PRODUCT MONOGRAPH

SYNFLORIX®

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* (NTHi) protein D, diphtheria or tetanus toxoid conjugates) adsorbed

Suspension for injection

Active immunizing agent

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SUMMARY PRODUCT INFORMATION

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength		Clinically Relevant Nonmedicinal Ingredients
Intramuscular	Suspension for injection 1 dose (0.5 mL) contains:		aluminum phosphate, sodium chloride, water for injections. *For a complete listing see DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING section.*
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 1[1]	1 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 4[1]	3 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 5[1]	1 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 6B[1]	1 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 7F[1]	1 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 9V[1]	1 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 14[1]	1 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 18C[2]	3 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 19F[3]	3 µg	
	Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 23F[1]	1 µg	

[1] conjugated to protein D (derived from Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae*) carrier protein
[2] conjugated to tetanus toxoid carrier protein
[3] conjugated to diphtheria toxoid carrier protein

DESCRIPTION

SYNFLORIX® [(pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* (NTHi) protein D, diphtheria or tetanus toxoid conjugates) adsorbed] is a 10-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide conjugate vaccine using protein D derived from Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* as a carrier protein for 8 out of the 10 serotypes (1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14 and 23F). Serotypes 18C and 19F are conjugated to tetanus toxoid and to diphtheria toxoid, respectively. All conjugates are adsorbed onto aluminum phosphate. Immunological similarities are expected amongst serotypes from the same serogroup.

INDICATIONS AND CLINICAL USE

SYNFLORIX® is indicated for active immunization of infants and children from 6 weeks up to 5 years of age against diseases caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* serotypes 1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, 23F and cross-reactive 19A:

- invasive disease (including sepsis, meningitis, bacteraemic pneumonia, pleural empyema and bacteraemia) (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS)
- pneumonia
- acute otitis media (AOM)

Geriatrics (> 65 years of age):
Studies have not been conducted in adults 65 years and older.

Pediatrics:
See Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

SYNFLORIX® should not be administered to subjects with known hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine. For a complete listing, see the DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING section of the product monograph.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

General
It is good clinical practice to precede vaccination by a review of the medical history (especially with regard to previous vaccination and possible occurrence of undesirable events) and a clinical examination.

As with other vaccines, the administration of SYNFLORIX® should be postponed in subjects suffering from acute severe febrile illness. However, the presence of a minor infection, such as a cold, should not result in the deferral of vaccination.

SYNFLORIX® should under no circumstances be administered intravascularly or intradermally. No data are available on subcutaneous administration of SYNFLORIX®.

SYNFLORIX® will not protect against pneumococcal serogroups or serotypes that are not included in the vaccine, except the cross-reactive serotype 19A (see Part II, Pharmaceutical Information, Product Characteristics). The observed immune responses to the vaccine varied with each of the vaccine serotypes (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS). Although antibody response to diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid and protein D (protein D is highly conserved in all *H. influenzae* strains including NTHi) occurs, immunization with SYNFLORIX® does not substitute routine immunization with diphtheria, tetanus or

Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccines. Official recommendations for the immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b should also be followed.

Safety and immunogenicity data in children with increased risk for pneumococcal infections (sickle cell disease, congenital and acquired splenic dysfunction, HIV-infected, malignancy, nephrotic syndrome) are not available.

Children with impaired immune responsiveness, whether due to the use of immunosuppressive therapy, a genetic defect, HIV infection, or other causes, may have reduced antibody response to vaccination.

Prophylactic administration of antipyretics before or immediately after vaccine administration can reduce the incidence and intensity of post-vaccination febrile reactions. Post-market clinical data generated with acetaminophen and ibuprofen suggest that the use of prophylactic acetaminophen might reduce the immune response to SYNFLORIX®. The clinical relevance of this observation as well as the impact of antipyretics other than acetaminophen and ibuprofen remains unknown.

The potential risk of apnoea and the need for respiratory monitoring for 48-72 hours should be considered when administering the primary immunization series to very premature infants (born ≤ 28 weeks of gestation) and particularly for those with a previous history of respiratory immaturity. As the benefit of vaccination is high in this group of infants, vaccination should not be withheld or delayed. Also see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS.

SYNFLORIX® is indicated and intended for use in children up to 5 years of age (see INDICATIONS AND CLINICAL USE). For appropriate usage of SYNFLORIX® across age groups, children below 5 years of age should receive the appropriate-for-age SYNFLORIX® vaccination series (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Syncope (fainting) can occur following, or even before, any vaccination as a psychogenic response to the needle injection. It is important that procedures are in place to avoid injury from faints.

Hematologic

As for other vaccines administered intramuscularly, SYNFLORIX® should be given with caution to individuals with thrombocytopenia or any coagulation disorder since bleeding may occur following an intramuscular administration to these subjects.

Immune

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.

As with any vaccine, a protective immune response may not be elicited in all vaccinees.

Special Populations

Pregnant Women: As SYNFLORIX® is not intended for use in adults, adequate human data on use during pregnancy and adequate animal reproduction studies are not available.

Nursing Women: As SYNFLORIX® is not intended for use in adults, adequate human data on use during lactation and adequate animal reproduction studies are not available.

Geriatrics (> 65 years of age): Studies have not been conducted in adults 65 years and older.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Clinical Trial Adverse Drug Reactions

> *Because clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions the adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials may not reflect the rates observed in practice and should not be compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug. Adverse drug reaction information from clinical trials is useful for identifying drug-related adverse events and for approximating rates*.

Safety assessment of SYNFLORIX® was based on clinical trials involving the administration of approximately 64,000 doses of SYNFLORIX® to approximately 22,500 healthy children and 137 healthy premature infants as primary vaccination. Furthermore, approximately 19,500 healthy children and 116 premature infants received a booster dose of SYNFLORIX® in the second year of life. Safety was also assessed in 400 children from 2 to 5 years of age. In all trials, SYNFLORIX® was administered concurrently with the recommended childhood vaccines.

No increase in the incidence or severity of the adverse reactions was seen with subsequent doses of the primary vaccination series.

The most common adverse reactions observed after primary vaccination were redness at the injection site and irritability which occurred after approximately 41% and 55% of all doses respectively. Following booster vaccination, the most common adverse reactions were pain at the injection site and irritability, which occurred at approximately 51% and 53% respectively. The majority of these reactions were of mild to moderate severity and were not long lasting.

Adverse reactions reported (for all age groups) are listed according to the following frequency (see Table 1).

Table 1 Adverse reactions considered as being at least possibly related to vaccination

Frequency	Adverse Reactions
Very common (≥ 1/10)	drowsiness, appetite loss, pain, redness, swelling at the injection site, fever ≥ 38°C rectally (age < 2 years), irritability
Common (≥ 1/100 to < 1/10)	injection site reactions like site injection induration, fever > 39°C rectally (age < 2 years), fever ≥ 38°C rectally (age 2 to 5 years)*
Uncommon (≥ 1/1,000 to < 1/100)	diarrhoea, vomiting, injection site reactions like injection site haematoma, haemorrhage and nodule, apnoea (see section "Warnings and Precautions" in very premature infants [≤ 28 weeks of gestation]), headache (age 2 to 5 years)*, nausea (age 2 to 5 years)*, injection site reactions like pruritus*, fever > 40°C rectally (age < 2 years)*, fever >39°C rectally (age 2 to 5 years)*, diffuse swelling of the injected limb, sometimes involving the adjacent joint*, crying abnormal, rash
Rare (≥ 1/10,000 to < 1/1,000)	febrile and non-febrile convulsions, urticaria, allergic reactions (such as allergic dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, eczema)
Very rare <1/10000	angioedema, Kawasaki disease

* reported following booster vaccination of primary series and/or catch-up vaccination

Following booster vaccination, children > 12 months of age are more likely to experience injection site reactions compared to the rates observed in infants during the primary series with SYNFLORIX®.

Following catch-up vaccination in children 12 to 23 months of age, urticaria was reported more frequently (uncommon) compare to the rates observed in infants during primary and booster vaccination.

The incidence of solicited local and general adverse events reported within 4 days after each vaccination dose of SYNFLORIX® was within the same range as after vaccination with the 7-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) vaccine (see Table 2).

Table 2 Percentage of subjects reporting local and general adverse events within 4 days (day 0-3) following each dose in primary vaccination course and after a booster dose of SYNFLORIX® or the 7-valent PCV vaccine in primary study 10PN-PD-DIT-001 and subsequent booster study 10PN-PD-DIT-007

	Dose 1		Dose 2		Dose 3		Dose 4	
	SYNFLORIX®	7-valent PCV vaccine	SYNFLORIX®	7-valent PCV vaccine	SYNFLORIX®	7-valent PCV vaccine	SYNFLORIX®	7-valent PCV vaccine
Local symptom	N = 1230	N = 415	N = 1217	N = 414	N = 1216	N = 411	N = 735	N = 91
Pain	35.5	27.2	27.8	26.8	22.8	23.4	56.6	49.5
Redness	37.3	38.3	37.6	39.1	37.8	36.3	51.7	57.1
Swelling	28.9	26.0	30.1	27.8	28.3	24.6	36.9	38.5
General symptom								
Fever ≥ 38°C	36.7	30.1	35.3	39.6	25.6	31.4	33.3	36.3
Fever > 39°C	2.0	1.4	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.4	3.3	7.7
Irritability	66.1	64.6	61.5	61.8	51.2	55.5	59.6	60.4
Drowsiness	58.0	54.7	47.5	45.2	33.1	35.3	41.2	52.7
Loss of appetite	29.8	28.4	23.7	23.4	16.9	21.9	31.3	34.1

Study 10PN-PD-DIT-001 = 3 doses of SYNFLORIX® or the 7-valent PCV vaccine+ DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib at 2, 3 and 4 months of age
Study 10PN-PD-DIT-007 = 1 dose of SYNFLORIX® or the 7-valent PCV vaccine+ DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib at 12 to 18 months of age

The most common adverse reactions after primary vaccination of premature and healthy full-term children were irritability (36.1%), redness (28.3%) and pain (27.3%) in premature children and irritability (40.0%), redness (48.2%) and swelling (43.5%) in the healthy full-term children. Following booster vaccination of premature and healthy full-term children, the most common adverse reactions observed were pain (42.0% and 54.9%, respectively) and irritability (32.1% and 40.2%, respectively) in both premature and healthy children.

Table 3 The overall per dose incidence of local adverse events within 4 days (day 0-3) following the primary vaccination course of SYNFLORIX® co-administered with DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib vaccine in preterm infants (Study10PN-PD-DIT-015) and after a booster dose of SYNFLORIX® co-administered with DTPa-IPV/Hib at 16-18 months of age (Study10PN-PD-DIT-016)

Study 10PN-PD-DIT-015						
	Premature (N = 399) (%†)			Full-Term (N = 425) (%†)		
Local Symptom	Total‡	SYNFLORIX®	DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib	Total	SYNFLORIX®	DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib
Pain	27.3	24.1	21.8	32.7	28.7	28.8
Redness	28.3	24.1	21.1	48.2	41.9	39.9
Swelling	21.1	16.0	14.8	43.5	36.5	36.3
Study 10PN-PD-DIT-016						
	Premature (N = 112) (%†)			Full-Term (N = 122) (%†)		
Local Symptom	Total	SYNFLORIX®	DTPa- IPV/Hib	Total	SYNFLORIX®	DTPa- IPV/Hib
Pain	42.0	37.5	33.9	54.9	48.4	46.7
Redness	31.3	27.7	23.2	53.3	50.8	45.1
Swelling	24.1	21.4	17.0	45.1	40.2	36.9

Premature – infants born after a gestation period of 27-36 weeks
Full-Term – infants born after a gestation period of more than 36 weeks
N – number of documented doses
†Percentage of doses followed by at least one type of symptom
‡Total represents percentage of doses with at least one local symptom whatever the number of injections

During the primary vaccination course, the overall per dose incidence of fever with rectal temperature > 39.0°C was 1.0% in the pooled Premature group and 2.1% in the Full-term group. Following booster vaccination, fever > 39°C was reported in 7.1% of subjects in the pooled Premature group and in 4.9% in the Full-term group.

Swelling Reactions

In the clinical program, the occurrence of large swelling reactions (i.e. swelling with a diameter > 50 mm, noticeable diffuse swelling or noticeable increase of limb circumference) was solicited following booster or catch-up vaccination. In booster and catch-up vaccination study groups, 61 and 39 cases of large swelling reactions were reported respectively at the SYNFLORIX® injection site. For all subjects the onset of swelling occurred within three days after vaccination and all resolved within eight days after vaccination, except for 2 cases which lasted 32 days and 33 days. Most of these swellings were local and limited to the injection site. There were 13 cases of diffuse swelling not involving adjacent joints.

Serious Adverse Events (SAE)
Fifteen out of 22,429 subjects (0.07%) receiving primary vaccination with SYNFLORIX® and three out of 1461 7-valent PCV vaccinees (0.2%) experienced an SAE that was assessed by the investigator as causally related to vaccination. In booster studies seven out of 19,466 subjects (0.04%) receiving a booster dose of SYNFLORIX® and none of the 1011 7-valent PCV vaccinees reported an SAE that was assessed by the investigator as causally related to vaccination. In the catch-up vaccination, none of the SAEs were considered to be causally related to vaccination.

Deaths
In primary vaccination studies, 21 (out of 22,429) SYNFLORIX® vaccinees (receiving 63,905 doses) experienced serious adverse events with a fatal outcome. One of the fatalities among the SYNFLORIX® vaccinees was considered to be causally related to vaccination by the investigator (1 day after dose 1 co-administered with *Tritanrix HepB/Hib* and 1 day after concomitant administration of oral polio vaccine. One out of 1,461 7-valent PCV vaccinees died due to muscle atrophy. In booster studies 8 (out of 19,466 subjects) receiving a booster dose of SYNFLORIX® and one (out of the 1011) 7-valent PCV vaccinees reported an SAE with a fatal outcome. None of the fatalities reported in the booster studies was considered by the investigator to be causally related to vaccination. No fatal serious adverse events were reported in the completed catch-up immunization studies.

Post-Marketing Adverse Drug Reactions

The following events have been spontaneously reported during post-approval use of SYNFLORIX®. Because these events were reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or to establish a causal relationship to vaccine exposure.

Nervous system disorders:
Rare: hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode

Immune system disorders
Very rare: anaphylaxis

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Drug-Drug Interactions

Use with other vaccines
SYNFLORIX® can be given concomitantly with any of the following monovalent or combination vaccines [including DTPa-HBV-IPV/Hib]: diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis vaccine (DTPa), hepatitis B vaccine (HBV), inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine (Hib), measles-mumps-rubella vaccine (MMR), varicella vaccine, meningococcal serogroup C conjugate vaccine (CRM_{197} and TT conjugates), meningococcal serogroups A. C, W-135 and Y conjugate vaccine (TT conjugate) and rotavirus vaccine. Different injectable vaccines should always be given at different injections sites.

Clinical studies demonstrated that the immune responses of the co-administered vaccines were unaffected, with the exception of the inactivated poliovirus type 2 response, for which inconsistent results were observed across studies (seroprotection ranging from 78% to 100%). In addition one month after co-administration with a meningococcal polysaccharide groups A, C, W-135 and Y conjugate vaccine, lower Geometric Mean antibody Concentrations (GMCs) and opsonophagocytic assay (OPA) antibody GMTs were observed for one pneumococcal serotype (18C conjugated to tetanus toxoid carrier protein). There was no impact of co-administration on the other nine pneumococcal serotypes. Enhancement of antibody response to Hib-TT conjugate, diphtheria and tetanus antigens was observed. The clinical relevance of the above observations is unknown.

The safety profiles of the co-administered vaccines appeared unaffected.

Use with systemic immunosuppressive medications
As with other vaccines it may be expected that in patients receiving immunosuppressive treatment an adequate response may not be elicited.

Use with prophylatic administration of antipyretics
See section WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – General.

Drug-Food Interactions
Interactions with food have not been established.

Drug-Herb Interactions
Interactions with herbal products have not been established.

Drug-Laboratory Interactions
Interactions with laboratory tests have not been established.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dosing Considerations

Official recommendations should be taken into account when immunizing with SYNFLORIX®.

It is recommended that subjects who receive a first dose of SYNFLORIX® complete the full vaccination course with SYNFLORIX®.

Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

Infants from 6 weeks to 6 months of age:

Three-dose primary series

The recommended immunization series to ensure optimal protection consists of four doses, each of 0.5 mL.

Table 4 Vaccine Schedule for Infants from 6 weeks to 6 months of age

Dose	Dose 1*	Dose 2**	Dose 3**	Dose 4^
Age at Dose	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 - 15 months

* First dose may be given as early as 6 weeks of age.

**An interval of at least 1 month between doses is recommended. Results available to date suggest a 2-4-6 month schedule provides a better immune response as compared with 2-3-4 or 3-4-5 month schedules.

^ A booster dose is recommended at least 6 months after the last primary dose.

See Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS.

Two-dose primary series

Alternatively, when SYNFLORIX® is given as part of a routine infant immunization program, a series consisting of three doses, each of 0.5 mL may be given.

Table 5 Vaccine Schedule for Infants from 2 to 6 months of age

Dose	Dose 1	Dose 2*	Dose 3^
Age at Dose	2 months	4 months	11-12 months

*An interval of 2 months between doses is recommended.

^ A booster dose is recommended at least 6 months after the last primary dose.

Note: it is possible that the 2-dose primary schedule, outside of a routine infant schedule, may not provide optimal protection, especially in infants with high risk of pneumococcal disease.

See Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS.

Premature infants born between 27 to 36 weeks of gestation:

The primary vaccination schedule consists of three doses of 0.5 mL with the first dose usually given at 2 months of age and with an interval of at least 1 month between doses (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS).

A booster dose is recommended at least 6 months after the last priming dose (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS).

Previously unvaccinated older infants and children:
For children who are beyond the age of routine infant vaccination schedule, the following catch-up schedule applies:

Table 6 SYNFLORIX® Schedule for Previously Unvaccinated Children ≥ 7 Months through 5 Years of Age

Age at First Dose	Total Number of 0.5 mL Doses
7-11 months of age	3[a]
12 months to 5 years of age	2[b*]

[a]2 doses at least 1 month apart; third dose is recommended after the 1 year birthday, separated from the second dose by at least 2 months.
[b]2 doses at least 2 months apart.
*The immune response elicited after two doses of SYNFLORIX® in children 12-23 months of age is comparable to the response elicited after three doses in infants (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS). A 2-dose schedule in 12-23 month children with high risk of pneumococcal disease (such as children with sickle-cell disease, asplenia, HIV infection, chronic illness or who are immunocompromised) may not be sufficient to provide optimal protection.

Administration
Use of pre-filled syringes: see SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS.

SYNFLORIX® should be given by intramuscular injection. The preferred sites are anterolateral aspect of the thigh in infants or the deltoid muscle of the upper arm in children.

A fine white deposit with a clear colourless supernatant may be observed upon storage of the syringe/vial. This does not constitute a sign of deterioration.

The content of the syringe/vial should be inspected visually both before and after shaking for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal physical appearance prior to administration. In the event of either being observed, discard the vaccine.

Shake well before use.

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

OVERDOSAGE

No cases of overdosage have been reported.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional Poison Control Centre.

ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Mechanism of Action

SYNFLORIX® is a conjugate vaccine, adsorbed, composed of 10 active ingredients: the *S. pneumoniae* polysaccharide serotypes 1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F and 23F, each conjugated to a carrier protein (protein D (PD), tetanus toxoid (TT) or diphtheria toxoid (DT)).

The carrier proteins (PD, TT and DT) provide T-cell help to B-cells to produce a boostable antibody response of high affinity to the polysaccharide antigens, thereby providing protection against bacterial tract infections caused by *S. pneumoniae.*

The amount of pneumococcal capsular polysaccharide antibodies elicited by the vaccine is measured by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). These antibodies help to protect the host by facilitating opsonization of pneumococci and thus facilitating phagocytosis. The ability of a serum sample to facilitate opsonization of bacteria can be measured by *in vitro* opsonophagocytosis assays. It is generally agreed that opsonophagocytic activity (OPA) is the best functional correlate of protection against IPD (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS).

Epidemiological data

Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IPD)

IPD is a severe illness that occurs when bacteria invade normally sterile sites. *S. pneumoniae* is the primary cause of IPD, which manifests as bacteraemia, bacteraemic pneumonia and meningitis. IPD can result in serious morbidity and mortality, particularly in children, even in developed countries with high standards of healthcare. The incidence of IPD decreased substantially in the period between 2000-2007, following routine use of PCV7. A surveillance study across Canada during this period revealed that the proportion of PCV7-serotypes decreased 92% in children 0 to 4 years of age after PCV7 vaccination, but concurrently non-PCV7 serotypes such as 19A, 7F, 3 and 22F increased in children under 5 years of age. SYNFLORIX® was introduced in Ontario and Quebec in 2009, PCV13 was introduced in these provinces and across Canada starting in 2010. In Quebec, the introduction of SYNFLORIX® in 2009 and then 13-valent PCV in 2011, resulted in a decrease of 19A IPD in children < 5 years of age in that province. In Canada, overall incidence of IPD in combined age groups has remained steady at 9.7 cases per 100 000 from 2008-2012.

Acute Otitis Media (AOM)

Acute otitis media is a common childhood disease with different etiologies. Bacteria are believed to be responsible for at least 60-70% of clinical episodes of AOM. *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and NTHi are the most common causes of AOM worldwide.

The baseline AOM incidence in Canada pre-PCV7 introduction is about 600 cases per 1000 children (≤ 6 years old) per year. The most common cause of AOM in North America is *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, accounting for 42% of all cases.

Pneumonia

Pneumonia of different etiologies is a leading cause of childhood morbidity and mortality globally. In prospective studies, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* was estimated to be responsible for 30-50% of bacterial pneumonia cases.

In Canada, although immunization has decreased the incidence of bacterial pneumonia in vaccinated children, pneumonia remains common in healthy children. *Streptococcus pneumoniae* continues to be the most common cause of bacterial pneumonia in children.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C). Do not freeze. Discard the vaccine if frozen.

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

Do not use after the expiry date shown on the label.

SYNFLORIX® should be administered as soon as possible after being removed from the refrigerator. However, stability data generated indicate that SYNFLORIX® remains stable and can be administered when the vaccine has been stored outside the refrigerator for up to 72 hours at temperatures between 8°C and 25°C. These data are not recommendations for storage.

Multidose vials

After first opening of the multidose vial, immediate use is recommended. If not used immediately, the vaccine should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C). If not used within 6 hours it should be discarded.

SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

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

A fine white deposit with a clear colourless supernatant may be observed upon storage of the syringe/vial. This does not constitute a sign of deterioration.

The content of the syringe/vial should be inspected visually both before and after shaking for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal physical appearance prior to administration. In the event of either being observed, discard the vaccine.

The vaccine should be well shaken before use.

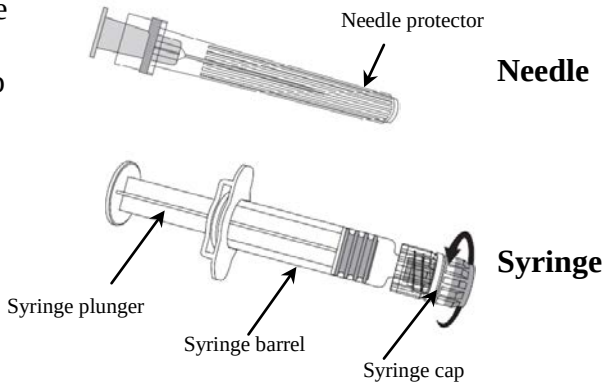
Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

Use of Pre-Filled Syringes

To attach the needle to the syringe, refer to the drawing below.

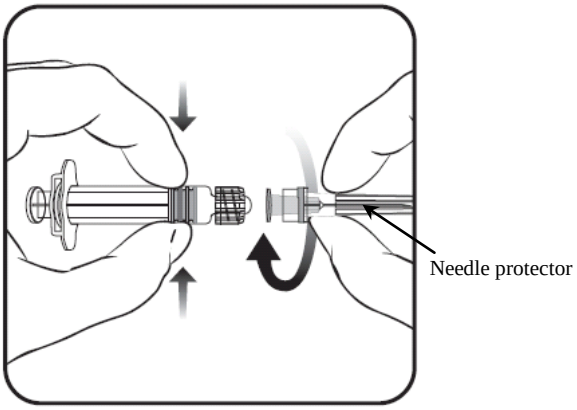
Note: However the syringe provided with SYNFLORIX® might be slightly different (without screw thread) than the syringe described in the drawing. In that case the needle should be attached without screwing.

1. Holding the syringe **barrel** in one hand (avoid holding the syringe plunger), unscrew the syringe cap by twisting it anticlockwise.



2. To attach the needle to the syringe, twist the needle clockwise into the syringe until you feel it lock (see drawing).

3. Remove the needle protector, which on occasion can be a little stiff.



4. Administer the vaccine.

DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Dosage Form

SYNFLORIX® is available as a suspension for injection.

Composition

One dose (0.5 mL) contains:

Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 1[1,2]	1 microgram
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 4[1,2]	3 micrograms
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 5[1,2]	1 microgram
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 6B[1,2]	1 microgram
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 7F[1,2]	1 microgram
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 9V[1,2]	1 microgram
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 14[1,2]	1 microgram
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 18C[1,3]	3 micrograms
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 19F[1,4]	3 micrograms
Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 23F[1,2]	1 microgram
[1] adsorbed on aluminum phosphate	0.5 milligram Al^{3+}
[2] conjugated to protein D (derived from Non-Typeable *H. influenzae*) carrier protein	9-16 micrograms
[3] conjugated to tetanus toxoid carrier protein	5-10 micrograms
[4] conjugated to diphtheria toxoid carrier protein	3-6 micrograms

Additional Excipients: sodium chloride, water for injections

Packaging

Pre-filled Syringes

SYNFLORIX® is available as:

- 0.5 mL of suspension in a pre-filled syringe (type I glass) for 1 dose with a plunger stopper (rubber butyl) with or without needles in pack sizes of 1 or 10.

Vials

SYNFLORIX® is available as:

- 0.5 mL of suspension in a vial (type I glass) for 1 dose with a stopper (rubber butyl) in pack sizes of 1 or 100.

- 1 mL of suspension in a vial (type I glass) for 2 doses with a stopper (rubber butyl) in pack size of 100.

PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

Drug Substances

- Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotypes 1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14 and 23F conjugated to Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* (NTHi) protein D
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 18C conjugated to tetanus toxoid carrier protein
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 19F conjugated to diphtheria toxoid carrier protein

All drug substances are individually adsorbed onto aluminum phosphate.

Product Characteristics

Individual polysaccharides, tetanus toxoid and diphtheria toxoid are prepared from fermentation, inactivation and purification of isolates.

Protein D is a 40kD cell-surface protein originally derived from Non-Typeable *H. influenzae* and now produced recombinantly.

Each polysaccharide serotype is conjugated and adsorbed onto aluminum phosphate as a monovalent preparation prior to mixing into the final vaccine formulation.

Serotype 19A and 19F polysaccharides belong to the same serogroup and are closely related biochemically. They are composed of similar trisaccharide units polymerized through phosphate diester groups and differ only in position of the linkage to the α-L-rhamnose residue. SYNFLORIX® elicits cross-reactive antibodies against serotype 19A due to the inclusion of serotype 19F (see PART II, CLINICAL TRIALS).

CLINICAL TRIALS

Table 7 Study design

Study No.	Trial design	Vaccine schedule	No. of subjects[†]
Primary vaccination studies			
10PN-PD-DIT-001	Multi-centre, single-blind, randomized, controlled	2, 3 and 4 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 1235 7-valent PCV vaccine = 415
10PN-PD-DIT-002*	Multi-centre, open, randomized	2 and 4 months or 2, 3 and 4 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 351
10PN-PD-DIT-003	Single centre, single-blind, randomized, controlled	2, 3 and 4 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 70 7-valent PCV vaccine = 64
10PN-PD-DIT-005	Single centre, observer-blind, randomized, controlled	2, 4 and 6 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 119 Hepatitis A vaccine = 121
10PN-PD-DIT-010	Single centre, open, randomized, controlled	3, 4 and 5 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 459
10PN-PD-DIT-013[§]	Single-centre, open, controlled	3, 4 and 5 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 150
		24 months-5 years of age	SYNFLORIX® = 150
10-PN-PD-DIT-015[◊]	Multi-centre, open, randomized, controlled	2, 4 and 6 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 286[◊] Preterm I group = 50 Preterm II group = 87 Full term group = 149
10PN-PD-DIT-028[Σ]	Multi-centre, double-blind, randomized, controlled	2, 4, 6 and 15-18 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 11798
10PN-PD-DIT-043[γ]	Multi-centre, cluster-randomized, controlled	6 weeks-6 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 20327
		7-11 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 3880
		12-18 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 6535
10PN-PD-DIT-046**	Multi-centre, open, controlled, long-term study	36-46 months of age and 38-48 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 62
10PN-PD-DIT-053[β]	Multi-centre, cluster-randomized, controlled	6 weeks-6 months of age[κ]	SYNFLORIX®= 3165
		7-11 months of age	SYNFLORIX®=241
		12-18 months of age	SYNFLORIX®=368
Booster studies			
10PN-PD-DIT-002[¶]	Multi-centre, open, randomized	11 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 345
10PN-PD-DIT-007	Multi-centre, single-blind, partially randomized, controlled	12-18 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 1020 7-valent PCV vaccine = 92
10PN-PD-DIT-022	Single centre, open, randomized, controlled	12-16 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 324

Study No.	Trial design	Vaccine schedule	No. of subjects[†]
10-PN-PD-DIT-016[Ω]	Multi-centre, open, controlled	16-18 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 245[Ω] Preterm I group = 44 Preterm II group = 72 Full term group = 129
Post-Booster studies			
10PN-PD-DIT-046[Δ] (Follow-up of Study 10PN-PD-DIT-002)	Multi-centre, open, controlled, long-term, follow-up study	36-46 months of age	SYNFLORIX® = 110

[†] Number of subjects represent total vaccinated cohort for safety.

* Study 10PN-PD-DIT-002 evaluated both primary and booster vaccination: numbers of subjects are the numbers evaluated for the primary vaccination phase.

[§] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-013 evaluated primary, booster and catch-up vaccination: numbers of subjects is the number evaluated in the primary vaccination phase below 6 months of age and 24 months-5 years of age.

[¶] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-002 evaluated both primary and booster vaccination: numbers of subjects are the numbers evaluated for the booster vaccination phase.

**Study 10PN-PD-DIT-046 evaluated the long-term immunogenicity and safety in children from study 10PN-PD-DIT-002. It also evaluated the immunogenicity and safety of a 2-dose catch-up vaccination in the 4th year of age in children who had not received any pneumococcal vaccine.

[Δ] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-046 evaluated the immunological memory after an additional dose of SYNFLORIX™ at 36-46 months of age in children previously vaccinated in Study 10PN-PD-DIT-002 by a 2-dose or 3-dose primary course within the first 6 months and booster vaccination at 11-12 months of age.

[◊] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-015 evaluated primary vaccination in premature infants versus full term born infants less than 6 months of age. The study included three parallel groups as follows: Preterm group I (very premature infants born after a gestation period of 27-30 weeks, Preterm group II (mild premature infants born after a gestation period of 31-36 weeks) and Full term group (infants born after a gestation period of more than 36 weeks).

[Ω] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-016 is the booster study of 10-PN-DIT-015 and included the same three parallel groups as study 10PN-PD-DIT-015.

[Σ] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-028 evaluated both primary and booster vaccination: three dose primary at 6-16 weeks of age and booster dose at 15-18 months.

[γ] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-043 evaluated both primary and booster vaccination: two dose or three dose primary at 6 weeks to 6 months of age followed by a booster dose preferably within 6 months for infants < 7 months of age, or two dose primary at 7-11 months of age followed by a booster dose preferably within 6 months for children between 7 and 11 months of age, or 2 doses for children aged 12-18 months at least six months apart.

[β] Study 10PN-PD-DIT-053 was a nested study within study 10PN-PD-DIT-043 which evaluated both primary and booster vaccination: two dose or three dose primary at 6 weeks to 6 months of age followed by a booster dose preferably within 6 months for infants < 7 months of age, or two dose primary at 7-11 months of age followed by a booster dose preferably within 6 months for children between 7 and 11 months of age, or 2 doses for children aged 12-18 months at least six months apart.

[κ] Number of subjects represent SYNFLORIX® total vaccinated cohort for safety combined 3+1 and 2+1 dose schedules.

Efficacy and Effectiveness Data

In a large-scale phase III/IV, double-blind, cluster-randomized, controlled, clinical trial in Finland (FinIP) (Study 10PN-PD-DIT-043), children were randomized into 4 groups according to the two infant vaccination schedules [2-dose (3, 5 months of age) or 3-dose (3, 4, 5 months of age) primary schedule followed by a booster dose as of 11 months of age] to receive either SYNFLORIX® (2/3 of clusters) or hepatitis vaccines as control (1/3 of clusters). In the catch-up cohorts, children between 7-11 months of age at first dose received 2 doses of either SYNFLORIX® or hepatitis B control vaccine followed by a booster and children between 12-18 months of age at first dose received 2 doses of either SYNFLORIX® or hepatitis A control vaccine. Average follow-up, from first vaccination, was 24 to 28 months for invasive disease, hospital-diagnosed pneumonia and outpatient antimicrobial prescriptions. In a nested study also conducted in Finland (Study FinIP 10PN-PD-DIT-053), infants were followed up until approximately 21 months of age to assess impact of nasopharyngeal carriage.

In a large-scale phase III, randomized, double-blind clinical trial (Clinical Otitis Media and Pneumonia Study - COMPAS 10PN-PD-DIT-028) conducted in Argentina, Panama, and Colombia, healthy infants aged 6 to 16 weeks received either SYNFLORIX® or hepatitis B control vaccine at 2, 4 and 6 months of age followed respectively by either SYNFLORIX® or hepatitis A control vaccine at 15 to 18 months of age.

IPD

Effectiveness/efficacy against IPD in clinical trials

Vaccine effectiveness or efficacy (VE) was demonstrated in preventing culture-confirmed IPD due to vaccine pneumococcal serotypes when SYNFLORIX® was given to infants in either 2+1 or 3+1 schedules in FinIP or 3+1 schedule in COMPAS (see Table 8).

Table 8 Number of vaccine serotype IPD cases and vaccine effectiveness (FinIP) in infants below 7 months of age at enrolment receiving at least one vaccine dose (Infant total vaccinated cohort)

	FinIP				
Type of IPD	**No. of IPD cases**			**VE (95% CI)**	
	SYNFLORIX® 3+1 schedule (N=10,273)	**SYNFLORIX® 2+1 schedule (N=10,054)**	**Control[2] (N=10,200)**	**3+1 schedule**	**2+1 schedule**
Vaccine serotype IPD[1]	0	1	12	100%[3] (82.8; 100)	91.8%[4] (58.3; 99.6)
Serotype 6B IPD	0	0	5	100% (54.9; 100)	100% (54.5; 100)
Serotype 14 IPD	0	0	4	100% (39.6; 100)	100% (43.3; 100)

IPD Invasive Pneumococcal Disease
VE Vaccine effectiveness
N number of subjects per group
(1) In FinIP apart from serotypes 6B and 14, culture-confirmed vaccine serotype IPD cases included 7F (1 case in the SYNFLORIX® 2+1 clusters), 18C, 19F and 23F (1 case of each in the control clusters).
(2) the 2 groups of control clusters of infants were pooled
(3) p-value<0.0001
(4) p-value=0.0009

In FinIP, the observed VE against culture-confirmed IPD due to any serotype reported in the Total Vaccinated Cohort (TVC cohort) was 100% (95% CI, 85.6; 100; 0 versus 14 cases) for the 3+1 schedule, 85.8% (95% CI, 49.1; 97.8; 2 versus 14 cases) for the 2+1 schedule and 93.0% (95% CI, 74.9; 98.9; 2 versus 14 cases) regardless of the primary vaccination schedule.

In the COMPAS study, the observed vaccine efficacy (VE) against IPD due to vaccine serotypes reported in the According To Protocol Cohort (ATP) cohort was 100%. The observed VE against IPD due to any serotype reported in the ATP cohort was 65.0%.

Effectiveness following catch-up immunization
Among the 15,447 children in the catch-up vaccinated cohorts, there were no culture-confirmed IPD cases in the SYNFLORIX® groups while 7 IPD cases were observed in the control groups (serotypes 7F and 14 in the 7-11 month cohort and serotypes 3, 4, 6B, 15C and 19F in the 12-18 month cohort).

Effectiveness in post-marketing surveillance
In line with WHO recommendations, post-marketing studies have been and continue to be conducted to confirm the efficacy of SYNFLORIX®. The post-marketing effectiveness of SYNFLORIX® has been assessed in three post-marketing observational studies conducted in Brazil, Finland and Quebec and the effectiveness of SYNFLORIX® has been observed against vaccine serotype and cross-reactive serotype 19A IPD.

As with all post-marketing observational studies, the results from the following three observational studies should be interpreted with caution. For detailed information, including the inherent limitations of each study, please refer to the relevant publication.

In Quebec, Canada, SYNFLORIX® was introduced into the infant immunization program (2 primary doses to infants less than 6 months of age and a booster dose at 12 months) following 4.5 years of use of 7-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine PCV vaccine. Based on 1.5-years of surveillance following SYNFLORIX® introduction, with over 90% coverage in the vaccine-eligible age group, a decrease in vaccine serotype IPD incidence (largely due to changes in serotype 7F disease) was observed with no concomitant increase in non-vaccine serotype IPD incidence, leading to an overall decrease in IPD incidence in the target age group compared to the incidence reported during the preceding period.

In Quebec, an established post-marketing study has been in place since 2005 to estimate vaccine effectiveness against IPD in children aged 2 to 59 months of age. To date, results of this study have included an 8-year study period when PCV7 (PREVNAR®), PCV10 (SYNFLORIX®) and PCV13 (PREVNAR® 13) were used sequentially in that province. SYNFLORIX® vaccine effectiveness (VE) (≥ 1 dose) was 97% against vaccine-type and 6A IPD and 71% against 19A IPD. SYNFLORIX® VE (≥ 2 doses) against any IPD serotype was 75% and against 19A IPD was 71% (Deceuninck et al, 2015).

In Brazil, SYNFLORIX® was introduced into the national immunization program (NIP) in March 2010, using a 3+1 schedule in infants (2, 4, 6 months of age and a booster dose at 12 months) with a catch-up campaign in children up to 2 years of age. Based on almost 3 years of surveillance following SYNFLORIX® introduction, a matched case-control study reported VE was 84% against VT IPD. Against 6B and 14, VE IPD was 83% and 88%, respectively. Against 19A IPD, VE was 82% (Domingues et al, 2014).

In Finland, SYNFLORIX® was introduced into NIP in September 2010, with a 2+1 schedule in infants (3, 5 months of age and a booster dose at 12 months) without a catch-up campaign. Before and after NIP comparison suggests a decrease of 80% in the incidence of any culture confirmed IPD, a decrease of 92% in any VT IPD and a reduction of 62% IPD due to serotype 19A (Jokinen et al, 2015).

Pneumonia

Efficacy against pneumonia was assessed in COMPAS. For the interim analysis (IA, which contained the final analysis of the event-driven primary objective), the median follow-up duration was 24.3 months (1st quartile 19.9 months, 3rd quartile 28.4 months) from 2 weeks post-dose 3 in the ATP cohort; for the end-of-study analysis, the median follow-up duration was 32.3 months (1st quartile 27.6 months, 3rd quartile 36.2 months) in the ATP cohort.

Efficacy of SYNFLORIX® against first episodes of likely bacterial Community Acquired

Pneumonia (CAP) was demonstrated in the according-to-protocol (ATP) cohort (immunized with at least the three-dose primary series) (P value ≤ 0.002) as the primary objective in the IA (Table 9). Likely bacterial CAP is defined as radiologically confirmed CAP cases with either alveolar consolidation/pleural effusion on the chest X-ray, or with non alveolar infiltrates but with C reactive protein (CRP) ≥40 mg/L.

The vaccine efficacy against likely bacterial CAP observed in this study, is presented below (Table 9).

Table 9 Numbers and percentages of subjects with first episodes of likely bacterial CAP after 3 doses of SYNFLORIX® or a control vaccine and vaccine efficacy (IA, ATP cohort for efficacy)

SYNFLORIX® N=10,295		Control vaccine N=10,201		Vaccine efficacy 95% CI
n	% (n/N)	n	% (n/N)	
240	2.3%	304	3.0%	22.0% (7.7; 34.2)* (P value ≤ 0.002)$^{\alpha}$

N number of subjects per group
n number of subjects reporting a first episode of likely bacterial CAP anytime from 2 weeks after the administration of the 3rd dose
% percentage of subjects reporting a first episode of likely bacterial CAP anytime from 2 weeks after the administration of the 3rd dose
CI Confidence Interval
* Type I error not adjusted for the interim analysis
α Adjusted one-sided alpha level of 1.75%

In the IA in the ATP cohort, the vaccine efficacy against CAP with alveolar consolidation or pleural effusion was 25.7% and against clinically suspected CAP referred for X-ray was 6.7%.

In the end of study analysis, the vaccine efficacy against likely bacterial CAP was 18.2% against CAP with alveolar consolidation or pleural effusion 22.4% and against clinically suspected CAP referred for X-ray 7.3%. The reduction in likely bacterial CAP was greatest in children < 36 months of age (vaccine efficacy of 20.6%). The persistence of protection against bacterial CAP beyond the age of 36 months is currently not established.

In the FinIP study, vaccine effectiveness in reducing hospital-diagnosed pneumonia cases reported in the TVC cohort (identified based on the ICD 10 codes for pneumonia) was 26.7% in the 3+1 infant schedule and 29.3% in the 2+1 infant schedule. For catch-up vaccination, vaccine effectiveness was 33.2% in the 7-11 month cohort and 22.4% in the 12-18 month cohort.

AOM

Two efficacy studies, COMPAS and POET (Pneumococcal Otitis Media Efficacy Trial), were conducted with pneumococcal conjugate vaccines containing protein D: SYNFLORIX® and an investigational 11-valent conjugate vaccine (11PN-PD) containing the 10 serotypes of SYNFLORIX® along with serotype 3, respectively. In COMPAS, 7,214 subjects [Total Vaccinated cohort (TVC)] were included in the AOM efficacy analysis, of which 5,989 subjects were in the ATP cohort (Table 10).

Table 10 Vaccine efficacy against first episodes of AOM(1) in COMPAS (ATP cohort)

Type or cause of AOM	Vaccine efficacy (95% CI)
	COMPAS (SYNFLORIX®)
Clinical AOM regardless of aetiology	16.1% (-1.1; 30.4)(2)
Any pneumococcal serotype	56.1%
10 pneumococcal vaccine serotypes	67.1%
NTHi only	15.0%

CI Confidence Interval.
(1) ATP=5989 subjects (3010 subjects in the 10Pn group and 2979 subjects in the control group)
(2) Not statistically significant by pre-defined criteria (One sided p=0.032).

In the TVC cohort, vaccine efficacy against clinical AOM episodes was 19%.

In a prior large randomized double-blind Pneumococcal Otitis Media Efficacy Trial (POET) conducted in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia, 2,489 infants received 11Pn-PD, containing the 10 serotypes of SYNFLORIX® along with serotype 3 for which efficacy was not demonstrated, or the control vaccine, according to a 3, 4, 5 and 12-15 months vaccination schedule. Serotype 3 was removed from the SYNFLORIX® formulation based on the absence of protection against AOM caused by this serotype and because the ELISA post-booster response was lower than the post-primary response. This was contrary to what was observed for other serotypes.

In the POET ATP cohort, a total of 333 clinical AOM episodes were confirmed by ENT specialists in the 11Pn-PD group and 499 in the control group. There was a statistically significant reduction of AOM irrespective of etiology in the 11Pn-PD group by 33.6% (95%CI, 20.8; 44.3). The overall efficacy against AOM episodes due to any of the 11 pneumococcal serotypes contained in the 11Pn-PD vaccine was 57.6% (95% CI, 41.4; 69.3).

No increase in the incidence of AOM due to non-vaccine/non-cross reactive serotypes, or due to other bacterial pathogens, was observed in either COMPAS (based on the few cases reported) or POET trial.

Impact on nasopharyngeal carriage (NPC)

The effect of SYNFLORIX® on nasopharyngeal carriage was studied in 2 double-blind randomized studies using an inactive control: in the nested study of FinIP in Finland and in COMPAS, including 5,023 subjects and 1,700 subjects with swabs cultured after at least one visit, respectively.

In both studies, there was a trend that SYNFLORIX® reduced vaccine type carriage and increased non-vaccine (excluding cross reactive) type carriage after booster vaccination in the TVC cohort. In COMPAS, overall, the VE against NPC of any serotype and VTs were 3.0% and 25.6%, respectively. In the nested study of FinIP, Study 053, overall, the VE against NPC of any serotype and VTs were 11.5% and 37.6%, respectively in the infants group with the 3+1 schedule and 7.9% and 28.4%, respectively in the infants group with the 2+1 schedule. A trend for reduced serotype 19A NPC was observed in SYNFLORIX® vaccinated children compared to those receiving control vaccine for 3+1 and 2+1schedules in Study 053. The reduction in serotype 19A NPC in exploratory, pooled analyses across all study visits for the 3+1 and 2+1 schedules in Study 053 was 47.4% and 12.6%, respectively. The VE across all visits for 19A in the 2+1 group in Study 028 was -6.5%.

Immunogenicity Data

Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IPD)

At the time of initial licensure, the indication against IPD, which includes sepsis, meningitis, bacteraemic pneumonia and bacteraemia, was based on World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations (see WHO Criteria). These recommendations state that approval of any new pneumococcal conjugate vaccines against IPD can be based on the demonstration of immunological non-inferiority to the licensed 7-valent CRM_{197} conjugate vaccine (7-valent PCV vaccine). These immunological data for serotypes contained in the vaccine are presented below (see WHO Criteria). Additionally, immunological data for cross-reactive serotype 19A is also presented (see PART II, CLINICAL TRIALS, Additional Immunogenicity Data, Table 15). A large-scale phase III/IV clinical trial, titled Finnish Invasive Pneumococcal disease vaccine effectiveness trial (FinIP), was conducted to evaluate the clinical efficacy of SYNFLORIX® against vaccine-type IPD in children vaccinated with at 2+1 or 3+1 schedule (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS, IPD). Another study conducted with a different formulation demonstrated that the vaccine was able to confer protection against pneumococcal acute otitis media (see Part II, CLINICAL TRIALS, AOM).

WHO Criteria

The WHO recommendations state that approval of any new pneumococcal conjugate vaccines against IPD can be based on the demonstration of immunological non-inferiority to 7-valent PCV vaccine by measuring the total amount of anticapsular IgG with an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).

According to these recommendations, the primary endpoint for demonstration of immunological non-inferiority is the percentage of subjects reaching a predetermined antibody threshold one month after three primary doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. As serotype specific thresholds were not identified, the WHO recommended the use of a single antibody threshold for all serotypes. This threshold was derived from a pooled analysis of three efficacy trials conducted with pneumococcal conjugated vaccines and was found to be 0.35 µg/mL with the second generation ELISA available at that time. The chosen threshold does not represent an individual antibody protection level.

To increase specificity, third generation ELISAs including a 22F adsorption step have been developed. WHO recommendations state that third generation ELISAs must be bridged to the second generation ELISA. An antibody concentration of 0.2 µg/mL in the GSK third generation ELISA was shown in bridging experiments to be equivalent to the 0.35 µg/mL WHO reference threshold. The 0.2 µg/mL threshold was therefore used for the demonstration of immunological non-inferiority compared to 7-valent PCV vaccine in a head-to-head comparative study.

The WHO also requires demonstration of functionality of the elicited antibodies. Opsonophagocytosis (antibody mediated killing of the bacteria) is recognized as the main mechanism of protection against pneumococcal disease. Measurement of the ability of the vaccine-elicited antibodies to opsonise and promote killing of the pneumococcus can be performed in vitro through an opsonophagocytosis activity assay (OPA). The percentage of subjects with an OPA titre ≥ 8 is used for comparison between vaccines, although the data to support the OPA titre ≥ 8 as a marker of protection are currently insufficient.

Finally, demonstration that vaccines induce immune memory is also required for registration.

Results

Immunological non-inferiority compared to 7-valent PCV vaccine was evaluated in the pivotal 10PN-PD-DIT-001 study in which infants were vaccinated according to a 2-3-4 months vaccination schedule. The study was randomized, controlled, multi-centric, conducted in Poland, France and Finland. Immunological non-inferiority was met when the upper limit of the 96.5% CI around the difference between groups (7-valent PCV vaccine minus SYNFLORIX®) in terms of subjects with antibody concentration ≥ 0.2µg/ml was lower than 10%.

As shown in Table 11, SYNFLORIX® non inferiority was demonstrated by ELISA for all serotypes, except for 6B and 23F (upper limit of the 96.5% CI around the difference

between groups > 10%). For serotypes 6B and 23F, respectively, 65.9% and 81.4% of vaccinees reached the threshold one month after the third primary dose (versus 79.0% and 94.1% for 7-valent PCV vaccine). The clinical relevance of these differences is not known. For the other serotypes contained in each vaccine, 95.4% to 99.5% of vaccinees reached the threshold. The percentage of vaccinees reaching the threshold for the three additional serotypes (1, 5 and 7F) was respectively 97.3%, 99.0% and 99.5% and was at least as good as the aggregate 7-valent PCV vaccine response against the 7 common serotypes (95.8%).

Table 11 Study 10PN-PD-DIT-001: Non-inferiority analysis using ELISA

Antibody	SYNFLORIX®		7-valent PCV vaccine		Difference in %≥ 0.2µg/ml (7-valent PCV vaccine *minus* SYNFLORIX®)		
	N	%	N	%	%	96.5%CI	
Anti-4	1106	97.1	373	100	2.89	1.71	4.16
Anti-6B	1100	65.9	372	79.0	13.12	7.53	18.28
Anti-9V	1103	98.1	374	99.5	1.37	-0.28	2.56
Anti-14	1100	99.5	374	99.5	-0.08	-1.66	0.71
Anti-18C	1102	96.0	374	98.9	2.92	0.88	4.57
Anti-19F	1104	95.4	375	99.2	3.83	1.87	5.50
Anti-23F	1102	81.4	374	94.1	12.72	8.89	16.13

Table 12 presents the percentages of subjects reaching the non-inferiority threshold and the geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) of pneumococcal antibodies following the third primary dose (2-3-4 months schedule), prior to and after the booster dose (12-18 months) of SYNFLORIX® or 7-valent PCV vaccine in the pivotal non-inferiority study (10PN-PD-DIT-001) and its booster phase (10PN-PD-DIT-007).

Post-primary GMCs elicited by SYNFLORIX® against the seven serotypes in common were lower than those elicited by 7-valent PCV vaccine. However, antibody persistence 8 to 12 months after the last primary dose was similar or higher in SYNFLORIX® vaccinees compared to 7-valent PCV vaccine vaccinees for all serotypes, except serotype 14. After the booster dose, the GMCs elicited by SYNFLORIX® remained lower for most serotypes in common with 7-valent PCV vaccine (see Table 12), however the percentages of subjects reaching the 0.2 µg/mL threshold were similar for both vaccines.

In the same study, SYNFLORIX® was shown to elicit functional antibodies to all vaccine serotypes. For each of the serotypes in common, 87.7% to 100% of SYNFLORIX® vaccinees and 92.1% to 100% of 7-valent PCV vaccine vaccinees reached an OPA titre ≥ 8 one month after the third dose. The difference between both vaccines in terms of percentage of subjects with OPA titres ≥ 8 was below 5% for all serotypes in common, including 6B and 23F.

For serotypes 1, 5 and 7F, the percentages of SYNFLORIX® vaccinees reaching an OPA titre ≥ 8 were respectively 65.7%, 90.9% and 99.6% after the primary vaccination course and 91.0%, 96.3% and 100% after the booster dose. OPA responses for serotypes 1 and 5 were lower in magnitude than the responses against the other serotypes, especially after

the primary course. This may result in a lower efficacy for these serotypes prior to the booster dose which induces an anamnestic response. The clinical relevance of this observation is unknown as in studied populations, the vast majority of serotype 1 and 5 IPD cases occur after one year of age. The response observed for serotype 7F was in the same range as for the seven serotypes in common.

Table 12 Percentages of subjects reaching the non-inferiority threshold and antibody GMCs, one month post-primary vaccination, prior and one month after booster vaccination – 10PN-PD-DIT-001 and -007

Serotype	Timing	SYNFLORIX®		7-valent PCV vaccine	
		% ≥0.2μg/ml	GMC	% ≥0.2μg/ml	GMC
1	Post-primary	97.3 (96.1;98.2)	1.05 (1.00;1.10)	4.0 (2.3;6.6)	0.03 (0.03;0.03)
	Pre-booster	36.4 (31.3;41.8)	0.14 (0.13;0.16)	3.7 (0.8;10.3)	0.03 (0.03;0.04)
	Post-booster	99.4 (97.9;99.9)	1.53 (1.40;1.68)	4.9 (1.4;12.2)	0.04 (0.03;0.05)
4	Post-primary	97.1 (95.9;98.0)	1.45 (1.38;1.53)	100.0 (99.0;100.0)	2.78 (2.58;3.00)
	Pre-booster	57.3 (51.9;62.6)	0.23 (0.21;0.26)	67.9 (56.4;78.1)	0.30 (0.25;0.37)
	Post-booster	99.7 (98.4;100.0)	3.35 (3.06;3.67)	100.0 (95.9;100.0)	4.40 (3.75;5.15)
5	Post-primary	99.0 (98.2; 99.5)	1.70 (1.62;1.78)	1.9 (0.8;3.8)	0.03 (0.03;0.03)
	Pre-booster	67.2 (61.9;72.1)	0.27 (0.25;0.30)	6.0 (2.0;13.3)	0.04 (0.04;0.05)
	Post-booster	99.4 (97.9;99.9)	2.20 (2.00;2.42)	6.1 (2.0;13.7)	0.05 (0.04;0.07)
6B	Post-primary	65.9 (63.0;68.7)	0.33 (0.30;0.36)	79.0 (74.5;83.1)	0.59 (0.51;0.67)
	Pre-booster	67.0 (61.6;72.0)	0.31 (0.27;0.35)	30.7 (20.5;42.4)	0.14 (0.11;0.19)
	Post-booster	96.5 (93.9;98.2)	1.94 (1.74;2.17)	97.7 (91.9;99.7)	3.53 (2.83;4.41)
7F	Post-primary	99.5 (98.8;99.8)	1.72 (1.64;1.80)	4.5 (2.7;7.2)	0.04 (0.04;0.04)
	Pre-booster	90.6 (87.0;93.5)	0.57 (0.52;0.62)	4.7 (1.3;11.6)	0.03 (0.03;0.04)
	Post-booster	100.0 (98.9;100.0)	3.50 (3.25;3.76)	7.1 (2.6;14.7)	0.04 (0.03;0.05)
9V	Post-primary	98.1 (97.1;98.8)	1.32 (1.25;1.38)	99.5 (98.1;99.9)	2.68 (2.47;2.91)
	Pre-booster	84.6 (80.3;88.2)	0.54 (0.48;0.60)	90.9 (82.2;96.3)	0.62 (0.51;0.76)
	Post-booster	100.0 (98.9;100.0)	3.25 (2.99;3.53)	100.0 (95.9;100.0)	6.09 (5.19;7.15)
14	Post-primary	99.5 (98.9;99.9)	2.90 (2.75;3.05)	99.5 (98.1;99.9)	4.49 (4.07;4.96)
	Pre-booster	79.8 (75.1;83.9)	0.66 (0.56;0.76)	93.3 (85.1;97.8)	1.06 (0.82;1.38)
	Post-booster	99.1	5.56	100.0	9.29

Serotype	Timing	SYNFLORIX®		7-valent PCV vaccine	
		% ≥0.2µg/ml	GMC	% ≥0.2µg/ml	GMC
		(97.4;99.8)	(5.01;6.18)	(95.8;100.0)	(7.85;10.99)
18C	Post-primary	96.0 (94.7;97.1)	1.66 (1.56;1.77)	98.9 (97.3;99.7)	2.46 (2.25;2.69)
	Pre-booster	70.4 (65.2;75.2)	0.30 (0.28;0.34)	72.3 (61.4;81.6)	0.32 (0.26;0.39)
	Post-booster	100.0 (98.9;100.0)	5.01 (4.60;5.46)	100.0 (95.8;100.0)	5.21 (4.44;6.11)
19F	Post-primary	95.4 (94.0;96.5)	1.84 (1.71;1.98)	99.2 (97.7;99.8)	3.42 (3.16;3.70)
	Pre-booster	78.4 (73.7;82.6)	0.53 (0.46;0.61)	44.7 (33.9;55.9)	0.23 (0.17;0.31)
	Post-booster	99.4 (97.9;99.9)	6.05 (5.46;6.71)	100.0 (95.8;100.0)	3.35 (2.83;3.97)
23F	Post-primary	81.4 (79.0;83.7)	0.53 (0.50;0.57)	94.1 (91.2;96.3)	1.34 (1.18;1.52)
	Pre-booster	60.9 (55.5;66.2)	0.27 (0.23;0.31)	55.8 (44.1;67.2)	0.24 (0.19;0.31)
	Post-booster	97.4 (95.0;98.8)	2.38 (2.13;2.66)	98.9 (93.8;100.0)	6.67 (5.38;8.26)

Additional immunogenicity data

Infants less than 6 months of age:

3-dose primary schedule
In clinical trials conducted in various countries across Europe (Finland, France, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Spain and Czech Republic) and in Chile, more than 3,300 subjects received SYNFLORIX® as a primary vaccination course according to different vaccination schedules, at either 2-3-4, 3-4-5 or 2-4-6 months of age.

In three clinical trials conducted in Europe (Denmark, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Finland, France and Poland) more than 1,600 subjects received a fourth (booster) dose of SYNFLORIX® between 11 and 18 months of age.

In a clinical study, it has been demonstrated that SYNFLORIX® can be safely administered as a booster dose in the second year of life to children who had received 3 primary doses of 7-valent PCV vaccine. This study has shown that the immune response against the 7 common serotypes was comparable after the booster dose. However, as these children were not primed by 7-valent PCV vaccine against the additional serotypes contained in SYNFLORIX® (1, 5, 7F), a lower level of protection is anticipated against diseases caused by these three serotypes compared to other serotypes.

2-dose primary schedule
In addition to the 3-dose primary schedule, the immunogenicity of SYNFLORIX® following a 2-dose primary vaccination schedule in subjects less than 6 months of age was evaluated.

In study 10PN-PD-DIT-002, the immunogenicity was compared in an exploratory analysis between the 2+1 schedule and 3+1 schedule. Please refer to Table 13.

Table 13 Seropositivity rates and GMCs for ANTI-1, ANTI-4, ANTI-5, ANTI-6B, ANTI-7F, ANTI-9V, ANTI-14, ANTI-18C, ANTI-19F and ANTI-23F antibodies (ATP cohort for immunogenicity)

				≥ 0.2 µg/mL			GMC	
Antibody	**Group**	**Timing**	**N**	**n**	**%**	**95% CI**	**value**	**95% CI**
ANTI-1	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	153	149	97.4	93.4; 99.3	1.03	0.90; 1.18
		PIII(M10)	156	155	99.4	96.5; 100	1.85	1.59; 2.15
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	151	149	98.7	95.3; 99.8	1.23	1.07; 1.42
		PIV(M10)	147	147	100	97.5; 100	1.88	1.62; 2.17
ANTI-4	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	153	150	98.0	94.4; 99.6	1.37	1.21; 1.55
		PIII(M10)	155	155	100	97.6; 100	3.06	2.68; 3.49
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	153	152	99.3	96.4; 100	1.71	1.47; 1.99
		PIV(M10)	147	147	100	97.5; 100	3.47	3.03; 3.98
ANTI-5	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	152	146	96.1	91.6; 98.5	1.32	1.14; 1.52
		PIII(M10)	155	155	100	97.6; 100	2.65	2.31; 3.03
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	149	149	100	97.6; 100	1.85	1.63; 2.10
		PIV(M10)	147	147	100	97.5; 100	3.21	2.81; 3.67
ANTI-6B	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	149	83	55.7	47.3; 63.8	0.19	0.15; 0.24
		PIII(M10)	156	138	88.5	82.4; 93.0	1.12	0.88; 1.41
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	149	94	63.1	54.8; 70.8	0.31	0.25; 0.38
		PIV(M10)	147	142	96.6	92.2; 98.9	1.85	1.54; 2.22
ANTI-7F	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	153	148	96.7	92.5; 98.9	1.28	1.13; 1.46
		PIII(M10)	156	156	100	97.7; 100	2.81	2.51; 3.15
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	152	151	99.3	96.4; 100	2.14	1.90; 2.40
		PIV(M10)	147	147	100	97.5; 100	3.88	3.45; 4.37
ANTI-9V	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	152	142	93.4	88.2; 96.8	0.92	0.81; 1.05
		PIII(M10)	156	155	99.4	96.5; 100	2.95	2.59; 3.37
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	153	152	99.3	96.4; 100	1.47	1.29; 1.68
		PIV(M10)	147	147	100	97.5; 100	3.97	3.49; 4.50
ANTI-14	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	152	146	96.1	91.6; 98.5	1.72	1.45; 2.05
		PIII(M10)	156	155	99.4	96.5; 100	4.19	3.62; 4.85
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	152	152	100	97.6; 100	2.57	2.22; 2.97
		PIV(M10)	147	145	98.6	95.2; 99.8	5.47	4.68; 6.40
ANTI-18C	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	152	146	96.1	91.6; 98.5	1.26	1.06; 1.51
		PIII(M10)	156	156	100	97.7; 100	6.24	5.43; 7.18
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	153	152	99.3	96.4; 100	3.42	2.87; 4.07
		PIV(M10)	147	146	99.3	96.3; 100	7.20	6.08; 8.52
ANTI-19F	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	152	141	92.8	87.4; 96.3	2.43	1.97; 2.98
		PIII(M10)	156	150	96.2	91.8; 98.6	5.58	4.65; 6.69
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	152	146	96.1	91.6; 98.5	4.43	3.60; 5.45
		PIV(M10)	147	144	98.0	94.2; 99.6	6.95	5.92; 8.17
ANTI-23F	10Pn_2d	PII(M3)	153	106	69.3	61.3; 76.5	0.38	0.30; 0.47
		PIII(M10)	154	148	96.1	91.7; 98.6	2.41	1.98; 2.94
	10Pn_3d	PIII(M3)	152	118	77.6	70.2; 84.0	0.52	0.42; 0.63
		PIV(M10)	147	141	95.9	91.3; 98.5	2.78	2.31; 3.35

10Pn_2d = 10Pn-PD-DiT (2-4-11 months)+DTPa-(HBV)-IPV/Hib(2-4-11 months)
10Pn_3d = 10Pn-PD-DiT (2-3-4-11 months)+DTPa-(HBV)-IPV/Hib(2-4-11 months)
GMC = geometric mean antibody concentration; N = number of subjects with available results; n/% = number/percentage of subjects with concentration within the specified range.

PII(M3) = One month after dose 2 (for the 2 primary doses group); PIII(M10) = One month after booster dose (for the 2 primary doses group); PIII(M3) = One month after dose 3 (for the 3 primary doses group); PIV(M10) = One month after booster dose (for the 3 primary doses group)
Note: The Confidence Intervals are presented for descriptive purposes and are not intended to be used to draw conclusions.

The clinical consequences of the lower post-primary and post-booster immune responses observed after the two-dose primary schedule are not known.

In Study 10PN-PD-DIT-002, one month after primary vaccination, there was no significant difference between the 2 dose schedule and the 3 dose schedule in the percentages of subjects with antibody concentration ≥ 0.2 µg/ml (ELISA) and antibody GMCs against cross-reactive serotype 19A. However, the percentage of subjects with OPA titres ≥ 8 and GMTs were lower in the 2 dose schedule than those in the 3 dose schedule following priming series and the booster. In both schedules, a booster response indicative of immunological priming was observed for cross-reactive serotype 19A (Table 14).

Table 14 Study 10 PN-PD-DIT-002: Percentage of subjects with antibody concentrations greater or equal to 0.2 µg/mL, OPA titres greater or equal to 8 and GMCs/GMTs against pneumococcal cross-reactive serotype 19A (ATP cohort for immunogenicity)

			ELISA							OPA							
			0.2ug/mL				GMC				≥ 8				GMT		
					95% CI			95% CI					95% CI			95% CI	
Group (Schedule)	Timing	N	n	%	LL	UL	value	LL	UL	N	n	%	LL	UL	value	LL	UL
10Pn_3d (2,3,4 months)	One month after dose 3	150	80	53.3	45.0	61.5	0.19	0.16	0.24	130	46	35.4	27.2	44.2	15.8	11.2	22.3
	Before booster dose	147	76	51.7	43.3	60.0	0.20	0.16	0.24	133	5	3.8	1.2	8.6	4.6	4.0	5.2
	One month after booster dose	147	122	83.0	75.9	88.7	0.87	0.69	1.11	116	54	46	37.2	56.0	27.2	18.0	41.2
10Pn_2d (2-4 months)	One month after dose 2	150	64	42.7	34.6	51.0	0.14	0.12	0.17	133	17	12.8	7.6	19.7	5.5	4.8	6.5
	Before booster dose	149	63	42.3	34.2	50.6	0.14	0.12	0.17	134	2	1.5	0.2	5.3	4.2	3.9	4.6
	One month after booster	156	127	81.4	74.4	87.2	0.73	0.58	0.92	119	29	24.4	17.0	33.1	8.7	6.6	11.6

			ELISA							OPA							
			0.2ug/mL				GMC				≥ 8				GMT		
					95% CI			95% CI					95% CI			95% CI	
Group (Schedule)	Timing	N	n	%	LL	UL	value	LL	UL	N	n	%	LL	UL	value	LL	UL
	dose																

10Pn_2d = *SYNFLORIX*® (2-4-11 months)+ *Infanrix hexa/ Infanrix-IPV/Hib* (2-4-11 months)
10Pn_3d = *SYNFLORIX*® (2-3-4-11 months)+ *Infanrix hexa/ Infanrix-IPV/Hib* (2-4-11 months)
GMC/T = geometric mean concentration/titre;
N = number of subjects with available results;
n/% = number/percentage of subjects with concentration/titre within the specified range;
95% CI = 95% confidence interval; LL = Lower Limit, UL = Upper Limit

Immune memory

The administration of a booster dose in the second year of life elicited an anamnestic antibody response as measured by ELISA and OPA for the 10 serotypes included in the vaccine demonstrating the induction of immune memory after the three-dose primary course. In study 10PN-PD-DIT-008, administration of unconjugated pneumococcal polysaccharides at 13 months of age, after the primary series with SYNFLORIX® was also followed by a sharp increase in antibody response for the 10 serotypes further confirming that SYNFLORIX® induces immune memory.

In study10PN-PD-DIT-046, based on a subset of the subjects originally randomized to Study 10PN-PD-DIT-002, (110/351 = 31%) 24-36 months after completion of the 2+1 schedule or the 3+1 schedule, at least 83.7% or 96.6% subjects, respectively, remained seropositive (i.e., detectable antibody > 0.05 μg/mL) to each of the vaccine pneumococcal serotypes. In this subset of subjects, a single dose of SYNFLORIX® administered during the 4th year of life, as a challenge dose, elicited higher ELISA antibody GMCs 7-10 days following vaccination in 2-dose primed subjects (ranging from 4.00 to 20.28 μg/mL) and 3-dose primed subjects (ranging from 4.72 to 30.55 μg/mL).

Premature infants

In studies 10PN-PD-DIT-015 and 10PN-PD-DIT-016, immunogenicity of SYNFLORIX® in very premature (born after a gestation period of 27-30 weeks) (N=42), premature (born after a gestation period of 31-36 weeks) (N=82) and full term (born after a gestation period of more than 36 weeks) (N=132) infants was evaluated descriptively following a three dose primary vaccination course at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. Immunogenicity was also evaluated in 44 very premature, 69 premature and 127 full term infants following a booster dose at 16 to 18 months of age. See immunogenicity data by ELISA in Table 15 below.

Table 15 ELISA responders and ELISA GMCs to the 10 common serotypes one month post-primary vaccination (study 10PN-PD-DIT-015), prior to and one month after booster vaccination (study 10PN-PD-DIT-016)

			ELISA			
			≥ 0.2 µg/mL		GMC	
Serotype	Group	Timing	%	95% CI	Value	95% CI
1	PT1	Post-primary	97.6	87.4; 99.9	0.97	0.75; 1.26
		Pre-booster	37.2	23.0; 53.3	0.15	0.11; 0.20
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	1.57	1.20; 2.05
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.6; 100	1.10	0.93; 1.30
		Pre-booster	42.4	30.3; 55.2	0.14	0.11; 0.18
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	1.74	1.41; 2.15
	FT	Post-primary	99.2	95.8; 100	1.35	1.18; 1.55
		Pre-booster	43.8	34.8; 53.1	0.17	0.15; 0.21
		Post-booster	99.2	95.4; 100	1.98	1.66; 2.37
4	PT1	Post-primary	97.6	87.1; 99.9	1.53	1.19; 1.98
		Pre-booster	53.5	37.7; 68.8	0.25	0.18; 0.35
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	2.98	2.31; 3.85
	PT2	Post-primary	98.8	93.4; 100	1.88	1.61; 2.20
		Pre-booster	58.0	45.5; 69.8	0.24	0.20; 0.30
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	3.67	3.07; 4.39
	FT	Post-primary	100	97.2; 100	2.42	2.13; 2.74
		Pre-booster	66.7	57.6; 74.9	0.30	0.25; 0.35
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100	4.23	3.67; 4.88
5	PT1	Post-primary	100	91.6; 100	1.45	1.13; 1.86
		Pre-booster	62.8	46.7; 77.0	0.24	0.18; 0.33
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	1.84	1.43; 2.38
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.6; 100	1.93	1.65; 2.25
		Pre-booster	63.2	50.7; 74.6	0.27	0.21; 0.34
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	2.38	1.93; 2.94
	FT	Post-primary	100	97.2; 100	2.31	2.00; 2.66
		Pre-booster	84.7	77.1; 90.5	0.40	0.34; 0.48
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100	2.58	2.20; 3.02
6B	PT1	Post-primary	92.7	80.1; 98.5	0.85	0.61; 1.19
		Pre-booster	65.1	49.1; 79.0	0.28	0.21; 0.38
		Post-booster	100	91.6; 100	2.44	1.87; 3.17
	PT2	Post-primary	95.1	88.0; 98.7	1.11	0.89; 1.37
		Pre-booster	61.2	48.5; 72.9	0.30	0.23; 0.37
		Post-booster	98.5	91.8; 100	2.46	1.97; 3.06
	FT	Post-primary	93.9	88.3; 97.3	1.18	1.00; 1.39
		Pre-booster	79.8	71.7; 86.5	0.37	0.31; 0.45
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100)	2.67	2.27; 3.13
7F	PT1	Post-primary	100	91.4; 100	1.87	1.47; 2.39
		Pre-booster	79.1	64.0; 90.0	0.42	0.31; 0.56
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	3.11	2.48; 3.90
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.6; 100	2.37	2.07; 2.73
		Pre-booster	86.2	75.3; 93.5	0.46	0.37; 0.58
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	4.16	3.52; 4.90
	FT	Post-primary	100	97.2; 100	2.69	2.39; 3.03
		Pre-booster	93.5	87.6; 97.2	0.66	0.57; 0.77
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100	3.93	3.45; 4.47

			ELISA			
			≥ 0.2 µg/mL		GMC	
Serotype	Group	Timing	%	95% CI	Value	95% CI
9V	PT1	Post-primary	97.6	87.1; 99.9	1.43	1.17; 1.74
		Pre-booster	90.7	77.9; 97.4	0.51	0.39; 0.67
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	2.87	2.23; 3.70
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.6; 100	1.69	1.44; 1.99
		Pre-booster	85.5	75.0; 92.8	0.42	0.35; 0.52
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	3.47	2.86; 4.20
	FT	Post-primary	100	97.2; 100	2.41	2.13; 2.73
		Pre-booster	93.5	87.6; 97.2	0.59	0.51; 0.69
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100	4.17	3.60; 4.83
14	PT1	Post-primary	100	91.4; 100	3.52	2.81; 4.42
		Pre-booster	95.3	84.2; 99.4	0.78	0.54; 1.11
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	4.88	3.42; 6.98
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.6; 100	3.28	2.77; 3.89
		Pre-booster	80.9	69.5; 89.4	0.48	0.37; 0.61
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	5.14	4.22; 6.25
	FT	Post-primary	100	97.2; 100	3.71	3.21; 4.30
		Pre-booster	84.7	77.1; 90.5	0.68	0.55; 0.84
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100	5.98	5.10; 7.02
18C	PT1	Post-primary	100	91.4; 100	3.28	2.51; 4.29
		Pre-booster	83.7	69.3; 93.2	0.58	0.42; 0.80
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	9.51	7.36; 12.29
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.5; 100	4.86	3.92; 6.02
		Pre-booster	88.2	78.1; 94.8	0.56	0.45; 0.70
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	13.20	10.97; 15.89
	FT	Post-primary	98.5	94.6; 99.8	5.22	4.27; 6.38
		Pre-booster	84.8	77.3; 90.6	0.60	0.49; 0.73
		Post-booster	99.2	95.4; 100	12.38	10.21; 15.00
19F	PT1	Post-primary	100	91.6; 100	3.60	2.83; 4.57
		Pre-booster	88.4	74.9; 96.1	0.86	0.58; 1.30
		Post-booster	100	91.8; 100	6.83	5.24; 8.89
	PT2	Post-primary	100	95.6; 100	4.80	4.15; 5.55
		Pre-booster	97.1	89.8; 99.6	1.07	0.78; 1.46
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	9.78	8.19; 11.68
	FT	Post-primary	100	97.2; 100	4.56	3.95; 5.26
		Pre-booster	96.0	90.9; 98.7	1.27	1.02; 1.59
		Post-booster	100	96.9; 100	9.72	8.38; 11.29
23F	PT1	Post-primary	95.1	83.5; 99.4	1.05	0.74; 1.49
		Pre-booster	69.8	53.9; 82.8	0.27	0.20; 0.36
		Post-booster	97.6	87.4; 99.9	2.70	1.91; 3.81
	PT2	Post-primary	96.3	89.7; 99.2	1.33	1.07; 1.65
		Pre-booster	65.2	52.8; 76.3	0.30	0.24; 0.38
		Post-booster	100	94.6; 100	3.45	2.93; 4.06
	FT	Post-primary	95.4	90.3; 98.3	1.54	1.28; 1.85
		Pre-booster	80.5	72.4; 87.1	0.42	0.35; 0.51
		Post-booster	99.2	95.4; 100	3.30	2.74; 3.99

PT1 = Preterm I group (children born as preterm after a gestation period of 27-30 weeks); PT2 = Preterm II group (children born as preterm after a gestation period of 31-36 weeks); FT = Full term group (children born after a gestation period of more than 36 weeks); GMC = geometric mean antibody concentration; % = percentage of subjects with concentration within the specified range

In premature infant studies 10PN-PD-DIT-015 and 10PN-PD-DIT-016 one month after primary vaccination, similar antibody GMCs and OPA GMTs for the cross-reactive serotype 19A were observed for all infants except lower antibody GMCs in preterm I infants (born after a gestation period of 27-30 weeks). The clinical relevance of these differences is unknown.

One month after the booster dose, increases of antibody GMCs and OPA GMTs were observed from the pre- to the post-booster time points for serotype 19A (4.6- to 6.9-fold and 5.8- to 7.8-fold increase for antibody GMCs and OPA GMTs, respectively), indicative of immunological memory. Regardless of maturity, similar antibody GMCs and OPA GMTs were observed for all infants groups for cross-reactive serotype 19A.

The profiles of ELISA GMTs and OPA GMTs observed for serotype 19A were in line with those observed for the serotypes contained in the vaccine.

Previously Unvaccinated Older Infants and Children:

One clinical study (study 013) evaluated catch-up vaccination in children older than 7 months of age (three age groups with different schedules). In the 7-11 months group, children received 2 primary doses followed by a booster dose in the second year of life, the 12 to 23 month group received 2 doses with at least a 2 month interval and the children in the group ≥ 24 months to 5 years of age received 1 dose .

Table 16 Antibody GMCs Against the Vaccine Pneumococcal Serotypes (One month after the final dose)

Serotype	<6 months of age (4^{th} dose) N=137 (95% CI)	7 to 11 months of age (3^{rd} dose) N=114 (95% CI)	12 to 23 months of age (2^{nd} dose) N=133 (95% CI)	≥ 24 months to 5 years of age (1 dose) N=138-140 (95% CI)
1	1.84 (1.59; 2.12)	1.77 (1.55; 2.02)	1.22 (1.06; 1.40)	0.77 (0.66; 0.89)
4	2.98 (2.60; 3.42)	3.79 (3.27; 4.40)	4.21 (3.77; 4.69)	5.72 (5.00; 6.54)
5	2.21 (1.94; 2.53)	2.88 (2.48; 3.34)	1.80 (1.57; 2.06)	1.16 (0.99; 1.36)
6B	1.62 (1.35; 1.94)	1.39 (1.14; 1.69)	0.53 (0.43; 0.65)	0.38 (0.30; 0.47)
7F	3.31 (2.92; 3.74)	3.73 (3.24; 4.28)	3.62 (3.22; 4.06)	2.60 (2.25; 3.01)
9V	3.41 (2.96; 3.92)	2.13 (1.82; 2.50)	1.50 (1.30; 1.73)	1.01 (0.84; 1.22)
14	3.96 (3.39; 4.62)	5.41 (4.71; 6.22)	4.24 (3.64; 4.95)	1.36 (1.06; 1.74)
18C	5.28 (4.55; 6.12)	9.40 (8.04; 10.98)	9.20 (8.22; 10.29)	4.65 (4.06; 5.31)
19F	3.38 (2.81; 4.06)	5.71 (4.68; 6.97)	5.45 (4.63; 6.41)	5.26 (4.34; 6.39)
23F	2.76 (2.37; 3.21)	1.65 (1.33; 2.03)	0.88 (0.73; 1.05)	0.37 (0.30; 0.47)

N=number of subjects with available results
Note: The Confidence Intervals are presented for descriptive purposes and are not intended to be used to draw conclusions.

In another clinical study, a single dose of SYNFLORIX® administered during the second year of life after two catch-up doses at 12-20 months of age elicited a marked increase of ELISA GMCs and OPA GMTs (when comparing the responses pre and post the last dose), indicating that two catch-up doses provide adequate priming.

In study 002, children were vaccinated according to either a 3-dose (shown below in Table 17) or 2-dose primary vaccination within the first 6 months of age and a booster vaccination at 11 months of age. In study 046, a 2 dose catch-up vaccination was given to children in their 4th year of life who had not previously received any pneumococcal vaccine.

Table 17 Antibody GMCs Against the Vaccine Pneumococcal Serotypes

Serotype	002* 3rd dose N=149-153	046^ Unprimed N=60
1	1.23	2.81
4	1.71	8.44
5	1.85	3.54
6B	0.31	1.11
7F	2.14	6.10
9V	1.47	2.22
14	2.57	6.48
18C	3.42	22.28
19F	4.43	17.03
23F	0.52	1.09

N=number of subjects with available results
*One month after dose 3 (3 dose primary vaccination)
^2 doses; children unprimed in their fourth year of life

Hyporesponsiveness
No evidence of hyporesponsiveness has been seen following a booster dose of SYNFLORIX® or pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine.

There are no data available to indicate whether the administration of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine to SYNFLORIX® primed children may result in hyporesponsiveness to further doses of pneumococcal polysaccharide or to pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.

TOXICOLOGY

Animal Pharmacology

In primary pharmacodynamic studies, the proposed 10-valent vaccine or related 11-valent vaccines were shown to be immunogenic in mice, guinea pigs and rabbits. Several 11-valent related phase II formulations were developed. These formulations contained the same serotypes as the current 10Pn-PD-DiT vaccine and in addition serotype 3, and the vaccine formulations differed in carrier protein (protein D- PD, tetanus toxoid – TT and diphtheria toxoid- DT). All vaccine formulations induced polysaccharide-specific IgG to all serotypes in the animal models tested. The predictivity of the animal models for human immunogenicity is not clear, and the assessment of comparability for immune response between vaccine formulations was further supported by clinical data. The clinical route of i.m. injection was used for immunogenicity analysis, and ELISA was used in all studies to determine serum antibody levels to each of the serotype. The sera of immunised mice and guinea pigs had functional (opsonophagocytic) activity *in vitro* against several test serotypes.

Two immunogenicity studies in mice showed the enhancing effect of the adjuvant on the antibody response for most of the serotypes. Further justification for the inclusion of aluminum phosphate as adjuvant in the vaccine was given by clinical data.

With respect to the non-clinical data for protein D, the carrier protein from *H influenzae*, a juvenile chinchilla otitis media model was used to demonstrate that passive inoculation with the sera of children administered the 10- or 11-valent vaccine conferred protection against otitis media caused by non-typeable *H influenzae*. The passively transferred sera provided ~34% protection against otitis media, and there were no significant differences between the 2 vaccines.

Animal Toxicology

Although no toxicology studies have been performed with the final 10Pn-PD-DiT SYNFLORIX® vaccine, toxicology studies were performed with similar 11-valent formulated vaccines containing higher amounts of antigen, carrier proteins or residues. The vaccine formulations used in these studies were immunogenic, well tolerated and without evidence of toxicity, other than injection site reactions which were reversible over time. The toxicity studies with similar 11-valent formulated vaccines are considered to be representative of the final 10-valent 10Pn-PD-DiT vaccine proposed for registration.

The potential side-effects of intramuscular administration of 11Pn-PD-DiT vaccine on cardiovascular and respiratory parameters in the anaesthetised male Wistar rat was studied and did not produce any treatment-related effects on any of the cardiovascular or respiratory parameters measured in the study.

Acute and repeat-dose toxicity studies in which rabbits were administered the full human dose of several 11-valent vaccines showed no systemic toxicity or target organ toxicity, providing overall evidence that the vaccine was safe and well tolerated in the studied

animal species. A local inflammatory response was observed which tended to diminish over time with no long-term muscle damage or impairment being observed, consistent with other Aluminum-adjuvanted vaccines.

4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) is an impurity resulting from the conjugation of the polysaccharide serotypes to their respective carrier proteins. The toxicity, mutagenicity and sensitisation potential of DMAP have been investigated. Since DMAP is not mutagenic and only a moderate skin sensitizer in guinea pigs at very high doses as compared to the human vaccine dose, it does not present any hazard to vaccinated subjects.

Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis
SYNFLORIX® has not been evaluated for the potential to cause carcinogenicity or genotoxicity.

Reproductive Toxicology
No studies on reproductive and developmental toxicity have been performed. This vaccine is not intended for women of child-bearing potential.

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PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

SYNFLORIX®
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* (NTHi) protein D, diphtheria or tetanus toxoid conjugates) adsorbed

This leaflet is Part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when SYNFLORIX® was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about SYNFLORIX®. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the vaccine.

ABOUT THIS VACCINE

What the medication is used for and what it does:
SYNFLORIX® is a vaccine that will help protect your child against diseases caused by some types of a bacteria called *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. This bacteria can cause serious illnesses including meningitis, pneumonia, ear infection and blood infection.

SYNFLORIX® works by helping the body to make its own antibodies, which protect your child against these diseases.

As with all vaccines, SYNFLORIX® may not fully protect all children who are vaccinated.

SYNFLORIX® will not protect against pneumococcal serogroups or serotypes that are not included in the vaccine except the cross-reactive serotype 19A.

Children with a weakened immune system, for example due to HIV infection, may not get the full benefit from SYNFLORIX®.

When it should not be used:
Please see Warnings and Precautions section.

What the medicinal ingredients are:
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotypes 1, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14 and 23F conjugated to Non-Typeable *Haemophilus influenzae* (NTHi) protein D
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 18C conjugated to tetanus toxoid carrier protein
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide serotype 19F conjugated to diphtheria toxoid carrier protein

What the important nonmedicinal ingredients are:
SYNFLORIX® contains the following nonmedicinal ingredients: aluminum phosphate, sodium chloride, water for injections.

What dosage forms it comes in:
SYNFLORIX® is presented as a suspension for injection.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

SYNFLORIX® should not be given if your child has previously had any allergic reaction to SYNFLORIX®, or any ingredient contained in SYNFLORIX®. Signs of an allergic reaction may include itchy skin rash, shortness of breath and swelling of the face or tongue.

Take special care with SYNFLORIX®
Before your child is vaccinated, make sure your doctor knows if any of the following apply to your child:
- has a severe infection with a high temperature. It might be necessary to postpone the vaccination until recovery. A minor infection such as a cold should not be a problem, but talk to your doctor first.
- has a bleeding problem or bruise easily.
- has breathing difficulties, please contact your doctor. This may be more common in the first three days following vaccination if your child is born prematurely (before or at 28 weeks of pregnancy).

Fainting can occur following, or even before, any needle injection; therefore, tell the doctor or nurse if you or your child fainted with a previous injection.

INTERACTIONS WITH THIS VACCINE

Please tell your doctor if your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription or has recently received any other vaccine.

SYNFLORIX® may not work as well if your child is taking medicines that reduce the effectiveness of their immune system to fight infection.

SYNFLORIX® can be given at the same time as other childhood vaccines. A different injection site will be used for each type of vaccine.

PROPER USE OF THIS VACCINE

Usual dose:
SYNFLORIX® is always injected into a muscle, usually in the thigh or upper arm.

Infants from 6 weeks to 6 months of age
Usually, your child will receive three injections with an interval of at least one month between each one. The first injection can be given from the age of 6 weeks onwards. At least six months after the last (third) injection, your child will

receive an additional injection (booster).

Alternatively, your child may receive two injections with an interval of two months between injections. The first injection can be given from the age of 2 months. At least six months after the last injection, your child will receive an additional injection (booster).

Previously unvaccinated older infants and children

Infants aged 7-11 months:
Your child will receive two injections with an interval of at least one month between injections. At least two months after the last injection and during his/her second year of life, your child will receive a third injection (booster).

Children aged 12 months-5 years:
Your child will receive a total of two injections with an interval of at least two months between injections.

You will be informed when your child should come back for their next injection.

Infants from 6 weeks to 6 months of age born prematurely (born between 27 and 36 weeks of gestation)
Your child will receive a total of three injections with an interval of at least one month between each one. At least six months after the last (third) injection, your child will receive an additional injection (booster).

Overdosage:

In case of drug overdose, contact a health care practitioner, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

Missed dose:
If your child misses a scheduled injection, it is important that you make another appointment.

Make sure your child finishes the complete vaccination course.

SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

Like all medicines, SYNFLORIX® can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Side effects that occurred during clinical trials with SYNFLORIX® were as follows:

Very common (these may occur in 1 in 10 doses or more of the vaccine):
- Pain, redness and swelling at the injection site
- Fever (38°C or higher)
- Drowsiness
- Irritability
- Loss of appetite

Common (these may occur in up to 1 in 10 doses of the vaccine):
- Hardness at the injection site

Uncommon (these may occur in up to 1 in 100 doses of the vaccine):
- Itching, blood clot, bleeding and small lump at the injection site
- Nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting
- Unusual crying
- Temporarily stopping breathing (apnoea)
- Headache
- Skin rash
- Swelling larger than 5 cm where the injection was given
- Hives

Rare (these may occur in up to 1 in 1,000 doses of the vaccine):
- Allergic reactions such as skin allergies
- Fits without temperature or due to high temperature (fever)
- Collapse (sudden onset of muscle floppiness), periods of unconsciousness or lack of awareness, and paleness or bluish skin discoloration.

Very rare (these may occur in up to 1 in 10,000 doses of the vaccine):
- Severe allergic reactions which can be recognised by:
  - raised and itchy rash (hives)
  - swelling, sometimes of the face or mouth (angioedema) causing difficulty in breathing – collapse
- Kawasaki disease (major signs of the illness are for instance: fever which lasts for more than five days, associated with a rash on the trunk sometimes followed by a peeling of the skin on the hands and fingers, swollen glands in the neck, red eyes, lips, throat and tongue)

These reactions will usually occur before leaving the doctor's clinic. However, if your child gets any of these symptoms you should contact a doctor urgently.

Following booster vaccination, children > 12 months of age are more likely to experience injection site reactions such as rash (uncommon) and crying abnormal (uncommon) compared to the rates observed in infants during the primary series with SYNFLORIX®.

Other side effects have been seen with SYNFLORIX® since being introduced onto the market:

- An extreme, often life-threatening, allergic reaction (on very rare instances)

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

If your child is more than 12 months of age when he/she receives his/her booster injection, he/she is more likely to experience reactions at the site of injection.

HOW TO STORE IT

- Keep out of the reach and sight of children.
- Do not use SYNFLORIX® after the expiry date which is stated on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C).
- Do not freeze.
- Store in the original package in order to protect from light.
- Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. These measures will help to protect the environment.

REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS

To monitor vaccine safety, the Public Health Agency of Canada collects case reports on adverse events following immunization.

For health care professionals:
If a patient experiences an adverse event following immunization, please complete the appropriate Adverse Events following Immunization (AEFI) Form and send it to your local Health Unit in your province/territory.

For the General Public:
Should you experience an adverse event following immunization, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist to complete the Adverse Events following Immunization (AEFI) Form.

If you have any questions or have difficulties contacting your local health unit, please contact Vaccine Safety Section at Public Health Agency of Canada:

By toll-free telephone: 1-866-844-0018
By toll-free fax: 1-866-844-5931
E-mail: caefi@phac-aspc.gc.ca
At the following website:
http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/vs-sv/index-eng.php

By regular mail:
The Public Health Agency of Canada
Vaccine Safety Section
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Ottawa, Ontario
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NOTE: Should you require information related to the management of the side effect, please contact your health care provider before notifying the Public Health Agency of Canada. The Public Health Agency of Canada does not provide medical advice.

MORE INFORMATION

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