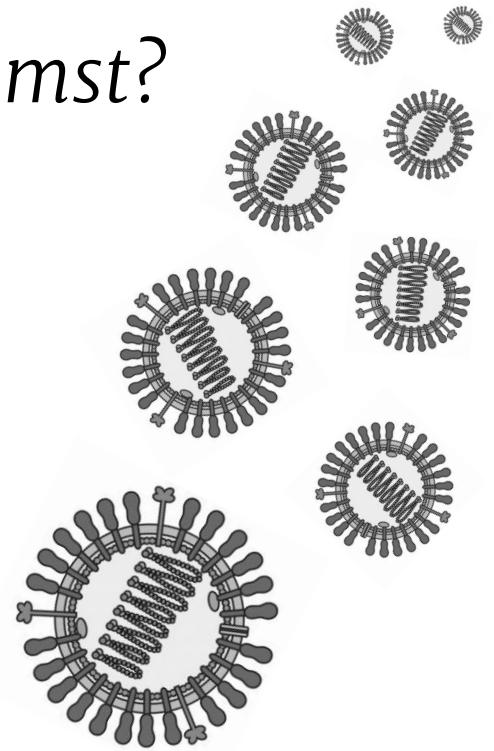


# *Zijn vaccins de oplossing voor de toekomst?*



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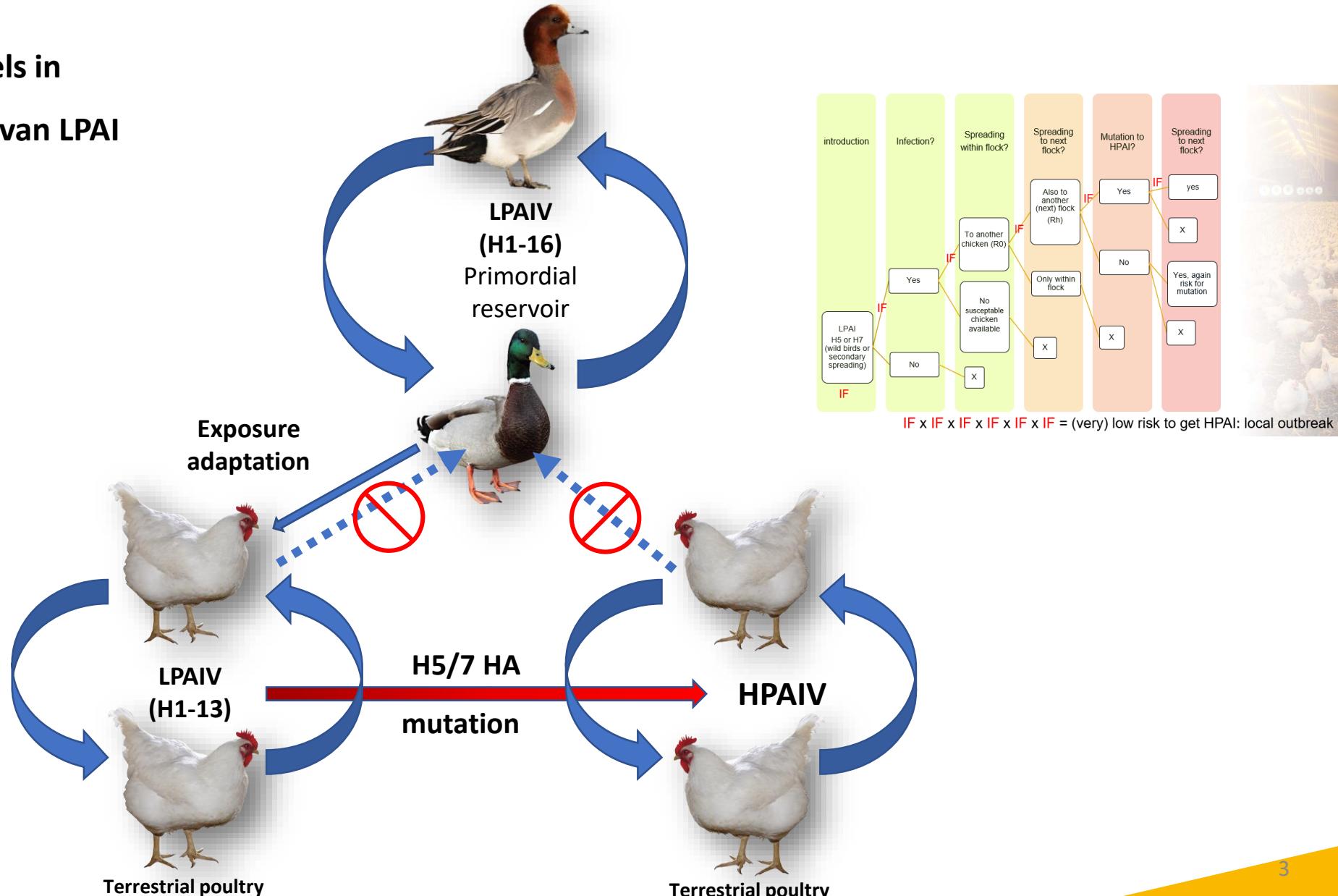
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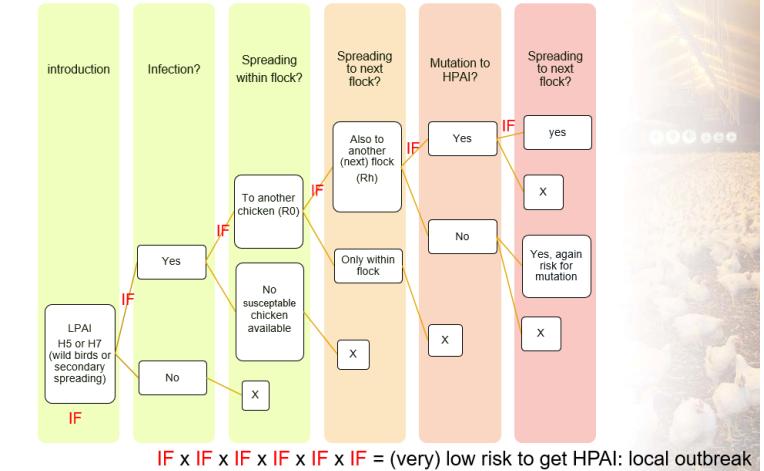
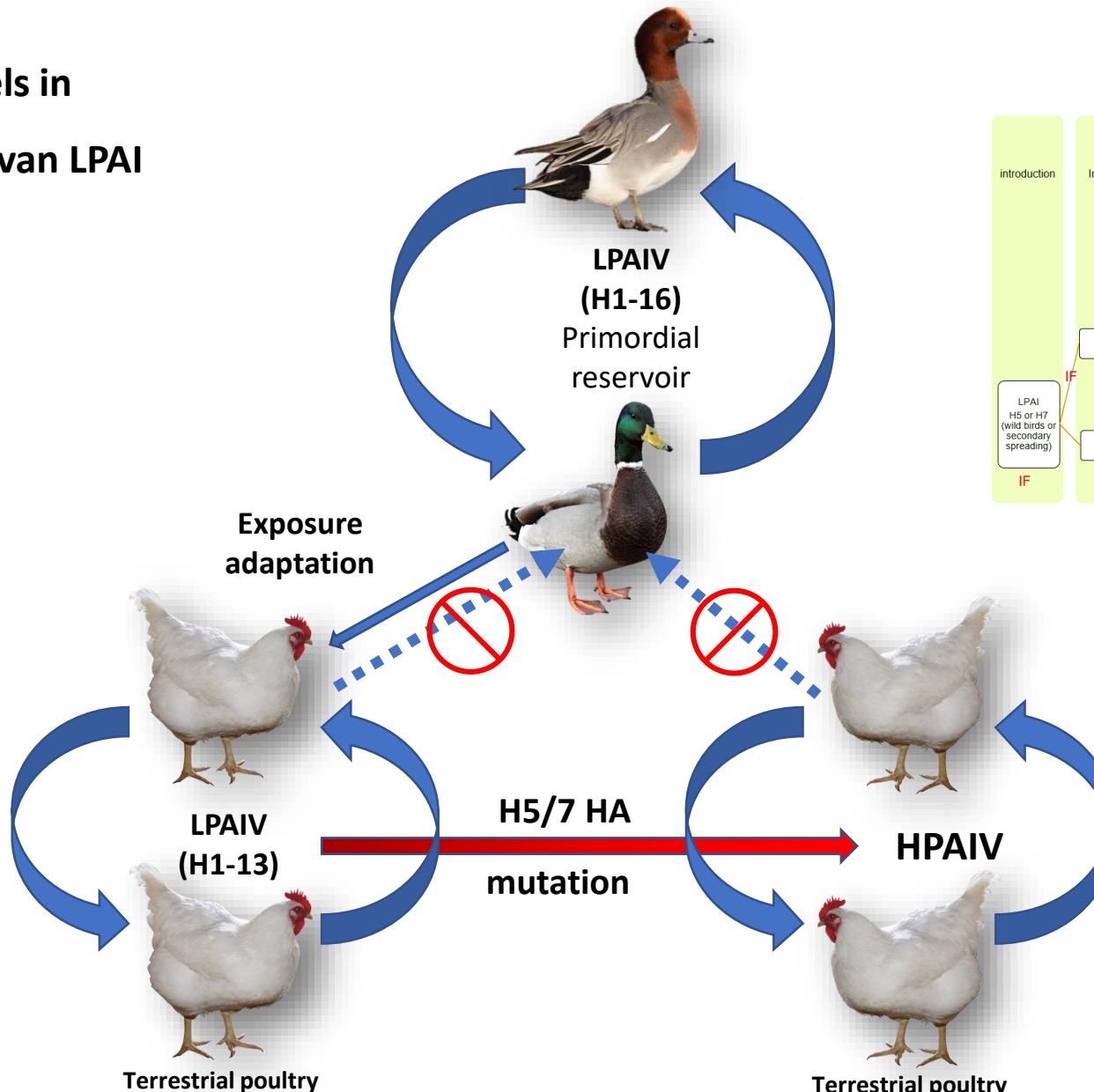
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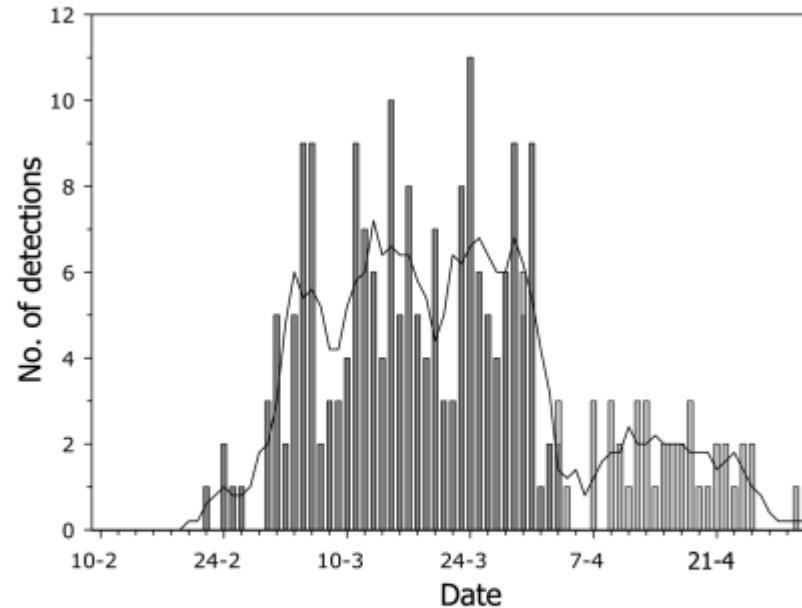
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## Stegeman et al, JID 2004

- Eind februari tot begin mei
- 255 besmette koppels (incl hobby)
  - Ongeveer 5 miljoen dieren
- Preventieve ruiming 1255 bedrijven en 17421 hobbykoppels
  - Ongeveer 30 miljoen dieren



**Figure 2.** Course of the no. of detected outbreaks during the 2003 epidemic of avian influenza (AI) in The Netherlands. Dark bars, Gelderse Vallei; light bars, Limburg; lines, 5-day moving average.

# Bekende HPAI uitbraken in de wereld 1959-2021

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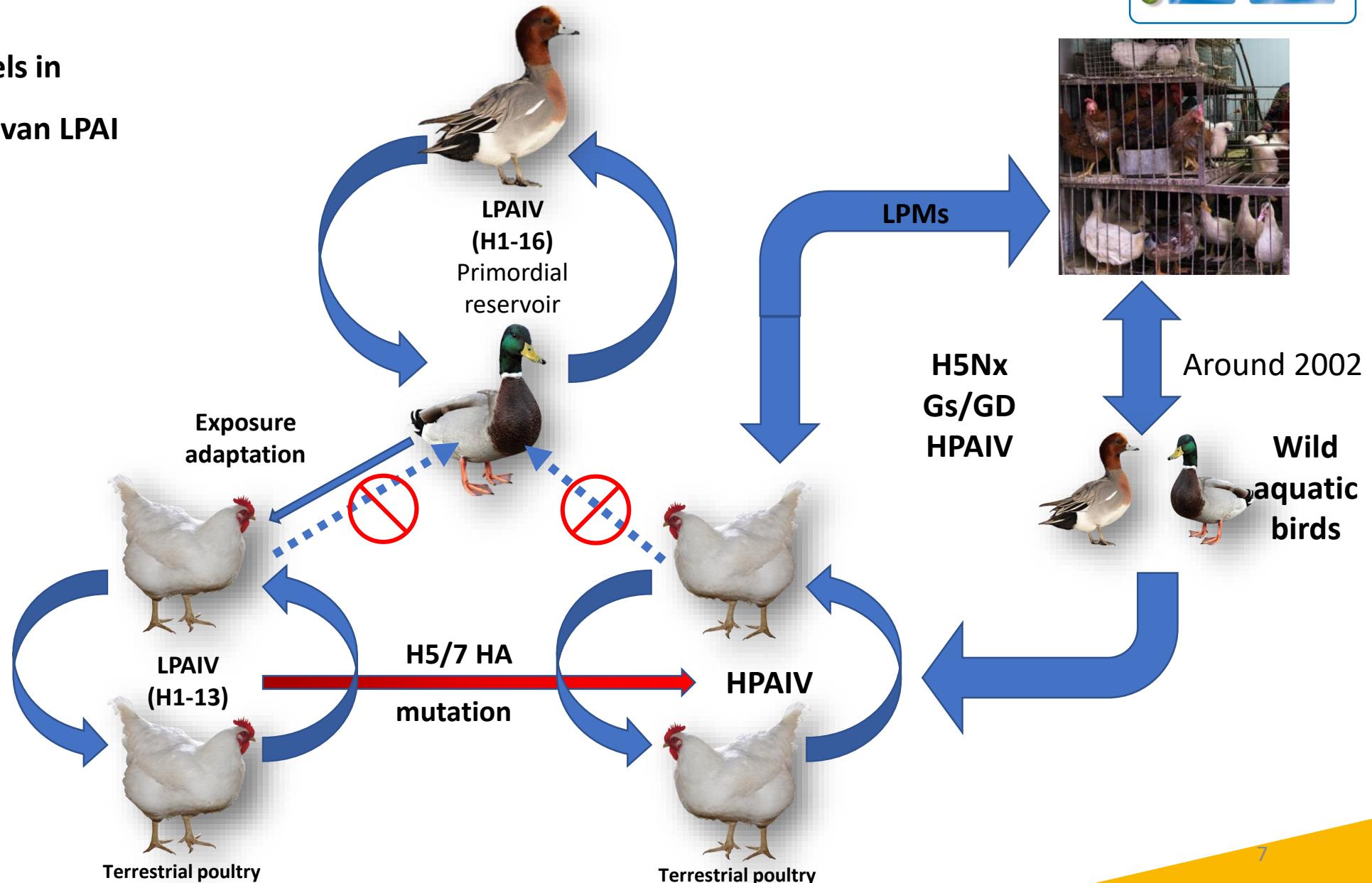
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# Game changer

## Changing Role of Wild Birds in the Epidemiology of Avian Influenza A Viruses

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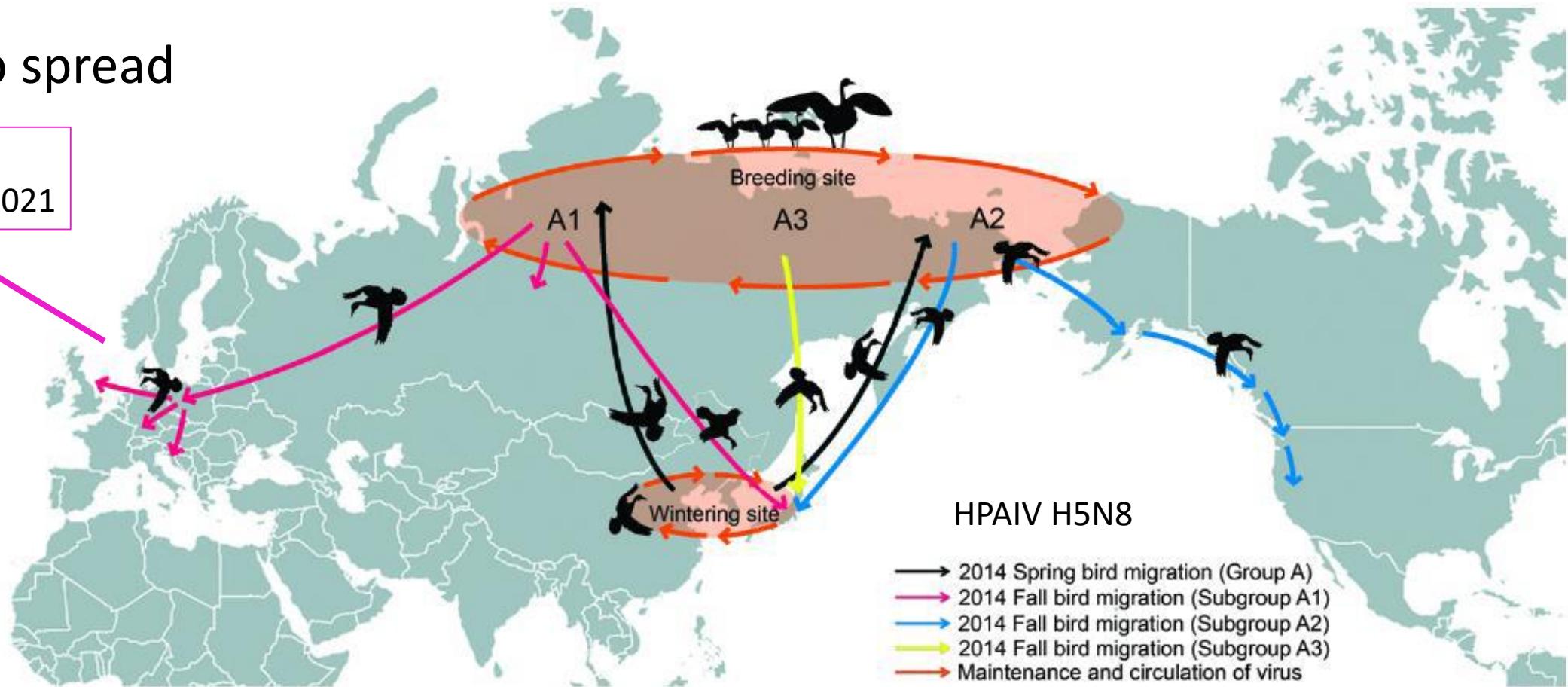
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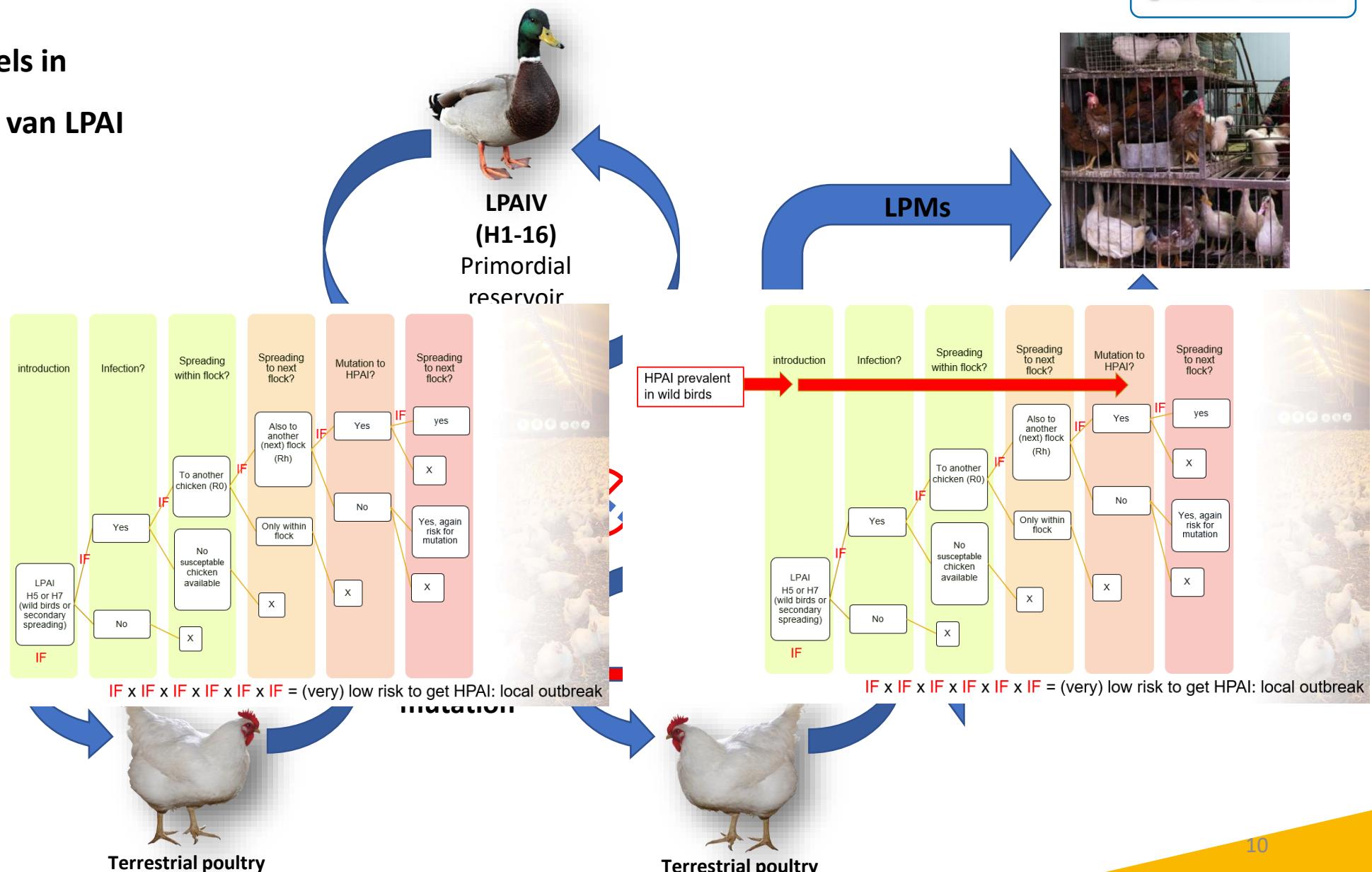
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2-step spread

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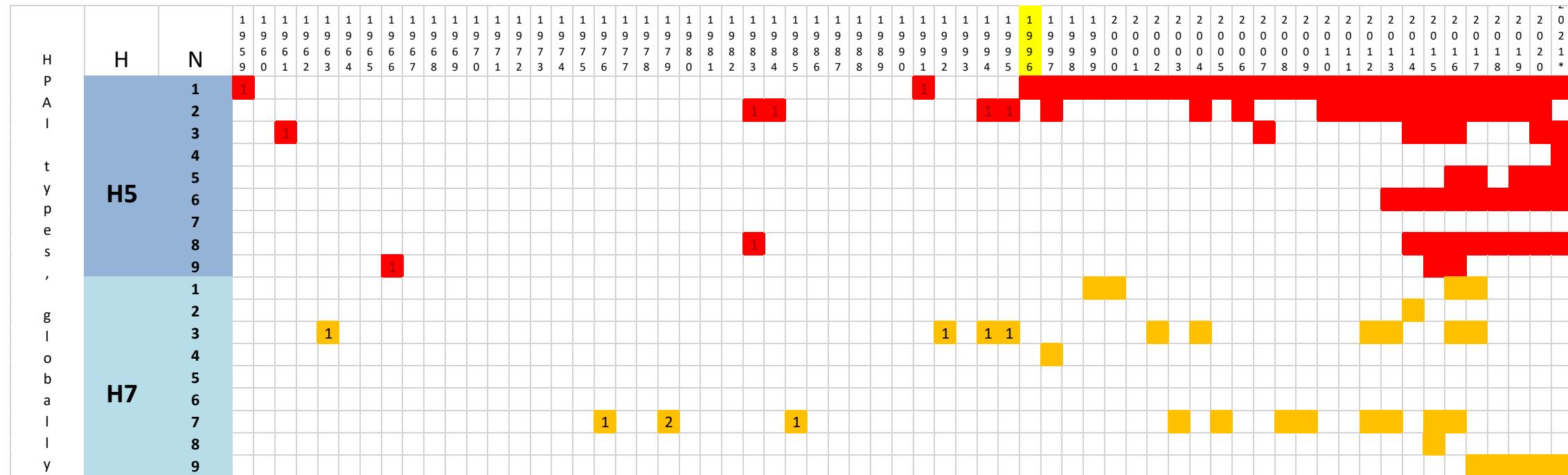


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# Bekende HPAI uitbraken in de wereld 1959-2021

# Average of the Goose/Guadong H5Nx



Lokaal dieren ruimen roeit het virus niet meer uit!  
= Dweilen met de kraan open!

# Vroeger, nu, toekomst?

Parameter	Before 1996	From 1996, last years
Frequency HPAI outbreaks	Rare	Frequent
Size outbreak	Small area, short period	Countries/continents, endemic in big areas
Eradication HPAI strain post culling	Yes	No, only locally
HP in wild (migratory) birds (mammals)	No	Yes
Illness/mortality in humans	No	Yes (mainly in developing countries)
Housing chickens	Inside	Increasing free range/organic
Image/understanding of public, politicians, media	Understanding	Decreasing
Trade problems	Relatively limited (frequency, size)	More often, longer
Vaccines	Only inactivated vaccines, complete virus, drift, homology	Also new technology, genetically modified live vector vaccines, RNA vaccines (replication)
Mass application	No (2x injection in field)	Mostly no (hatchery injection)
DIVA monitoring possible	Hardly, very complicated, limited	Yes (new technology vaccines)

# Doel van vaccinatie, eis aan vaccins

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- Bescherming tegen
  - ziekte/sterfte
  - Besmetting/transmissie ( $R<1$ )
- DIVA (opsporen veenbrand/aantonen vrij zijn): zoonotische kant en handel
- Liefst ook met test die niveau van aanslaan/bescherming aangeeft
- Geschikt voor gewenste diersoorten (kip, kalkoen, eend?)
- Gewenste snelheid en lengte van bescherming
- Werken in aanwezigheid van MDA?

# Susceptibility of non-vaccinated vs vaccinated layers

**Table 2**

Lethal dose 50% endpoint titrations of HPAIV H5N1 R65 in layer hens with different vaccination status and age.

Challenge trial	Immunization status	LD <sub>50</sub> ( $\log_{10}$ )	Average MDT (days)
C1	NV	4.5	3.7
C2	NV	2.5	2
C3	NV	<2	2.7
C4	NV	2.2	1.7
C5	NV	3.5	3.3
C1	BI	5.7	4
C2	BI	>6.5	-
C3	BI-6	6.0	5.5
C4	BI-12	5.7	4.8
C4	RV1-6	>6.5	7
C5	BI-18	5.2	6.8
C5	RV1-12	>6.5	5
C5	RV2	>6.5	7

MDT—mean death time; NV—non-vaccinated; BI—basically immunized (6, 12 or 18 months ago); RV1—revaccinated once (6 or 12 months ago); RV2—revaccinated twice.

C1, 2, 3, 4, 5: H5N1, clade 2.2 challenge at week 23, 27, 48, 74 and 101

- Non-vaccinated birds: highest susceptibility to H5N1 at W48
- Vaccinated birds needed 1000-10,000x more virus to get infected



*Several examples of vaccination induced reduced HPAIv transmission  $R < 1$  in experiments*

Subtype	Host	$R_0$	Reference
H7N7	chicken	0.03-0.2	Van der Goot et al. PNAS 2005
H5N1	ducks	0.2-0.6	Van der Goot et al. Virology 2008
H5N1	chicken	0.12	Sitaras et al., J. R Soc Int, 2016
H5N1	chicken	0.0	Poetri et al., Res Vet Sci 2017
H5N1	turkey	0.0	Bos et al., Vaccine, 2008



*Using inactivated vaccines, the homologous HI titer ( $HI \geq 3$ ) seems crucial for protection against infection and such titers are difficult to obtain in the field*

Subtype	Titer	$R_v$	Reference
H5N1	<3 (field)	3.1	Poetri et al., Res. Vet Sci 2014
H7N7	<3 (field)	>1	Koch et al., unpublished
H5N1	<3	6.6	Sitaras et al., J. R Soc Int, 2016
H5N1	<3	1.7	Poetri et al., Res Vet Sci 2017

# Humoral and/or cellular protection, inactivated vs replicating vaccines

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Inactivated antigens induce 'only' antibodies (MHC-2), mainly humoral

- Titres in HI test are well correlated with protection (homologous antigen)

'Replicating antigens' (produced inside a host cell, MHC-1) induce antibodies and a T-cell response (cytotoxic T-cells)

- Positive titres in HI test are well correlated with protection (homologous antigen)
- Negative HI titres less predictive

# Vaccines for AI

No live, attenuated AIV vaccines (not safe)

Inactivated vaccines (classical vaccines)

- Complete virus: induces antibodies against all virus proteins (HA, NA, M, Np, etc)

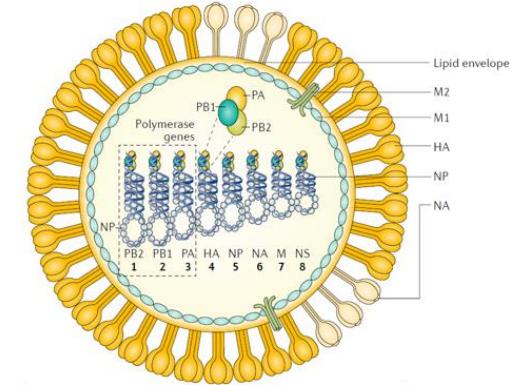
Subunit vaccines (HA protein),

- Selected protein of AIV

Recombinant live vector vaccines,

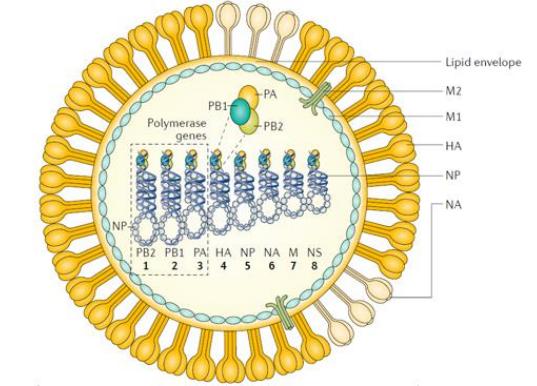
- Live vector vaccine (HVT, Fowl Pox, NDV, ILTV, ADENO, Salmonella, Duck enteritis virus, Alphavirus etc)
- Only part of AI virus (HA gene)

mRNA, DNA (HA mRNA), 'expressed by cells'



# DIVA response

Differentiating Infected from Vaccinated Animals



- Field infections must induce detectable levels of antibodies to a protein that is not present in the vaccine(s) that has/have been used
  - So, when antibodies against a protein of AIV that is not in the vaccine are detected: proof of field infection
- Detection of field strain itself (RT-PCR, virus isolation, antigen-test, ...)
  - Non-replicating vaccines not detectable
  - Replicating vaccines: target is gene that is not in the vaccine (M-gene)
- Use test that can reliably detect these antibodies (or virus)

# Present H5 vaccines, present DIVA options

- Vaccines
    - Inactivated complete virus
    - Subunit vaccine,
    - Live vectored vaccines (HVT, Pox, others),
    - mRNA, DNA, RNA particles, .....
  - Tests
    - RT-PCR, virus isolation, staining, on-site, ELISA (general), ELISA (specific proteins), genotype specific ELISA, HI-test, AGPT
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- Only antibody response against insert (e.g.) H5  
Not against other proteins (M, Np, ....)
- Find a suitable DIVA combination

# Conventional inactivated vaccines, general aspects

- Complete AI virus as antigen: not only HA
- No replication, stimulates the antibody response very well, but no/hardly the cytotoxic T cell responses
  - **Systemic immunity, especially humoral**
- Long lasting protection
- Application in presence of MDA lowers humoral response
- No spreading, injection
- Suitable for boosting as well
- DIVA complicated

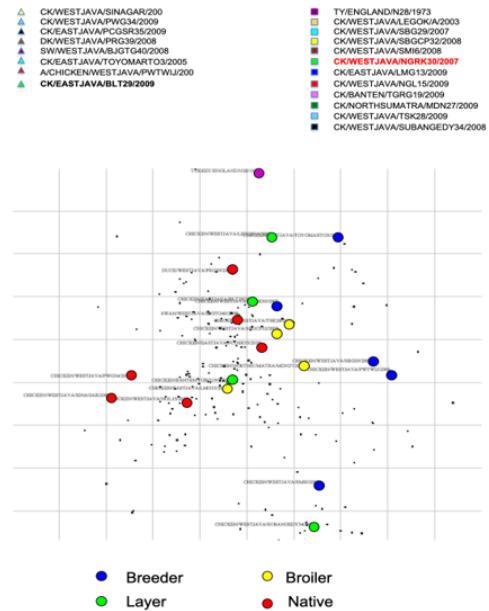


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# Duration of protection by inactivated vaccine

**Table 1**

Induction of homologous and heterologous AIV-specific HI titres ( $\log_2$ ) by vaccination in layer hens using inactivated adjuvanted whole A/duck/Potsdam/1402/86 (H5N2).

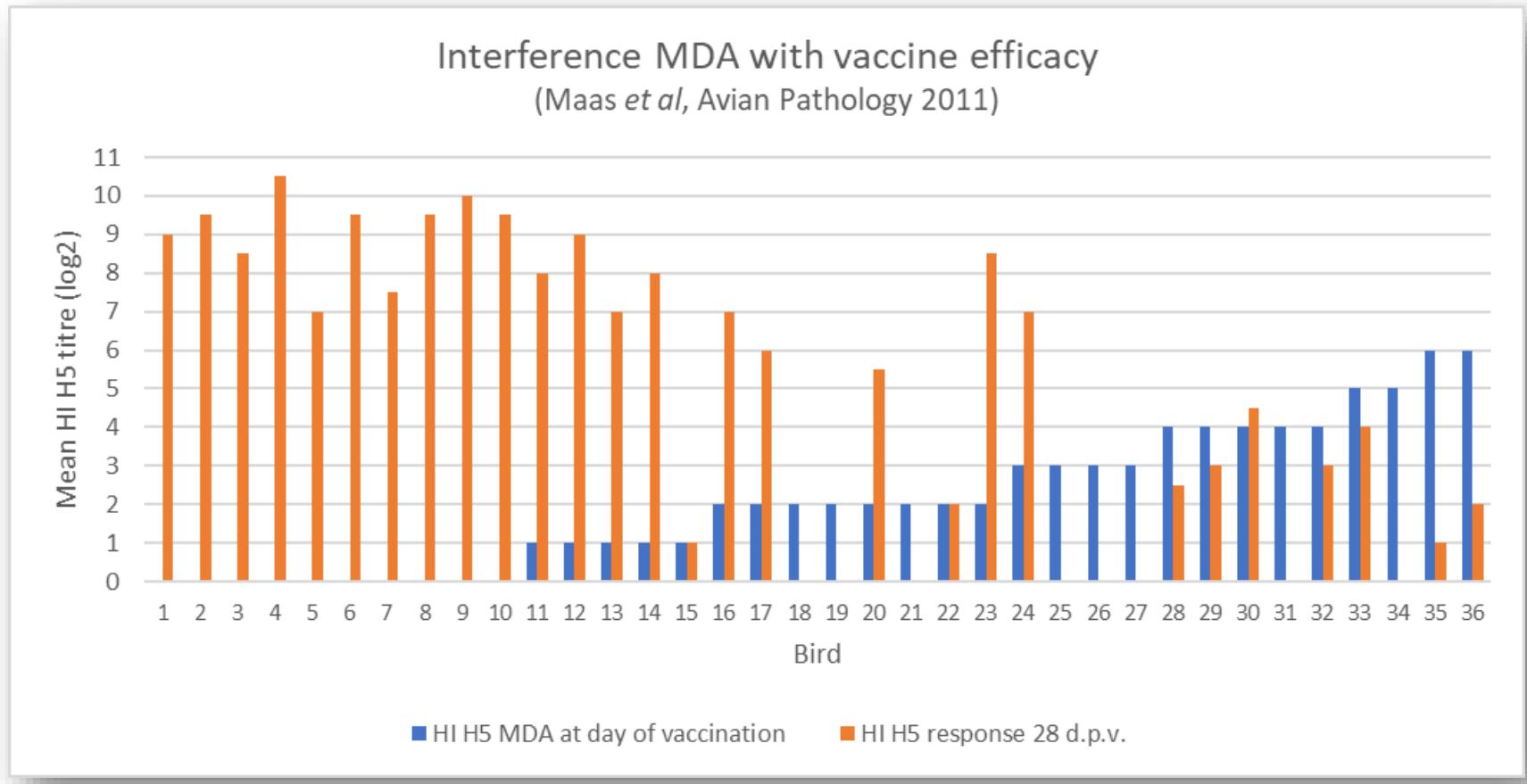
	Vaccination status	Number and proportion of hens with HI titre $\geq 5 \log_2$ and average HI titres against vaccine antigen (H5N2)			Number and proportion of hens with HI titre $\geq 5 \log_2$ and average HI titres against challenge antigen (H5N1)		
		n/m <sup>a</sup>	%	Xn	n/m	%	Xn
S1	NV	-	-				
S2	NV	1 <sup>b</sup> /60	1.6				
	Vaccinated once	56/60	93.3	6.5	0/20	0	0.8
S3	NV	1 <sup>b</sup> /60	1.6				
	BI	60/60	100	8.55	14/20	70	5
S4	NV	5 <sup>b</sup>	8.3				
	BI	60/60	100	7.28	0/20	0	0
S5	NV	1 <sup>b</sup> /60	1.6				
	BI	59/60	98.3	7.5	13/28	46.4	4.5
	RV1	60/60	100	9.12	16/20	80	6.35
S6	NV	4 <sup>b</sup> /60	6.7				
	BI	55/60	91.7	6.06	12/20	60	4.9
	RV1	60/60	100	7.75	19/20	95	6.4
S7	NV	3 <sup>b</sup> /60	5				
	BI	58/60	96.7	6.03	3/20	15	2.85
	RV1	60/60	100	7.53	17/20	85	5.45
	RV2	60/60	100	9.2	20/20	100	8.1
S8	NV	0	0				
	BI	15/31	48.4	3.32	0/31	0	0
	RV1	31/31	100	6.68	5/31	16.13	1.32
	RV2	27/28	96.4	7.36	15/28	53.57	4.64

27W

52W

100w

# Effect of MDA against AIV at the age of vaccination



Low levels of MDA already interfere with (inactivated) vaccine efficacy

# Subunit vaccines

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As conventional vaccines:

- Vaccine with selected protein(s) as antigen(s)
- Proteins produced in insect cells (Baculovirus), bacteria (e.g. *E coli*)
  - Glycosylation of protein depending on host cell (insect (yes) or bacteria (no))
- DIVA supporting

# Vectored live vaccines

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- Replication stimulates the immune response of all kind of cells (cytotoxic T cells, all T helper cells, B cells)
  - Systemic immunity
  - Local immunity (variable, mucosal replication?)
- Induce protection against the inserted gene (protein) and against vector
- Protection against vector decreases efficacy of vaccination
- DIVA possible

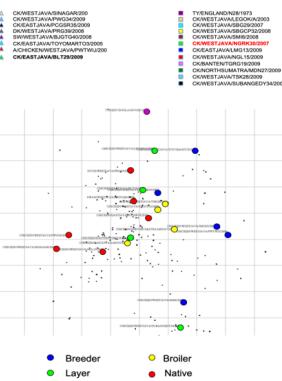
# General aspects of HVT as vector

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- B- and T-cell immunity against Marek's and against the insert
  - Supports DIVA
- Individual application (in ovo or s.c. at D0)
- Very long lasting replication (natural boosting), gradual rise in H5 antibody titres
- Low influence of MDA against vector and insert
- For chicken and turkey
  - **No spreading or shedding in chicken (miss is a miss)**
- No combining of HVT-vaccines unless proven otherwise
- Suitable as priming as well

# HVT-H5 vaccine, broader protection?

- HPAI gene clade 2.2
- Average protection similar for clades 1, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3



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- Role of T-cells?

Table 1. Compilation of protection results collected through various experiments conducted with the rHVT-H5 vaccine.

Location	Country	Vaccination				Challenge				Protection against					
		Type of chickens	MDA against		HPAIV		Strain	Clade	Route	Age	Morality (%)		% Oropharyngeal shitters		Reference
			HVT	AIV	Subtype						VACC	control	When	VACC (%)	Control (%)
University of Maryland	United States	SPF	No	No	H5N1	A/CK/Vietnam/1203/2004	1	IN	4 wks	85	0	2 dpc	30	100	(Ceva Animal Health, Unpubl. data, 2012)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	No	H5N1	A/Duck/Hungary/11804/2006	2.2	IN	2 wks	90	0	2 dpc	20	38	(3)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5N2)	H5N1	A/Duck/Hungary/11804/2006	2.2	IN	2 wks	100	20	2 dpc	0	60	(3)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5N2)	H5N1	A/Duck/Hungary/11804/2006	2.2	IN	3 wks	90	0	2 dpc	0	80	(3)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	SPF	No	No	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-1 VIR08/2007	2.2.1	ON	3 wks	100	0	3 dpc	80	100	(18)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	SPF	No	No	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	ON	3 wks	100	0	3 dpc	100	100	(18)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	No	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	ON	4 wks	90	0	2 dpc	10	100	(16)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	ON	4 wks	100	0	2 dpc	10	90	(16)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	ON	4 wks	90	0	2 dpc	100	100	(16)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	ON	4 wks	70	0	2 dpc	90	100	(16)
Bogor Agricultural University	Indonesia	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/West Java Subang/29/2007	2.1.3	ON	4 wks	80	0	2 dpc	60-80	100	(19)
Bogor Agricultural University	Indonesia	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Puwakarta-Cilingga/142/2010	2.1.3	ON	4 wks	95	0	2 dpc	60-80	100	(19)
SEPRL	United States	SPF WL	No	No	H5N1	A/Whooper Swan/Mongolia/3/2005	2.2	IN	6 wks	100	0	2 dpc	13	100	(5)
SEPRL	United States	SPF BR	No	No	H5N1	A/CK/West Java Subang/29/2007	2.1.3	IN	4 wks	80	0	NT <sup>A</sup>	NT	NT	(5)
SEPRL	United States	SPF WL	No	No	H5N2	A/CK/Queretaro/14588/1995	—	IN	4 wks	95	0	NT	NT	NT	(5)
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CODA CERVA	Belgium	SPF	No	No	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	ON	8 wks	100	0	2 dpc	100	100	(17)
RLQP	Egypt	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/1709-6/2008	2.2.1.1	IN	4 wks	93	0	2 dpc	100	100	(9)
RLQP	Egypt	COM BR	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt-63/2010 "variant"	2.2.1.1	IN	5 wks	80	0	2 dpc	100	100	(9)
CODA CERVA	Belgium	SPF	No	No	H5N8	A/CK/Germany/2014	2.3.4.4	ON	4 wks	100	0	2 dpc	90	100	(20)
IZSVe	Italy	SPF	No	No	H5N1	A/CK/Bangladesh/11RS1 984-33/2011	2.3.2.1	ON	4 wks	100	0	2 dpc	10	All dead	(2)
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RLQP	Egypt	COM LY BS	Yes	Yes (H5NI)	H5N1	A/CK/Egypt/128s/2012	2.2.1	ON	19 wks	60	0	3 dpc	7	100	(8)

# General aspects of Fowl Pox as vector

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- B- and T-cell immunity against Fowl Pox and against the insert
  - Supports DIVA
- Individual application (in ovo or s.c. at D0 or later in non-FP challenged birds)
- Suitable as primer or boost
- Low influence of MDA, influence on insert?
- For chicken and ducks
  - No spreading or shedding in chicken and ducks (miss is a miss)
- HI response often low, often negative when heterologous H5 antigen is used
  - **Role of cell mediated immune response**

# Fowl Pox vector, example

Table 1  
Deduced hemagglutinin amino acid sequence similarity between the recombinant vaccine and highly pathogenic H5 avian influenza challenge viruses

Challenge virus strain	Abbreviation	Subtype	Hemagglutinin amino acid similarity with vaccine strain (%)
A/turkey/Ireland/83	TI/83	H5N8	100
A/turkey/England/91	TE/91	H5N1	94.2
A/tern/South Africa/61	TSA/61	H5N3	93.1
A/chicken/Scotland/59	CS/59	H5N1	92.0
A/human/Hong Kong/156/97	HK/97	H5N1	90.2
A/chicken/Queretaro/14588/95	CQ/95	H5N2	89.3
A/turkey/Ontario/77322/66	TO/66	H5N9	89.1
A/jem u/Texas/39924/93	ET/93	H5N2	88.8
A/chicken/Pennsylvania/1370/83	CP/83	H5N2	87.3

Table 3

Virus isolation results and infectious titers from chickens vaccinated at 1 day of age with fowlpox (Vector-Control) or recombinant fowlpox-H5 avian influenza hemagglutinin gene (Vector-HA) vaccine and challenged 3 weeks later. Oropharyngeal and cloacal swabs were taken at peak of challenge virus shed

Challenge virus	Oropharyngeal swabs				Cloacal swabs			
	Vector-Control		Vector-HA		Vector Control		Vector-HA	
	(No. positive/total)	(log <sub>10</sub> EID <sub>50</sub> /ml)	(No. positive/total)	(log <sub>10</sub> EID <sub>50</sub> /ml)	(No. positive/total)	(log <sub>10</sub> EID <sub>50</sub> /ml)	(No. positive/total)	(log <sub>10</sub> EID <sub>50</sub> /ml)
TI/83	9/9 <sup>a</sup>	4.39 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>	7/9 <sup>a</sup>	2.24 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
TE/91	5/5 <sup>a</sup>	5.22 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>	5/5 <sup>a</sup>	2.98 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
TSA/61	8/8 <sup>a</sup>	4.07 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>	8/8 <sup>a</sup>	2.93 <sup>a</sup>	0.10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
CS/59	9/10 <sup>a</sup>	3.86 <sup>a</sup>	1/10 <sup>b</sup>	1.14 <sup>b</sup>	9/10 <sup>a</sup>	2.08 <sup>a</sup>	2/10 <sup>b</sup>	1.01 <sup>b</sup>
HK/97	8/10 <sup>a</sup>	4.00 <sup>a</sup>	1/10 <sup>b</sup>	1.10 <sup>b</sup>	8/10 <sup>a</sup>	3.00 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
CQ/95	10/10 <sup>a</sup>	5.26 <sup>a</sup>	9/10 <sup>a</sup>	3.18 <sup>a</sup>	8/10 <sup>a</sup>	2.42 <sup>a</sup>	1/10 <sup>b</sup>	0.91 <sup>b</sup>
TO/66	8/9 <sup>a</sup>	4.43 <sup>a</sup>	2/10 <sup>b</sup>	1.07 <sup>b</sup>	8/9 <sup>a</sup>	2.52 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
ET/93	5/9 <sup>a</sup>	3.17 <sup>a</sup>	1/10 <sup>b</sup>	1.42 <sup>b</sup>	7/9 <sup>a</sup>	1.91 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
CP/83	10/10 <sup>a</sup>	6.40 <sup>a</sup>	10/10 <sup>a</sup>	4.56 <sup>a</sup>	10/10 <sup>a</sup>	3.88 <sup>a</sup>	0/10 <sup>b</sup>	NI <sup>b</sup>
Total	72/80		24/90		70/80		3/90	

<sup>a,b</sup> Different uppercase letters indicate significant difference ( $P < 0.05$ ) between virus isolation of Vector-Control and Vector-HA groups using Fisher's Exact Test.

<sup>a,b</sup> Different lowercase letters indicate significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) between titers of virus shed from Vector-Control and Vector-HA groups using Fisher's Exact Test. NI = none isolated. For statistical purposes, all oropharyngeal and cloacal swabs from which virus was not isolated were given a numeric value of  $10^{0.9}$  ELD<sub>50</sub>/ml which represents the lowest detectable level of virus if the virus isolation procedure were modified to use four instead of three embryonating chicken eggs per sample.

Positive correlation between the sequence similarity of the HA and the ability to reduce virus titers shed from the oropharynx ( $r_s=0.78$ ,  $P = 0.009$ )

# Vector vaccines, other vectors

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Newcastle Disease virus

Duck Enteritis Virus

- Herpes virus of ducks, replicates in chicken as well

Salmonella Gallinarum

Replication restricted Alphavirus with HA insert.

- Viral packaging in cell not completed (lacks several genes)
- Induces humoral and cell mediated immunity ('replication in cell')

etc

# Others: mRNA, DNA, ...

mRNA, cDNA of HA gene: expressed in cells

Chicken, turkey, duck, ....

Protection of White Leghorn chickens by U.S. emergency H5 vaccination against clade 2.3.4.4 H5N2 high pathogenicity avian influenza virus



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## ABSTRACT

During December 2014–June 2015, the U.S. experienced a high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak caused by clade 2.3.4.4 H5Nx Goose/Guangdong lineage viruses with devastating consequences for the poultry industry. Three vaccines, developed based on updating existing registered vaccines or currently licensed technologies, were evaluated for possible use: an inactivated reverse genetics H5N1 vaccine (rgH5N1) and an RNA particle vaccine (RP-H5), both containing the hemagglutinin gene of clade 2.3.4.4 strain, and a recombinant herpesvirus turkey vectored vaccine (rHVT-H5) containing the hemagglutinin gene of clade 2.2 strain. The efficacy of the three vaccines, alone or in combination, was assessed in White Leghorn chickens against clade 2.3.4.4 H5N2 HPAI virus challenge. In Study 1, single (rHVT-H5) and prime-boost (rHVT-H5 + rgH5N1 or rHVT-H5 + RP-H5) vaccination strategies protected chickens with high levels of protective immunity and significantly reduced virus shedding. In Study 2, single vaccination with either rgH5N1 or RP-H5 vaccines provided clinical protection in adult chickens and significantly reduced virus shedding. In Study 3, double rgH5N1 vaccination protected adult chickens from clinical signs and mortality when challenged 20 weeks post-boost, with high levels of long-lasting protective immunity and significantly reduced virus shedding. These studies support the use of genetically related vaccines, possibly in combination with a broad protective priming vaccine, for emergency vaccination programs against clade 2.3.4.4 H5Nx HPAI virus in young and adult layer chickens.

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# Vaccinatie tegen AIV

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Diverse types vaccins 'beschikbaar' met bewezen effectiviteit (experimenteel), DIVA geschikt, voor kip, kalkoen en eend

- Effectiviteit onder veldomstandigheden kan lager zijn (zie ook andere pathogenen)

Behoefte aan meer gegevens over de mate van reductie van de transmissie (dier-dier maar zeker ook onder veldomstandigheden van stal-stal, bedrijf-bedrijf) voor de nieuwe generaties vaccins

- HAR titers erg behulpzaam voor evaluatie maar geven waarschijnlijk een onderschatting van de bescherming bij de 'replicerende vaccins"
- R waardes tevens zeer informatief voor de eisen aan het aanslaan van de vaccins op koppel niveau

Vaccins gelukkig ook te gebruiken in combinaties (verhoging, verlenging, verbreding bescherming, verdere verlaging R?)

Inzet van prime and boost lijkt (erg) verstandig voor langer levende dieren

- Zie ook ervaringen buitenland

# DIVA vaccination programmes Layers, Parents, GP

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## Examples

- Hatchery (D0 or in-ovo) HVT-H5
- Hatchery HVT-H5, Week 8: Fowl Pox H5 vector (boost, wingweb)
- Hatchery HVT-H5, W14: Subunit H5 vector (boost, injection)
- Hatchery HVT-H5, W8: Fowl Pox H5 vector, (boost, wingweb), W14: Subunit H5 vector
- FP-H5, subunit as boost
- 2x subunit

# Conclusie

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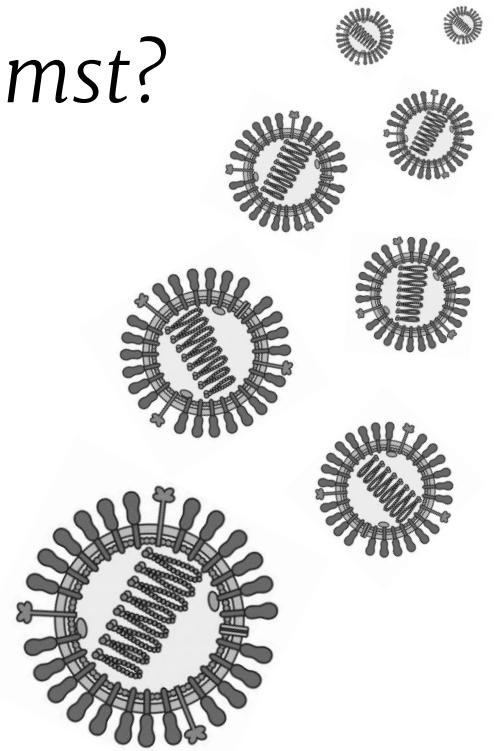
Alleen vaccinatie tegen HPAI kan AI niet 100% voorkomen

Waardevolle toevoeging aan:

- biosecurity, Grondige schoonmaak/desinfectie
- surveillance and monitoring met geschikte diagnostiek
  - Controle aanslaan vaccins
  - DIVA
  - Controleren evolutie veldstammen/doornbraken
- Ruiming besmette koppels (anti verspreiding en evolutie, zoonotisch risico)

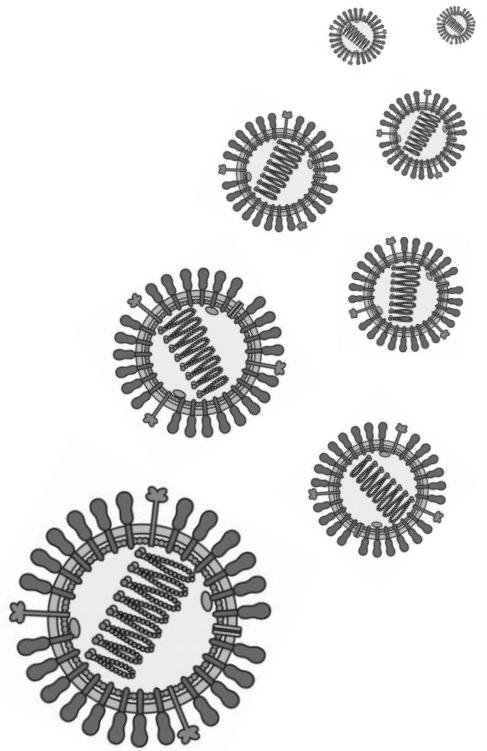


*Zijn vaccins de oplossing voor de toekomst?*





*Met HPAI endemisch in de natuur:  
Is er toekomst zonder vaccinatie?*



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Negative DIVA results means free status

*Dank voor uw aandacht*