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GSK presents new data for shingles candidate vaccine at IDWeek scientific conference

- New studies support flexible dosing and co-administration with flu vaccine

GSK today announced new data for its shingles candidate vaccine Shingrix™, at the Infectious Disease Week (IDWeek) scientific conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The data examined co-administration of GSK's candidate vaccine with the flu vaccine; a flexible dosing schedule; and the vaccine's impact on quality of life.

Summary of new data

Using subjects from two multicentre, multinational studies from the global phase III candidate vaccine clinical programme, ZOE-50 (NCT01165177) and ZOE-70 (NCT01165229), the vaccine's impact on quality of life was analysed. Due to the high efficacy across all ages in these two pivotal trials, only a few subjects in the vaccines arm developed "breakthrough" shingles after vaccination, as expected. Using an established standard health survey, those who had developed shingles reported reduced levels of pain compared to the group that did not receive the vaccine. The study concluded that in addition to helping prevent shingles, the candidate vaccine also reduced the severity of shingles in the few patients who developed the disease after vaccination.

In the phase III clinical trial programme, adults aged 50 years or over received two doses of the candidate vaccine two months apart. A new study (ZOSTER-026) of 354 patients showed that the second dose of the vaccine could be administered during a window of two to six months following the first dose, with a similar level of immune response and comparable safety profile.

A study (ZOSTER-004) conducted during the 2013 Northern Hemisphere flu season with adults aged 50 years or over showed that when the candidate vaccine was given to patients at the same time as an unadjuvanted seasonal flu vaccine, both vaccines were well tolerated and the immune response to each vaccine was similar whether it was administered at the same time or separately.

Across the clinical trial programme, the risk of serious adverse events, potential immune-mediated diseases or deaths observed was similar in people receiving Shingrix and placebo. The most commonly reported local adverse reaction was pain at the injection site and the most frequently reported systemic adverse reaction was fatigue. The majority of injection site and systemic reactions occurred within seven days of vaccination, with most lasting 1-3 days, and generally were mild-to-moderate in intensity.

GSK included data on flexible dosing and co-administration with unadjuvanted seasonal flu vaccine in its regulatory file submission to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Monday 24 October 2016. Data will also be part of the licensure applications in other parts of the world, which are planned later this year.

Dr Thomas Breuer, Chief Medical Officer GSK Vaccines said: "Shingles is a common but serious condition that results from the reactivation of the virus that causes chicken pox. The risk of getting shingles increases sharply after 50 years of age. GSK's shingles candidate vaccine has consistently shown high efficacy in older people in its phase III development programme. This underscores the potential impact of this novel vaccine candidate to help prevent shingles, and to help overcome the challenge of decreasing immunity that comes with age. Today's new data further support the vaccine candidate's profile in helping to prevent shingles and improve quality of life, and provide new evidence to support flexible dosing options."

IDWeek is the combined annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA), and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS). In addition to presenting data about shingles, GSK will also be presenting abstracts on improving the prevention of influenza through vaccination.

About Shingrix

The candidate vaccine is a non-live, recombinant vaccine to help prevent herpes zoster and its complications and combines glycoprotein E, a protein found on the varicella zoster virus (VZV) that causes shingles, with an adjuvant

system, AS01B, which is intended to enhance the immunological response to the antigen³. GSK intends to register the product as ShingrixTM, subject to approval by relevant regulatory review bodies. The name Shingrix is not yet approved for use by regulatory authorities in any country.

Additional trials to evaluate the ability of the vaccine candidate to help prevent shingles are ongoing in older adults aged 50 and older and in adults with compromised immune systems. These studies will provide additional information with respect to the efficacy and safety profile of the candidate vaccine in an immunocompromised population as well as its ability to stimulate immune responses in other populations and in specific circumstances.

About the phase III study programme

Involving more than 37,000 subjects globally, the phase III programme for GSK's candidate shingles vaccine evaluates its efficacy, safety and immunogenicity. In addition to older adults, the candidate vaccine is being evaluated in immunocompromised patient populations, including solid and haematological cancer patients, haematopoietic stem cell and renal transplant recipients and HIV-infected people.

About the Zoster-026 study

In this study, two doses of the candidate vaccine were administered two, six or 12 months apart. Immune response and safety profile after these alternative dose schedules were compared.

About the Zoster-004 study

In this study, quadrivalent inactivated seasonal influenza vaccine was given at the same time as the first dose of the vaccine candidate, or both vaccines were given sequentially. Immune response and safety profile were compared.

About shingles

Shingles typically presents as a painful, itchy rash that develops on one side of the body, as a result of reactivation of latent chickenpox virus (varicella zoster virus or VZV). Data from many countries indicates that more than 90% of adults have been infected with varicella during childhood. The individual lifetime risk of developing shingles is approximately one in three for people in the USA; however, this increases to one in two people aged 85 and over. A person's risk for shingles increases sharply after 50 years of age due to a natural age-related decline in immune system function, or as a consequence of an underlying immunocompromising condition.⁴

The most common complication from shingles is post-herpetic neuralgia, defined as localised pain of significant intensity persisting at least 90 days after the appearance of the acute shingles rash. Other complications of shingles include ophthalmologic, neurological and cutaneous disease, which can result in severe disability.⁵

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

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Date: October 27, 2016

By: VICTORIA WHYTE

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