

# A cost-benefit evaluation for trivalent to quadrivalent influenza vaccination switch for 40+ years old dyslipidemia patients with and without previous cardiovascular event in Colombia

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## INTRODUCTION

Influenza vaccination has been associated with a decreased risk for macrovascular complications in patients with dyslipidemia (with and without previous cardiovascular event).

### OBJECTIVE

To determine the potential savings of reducing macrovascular complications, with the synergistic effect of switching from a trivalent to a quadrivalent standard-dose influenza vaccine (TIV to QIV-SD) and increasing vaccination coverage rates (VCRs) in Colombia from the healthcare system perspective.

## METHODS

- A cost-benefit model comparing two influenza vaccination scenarios for the dyslipidemia patients aged 40+ was developed.
- Outcomes included were the number and expected total cost of Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI), Stroke, and Revascularization (RV) complications.
- Vaccination effectiveness was established at a reduction of 29%, 18% and 29% for AMI, stroke and RV respectively<sup>1,2,3</sup>. QIV-SD additional effectiveness was calculated using epidemiological data<sup>4</sup> with the formula:  $VE(QIV) = VE(TIV) + VE(TIV) * \%B(circulation) * (1 - \%B(match)) * (1 - \text{cross-protection } (49\%))$ .
- The compared scenarios correspond to expected total cost of macrovascular events in the base case (current standard of care with TIV, 20% VCR) versus a switch to QIV-SD and VCR increase to 30%, 40%, and 50%.
- Total dyslipidemia patients were calculated based on local estimated prevalence.
- Previous cardiovascular events profile, probability of complications and effectiveness for vaccines were obtained and derived from published scientific literature<sup>5,6</sup>.
- Pan American Health Organization vaccine acquisition price and costs for complications obtained from local published literature were included and expressed in 2021 \$USD.
- One-way sensitivity analyses were performed for the cost of vaccines, events, vaccine effectiveness, and diabetic risk profile for each event.



**POSTER HIGHLIGHT:** Vaccination with QIV-SD and increased coverage for patients with dyslipidemia allows for avoided macrovascular events and its associated costs for the healthcare system.

Table 1: Costs Summary

Cost Item	Value (\$USD)	Source
TIV	\$2.86	PAHO 2021
QIV-SD	\$6.00	PAHO 2021
Acute Myocardial Infarction	\$ 4,372	GPC Minsalud 2014
Stroke	\$ 4,441	GPC Minsalud 2015
Revascularization	\$ 1,511	GPC Minsalud 2014

Cost expressed in 2021 constant values and inflated accordingly

Figure 1: Total events, costs and potential savings with switch to QIV-SD and VCR increase

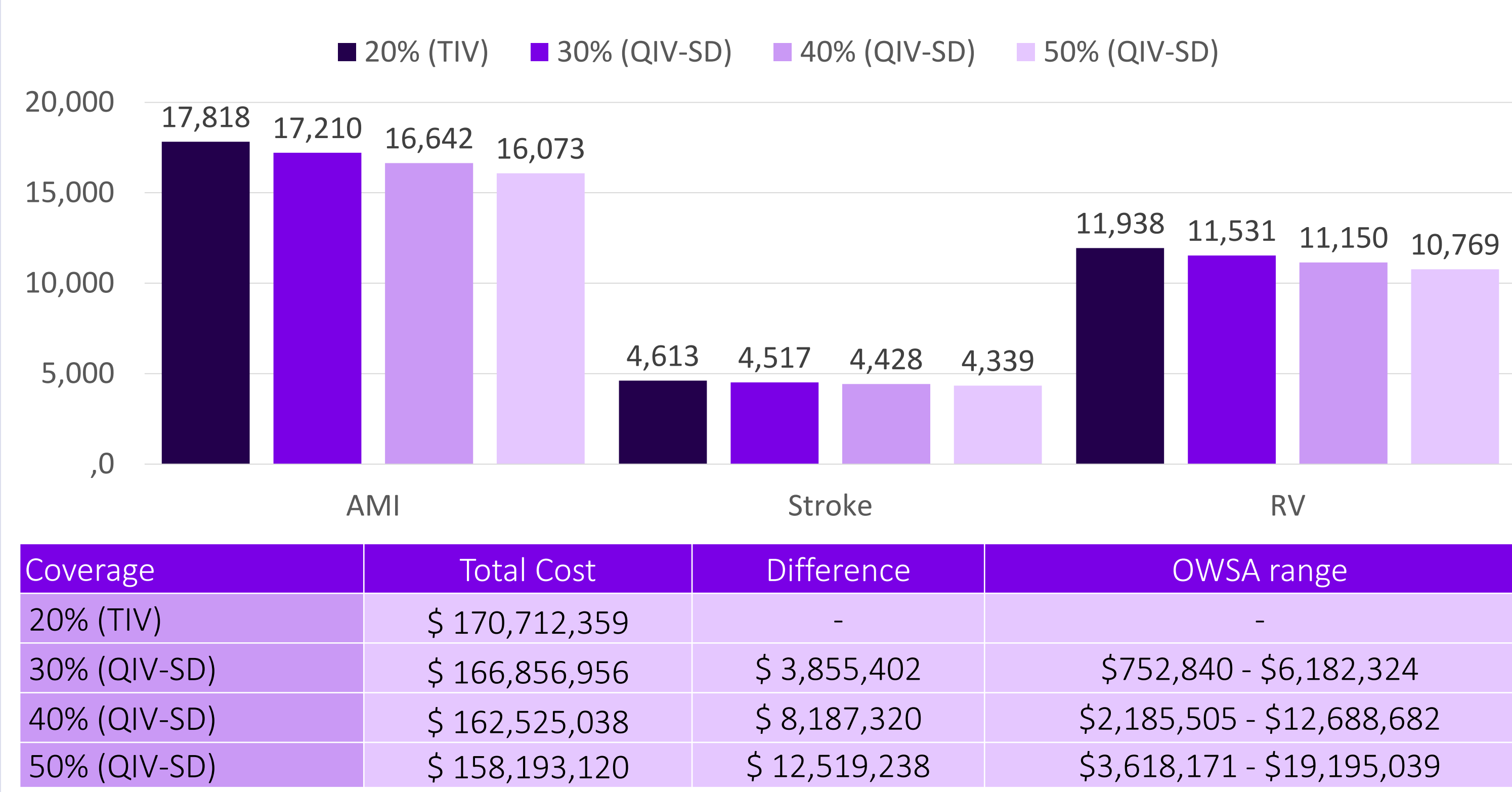


Table 2: Vaccinated and non-vaccinated costs per patient profile

	Non-vaccinated patient		Vaccinated patient (QIV-SD)	
Controlled dyslipidemia and no previous CV event				
Event	Event Probability	Expected cost	Event Probability	Expected cost
Acute Myocardial Infarction	0.85%	\$ 62.6	0.60%	\$ 44.5
Stroke	0.27%	\$ 11.8	0.22%	\$ 9.7
Revascularization	0.57%	\$ 8.4	0.40%	\$ 6.0
Total expected cost		\$ 82.8	\$ 60.1	
Savings per patient			\$ 22.7	
Controlled dyslipidemia and previous CV event				
Event	Event Probability	Expected cost	Event Probability	Expected cost
Acute Myocardial Infarction	2.45%	\$ 180.9	1.74%	\$ 128.4
Stroke	0.42%	\$ 18.7	0.34%	\$ 15.3
Revascularization	1.64%	\$ 24.2	1.16%	\$ 17.2
Total expected cost		\$ 223.8	\$ 160.9	
Savings per patient			\$ 62.8	
Uncontrolled dyslipidemia and previous CV event				
Event	Event Probability	Expected cost	Event Probability	Expected cost
Acute Myocardial Infarction	2.83%	\$ 209.6	2.01%	\$ 148.8
Stroke	0.58%	\$ 25.7	0.48%	\$ 21.1
Revascularization	1.90%	\$ 28.1	1.35%	\$ 19.9
Total expected cost		\$ 263.4	\$ 189.9	
Savings per patient			\$ 73.6	

## RESULTS

Calculations were made for a population of 1.468.243 dyslipidemia patients. Expected mean costs per QIV vaccinated and non-vaccinated individual due to complications were calculated at USD\$136.00 and USD\$191.01 respectively.

Compared to the base case, switching to QIV-SD and increasing the rates to 30%, 40% and 50%, represents potential net savings of USD\$3,855,402 (\$752,840-\$6,182,324), USD\$8,187,320 (\$2,185,505-\$12,688,682) and USD\$12,519,238 (\$3,618,171-\$19,195,039) respectively for the healthcare system.

## CONCLUSIONS

- Switching from TIV to QIV-SD vaccination and an increase in VCR for the high blood cholesterol levels (dyslipidemia) population could represent potential net savings due to macrovascular events avoided for the healthcare system.
- With the increase in VCR, the reduction in macrovascular events and costs related to them is an additional benefit on top of the prevention of clinical events due to influenza.
- Therefore, identifying and vaccinating this high-risk population with QIV-SD could be advantageous to maximize overall economic and health outcomes.

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