Immunogenicity and Efficacy of Polysaccharide and Polysaccharide-Protein Conjugate Vaccines in Neonates

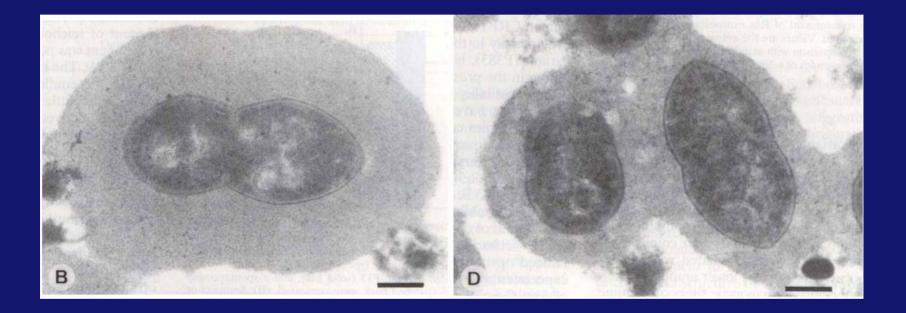
Session 4

The Antibody Response to Capsular Polysaccharide Antigens

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Encapsulated Pneumococci



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V Gene Repertoire
Affinity/Avidity
Molecular Basis of Antibody Function
Ontogeny

HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B (HIB): A MODEL HUMAN ANTI-POLYSACCHARIDE ANTIBODY RESPONSE

- Encapsulated: 3-β-D-ribose-(1→1)-D-ribitol--5-phosphate
- Pathogenic: meningitis, epiglottitis, septic arthritis Anti-Capsular Antibody Response
 - Protective
 - Ontogenically Regulated
 - Pauciclonal
 - Limited V Region Diversity
- **Conjugate Vaccines**

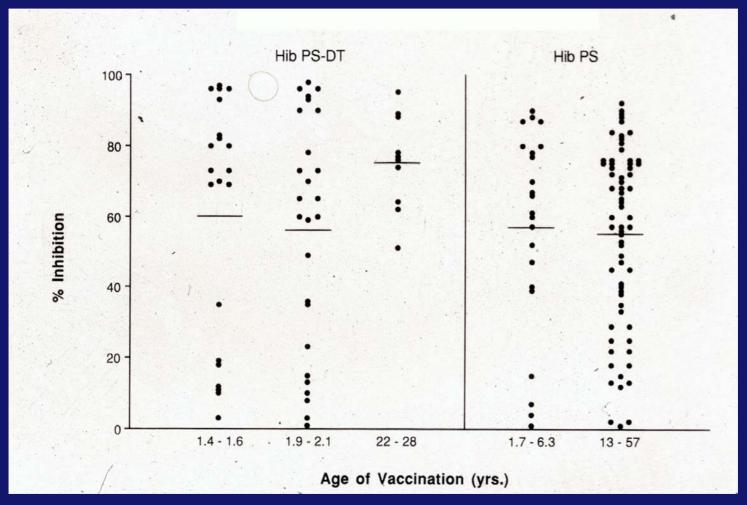
V Region Gene Segments Encoding Anti-Hib PS Antibodies

			Serological	
VH		VL	Probe	
IIIa V3-23	κI	08/018		
V3-21		L11		
IIIb V3-15		15A		
V3-49	кII	A2	HibId-1	
		A1/A17		
		A3/A19		
	кШ	A27	кШ	
		L16		
	κIV	B3		
	λΠ	2.1		
	λΠΙ	3.1		
	λVΙΙ	4 A	HibId-2	

Canonical Anti-Hib PS Combining Site

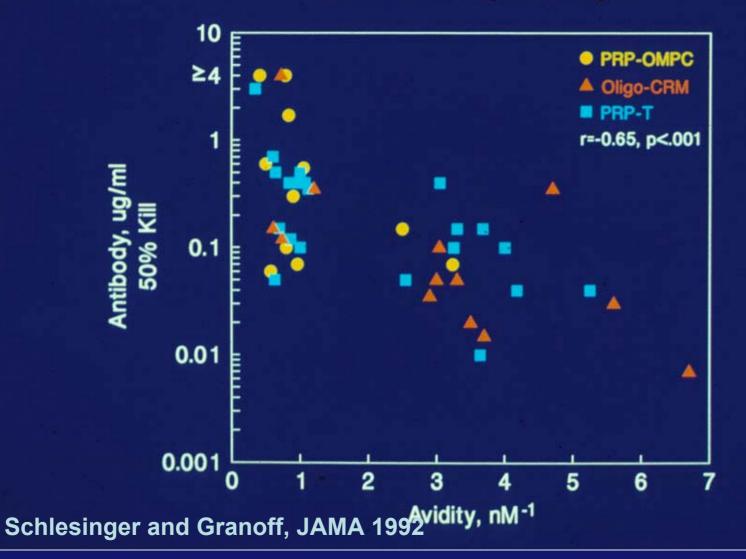
Hibld-1 Positive

Hibld-1 Expression After Vaccination

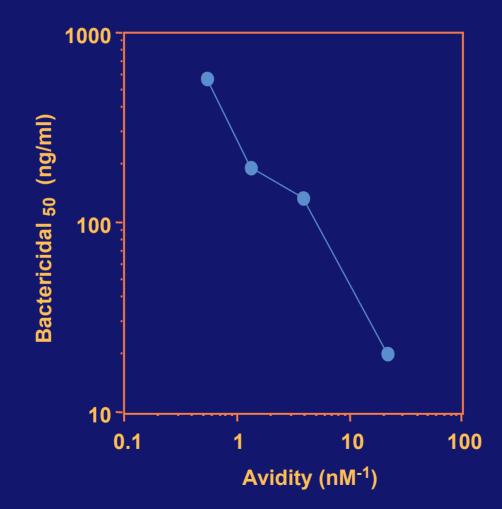


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Bactericidal Activity as a Function of Antibody Avidity



Correlation Between Hib PS Avidity and Bactericidal Activity



IgG1 Hibld-1 Anti-Hib PS Antibodies Elicited by two Conjugate Vaccines

	Avidity	Bactericidal	Protective Dose	
Vaccine	nM ⁻¹ <u>+</u> SE	µg/ml <u>+</u> SE	µg/rat	
HbOC	4.36 <u>+</u> 0.21	0.02 <u>+</u> 0.02	<u>≤</u> 0.06	
Hib PS-OMPC	2.07 <u>+</u> 0.17	0.27 <u>+</u> 0.03	~ 1.0	
P (t-test)	< .01	< .002	< .002	

Lucas and Granoff. J. Immunol. 154:4195 (1995).

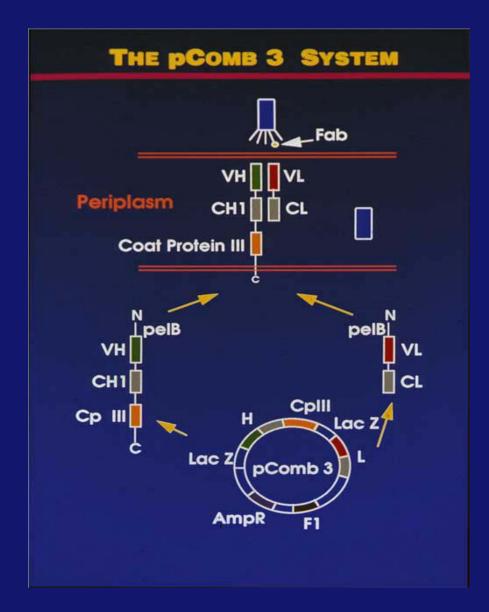
Mechanisms Generating Antibody Functional Diversity

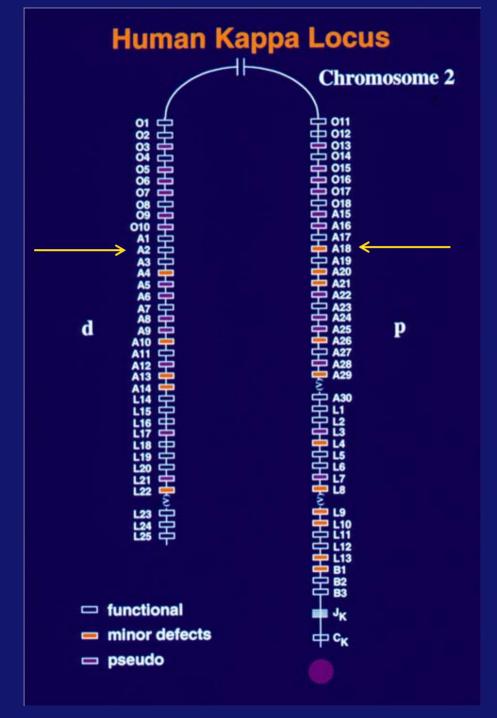
Inherited (germline)

- Individual differences in content of functional V genes
- V gene alleles / homologues differ in their specificity potential
- Jksegments differ in their specificity potential

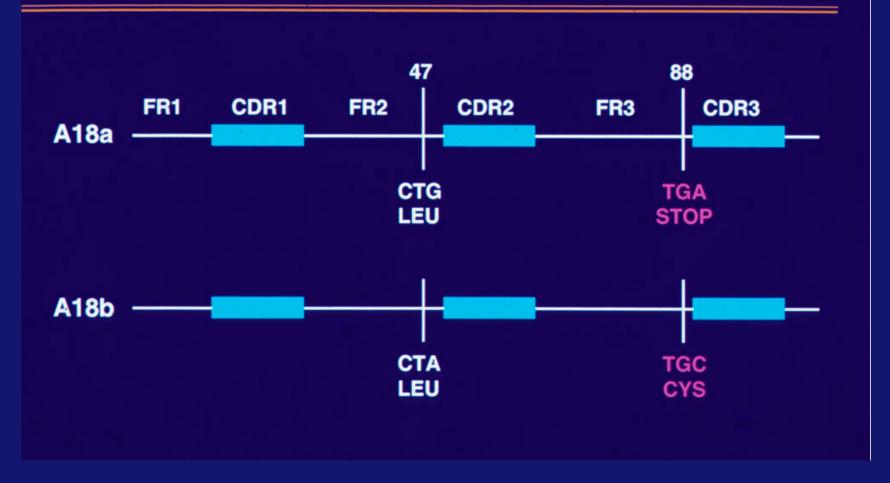
Acquired (somatic)

- V region pairing configurations
- Generation of CDR 3 during gene assembly
- Hypermutation: positive and negative impact
- Antigen (vaccine) selection

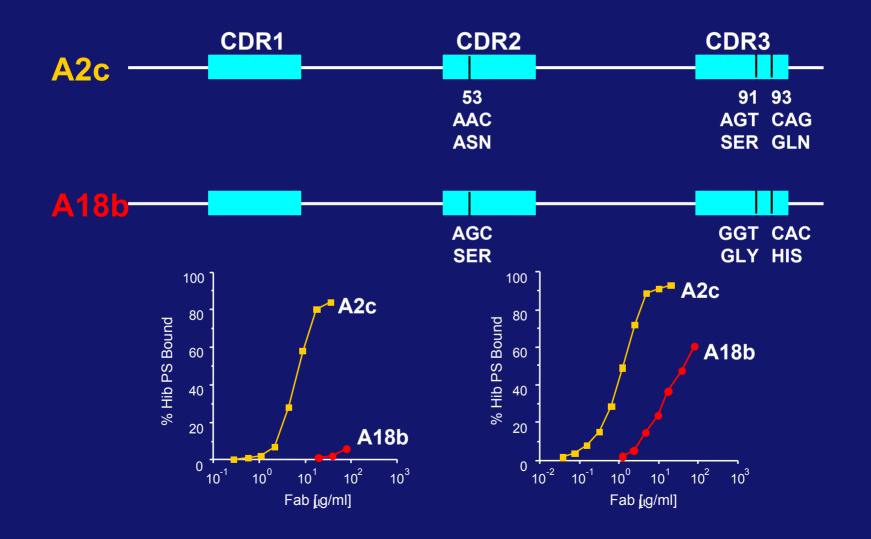




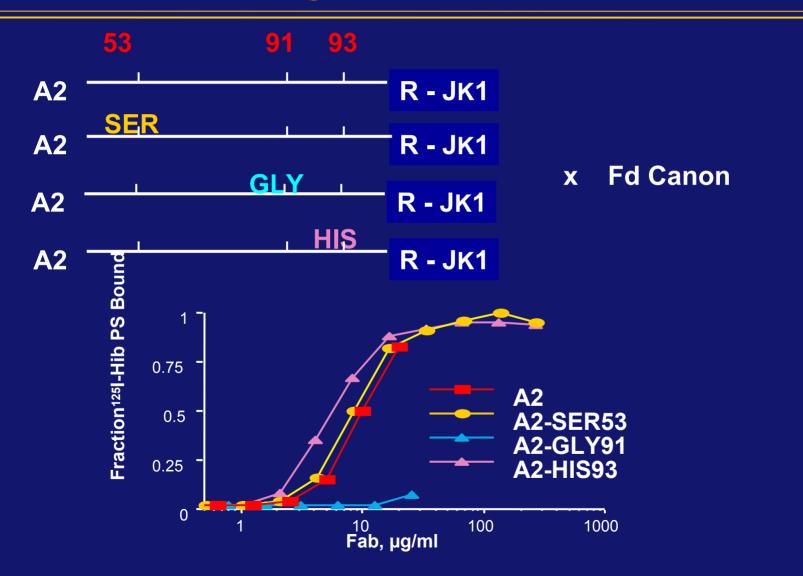
A Point Mutation Converts a Non-Functional VK Gene into a Functional Gene



VK Homologues Differ in their Potential to Form a Hib PS Combining Site



A Single Residue Accounts for the Different Binding Potential of A2c and A18b



Nucleotide Sequence of V3-23 and 3.7Kb Allele (Canonical Hib PS Configuration)

CDR-I

CDR-II

CDR-III

JH6

Amino Acid Sequence of V3-23 and 3.7Kb Allele Canonical Hib PS Configuration)

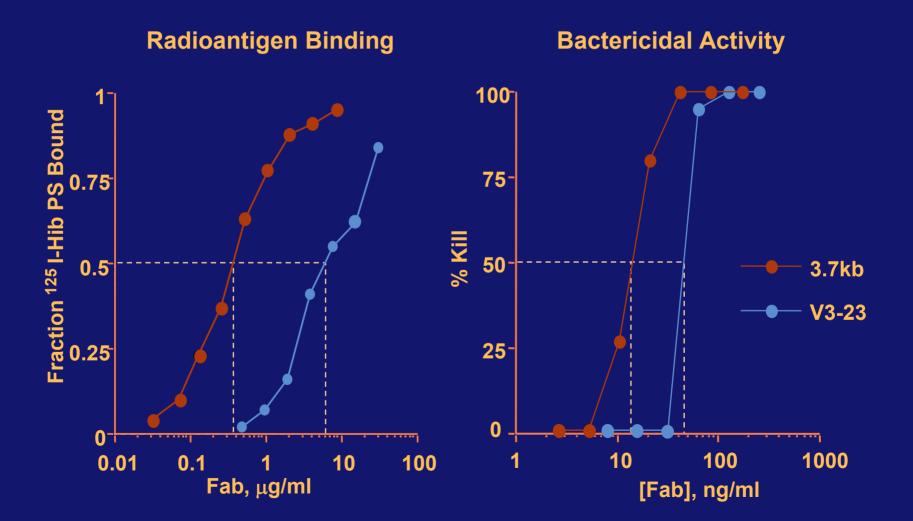
CDR-I

CDR-II

CDR-III

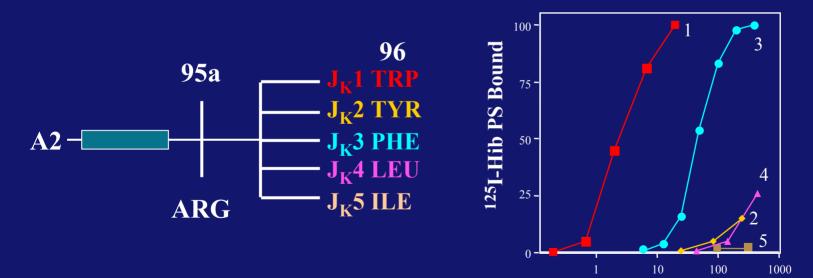
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The 3.7 kb Allele Confers Higher Avidity and Bactericidal Activity



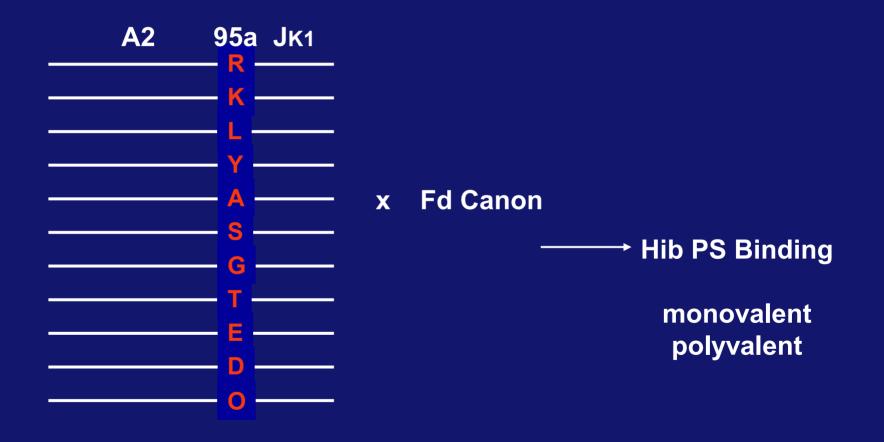
Effect of J_K Region on Hib PS Binding



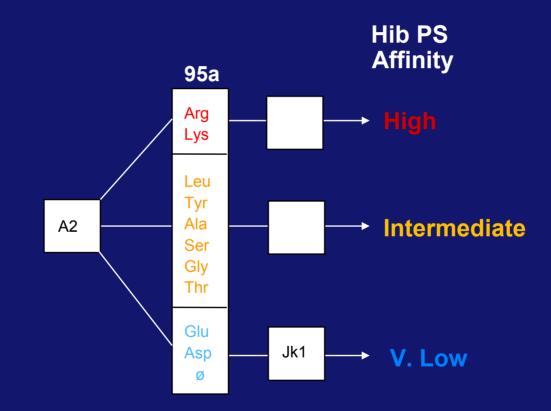


Fab µg/ml

Strategy for Evaluating the Role of L Chain Junctional Residue (95a) in Hib PS Binding



Junctional Amino Acid Determines Binding Affinity



Mechanisms Generating Antibody Functional Diversity

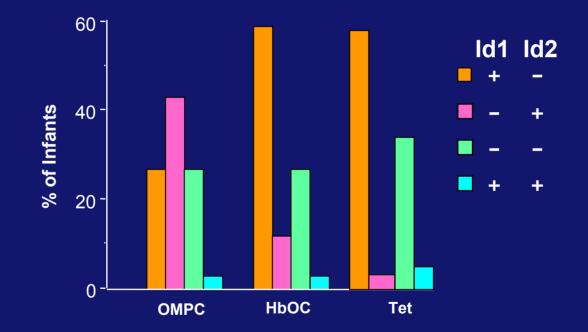
Inherited (germline)

- Individual differences in content of functional V genes: A18 can be a functional gene
- V gene alleles / homologues differ in their specificity potential: A2 vs A18; V3-23 vs 3.7 kb
- J κ differ in specificity potential: J κ 1/3 permissive

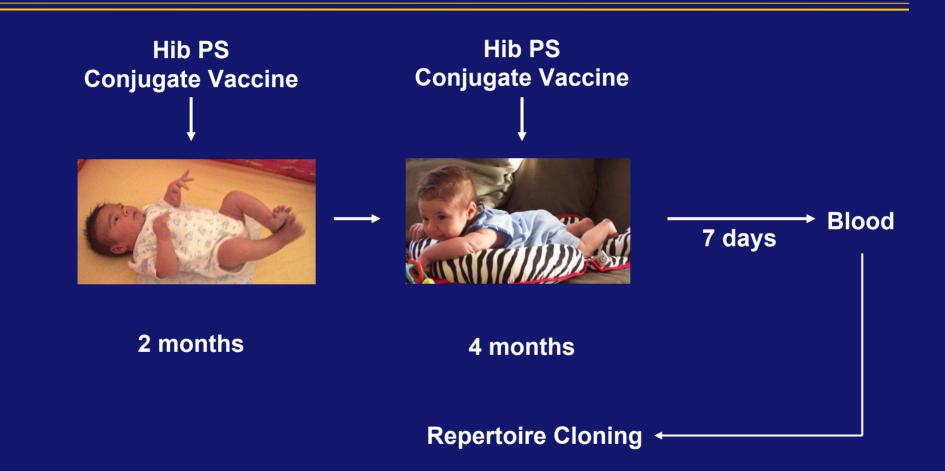
Acquired (somatic)

- Generation of CDR 3 during gene assembly: insertional residue (95a) determines affinity
- Hypermutation: positive and negative impact
- Antigen (vaccine) selection

Idiotype Expression in Vaccinated Infants



Infant Vaccination Protocol



Cloning Human PPS-Specific Fab Fragments

Adult PBL - 7 days post PPS vaccination

Isolate PPS-specific B cells using PPS-coated magnetic beads RNA cDNA

> L chain PCR Clone into pComb3 L chain library

> > RABA

Fd chain PCR Clone into pComb3 Fd chain library

Sequence

Ligate Fd chains into L library

Fab Library

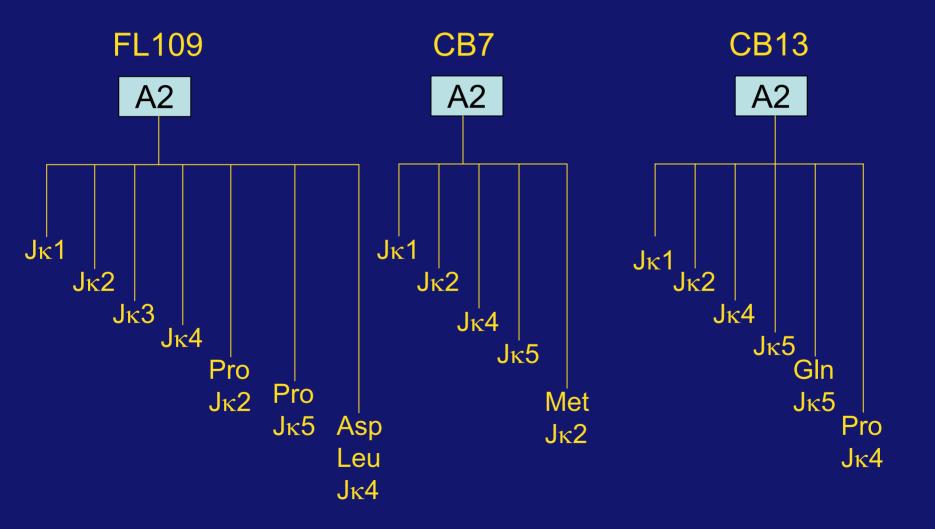
Screen clonal isolates for PPS binding

Anti-Hib PS VH & VL Rearrangements in Infants

accine	Subject	VH	CDR3	JH	VL	95a	JK
OMPC	002	3-23	GYGMD	6b	A2a	R	1
					A2c	R	1
HbOC	008	3-23	GYGFD	4b	A2c	R	1
					A2c	L .	1
					A2c	R	3
					A2c	P	3
OMPC	009	3-23	GYGFD	4b	A2a	R	1
					A2c	R	1
					A2c	R	3
OMPC	012	3-23	GYGFD	4b	A2c	R	1
OMPC	014	3-23	GYGMD	6b	A2c	R	1
					A2c	1	3
					A2c	L	3
					A2a	P	1
HbOC	015	3-23	GYGMD	6b	A2a	R	1
		3-23	GYGFD	4b	A2c	R	1
					A2c	R	1
OMPC	016	3-23	GYGMD	6b	A2a	R	1
					A2a	L	3
					A2c	R	1

Lucas et al. Clin. Immunol. 108:119 (2003)

Expression of A2 Light Chains in Fetal Liver and Cord Blood



Ontogeny of HIB PS Repertoire

•Expression of canonical V configuration established by 2 months of age.

•Variation in L chain junctional residue (95a), in Jk usage and V3-23 allele usage can account for affinity variation amongst infant canonical antibodies.

•A2 V gene rearrangements, with and without junctional diversity are present in fetal liver (early 2nd trimester) and at birth.

•VH gene expression in neonates resembles that of adults. Mortari et al. J. Immunol. 150:1349, 1993; Bauer et al. J. Immunol. 169:1349, 2002.

•The Hib PS V repertoire is likely functional in the neonate.

Adult Anti-Capsular Antibody Responses Pneumococcal PS							
	Hib PS	6B	14	23F			
Oligoclonal	yes	yes	yes	yes			
Class-Switched	yes	yes	yes	yes			
Canonical V	yes	no	?	yes			
Affinity/Efficacy	yes	yes	?	yes			
Mutation	Yes (non-canon) NO (canon)	yes	yes	yes			