



Vaccines and Related Biological Products  
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**Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted  
Request for Emergency Use Authorization**

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# Outline

- SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic
- Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted and EUA request for immunization as a primary series (2 doses, 3 weeks apart)
- Considerations for EUA of a COVID-19 vaccine
- COVID-19 vaccines available for use in the U.S.
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# SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic

- Since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020, SARS-CoV-2 has caused over half a billion confirmed cases of COVID-19, including over 6 million deaths, worldwide\*
- In the United States, SARS-CoV-2 has caused over 84 million reported COVID-19 cases and over 1 million deaths\*\*
- Surges in SARS-CoV-2 transmission and COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have been associated with emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants (e.g., Beta, Delta, Omicron) that are more infectious, more virulent, and/or more resistant to natural or vaccine-elicited immunity than the prototype strain

\*WHO COVID-19 Dashboard as of June 2, 2022

\*\* CDC COVID Data Tracker as of June 3, 2022

# Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted

- Each 0.5 mL dose of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted contains 5 mcg of recombinant viral spike protein from SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan-Hu-1 strain) expressed in Sf9 cells and 50 mcg of Novavax's saponin-based Matrix-M adjuvant
- Proposed use under EUA: Active immunization to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in individuals 18 years of age and older
- Dosing regimen: A series of 2 doses, 0.5 mL each, administered intramuscularly three weeks apart
- Also referred to as NVX-CoV2373 during clinical development

# EUA Request for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted

- On February 1, 2022, FDA received Novavax's request for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted
- EUA of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted would depend on:
  - Clinical data to inform benefits and risks
  - Manufacturing and product information to ensure the vaccine's quality and consistency
- The manufacturing process for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted has changed over time, and submission to FDA of complete manufacturing and product information to support the vaccine product intended for use under EUA is ongoing

# EUA Request for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted

The EUA request clinical package includes:

- Safety, immunogenicity and efficacy data from a Phase 3 study (2019nCoV-301) conducted in the US and Mexico with approximately 30,000 participants
  - FDA will be able to determine comparability of the vaccine product evaluated in this study to the vaccine product intended for use under EUA
- Additional safety data from approximately 10,000 NVX-CoV2373 recipients across three clinical studies: 2019nCoV-302 (Phase 3, UK), 2019nCoV-501 (Phase 2, South Africa), and 2019nCoV-101 (Phase 1, Australia/US)
  - Available manufacturing and product information does not allow for a determination of comparability between the vaccine product used in these three studies and the vaccine product intended for use under EUA; therefore, FDA review of these studies was limited to safety evaluation

# Criteria for Emergency Use Authorization

- FDA may issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of an unapproved medical product following an EUA declaration, if the following statutory requirements\* are met:
  - The agent referred to in the EUA declaration can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition
  - The medical product may be effective to prevent, diagnose, or treat the serious or life-threatening condition caused by the agent
  - The known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product
  - There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the product for diagnosing, preventing, or treating the disease or condition

\*Section 564 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb-2)

# COVID-19 Vaccines Available in the U.S. for Use in Individuals 18 years of Age and Older

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (licensed as COMIRNATY)
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (licensed as SPIKEVAX)
- Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (not licensed, available only under EUA)
  - Use of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is limited to individuals for whom other FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and individuals who elect to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine



# Overview of Today's Agenda

- **FDA Introduction**
  - **Background/Introduction of the Topic (10 Min)**
    - Goutam Sen, Ph.D., Review Committee Chair, DVRPA, OVRP, CBER, FDA
- **Current Epidemiology of COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccination Rates in the United States (20 Min)**
  - CDR. Heather Scobie, Ph.D., Epidemiology Task Force, COVID-19 Emergency Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Overview of COVID-19 Vaccine Associated Myocarditis (15 Min)**
  - CAPT. Tom Shimabukuro, M.D., Immunization Safety Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Sponsor Presentation (60 Min including Q&A)**
  - **Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) request by Novavax for a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older (50 min)**
    - Filip Dubovsky, M.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Novavax, Inc. *Introduction*
    - Raburn Mallory, M.D., Head of Clinical Development, Novavax, Inc. *Immunogenicity and Efficacy*
    - Denny Kim, M.D., Chief Safety Officer, Novavax, Inc. *Safety*
    - Gregory A. Poland, M.D., Mayo Vaccine Research Group. Novavax Consultant, *Clinical Perspective*

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- **Break**
- **FDA Presentation**
  - **FDA Review of Effectiveness and Safety of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted in Individuals 18 years of Age and Older (60 Min including Q&A)**  
Lucia Lee, M.D., Lead Medical Officer, DVRPA, OVRR, CBER, FDA
- **Lunch (45 Min)**
- **Open Public Hearing (60 min)**
- **Break (10 min)**
- **Additional Q & A regarding the Sponsor and FDA presentations (50 min)**
- **Committee Discussion and voting (120 min)**
- **Meeting adjourned**

## Voting Question for the Committee

- Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, do the benefits of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted, when administered as a 2-dose series, outweigh its risks for use in individuals 18 years of age and older under EUA?



**Thank you!**