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# High-dose influenza vaccine

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# Outline

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## High-dose influenza vaccine (HD)

- **Background**

- Clinical development & registration milestones
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- **Clinical data**

- Two randomised controlled trials
- Two large-scaled cohort studies by US CDC, FDA & CMS

- **Cost effectiveness**

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*Abbreviations: CDC=Centers for Disease Control & Prevention;  
FDA=Food & Drug Administration;  
CMS=Center of Medicare & Medicaid Services;*

# Product characteristics

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- **For 65+**
- **4x (60 mcg) of hemagglutinin in standard dose vaccine**
- **Single 0.5-mL dose; intramuscular**
- **Trivalent formulation**
  - Three strains: Influenza A/H3N2, A/H1N1 & one B lineage
  - Quadrivalent (incl. a second B lineage) under development



Reference: *Fluzone High-Dose vaccine [Prescribing Information]. Swiftwater: Sanofi Pasteur Inc.; 2016.*

# HD in USA

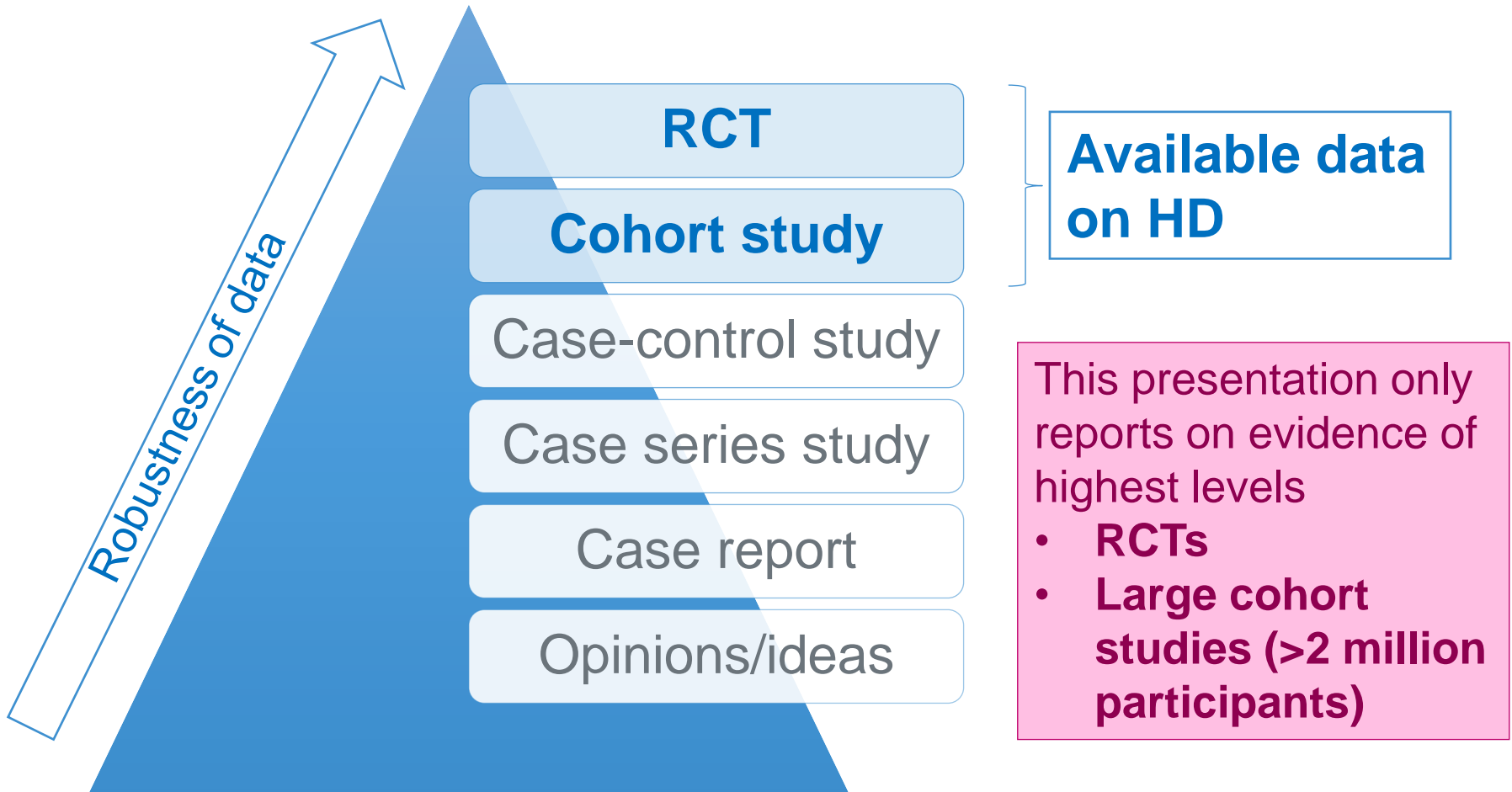
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- **Licensed in 2009 under FDA's Accelerated Approval Process to fill the unmet medical need**
  - Based on pre-licensure data on safety & enhanced immunogenicity compared to standard dose, trivalent influenza vaccine (SD TIV)
- **No safety concern identified from population use for 8 years**
  - ~70 million doses distributed since licensure
- **Extensively studied in USA/Canada**
  - 28 published studies
  - Most studies in 65+; some in younger persons with chronic medical conditions

*Abbreviations: QIV=quadrivalent, inactivated influenza vaccine*



# Level of evidence of clinical studies



Abbreviations: RCT=randomised controlled trial

Reference: Higgins et al. *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions, Version 5.1.0*; Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). *Evidence guidelines. 2014*

# Pivotal study (FIM12)

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## Post-licensure commitment study in 65+

- **Study endpoints**

- Lab-confirmed influenza (primary)
- Serious events possibly related to influenza

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- **Double-blinded RCT<sup>1,2</sup>**

- 31,989 participants from 126 sites in USA & Canada
  - Mean age = 73
  - Two thirds had  $\geq 1$  chronic medical condition
- 2011-12 & 2012-13 seasons\*
- 1:1 ratio for HD & SD TIV

- **Safety surveillance (6-8 months post vaccination)**

- Serious adverse events (SAEs) leading to death, hospitalisation, and/or disability, regardless of causality

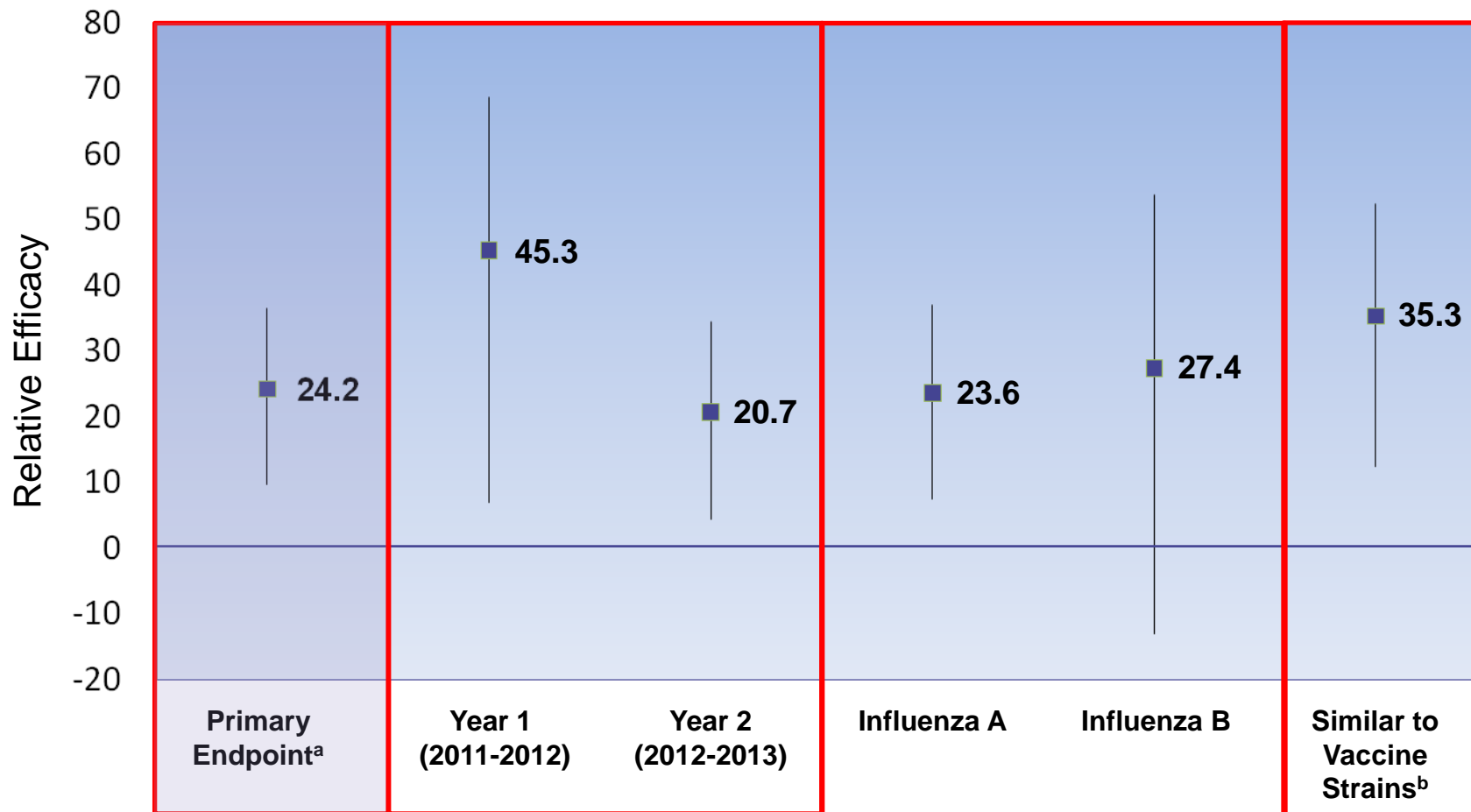
\* A/H3N2 predominated in both seasons

References:

1. DiazGranados et al. *N Engl J Med* 2014;371:635-45; 2. DiazGranados et al. *Vaccine* 2015;33:4988-93

# Relative efficacy of HD to SD TIV

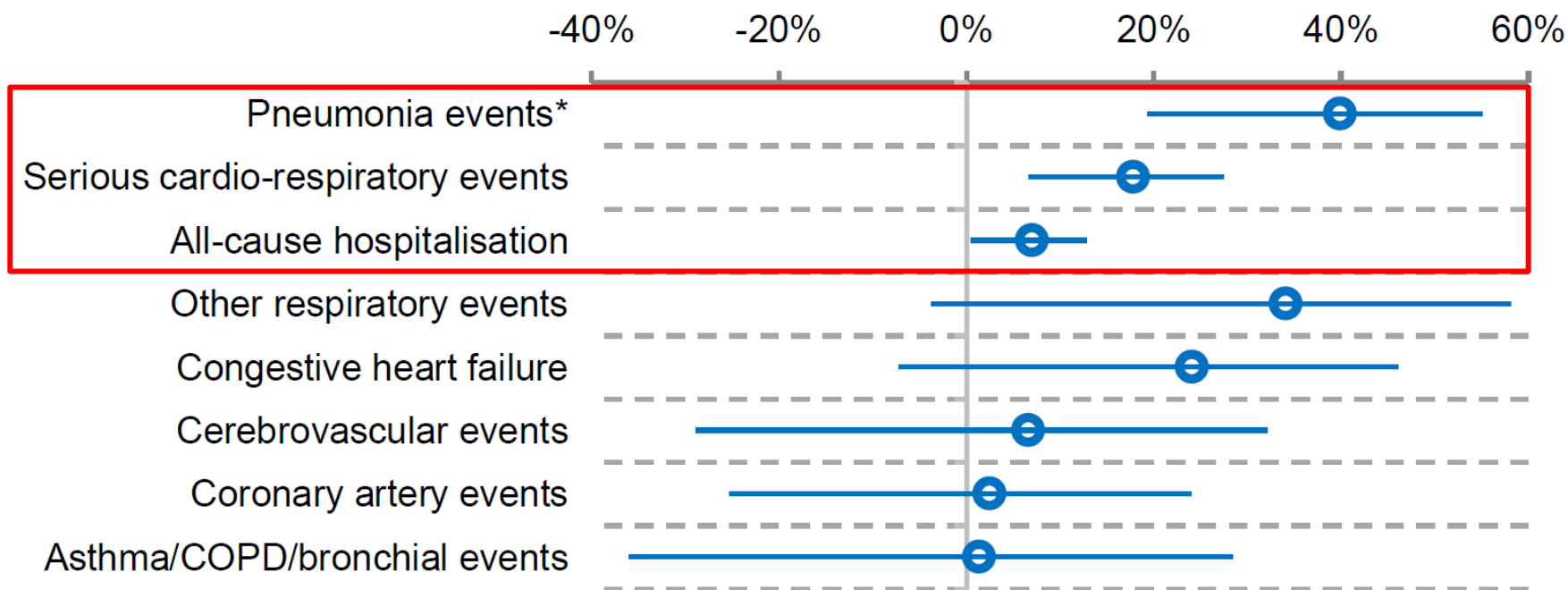
By study years, influenza types, & similarity to vaccine strains



<sup>a</sup> Laboratory-confirmed influenza caused by any viral type or subtype (regardless of similarity) associated with a protocol-defined influenza-like illness. <sup>b</sup> Type A & B combined, similar to the vaccine strains by ferret antisera or genomic sequencing data.

# Relative effectiveness of HD to SD TIV

Secondary endpoint: serious events possibly related to influenza



\* The % pneumococcal vaccination was similar in both study groups. Therefore, HD effect on pneumonia was not due to differences of pneumococcal vaccination between groups.



# Fewer SAEs observed in HD group than SD TIV group

Relative risk of SAE: 0.92 (95% CI 0.80-0.99)

	HD Vaccine (N=15,992)		SD TIV (N=15,991)	
(Number of participants)	n	%	n	%
<b>SAE</b>	1323	<b>8.27</b>	1442	<b>9.02</b>
Related SAE	3 <sup>b</sup>	0.02	0	0.00
Adverse Event of Special Interest (AESI)	3 <sup>c</sup>	0.02	6 <sup>d</sup>	0.04
SAE leading to study discontinuation	99	0.62	103	0.64
Death (any cause)	83	0.52	84	0.53

# Two large-scaled cohort studies in USA for 65+

Both were jointly conducted by US CDC, FDA & CMS

## Comparative effectiveness of high-dose versus standard-dose influenza vaccines in US residents aged 65 years and older from 2012 to 2013 using Medicare data: a retrospective cohort analysis



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### Summary

**Background** A high-dose trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine was licensed in 2009 by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on the basis of serological criteria. We sought to establish whether high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine was more effective for prevention of influenza-related visits and hospital admissions in US Medicare beneficiaries than was standard-dose inactivated influenza vaccine.

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## Comparative Effectiveness of High-Dose Versus Standard-Dose Influenza Vaccines Among US Medicare Beneficiaries in Preventing Postinfluenza Deaths During 2012–2013 and 2013–2014

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% $\geq 1$ medical condition	59-60%	62-65%
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<sup>‡</sup> Death within 30 days following an inpatient or emergency department encounter coded as influenza (ICD-9)

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# Relative effectiveness demonstrated (HD vs SD TIV)

Magnitude consistent with FIM12

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# Cost saving in USA (similar results for Canada)

Ad-hoc cost-effectiveness analyses using trial data of FIM12

Item/Outcome		HD	SD TIV	Difference
Study Vaccine		\$31.8	\$12.1	\$19.8
Mean per-participant cost in FIM12	Hospitalisation	\$1,320.5	\$1,456.9	-\$136.3
	Direct medical costs	\$1,376.7	\$1,492.6	-\$115.9
	Direct & indirect costs	\$1,506.5	\$1,634.5	-\$128.0

**HD is a less costly & more effective alternative to SD TIV in USA, driven by a reduction in the number of hospital admissions**

Reference: Chit et al. *Lancet Infect Dis* 2015; 15: 1459-66

# Summary

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## High-dose influenza vaccine

- **Improved clinical protection demonstrated in robust studies**
  - Point estimates of relative benefits: 22% to 24%
- **Well-established safety profile**
- **Cost effective in US & Canadian settings**