

## What's coming in adult vaccines and vaccinations? Ebola vaccine update



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## West Africa Ebola epidemic

- ❑ December 2013: likely date of first case in Guinea
- ❑ March 2014: first cases reported from Guinea
- ❑ August 2014: WHO declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern



28,616 reported cases  
11,310 reported deaths  
>10,000 survivors

- ❑ May 2016: last case in Liberia from "flare up" in Guinea



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## Prologue to Ebola vaccine trials

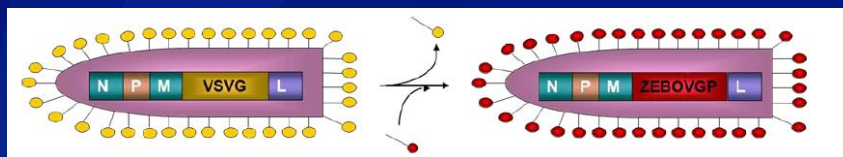
- ❑ September 2014: WHO consultation on potential Ebola therapies and vaccines
- ❑ Participants concluded there was urgent need to
  - “accelerate [vaccine] development and safe use in countries with outbreaks”
  - “[mount] a coordinated effort by the international community to remove unnecessary obstacles”
- ❑ Several candidate vaccines had undergone successful preclinical testing
- ❑ Multiple organizations began planning clinical trials

## Ebola vaccines tested in phase 2/3 trials in West Africa

- Vesicular stomatitis virus vector
  - rVSV-ZEBOV (manufacturer: Merck/NewLink/Public Health Agency of Canada)
- Chimpanzee adenovirus 3 vector
  - ChAd3-ZEBOV (manufacturer: NIAID/GlaxoSmithKline)
- Human adenovirus 26 and modified vaccinia Ankara vectors
  - Ad26-EBOV/MVA-BN-Filo (manufacturer: Johnson & Johnson, Bavarian Nordic)
- Human adenovirus 5 vector
  - Ad5-EBOV (Tianjin CanSino Biotechnology/Beijing Institute of Technology)

## rVSV-ZEBOV-GP

- Live-attenuated recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV)
- Replication-competent
- Expresses the glycoprotein of Zaire Ebola virus (ZEBOV)



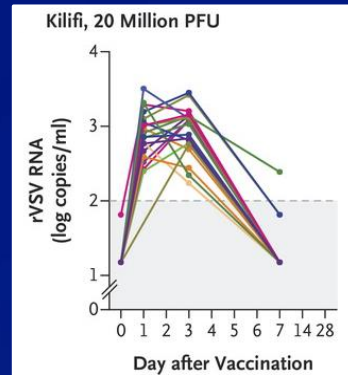
wild type VSV

r-VSV-ZEBOV-GP

- Good preclinical record
- Single dose,  $2 \times 10^7$  pfu
- Storage at  $\leq -60^\circ\text{C}$

## Phase 1 trials of rVSV-ZEBOV-GP

- ❑ Conducted in Gabon, Kenya, Hamburg, Geneva, USA
- ❑ Common adverse events
  - Injection site pain
  - Fever
  - Headache
  - Myalgia
  - Fatigue
- ❑ Arthritis signal



Kilifi, Kenya, n=20

Regules JA, N Engl J Med 2015  
Agnandji ST et al., N Engl J Med 2016; 374:1647-1660  
Huttner A, et al., Lancet Infect Dis 2015; 15:1156-66  
Regules JA, N Engl J Med 2017

## WHO-sponsored *Ebola ça Suffit!* trial “Guinea ring trial”

- ❑ Cluster-randomized trial design
- ❑ Clusters randomized to immediate or delayed (21 days) vaccination
- ❑ 1<sup>o</sup> outcome laboratory-confirmed Ebola  $\geq 10$  days after randomization



Henao-Restrepo AM et al. Lancet. 2015  
Henao-Restrepo AM et al. Lancet. 2016

## Vaccine efficacy *Ebola ça Suffit trial*

	All vaccinated in immediate (group A) vs all eligible and consented on day 0 visit in delayed (group B)	All vaccinated in immediate (group A) vs all eligible in delayed (group B)
<b>Group A</b>		
Number of individuals (clusters)	2108 (51)	2108 (51)
Cases of Ebola virus disease (clusters affected)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Attack rate	0%	0%
<b>Group B</b>		
Number of individuals (clusters)	1429 (46)	3075 (47)
Cases of Ebola virus disease (clusters affected)	10 (4)	16 (7)
Attack rate	0.7%	0.52%
Vaccine effect		
Vaccine efficacy/ effectiveness† (%; 95% CI)	100% (63.5 to 100.0)	100% (68.9 to 100.0)
p value‡	0.0471	0.0045

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## Sierra Leone Trial to Introduce a Vaccine Against Ebola (STRIVE)



### Overarching goal:

To accelerate introduction and use of an Ebola prevention vaccine among at-risk people in Sierra Leone with concurrent evaluation of the efficacy and safety of the vaccine

## STRIVE design individually randomized, unblinded trial

- ❑ **Participants individually randomized to:**
  - *Immediate vaccination:* at enrollment (or within 7 days)
  - *Deferred vaccination:* 18-24 weeks later
- ❑ **Vaccine efficacy:** compare Ebola incidence in vaccinated (immediate) to unvaccinated (deferred)
- ❑ **Adverse events:** follow participants for 6 months after enrollment/vaccination
- ❑ **Two sub-studies:**
  - Reactogenicity/safety: solicited, unsolicited adverse events for 28 days
  - Immunogenicity: 0, 1, 6, 9-12 months

## STRIVE study population: healthcare and Ebola front line workers

- ❑ **Ebola incidence in healthcare workers in Sierra Leone ~100 times greater than general population\***



\*MMWR 2014, 63;1168-1171

## STRIVE high-level results<sup>1</sup>

### Enrollment and vaccination

- Enrolled 8,673 participants (April 9 - August 21, 2015)
- Vaccinated 7,987

### Safety profile

- Safety/reactogenicity profile consistent with published studies<sup>2</sup>
- No vaccine-related serious adverse events
- 25 deaths reported in study population—none vaccine-related
  - ~43 expected in study population, based on WHO mortality data

### Immunogenicity sub-study (n=506)

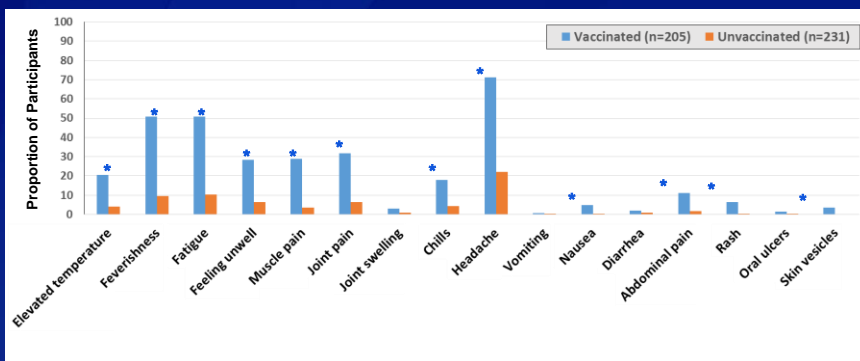
- 0, 1, 6, and 9-12 months specimens collected
- Assay validated, testing ongoing

<sup>1</sup>Data are preliminary and results subject to change

<sup>2</sup> Agnandji ST. NEJM 2015; Regules JA. NEJM 2015; Huttner A. Lancet 2015; Henao-Restrepo AM Lancet 2016; Regules NEJM 2017

## STRIVE safety/reactogenicity: 0-7 days

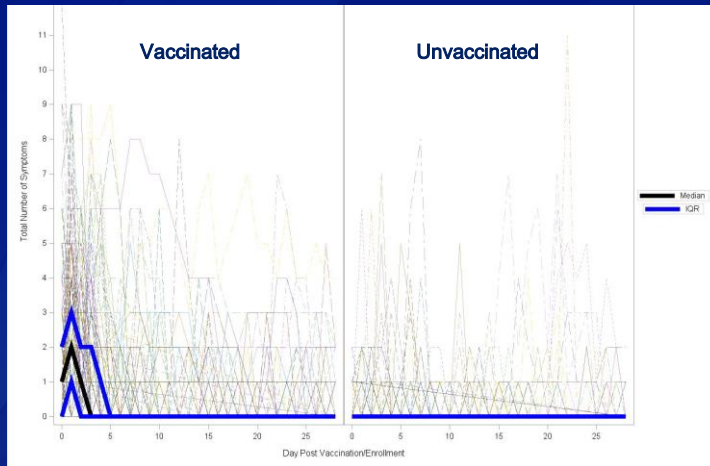
% of participants with solicited adverse events<sup>1</sup>



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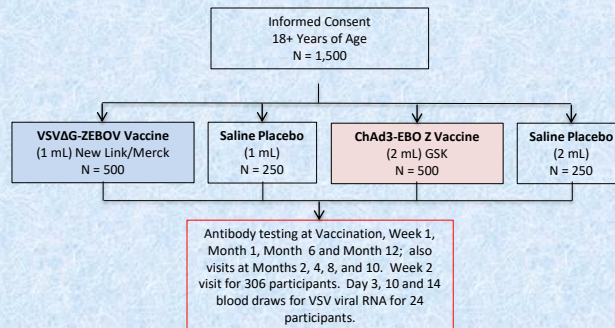
<sup>2</sup> \* denotes p-value <0.05

## STRIVE safety/reactogenicity: 0-28 days daily number of solicited adverse events for each participant<sup>1</sup>



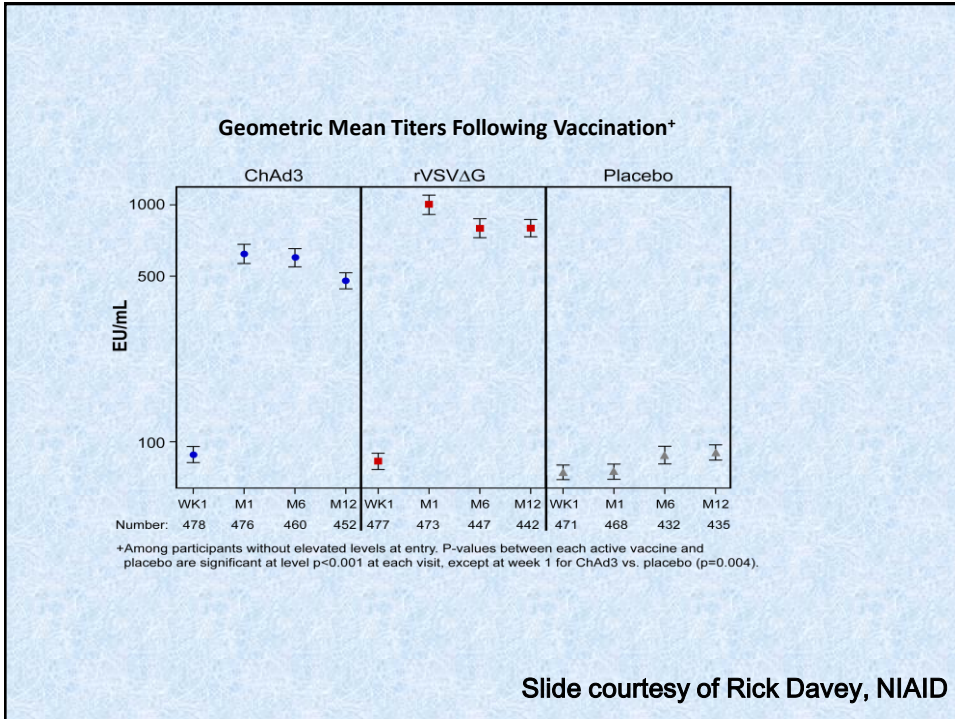
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## PREVAIL I: Final Protocol



Vaccinations for the phase 2 substudy began on February 2 and ended on April 30, 2015; follow-up ended in May 2016. An amendment was then approved for long-term follow-up.

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## rVSV-ZEBOV-GP ring vaccination as part of Ebola response

Immediate ring vaccination for subsequent cases  
 >1500 vaccinated in response to cluster in 3-4/16

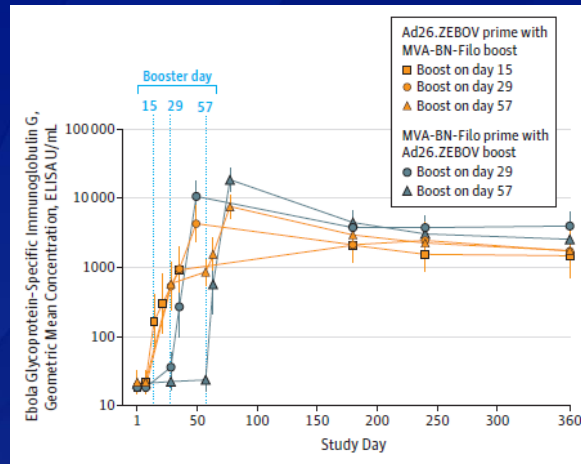
- Adjunct to contact tracing, early detection, isolation
- No randomization—vaccination offered to all eligible persons
- rVSV-ZEBOV not licensed, so ring responses under research protocols
- As of today, >2000 vaccinated in responses

3 cases/clusters  
8/15, 9/15, 1/16

2 cases/clusters  
12/15, 4/16

## Another vaccination strategy

*Adenovirus 26 and modified vaccinia virus Ankara–vectored Ebola vaccines*



Winslow et al, JAMA 2017

## What's next?

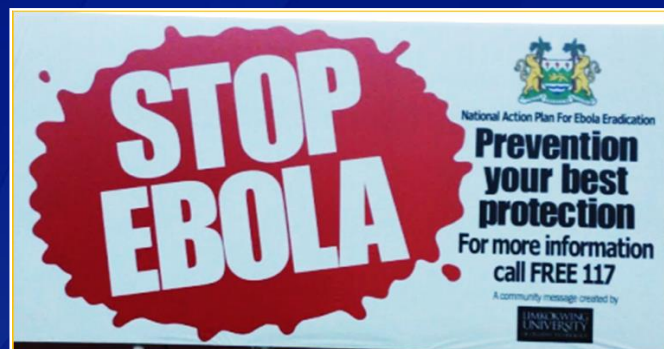
- ❑ Studies of durability of protection
- ❑ Considerations for use in, eg, pregnant women, children, HIV-infected persons
- ❑ Will Ebola vaccine(s) be licensed? And when?
- ❑ Multivalent vaccines covering more than Ebola Zaire?
- ❑ Consideration of vaccine use strategies

## Summary



- ❑ Ebola vaccine trials implemented very quickly
- ❑ Promising results
  - Single dose rVSV-ZEBOV
  - Other vaccines and strategies
- ❑ Stay tuned for more news on licensure, recommendations and guidelines, use strategies

## Thank You



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