

# Virus respiratoires: de la botanique à l'impact clinique

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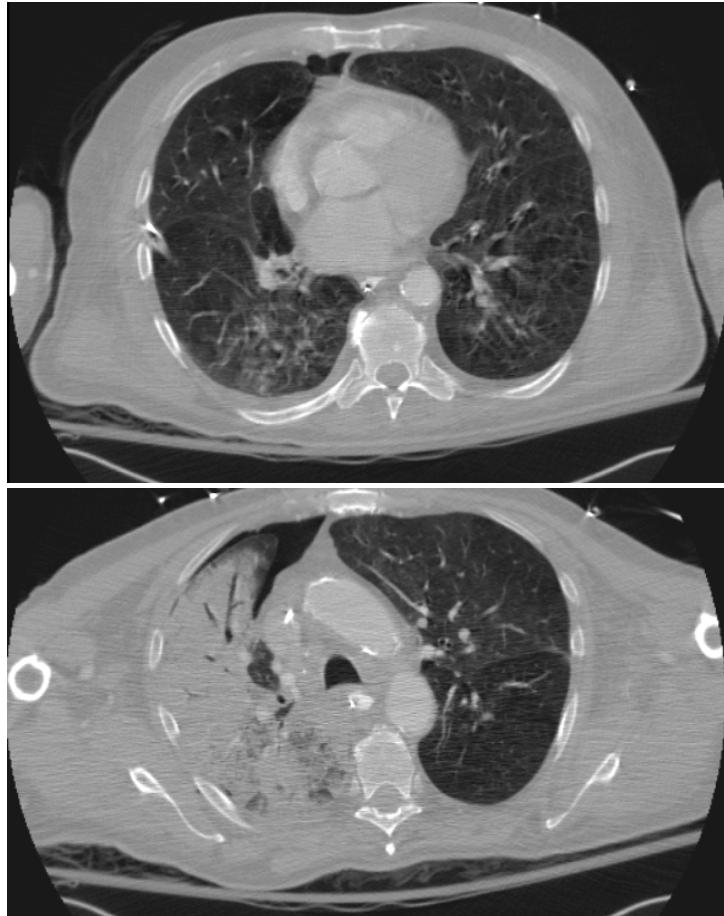


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## Homme 75 ans, LLC:

- Pneumonie avec hypoxémie sévère
- Admission aux SI
- Absence de réponse à une antibiothérapie large
- LBA 185 cell. M/I, 96% macrophages
- Investigations bactériologiques négatives



**PCR quantitative adénovirus :**

LBA du 14.02: **3,8E9 copies/ml**

Plasma du 17.02: **1,5E9 copies/ml**

Urine du 17.02: **3,5E9 copies/ml**

# Le clinicien: extraits

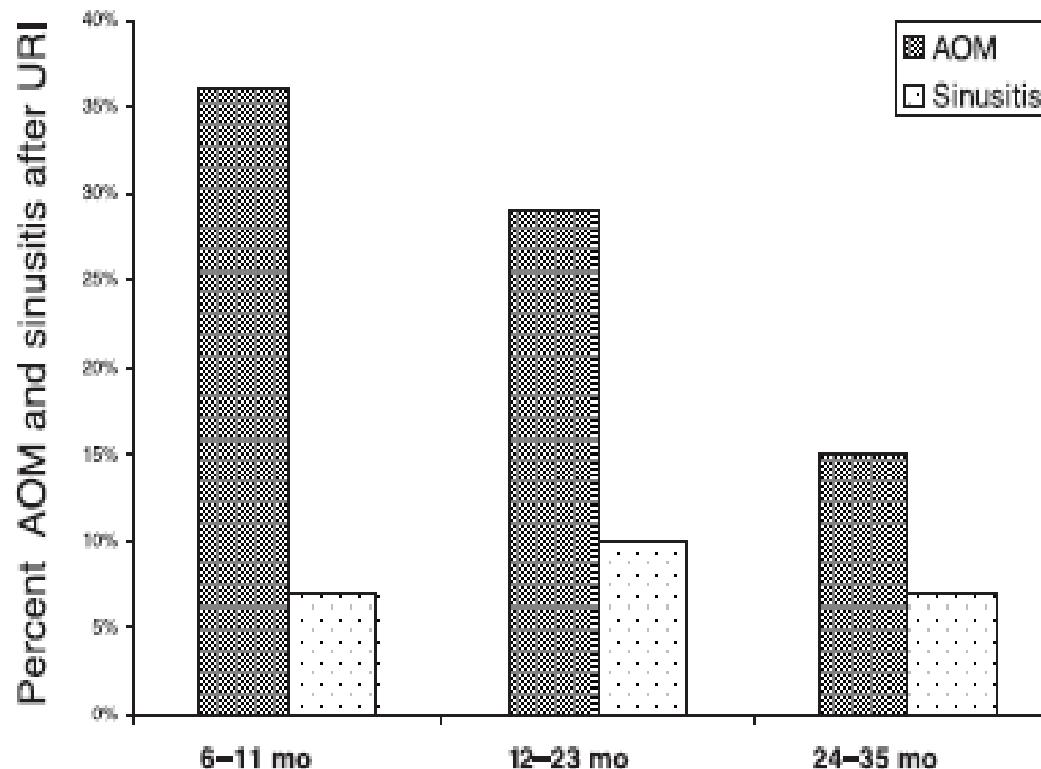
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- ◆ L'image radiologique exclu une pneumonie virale...
- ◆ Ce virus n'est pas la cause des symptômes
- ◆ PCR positive: c'est un contaminant, trop sensible, on en trouve partout, ce n'est pas spécifique...
- ◆ De toute façon « y a pas de traitement »
- ◆ ...

# Virus respiratoires

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  - Otites
  - Prescription antibiotiques
  - Infections bactériennes secondaires

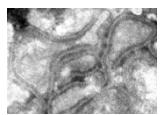
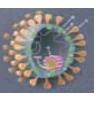
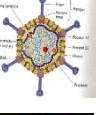
# AOM or sinusitis incidence after URTI in children



**Incidence of Acute Otitis Media and Sinusitis Complicating Upper Respiratory Tract Infection: The Effect of Age**  
Krystal Revai, Laura A. Dobbs, Sangeeta Nair, Janak A. Patel, James J. Grady and Tasnee Chonmaitree  
*Pediatrics* 2007;119:e1408-e1412  
DOI: 10.1542/peds.2006-2881

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- ◆ "1<sup>ère</sup>" cause d'exacerbations
  - Asthme
  - COPD

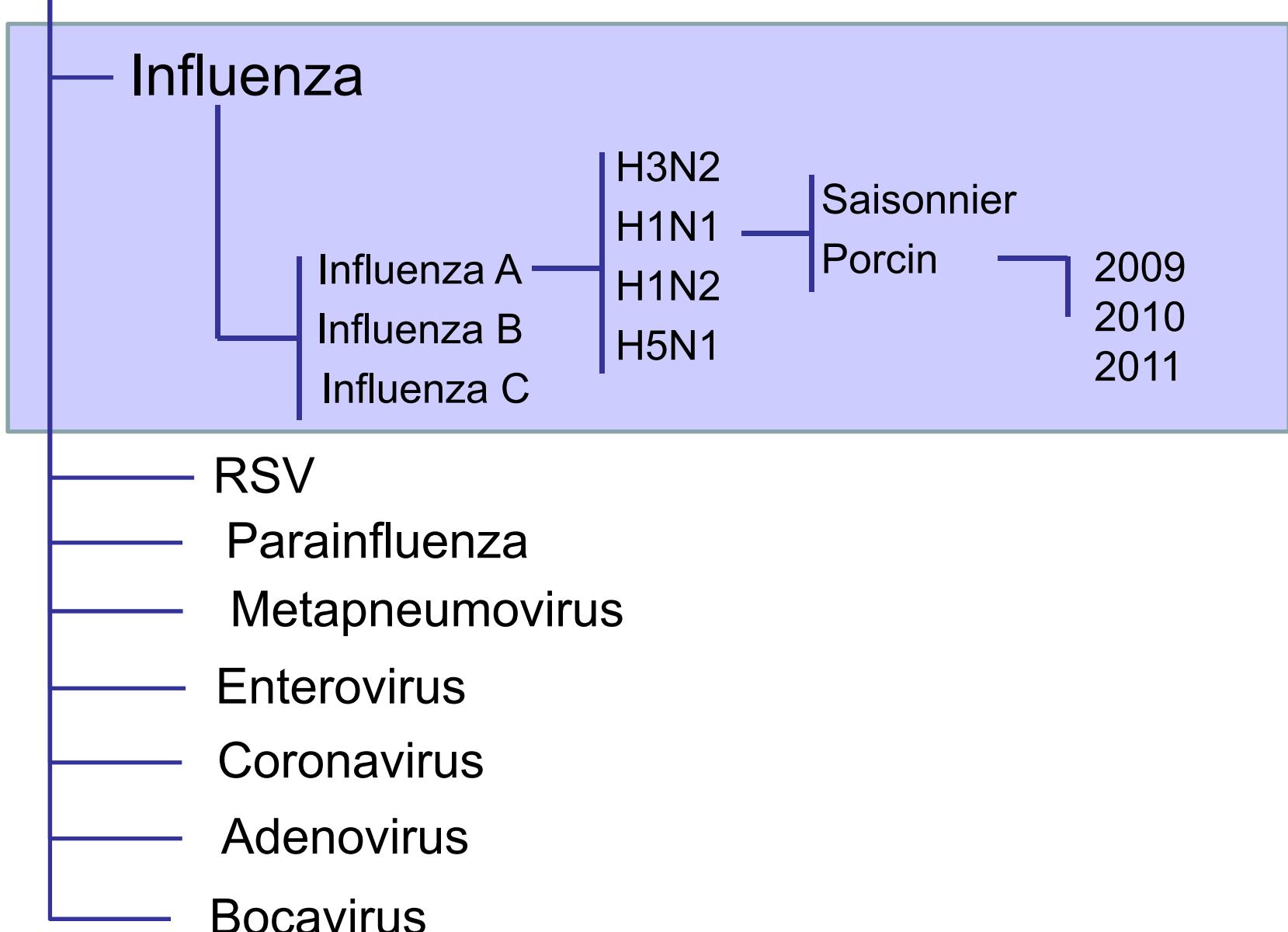
Virus	Structure	Genome	Subtypes	
	Rhinovirus	Capsid	+ RNA	>100
	Influenza	Env.	8 – RNA	A/B/C
	RSV	Env.	- RNA	A/B
	Parainfluenza	Env.	- RNA	4
	Hum. metapn.	Env.	+ RNA	2
	Coronavirus	Env.	- RNA	4
	Enterovirus	Capsid	+ RNA	>70
	Adenovirus	Capsid	DNA	>50
	Bocavirus	Capsid	DNA	?

# Immunité

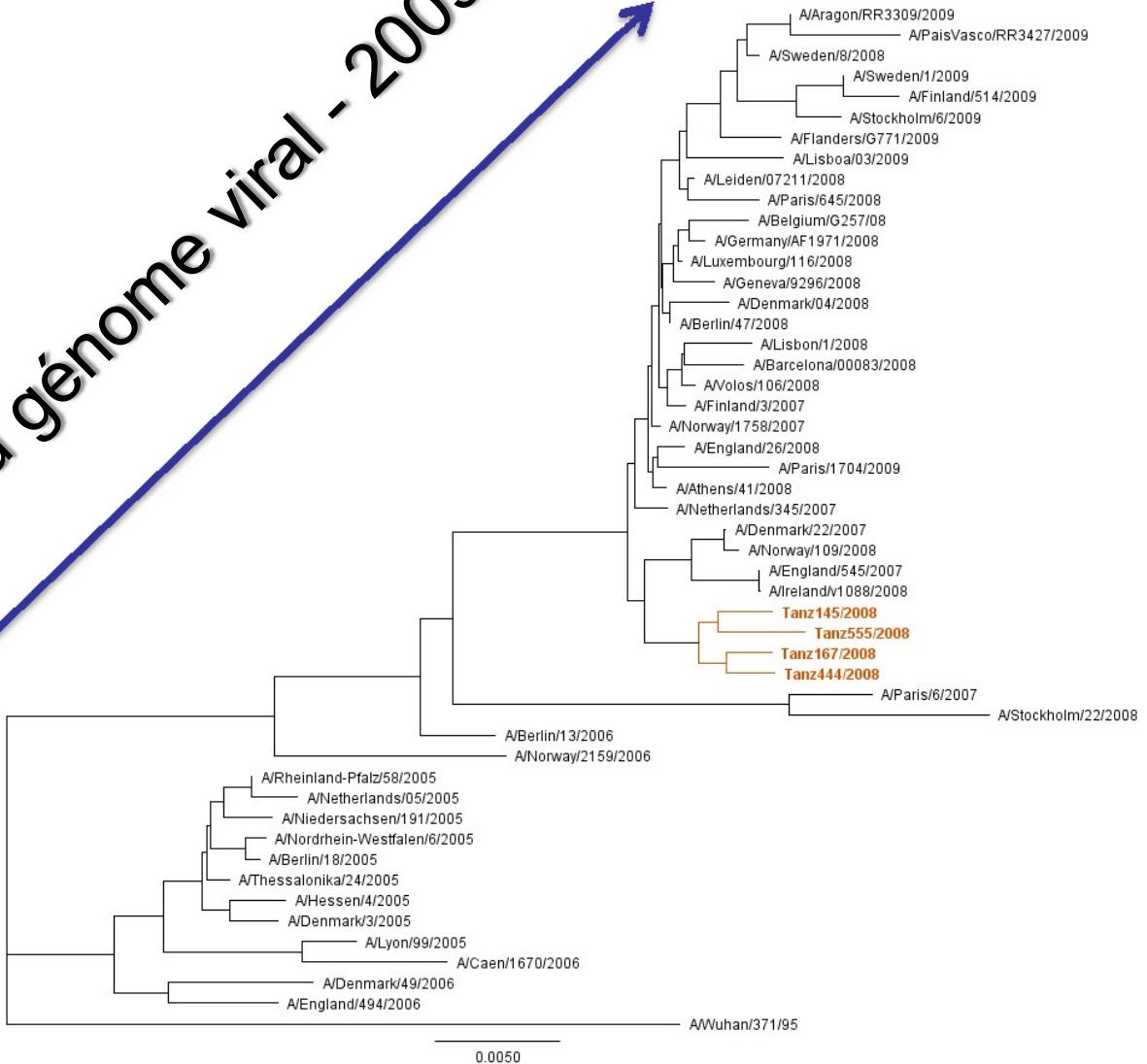
Protection immune limitée:

- Variabilité des sérotypes
- Réponse immune non protectrice
- Réponse immune de courte durée (?)
- Evolution des antigènes viraux (influenza)
- Réponse humorale vs. Cellulaire (?)
- Absence de vaccin « universel »
  - But: immunité muqueuse
- Réinfections fréquentes

# Virus respiratoires

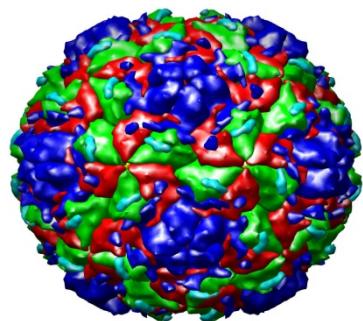


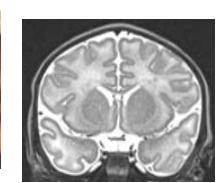
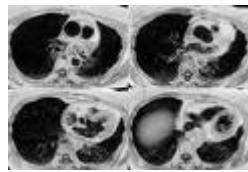
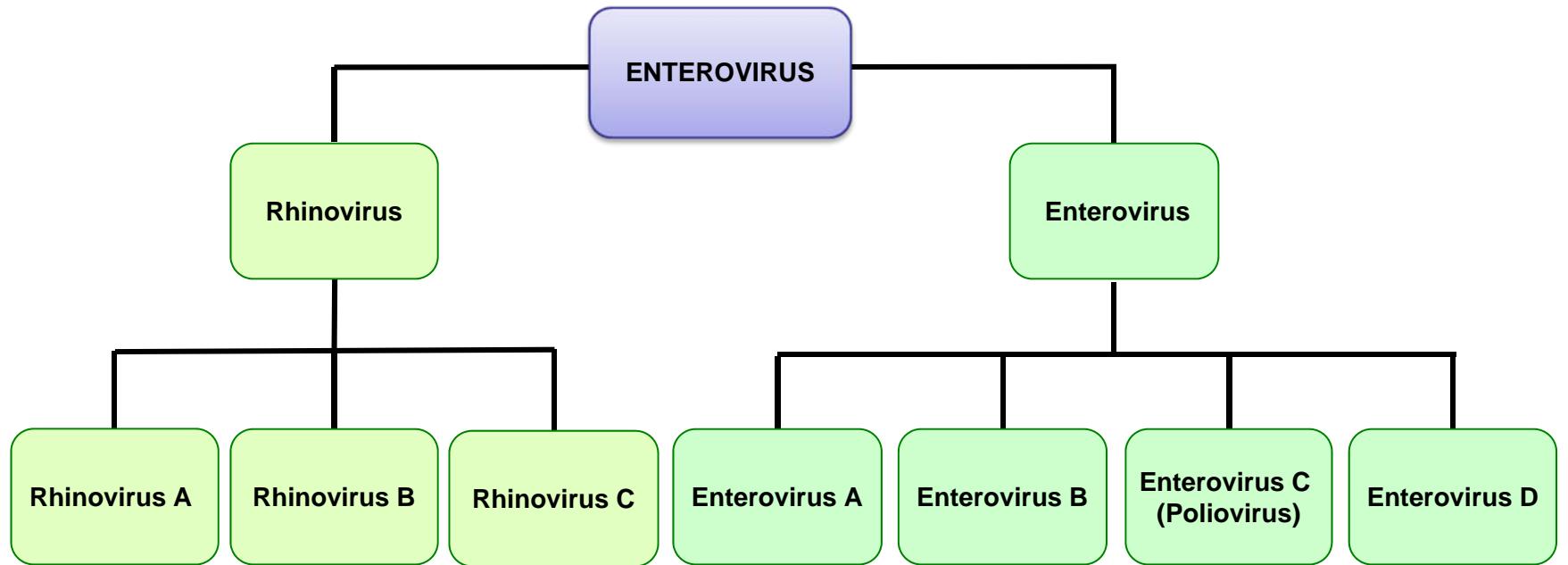
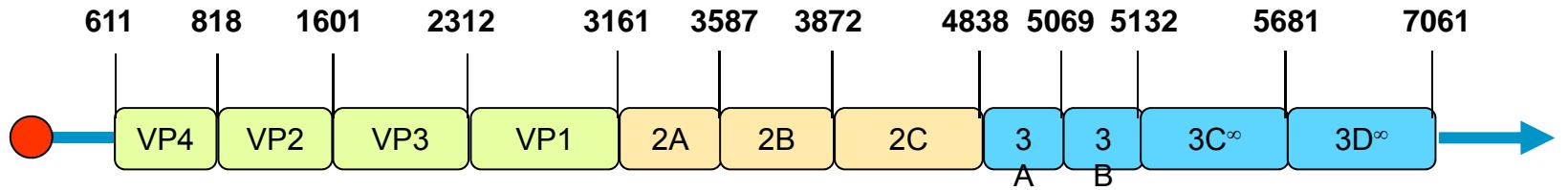
2005 - Evolution du génome viral - 2009



# Rhinovirus

« 1<sup>ère</sup> cause d'épisodes infectieux  
chez l'homme? »





# Diagnostic: bactéries vs. virus

- ◆ Bactéries:
  - Détection générique « facile »
  - « toutes » cultivables (conditions standards ou spécifiques)
  - Cible moléculaire commune (16sRNA), « PCR broad range » (sensibilité limitée)
  - Recherche d'antigènes
  - « Sérologies »

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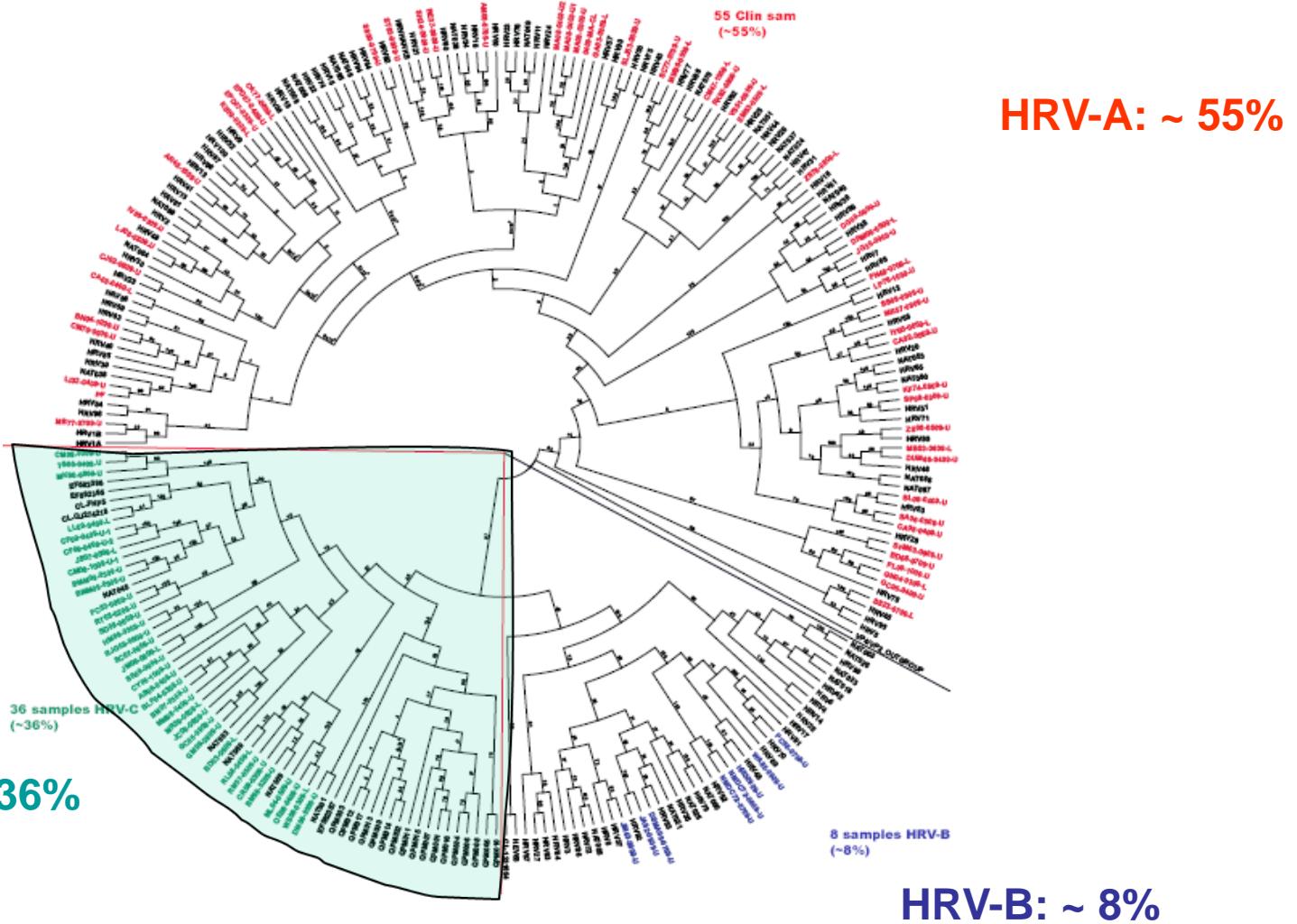
- Culture laborieuse, longue ou impossible
- Pas de cible moléculaire commune
- Virus ADN: différencier primo- vs réactivation (infection latente)
- Détection d'ARN viral:
  - en général signe une réplication active ou récente
  - « synonyme » d'infection (infection ≠ maladie)
- Epidémiologie saisonnière
- Recherche d'antigènes: RSV
- Sérologies: rarement applicables

# (RT)-PCR

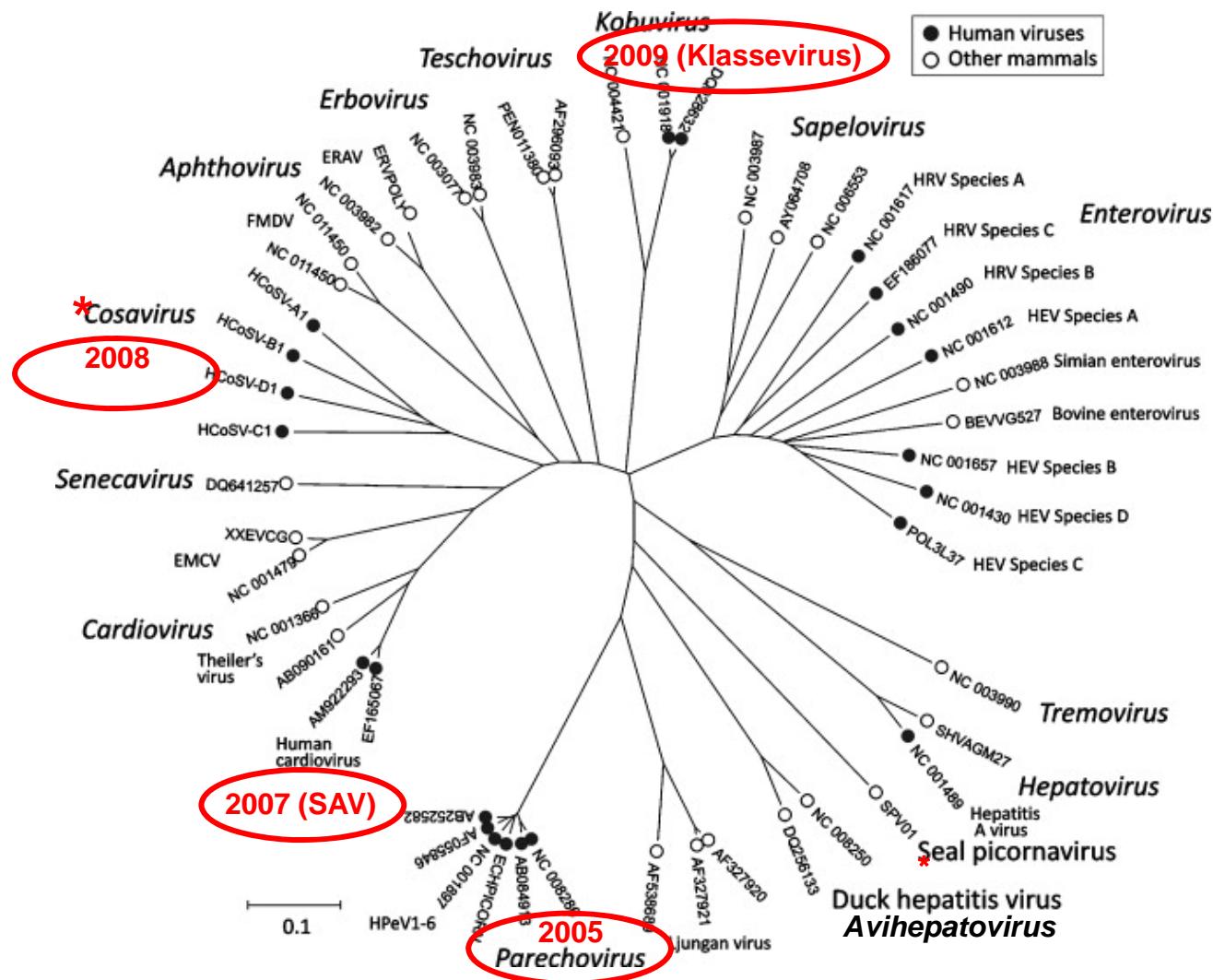
- ◆ Méthode de référence en virologie mais...
  - Cible spécifique prédéterminée sur la base de la connaissance des séquences disponibles
  - ...« on ne trouve que ce qu'on cherche »...
  - Nouveaux virus ou variants inconnus (?)
- Préserver à 4°C l'échantillon respiratoire (frottis nasopharyngé) dans un milieu spécifique

# *Genotyping of rhinovirus strains (n=99)*

## *University Hospital of Geneva 2009*

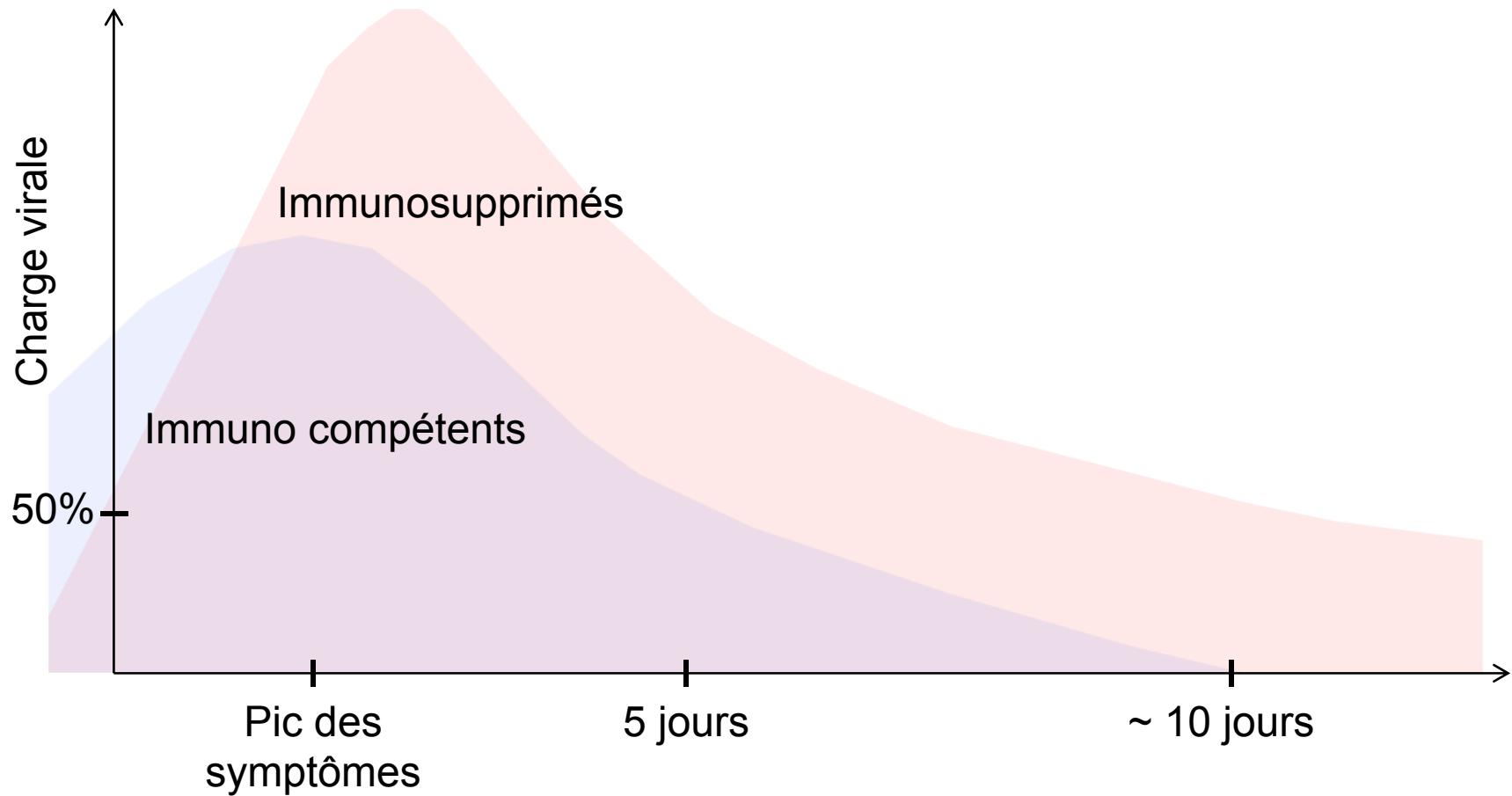


# *Picornaviridae: new members New diseases?*

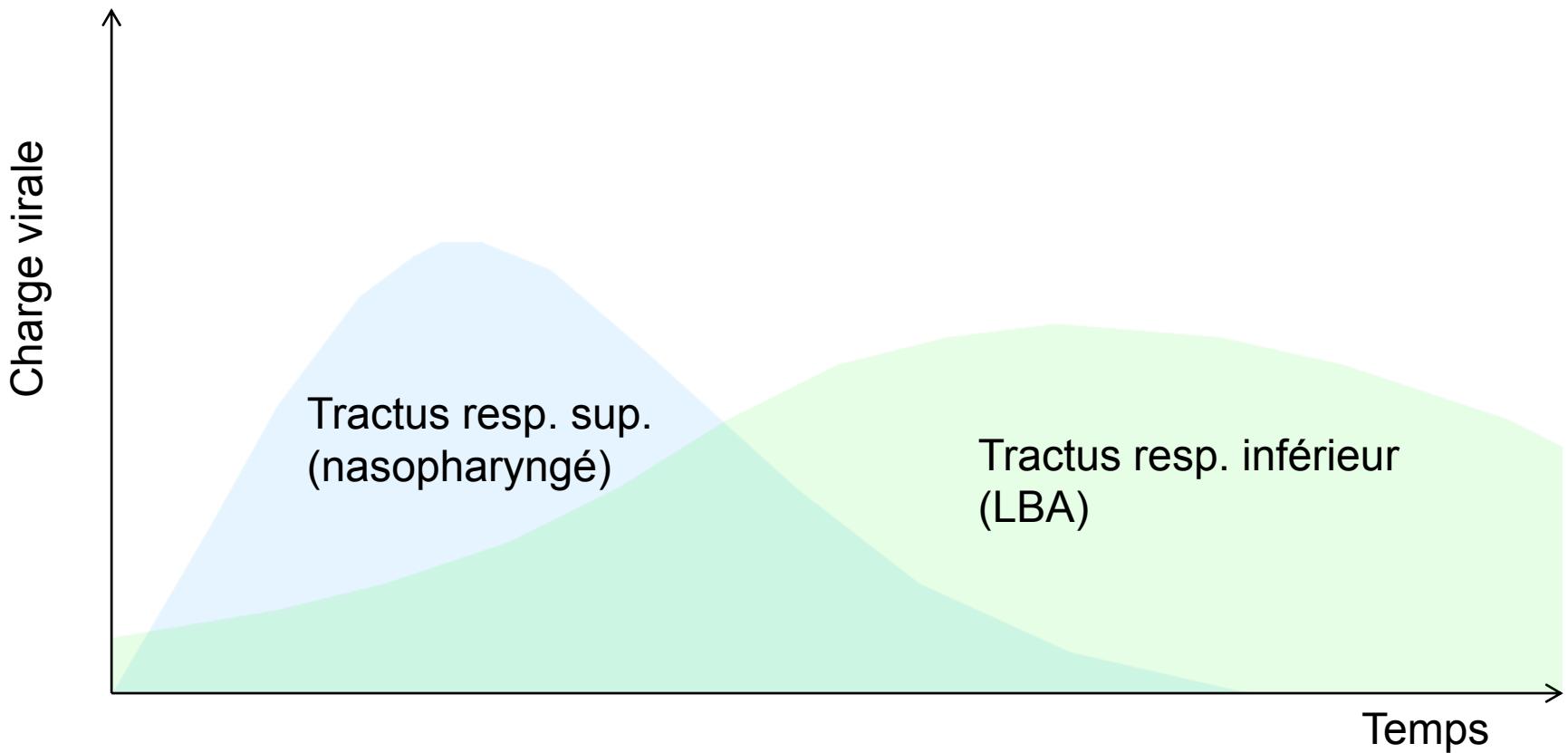


# Virus respiratoires: site et durée de l'infection

- ◆ Site primaire: nasopharynx
  - Infection du tractus respiratoire inférieur
    - RSV et nouveaux-nés: le prototype
  - Pneumonies virales rares: H1N1, RSV, PIV3
- ◆ Durée chez l'hôte immunocompétent:
  - Pic de la charge virale = pic des symptômes
  - Sans complications:
    - PCR positive < 10 jours
    - Virus cultivable et transmissible << 10 jours

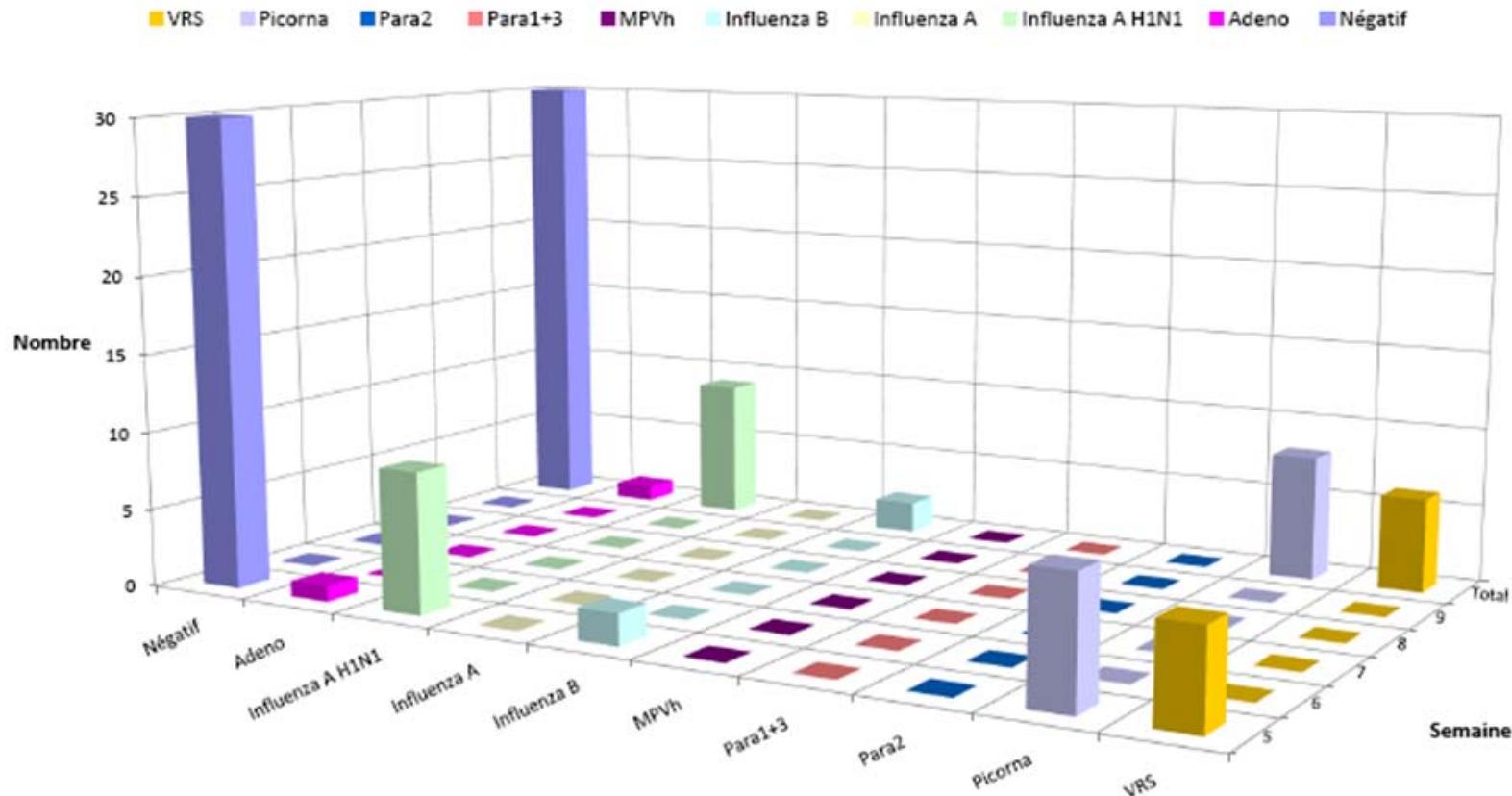


# Charge virale H1N1 chez les patients avec pneumonie



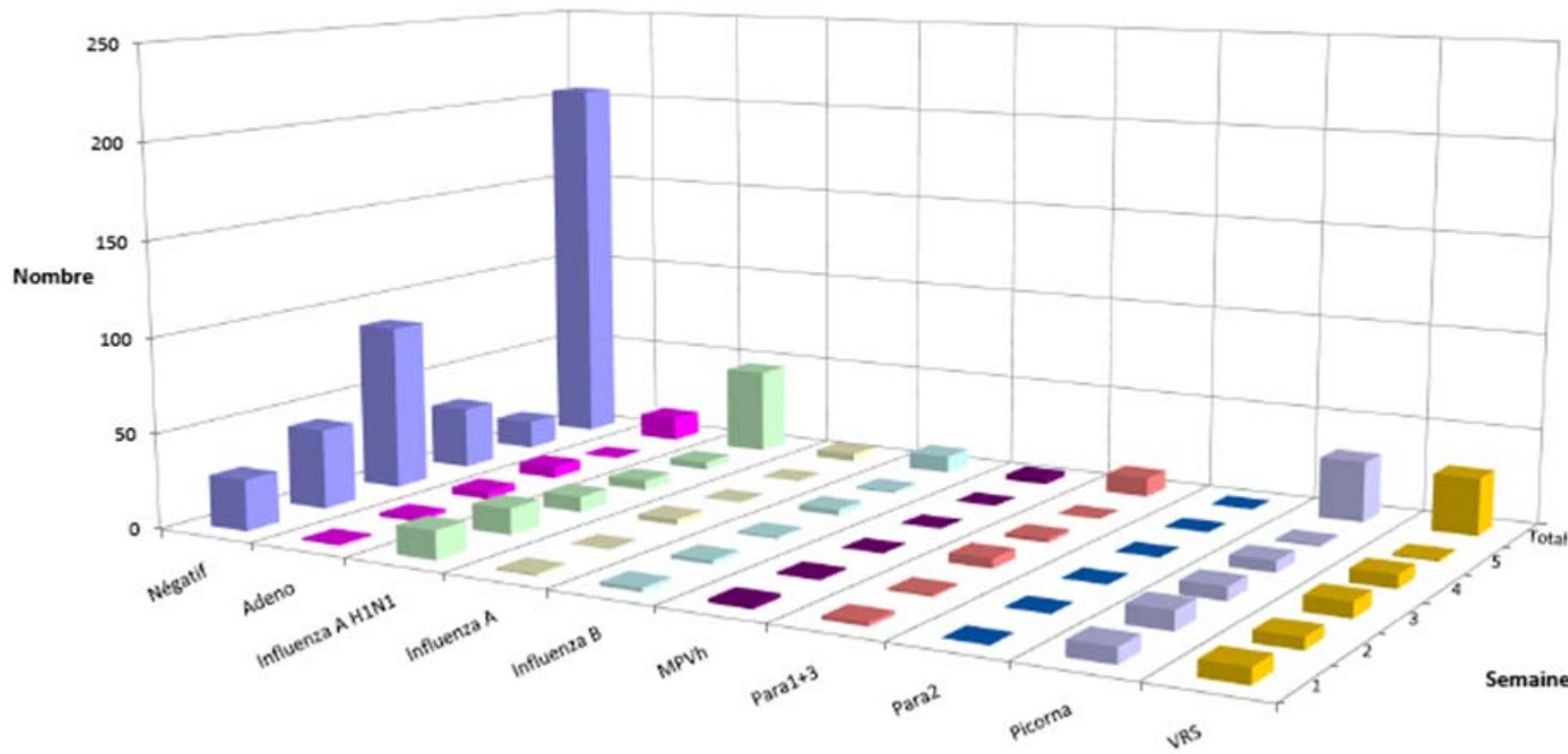
# <http://virologie.hug-ge.ch>

Dépistage des virus respiratoires dans les prélèvements respiratoires : Février 2011 (jusqu'à la semaine 5)

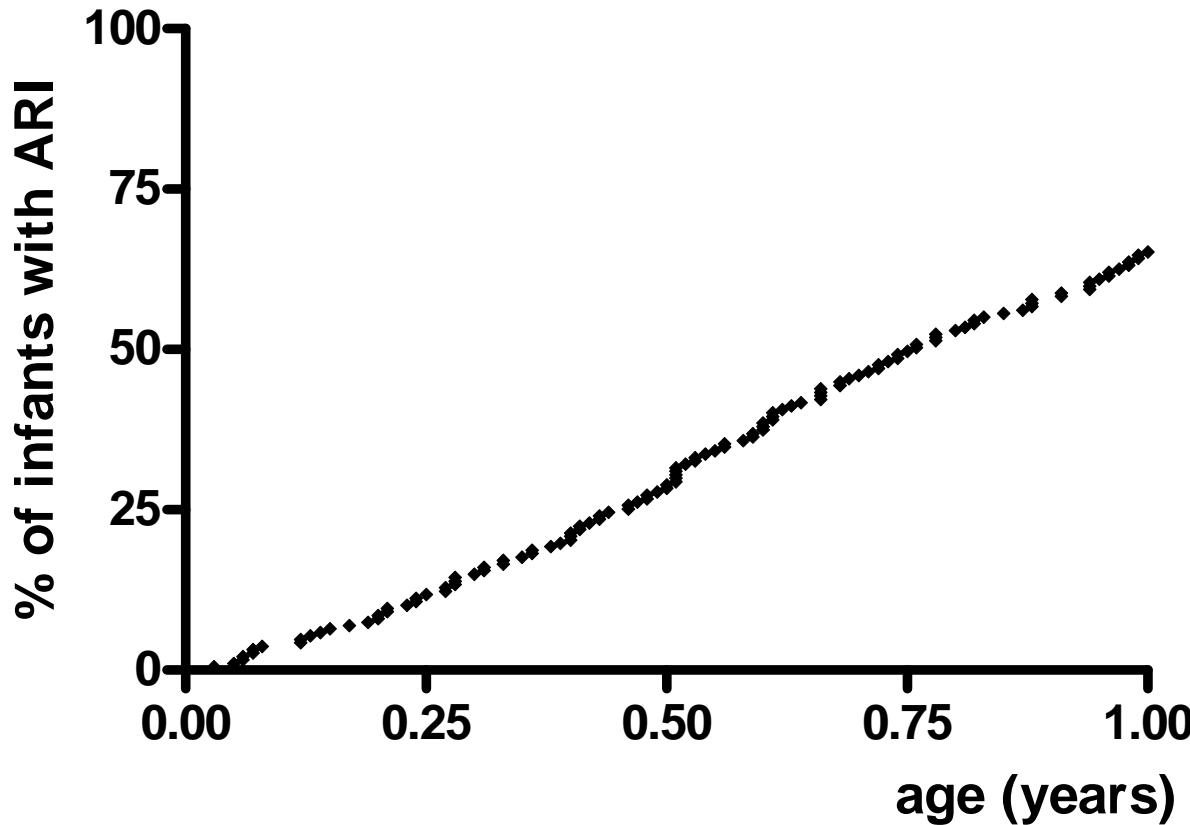


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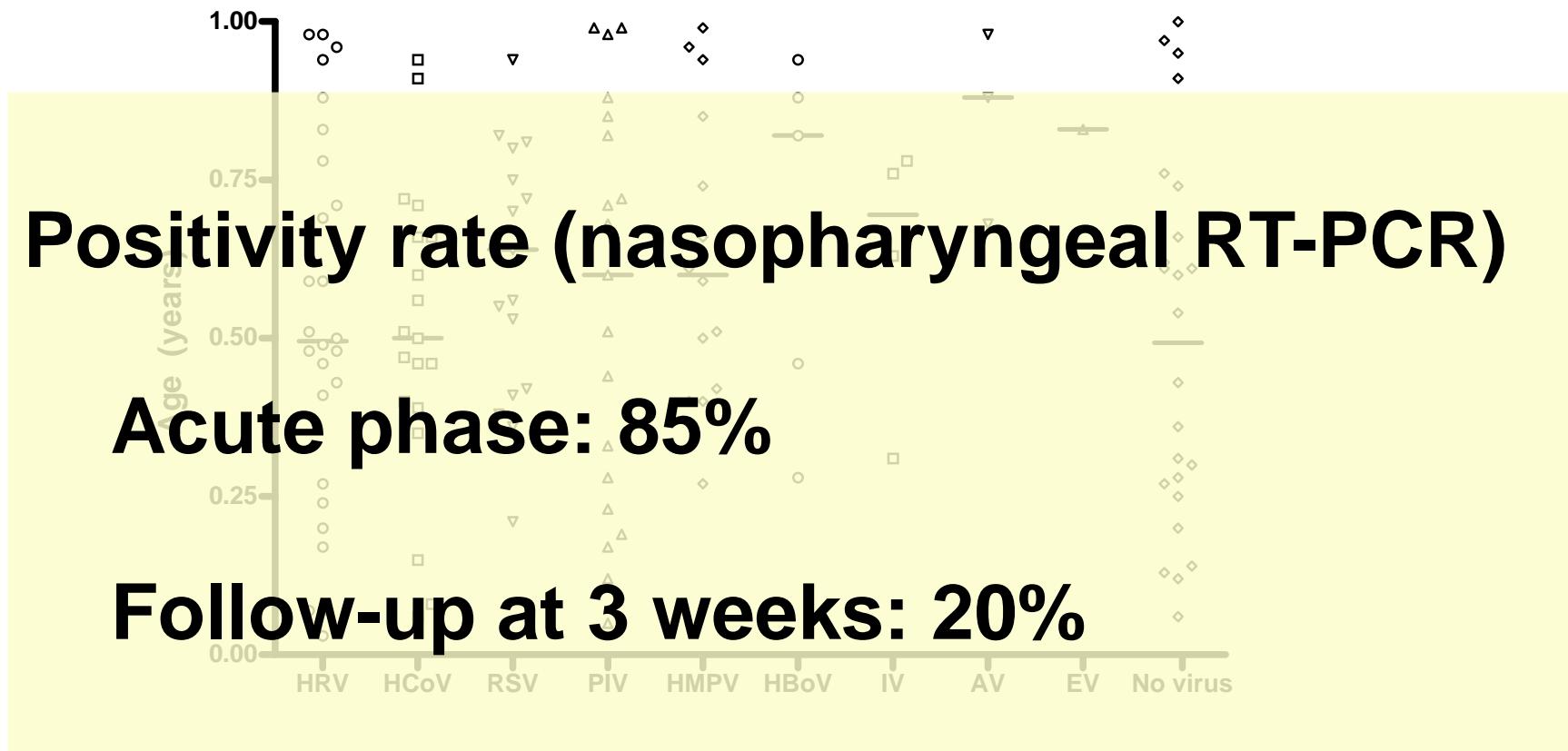
VRS Picorna Para2 Para1+3 MPVh Influenza B Influenza A Influenza A H1N1 Adeno Négatif



# Viral aetiology of acute respiratory infections in infancy



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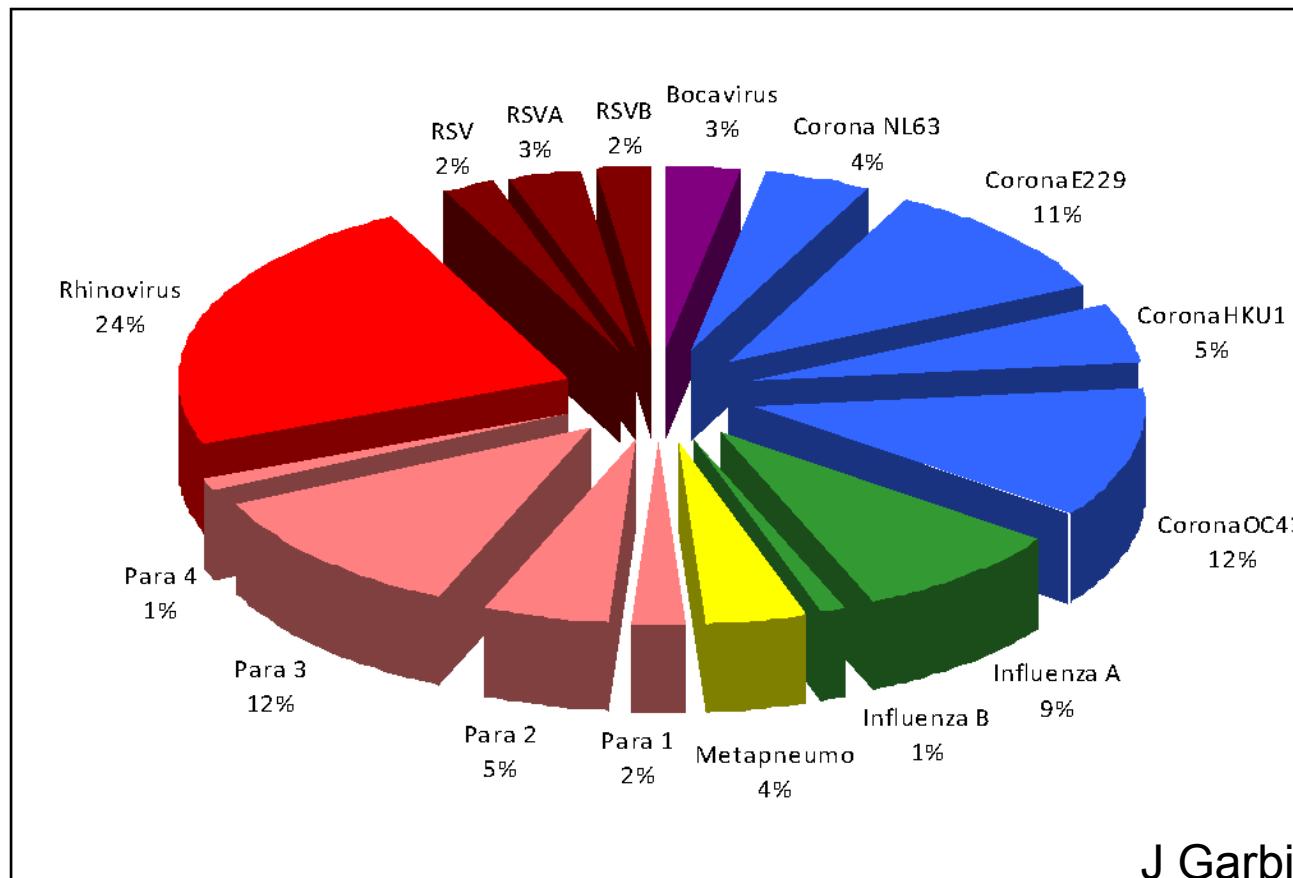
# Botanique vs. impact clinique?

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- ♦ Enfants: bronchiolite chez l'enfant et autres infections resp. inférieures sérieuses = RSV et parainfluenza 3
  - Metapneumovirus
  - Rhinovirus
  - H1N1
  - ....
  - Doubles infections (?)

# Respiratory viruses in bronchoalveolar lavage: a hospital-based cohort study (n=522)

17.4% of cases positive



# Clinical features

TABLE 4: CLINICAL PREDICTORS OF RESPIRATORY VIRUS AT THE TIME OF BRONCHOALVEOLAR LAVAGE

Predictors	OR (CI 95%)	p-value
<i>Baseline Conditions</i>		
No immunosuppress		
HIV		
Other immunosuppr		
Lung transplantation		
Other transplantation		
<i>Signs or symptom</i>		
New radiologic infil		
Treated with antibio		
Sputum		
Opportunistic infect		
Cough		
Respiratory infection suspected	1.5 (0.7 – 3.2)	0.26
Dyspnea	0.7 (0.4 – 1.3)	0.29
Fever	1.5 (0.7 – 3.3)	0.26
Flu-like illness	1.2 (0.6 – 2.7)	0.57
Rhinoparyngitis	0.9 (0.5 – 2.0)	0.89

(\*mixed logistic regression model, clustered on patient)\*\*antibiotic treatment targeting a respiratory tract infection

- **Positivity rate: similar across all subgroups**
- **Association with previous antibiotic treatment & lack of new radiological infiltrate**



## **Upper viral respiratory infection, biomarkers and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) exacerbations**

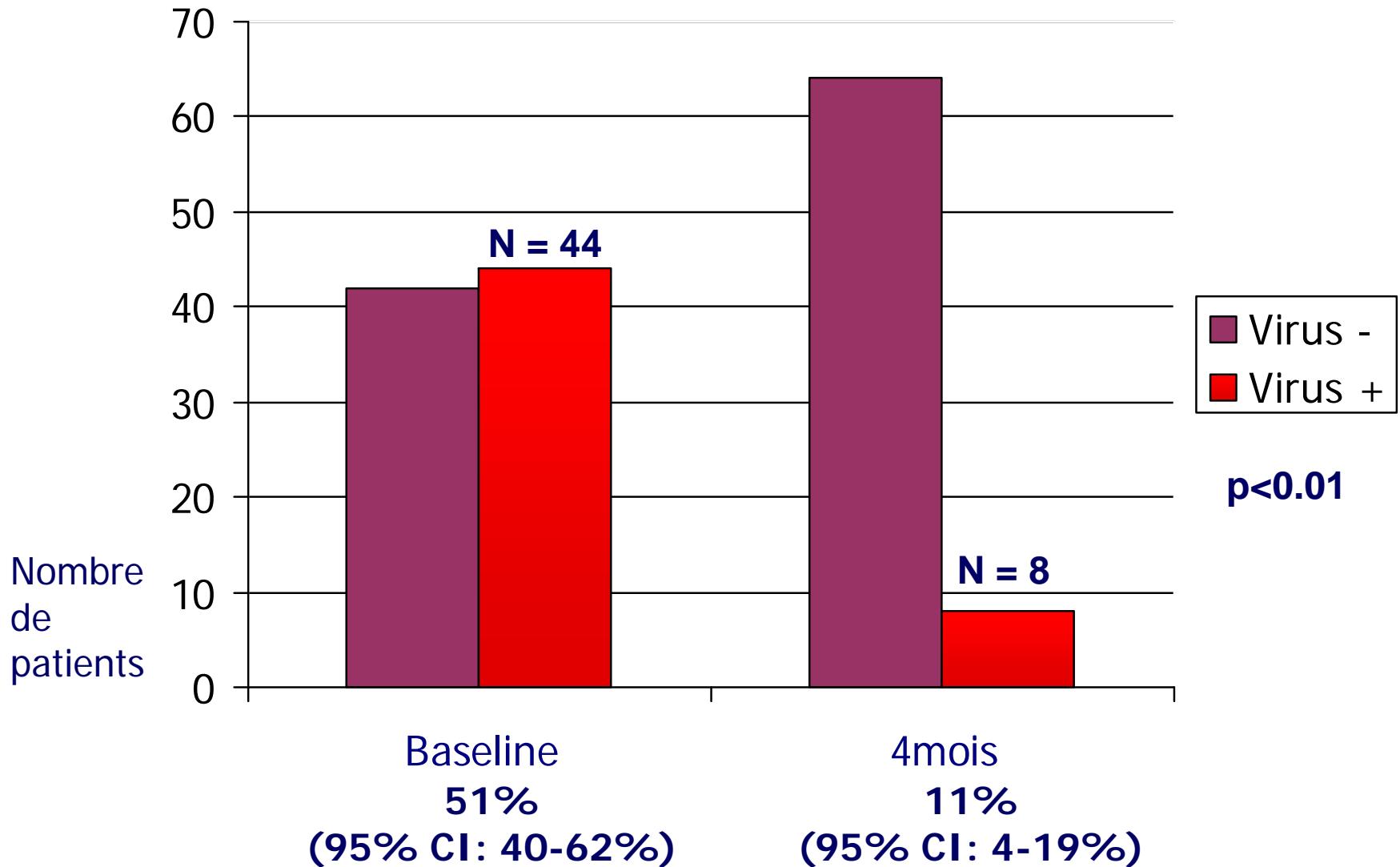
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# Résultats virologiques

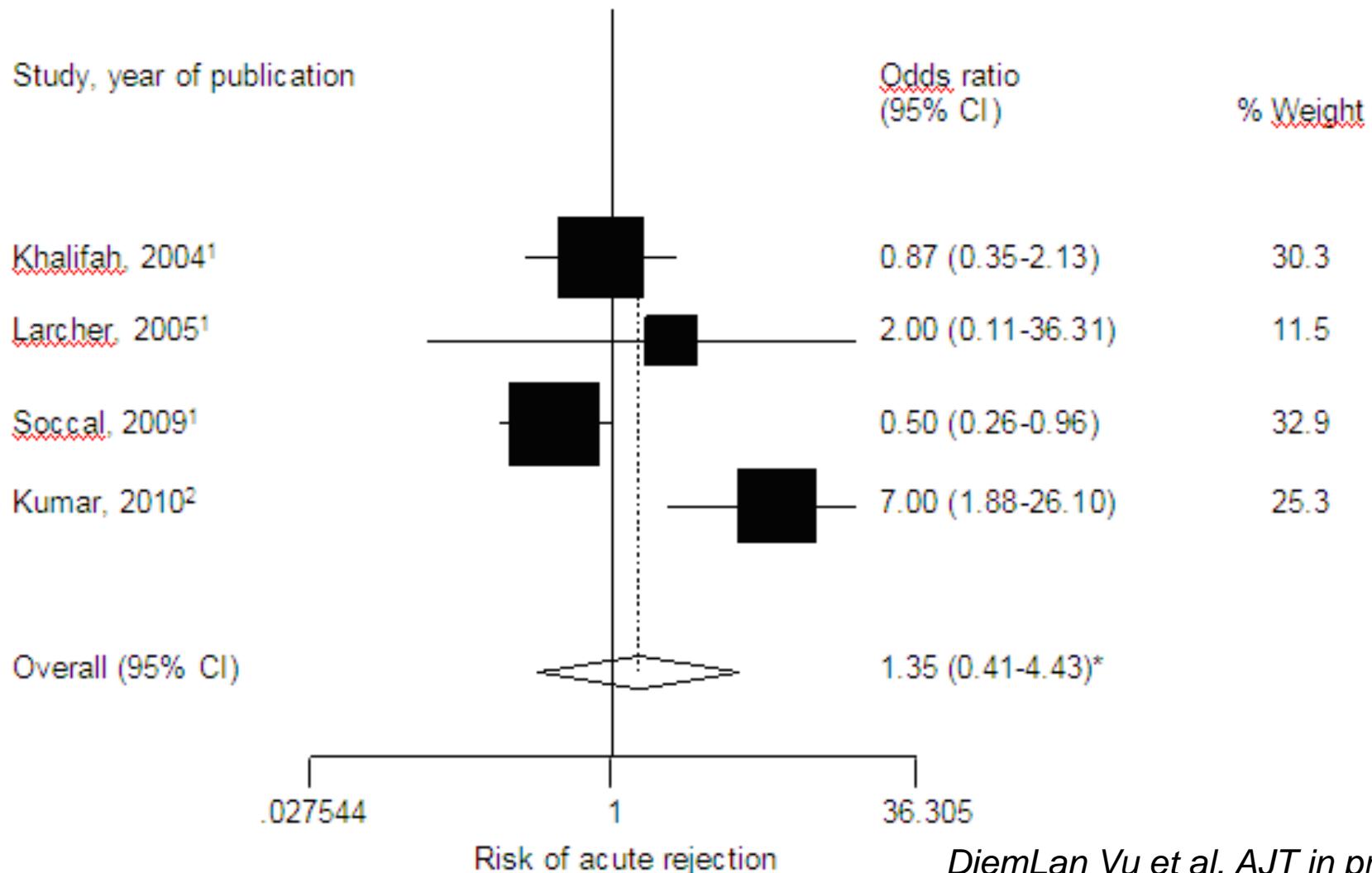


# Transplantés pulmonaires

- ◆ La greffe est directement exposée au virus
- ◆ Absence de
  - Réponse immunitaire
  - Réflexe de toux
  - Drainage lymphatique

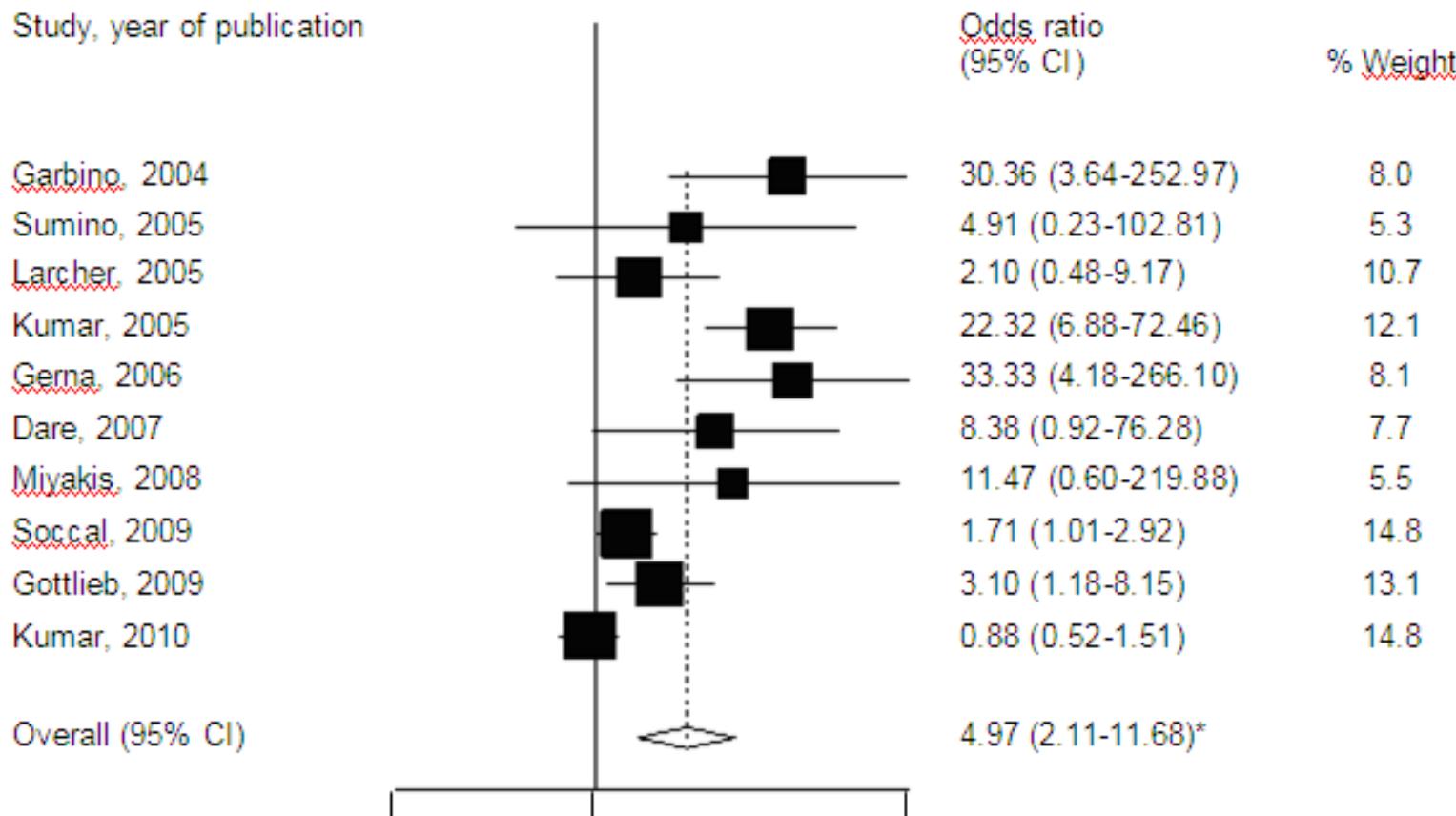
Les infections virales favoriseront le rejet aigu et chronique/BOS

# Lung Transplant Recipients: rejection



# Lung Transplant Recipients Respiratory symptoms

Study, year of publication



Risk of respiratory symptoms

Viral infection  
not detected

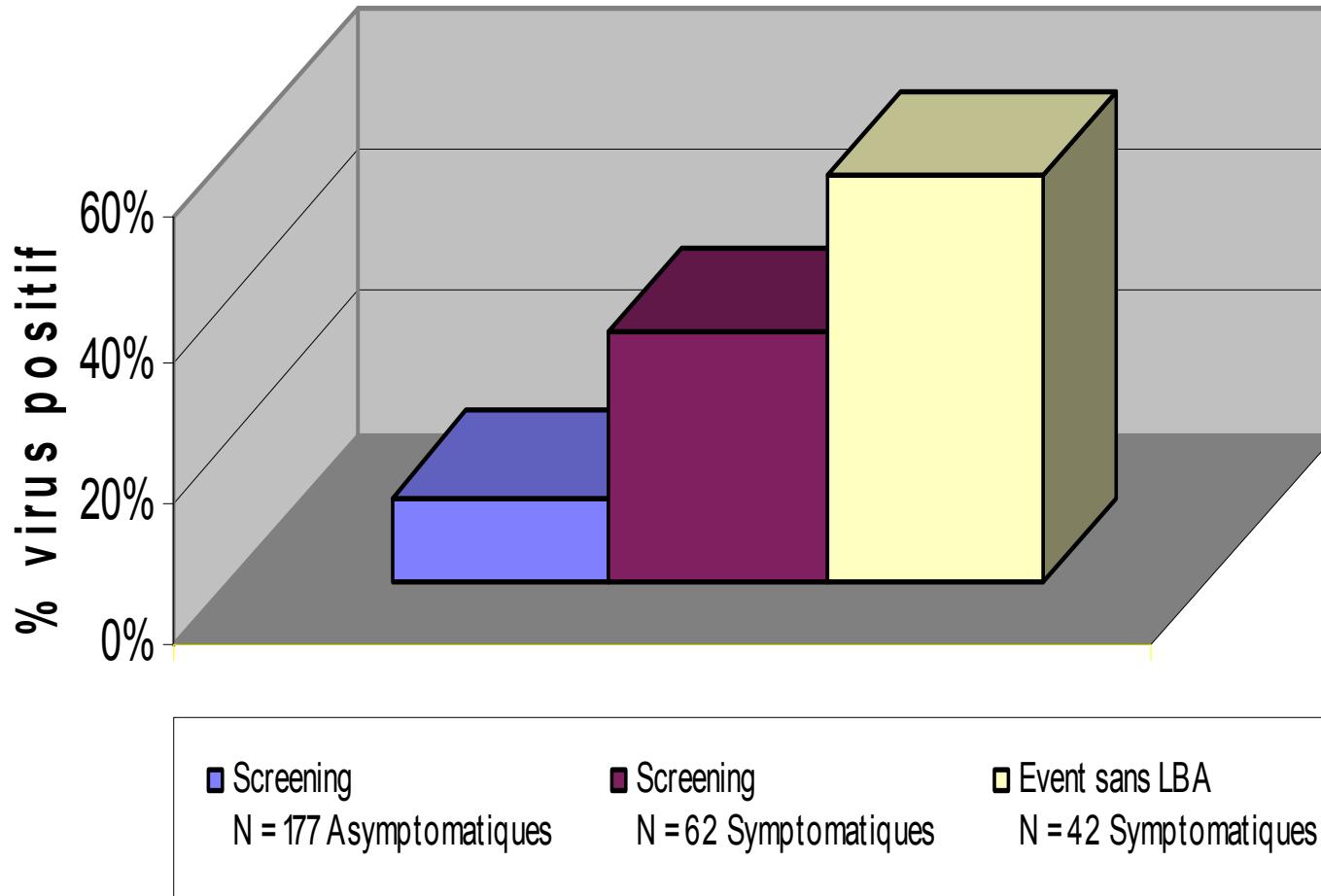
Viral infection  
detected

DiemLan Vu et al. AJT in press

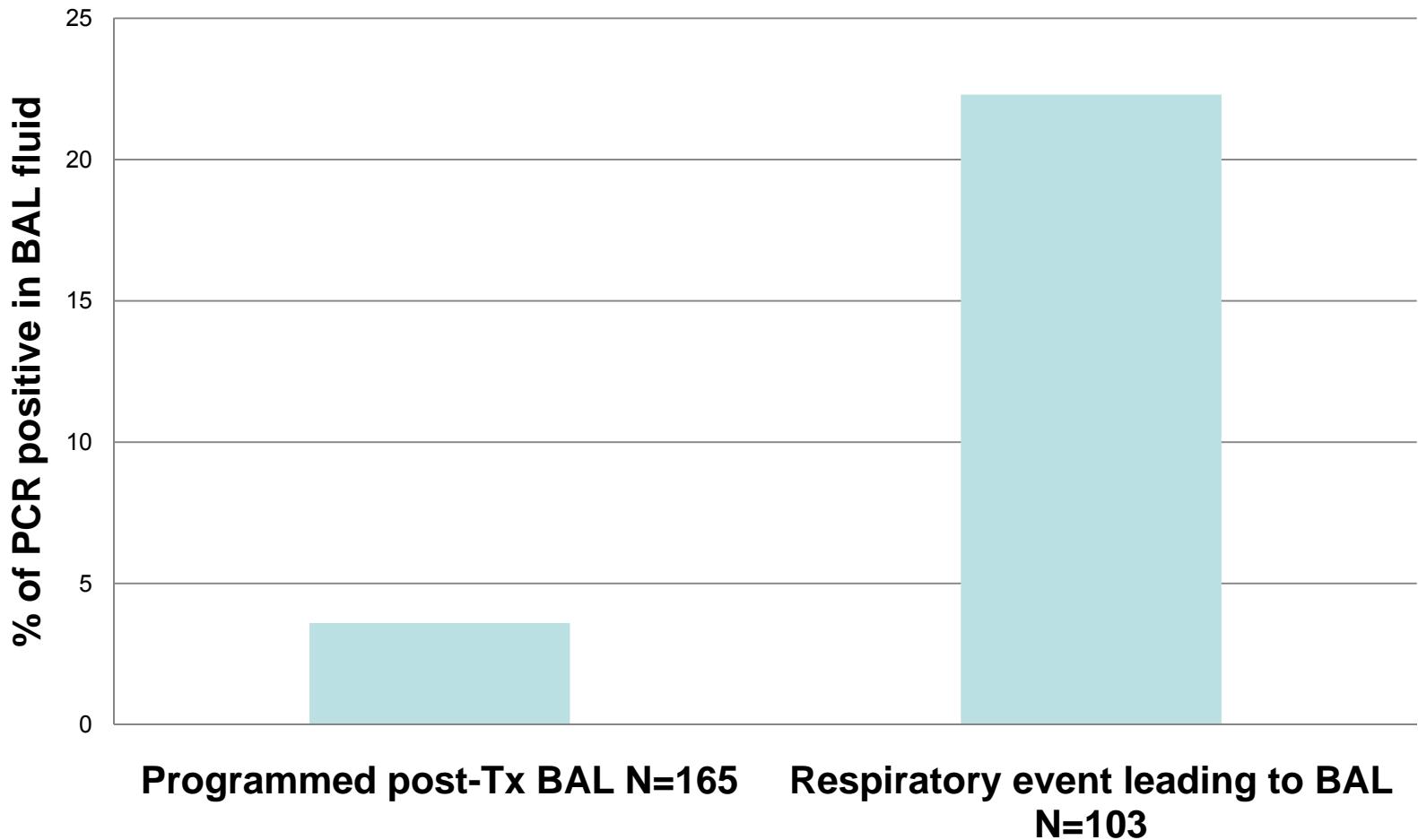
# Transplantés pulmonaire (Lausanne-Genève) n=106

- ◆ Etude de cohorte prospective visant à évaluer l'impact des virus respiratoires
  - Juin 2008 – en cours
  - Screening systématiques: 3 périodes par an en l'absence de symptômes
  - Evènements cliniques respiratoires motivant une consultation « avec ou sans » LBA

# Proportion de PCR virales positives en fonction de la situation clinique: étude prospective CHUV-HUG



## **Respiratory virus positivity rate in BAL according to the clinical condition**



Swiss TPH



Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute  
Schweizerisches Tropen- und Public Health-Institut  
Institut Tropical et de Santé Publique Suisse

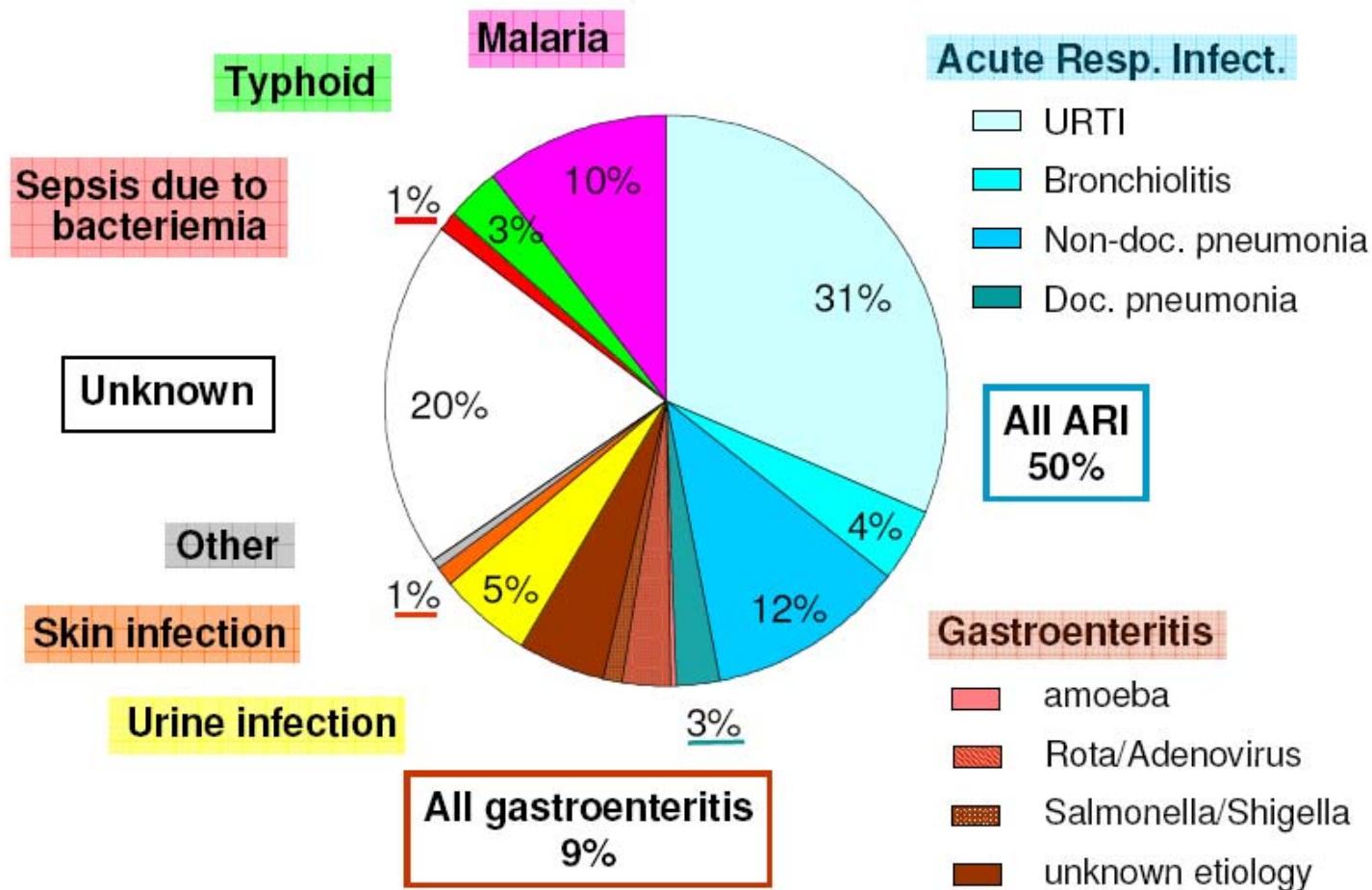


# Influenza and other respiratory viruses among febrile children with or without acute respiratory symptoms in Tanzania

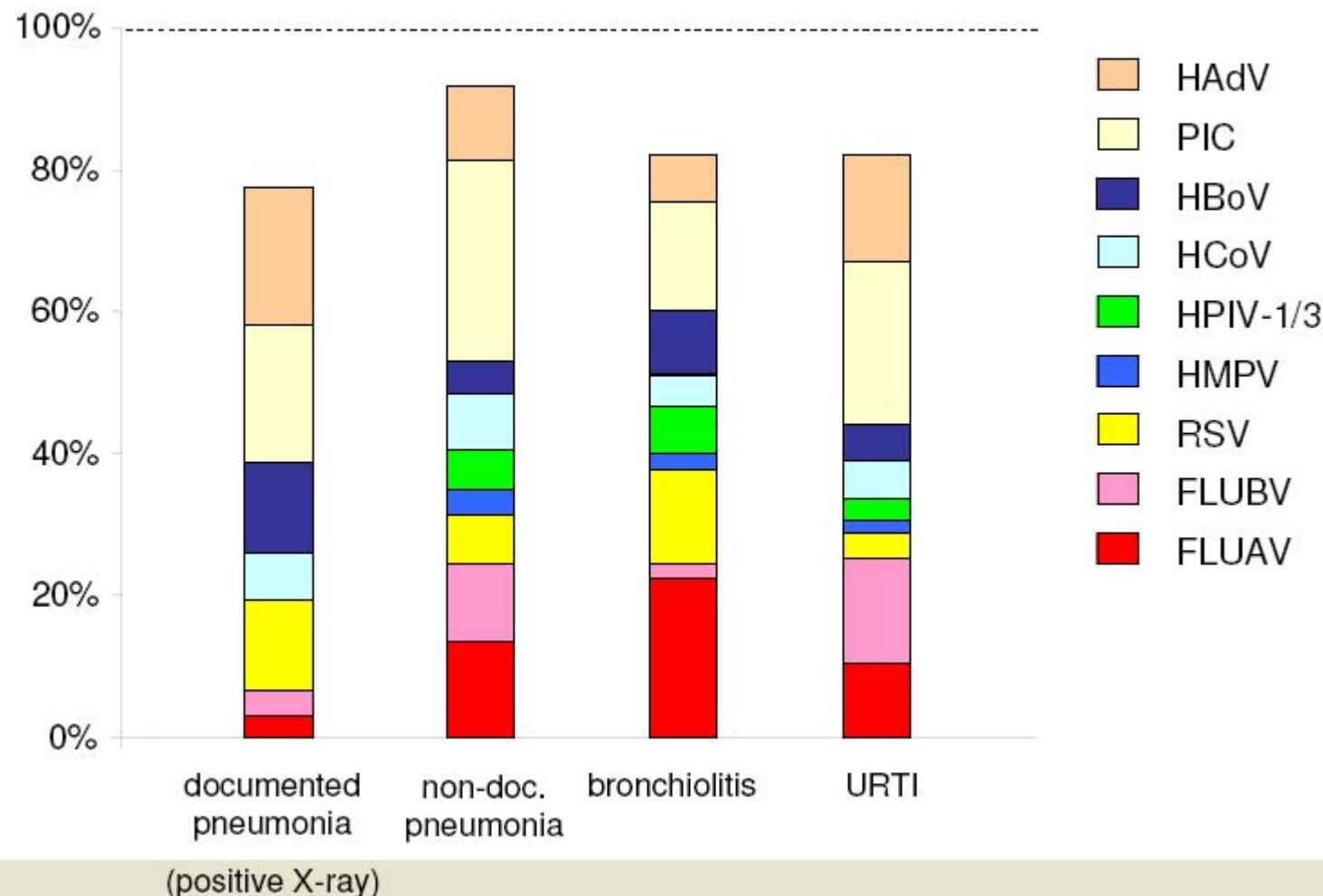
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# 1005 Tanzanian children with fever

Results 1: etiologies of fever



## Results 5: distribution of viruses by type of ARI

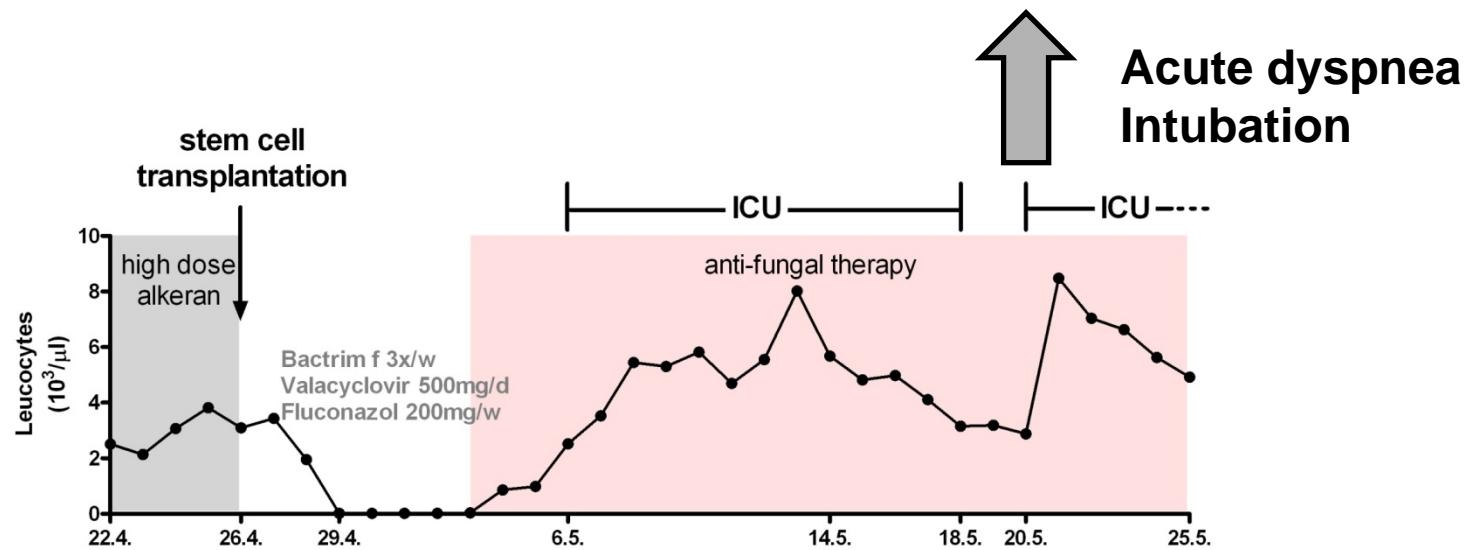
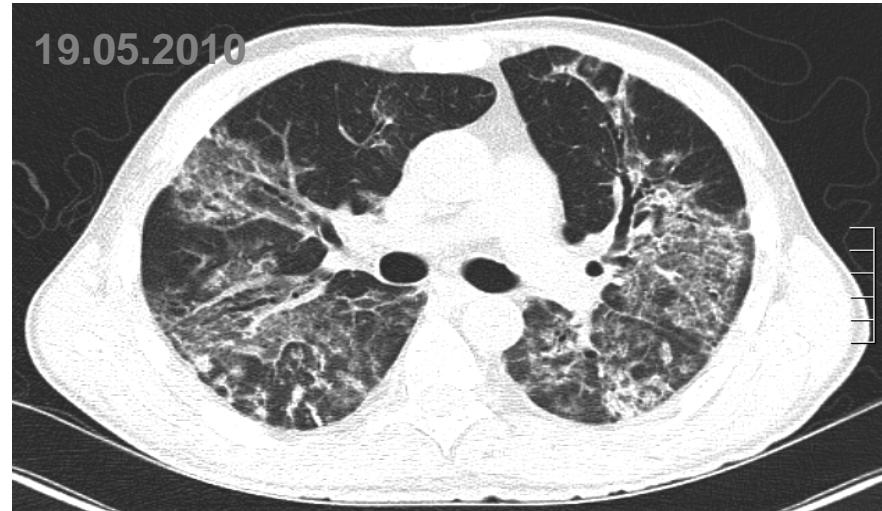
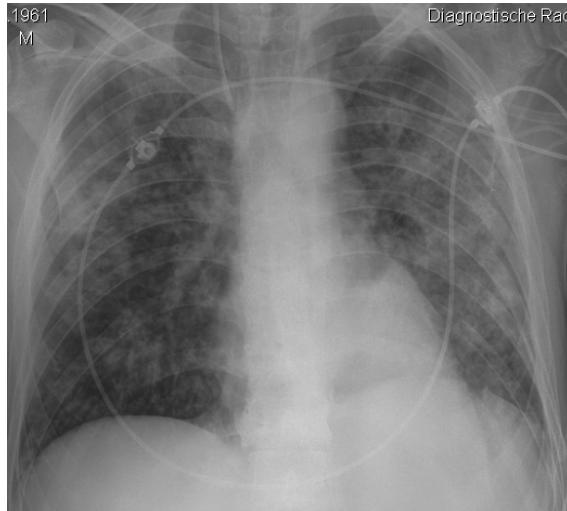


# Antiviraux: RSV et influenza

# **47 Year Old Man with Multiple Myeloma**

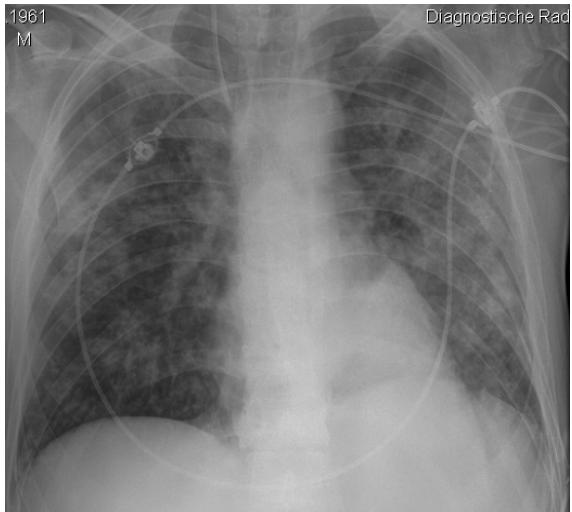
- ◆ **2008: Multiple myeloma IgG kappa: initial stage III with multiple bone manifestations**
  - 11/2008: chemotherapy and autologous stem cell transplantation
- ◆ **2009**
  - 09/2009: Disease progression with significant increases of paraprotein and total IgG
  - 2 cycles of chemotherapy
  - 04/2010: partial remission and second HSCT

# Current Illness



# Broncho Alveolar Lavage

Microscopy/Cult.: negative for bacterias and fungi  
Aspergillus Antigen (Galactomannan): negative



	Blood (ETDA)	Throat (Swab)
CMV DNA	negative	negative
EBV DNA	negative	(positive)
HSV-1	negative	negative
HSV-2	negative	negative
RSV-A	negative	negative
RSV-B	negative	<b>positive</b>

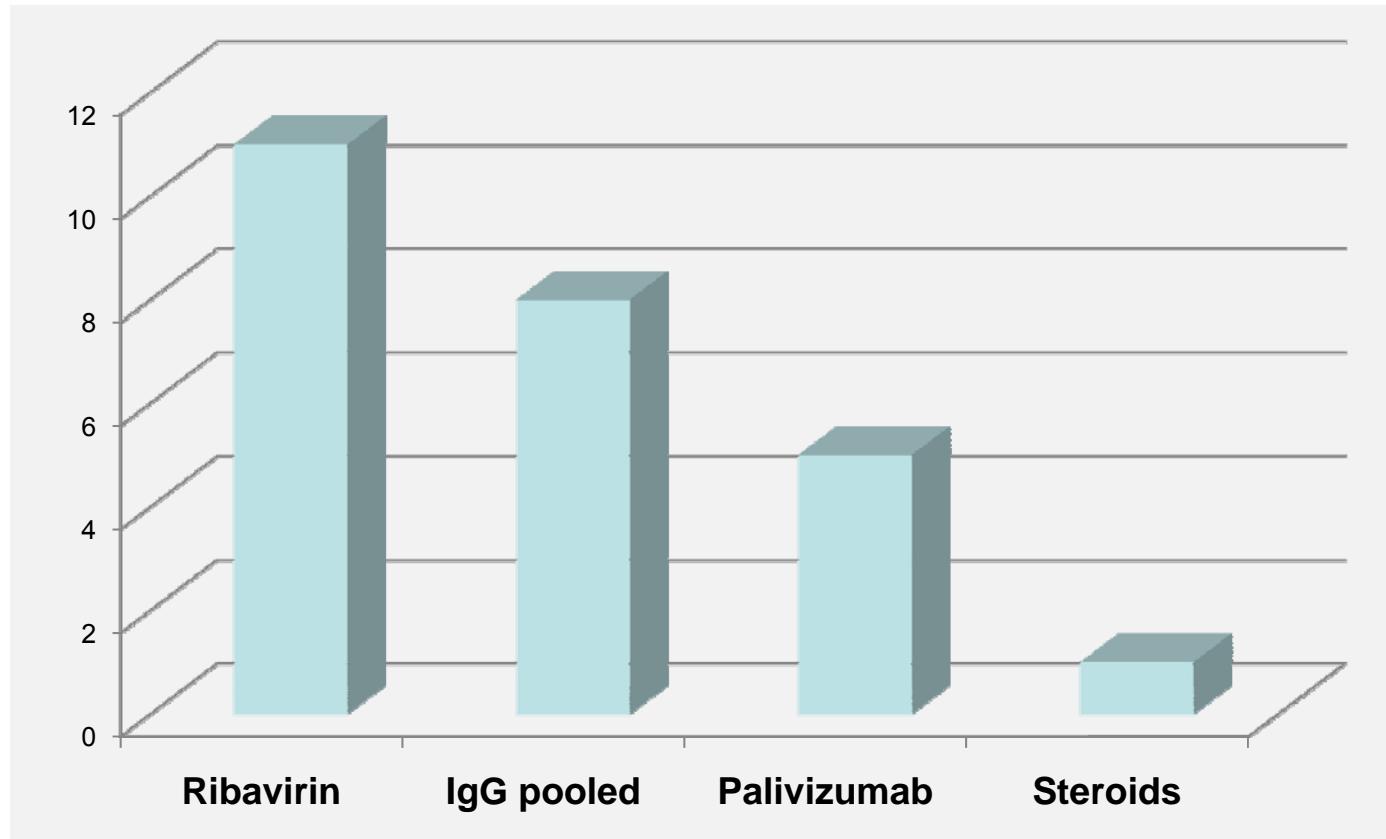
# **RSV pneumonia in an allogeneic HSCT patient recently transplanted: which treatment?**

1. Ribavirin
2. Immunoglobulins
3. Ribavirin and immunoglobulins
4. Nothing
5. Don't know

# Immunoglobulins?

1. Substitution by conventional polyclonal immunoglobulins
2. Weight adapted specific anti-RSV IgG (palivizumab)
3. No immunoglobulins
4. I don't know

# 11 selected Swiss and international specialists: what would you use in case of RSV pneumonia in HSCT recipients?



# RSV complications in Allo-HSCT recipients: conclusions

- ◆ Rate of progression from the upper to the lower respiratory tract
  - 0% to 60% (?), average ~ 30%
  - Higher when additional immunosuppressive conditions are present
- ◆ Established RSV LRTI or pneumonia
  - High mortality rate,  $\geq 30\%$  (?)
- ◆ Respiratory dysfunction (?) *V Erard et al JID 2006*

# Aerosolized ribavirin: HSCT patients treated early (« upper respiratory stage ») versus late

## Risk of lower respiratory tract infection:

Treated early (n=44): 25% (n=11), 0-32%

Late treatment (n=116): 47% (n=54), 27-100%

*P value < 0.01*

## Mortality:

Treated: 50% (28/56), 33-88%

Not treated: 89% (8/9), 50-100%

*P value = 0.04*

# MCHUMOR.com

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# Full course of aerosolized ribavirin

- ◆ 6 gr aerosolized over 18 hours each 24 hours periodes over 10 days.
  - Adapted to real-life: 2g over 2h., 3 times/day
- ◆ Geneva: ~ 23'000.- for 5 days.

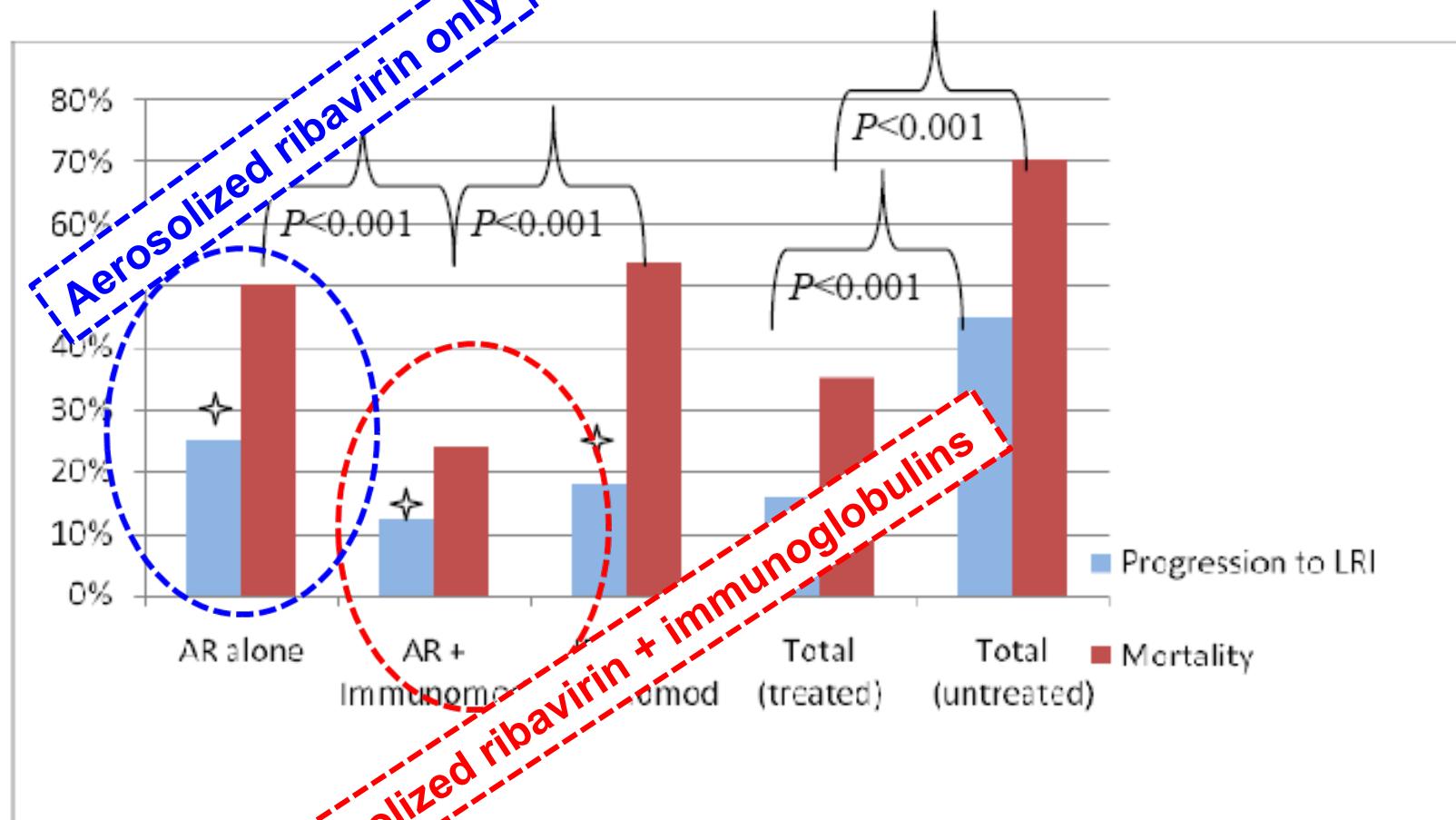
# Intravenous or oral ribavirin

- ◆ iv: loading dose 35 mg/kg in 3 doses for one day then 25 mg/kg in 3 doses every 8 hours for 6 days. ~ 15'000.-
- ◆ Oral: 15 to 20 mg/kg/day in 3 divided dose for 10 days. ~ 430.-

Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation 7:11S-15S (2001)  
J Heart Lung Transplant 2009;28:67-71.

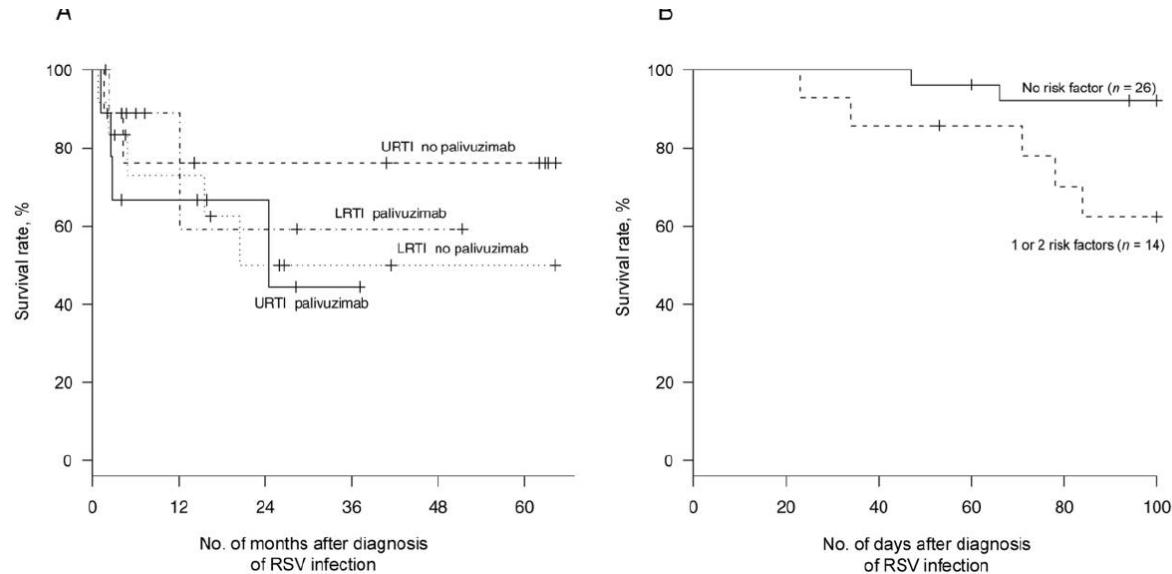
Palivizumab (?)  
Humanized monoclonal antibody  
directed against the RSV F protein

Figure: Summary of outcome data by type of regimen received



✳ For progression to LRI: AR alone vs. AR plus immunomodulators or IR or OR with or without immunomodulators;  $P=0.13$ .

# Palivizumab in 40 Allo-HSCT recipients, Paris 1999-2006. F Sicre de Fontbrune et al. CID 2007;45:1019



tract disease). Palivizumab did not prevent progression to lower respiratory infection and had no impact on the overall survival rate.

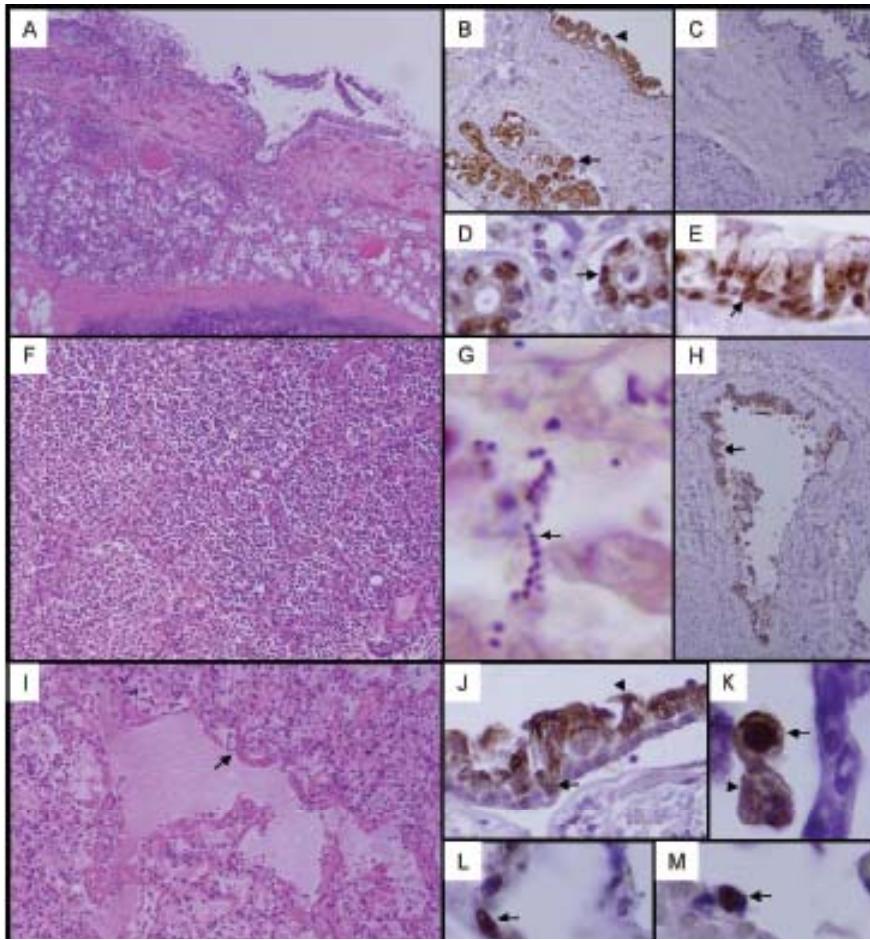
- ◆ Pooled IgG did not improve survival. Garret et al. *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation* 2001;7:11S-15S
- ◆ Steroids: not supported by any published study.



# Palivizumab in HSCT: recommendations

- ◆ Palivizumab :
  - Evidence: insufficient to support a recommendation
  - Should generally not be used for treatment
- ◆ Consider only in highly selected cases
  - ◆ 15 mg/Kg for 3-4 weeks
  - ◆ Cost: ≥ 16'000.- for one injection

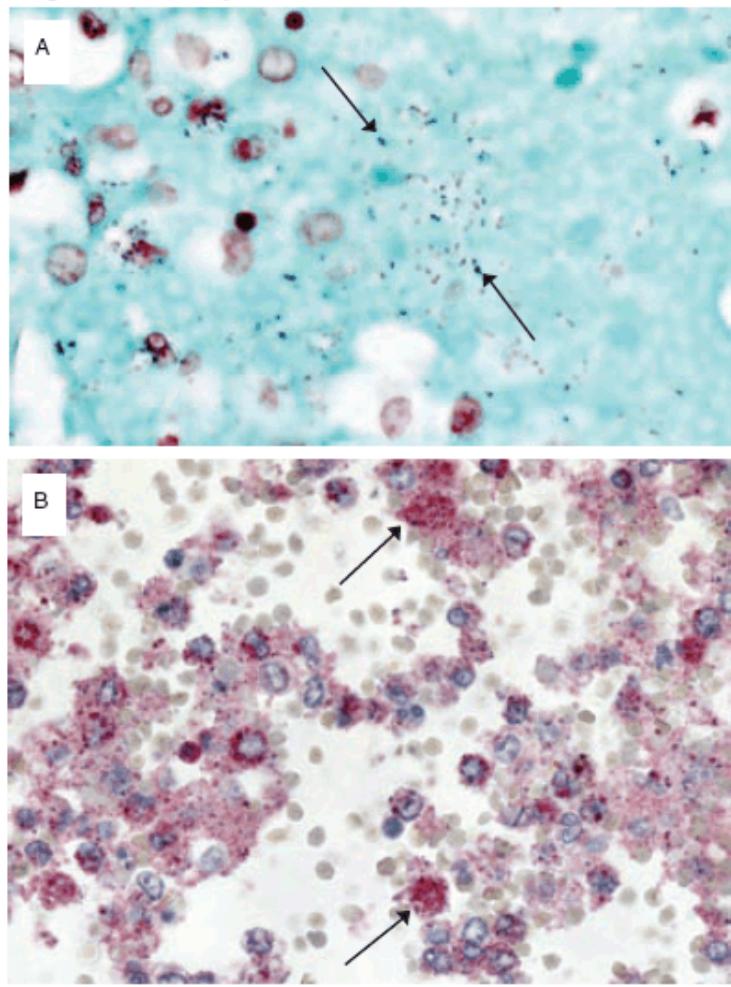
Could antiviral therapy prevent  
H1N1 complications?



Diffuse alveolar damage  
Necrotizing bronchiolitis  
Hemorrhagic component

*Influenza A/H1N1 Viral Infection—Gill et al*

Arch Pathol Lab Med—Vol 134, February 2010



Bacterial pneumonia:  
infrequent

# Could antiviral therapy prevent complications?

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- ◆ « No » randomized study that has explored the ability of oseltamivir to prevent hospitalizations and serious complications as a primary end-point
- ◆ Pooled/meta-analysis of existing randomized studies in which lower respiratory tract complications / antibiotic use / hospitalizations could be analyzed

# Could antiviral therapy prevent complications?

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- ◆ Meta-analysis (2000-2009): oseltamivir prevent lower respiratory tract complications « *Level of evidence: II or weak* »
- ◆ These studies were used to support WHO / CDC / and other National Guidelines

# Retrospective or case series: oseltamivir in pandemic H1N1

- ◆ Early oseltamivir treatment associated with
  - Decreased risk of hospitalization
  - Decreased risk of pneumonia
  - Decreased risks of ICU or death in severely ill
    - Pregnant women: ICU admission and mortality
    - SOT recipients: hospitalization and ICU death
  - Decrease viral load

Cao et al., NEJM 9 Dec 09; Li et al., Chest 137:759, 2010; Yu et al., Options abst P-208; Kumar et al., Lancet ID 9 July 2010; Siston et al., JAMA 303:1517, 2010; Yang et al., J Infect 2010; Jain et al., NEJM 8 Oct 09

# Virus respiratoires: conclusions

- ◆ Capacité « infinie » à persister et se transmettre dans l'espèce humaine (rhinovirus)
- ◆ Morbidité:
  - Du rhume à l'exacerbation de maladies pulmonaires chroniques.
  - PCR positive « = » symptômes.
  - Infections chroniques % transplantés.
- ◆ Stratégies diagnostiques et thérapeutiques réservées aux patients hospitalisés ou à risque
  - nombreuses incertitudes et limitations

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# Oseltamivir and risk of lower respiratory tract complications in patients with flu symptoms: a meta-analysis of ten randomized clinical trials

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## Background

Kalser and colleagues (*Arch Int Med* 2003; 163:1667) found that oseltamivir reduces the risk of influenza-related lower respiratory tract complications requiring antibiotics by 55%. This conclusion has been questioned by a recent Cochrane review (Jefferson et al. *BMJ* 2009; 339:b5106).

After the appearance of the Cochrane review, we were approached by Roche and asked to perform an independent analysis of the data from the 10 trials in the Kalser paper. We agreed to do so because we believed that the question of oseltamivir's effects was of considerable public health importance, particularly in the context of a recent influenza pandemic. The agreement specified that we receive complete access to the data from those trials, assistance from Roche statisticians in answering questions regarding the data, complete freedom to publish any results, without restriction by Roche. Neither we nor our institution received any funding for this work from Roche.

## Methods

We re-analyzed the 10 placebo-controlled, double-blind randomized trials described by Kalser et al. Eligibility criteria:

- Patients presented within 36 hours of symptom onset
- Fever ≥37.8°C if aged <65 years; ≥37.5°C if aged ≥65 years plus at least 1 respiratory symptom (cough, sore throat, or coryza) and 1 constitutional symptom (headache, myalgia, chills/sweats, or fatigue).

Patients were randomized to receive oseltamivir (75 mg twice daily) or placebo for 5 days.

Primary endpoint for our analysis: Lower respiratory tract complications (LRTC) requiring antibiotics (Abx). This was reconstructed retrospectively from the database.

Our approach had 3 key differences from that of Kalser et al. (2003):

- Fixed effects meta-analysis of results from 10 trials (following a negative test for heterogeneity using the bootstrap Q statistic), rather than pooling the 10 trials. Rationale: both the distribution of risk factors for the outcome and the probability of assignment to oseltamivir varied across studies, possibly leading to confounding.
- Inclusion of all endpoints diagnosed during the first two days after randomization, rather than excluding the first two days. Rationale: consistent with classical intention to treat (ITT) analysis.
- Sensitivity analysis on those patients who deviated from protocol or withdrew from the study early, rather than excluding them. Rationale: consistent with classical ITT analysis.

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## Results

	Oseltamivir	Placebo	Meta-analytic Risk Ratio (95% CI)
N	1969	1501	
LRTC treated with antibiotics (LRTC-abx)	120	171	0.70 (0.56, 0.88) p(heterogeneity)=0.26
LRTC-abx in first 2 days	28	21	
Confirmed Influenza at baseline	1313	1033	
LRTC-abx among confirmed influenza	74	117	0.61 (0.47, 0.81) p(heterogeneity)=0.13
No confirmed Influenza at baseline	656	468	
LRTC-abx among pts without confirmed influenza	46	34	1.05 (0.69, 1.62) p(heterogeneity)=0.96

For LRTC in general, the risk ratio for oseltamivir versus placebo was 0.74 (0.60, 0.91; P-value for heterogeneity 0.17) in all patients, 0.69 (0.54, 0.88; P-value for heterogeneity 0.31) in Influenza-infected patients, and 0.94 (0.63, 1.40; P-value for heterogeneity 0.92) in non-influenza-infected patients.

If we performed a pooled analysis for the primary LRTC-Abx endpoint, we would have found RR=0.50 (0.38, 0.66). If we had further ignored events during the first 2 days of follow-up, the risk ratio would have been 0.45 (0.33, 0.61), reproducing the findings of Kalser et al.

Sensitivity analyses showed modest impacts of loss to follow-up or noncompliance.

## Conclusion

Our re-analysis confirms that oseltamivir reduces the risk of LRTC treated with antibiotics among patients with flu symptoms or with confirmed influenza. The 24-day risk reduction was about 30% overall and 40% in patients with influenza infection. No risk reduction was observed in patients without influenza. The effect estimates changed little even under unrealistic scenarios that classified a disproportionate number of missing outcomes as endpoints occurring in the oseltamivir group.