## Innovations in Temperature Monitoring VVMs and Beyond











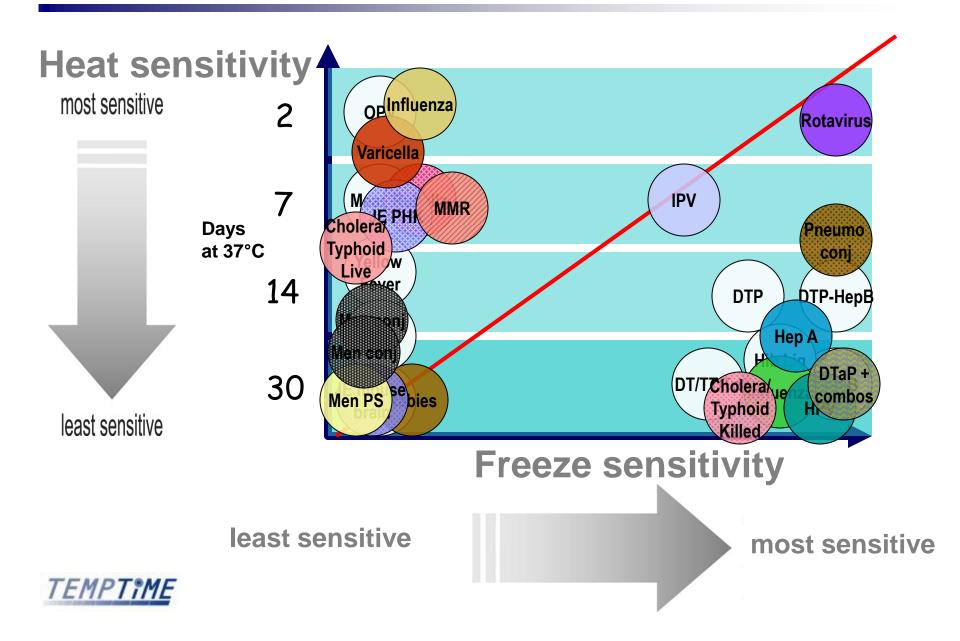


#### Agenda

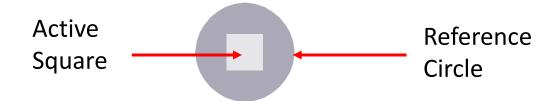
- Vaccine Stability and VVM Selection
- Why should vaccine manufacturers use VVMs
- Innovations in the vaccine supply chain



### Vaccine Temperature Sensitivity



## Monitor Cumulative Heat with HEATmarker VVM



- The Active Square is the color changing reactive portion
- It is light at the start and progressively and irreversibly darkens
- The color change is faster at higher temperatures
- End point is reached when the color of the Active Square area is equal to the Reference Circle



### The HEATmarker TTI Is Easy To Read

The Active Square is lighter than the Reference Circle.

If the exipry date is not passed, USE the vaccine.



The Active Square matches or is darker than the Reference Circle.

DO NOT USE the vaccine.



### The Chemistry of the HEATmarker TTI

#### **Polymerization Reaction**

(Colorless)

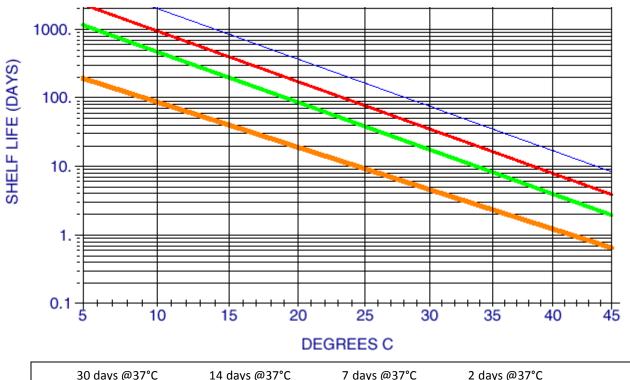
↓ Polymerization

- The principle of operation is based on the solidstate polymerization of substituted diacetylenic monomers
- The combined effects of time and temperature cause a gradual, predictable, cumulative and irreversible color change from clear to dark



#### **HEATmarker VVM Categories**

The VVM (Vaccine Vial Monitor) is the TTI used by WHO/UNICEF in the global immunization program. Temptime has more than 17 different categories of TTIs available from days at refrigerated temperature to years at room temperature.





#### **HEATmarker VVM for Use on Vaccines**

Pharmaceutical Product	<u>Indication</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Temptime</u> <u>Product</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>Delivered</u>
Monoscar Information  Monoscar Information	Children's Immunization Campaigns for a range of contagious diseases: BCG Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis DTP Hep B HiB Meningococcal A and C Measles Mumps, Pneumococcal OPV Rotavirus Rubella Tetanus Toxoid Yellow Fever Other Campaigns: HPV Rabies Typhoid	GSK, Sanofi Pasteur, Merck, Crucell, Pfizer, Novartis, Serum Institute of India, Biofarma, Japan BCG, BB- NCIPD, Bharat Biotech, Statens Serum Institute, Biological E, Bharat Serums and Vaccines, Haffkine, plus others	VVM2, VVM7, VVM14, VVM30	<ul> <li>Prevents immunization with heat damaged vaccines</li> <li>Expands reach of immunization programs to remote populations</li> <li>Increases immunization programs efficiency</li> </ul>

## WHO e-VVM Based Vaccine Management Course



http://www.epela.net/epela\_web/



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Selective vaccine use

**Rotating stocks** 

Pinpointing cold chain problems

**Increasing access** 

**Preventing freezing** 

Reducing vaccine wastage

Signaling whether to use the vaccine for

subsequent session

# The little big thing

#### **UNICEF/WHO Policies on Criticality of HEATmarkers (VVMs)**

2007 UNICEF/WHO Joint Policy
Statement Urging Member States, Donor
Agencies and NGOs to Include VVMs As
Minimum Requirement for Purchase of
Vaccine





immunization

World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations: Children's Fund (UNICEF), Marking the 10 years of successful implementation of vaccine vial regettors (WMbs);

Retenting to the WHO -UNICEF policy statement on the use of vaccine vial monitors in immunisation services (IRHOV/BB/R9 19), Walking use of vaccine vial monitors (IRHOV-BB/R9 11), Osting state of whit vaccine vial monitors (IRHOV-BB/R9 15), IRHO-UNICEF part statement on effective vaccine store management (IRHOV-BB/R9 15), and Marketine continues to the continue of IRHOV-BB/R9 11 (IRHOV-BB/R9 11).

Emphasizing the Blobal immunication Vision and Strategy aiming to protect more people against more diseases by expending the reach of immunication to every eligible pessen, including tisses in age conscious beyond inflancy, within a context in which immunication is high on even health approxit.

Determined to reach every mother and child for vaccination against receive proventable

Noting the challenges in immunization service delivery especially in areas with weak or and challenges to immunization service delivery especially in areas with weak or and other individuals.

Acknowledging with appreciation the dedication of health workers throughout the world to

Recognizing the cooperation of vaccine manufacturers in applying vaccine vial monitors of MRCI reconstitled varcine mode stor.

Acknowledging that the VAM is the only tool among all time and temperature indicators that is analisted at all times. In the process of storage, distribution and at the time the receive is administrated - indicating whether the vaccine has been exposed to a combination of expressive temperature confirms and whether it is flexify to have been expressive.

Further noting that since its introduction in 1996 with east pulso vaccine, the WIMM has contributed to the success of valicosal immunication days as well as to overcoming access problems in arress with week or no cold-chain infrashucture and reduction of vaccine wastag

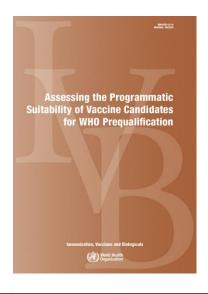
Recognizing that the benefits of VMI in overcoming the cald chain challenges and reachin the lead-to-reach populations will not be realized if they are not available;

Nating the use of White to support policies for streege and administration of vaccines outside the cost chain to reach infants in rural and remain areas, such as for the hipparitie it excores both date on newborns.

Stressing the need that health workers require a consistent supply of vaccine with White order to be able to rely upon them as a feet.



## 2012 WHO Includes VVMs As Critical Characteristic for Vaccine Prequalification



Vaccine vial	All vaccines	Proof of feasibility and intent to apply a VVM to the proposed vaccine,
monitor		as defined below.
(VVM)		The vaccine presented for prequalification presents data confirming
		that it has a thermostability profile that will enable it to be matched to a
		current WHO-approved VVM type (VVM2, VVM7, VVM14 orVVM30)
		or a future VVM type approved by WHO(WHO/V&B/99.187,
		WHO/IVB/07.048).
		Signed declaration, as part of the cover letter submitted along with the
		file for prequalification confirming that the manufacturer will apply a
		VVM to the vaccine, and has the technical capacity to do so if
		requested by the purchasing specifications.



### **Steps to VVM Implementation**

- 1. Vaccine Manufacturer Submits Dossier to WHO for Prequalification which Includes Vaccine Stability Data
- 2. WHO Identifies the Approved Category of VVM based on the Stability Data of the Vaccine
- 3. Vaccine Manufacturer Validates the VVM Reactivity & Performance
- 4. Determination of VVM Type (Dot or Full Label) and Placement on the Vial (Artwork Approval Necessary for Full Labels)
- 5. SOPs at Manufacturer for VVM Receipt, Storage and Use
- 6. Installation and Validation of VVM Application Equipment



## Accelerated Stability Studies for WHO Prequalification

#### GOAL

Accelerated stability data must be generated that allows the choice of the highest stability VVM category possible.

#### RATIONALE

At elevated temperatures, the highest category VVM which reaches its end point before the vaccine stored at the same temperature becomes sub-potent should be chosen. This ensures that the product is still suitable to use while minimizes wastage through premature discard of vaccine that is still potent.



#### WHO Guidelines on Stability Evaluation of Vaccines<sup>1</sup>

The temperature sensitivity of vaccine characteristics, particularly potency, has a major impact on the success of global immunization programmes. WHO has acknowledged the importance of clearly defining the stability characteristics of a vaccine.

Chapter 10. Labeling states:

"If Vaccine Vial Monitors (VVM) are to be used, adequate stability data should be generated to support selection of appropriate VVM for a vaccine in question. Further details on the use of VVM for different types of products are available elsewhere."<sup>2</sup>



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#### GUIDELINES ON STABILITY EVALUATION OF VACCINES

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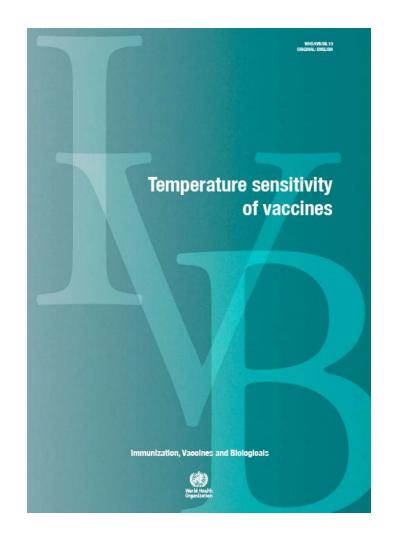
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Adopted by the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization, 23-27 October 2006. A definitive version of this document, which will differ from this version in editorial but not scientific details, will be published in the WHO Technical Report Series.



#### WHO Temperature Sensitivity of Vaccines<sup>3</sup>

- The basis for choosing a VVM category for a given vaccine is the Accelerated Degradation Test (ADT).
- In this test samples are subjected to a range of elevated temperatures at which significant and readily detectable degradation is induced in a relatively short time. The rate at which degradation occurs is measured and analyzed in accordance with the Arrhenius equation.
- Vaccines should be tested to failure at these accelerated temperatures.
- Vaccines do not need to follow the Arrhenius equation exactly to have a suitable VVM applied.



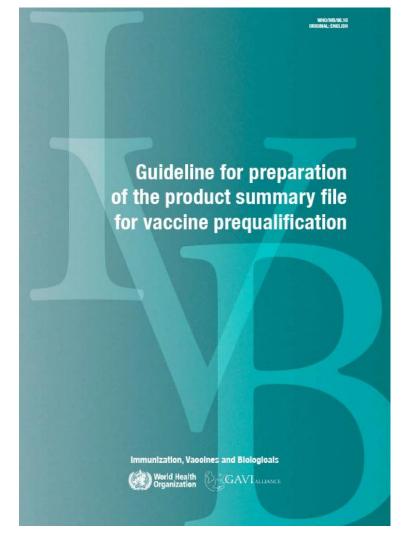


### Guideline For the Preparation of the Product Summary File for Vaccine Prequalification<sup>4</sup>

- Chapter 7 in this Guideline provides specific requirements for inclusion in the product dossier submission regarding stability.
- Chapter 7.2 addresses accelerated stability testing of the final product to define the VVM category to be used with the specific vaccine:

"Tables of accelerated stability data are required to define the VVM category to be used with the specific vaccine (stability at 2 different temperatures are required and these are usually 2-8 C and 37 C or 45 C), However real time data establishes the expiry dating. Conclusions on stability and the claimed shelf life of the vaccine(s) should be presented."

 Manufacturers are strongly encouraged to include 25 C as one of the accelerated test temperatures.





## WHO PQS Performance Specification – Vaccine Vial Monitor (WHO/PQS/E06/IN05)<sup>5</sup>

#### **VVM Reaction Rates**

Category (Vaccines)	No. of days to end point at +37 C	No. of days to end point at +25 C	Time to end point at +5 C
<b>VVM 30:</b> High Stability	30	193	> 4 years
VVM 14: Medium Stability	14	90	> 3 years
VVM 7: Moderate Stability	7	45	> 2 years
VVM 2: Least Stable	2	N/A*	225 days

- The four categories of VVM are VVM2, VVM7, VVM14 and VVM30.
- The number following "VVM" corresponds to the upper limit in days at 37 C for at least 95% of VVMs to reach the end point.
- This Table lists the upper limit in days at 25 C for 95% of each VVM category to reach the end point, except for VVM2.
- The critical temperatures for VVM2 are 37 C and 5 C. VVM2 is only used for Oral Polio Vaccine and is not included in further discussion.

## Minimum Stability Data to Support Choice of VVM Category (except OPV)

#### Minimum Test Times at 25 C and 37 C

Test Temperature ( C)	Test Times (days)	
37	7, 14 and 30	
25	45, 90 and 193	

- •These test times are coincident with the upper limit times in the VVM Performance Specification.
- These test times should be considered as the minimum requirement.
- Additional testing is encouraged.
- Tests should be continued until product failure, if possible.
  - For example, do not stop the test after 7 days at 37 C, continue testing at 14 days and 30 days.
  - Do not stop the test if a single assay is below the product specification.
- Some vaccine formulations are very stable towards heat exposure. Manufacturers should consider extending tests at 37 C to 45 and 60 days or longer as appropriate. Similarly extended test periods at 25 C should also be considered.



## Selection of VVM Category Example: Product A

Step 1: Summarize stability data

• 2 to 8°C<sup>1</sup>: 3+ years (1600 days)

• 25°C: 90 days

• 37°C: 8 days

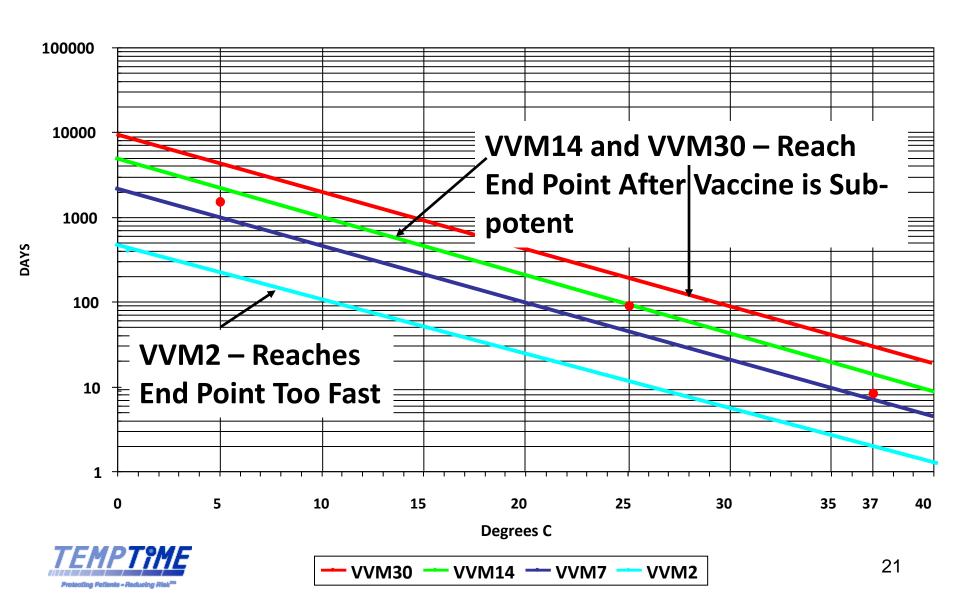
Expiry Date: 2 years

Step 2: Compare Stability Data with VVM Categories

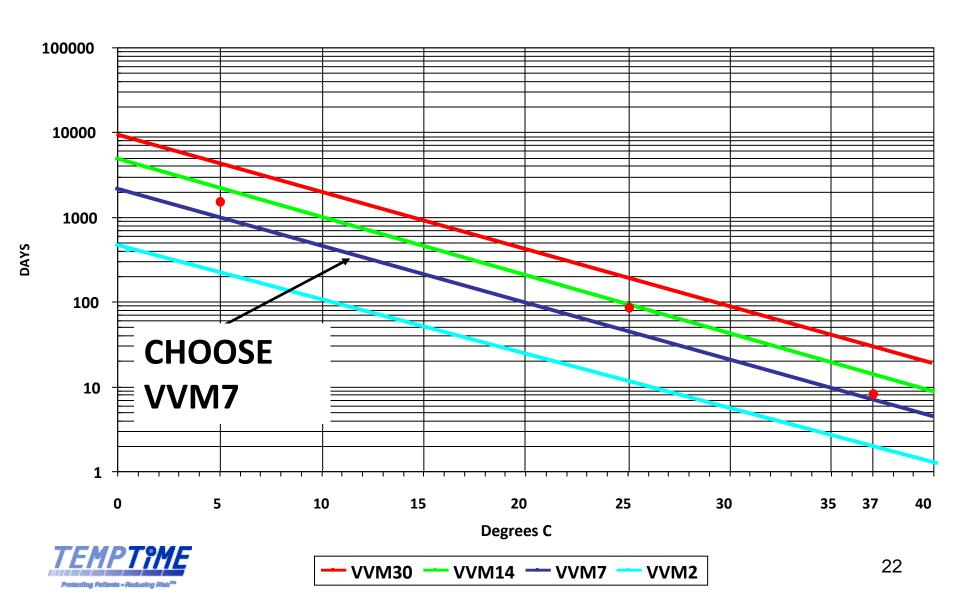
<sup>1</sup>2 to 8 C is treated as 5 C



#### **Product A: VVM Choice and Rationale**



### **Product A Stability Data and VVM Categories**



#### **Summary – Vaccine Stability and VVM Category**

- VVM is a critical characteristic for WHO prequalification
- Sufficient stability data needs to be included in the Product Summary File to support the choice of the longest VVM category available
- Accelerated degradation studies must be carried out for sufficient duration to reach end of product life at the accelerated temperature
- Stability data and VVM category request submitted to WHO in Product Summary File
- WHO approves the VVM category for a particular vaccine
- Notification of VVM category is provided to manufacturer and Temptime



## Why Should a Vaccine Manufacturer Implement VVM?

- VVM helps improve global health!
- VVM is good for business!
  - VVM is a critical characteristic for WHO prequalification
    - Case Study Rotateq/Rotarix
  - VVM is has been adopted and is being introduced in countries outside of PQS requirement
    - Case Study China
    - US consideration



### Case Study: Rotarix and RotaTeq Vaccines

## A Cost Effectiveness and Capacity Analysis for the Introduction of Universal Rotavirus Vaccination in Kenya: Comparison between Rotarix and RotaTeq Vaccines

Albert Jan van Hoek<sup>1</sup>, Mwanajuma Ngama<sup>2</sup>\*, Amina Ismail<sup>3</sup>, Jane Chuma<sup>2</sup>, Samuel Cheburet<sup>4</sup>, David Mutonga<sup>3</sup>, Tatu Kamau<sup>5</sup>, D. James Nokes<sup>2,6</sup>

#### Conclusion:

- Vaccination against rotavirus disease is cost-effective for Kenya irrespective of the vaccine.
- Of the two vaccines Rotarix was the preferred choice due to
  - a better cost-effectiveness ratio
  - the requirement of fewer doses
  - less storage space
  - proven thermo-stability and
  - presence of a vaccine vial monitor (VVM)



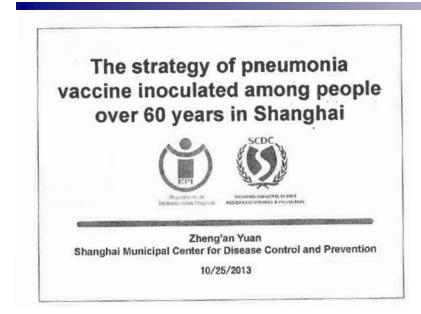
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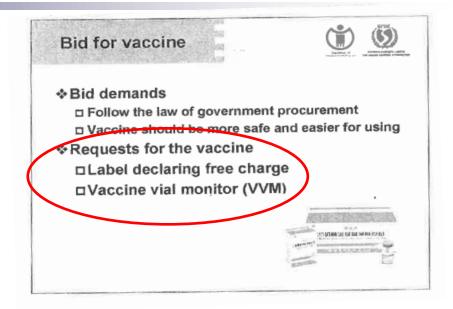






## Shanghai CDC Implements HEATmarker® VVM on Pneumococcal Vaccine





- Decision in October 2013 to implement VVM on pneumo
- Shanghai CDC extending the use to five vaccines



## Beijing CDC Launches HEATmarker® VVM for 2014 Flu Vaccine Program









NCDC to launch a study covering 5 vaccines in three provinces



#### Case Study: Developments in US Policy for VVMs

Department of Health and Human Services
OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN
PROGRAM:
VULNERABILITIES IN
VACCINE MANAGEMENT



## Vulnerabilities in Vaccine Management<sup>1</sup> Office of Inspector General June 2012

82 million VFC vaccine doses were administered to an estimated 40 million children at a cost of \$3.6 billion in 2010

#### Study

 Vaccine storage unit temperatures were monitored in 45 providers for a 2-week period

#### **Finding**

 76 percent of the 45 selected providers were exposed to inappropriate temperatures for at least 5 cumulative hours during that period Ice on box of influenza vaccine



National Vaccine Advisory Committee – Minutes of September 2013 meeting to Assistant Secretary of Health

"Visual indicators of quality on the packaging may be further explored. The World Health Organization (WHO) already uses vaccine vial monitors in warm climates. Freeze threshold indicators could address the most common problem in U.S. clinics."



#### Developments in US Policy for VVMs and FREEZEmarker



Audio from September 2013 NVAC Meeting

#### National Vaccine Advisory Committee – February 2014 meeting

- National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) is organizing Vaccine Storage and Handling Forum with VVMs and freeze indicators on agenda
- CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) are supportive to participate in the forum
- NVPO contacted WHO to ask for representation and speak on VVM technology and value
- Temptime is asking for assistance to identify AAP members with VVM knowledge who could share their positive experience with VVM

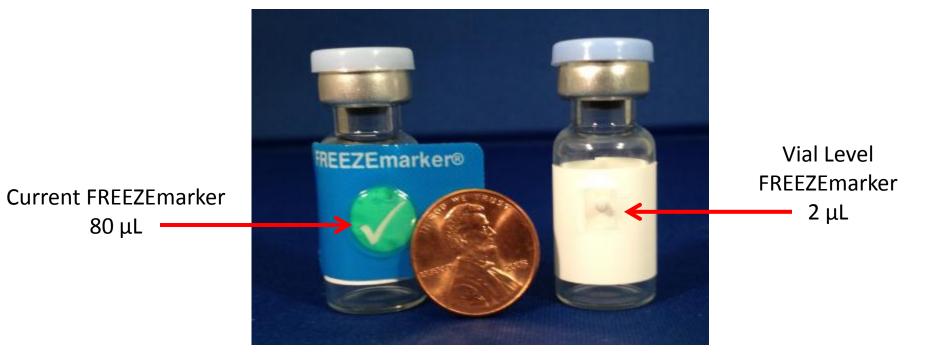


### **Innovations**



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### Vial Level Freeze Risk Indicator

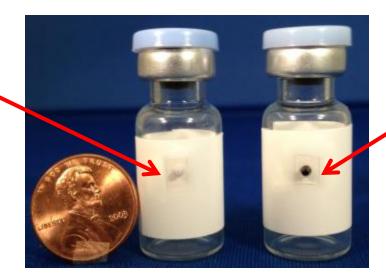




### The NEXT little big thing!



**Before Freezing** 



After Freezing

- Unambiguous grey to black color change
- Clearly demonstrates that even 2μL volume is easily distinguished
- This is not a final design, simply proof of concept



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## The Next Challenge – Controlled Temperature Chain (CTC)

Objective: on-label use of vaccines in a CTC allowing specific vaccines to be kept and administered at ambient temperatures, up to 40C for one, limited period of time

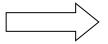
- First pilot conducted on MenAfriVac in Banikoara, Benin in November 2012.
  - Over 155,000 people vaccinated using MenAfriVac in a CTC
- VVM on each vial



And Temptime's LIMITmarker<sup>™</sup>
 in each vaccine carrier









Before Exposure to 40°C

After Exposure to 40°C



### New Product Concept – VVM+ VVM plus Peak Indicator

Temptime is BMGF GCE Grant Awardee







#### **VVM**

 VVM active square is translucent and the substrate color is seen through the monomer

#### **Reactive Substrate**

Substrate develops color quickly at high temperature

#### Response after short exposure to 40°C

#### **VVM**







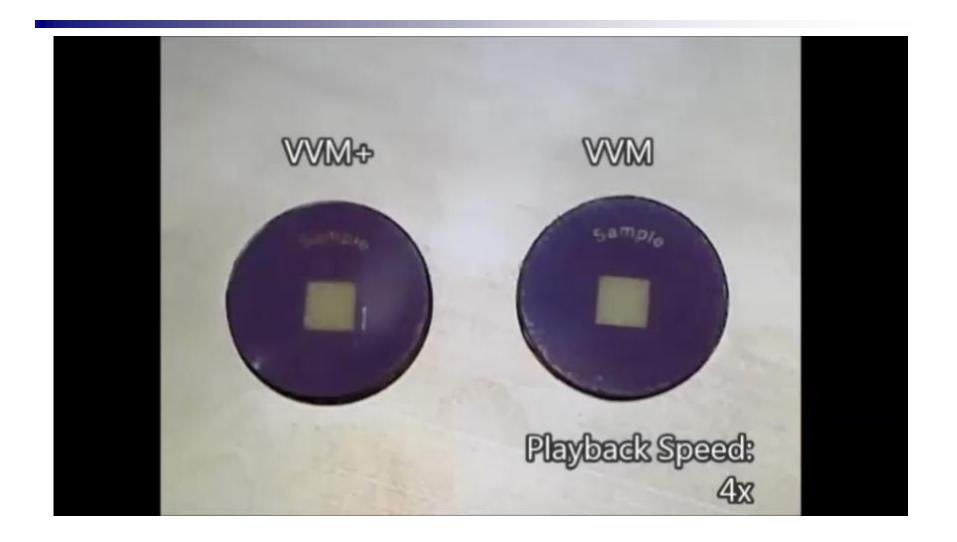








### Comparison of VVM+ and VVM at 40°C









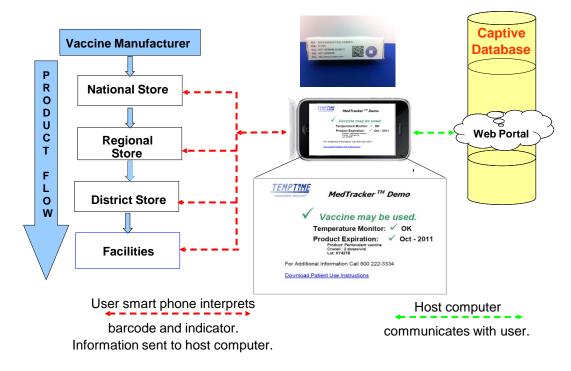




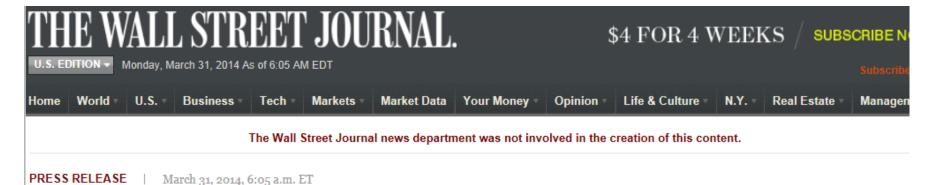
### Typical Product and Information Flow



#### MedTracker - Vaccine Public Market Pilot







#### Thinfilm and Temptime Collaborate to Deliver Printed Electronic Temperature Indicators for Use in Distribution, Storage and Management of Sensitive Medical Products

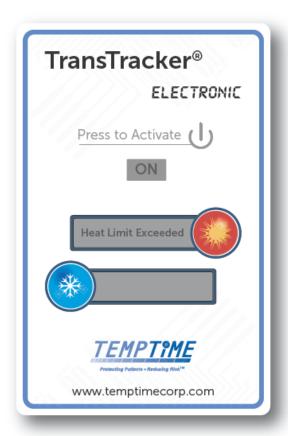


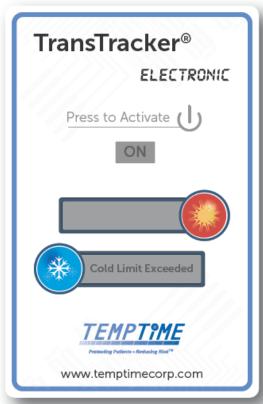
- Printed Electronics Technology
- Credit Card Sized Device
- Indicates High or Low Excursion
- Irreversible & Disposable
- Lower Cost than Standard Electronics

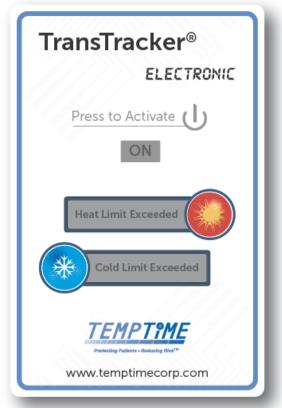


## Printed Electronics to Detect Temperature Excursions









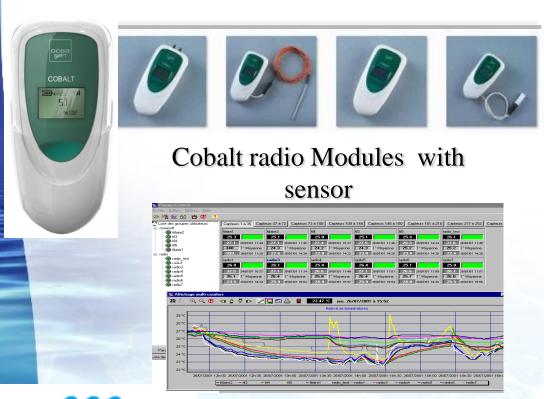


**Graphics and messaging TBD** 

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#### Integrated wireless facility and transport monitoring solution

Cobalt wireless Datalogging solution from Oceasoft France **System Configuration** 





Cobalt Radio Receiver and Repeater





## Integrated wireless facility and transport monitoring solution Facility Monitoring Solution

• Wireless Datalogging System

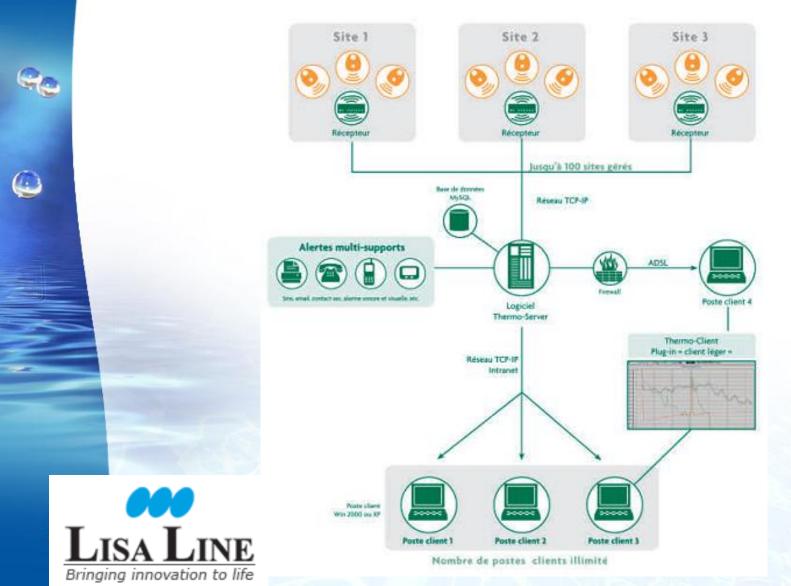






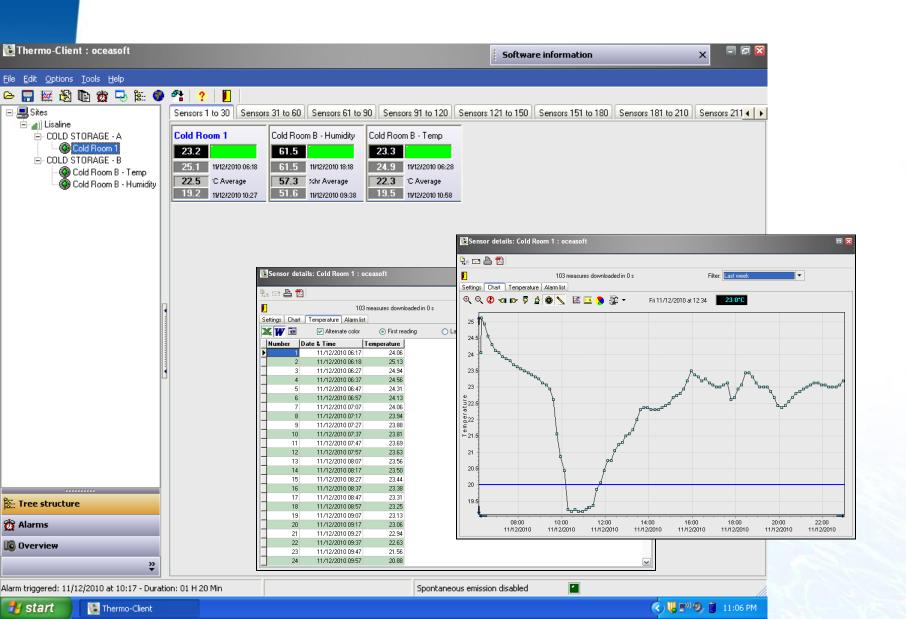
#### Integrated wireless facility and transport monitoring solution

#### **Multiple location Real time Monitoring Solution**

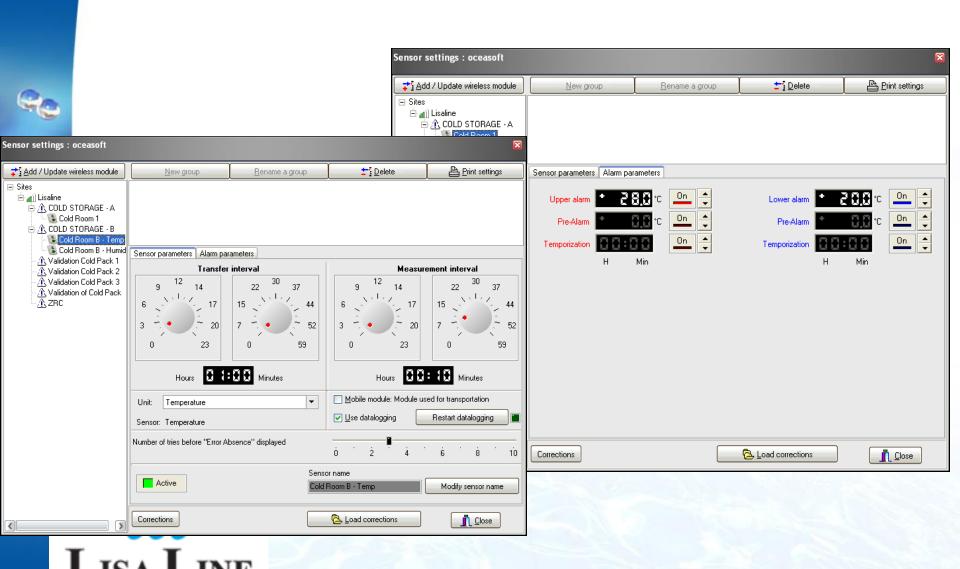




#### **Cobalt – Real time monitoring snap view**



#### **Cobalt – Real time monitoring snap view**



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