

*Corso di Aggiornamento*

**LA MEDICINA DI GENERE IN REUMATOLOGIA:  
APPROCCIO MULTIDISCIPLINARE PER LA SALUTE  
DELLA DONNA**

**Quando la mamma ha una malattia reumatica:  
il punto di vista del pediatra**

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# Autoimmunità e Gravidanza



1. Mio figlio/a avrà la mia stessa malattia?
2. Mio figlio/a avrà uno sviluppo normale?
3. Potrò allattare mio figlio/a?
4. Mio figlio/a deve essere vaccinato regolarmente?

# Lupus Eritematoso Neonatale

## Modello di Autoimmunità Acquisita Passivamente

CIRCOLAZIONE  
MATERNA

PASSAGGIO  
PLACENTARE

CIRCOLAZIONE  
FETALE

IgG, 11 settimane

anti-52kD SSA/Ro



anti-60kD SSA/Ro



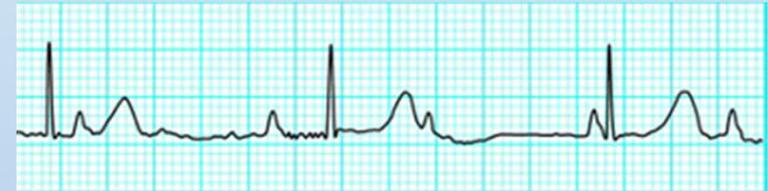
anti-48kD SSB/La



FcRIIb



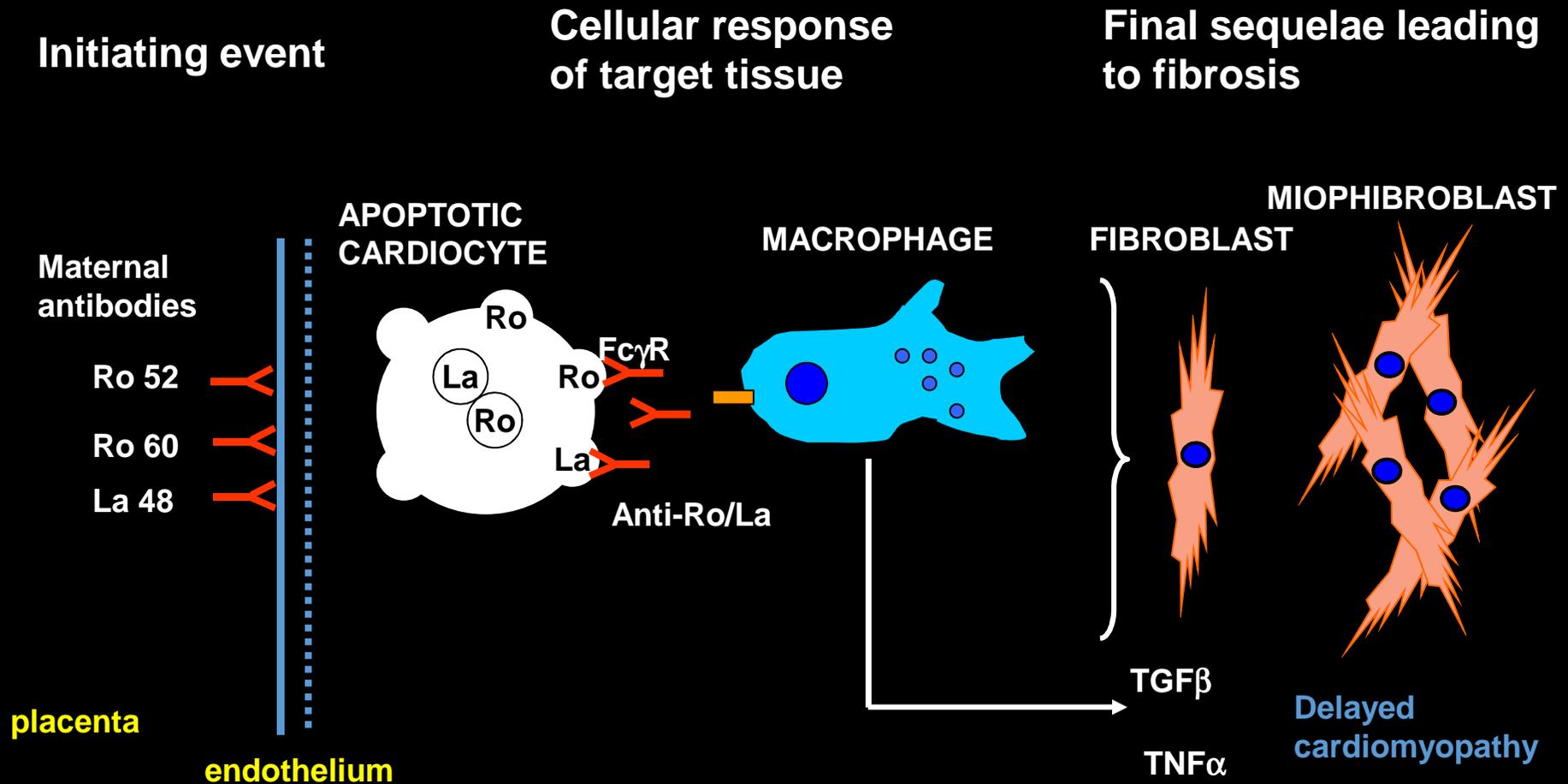
Bolcco Cardiaco Congenito



Rash Neonatale



# Blocco Cardiaco Congenito, Patogenesi



*Bujon JP, Neonatal Lupus Syndromes, Lupus 2004*

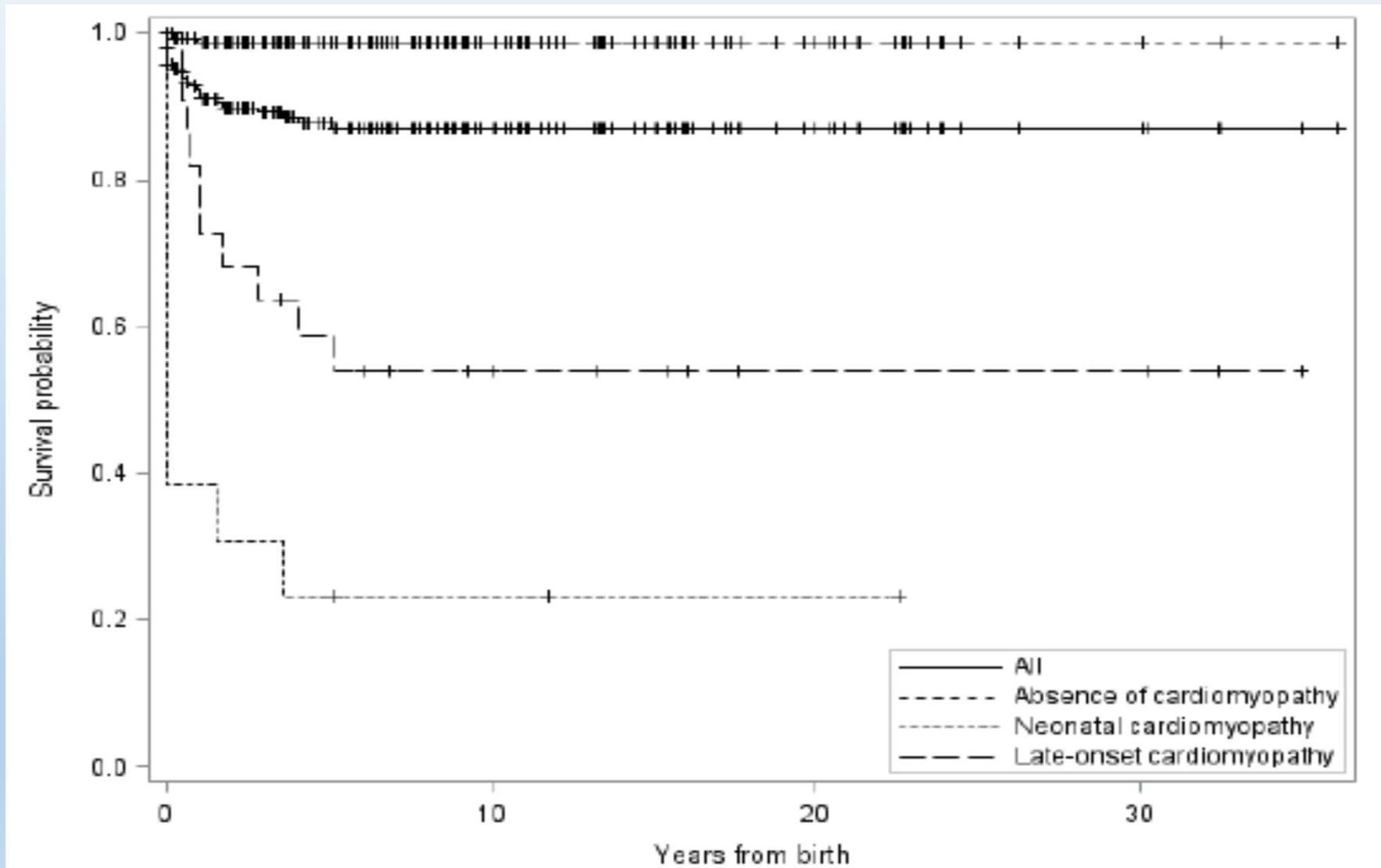
# Lupus Neonatale: blocco AV congenito

- Rischio 1-2% in Ro/SSA+
- Fetale, 18-26 sett. Gestazione, in una settimana
- Blocco AV completo è permanente (CCHB)
- 60-80% pacemaker (entro 12 mesi)
- Cardiomiopatia dilatativa

Incidence, risk factors, and mortality of neonatal and late-onset dilated cardiomyopathy associated with cardiac neonatal lupus. Morel N, IJCA, 2017

- 187 neonates with second- or third-degree CHB
- 18,8 % dilated cardiomyopathy
  - neonatal DCM (n=13, diagnosed at a median age of 0 day [birth - 4 days])
  - late-onset DCM (n=22, diagnosed at a median age of 15.2 months [3.6 months - 22.8 years])
- 11.8% died during a median follow-up of 7 years
- Fluorinated steroids showed no protective effect against late-onset DCM

# DCM: Probability of survival at 10 years



# Lupus neonatale: rash cutaneo

Neiman AR, J Pediatr 2000

- Neonatal onset, 6 wks from birth
- Rash detected or exacerbated  $\leq 2$  days after sun exposure 90%
- Duration of typical rash
  - $\leq 4$  months 50%
  - $\leq 7$  months 80%
  - $\leq 12$  months 100%
- Persisting skin rash 20%
- Distribution of rash
  - Head (with or without scalp or neck) 95%
  - Trunk (with or without groin) 25%
  - Extremities 25%
  - Whole body 10%
- Rischio  $< 1\%$  ?



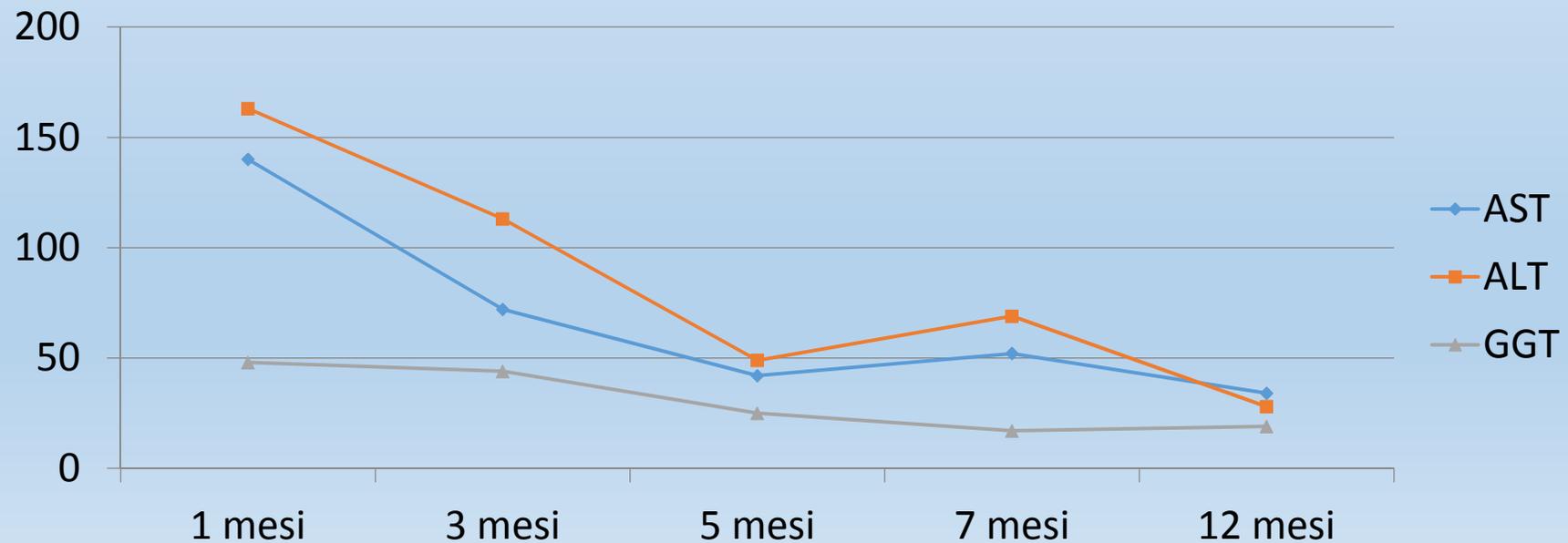
# Manifestazioni “minori” in NLE

- **Disturbi di conduzione** (Blocco AV 1° 8% anti-Ro+; *Motta M et al, J Perinatol 2007*)
- **Malattia epatobiliare** (9% of NLE; *Lee LA et al, Pediatrics 2002*)
- **Disturbi ematologici** (4-27% anti-Ro+, immune-related ? *Cimaz R et al, J Pediatr 2003*)
- **Anomalie neuro-radiologiche** (asintomatiche, frequenti)

# Lupus Eritematoso Neonatale



Anti-Ro/SSA +



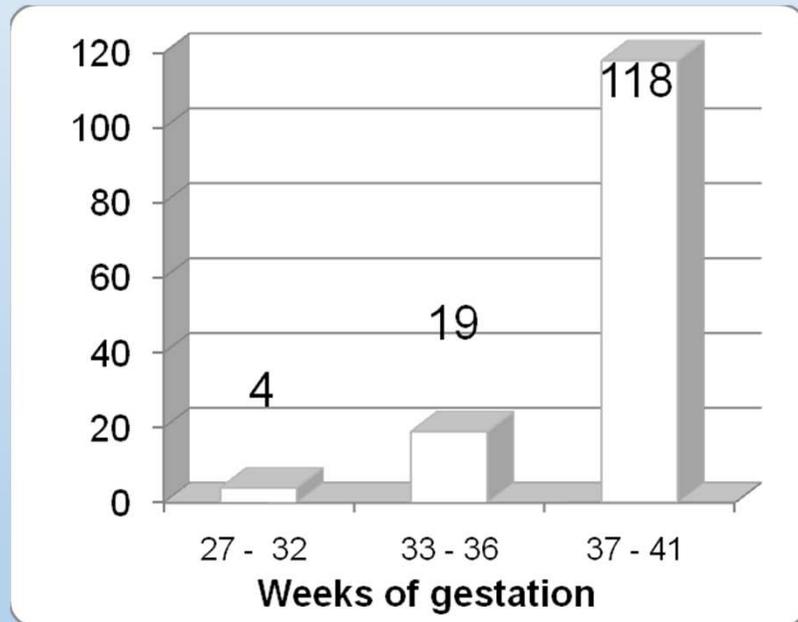
# Sindrome da anticorpi anti-fosfolipidi e gravidanza

- Disturbo della coagulazione mediato da anticorpi anti-fosfolipidi (aPL) caratterizzato da trombosi e complicanze della gravidanza
- La presenza di aPL si associa a spontanea e ricorrente perdita della gravidanza
- Il trattamento combinato con eparina e basse dosi di aspirina migliora la prognosi della gravidanza fino al 70%

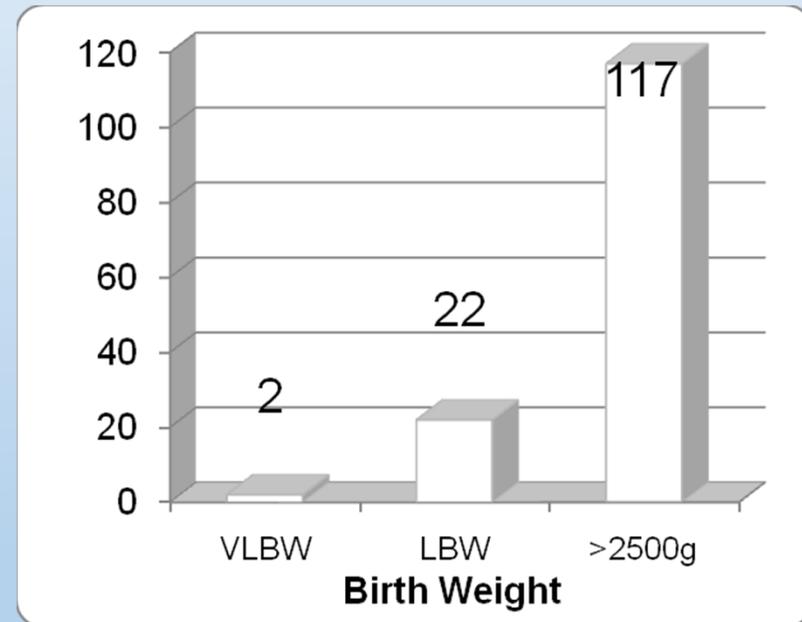
European registry of babies born to mothers with antiphospholipid syndrome. Mekinian A et al, Ann Rheum Dis 2012

Clinical findings in 141 neonates from 138 APS pregnancies

**16% Premature Birth**



**17% Low Birth Weight**



**11% Small for Gestational Age “dystrophic infants” (N=16)**  
**No clinical evidence of perinatal thrombosis**

**Neonatal APS registry**

# Placental transference aPL

aPL	N +neo./+mothers	% +neo./+mothers
LA	7/45	16
aCL	24/99	24
aB2GPI	26/60	43

# Anticardiolipin and anti- $\beta$ 2 glycoprotein I antibodies in infants born to mothers with antiphospholipid antibody-positive autoimmune disease: a follow-up study

Motta M et al, *Am J Perinatol* 2006

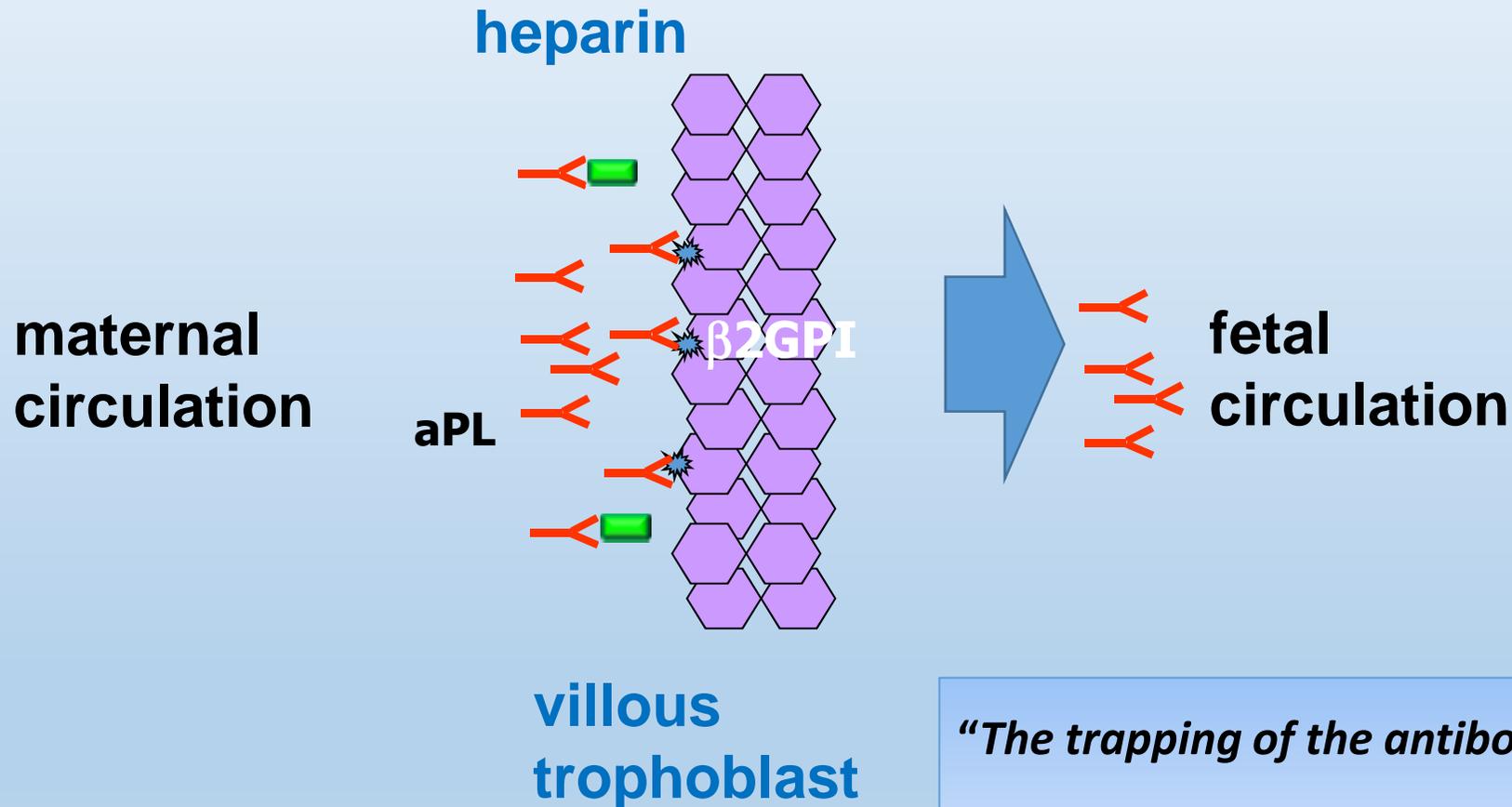
Placental Tranference of Auto-ABs in Infants from Mothers with AD

Autoantibodies (No. of positive mothers during pregnancy)	No. of Positive Infants at Birth (%)
aCL (n = 10)	3 (30) <sup>a</sup>
Anti- $\beta$ 2GPI (n = 13)	4 (30.7) <sup>b</sup>
ANA (n = 22)	18 (81.8) <sup>a,b</sup>

AD, autoimmune disease; aCL, anticardiolipin antibody;  $\beta$ 2GPI, beta<sub>2</sub> glycoprotein I; ANA, antinuclear antibody. <sup>a,b</sup>  $p < 0.05$

# Mechanisms limiting the placental transference of aPL

Motta M, Early Hum Dev 2009



*“The trapping of the antibodies in the placenta and their binding with Heparin”*

# Interessamento Neurologico, Ecografia Cerebrale

<b>Autore/Anno</b>	<b>Contesto</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>anomalia</b>	<b>Auto-AB</b>
<b>Cabanas 1996</b>	<b>NLE</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>LSV</b>	<b>ANA Anti-Ro/-La</b>
<b>Prendiville 2003</b>	<b>NLE</b>	<b>7/10</b>	<b>LSV SEPC EcoWM</b>	<b>ANA Anti-Ro/-La</b>
<b>Zuppa 2004</b>	<b>NLE</b>	<b>7/11</b>	<b>SEPC/SEH</b>	<b>Anti-Ro/-La</b>
<b>Motta 2011</b>	<b>AD</b>	<b>41/114</b>	<b>LSV SEPC EcoWM</b>	<b>ANA Anti-Ro/La aPL</b>

LSV: vasculopatia lenticolo-striatale

SEPC: cisti subependimale, SEH: emorragia subependimale

EcoWM: iperecogenecità sostanza bianca

10 of 11 consecutive infants with NLE had cerebral abnormalities on cUS or CT scan



*“Subclinical central nervous system disease in NLE is likely to be a transient phenomenon.... The potential for neurologic sequelae is uncertain”*

Prendiville JS , Pediatr Dermatol 2003

# Cerebral ultrasound abnormalities in infants born to mothers with autoimmune disease

Motta M et al, *Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed* 2011

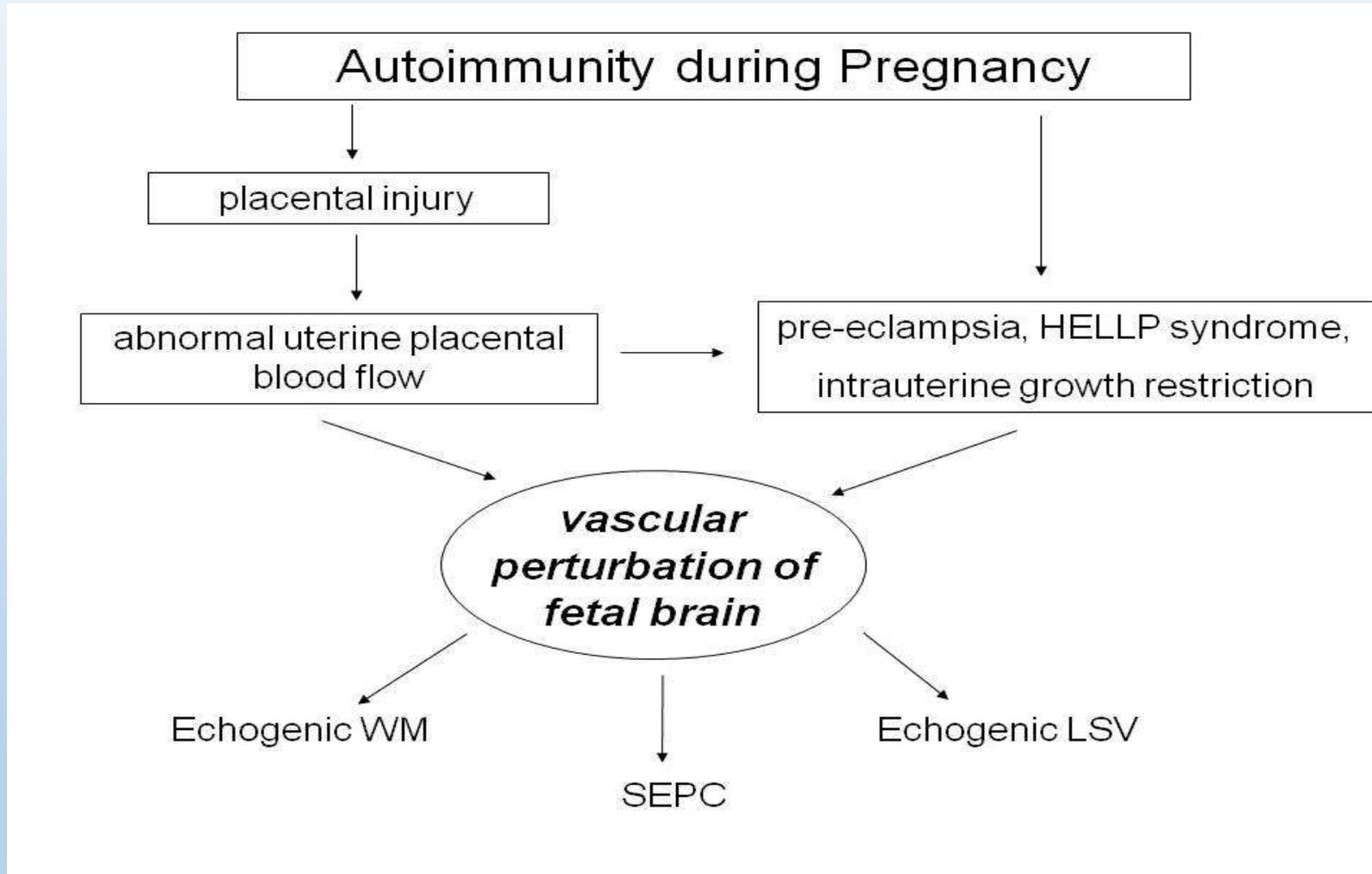
Relationship between cerebral abnormalities on cUS and exposure to perinatal risk factors related to maternal AD

<b>Perinatal risk factors</b>	<b>Non-parametric test</b>	
	<b>Cerebral abnormalities on cUS in exposed vs unexposed infants</b>	<b>p Value</b>
aPL	6/15 vs 17/55	0.506
Anti-Ro/SSA	2/16 vs 20/63	0.211
Glucocorticoid	24/68 vs 17/46	0.856
Low-dose aspirin	37/104 vs 4/10	0.745
Hydroxychloroquine	16/43 vs 25/71	0.829
Azathioprine and/or ciclosporin A	9/17 vs 32/97	0.114
Preterm birth	9/20 vs 32/94	0.354
LBW	9/18 vs 32/96	0.176
IUGR	5/10 vs 36/104	0.333

*“...fetal brain injury may be due to a combination of several factors in this clinical setting.”*

# Proposed pathogenic mechanism

Motta M et al, *Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed* 2011



*?? clinical relevance and prognostic value of cerebral abnormalities detected by cUS*

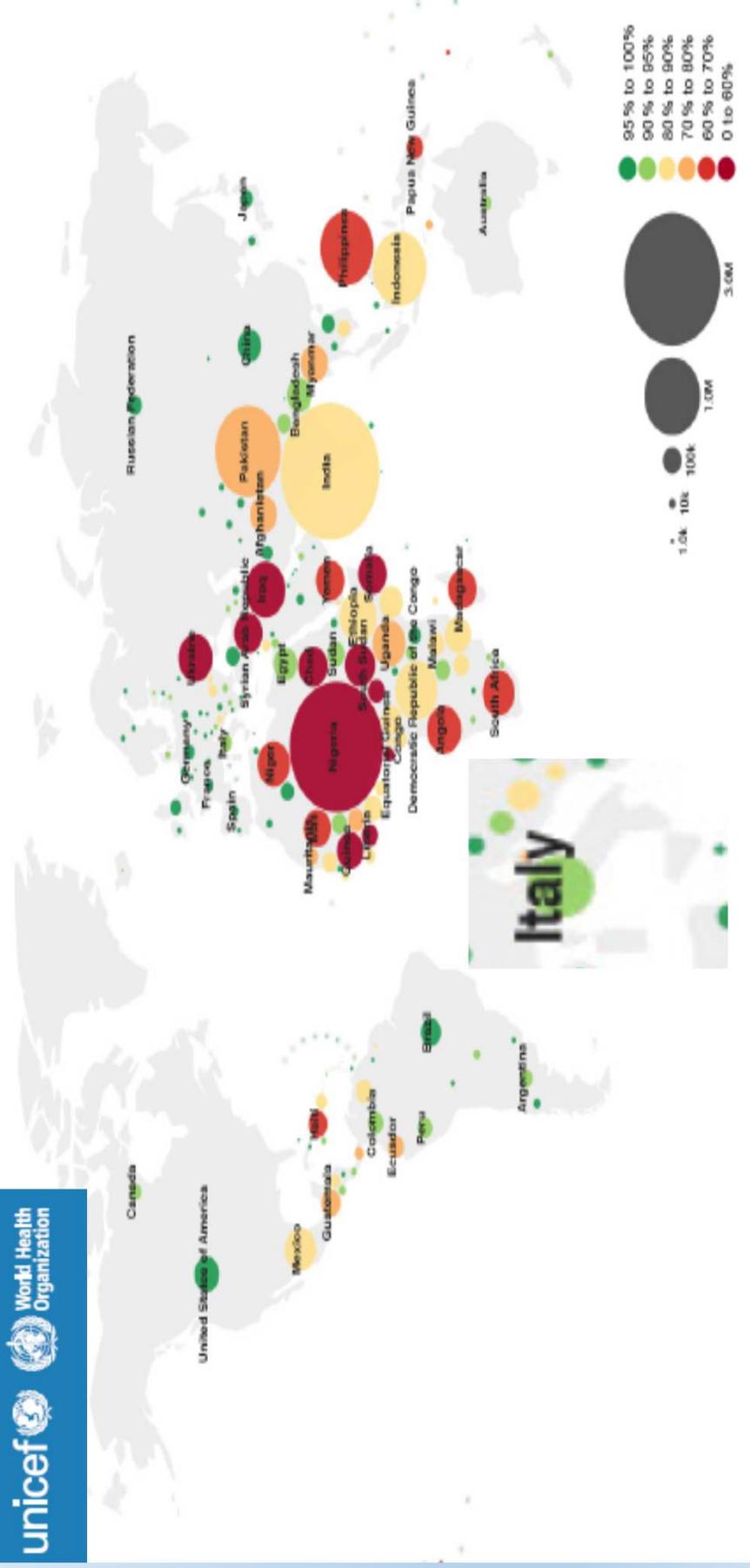
24-30 aprile 2017

# I vaccini? Funzionano!

Proteggono la salute in ogni fase della vita

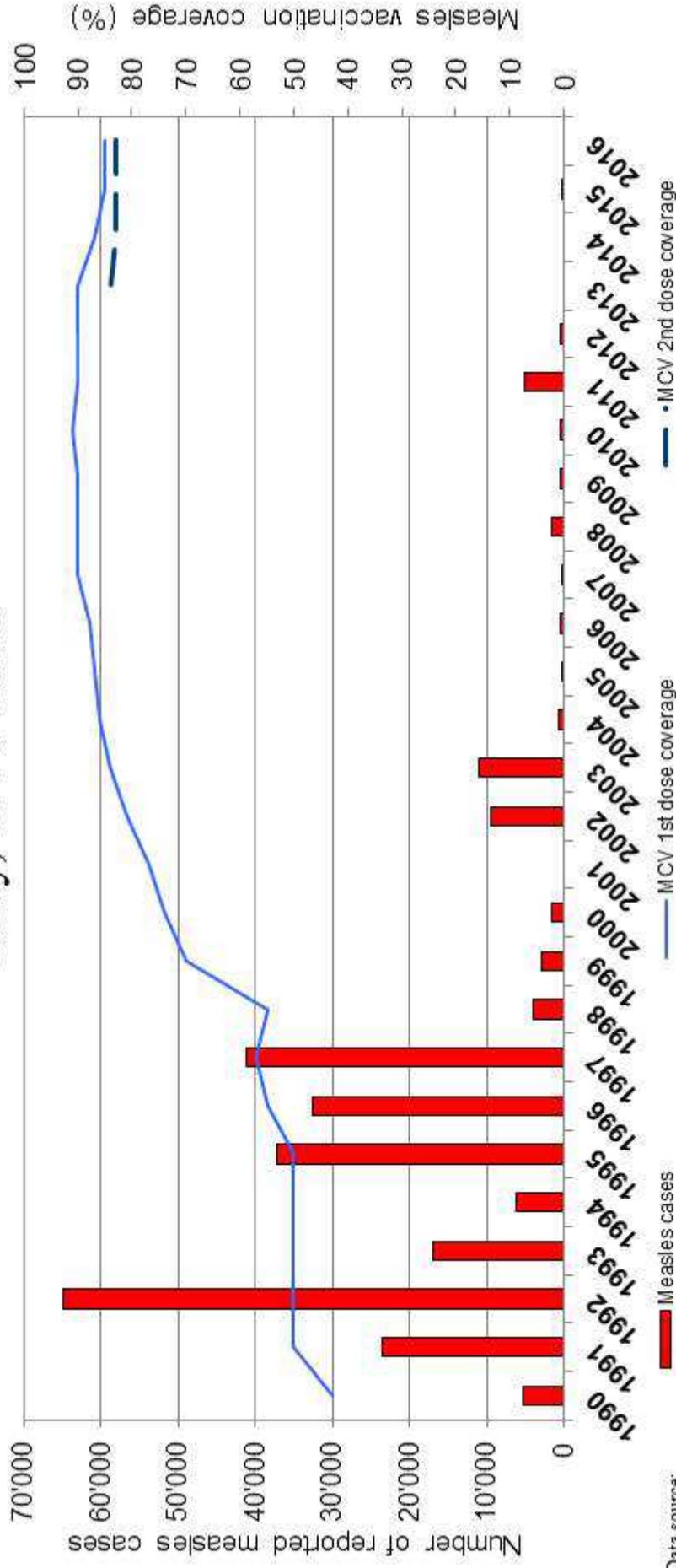


## 2015 DTP3 Coverage and Numbers of Unvaccinated Children by Country



Date of chart: 11/09/2017

# Reported measles cases and MCV vaccination coverage, Italy, 1990-2016



Data source:

Measles cases - Reported by National Authorities to WHO annually; Measles Containing Vaccines (MCV) vaccination coverage (Data as of 05 Sep. 2017);

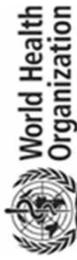
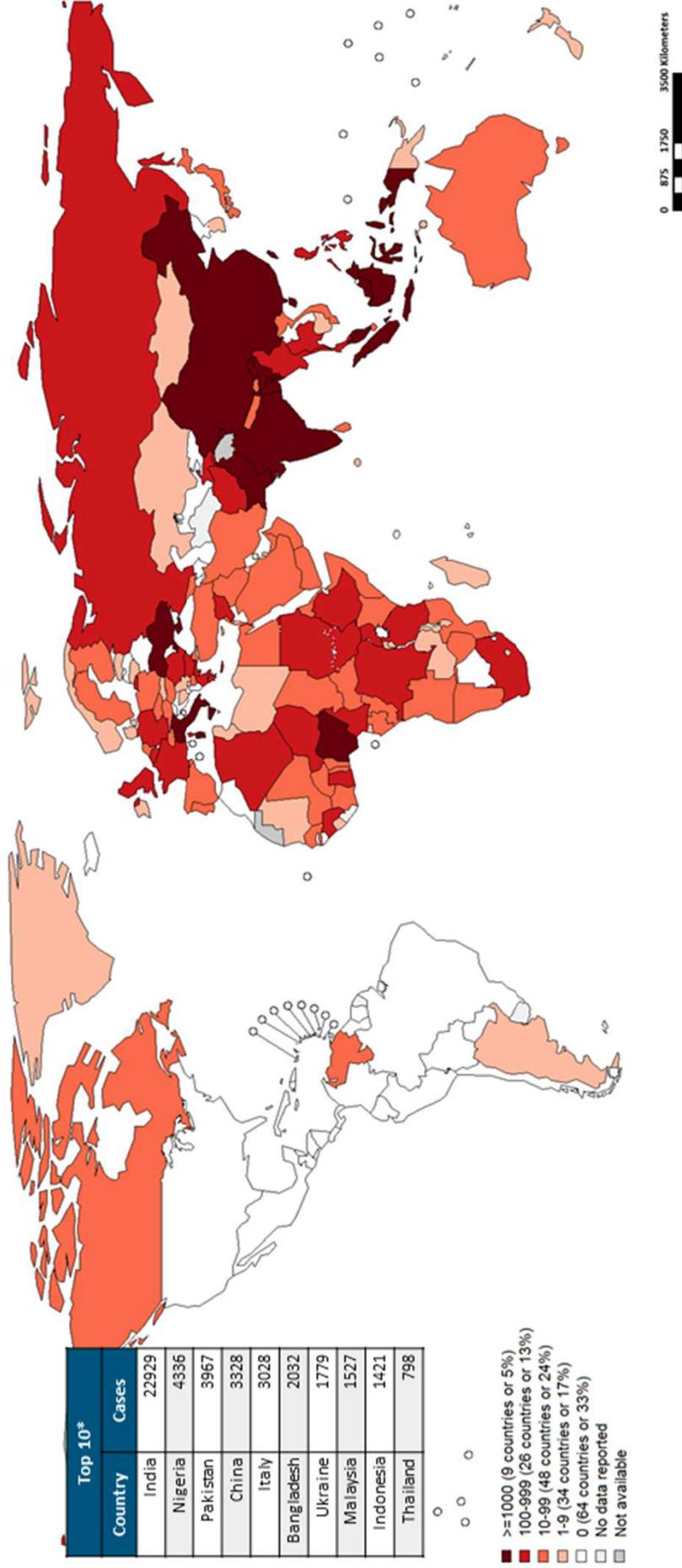
WHO/UNICEF immunization coverage estimates 1990-2016 (Data as of 15 July 2017) ;

Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIA): WHO/EPI database (Data as of 05 Sep. 2017).

[http://www.who.int/entity/immunization/monitoring\\_surveillance/data/Summary\\_Measles\\_SIAs\\_2000\\_2016.xls](http://www.who.int/entity/immunization/monitoring_surveillance/data/Summary_Measles_SIAs_2000_2016.xls)



## Number of Reported Measles Cases (6M period)



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Data source: IVB Database

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Based on data received 2017-11 - Surveillance data from 2017-04 to 2017-09 - \* Countries with highest number of cases for the period

## Immune system development in infants born to mothers with AD and exposed in utero to immunosuppressive agents

Studies	n° of Infants*	Mothers treatment	Main results on immunity assessment
<b>Cimaz</b> 2004, Tox Lett	9	GC, CsA, AZA	normal serum Ig, IgG subclasses and Ly. subpopulations; normal response to HBV vaccination
<b>Airò</b> 2006, Lupus	8	High doses GC	normal thymic function (TREC <sub>s</sub> ); normal T-cell competence
<b>Cimaz</b> 2007, Lupus	22	GC, CsA, HCQ	response to tetanus vaccination: no relationship with specific drug exposure
<b>Biggioggero</b> 2007, Lupus	14	GC, CsA, AZA	normal serum Ig, IgG subclasses and Ly. subsetspopulations; normal production IL-2 and INF- $\gamma$ (in vitro)
<b>Motta</b> 2007, Am J Perinatol	19	GC, CsA, AZA, HCQ	normal Ly. subpopulations (B1-cells and CD25); normal Ig production (in vitro)

\*No severe or recurrent infections occurred in a total of 72 children involved in these studies

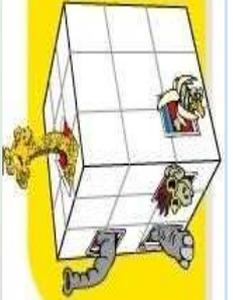
# European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR), ARD 2015

<b>Farmaco</b>	<b>Compatibilità con allattamento</b>
<b>Corticosteroids</b>	<b>SI</b>
<b>Hydroxychloroquine</b>	<b>SI</b>
<b>Methotrexate</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Sulfasalazine</b>	<b>SI (1)</b>
<b>Leflunomide</b>	<b>Dati non disponibili</b>
<b>Azathioprine (&lt;2mg/Kg/day)</b>	<b>SI</b>
<b>Ciclosporin</b>	<b>SI (2)</b>
<b>Tacrolimus</b>	<b>SI (2)</b>
<b>Cyclophosphamide</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Mycophenolate Mofetil</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Anti-TNF</b>	<b>SI (2)</b>
<b>Other biologics</b>	<b>Dati non disponibili</b>

(1) Neonato a termine, (2) Dati limitati

# Conclusioni

- Il Lupus Neonatale è una patologia autoimmune acquisita (anti-Ro/anti-La); il CCHB (1-2%) è irreversibile, le altre manifestazioni sono transitorie
- In questi bambini sono descritte una serie di anomalie cerebrali (cUS) ma l'eventuale associazione con auto-Ab materni non è chiara
- Nella Sindrome da aPL le complicanze della gravidanza sono frequenti; il passaggio transplacentare di aPL è limitato (30%), il rischio di eventi trombotici neonatali è basso
- Evidenze cliniche e di laboratorio suggeriscono una normale funzione immune nei bambini esposti in utero a immunosoppressori
- In molti casi l'allattamento materno è possibile



**ospedale dei Bambini di Brescia**

