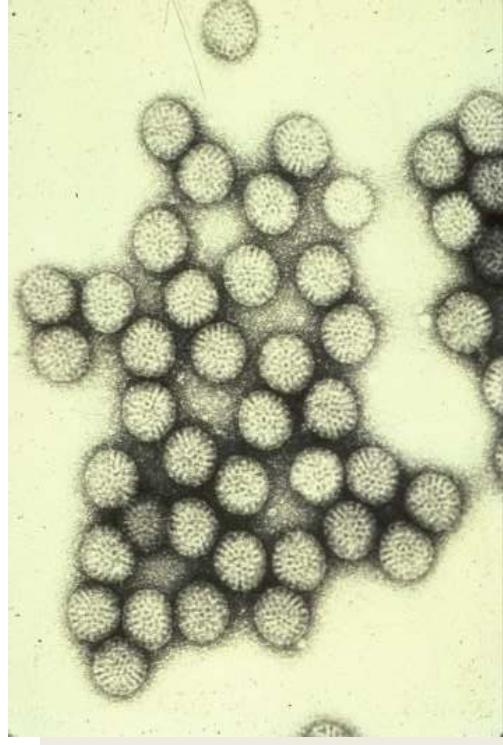


# Current Rotavirus Vaccines – Achievements & Challenges

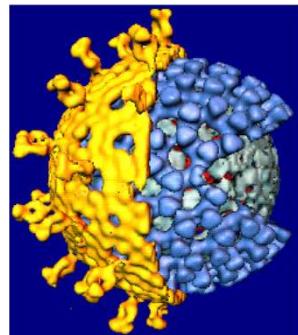


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# Human Rotavirus Vaccine (Rotarix, GSK)

Human rotavirus



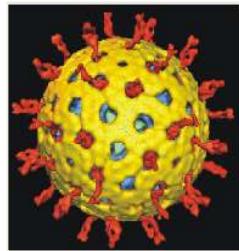
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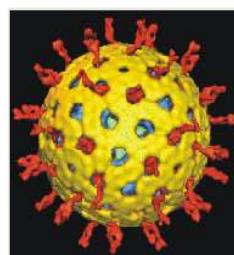
2 doses

# Human-Bovine Rotavirus Vaccine (RotaTeq, Merck & Co.)

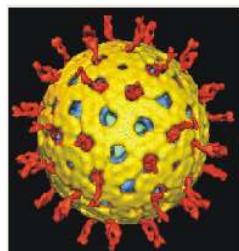
Bovine rotavirus with single human rotavirus gene substitution



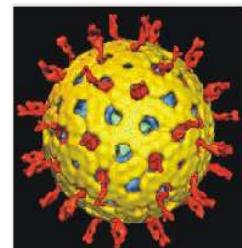
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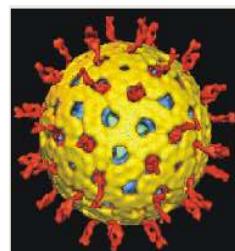
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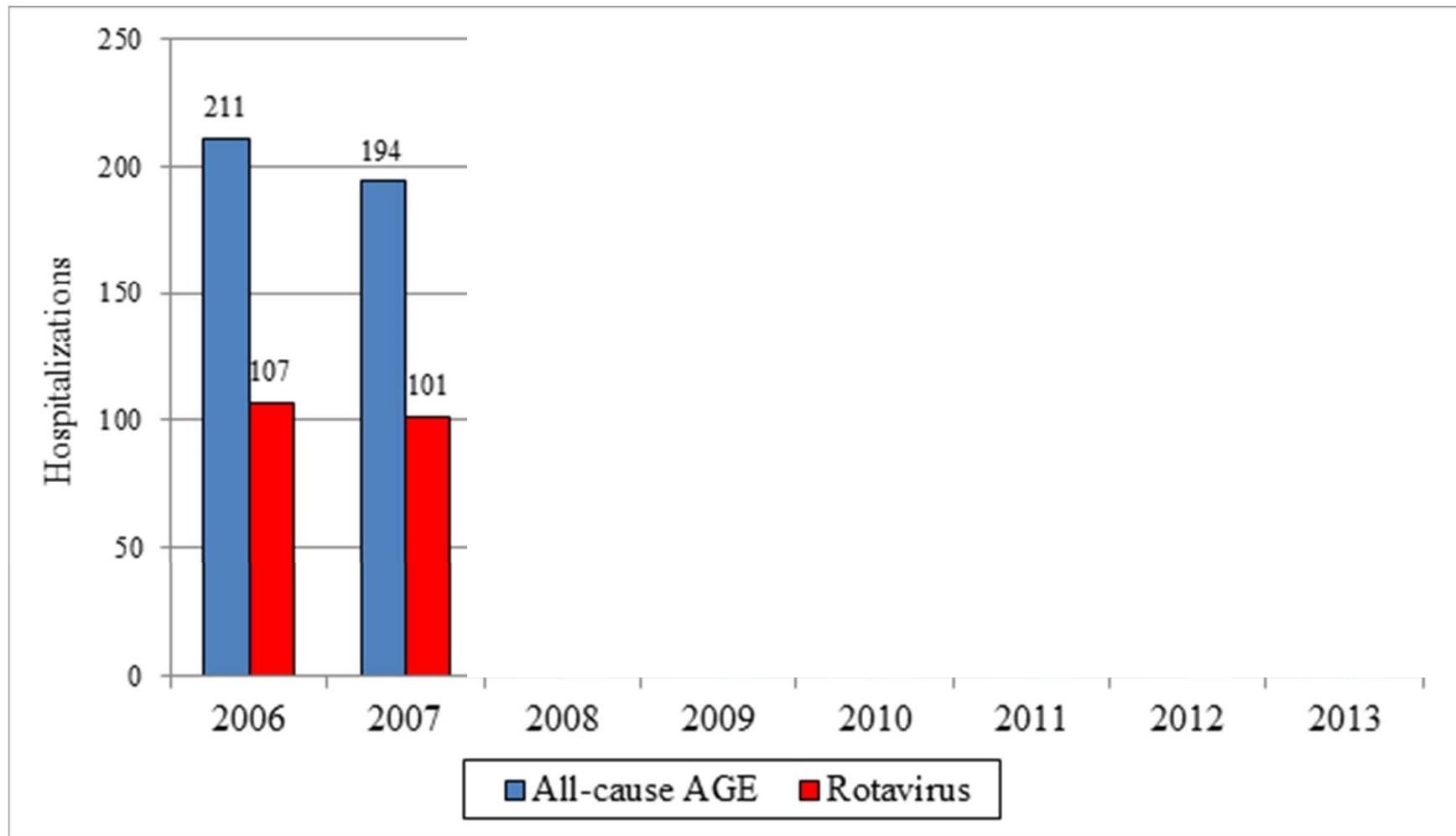
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# High Efficacy of Both Vaccines in Trials in High/Middle Income Countries

Vaccine	Region	Efficacy (95%CI)
Rotarix	Europe	96% (90%-99%)
Rotarix	Latin America	85% (72%-92%)
RotaTeq	Europe/US	98% (88%-100%)

Vesikari et al and Ruiz-Palacios et al, NEJM 2006  
Vesikari et al, Lancet, 2007.

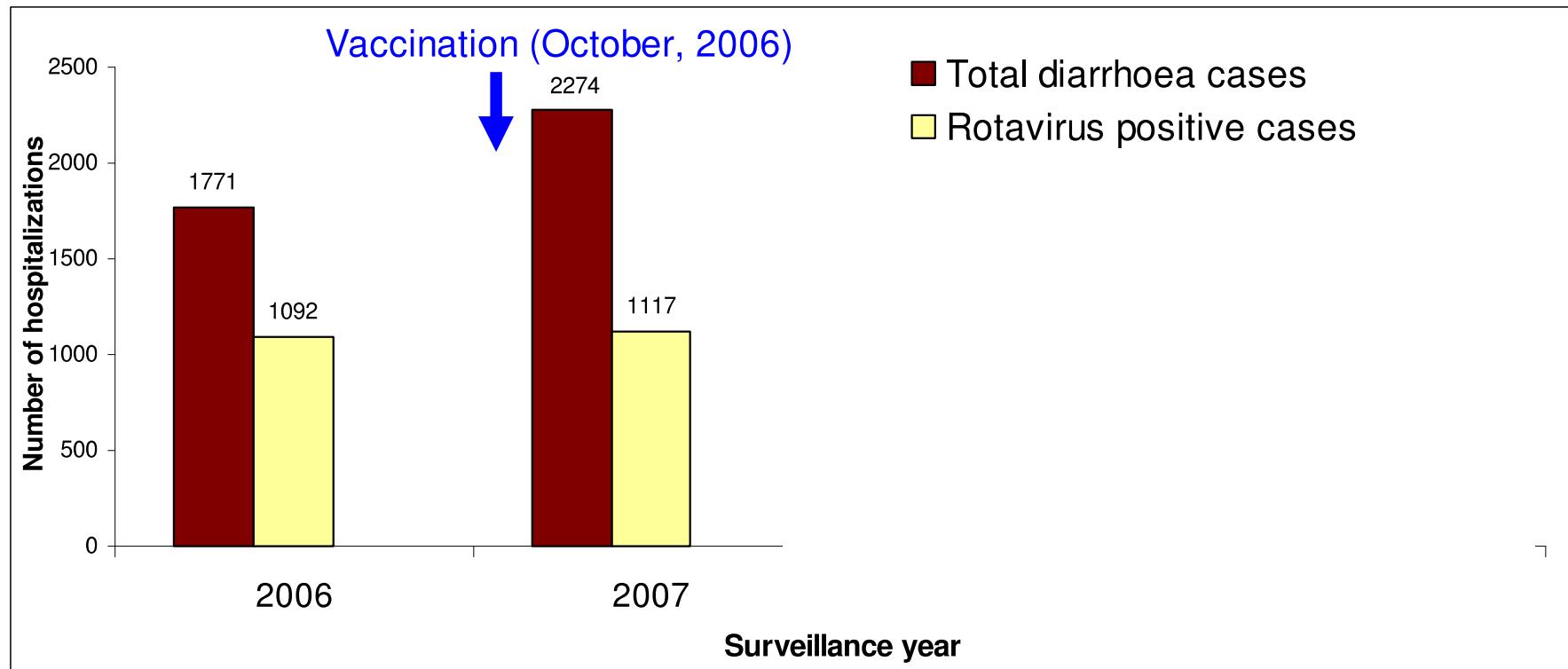
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Payne DC, unpublished 2014

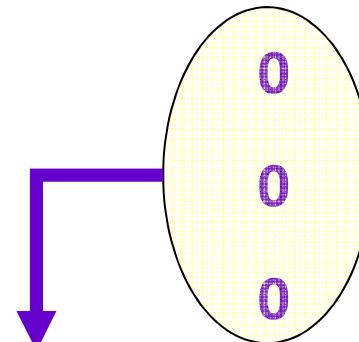
# Impact on All-Cause and Rotavirus-Specific Gastroenteritis Hospitalizations in El Salvador

**70-80% reduction in rotavirus hospitalizations children < 5 years**



# Herd Protection: Reduction in Rotavirus among UNVACCINATED Age Groups in El Salvador

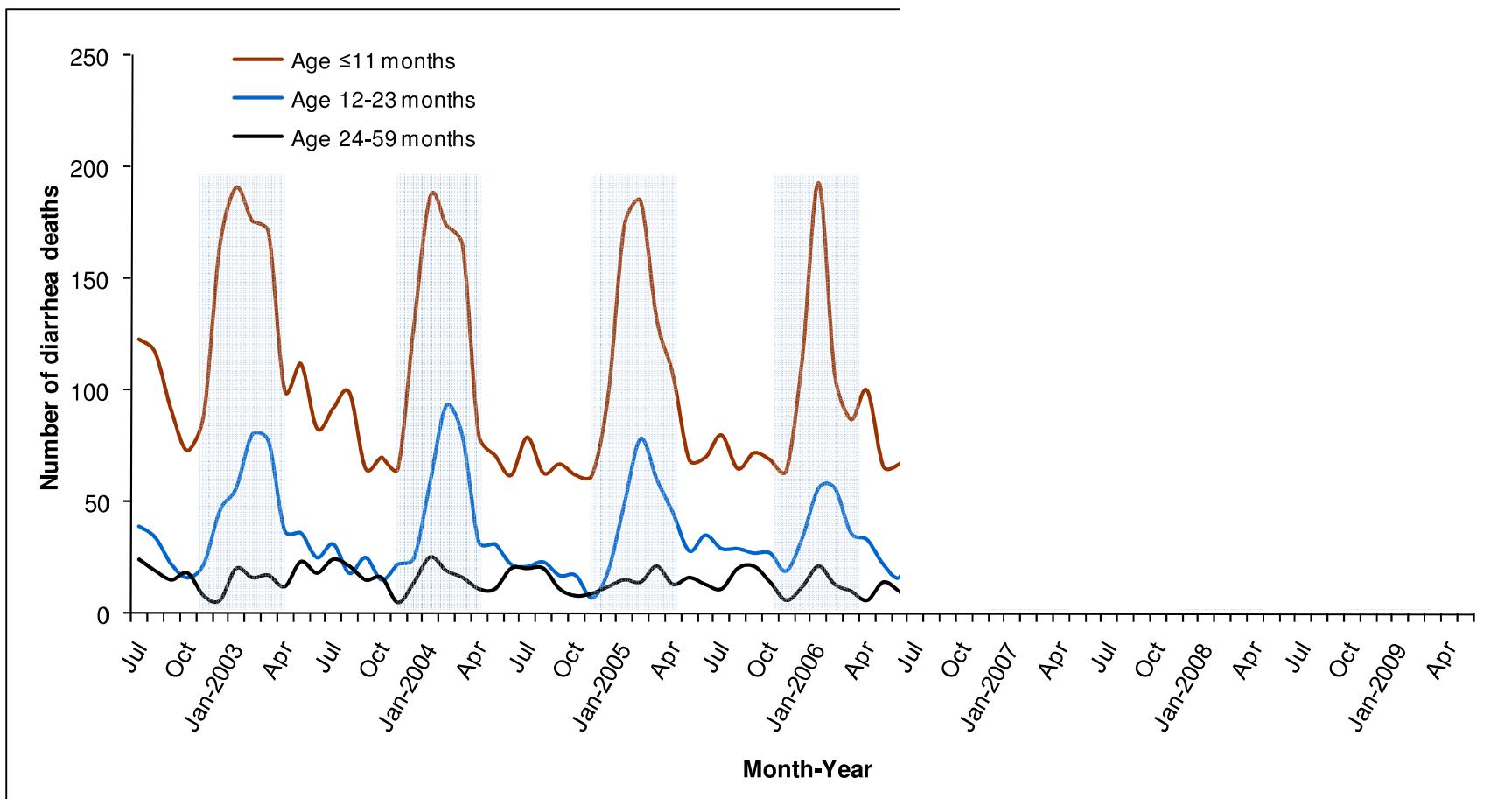
Age	Decline in rotavirus hospitalization rate (2008 vs. 2006)	Rotavirus vaccine coverage in 2008 (>=1 dose)
< 1 year	84% (80 to 88)	76%
1 year	86% (82 to 89)	84%
2 years	65% (50 to 75)	
3 years	41% (-7 to 68)	
4 years	68% (29 to 85)	



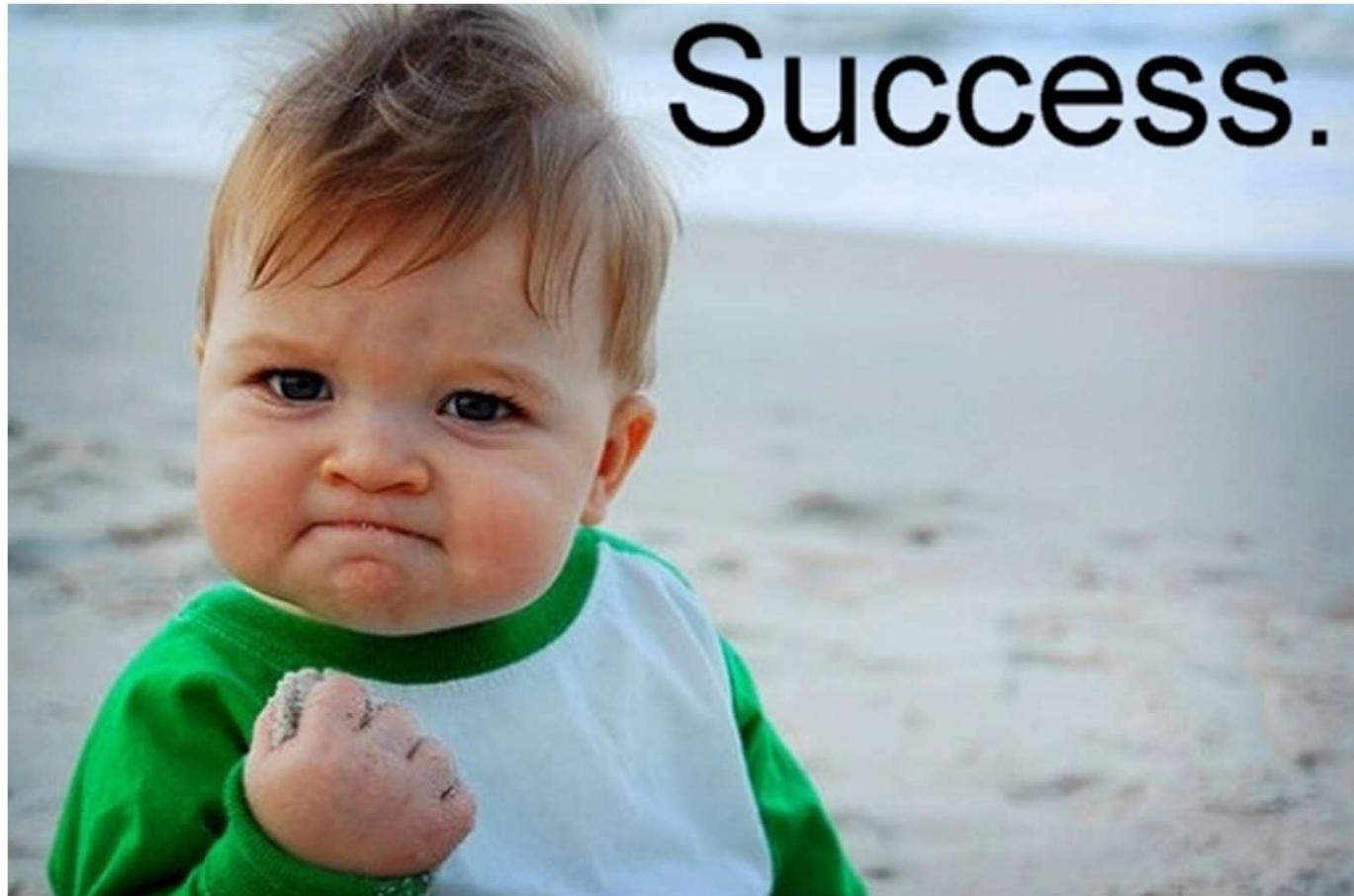
*These age cohorts were ineligible to receive rotavirus vaccine*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Effect of Rotavirus Vaccination on Death from Childhood Diarrhea in Mexico



# Early Experience with Rotavirus Vaccines



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## **Challenge 1**

**How well will oral rotavirus vaccines  
work in the developing world?**

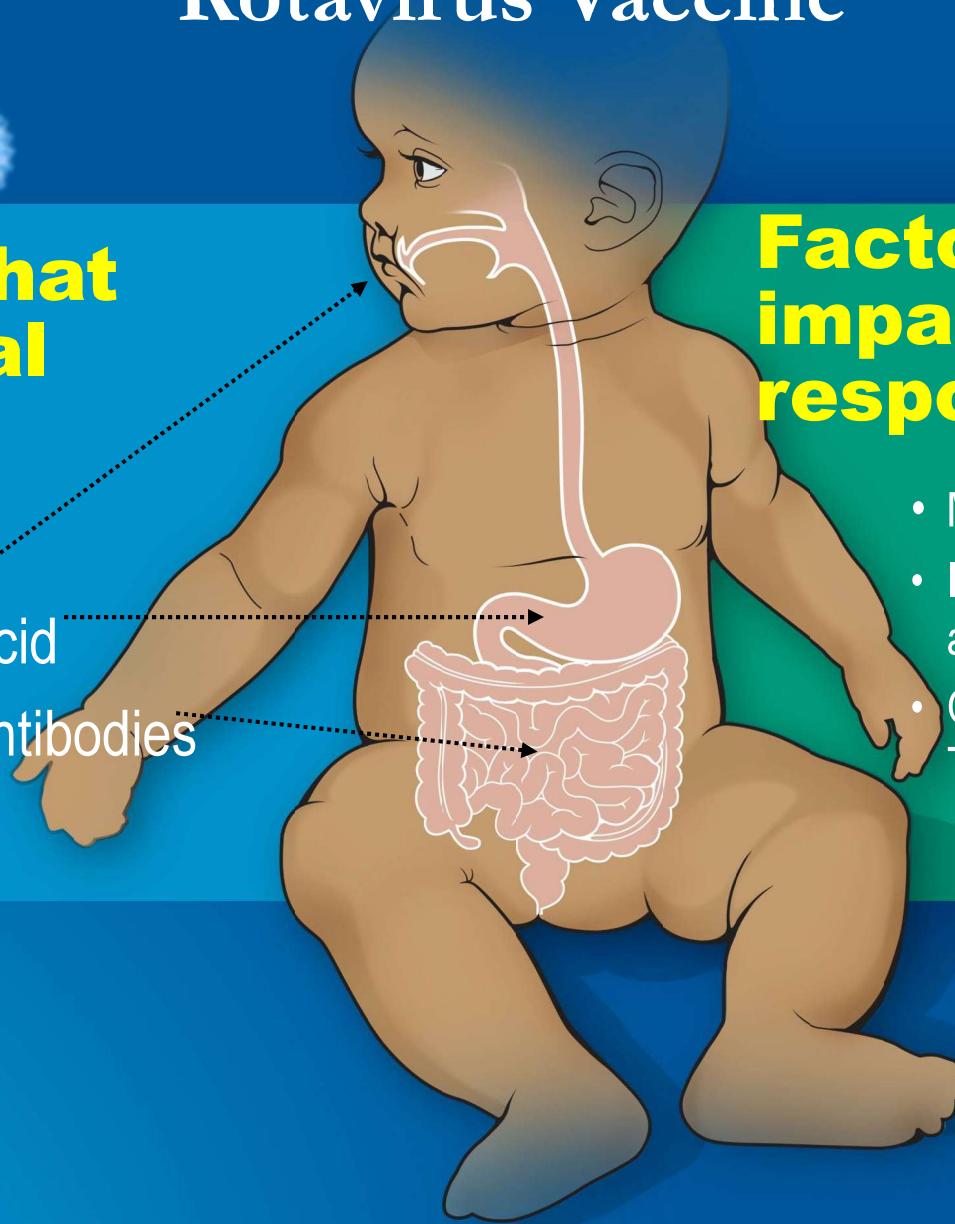
# Hurdles to Immunization for a Live Oral Rotavirus Vaccine

## Factors that lower viral titer

- Breast milk
- Stomach acid
- Maternal antibodies
- OPV

## Factors that impair immune response

- Malnutrition - Zn, Vit A
- Interfering microbes- viruses and bacteria
- Other infections- HIV, malaria, TBC



# Moderate Efficacy of Rotavirus Vaccines in Africa and Asia

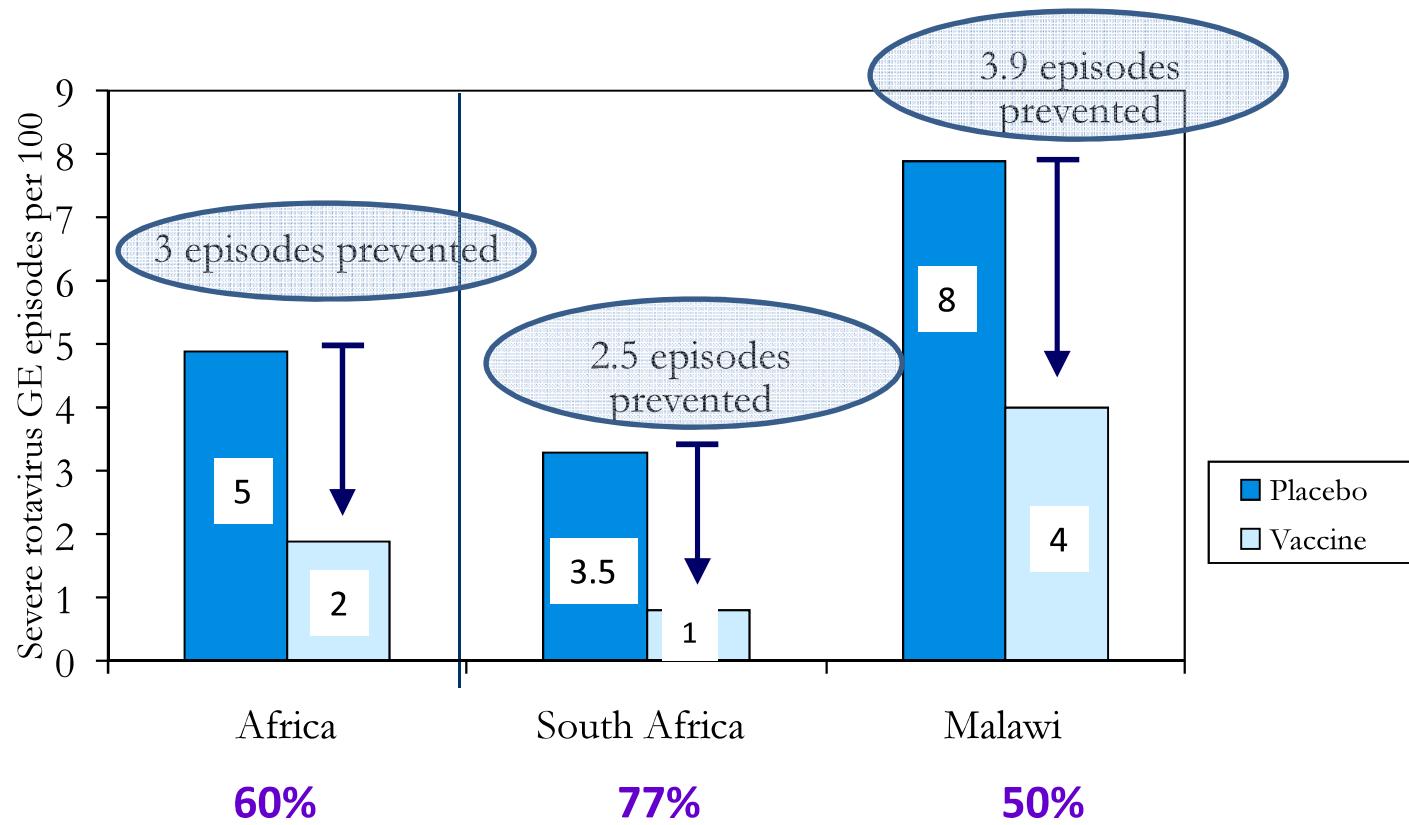
Vaccine	Region	Countries	Efficacy (95%CI)
RotaTeq	Africa	Ghana, Kenya, Mali	64% (40%-79%)
RotaTeq	Asia	Bangladesh, Vietnam	51% (13%-73%)
Rotarix	Africa	South Africa, Malawi	62% (44%-73%)

Armah et al. Lancet 2010

Zaman et al. Lancet 2010

Madhi et al NEJM 2010

# Despite lower efficacy, Rotarix prevented more severe rotavirus disease per 100 vaccinated children in Malawi because of higher baseline incidence

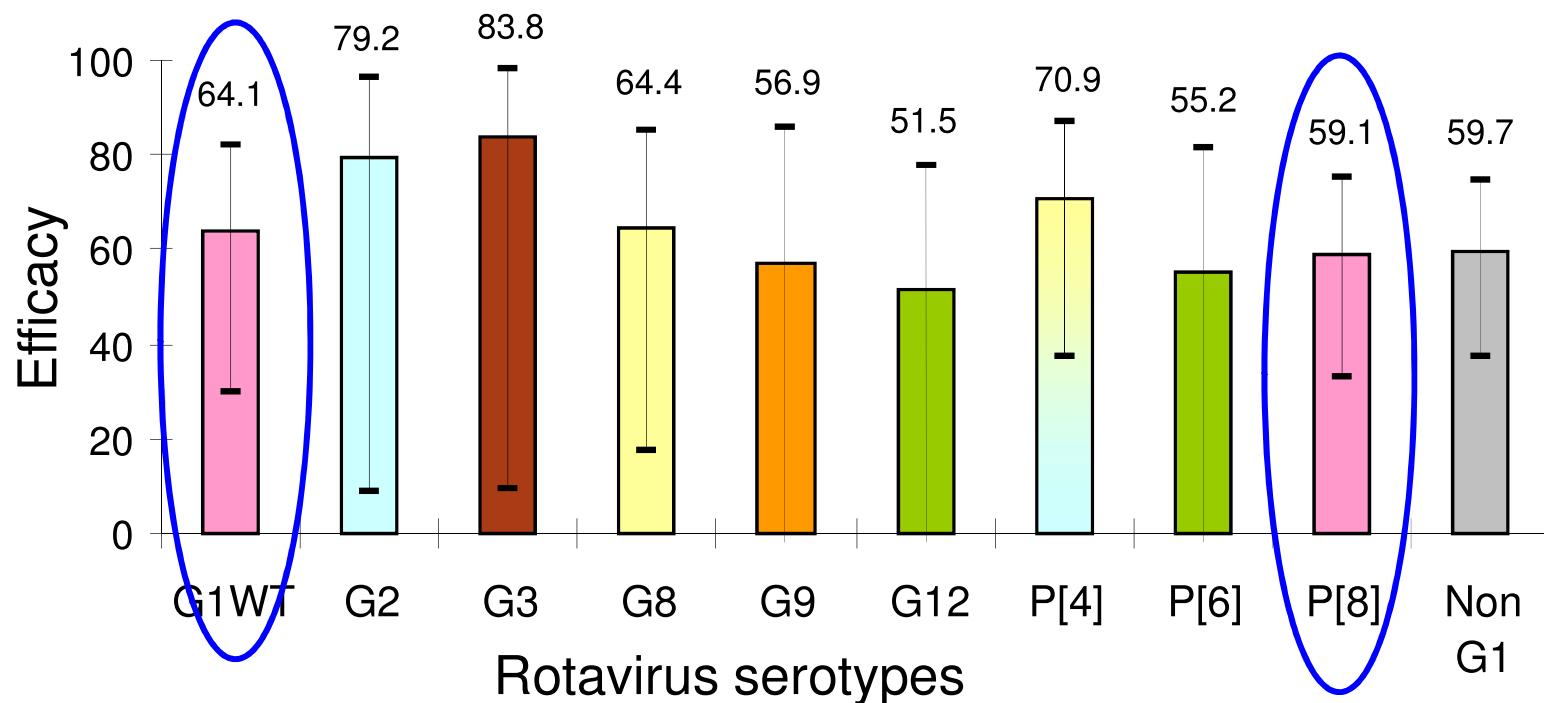


## **Challenge 2**

**How well will vaccines protect  
against range of strains?**

# Rotarix (G1P8) efficacy similar against rotavirus GE due to vaccine & non-vaccine types in Africa

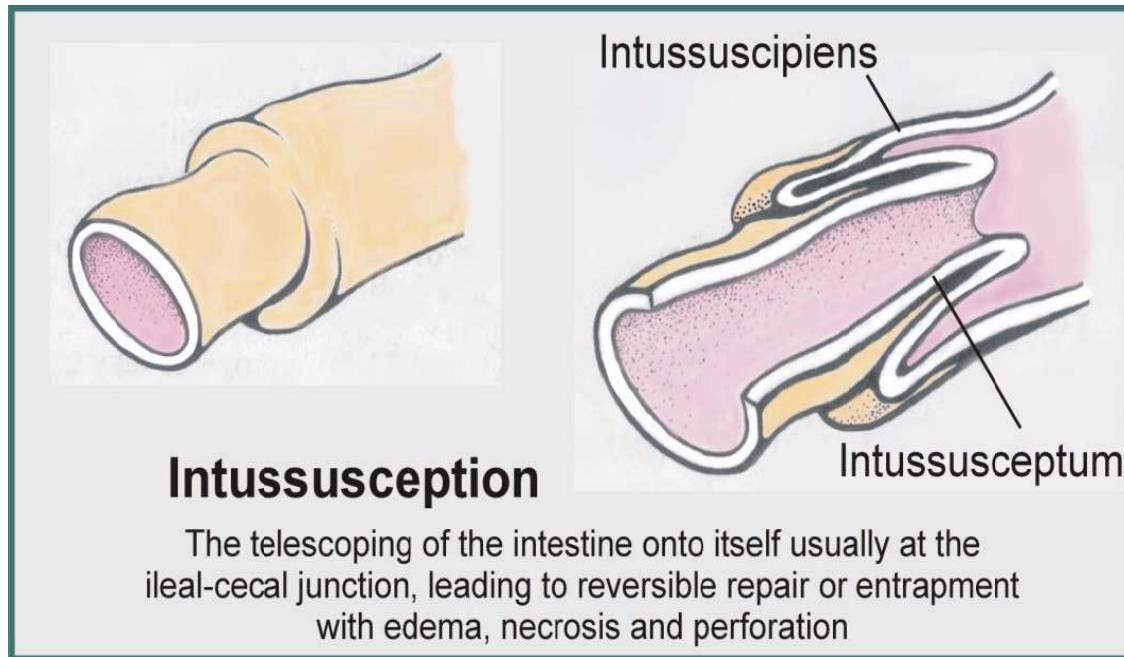
N = 2974 (Vaccine)  
N = 1143 (Placebo)



## Challenge 3

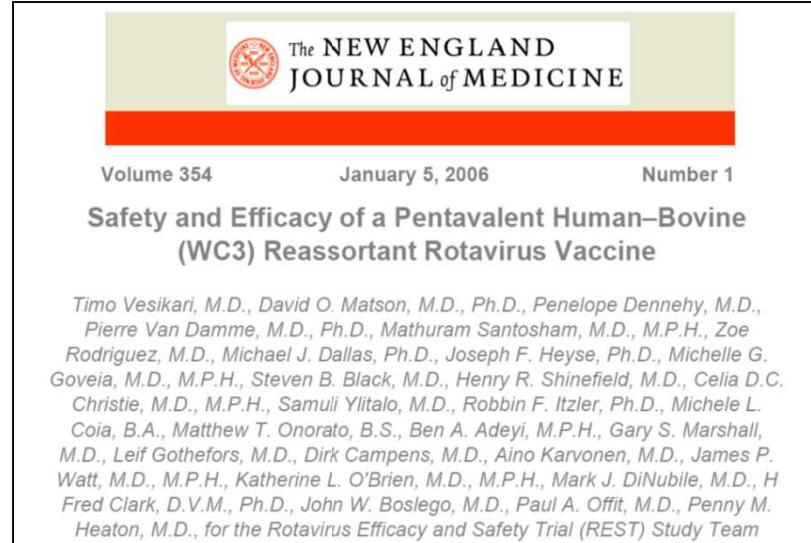
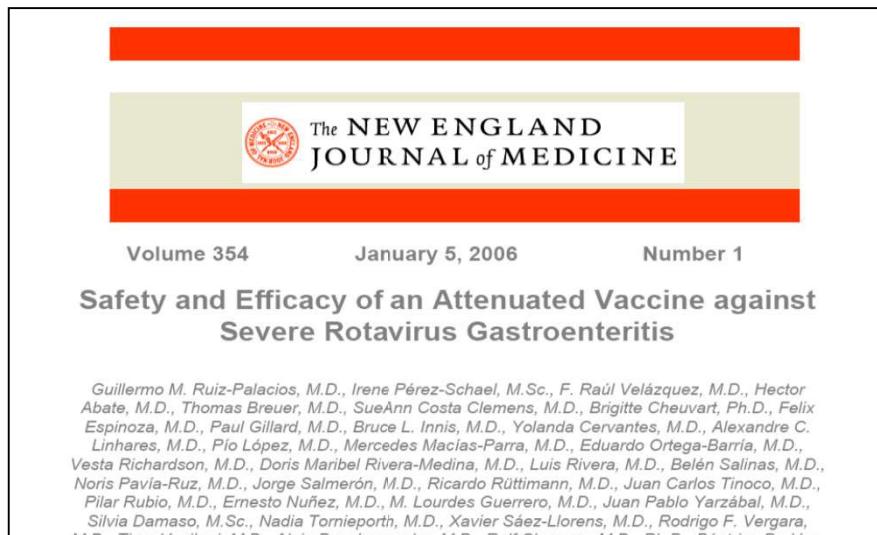
**Will new Rotavirus Vaccines  
cause Intussusception?**

## An Earlier Vaccine (Rotashield) Withdrawn in US in 1999 Because of Association with Intussusception



***1 intussusception per 10,000 vaccinated infants***

# Current Vaccines Not Associated with Intussusception in Large Pre-Licensure Trials



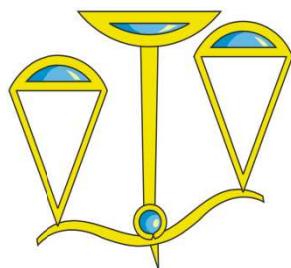
- Trials of 60-70,000 infants designed to assess intussusception risk
- No risk identified with either vaccine
- Low risk could not be excluded

## Post-Licensure Intussusception Data

- Mexico, Brazil, Australia, and US have identified a low-level risk of intussusception after both vaccines
  - ~1-5 cases per 100,000 vaccinated
- *Key Question – How does this level of risk compare with the observed benefits?*

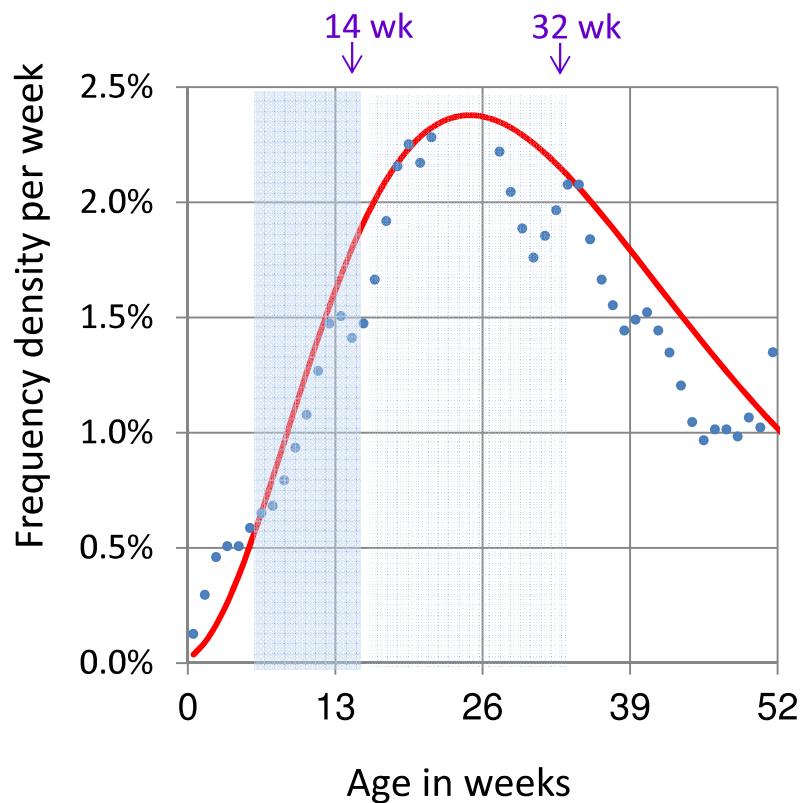
# Mexico: Vaccination Benefit versus Risk

	Admissions	Deaths
Rotavirus events averted by vaccination	-12,000	-700
Intussusception events caused by vaccination	+43	+2
Rotavirus events averted vs. Intussusception caused	300 to 1	350 to 1



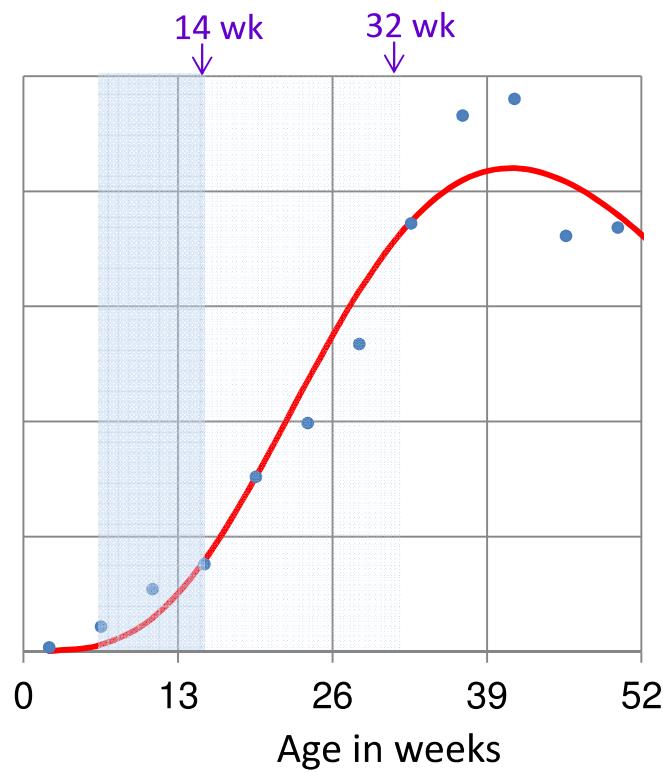
# Challenge 4 -- Protecting Children in Early Infancy

Age Distribution of Rotavirus Hospitalizations in First Year of Life



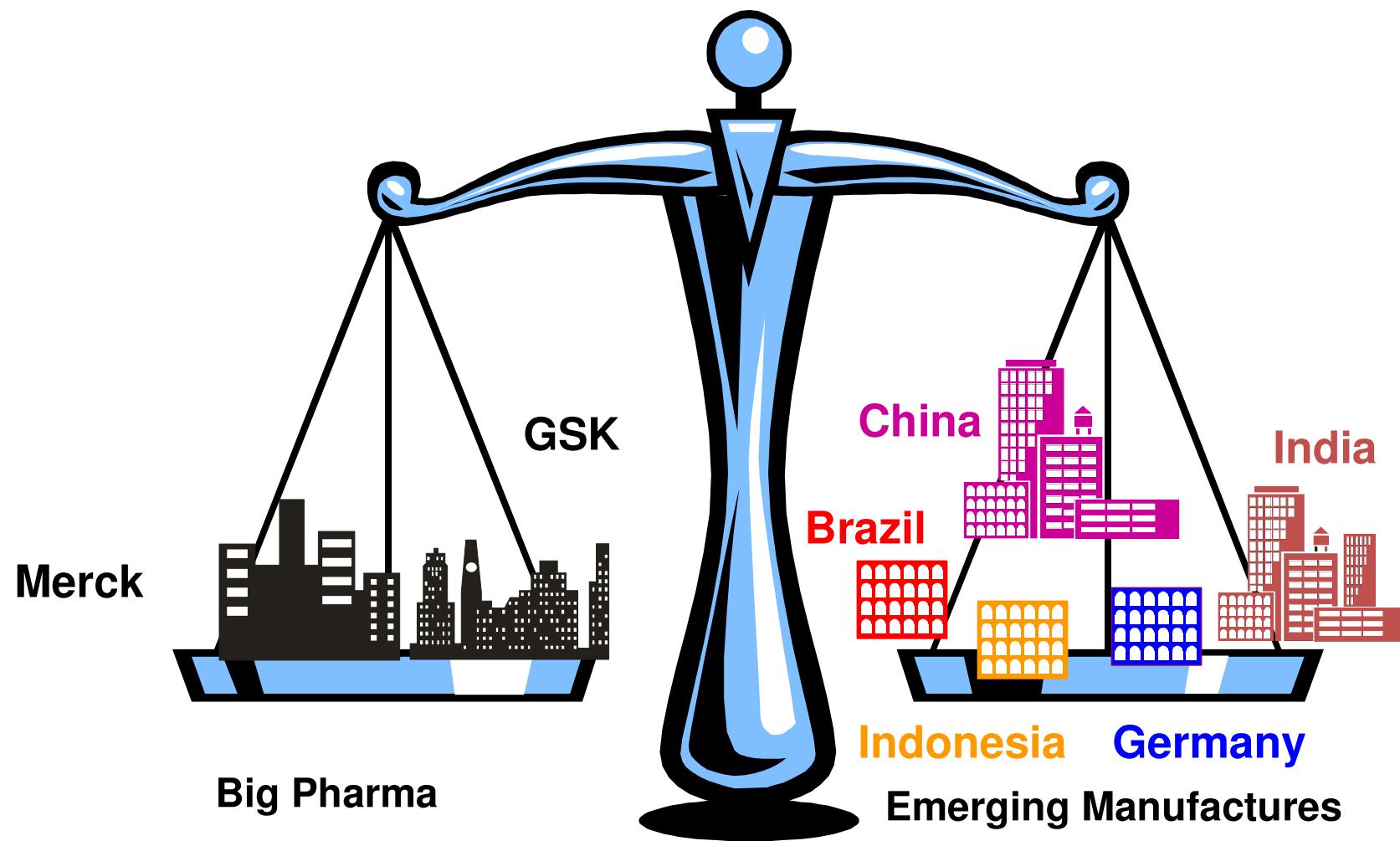
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# Challenge 5 – Vaccine Supply



# Challenge 6 -- Financing



Rotarix -- \$2.50 per dose  
RotaTeq -- \$3.50 per dose

