

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)

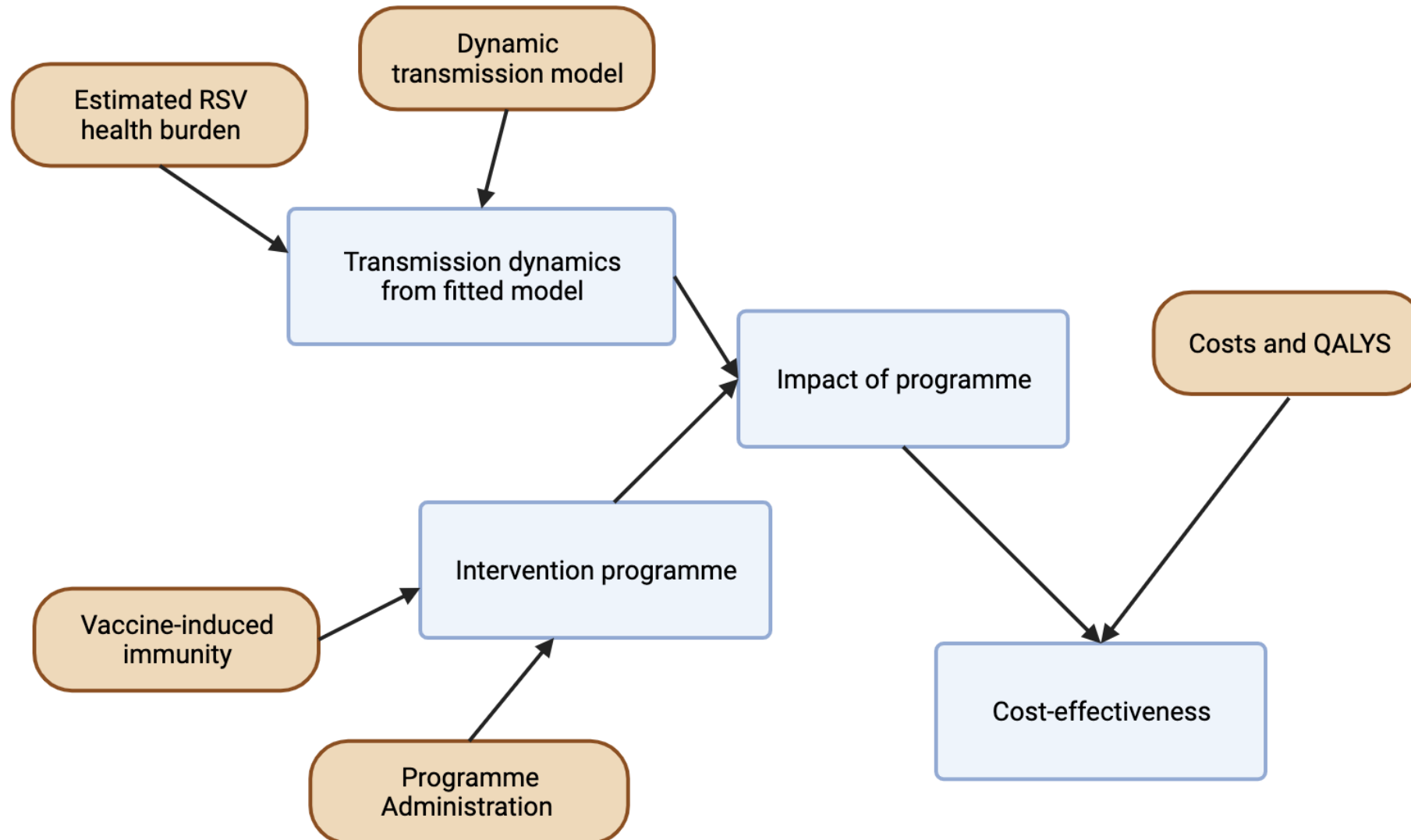
- Maternal vaccine
- Given during third trimester

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

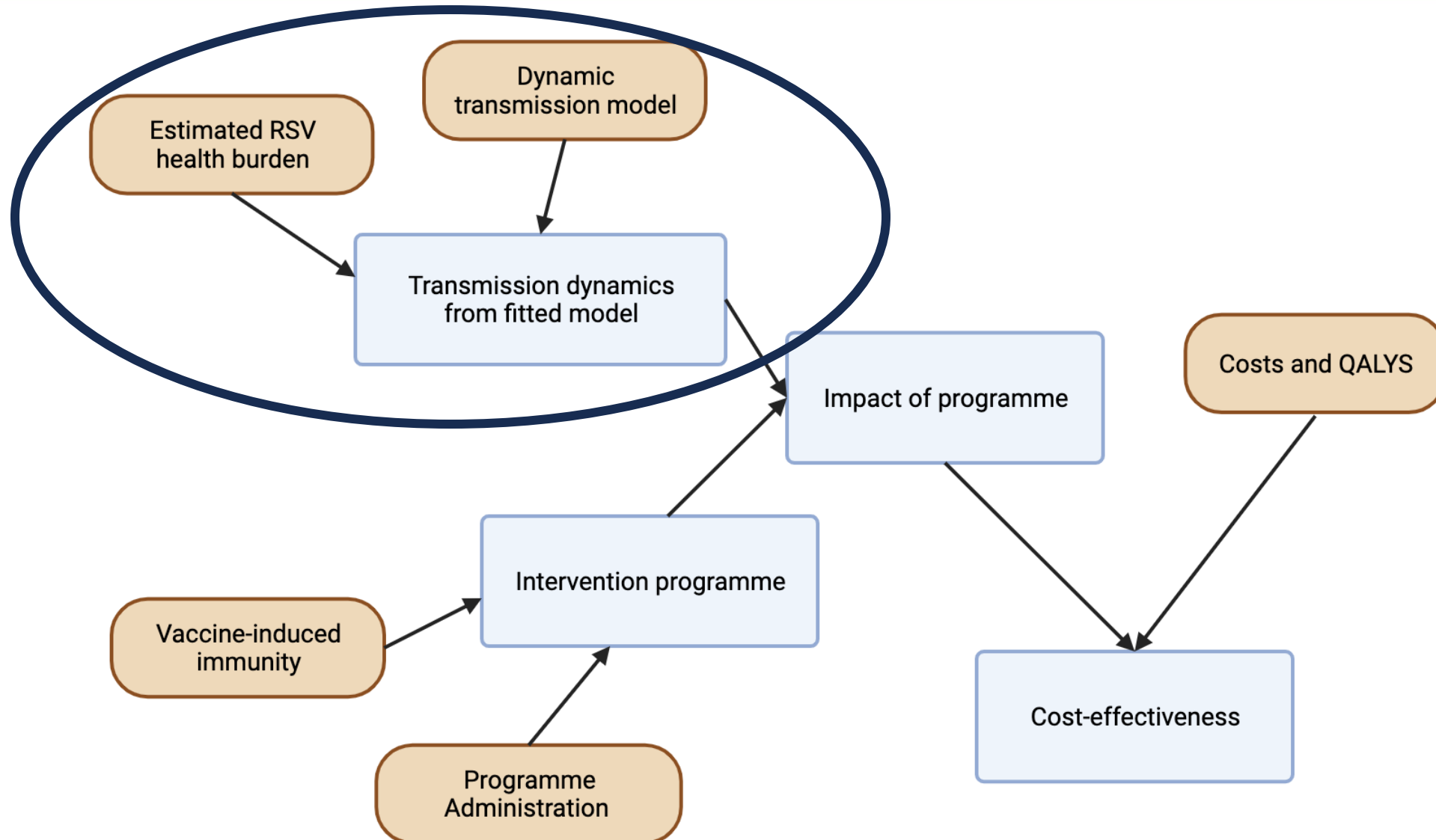
Both approved for use by FDA/EMA

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)

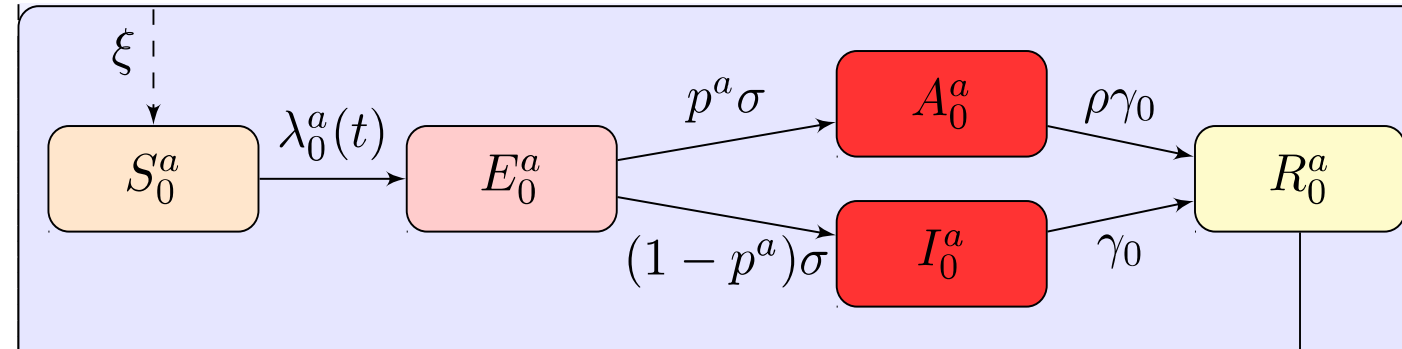
RSV has various levels of severity

- 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.

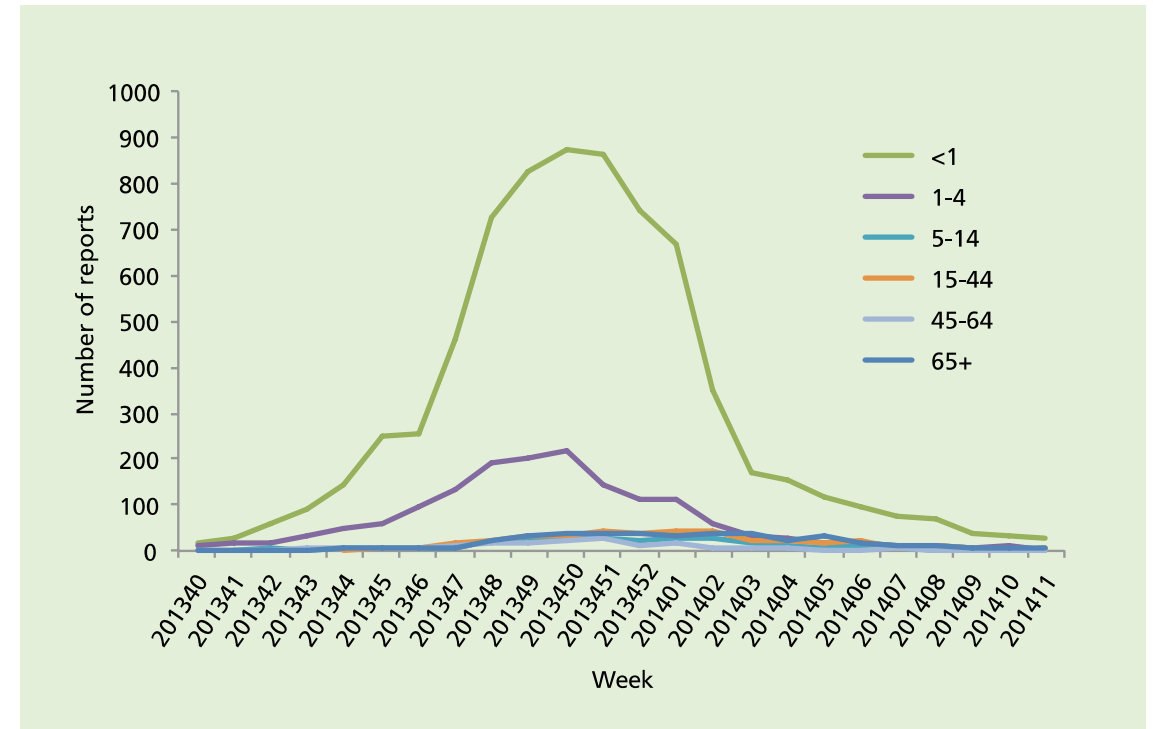
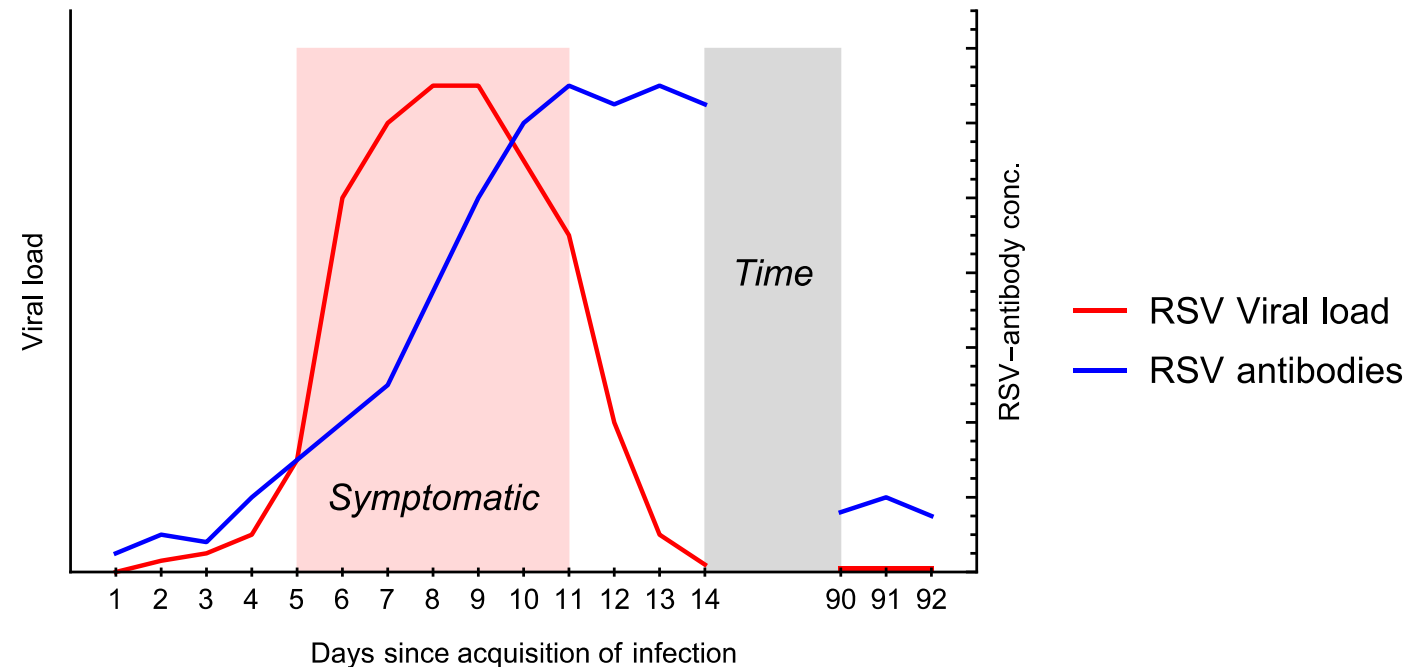


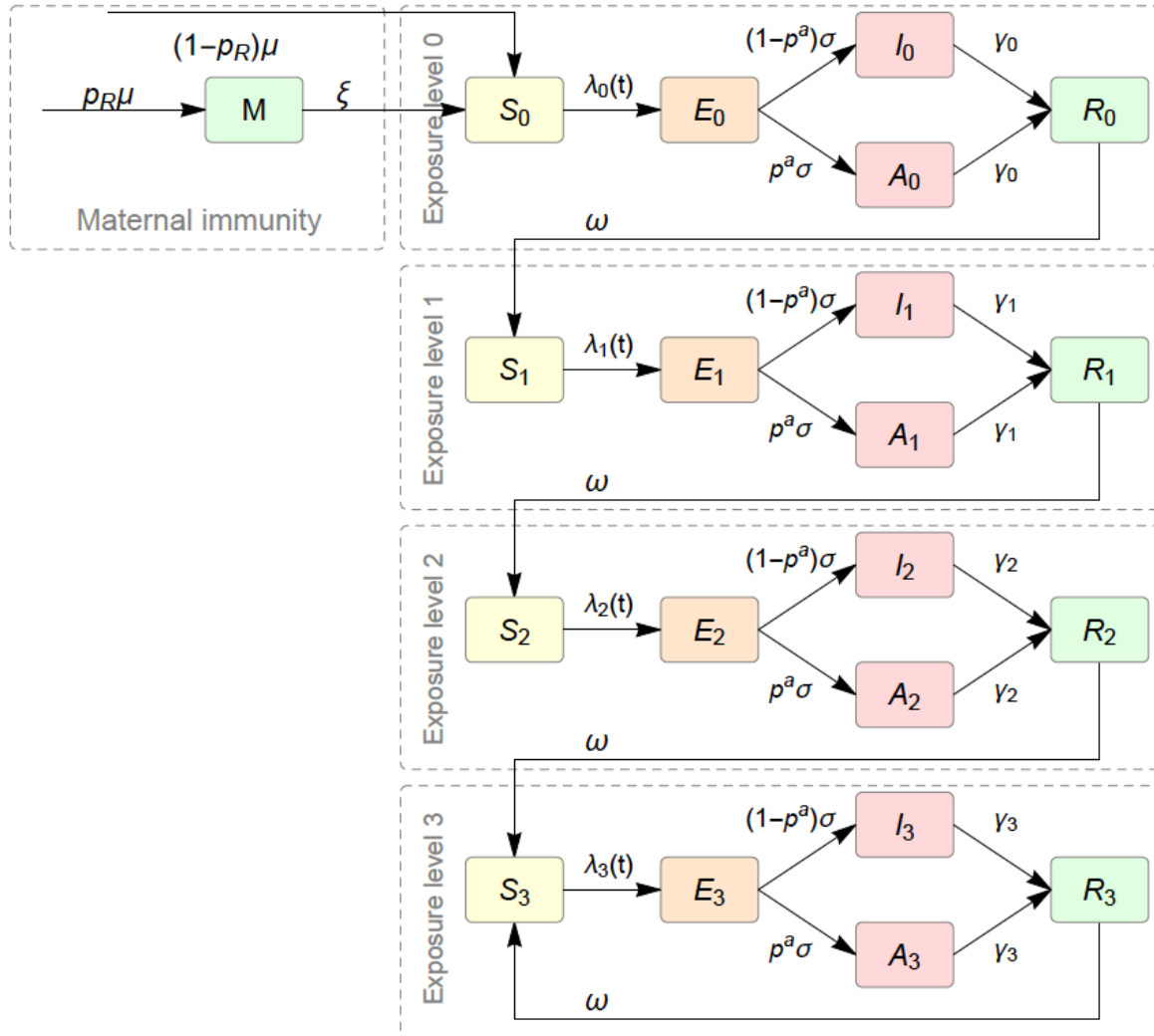
Figure: RSV incidence across ages. [*Communicable Disease Control Handbook 2005. 135-141.*]

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

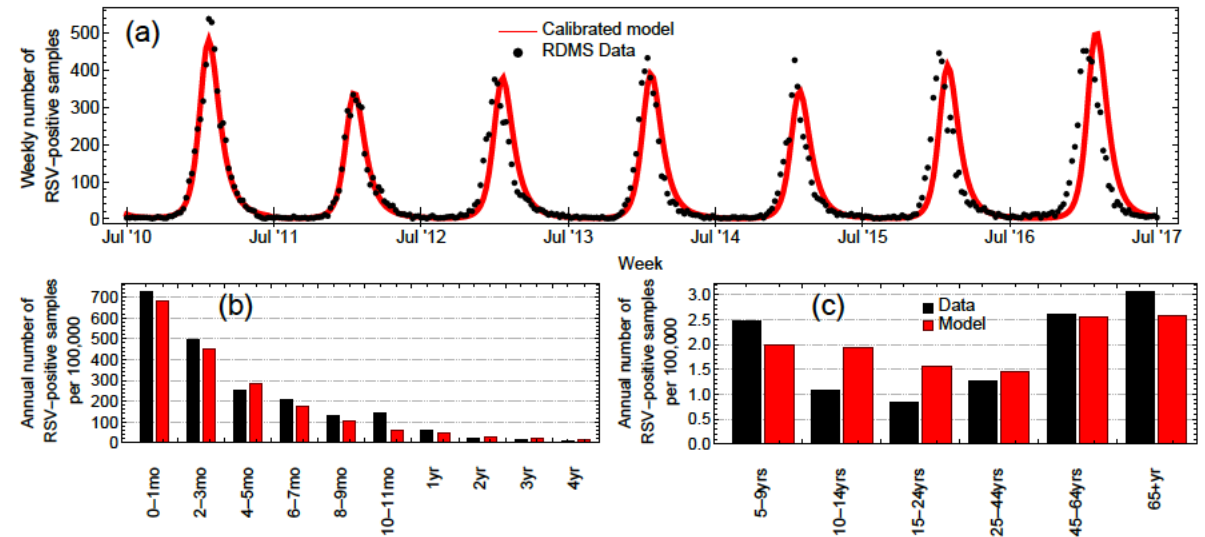


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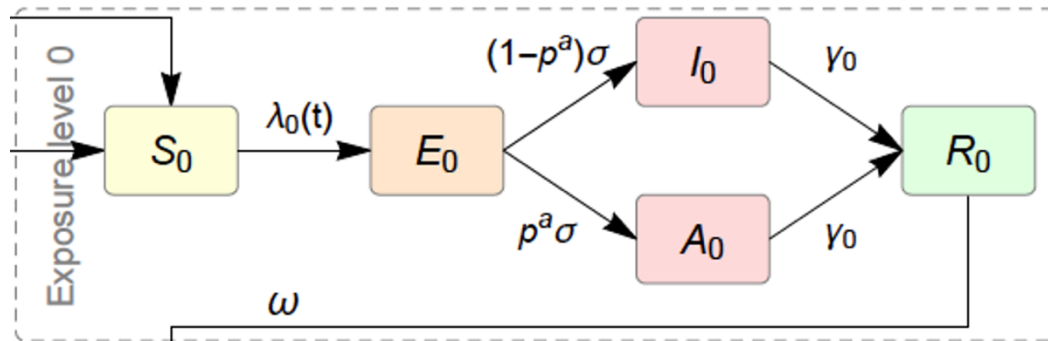
<- Full SEIR model per age group

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



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*



GP consultations

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

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***



A+E

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

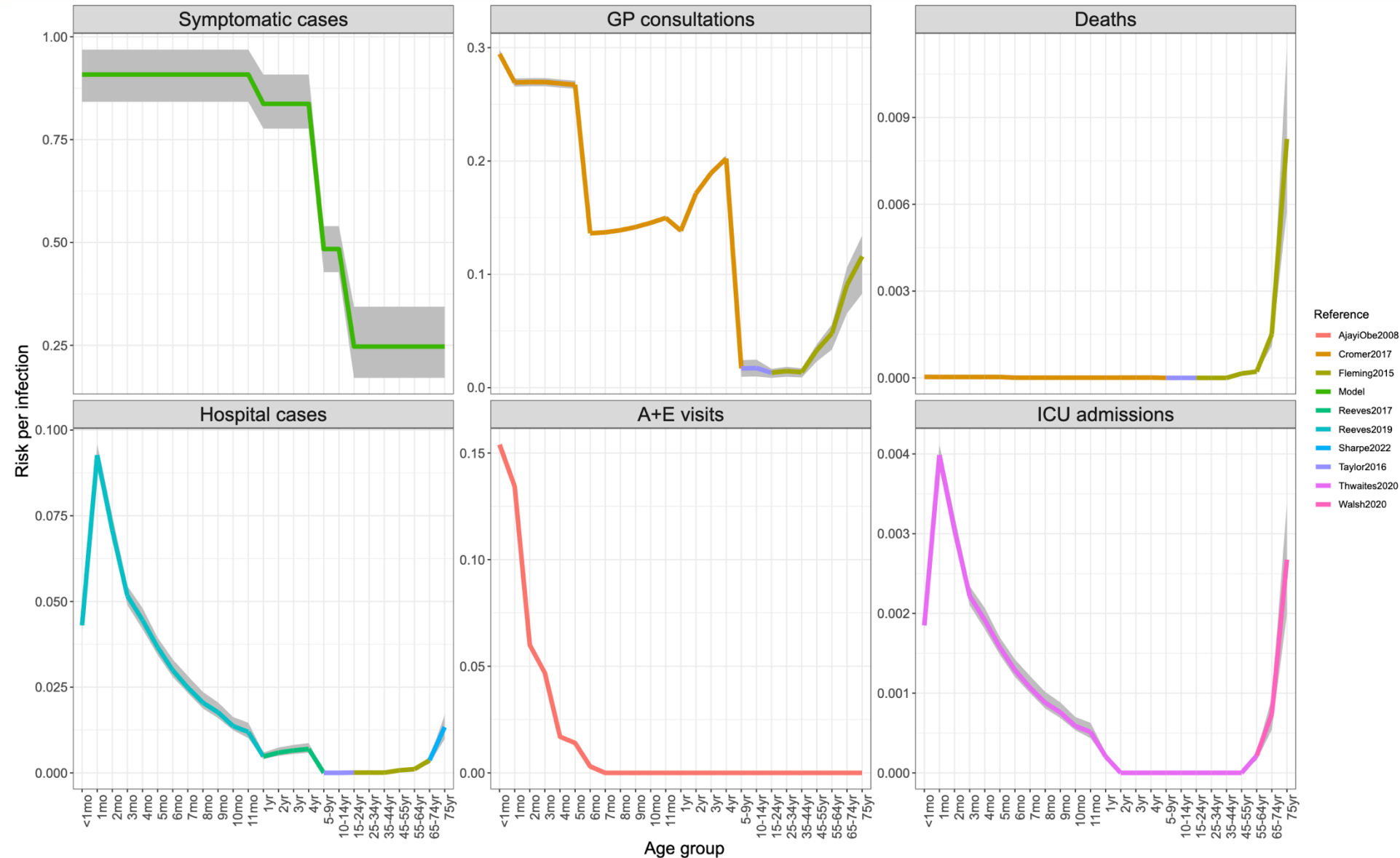
Deaths

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

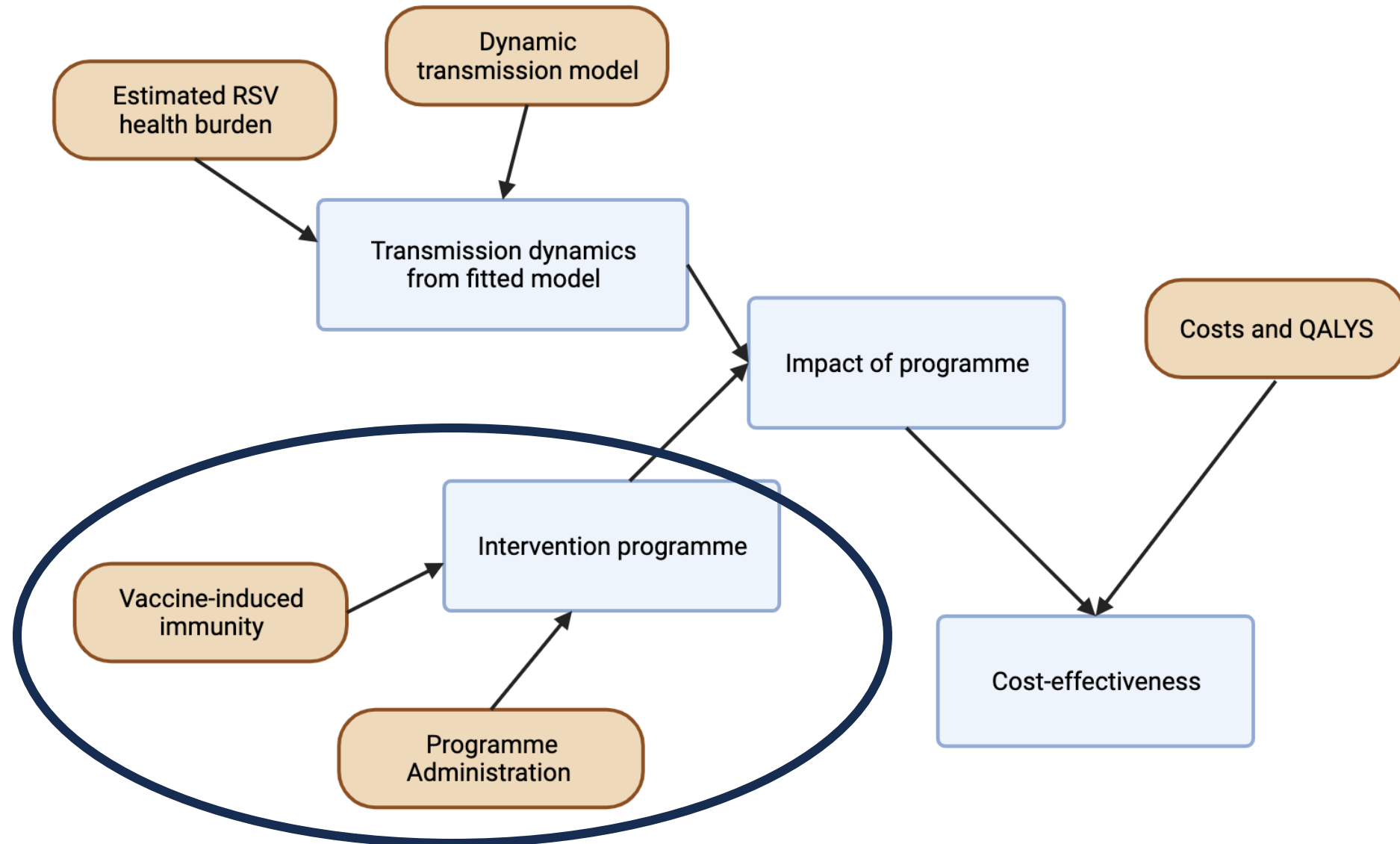


Risks of healthcare outcomes

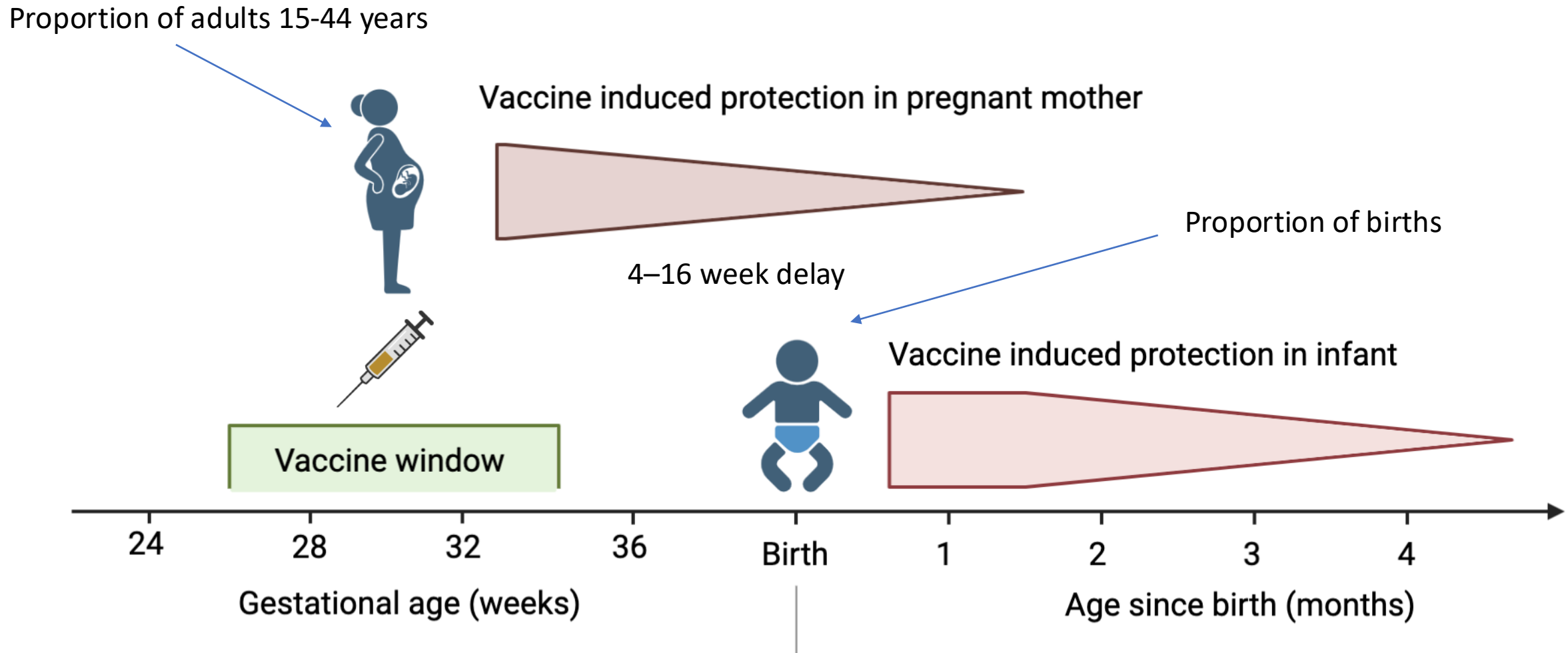
Risk per infection:
outcome incidence/
model predicted
incidence



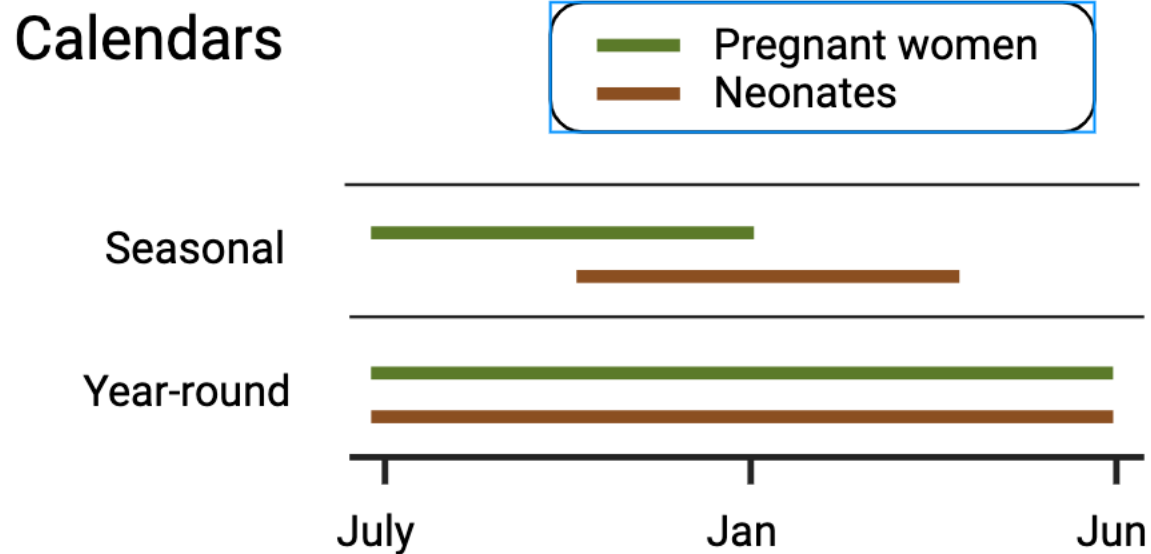
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Modelling maternal vaccination (conceptually)



Modelling maternal vaccination (implementation)



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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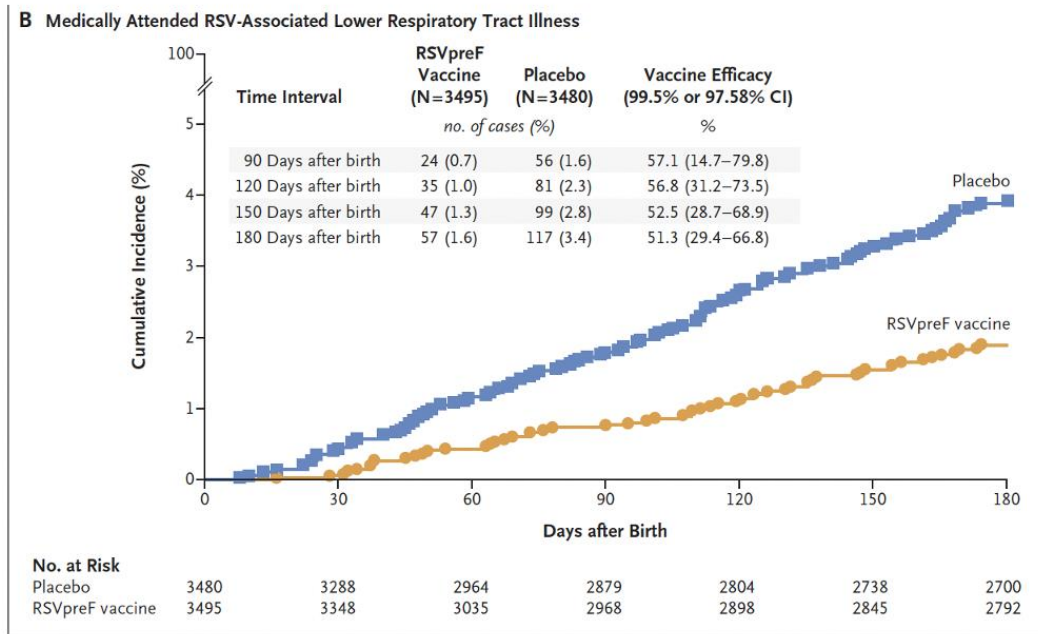
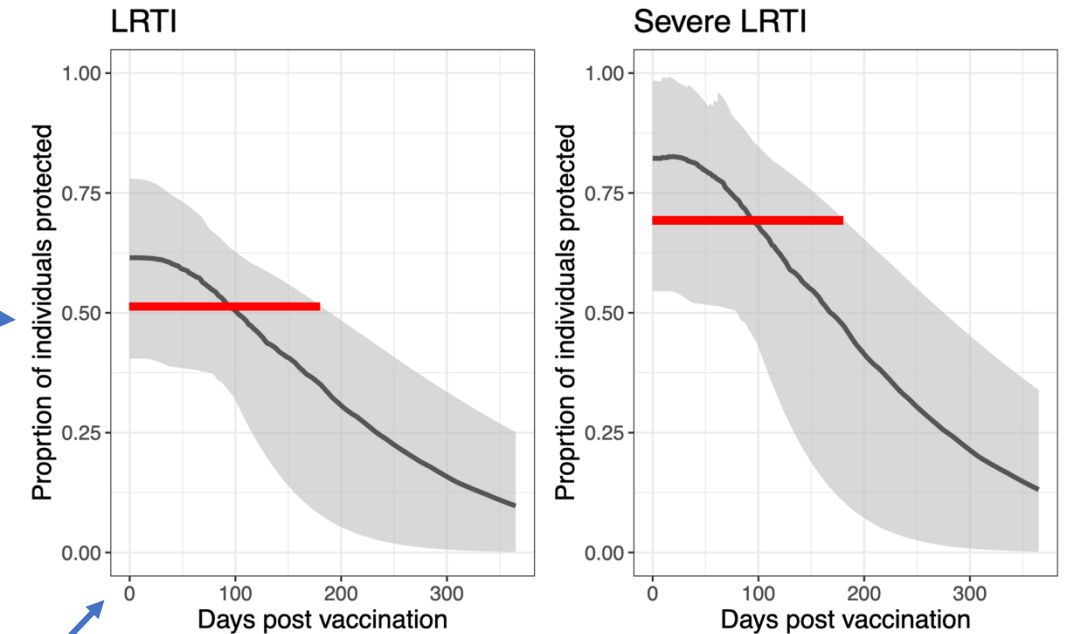


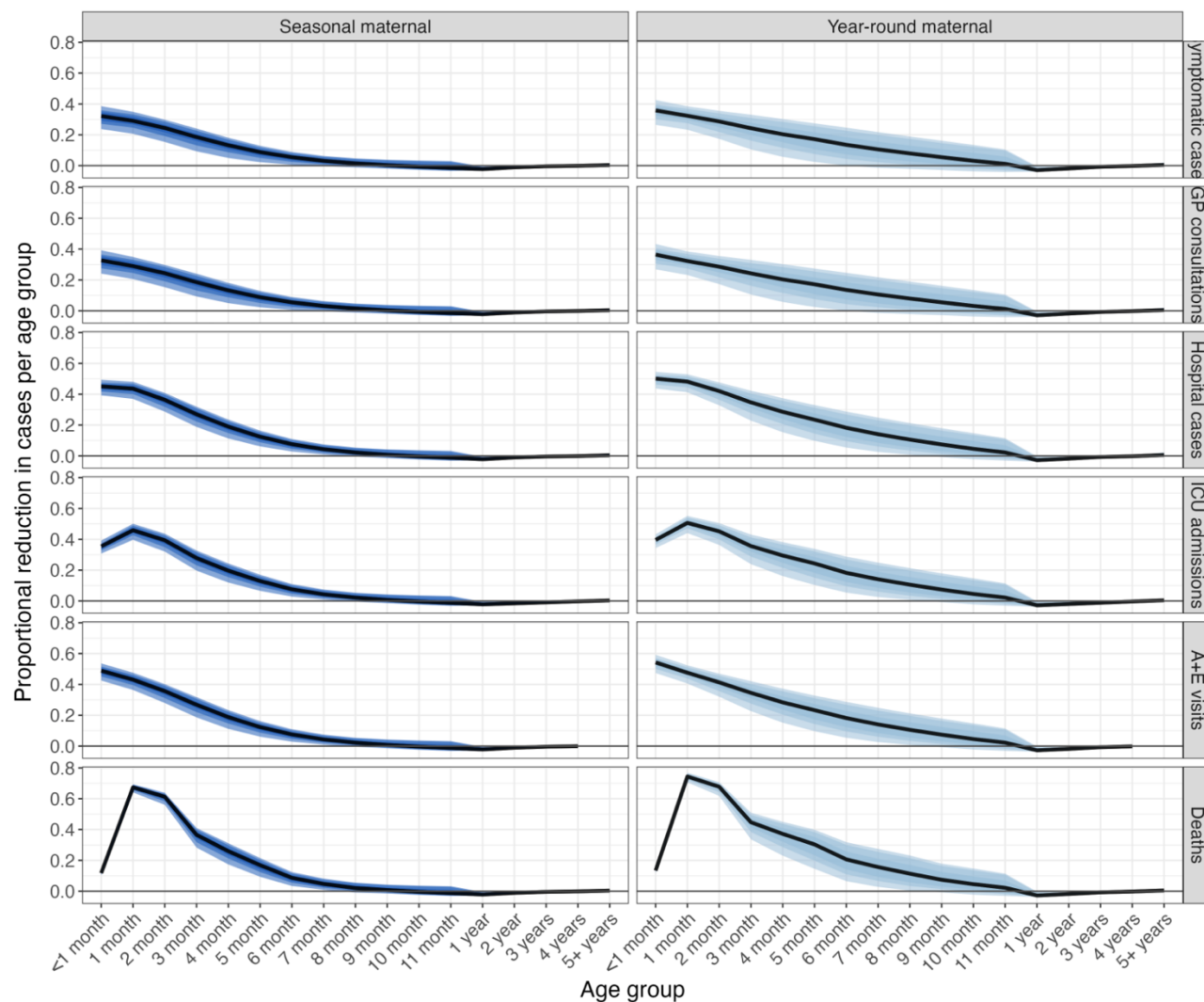
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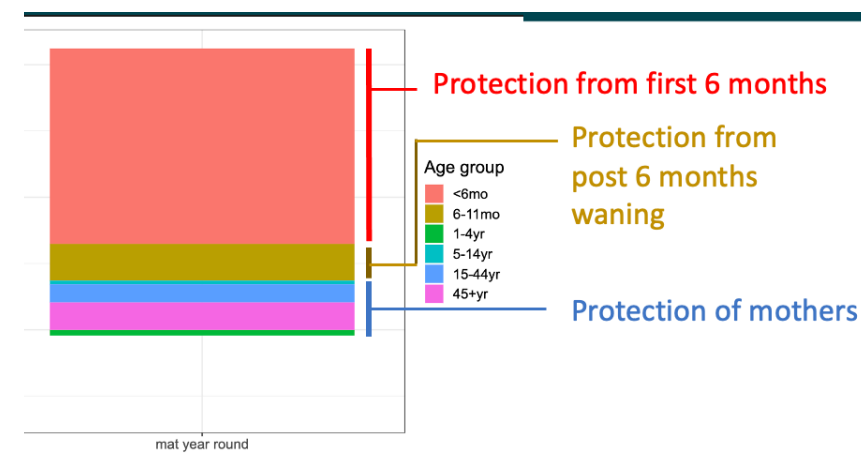


Health outcome	Efficacy e_d (point-estimate, 180 days)	Disease protection proportion (f_d)
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Symptomatic	51.3%	0
GP consultations	51.3%	0
A + E attendances	69.4%	0.35
Hospital admission	69.4%	0.35
ICU admissions	69.4%	0.35
Death	69.4%	0.35

Impact of MV programmes

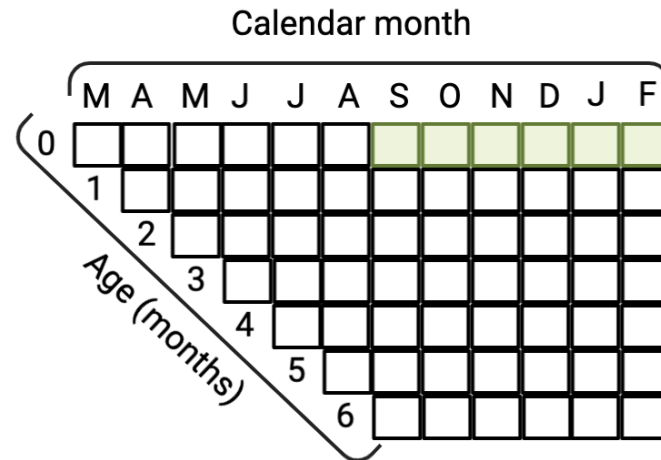


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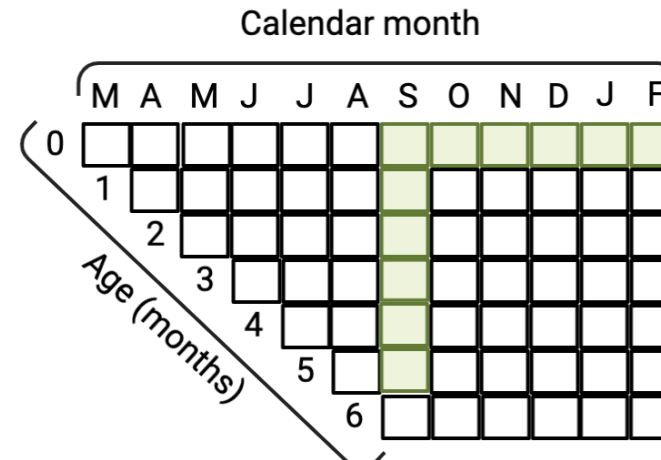


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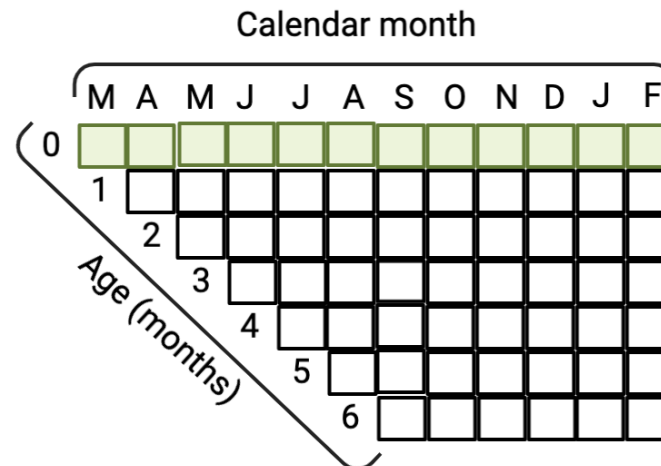
SEASONAL



SEASONAL + ANNUAL CATCH-UP



YEAR ROUND



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

Modelling Ia-mAB (implementation)

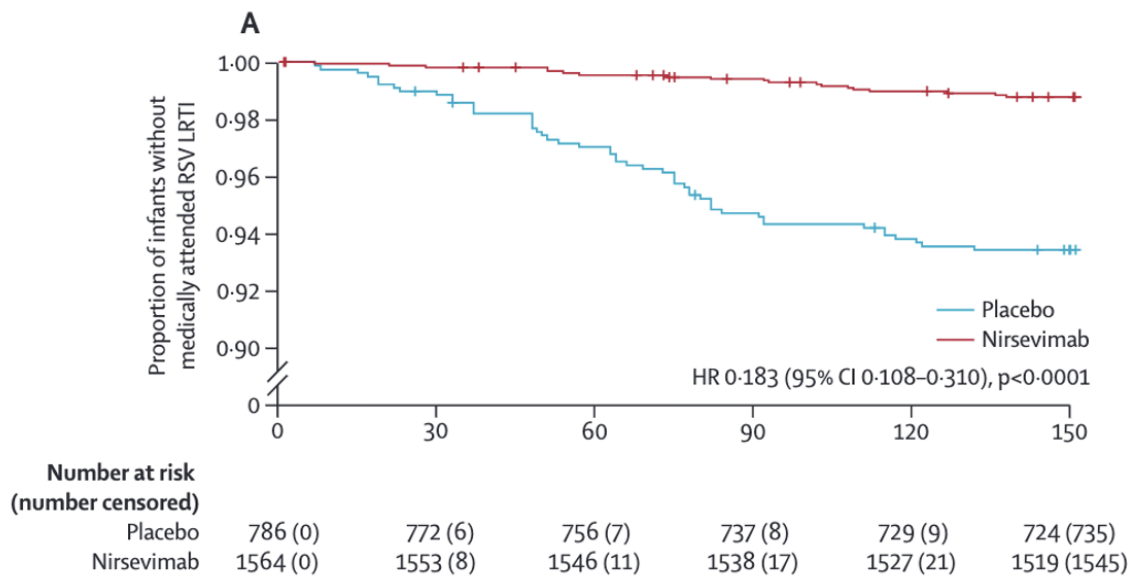
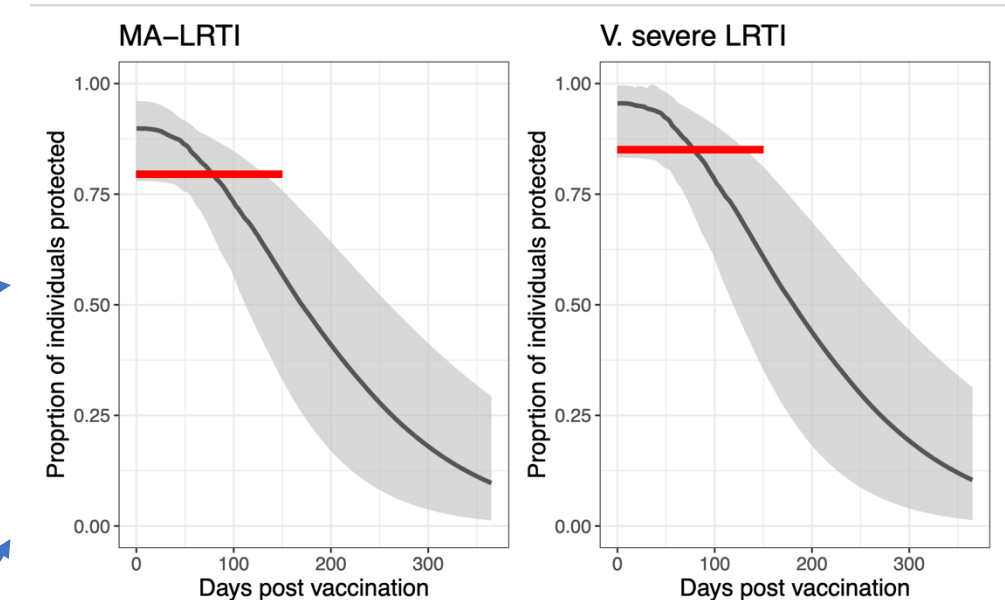


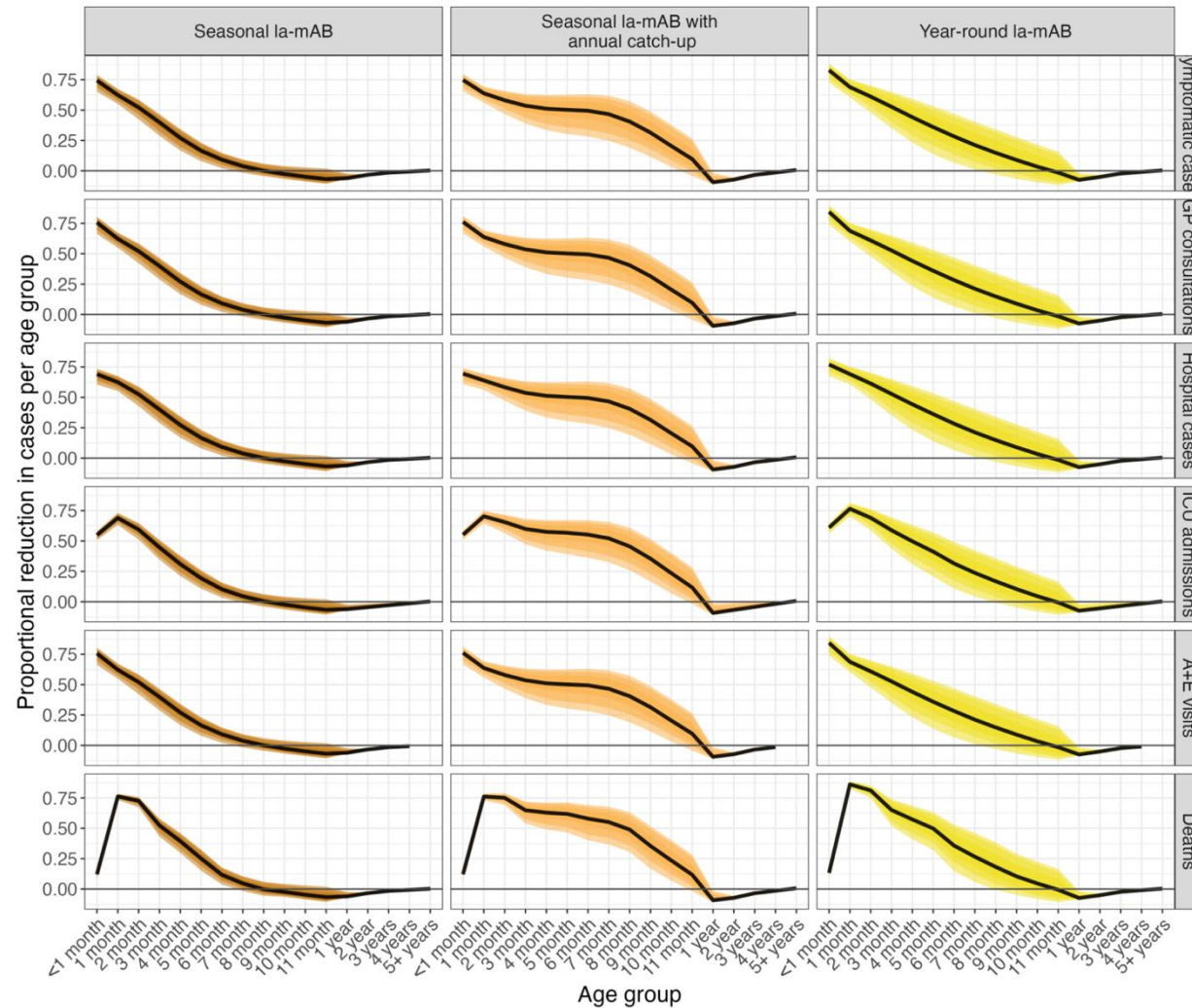
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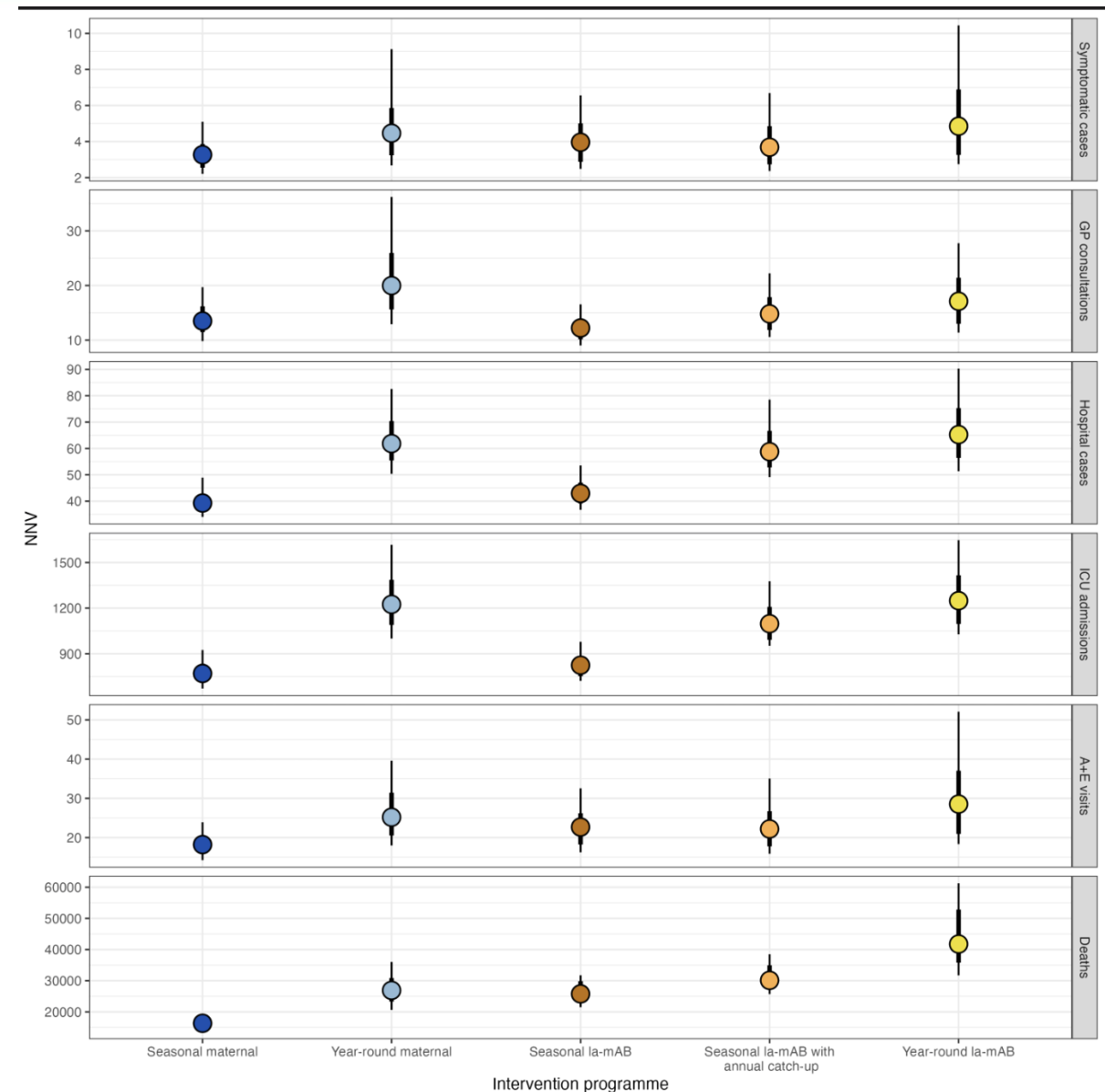
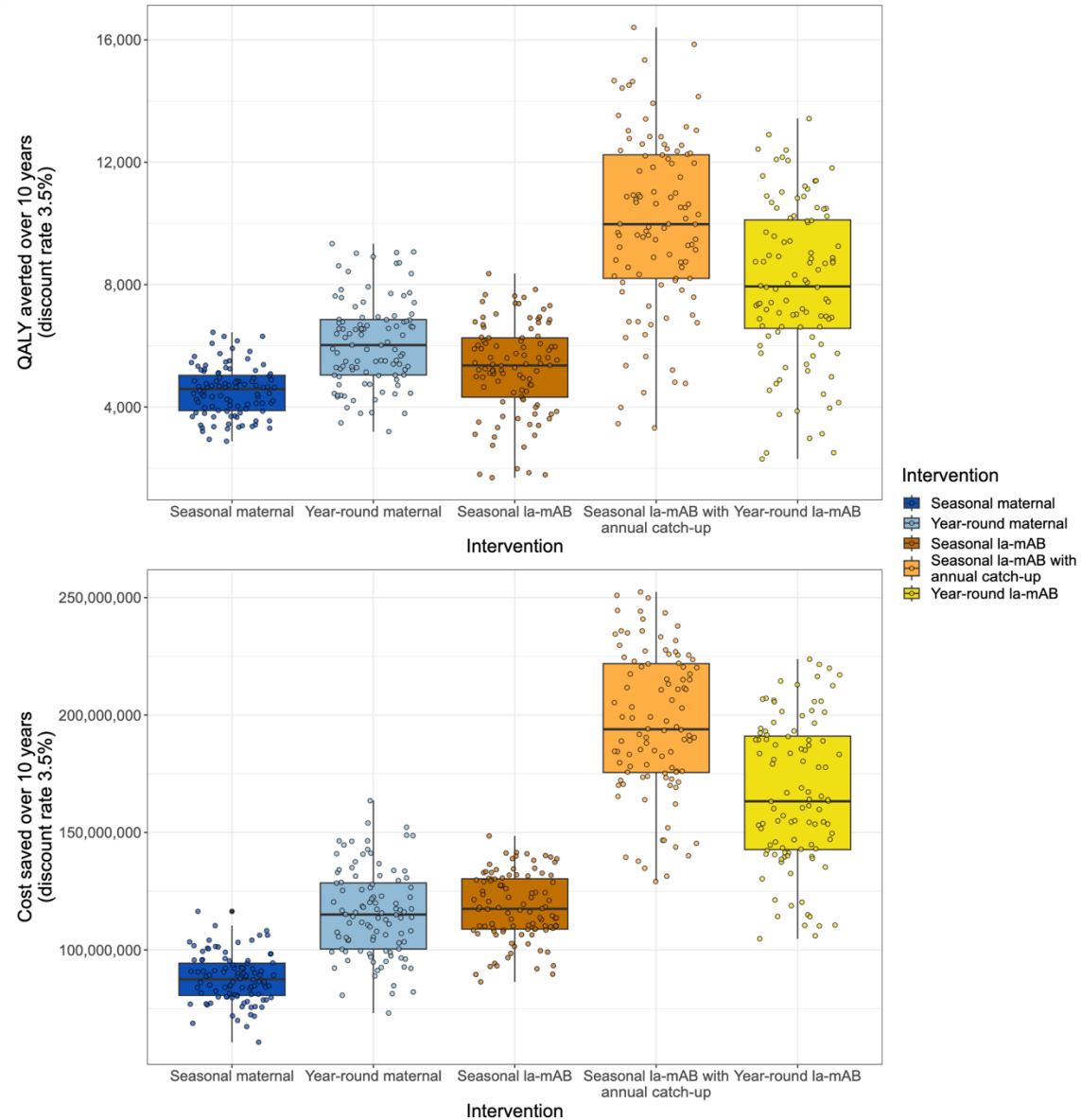
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Infection	79.5%	0
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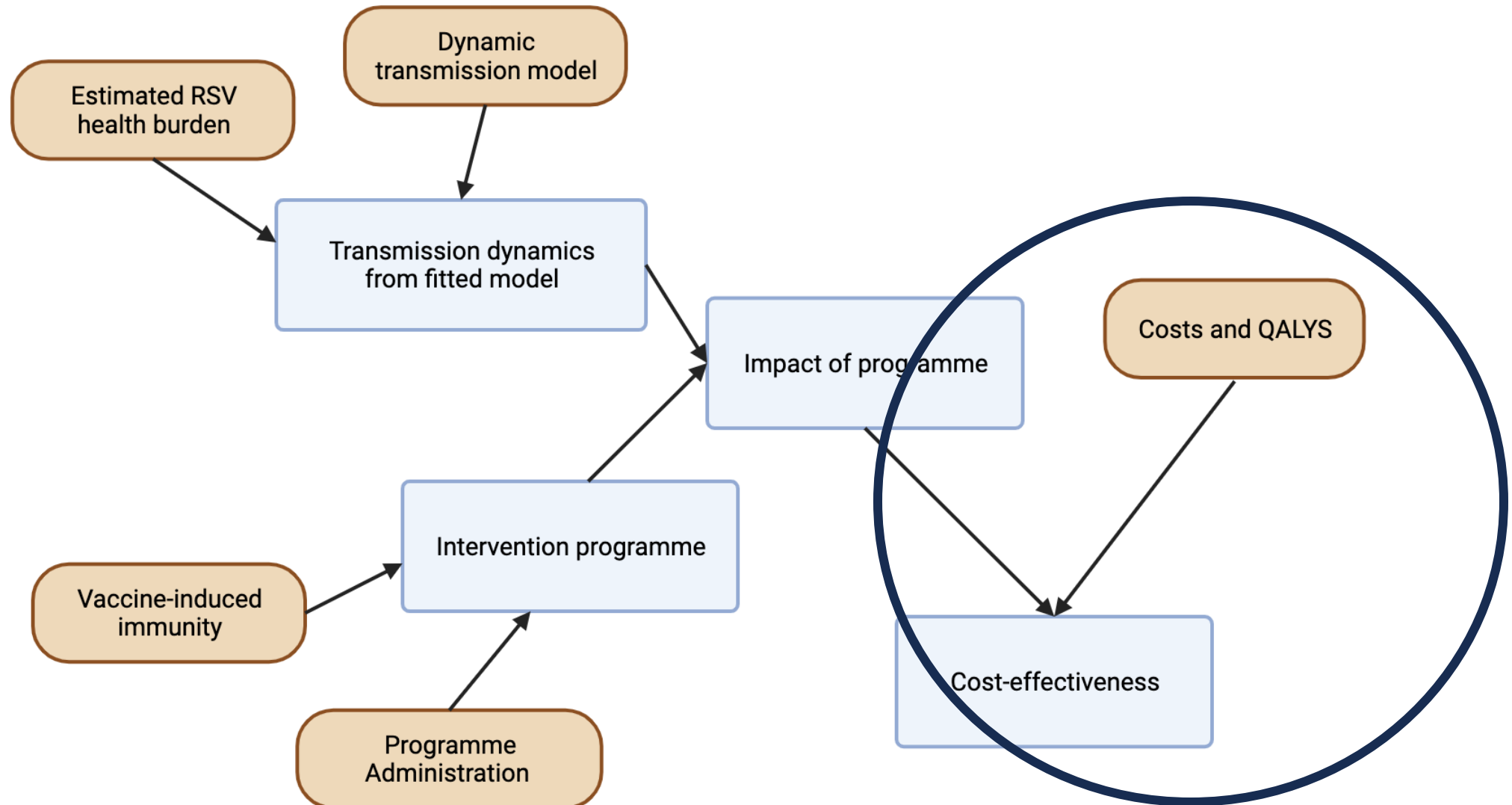


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Comparison of impact



Overview of project



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	2.336×10^{-3} (0.269×10^{-3} – 9.255×10^{-3})	Hodgson et al. 2020
≥5 years symptomatic	1.448×10^{-3} (0.135×10^{-3} – 5.928×10^{-3})	
< 5 years hospitalisations	4.098×10^{-3} (0.624×10^{-3} – 13.141×10^{-3})	
≥5 years hospitalisations	2.990×10^{-3} (0.346×10^{-3} – 11.387×10^{-3})	

Hospital cases

	MEDIAN RSV-RELATED HOSPITAL ADMISSION COST (£, 95% CrI)	
AGE GROUP	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)

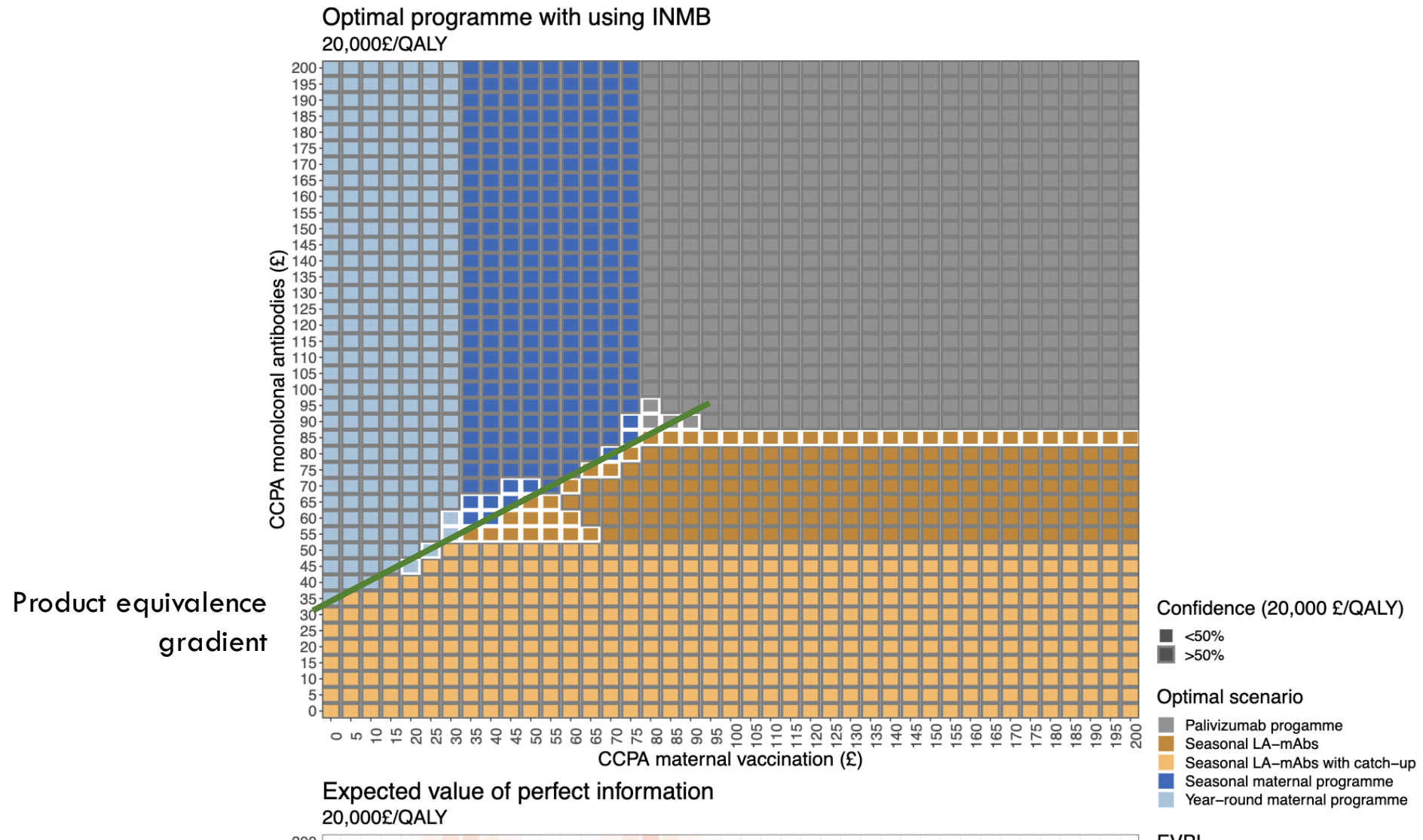
- A CCPA is picked for maternal vaccination (£0–200) + monoclonal antibodies (£0–200)
- Calculate costs (implementation + healthcare costs) for all five intervention programmes
- Calculate the INMB of each programme compared to Palivizumab only
- The programme with the greatest INMB is the most cost-effective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

Blicke, Beutels 2022, Med Decis Making

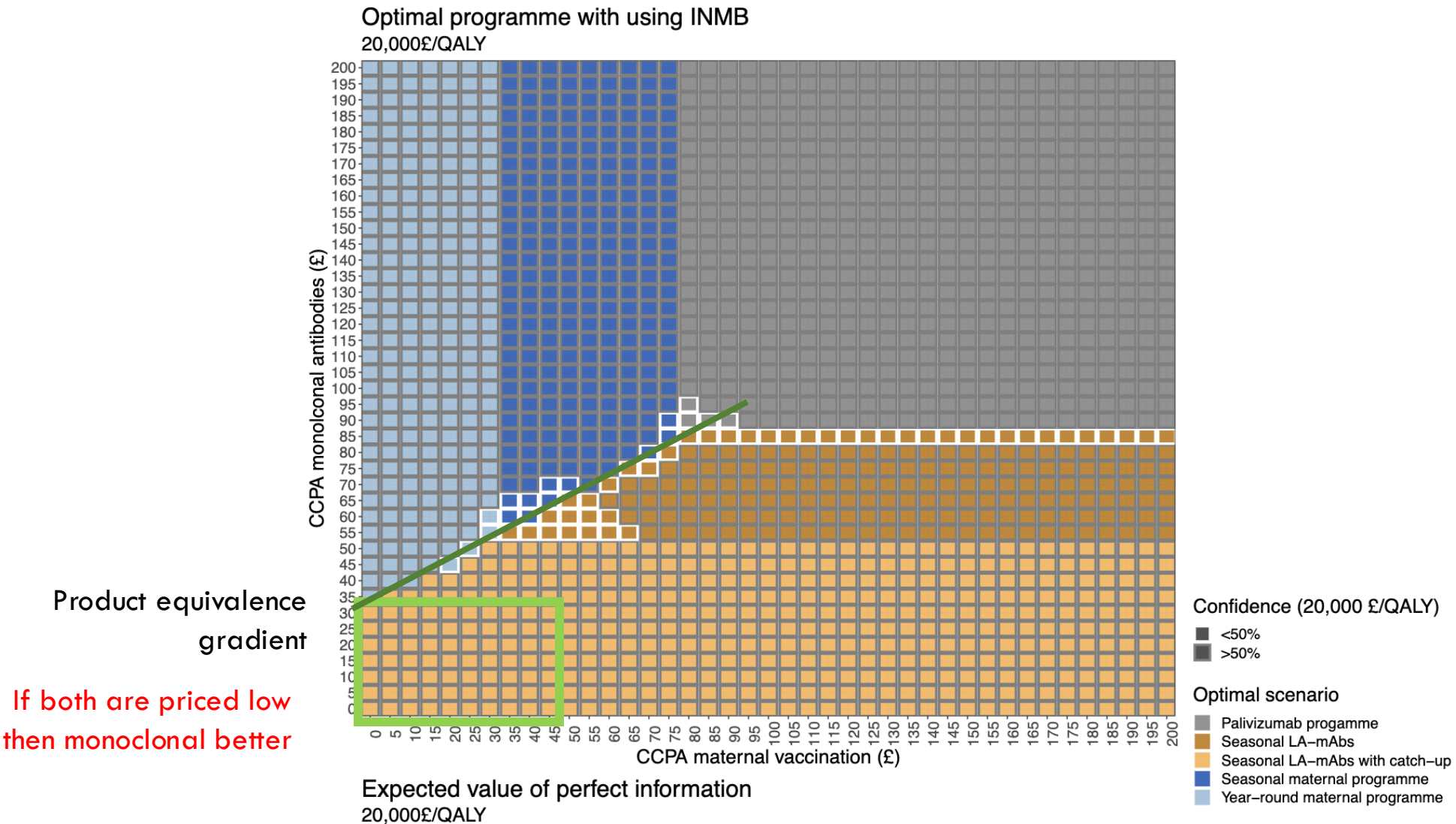
CCPA = cost of buying and administration of product per dose

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

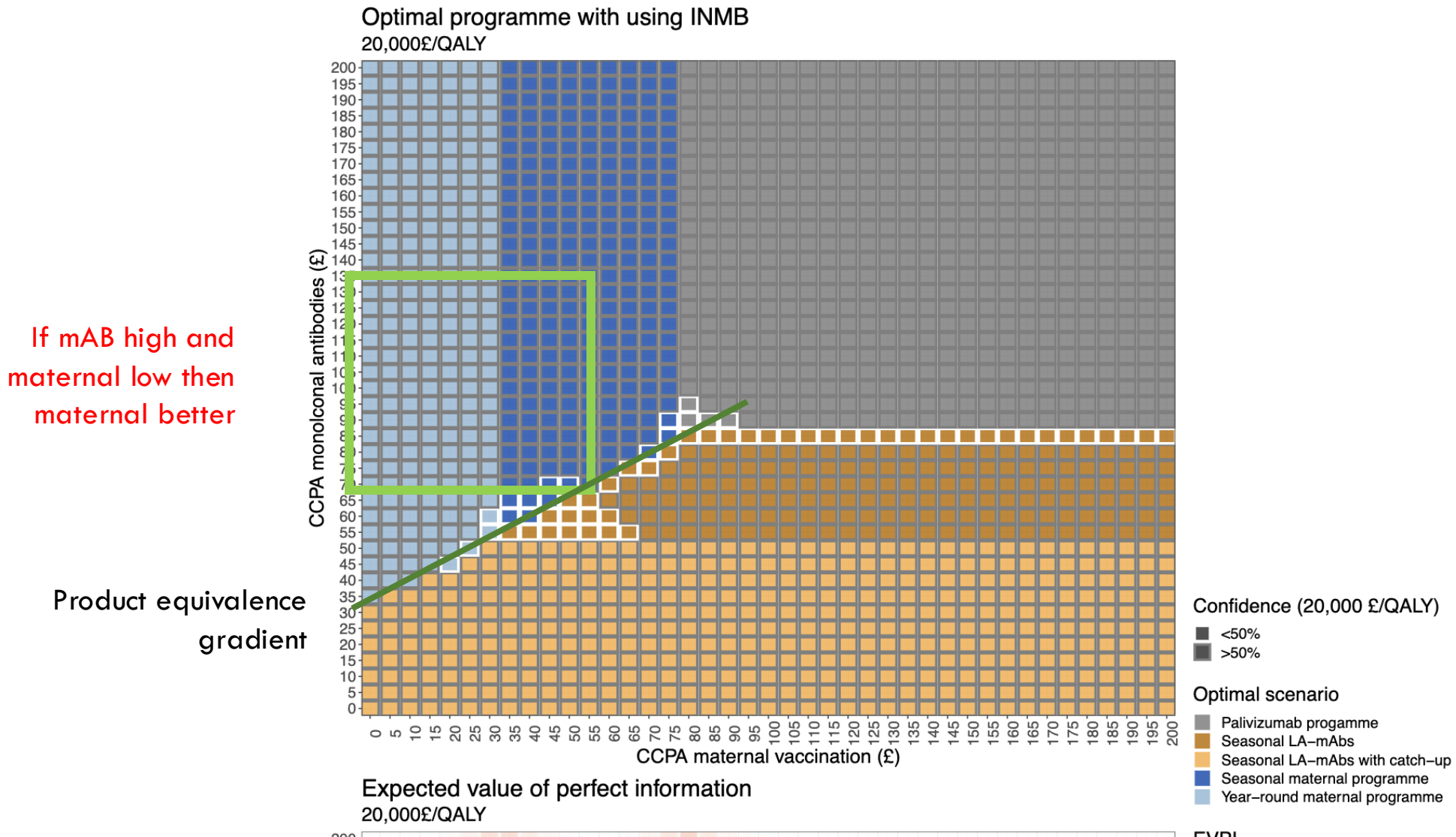
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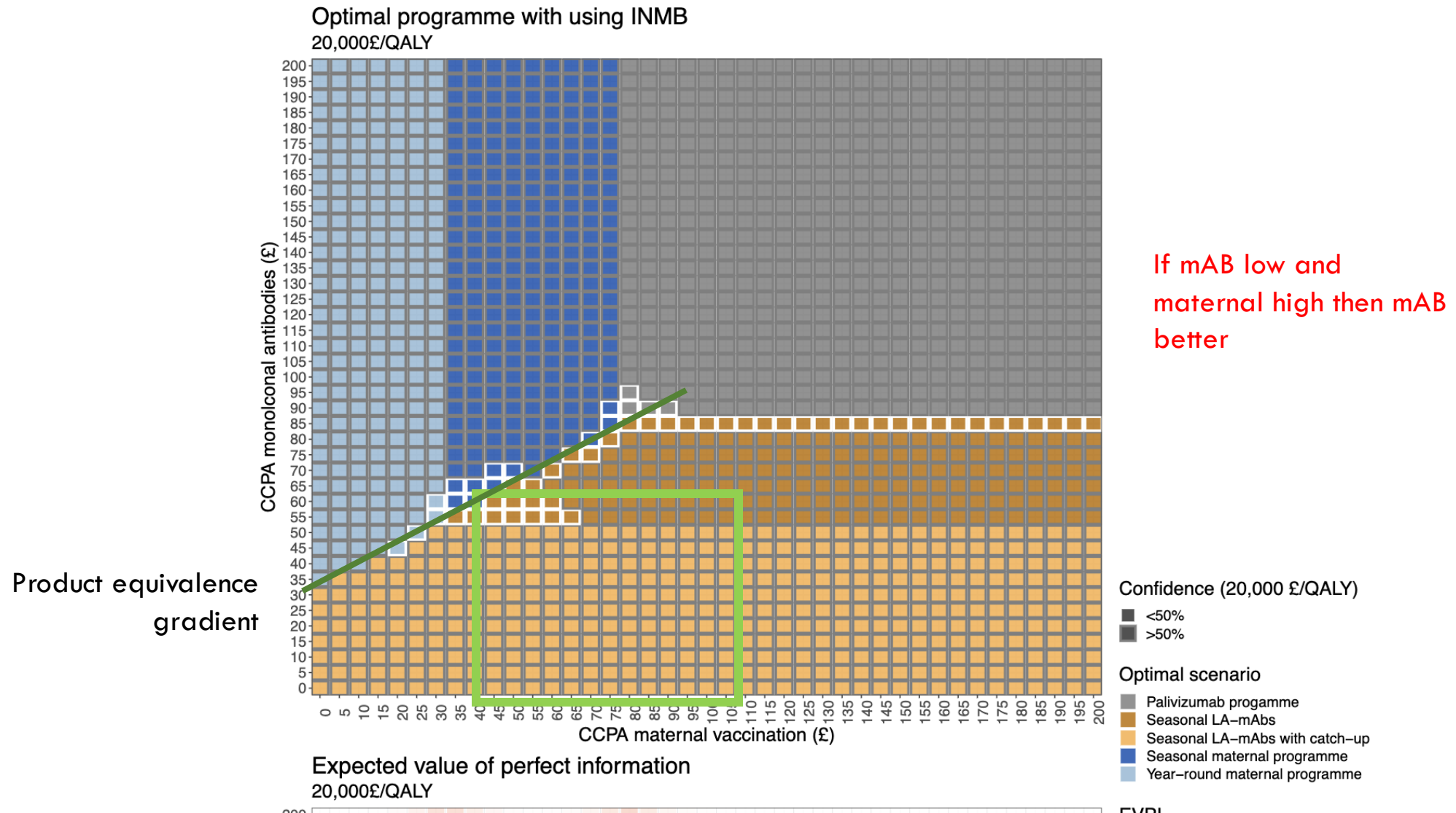
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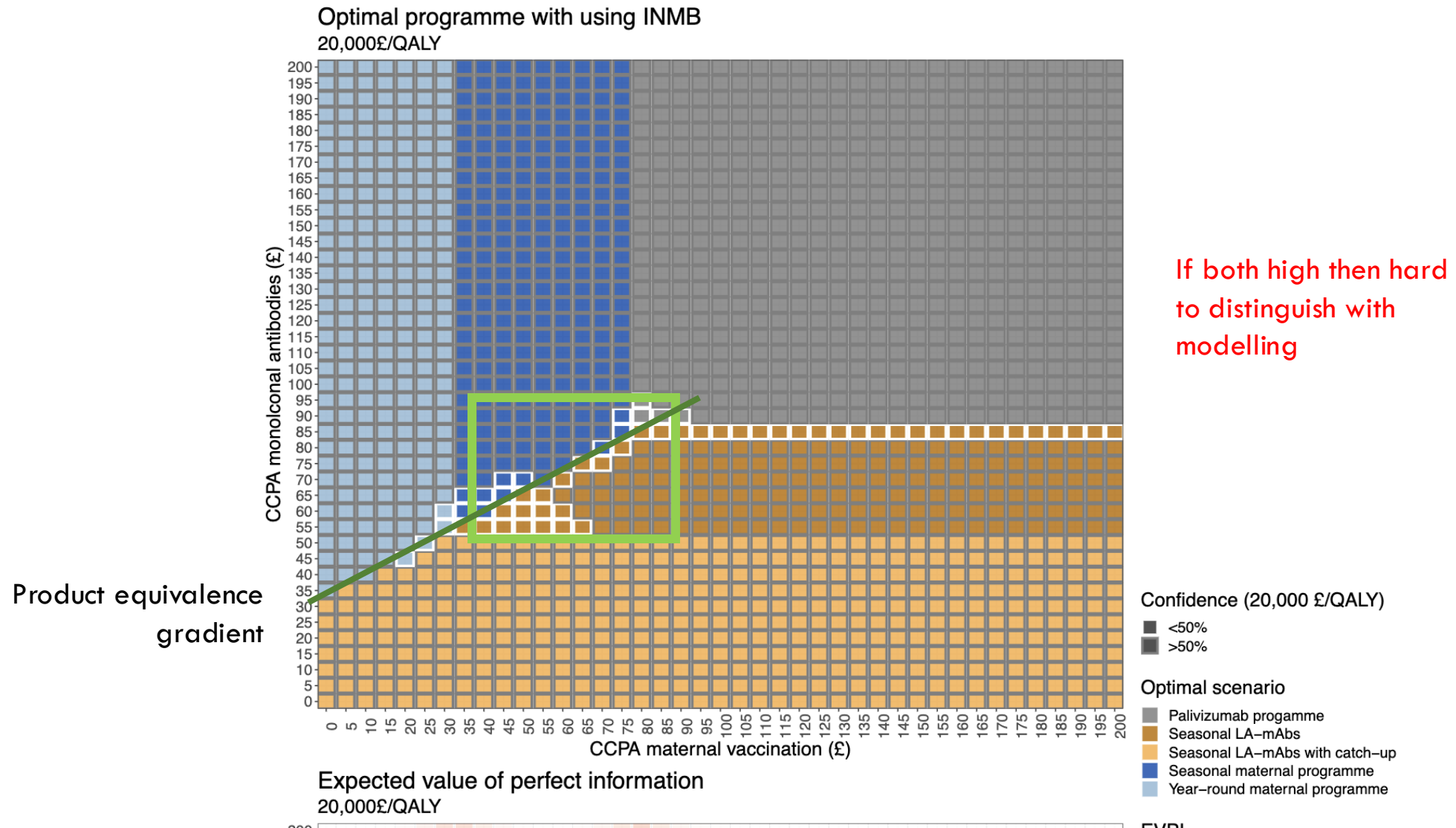
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Take homes from modelling + cost-effectiveness

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

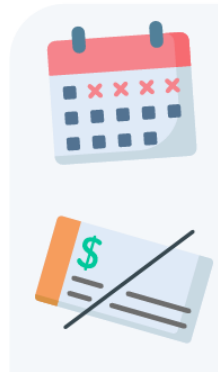
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Acceptability between products

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

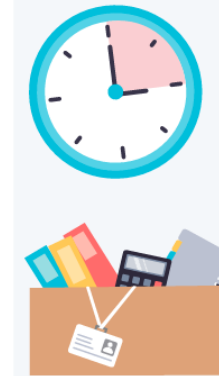


31%

of parents had to take **paid time off** from work.

28%

took **unpaid leave**.



22%

had to work **fewer hours**.

10%

left their job.



7%

were fired because of the demands of caring for their sick child.

https://admin.allianceforpatientaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/AfPA-and-NCfIH_The-Indirect-Impact-of-RSV_Survey-Report_Jan-2023.pdf

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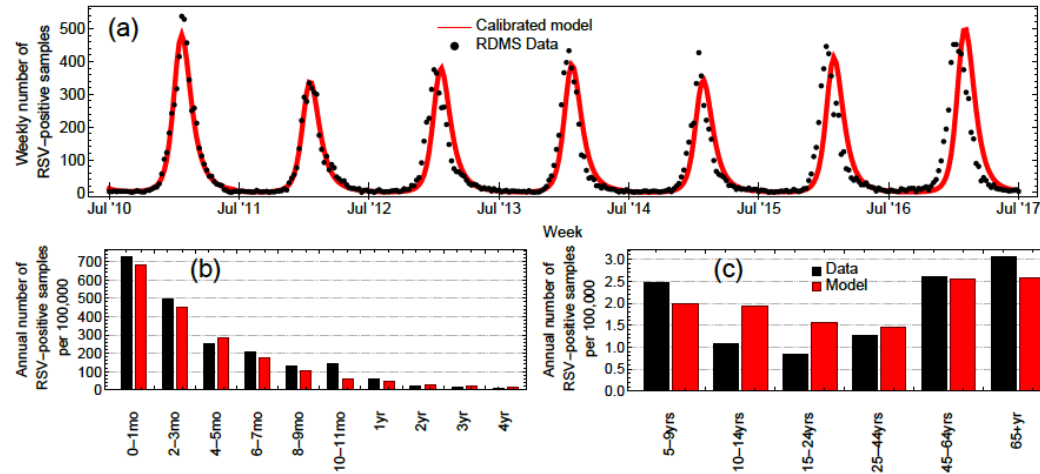
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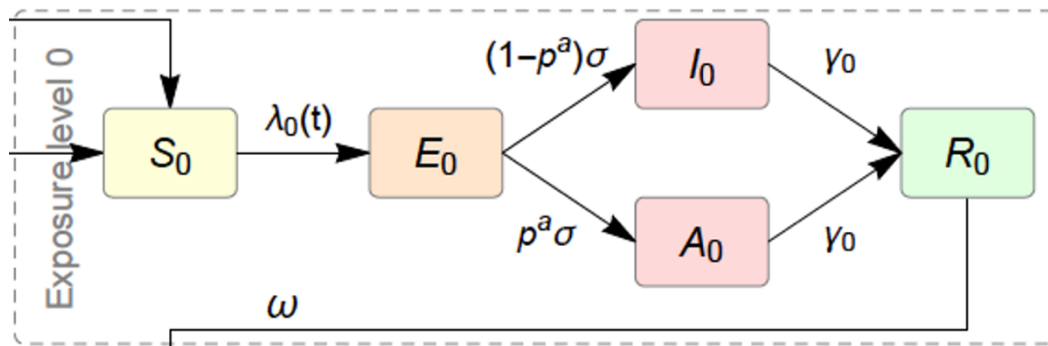
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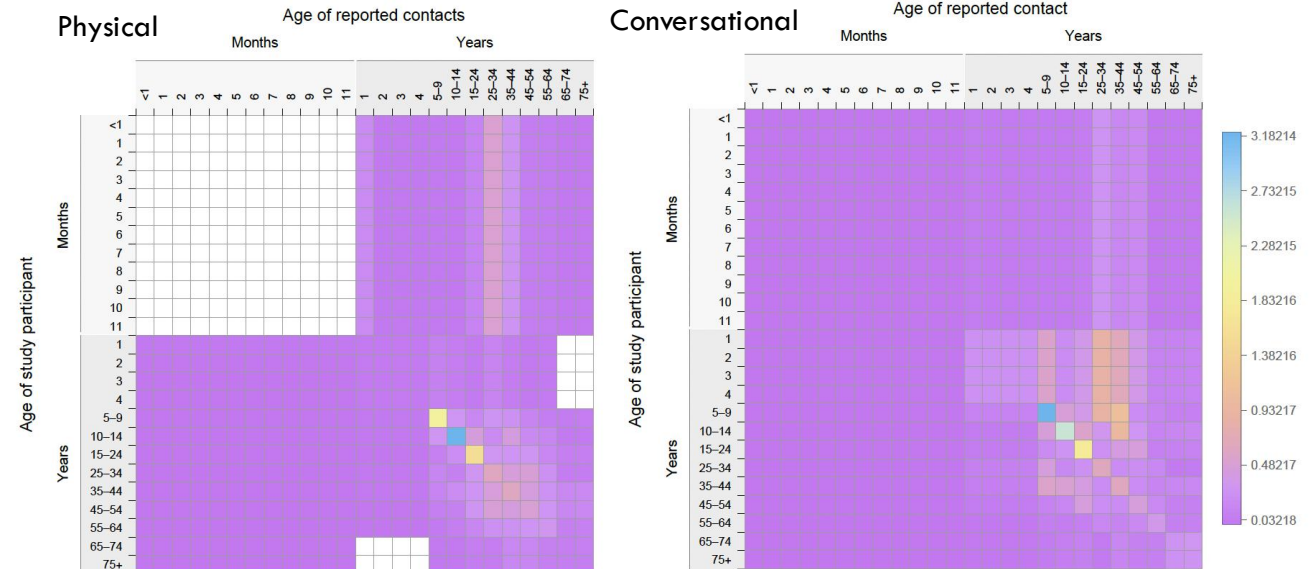
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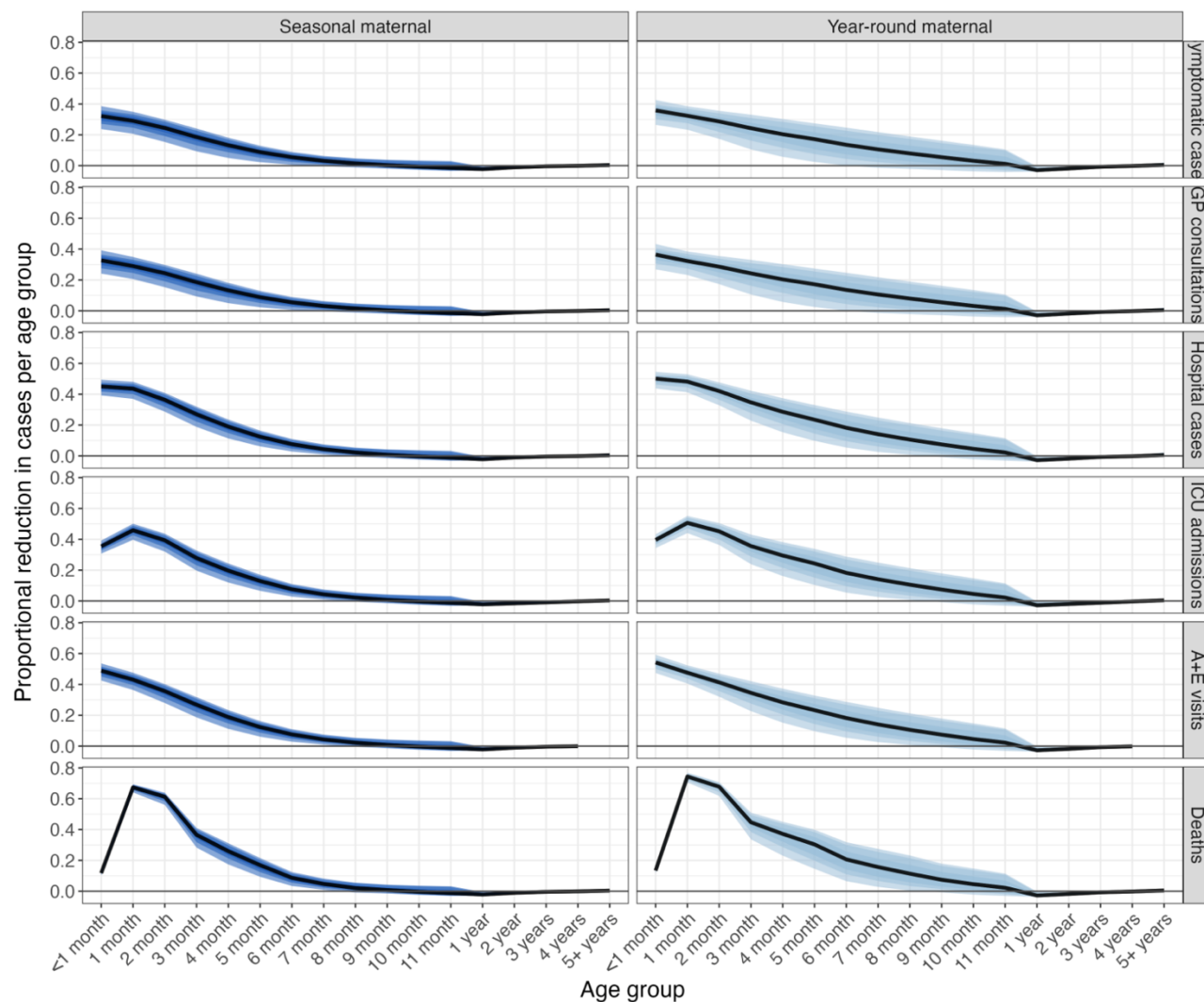
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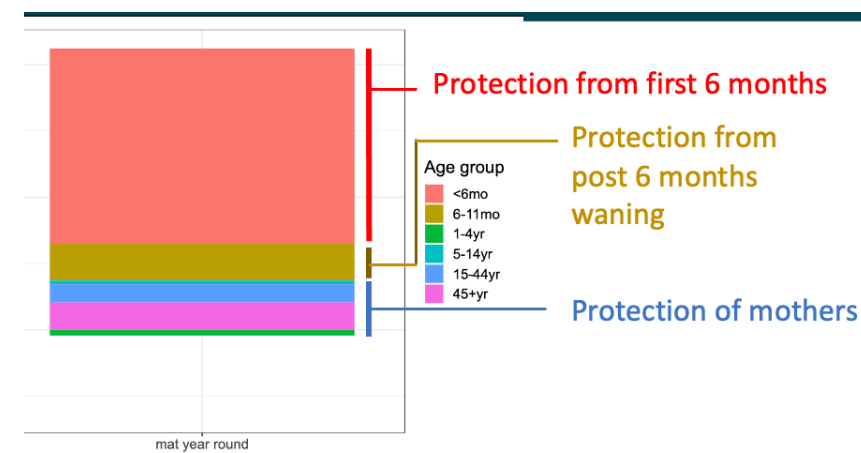
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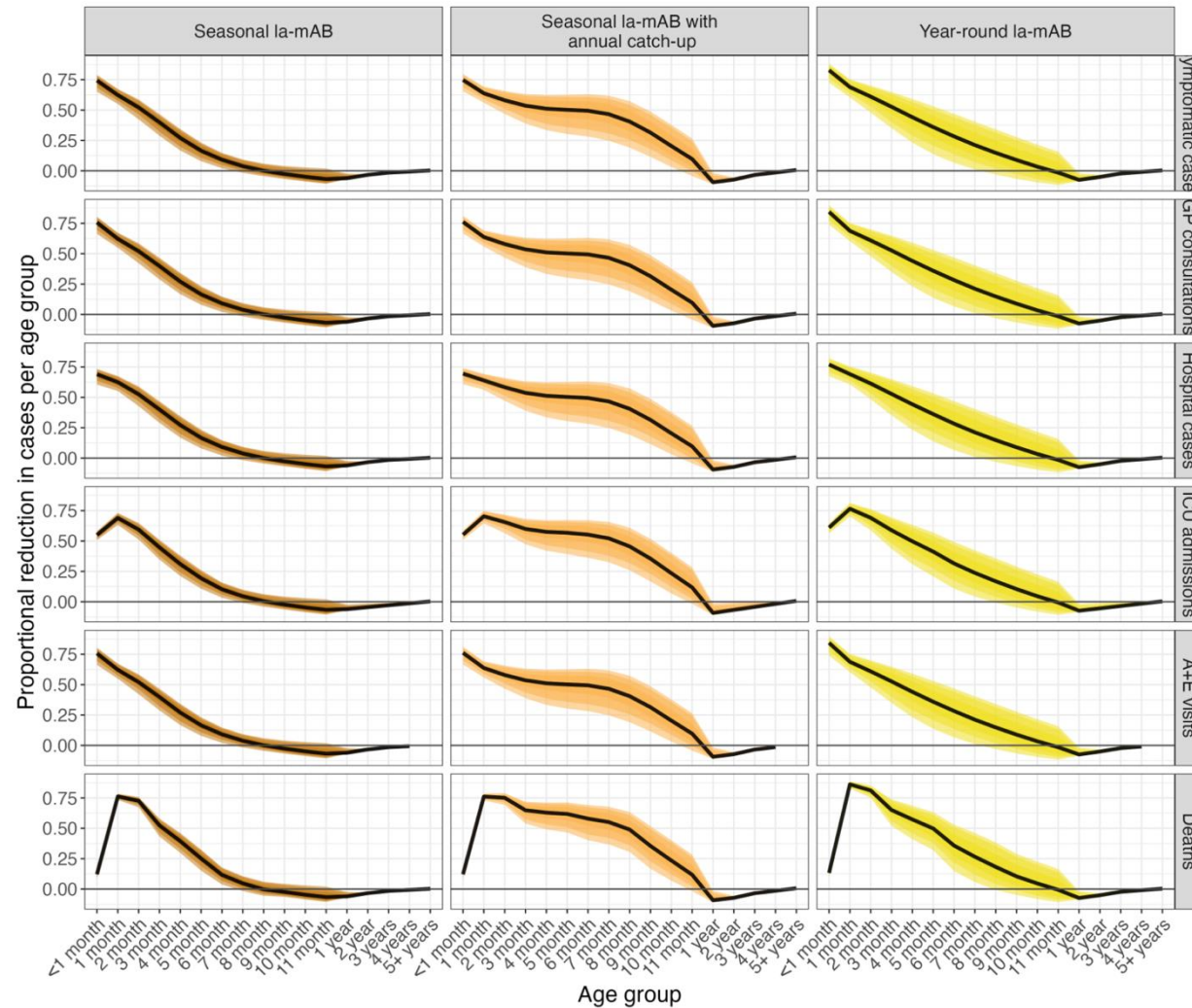
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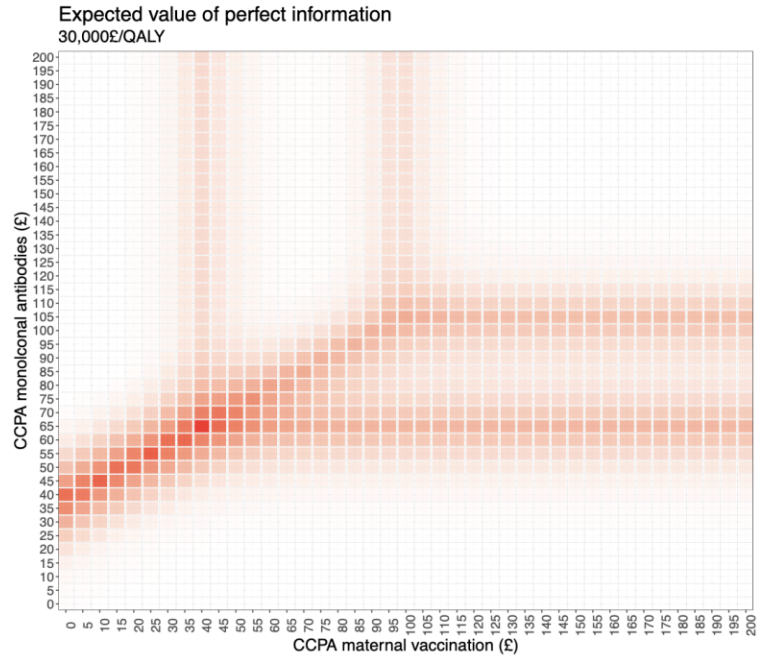
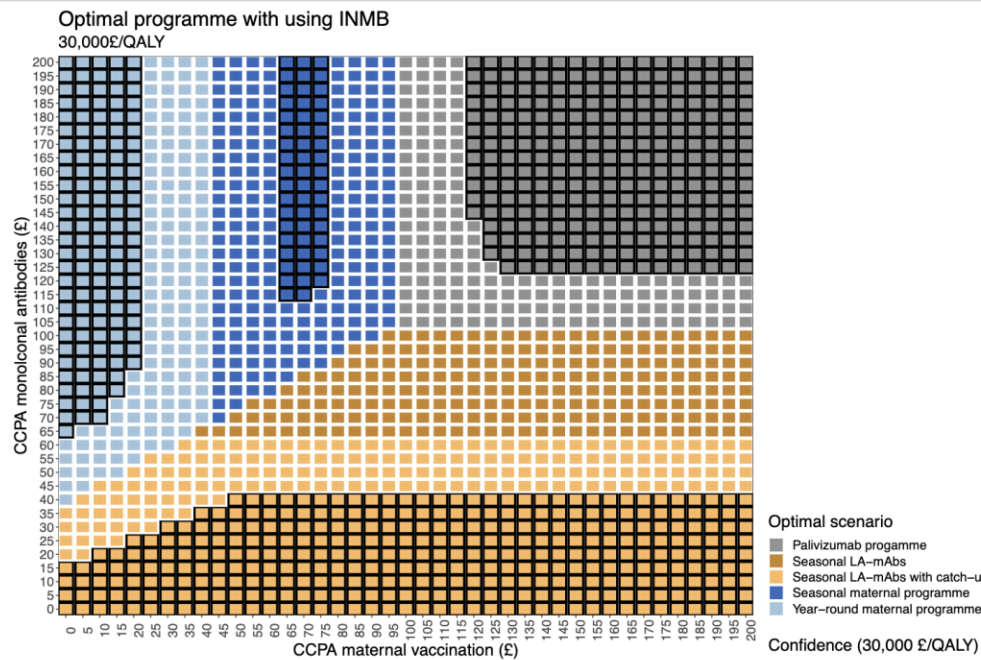
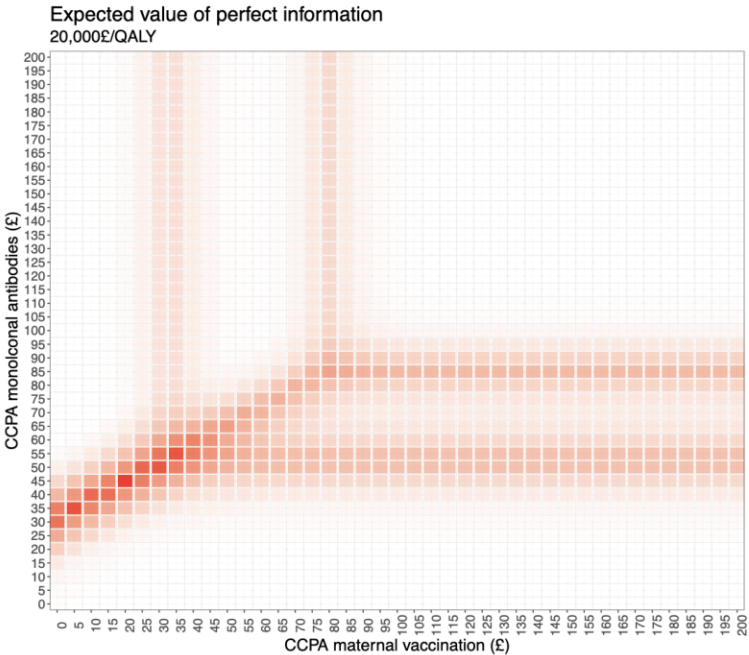
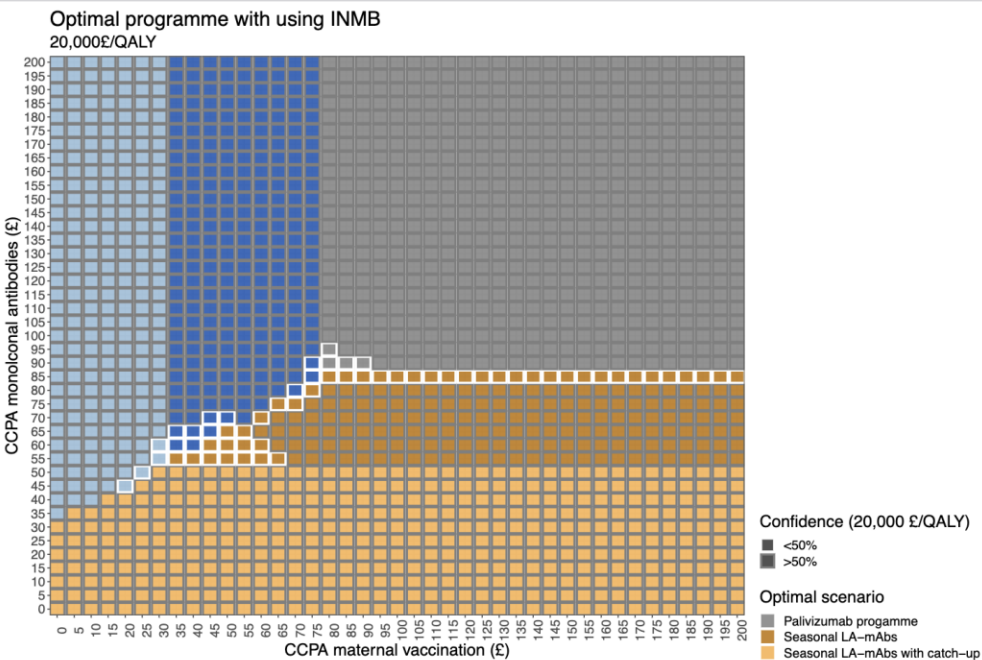


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Deaths	12 (10-14)	20 (16-24)	15 (10-20)

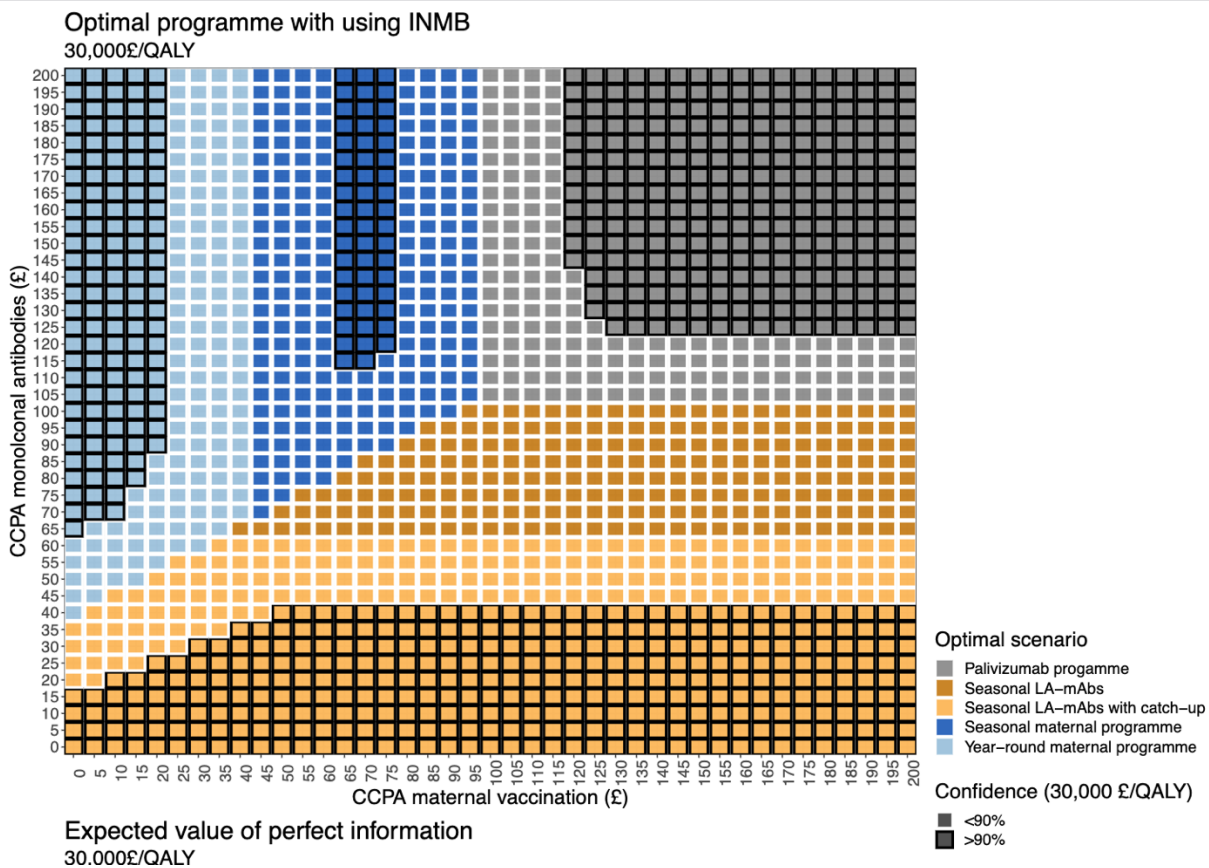
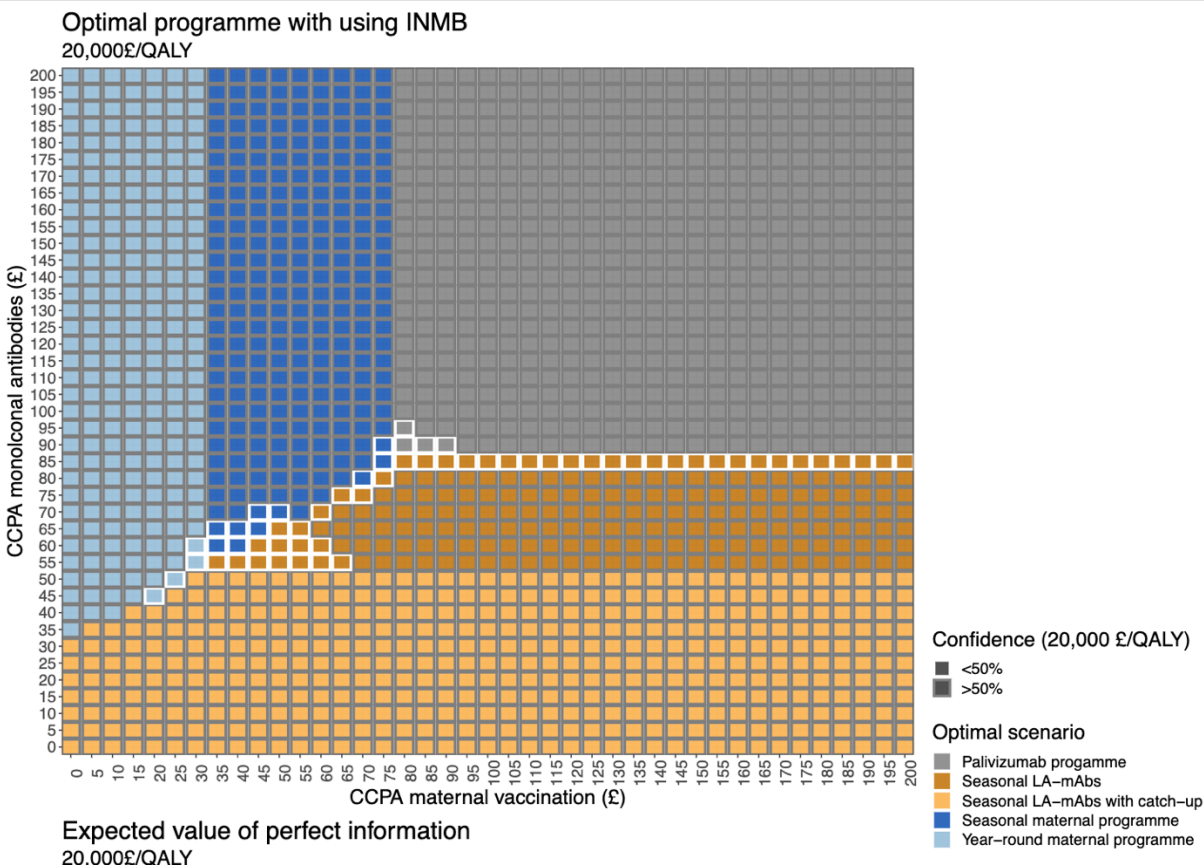
Short-stay costs

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

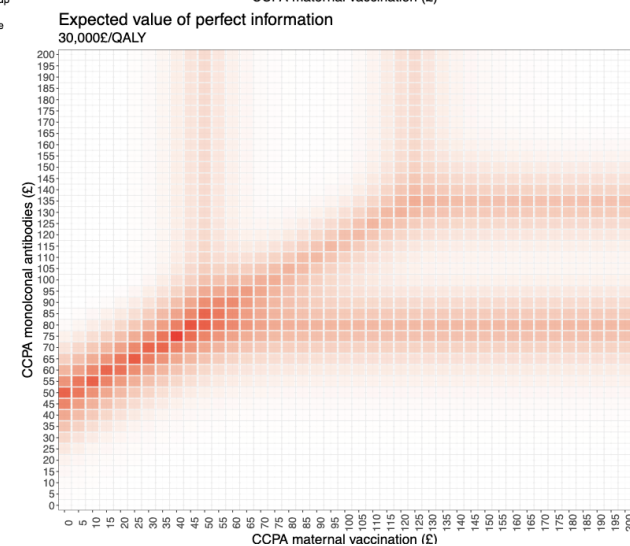
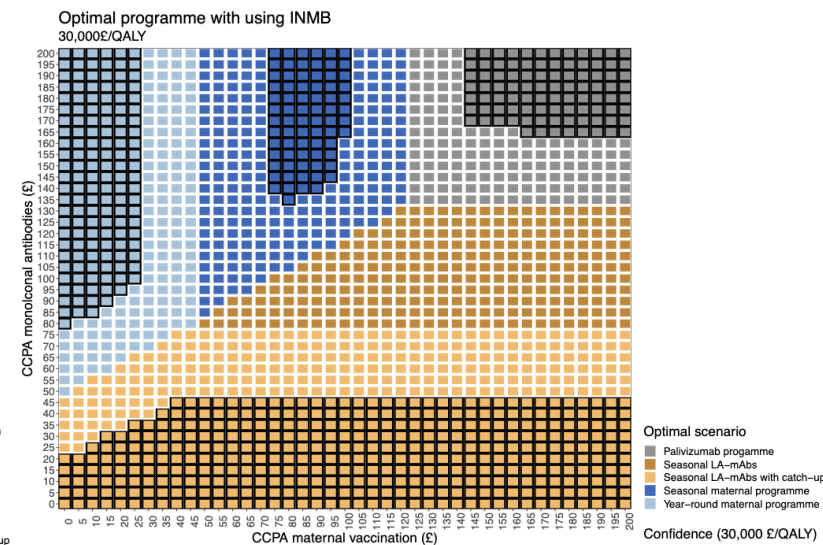
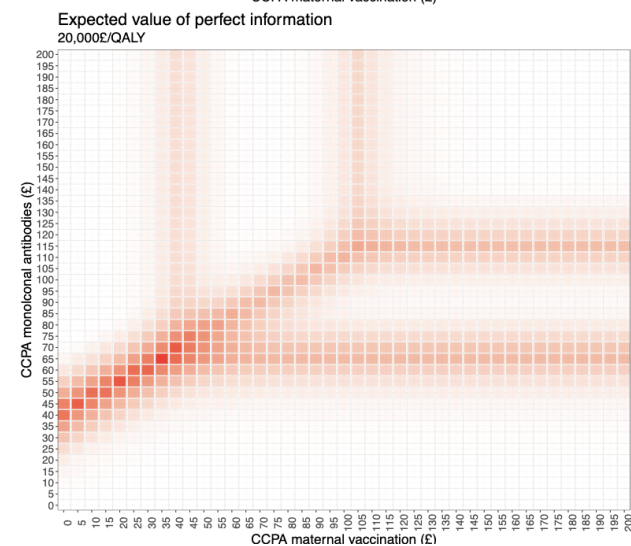
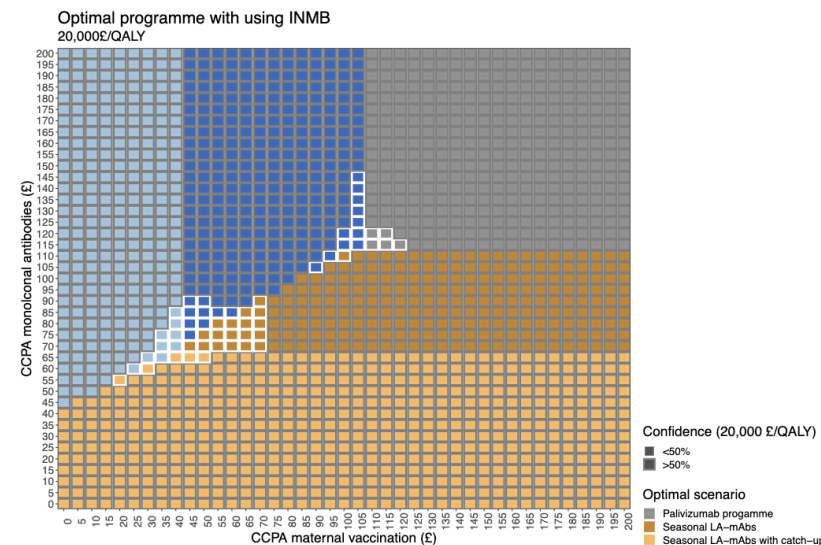
Max £85-90 a dose for LA-mABs (20k ICER)



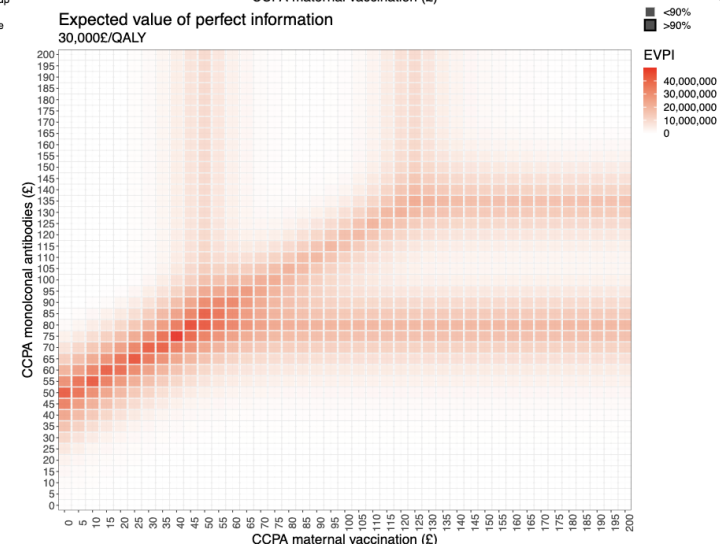
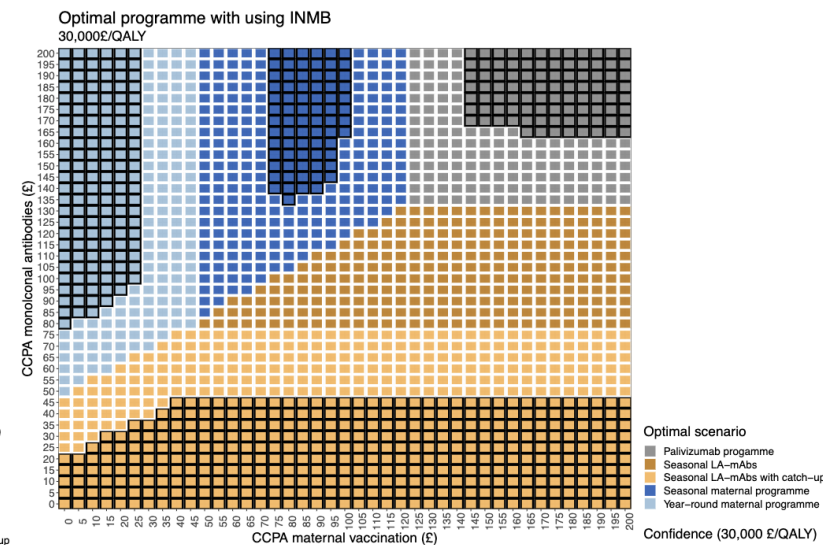
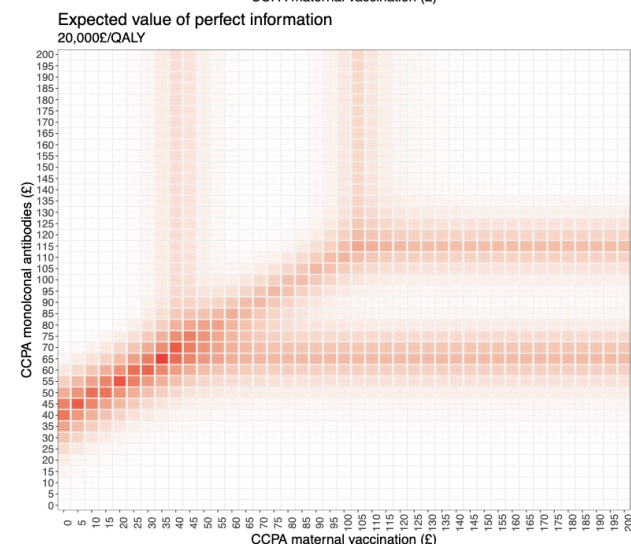
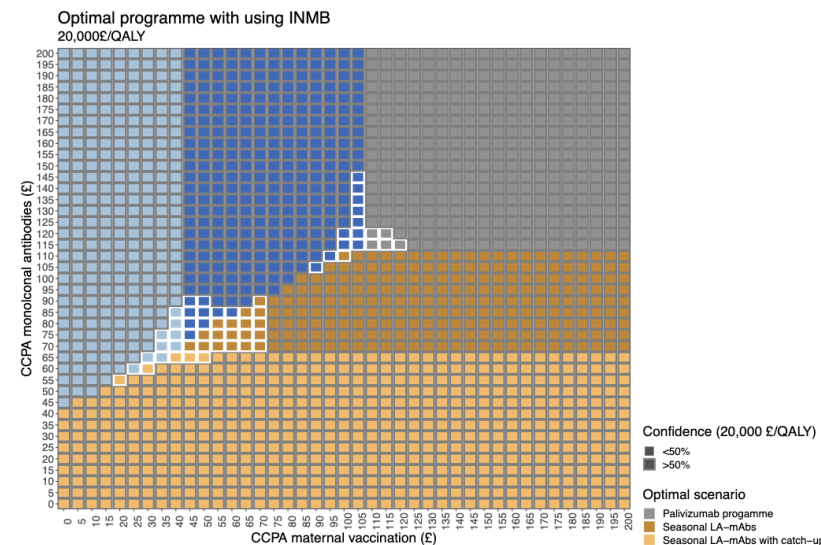
More uncertainty



No catch-up for LA-mABs

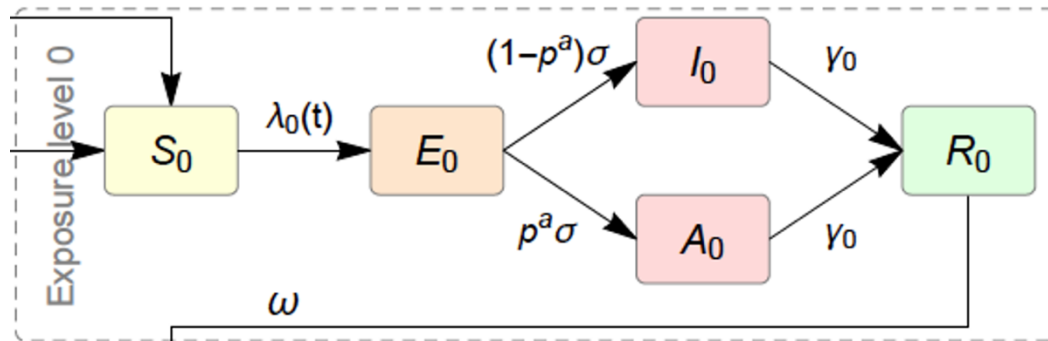


Long + short-stay costs



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



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*



GP consultations

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

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***



A+E

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

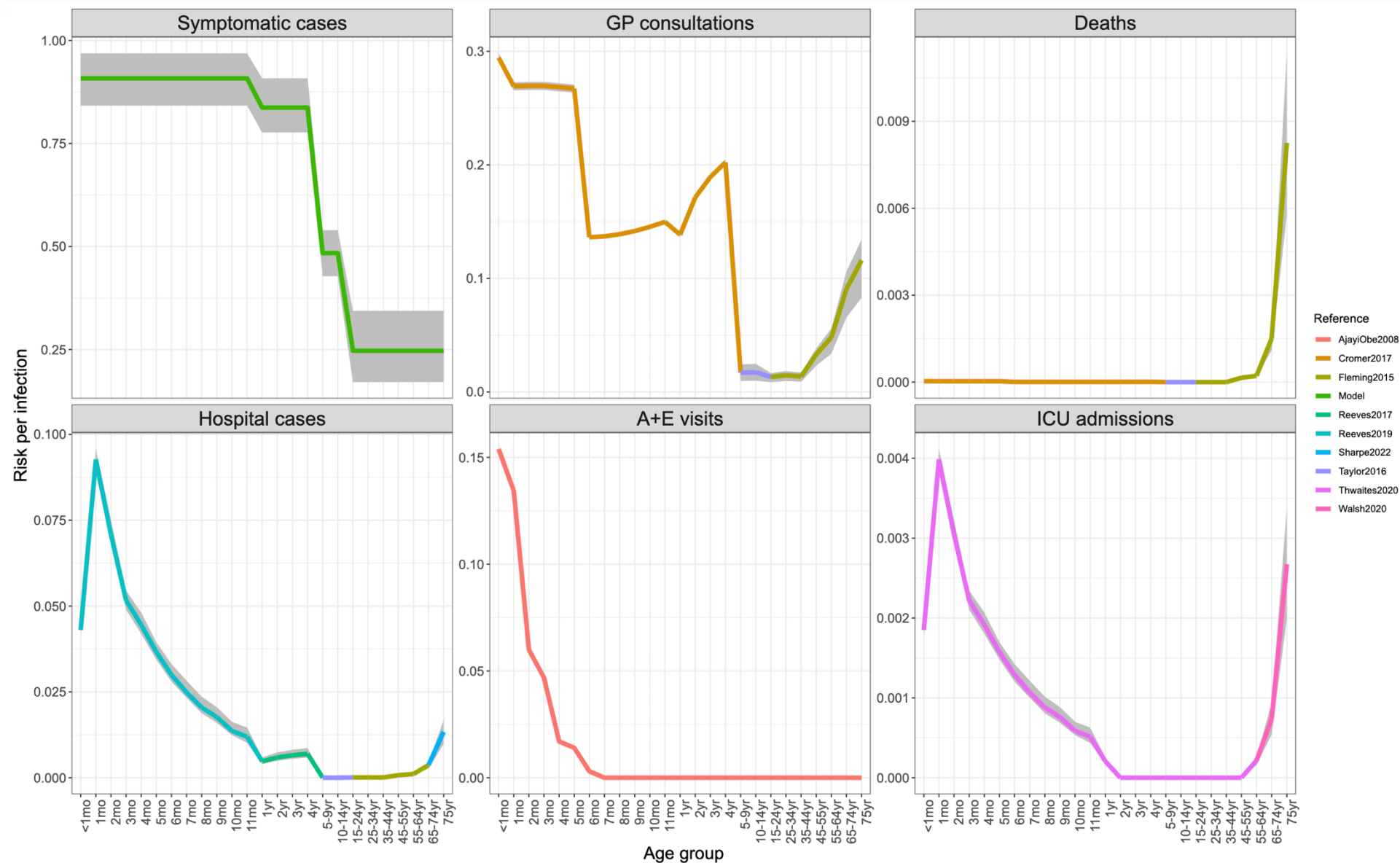
Deaths

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- **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	2.336×10^{-3} (0.269×10^{-3} – 9.255×10^{-3})	Hodgson et al. 2020
≥5 years symptomatic	1.448×10^{-3} (0.135×10^{-3} – 5.928×10^{-3})	
< 5 years hospitalisations	4.098×10^{-3} (0.624×10^{-3} – 13.141×10^{-3})	
≥5 years hospitalisations	2.990×10^{-3} (0.346×10^{-3} – 11.387×10^{-3})	

Hospital cases

	MEDIAN RSV-RELATED HOSPITAL ADMISSION COST (£, 95% CrI)	
AGE GROUP	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)

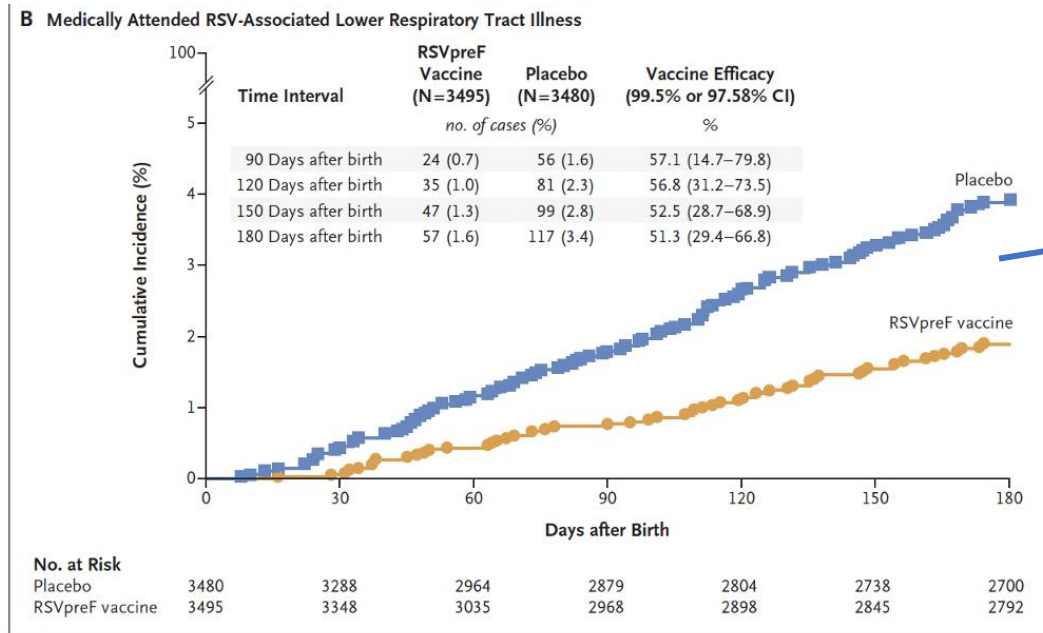
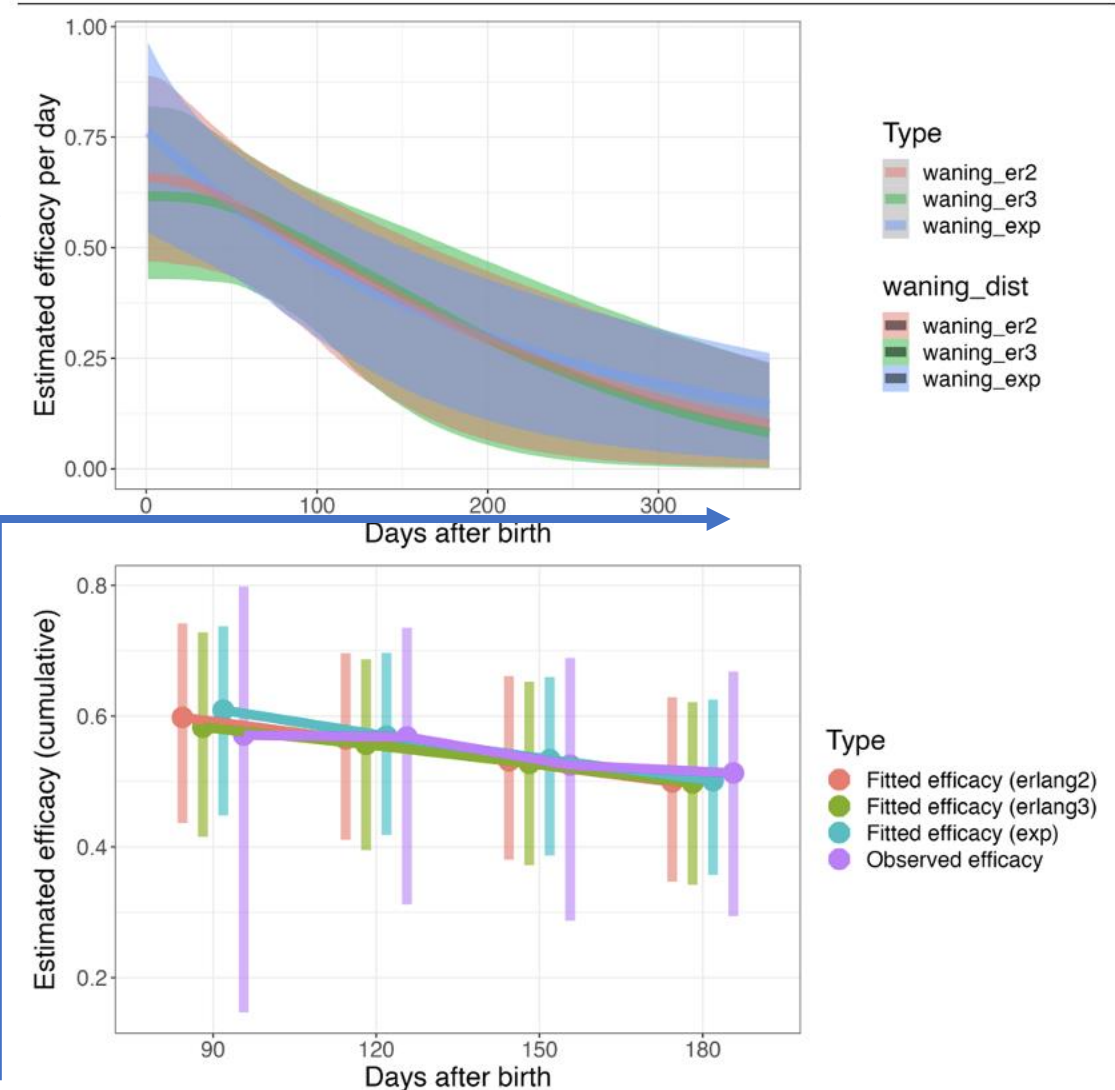


Figure 4. Figure 1b, taken from [Kampmann2023]. The Kaplan-Meier plots show the efficacy of RSVPreF3 vaccine in preventing Medically Attended RSV-Associated Lower Respiratory Tract Illness in infants.

Health outcome	Efficacy e_v (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 Ia-mAB (implementation)

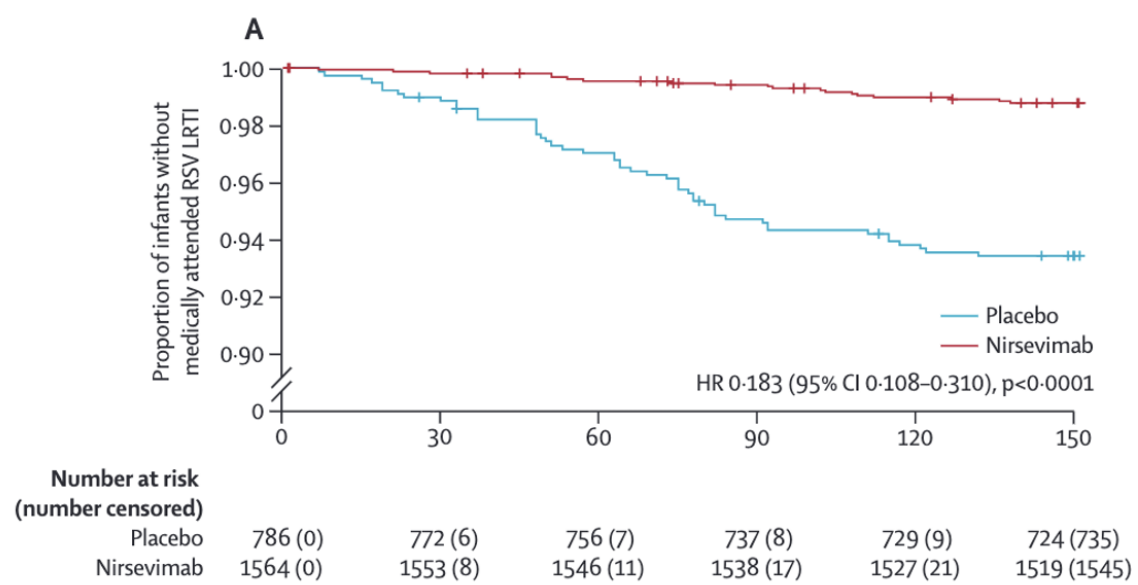


Figure 7. Figure 1A, taken from [Simoes2023]. The Kaplan-Meier plots show the efficacy of Nirsevimab in preventing Medically Attended RSV-Associated Lower Respiratory Tract Illness in infants.

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.

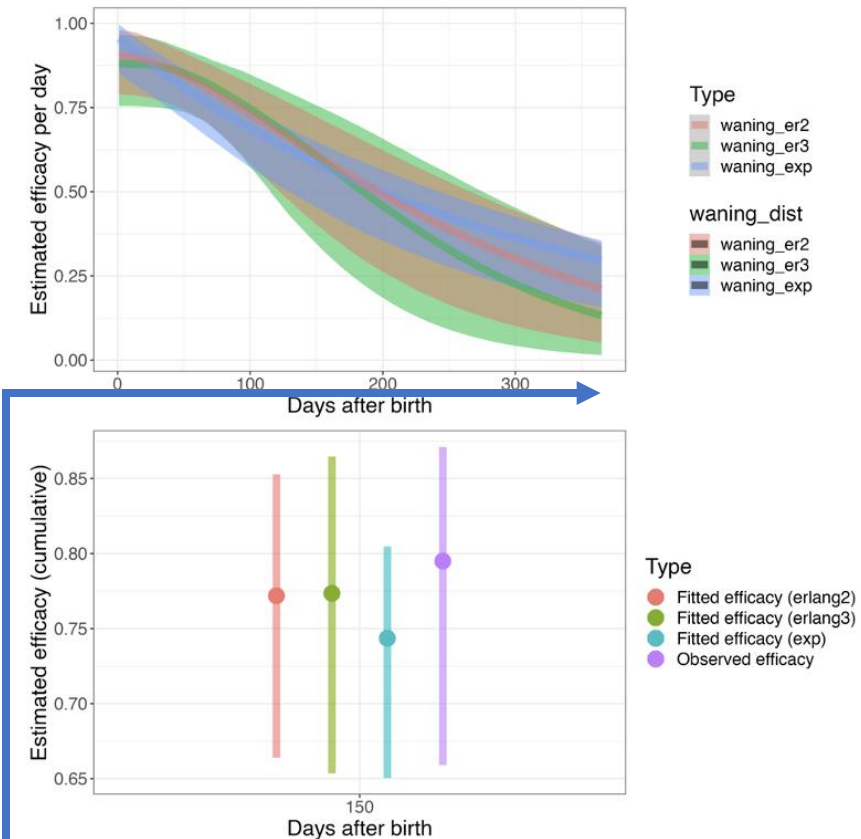
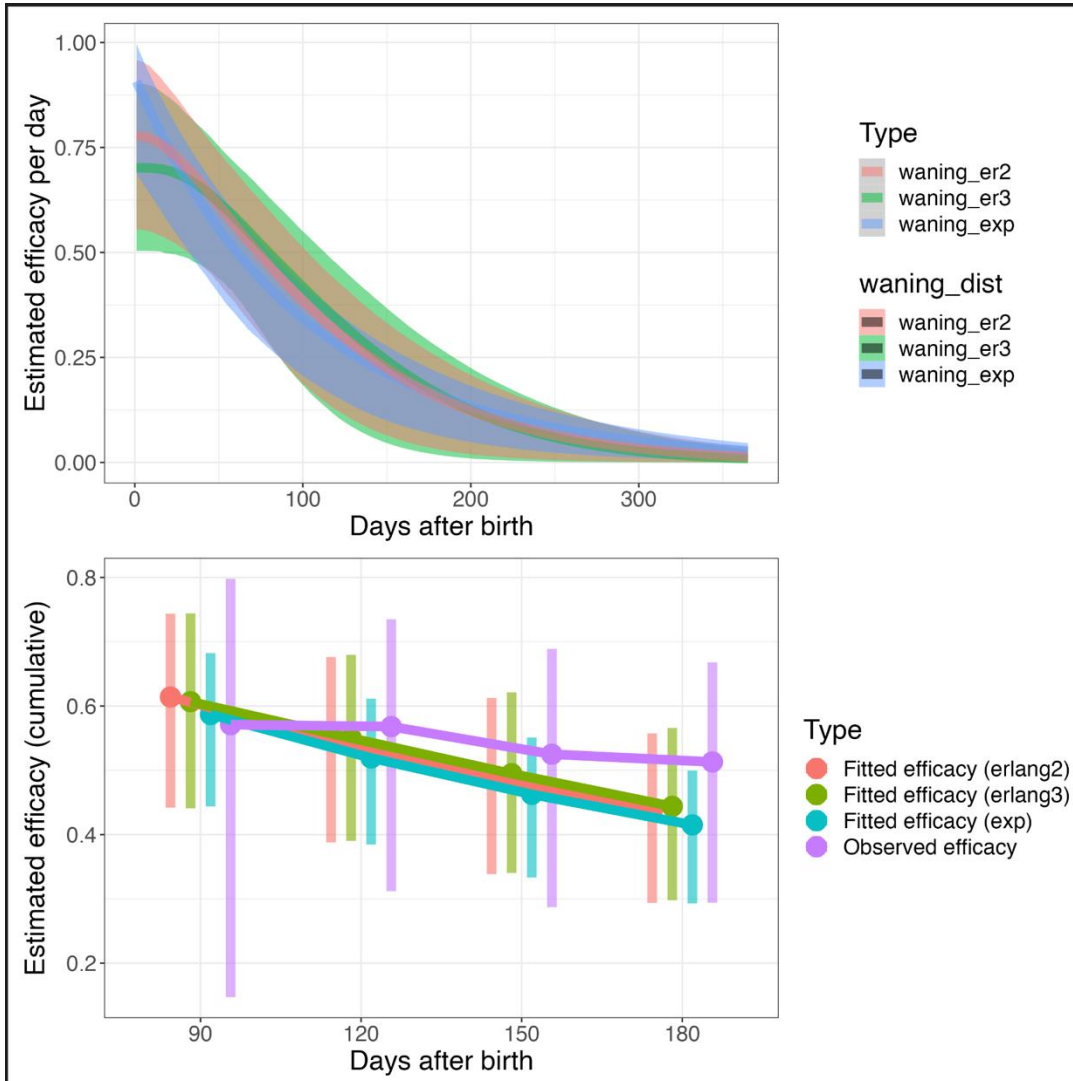


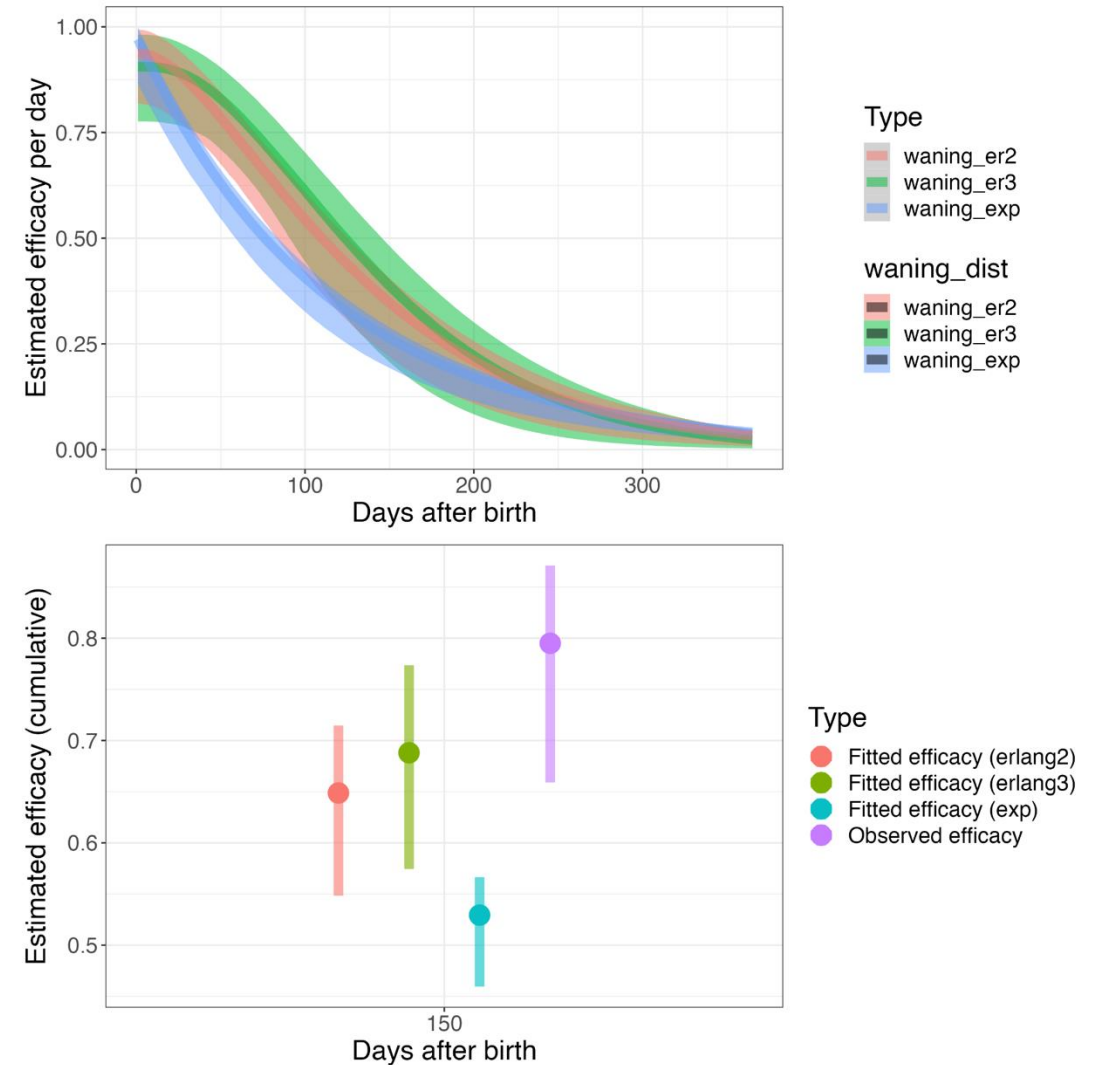
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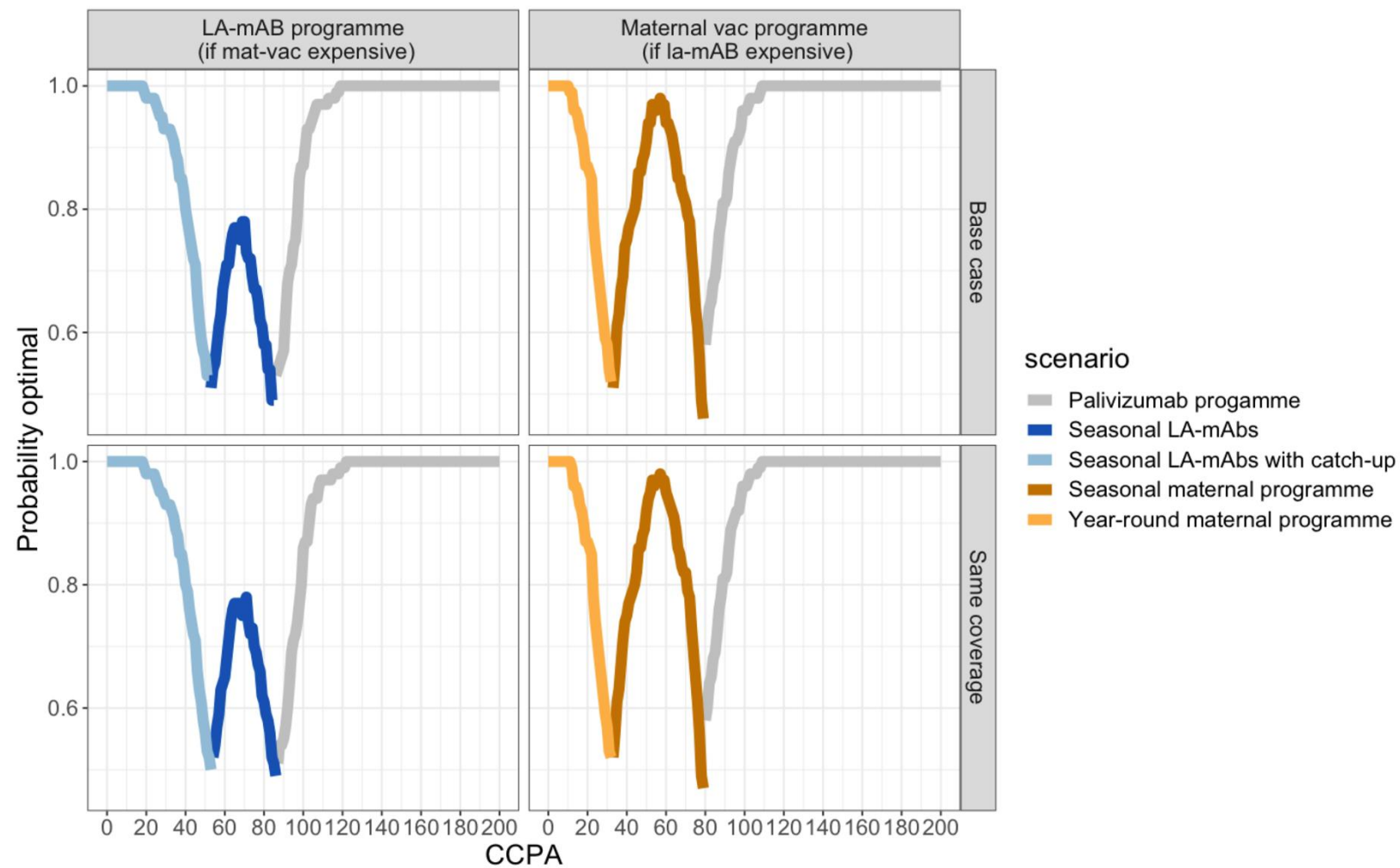
Bounded efficacy (single year)

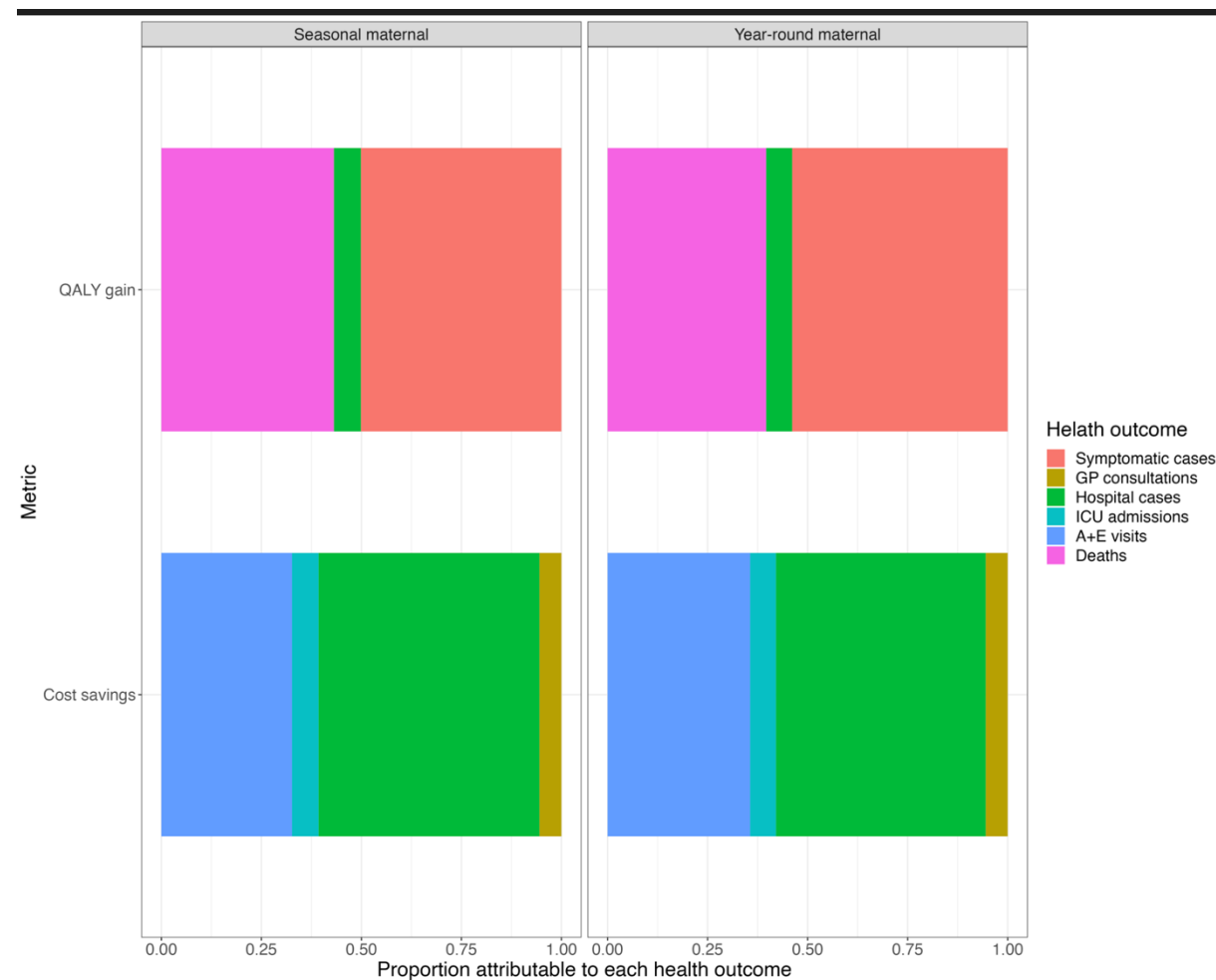
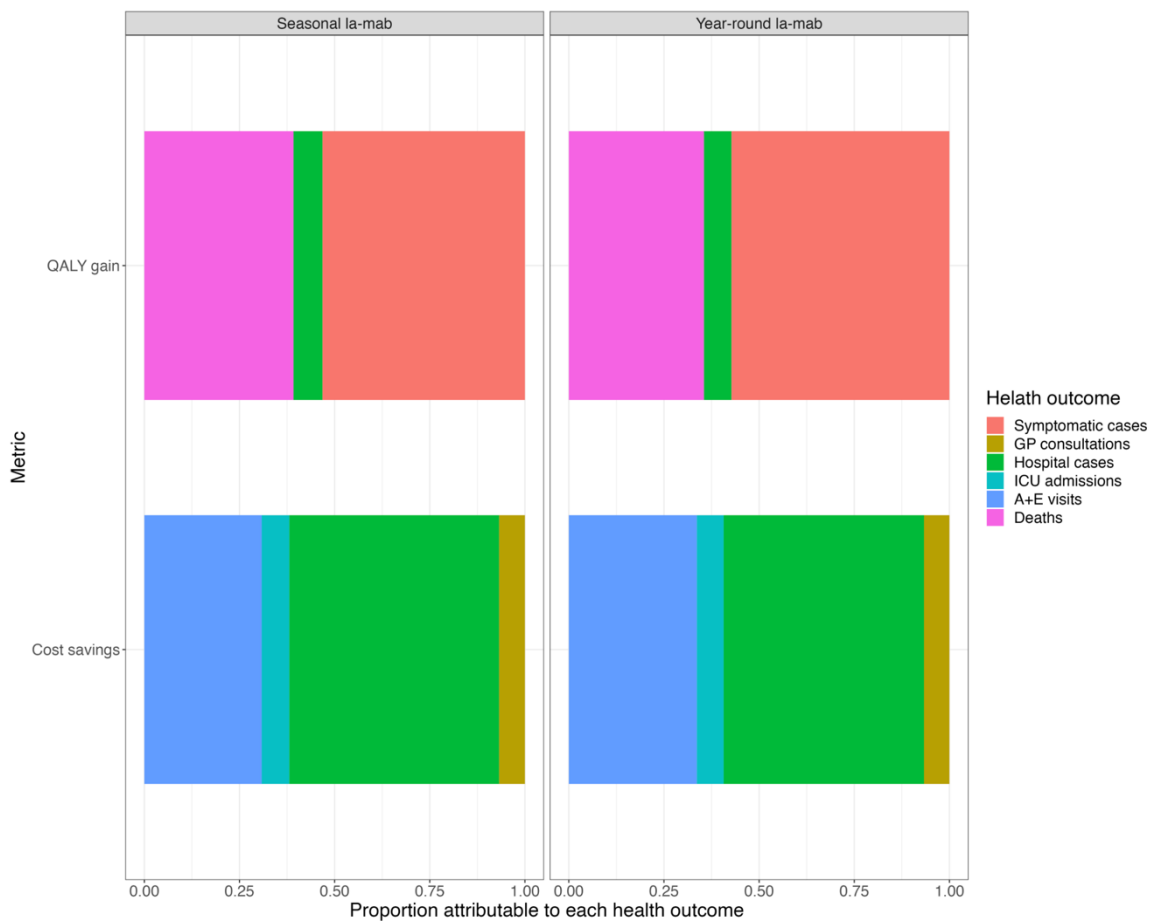
Maternal vaccination



Monoclonal antibodies







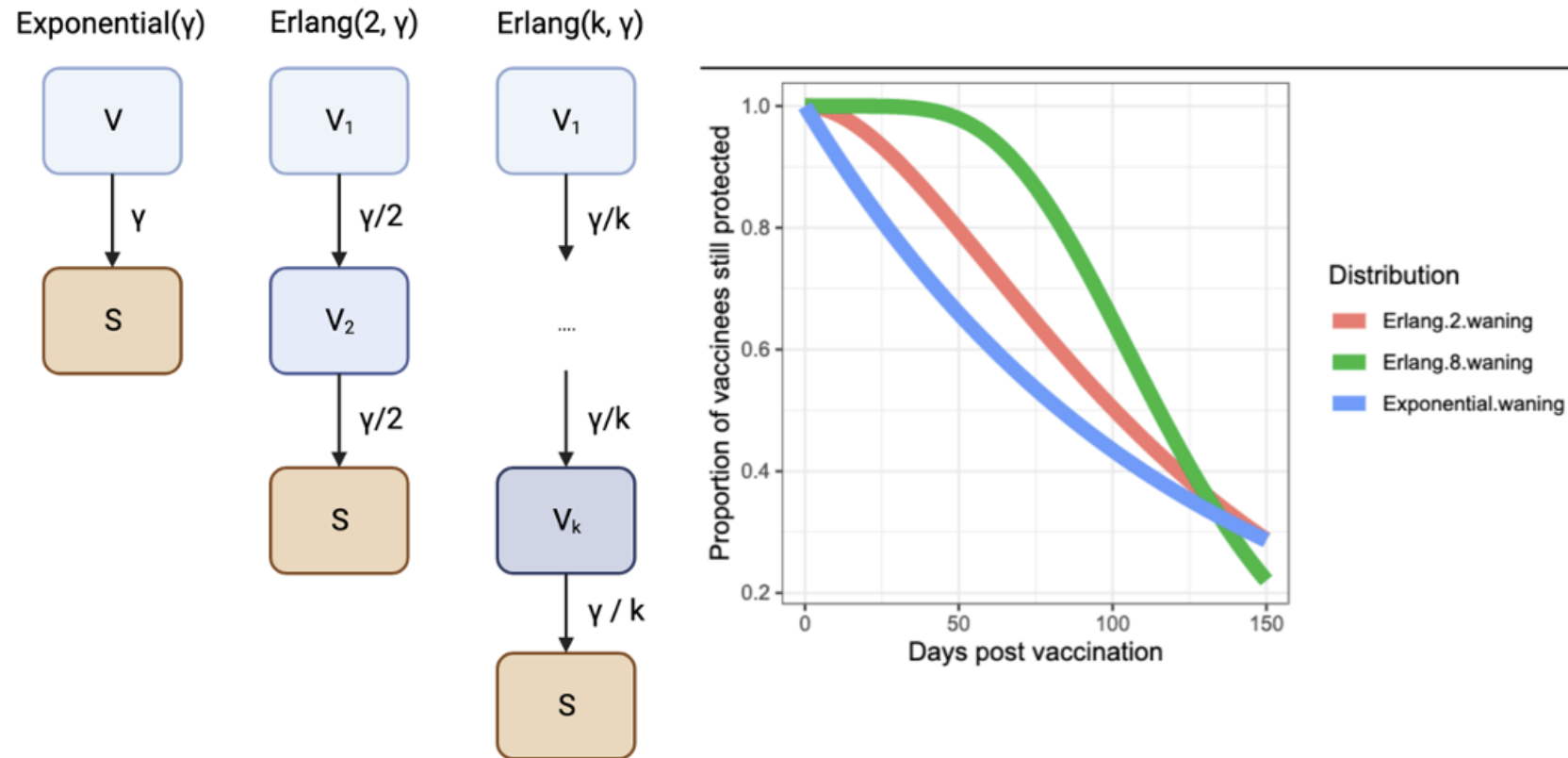
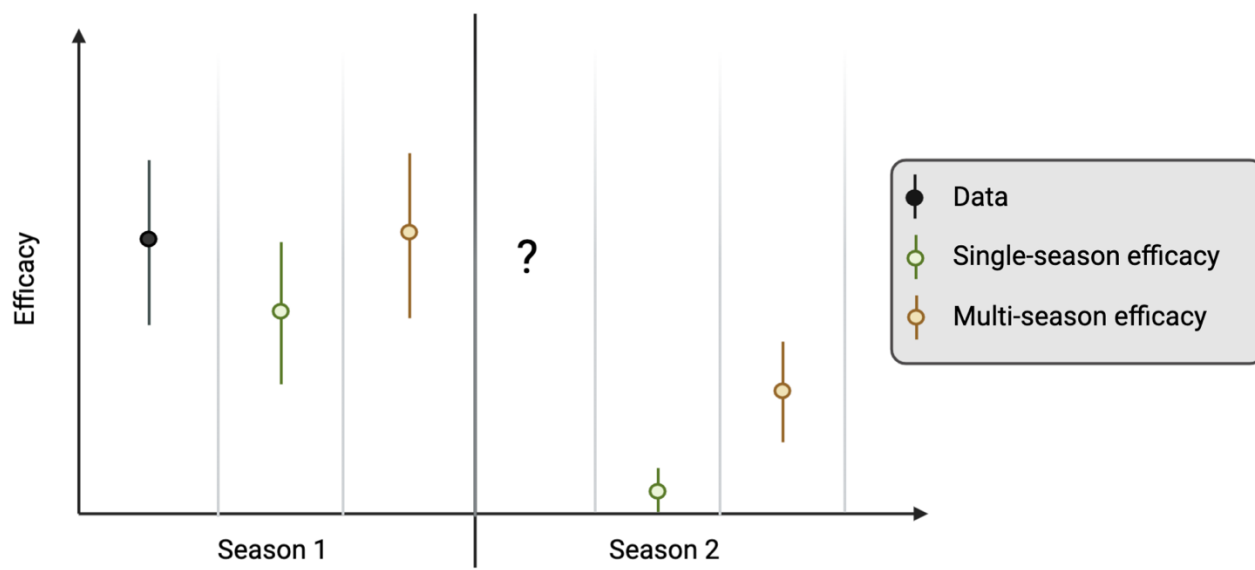
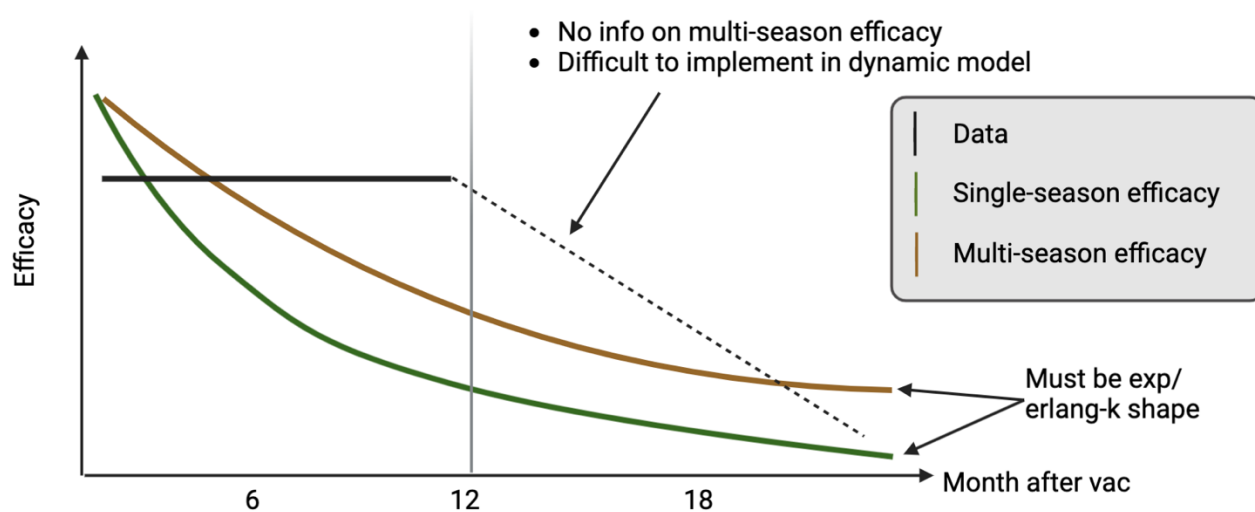


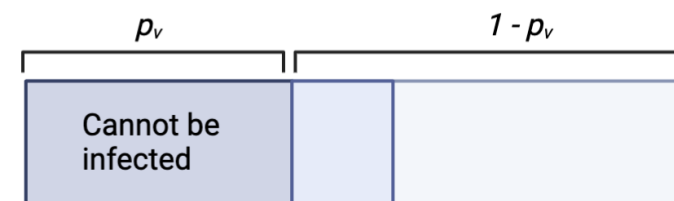
Figure 2. Schematic showing the relationship between exponential and erlang-k distributions in the context of dynamic transmission modelling. By chaining k compartments, the waning following an Erlang- k distribution which has more flexibility in waning structure in comparison to an Exponential distribution.



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 I_t



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

Number of newly infected I_t vulnerable to disease

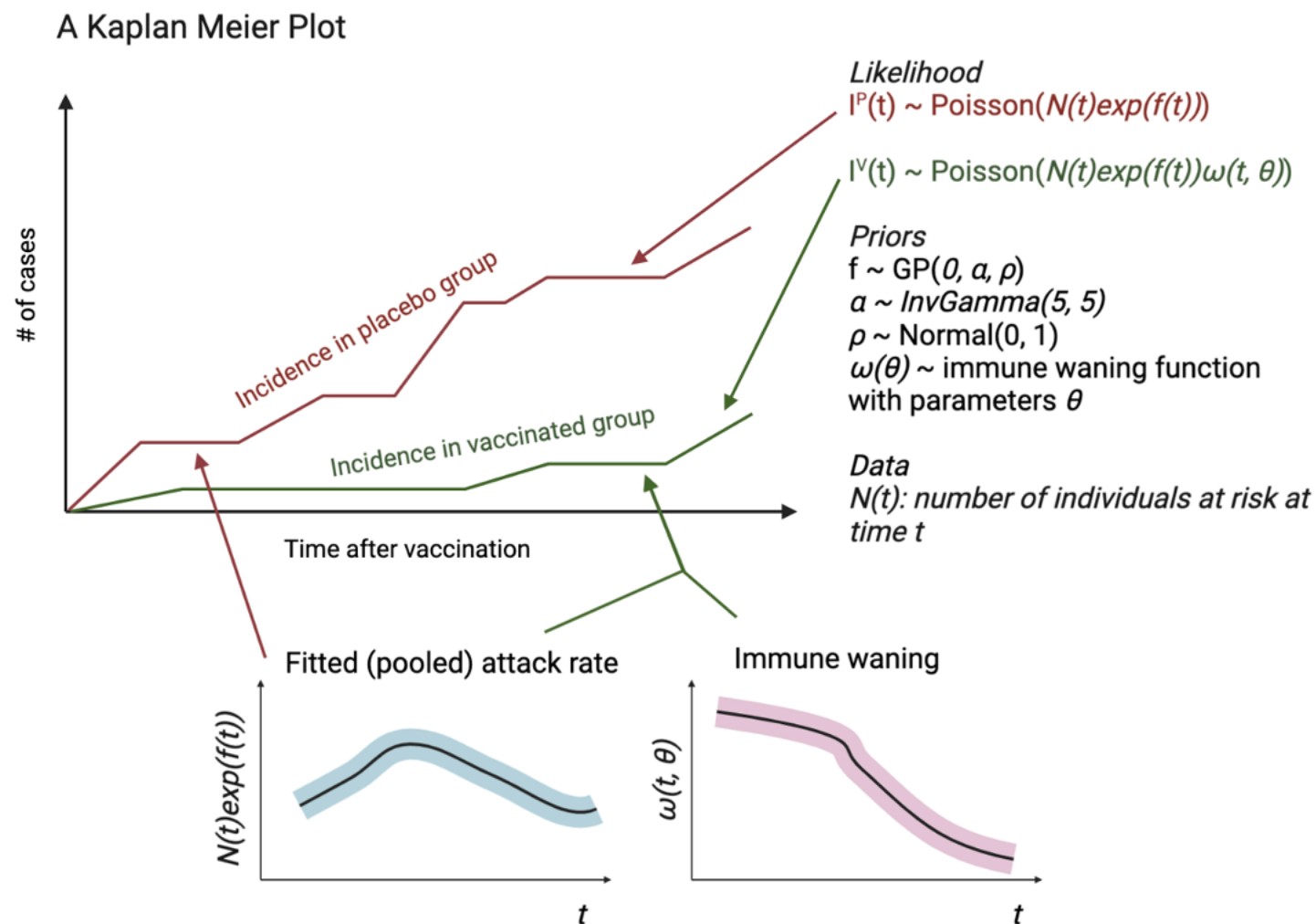
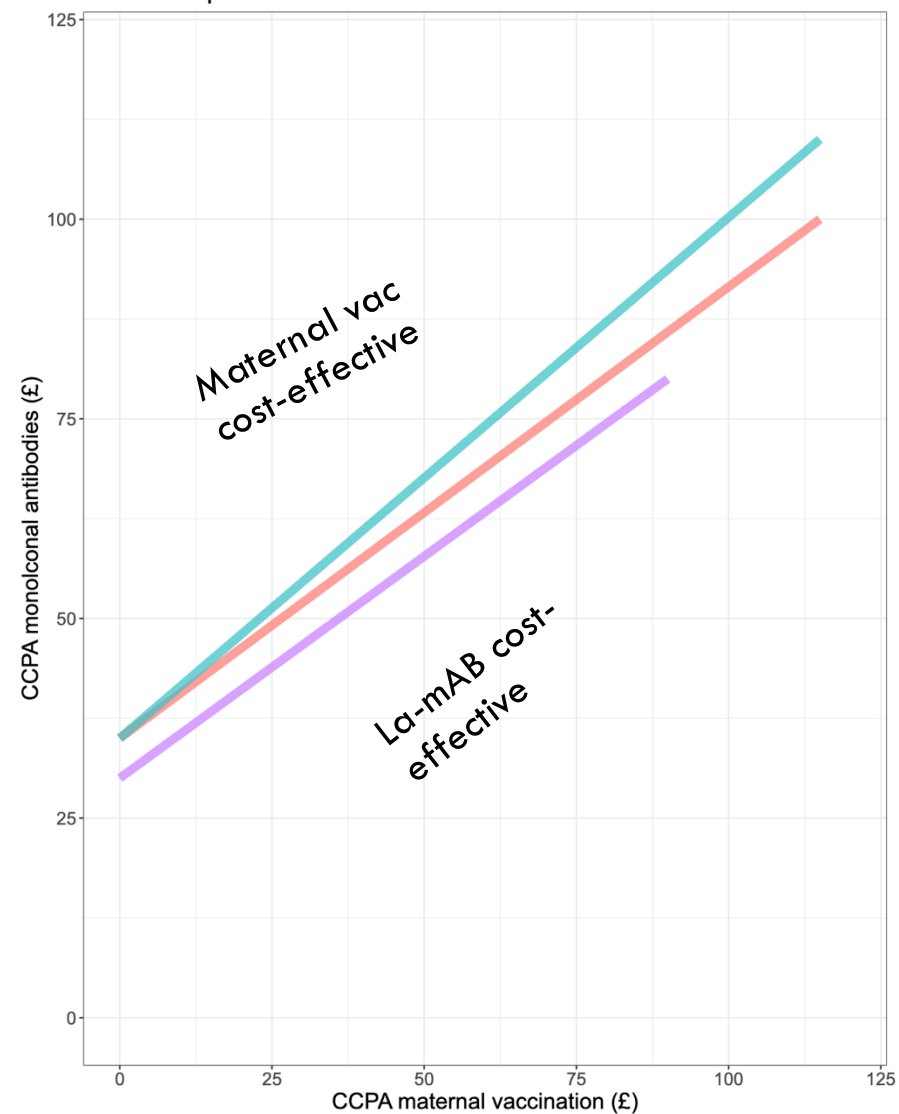


Figure 1. Schematic showing the hierarchical Bayesian model to estimate the time-varying efficacy given a Kaplan Meier plot.

Product equivalence line for costs + efficacies



Product equivalence line for different coverages

