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Committee Discussion Question

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Open Session:

1. What strains should be recommended for the antigenic composition of the 2003-2004 inactivated influenza virus vaccine based on:
 - 1) the epidemiology and antigenic characteristics of influenza virus strains circulating in human populations,
 - 2) the serologic responses to circulating influenza viruses of persons immunized with current influenza virus vaccines, and
 - 3) the availability of suitable vaccine candidate strains?