Comparison of immunogenicity of 2-dose and 3-dose regimens of 9-valent HPV vaccine

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Licensure and Recommendation for 9vHPV Vaccine (Gardasil 9): Similar to qHPV Vaccine (Gardasil)

- The 9-valent HPV (9vHPV) vaccine (3-dose regimen) was licensed in Dec 2014 in the United States, in 2015 in Canada, the EU, Australia, Chile and Hong-Kong, and in 2016 in Ecuador, Korea and New Zealand under the name GARDASIL-9 to prevent
 - Cervical/vulvar/vaginal/anal cancers caused by HPV 16/18/31/33/45/52/58
 - Cervical/vulvar/vaginal/anal dysplasia caused by HPV 6/11/16/18/31/33/45/52/58
 - Genital warts caused by HPV 6/11
- In Feb 2015, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended Gardasil 9 for routine vaccination
- Licensure of 9vHPV vaccine is under review in other countries

Assessment of 2-dose Regimen for HPV Vaccines

- Change in WHO recommendation in Oct 2014 (HPV vaccines: WHO position paper. Wkly Epidemiol Rec 2014; 89:465-492)
 - 2 doses (interval 6 months) in girls 9-14 years of age
 - If dose 2 is administered <5 months after dose 1, a third dose should be given >6 months after the first dose
 - No maximum recommended interval (≤12-15 months suggested to complete schedule promptly and prior to becoming sexually active)
 - 3 doses in individuals ≥15 years of age and those known to be immunocompromised and/or HIV infected
- No current licensure or recommendation of 2-dose regimen in the US
 - 2-dose immunogenicity study of qHPV vaccine was conducted
 - Demonstrated non-inferior immunogenicity of 2-dose regimen in girls
 9-13 years of age vs. 3-dose regimen in women 16-26 years of age
 - Ref: Dobson et al. (2013) JAMA 309:1793-1802
 - Results not submitted to the FDA (considering the imminent submission of the 9vHPV vaccine initial filing to the FDA)

Assessment of 2-Dose Regimen of 9vHPV Vaccine

- 9vHPV vaccine was developed as a 3-dose vaccine
 - Development started in 2007 (at that time, 3-dose regimen was standard for HPV vaccines)
 - Dec 2014: initial licensure of Gardasil 9 (3-dose regimen)
 - Dec 2015: licensure extended to males 16-26 years of age
- 9vHPV vaccine 2-dose regimen assessment
 - Immunobridging study ongoing (Protocol 010)
 - Results of primary immunogenicity analyses (4 weeks post-last dose) expected to be reviewed by the FDA in 2016
 - Study to continue for 2 more years for assessment of antibody persistence and immune memory
 - Separate long-term effectiveness planned in a larger study (Protocol 025)

9vHPV 2-dose Study: Study Design [1 of 2]

	Open-label study; all received 9vHPV vaccine									
	Cohort	Age (years)	Gender	N	Dosing regimen (months)					
Enrollment	1	9-14	F	300	0, 6					
Linominent	2	9-14	M	300	0, 6					
	3	9-14	F/M	300	0, 12					
	4 (control)	16-26	F	300	0, 2, 6					
	5 (exploratory)	9-14	F	300	0, 2, 6					
Vaccine administration	 2 or 3 vaccination visits: ±4-week window around the Month 6 and Month 12 visits; 3-week window around the Month 2 visit 1 additional dose of 9vHPV vaccine at Mo 36 to assess immune memory (antibody levels assessed 1 week & 1 month later) 									

9vHPV 2-dose Study: Study Design [2 of 2]

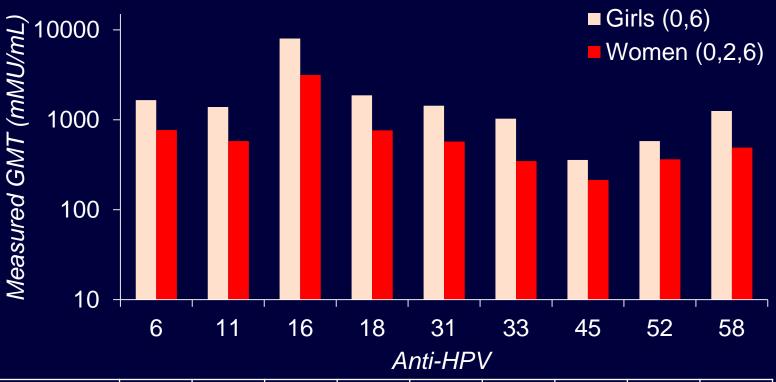
Duration	37-month study
	Non-inferiority of GMTs at 1 month after the last dose in girls and boys who received a 2-dose regimen vs. young women who received a 3-dose regimen
Primary	Same approach as that previously accepted for licensure of 3- dose regimen of Gardasil 9
objectives	Non-inferiority criterion: exclude 1.5-fold decrease (2- vs. 3-dose)
	3 non-inferiority tests
	Girls (0, 6) vs. Women (0, 2, 6)
	Boys (0, 6) vs. Women (0, 2, 6)
	Girls/Boys (0, 12) vs. Women (0, 2, 6)
	Compare GMTs 1 month after last dose in
	Girls (0, 6) vs. Girls (0, 2, 6)
Exploratory	Girls (0, 12) vs. Girls (0, 2, 6)
analyses	Antibody persistence at Months 24 and 36
	Assess evidence of immune memory (additional dose at Mo 36)
	No hypothesis testing for the exploratory analyses

EVALUATION OF PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

- 2 DOSES IN GIRLS AND BOYS 9-14 YEARS OF AGE VS.
- 3 DOSES IN YOUNG WOMEN 16-26 YEARS OF AGE

9vHPV 2-dose Study: Non-inferior GMT at 1 Month Post-Last Dose in 2-dose (0, 6) Girls vs. 3-dose (0, 2, 6) Women

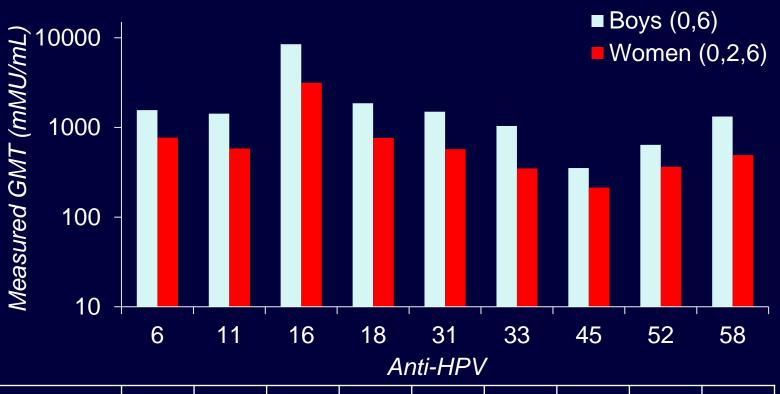
The non-inferiority criterion was met for all 9 HPV types (all p<0.001)



Fold difference (girls/women)	2.15	2.39	2.54	2.46	2.51	2.96	1.67	1.60	2.55
95% CI	(1.83,	(2.03,	(2.14,	(2.05,	(2.10,	(2.50,	(1.38,	(1.36,	(2.15,
	2.53)	2.82)	3.00)	2.96)	3.00)	3.50)	2.03)	1.87)	3.01)

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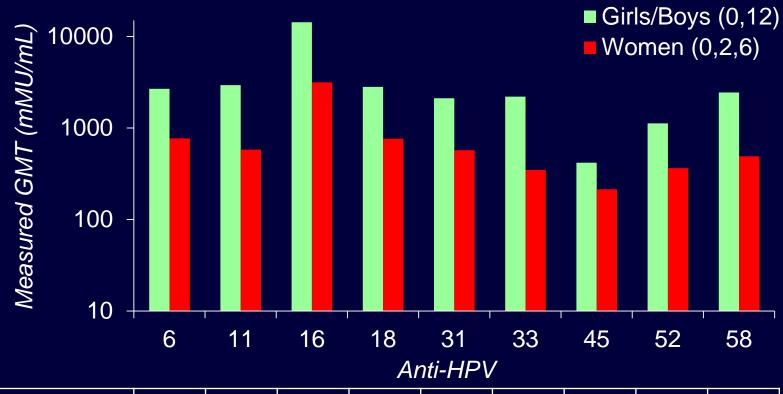
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Fold difference (boys/women)	2.02	2.45	2.69	2.44	2.62	2.99	1.65	1.76	2.70
95% CI	(1.73,	(2.09,	(2.29,	(2.04,	(2.20,	(2.55,	(1.37,	(1.51,	(2.30,
	2.36)	2.88)	3.15)	2.92)	3.12)	3.50)	1.99)	2.05)	3.16)

9vHPV 2-dose Study: Non-inferior GMT at 1 Month Post-Last Dose in 2-dose (0, 12) Girls & Boys vs. 3-dose (0, 2, 6) Women

The non-inferiority criterion was met for all 9 HPV types (all p<0.001)



Fold difference (girls&boys/women)	3.47	5.07	4.54	3.69	3.70	6.31	1.96	3.08	4.98
95% CI			(3.84, 5.37)						

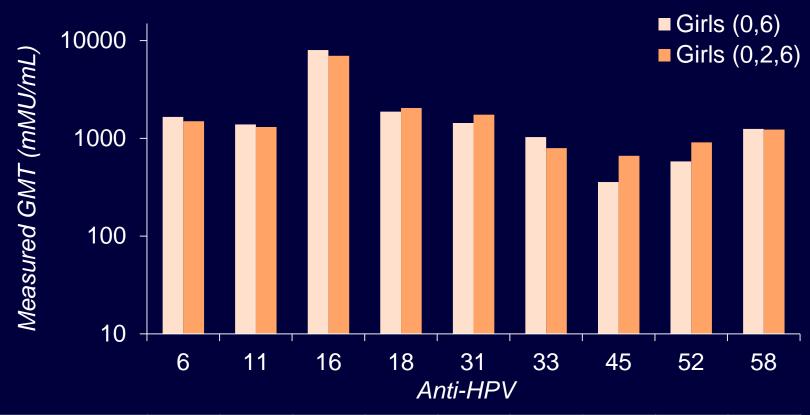
9vHPV 2-dose Study: Seroconversion Rates at 4 Weeks Post-Last Dose

Assay	Girls (0, 6) (N=301)	Boys (0, 6) (N=301)	Girls/Boys (0, 12) (N=300)	Girls (0, 2, 6) (N=300)	Women (0, 2, 6) (N=314)
HPV 6	99.6%	100%	100%	99.2%	99.6%
HPV 11	100%	100%	100%	99.6%	99.6%
HPV 16	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.6%
HPV 18	100%	100%	100%	99.6%	98.5%
HPV 31	99.6%	100%	100%	100%	99.6%
HPV 33	99.6%	100%	100%	100%	99.6%
HPV 45	99.3%	99.3%	100%	99.3%	97.9%
HPV 52	99.6%	100%	100%	99.6%	99.6%
HPV 58	100%	100%	100%	99.6%	99.6%

EXPLORATORY ANALYSES

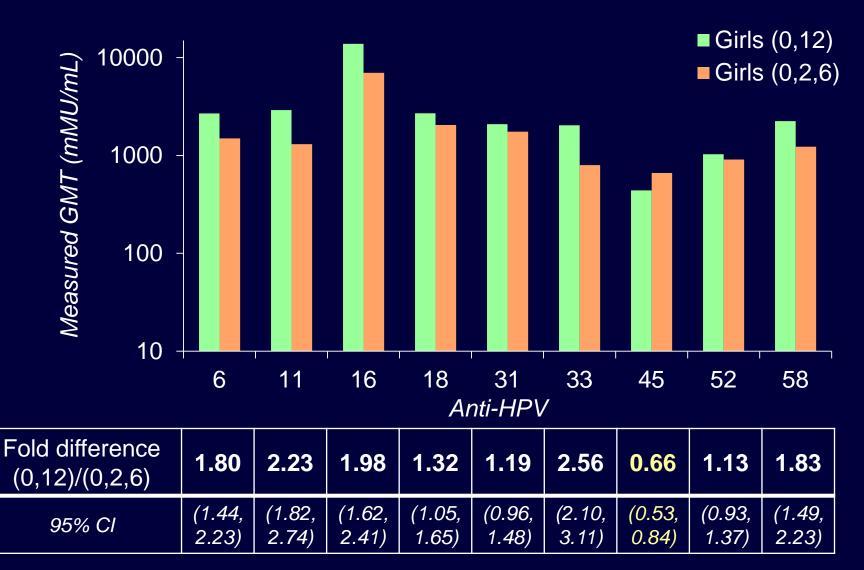
- 2 DOSES IN GIRLS 9-14 YEARS OF AGE VS.
- 3 DOSES IN GIRLS 9-14 YEARS OF AGE

9vHPV 2-dose Study: GMT Comparison at 1 Month Post-Last Dose in 2-dose (0, 6) Girls vs. 3-dose (0, 2, 6) Girls



Fold difference (0,6)/(0,2,6)	1.11	1.06	1.14	0.91	0.82	1.29	0.54	0.64	1.02
95% CI		(0.90, 1.25)	(0.98, 1.34)	(0.77, 1.09)	(0.69, 0.97)	(1.10, 1.52)	(0.45, 0.65)	(0.55, 0.75)	(0.87, 1.20)

9vHPV 2-dose Study: GMT Comparison at 1 Month Post-Last Dose in 2-dose (0, 12) Girls vs. 3-dose (0, 2, 6) Girls



9vHPV 2-dose Study: Safety Summary

Adverse Event	Girls (0, 6)	Boys (0, 6)	Girls/Boys (0, 12)	Girls (0, 2, 6)	Women (0, 2, 6)
Subjects with follow-up	294	296	293	300	313
With serious AEs	3 (1.0)	5 (1.7)	3 (1.0)	3 (1.0)	8 (2.6)
With serious vaccine-related AEs	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Who died	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Discontinued due to an AE	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.3)*	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Discontinued due to a vaccine-related AE	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Discontinued due to a serious AE	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

Based on safety follow-up from Day 1 through visit cut-off date (19-Jun-2015)
*Urticaria 1 day post-dose 1

Summary – 2-dose Study of 9vHPV Vaccine

Primary Objectives

- Non-inferior HPV 6/11/16/18/31/33/45/52/58 GMTs at 1 month after last vaccination in girls and boys 9 to 14 years of age who received 2 doses of 9vHPV vaccine versus women 16 to 26 years of age who received 3 doses
 - Supports extending efficacy findings in women who received 3 doses to girls and boys who received 2 doses

Exploratory Analyses

- Lower HPV GMTs for some HPV types were observed in girls who received 2 doses versus girls who received 3 doses
 - Clinical significance unknown; may deserve further investigation (e.g., longer follow-up)

Safety

- 9vHPV vaccine generally well tolerated in all vaccination groups (no vaccine-related SAEs, no death, discontinuation due to an AE <0.1%)
 - No new safety findings compared with previous clinical studies of the 9vHPV vaccine

Key Points to Consider

- Time interval between dose 1 and dose 2
 - Per WHO and EMA: if for any reason, the interval between doses 1 and 2 is <5 months, a third dose should be given ≥6 months after dose 1
 - Post-marketing effectiveness study of Gardasil indicates lower effectiveness if interval between doses 1 and 2 is <5 months (Blomberg et al Clin Infect Dis 2015; 61:676-682)
- Ensuring series completion is essential
 - Post-marketing effectiveness studies of qHPV vaccine indicate lower effectiveness of a single dose
- Duration of protection provided by 2 doses of 9vHPV vaccine has not been assessed
 - No efficacy assessment
 - No long-term follow-up data
- Longer term follow-up planned
 - Immunogenicity assessment through Month 37 in this study
 - Separate, larger, long-term effectiveness study planned (in the absence of an immune threshold of protection)

Conclusions – 2-dose Regimen of 9vHPV Vaccine

- Administration of a 2-dose series of 9vHPV vaccine in girls and boys 9 to 14 years of age, with the second dose given at 6 or 12 months following the first dose (± 4 week window), generates non-inferior anti-HPV 6/11/16/18/31/33/45/52/58 antibody responses compared with the 3-dose regimen in young women 16 to 26 years of age
- Efficacy of 2-dose regimen, durability of responses and long term effectiveness remain to be evaluated in:
 - Long-term follow-up clinical studies
 - Post-licensure epidemiological studies