



Vaccines and Related Biological Products  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
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**Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine  
Emergency Use Authorization Amendment Request  
for Use in Children 5 through 11 Years of Age**

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# Background Outline

- Currently available COVID-19 vaccines (licensed and EUA)
- Overview of the EUA request and the clinical package
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine formulation requested for EUA
- Overview of Today's Agenda
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# Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and Comirnaty

## ➤ Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (available under EUA)

- ❖ 2-dose primary series (3 weeks apart) in individuals  $\geq 12$  years of age
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> primary series dose (at least 1 month after the second dose) in individuals  $\geq 12$  years of age who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise
- ❖ A single booster dose (at least 6 months after completing a primary series of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals
  - $\geq 65$  years of age
  - 18 through 64 years of age and at high risk of severe COVID-19
  - 18 through 64 years of age with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2
- ❖ A single booster dose to eligible individuals who have completed primary vaccination with a different authorized COVID-19 vaccine (heterologous booster)
- ❖ Each 0.3 mL dose contains 30  $\mu\text{g}$  of mRNA encoding the viral spike glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2

## ➤ COMIRNATY

- ❖ FDA-approved (licensed on August 23, 2021) for use in individuals  $\geq 16$  years of age
- ❖ Each 0.3 mL dose contains 30  $\mu\text{g}$  of mRNA
- ❖ Can be used interchangeably with Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine as currently authorized to provide doses for COVID-19 primary vaccination or a booster dose

## Currently Available COVID-19 Vaccines, continued

### ➤ **Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (EUA)**

- ❖ 2-dose primary series (1 month apart), individuals  $\geq 18$  years of age
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> primary series dose, certain immunocompromised individuals
- ❖ A single homologous and heterologous booster dose;
- ❖ Booster use population and interval is the same as for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or Comirnaty

### ➤ **Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (EUA)**

- ❖ Single dose, individuals  $\geq 18$  years of age
- ❖ A single booster dose may be administered at least 2 months after primary vaccination to individuals 18 years of age and older
- ❖ A single booster dose to eligible individuals who have completed primary vaccination with a different authorized COVID-19 vaccine (heterologous booster)

## EUA Amendment Request for Children 5 through 11 Years of Age

- Submission Date: October 6, 2021
  
- Proposed dose and regimen:  
A primary series of 2 doses (0.2 mL each, 10 µg of mRNA), 3 weeks apart, administered intramuscularly in individuals 5 through 11 years of age
  
- The clinical package includes safety and immunogenicity data
  - ❖ ~1,500 vaccine recipients with 2 months or more safety follow-up, post-dose 2
  - ❖ ~1,600 vaccine recipients with about 2 weeks safety follow-up, post-dose 2

## Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Formulations



### **12 years of age and older: PBS/Sucrose formulation**

- Dilute before use
- Each dose:
  - 0.3 mL
  - 30 µg mRNA
- Must be stored frozen at -80°C until expiry date or -20°C for up to 2 weeks prior to use



### **5 through 11 years of age: Tris/Sucrose formulation**

- Dilute before use
- Each dose:
  - 0.2 mL
  - 10 µg mRNA
- Can be stored at refrigerator temperature (2°C to 8°C) for up to 10 weeks prior to use

➤ Tris and PBS are buffering agents that help maintain the pH and stability of the product.

## Evaluation of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Formulations

**In study C4591007 in children 5 through 11 years of age, the PBS/Sucrose formulation was diluted to adjust the mRNA content to 10 µg per dose (0.2 mL).**

**Analytical Comparability data were used to demonstrate comparability between PBS/Sucrose and Tris/Sucrose formulations**

- In-process tests
- Drug Product release tests
- Product characterization tests
- Ongoing stability studies

**Manufacturing consistency established**

## Overview of Today's Agenda

### ➤ FDA Introduction

#### ❖ Welcome

Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., Center Director, CBER, FDA

#### ❖ Introduction of the Topic

Doran Fink, M.D., Ph.D., Deputy Director - Clinical, DVRPA, OVR, CBER, FDA

#### ❖ Background

Ramachandra Naik, Ph.D., Review Committee Chair, DVRPA, OVR, CBER, FDA

### ➤ Epidemiology of COVID-19 in Children

Fiona Havers, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Viral Disease, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

### ➤ Known safety signals (Myocarditis in adolescents and young adults)

Mathew Oster, M.D., M.P.H., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC COVID-19 Response CDC Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

### ➤ Break (5 min)

### ➤ Sponsor Presentation

William Gruber, M.D., FAAP, FIDSA, FPIDS, Senior Vice President, Vaccine Clinical Research and Development, Pfizer, Inc.

## Overview of Today's Agenda, continued

- **FDA Presentations**
  - ❖ **Clinical**  
Leslie Ball, M.D., Medical Officer, DVRPA, OVRR, CBER, FDA
  - ❖ **Post-market active surveillance of COVID-19 vaccines in the pediatric population in the FDA BEST System**  
Hui-Lee Wong, Ph.D., M.Sc., Associate Director for Innovation and Development, OBE, CBER, FDA
  - ❖ **Benefit-Risk Analysis**  
Hong Yang, Ph.D., Senior Advisor for Benefit-Risk Assessment, OBE, CBER, FDA
- **Lunch (35 min)**
- **Open Public Hearing (60 min)**
- **Break (10 min)**
- **Q & A Session regarding the Applicant and FDA presentations (45 min)**
- **Committee Discussion and Voting (125 min)**
- **Meeting adjourned**

## Question to the Committee

1. Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, do the benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine when administered as a 2-dose series (10 µg each dose, 3 weeks apart) outweigh its risks for use in children 5 through 11 years of age?

**Please vote Yes or No.**



**Thank you!**