

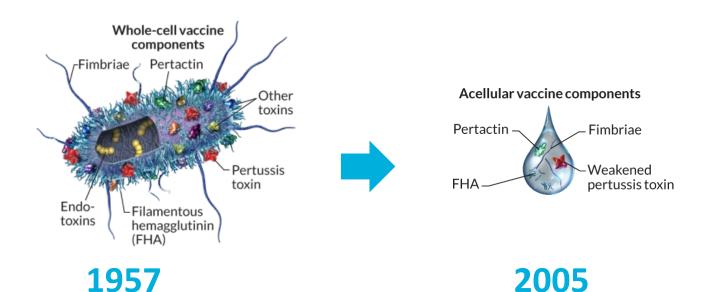
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### **Pertussis**

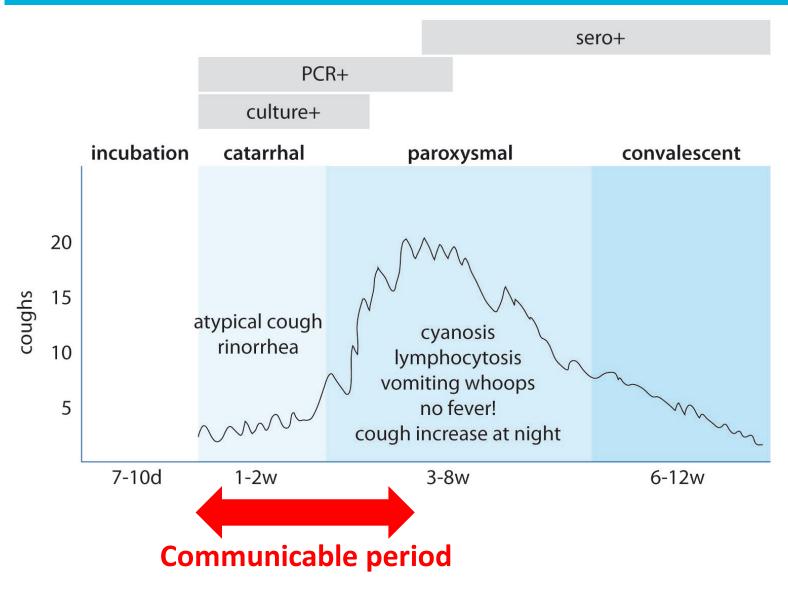
- Bordetella pertussis
- Uncontrollable coughing
- $ightharpoonup R_0 \approx 10-17$
- Vaccine-preventable



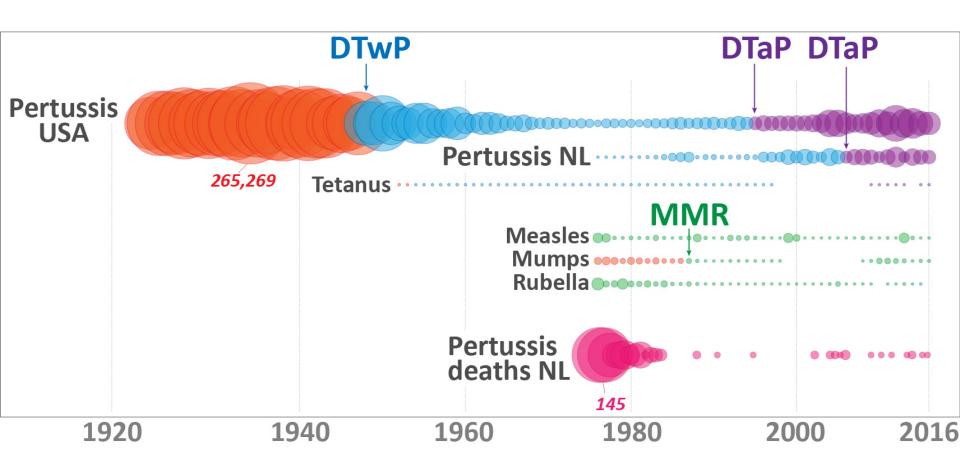
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# **Classical pertussis**



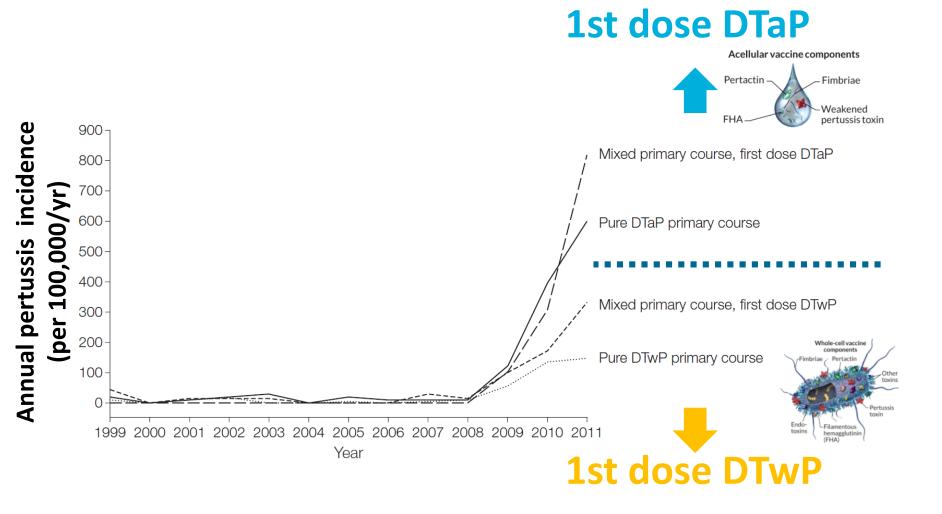
# **Vaccination history**



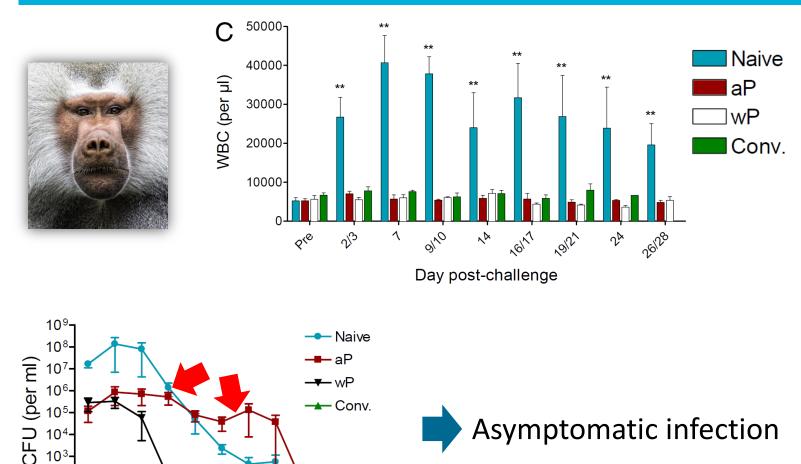
# **Explanations for the resurgence**

- 1. Improved awareness and molecular diagnostics
- 2. Pathogen adaptation
- 3. End-of-honeymoon
- 4. Switch to acellular vaccines
  - a) Herd immunity asymptomatic transmission
  - b) Duration of protection

# **Impact of priming**



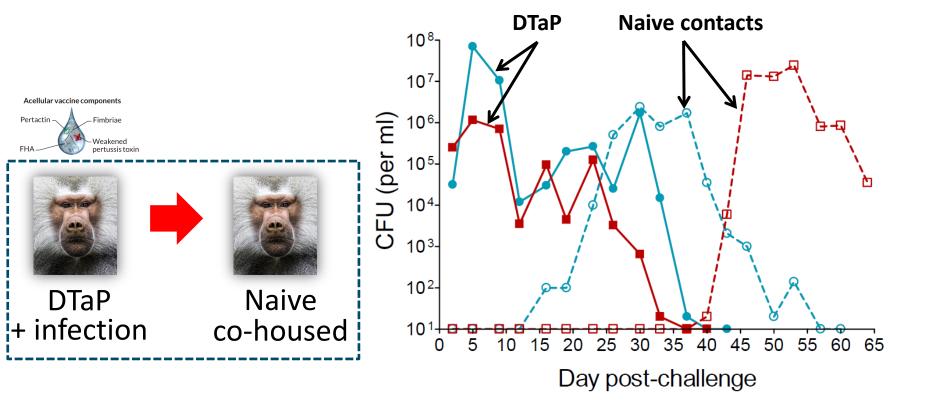
### **Effects of priming on disease & colonisation**



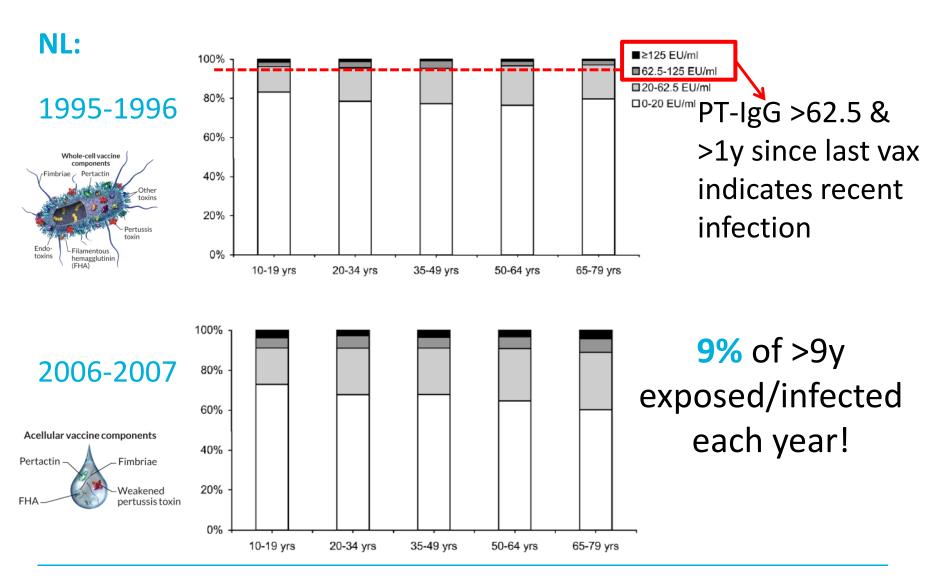
Day post-challenge

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# **Transmission of pertussis**



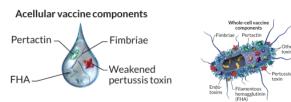
### **Increased circulation in the Netherlands**



# **Correlates of protection?**



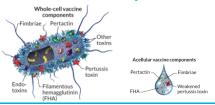
# **Disease: lungs**Mechanisms of protection





## Colonization/ transmission

Mechanisms of protection?



### PERtussIS COrrelates of Protection Europe

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### What is the PERISCOPE consortium?

#### **Public Partners (20)**

RUMC (C) UNIBAS

**UOXF** UB LUMC PHE TCD USAL UTU **ULB** CEA CHUV ICL US

**RIVM** QB **MRC** IMIC

**EURICE** 

#### **EFPIA Partners (2)**

Sanofi-Pasteur **GlaxoSmithKline** 

#### **FINANCING**

**BMGF** 7M **EFPIA** in-kind € **7M** IMI € 14M Total € 28M

# Strategic objectives

- Foster expertise and increase capacity in Europe to evaluate new pertussis vaccines in (pre)clinical models
- Identify (early) biomarkers of long-lasting protective immunity to pertussis in humans. This will accelerate and de-risk clinical development of next generation pertussis vaccines
- Investigate the impact of maternal vaccina-03 tion on the infant response to pertussis vaccination





### **Transmission in humans**

- Pertussis is very infectious in close settings like families and in schools
- Infection rate in families: >80%
  - 46% of infected family members (vaccinated during childhood) remain asymptomatic
  - Attack rates highest in mothers and sibling 9-13y old

# **PITA study**

### **Objective**

To study the **spread of** *B. pertussis* and the **development of symptoms** in relation to **immunological biomarkers** in a family setting with high potential exposure to *B. pertussis*.

### Study design

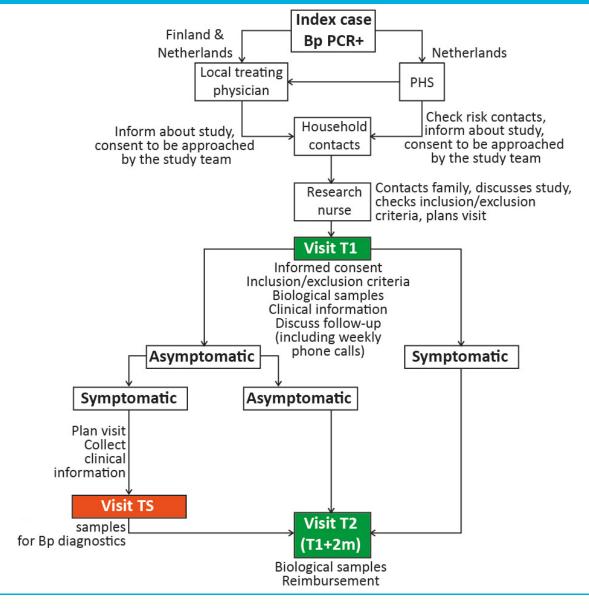
Household contact study in Finland and in the Netherlands

### **Study population**

- Index cases: Children <16 diagnosed with pertussis (PCR)</p>
- Contacts: All household contacts can be included (50 families in total)

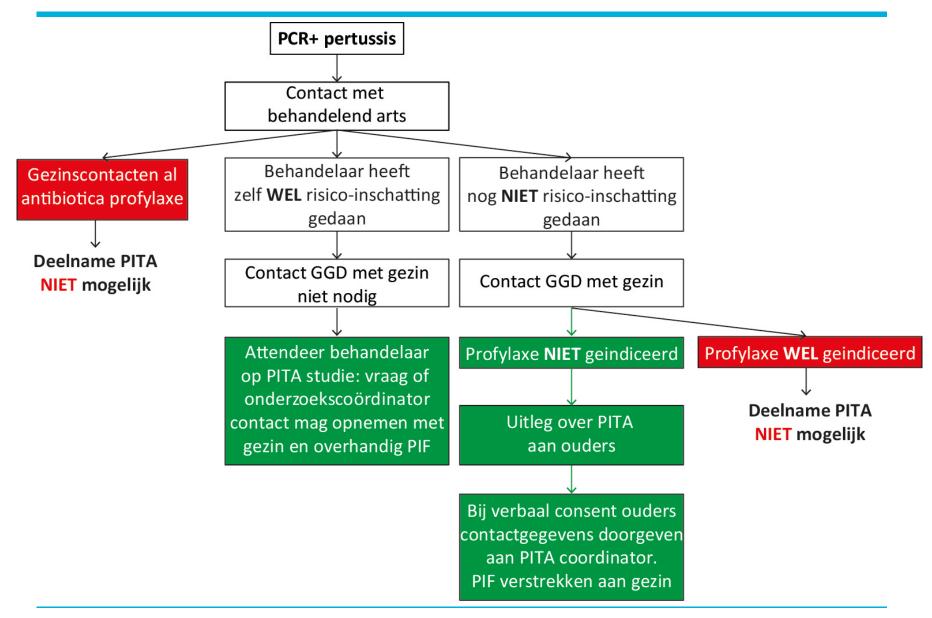


# **Study flowchart**





### **Contact index-casus**



# Screening

#### **Inclusion criteria:**

- index case <16 years old in the family with PCR-proven pertussis (start with <1y old index cases)</li>
- ≥ 2 asymptomatic household contacts who consent to participate at T1

### **Exclusion criteria:**

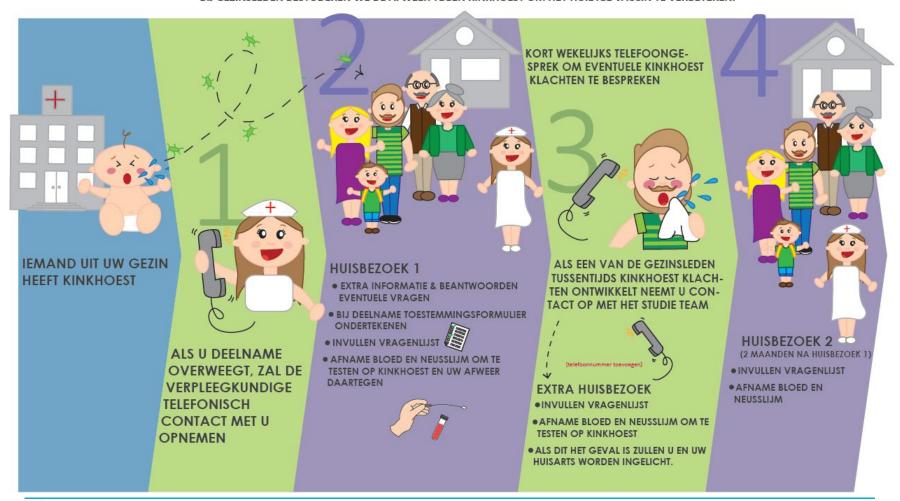
- Families with risk contacts → indication for post exposition prophylactic treatment
- Families for which it is not possible to organize visit T1 within 5
  days after PHS or the treating physician has informed them
  about the study
- Incapacitated household contacts



### **DE PITA STUDIE**

#### VERSPREIDING VAN KINKHOEST IN HUISELIJKE KRING

WE BESTUDEREN DE VERSPREIDING VAN KINKHOEST EN DE ONTWIKKELING VAN KINKHOEST KLACHTEN BINNEN HUISELIJKE KRING.
BIJ GEZINSLEDEN BESTUDEREN WE DE AFWEER TEGEN KINKHOEST OM HET HUIDIGE VACCIN TE VERBETEREN.





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