

Target Product Profile & Clinical Development Plan

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TPP/Data of 3 Live attenuated Dengue vaccines (Licensed or in Ph3)

	CYD-TDV (Dengvaxia)	TAK003 (Qdenga)	TV003 in Ph3 (NIH/Butantan)
Indication	protection from dengue disease, all 4 strains		
Target pop	6-45 years	4+ years	2-59 years
Efficacy		75% efficacy vs infection among all DEN serotypes and higher for disease 12 months after 2 nd dose; vs. VCD fever* 80.2% 18 months: vs. VCD fever 76.1% (sero+), 66.2% (sero-), vs. Hospitalization 90.4%. 54 months; vs VCD fever 61.2% (56.0, 65.8), vs.hospitalization;84.1(77.8,88.6) No efficacy for DENV3 for Naïve subjects, too few cases to conclude DENV4	80% protection against any symptomatic dengue disease after a single dose Ph3, 2 yr f/u DENV-1: 89.5% (95% CI, 78.7 to 95.0) DENV-2: 69.6% (95% CI, 50.8 to 81.5)
Safety/reactogenicity		similar safety / tolerability with other similar vaccines	
Dose regimen	3 doses with 6 mo interval	2 doses, >=8 weeks apart (license: 3 mo interval)	Single dose
Durability of protection		at least 4 years	
Route	SC	SC	SC
Stability/Storage	3 years 2- 8°C	18 month at 2°C - 8°C	Stable at 2 to 8°C
Presentation	lyophilized	lyophilized, mono & multi-dose	lyophilized, 10 d vial
PMS		ADE monitoring, protection of the target population, indirect effects (herd immunity), potential serotype replacement to be monitored.	

*VCD fever: A virologically-confirmed dengue case is defined as febrile illness (defined as temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ on any 2 of 3 consecutive days) or illness clinically suspected to be dengue by the Investigator with a positive serotype-specific RT-PCR.

Target Product Profile of mRNA Dengue Vaccine

	Preferred	Critical or Minimal
Indication	protection from dengue infection, all 4 strains	protection from dengue disease, all 4 strains
Target Pop	2+	4-59 years (Peak incidence 5~14 yo)
Contraindication	Serious allergic reaction to mRNA vaccine components.	
Efficacy	80% vs. Virologically Confirmed Dengue case*, 90% vs. severe disease (hospitalization) against all 4 serotypes	70% vs. Virologically Confirmed Dengue case*, 80% vs. severe disease (hospitalization) against all 4 serotypes
Safety/ Reactogenicity	Mild, transient AEs, No serious AEs. No ADE	Safety and reactogenicity profile whereby vaccine benefits outweigh safety risks. No ADE
Dose regimen	Single dose	2 doses
Durability	Lifelong	5 years
Route	IM, MAP (if applicable)	IM
Stability/Storage	Multiple years at -25~ -15°C When thawed, >6 months at 2 to 8°C	1 year at -25~ -15°C. When thawed >3 months at 2 to 8°C <small>Pfizer COVID BA.4-5; 2yrs at ULT (-90~-60°C), 10 wks at 2 to 8°C Moderna COVID: 9 months at -25~ -15°C, 30 days at 2 to 8°C</small>
Presentation	Lyophilized or Liquid, Single and multi-dose vial, MAP if applicable	Liquid, Multi-dose vial
PMS	ADE monitoring, protection of the target population, indirect effects (herd immunity), potential serotype replacement to be monitored.	

T cell immunity is important to provide optimal protection

mRNA construct encoding only Structural protein (PrM and E) might not provide Cellular immunity (CD8+).

Majority of CD8+ T cell epitopes are found on NS proteins

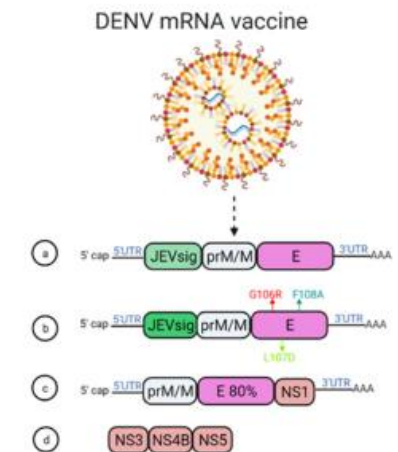
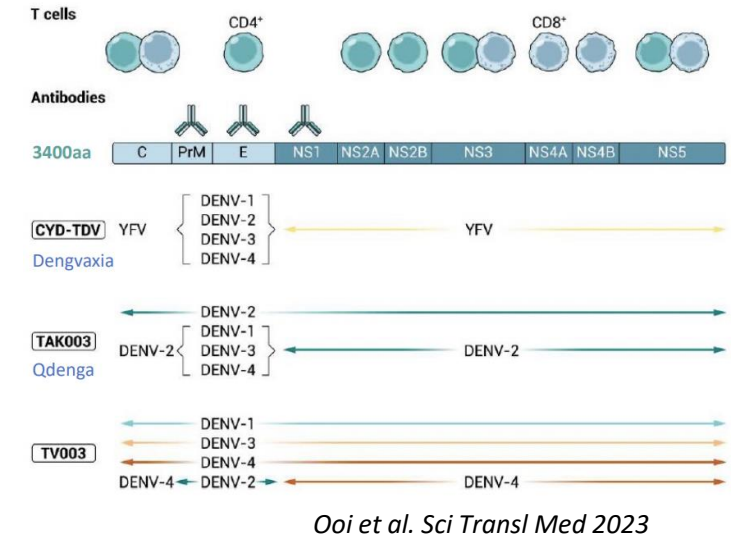
- Dengvaxia induced strong CD8+ T cell response against YF17D-NS3, but muted cross-reactive CD8+ T cell responses against DENV NS3
Guy et al, Vaccine 2008
- TAK003 and TV003 showed T cell responses to conserved epitopes on NS proteins.

Tricou et al, Vaccine 2022. Weiskopf et al, J Virol 2015

mRNA DENV vaccine Candidates

- DENV1-NS (NS3, NS4B, NS5) induced a strong CD8+ T cell immune response and conferred significant protection after challenge with DENV1
Roth et al, Front Immunol 2019
- DENV mRNA vaccine based on two structural proteins—prME and E80 and one **non-structural protein** (NS1) from DENV2 elicited strongest neutralizing antibody response against DENV2 and antigen-specific T cell responses

Zhang et al, Mol Ther Methods Clin Dec 2020



Regulatory Pathway Assumption

- **Will depend upon the country of the Manufacturer**
 - Local licensure (ML3/Functional NRA) followed by WHO PQ
- **First licensure should target high-burden populations only**
 - 4-59 years, irrespective of serostatus
 - The rest of the population (below 4 years & above 59 years) could be targeted post-licensure studies/ label extension studies
- **As not established CoP available, clinical endpoint (efficacy) is desirable**
 - Possible only in countries with documented high burden for age-targeted(e.g., many south-east Asian & Latin American countries)

Regulatory Pathway Assumption

■ Immunology

- There is no established immunological correlate of protection against any DENV serotype.
- **Neutralizing antibody** against each DENV serotype is likely to be the best surrogate marker for efficacy.
- DENV serotype-specific neutralizing antibody titres should follow WHO guidelines for the plaque-reduction neutralization test (PRNT) (Essential)
- If alternative methods for determining neutralizing antibody (e.g. high throughput **micro-neutralization assays**) are developed, these should be validated against the PRNT
- The assay of DENV-specific antibody other than neutralizing antibody (e.g. IgM and IgG ELISA) may be of interest but is not considered to be essential for the assessment of potential vaccine efficacy.
- It is considered unlikely that data on cell-mediated immunity will provide an immunological correlate of protection.
 - Cell-mediated immunity assays may be useful for the assessment of immunological memory and durability of protection.

Guidelines on the quality, safety and efficacy of dengue tetravalent vaccines (live, attenuated), Annex 2, TRS No 979, Replacement of Annex 1 of WHO Technical Report Series, No. 932

DENV vaccine	Developer	Platform	Neutralization assay
CYD-TDV	Sanofi Pasteur	Live-attenuated	PRNT (immuno- staining)
TAK-003	Takeda	Live-attenuated	Microneutralization
TV003	NIH/Butantan	Live-attenuated	PRNT (immuno- staining)

■ Efficacy endpoint

- Vaccine Efficacy (VE) of Two Doses of mRNA DENV in Preventing Virologically-Confirmed(RT-PCR) Dengue Fever Induced by Any Dengue Serotype

Clinical Development Plan

Phase	Design	Target Population	Target Country	Tentative Sample Size
I	Safety, Immunogenicity & Dose escalation/exploration,	Healthy participants aged 18-59 years (seronegative) in non endemic/low endemic country	Non/low endemic country	80 (TBC)
II	Age de-escalation, Safety & Immunogenicity	Adult (18-59 yr), Adolescents (12-17yr), children (4-11yr) in an endemic country	Endemic countries (e.g., Bangladesh)	180 (TBC)
IIb	RCT, Efficacy & Safety trial, mRNA DENV vs Placebo	Healthy participants aged 4 to 11 years in Endemic countries Assumptions: 80% power, 2:1 vaccine to placebo, alpha = 2.5% one-sided, 20% loss-to-follow-up, Incidence: X%, VE=80%, LB>0%	Bangladesh, Nepal, Philippines, Vietnam (Incidence to be confirmed)	Approx. XYZ with 1 yr follow-up Approx.. XYZ with 3 years follow-up
III	RCT, Efficacy & Safety + L2L mRNA DENV vs Placebo	Healthy participants aged 4 to 59 years in Endemic countries Assumptions: 90% power, 2:1 vaccine to placebo, alpha = 2.5% one-sided, 20% loss-to-follow-up, Incidence: 1.5%, VE=80%, Superiority margin=30%	Bangladesh, Nepal Philippines, Vietnam Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Panama, (Incidence to be confirmed)	Approx. XYZ with 1 yr follow-up Approx.. XYZ with 3 years follow-up
IV	Immune Non-Interference with EPI vaccine (Co-ad)	Healthy participants aged 2-11 (or younger) & >50 yr in an Endemic country		500(TBC)
Note: All numbers are placeholders only, will be confirmed statistically as per required power for stage and incidence rate for phase IIb/III.				