

ANNEX I
SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Pandemrix suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection.
Pandemic influenza vaccine (H1N1)v (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted)

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

After mixing, 1 dose (0.5 ml) contains:

Split influenza virus, inactivated, containing antigen* equivalent to:

A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like strain (X-179A) 3.75 micrograms**

* propagated in eggs

** haemagglutinin

This vaccine complies with the WHO recommendation and EU decision for the pandemic.

AS03 adjuvant composed of squalene (10.69 milligrams), DL- α -tocopherol (11.86 milligrams) and polysorbate 80 (4.86 milligrams)

The suspension and emulsion, once mixed, form a multidose vaccine in a vial. See section 6.5 for the number of doses per vial.

Excipients: the vaccine contains 5 micrograms thiomersal

For a full list of excipients see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection.
The suspension is a colourless light opalescent liquid.
The emulsion is a whitish homogeneous liquid.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Prophylaxis of influenza in an officially declared pandemic situation (see sections 4.2 and 5.1).

Pandemic influenza vaccine should be used in accordance with Official Guidance.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

The dose recommendations take into account available data from on-going clinical studies in healthy subjects who received a single dose or two doses of Pandemrix (H1N1) and from clinical studies in healthy subjects who received two doses of a version of Pandemrix containing HA derived from A/Vietnam/1194/2004 (H5N1).

In some age groups there are limited clinical study data (adults aged 60-79 years and children aged 10 to 17 years), very limited clinical study data (adults aged 80 years and older, children aged 6 months to

9 years) or no data (children aged less than 6 months) with one or both versions of Pandemrix as detailed in sections 4.4, 4.8 and 5.1.

Adults aged 18 years and older:

One dose of 0.5 ml at an elected date.

Immunogenicity data obtained at three weeks after administration of Pandemrix (H1N1) in clinical studies suggest that a single dose may be sufficient.

If a second dose is administered there should be an interval of at least three weeks between the first and the second dose.

Children and adolescents aged 10-17 years

Dosing may be in accordance with the recommendations for adults.

Children aged from 6 months to 9 years

One dose of 0.25 ml at an elected date.

Preliminary immunogenicity data obtained in a limited number of children aged 6-35 months show that there is a further immune response to a second dose of 0.25 ml administered after an interval of three weeks.

The use of a second dose should take into consideration the information provided in sections 4.4, 4.8 and 5.1.

Children aged less than 6 months

Vaccination is not currently recommended in this age group.

It is recommended that subjects who receive a first dose of Pandemrix should complete the vaccination course with Pandemrix (see section 4.4).

Method of administration

Immunisation should be carried out by intramuscular injection preferably into the deltoid muscle or anterolateral thigh (depending on the muscle mass).

4.3 Contraindications

History of an anaphylactic (i.e. life-threatening) reaction to any of the constituents or trace residues (egg and chicken protein, ovalbumin, formaldehyde, gentamicin sulphate and sodium deoxycholate) of this vaccine. If vaccination is considered to be necessary, facilities for resuscitation should be immediately available in case of need.

See section 4.4 for Special warnings and special precautions for use.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Caution is needed when administering this vaccine to persons with a known hypersensitivity (other than anaphylactic reaction) to the active substance, to any of the excipients, to thiomersal and to residues (egg and chicken protein, ovalbumin, formaldehyde, gentamicin sulphate and sodium deoxycholate).

As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of a rare anaphylactic event following the administration of the vaccine.

If the pandemic situation allows, immunisation shall be postponed in patients with severe febrile illness or acute infection.

Pandemrix should under no circumstances be administered intravascularly.

There are no data with Pandemrix using the subcutaneous route. Therefore, healthcare providers need to assess the benefits and potential risks of administering the vaccine in individuals with thrombocytopenia or any bleeding disorder that would contraindicate intramuscular injection unless the potential benefit outweighs the risk of bleedings.

There are no data on administration of AS03-adjuvanted vaccines before or following other types of influenza vaccines intended for pre-pandemic or pandemic use.

Antibody response in patients with endogenous or iatrogenic immunosuppression may be insufficient.

A protective immune response may not be elicited in all vaccinees (see section 5.1).

There are no safety and immunogenicity data available from clinical studies with Pandemrix (H1N1) in children aged less than 6 months. There are limited data available from a clinical study with Pandemrix (H1N1) in healthy children aged from 10 to 17 years, very limited data available from a clinical study with Pandemrix (H1N1) in healthy children aged from 6 to 35 months and limited data from a study with a version of Pandemrix containing H5N1 antigens in children aged from 3 to 9 years.

Very limited data in children aged 6 to 35 months (N=51) who received two doses of 0.25 ml (half of the adult dose) with an interval of 3 weeks between doses indicate an increase in the rates of injection site reactions and general symptoms (see section 4.8). In particular rates of fever (axillary temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$) may increase considerably after the second dose. Therefore, monitoring of temperature and measures to lower the fever (such as antipyretic medication as seems clinically necessary) are recommended in young children (e.g. up to approximately 6 years of age) after each vaccination.

There are limited data available from clinical studies with Pandemrix (H1N1) in adults aged over 60 years and very limited data with Pandemrix (H1N1) or with a version of the vaccine containing H5N1 antigens in adults aged over 80 years.

There are no safety, immunogenicity or efficacy data to support interchangeability of Pandemrix with other H1N1 pandemic vaccines.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Data obtained on co-administration of Pandemrix H1N1 with non-adjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccine (Fluarix, a split virion vaccine) in healthy adults aged over 60 years did not suggest any significant interference in the immune response to Pandemrix H1N1. The immune response to Fluarix was satisfactory.

Co-administration was not associated with higher rates of local or systemic reactions compared to administration of Pandemrix alone.

Therefore the data indicate that Pandemrix may be co-administered with non-adjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccines (with injections made into opposite limbs).

Data obtained on the administration of a non-adjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccine (Fluarix, a split virion vaccine) three weeks before a dose of Pandemrix (H1N1) in healthy adults over 60 years of age, did not suggest any significant interference in the immune response to Pandemrix H1N1. Therefore the data indicate that Pandemrix may be administered three weeks after the administration of non-adjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccines.

There are no data on co-administration of Pandemrix with other vaccines.

If co-administration with another vaccine is considered, immunisation should be carried out on separate limbs. It should be noted that the adverse reactions may be intensified.

The immunological response may be diminished if the patient is undergoing immunosuppressant treatment.

Following influenza vaccination, false-positive serology test results may be obtained by the ELISA method for antibody to human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1), hepatitis C virus and, especially, HTLV-1. In such cases, the Western blot method is negative. These transitory false-positive results may be due to IgM production in response to the vaccine.

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

There are currently no data available on the use of Pandemrix in pregnancy. Data from pregnant women vaccinated with different inactivated non-adjuvanted seasonal vaccines do not suggest malformations or fetal or neonatal toxicity.

Animal studies with Pandemrix do not indicate reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3).

The use of Pandemrix may be considered during pregnancy if this is thought to be necessary, taking into account official recommendations.

Pandemrix may be used in lactating women.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Some of the effects mentioned under section 4.8 “Undesirable Effects” may affect the ability to drive or use machines.

4.8 Undesirable effects

- Clinical trials

Adverse reactions reported are listed according to the following frequency:

Very common ($\geq 1/10$)

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$)

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$)

Rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$)

Very rare ($< 1/10,000$)

Clinical studies have evaluated the incidence of adverse reactions listed below in approximately 5,000 subjects 18 years old and above who received formulations containing A/Vietnam/1194/2004 (H5N1).

Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Blood and lymphatic system disorders

Common: lymphadenopathy

Psychiatric disorders

Uncommon: insomnia

Nervous system disorders

Very common: headache

Uncommon: paraesthesia, somnolence, dizziness

Gastrointestinal disorders

Uncommon: gastro-intestinal symptoms (such as diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal pain, nausea)

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders

Common: ecchymosis at the injection site, sweating increased

Uncommon: pruritus, rash

Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders

Very common: arthralgia, myalgia

General disorders and administration site conditions

Very common: induration, swelling, pain and redness at the injection site, fever, fatigue

Common: shivering, influenza like illness, injection site reactions (such as warmth, pruritus)

Uncommon: malaise

Additional data on reactogenicity are available from clinical studies in healthy subjects of various age groups from 6 months of age upwards who received Pandemrix H1N1. The available data are as follows:

Adults

In a clinical study that evaluated the reactogenicity of the first 0.5 ml dose of Pandemrix (H1N1) in healthy adults aged 18-60 (N=120) and above 60 years (N=120), the frequency of adverse reactions was similar between age groups, except for redness (more common in subjects aged >60 years) and shivering and sweating (more common in subjects aged 18-60 years).

In a clinical study that evaluated reactogenicity in healthy adults aged 18-60 years who received two 0.5 ml doses (21 days apart) of Pandemrix H1N1, there were higher rates of most general solicited symptoms (such as fatigue, headache, arthralgia, shivering, sweating and fever) after the second dose compared to the first dose.

Children aged 10-17 years

In a clinical study that evaluated the reactogenicity in children 10 to 17 years of age who received two 0.5 ml doses (21 days apart) of Pandemrix H1N1, there was no increase in reactogenicity after the second dose compared to the first dose. Gastro-intestinal symptoms and shivering were reported at higher rates compared to the rates reported above from the studies with the H5N1 vaccine formulation.

Children aged 3-9 years

In a clinical study that evaluated reactogenicity in children 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 years of age who received a single half adult (i.e. 0.25 ml) dose of Pandemrix (H1N1), the frequency of the following adverse reactions was as shown in the table:

Adverse reactions	3-5 years	6-9 years
Pain	60.0%	63.1%
Redness	26.7%	23.1%
Swelling	21.7%	23.1%
Shivering	13.3%	10.8%
Sweating	10.0%	6.2%
Fever >38°C	10.0%	4.6%
Fever >39°C	1.7%	0.0%
Diarrhoea	5.0%	NA
Drowsiness	23.3%	NA
Irritability	20.0%	NA
Loss of appetite	20.0%	NA
Arthralgia	NA	15.4%
Myalgia	NA	16.9%
Fatigue	NA	27.7%
Gastrointestinal	NA	13.8%
Headache	NA	21.5%

NA= not available

No data are available at present on reactogenicity after a second half adult (i.e. 0.25 ml) dose of Pandemrix (H1N1) in children aged 3 to 9 years. However, in another clinical study which evaluated the reactogenicity in children 3 to 9 years who received two adult (i.e. 0.5 ml) doses (21 days apart) of Pandemrix (H1N1) there was an increase in injection site reactions and general symptoms after the second dose compared to the first dose.

Children aged 6-35 months

In a clinical study that evaluated reactogenicity in children aged 6 to 35 months who received two half adult (i.e. 0.25 ml) doses (21 days apart) of Pandemrix H1N1 there was an increase in injection site reactions and general symptoms after the second dose compared to the first dose particularly in rates of axillary fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$). The per-dose frequency of the following adverse reactions was as shown in the table:

Adverse reactions	Post dose 1	Post dose 2
Pain	31.4%	41.2%
Redness	19.6%	29.4%
Swelling	15.7%	23.5%
Fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$) axillary	5.9%	43.1%
Fever ($\geq 39^{\circ}\text{C}$) axillary	0.0%	3.9%
Drowsiness	7.8%	35.3%
Irritability	21.6%	37.3%
Loss of appetite	9.8%	39.2%

- Post-marketing surveillance

Pandemrix H1N1v

In addition to the adverse reactions reported in the clinical trials, the following have been reported during post-marketing experience with Pandemrix H1N1v:

Immune system disorders

Anaphylaxis, allergic reactions

Nervous system disorders

Febrile convulsions

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders

Angioedema, generalised skin reactions, urticaria

Interpandemic trivalent vaccines

From Post-marketing surveillance with interpandemic trivalent vaccines, the following adverse reactions have also been reported:

Rare:

Neuralgia, transient thrombocytopenia.

Very rare:

Vasculitis with transient renal involvement.

Neurological disorders, such as encephalomyelitis, neuritis and Guillain Barré syndrome.

This medicinal product contains thiomersal (an organomercuric compound) as a preservative and therefore, it is possible that sensitisation reactions may occur (see section 4.4).

4.9 Overdose

No case of overdose has been reported.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Influenza vaccines, ATC Code J07BB02.

This medicinal product has been authorised under “Exceptional Circumstances”. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) will regularly review any new information which may become available and this SPC will be updated as necessary.

Mock-up vaccines contain influenza antigens that are different from those in the currently circulating influenza viruses. These antigens can be considered as “novel” antigens and simulate a situation where the target population for vaccination is immunologically naïve. Data obtained with the mock-up vaccine will support a vaccination strategy that is likely to be used for the pandemic vaccine: clinical immunogenicity, safety and reactogenicity data obtained with mock-up vaccines are relevant for the pandemic vaccines.

Clinical studies in which a version of Pandemrix containing HA derived from A/Vietnam/1194/2004 (H5N1) was administered at day 0 and at day 21 provide:

- Safety and immunogenicity data in healthy adults, including the elderly
- Limited safety and immunogenicity data in healthy children aged from 3-9 years who received 0.5 ml or 0.25 ml (i.e. half the adult dose).
- Immunogenicity data in healthy adults aged from 18-60 years who received two doses of 0.5 ml with an interval of 3 weeks or 6 months between doses.
- Limited cross-reactive immunogenicity data against A/Indonesia/5/2005 in healthy adults, including the elderly and in healthy children aged from 3-9 years
- Limited immunogenicity data in healthy adults aged 18-60 years who received one dose of AS03-adjuvanted vaccine containing 3.75 µg HA derived from A/Indonesia/05/2005 administered after one or two doses of Pandemrix containing HA derived from A/Vietnam/1194/2004 (H5N1).

For additional data from the H5N1 studies, please consult the Product Information of Pandemic influenza vaccine (H5N1) (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted).

Immune response to Pandemrix (H1N1)

Clinical studies with Pandemrix (H1N1) currently provide:

- Limited safety and immunogenicity data obtained three weeks after administration of a single dose of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy adults aged 18-79 years.
- Limited safety and immunogenicity data obtained after administration of two doses of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy adults aged 18-60 years.
- Very limited safety and immunogenicity data obtained three weeks after administration of a single dose of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy adults aged over 80 years.
- Limited immunogenicity data obtained three weeks after administration of a single dose of 0.25 ml or 0.5 ml of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy children aged 10-17 years.
- Limited safety data obtained after administration of 0.25 ml or two doses of 0.5 ml of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy children aged 10-17 years.
- Very limited safety and immunogenicity data obtained three weeks after a single administration of half the adult dose (i.e. 0.25 ml) of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy children aged 3-9 years.

- Very limited safety and immunogenicity data obtained three weeks after a single administration of half the adult dose (i.e. 0.25 ml) of Pandemrix (H1N1) to healthy children aged 6-35 months.

Adults aged 18-60 years

In two clinical studies (D-Pan H1N1-007 and D-Pan H1N1-008) that evaluated the immunogenicity of AS03-adjuvanted vaccine containing 3.75 µg HA derived from A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like in healthy subjects aged 18-60 years the anti-HA antibody responses were as follows:

anti-HA antibody	Immune response to A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like					
	D-Pan H1N1-007				D-Pan H1N1-008	
	21 days after 1 st dose		21 days after 2 nd dose		21 days after 1 st dose	
	Total enrolled subjects N=60 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=37 [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects N=59 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=37 [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects N=120 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=76 [95% CI]
Seroprotection rate ¹	100% [94.0;100]	100% [90.5;100]	100% [93.9;100]	100% [90.5;100]	97.5% [92.9;99.5]	96.1% [88.9;99.2]
Seroconversion rate ²	98.3% [91.1;100]	100% [90.5;100]	98.3% [90.9;100]	100% [90.5;100]	95.0% [89.4;98.1]	96.1% [88.9;99.2]
Seroconversion factor ³	38.1	47.0	72.9	113.3	42.15 [33.43;53.16]	50.73 [37.84;68.02]

¹ seroprotection rate: proportion of subjects with haemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre $\geq 1:40$;

² seroconversion rate: proportion of subjects who were either seronegative at pre-vaccination and have a protective post-vaccination titre of $\geq 1:40$, or who were seropositive at pre-vaccination and have a 4-fold increase in titre;

³ seroconversion factor: ratio of the post-vaccination geometric mean titre (GMT) and the pre-vaccination GMT.

Elderly (>60 years)

Study D-Pan H1N1-008 also evaluated the immunogenicity of AS03-adjuvanted vaccine containing 3.75 µg HA derived from A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like in healthy subjects (N=120) aged >60 years (stratified in ranges from 61 to 70, 71 to 80 and > 80 years of age). The anti-HA antibody responses 21 days after a first dose were as follows:

anti-HA antibody	Immune response to A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like					
	61-70 years		71-80 years		>80 years	
	Total enrolled subjects N=75 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=43 [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects N=40 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=23 [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects N=5 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=3 [95% CI]
Seroprotection rate ¹	88.0% [78.4;94.4]	81.4% [66.6;91.6]	87.5% [73.2;95.8]	82.6% [61.2;95.0]	80.0% [28.4;99.5]	66.7% [9.4;99.2]
Seroconversion rate ²	80.0% [69.2;88.4]	81.4% [66.6;91.6]	77.5% [61.5;89.2]	82.6% [61.2;95.0]	80.0% [28.4;99.5]	66.7% [9.4;99.2]
Seroconversion factor ³	13.5 [10.3;17.7]	20.3 [13.94;28.78]	13.5 [8.6;21.1]	20.67 [11.58;36.88]	18.4 [4.3;78.1]	17.95 [0.55;582.25]

¹ seroprotection rate: proportion of subjects with haemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre $\geq 1:40$;

² seroconversion rate: proportion of subjects who were either seronegative at pre-vaccination and have

a protective post-vaccination titre of $\geq 1:40$, or who were seropositive at pre-vaccination and have a 4-fold increase in titre;

³seroconversion factor: ratio of the post-vaccination geometric mean titre (GMT) and the pre-vaccination GMT.

Children aged 10-17 years

Two clinical studies evaluated the immunogenicity of a half (0.25 ml) dose and a full (0.5 ml) adult dose of AS03-adjuvanted vaccine containing 3.75 μg HA derived from A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like in healthy children 10 to 17 years of age. The anti-HA antibody responses 21 days after a first dose were as follows:

anti-HA antibody	Immune response to A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like			
	Half dose		Full dose	
	Total enrolled subjects N=58 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=38 [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects N=97 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=61 [95% CI]
Seroprotection rate ¹	98.3% [90.8;100]	97.4% [86.2;99.9]	100% [96.3;100]	100% [94.1;100]
Seroconversion rate ²	96.6% [88.1;99.6]	97.4% [86.2;99.9]	96.9% [91.2;99.4]	100% [94.1;100]
Seroconversion factor ³	46.7 [34.8;62.5]	67.0 [49.1;91.3]	69.0 [52.9;68.4]	95.8 [78.0;117.7]

¹ seroprotection rate: proportion of subjects with haemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre $\geq 1:40$;

²seroconversion rate: proportion of subjects who were either seronegative at pre-vaccination and have a protective post-vaccination titre of $\geq 1:40$, or who were seropositive at pre-vaccination and have a 4-fold increase in titre;

³seroconversion factor: ratio of the post-vaccination geometric mean titre (GMT) and the pre-vaccination GMT.

Children aged 3 to 9 years

In a clinical study in which children aged 3 to 9 years old received a half adult dose (0.25 ml) of AS03-adjuvanted vaccine containing 3.75 μg HA derived from A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like, the anti-HA antibody responses 21 days after a first dose were as follows:

anti-HA antibody	Immune response to A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like			
	3-5 years		6-9 years	
	Total enrolled subjects N=30 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=27 [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects N=30 [95% CI]	Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination N=29 [95% CI]
Seroprotection rate ¹	100% [88.4;100]	100% [87.2;100]	100% [88.4;100]	100% [88.1;100]
Seroconversion rate ²	100% [88.4;100]	100% [87.2;100]	100% [88.4;100]	100% [88.1;100]
Seroconversion factor ³	32.4 [25.4;41.2]	36.4 [29.1;45.4]	36.3 [28.0;47.2]	37.4 [28.7;48.7]

¹ seroprotection rate: proportion of subjects with haemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre $\geq 1:40$;

²seroconversion rate: proportion of subjects who were either seronegative at pre-vaccination and have a protective post-vaccination titre of $\geq 1:40$, or who were seropositive at pre-vaccination and have a 4-fold increase in titre;

³seroconversion factor: ratio of the post-vaccination geometric mean titre (GMT) and the pre-vaccination GMT.

Children aged 6-35 months

In a clinical study in healthy children 6 months to 35 months of age (stratified in ranges from 6 to 11, 12 to 23 and 24-35 months of age) the anti-HA antibody responses 21 days after a first and a second half adult dose (i.e. 0.25 ml) were as follows:

anti-HA antibody	Immune response to A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like						
	6-11 months			12-23 months ⁴		24-35 months ⁴	
	Post dose 1	Post dose 2	Post dose 1	Post dose 1	Post dose 2	Post dose 1	Post dose 2
	Total enrolled subjects [95% CI]		Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination [95% CI]	Total enrolled subjects [95% CI]		Total enrolled subjects [95% CI]	
	N=17	N = 17	N=14	N=17	N= 16	N=16	N= 17
Seroprotection rate ¹	100% [80.5; 100]	100% [80.5; 100]	100% [76.8;100]	100% [80.5; 100]	100% [79.4; 100]	100% [79.4; 100]	100% [80.5; 100]
Seroconversion rate ²	94.1% [71.3; 99.9]	100% [80.5; 100]	100% [76.8;100]	100% [80.5; 100]	100% [79.4; 100]	100% [79.4; 100]	100% [80.5; 100]
Seroconversion factor ³	44.4 [24.1; 81.5]	221.9 [102.6; 480.2]	70.67 [51.91; 96.20]	76.9 [55.7; 106.1]	378.0 [282.0; 506.7]	53.8 [40.7; 71.1]	409.1 [320.7; 521.9]

¹ seroprotection rate: proportion of subjects with haemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre $\geq 1:40$;

² seroconversion rate: proportion of subjects who were either seronegative at pre-vaccination and have a protective post-vaccination titre of $\geq 1:40$, or who were seropositive at pre-vaccination and have a 4-fold increase in titre;

³ seroconversion factor: ratio of the post-vaccination geometric mean titre (GMT) and the pre-vaccination GMT.

⁴ all subjects seronegative prior to vaccination

The clinical relevance of the haemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre $\geq 1:40$ in children is unknown.

Analysis of a subset of 36 subjects aged 6 months to 35 months old showed that 80.6 % had a 4 fold increase in serum neutralising antibodies 21 days after the first dose (66.7 % in 12 subjects aged 6 to 11 months old, 91.7 % in 12 subjects aged 12 to 23 months old and 83.3 % in 12 subjects aged 24 to 35 months old).

Information from non-clinical studies:

The ability to induce protection against homologous and heterologous vaccine strains was assessed non-clinically using ferret challenge models.

In each experiment, four groups of six ferrets were immunized intramuscularly with an AS03 adjuvanted vaccine containing HA derived from H5N1/A/Vietnam/1194/04 (NIBRG-14). Doses of 15, 5, 1.7 or 0.6 micrograms of HA were tested in the homologous challenge experiment, and doses of 15, 7.5, 3.8 or 1.75 micrograms of HA were tested in the heterologous challenge experiment. Control groups included ferrets immunized with adjuvant alone, non-adjuvanted vaccine (15 micrograms HA)

or phosphate buffered saline solution. Ferrets were vaccinated on days 0 and 21 and challenged by the intra-tracheal route on day 49 with a lethal dose of either H5N1/A/Vietnam/1194/04 or heterologous H5N1/A/Indonesia/5/05. Of the animals receiving adjuvanted vaccine, 87% and 96% were protected against the lethal homologous or heterologous challenge, respectively. Viral shedding into the upper respiratory tract was also reduced in vaccinated animals relative to controls, suggesting a reduced risk of viral transmission. In the unadjuvanted control group, as well as in the adjuvant control group, all animals died or had to be euthanized as they were moribund, three to four days after the start of challenge.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Not applicable.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Non-clinical data obtained with the mock-up vaccine using a H5N1 vaccine strain reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, acute and repeated dose toxicity, local tolerance, female fertility, embryo-fetal and postnatal toxicity (up to the end of the lactation period).

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Suspension vial:

Polysorbate 80

Octoxynol 10

Thiomersal

Sodium chloride (NaCl)

Disodium hydrogen phosphate (Na₂HPO₄)

Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH₂PO₄)

Potassium chloride (KCl)

Magnesium chloride (MgCl₂)

Water for injections

Emulsion vial:

Sodium chloride (NaCl)

Disodium hydrogen phosphate (Na₂HPO₄)

Potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KH₂PO₄)

Potassium chloride (KCl)

Water for injections

For adjuvants, see section 2.

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf-life

2 years.

After mixing, the vaccine should be used within 24 hours. Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 25°C.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C).

Do not freeze.

Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

One pack containing:

- one pack of 50 vials (type I glass) of 2.5 ml suspension with a stopper (butyl rubber).
- two packs of 25 vials (type I glass) of 2.5 ml emulsion with a stopper (butyl rubber).

The volume after mixing 1 vial of suspension (2.5 ml) with 1 vial of emulsion (2.5 ml) corresponds to 10 doses of vaccine (5 ml).

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Pandemrix consists of two containers:

Suspension: multidose vial containing the antigen,

Emulsion: multidose vial containing the adjuvant.

Prior to administration, the two components should be mixed.

Instructions for mixing and administration of the vaccine:

1. Before mixing the two components, the emulsion (adjuvant) and suspension (antigen) should be allowed to reach room temperature; each vial should be shaken and inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal physical appearance. In the event of either being observed (including rubber particles from the stopper), discard the vaccine.
2. The vaccine is mixed by withdrawing the entire contents of the vial containing the adjuvant by means of a syringe and by adding it to the vial containing the antigen.
3. After the addition of the adjuvant to the antigen, the mixture should be well shaken. The mixed vaccine is a whitish emulsion. In the event of other variation being observed, discard the vaccine.
4. The volume of the Pandemrix vial after mixing is at least 5 ml. The vaccine should be administered in accordance with the recommended posology (see section 4.2).
5. The vial should be shaken prior to each administration and inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal physical appearance. In the event of either being observed (including rubber particles from the stopper), discard the vaccine.
6. Each vaccine dose of 0.5 ml (full dose) or 0.25 ml (half dose) is withdrawn into a syringe for injection and administered intramuscularly.
7. After mixing, use the vaccine within 24 hours. The mixed vaccine can either be stored in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C) or at room temperature not exceeding 25°C. If the mixed vaccine is stored in a refrigerator, it should be allowed to reach room temperature before each withdrawal.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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