serogroup B organisms. Travellers to this area and pilgrims on the annual Hajj to Mecca are advised to be immunised against serogroup A disease. Vaccines for group B disease suitable for routine use in young children have not so far been developed. The possibility of protection against meningococcal disease by blocking pharyngeal binding with Neisseria lactamica is intriguing, but it only tackles one aspect of the predisposing conditions for meningococcal infection.

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