VZV vaccine (mRNA-1468)

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Herpes zoster (shingles) disease overview

Herpes zoster is caused by **reactivation of latent varicella-zoster virus** (VZV)

Declining immunity in older adults decreases immunity against VZV, allowing reactivation of the virus from latently infected neurons, causing painful and itchy lesions



Herpes zoster occurs in 1 out of 3 adults in the U.S. in their lifetime and incidence increases at approximately 50 years of age¹

1. https://www.cdc.gov/shingles/about/index.html



VZV vaccine mRNA-1468 Phase 1/2 trial design

The Phase 1/2 was designed to test the safety and immunogenicity of mRNA-1468 in healthy adults \geq 50



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Randomized 1:1:1:1:1, observer-blind, active-controlled study

Total N = 500Randomization = 1:1:1:1:1

Active comparator (SHINGRIX)

N=100

mRNA-1468 (2 doses, Low)

N=100

mRNA-1468 (2 doses, Medium) N=100

mRNA-1468 (2 doses, High) N=100

mRNA-1468 (1 dose, High) N=100

Number of participants

500 medically stable adults \geq 50 years of age without previous immunization against HZ or history of HZ in previous 10 years

At least 35% participants \geq 70 years of age in each study arm

Vaccination schedule

2 doses of mRNA-1468 at 1 of 3 dose levels (Low, Medium, High) given at 0, 2 months, or



Single dose of mRNA-1468, given as placebo at month 0 and 1 dose of mRNA-1468 at month 2, or

2 doses of SHINGRIX given at 0, 2 months



Duration: 12-months

Study participants will be followed up for 12 months after study injection



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Site location

US



2 doses of mRNA-1468 elicited strong antigen-specific CD4+ T cell responses

- CD4+ T cells defined as non-naïve gEspecific CD4+ T cells expressing 2 or more of the following markers: IFNγ, TNFα, IL-2, CD40L.
- Approximately 25 participants represented in each study arm at IA1.
- mRNA-1468 elicited comparable or higher CD4+ T cell responses relative to Shingrix after the first and second injection.



Box plots show interquartile range (Q1-Q3) with lines indicating median.

2 doses of mRNA-1468 elicited strong antigen-specific CD8+ T cell responses

- CD8+ T cells defined as non-naïve gEspecific CD8+ T cells expressing any of the following markers: IFNγ, TNFα, or IL-2.
- Approximately 25 participants represented in each study arm at IA1.
- mRNA-1468 elicited comparable or higher CD8+ T cell responses relative to Shingrix after the first and second injection.



Box plots show interquartile range (Q1-Q3) with lines indicating median.

Reactogenicity profile of mRNA-1468 was comparable to Shingrix after any dose

- Reactogenicity of 2 doses of mRNA-1468 after any dose was comparable to Shingrix.
- 94-101 participants in each study arm.



Systemic Reactogenicity After Any Dose



*Reported grade 4 fever in mRNA-1468 25 µg and 50 µg arms verified as a reporting error and confirmed with subjects

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VZV summary and next steps

Immunogenicity • mRNA-1468 elicited comparable or higher CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses relative to Shingrix

• mRNA-1468 was generally well tolerated across all dose levels tested

Next steps

Safety

- Additional results from the ongoing Phase 1/2 study will be available later this year, including persistence data
- Advancing toward a pivotal Phase 3 trial



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