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## **Influenza pandemic preparedness and response**

### **Report by the Secretariat**

#### **CORRIGENDUM**

Please replace paragraph 25 by the following:

Antigen protective against the H5 virus subtype can be produced in bulk and stored. In the past, a vaccine against pandemic influenza could not have been stockpiled in advance because it was not possible to predict which of the 13 non-human influenza virus subtypes would be the causative strain. However, in view of the pandemic potential of the H5N1 virus in Asia, stockpiling of a vaccine for use in a pandemic caused by the H5N1 strain is an option for pandemic preparedness, and this approach is being pursued or considered by some countries. Even if the actual pandemic H5 subtype virus shows mutational changes when compared with the current H5N1 strain, a vaccine that is protective against infection due to the that strain could confer almost as much protection. Stockpiles of a H5N1 vaccine would be useful in the early phase of a pandemic when large-scale production of a vaccine has not yet been initiated.

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