

Work Group interpretations of data

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Prior infection



Summary of Work Group interpretation: COVID-19 vaccine and Prior infection

- Await data from Phase III trials for any possible vaccine-associated enhanced disease or reactogenicity after prior infection
 - In the absence of concerning data from Phase III trials:
 - PCR +
 - Antigen +
 - Antibody +
- Not a contraindication
to receive COVID19 vaccine
- Any vaccine recommendations that rely on knowledge of prior immunity/antibody testing would be difficult to implement

Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women



Summary of Work Group interpretation:

COVID-19 vaccine and Breastfeeding Women in Tier 1a

- Most Work Group members agreed that breastfeeding would not be a contraindication to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
 - Need to be evaluated for each vaccine, especially if any live virus/vector vaccines are authorized/licensed

Summary of Work Group interpretation: COVID-19 vaccine and Pregnant Women in Tier 1a

- Limited data on pregnancy expected from Phase III trials
- Work Group did not reach a consensus
- Majority felt that if a woman is recommended to receive the vaccine in an early allocation phase, pregnancy should be a **precaution**, but not a contraindication to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
 - Emphasizing need to allow women to make an informed decision, providing all current knowledge of COVID-19 vaccines/platforms with pregnancy and risk of disease

Summary of Work Group interpretation: COVID-19 vaccine and Pregnant Women in Tier 1a

- Additional situation: Pregnancy diagnosed after receipt of first dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- Majority of Work Group felt that the second dose could be given at the recommended interval
 - Minority opinion: Postponing second dose until second trimester or until after pregnancy
 - Emphasizing need to allow women to make an informed decision

Modeling



Summary of Work Group interpretation:

Modeling data

- Differences among 3 strategies is minimal
 - Ethical principles and implementation considerations may greatly contribute to selecting the optimal sequence in Phase Ib
- Largest impact in averted deaths and infections is the timing of vaccine introduction in relation to increases in COVID-19 cases
 - Emphasizes the need to continue non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g. wearing a mask, social distancing) while we await available vaccine
- Many factors will inform interpretation of modeling data and allocation decisions
 - VE in older adults
 - Vaccine's ability to prevent severe disease or transmission
 - If the goal is to prevent greatest number of infections or greatest number of deaths

Clinical Trial Data



Immunogenicity and Safety Information Reviewed by Work Group

NVX-CoV2373 (Novavax) N=131

■ Immunogenicity

- Neutralizing antibodies (wild-type neutralization assay titers) and binding antibodies (ELISA) measured 14 days post-dose 2
- Responses similar to or exceeded convalescent sera comparison
- Th1-biased CD4+ T-cell response
- **5µg** dose + Matrix-M1 selected for Phase III clinical trials

■ Safety

- Local and systemic symptoms followed for 7 days post-vaccination
 - Headache, fatigue and myalgia most common symptoms reported
- Reactogenicity symptoms higher after second dose
- No vaccine-related serious adverse events (SAEs) reported

Immunogenicity and Safety Information Reviewed by Work Group

Ad26.COVS (Janssen) N=775

■ Immunogenicity

- Neutralizing antibodies (wild-type virus neutralization antibody titers) and binding antibodies (ELISA) measured 28 days post-dose 1
- Responses similar to human convalescent sera
- CD4+ and CD8+ T cell response demonstrated
- Th1-biased CD4+ T-cell response
- **5x10¹⁰** viral particle **single** dose of Ad26.COVS selected for Phase III clinical trials

■ Safety

- Local and systemic symptoms followed after administration
 - Fatigue, headache and pain most common
- Reactogenicity symptoms lower in older population (≥65 years)

Plans for Phase III

- Both vaccine candidates planning/enrolling large Phase III efficacy trials (30,000-60,000 people)
- Primary endpoints: symptomatic, virologically confirmed COVID-19 disease
- Attempting to enroll diverse populations:
 - Race and ethnicity
 - Age (<65 years and ≥65 years of age)
 - Underlying medical conditions

Implementation/Distribution

- Diverse cold chain, implementation requirements
- Novavax (NVX-CoV2372): 2 doses given 21 days apart, vials stored at 2-8°C
- Janssen (Ad26.COVS.2): Single dose, vials stored at -20°C long term, with 2-8°C for 3 months

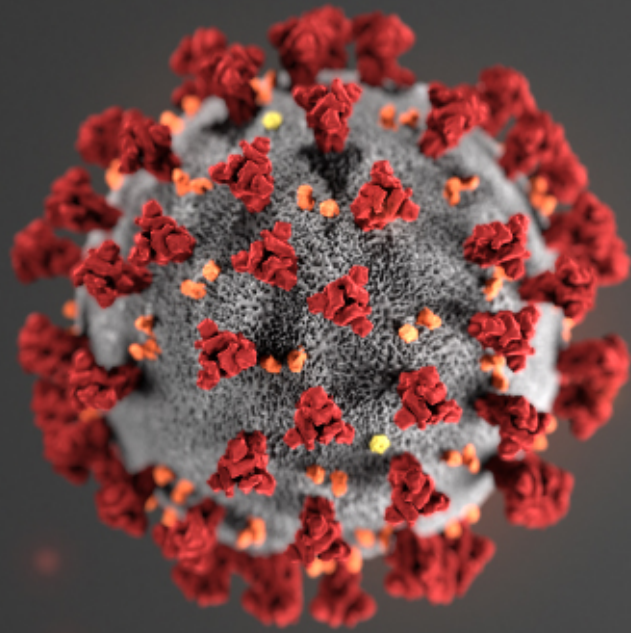
Work Group Interpretation

- Phase I/II data from the vaccines show induction of binding and neutralizing antibodies as well as T-cell responses, favorable safety/reactogenicity profile, supporting advance to Phase III trials
- Both platforms with prior experience from other vaccines
- Safety pauses are expected with large clinical trials, indicate the process is working appropriately

Work Group Interpretation:

Current Phase III Clinical Trials

- Importance of enrolling **diverse** study participants
- Importance of harmonizing safety and efficacy **endpoints** across all Phase III trials to the extent possible
- Need to report **maternal** and **fetal** outcomes for women who become pregnant during the clinical trials
- Support FDA's guidance for ensuring that Phase III trials conduct **ongoing** assessment of long-term safety and efficacy, and that issuance of an EUA is not grounds to unblind follow-up in an ongoing clinical trial



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OWS Supported SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines



Platform/ Design	mRNA: encodes 2P-stabilized Spike, TM, FI	Replication Incompetent Ad26; Stab. Spike; ΔF; TM	Replication incompetent ChAdOx1 wild type Spike; ΔF; TM	Baculovirus Expressed trimeric Stabilized Spike, ΔF; TM + Matrix M	Baculovirus Expressed trimeric Stabilized Spike, ΔF; TM + AS03	mRNA: encodes stabilized SARS-CoV-2 Spike
Dose/ Schedule	2 doses 100 µg (0,28 days)	1 dose at 5 x 10 ¹⁰ / 2 doses separate trial (0-56 days)	2 doses at 5 x 10 ¹⁰ vp, (0-28 days)	2 doses at 5 µg + Matrix M (0,21 days)	5/15 µg +AS03 (0, 21 days)	2 doses X 30 µg (0, 21 days)
Current Status	Phase 3 US (start date July 27 th)	Phase 3 international (includes US)	Phase 3 International (includes US)	Phase 2 International	Phase 1	Phase 2-3 International (start date July 27 th)
Phase 3 Est. Start Date	Finished recruiting	Ongoing	Ongoing	November 2020	December 2020	Ongoing (close to completing recruitment)
DART	Ongoing-Report expected Q1 2021	Ongoing-Report expected Q1 2021	Expected to start Q4 2020	Ongoing-Report expected Q1 2021	Expected to start Q4 2020	Will complete DART study. Date unknown
Pregnancy Exposure	NO; Platform has been tested in adults	Yes, Ad26+ Ebola (1000 patients) Current pregnancy trials ongoing	NO; Platform has been tested in adults	Baculovirus Expression YES; Adjuvant has been tested in adults	Baculovirus expression YES; Adjuvant in commercial vaccine (Pandemrix, Arepanrix)	NO
Comments	DART with previous formulations; no concerns	Recruiting lactating women in their Phase 3		Extensive experience with pregnancy trials (RSV+Alum)	GSK conducting pregnancy trials (Phase 2) for RSV vaccine	Pfizer conducting pregnancy trials (Phase 3) for RSV vaccine

Precautions:

General Best Practices Guidelines

- Precaution: A condition in a recipient that might increase the risk for a serious adverse reaction, might cause diagnostic confusion, or might compromise the ability of the vaccine to produce immunity
- In general, vaccinations should be deferred when a precaution is present. However, a vaccination might be indicated in the presence of a precaution if the **benefit** of protection from the vaccine **outweighs** the **risk** for an adverse reaction

Vaccination during Pregnancy:

General Best Practices Guidelines

- “No evidence exists of risk to the fetus from vaccinating pregnant women with inactivated virus or bacterial vaccines or toxoids”
- Live vaccines administered to a pregnant woman pose a theoretical risk to the fetus; therefore, live, attenuated virus and live bacterial vaccines generally are contraindicated during pregnancy
- Pregnancy is a contraindication for smallpox vaccine, MMR and varicella-containing vaccines.