

Discussion guide

When you see your doctor or when you're at the pharmacy to get your annual flu shot, here are a few questions about the flu and FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT[®] (Influenza Vaccine) you may want to discuss:

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Please see accompanying US Full Prescribing Information for FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT.



Important Safety Information

What is FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT[®] (Influenza Vaccine)?

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is a vaccine that helps protect against influenza (flu). FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is for people aged 4 and older. Vaccination with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT may not protect all people who receive the vaccine.

Who should not get FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT?

You should not get FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT if you have had a severe allergic reaction to any of the ingredients in the vaccine.

Who may not be able to get FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT?

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have ever had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (severe muscle weakness) after getting a flu shot
- have ever fainted after receiving an injection

What if I have a weakened immune system?

Tell your healthcare provider if you have problems with your immune system, as your immune response to the vaccine may be less.

What are the most common side effects of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT?

- pain or redness where you got the shot
- headache
- tiredness
- muscle aches
- feeling unwell (malaise)

These are not all of the possible side effects of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. You can ask your healthcare provider for a complete list of possible side effects.

Ask your healthcare provider for advice about any side effects that concern you. You may report side effects to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) by calling 1-800-822-7967 or by going to <http://vaers.hhs.gov>.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Seqirus at 1-855-358-8966 or VAERS at 1-800-822-7967 and <http://vaers.hhs.gov>.

Please see accompanying US Full Prescribing Information for FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT.



HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use FLUCELVAX® QUADRIVALENT safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT.

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Vaccine)

Suspension for Intramuscular Injection

2016-2017 Formula

Initial U.S. Approval: 23 May 2016

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is an inactivated vaccine indicated for active immunization for the prevention of influenza disease caused by influenza virus subtypes A and type B contained in the vaccine. (1)

(1) FLUCELVAX is approved for use in persons 4 years of age and older. (1)

For children and adolescents 4 through 17 years of age, approval is based on the immune response elicited by FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. Data demonstrating a decrease in influenza disease after vaccination of children and adolescents 4 through 17 years of age with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT are not available. (14)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For intramuscular use only

Age	Dose	Schedule
4 through 8 years of age	One or two doses ^a , 0.5 mL each	If 2 doses, administer at least 4 weeks apart
9 years of age and older	One dose, 0.5 mL	Not Applicable

^a 1 or 2 doses depends on vaccination history as per Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices annual recommendations on prevention and control of influenza with vaccines.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Suspension for injection supplied in 0.5 mL single-dose pre-filled syringes. (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

History of severe allergic reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine. (4, 11)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- If Guillain-Barré syndrome has occurred within 6 weeks of receipt of a prior influenza vaccine, the decision to give FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT should be based on careful consideration of the potential benefits and risks. (5.1)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

- The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in adults 18-64 years of age were injection site pain (45.4%) headache (18.7%), fatigue (17.8%) and myalgia (15.4%), injection site erythema (13.4%), and induration (11.6%). (6)
- The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in adults ≥ 65 years of age were injection site pain (21.6%) and injection site erythema (11.9%). (6)
- The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in children 4 to <6 years of age were tenderness at the injection site (46%), injection site erythema (18%), sleepiness (19%), irritability (16%), injection site induration (13%) and change in eating habits (10%). (6)
- The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in children 6 through 8 years of age were pain at the injection site (54%), injection site erythema (22%), injection site induration (16%), headache (14%), fatigue (13%), and myalgia (12%). (6)
- The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in children and adolescents 9 through 17 years of age were pain at the injection site (58%), headache (22%), injection site erythema (19%), fatigue (18%), myalgia (16%), and injection site induration (15%). (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Seqirus Inc. at 1-855-358-8966 or VAERS at 1-800-822-7967 and www.vaers.hhs.gov.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Safety and effectiveness of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT have not been established in pregnant women or nursing mothers. (8.1, 8.3)
- Geriatric Use: Antibody responses were lower in adults 65 years and older than in younger adults. (8.5)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is an inactivated vaccine indicated for active immunization for the prevention of influenza disease caused by influenza virus subtypes A and type B contained in the vaccine. FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is approved for use in persons 4 years of age and older. For children and adolescents 4 through 17 years of age, approval is based on the immune response elicited by FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. Data demonstrating a decrease in influenza disease after vaccination of this age group with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT are not available. [see Clinical Studies (14)]

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For intramuscular injection only.

2.1 Dosage and Schedule

Administer FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT as a single 0.5 mL intramuscular injection preferably in the region of the deltoid muscle of the upper arm. Do not inject the vaccine in the gluteal region or areas where there may be a major nerve trunk.

Table 1: Dosage and Schedule

Age	Dose	Schedule
4 through 8 years of age	One or two doses, ¹ 0.5 mL each	If 2 doses, administer at least 4 weeks apart
9 years of age and older	One dose, 0.5 mL	Not Applicable

¹ 1 or 2 doses depends on vaccination history as per Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices annual recommendations on prevention and control of influenza with vaccines.

2.2 Administration

Shake the syringe vigorously before administering. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit. [see Description (11)] If either condition exists, do not administer the vaccine. Do not use the vaccine if the contents have been frozen.

Attach a sterile needle to the pre-filled syringe and administer intramuscularly only. Do not administer this product intravenously, intradermally or subcutaneously.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is a suspension for injection supplied in a 0.5 mL single-dose pre-filled Luer Lock syringe.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Do not administer FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT to anyone with a history of severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine [see Description (11)].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Guillain-Barré Syndrome

The 1976 swine influenza vaccine was associated with an elevated risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS). Evidence for a causal relation of GBS with other influenza vaccines is inconclusive; if an excess risk exists, it is probably slightly more than 1 additional case per 1 million persons vaccinated.¹ If GBS has occurred after receipt of a prior influenza vaccine, the decision to give FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT should be based on careful consideration of the potential benefits and risks.

5.2 Preventing and Managing Allergic Reactions

Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of the vaccine.

5.3 Syncope

Syncope (fainting) can occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines, including Flucelvax. Syncope can be accompanied by transient neurological signs such as visual disturbance, paresthesia, and tonic-clonic limb movements. Procedures should be in place to avoid falling injury and to restore cerebral perfusion following syncope by maintaining a supine or Trendelenburg position.

5.4 Altered Immunocompetence

After vaccination with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT, immunocompromised individuals, including those receiving immunosuppressive therapy, may have a reduced immune response.

5.5 Limitations of Vaccine Effectiveness

Vaccination with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT may not protect all vaccine recipients against influenza disease.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in adults 18-64 years of age were injection site pain (45.4%) headache (18.7%), fatigue (17.8%) and

myalgia (15.4%), injection site erythema (13.4%), and induration (11.6%).

The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in adults ≥65 years of age were injection site pain (21.6%), and injection site erythema (11.9%).

The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in children 4 to <6 years of age after first dose of vaccine were tenderness at the injection site (46%), injection site erythema (18%), sleepiness (19%), irritability (16%), injection site induration (13%) and change in eating habits (10%).

The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in children 6 through 8 years of age after first dose of vaccine were pain at the injection site (54%), injection site erythema (22%), injection site induration (16%), headache (14%), fatigue (13%) and myalgia (12%).

The most common (≥10%) local and systemic reactions in children and adolescents 9 through 17 years of age were pain at the injection site (58%), headache (22%), injection site erythema (19%), fatigue (18%), myalgia (16%), and injection site induration (15%).

Because clinical studies are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical studies of a vaccine cannot be directly compared to rates in clinical studies of another vaccine, and may not reflect rates observed in clinical practice.

Adults 18 years of age and older:

The safety of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT in adults was evaluated in a randomized, double-blind, controlled study conducted in the US (Study 1). The safety population included a total of 2680 adults 18 years of age and older; 1340 adults 18 through 64 years of age and 1340 adults 65 years of age and older.

In this study, subjects received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT or one of the two formulations of comparator trivalent influenza vaccine (TIV1c and TIV2c) (FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (n=1335), TIV1c, n=676 or TIV2c n= 669). The mean age of subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was 57.4 years of age; 54.8% of subjects were female and 75.6% were Caucasian, 13.4% were Black, 9.1% were Hispanics, 0.7% were American Indian and 0.3%, 0.1% and 0.7% were Asian, Native Hawaiian and others, respectively. The safety data observed are summarized in Table 2.

In this study, solicited local injection site and systemic adverse reactions were collected from subjects who completed a symptom diary card for 7 days following vaccination.

Solicited adverse reactions for FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT and comparator are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Incidence of Solicited Adverse Reactions in the Safety Population¹ Reported Within 7 Days of Vaccination (Study 1)

	18 through 64 years of age			≥65 years of age		
	Percentages (%) ²					
	FLUCELVAX QUADRI- VALENT N=663	Trivalent Influenza Vaccine		FLU- CELVAX QUAD- RIVA- LENT N=656	Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	
TIV1c N=330		TIV2c N=327	TIV1c N=340		TIV2c N=336	
Local Adverse Reactions						
Injection site induration	11.6 (0)	9.7 (0.3)	10.4 (0)	8.7 (0)	6.8 (0)	7.7(0)
Injection site erythema	13.4 (0)	13.3 (0)	10.1 (0)	11.9 (0)	10.6 (0)	10.4 (0)
Injection site ecchymosis	3.8 (0)	3.3 (0.3)	5.2 (0)	4.7 (0)	4.4 (0)	5.4 (0)
Injection site pain	45.4 (0.5)	37.0 (0.3)	40.7 (0)	21.6 (0)	18.8 (0)	18.5 (0)
Systemic Adverse Reactions						
Chills	6.2 (0.2)	6.4 (0.6)	6.4 (0)	4.4 (0.3)	4.1 (0.3)	4.5 (0.6)
Nausea	9.7 (0.3)	7.3 (0.9)	8.9 (1.2)	3.8 (0.2)	4.1 (0)	4.2 (0.3)
Myalgia	15.4 (0.8)	14.5 (0.9)	15.0 (1.2)	8.2 (0.2)	9.4 (0.3)	8.3 (0.6)
Arthralgia	8.1 (0.5)	8.2 (0)	9.5 (0.9)	5.5 (0.5)	5.0 (0.3)	6.8 (0.9)
Headache	18.7 (0.9)	18.5 (0.9)	18.7 (0.6)	9.3 (0.3)	8.5 (0.6)	8.3 (0.6)
Fatigue	17.8 (0.6)	22.1 (0.3)	15.6 (1.5)	9.1 (0.8)	10.6 (0.3)	8.9 (0.6)
Vomiting	2.6 (0)	1.5 (0.3)	0.9 (0)	0.9 (0.2)	0.3 (0)	0.6 (0)
Diarrhea	7.4 (0.6)	7.6 (0)	7.6 (0.6)	4.3 (0.5)	5.0 (0.9)	5.1 (0.3)
Loss of appetite	8.3 (0.3)	8.5 (0.3)	8.3 (0.9)	4.0 (0.2)	5.0 (0)	3.6 (0.3)
Fever: ≥38.0 °C (≥40.0 °C)	0.8 (0)	0.6 (0)	0.3 (0)	0.3 (0)	0.9 (0)	0.6 (0)

¹Safety population: all subjects in the exposed population who provided post-vaccination safety data

²Percentage of severe adverse reactions are presented in parenthesis

Study 1: NCT01992094

Unsolicited adverse events were collected for 21 days after vaccination. In adults 18 years of age and older, unsolicited adverse events were reported in 16.1% of subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT, within 21 days after vaccination.

In adults 18 years of age and older, serious adverse events (SAEs) were collected throughout the study duration (until 6 months after vaccination) and were reported by 3.9%, of the subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. None of the SAEs were assessed as being related to study vaccine.

Children and Adolescents 4 through 17 years of age:

The safety of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT in children was evaluated in a randomized, double-blind, controlled study conducted in the US (Study 2). The safety population included a total of 2332 children 4 through 17 years of age; 1161 children 4 through 8 years of age and 1171 children 9 through 17 years of age.

In this study, subjects received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT or one of the two formulations of comparator trivalent influenza vaccine (FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT n=1159, TIV1c, n=593 or TIV2c n= 580). Children 9 through 17 years of age received a single dose of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT or comparator vaccine. Children 4 through 8 years of age received one or two doses (separated by 4 weeks) of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT or comparator vaccine based on determination of the subject’s prior influenza vaccination history. The mean age of subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was 9.6 years of age; 48% of subjects were female and 53% were Caucasian. The safety data observed are summarized in Table 3 and Table 4.

In this study, solicited local injection site and systemic adverse reactions were collected from subjects who completed a symptom diary card for 7 days following vaccination.

Solicited adverse reactions for FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT and comparator are summarized in Table 3 and Table 4.

Table 3: Incidence of Solicited Adverse Reactions in the Safety Population¹ (4 through 5 years of age) Reported Within 7 Days of the First dose of Vaccination (Study 2)

	Children 4 through 5 years		
	Percentages (%) ²		
	FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT N=182	Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	
		TIV1c N=91	TIV2c N=93
Local Adverse Reactions			
Injection site induration	13 (1)	20 (2)	13 (0)
Injection site erythema	18 (1)	23 (1)	17 (0)
Injection site ecchymosis	9 (0)	11 (0)	8 (0)
Injection site tenderness	46 (1)	45 (1)	43 (0)
Systemic Adverse Reactions			
Change in eating habits	10 (1)	7	6
Sleepiness	19 (1)	12 (3)	10 (0)
Irritability	16 (2)	10 (2)	10 (1)
Chills	5 (1)	2 (0)	1 (0)
Vomiting	4 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)
Diarrhea	4 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)
Fever: ≥38.0 °C (≥40.0 °C)	4 (0)	4 (0)	3 (0)

¹Safety population: all subjects in the exposed population who provided post-vaccination safety data.

²Percentage of subjects with severe adverse reactions are presented in parenthesis.

Study 2: NCT01992107

Table 4: Incidence of Solicited Adverse Reactions in the Safety Population¹ (Children 6 through 17 years of age) Reported Within 7 Days of Vaccination (Study 2)

	Children 6 through 8 years (after first dose)			Children 9 through 17 years		
	Percentages (%) ²					
	FLU- CELVAX QUADRI- VALENT N=371-372	Trivalent Influenza vaccine		FLU- CELVAX QUADRI- VALENT N=579	Trivalent Influenza Vaccine	
TIV1c N=185		TIV2c N=186	TIV1c N=294		TIV2c N=281-282	
Local Adverse Reactions						
Injection site induration	16 (0)	19 (1)	13 (0)	15 (0)	15 (0)	13 (<1)
Injection site erythema	22 (0)	23 (1)	20 (0)	19 (<1)	17 (0)	15 (<1)
Injection site ecchymosis	9 (0)	9 (0)	8 (0)	4 (0)	5 (0)	5 (0)
Injection site pain	54 (1)	57 (1)	58 (2)	58 (1)	51 (<1)	50 (0)
Systemic Adverse Events						
Chills	4 (1)	3 (0)	4 (0)	7 (0)	6 (1)	4 (1)
Nausea	8 (1)	5 (0)	5 (1)	9 (<1)	8 (1)	7 (1)
Myalgia	12 (1)	14 (0)	10 (0)	16 (<1)	17 (<1)	15 (<1)
Arthralgia	4 (0)	5 (0)	4 (0)	6 (0)	6 (0)	8 (<1)
Headache	14 (1)	13 (0)	12 (0)	22 (1)	23 (2)	18 (1)
Fatigue	13 (2)	14 (0)	18 (0)	18 (<1)	16 (1)	16 (<1)
Vomiting	3 (1)	3 (0)	3 (0)	2 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)
Diarrhea	3 (<1)	6 (1)	5 (0)	4 (0)	4 (0)	3 (<1)
Loss of appetite	9 (<1)	5 (0)	8 (1)	9 (0)	9 (<1)	9 (0)
Fever: ≥38.0 °C (≥40.0 °C)	4 (0)	3 (0)	2 (0)	1 (<1)	3 (0)	1 (0)

¹Safety population: all subjects in the exposed population who provided post-vaccination safety data.

²Percentage of subjects with severe adverse reactions are presented in parenthesis.

Study 2: NCT 01992107

In children who received a second dose of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT, TIV1c, or TIV2c, the incidence of adverse reactions following the second dose of vaccine were similar to those observed with the first dose.

Unsolicited adverse events were collected for 21 days after last vaccination. In children 4 through 17 years of age, unsolicited adverse events were reported in 24.3 of subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT, within 3 weeks after last vaccination.

In children 4 through 17 years of age, serious adverse events (SAEs) were collected throughout the study duration (until 6 months after last vaccination) and were reported by 0.5%, of the subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. None of the SAEs were assessed as being related to study vaccine.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The safety experience with FLUCELVAX (trivalent influenza vaccine) is relevant to FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT, because both vaccines are manufactured using the same process and have overlapping compositions.

The following additional adverse events have been identified during post-approval use of FLUCELVAX. Because these events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to the vaccine.

Immune system disorders: Anaphylactic reaction, angioedema.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: Generalized skin reactions including pruritus, urticaria or non-specific rash.

Nervous systems disorders: Syncope, Presyncope

General disorders and administration site conditions: Extensive swelling of injected limb.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Concomitant use with Other Vaccines

No data are available to assess the concomitant administration of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT with other vaccines.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Category B: The developmental and reproductive toxicity study performed with the trivalent formulation of Flucelvax is relevant to Flucelvax Quadrivalent because both vaccines share the same manufacturing process and route of administration. A reproductive and developmental toxicity study has been performed in rabbits with Flucelvax, with a dose level that was approximately 11 times the human dose based on body weight. The study revealed no evidence of impaired female fertility or harm to the fetus. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this vaccine should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. In a reproductive and developmental toxicity study, the effect of Flucelvax containing 45 mcg HA/dose on embryo-fetal and post-natal development was evaluated in pregnant rabbits. Animals were administered vaccine by intramuscular injection 3 times prior to gestation, during the period of organogenesis (gestation day 7) and later in pregnancy (gestation day 20), 0.5 mL/rabbit/occasion (approximately 11-fold excess relative to the projected human dose on a body weight basis). No adverse effects on mating, female fertility, pregnancy, embryo-fetal development, or post-natal development were observed. There were no vaccine-related fetal malformations or other evidence of teratogenesis.

8.3 Nursing Mothers

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT has not been evaluated in nursing mothers. It is not known whether FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is administered to a nursing woman.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness have not been established in children less than 4 years of age.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the total number of subjects who received one dose of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT in clinical studies and included in the safety population (2493), 26.47% (660) were 65 years of age and older and 7.7% (194) were 75 years of age or older. Antibody responses to FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT were lower in the geriatric (adults 65 years and older) population than in younger subjects. [see *Clinical Studies* (14.3)]

11 DESCRIPTION

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Vaccine), a vaccine for intramuscular injection, is a subunit influenza vaccine prepared from virus propagated in Madin Darby Canine Kidney (MDCK) cells, a continuous cell line. These cells were adapted to grow freely in suspension in culture medium. The virus is inactivated with β-propiolactone, disrupted by the detergent cetyltrimethylammonium bromide and purified through several process steps. Each of the 4 virus strains is produced and purified separately then pooled to formulate the quadrivalent vaccine. FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is a sterile, slightly opalescent suspension in phosphate buffered saline. FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is standardized according to United States Public Health Service requirements for the 2016-2017 influenza season and is formulated to contain a total of 60 micrograms (mcg) hemagglutinin (HA) per 0.5 mL dose in the recommended ratio of 15 mcg HA of each of the following four influenza strains: A/Brisbane/10/2010 (H1N1) (an A/California/7/2009-like virus); A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2); B/Utah/9/14 (a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus); B/Hong Kong/259/2010 (a B/Brisbane/60/08-like virus). Each dose of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT may contain residual amounts of MDCK cell protein (≤8.4 mcg), protein other than HA (≤160 mcg), MDCK cell DNA (≤10 ng), polysorbate 80 (≤1500 mcg), cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (≤18 mcg), and β-propiolactone (<0.5 mcg), which are used in the manufacturing process. FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT contains no preservative or antibiotics. The tip caps and plungers of the prefilled syringes are not made with natural rubber latex.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Influenza illness and its complications follow infection with influenza viruses. Global surveillance and analysis of influenza virus isolates permits identification of yearly antigenic variants. Since 1977, antigenic variants of influenza A (H1N1 and H3N2) viruses and influenza B viruses have been in global circulation.

Specific levels of hemagglutination inhibition (HI) antibody titers induced by vaccination with inactivated influenza virus vaccine have not been correlated with protection from influenza illness. In some studies, HI antibody titers of ≥1:40 have been associated with protection from influenza illness in up to 50% of subjects.^{2,3}

Antibody against one influenza virus type or subtype confers little or no protection against another. Furthermore, antibody to one antigenic variant of influenza virus might not protect against a new antigenic variant of the same type or subtype. Frequent development of antigenic variants through antigenic drift is the virologic basis for seasonal epidemics and the reason for the usual change of one or more strains in each year’s influenza vaccine. Therefore, inactivated influenza vaccines are standardized to contain the hemagglutinin of influenza virus strains representing the influenza viruses likely to circulate in the United States in the upcoming winter.

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices because immunity declines during the year after vaccination, and because circulating strains of influenza virus change from year to year.⁴

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT has not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential, or for impairment of male fertility in animals. Administration of Flucelvax vaccine (45 mcg HA/dose) did not affect female fertility in a rabbit reproductive and developmental toxicity study.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Efficacy against Culture-Confirmed Influenza

The efficacy experience with FLUCELVAX is relevant to FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT because both vaccines are manufactured using the same process and have overlapping compositions. A multinational (US, Finland, and Poland), randomized, observer-blind, placebo-controlled trial was performed to assess clinical efficacy and safety of FLUCELVAX during the 2007-2008 influenza season in adults aged 18 through 49 years. A total of 11,404 subjects were enrolled to receive FLUCELVAX (N=3828), AGRIFLU (N=3676) or placebo (N=3900) in a 1:1:1 ratio. Among the overall study population enrolled, the mean age was 33 years, 55% were female, 84% were Caucasian, 7% were Black, 7% were Hispanic, and 2% were of other ethnic origin. FLUCELVAX efficacy was assessed by the prevention of culture-confirmed symptomatic influenza illness caused by viruses antigenically matched to those in the vaccine and prevention of influenza illness caused by all influenza viruses compared to placebo. Influenza cases were identified by active and passive surveillance of influenza-like illness (ILI). ILI was defined as a fever (oral temperature ≥100.0°F / 38°C) and cough or sore throat. Nose and throat swab samples were collected for analysis within 120 hours of onset of an influenza-like illness in the period from 21 days to 6 months after vaccination. Overall vaccine efficacy against all influenza viral subtypes and vaccine efficacy against individual influenza viral subtypes were calculated (Tables 5 and 6, respectively).

Table 5: Vaccine Efficacy against Culture-Confirmed Influenza

	Number of subjects per protocol	Number of subjects with influenza	Attack Rate (%)	Vaccine Efficacy (VE) ^{1,2}	
				%	Lower Limit of One-Sided 97.5% CI of VE ^{2,3}
Antigenically Matched Strains					
FLUCELVAX	3776	7	0.19	83.8	61.0
Placebo	3843	44	1.14	--	--
All Culture-Confirmed Influenza					
FLUCELVAX	3776	42	1.11	69.5	55.0
Placebo	3843	140	3.64	--	--

¹Efficacy against influenza was evaluated over a 9 month period in 2007/2008
²Simultaneous one-sided 97.5% confidence intervals for the vaccine efficacy (VE) of FLUCELVAX relative to placebo based on the Sidak-corrected score confidence intervals for the relative risk. Vaccine Efficacy = (1 - Relative Risk) x 100%
³VE success criterion: the lower limit of the one-sided 97.5% CI for the estimate of the VE relative to placebo is >40%
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Table 6: Efficacy of FLUCELVAX against Culture-Confirmed Influenza by Influenza Viral Subtype

FLUCELVAX (N=3776)		Placebo (N=3843)		Vaccine Efficacy (VE) ²		
	Attack Rate (%)	Number of Subjects with Influenza	Attack Rate (%)	Number of Subjects with Influenza	%	Lower Limit of One-Sided 97.5% CI of VE ^{1,2}
Antigenically Matched Strains						
A/H3N2 ³	0.05	2	0	0	--	--
A/H1N1	0.13	5	1.12	43	88.2	67.4
B ³	0	0	0.03	1	--	--
All Culture-Confirmed Influenza						
A/H3N2	0.16	6	0.65	25	75.6	35.1
A/H1N1	0.16	6	1.48	57	89.3	73.0
B	0.79	30	1.59	61	49.9	18.2

¹No VE success criterion was prespecified in the protocol for each individual influenza virus subtype.
²Simultaneous one-sided 97.5% confidence intervals for the vaccine efficacy (VE) of FLUCELVAX relative to placebo based on the Sidak-corrected score confidence intervals for the relative risk. Vaccine Efficacy = (1 - Relative Risk) x 100%;
³There were too few cases of influenza due to vaccine-matched influenza A/H3N2 or B to adequately assess vaccine efficacy.
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There are no data demonstrating prevention of influenza disease after vaccination with FLUCELVAX in the pediatric age group.

14.2 Immunogenicity of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT in Adults 18 years of age and above

Immunogenicity of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was evaluated in adults 18 years of age and older in a randomized, double-blind, controlled study conducted in the US (Study 1). In this study, subjects received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT or one of the two formulations of comparator trivalent influenza vaccine (FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT (N=1334), TIV1c, N=677 or TIV2c N= 669). In the per protocol set, the mean age of subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was 57.5 years; 55.1% of subjects were female and 76.1% of subjects were Caucasian, 13% were black and 9% were Hispanics. The immune response to each of the vaccine antigens was assessed, 21 days after vaccination. The immunogenicity endpoints were geometric mean antibody titers (GMTs) of hemagglutination inhibition (HI) antibodies response and percentage of subjects who achieved seroconversions, defined as a pre-vaccination HI titer of <1:10 with a post-vaccination titer ≥1:40 or a pre-vaccination HI titer >1:10 and at least 4-fold increase in serum HI antibody titer. FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was noninferior to TIVc. Noninferiority was established for all 4 influenza strains included in the QIVc, as assessed by ratios of GMTs and the differences in the percentages of subjects achieving seroconversion at 3 weeks following vaccination. The antibody response to influenza B strains contained in FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was superior to the antibody response after vaccination with TIVc containing an influenza B strain from the alternate lineage. There was no evidence that the addition of the second influenza B strain resulted in immune interference to other strains included in the vaccine. (See Table 7)

Table 7: Noninferiority of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT relative to TIVc in adults 18 Years of Age and Above – Per Protocol Analysis Set [Study 1]

		FLUCELVAX QUADRIVA- LENT N = 1250	TIV1c/TIV2c ¹ N = 635/N = 639	Vaccine Group Ratio (95% CI)	Vaccine Group Difference (95% CI)
A/H1N1	GMT (95% CI)	302.8 (281.8-325.5)	298.9 (270.3-330.5)	1.0 (0.9-1.1)	-
	Seroconversion Rate ² (95% CI)	49.2% (46.4-52.0)	48.7% (44.7-52.6)	-	-0.5% (-5.3-4.2)
A/H3N2	GMT (95% CI)	372.3 (349.2-396.9)	378.4 (345.1-414.8)	1.0 (0.9-1.1)	-
	Seroconversion Rate ² (95% CI)	38.3% (35.6-41.1)	35.6% (31.9-39.5)	-	-2.7% (-7.2-1.9)
B1	GMT (95% CI)	133.2 (125.3-141.7)	115.6 (106.4-125.6)	0.9 (0.8-1.0)	-
	Seroconversion Rate ² (95% CI)	36.6% (33.9-39.3)	34.8% (31.1-38.7)	-	-1.8% (-6.2-2.8)
B2	GMT (95% CI)	177.2 (167.6-187.5)	164.0 (151.4-177.7)	0.9 (0.9-1.0)	-
	Seroconversion Rate ² (95% CI)	39.8% (37.0-42.5)	35.4% (31.7-39.2)	-	-4.4% (-8.9-0.2)

Abbreviations: HI = hemagglutination inhibition. PPS = per protocol set. GMT = geometric mean titer. CI = confidence interval.
¹Per protocol set: All subjects in Full Analysis Set, immunogenicity population, who has correctly received the assigned vaccine, have no major protocol deviations leading to exclusion as defined prior to unblinding/analysis and are not excluded due to other reasons defined prior to unblinding or analysis.
²The comparator vaccine for noninferiority comparisons for A/H1N1, A/H3N2 and B1 is TIV1c, for B2 it is TIV2c.
³Seroconversion rate = percentage of subjects with either a pre-vaccination HI titer <1:10 and post-vaccination HI titer ≥1:40 or with a pre-vaccination HI titer ≥1:10 and a minimum 4-fold increase in post-vaccination HI antibody titer.
Study 1: NCT01992094

14.3 Immunogenicity in Children and Adolescents 4 through 17 years of age

Immunogenicity of FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was evaluated in children 4 through 17 years of age in a randomized, double-blind, controlled study conducted in the US (Study 2). (See section 6.1) In this study, 1159 subjects received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT. In the per protocol set, the mean age of subjects who received FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT was 9.8 years; 47% of subjects were female and 54% of subjects were Caucasian, 22% were black and 19% were Hispanics. The immune response to each of the vaccine antigens was assessed, 21 days after vaccination. The immunogenicity endpoints were the percentage of subjects who achieved seroconversion, defined as a pre-vaccination hemagglutination inhibition (HI) titer of <1:10 with a post-vaccination HI titer ≥1:40 or at least a 4-fold increase in serum HI titer; and percentage of subjects with a post-vaccination HI titer ≥1:40. In subjects receiving FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT, for all four influenza strains, the 95% LBCI seroconversion rates were ≥40% and the percentage of subjects who achieved HI titer ≥1:40 post vaccination were ≥70% (95% LBCI). (See Table 8)

Table 8: The Percentage of Children and Adolescents 4 through 17 years of Age with Seroconversion² and HI Titers ≥1:40 post vaccination with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT – Per-Protocol Analysis Set³ [Study 2]

		FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT
A/H1N1		N = 1014
	Seroconversion Rate ³ (95% CI)	72% (69-75)
	HI titer ≥1:40	99% (98-100)
A/H3N2		N = 1013
	Seroconversion Rate ³ (95% CI)	47% (44-50)
	HI titer ≥1:40	100% (99-100)
B1		N = 1013
	Seroconversion Rate ³ (95% CI)	66% (63-69)
	HI titer ≥1:40	92% (91-94)
B2		N = 1009
	Seroconversion Rate ³ (95% CI)	73% (70-76)
	HI titer ≥1:40	91% (89-93)

Abbreviations: HI = hemagglutinin inhibition. CI = confidence interval.
¹Analyses are performed on data for day 22 for previously vaccinated subjects and day 50 for not previously vaccinated subjects.
²Seroconversion rate = percentage of subjects with either a pre-vaccination HI titer <1:10 and post-vaccination HI titer ≥1:40 or with a pre-vaccination HI titer ≥1:10 and a minimum 4-fold increase in post-vaccination HI titer. Immunogenicity success criteria were met if the lower limit of the 95% confidence interval (CI) of the percentage of subjects with HI titer ≥1:40 is ≥70%; and the lower limit of the 95% CI of the percentage of subjects with seroconversion is ≥40%.
³Per protocol set: All subjects in Full Analysis Set, immunogenicity population, who has correctly received the assigned vaccine, have no major protocol deviations leading to exclusion as defined prior to unblinding/analysis and are not excluded due to other reasons defined prior to unblinding or analysis.
Study 2: NCT 01992107

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16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is supplied in a carton containing ten 0.5 mL single-dose syringes without needles:

- Carton NDC number: 70461-200-01
- Pre-filled syringe NDC number: 70461-200-11

Store this product refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). Do not freeze. Protect from light. Do not use after the expiration date.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Inform vaccine recipients of the potential benefits and risks of immunization with FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT.

Educate vaccine recipients regarding the potential side effects; clinicians should emphasize that (1) FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT contains non-infectious particles and cannot cause influenza and (2) FLUCELVAX QUADRIVALENT is intended to provide protection against illness due to influenza viruses only, and cannot provide protection against other respiratory illnesses.

Instruct vaccine recipients to report adverse reactions to their healthcare provider.

Provide vaccine recipients with the Vaccine Information Statements which are required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. These materials are available free of charge at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website (www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

Inform vaccine recipients that annual vaccination is recommended.



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