MVA-BN dose sparing

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- If MVA-BN need exceeds supplies, what options exist?
 - Use ACAM2000
 - Not approved for monkeypox
 - Risk (myocarditis and pericarditis, encephalomyelitis, progressive vaccinia, generalized vaccinia, ocular complications, etc.
 - Extend supply of MVA-BN by using less vaccine

MVA-BN (JYNNEOS) licensed based on vacciniaspecific GMT being non-inferior to ACAM2000

Plus supporting NHP Monkeypox model at 1x10^8

ACAM2000 was licensed based on vaccinia-specific GMT non-inferiority to Dryvax

| | MVA-BN | | ACAM2000 | | | Ratio of GMTs | | Non- | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|------|---------------|-------|--------------|----------|
| (N=185) | | | (N=186) | | | MVA/ ACAM | | Inferiority | |
| Visit Week | n | GMT | 95% CI | n | GMT | 95% CI | Ratio | 95% CI | (Yes/No) |
| Plaque Reductio | Plaque Reduction Neutralization Test | | | | | | | | - |
| Week 0 | 185 | 1.0 | [1.0, 1.1] | 186 | 1.0 | [1.0, 1.0] | 1.008 | [0.97, 1.05] | - |
| Week 2 | 184 | 16.2 | [13.0, 20.1] | 184 | 16.2 | [13.1, 20.0] | 0.997 | [0.74, 1.35] | - |
| Week 4 | 185 | 16.9 | [13.7, 20.8] | 186 | 79.3 | [67.1, 93.8] | 0.213 | [0.16, 0.28] | - |
| Week 6 | 185 | 153.5 | [134.3, 175.6] | 181 | 64.7 | [54.9, 76.2] | 2.372 | [1.92, 2.93] | - |
| Peak Visit | 185 | 153.5 | [134.3, 175.6] | 186 | 79.3 | [67.1, 93.8] | 1.935 | [1.56, 2.40] | Yes |

Prespecified noninferiority required the 95% CI of GMT ratio MVA:ACAM2000 to be above 0.5.

Approaches to evaluate lower dose

- Efficacy
 - For an effective vaccine with few events, non-inferiority trial will be very large
 - Right now, we don't have enough information for sample size calculations
- Immunogenicity
 - Threshold
 - We don't know what GMT is correlated with protection for monkeypox
 - Vaccinia PRNT GMT of 32 correlated with prevention of smallpox (Mack et al, Am J Trop Med Hyg 1972)
 - How much confidence should we have extrapolating smallpox GMT correlates for dryvax to monkeypox efficacy with MVA-BN
 - Non-inferiority
 - Compared to ACAM2000
 - Risk of ACAM2000
 - Compared to MVA-BN
 - NI to MVA-BN titers
 - NI using MVA-BN and calculating back to ACAM2000 titers

Dose Sparing – reduced dose

| | MVA-BN formulation | 1 X10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ | 2 X10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ | 5 X10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ | 1 X10 ⁸ TCID ₅₀ | Assay |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Vollmar et al, Vaccine 2006 | Liquid | 6.4 | | | 29.3 | IHD-J PRNT GMT |
| Frey at al. Vaccine 2007 | Lyophilized | | 347.2 (161.9, 744.7) | 551.5 (321.5, 946.0) | 914.5 (528.0, 1584) | MVA PRNT GMT |
| von Krempelhuber et al. Vaccine 2010 | Lyophilized | | 5.5 (3.2, 9.6) | 10.3 (5.8, 18.4) | 19.4 (11.1, 34.2) | IHD-J PRNT GMT |

 $5x10^7$ GMT may be near ACAM2000.

Lower doses subcutaneously are likely to be inferior to ACAM2000

Dose Sparing – 1 dose

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Pittman et al, NEJM 2019

1 dose is likely to have lower GMT compared to 2 doses

There is other support for 1 dose:

- Dryvax demonstrated efficacy within 2 weeks of vaccination
- MVA-BN has similar titers to ACAM2000 at 2 weeks; ACAM2000 has similar titers to Dryvax
- 1 dose in NHP model protected against mortality and decreased lesion count.

Several locales have started using 1 dose strategy (second dose if able)

Dose Sparing - intradermal

| Study visit day | Group | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Lyophilized SC1x10 ⁸ | Liquid SC 1x10 ⁸ | Liquid ID 2x10 ⁷ |
| | N=145 GMT [95% CI] | N=149 GMT [95% CI] | N=146 GMT [95% CI] |
| Day 0 | 7.5 [,] | 7.7 [7.4, 8.0] | 7.7 [7.4, 7.9] |
| Day 14 | 10.9 [9.9, 12.0] | 10.0 [9.0, 11.1] | 10.3 [9.3, 11.3] |
| Day 28 | 10.8 [9.9, 11.9] | 9.6 [8.7, 10.6] | 10.8 [9.9, 11.9] |
| Day 42 | 77.6 [62.3, 96.7] | 45.2 [36.4, 56.2] | 54.4 [43.7, 67.8] |
| Peak post vaccination 2 | 87.8 [71.2, 108.3] | 49.5 [40.0, 61.3] | 59.6 [48.1, 74.0] |

Frey et al, Vaccine 2015

Vaccination 2



Max. Local Reactogenicity (Functional)

Max. Local Reactogenicity (Measurement)

Downside to intradermal

- not as easy to administer (though is done for Tuberculin skin test)

- will have increased erythema/induration

Max. Systemic

Reactogenicity

NIAID Dose Sparing Trial (still in development)

- Immunogenicity trial
- Healthy volunteer including at risk groups
- 3 arms:
 - Arm 1: MVA-BN 2 x 107 ID (1/5th dose) on Days 1, 29
 - Arm 2: MVA-BN 1 x 10⁸ SC on Days 1
 - Arm 3: MVA-BN 1 x 10⁸ SC (licensed dose) on Days 1, 29
- Analyses
 - Compare ID 2-dose vs SC 1-dose.
 - to understand trade off of reactogenicity and immunogenicity.
 - Compare to standard dose
 - NI to MVA-BN that will be above ACAM2000 GMT.

Conclusions

- Trials to extend MVA-BN doses are needed.
 - Dose sparing may not be needed, but we should ensure we have the data.
- 1-dose subcutaneous (at standard dose) and 2-dose intradermal (at reduced dose) regimens may be beneficial.
 - Need to understand reactogenicity and immunogenicity of these approaches.
- This trial and other supporting data (discussed during this meeting) will inform potential efficacy trials.

