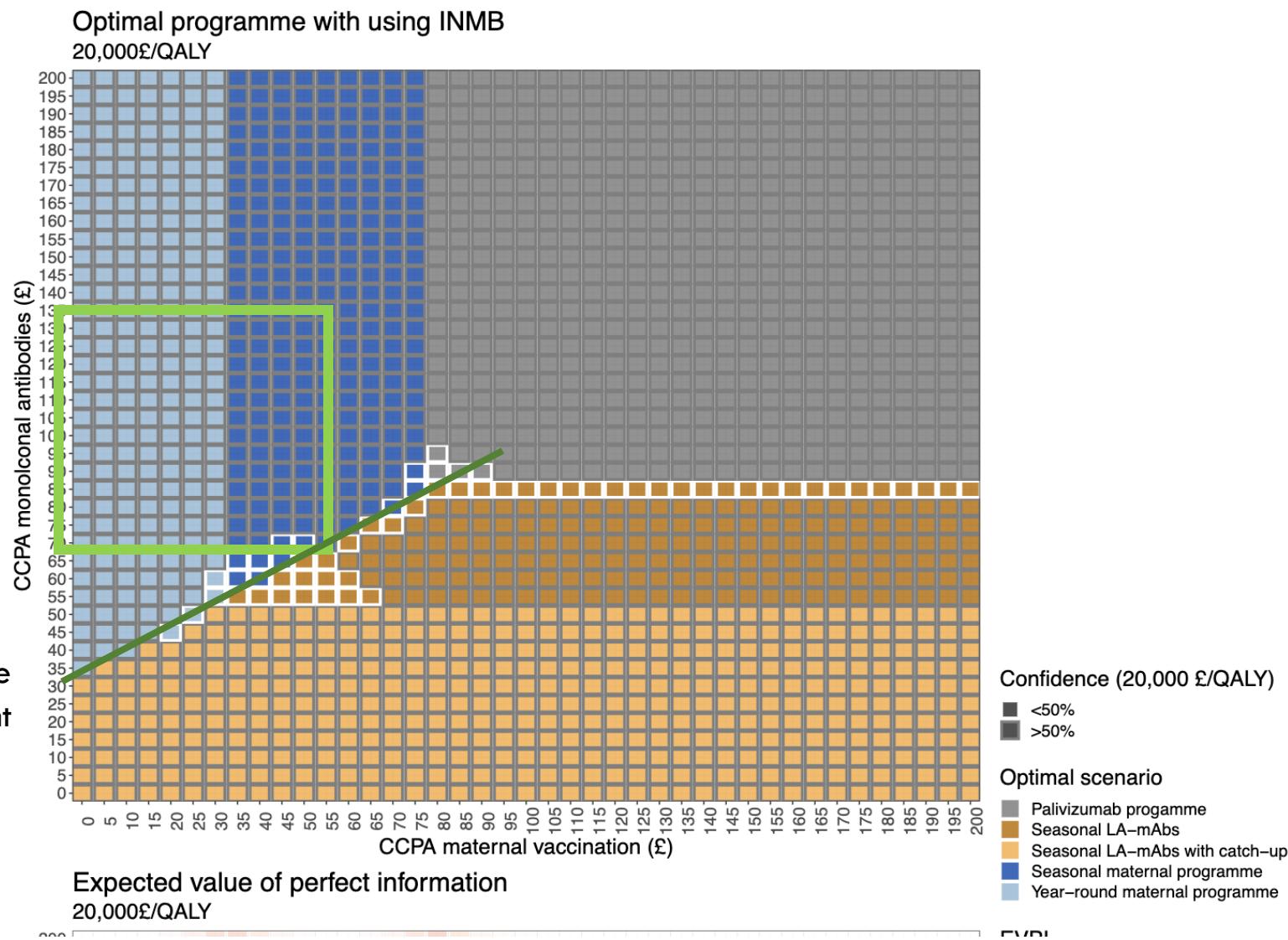
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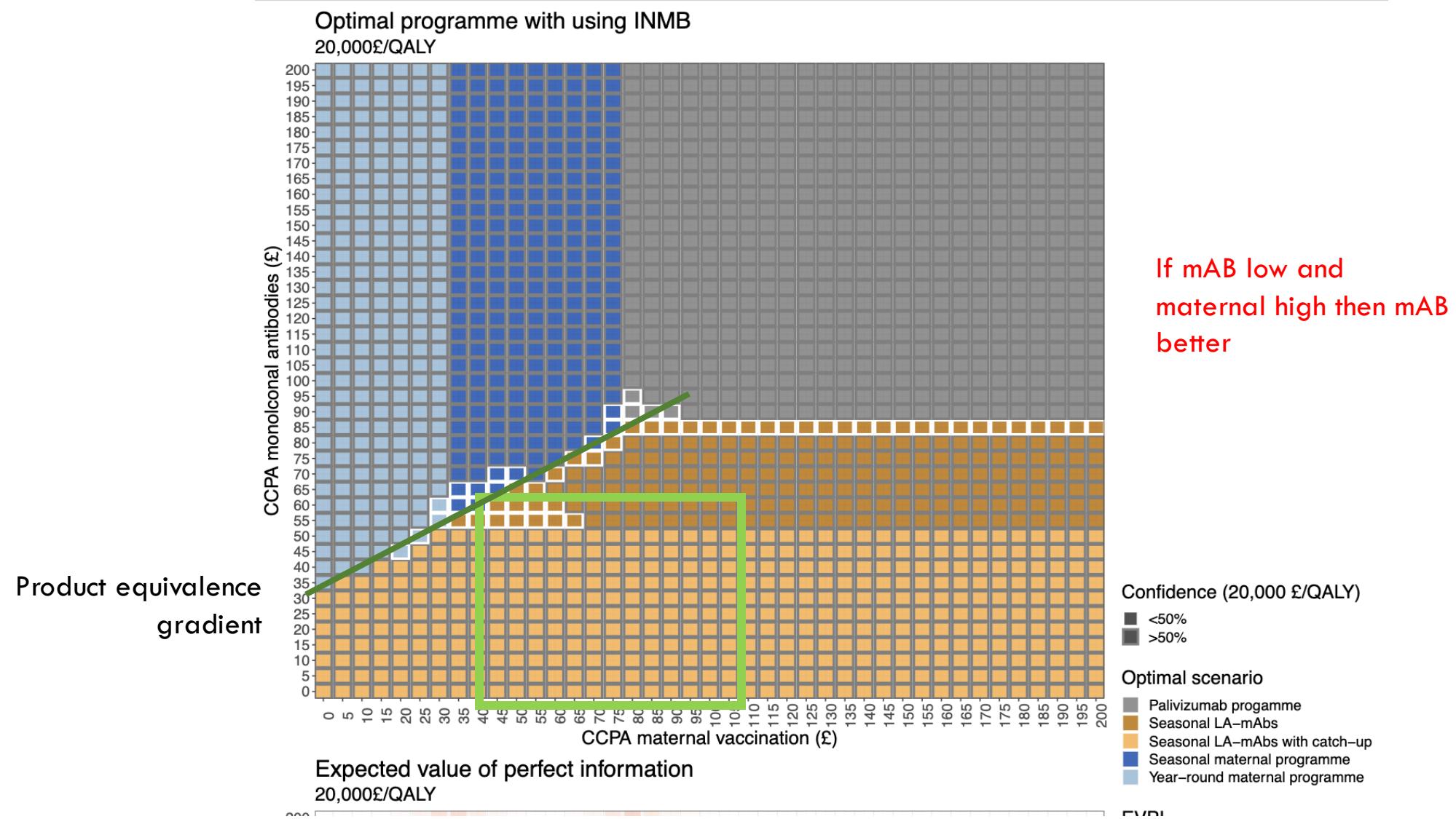
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If mAB high and  
maternal low then  
maternal better

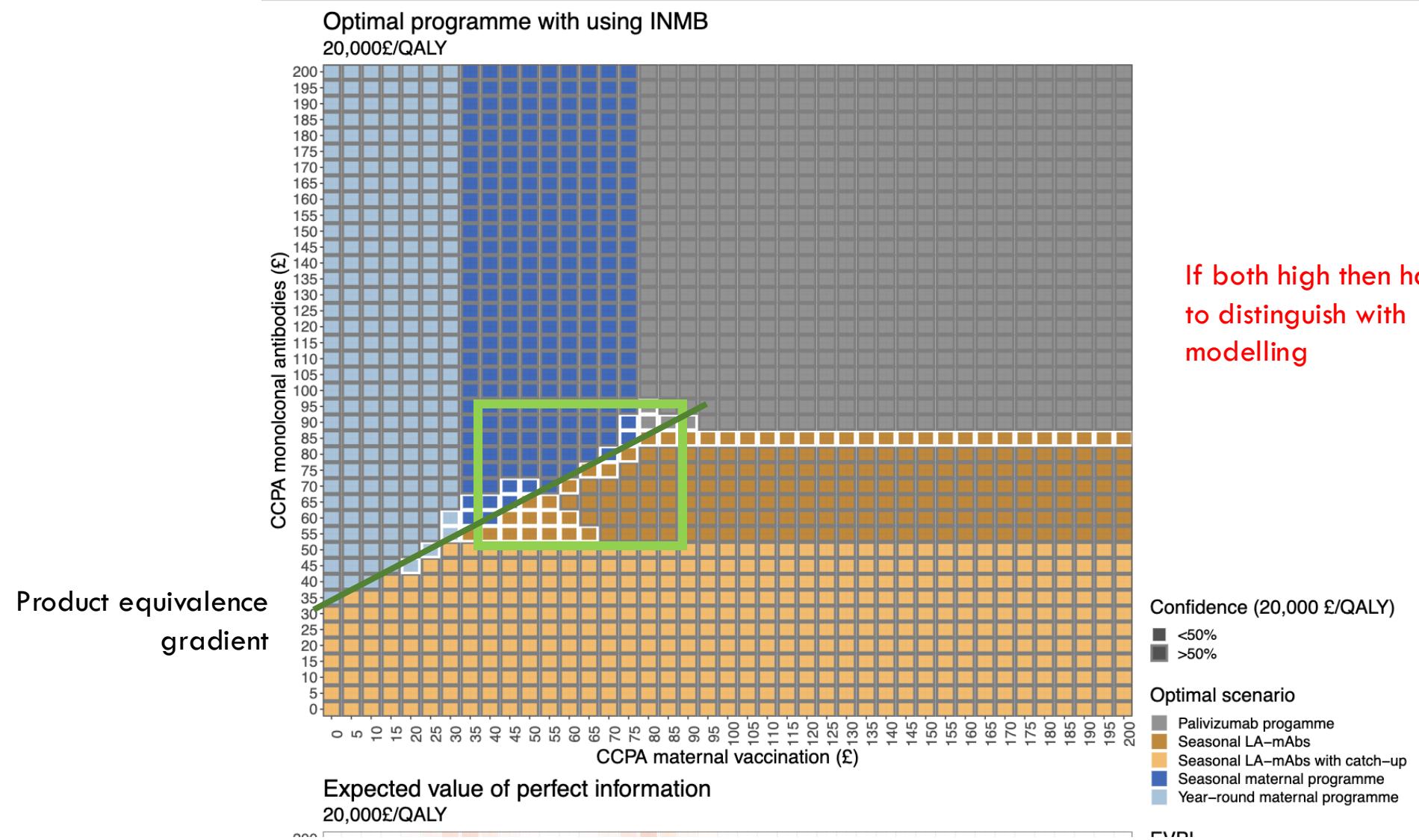
## Product equivalence gradient



# Cost-effectiveness analysis



# Cost-effectiveness analysis



## Maternal vaccine programme

- Year-round cost-effective up until £30–35 (to pregnant women, 60% cov)
- Seasonal cost-effective up until £75–80 (July until December pregnant women, 60% cov)

## Nirsevimab

- Seasonal + catch-up cost-effective up until £50–55 (to birth, 90% cov)
- Seasonal cost-effective up until £85–90 (September until February to birth, 90% cov)

If priced similarly then difficult to differentiate between the two using CEA

# Take homes from modelling + cost-effectiveness

**Used to help inform JCVI decision make in June 2023:**

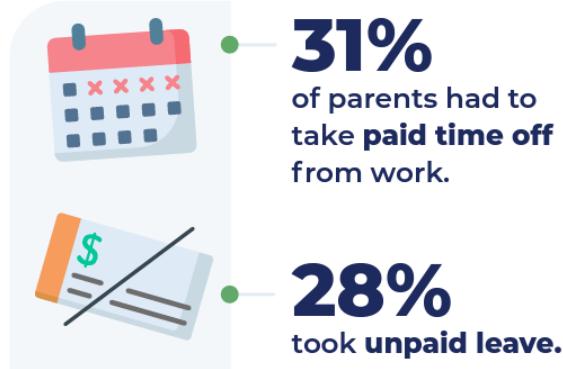
*"JCVI advises that both products are suitable for a universal programme to protect neonates and infants from RSV. JCVI does not have a preference for either product and whether a maternal vaccination or a passive immunisation programme should be the programme chosen to protect neonates and infants. Therefore, subject to licensure of the maternal vaccine, both options should be considered for a universal programme."*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rsv-immunisation-programme-jcvi-advice-7-june-2023/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-immunisation-programme-jcvi-advice-7-june-2023>

# Limitations

Priced according to NICE's guidelines

- Healthcare-payers perspective only
  - no societal costs



Potential impacts on other respiratory diseases, particularly IPD

- HARMONIE IIIB study shows 54% reductions in ALL LRTD-respiratory disease

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2023/05/12/2667568/0/en/Press-Release-Nirsevimab-delivers-83-reduction-in-RSV-infant-hospitalizations-in-a-real-world-clinical-trial-setting.html>

[https://admin.allianceforpatientaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/AfPA-and-NCfIH\\_The-Indirect-Impact-of-RSV\\_Survey-Report\\_Jan-2023.pdf](https://admin.allianceforpatientaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/AfPA-and-NCfIH_The-Indirect-Impact-of-RSV_Survey-Report_Jan-2023.pdf)

Acceptability between products

Monoclonal never given at birth before, is 90% too high?

Maternal vaccination coverage varies (40–80%)

Looked at many different coverage assumptions when informing policy

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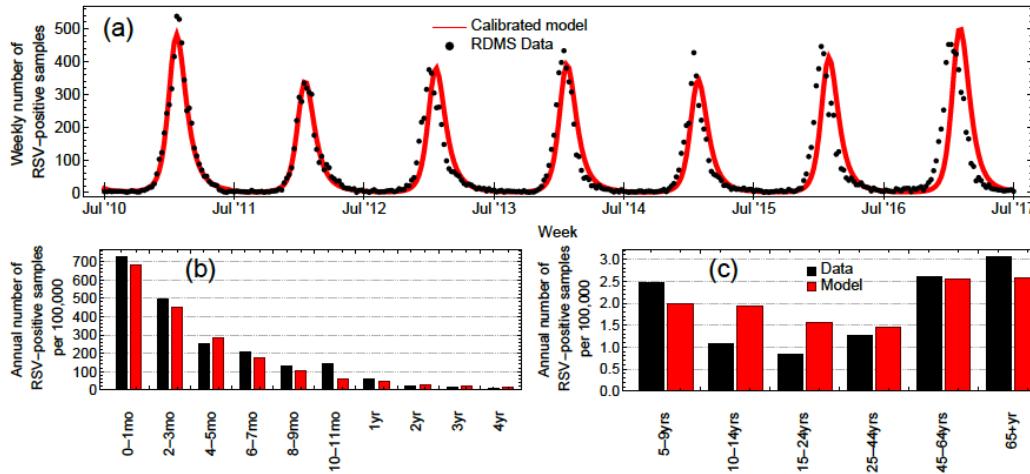
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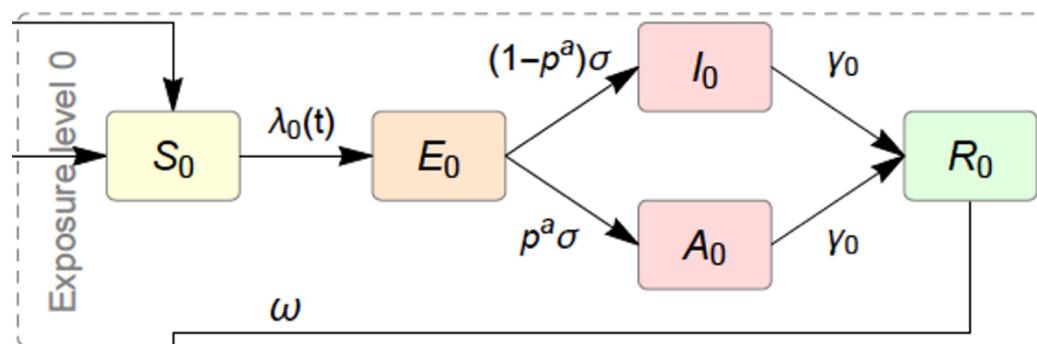
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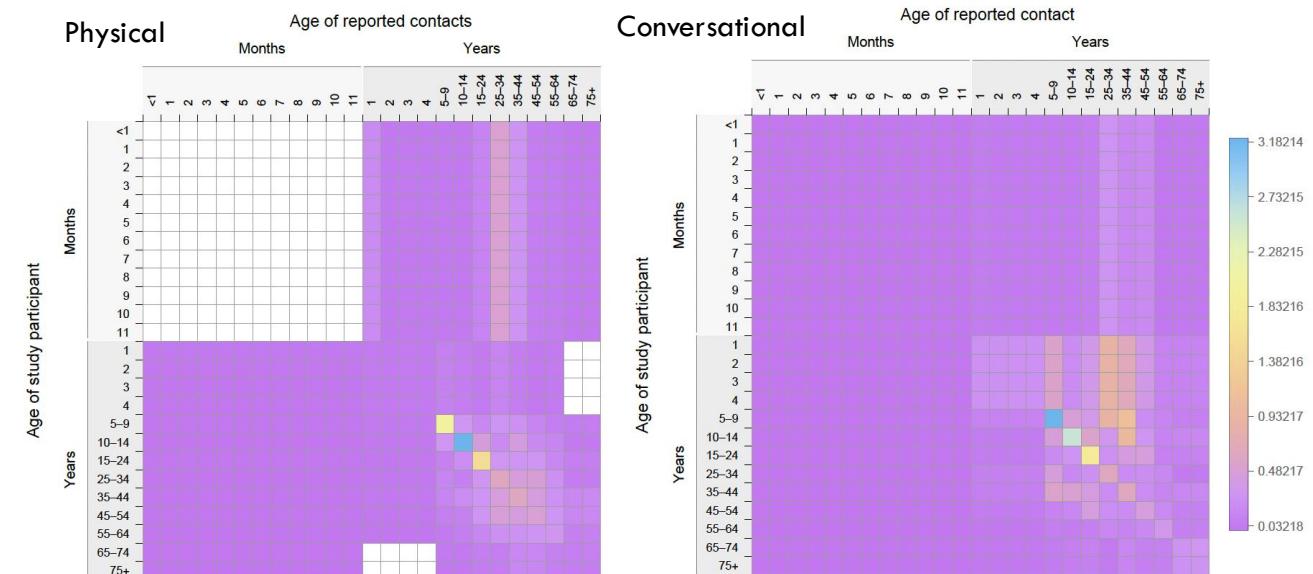
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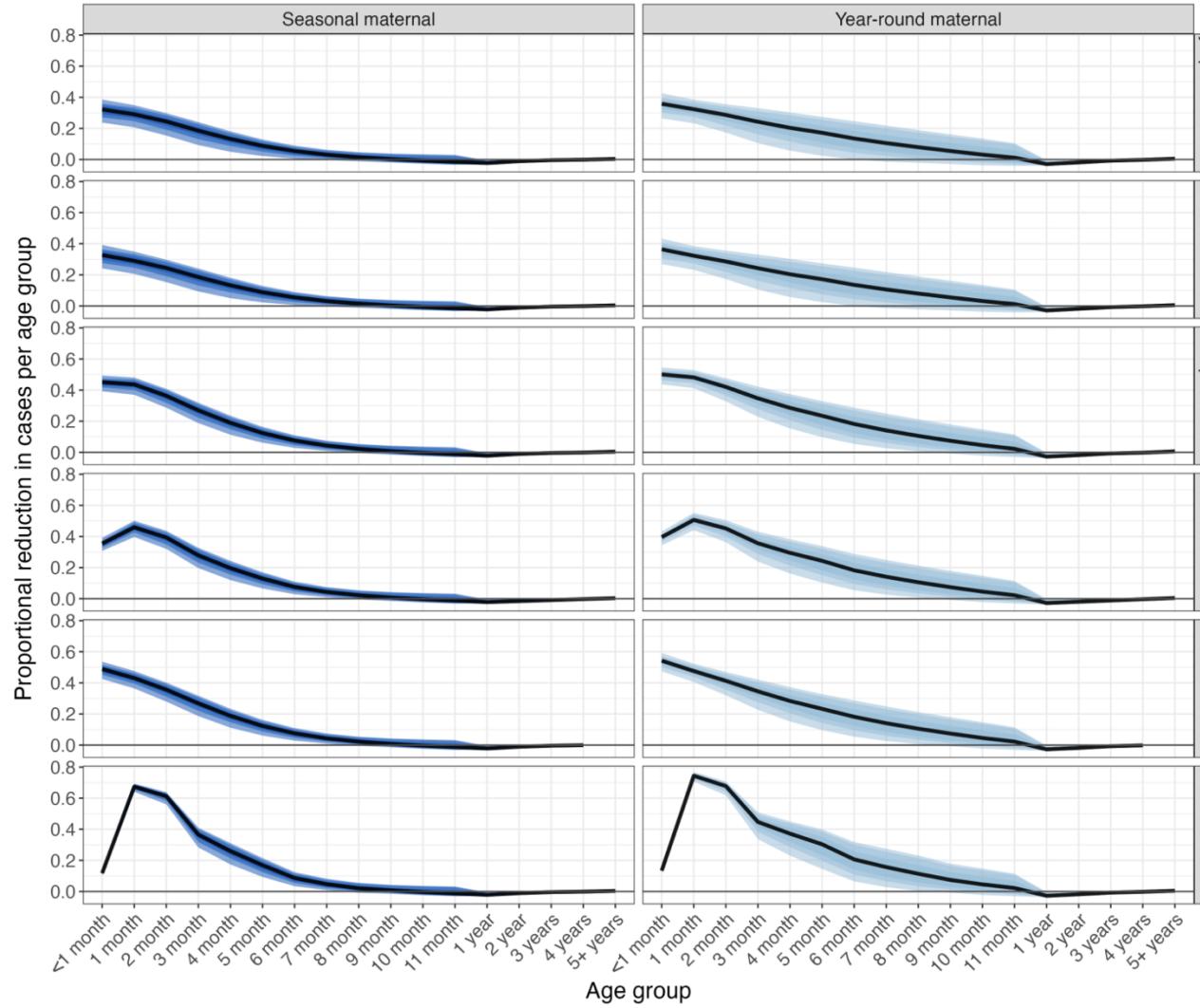
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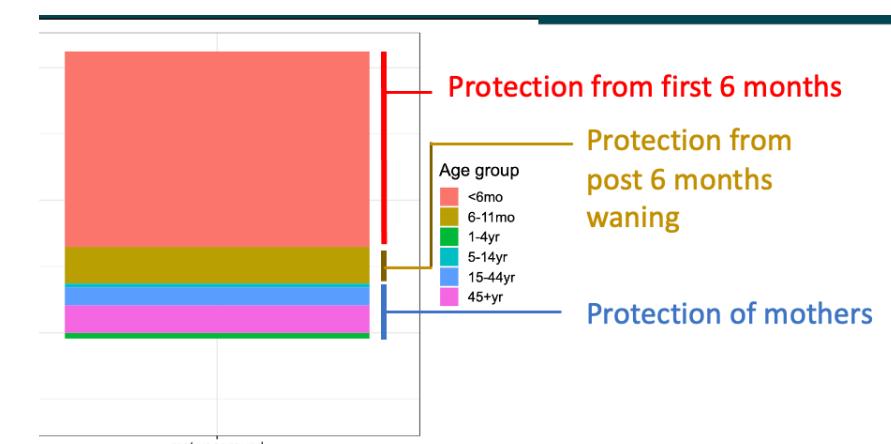
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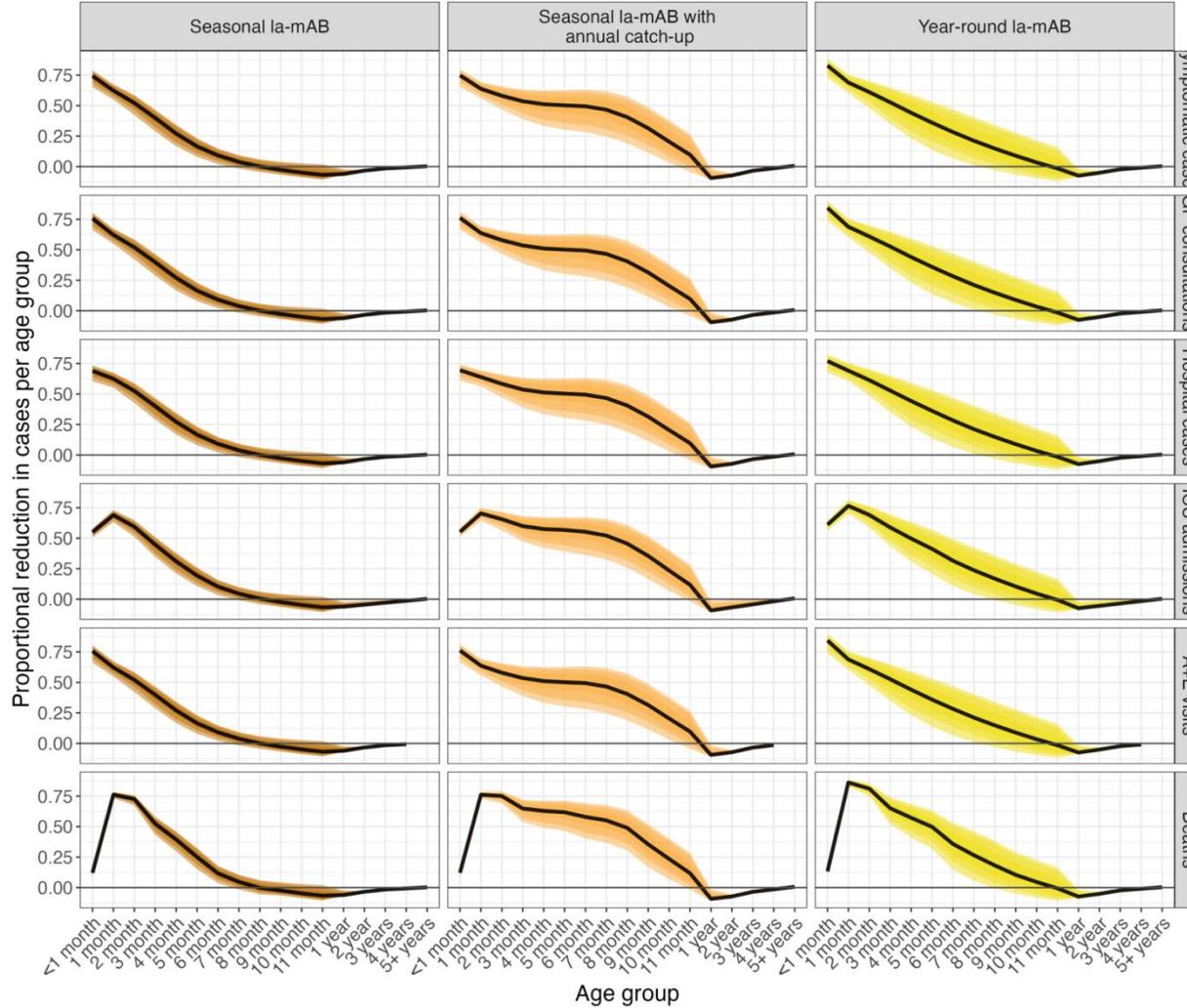
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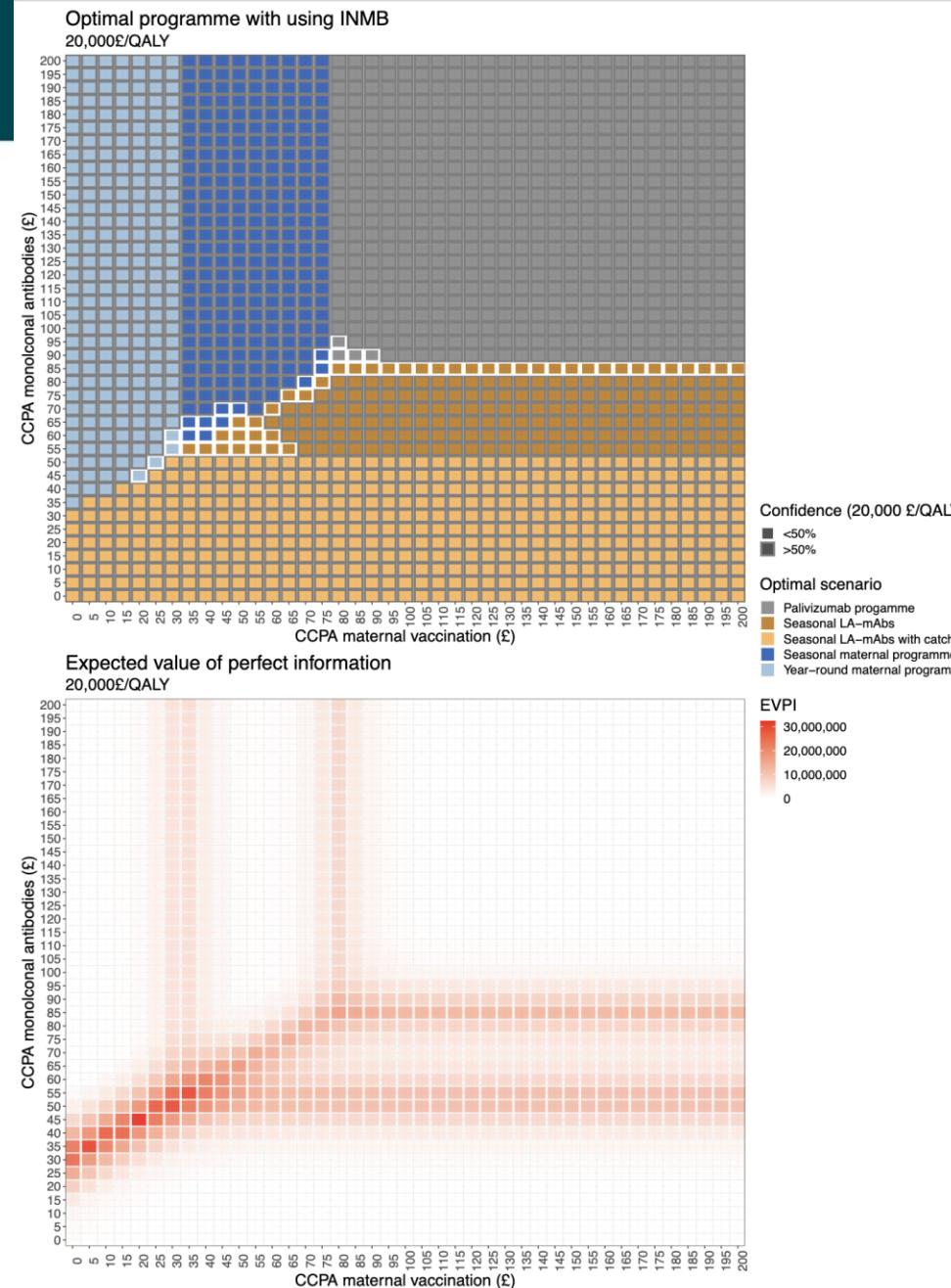
# Modelling Ia-mAB (implementation)



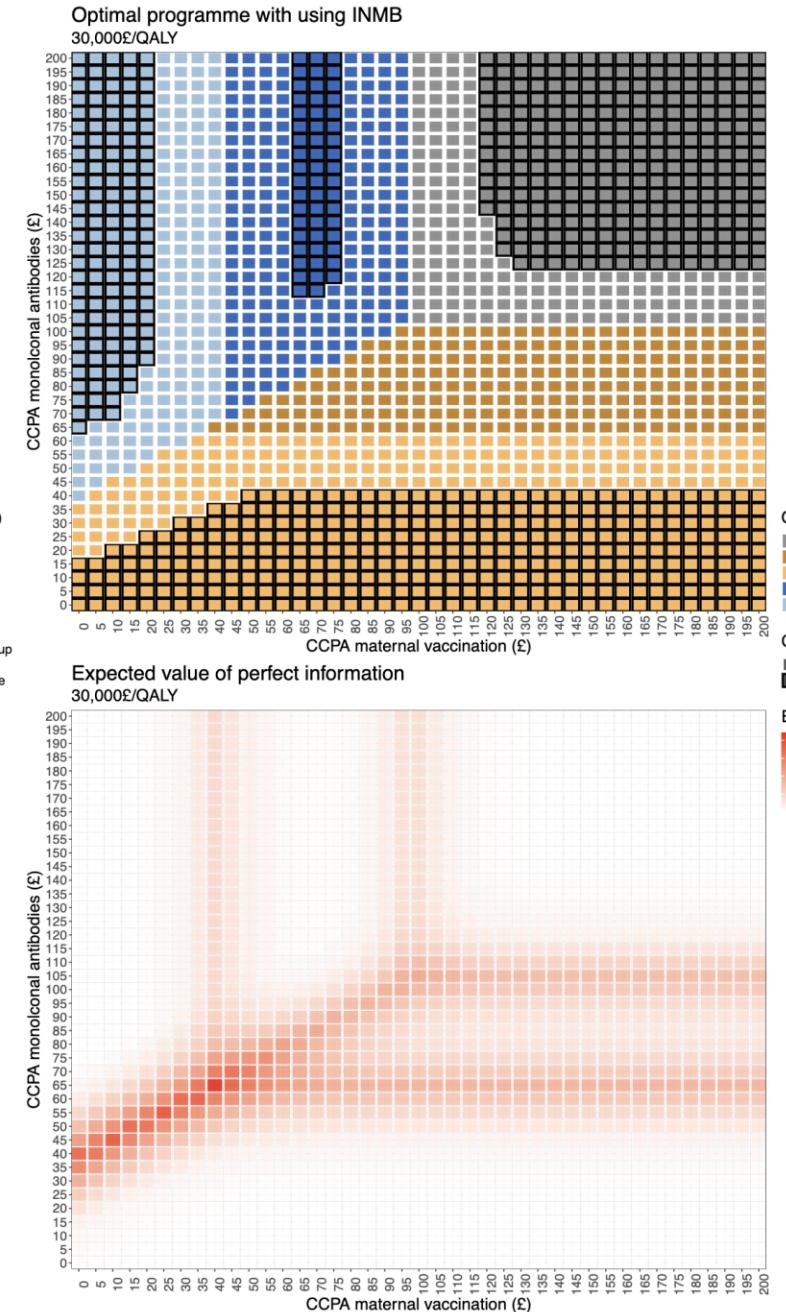
Metric	Annual number of cases averted seasonal (Ia-mAB) (mean, 95% CrI)	Annual number of cases averted seasonal (Ia-mAB) + annual catch-up (mean, 95% CrI)	Annual number of cases averted year-round (Ia-mAB) (mean, 95% CrI)
Symp.	82660 (47095-124161)	176110 (93511-263758)	136835 (59448-225610)
GP cons.	26102 (18677-34211)	43283 (28118-59113)	37606 (22342-54421)
A + E visit	14137 (9494-19032)	28881 (17837-39319)	22631 (11904-33786)
Hospital cases	7171 (5771-8414)	10549 (7958-12720)	9562 (6864-12066)
ICU admissions	377 (316-428)	570 (454-656)	499 (376-603)
Deaths	12 (10-14)	20 (16-24)	15 (10-20)

## Short-stay costs

Max £75–80 a dose of maternal vaccine (20k ICER)

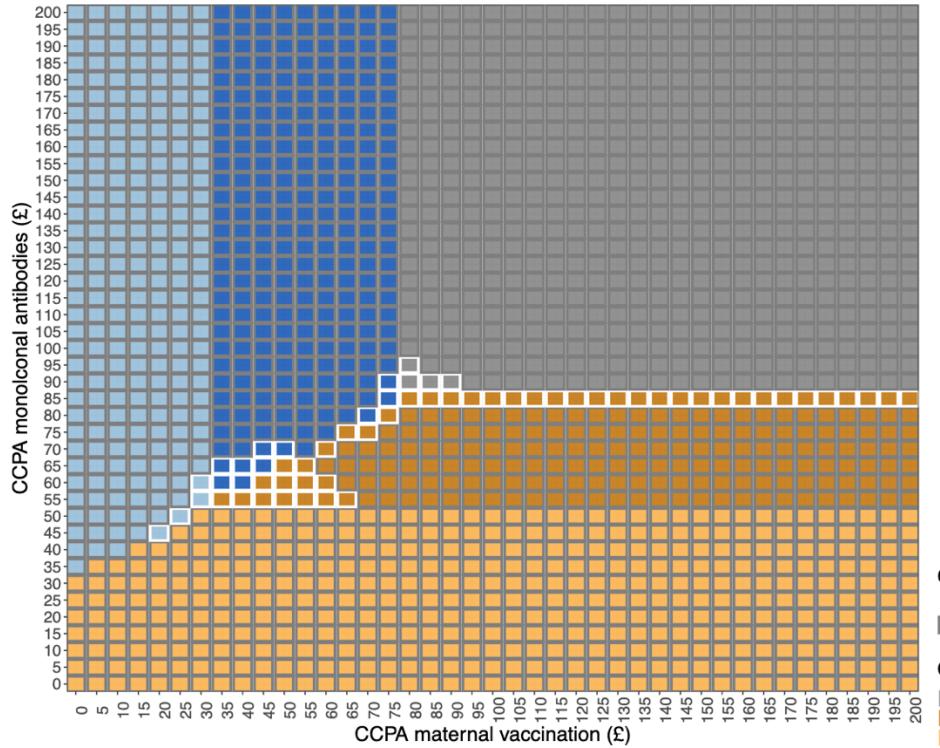


Max £85–90 a dose for LA-mAbs (20k ICER)



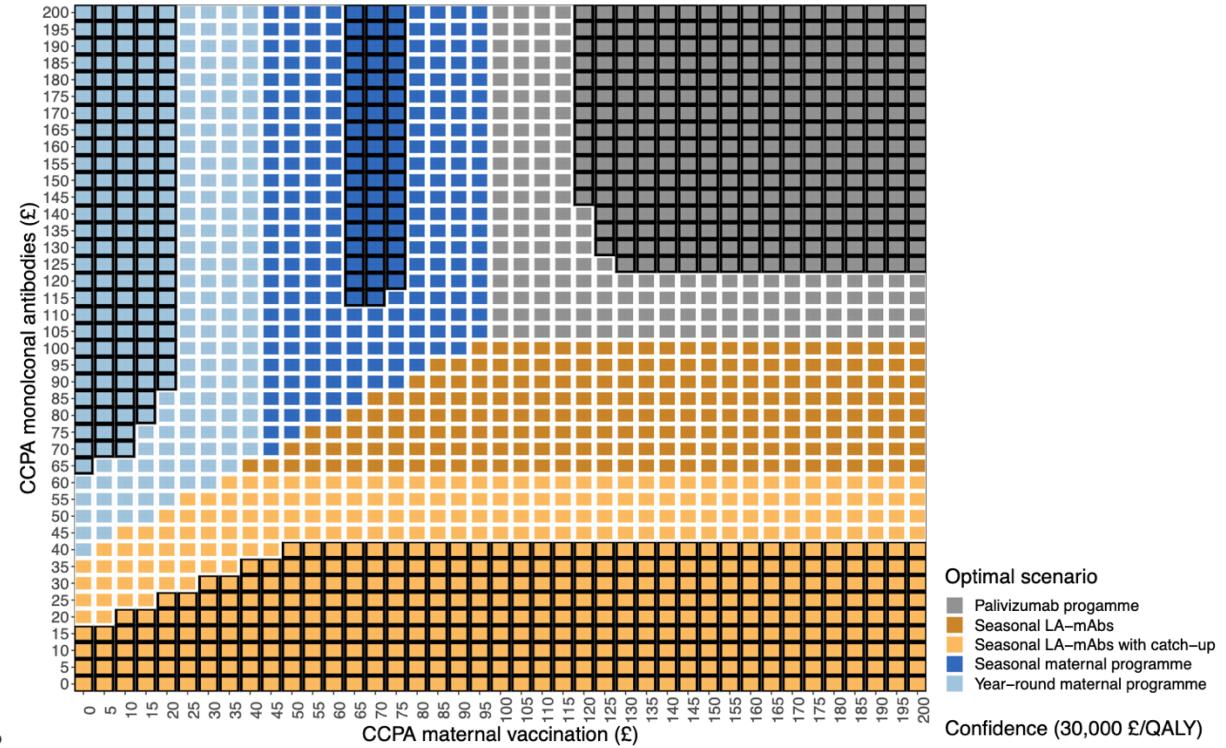
More uncertainty

Optimal programme with using INMB  
20,000£/QALY



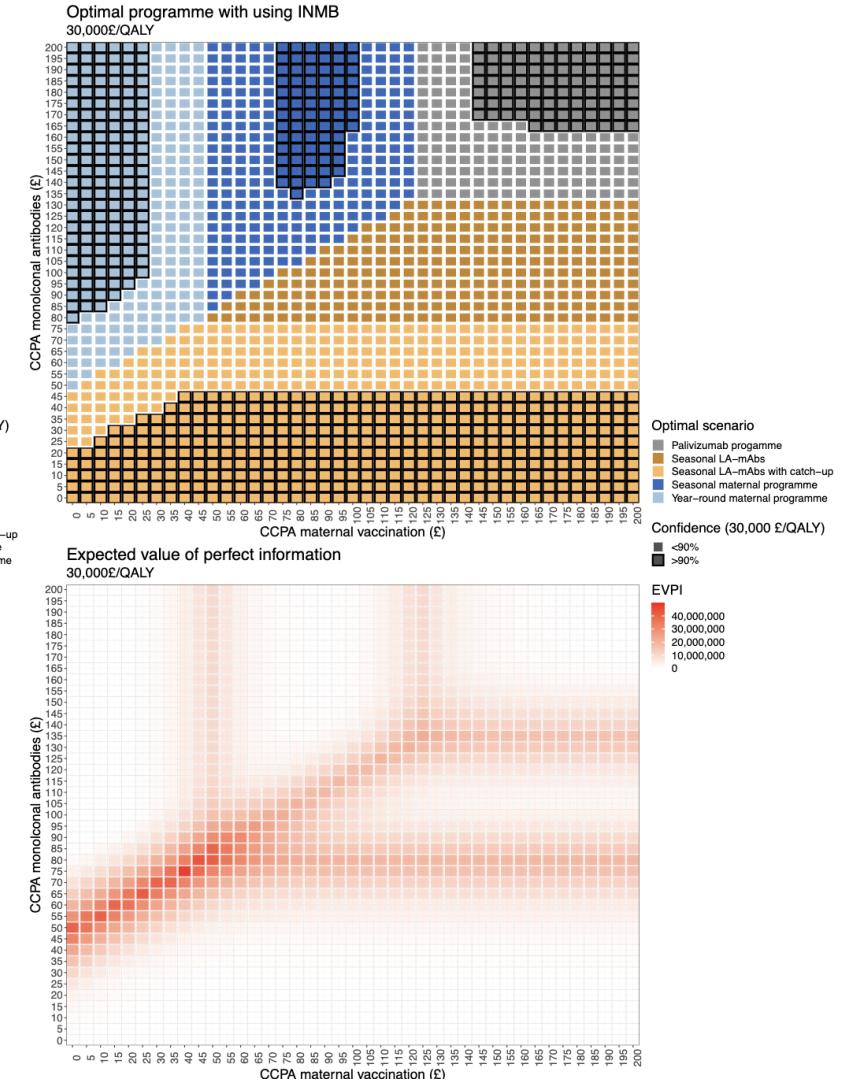
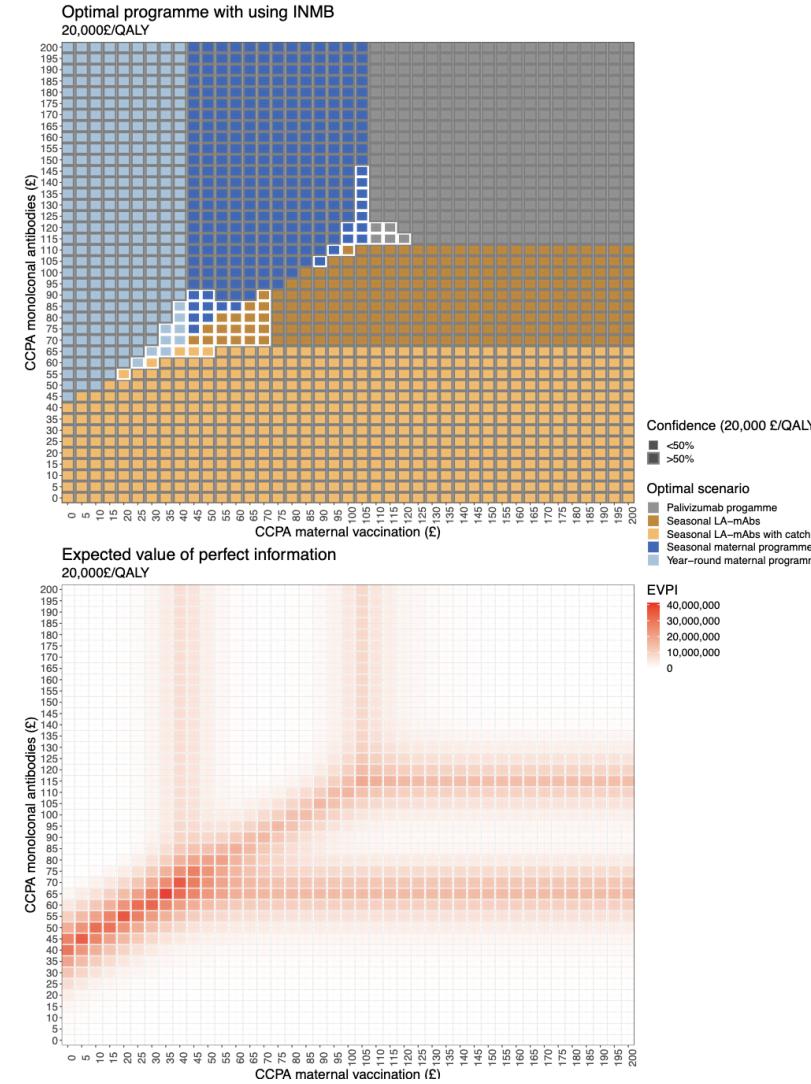
Expected value of perfect information  
20.000£/QALY

Optimal programme with using INMB  
30,000£/QALY

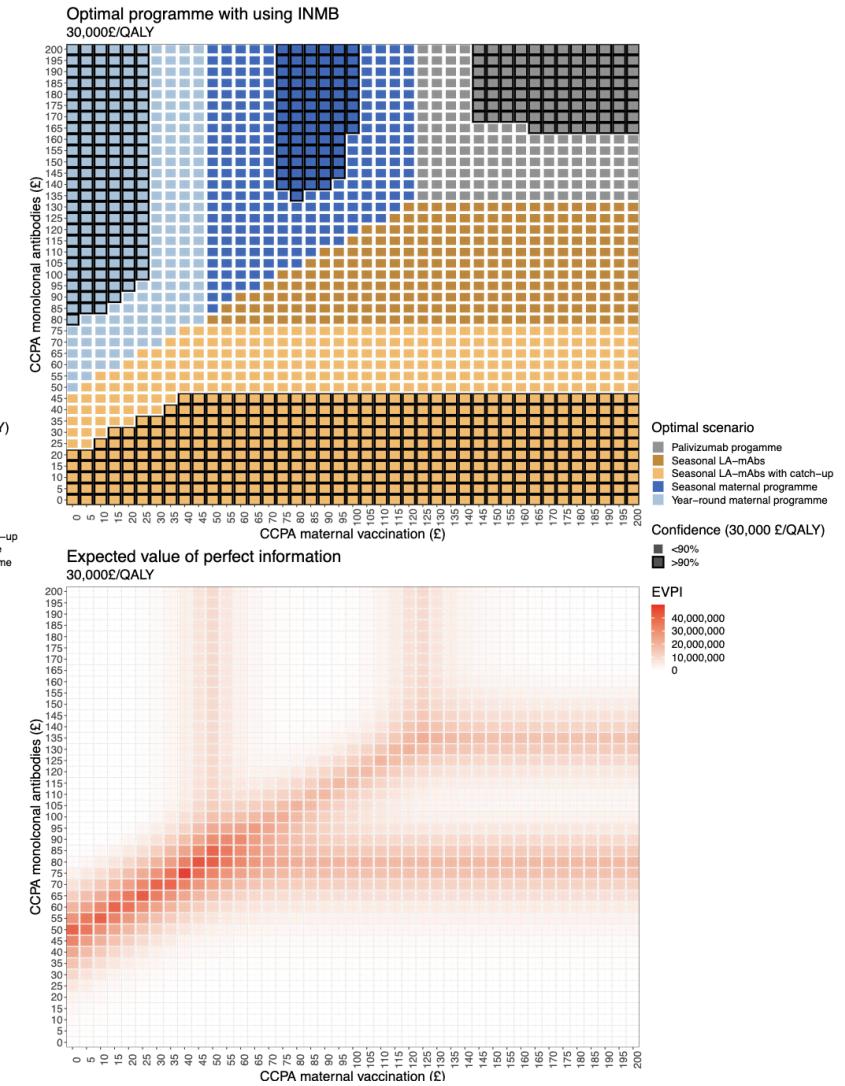
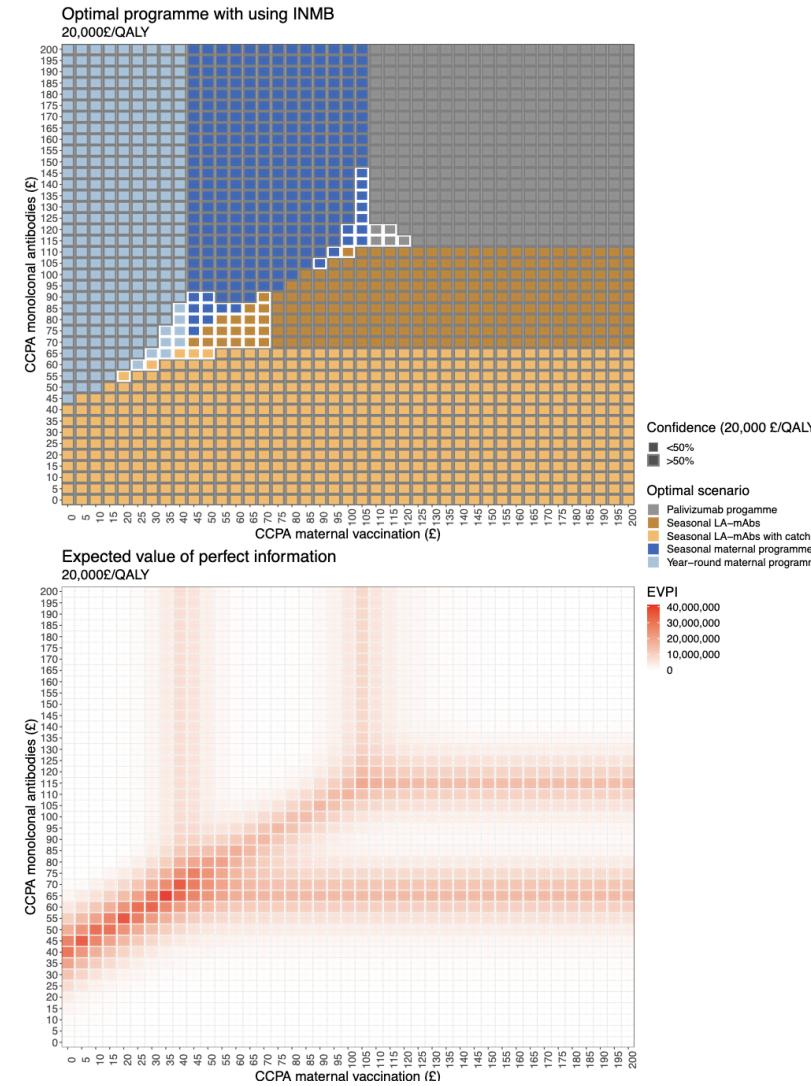


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## No catch-up for LA-mAbs

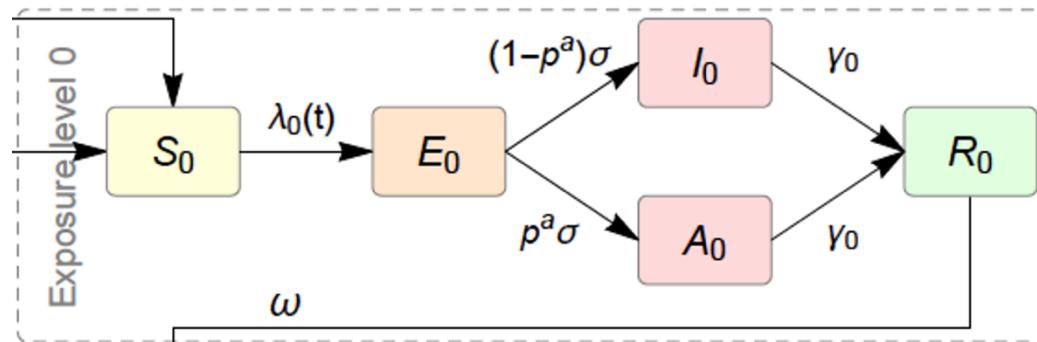


## Long + short-stay costs



# Modelling RSV transmission

SEIRS model fitted to RDMS (RSV positive samples)



S: susceptible

E: exposure but not yet infectious

A: Infected but asymptomatic

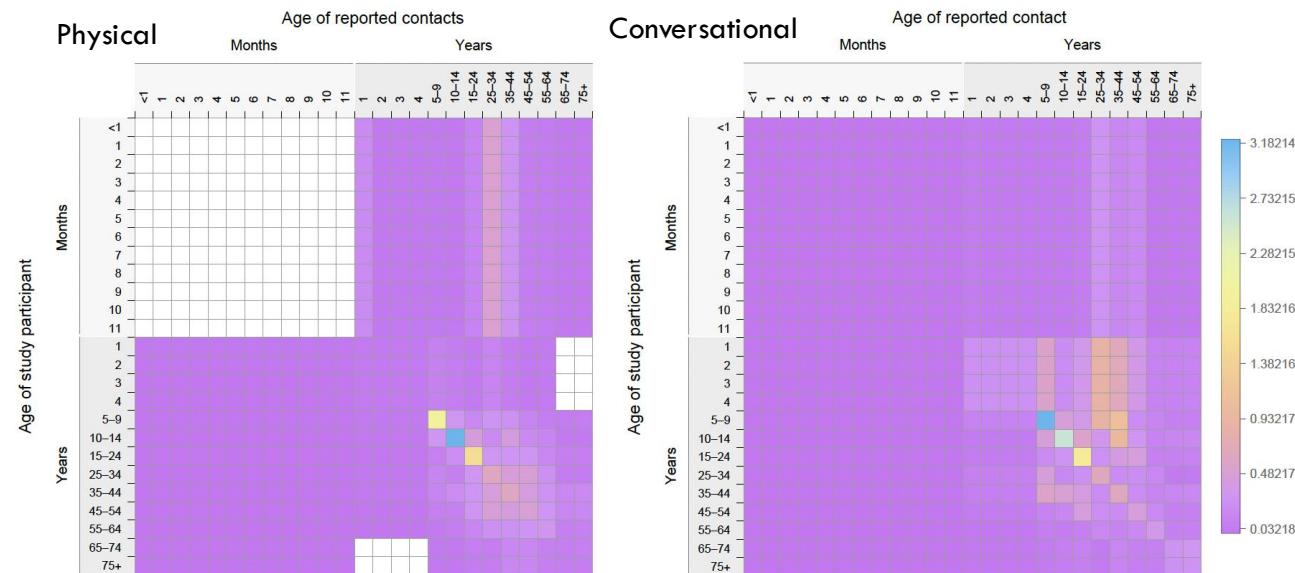
I: Infected but symptomatic

R: Post-infection immunity (temp)

25 age groups:

Monthly up to 11 months, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75+ years

Contact matrix from POLYMOD



# Update risks



## Symptomatic cases

- Taken from model



## GP consultations

- Cromer et al. 2017 *Lancet Public Health*
- Taylor et al. 2016 *BMJ*
- Fleming et al. 2015 *BMC Inf Dis*



## A+E

- Ajayi-Obe et al. 2008 *Epidemiol Infect*



## Hospital cases

- Reeves et al. 2017 *Influenza Other Respir Viruses*
- Reeves et al. 2019 *J Infect*
- Taylor et al. 2016 *BMJ*
- Sharp et al. 2022 *Influenza Other Respir Viruses*



## ICU

- Thwaites et al. 2020 *Eur J Pediatr*
- Walsh et al. 2022 *Health Sci Rep*

Annual burden health outcomes of RSV in England and Wales



Estimated risk of health outcome per infection

## Deaths

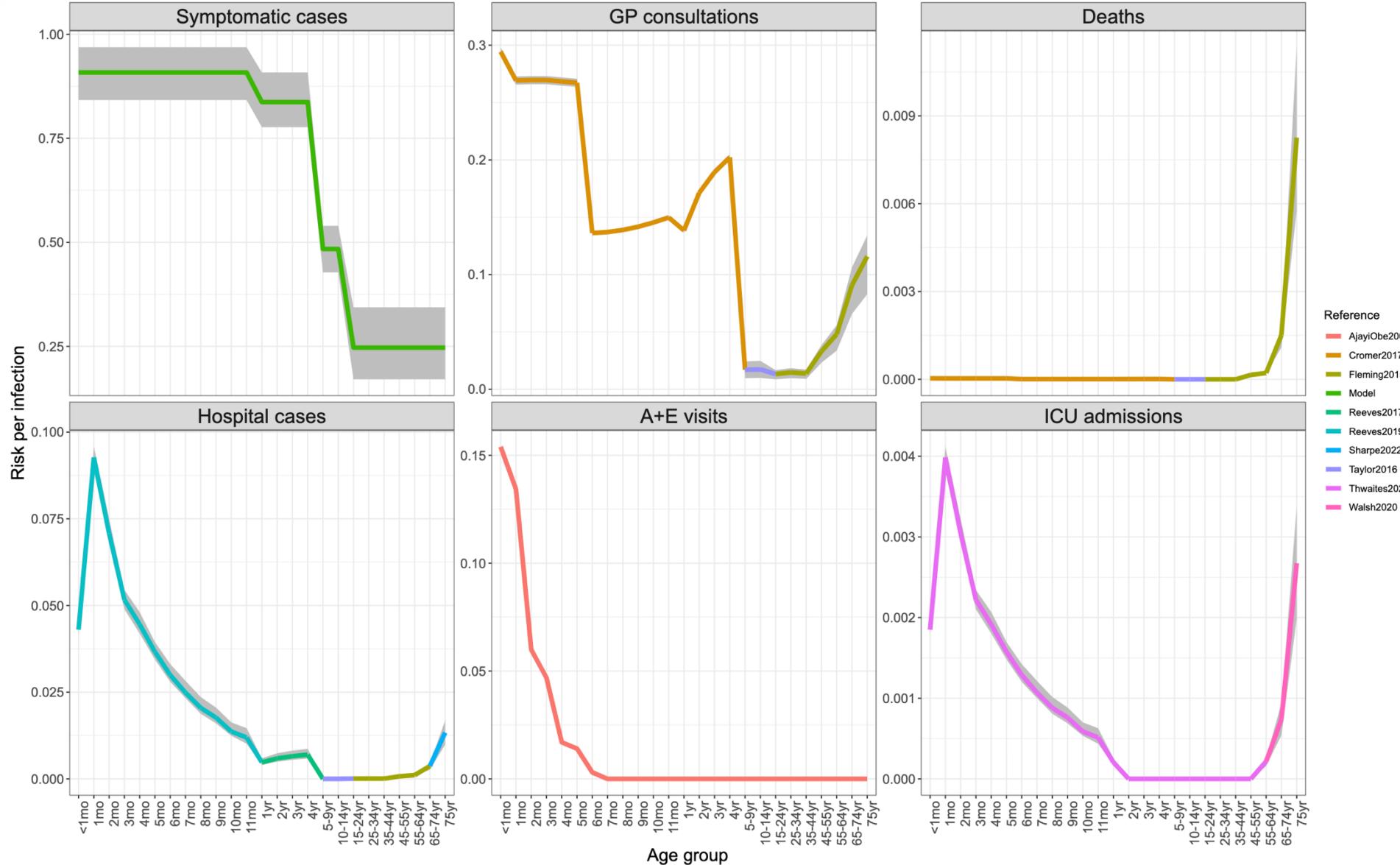
- Cromer et al. 2017 *Lancet Public Health*
- Li et al. 2023 *Infect Dis Ther*



# Update risks



**Risk per infection:**  
outcome incidence/  
model predicted  
incidence



# Updated Economic parameters

## COSTS

### GP consultations:

- £36. *Unit costs manual*

### A + E Visits:

- £182.28. *National schedule of NHS costs (T0\_)*

## QALY LOSS

SUBGROUP	QALY LOSS	REFERENCE
< 5 years Symptomatic	$2.336 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.269 \times 10^{-3}$ – $9.255 \times 10^{-3}$ )	Hodgson et al. 2020
≥5 years symptomatic	$1.448 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.135 \times 10^{-3}$ – $5.928 \times 10^{-3}$ )	
< 5 years hospitalisations	$4.098 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.624 \times 10^{-3}$ – $13.141 \times 10^{-3}$ )	
≥5 years hospitalisations	$2.990 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $0.346 \times 10^{-3}$ – $11.387 \times 10^{-3}$ )	

## Hospital cases

AGE GROUP	MEDIAN RSV-RELATED HOSPITAL ADMISSION COST (£, 95% CrI)	
	SHORT-STAY ONLY	SHORT- AND LONG-STAY
<15 years of age	1100.23 (1029.66–1253.16)	1909.86 (1599.19–3711.22)
≥ 15 years of age	652.29 (585.37–740.31)	1753.21 (1233.30–2739.47)

\*Paediatric Acute Bronchiolitis with CC Score 0–5+ (PD15A–PD15D). *National schedule of NHS costs*

\*Unspecified Acute Lower Respiratory Infection with/without Interventions 0–13+ (DZ22K–DZ22Q). *National schedule of NHS costs*

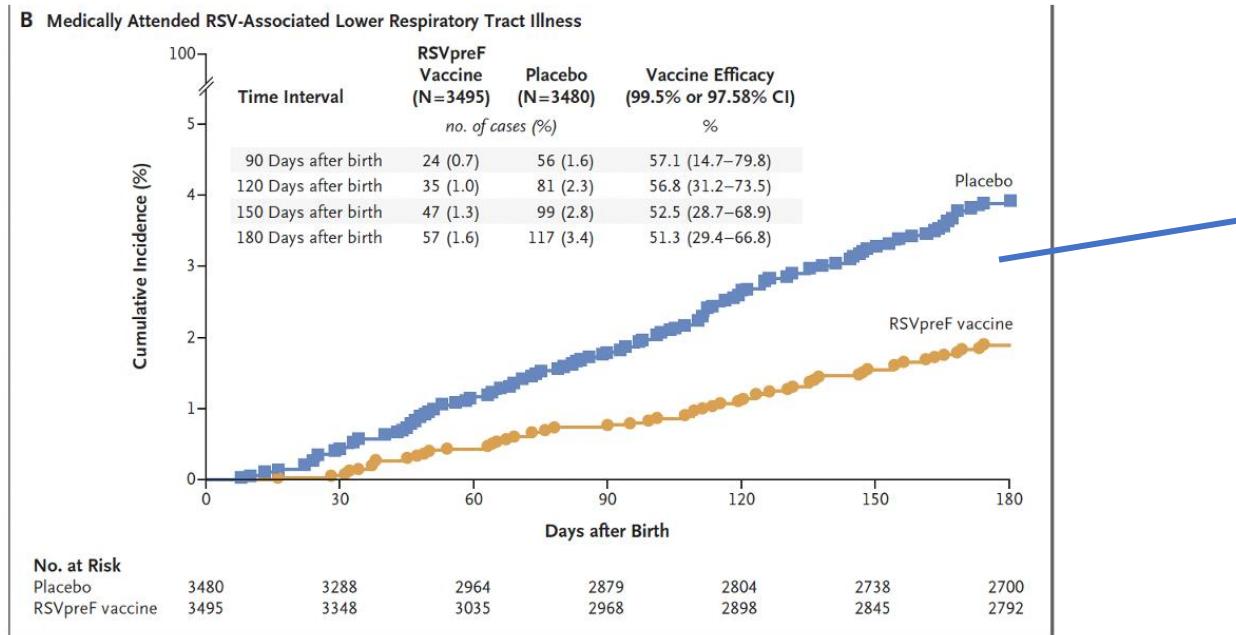
## ICU admissions

AGE GROUP	MEDIAN RSV-RELATED ICU ADMISSION COST (£, 95% CrI)
<15 years of age	2905.20 (2282.80–3862.67)
≥ 15 years of age	2324.80 (1948.25–2653.25)

\* Paediatric Critical Care, Advanced Critical Care 1–5 (XB01Z–XB07Z). *National schedule of NHS costs*

\*Adult Critical Care, 0–6+ Organs Supported (XC01Z–XC07Z).

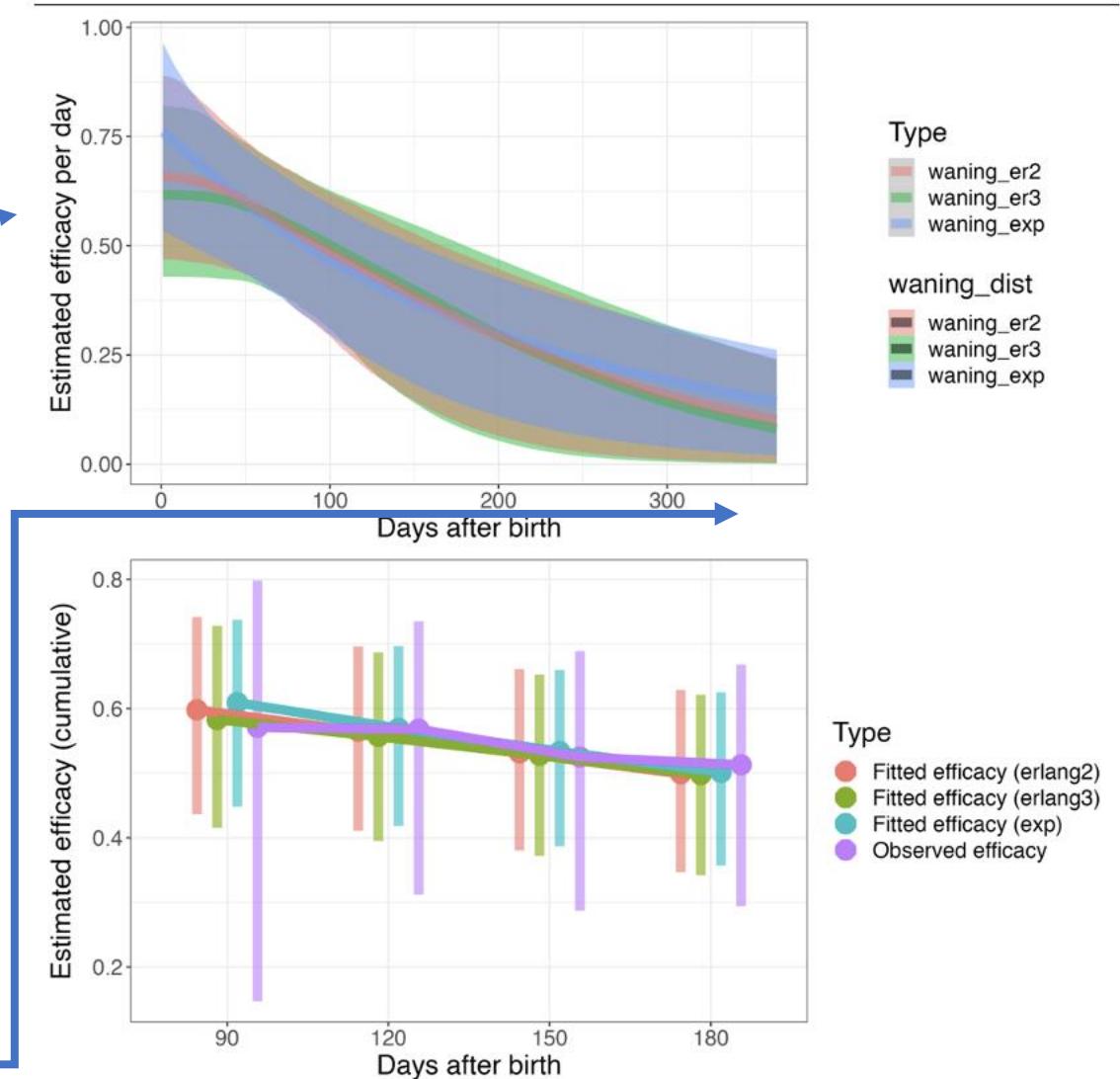
# Modelling maternal vaccination (implementation)



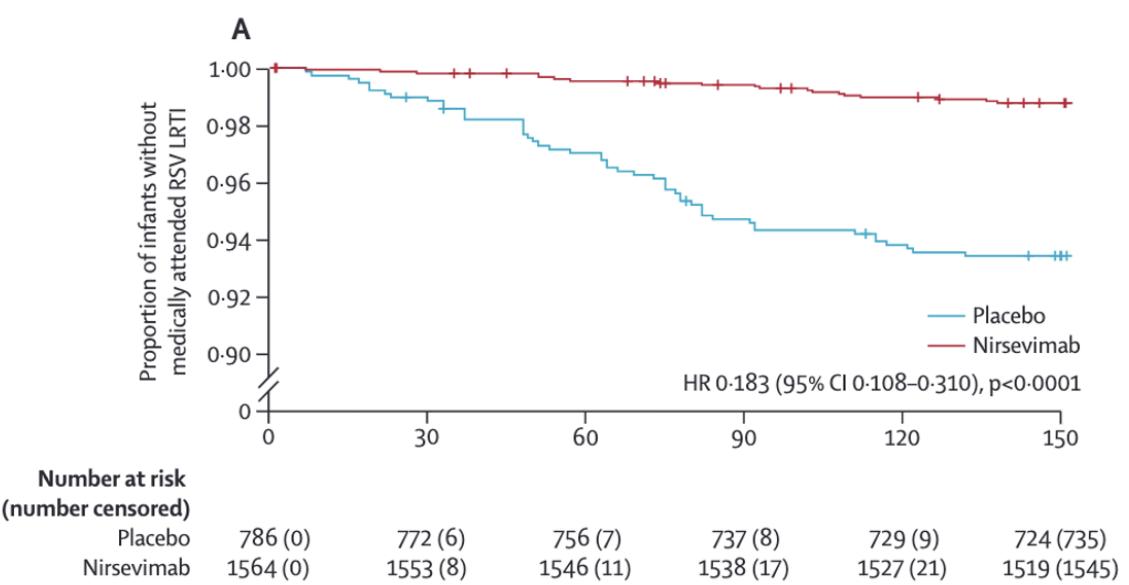
**Figure 4.** Figure 1b, taken from [Kampmann2023]. The Kaplan-Meier plots show the efficacy of RSVPreF3 vaccine in preventing Medically Attended RSV-Associated Lower Respiratory Tract Illness in infants.

Health outcome	Efficacy $e_d$ (point-estimate, 180 days)	Disease protection proportion ( $f_d$ )
Infection	51.3%	0
Symptomatic	51.3%	0
GP consultations	51.3%	0
A + E attendances	69.4%	0.35
Hospital admission	69.4%	0.35
ICU admissions	69.4%	0.35
Death	69.4%	0.35

0.093 (95% 0.001–0.237)  
of infants still have  
protection 365 days after  
vaccination.



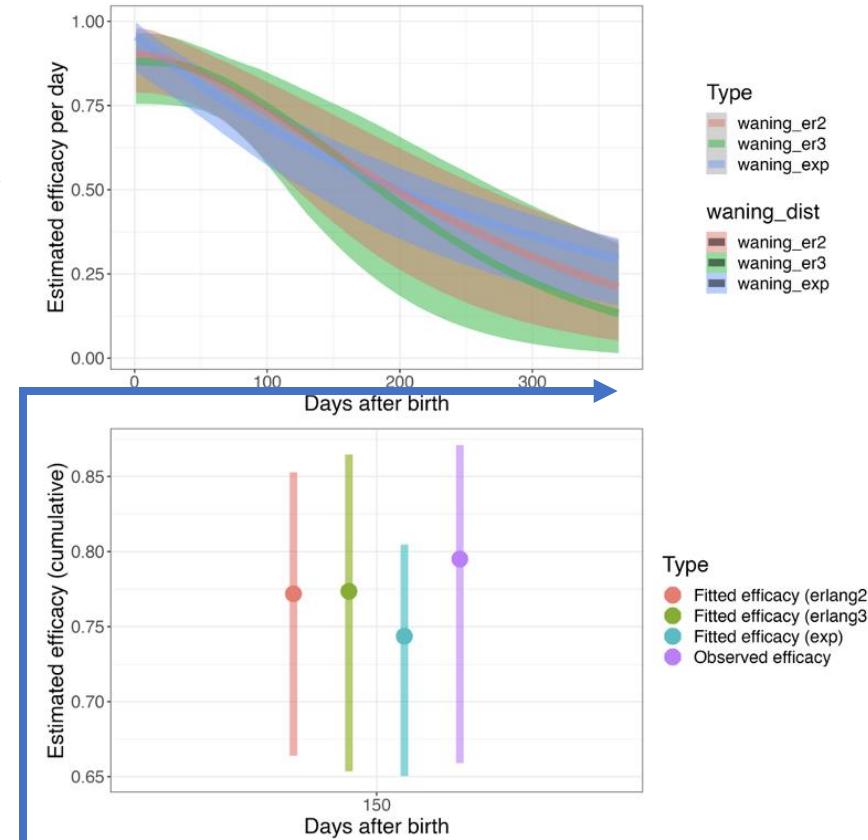
# Modelling Ig-mAB (implementation)



**Figure 7.** Figure 1A, taken from [Simoes2023]. The Kaplan-Meier plots show the efficacy of Nirsevimab in preventing Medically Attended RSV-Associated Lower Respiratory Tract Illness in infants.

Health outcome	Efficacy $e_d$ (point-estimate, 180 days)	Disease protection proportion ( $f_d$ )
Infection	79.5%	0
Symptomatic	79.5%	0
GP consultations	79.5%	0
A + E attendances	79.5%	0
Hospital admission	79.5%	0
ICU admissions	86.0%	0.08
Death	86.0%	0.08

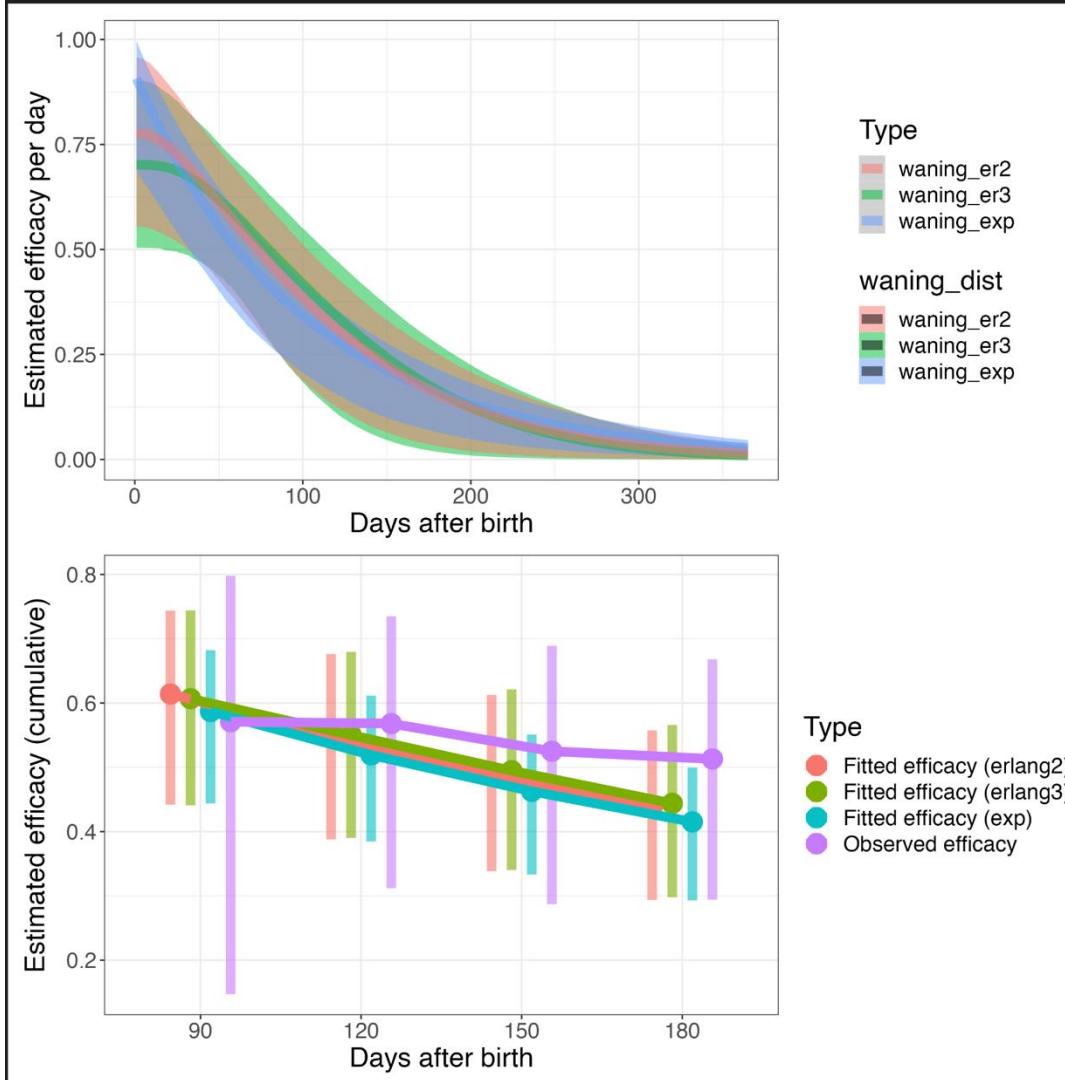
0.148 (95% 0.015–0.338) of infants still have protection 365 days after vaccination.



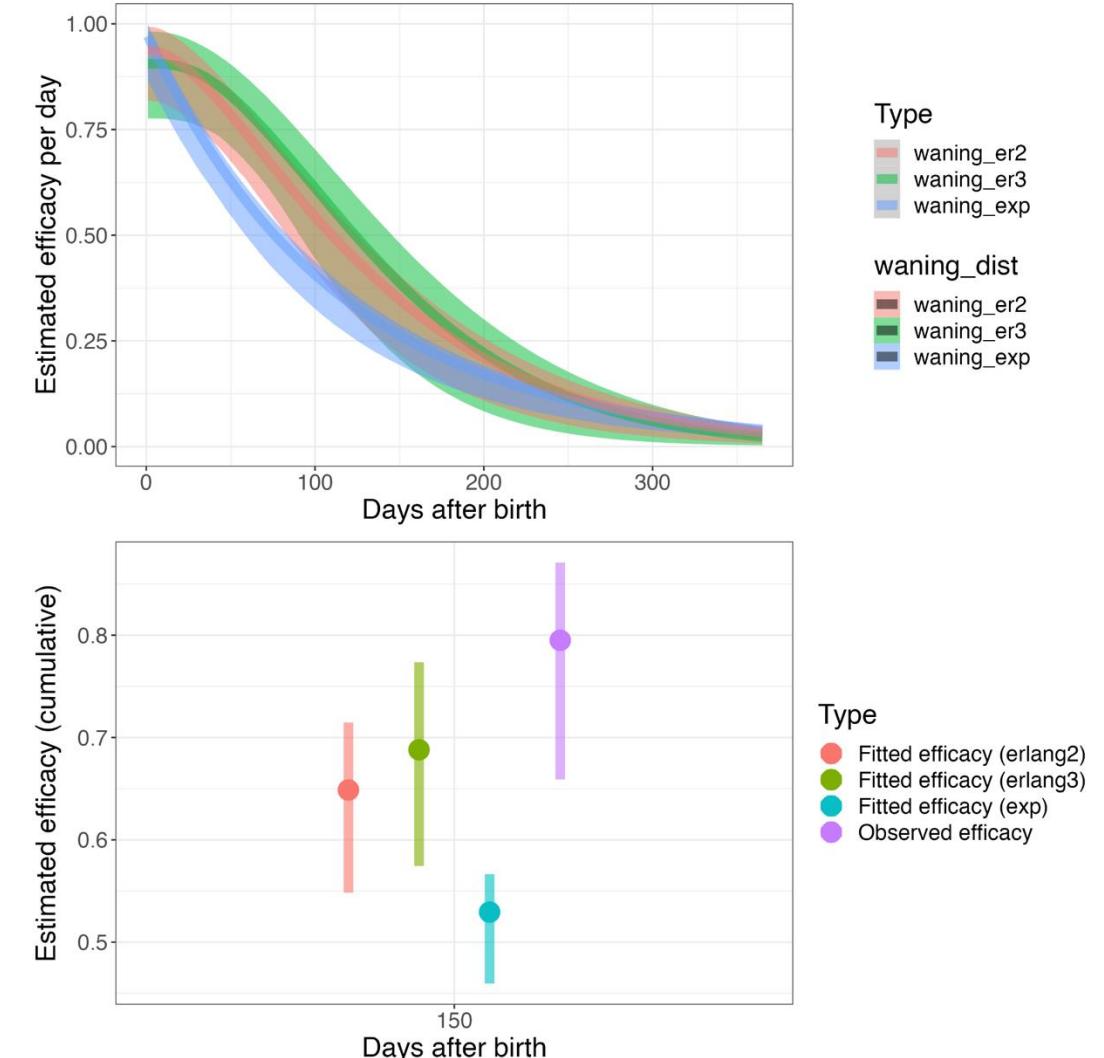
**Figure 9.** The posterior distributions and comparison to the quoted  $e$

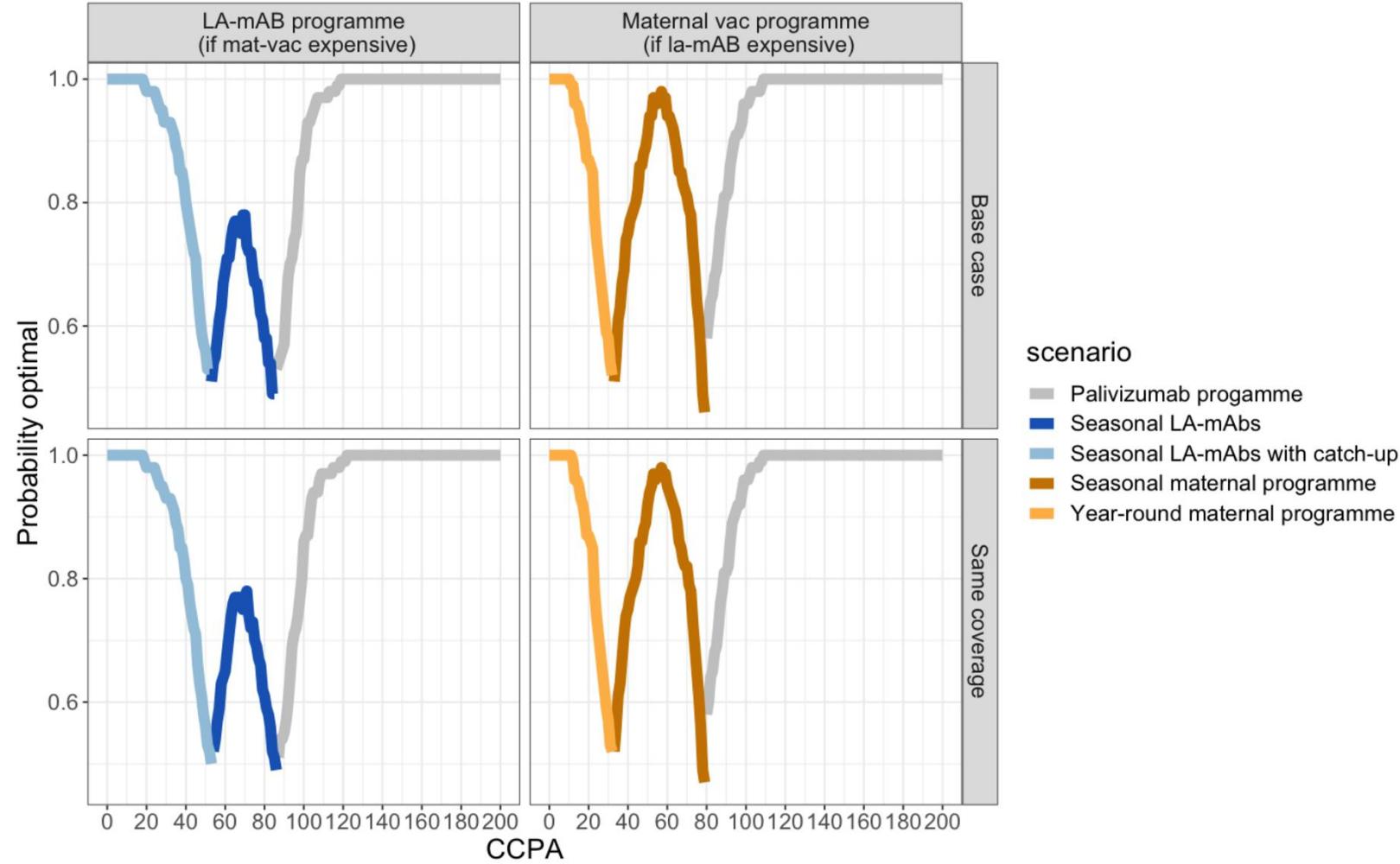
# Bounded efficacy (single year)

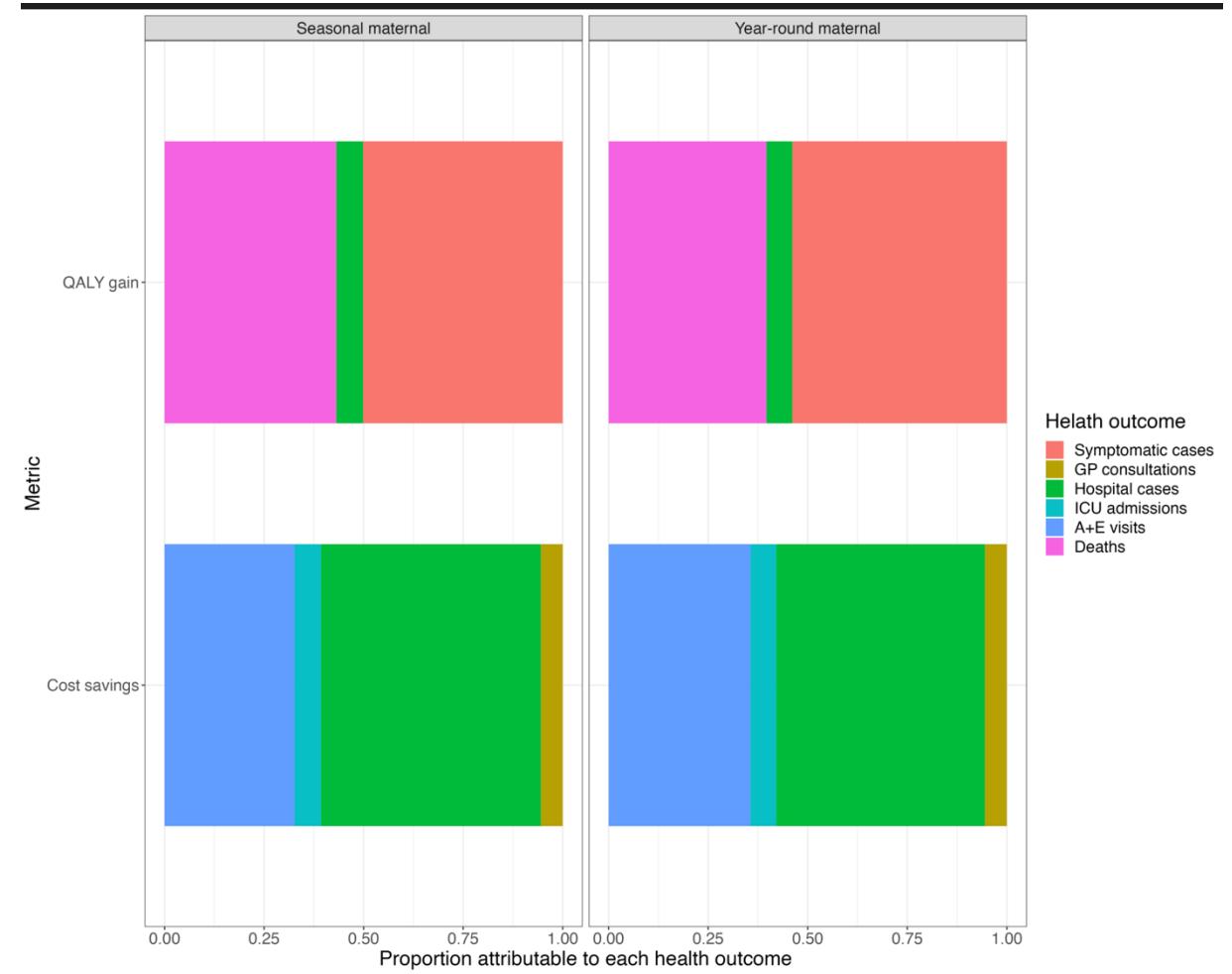
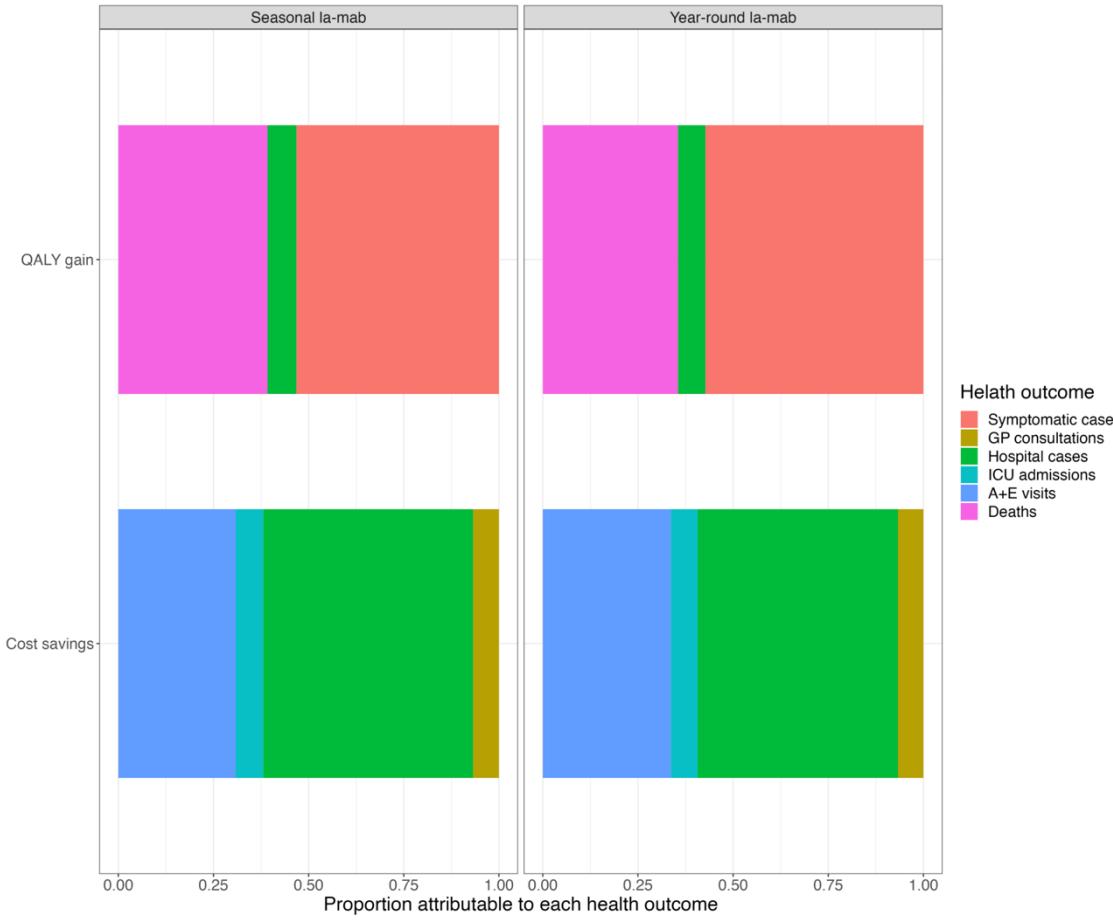
## Maternal vaccination

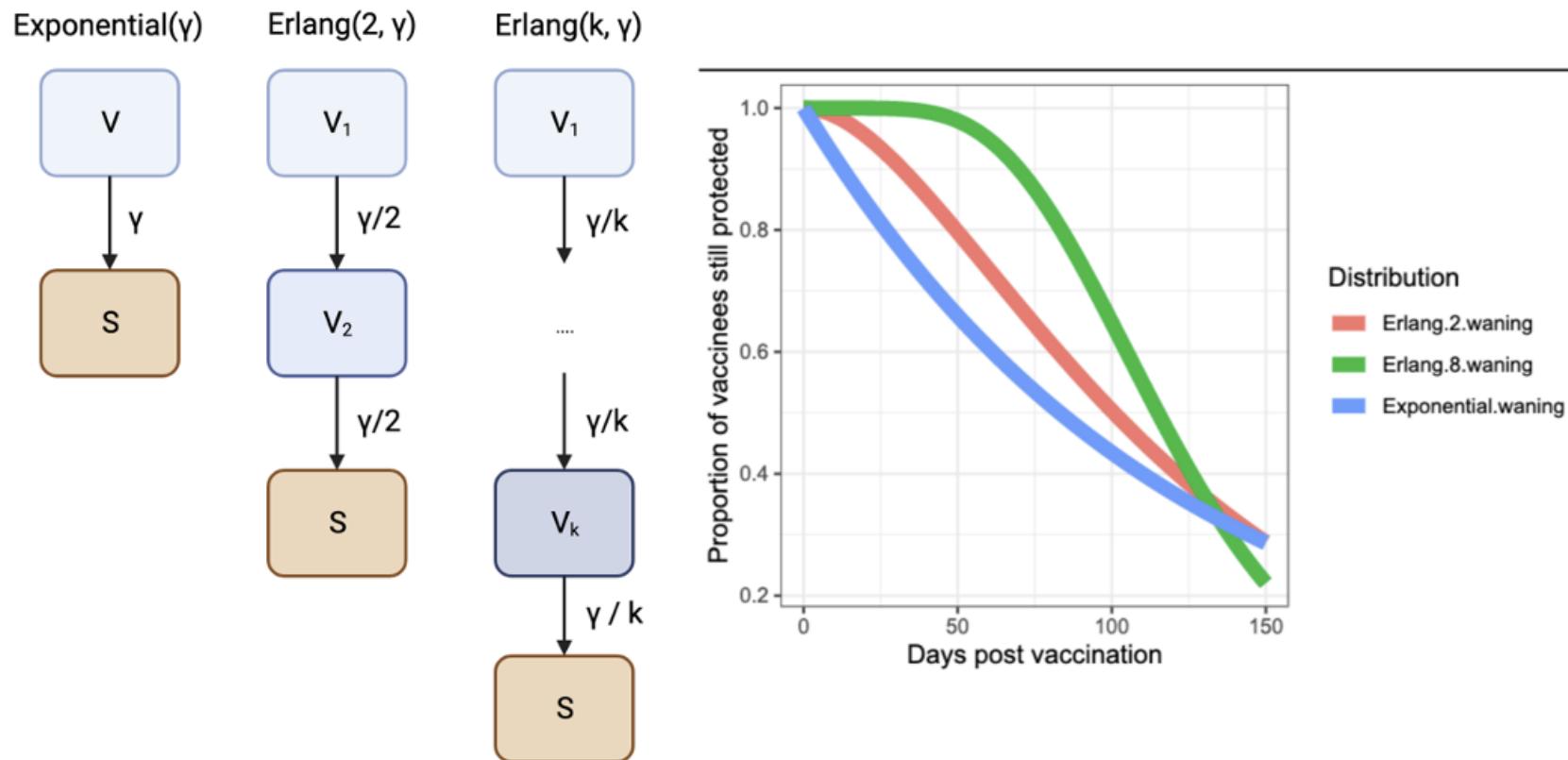


## Monoclonal antibodies

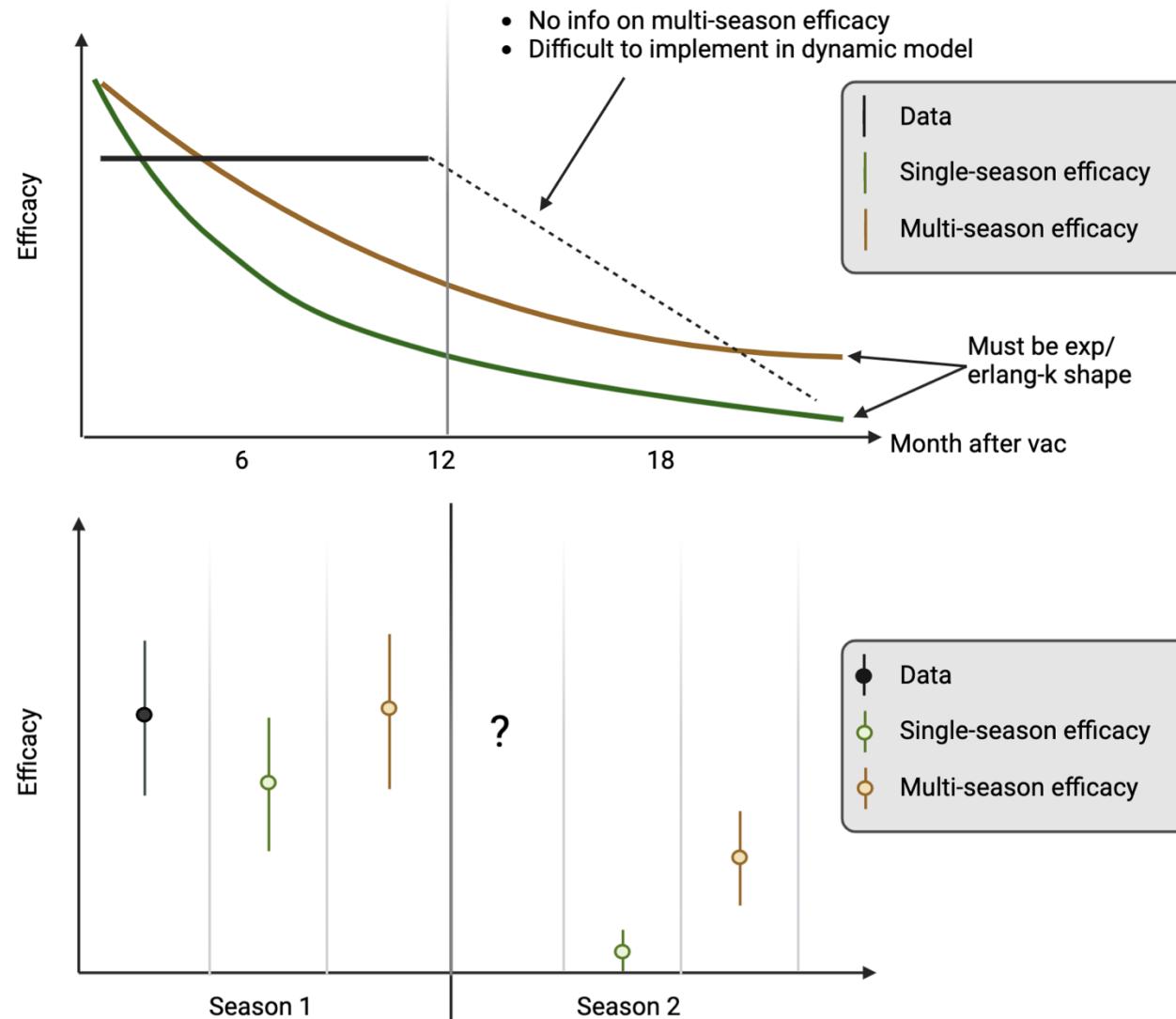








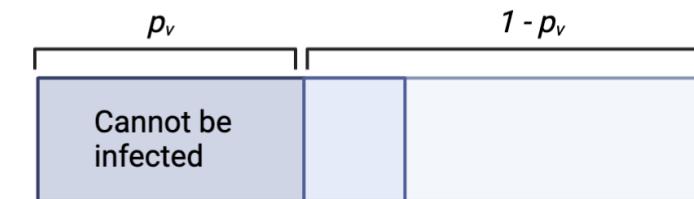
**Figure 2.** Schematic showing the relationship between exponential and erlang-k distributions in the context of dynamic transmission modelling. By chaining k compartments, the waning following an Erlang-k distribution which has more flexibility in waning structure in comparison to an Exponential distribution.



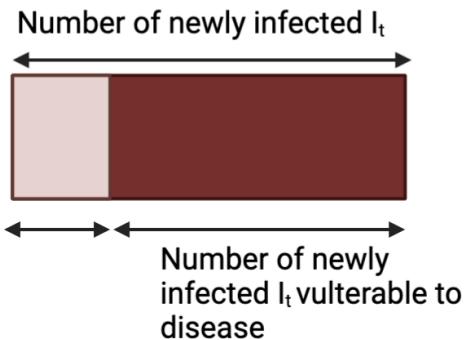
## Disease-specific efficacy

At time  $t$ , for age group  $a$  and risk group  $v$ :

Proportion of population



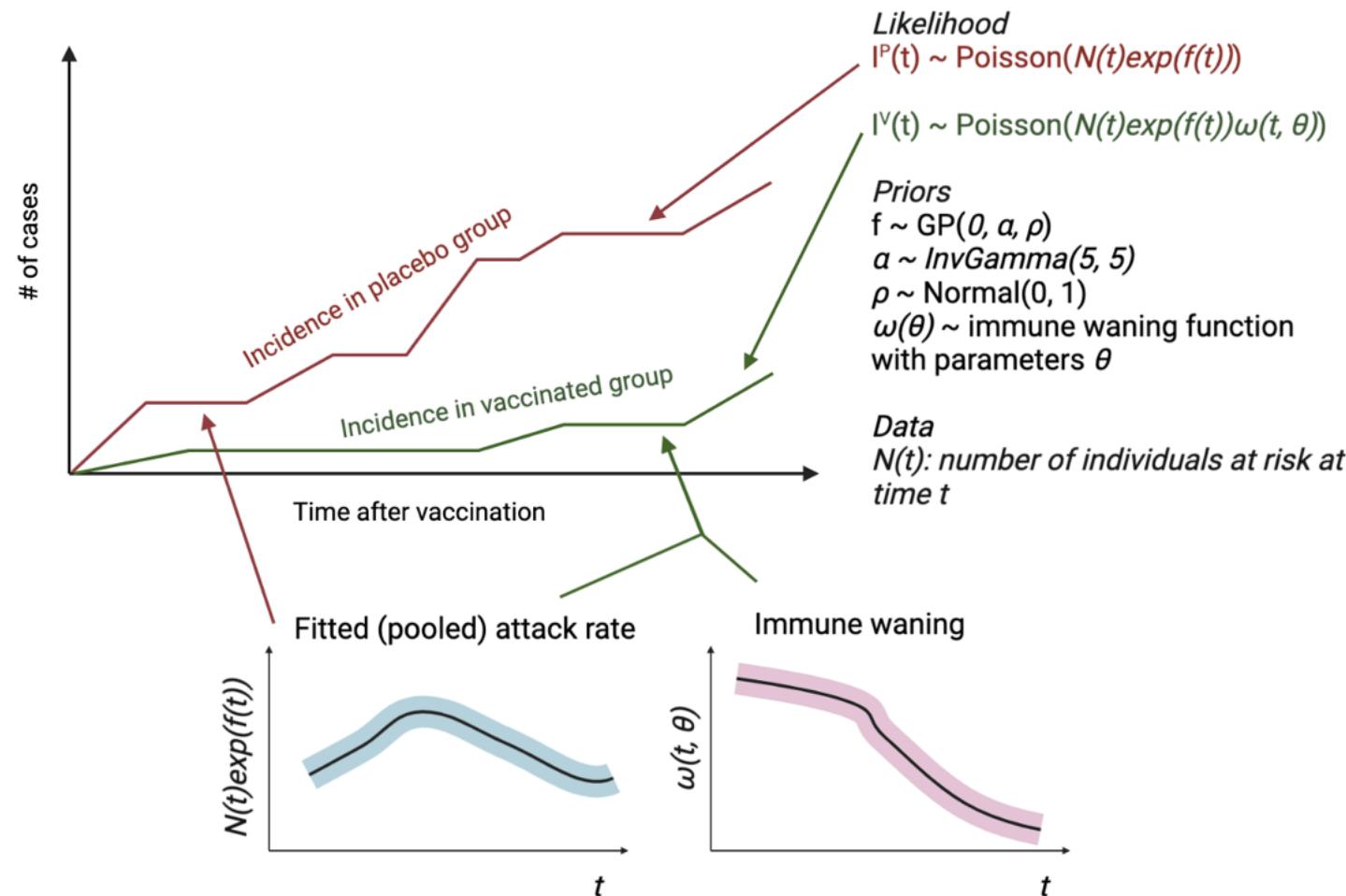
$$f_d = (e_d/e - 1)$$



$e_d$  efficacy against disease  
 $e$  efficacy against infection  
 $f_d$  disease protection proportion

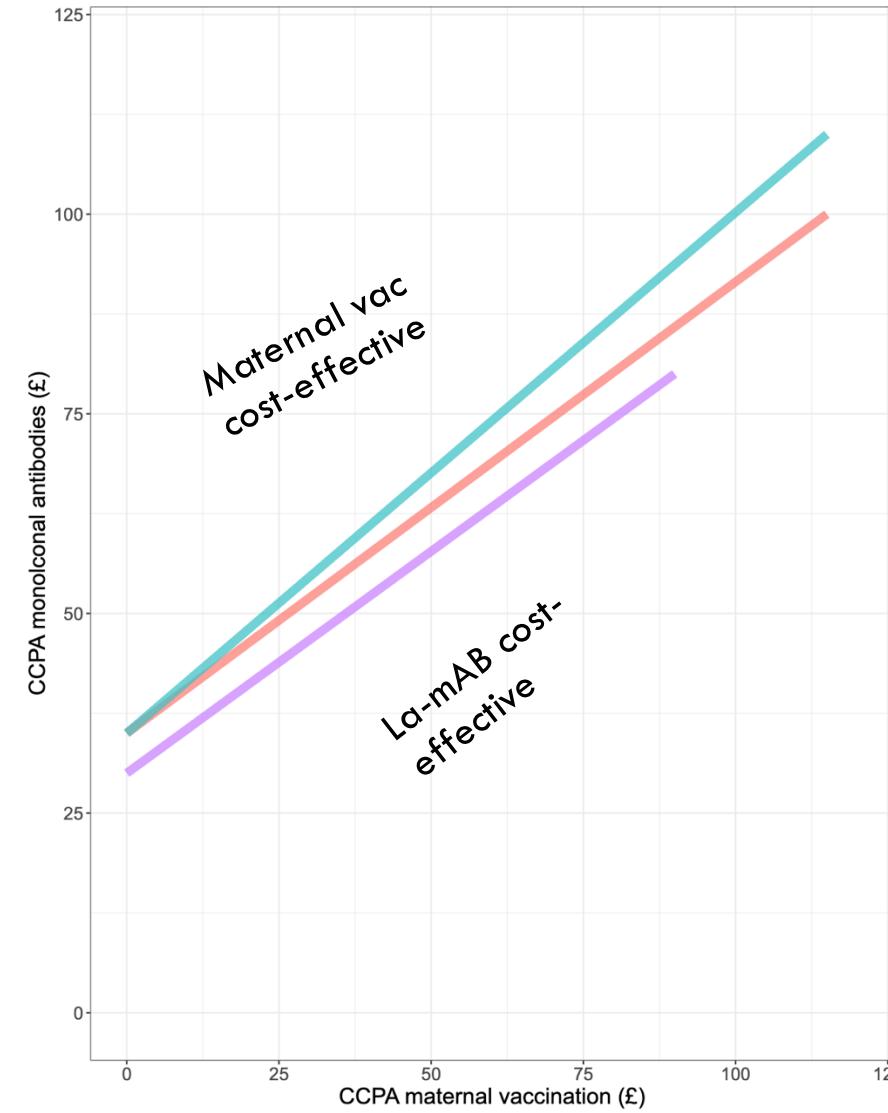
Number of newly infected protected to disease  
 $I_t p_v (f_d) / (1 - p_v)$

### A Kaplan Meier Plot



**Figure 1.** Schematic showing the hierarchical Bayesian model to estimate the time-varying efficacy given a Kaplan Meier plot.

Product equivalence line for costs + efficacies



Product equivalence line for different coverages

