

Barrriers in HPV vaccination & cervical screening programmes Antwerp, Belgium, 27-28 June 2016

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### Outline

- Mathematical models of HPV transmission
  - HPV transmission
  - HPV progression (not presented)
- Epidemiological modeling (projections & empirical)
  - Impact of catch-up in High-income countries
  - Impact of catch-up in Middle/Low-income countries
- Effect of Herd Immunity
  - HPV prevalence heterogeneity across populations

- HPV prevalence heterogeneity within populations

# HPV transmission model



### Catch-up in Sweden: faster & resilient



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# Evidence of Early Impact: Catch-up



orld Health

- Chlamydia screening in Sweden
  - Genital swabs or urine samples; PCR with genotyping.
  - Most samples were from women 18 to 23 years of age.
  - Vaccination coverage available for each birth cohort.
  - HPV6/11/16/18 prevalence decline, only among women below 23 years of (high vaccination coverage)



# Monitoring HPV vaccination in Rwanda



#### • Surveys.

<u>*Cytology*</u>: general population, n. 2,508, aged 18– 69, 20% HIV positive.

<u>Urine</u>: school-based, n. 912, aged 17-22

Rwanda, 2011 (Gardasil; MoH MSD)

Cumulative human papillomavirus vaccination coverage, by vaccination round

#### Prevalence

- Any HPV =34%
- HR-HPV =22%
- HPV16/18 =7 %

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### Urine survey: effect of vaccination

#### Choice of test for HPV prevalence monitoring from urine sensitivity versus specificity

Vaccinated	N	HPV6/11/16/18-pos	Adjusted <sup>1</sup> PR (95% CI)
Bhutan			
GP5+/6+	973		
No	77	2 (2.6)	1
Yes	896	6 (0.7)	0.32 (0.06-1.64)
E7-MPG (IARC)	973		
No	77	1 (1.3)	1
Yes	896	11 (1.2)	0.86 (0.11-6.77)
Rwanda			
GP5+/6+	912		
No	519	21 (4.1)	1
Yes	393	2 (0.5)	0.12 (0.03-0.51)
E7-MPG (IARC)	912		
No	519	33 (6.4)	1
Yes	393	11 (2.8)	0.45 (0.23-0.90)



<sup>1</sup>Adjusted for age and sexual behavior

#### **HPV Prevalence\* heterogeneity**

#### Mostly attributable to different sexual activity patterns (i.e. ≠ incidence)





### # HPV prevalence across populations



- HPV control thresholds
  - Same vaccination coverage are likely to meet ≠ prevalence reduction targets according to the prevaccination prevalence.
  - Crucial difference with most vaccinepreventable infections, elimination threshold ( $p_c$ ) assumed as constant across populations.

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− HPV R<sub>0</sub> range ~1.8 to 5.0 \rightarrow P<sub>c</sub>= to 45% to 80%
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- Assuming same vaccination coverage & efficacy
  - ≠ HPV16 prevalence (i.e. 1% vs. 5%).
  - Women  $\leq$  35 years of age.
  - For any level of coverage impact of vaccination is larger in population 1% prevalence.
  - Same direct effect across populations, different herd immunity effect
  - Larger HI in populations with lower prev.



# # HPV prevalence within populations



- Implications to project the impact of HPV vaccination against types other than HPV16/18
  - HI estimated for HPV16 is a conservative estimate of the HI expected for other types
  - Impact of vaccination is proportional to the fraction of

International cancer attributable to each HPV



- HPV16 vs. HPV45
  - Share the transmission network
  - Prevalence determined by their ≠ biology (in particular Infection Duration)
  - − Infection duration is inversely related to  $R_0$ → directly related to  $P_c$



# Finnish effectiveness trial

Arm A communities (n.11): 90% of participating girls and boys were assigned receive HPV-16/18 vaccine

Arm B communities (n.11): 90% of girls were assigned to receive HPV-16/18 vaccine, boys were assigned to receive hepatitis B-virus (HBV) vaccine

Arm C communities (n.11): all were assigned to receive HBV-vaccine.

Notably, sample size calculations allowed for herd immunity effect and were obtained using an HPV transmission model

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Lehtinen M. et al, Vaccine 2015

# **HPV** vaccination in Finland





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### Conclusions – Future developments

- Catch-up
  - Accelerate direct protection against HPV (and consequently cervical cancer) among cohort of sexually active women at vaccination.
  - Accelerate indirect protection against HPV (and consequently cervical cancer) among unvaccinated and sexually active women.
  - Modeling and empirical results are consistent
- Herd immunity effect
  - Is not constant across populations and HPV types
  - Is directly dependent from HPV prevalence in absence of vaccination
  - Populations with different HPV prevalence need different coverage to reach the same HPV control threshold
  - In the same population vaccination coverage may generate ≠ HI vs. ≠ HPV types

– Finnish trial will provide empirical data to test the model-based findings

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