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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use AFLURIA® QUADRIVALENT safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT.

**AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT, Influenza Vaccine
Suspension for Intramuscular Injection
2017-2018 Formula**

Initial U.S. Approval (AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT): 2016

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

- AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is an inactivated influenza vaccine indicated for active immunization against influenza disease caused by influenza A subtype viruses and type B viruses contained in the vaccine. (1)
- AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is approved for use in persons 18 years of age and older. (1)

-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

For intramuscular injection only, by needle and syringe (18 years of age and older) or by PharmaJet® Stratis® Needle-Free Injection System (18 through 64 years of age). Administer as a single 0.5 mL dose. (2)

-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is a suspension for injection supplied in two presentations:

- 0.5 mL pre-filled syringe (single dose) (3, 11)
- 5 mL multi-dose vial (ten 0.5 mL doses) (3, 11)

-----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine including egg protein, or to a previous dose of any influenza vaccine. (4, 11)

-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

- If Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) has occurred within 6 weeks of previous influenza vaccination, the decision to give AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT should be based on careful consideration of the potential benefits and risks. (5.1)
- Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible anaphylactic reactions following administration of the vaccine. (5.2)

-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

- In adults 18 through 64 years, the most commonly reported injection-site adverse reaction when AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT was administered by needle and syringe was pain ($\geq 40\%$). The most common systemic adverse events were myalgia and headache ($\geq 20\%$). (6.1)
- In adults 65 years of age and older, the most commonly reported injection-site adverse reaction when AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT was administered by needle and syringe was pain ($\geq 20\%$). The most common systemic adverse event was myalgia ($\geq 10\%$). (6.1)
- In adults 18 through 64 years of age, the most commonly reported injection-site adverse reactions when AFLURIA® (trivalent formulation) was administered by the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System were tenderness ($\geq 80\%$), swelling, pain, redness ($\geq 60\%$), itching ($\geq 20\%$) and bruising ($\geq 10\%$). The most common systemic adverse events were myalgia, malaise ($\geq 30\%$), and headache ($\geq 20\%$). (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Seqirus at 1-855-358-8966 or VAERS at 1-800-822-7967 or www.vaers.hhs.gov.

-----USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS-----

- Antibody responses were lower in geriatric subjects than in younger adults. (8.5)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION.

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1 **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

2 **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

3 AFLURIA[®] QUADRIVALENT is an inactivated influenza vaccine indicated for active
4 immunization against influenza disease caused by influenza A subtype viruses and type B
5 viruses contained in the vaccine.

6 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is approved for use in persons 18 years of age and older.

7 **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

8 **For intramuscular (IM) use only.**

- 9 • By needle and syringe (18 years of age and older)
10 • By PharmaJet[®] Stratis[®] Needle-Free Injection System (18 through 64 years of age)

11 Administer as a single 0.5 mL dose.

12 Immediately before use, shake thoroughly and inspect visually. Parenteral drug products
13 should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration,
14 whenever suspension and container permit. If either of these conditions exists, the vaccine
15 should not be administered.

16 The preferred site for intramuscular injection is the deltoid muscle of the upper arm.

17 When using the multi-dose vial, shake the vial thoroughly before withdrawing each dose.

18 It is recommended that small syringes (0.5 mL or 1 mL) be used to minimize any product loss.

19 To use the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System, refer to the Instructions for Use for
20 the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System.

21 **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

22 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is a sterile suspension for intramuscular injection (*see*
23 *Description [11]*).

24 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is supplied in two presentations:

- 25 • 0.5 mL pre-filled syringe (single dose).
26 • 5 mL multi-dose vial (ten 0.5 mL doses).

27 **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

28 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is contraindicated in individuals with known severe allergic
29 reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis) to any component of the vaccine including egg protein, or to a
30 previous dose of any influenza vaccine (*see Description [11]*).

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31 **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**32 **5.1 Guillain-Barré Syndrome**

33 If Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) has occurred within 6 weeks of previous influenza
34 vaccination, the decision to give AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT should be based on careful
35 consideration of the potential benefits and risks.

36 The 1976 swine influenza vaccine was associated with an increased frequency of GBS.
37 Evidence for a causal relation of GBS with subsequent vaccines prepared from other influenza
38 viruses is unclear. If influenza vaccine does pose a risk, it is probably slightly more than one
39 additional case per 1 million persons vaccinated.

40 **5.2 Preventing and Managing Allergic Reactions**

41 Appropriate medical treatment and supervision must be available to manage possible
42 anaphylactic reactions following administration of the vaccine.

43 **5.3 Altered Immunocompetence**

44 If AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is administered to immunocompromised persons, including
45 those receiving immunosuppressive therapy, the immune response may be diminished.

46 **5.4 Limitations of Vaccine Effectiveness**

47 Vaccination with AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT may not protect all individuals.

48 **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

49 In adults 18 through 64 years of age, the most commonly reported injection-site adverse
50 reaction observed in clinical studies with AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT administered by
51 needle and syringe was pain ($\geq 40\%$). The most common systemic adverse events observed
52 were myalgia and headache ($\geq 20\%$).

53 In adults 65 years of age and older, the most commonly reported injection-site adverse reaction
54 observed in clinical studies with AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT administered by needle and
55 syringe was pain ($\geq 20\%$). The most common systemic adverse event observed was myalgia
56 ($\geq 10\%$).

57 The safety experience with AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) is relevant to AFLURIA
58 QUADRIVALENT because both vaccines are manufactured using the same process and have
59 overlapping compositions (see [Description \[11\]](#)).

60 In adults 18 through 64 years of age, the most commonly reported injection-site adverse
61 reactions observed in a clinical study with AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) using the
62 PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System were tenderness ($\geq 80\%$), swelling, pain,
63 redness ($\geq 60\%$), itching ($\geq 20\%$) and bruising ($\geq 10\%$). The most common systemic adverse
64 events were myalgia, malaise ($\geq 30\%$) and headache ($\geq 20\%$).

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65 **6.1 Clinical Trials Experience**

66 Because clinical studies are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates
67 observed in the clinical studies of a vaccine cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical
68 studies of another vaccine and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

69 Clinical safety data for AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT have been collected in one clinical trial,
70 Study 1, a randomized, double-blind, active-controlled trial conducted in the US in 3449
71 subjects ages 18 years and older. Subjects in the safety population received one dose of either
72 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT (N=1721) or one of two formulations of comparator trivalent
73 influenza vaccine (AFLURIA, TIV-1 N=864 or TIV-2 N=864) each containing an influenza
74 type B virus that corresponded to one of the two B viruses in AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT (a
75 type B virus of the Yamagata lineage or a type B virus of the Victoria lineage), respectively.
76 The mean age of the population was 58 years, 57% were female, and racial groups consisted of
77 82% White, 16% Black, and 2% other; 5% of subjects were Hispanic/Latino. The age sub-
78 groups were 18 through 64 years and 65 years and older with mean ages of 43 years and 73
79 years, respectively. In this study, AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT and comparator trivalent
80 influenza vaccines were administered by needle and syringe (*see Clinical Studies [14]*).

81 Local (injection-site) adverse reactions and systemic adverse events were solicited for 7 days
82 post-vaccination (Table 1). Injection site cellulitis, cellulitis-like reactions (defined as
83 concurrent Grade 3 pain, redness, and swelling/lump), and Grade 3 swelling/lump were
84 monitored for 28 days post-vaccination. Unsolicited adverse events were collected for 28 days
85 post-vaccination. Serious adverse events (SAEs), including deaths, were collected for 180
86 days post-vaccination.

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87 **Table 1: Proportion of Subjects Per Age Cohort with Any Solicited Local Adverse**
88 **Reactions or Systemic Adverse Events within 7 Days after Administration of**
89 **AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT or Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (Study 1)^a**

	Percentage (%) ^b of Subjects in each Age Cohort Reporting an Event											
	Subjects 18 through 64 years						Subjects ≥ 65 years					
	AFLURIA Quadrivalent N= 854 ^c		TIV-1 N= 428 ^c		TIV-2 N= 430 ^c		AFLURIA Quadrivalent N= 867 ^c		TIV-1 N= 436 ^c		TIV-2 N= 434 ^c	
	Any	Gr 3	Any	Gr 3	Any	Gr 3	Any	Gr 3	Any	Gr 3	Any	Gr 3
Local Adverse Reactions^d												
Pain	47.9	0.7	43.7	1.4	50.7	1.2	24.6	0.1	22.7	0	21.0	0.2
Swelling/Lump	3.7	0.1	2.3	0	3.5	0.2	3.2	0.5	1.8	0	1.6	0
Redness	2.9	0	2.8	0	2.8	0	4.2	0.3	2.1	0	2.5	0.2
Systemic Adverse Events^e												
Myalgia (muscle ache)	25.5	1.9	23.4	1.4	24.2	1.2	12.7	0.3	14.0	0.7	12.2	0.5
Headache	21.7	1.7	15.2	0.9	19.1	1.2	8.4	0	7.1	0.2	7.8	0.7
Malaise	8.9	0.7	9.1	0	9.3	0.7	4.4	0.5	5.0	0.2	5.1	0.2
Nausea	6.9	0.6	7.7	0.5	6.3	1.2	1.6	0	1.8	0	2.1	0.2
Chills	4.8	0.6	4.4	0.2	4.7	0.5	2.0	0	2.1	0.5	1.4	0.2
Vomiting	1.5	0.4	0.9	0	2.3	0.7	0.5	0.1	0	0	0.7	0.2
Fever	1.1	0.4	0.9	0	0.5	0	0.2	0	0.9	0	0.5	0.2

90 Abbreviations: Gr 3, Grade 3.

91 ^a NCT02214225

92 ^b Proportion of subjects reporting each solicited local adverse reaction or systemic adverse event by study vaccine group based
93 on the number of subjects contributing any follow up safety information for at least one data value of an individual
94 sign/symptom.

95 ^c N = number of subjects in the Safety Population for each study vaccine group.

96 ^d Local adverse reactions: Grade 3 pain is that which prevents daily activity; Swelling/Lump and redness: any = ≥ 20mm
97 diameter, Grade 3 = ≥ 100mm diameter.

98 ^e Systemic adverse events: Fever: any = ≥ 100.4°F, Grade 3 = ≥ 102.2°F; Grade 3 for all other adverse events is that which
99 prevents daily activity.

100 In the 28 days following vaccination, no subject experienced cellulitis or a cellulitis-like
101 reaction. All Grade 3 swelling/lump reactions began within 7 days of vaccination and are
102 included in Table 1.

103 In the 28 days following vaccination, 20.5%, 20.1%, and 20.7% of adults 18 through 64 years
104 and 20.3%, 24.1%, and 20.0% of adults ≥65 years who received AFLURIA
105 QUADRIVALENT, TIV-1, and TIV-2, respectively, reported unsolicited adverse events.
106 Rates of individual events were similar between treatment groups, and most events were mild
107 to moderate in severity.

108 In the 180 days following vaccination, 2.3%, 1.6%, and 1.5% of all subjects who received

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109 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT, TIV-1, and TIV-2, respectively, experienced SAEs, including
110 six deaths, five in the AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT group and one in the TIV-2 group. The
111 majority of SAEs occurred after Study Day 28 and in subjects ≥ 65 years of age who had co-
112 morbid illnesses. No SAEs or deaths appeared related to the study vaccines.

113 Safety information has also been collected in a clinical study of AFLURIA (trivalent
114 formulation) administered using the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System (Study 2).
115 Study 2 included 1,247 subjects for safety analysis, ages 18 through 64 years, randomized to
116 receive AFLURIA by either the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System (624 subjects)
117 or needle and syringe (623 subjects). No deaths or vaccine-related serious adverse events were
118 reported in Study 2. Local (injection-site) adverse reactions and systemic adverse events were
119 solicited for 7 days post-vaccination (Table 2).

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120 **Table 2: Proportion of Subjects 18 through 64 Years of Age with Solicited Local Adverse**
 121 **Reactions or Systemic Adverse Events within 7 Days after Administration of**
 122 **AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) by PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection**
 123 **System or Needle and Syringe (Study 2)^a**

	Percentage ^b of Subjects Reporting Event			
	Study 2			
	Subjects 18 through 64 years			
	AFLURIA (trivalent formulation)			
	PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System N=540-616 ^c		Needle and Syringe N=599-606 ^c	
	Any	Grade 3	Any	Grade 3
Local Adverse Reactions ^d				
Tenderness	89.4	2.1	77.9	1.0
Swelling	64.8	1.7	19.7	0.2
Pain	64.4	0.8	49.3	0.7
Redness	60.1	1.3	19.2	0.3
Itching ^f	28.0	0.0	9.5	0.2
Bruising	17.6	0.2	5.3	0.0
Systemic Adverse Events ^e				
Myalgia	36.4	0.8	35.5	1.0
Malaise	31.2	0.7	28.4	0.5
Headache	24.7	1.3	22.1	1.3
Chills	7.0	0.2	7.2	0.2
Nausea	6.6	0.2	6.5	0.0
Vomiting	1.3	0.0	1.8	0.2
Fever	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0

124 ^a NCT01688921

125 ^b Proportion of subjects reporting each local adverse reaction or systemic adverse event by treatment group based on the
 126 number of subjects contributing at least one data value for an individual sign/symptom (individual event denominators).

127 ^c N = number of subjects in the Safety Population for each treatment group. Denominators for the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-
 128 Free Injection System group were: N=540 for itching and N=605-616 for all other parameters. Denominators for the needle
 129 and syringe group were: N=527 for itching and N=599-606 for all other parameters.

130 ^d Local adverse reactions: Grade 3 is pain, tenderness or itching that prevents daily activity; Swelling, redness or bruising: any
 131 = ≥ 25mm diameter, Grade 3 = > 100mm diameter.

132 ^e Systemic adverse events: Fever: any = ≥ 100.4°F, Grade 3 = ≥ 102.2°F; Grade 3 for all other adverse events is that which
 133 prevents daily activity.

134 ^f A total of 155 subjects (approximately randomly distributed between PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System and
 135 needle and syringe groups) received Diary Cards without itching listed as a solicited symptom.

136 In adults 18 through 64 years who received AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) administered via
 137 PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System, commonly reported unsolicited adverse
 138 events were headache (4.2%), injection site hematoma (1.8%), injection site erythema (1.1%),
 139 myalgia (1.0%) and nausea (1.0%).

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140 6.2 Postmarketing Experience

141 Because postmarketing reporting of adverse events is voluntary and from a population of
142 uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal
143 relationship to vaccine exposure. The adverse events described have been included in this
144 section because they: 1) represent reactions that are known to occur following immunizations
145 generally or influenza immunizations specifically; 2) are potentially serious; or 3) have been
146 reported frequently. There are no postmarketing data available for AFLURIA
147 QUADRIVALENT. The adverse events listed below reflect experience in both children and
148 adults and include those identified during post-approval use of AFLURIA (trivalent
149 formulation) outside the US since 1985.

150 The post-marketing experience with AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) included the following:

151 Blood and lymphatic system disorders

152 Thrombocytopenia

153 Immune system disorders

154 Allergic or immediate hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic shock and serum
155 sickness

156 Nervous system disorders

157 Neuralgia, paresthesia, convulsions (including febrile seizures), encephalomyelitis,
158 encephalopathy, neuritis or neuropathy, transverse myelitis, and GBS

159 Vascular disorders

160 Vasculitis which may be associated with transient renal involvement

161 Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders

162 Pruritus, urticaria, and rash

163 General disorders and administration site conditions

164 Cellulitis and large injection site swelling

165 Influenza-like illness

166 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

167 No interaction studies have been performed on interaction between influenza vaccines in
168 general and other vaccines or medications.

169 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**170 8.1 Pregnancy****171 Risk summary**

172 All pregnancies have a risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general
173 population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically
174 recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively. There are no data for
175 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT administered to pregnant women to inform vaccine-associated

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176 risks in pregnancy. Available data on AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) administered to
177 pregnant women are insufficient to inform vaccine-associated risks in pregnancy.

178 There were no developmental toxicity studies of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT performed in
179 animals. The developmental effects of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) are relevant to
180 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT because both vaccines are manufactured using the same
181 process and have overlapping compositions. A developmental toxicity study of AFLURIA
182 (trivalent formulation) has been performed in female rats administered 0.5 mL (divided) of
183 AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) prior to mating and during gestation. This study revealed no
184 evidence of harm to the fetus due to AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) (*see 8.1 Data*).

185 Clinical Considerations

186 *Disease-associated Maternal and/or Embryo-Fetal Risk*

187 Pregnant women are at increased risk for severe illness due to influenza compared to non-
188 pregnant women. Pregnant women with influenza may be at increased risk for adverse
189 pregnancy outcomes, including preterm labor and delivery.

190 Data

191 *Animal Data*

192 In a developmental toxicity study, female rats were administered 0.5 mL (divided) of
193 AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) by intramuscular injection 21 days and 7 days prior to
194 mating, and on gestation day 6. Some rats were administered an additional dose on gestation
195 day 20. No vaccine-related fetal malformations or variations and no adverse effects on pre-
196 weaning development were observed in the study.

197 Pregnancy Exposure Registry

198 There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed
199 to AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT during pregnancy. To enroll in or obtain information about
200 the registry, women are encouraged to contact Seqirus by calling 1-855-358-8966 or send an
201 email to us.medicalinformation@seqirus.com

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203 **8.2 Lactation**204 Risk Summary

205 It is not known whether AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is excreted in human milk. Data are
206 not available to assess the effects of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT on the breastfed infant or
207 on milk production/excretion.

208 The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the
209 mother's clinical need for AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT and any potential adverse effects on
210 the breastfed child from AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT or from the underlying maternal
211 condition. For preventive vaccines, the underlying maternal condition is susceptibility to
212 disease prevented by the vaccine or the effects on milk production.

213 **8.4 Pediatric Use**

214 The safety and efficacy of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT in persons less than 18 years has not
215 been established in clinical trials.

216 Administration of CSL's 2010 Southern Hemisphere trivalent influenza vaccine was associated
217 with increased rates of fever and febrile seizures, predominantly in children below the age of 5
218 years as compared to previous years, in postmarketing reports confirmed by postmarketing
219 studies.

220 **8.5 Geriatric Use**

221 In clinical studies, AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT has been administered to, and safety
222 information collected for, 867 subjects aged 65 years and older (*see Adverse Reactions [6]*).
223 The 65 years and older age group included 539 subjects 65 through 74 years and 328 subjects
224 75 years and older. After administration of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT, hemagglutination-
225 inhibiting antibody responses were non-inferior to comparator trivalent influenza (TIV-1 and
226 TIV-2) in persons 65 years of age and older, but were lower than younger adult subjects (*see*
227 *Clinical Studies [14]*).

228 The PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System is not approved as a method of
229 administering AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT to adults 65 years of age and older due to lack of
230 adequate data supporting safety and effectiveness in this population.

231 **11 DESCRIPTION**

232 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT, Influenza Vaccine for intramuscular injection, is a sterile,
233 clear, colorless to slightly opalescent suspension with some sediment that resuspends upon
234 shaking to form a homogeneous suspension. AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is prepared from
235 influenza virus propagated in the allantoic fluid of embryonated chicken eggs. Following
236 harvest, the virus is purified in a sucrose density gradient using continuous flow zonal
237 centrifugation. The purified virus is inactivated with beta-propiolactone, and the virus particles
238 are disrupted using sodium taurodeoxycholate to produce a "split virion". The disrupted virus
239 is further purified and suspended in a phosphate buffered isotonic solution.

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240 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is standardized according to USPHS requirements for the 2017-
241 2018 influenza season and is formulated to contain 60 mcg hemagglutinin (HA) per 0.5 mL
242 dose in the recommended ratio of 15 mcg HA for each of the four influenza strains
243 recommended for the 2017-2018 Northern Hemisphere influenza season:
244 A/Singapore/GP1908/2015 (H1N1), IVR-180A, A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2), NYMC X-
245 263B, B/Phuket/3073/2013 BVR-1B and B/Brisbane/46/2015.

246 Thimerosal, a mercury derivative, is not used in the manufacturing process for the single dose
247 presentation. This presentation does not contain preservative. The multi-dose presentation
248 contains thimerosal added as a preservative; each 0.5 mL dose contains 24.5 mcg of mercury.

249 A single 0.5 mL dose of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT contains sodium chloride (4.1 mg),
250 monobasic sodium phosphate (80 mcg), dibasic sodium phosphate (300 mcg), monobasic
251 potassium phosphate (20 mcg), potassium chloride (20 mcg), and calcium chloride (0.5 mcg).
252 From the manufacturing process, each 0.5 mL dose may also contain residual amounts of
253 sodium taurodeoxycholate (≤ 10 ppm), ovalbumin (< 1 mcg), sucrose (< 10 mcg), neomycin
254 sulfate (≤ 81.8 nanograms [ng]), polymyxin B (≤ 14 ng), and beta-propiolactone (≤ 1.5 ng).

255 The rubber tip cap and plunger used for the preservative-free, single-dose syringes and the
256 rubber stoppers used for the multi-dose vial were not made with natural rubber latex.

257 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**258 12.1 Mechanism of Action**

259 Influenza illness and its complications follow infection with influenza viruses. Global
260 surveillance of influenza identifies yearly antigenic variants. For example, since 1977
261 antigenic variants of influenza A (H1N1 and H3N2) and influenza B viruses have been in
262 global circulation. Since 2001, two distinct lineages of influenza B (Victoria and Yamagata
263 lineages) have co-circulated worldwide. Specific levels of hemagglutination inhibition (HI)
264 antibody titers post-vaccination with inactivated influenza vaccine have not been correlated
265 with protection from influenza virus. In some human studies, antibody titers of 1:40 or greater
266 have been associated with protection from influenza illness in up to 50% of subjects.^{2,3}

267 Antibody against one influenza virus type or subtype confers limited or no protection against
268 another. Furthermore, antibody to one antigenic variant of influenza virus might not protect
269 against a new antigenic variant of the same type or subtype. Frequent development of
270 antigenic variants through antigenic drift is the virologic basis for seasonal epidemics and the
271 reason for the usual change to one or more new strains in each year's influenza vaccine.
272 Therefore, inactivated influenza vaccines are standardized to contain the HA of four strains
273 (i.e., typically two type A and two type B) representing the influenza viruses likely to be
274 circulating in the US during the upcoming winter.

275 Annual revaccination with the current vaccine is recommended because immunity declines
276 during the year after vaccination and circulating strains of influenza virus change from year to
277 year.¹

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278 **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**279 **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

280 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT has not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential,
281 or male infertility in animals. A developmental toxicity study conducted in rats vaccinated
282 with AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) revealed no impact on female fertility (see *Pregnancy*
283 [\[8.1\]](#)).

284 **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**285 **14.1 Efficacy Against Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza**

286 The efficacy of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) is relevant to AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT
287 because both vaccines are manufactured using the same process and have overlapping
288 compositions (see *Description [11]*).

289 The efficacy of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) was demonstrated in Study 3, a randomized,
290 observer-blind, placebo-controlled study conducted in 15,044 subjects. Healthy subjects 18
291 through 64 years of age were randomized in a 2:1 ratio to receive a single dose of AFLURIA
292 (trivalent formulation) (enrolled subjects: 10,033; evaluable subjects: 9,889) or placebo
293 (enrolled subjects: 5,011; evaluable subjects: 4,960). The mean age of all randomized subjects
294 was 35.5 years. 54.4% were female and 90.2% were White. Laboratory-confirmed influenza
295 was assessed by active and passive surveillance of influenza-like illness (ILI) beginning 2
296 weeks post-vaccination until the end of the influenza season, approximately 6 months post-
297 vaccination. ILI was defined as at least one respiratory symptom (e.g., cough, sore throat,
298 nasal congestion) and at least one systemic symptom (e.g., oral temperature of 100.0°F or
299 higher, feverishness, chills, body aches). Nasal and throat swabs were collected from subjects
300 who presented with an ILI for laboratory confirmation by viral culture and real-time reverse
301 transcription polymerase chain reaction. Influenza virus strain was further characterized using
302 gene sequencing and pyrosequencing.

303 Attack rates and vaccine efficacy, defined as the relative reduction in the influenza infection
304 rate for AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) compared to placebo, were calculated using the per
305 protocol population. Vaccine efficacy against laboratory-confirmed influenza infection due to
306 influenza A or B virus strains contained in the vaccine was 60% with a lower limit of the 95%
307 CI of 41% (Table 3).

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308 **Table 3: AFLURIA (trivalent formulation): Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Infection**
309 **Rate and Vaccine Efficacy in Adults 18 through 64 Years of Age (Study 3)^a**

	Subjects ^b	Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases	Influenza Infection Rate	Vaccine Efficacy ^c	
	N	N	n/N %	%	Lower Limit of the 95% CI
Vaccine-matched Strains					
AFLURIA	9889	58	0.59	60	41
Placebo	4960	73	1.47		
Any Influenza Virus Strain					
AFLURIA	9889	222	2.24	42	28
Placebo	4960	192	3.87		

310 Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval.

311 ^aNCT00562484

312 ^bThe Per Protocol Population was identical to the Evaluable Population in this study.

313 ^cVaccine efficacy = 1 minus the ratio of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) /placebo infection rates. The objective of the study
314 was to demonstrate that the lower limit of the CI for vaccine efficacy was greater than 40%.

315 **14.2 Immunogenicity of Afluria Quadrivalent Administered via Needle and**
316 **Syringe**

317 Study 1 was a randomized, double-blind, active-controlled trial conducted in the US in adults
318 aged 18 years of age and older. Subjects received one dose of either AFLURIA
319 QUADRIVALENT (N=1691) or one of two formulations of comparator trivalent influenza
320 vaccine (Afluria, TIV-1 N=854 or TIV-2 N=850) each containing an influenza type B virus
321 that corresponded to one of the two B viruses in AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT (a type B virus
322 of the Yamagata lineage or a type B virus of the Victoria lineage, respectively).

323 Post-vaccination immunogenicity was evaluated on sera obtained 21 days after administration
324 of a single dose of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT or TIV comparator. The co-primary
325 endpoints were HI Geometric Mean Titer (GMT) ratios (adjusted for baseline HI titers) and the
326 difference in seroconversion rates for each vaccine strain, 21 days after vaccination. Pre-
327 specified non-inferiority criteria required that the upper bound of the 2-sided 95% CI of the
328 GMT ratio (TIV/AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT) did not exceed 1.5 and the upper bound of the
329 2-sided 95% CI of the seroconversion rate difference (TIV minus AFLURIA
330 QUADRIVALENT) did not exceed 10.0% for each strain.

331 Serum HI antibody responses to AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT were non-inferior to both TIVs
332 for all influenza strains for subjects 18 years of age and older. Additionally, non-inferiority
333 was demonstrated for both endpoints in both age sub-groups, adults aged 18 through 64 years
334 and 65 years and older, for all strains (Table 4). Superiority of the immune response to each of
335 the influenza B strains contained in AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT was shown relative to the
336 antibody response after vaccination with TIV formulations not containing that B lineage strain
337 for subjects 18 years of age and older. Superiority against the alternate B strain was also
338 demonstrated for each of the influenza B strains in both age sub-groups; 18 through 64 years
339 and 65 years and older. Post-hoc analyses of immunogenicity endpoints by gender did not

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340 demonstrate meaningful differences between males and females. The study population was not
341 sufficiently diverse to assess differences between races or ethnicities.

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342 **Table 4: Post-Vaccination HI Antibody GMTs, Seroconversion Rates, and Analyses of**
 343 **Non-Inferiority of AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT Relative to Trivalent**
 344 **Influenza Vaccine (TIV) by Age Cohort (Study 1)^a**

Strain	Post-vaccination GMT		GMT Ratio ^b	Seroconversion % ^c		Difference	Met both pre-defined non-inferiority criteria? ^d
	AFLURIA Quadrivalent	Pooled TIV or TIV-1 (B Yamagata) or TIV-2 (B Victoria)	Pooled TIV or TIV-1 or TIV-2 over AFLURIA Quadrivalent (95% CI)	AFLURIA Quadrivalent N=1691	Pooled TIV or TIV-1 (B Yamagata) or TIV-2 (B Victoria)	Pooled TIV or TIV-1 or TIV-2 minus AFLURIA Quadrivalent (95% CI)	
18 through 64 years	AFLURIA Quadrivalent N=835, Pooled TIV N=845, TIV-1 N=424, TIV-2 N=421						
A(H1N1)	432.7	402.8	0.93 ^e (0.85, 1.02)	51.3	49.1	-2.1 ^h (-6.9, 2.7)	Yes
A(H3N2)	569.1	515.1	0.91 ^e (0.83, 0.99)	56.3	51.7	-4.6 ^h (-9.4, 0.2)	Yes
B/Massachusetts/2/2012 (B Yamagata)	92.3	79.3	0.86 ^f (0.76, 0.97)	45.7	41.3	-4.5 ⁱ (-10.3, 1.4)	Yes
B/Brisbane/60/2008 (B Victoria)	110.7	95.2	0.86 ^g (0.76, 0.98)	57.6	53.0	-4.6 ^j (-10.5, 1.2)	Yes
≥ 65 years	AFLURIA Quadrivalent N=856, Pooled TIV N=859, TIV-1 N=430, TIV-2 N=429						
A(H1N1)	211.4	199.8	0.95 ^e (0.88, 1.02)	26.6	26.4	-0.2 ^h (-5.0, 4.5)	Yes
A(H3N2)	419.5	400.0	0.95 ^e (0.89, 1.02)	25.9	27.0	1.1 ^h (-3.7, 5.8)	Yes
B/Massachusetts/2/2012 (B Yamagata)	43.3	39.1	0.90 ^f (0.84, 0.97)	16.6	14.4	-2.2 ⁱ (-8.0, 3.6)	Yes
B/Brisbane/60/2008 (B Victoria)	66.1	68.4	1.03 ^g (0.94, 1.14)	23.5	24.7	1.2 ^j (-4.6, 7.0)	Yes

345 Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; GMT, geometric mean titer.

346 ^a NCT02214225

347 ^b GMT ratio was computed after fitting a multi-variable model on the post-vaccination titers including sex, vaccination history,
 348 pre-vaccination HI titers and other factors.

349 ^c Seroconversion rate is defined as a 4-fold increase in post-vaccination HI antibody titer from pre-vaccination titer $\geq 1:10$ or an
 350 increase in titer from $< 1:10$ to $\geq 1:40$.

351 ^d The non-inferiority (NI) criteria for the GMT ratio: upper bound of 2-sided 95% CI on the ratio of Pooled TIV or TIV-1 (B
 352 Yamagata) or TIV-2 (B Victoria)/AFLURIA Quadrivalent. GMT should not exceed 1.5. NI criteria for the SCR difference:
 353 upper bound of 2-sided 95% CI on the difference between SCR Pooled TIV or TIV-1 (B Yamagata) or TIV-2 (B Victoria)
 354 minus AFLURIA Quadrivalent should not exceed 10%.

355 ^e Pooled TIV/AFLURIA Quadrivalent

356 ^f TIV-1 (B Yamagata)/AFLURIA Quadrivalent

357 ^g TIV-2 (B Victoria)/AFLURIA Quadrivalent

358 ^h Pooled TIV - Afluria Quadrivalent

359 ⁱ TIV-1 (B Yamagata) - AFLURIA Quadrivalent

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360 ^j TIV-2 (B Victoria) - AFLURIA Quadrivalent

361 **14.3 Immunogenicity of Afluria (trivalent formulation) Administered via**
362 **PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System**

363 Study 2 was a randomized, comparator-controlled non-inferiority study that enrolled 1,250
364 subjects 18 through 64 years of age. This study compared the immune response following
365 administration of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) when delivered intramuscularly using
366 either the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System or needle and syringe.
367 Immunogenicity assessments were performed prior to vaccination and at 28 days after
368 vaccination in the immunogenicity population (1130 subjects, 562 PharmaJet Stratis Needle-
369 Free Injection System group, 568 needle and syringe group). The co-primary endpoints were
370 HI GMT ratios for each vaccine strain and the absolute difference in seroconversion rates for
371 each vaccine strain 28 days after vaccination. As shown in Table 5, non-inferiority of
372 administration of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) by the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free
373 Injection System compared to administration of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation) by needle
374 and syringe was demonstrated in the immunogenicity population for all strains. Post-hoc
375 analyses of immunogenicity by age showed that younger subjects (18 through 49 years)
376 elicited higher immunological responses than older subjects (50 through 64 years). Post-hoc
377 analyses of immunogenicity according to sex and body mass index did not reveal significant
378 influences of these variables on immune responses. The study population was not sufficiently
379 diverse to assess immunogenicity by race or ethnicity.

380 **Table 5: Baseline and Post-Vaccination HI Antibody GMTs, Seroconversion Rates, and**
381 **Analyses of Non-Inferiority of AFLURIA (trivalent formulation)**
382 **Administered by PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System or Needle**
383 **and Syringe, Adults 18 through 64 Years of Age (Study 2)^a**

Strain	Baseline GMT		Post-vaccination GMT		GMT Ratio ^b	Seroconversion % ^c		Difference	Met both pre-defined non-inferiority criteria? ^d
	Needle and Syringe N=568	PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System N=562	Needle and Syringe N=568	PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System N=562	Needle and Syringe over PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System (95% CI)	Needle and Syringe N=568	PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System N=562	Needle and Syringe minus PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System (95% CI)	
A(H1N1)	79.5	83.7	280.6	282.9	0.99 (0.88, 1.12)	38.4	37.5	0.8 (-4.8, 6.5)	Yes
A(H3N2)	75.4	68.1	265.9	247.3	1.08 (0.96, 1.21)	45.1	43.8	1.3 (-4.5, 7.1)	Yes
B	12.6	13.5	39.7	42.5	0.94 (0.83, 1.06)	35.2	34.9	0.3 (-5.2, 5.9)	Yes

384 Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; GMT, geometric mean titer.

385 ^a NCT01688921

386 ^b GMT ratio is defined as post-vaccination GMT for Needle and Syringe/PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System.

387 ^c Seroconversion rate is defined as a 4-fold increase in post-vaccination HI antibody titer from pre-vaccination titer $\geq 1:10$ or

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388 an increase in titer from < 1:10 to ≥ 1:40.
 389 ^d Non-inferiority (NI) criteria for the GMT ratio: upper bound of 2-sided 95% CI on the ratio of Needle and Syringe/PharmaJet
 390 Stratis Needle-Free Injection System. GMT should not exceed 1.5. NI criteria for the seroconversion rate (SCR) difference:
 391 upper bound of 2-sided 95% CI on the difference between SCR Needle and Syringe – SCR PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free
 392 Injection System should not exceed 10%.

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402 **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

403 **16.1 How Supplied**

404 Each product presentation includes a package insert and the following components:

Presentation	Carton NDC Number	Components
Pre-Filled Syringe	33332-317-01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten 0.5 mL single-dose syringes fitted with a Luer-Lok™ attachment without needles [NDC 33332-317-02]
Multi-Dose Vial	33332-417-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One 5 mL vial, which contains ten 0.5 mL doses [NDC 33332-417-11]

405 **16.2 Storage and Handling**

- 406
 - Store refrigerated at 2–8°C (36–46°F).
 407
 - Do not freeze. Discard if product has been frozen.
 408
 - Protect from light.
 409
 - Do not use AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT beyond the expiration date printed on the
 410 label.
 411
 - Between uses, return the multi-dose vial to the recommended storage conditions.
 412
 - Once the stopper of the multi-dose vial has been pierced the vial must be discarded
 413 within 28 days.

414 **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

- 415
 - Inform the vaccine recipient of the potential benefits and risks of immunization with
 416 AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT.
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 - Inform the vaccine recipient that AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT is an inactivated
 418 vaccine that cannot cause influenza but stimulates the immune system to produce

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- 419 antibodies that protect against influenza, and that the full effect of the vaccine is
420 generally achieved approximately 3 weeks after vaccination.
- 421 • Instruct the vaccine recipient to report any severe or unusual adverse reactions to their
422 healthcare provider.
 - 423 • There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women
424 exposed to AFLURIA QUADRIVALENT during pregnancy. For contact information
425 necessary to enroll, see Pregnancy [8.1])
 - 426 • Provide the vaccine recipient Vaccine Information Statements prior to immunization.
427 These materials are available free of charge at the Centers for Disease Control and
428 Prevention (CDC) website (www.cdc.gov/vaccines).
 - 429 • Instruct the vaccine recipient that annual revaccination is recommended.

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