

# **Estimating the optimal measles vaccination age**

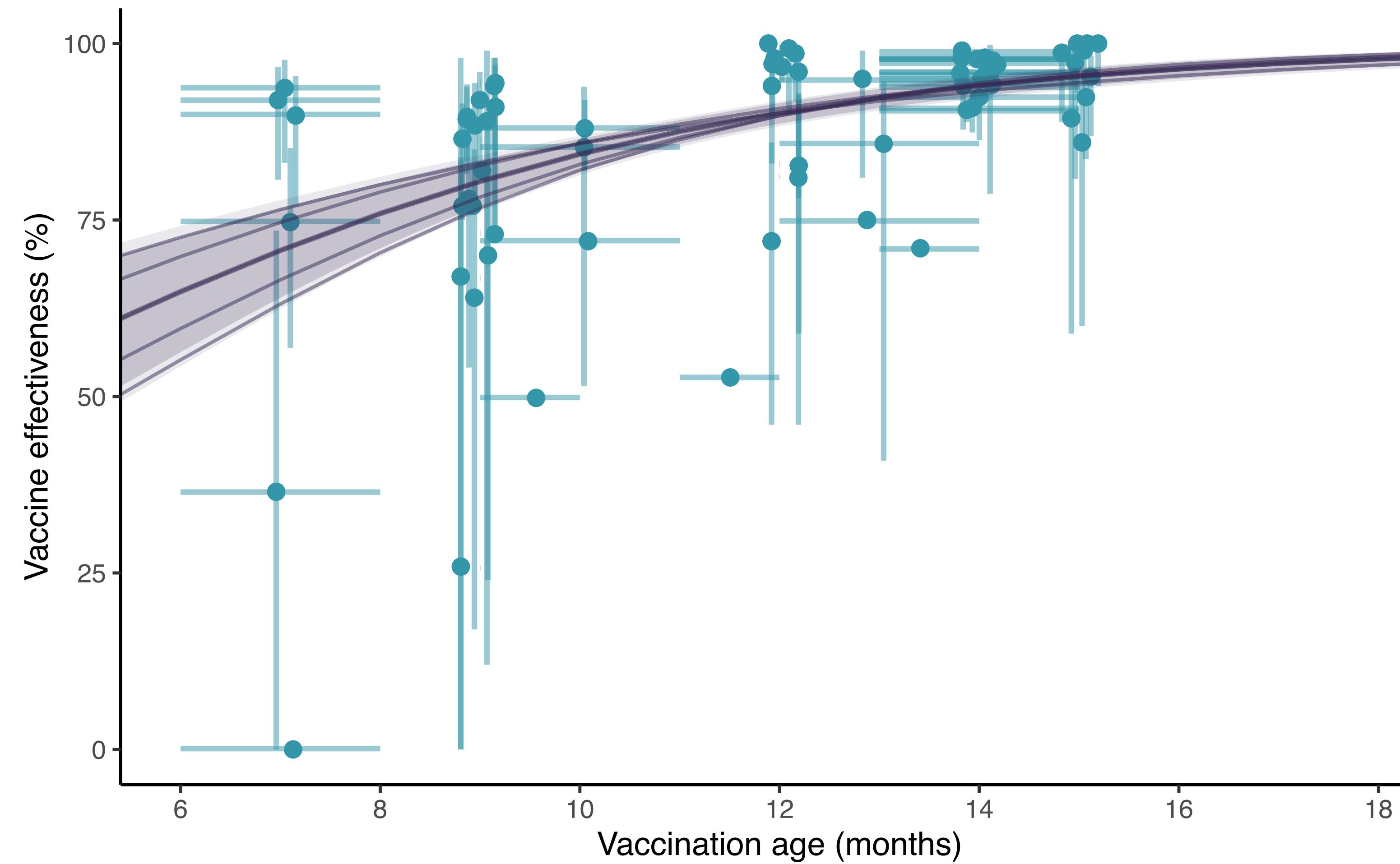
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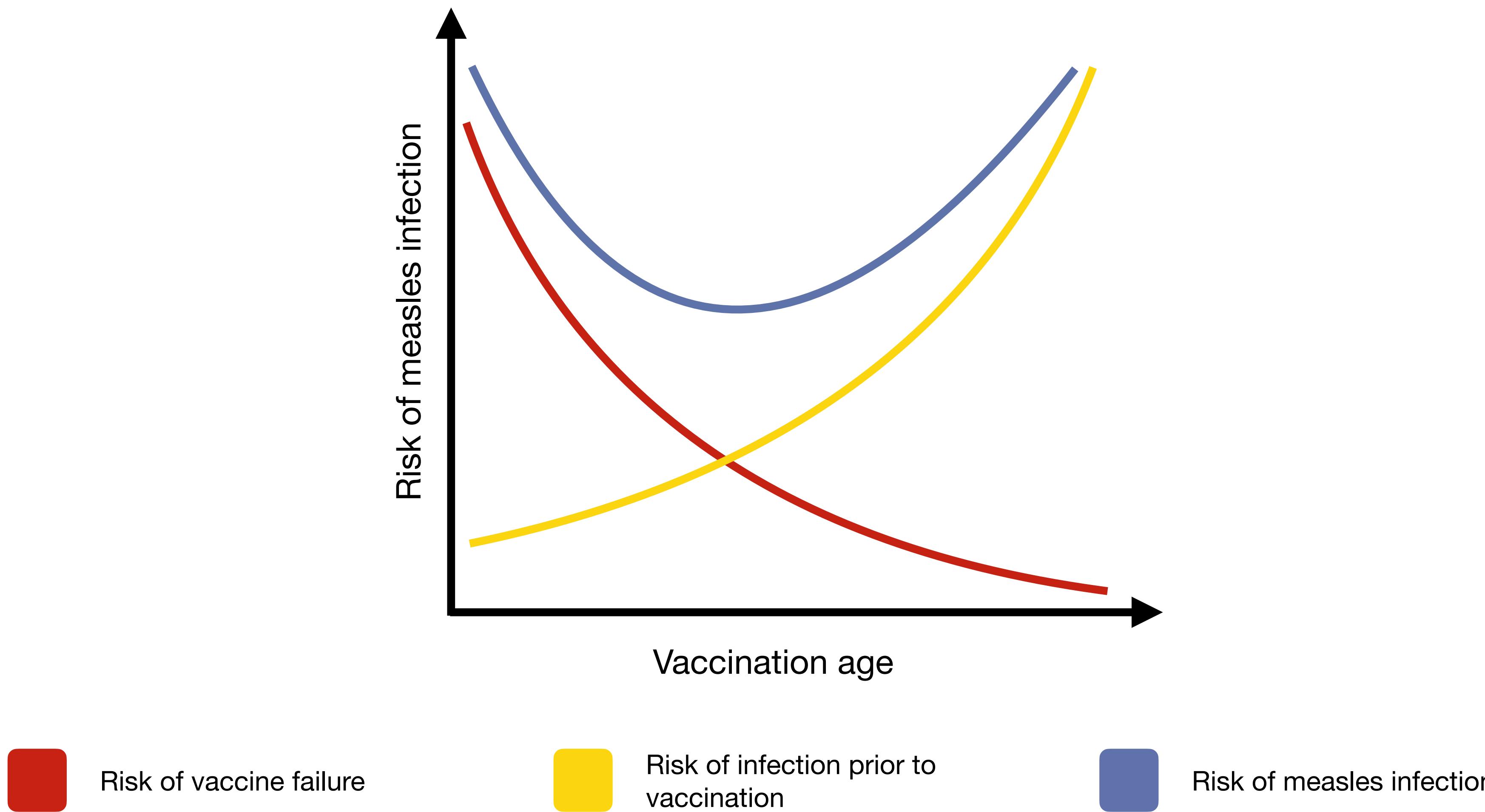
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# Measles vaccine effectiveness increases with age



Data from Hughes, S. L. et al.(2020).

# Vaccination age trades-off risks



# Agenda

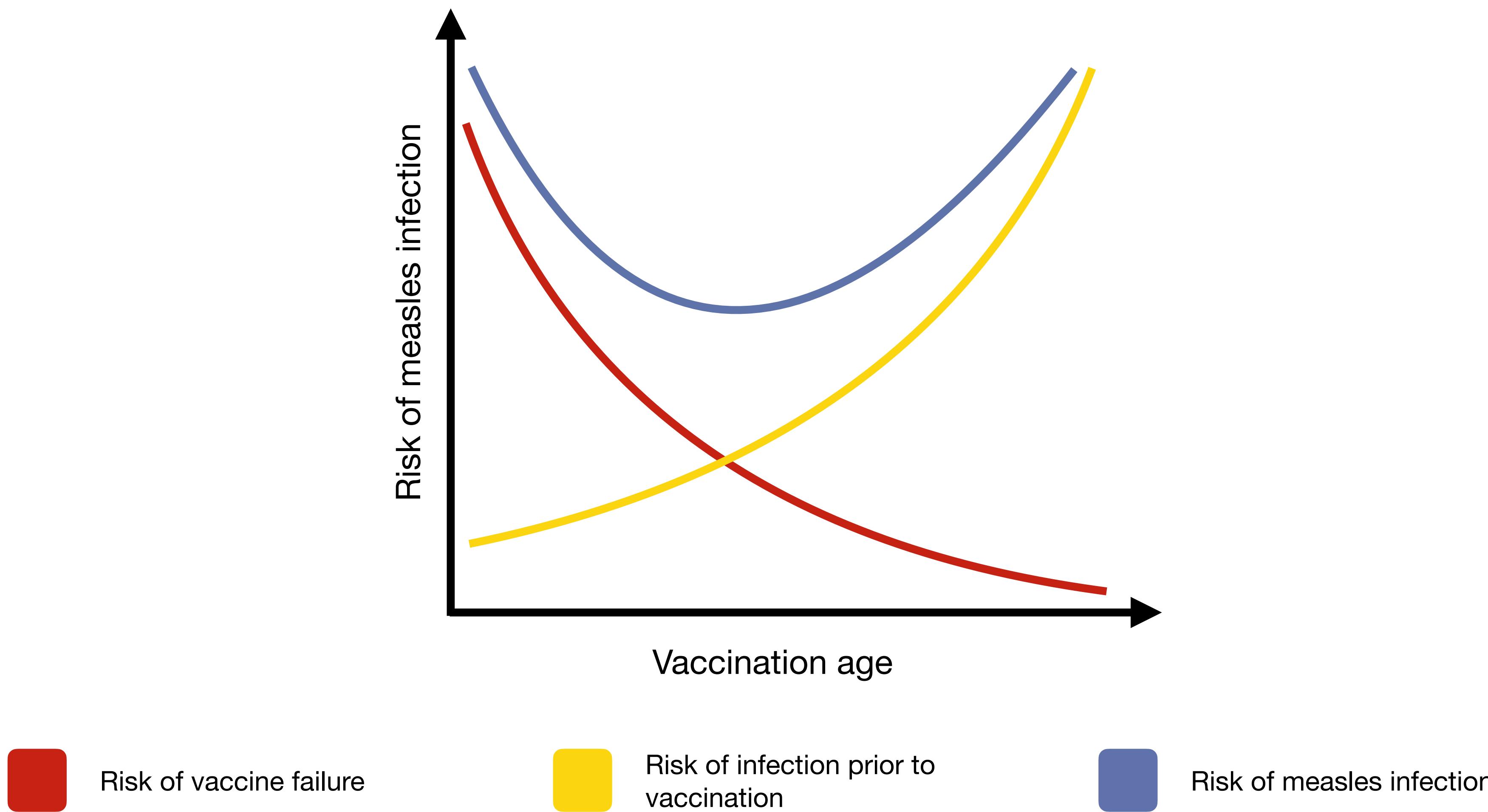
## Previously presented:

- Method for calculating the optimal measles vaccination age
- Applied the method to synthetic populations
  - The optimal age is population-specific

## New:

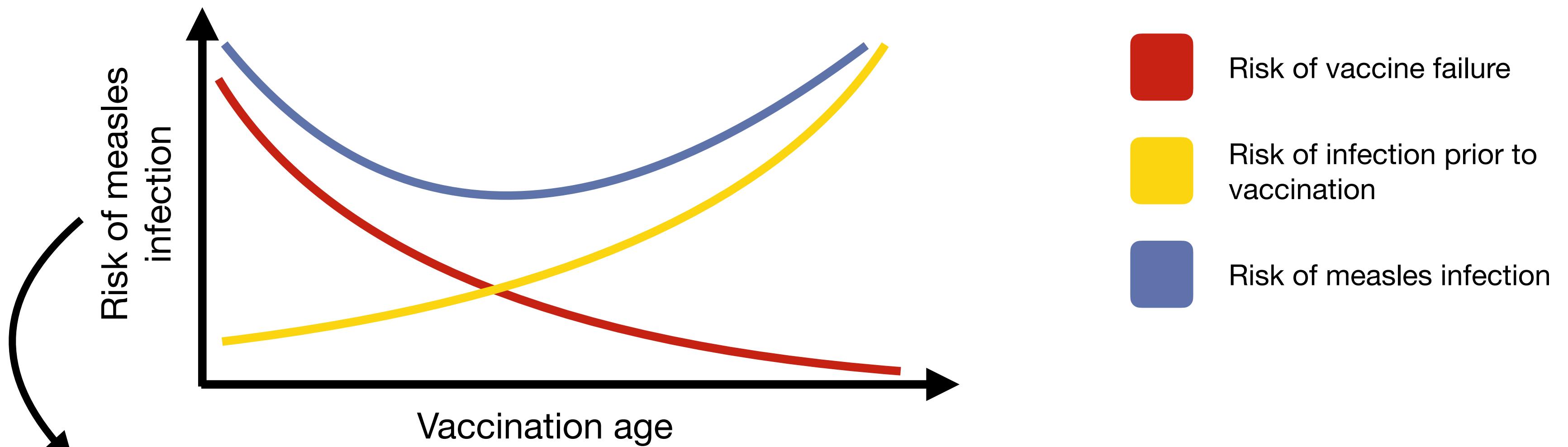
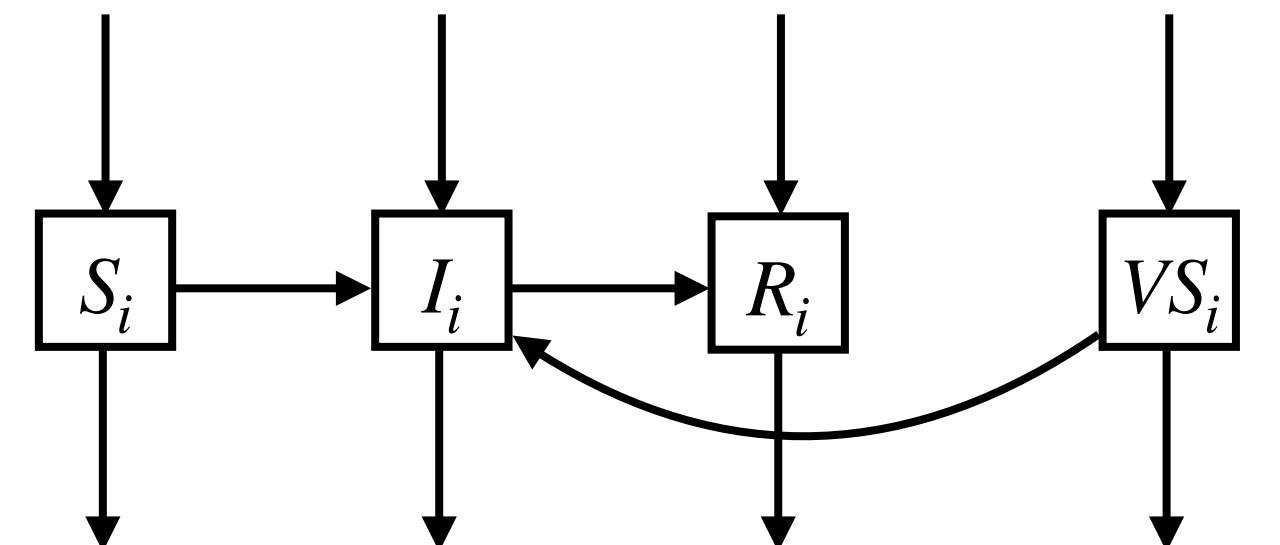
- Limited matrices from low- and lower-middle income countries
  - Applied the method to 4 matrices from sub-saharan Africa
  - Tested different demographic forms

# Vaccination age trades-off risks



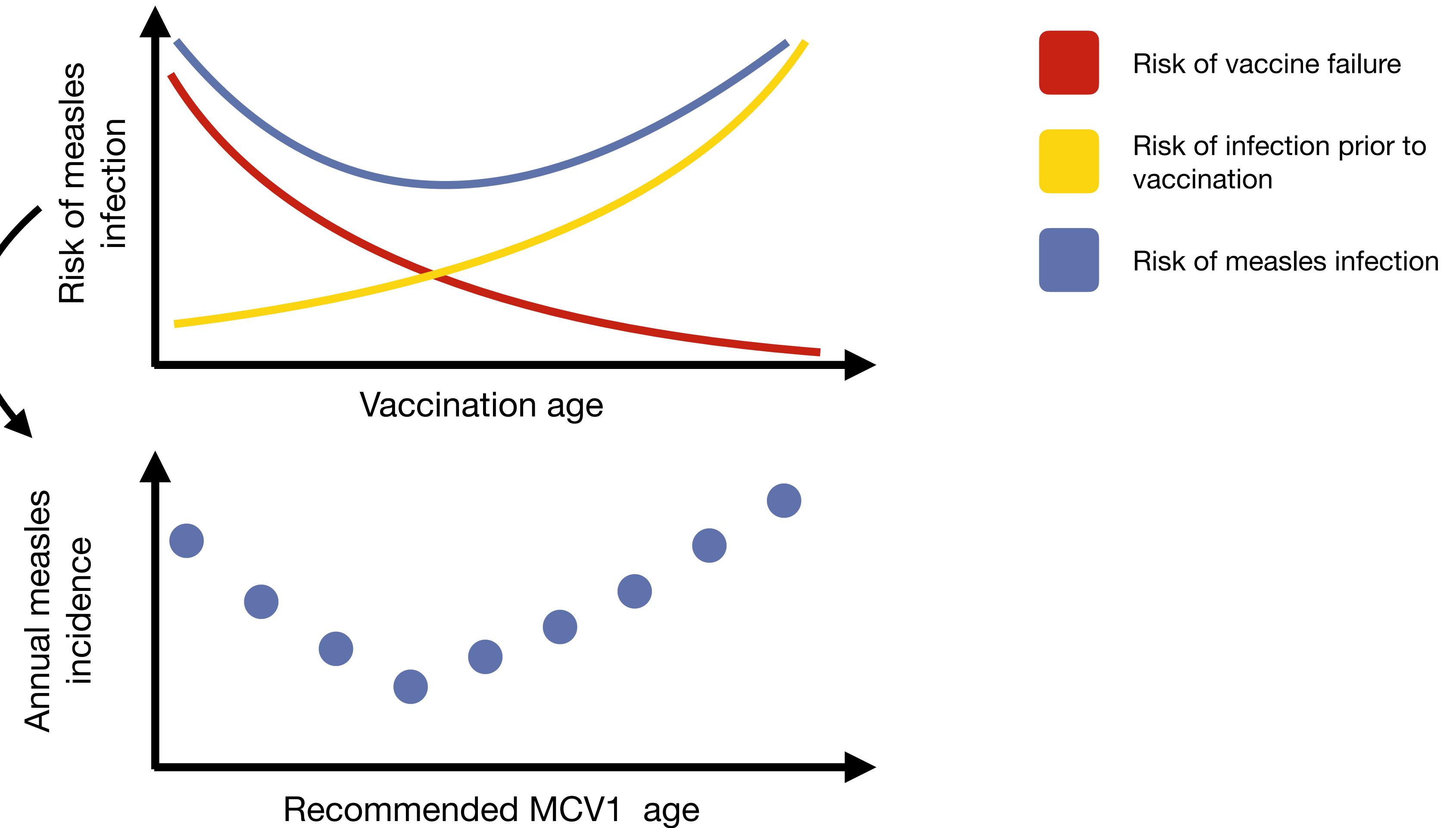
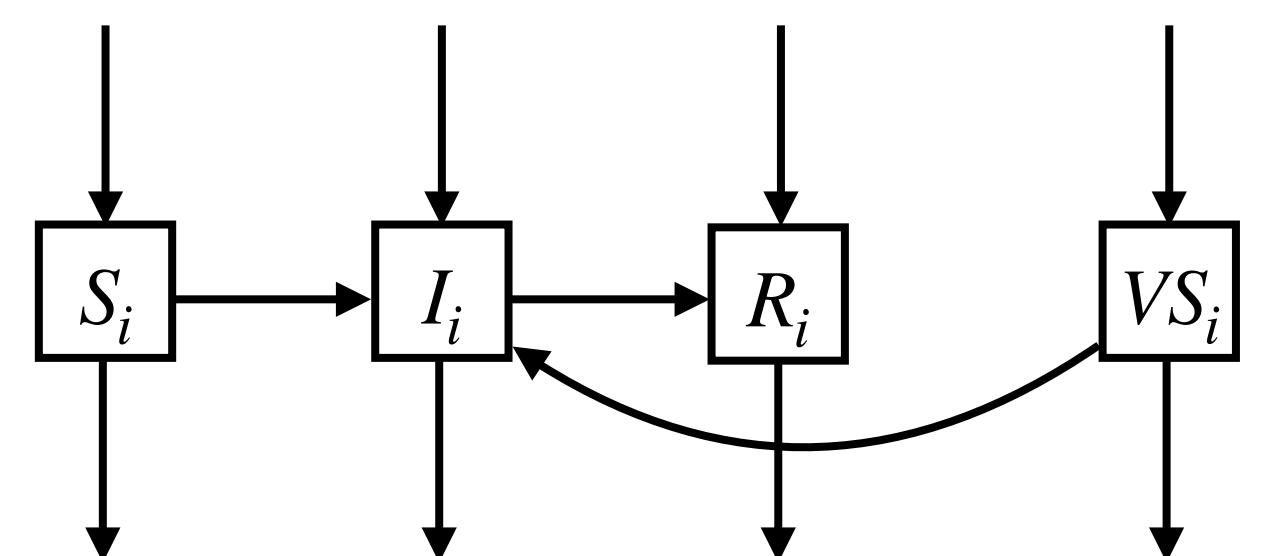
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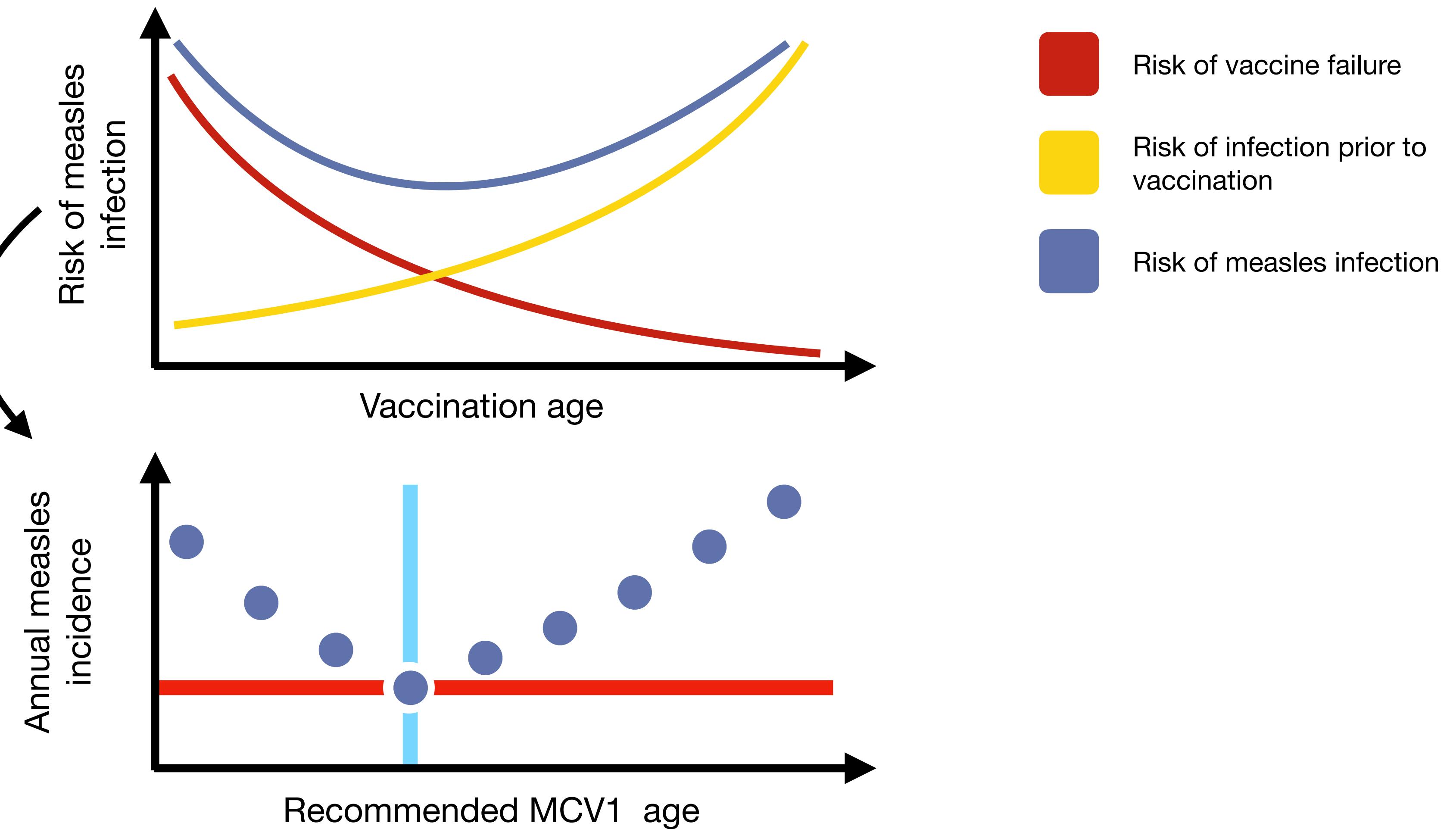
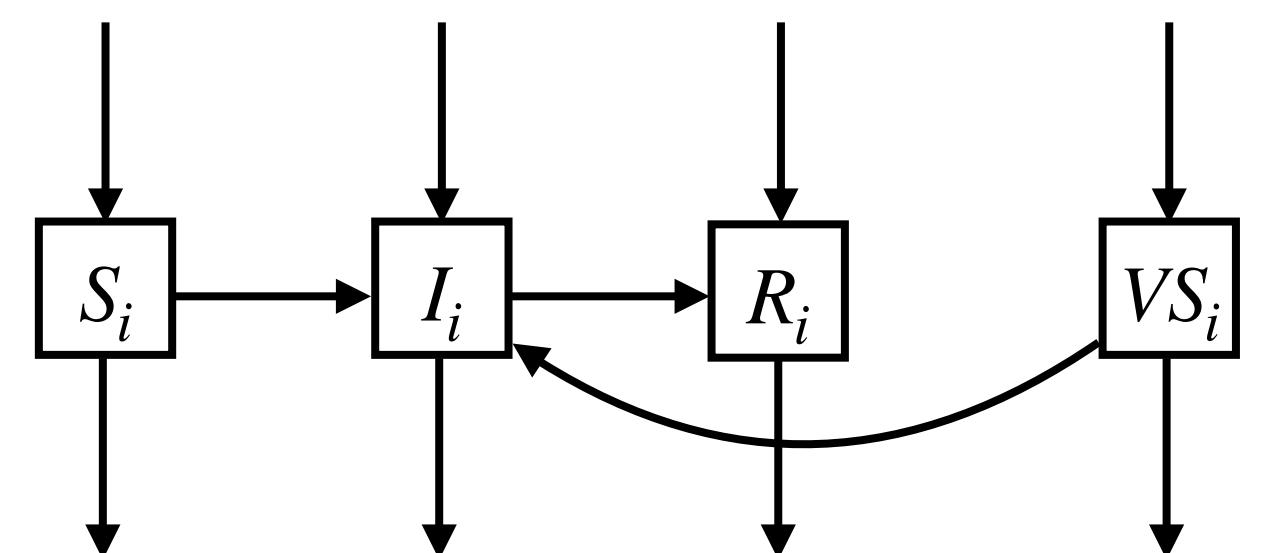
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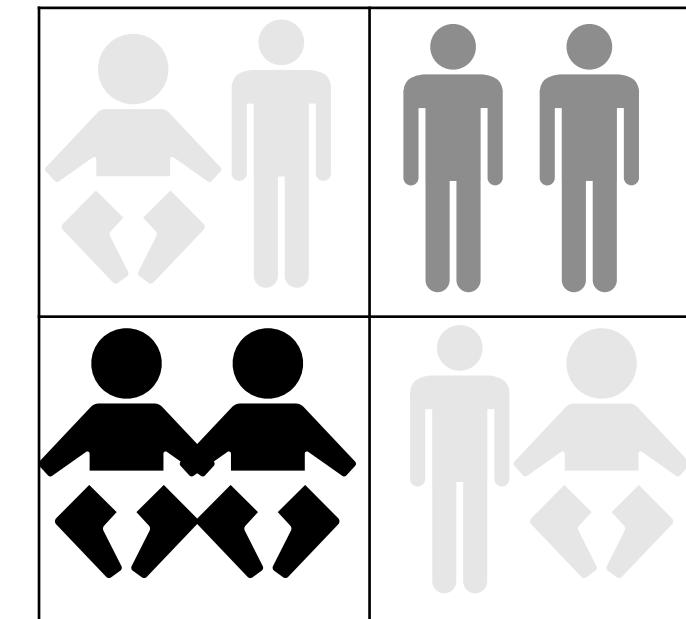


# Factors that affect the optimal age

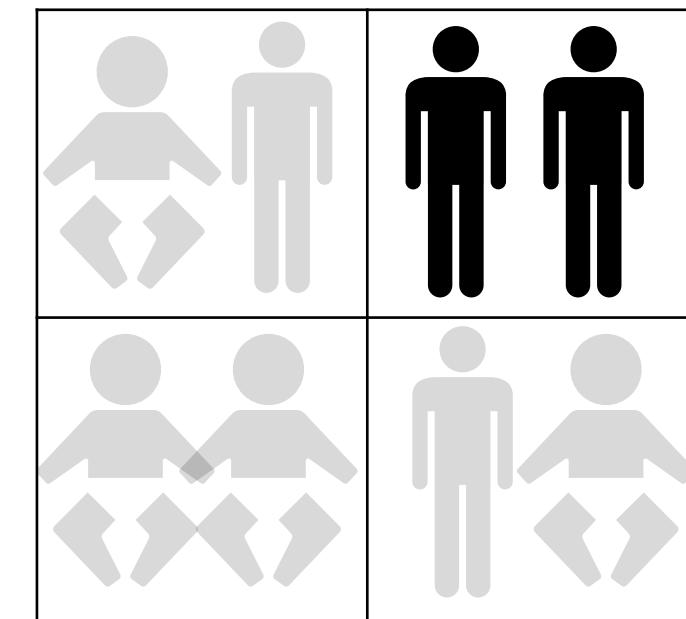
- Social contact matrices

- China, India, Japan, Moscow, South Africa, UK, USA

South Africa

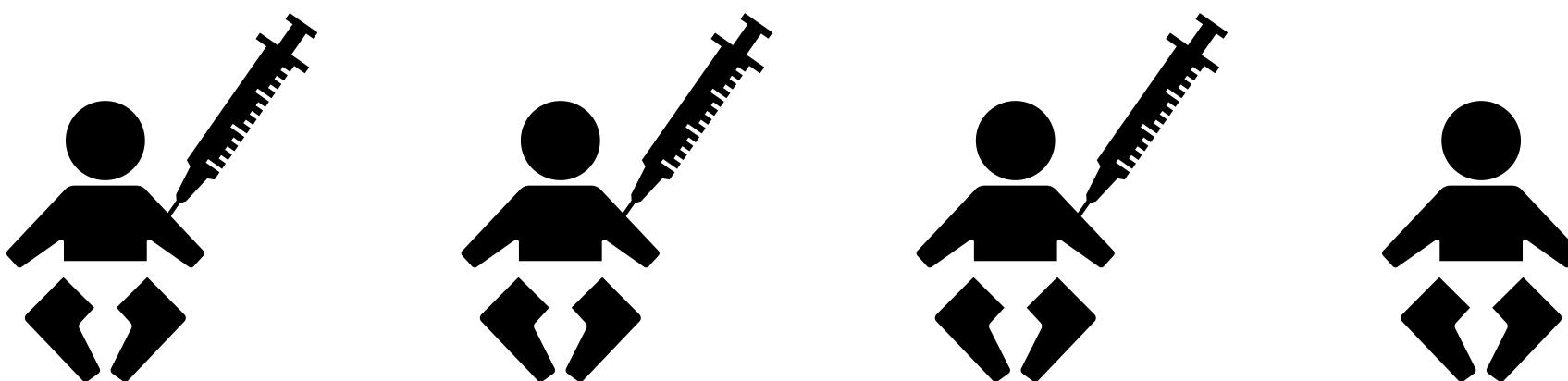


China



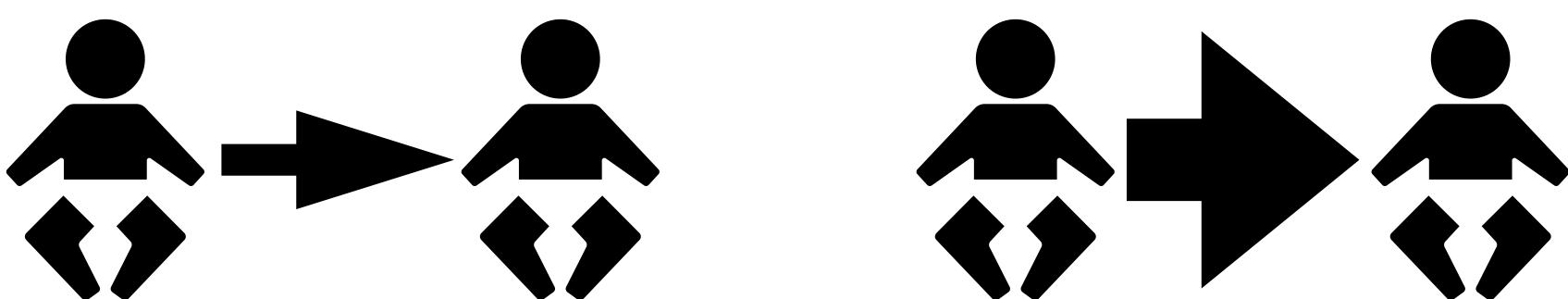
- MCV1 coverage

- 45%, 55%, 65%, 75%, 85%



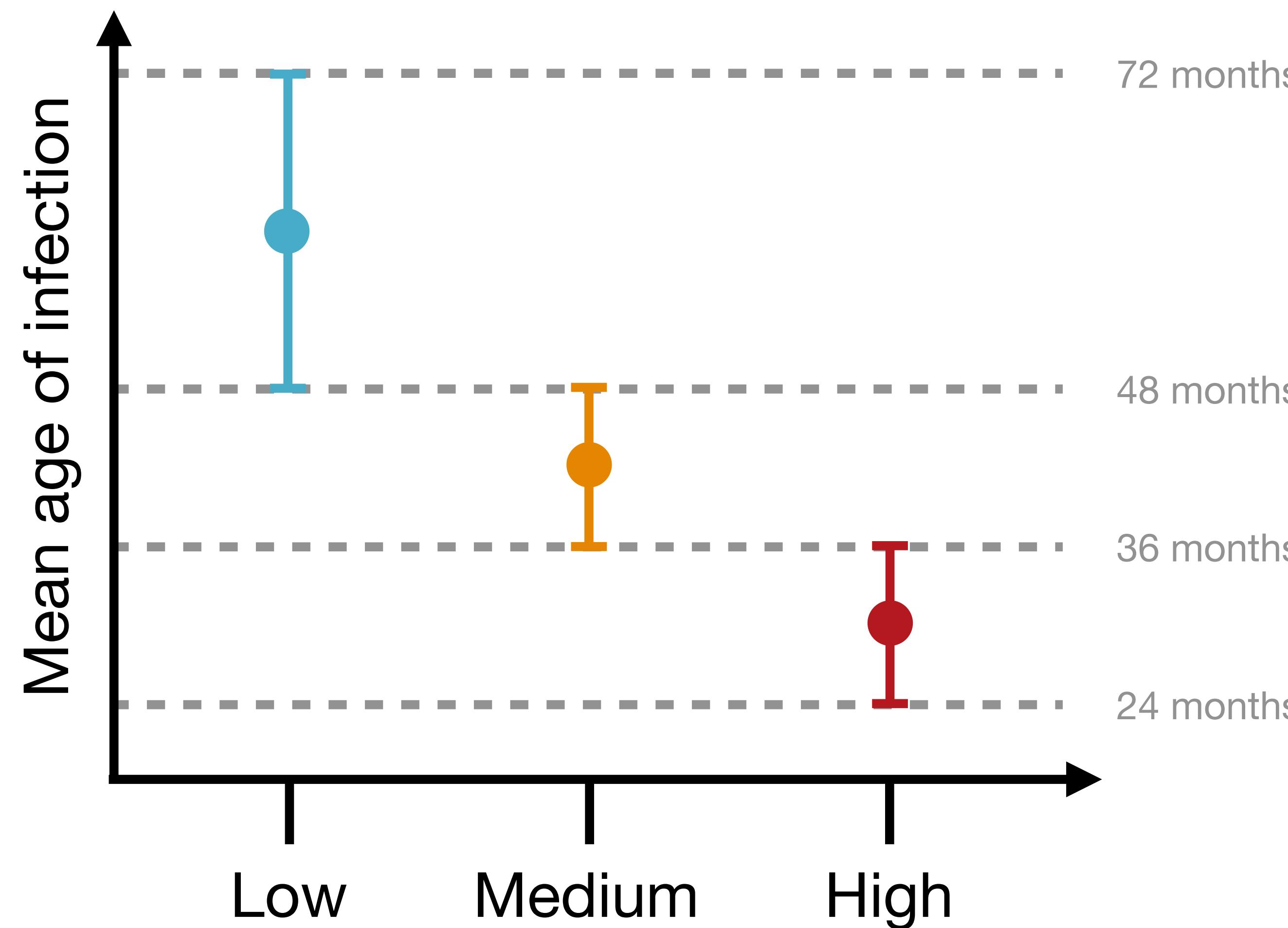
- Transmission level

- Low, medium, high



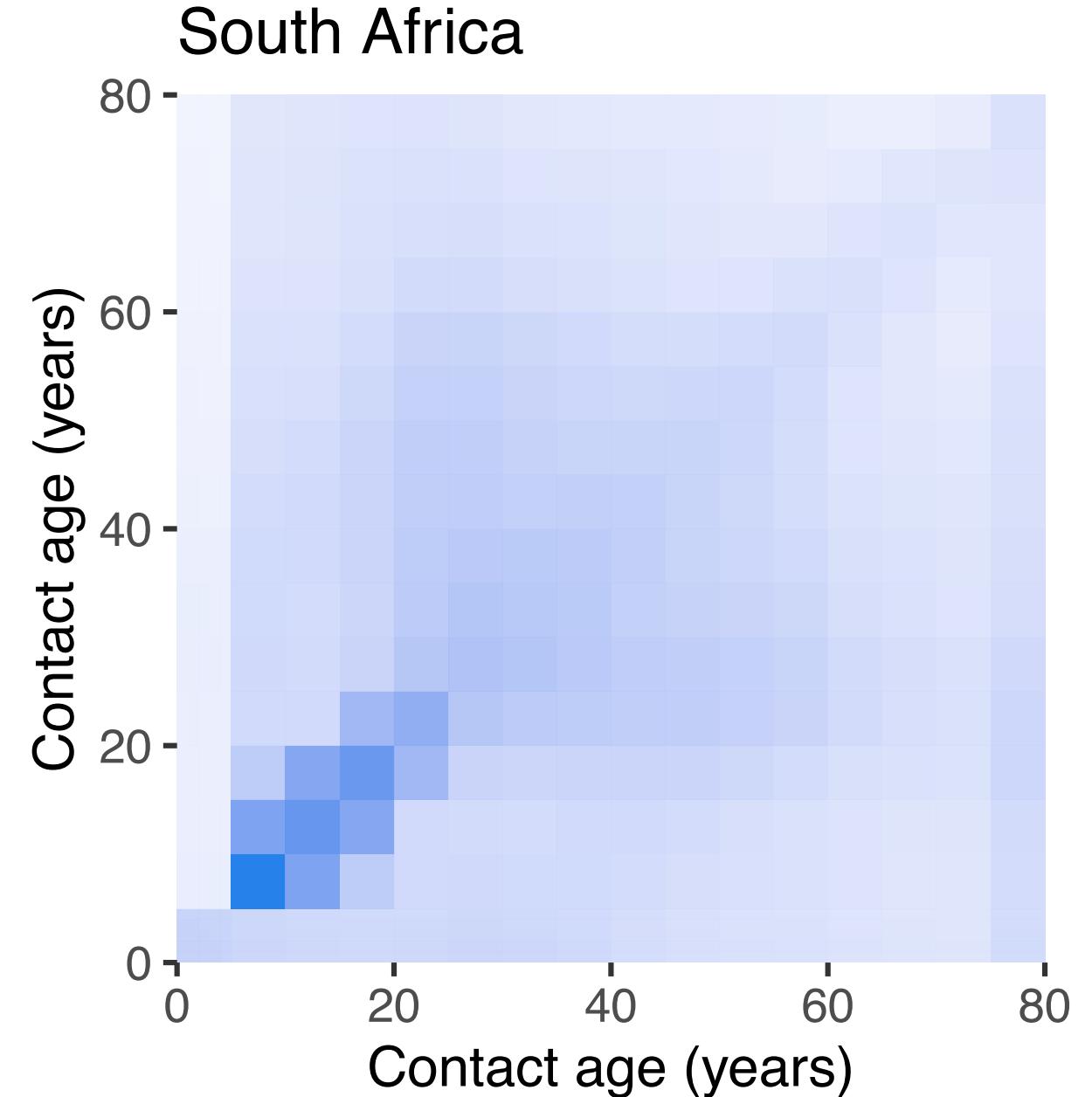
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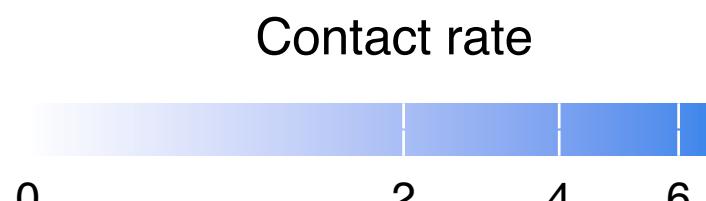
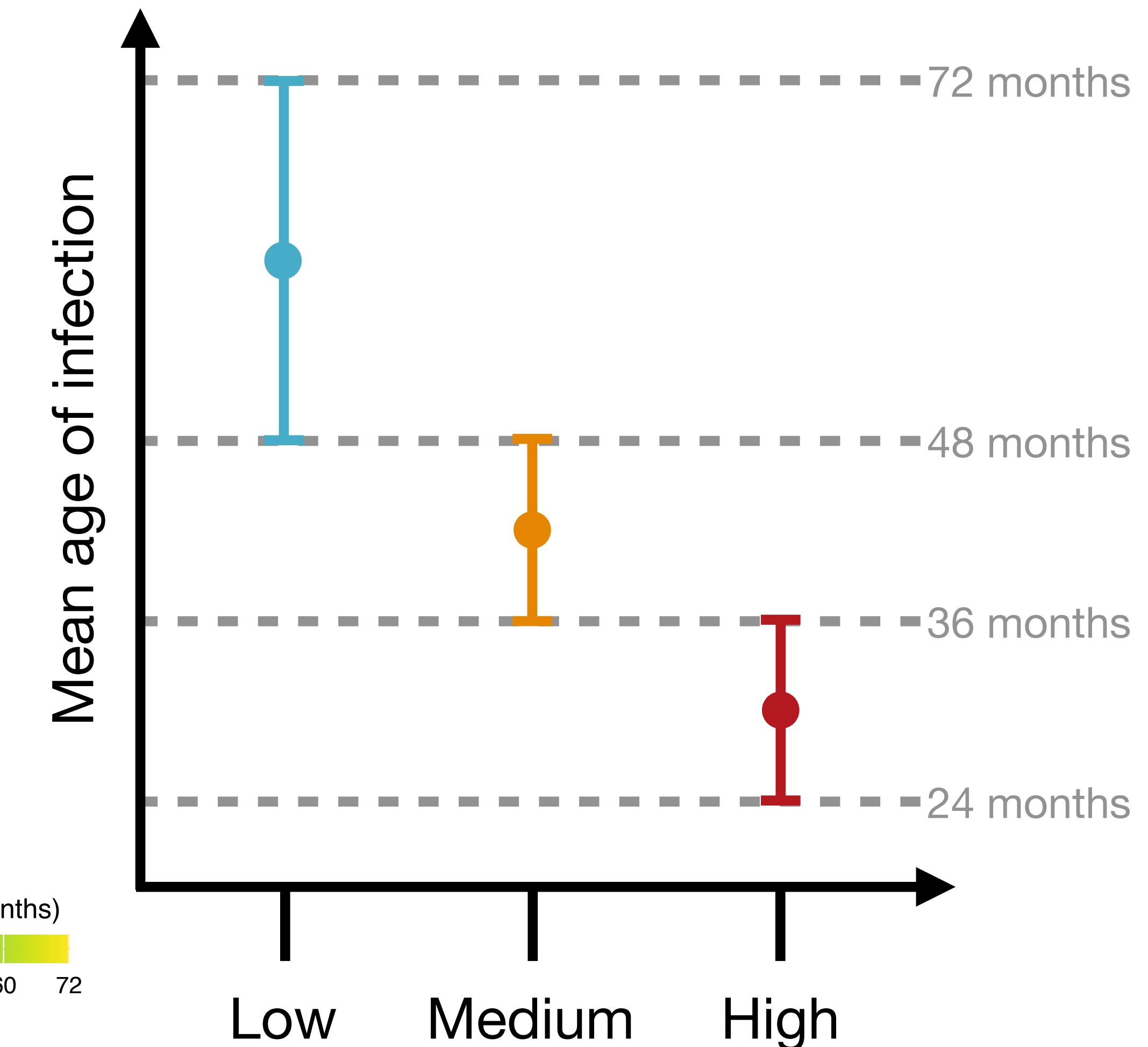
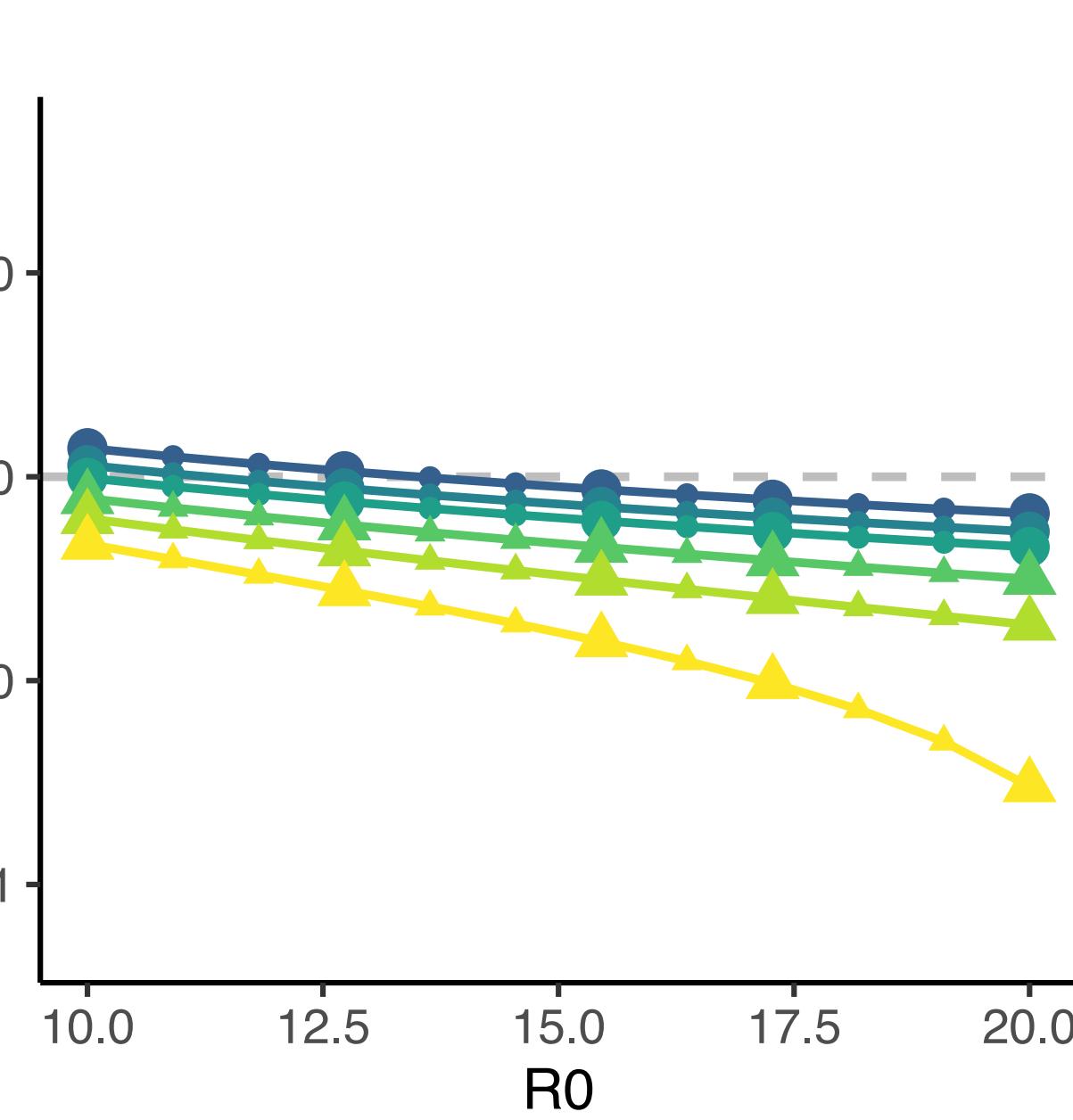


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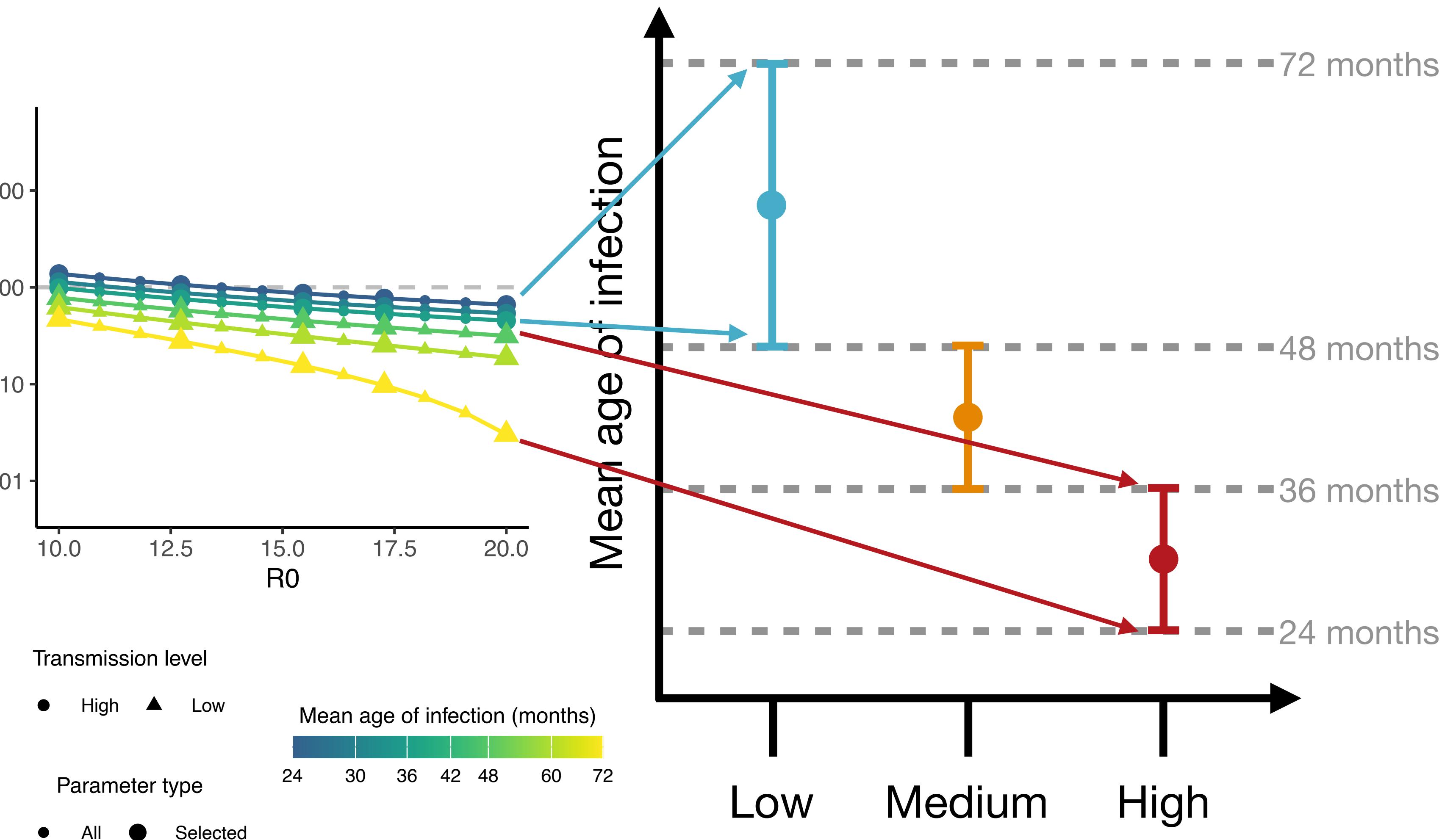
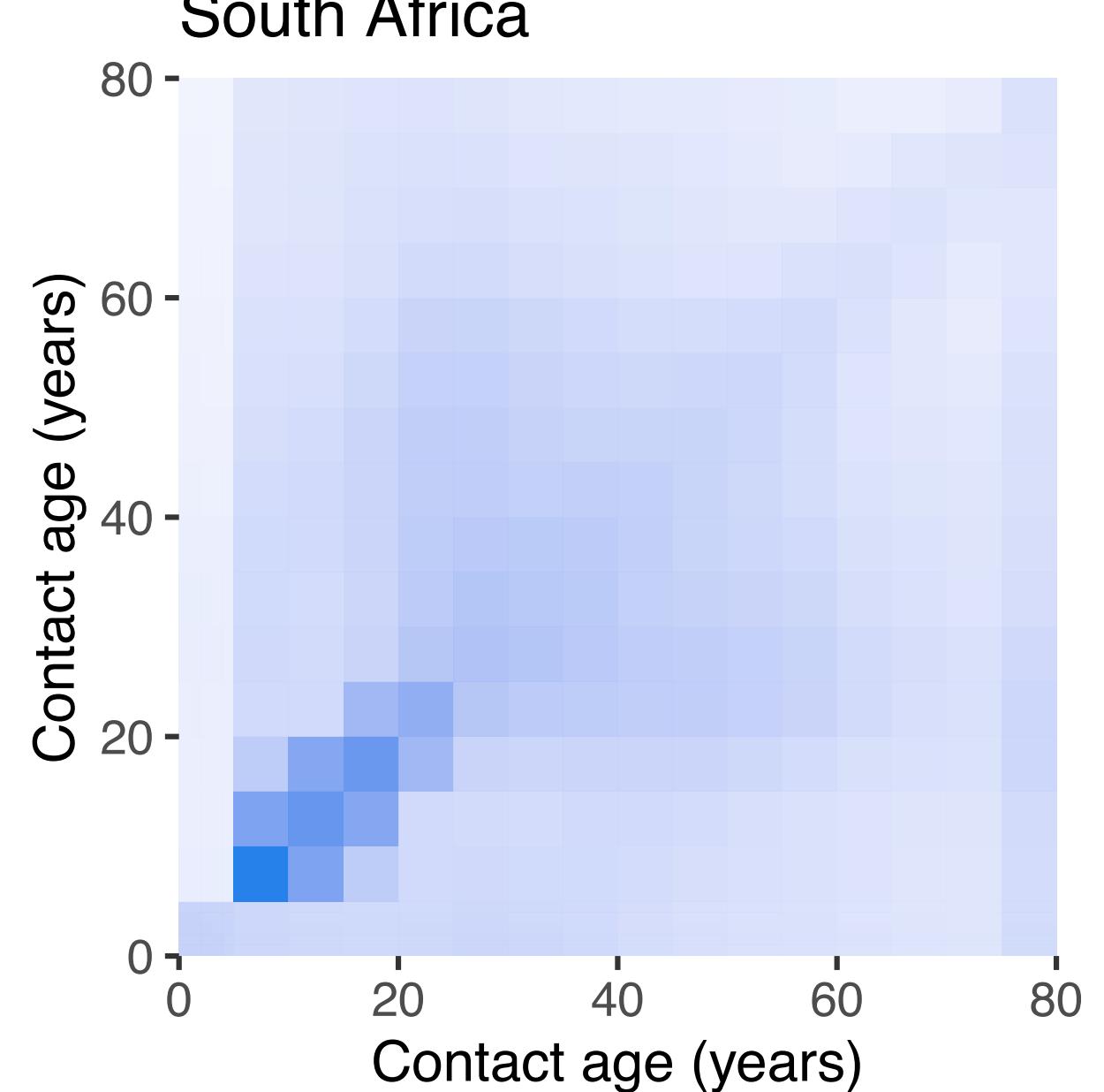


< 5 years transmissibility



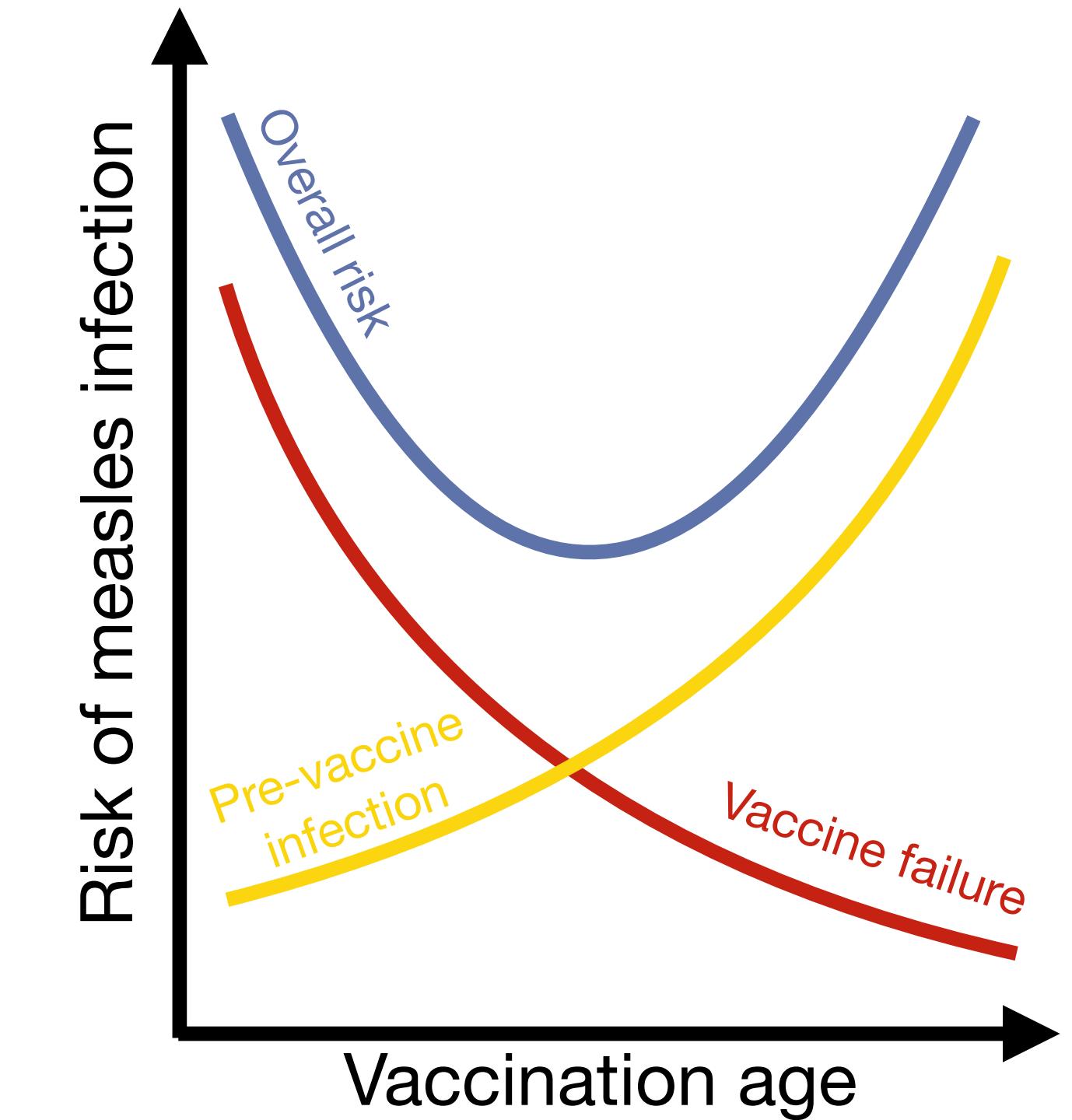
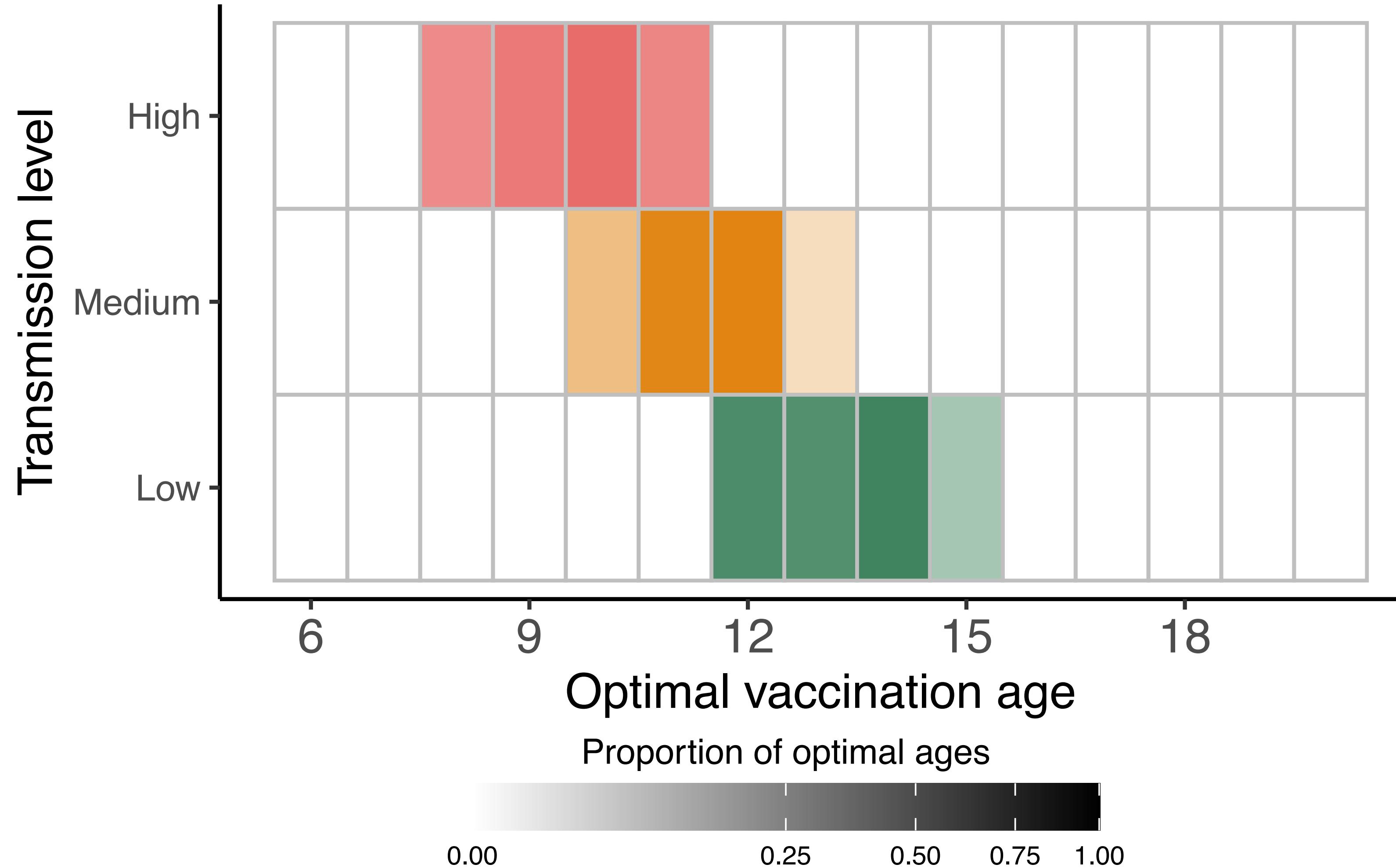
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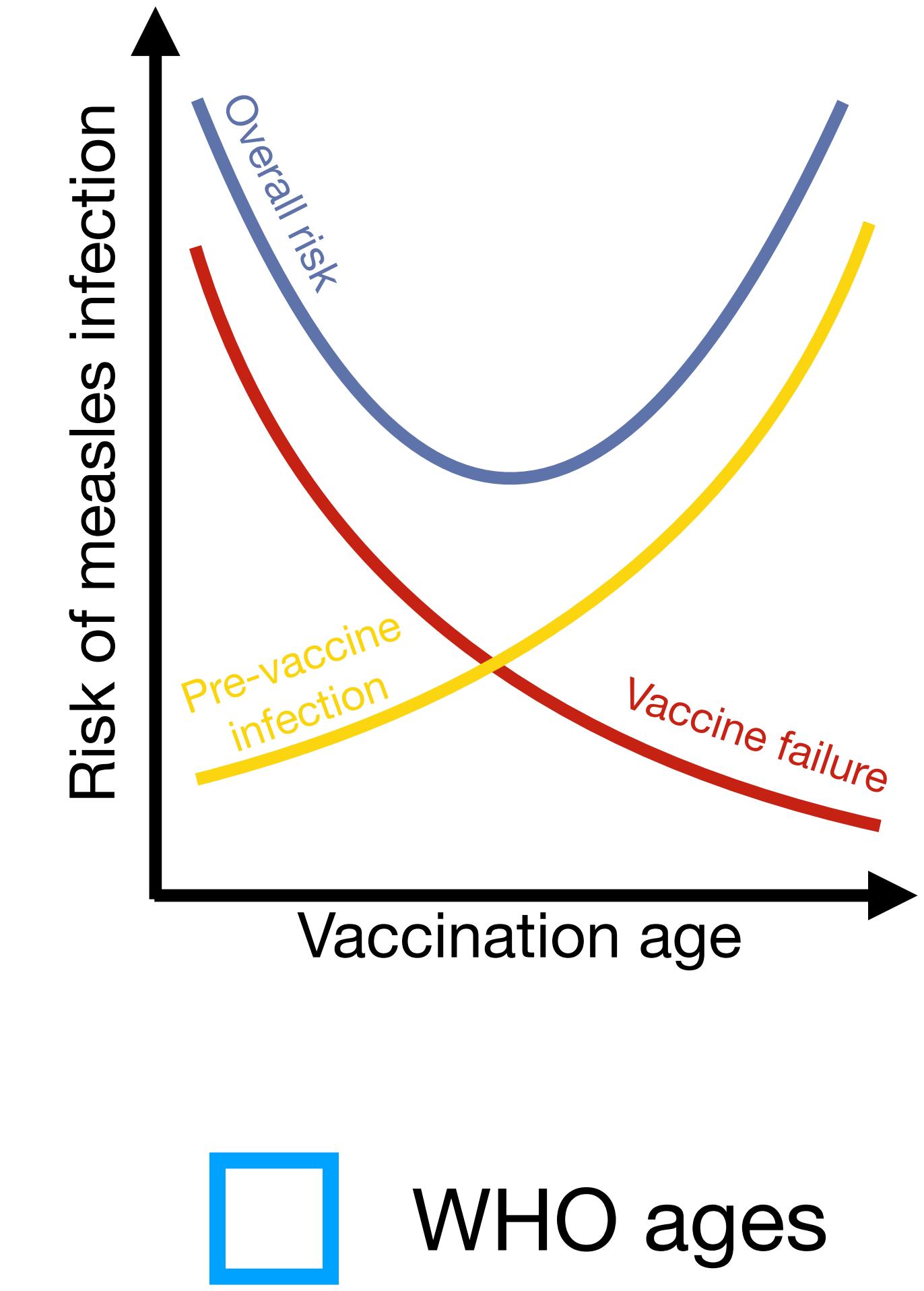
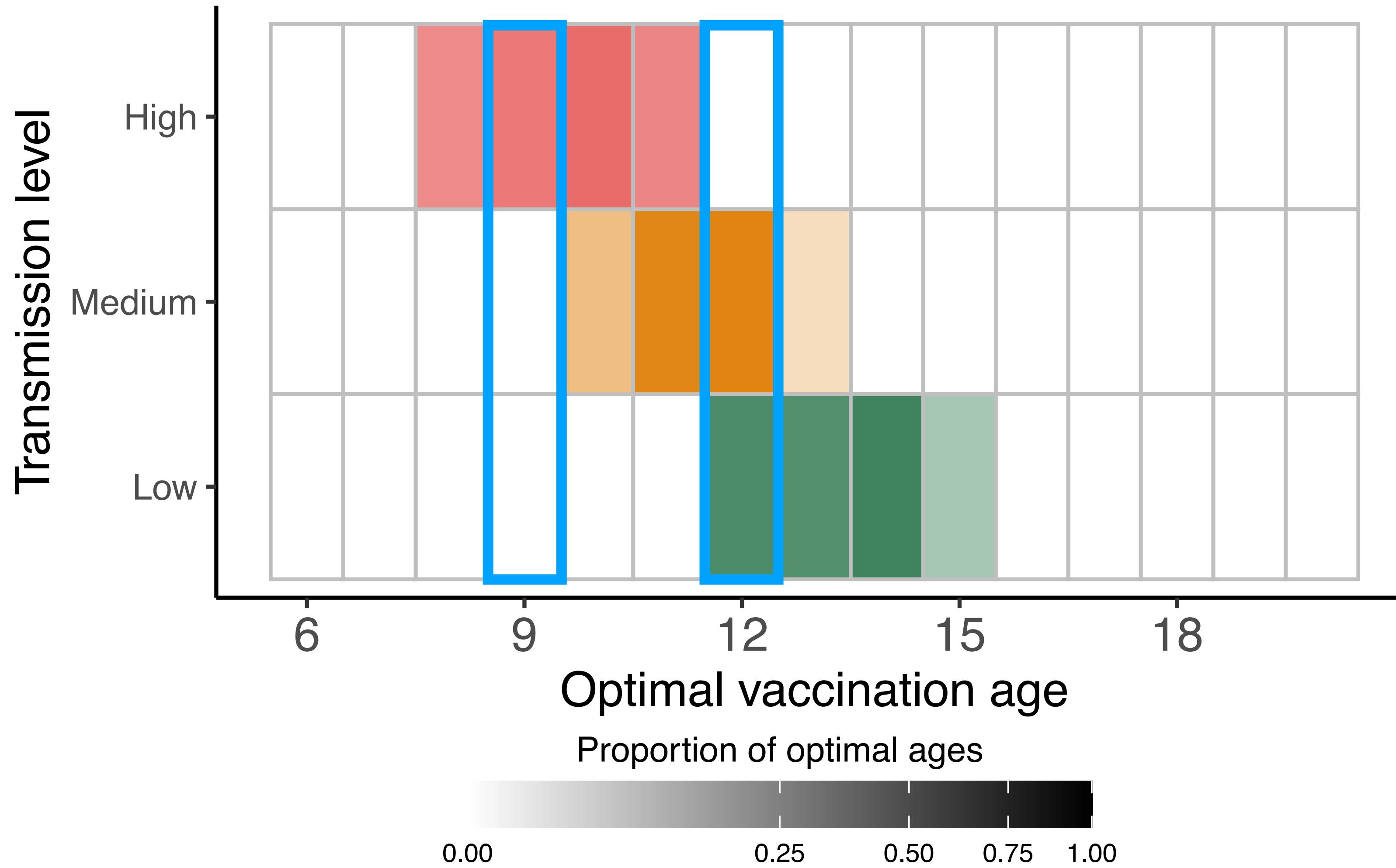
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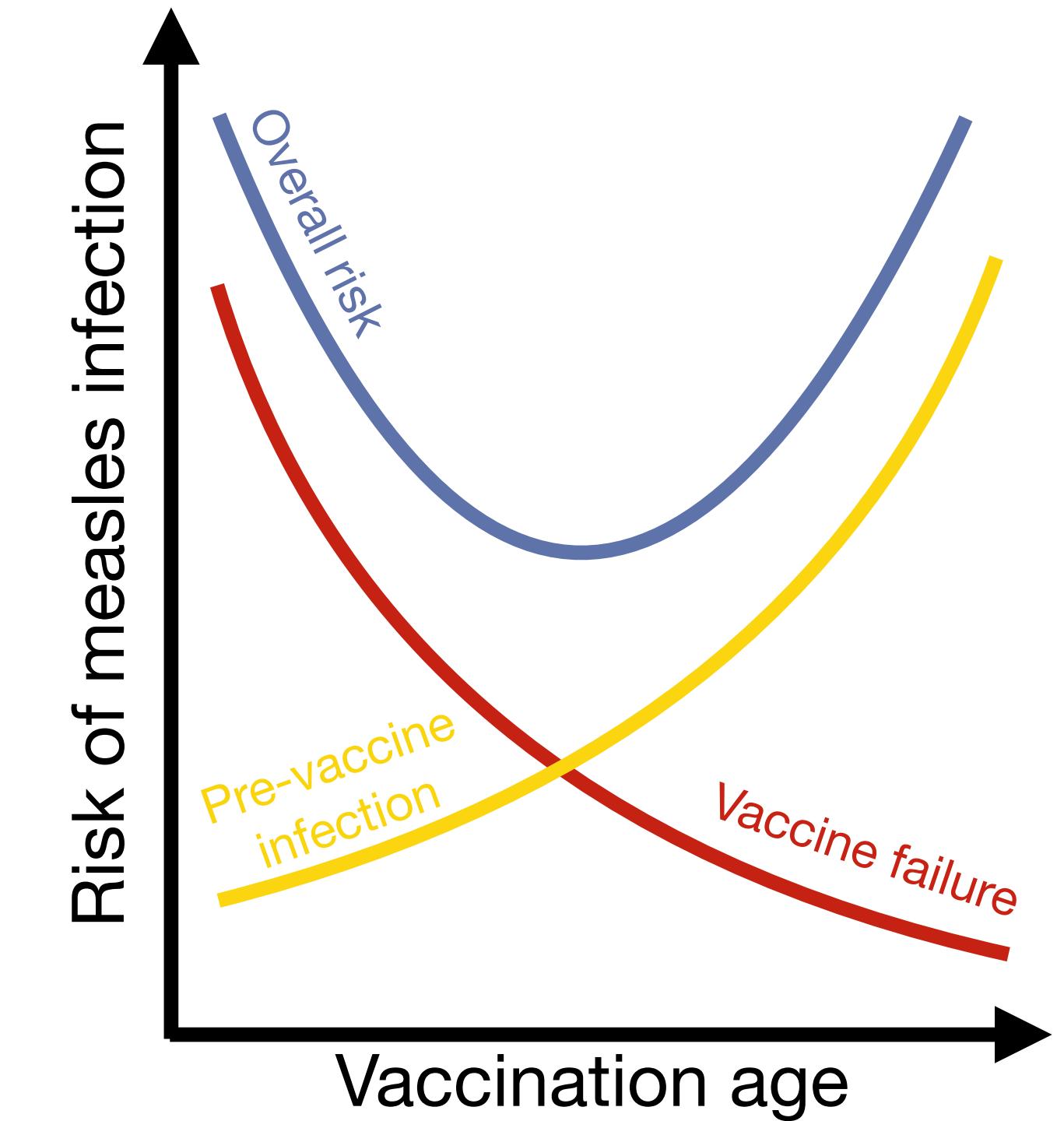
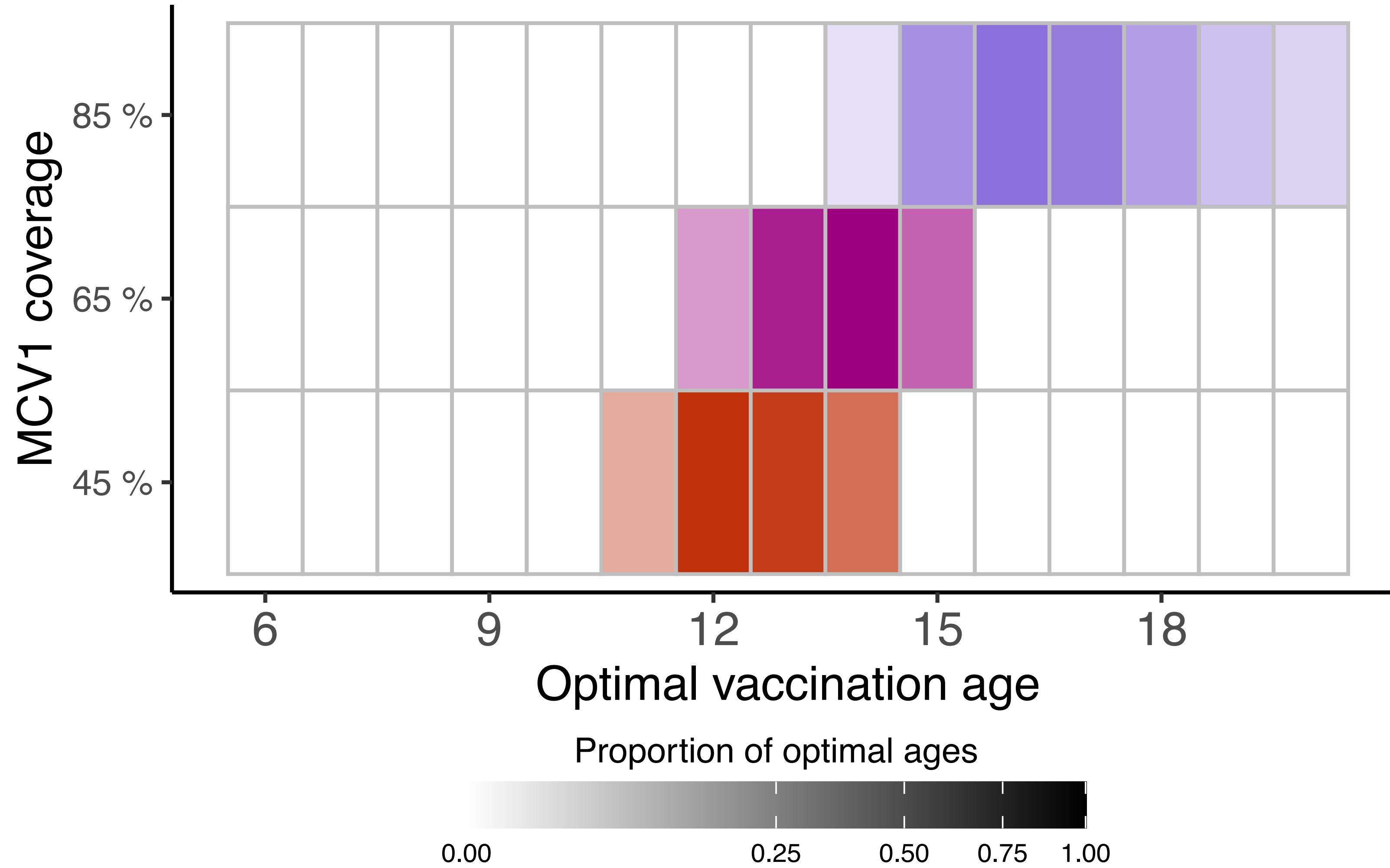
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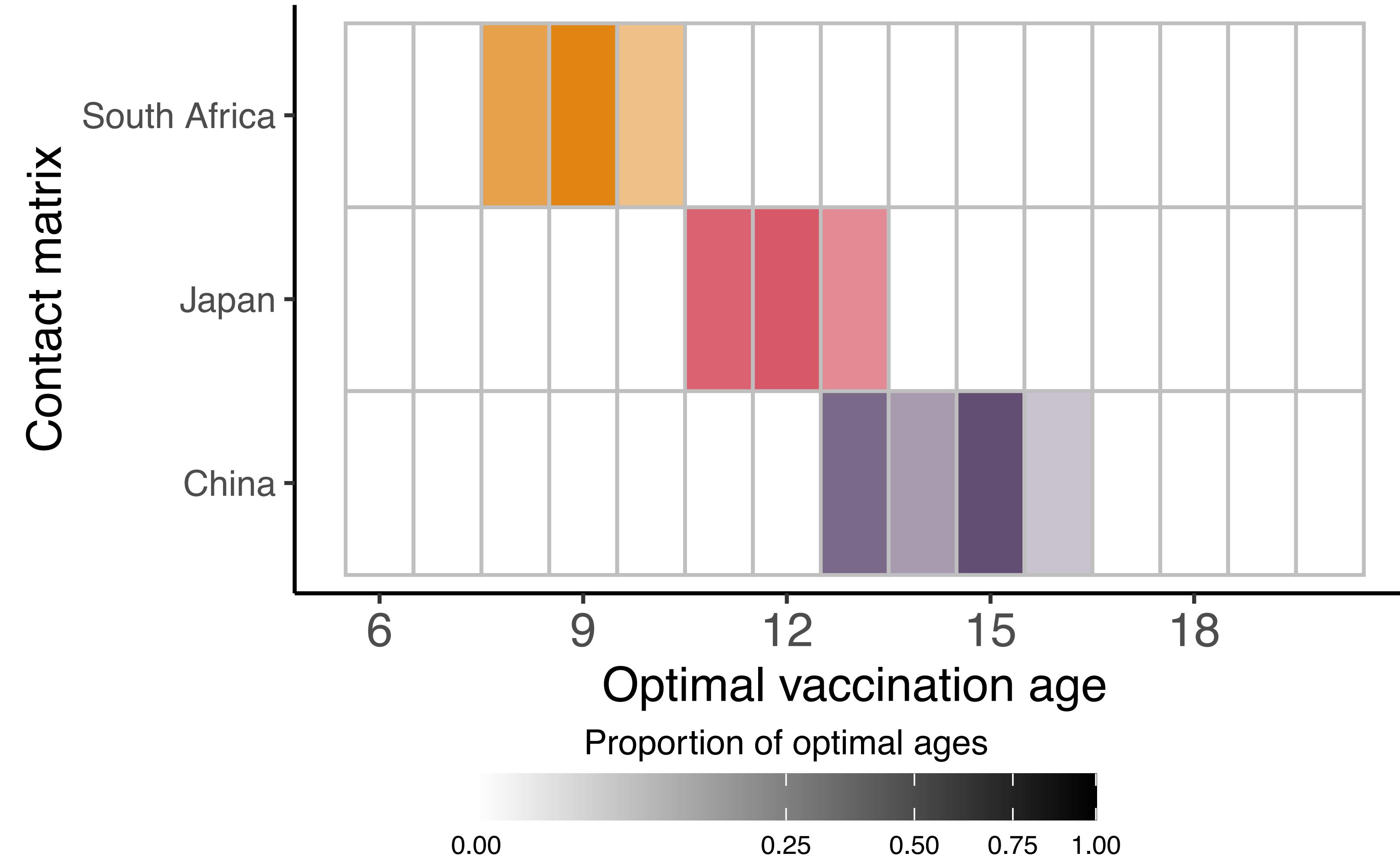
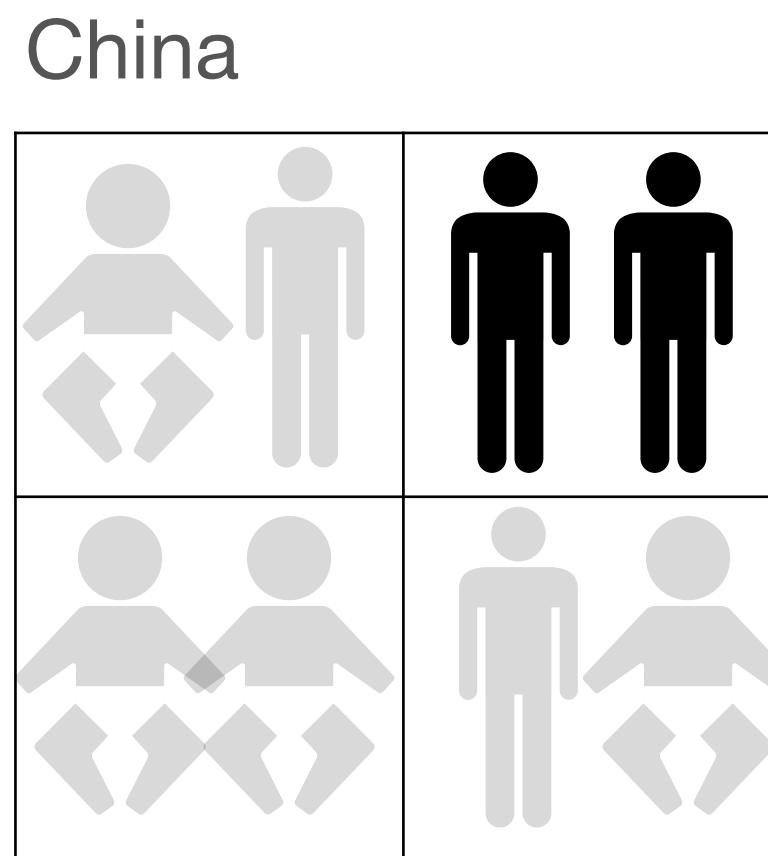
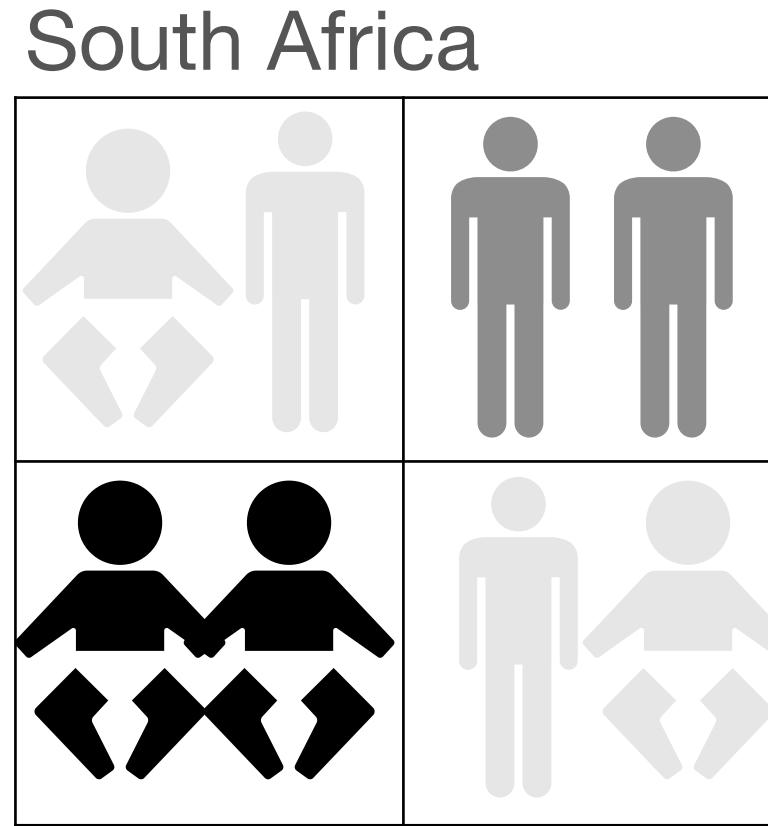
# Results: MCV1 coverage

Increased vaccine coverage leads to increased MCV1 age

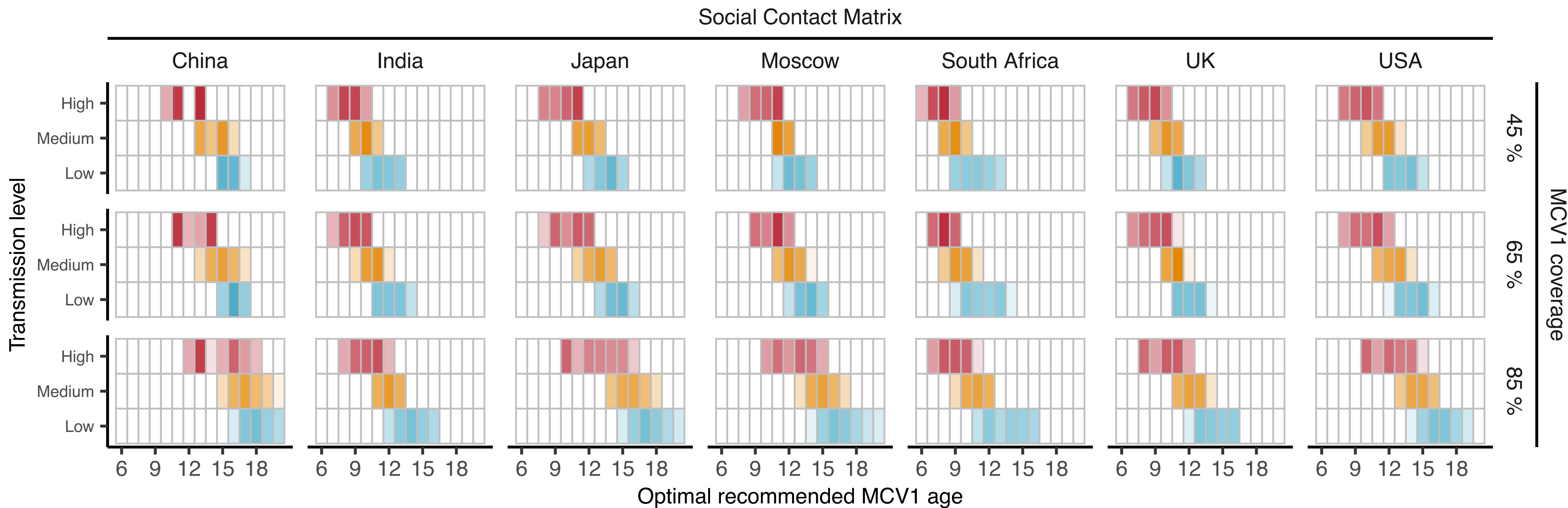


# Results: Social Contact Matrices

Different social contact matrices result in different optimal ages



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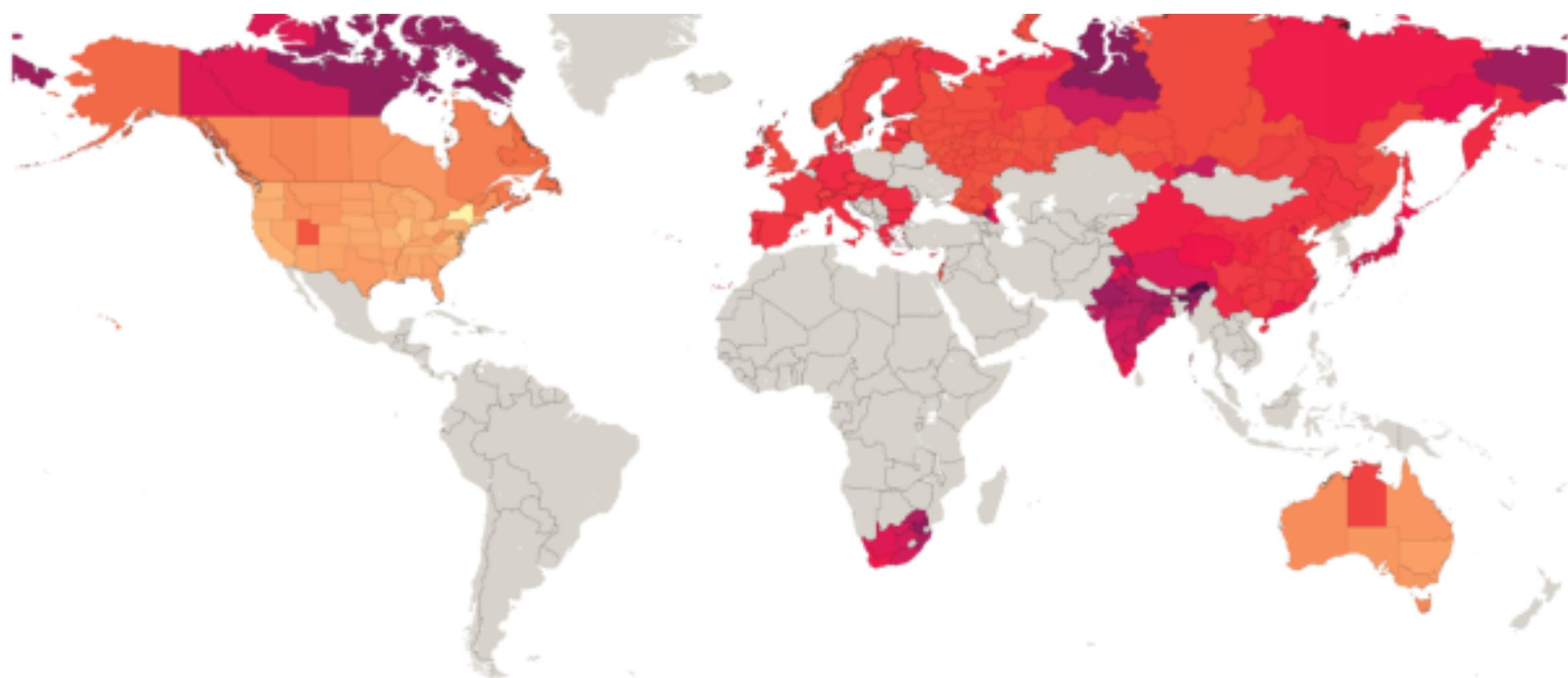


# Part 1: summary

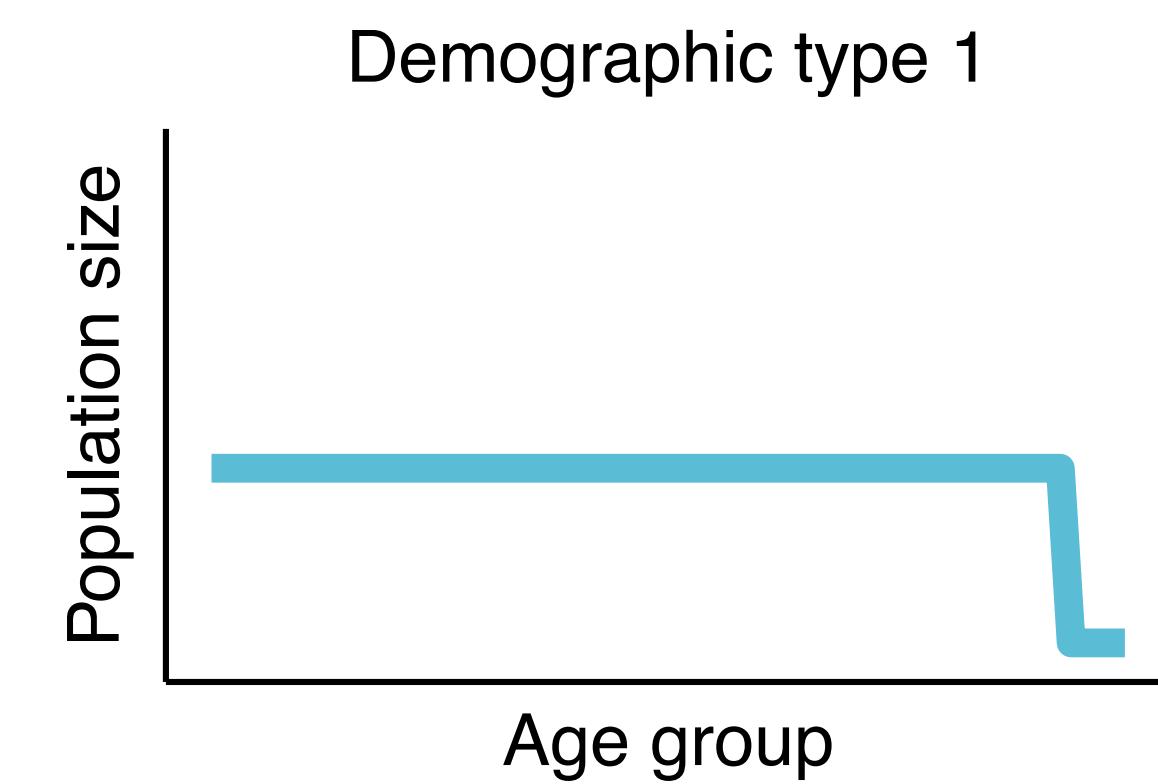
- The **optimal age varies** between populations
  - Increases in the **transmission level** lead to **decreases** in the optimal age
  - Increases in the **vaccine coverage** lead to **increases** in the optimal age
  - Different **Social Contact Matrices** result in **different optimal ages**

# Limited applications to lower income countries

Limited social contact matrices



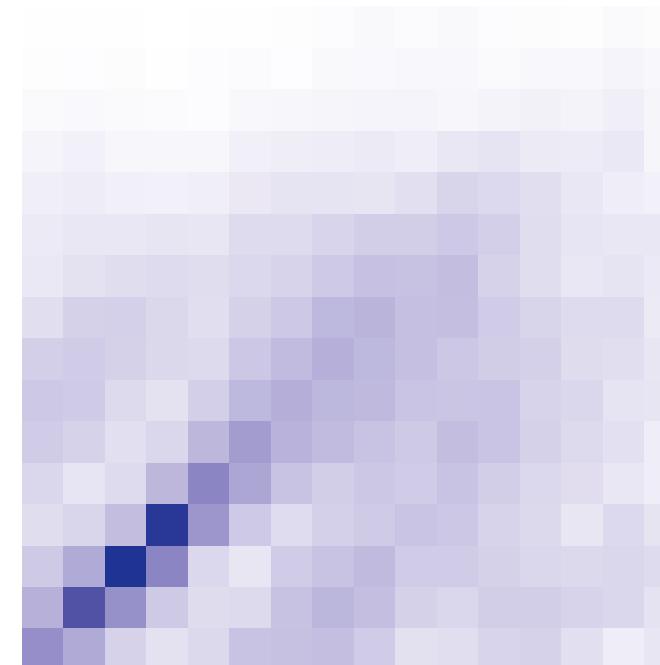
Demographic structure



SCM included in Mistry, D. et al. (2021)

# Extension: Low- and lower-middle-income countries

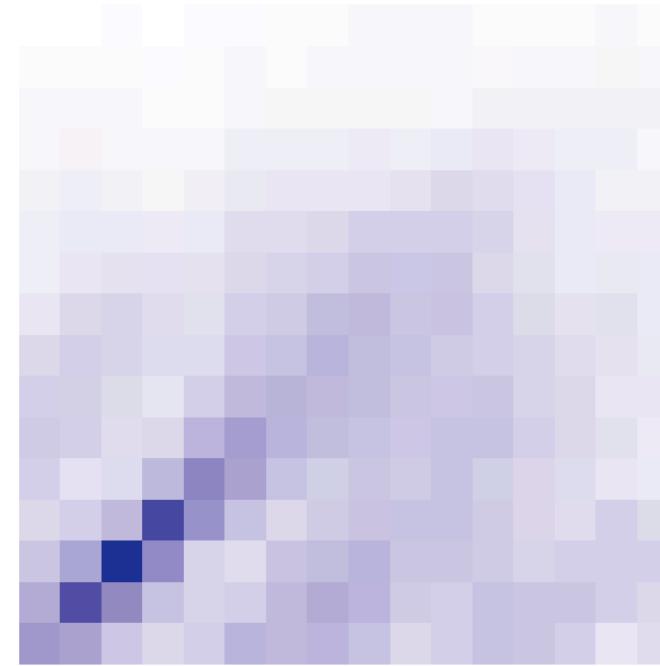
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sub-Saharan Africa



Ghana



Sierra Leone

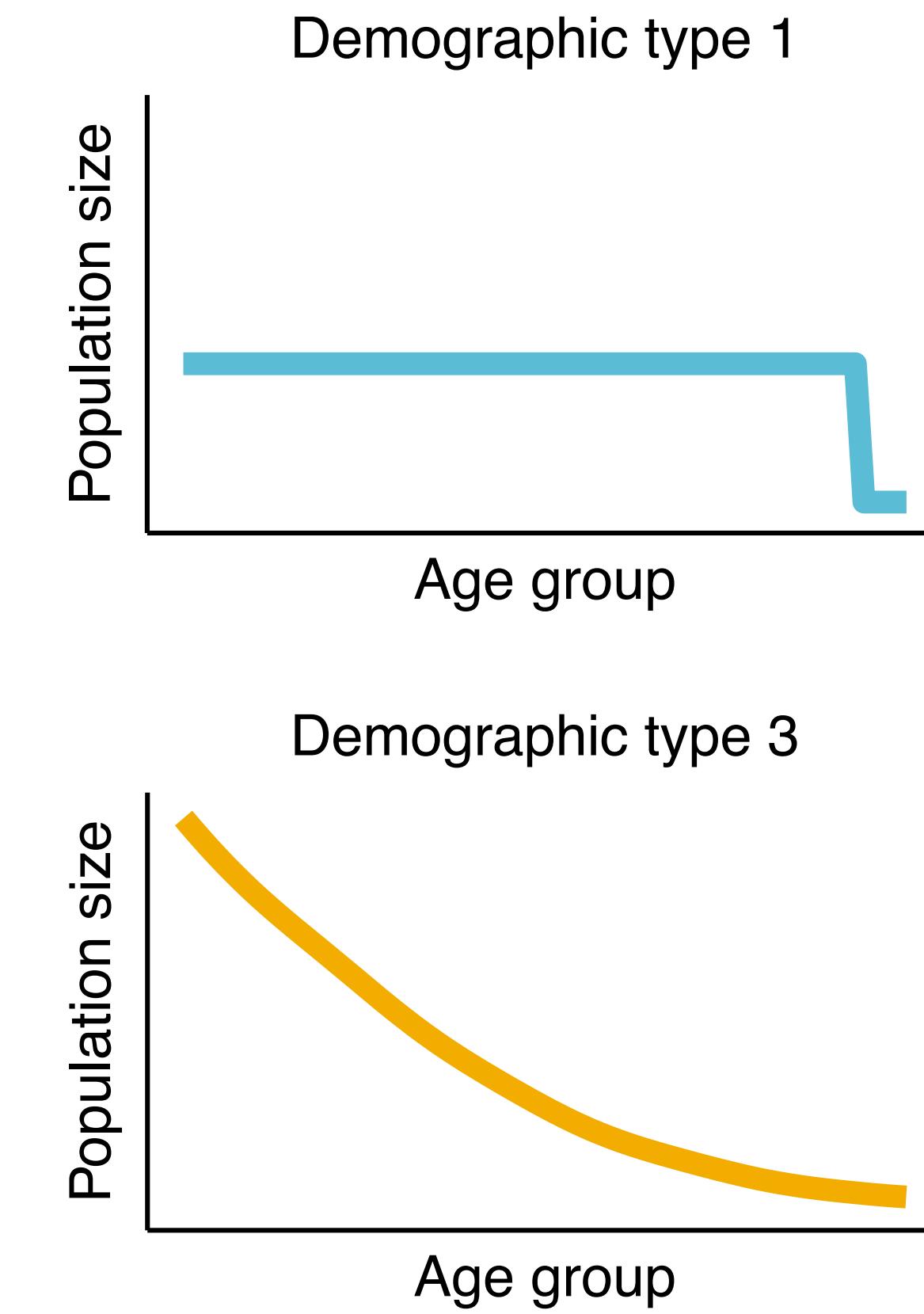


Uganda



Zambia

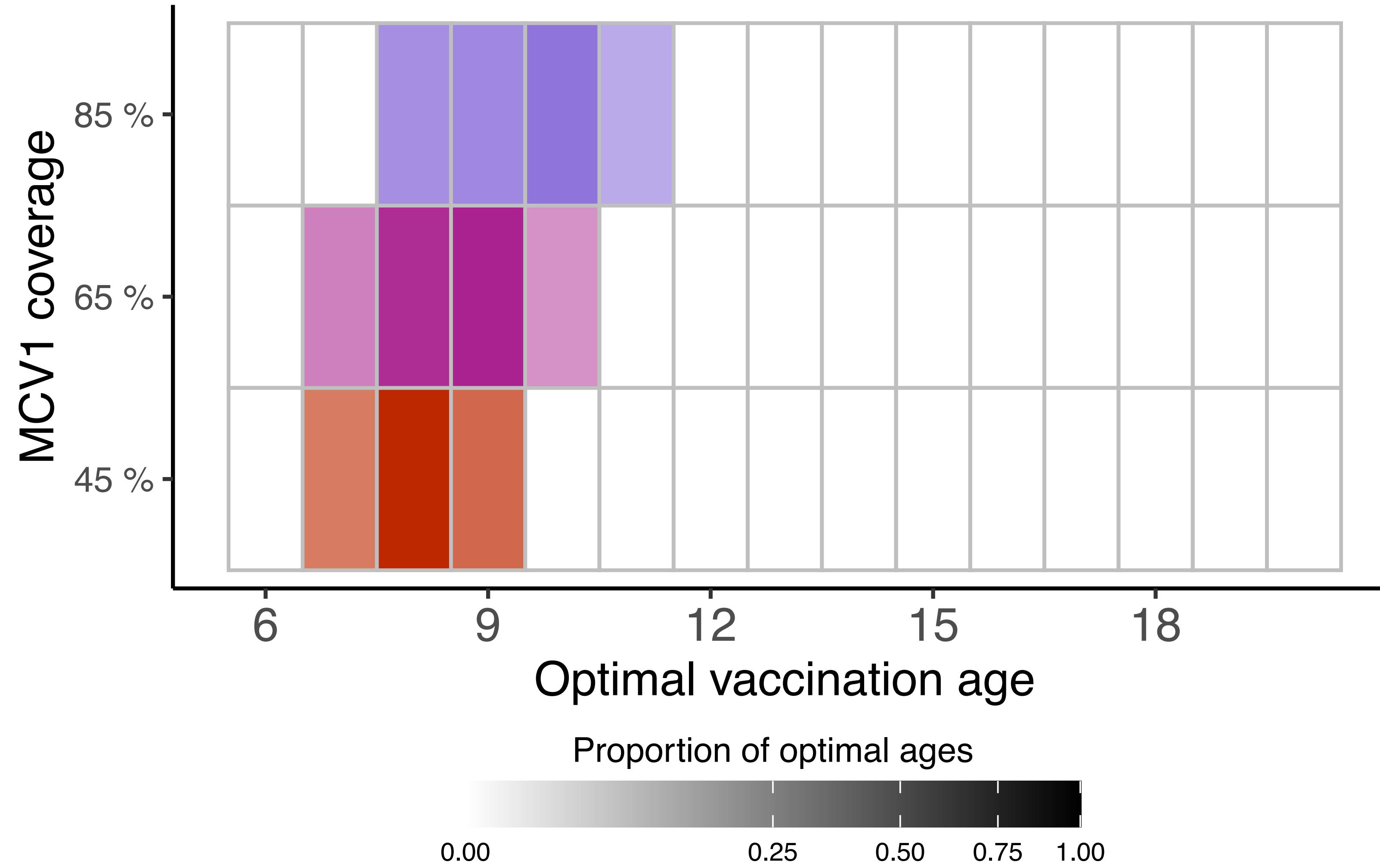
Yearly age group population  
sizes



Social contact matrices from Prem *et al.* (2021)

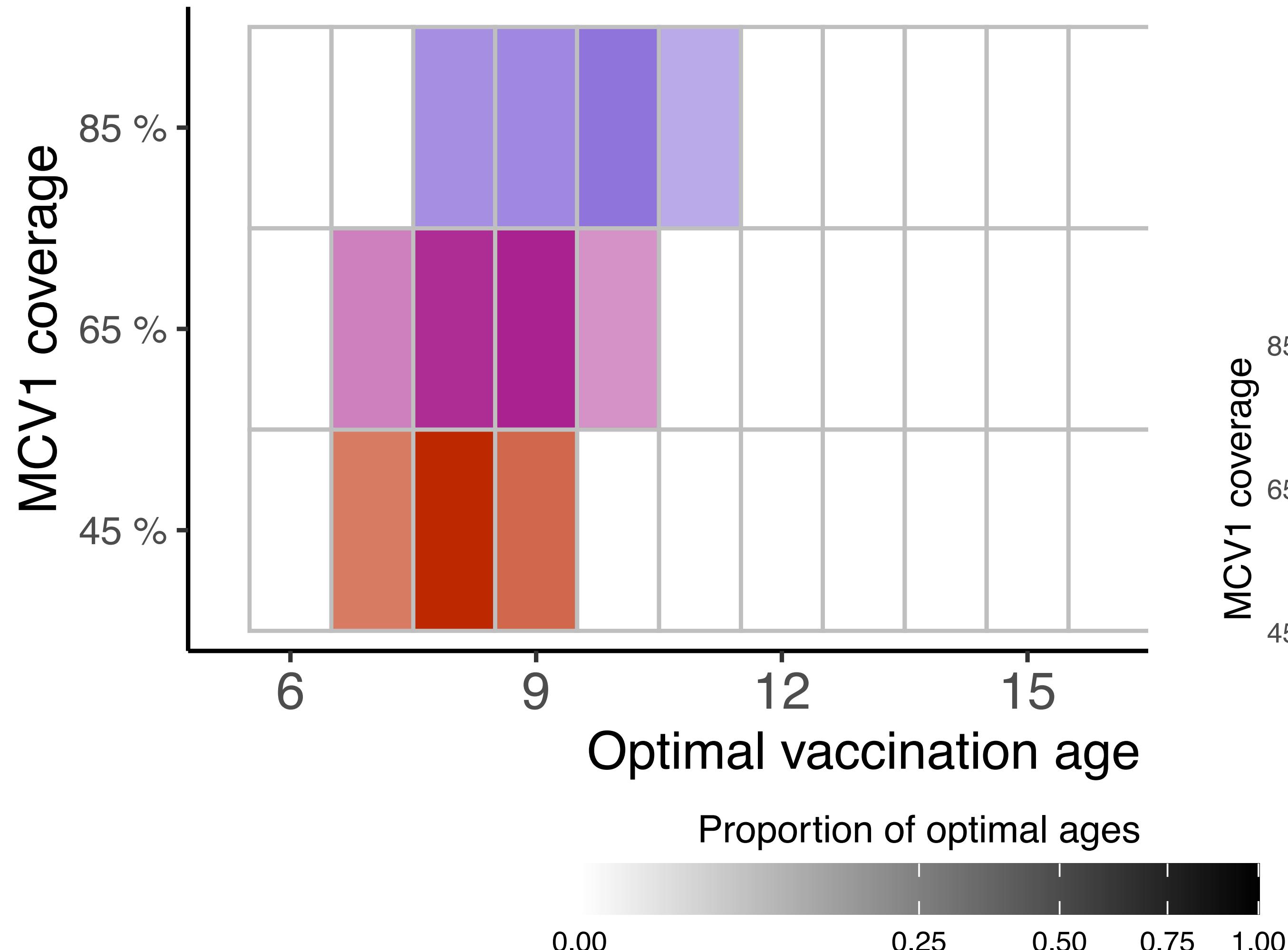
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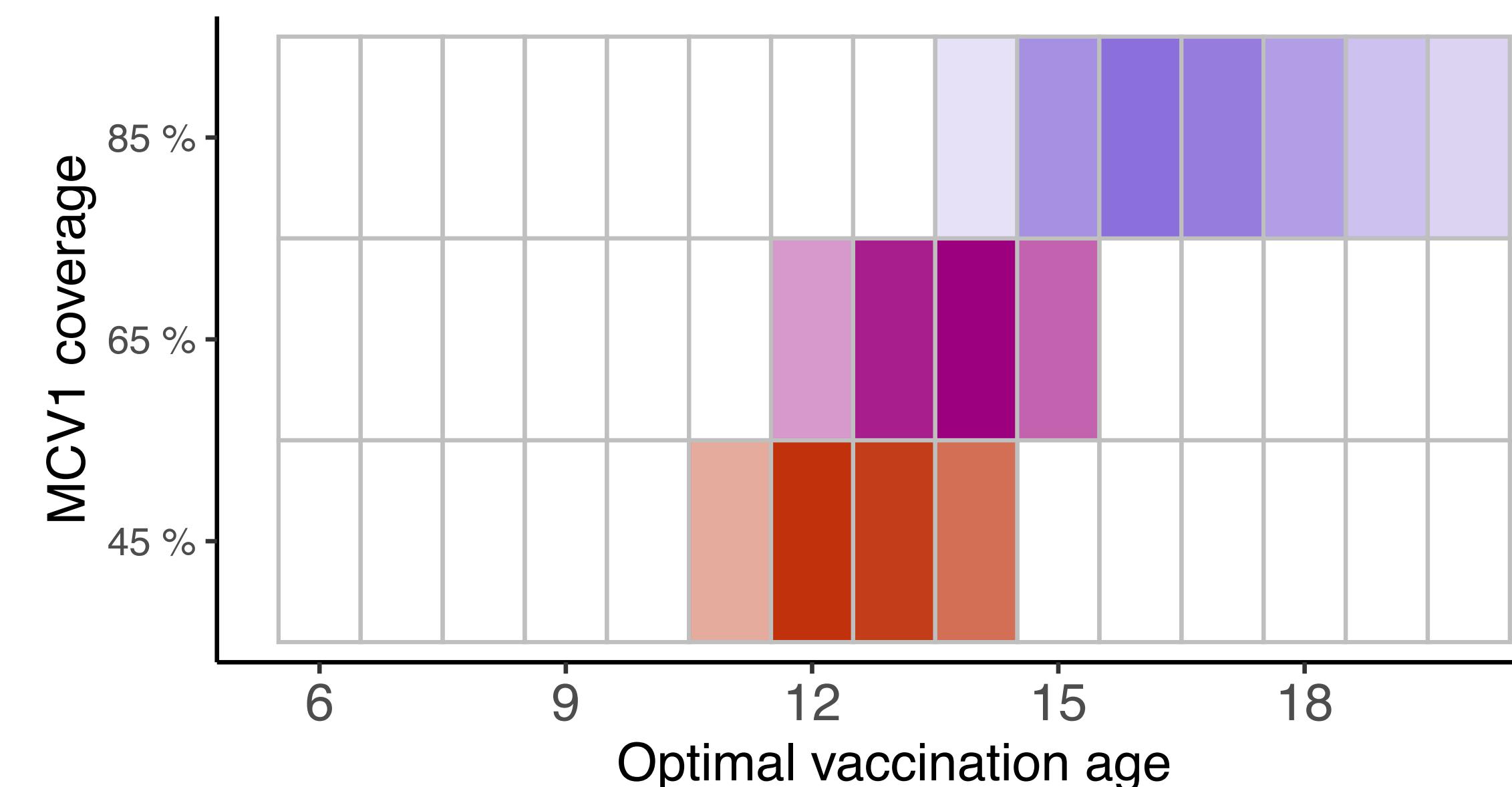


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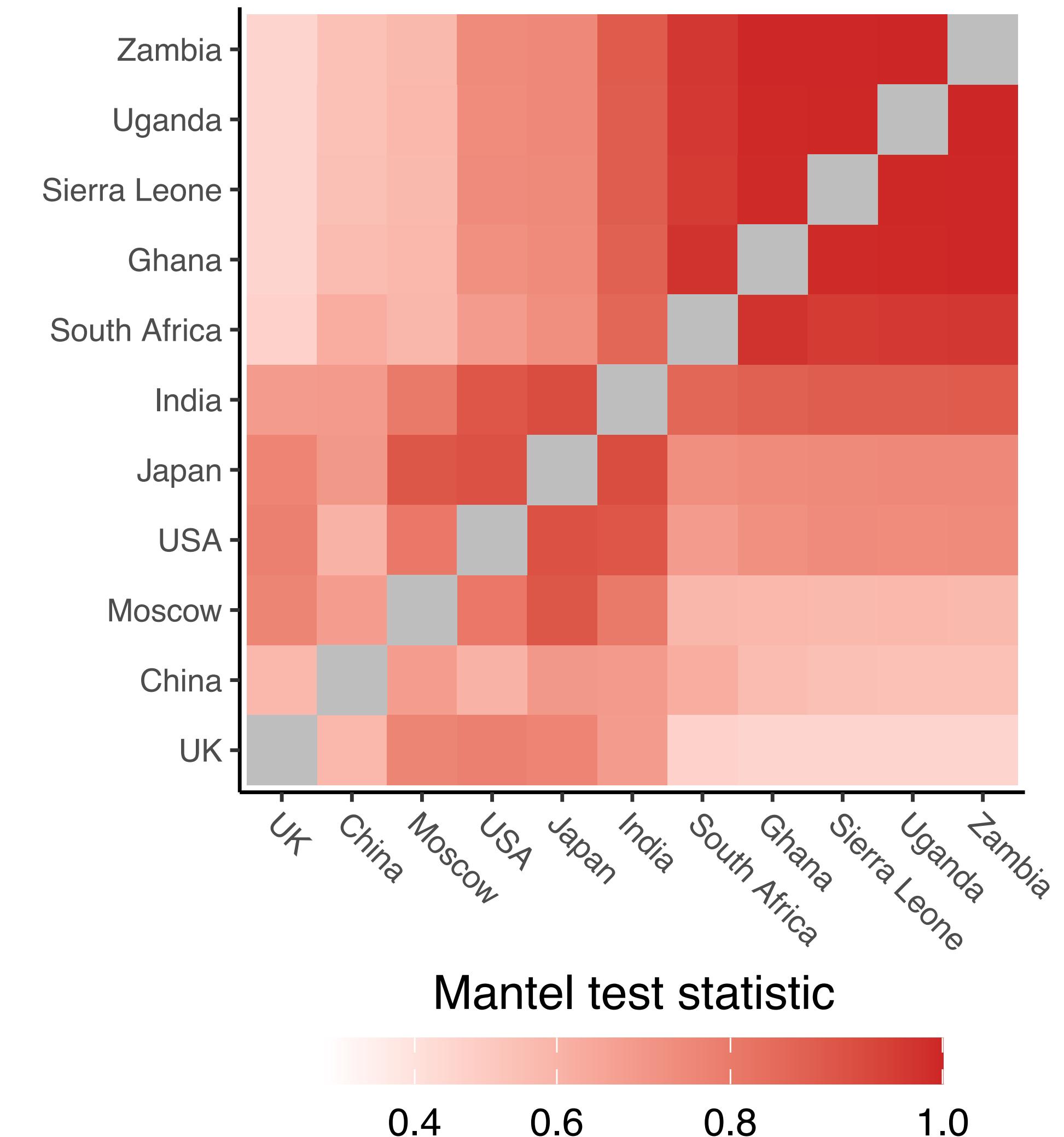
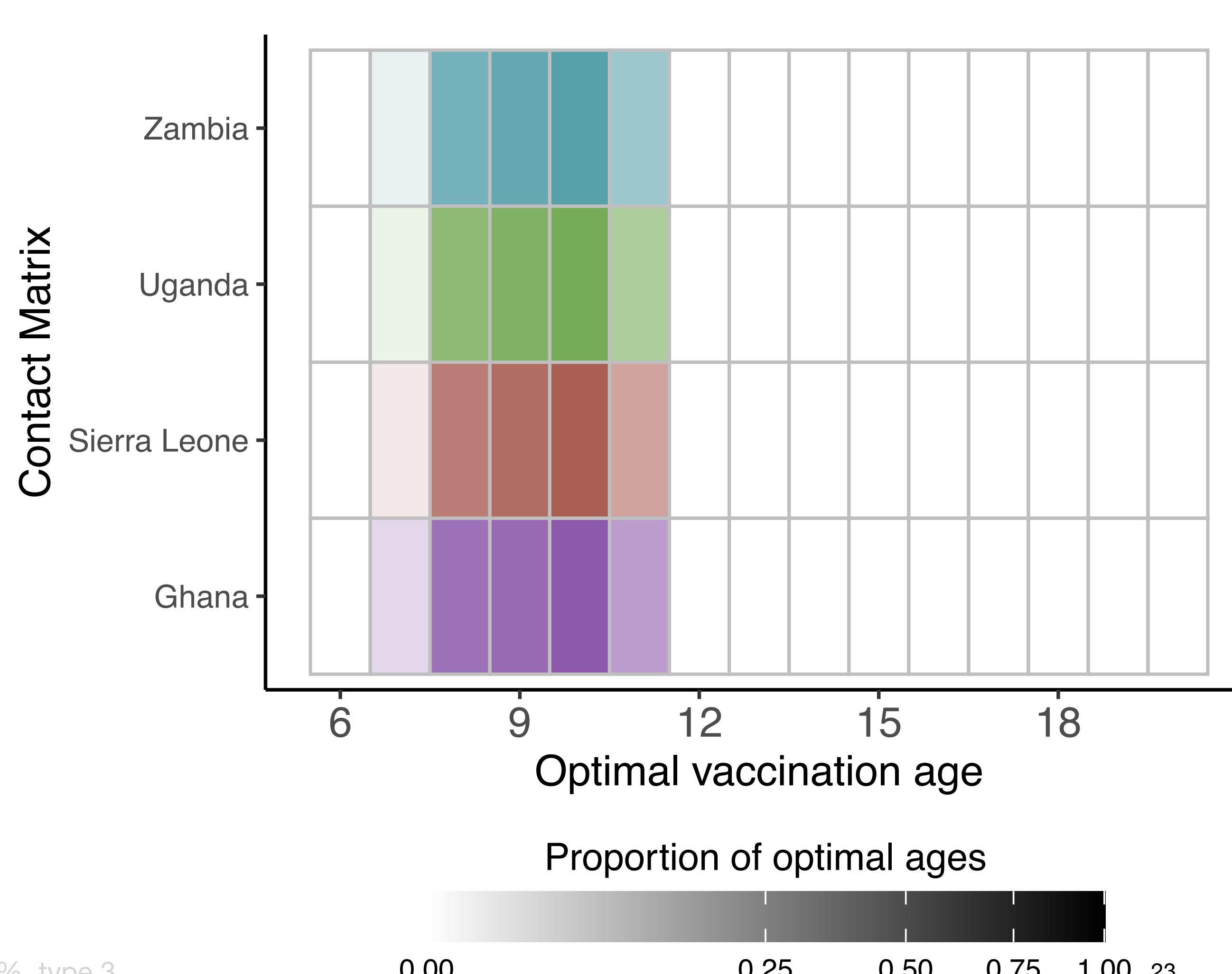


Moscow, low transmission



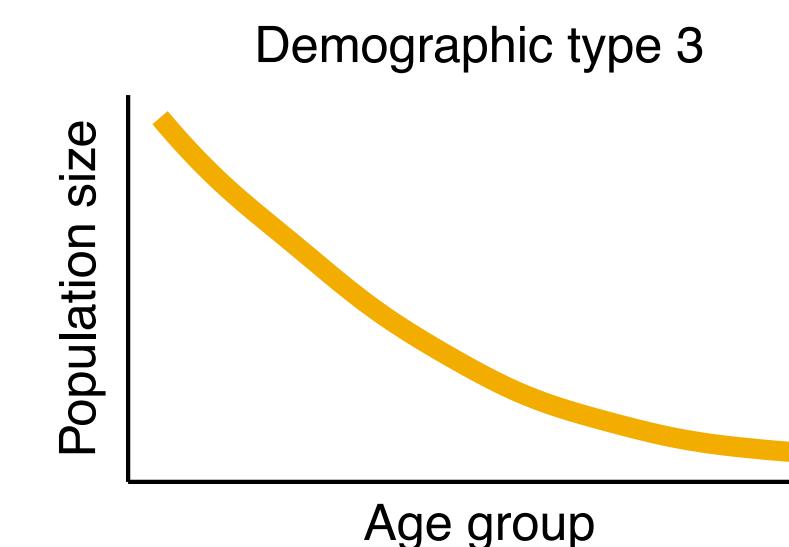
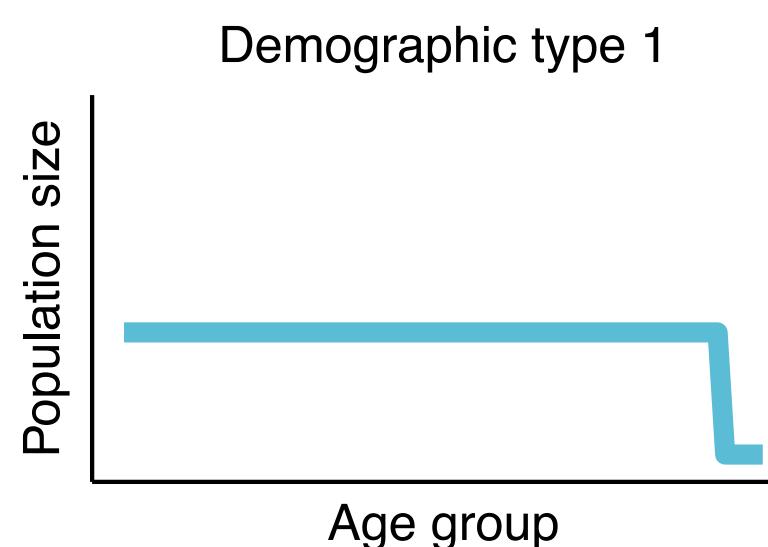
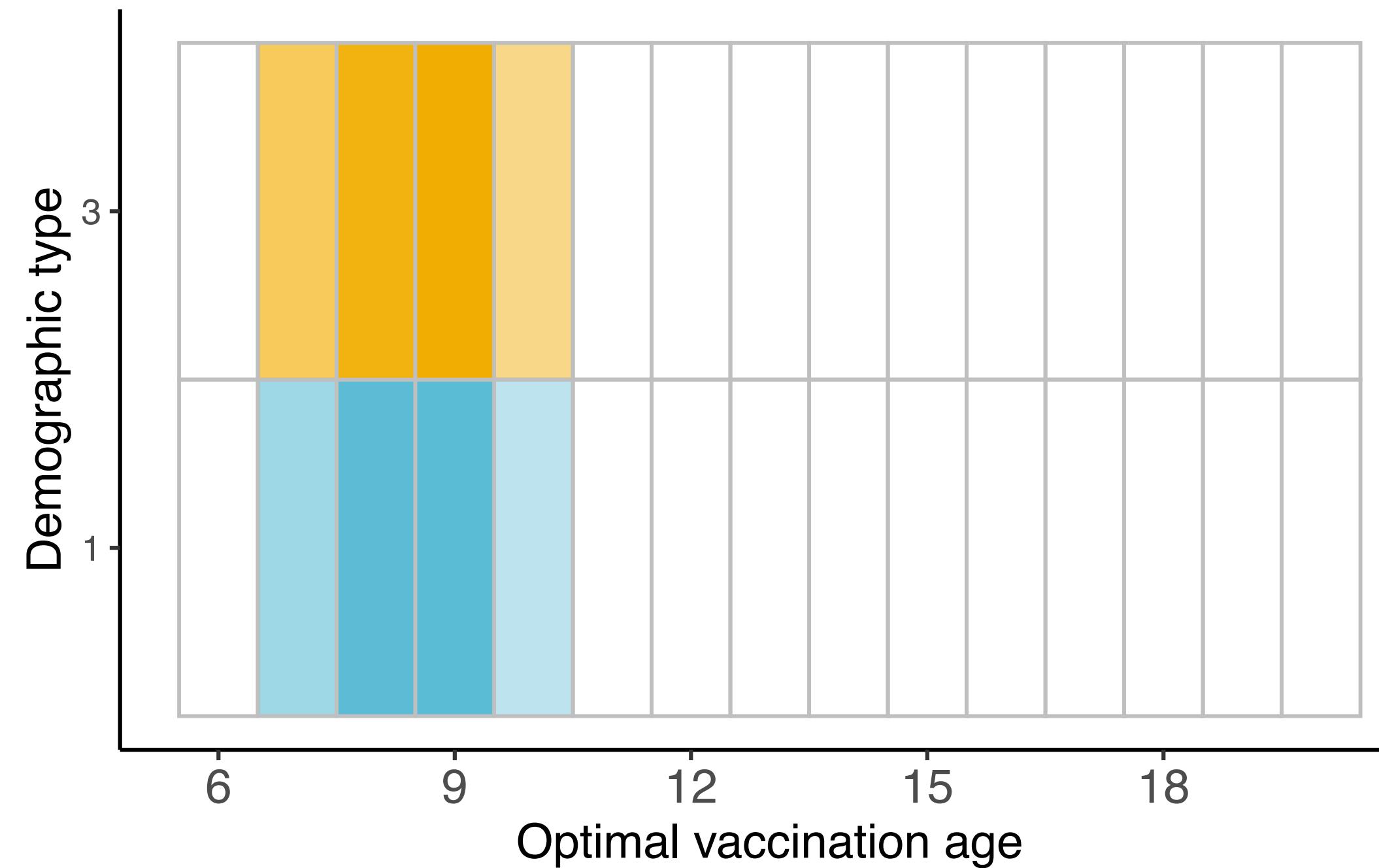
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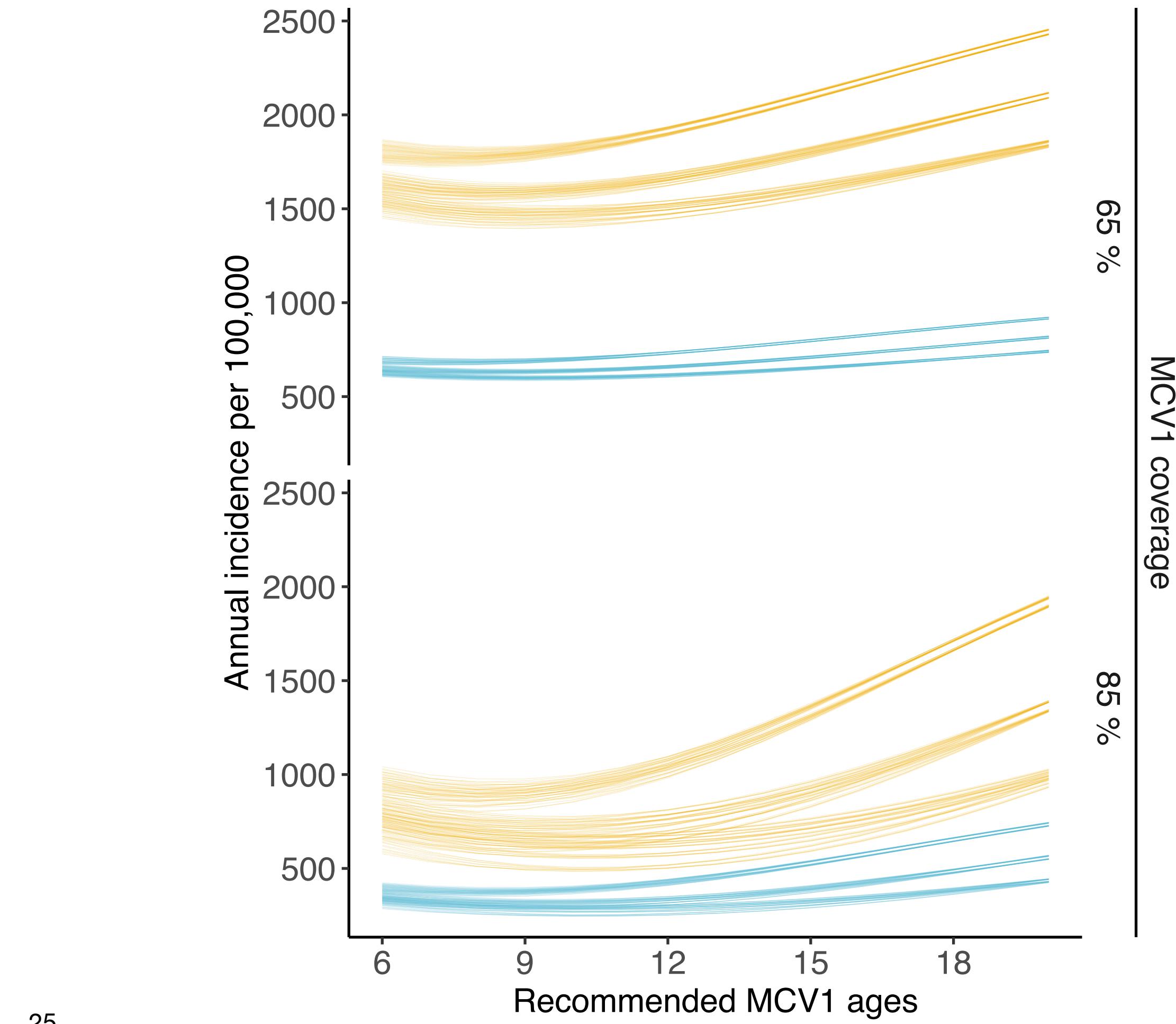
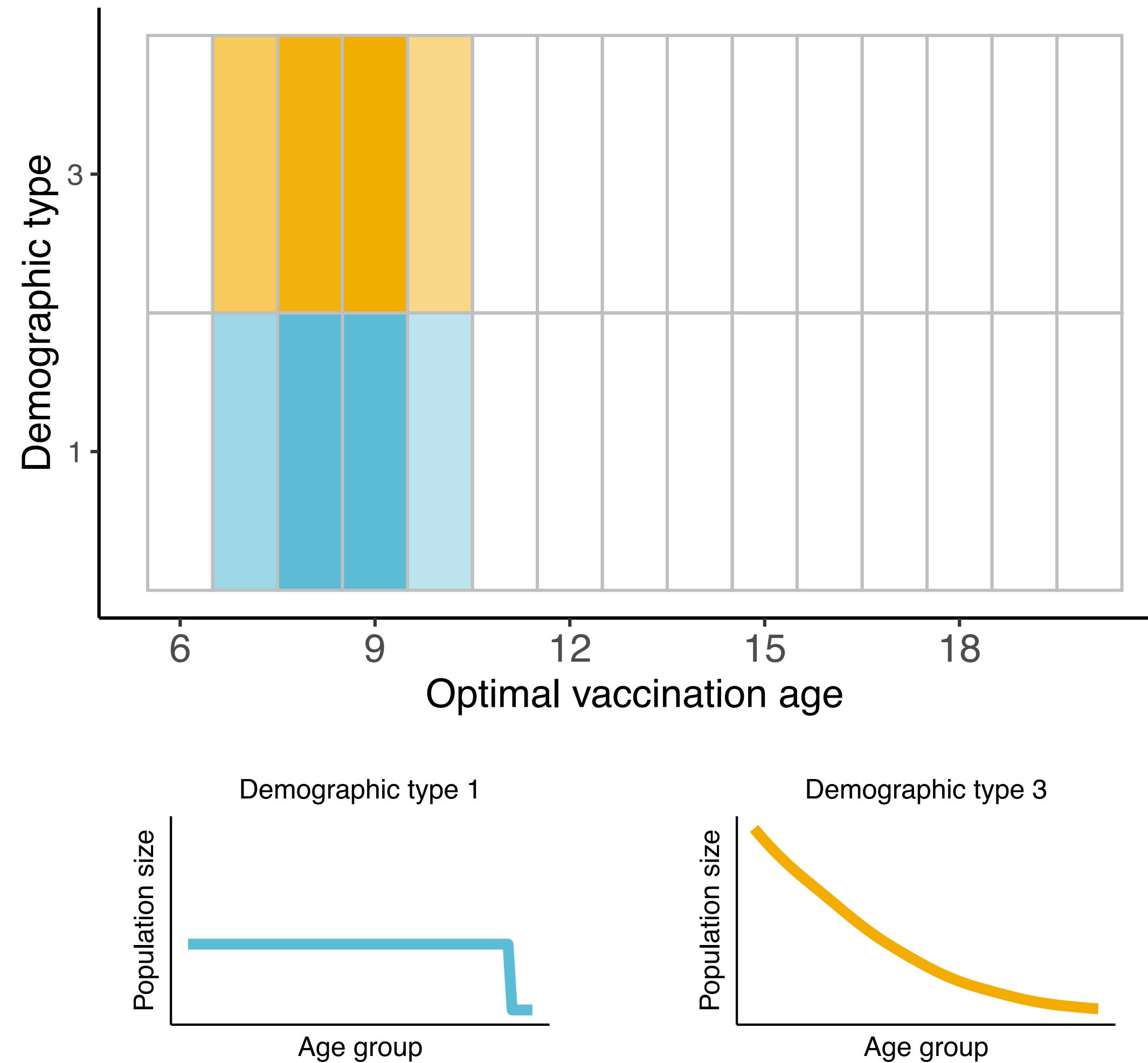
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## No significant differences between demographic types

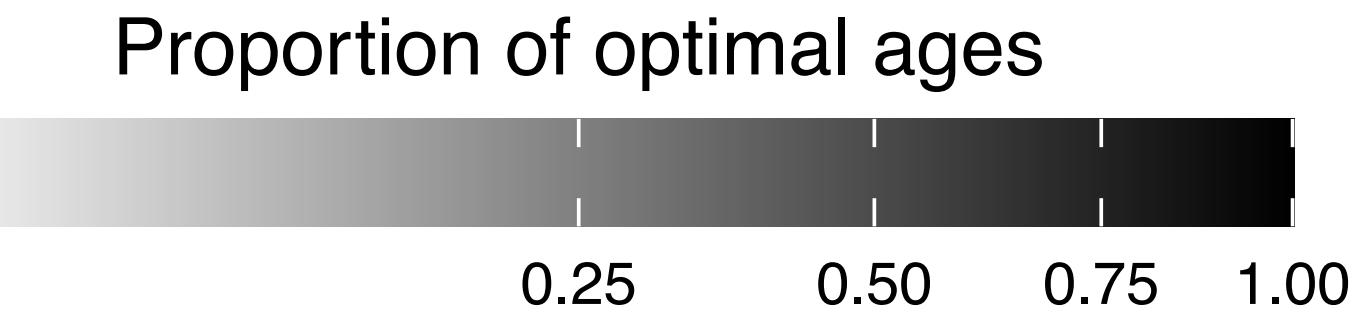
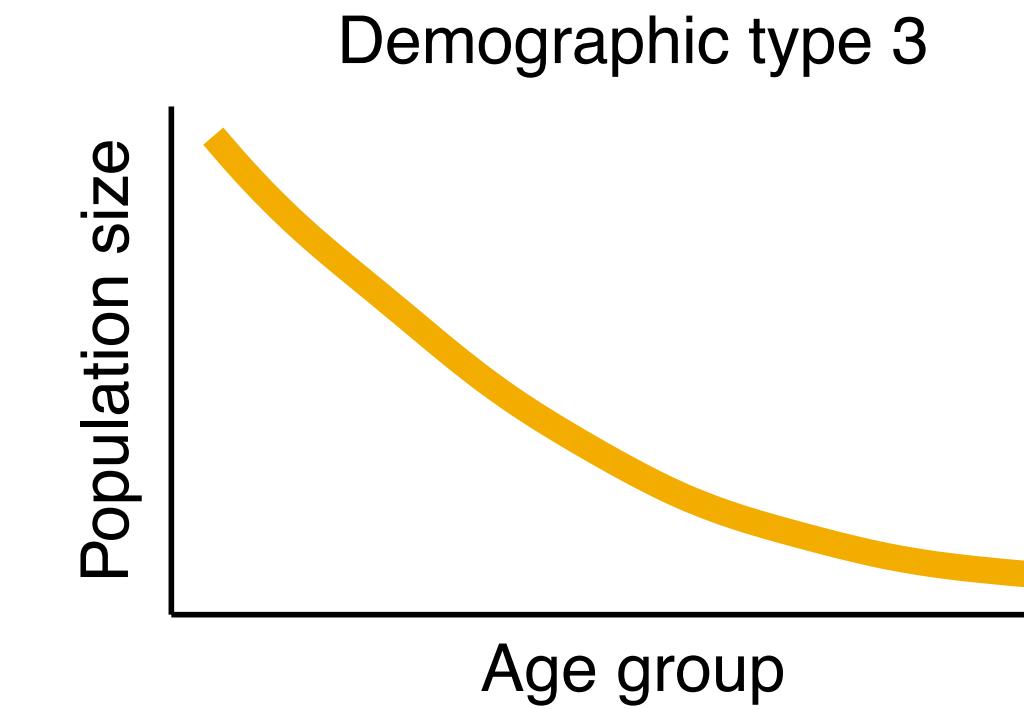
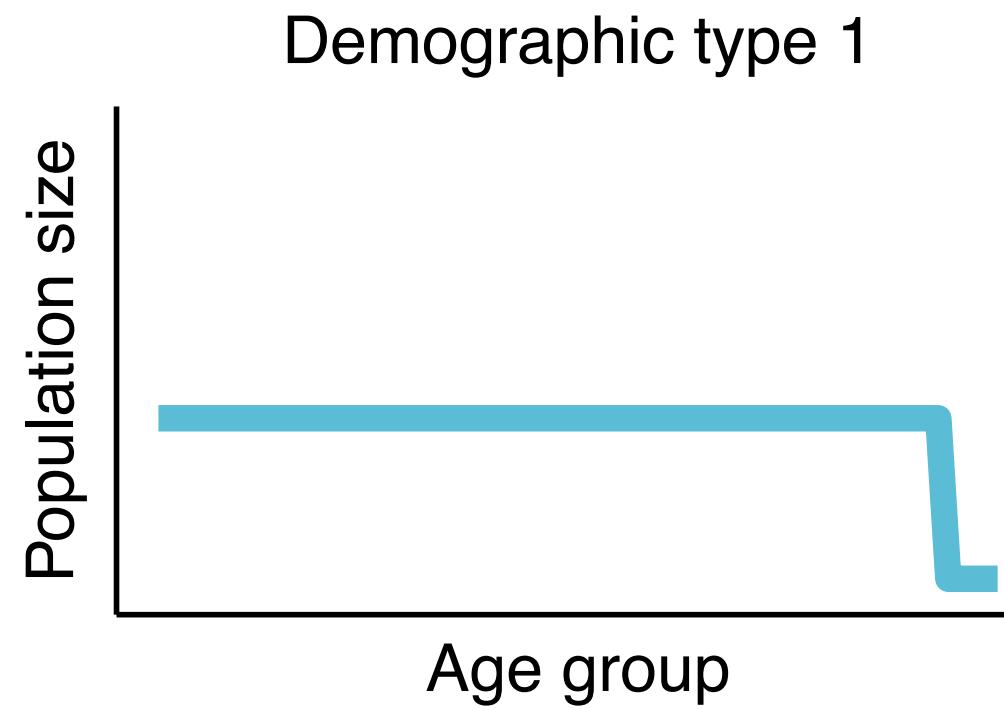
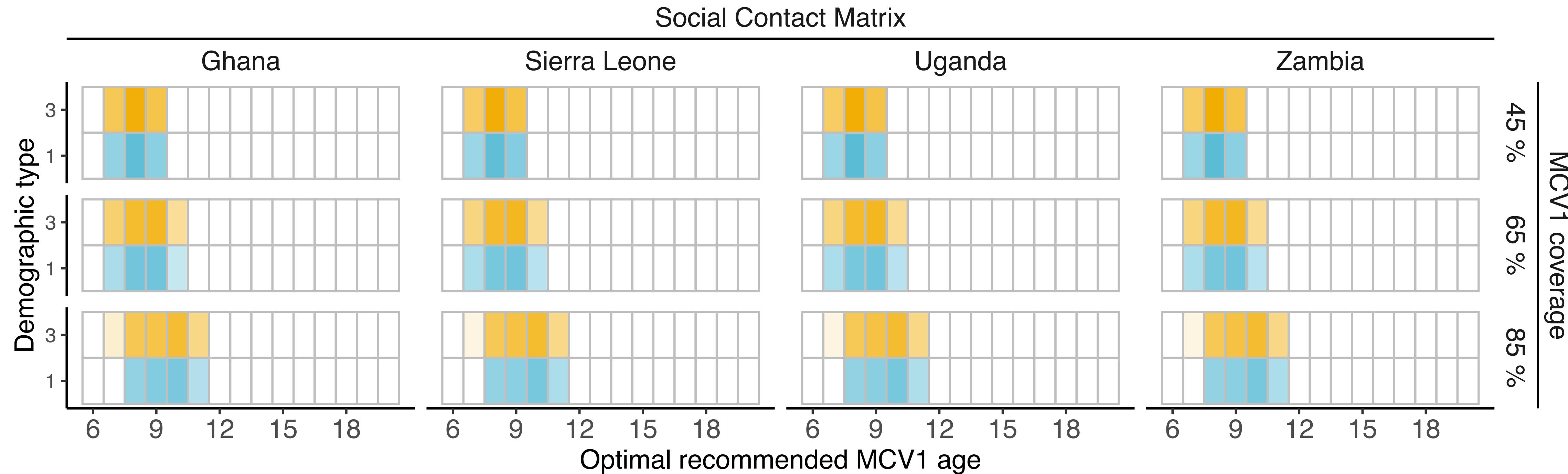


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## Differences in incidence between demographic types



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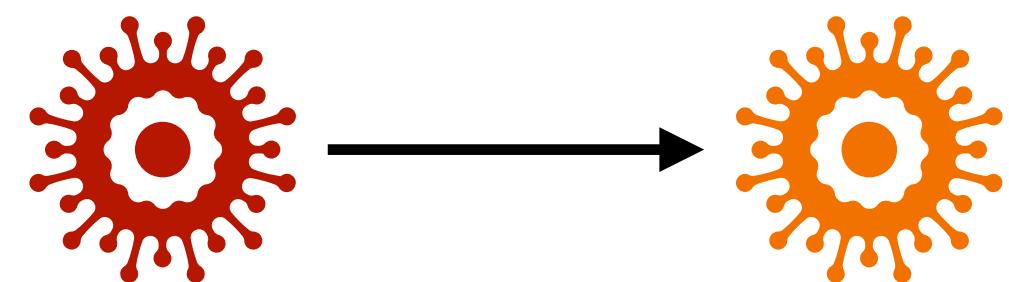
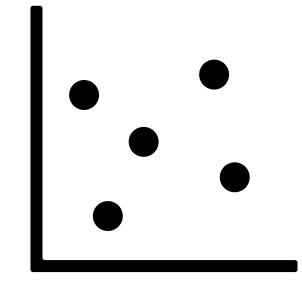
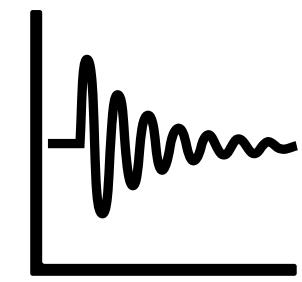


# Part 2: summary

- The **optimal age varies less** between populations
  - The impact of **vaccine coverage was reduced**
  - The **demographic type** had **no impact** on the optimal age
  - Different **social contact matrices** result in **fewer differences** in optimal ages
    - The social contact **matrices** are **very similar**
    - Are the similarities **artificial?**

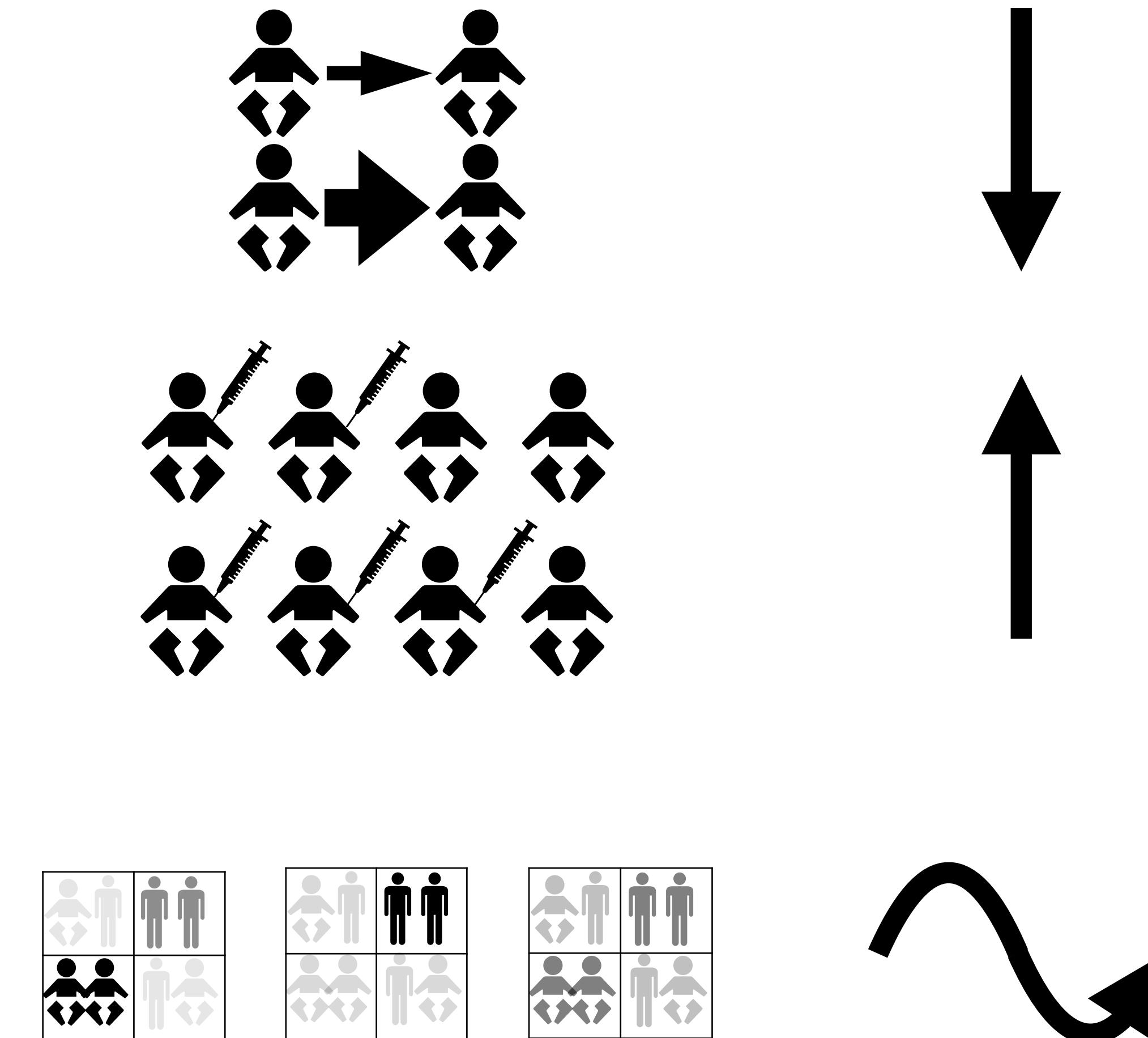
# Limitations and Prospectives

- Endpoint
- Model fitting
- Extensions to other pathogens



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Thank you!

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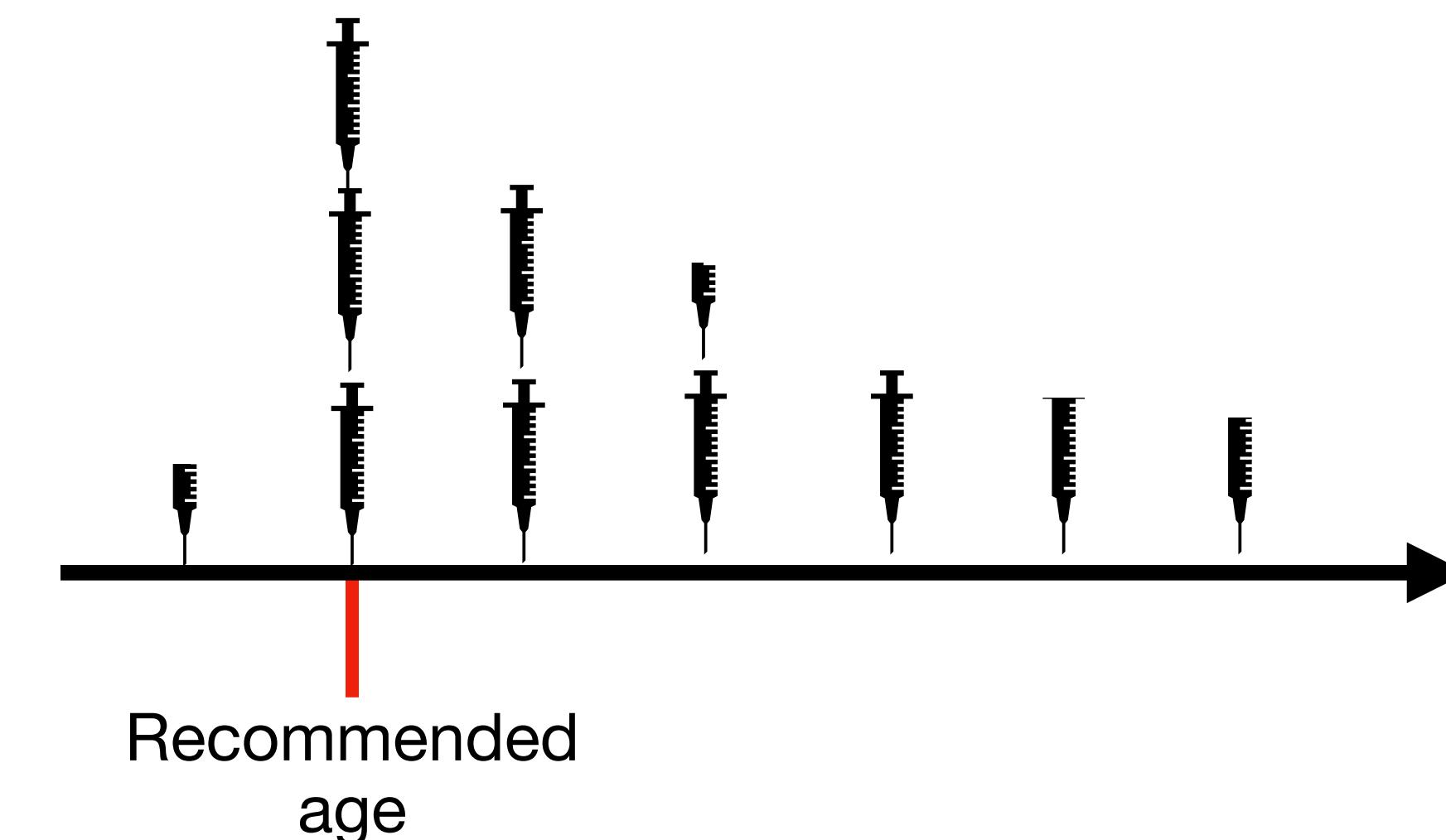
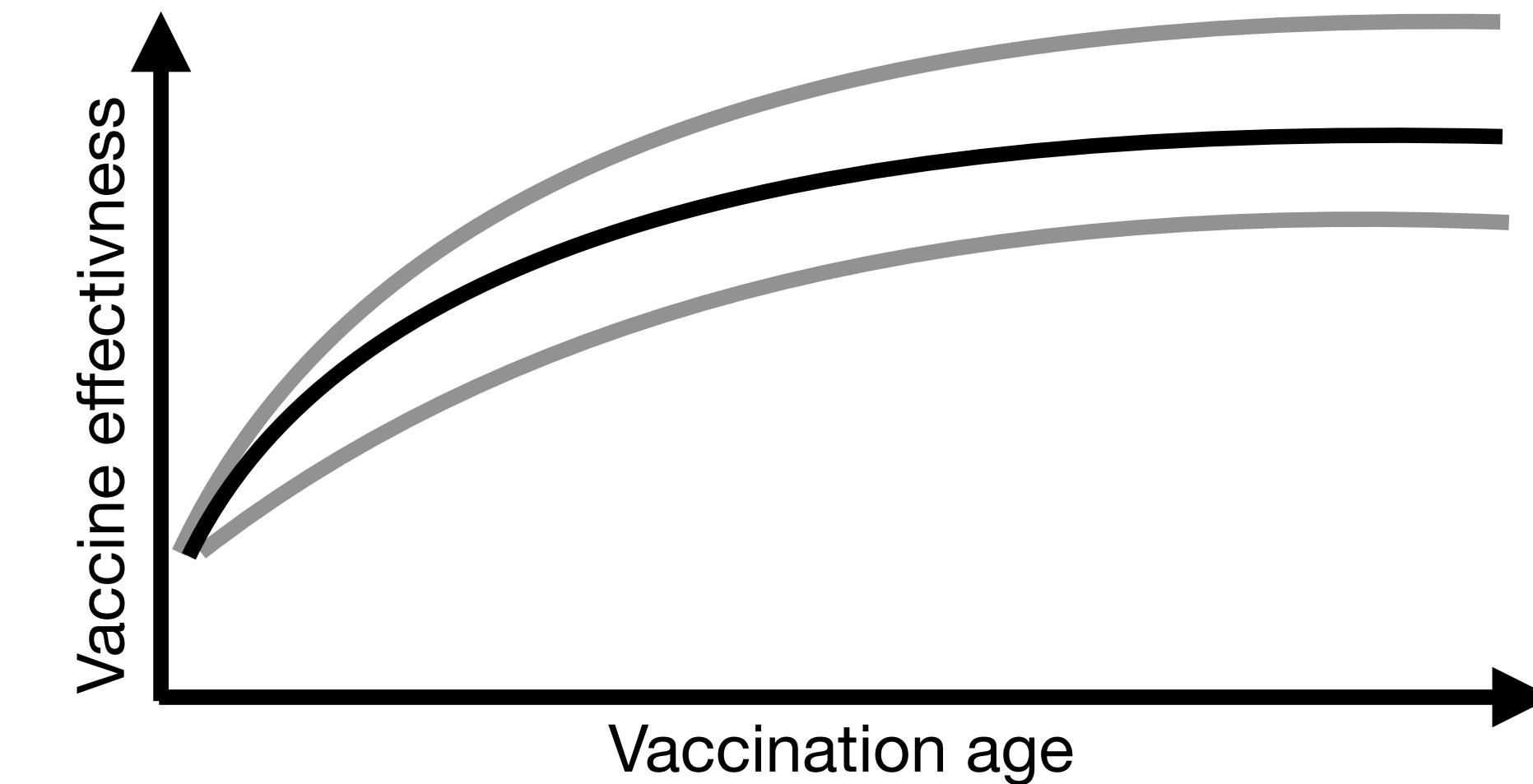
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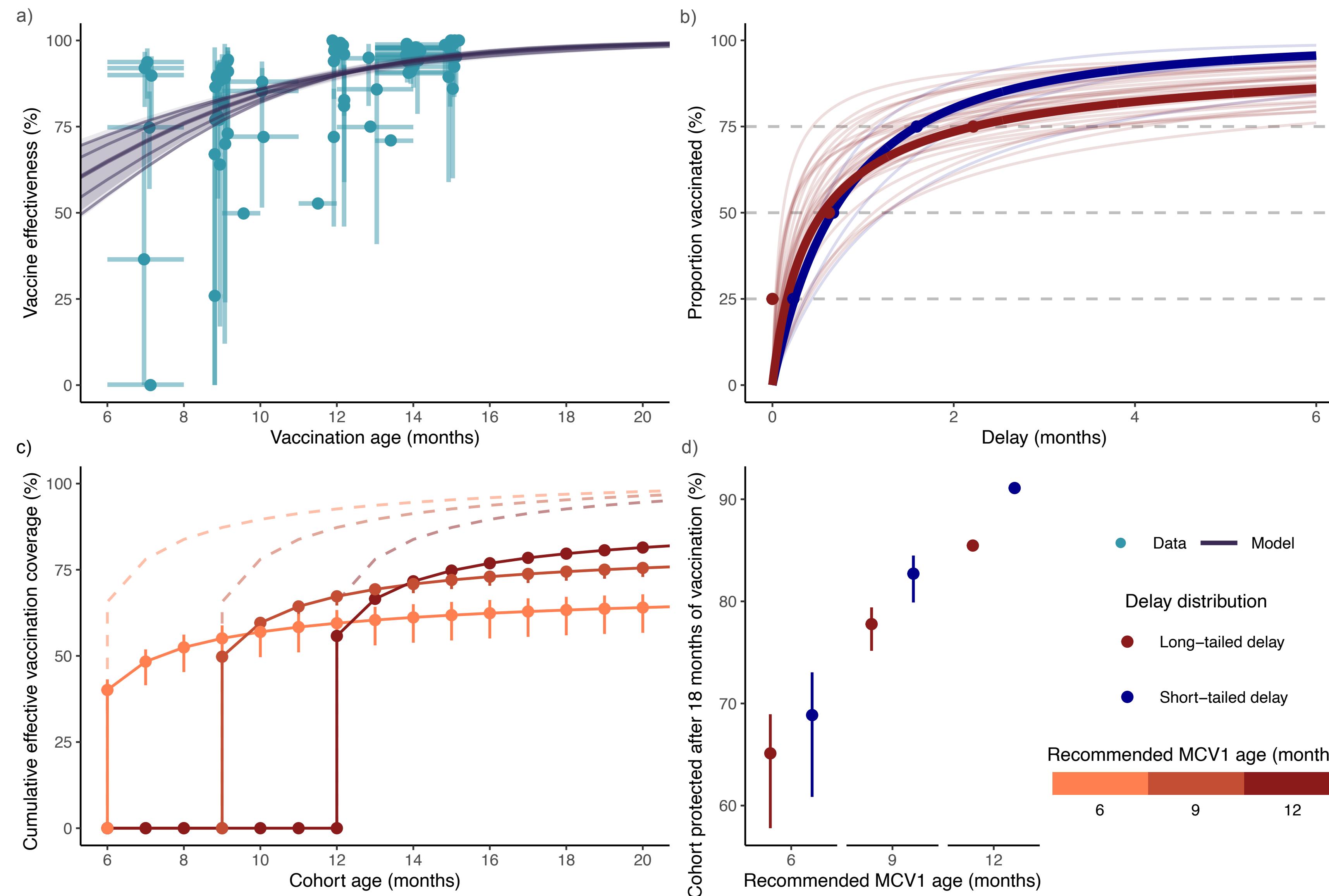
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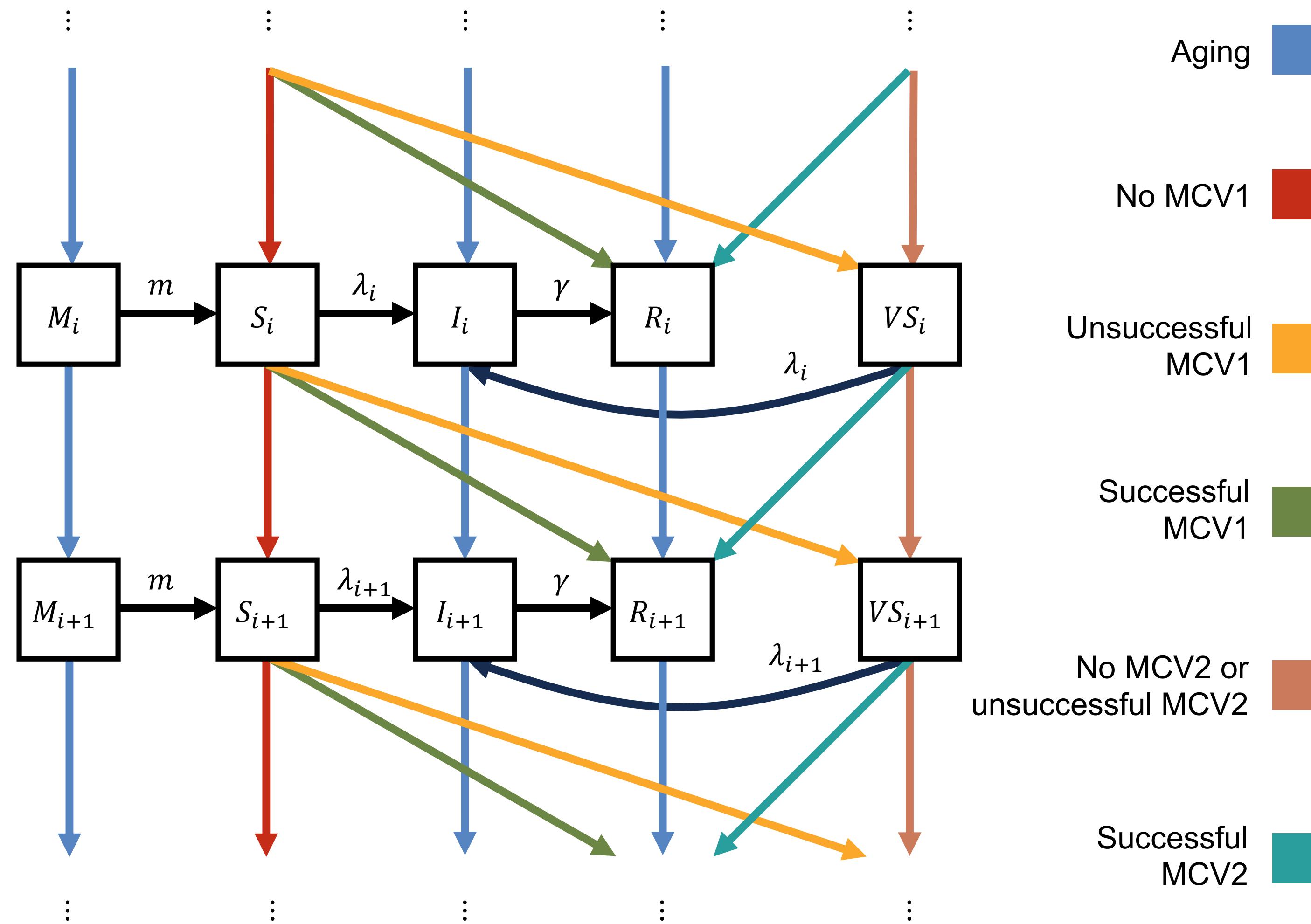
- Vaccine effectiveness curve
- Vaccination delay



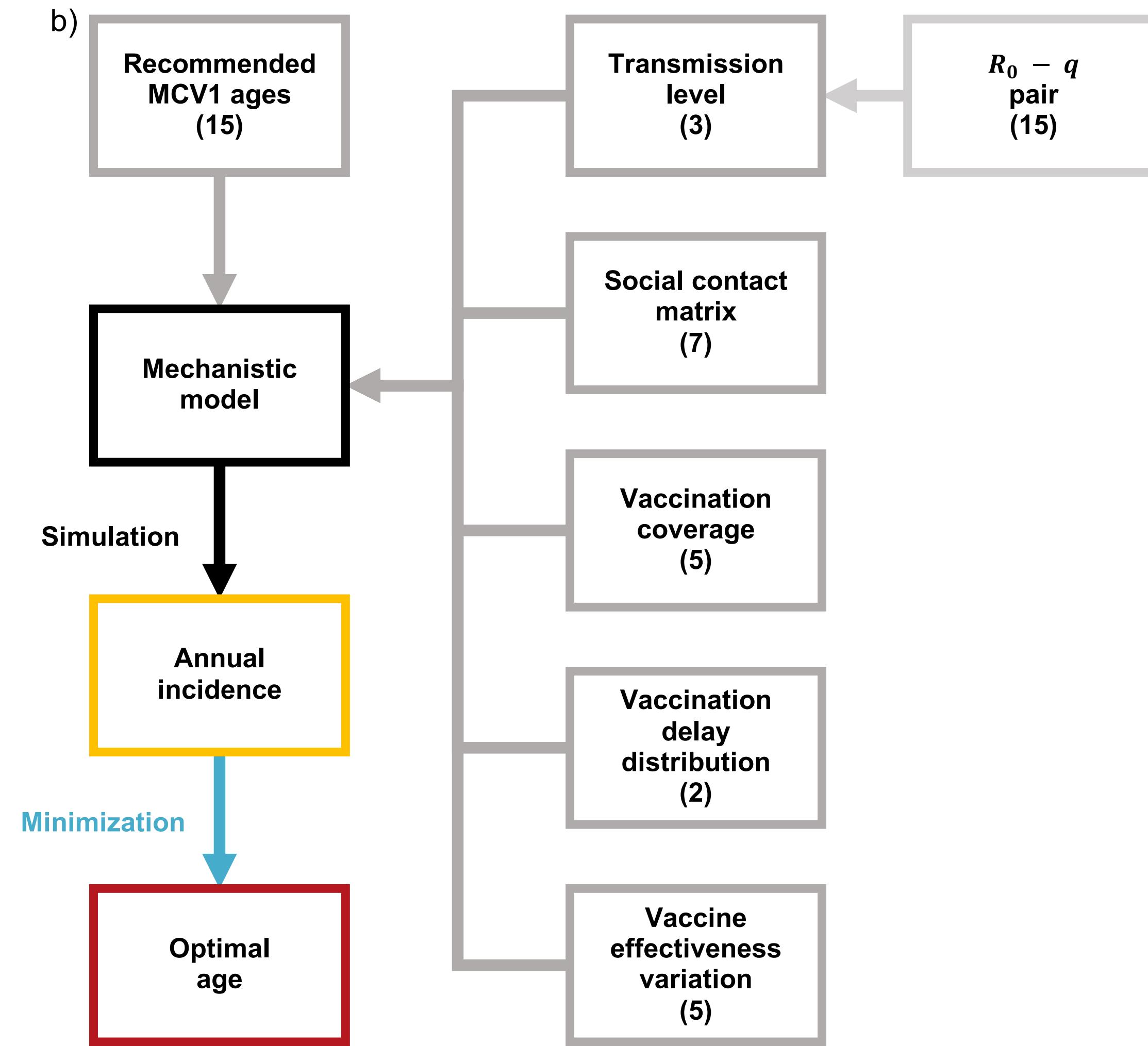
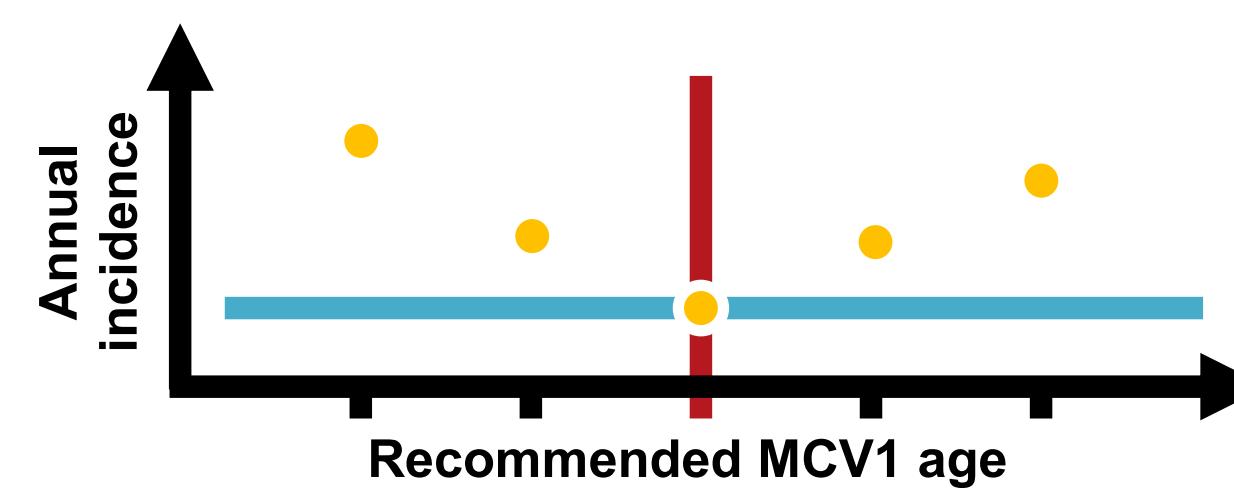
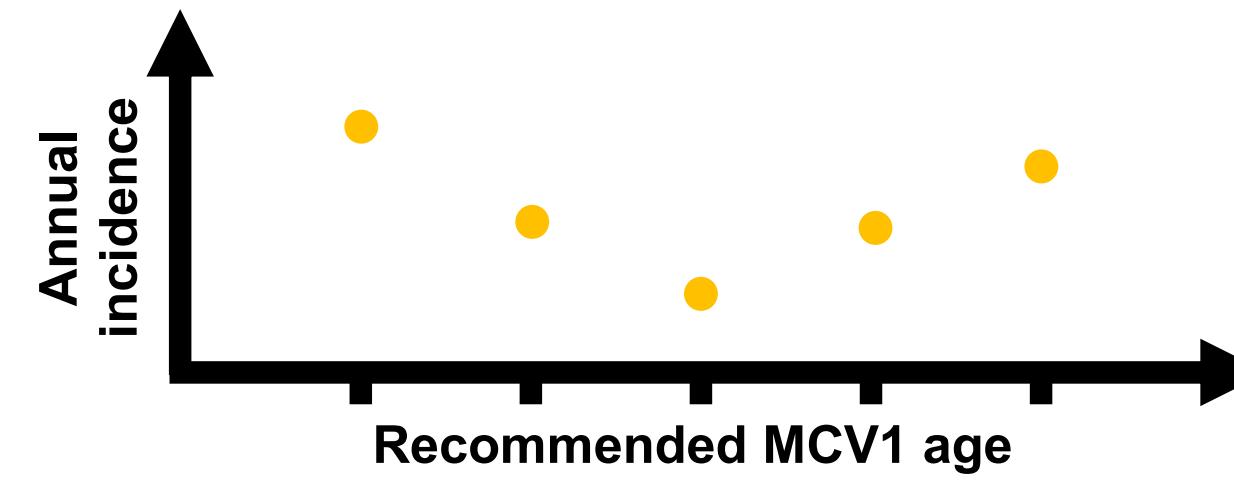
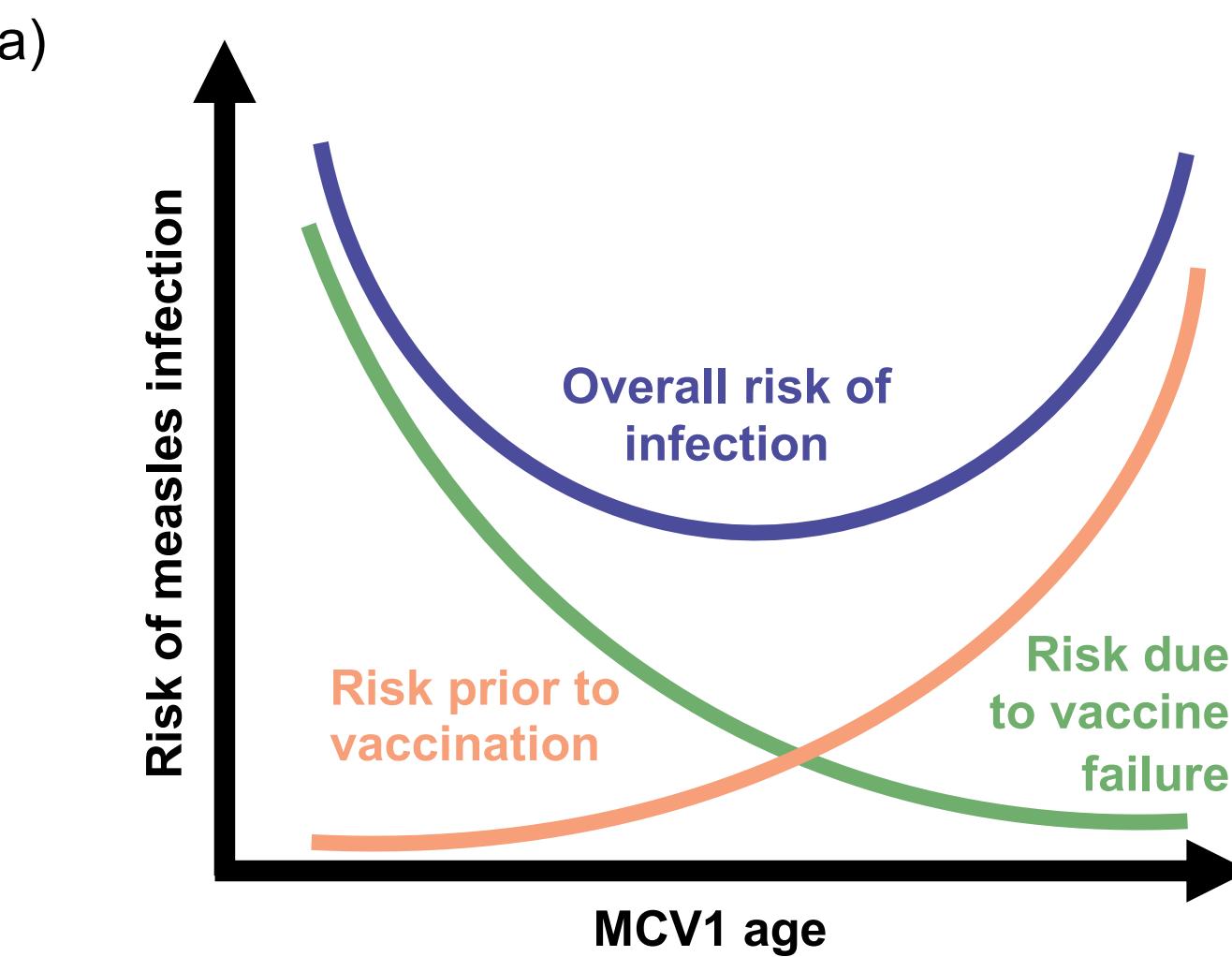
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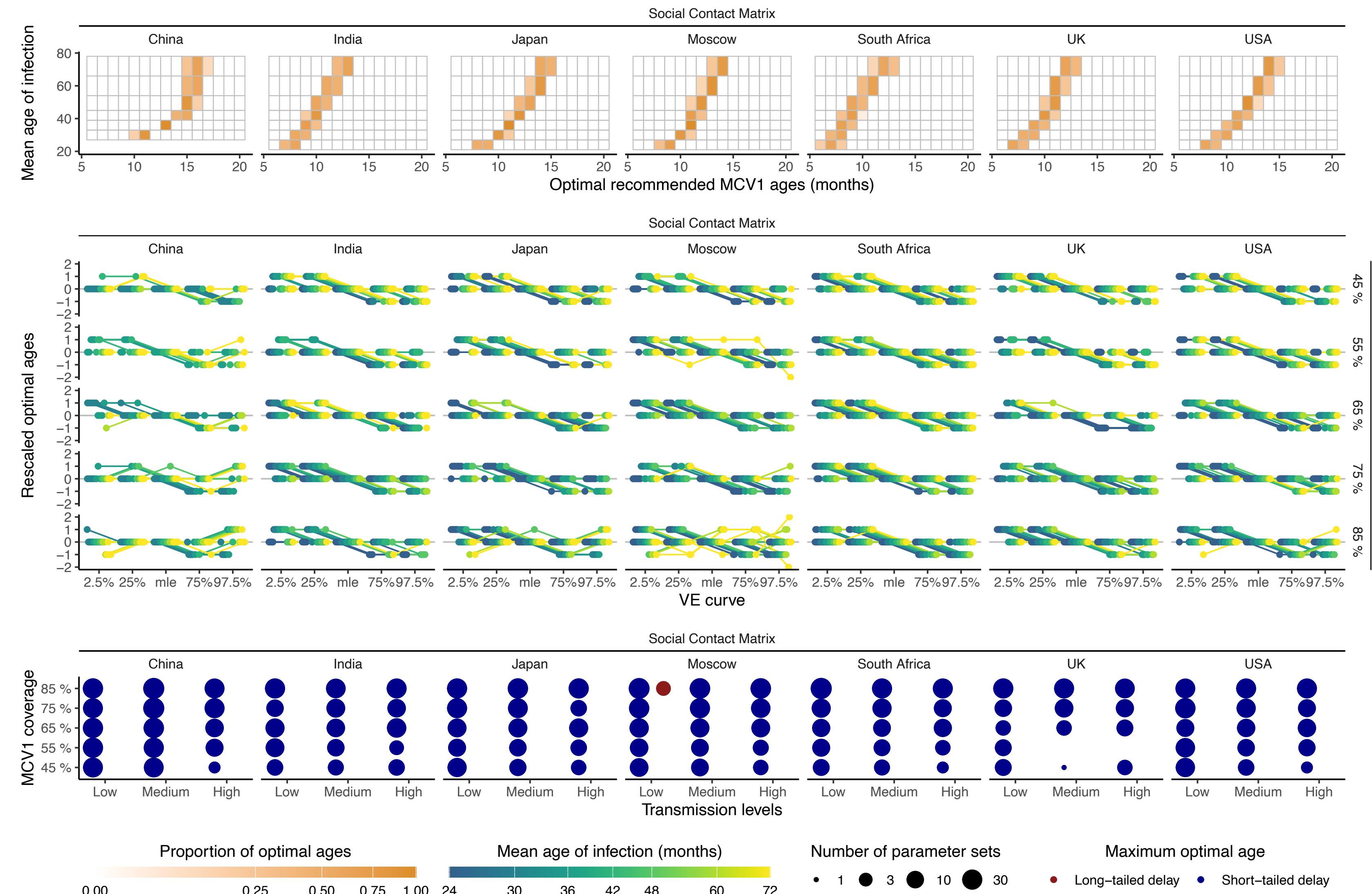
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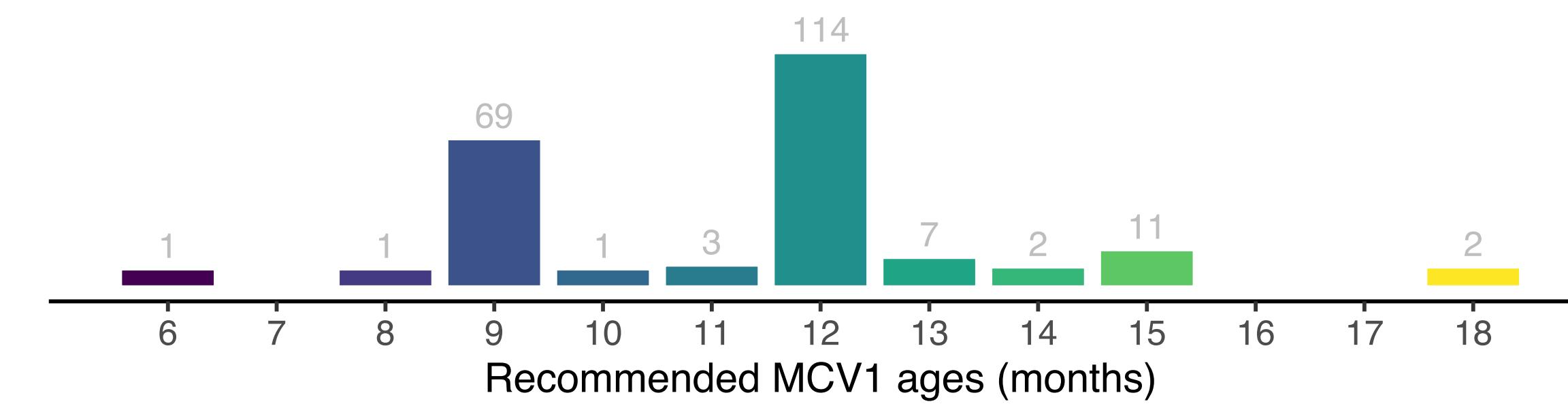
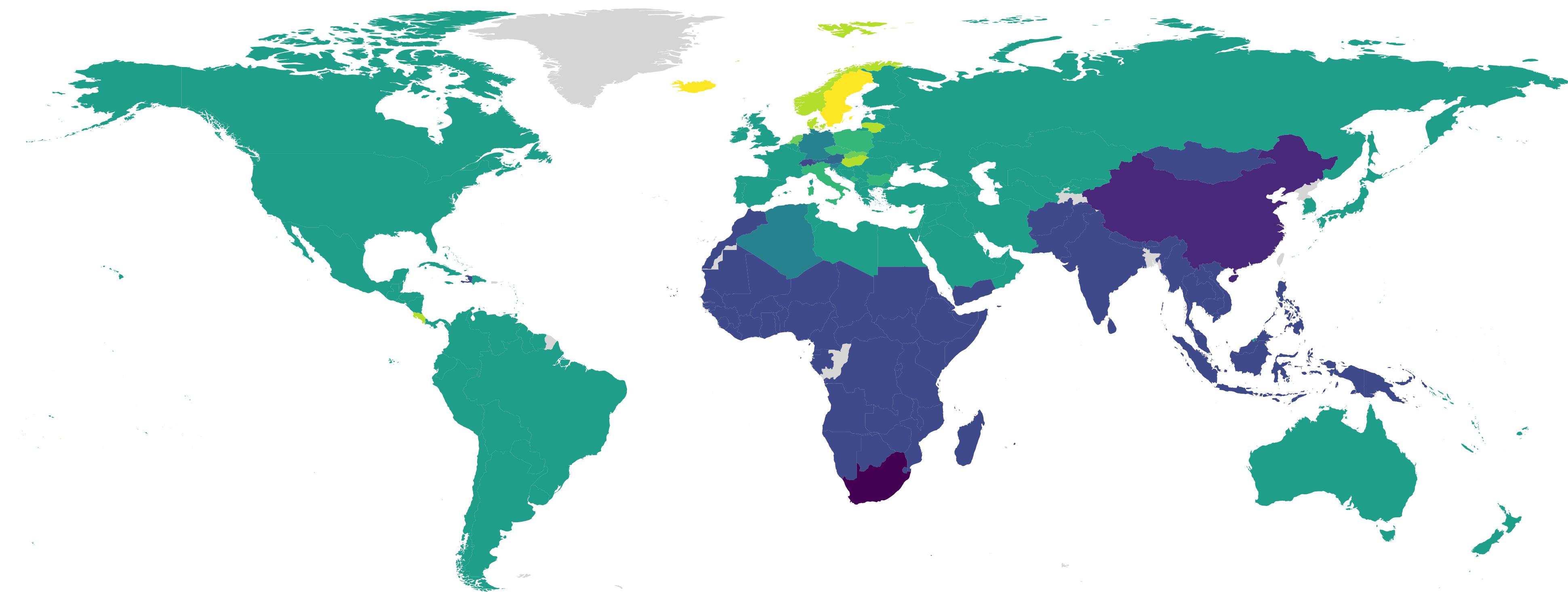


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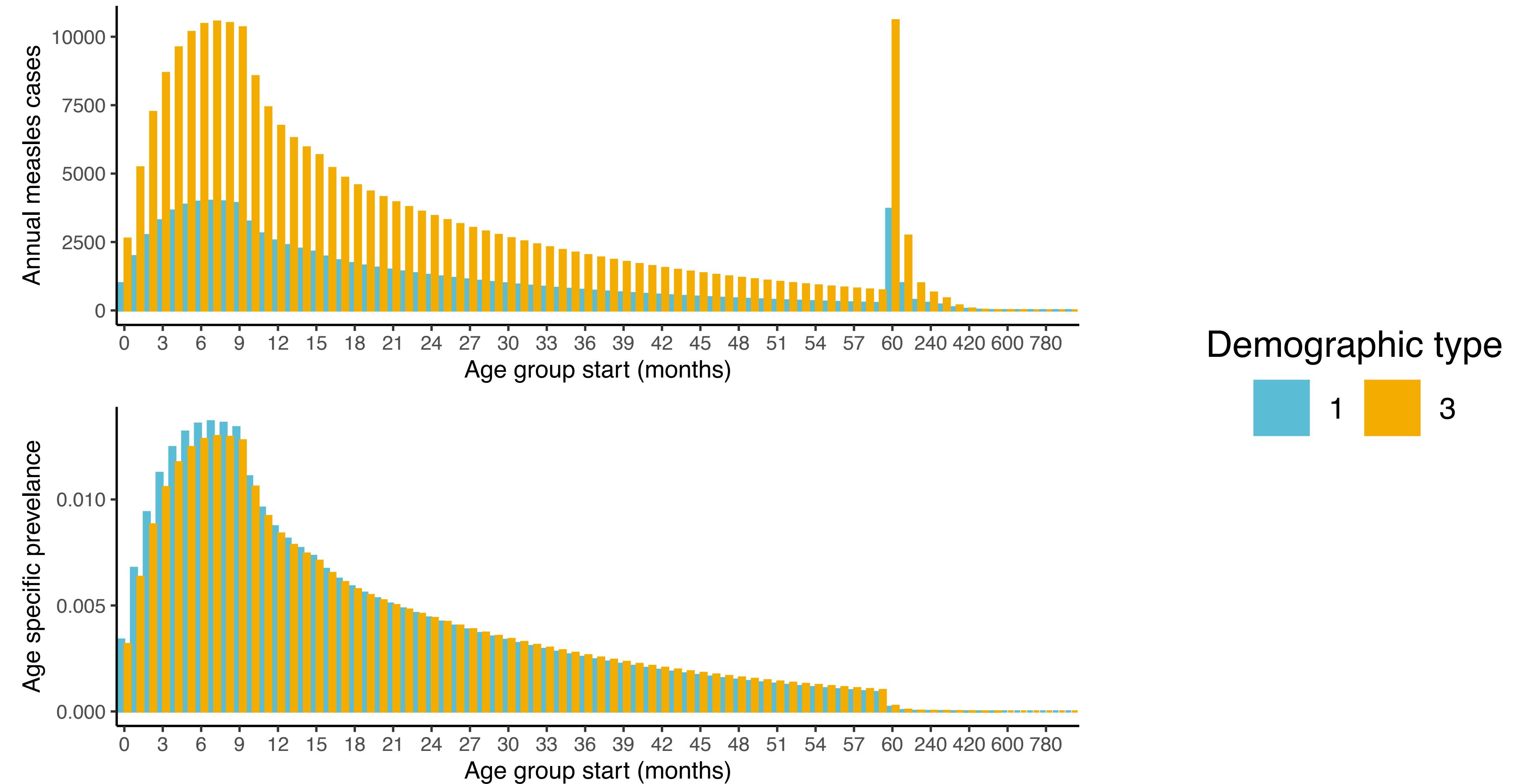


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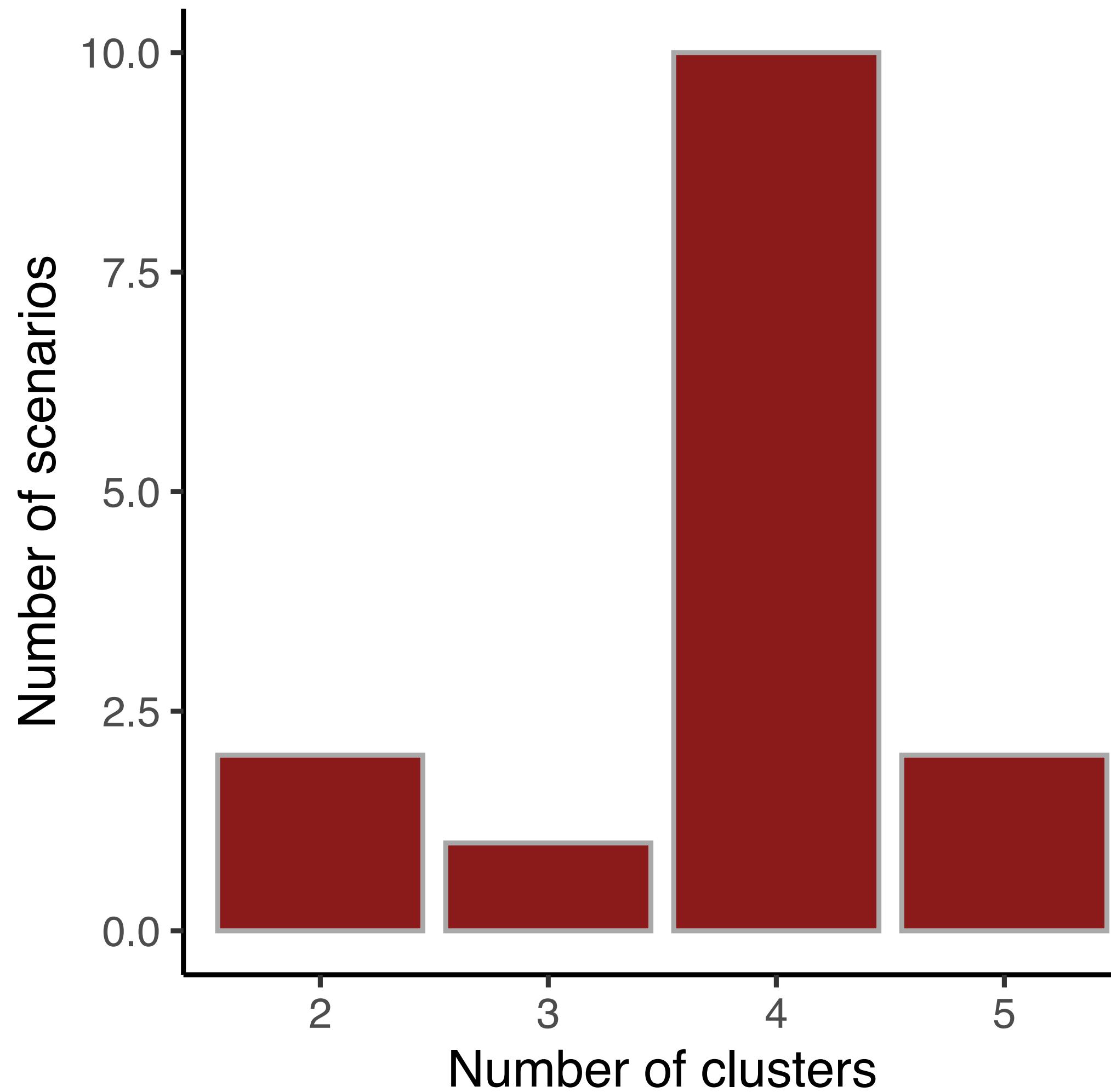




# Demography age differences



# SCM clustering



# Only varying $R_0$

