

Cholera and cholera vaccines

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FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

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PESTILENCE



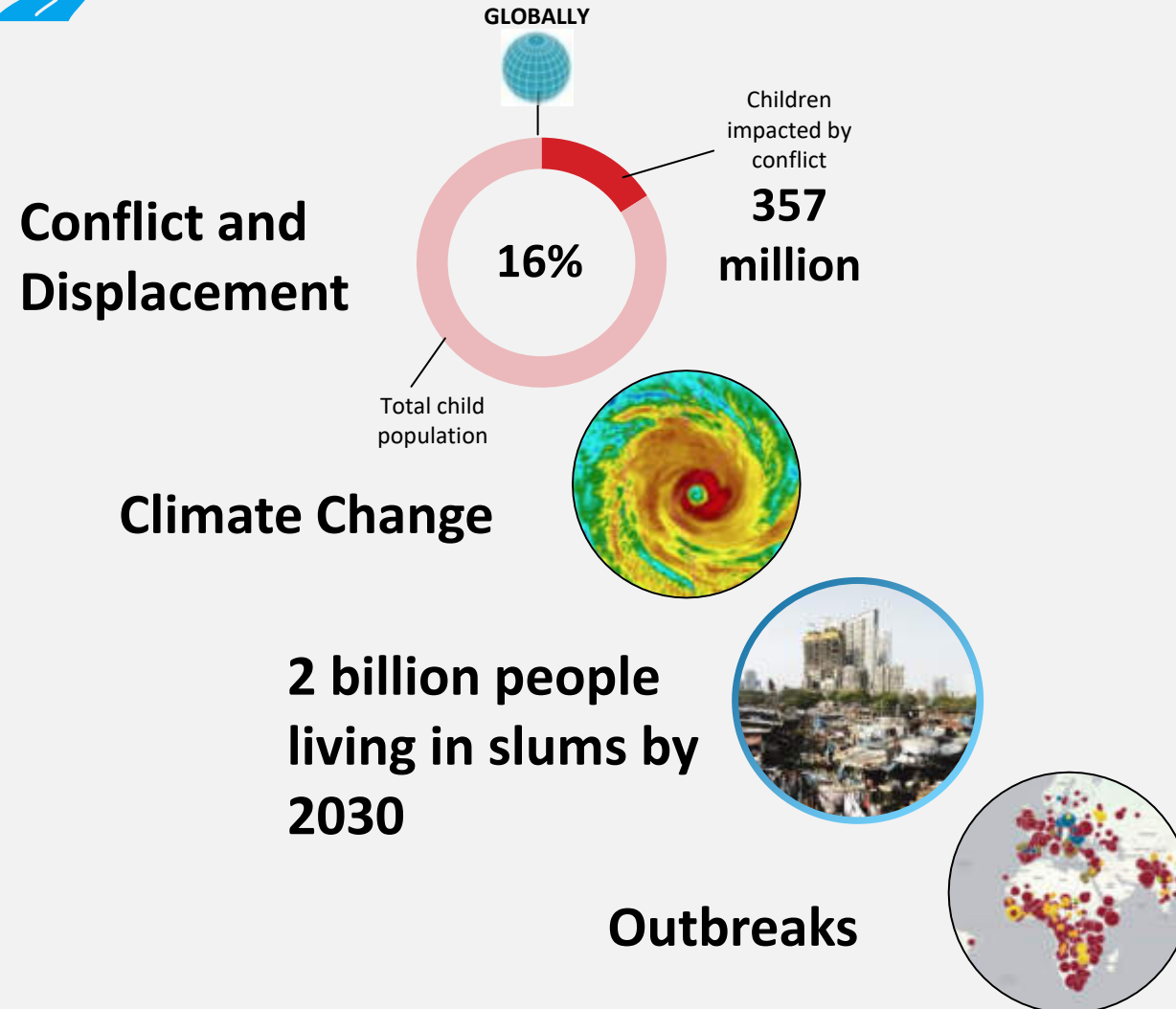
DEATH

VUCA world

Volatile
Uncertain
Complex
Ambiguous



We are in a 'VUCA' world





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Haiti	36 544	632	317	1.7	02/10/2022 – 16/03/2023
Bangladesh (Cox's Bazar)	19	0	-	0	01/01/2023 – 15/03/2023

Figure-1: Global situation of active epidemics of cholera and acute watery diarrhea as of 20 March 2023

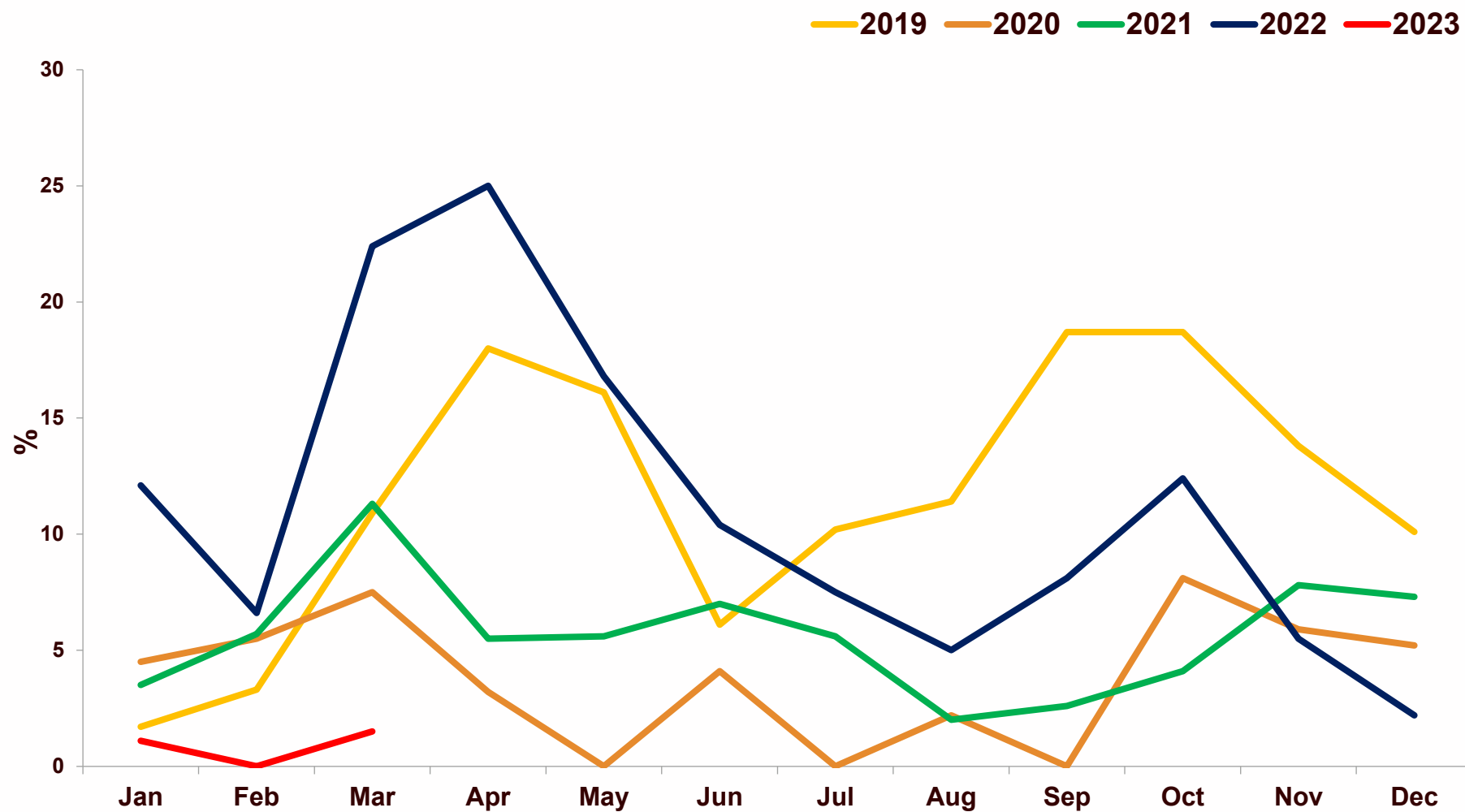


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Data Source: World Health Organization
Map Production: WHO Health Emergencies Programme
Map Date: 20 March 2023



Yearly isolation of *V. cholerae* in 2019-2023 Hospital Surveillance, Dhaka Hospital, icddr,b





Introduction: *Vibrio cholerae*

Vibrio cholerae is a Gram-negative rod comma shaped bacterium with a single flagellum

- Classified by the composition of its lipopolysaccharide **major surface antigen (O)** into over 206 serogroups; with
- Only two serogroups of *V. cholerae*, O1 and O139, proven as causative agents of epidemic cholera** (Sharma *et al.* Indian J. Med. Res. 2007;125:633–40)

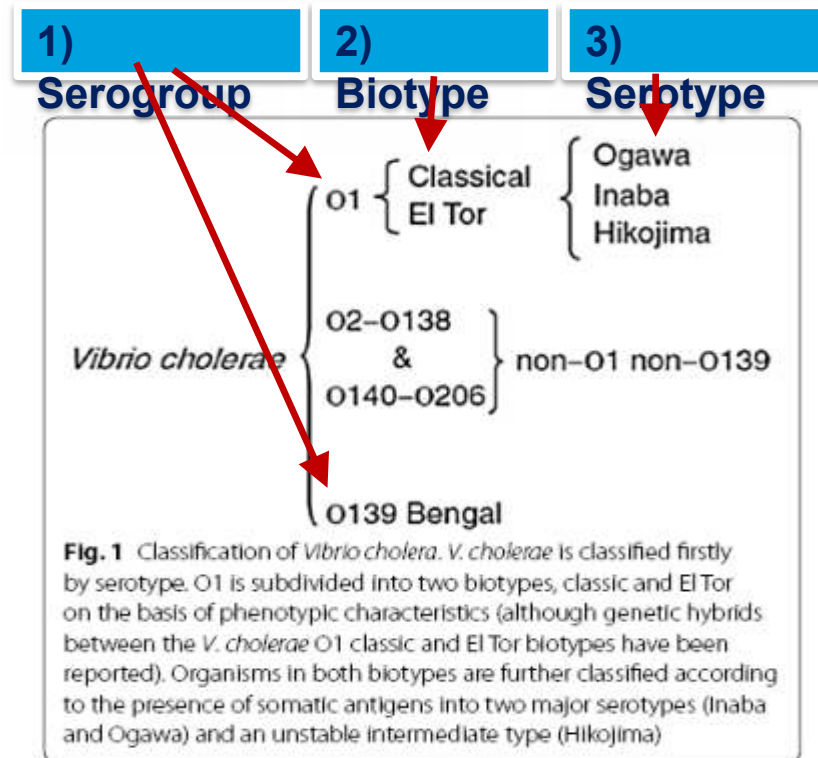
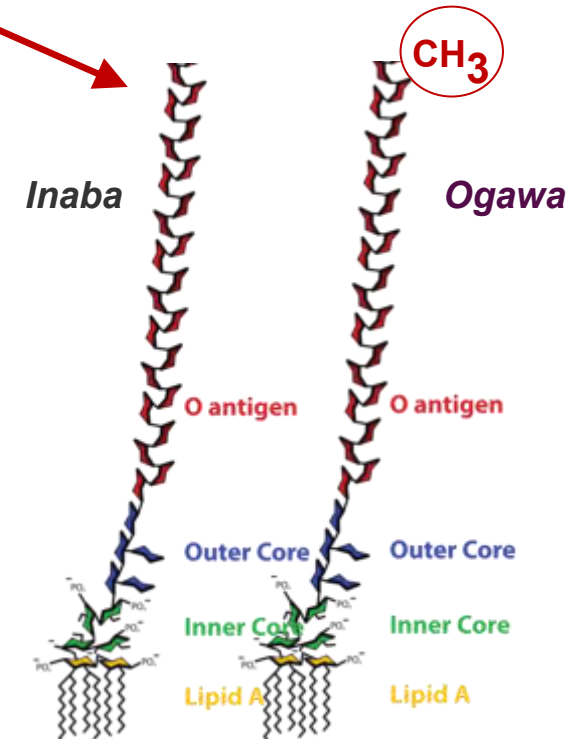
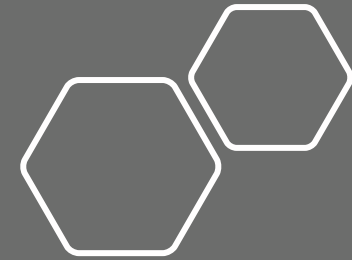
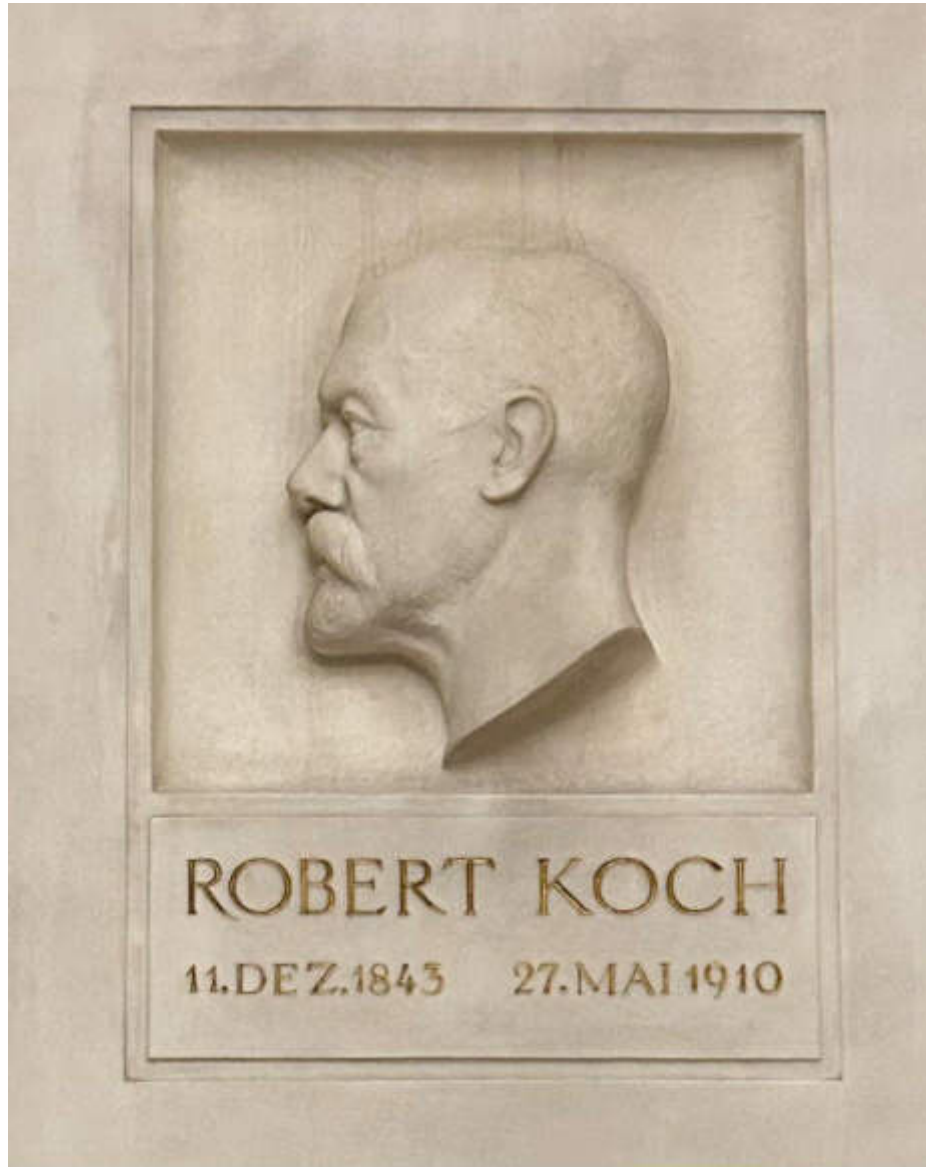
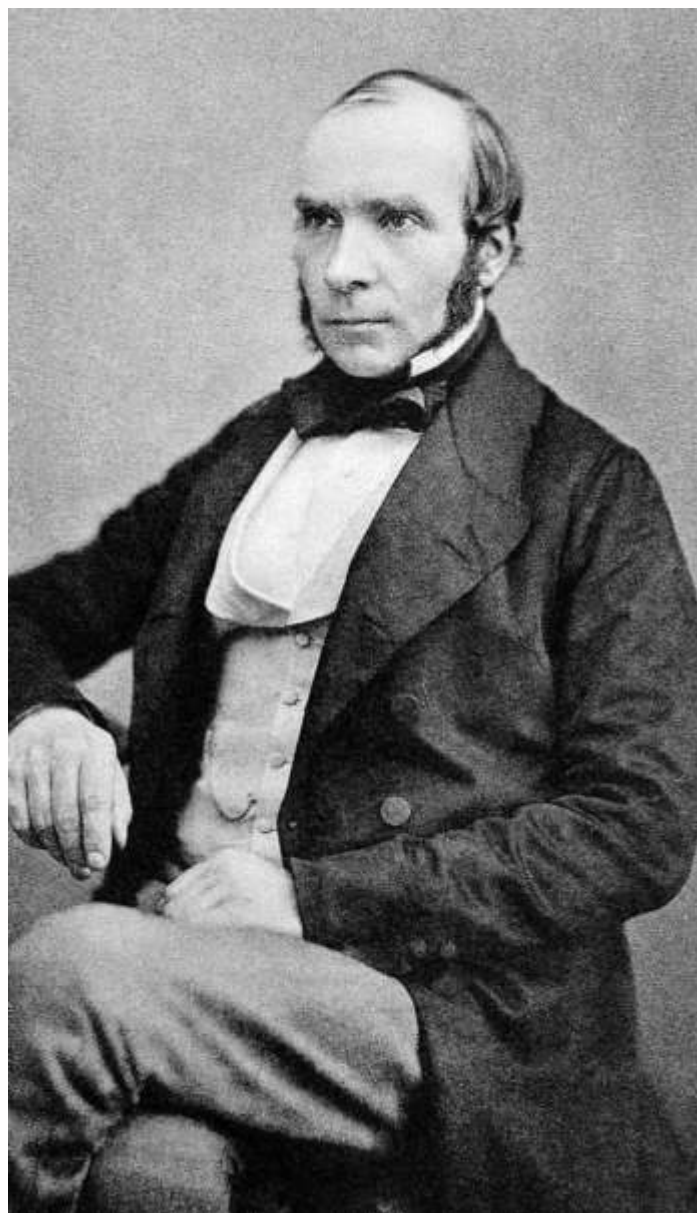
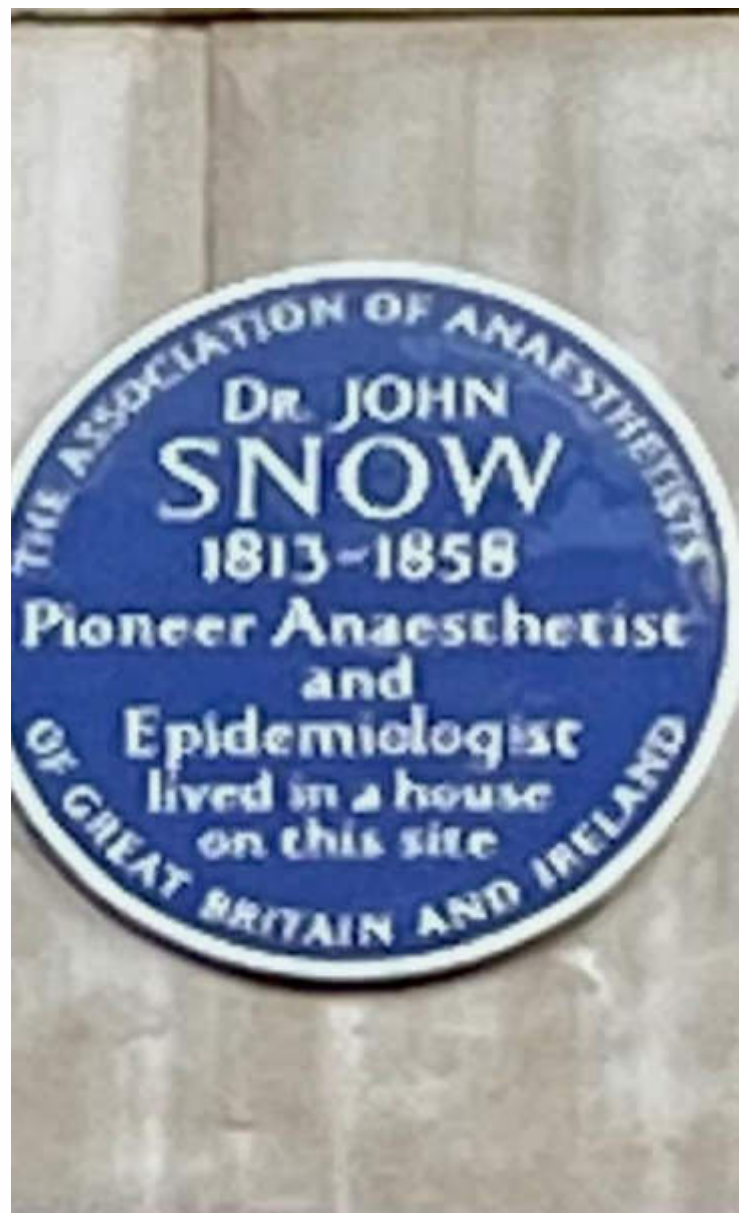


Figure modified from
Chowdhury *et al.* Ann Clin
Microbiol Antimicrob (2017)
16:100

























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PIONEER WORK



Robert Koch
(1843 –1910)

Jaime Ferrán
(1851-1929)

EL PREMIO BRÉANT Y EL DOCTOR FERRÁN

El premio Bréant lleva el nombre del ilustre químico francés que lo instituyó en 1895. En su testamento legó cien mil francos y se leña correspondiente para constitución de un premio que había de entregarse al que descubriera el "medio de curar el cólera asiático." La escasez de cumplir la voluntad del testador y de adjudicar el premio, fue la Academia de Ciencias del Instituto de Francia.

Muchos años pasaron sin que el descubrimiento pudiera realizarse, porque éste exigía el conocimiento previo de la causa de la enfermedad.

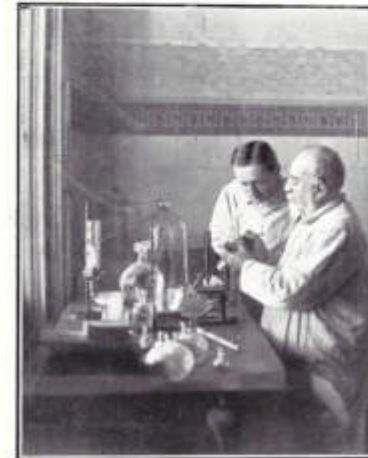
Esta causa la vino a hallar el célebre Koch, en el "bacilo vírgula" que descubrió en Egipto, treinta y cuatro años después de la muerte de Bréant. La bacteriología hizo desde entonces rápidos progresos. Pero el médico español D. Jaime Ferrán, digno continuador de estos estudios, fue, como ha dicho recientemente el Dr. Amelio Jiménez, "el primero... bastante osado para ensayar una vacuna microbiana en la especie



DR. D. JAIME FERRÁN
Ilustre bacteriólogo a quien se ha otorgado el premio Bréant

humana y bastante afortunado para conseguir la profilaxis eficaz contra el cólera morbo." En 1905, presentó su comunicación a la Academia de París solicitando el premio Bréant. La docta corporación la pudo leer en realidad, pero al fin, después de más de veinte años de falta de la vacuna de Ferrán, adoptada por las grandes eminencias de diversos países, entre ellos por el gran bacteriólogo Haffkine, en la India, ha hecho justicia al ilustre médico español, concediéndole una parte del premio Bréant, que hasta ahora había sido negado a multitud de médicos que se habían creído con derecho a él.

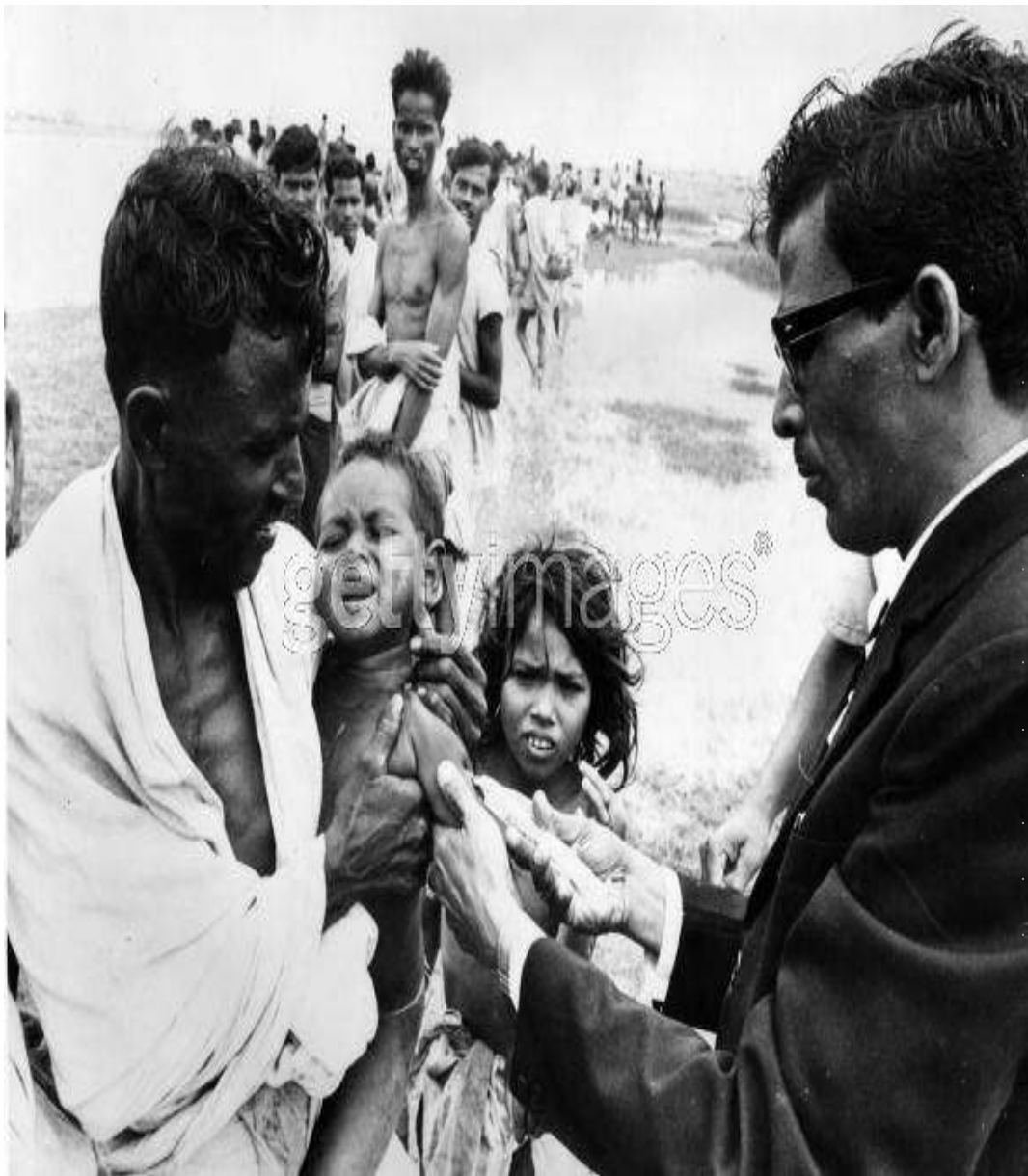
Esta merced recompensa, que viene a establecer a uno de nuestros sabios, prueba que van adquiriendo relieve en el extranjero nuestras obras de la inteligencia. Un día es Ramón y Cajal el aplaudido y premiado; otro, es Echegaray el que alcanza parte del premio Nobel; ahora es Ferrán el que obtiene el honor de haber sido recompensado su labor de hace años al inventar su procedimiento de vacunación anticolérica.



El Dr. Ferrán en su laboratorio



El Dr. Ferrán inyectando el suero contra la rabia



11th November 1971: A doctor administering a cholera vaccination to a child at the Indian village of Tarapada, after a cyclone caused havoc in the region. (Photo by Central Press/Getty Images)

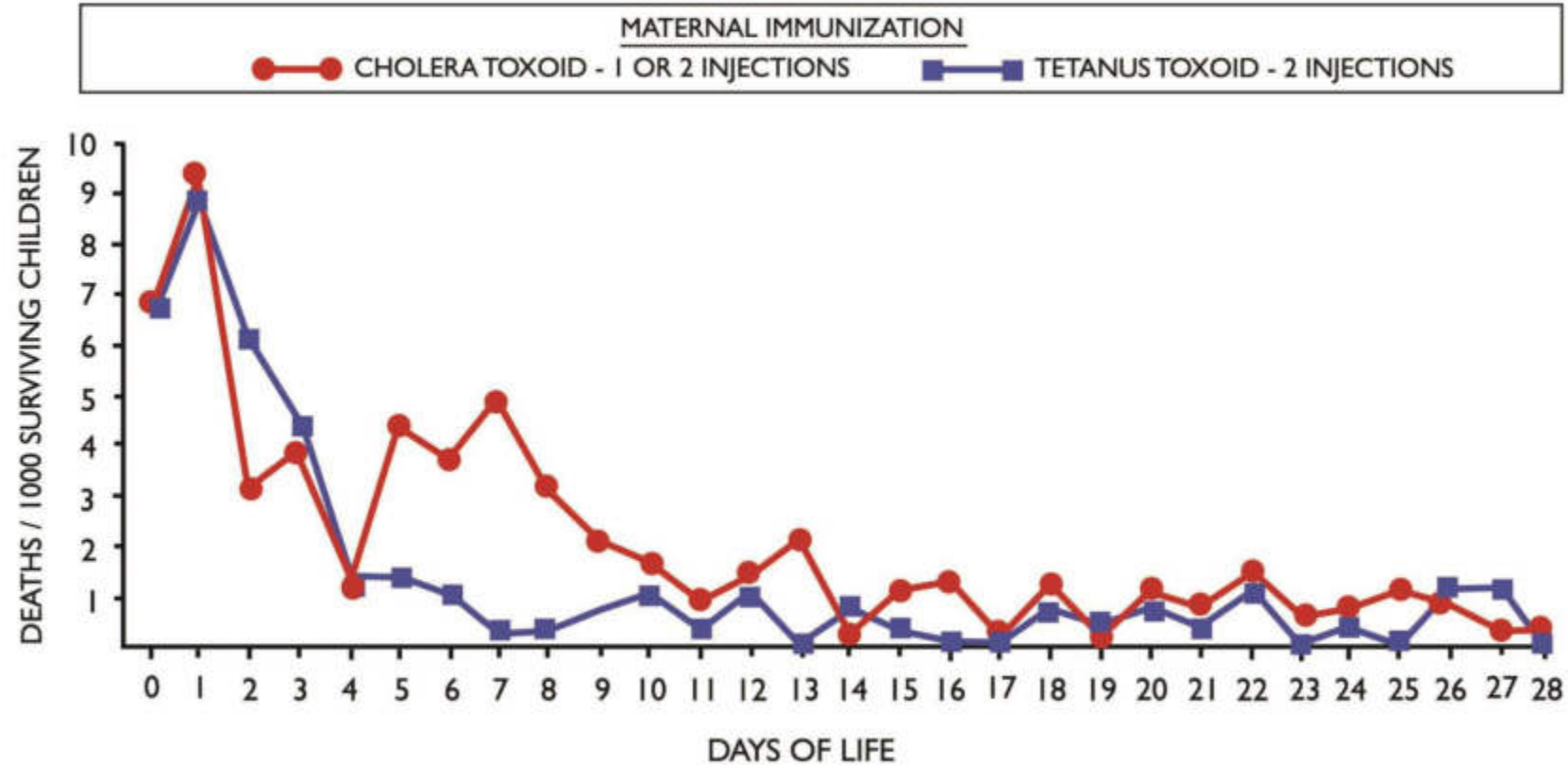
Cholera prevention by vaccination was carried out routinely as well as to control epidemics until the early 1970's

Concept of mass cholera vaccination is not new in our countries

Serendipity at play...

...the “Placebo” effect

NEONATAL DEATH RATES BY AGE OF DEATH FOLLOWING MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION WITH ONE OR TWO DOSES OF CHOLERA OR TWO DOSES OF TETANUS / DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS



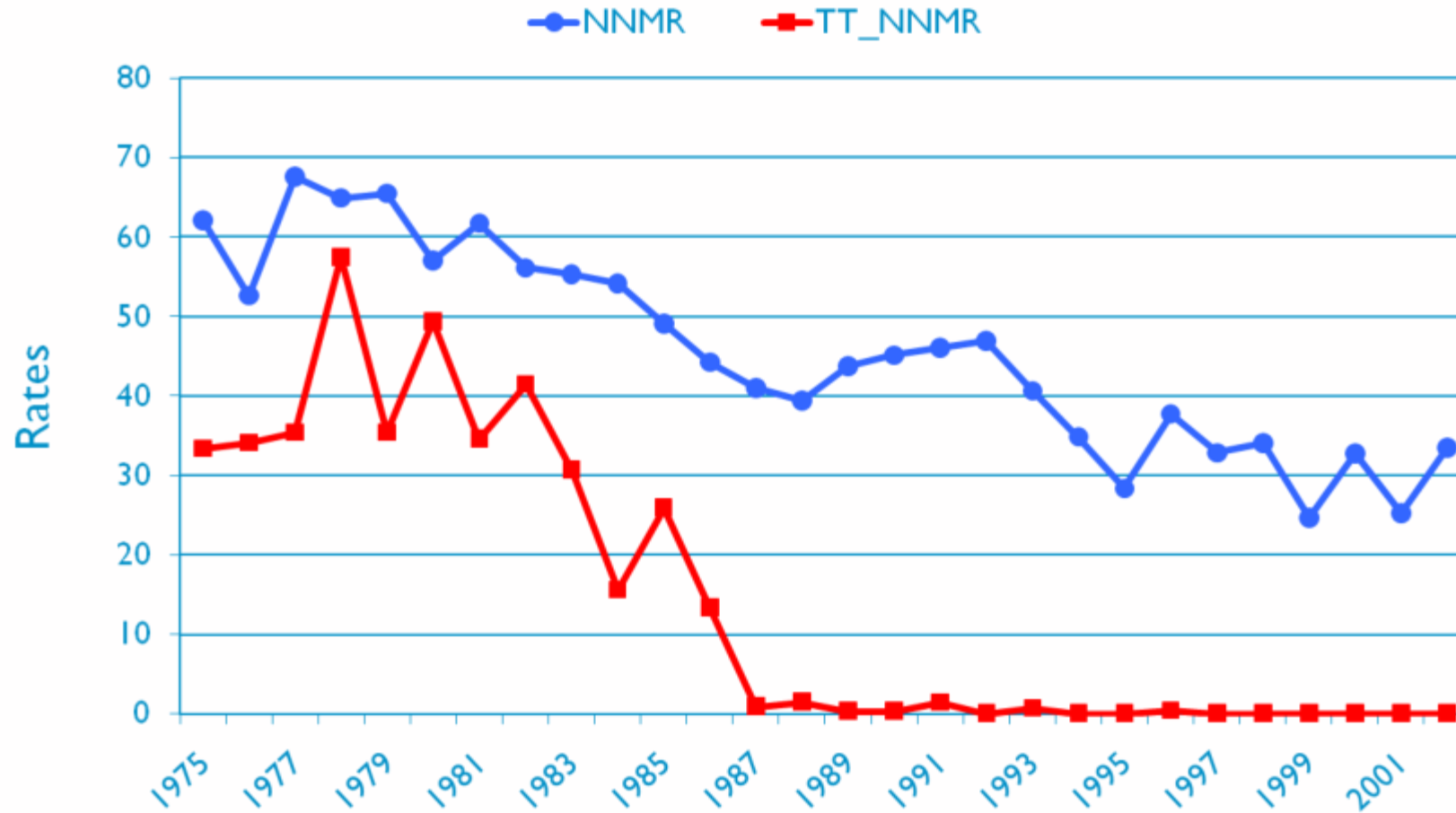
**Reduction of neonatal tetanus by mass
immunization of non-pregnant women: duration
of protection provided by one or two doses of
aluminium-adsorbed tetanus toxoid***

R.E. Black, D.H. Huber, & G.T. Curlin

Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 58(6) 927-930 (1980)

*From the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Dacca, Bangladesh.

Neonatal mortality rate due to all causes and tetanus in ICDDR,B service area, 1975-2002



**Duration of Protective Immunity
Conferred by Maternal Tetanus Toxoid
Immunization: Further Evidence from
Matlab, Bangladesh**

Michael A. Koenig, PhD, Nikhil chandra Roy, MA, Thomas McElrath, PhD,
Md. Shahidullah, PhD, and Bogdan Wojtyniak, ScD

Am J Public Health. 1998; 88:903-907

From injected vaccine to oral

- **Injected killed whole-cell cholera vaccines** had been in wide-spread use for more than 70 years
 - modest efficacy ~50%, short duration of protection (~3–6 months), high reactogenicity
 - WHO discontinued the recommendation for use in the 1970s
 - Swedish Bacteriological Laboratory (SBL)
 - Heat inactivated-classical O1 Inaba (Cairo 48)
 - Heat inactivated- classical O1 Ogawa (Cairo 50)
- **Inactivated Oral Cholera Vaccines**
 - **Whole Cell (WC)**
 - Heat inactivated-classical O1 Inaba (Cairo 48)
 - Heat inactivated- classical O1 Ogawa (Cairo 50)
 - Formalin inactivated classical Ogawa (Cairo 50)
 - Formalin inactivated El Tor Inaba (Phil 6973)
 - **WC + rCholera Toxin B (WC + rCTB)**

**The oral cholera cold chain team for the Phase III trial in Matlab,
1985 with John Clemens* and Mr Bodrul Ahsan Prodhan**
from ICDDR,B**



From injected vaccine to oral

Inactivated OCV

Field Trial Bangladesh 1985

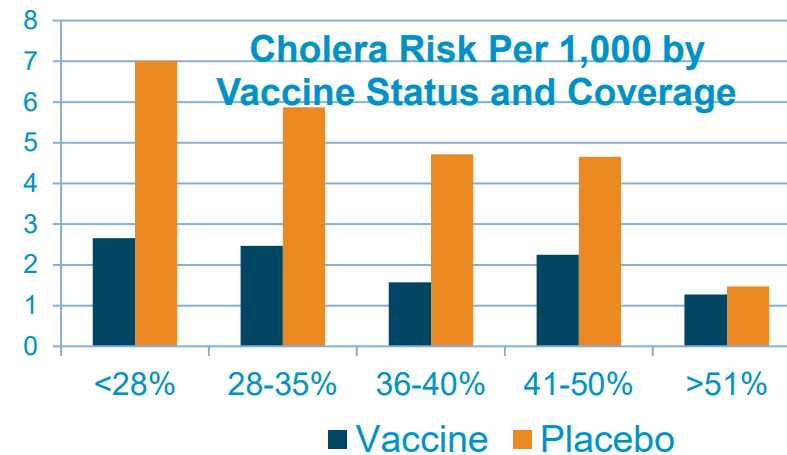
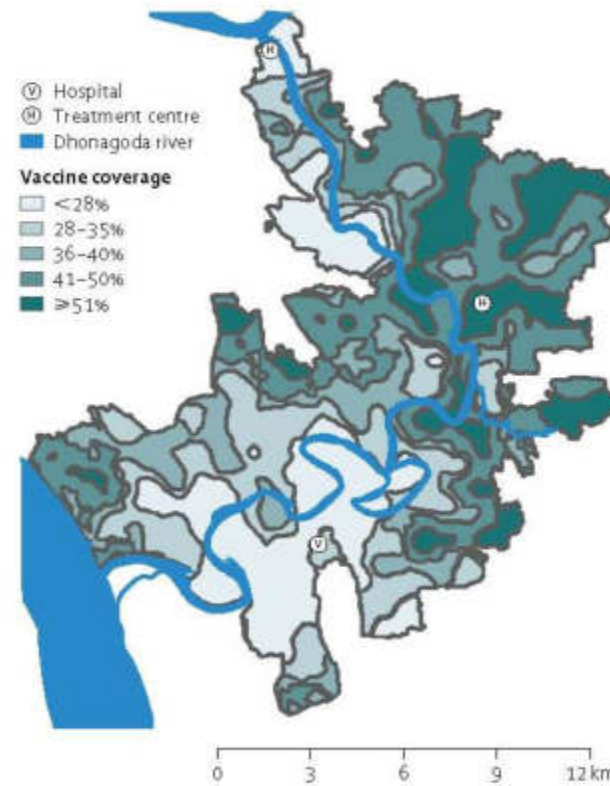
- Phase 3 placebo-controlled RCT comparing WC + rCTB, WC and Escherichia coli K12 placebo
- Safe with moderate efficacy

	<u>VE 6 months</u>	<u>VE 3 years</u>
• WC + rCTB	85% (all ages)	50% (lower VE in children under 5y)
• WC	58%	52% (lower VE in children under 5y)

Herd Immunity conferred by killed Cholera Vaccine

- A Matlab trial of killed oral cholera vaccines showed moderate levels of direct protection.
- Reanalysis of cholera incidence rates after cholera vaccination showed significant herd immunity conferred by the vaccine, depending on the coverage rates at *bari* (household compound) level.

Ali, M. et al., Lancet, 2005



Inactivated Oral Cholera Vaccines

WC + rCTB

(Valneva)



OraVacs –Enteric coated capsule
(China and Philippines)
(Shanghai United Cell
Biotechnology, China)

Heat inactivated Inaba (Cairo 48)
Heat inactivated Ogawa (Cairo 50)
Formalin inactivated (Cairo 50)
Formalin inactivated El Tor Inaba (Phil 6973)

mORC-Vax™ (VaBiotech, VietNam)
Cholvax (Incepta, Bangladesh)

WC
+ O139

Shanchol (Shantha, India)
Euvichol-Plus (EuBiologics, Korea)



- WHO Prequalified
- Complex to deliver and administer
- Expensive
- Successful travelers' vaccine
- Short term protection against ETEC

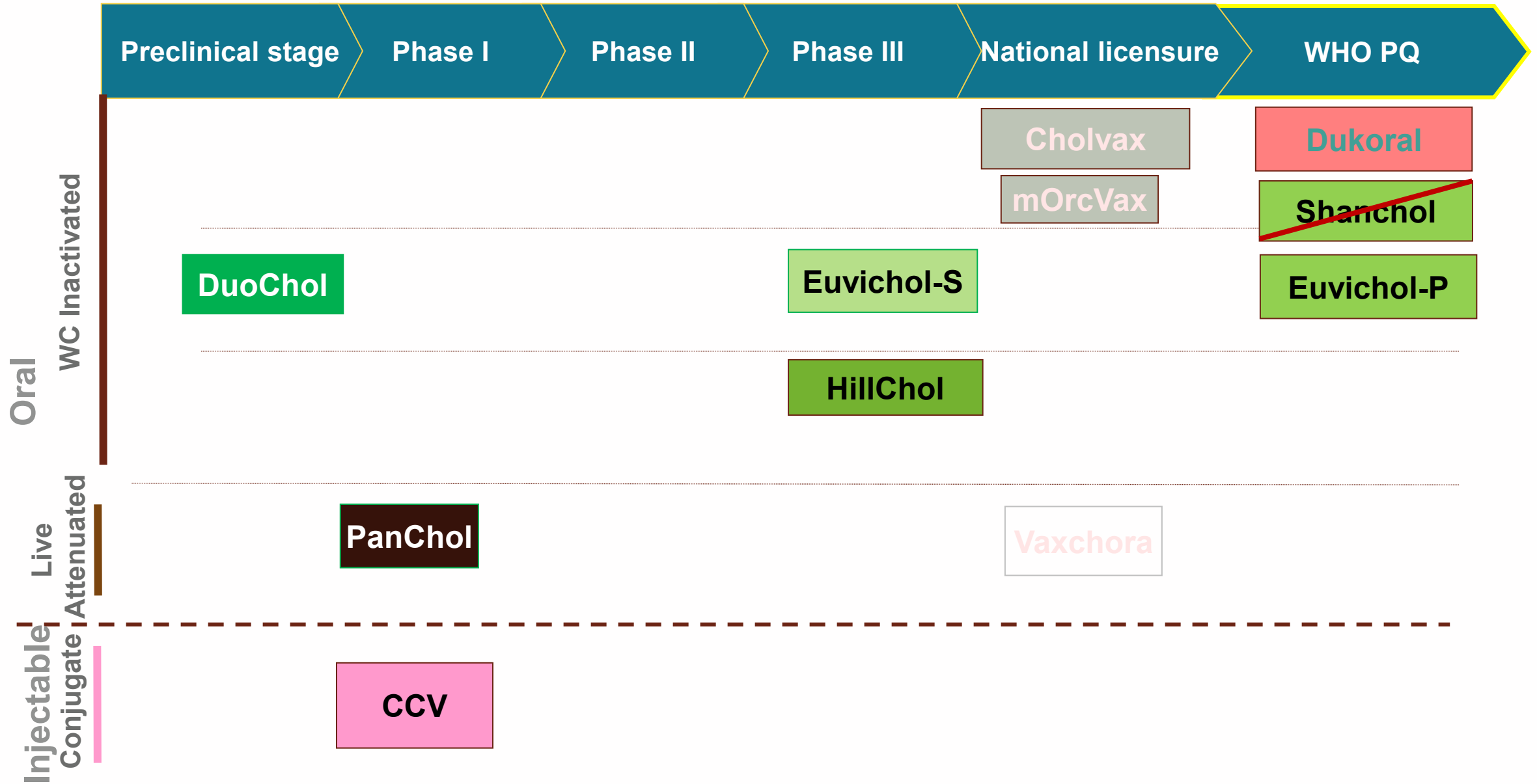
- WHO Prequalified
- Simple to deliver and administer
- <\$2/dose
- **Stockpiled OCV**

New Products in the Pipeline



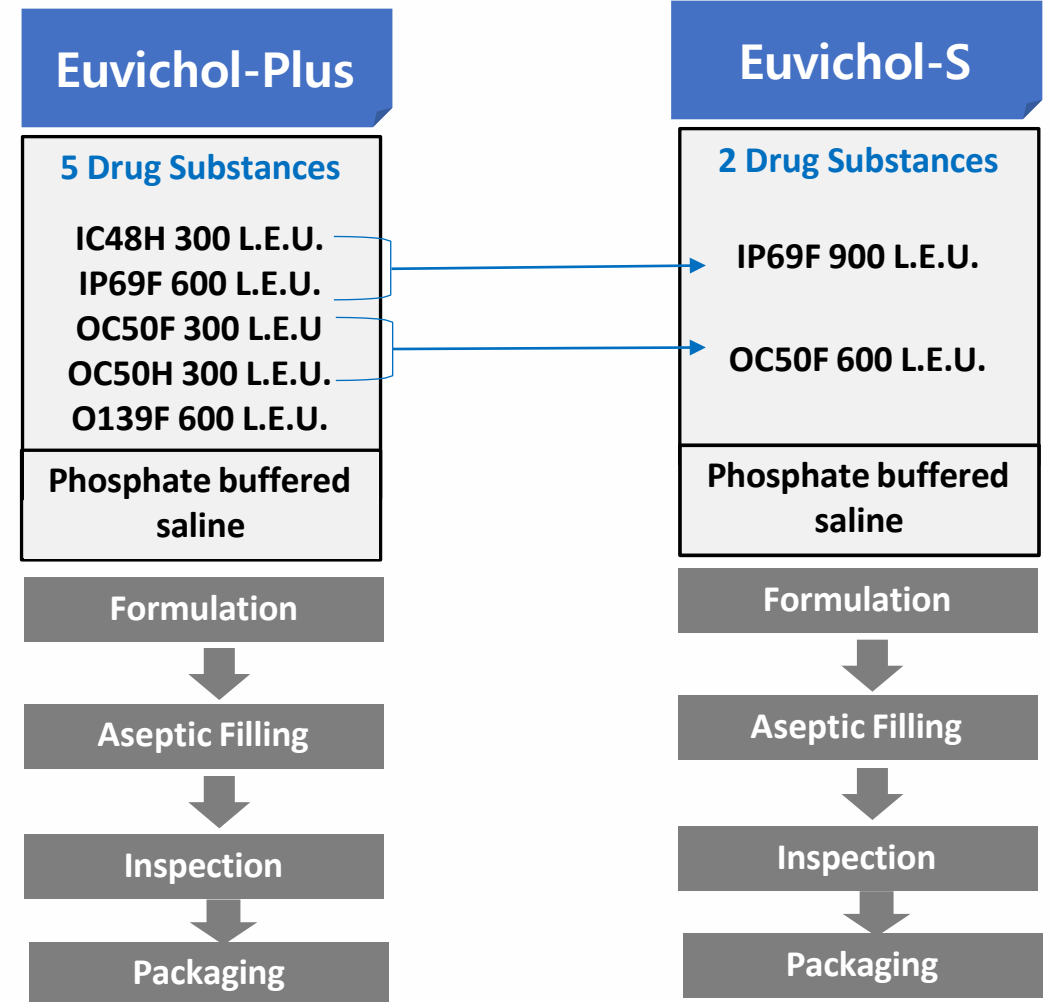
International
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Institute

Landscape : Cholera Vaccines Pipeline



OCV_Euvichol-S

- Supply is expected to increase by 38% by switching from Euvichol-Plus to Euvichol-S.
- Pricing reduction is expected.
- We expect to submit our dossier to KMFDS in March 2023, anticipating an approval by year-end.
- PQ timeline will be subject to the feasibility of expedited review by PQ team.
- Expect to achieve the Controlled Temperature Chain (CTC) with Euvichol-S.



Reformulation of OCV

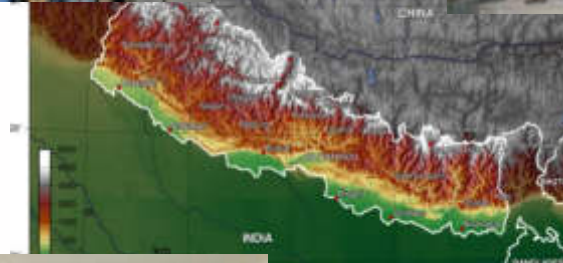
Lower cost
Increased supply

- A Phase III, Multicenter, Observer-Blinded, Randomized, Active Controlled Trial to Evaluate Immune Non-Inferiority, Safety and Lot-to-Lot Consistency of Euvichol-Simplified (**Euvichol-S**) Compared to Shanchol in 1 to 40 years old Healthy Nepalese Participants
 - To demonstrate non-inferiority of Euvichol-S compared to Shanchol™ as measured by seroconversion rates of anti-*V. cholerae* O1 Inaba and anti-*V. cholerae* O1 Ogawa vibriocidal titer 2 weeks after second dose for all ages
 - 4 Sites in Nepal
 - N=2,530 subjects (age 1-40 y)
 - Enrollment began 4 October
- Results expected 1Q 2023
- Registration late 2023



Kanti Children's
Hospital, Kathmandu

Dhulikhel Hospital, Kavre



Nepalgunj Medical College



BPKIHS: Dharan

Funded by BMGF

Conducted by IVI in collaboration with EuBiologics

DuoChol

*Increased supply
term efficacy*

Improved short-

Improved thermostability

Reduced delivery cost

- Lyophilized mixture of formalin inactivated whole-cells of serotype O1 *V. cholerae* Inaba and Ogawa with cholera toxin B-subunit (rCTB) contained in an enterocoated capsule to be taken in two doses 2 to 6 weeks apart

➤ Dukoral in a capsule

Advantages

- 85% efficacy against cholera for 9 months in under 6y
- Protection against ETEC diarrhea for 6-9 months for all ages
- Cost similar to current OCV
- Thermostability demonstrated at 40 C for 6 months
- Weight/volume of product substantially reduced
 - Significantly lower product delivery costs
 - Significantly less waste

Disadvantage

- Children under 4y may not reliably swallow capsule
 - Will require dissolution in liquid

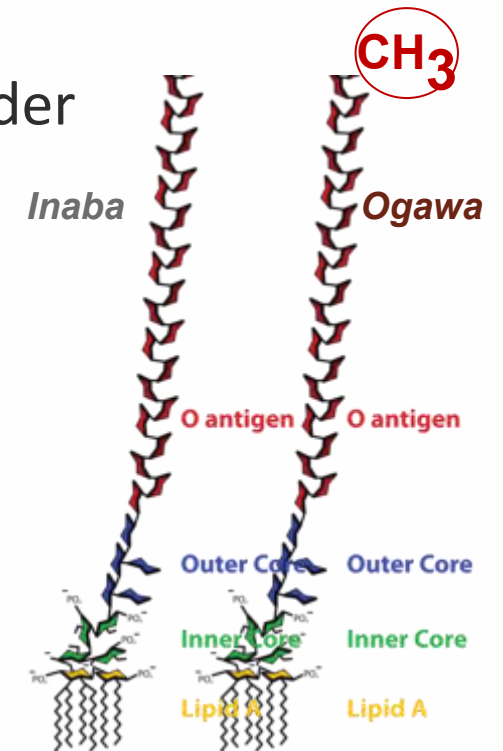


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Jan Holmgren, University of Gothenburg and IVI*

Comparison of Dukoral, DuoChol and Euvichol-P

		Dukoral		Duochol		Euvichol-P	
	Antigens	1.25 X 10 ¹¹ bacteria	Ratio		Ratio		Ratio
		O1 Inaba classical Cairo 48 [Heat]	1	O1 El Tor Inaba MS1955 (created from Phil6973 by deletion of its wbeT and ctxAB genes) [Formalin]	1	O1 Inaba classical Cairo 48 [Heat]	1.5
		O1 El Tor Inaba Phil 6973 [Formalin]	1			O1 El Tor Inaba Phil 6973 [Formalin]	
		O1 Ogawa classical Cairo 50 [Heat]	1	O1 El Tor Ogawa (created from MS1955 by reinsertion of wbeT) [Formalin]	1	O1 Ogawa classical Cairo 50 [Heat]	1
		O1 Ogawa classical Cairo 50 [Heat]	1			O1 Ogawa classical Cairo 50 [Formalin]	
						V. cholerae O139 4260B[Formalin]	
			1 mg rCholera Toxin B		1 mg rCholera Toxin B		
	Exicpient	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate 2.0 mg, disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate 9.4 mg, sodium chloride 26 mg, sodium hydrogen carbonate 3600 mg, sodium carbonate anhydrous 400 mg, saccharin sodium 30 mg, sodium citrate 6 mg.		sucrose		Sodium phosphate dibasic dihydrate 4.68 mg, Sodium phosphate monobasic dihydrate, 0.97 mg, Sodium chloride 12.75 mg	
	Indication	Protection against cholera and ETEC diarrhoea for adults and children from 2 years of age who will be visiting areas with an ongoing or anticipated epidemic or spending an extended period of time in areas in which cholera infection is a risk		Desired: Indicated for protection against cholera and ETEC diarrhoea for children 1 year or older		Prevention of Cholera caused by Vibrio cholerae	
Dosing	6 year and older	2 doses 1-6 week apart (booster recommended after 2 years)		2 doses at two or more week interval		2 doses at two week interval	
	2-5 years	3 doses 1-6 week apart (booster recommended after 6 months)		(Dissolved capsule) 2 doses at two or more week interval			
	> 1 year			(Dissolved capsule) 2 doses at two or more week interval			
Estimated efficacy against cholera diarrhea in first 6-9 month	All ages	85% (no difference by age strata)		Expected to match Dukoral		58% (no difference by age strata)	
Estimated efficacy against ETEC diarrhea over 3 months	All ages	67% against any and 86% protection against severe		Expected to match Dukoral		None	

- Hillchol® consists of formalin-inactivated *Vibrio cholerae* O1 El Tor Hikojima strain expressing approximately 50% each of Ogawa and Inaba O1 LPS antigens.
- Phase I/II, safety and immunogenicity study conducted in adults, older children, and younger children in Bangladesh.
 - HillChol™ was non-inferior to Shanchol™, in terms of seroconversion and Geometric Mean Titer for both the Ogawa and Inaba serotypes
- Phase 3 trial in 2022
- Possible national registration in 2023
- 15M doses/yr



Bharat Biotech and Hilleman Labs

PanChol LAV

Single Dose

Improved efficacy under 5y

- Live attenuated OCV candidate derived from a variant El Tor O1 Ogawa *V. Cholerae* clinical isolate from the 2010 Haiti outbreak
- Genetically altered for deletion of diarrheagenic factors and incorporation of safeguards against vaccine reversion
 - Bivalent expressing Ogawa and Inaba serotypes
 - Produces CtxB only
 - Non-motile/non-reactogenic
 - Incapable of genetic exchange
 - Active CRISPR-mediated resistance against toxigenic reversion
- Induces rapid protection kinetics in infant rabbits through a probiotic-like effect (inhibiting colonization of pathogenic cholera)
- Induces adaptive protective immune response in adult germ-free mice
- Phase 1 Trial to start in Oct 2022

Matthew Waldor, Harvard

Funded by Wellcome Trust

Sit B, Zhang T, Fakoya B, Akter A, Biswas R, Ryan ET, Waldor MK. Oral immunization with a probiotic cholera vaccine induces broad protective immunity against *Vibrio cholerae* colonization and disease in mice. PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2019 May 31;13(5):e0007417. doi: 10.1371/journal.pntd.0007417. PMID: 31150386; PMCID: PMC6561597.

Cholera Conjugate Vaccine

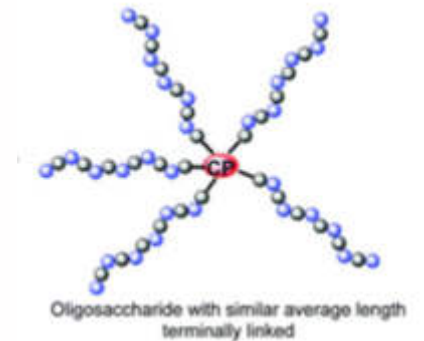
*Increased supply
efficacy*

Improved long-term

Reduced delivery cost

- Approximately half of the cholera cases and deaths are estimated to occur in children under five years
- Current OCV has reduced efficacy in children under 5 yrs; and a single dose has no efficacy
 - Not ideally suitable for delivery through EPI
- Conjugate vaccines elicit long lasting T-cell dependent immune responses in young children, often with a single dose
- An injected vaccine with a long duration of protection can be cost effectively incorporated into EPI, reducing the burden of repeated vaccination campaigns, and building population immunity from infancy up
- A COG analysis suggested a cost of 0.42 USD per dose

Single point sugar-carrier protein (CP) attachment
Can load various Sugar to Protein Carrier Ratios



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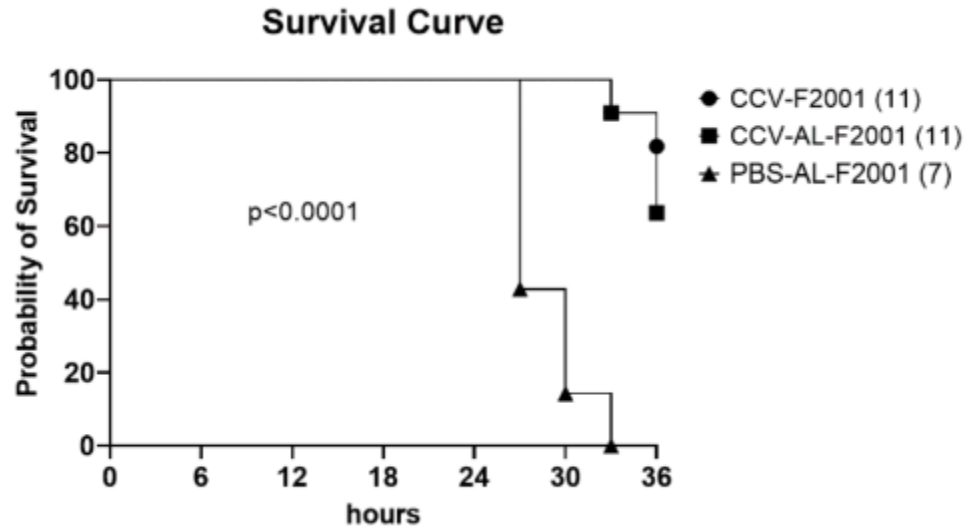
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- Pre-clinical development is complete including toxicology studies



immunogenic and protective in suckling
mice against virulent strain *V. cholerae*
O1 NI16961; ATCC 39315

- Phase 1 trial in preparation with Oct 2022 start

A Phase I, multicenter, observer-blinded, randomized, placebo-controlled, dose escalation trial to evaluate the safety and immunogenicity of the OSP:rTTHc cholera conjugate vaccine in 19 to 45 years old healthy Korean participants

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OCV_Current Unmet Needs

- **Shortage of oral cholera vaccine**
 - Global trend is moving towards more numerous, widespread and severe outbreaks due to floods, droughts, conflict, population movements etc.
 - Current supply is not sufficient to serve demand for reactive campaigns to outbreaks

Development of Euvichol-S and expansion ongoing

- **Lower efficacy for children under 5 years of age**
 - OCV are limited to induce high level durable protective immunity in young children

Cholera Conjugate Vaccine (injectable) under development in collaboration with IVI and Massachusetts General Hospital



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The exceptional decision reflects the grave state of the cholera vaccine stockpile

19 October 2022 | News release | New York / Geneva | Reading time: 2 min (546 words)

International Coordinating Group (ICG) on Vaccine Provision

- The International Coordinating Group (ICG) on Vaccine Provision was established in 1997 as a mechanism to manage and coordinate the provision of emergency vaccine supplies and antibiotics to countries during major outbreaks.
- Since 2013, the ICG for cholera vaccine manages the global stockpile of OCV which was created as an additional tool to help control cholera epidemics. Since its establishment until October 2022, almost 73 million doses of OCV were shipped to 23 countries for emergency response.

A **timely** response is **essential**...

OUTBREAK **confirmed**/
EPIDEMIC THRESHOLD **crossed**



Target: 7 days

ICG mechanism
(Request review, ICG
decision, Vaccine delivery)

Target: 10 days

VACCINE ARRIVAL
In the country



Target: 10 days

CAMPAIGN
implementation

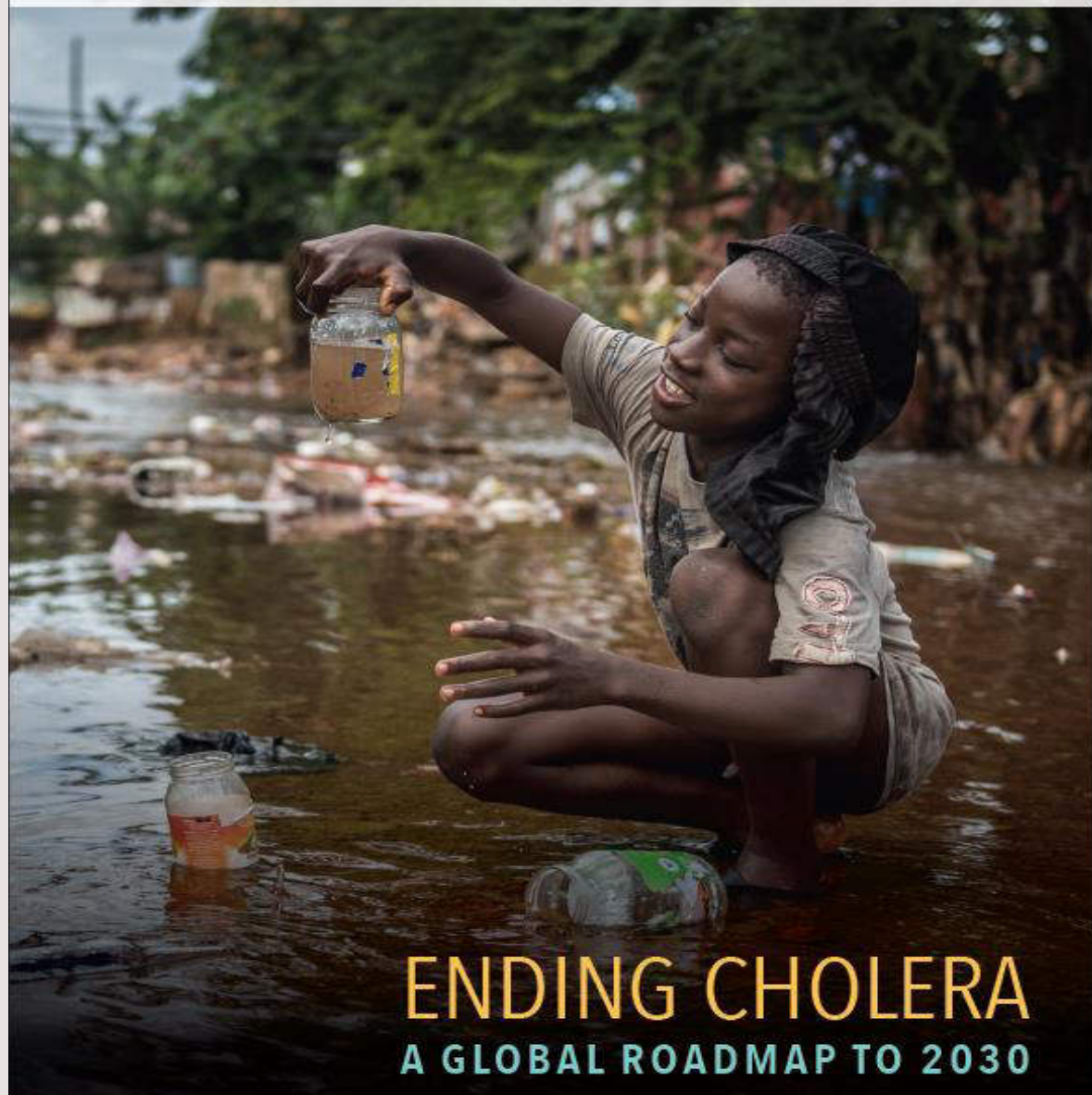


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Haiti	36 544	632	317	1.7	02/10/2022 – 16/03/2023
Bangladesh (Cox's Bazar)	19	0	-	0	01/01/2023 – 15/03/2023



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
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A GLOBAL ROADMAP TO 2030



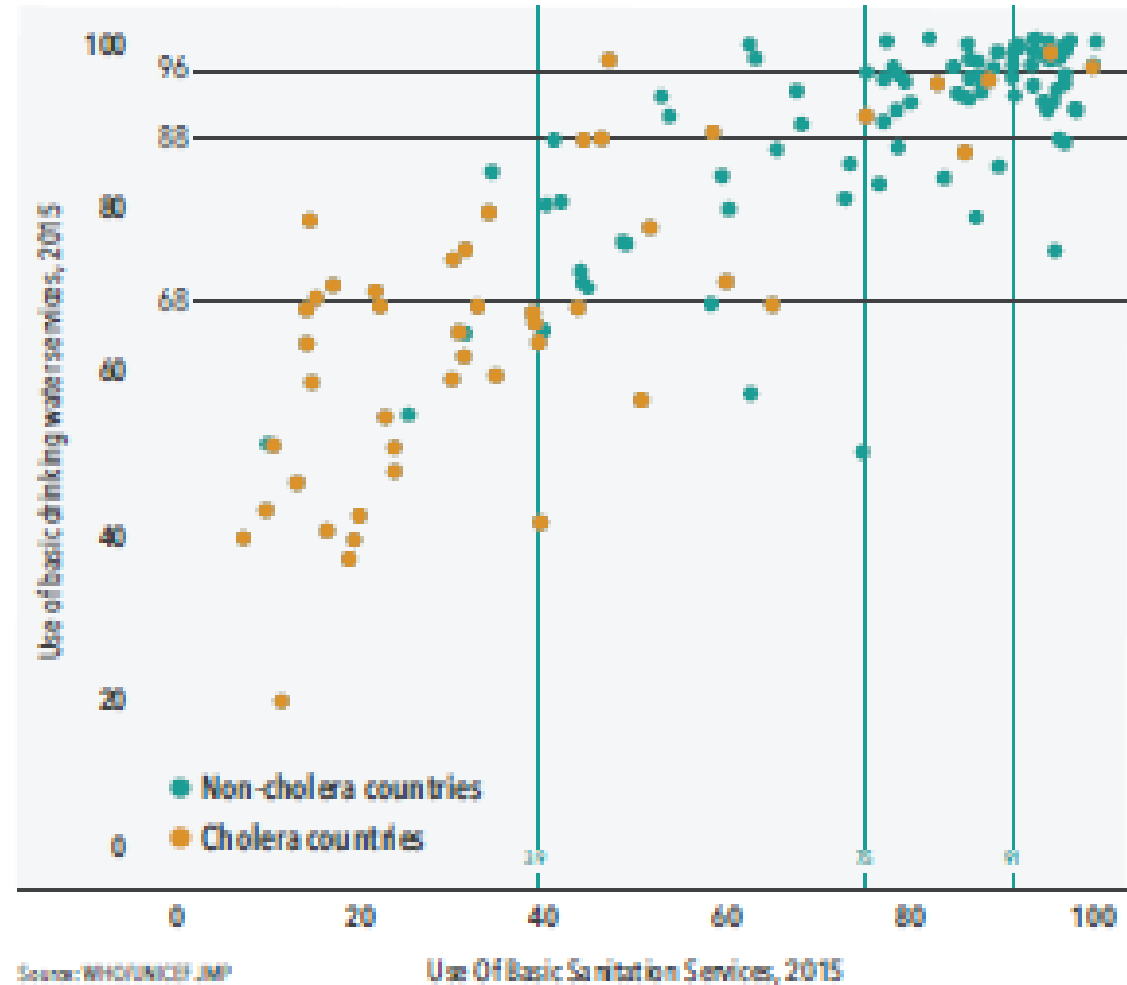
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- Early detection and quick response to contain outbreaks
- A targeted multi-sectoral approach to prevent cholera recurrence
- An effective mechanism of coordination for technical support, advocacy, resource mobilization, and partnership at local and global levels

Cholera “hotspots” are specific and relatively small areas where the cholera burden is most concentrated and that play a central role in the spread of cholera.

Figure 1: 138 low- and middle-income countries (World Bank definitions) with reported access to water and sanitation

Basic water and sanitation coverage among 138 low- and middle-income countries

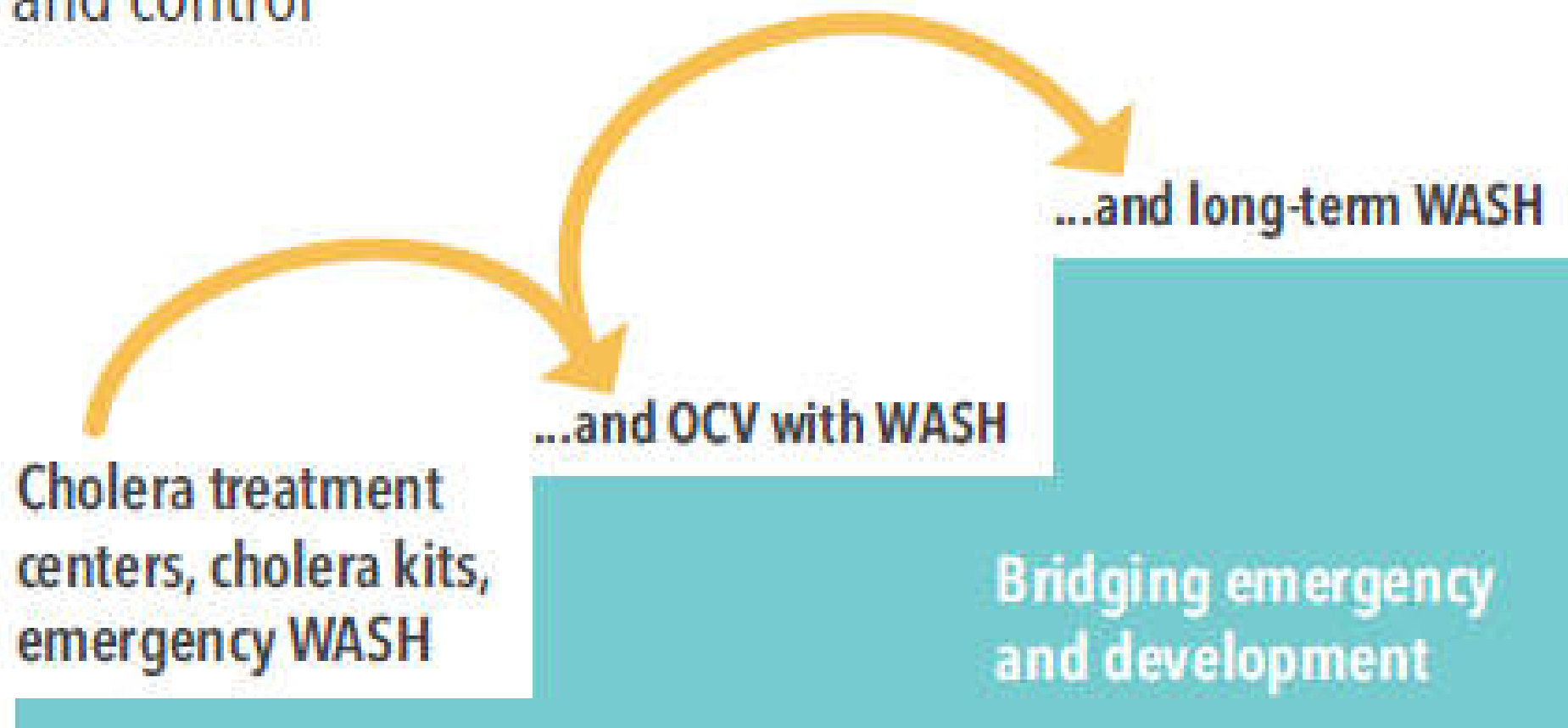


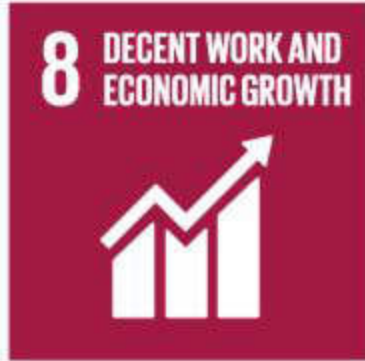
Basic WASH package

- Basic water supply: access to safe drinking water sources (either household connection, public standpipe, borehole, protected dug well, protected spring, or rainwater collection) within a 30-minute round-trip plus household or other disinfection¹²
- Basic sanitation: access to improved sanitation facilities (connection to a public sewer, connection to a septic system, pour-flush latrine, simple pit latrine, ventilated improved pit latrine)
- Basic hygiene: access to a hand-washing station with soap and water for every household
- Community engagement to manage WASH resources and to promote safe hygiene practice

Basic WASH package

Figure 2: From preparedness and response to prevention and control





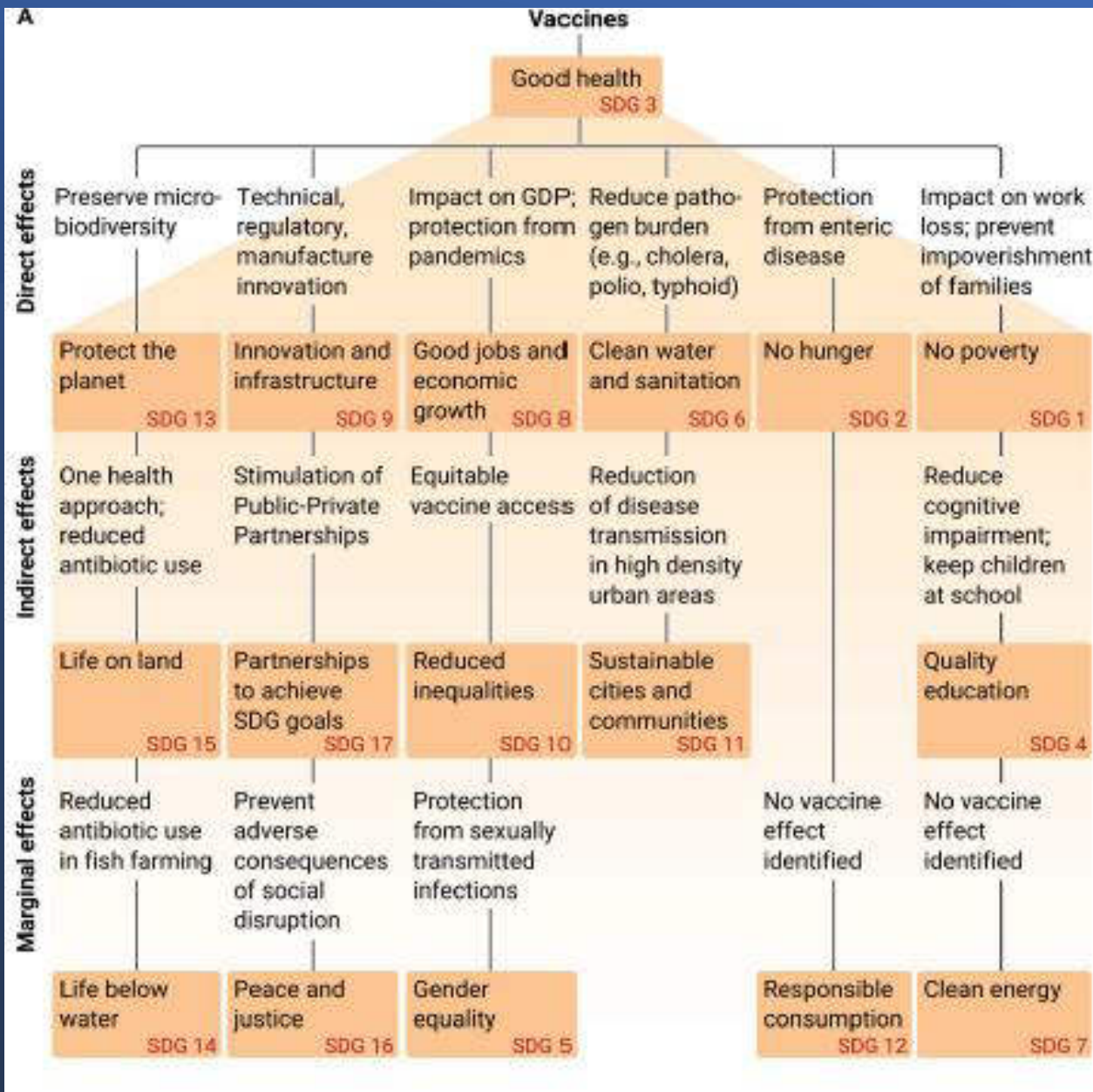
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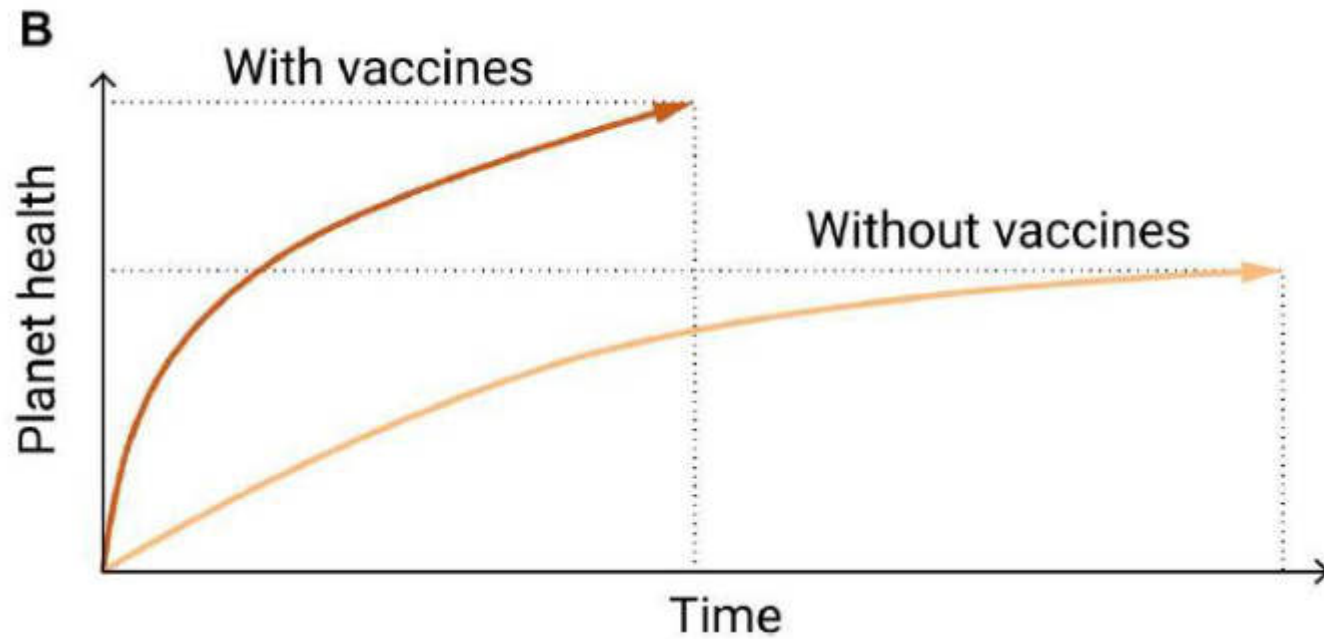
VACCINES

Vaccines for a sustainable planet

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- ➔ Earlier and greater accomplishment envisioned if vaccines are incorporated in the SDG agenda
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