

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

SUMMARY MINUTES
149th VACCINES AND RELATED BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

October 4, 2017

Committee Members

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Consumer Representative†**

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David Greenberg, M.D.

Temporary Non-Voting Member

Jacqueline Katz, Ph.D. † #

FDA Speakers

Jerry Weir, Ph.D.

FDA Participants

Marion Gruber, Ph.D.
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Administrative Team

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These summary minutes for the October 4, 2017 Meeting of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee were approved on October 24, 2017.

I certify that I participated on the October 4, 2017 Meeting of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee and that these minutes accurately reflect what transpired.

/S/
Serina Hunter-Thomas
Designated Federal Officer

/S/
Mark Sawyer, M.D.
Chair

On October 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), the Acting Chair, Dr. Mark Sawyer, called to order the 149th Meeting of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) to discuss and make recommendations on the strain selection for the 2018 Southern Hemisphere Influenza season . The entire meeting was held in an open session. The Chair invited the members to introduce themselves. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) made administrative remarks and read the Conflict of Interest statement into the public record. There were no waivers issued for conflicts of interest for this meeting. After the Conflict of Interest statement was read for the public record by the DFO, the FDA and non-FDA speaker presentations began.

An introduction and overview of the topic along with the two voting questions were presented by Dr. Jerry Weir from the Office of Vaccines Research and Review (OVR), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA overview was followed by presentation from Dr. Jacqueline Katz from the Centers of Disease Control on the “Global Surveillance and Virus Characterization – 2017 Southern Hemisphere Influenza Vaccine.” Following Dr. Katz’s presentation, the meeting progressed on to the Open Public Hearing (OPH) session. There were no Public members who attended the OPH part of the meeting.

The Committee therefore proceeded with the discussion and subsequent voting on influenza strain selection for trivalent and quadrivalent influenza vaccines for the 2018 Southern Hemisphere Influenza season.

The Committee (10 regular members, total 10) voted verbally on the following:

For the composition of trivalent 2018 SH formulations of influenza vaccines, does the committee recommend:

- Inclusion of an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus
- Inclusion of an A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus
- Inclusion of a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata lineage)

The committee voted unanimously (10 Yes, 0 Abstention, 0 No) to include an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus, an A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus, and a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata lineage).

For quadrivalent 2018 SH formulations influenza vaccines, does the committee recommend:

- Inclusion of a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (B/Victoria lineage) as the 2nd influenza B strain in the vaccine

The committee voted unanimously (10 Yes, 0 Abstention, 0 No) to include B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (B/Victoria lineage) as the 2nd influenza B strain in the vaccine.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on October 4, 2017.

Additional information and details may be obtained from the transcript and the recording of the webcast of the meeting that may be viewed at:

<https://collaboration.fda.gov/p30h0e7ks67/>