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Influenza: high-dose and adjuvanted vaccines

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Inzet van vernieuwde typen griepvaccins in het Nationaal Programma Grieppreventie

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Tabel 1 Geadviseerde vaccins per doelgroep

Doelgroep	Vaccin
Risicogroepen van 6 maanden tot 18 jaar	Standaardvaccin
Zwangere vrouwen	Standaardvaccin
Risicogroepen van 18-50 jaar	Standaardvaccin of recombinant vaccin
Risicogroepen van 50-60 jaar	Vaccin met adjuvans
Mensen van ≥60 jaar	Vaccin met adjuvans of vaccin met verhoogde dosis antigeen

Many factors impact standard vaccine effectiveness



Patient Factors

Reduced immune response to the vaccine¹

e.g. immunosenescence
(declining immune function in the elderly)



Viral Factors

Potential for vaccine-virus mismatch²

e.g. antigenic drift
(natural mutation in circulating flu strains)



Vaccine Factors

Potential for vaccine-virus mismatch³

e.g. egg-adaptation
(changes introduced during egg-based manufacturing)

Utilisation Factors

e.g. lack of patient demand and/or provider recommendation leading to under-vaccination^{4,5}

There are a variety of avenues for improving influenza vaccine effectiveness

CURRENT



Differentiated vaccines

Adjuvanted, higher antigen dose, cell-based

EMERGING



New platforms

mRNA, sa-mRNA, other protein-based vaccines



Alternate routes

nasal, oral, skin



Broader protection

viral vector universal, supraseasonal

Age-related changes in immune response can impact VE

Immunosenescence

Innate immune cell[†] function

- Phagocytosis / antigen-processing & presentation



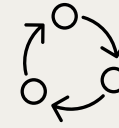
Adaptive immune cell function

- Naïve B & T cells
- Antibody production, diversity and affinity
- Memory T cells



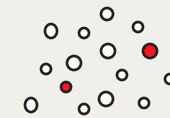
Inflammaging

- Impairment of immune system regulation



- Pro-inflammatory cytokines

- Chronic inflammation / Metainflammation



Poor vaccination outcomes & increased susceptibility to infection^{1,2}

Adjuvanted and higher dose vaccines have been designed to boost immune response

Challenge: Lower immune response to standard dose influenza vaccine



Strategy 1: Enhance the immune response to a vaccine by adding an adjuvant

Adjuvanted vaccine

- Contain 15 µg of haemagglutinin per strain per dose PLUS an MF59 adjuvant



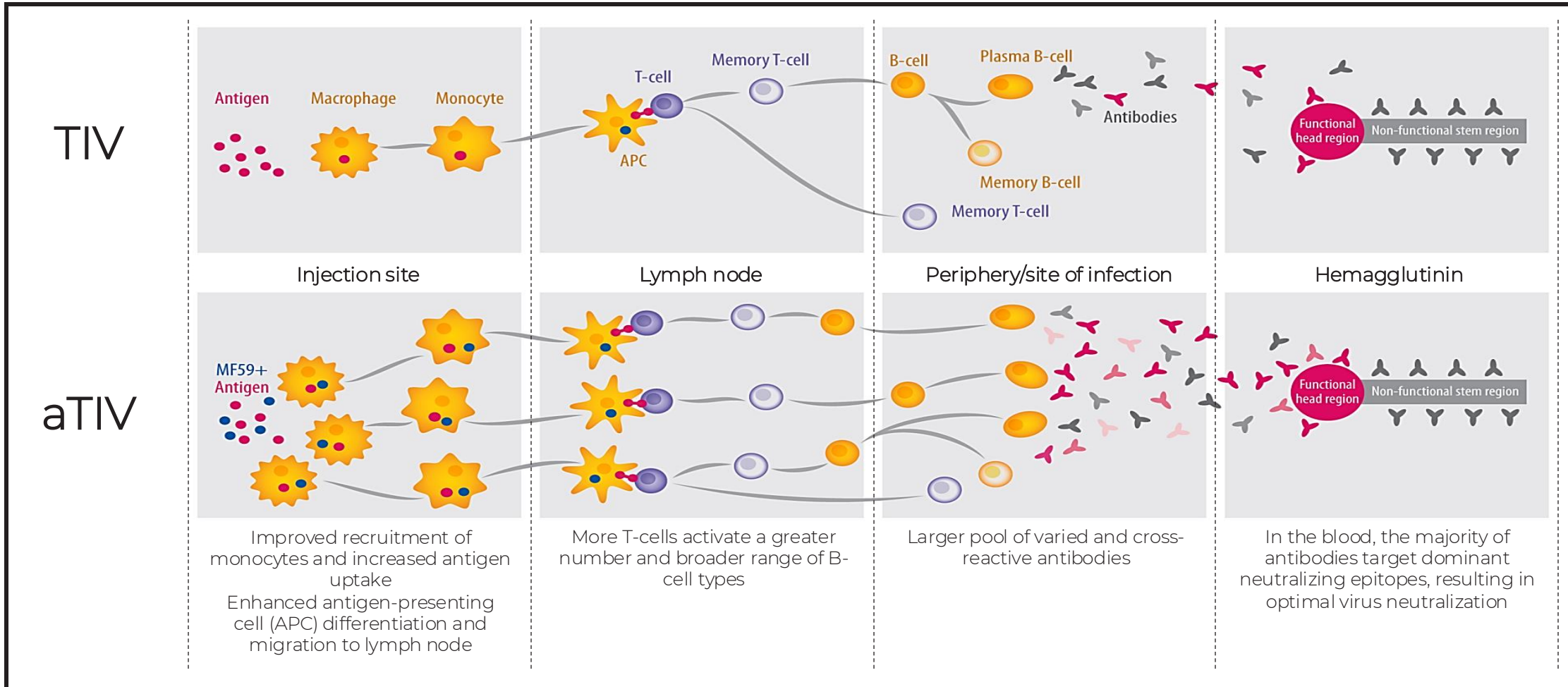
Strategy 2: Increasing the amount of antigen in a vaccine

Higher antigen dose vaccine

- Contain 60 µg of haemagglutinin per strain per dose with no adjuvant

MF59-adjuvanted vaccines are designed to improve the magnitude, persistence, and breadth of the immune response¹⁻⁷

MOA for MF59 Adjuvant (Compared to TIV)



Advantages of adjuvant and high-dose vaccines



Strengthen

Improve the magnitude of antibody response¹⁻³



Broaden

Adjuvanted vaccines induce higher antibody response against heterologous strains, especially A/H3N2⁴



Lengthen

Provides protection throughout the season¹⁻³

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RCT study of high-dose vs standard-dose vaccines

Variable	Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza†		
	IIV3-HD (N = 15,990)	IIV3-SD (N = 15,993)	Relative Efficacy (95% CI)
	no. (%)		%
Protocol-defined influenza-like illness	228 (1.4)	301 (1.9)	24.2 (9.7 to 36.5)‡
Influenza A	190 (1.2)	250 (1.6)	24.0 (7.8 to 37.4)
A/H1N1	8 (<0.1)	9 (0.1)	11.1 (–159.6 to 70.2)
A/H3N2	171 (1.1)	223 (1.4)	23.3 (6.0 to 37.5)
Influenza B	38 (0.2)	51 (0.3)	25.5 (–15.7 to 52.4)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Efficacy of High-Dose versus Standard-Dose Influenza Vaccine in Older Adults

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N=~30,000

Retrospective cohort study of high-dose vs standard-dose vaccines

Table 2
Relative vaccine effectiveness and sensitivity analysis against influenza hospitalizations

Vaccine group	Hospitalization rate per 100 000 person years (95% CI)	IRR HD-QIV vs. SD-QIV (95% CI)	rVE (95% CI)	p value
HD-QIV	69.47 (59.64–80.92)	0.77 [0.64–0.92]	23.29 [8.38–35.77]	0.003
SD-QIV	90.53 (84.68–96.78)			
<i>Sensitivity analysis including influenza hospitalizations with a COVID-19 code</i>				
HD-QIV	70.31 (60.42–81.83)	0.76 [0.64–0.91]	23.61 [8.88–35.96]	0.003
SD-QIV	92.00 (86.10–98.29)			
<i>Sensitivity analysis during the peak of the season</i>				
HD-QIV	52.63 (44.17–62.71)	0.73 [0.59–0.89]	27.38 [11.05–40.70]	0.002
SD-QIV	72.36 (67.15–77.97)			

HD, high-dose; QIV, quadrivalent influenza vaccine; rVE, relative vaccine effectiveness; SD, standard dose.



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The relative effectiveness of a high-dose quadrivalent influenza vaccine versus standard-dose quadrivalent influenza vaccines in older adults in France: a retrospective cohort study during the 2021–2022 influenza season

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N=~2,000,000

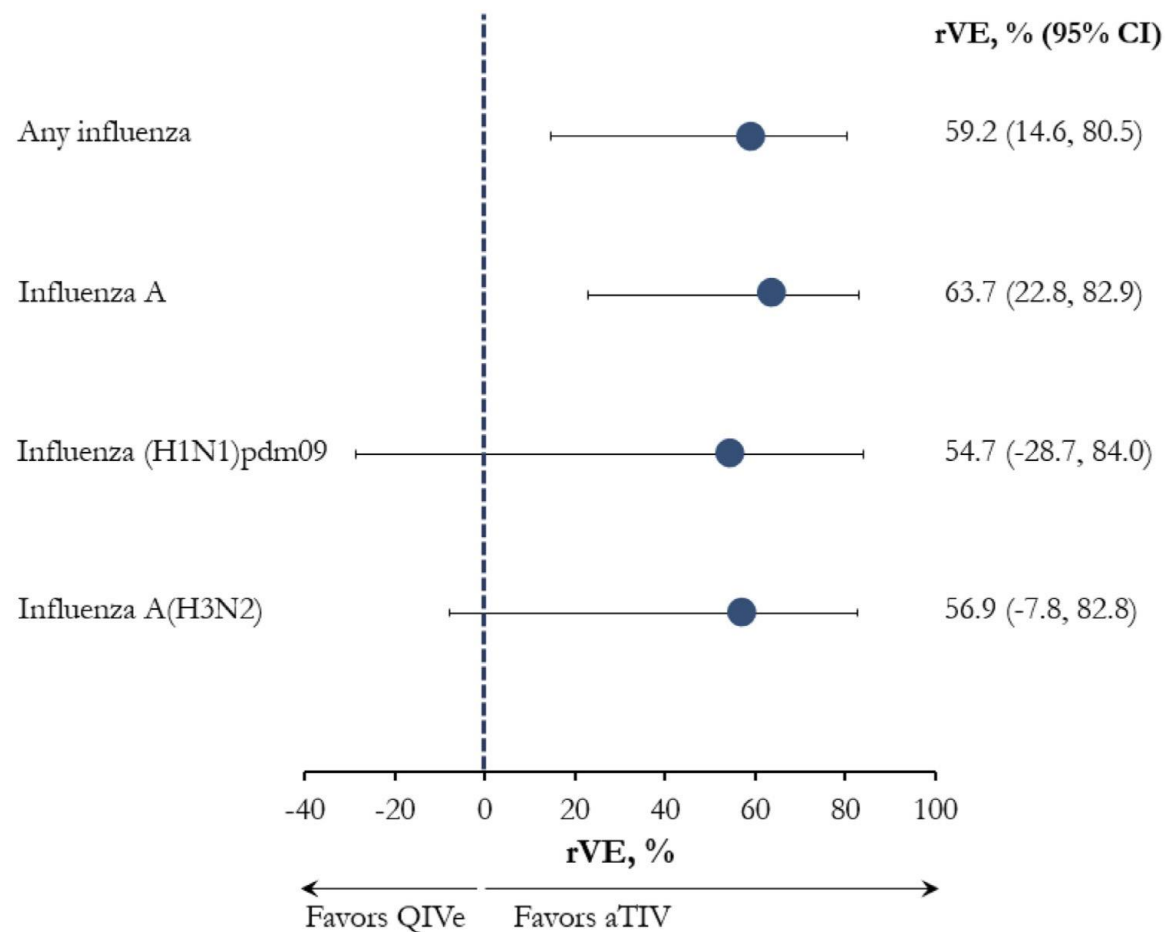
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Relative effectiveness of the adjuvanted vs non-adjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccines against severe laboratory-confirmed influenza among hospitalized Italian older adults

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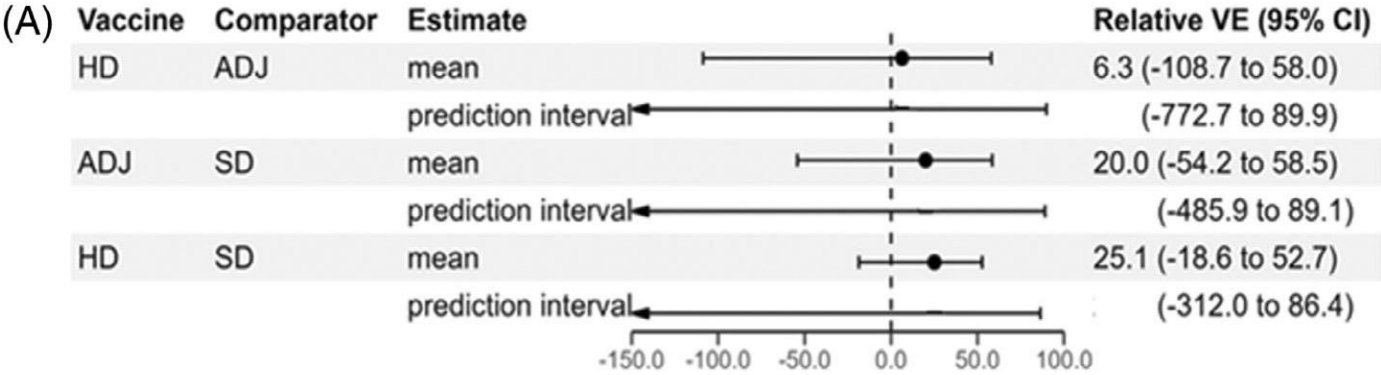
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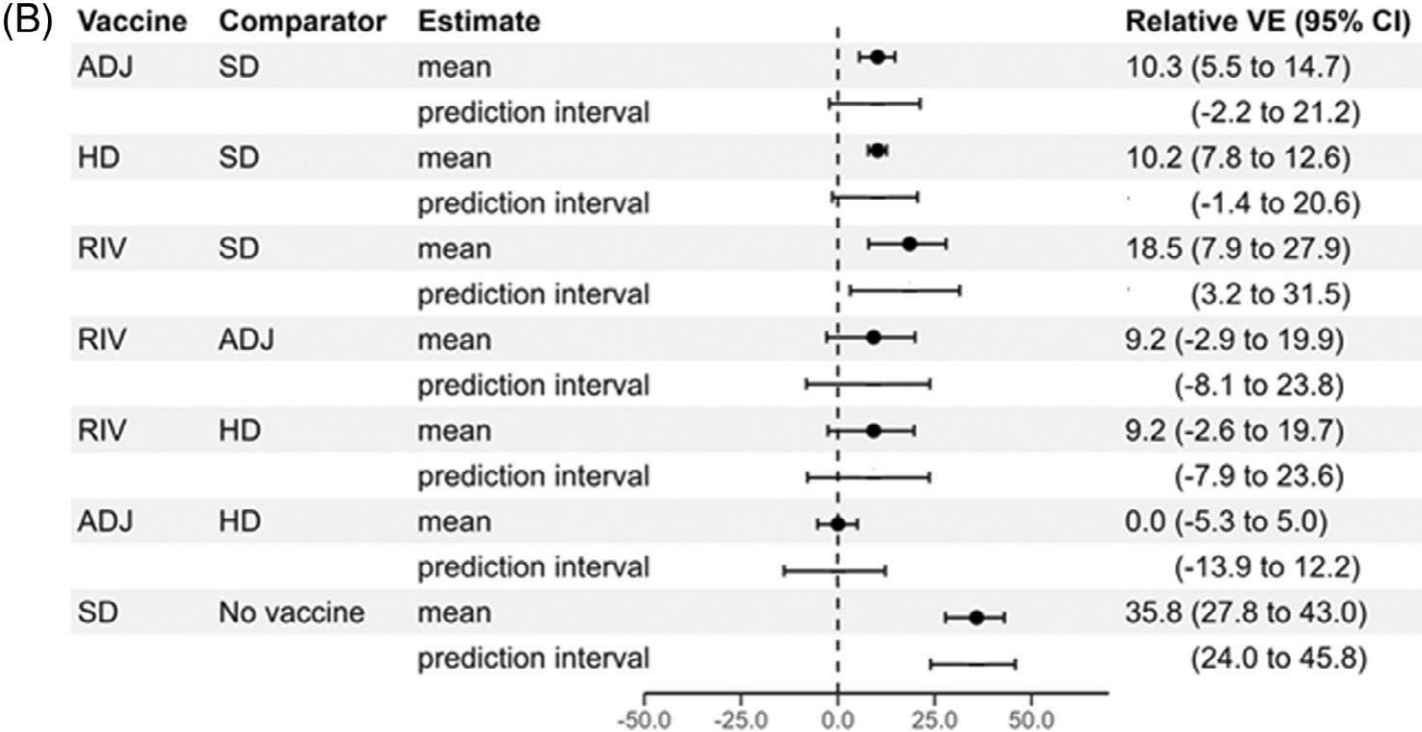
Protection against influenza hospitalizations from enhanced influenza vaccines among older adults: A systematic review and network meta-analysis

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Reactogenicity of high-dose, adjuvanted, and standard-dose vaccines

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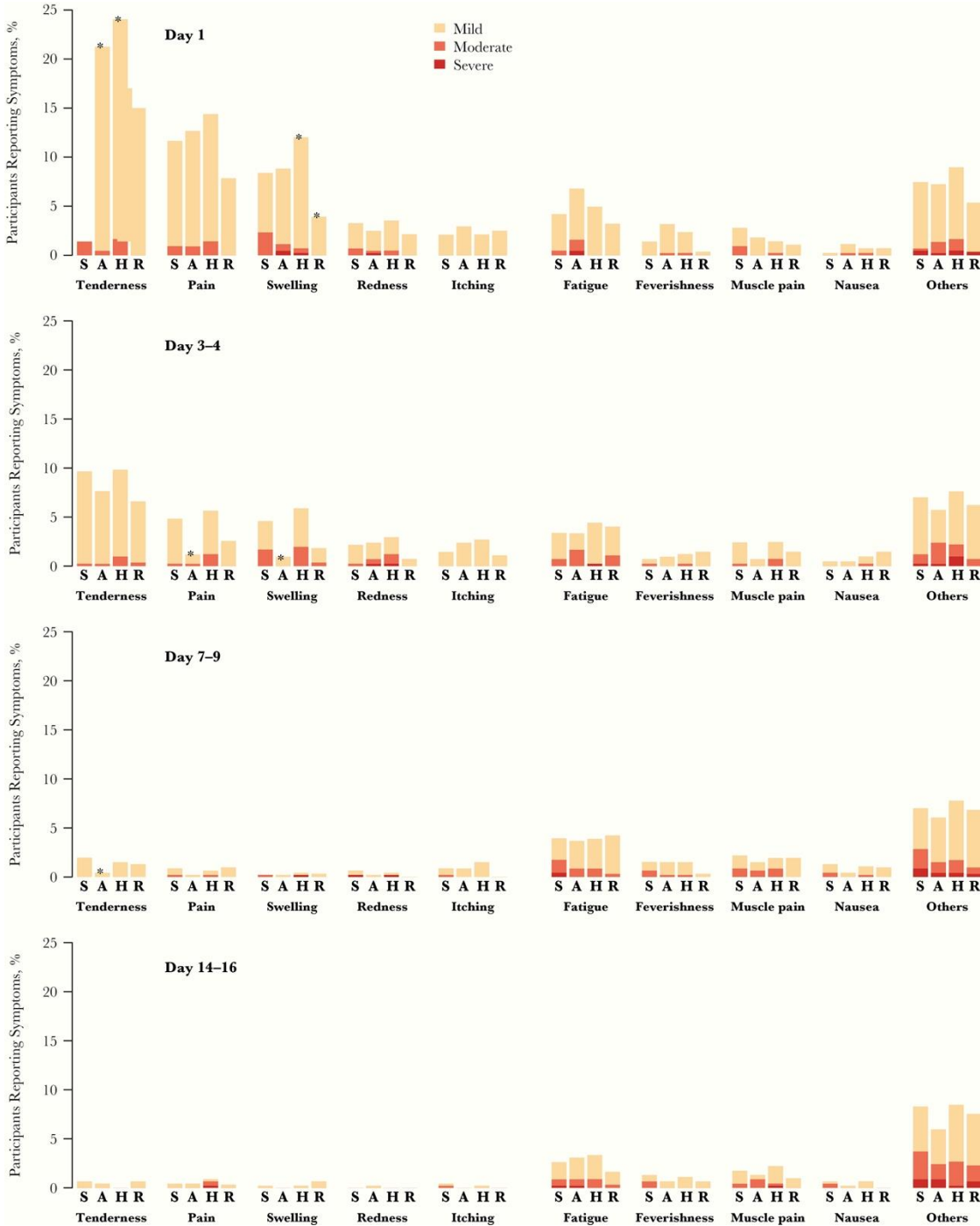
MAJOR ARTICLE



Comparative Reactogenicity of Enhanced Influenza Vaccines in Older Adults

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Benefits of vaccinations



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Flu Burden Prevented from Vaccination 2022–2023 Flu Season

WHAT TO KNOW

This web page provides estimates on the burden of influenza (flu) and the effects of annual flu vaccination in the United States for the 2022–2023 season.

CDC estimates that during the 2022-2023 season, flu vaccination prevented **6.0 million** flu-related illnesses, **2.9 million** medical visits, **65,000** hospitalizations, and **3,700** deaths.