

Medicinal product no longer authorised

**ANNEX I**  
**SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

HUMENZA suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection  
Pandemic influenza vaccine (H1N1) (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted)

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

HUMENZA consists of two vials: one vial containing the antigen (suspension) and one vial containing the adjuvant (emulsion), which are mixed prior to administration.

After mixing, 1 dose (0.5ml) contains:

Split influenza virus\*, inactivated containing antigen equivalent to:  
A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like strain (NYMC X-179A).....3.8 micrograms\*\*

\* propagated in eggs

\*\* expressed in microgram haemagglutinin

This vaccine complies with the WHO recommendation and EU decision for the pandemic.

AF03 adjuvant composed of squalene (12.4 milligrams), sorbitan oleate (1.9 milligrams), polyoxyethylene cetostearyl ether (2.4 milligrams) and mannitol (2.3 milligrams)

The suspension and emulsion, once mixed, form a multidose vaccine in a vial. See section 6.5 for the number of doses per vial.

Excipients:

The vaccine contains 11.3 micrograms thiomersal.

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection.

The antigen is a colourless limpid to opalescent suspension.

The adjuvant is a white opaque emulsion.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Prophylaxis of influenza in an officially declared pandemic situation (see sections 4.2 and 5.1).

Pandemic influenza vaccine should be used in accordance with Official Guidance.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

#### Posology

In the different age groups, there are limited data (adults aged 18 to 60 years), very limited data (adults aged 61 years and over, children aged 6 months to 17 years) or no data (children aged less than 6 months) with HUMENZA as detailed in sections 4.4, 4.8 and 5.1.

Children from 3 years of age, adolescents and adults up to 60 years of age:

One dose of 0.5 ml at an elected date.

Immunogenicity data obtained at three weeks after administration of Humenza in clinical studies suggest that a single dose may be sufficient.

If a second dose is administered there should be an interval of at least three weeks between the first and the second dose.

Elderly above 60 years of age:

One dose of 0.5 ml at an elected date.

A second dose of vaccine should be given after an interval of at least three weeks.

Children from 6 months of age to less than 3 years of age:

One half-dose of 0.25 ml at an elected date.

Immunogenicity data obtained in a limited number of children aged 6-35 months show that there is a further immune response to a second half-dose of 0.25 ml administered after an interval of three weeks.

The use of a second half-dose should take into consideration the information provided in sections 4.4, 4.8 and 5.1.

Children below 6 months of age:

Vaccination is currently not recommended in this age group.

For further information, see section 5.1.

It is recommended that subjects who receive a first dose of HUMENZA, complete the vaccination course with HUMENZA (see section 4.4).

Method of administration

Immunisation should be carried out by intramuscular injection (IM) preferably into the deltoid muscle or anterolateral thigh (depending on the muscle mass).

For instructions for preparation, see section 6.6.

#### **4.3 Contraindications**

History of an anaphylactic (i.e. life-threatening) reaction to any of the constituents or trace residues (ovalbumin, egg and chicken proteins, neomycin, octoxinol-9, formaldehyde). If vaccination is considered to be necessary, facilities for resuscitation should be immediately available in case of need.

See section 4.4. for Special warnings and special precautions for use.

#### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

Caution is needed when administering this vaccine to persons with a known hypersensitivity (other than anaphylactic reaction) to the active substance, to any of the excipients, to thiomersal, and to residues (ovalbumin, egg and chicken proteins, neomycin, octoxinol-9, formaldehyde).

As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of a rare anaphylactic event following the administration of the vaccine.

If the pandemic situation allows, immunisation shall be postponed in patients with severe febrile illness or acute infection.

HUMENZA should under no circumstances be administered intravascularly.

There are no data with HUMENZA using the subcutaneous route. Therefore, healthcare providers need to assess the benefits and potential risks of administering the vaccine in individuals with thrombocytopenia or any bleeding disorder that would contraindicate intramuscular injection unless the potential benefit outweighs the risk of bleedings.

There are no data on administration of AF03-adjuvanted vaccines before or following other types of influenza vaccines intended for pre-pandemic or pandemic use.

Antibody response in patients with endogenous or iatrogenic immunosuppression may be insufficient.

A protective immune response may not be elicited in all vaccinees (see section 5.1).

Very limited data in children aged 6 to 35 months (N=96) who received two doses of 0.25 ml (half of the adult dose) with an interval of 3 weeks between doses indicate an increase in the rates of injection site reactions and general symptoms (see section 4.8.). In particular rates of fever (axillary temperature  $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) may increase considerably after the second dose. Therefore, monitoring of temperature and measures to lower fever (such as antipyretic medication as seems clinically necessary) are recommended in young children (e.g. up to approximately 8 years of age) after each vaccination.

There are very limited safety and immunogenicity data available from clinical studies with HUMENZA in adults aged over 60 years of age.

There are no safety, immunogenicity or efficacy data to support interchangeability of HUMENZA with other H1N1 pandemic vaccines.

#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

There are no data on co-administration of HUMENZA with other vaccines. However, if co-administration with another vaccine is considered, immunisation should be carried out on separate limbs. It should be noted that the adverse reactions may be intensified.

The immunological response may be diminished if the patient is undergoing immunosuppressant treatment.

Following influenza vaccination, false-positive serology test results may be obtained by the ELISA method for antibody to human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1), hepatitis C virus and, especially, HTLV-1. In such cases, the Western blot method is negative. These transitory false-positive results may be due to IgM production in response to the vaccine.

#### **4.6 Pregnancy and lactation**

No data have been generated in pregnant or lactating women with the vaccine HUMENZA or with any other vaccine containing adjuvant AF03.

A reproductive and developmental toxicity study conducted in rabbits with HUMENZA showed no effects on embryo fetal development.

The use of HUMENZA may be considered during pregnancy and lactation if this is thought to be necessary, taking into account official recommendations.

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

Some of the effects mentioned under section 4.8 “Undesirable Effects” may affect the ability to drive or use machines.

## 4.8 Undesirable effects

- Clinical trials

### Adults and elderly:

In an open-label clinical trial, two doses (0.5 ml) of HUMENZA have been administered at a 3-week interval in 153 subjects (99 adults and 54 elderly).

Local and systemic reactions occurred within 7 days following any vaccine administration. These reactions were usually resolved spontaneously within 1 to 3 days after onset. The severity of these reactions was from grade 1 (mild) to grade 2 (moderate). The rate of grade 3 (severe) reactions was overall low ( $\leq 2\%$ ).

The most frequent reaction was injection site pain.

Overall, reactions were more frequent in adults than in elderly and less frequent after the second dose in both age groups.

Adverse reactions reported following any vaccination are listed below according to the following frequency:

Very common ( $\geq 1/10$ )

Common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ )

Uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $< 1/100$ )

Rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ )

Very rare ( $< 1/10,000$ )

#### *Nervous system disorders*

- Very common: headache

#### *Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders*

- Very common: myalgia

#### *General disorders and administration site conditions*

- Very common: injection site pain
- Common: malaise, shivering, fever, injection site reactions such as induration, erythema, swelling, ecchymosis.

### Children and adolescent (from 3 to 17 years of age):

In an open-label clinical trial, two doses (0.5 ml) of HUMENZA have been administered at a 3-week interval in 50 children from 3 to 8 years of age and 49 adolescents from 9 to 17 years of age. The safety has been assessed after each administration.

Overall, reactions were more frequent in children and adolescents than in adults and elderly.

Local and systemic reactions occurred within 7 days following any vaccine administration. These reactions were usually resolved spontaneously within 1 to 3 days after onset.

The severity of the local and systemic reactions was mainly from grade 1 (mild) to grade 2 (moderate). The rate of grade 3 (severe) reactions was overall low (from 2 to 14% in children from 3 to 8 years of age and from 2 to 8.2% in adolescents from 9 to 17 years of age).

In children from 3 to 8 years of age, the most frequent reactions were injection site pain and injection site erythema. Overall, a higher frequency of injection site reactions and fever was reported in this age group compared to the adolescents. Moreover, a higher frequency of fever and headache was reported after the second dose than after the first dose.

In adolescents from 9 to 17 years of age, the most frequent reactions were injection site pain and headache. A higher frequency of headache was reported in this age group compared to the children, adults and elderly.

Percentages of subjects who reported the following adverse reactions after each dose are provided by age group in the table below:

	<b>Children (N=50) 3 to 8 years of age</b>		<b>Adolescents (N=49) 9 to 17 years of age</b>	
	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Injection site pain	80.0 %	74.0%	79.6%	67.3%
Injection site erythema	36.0 %	38.0%	22.4%	22.4%
Injection site swelling	20.0%	18.0%	12.2%	12.2%
Injection site induration	18.0%	10.0%	10.2%	12.2%
Injection site ecchymosis	18.0%	12.0%	4.1%	2.0%
Fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	4.0%	20.0%	6.1%	6.1%
Headache	20.0%	32.0%	57.1%	42.9%
Malaise	20.0%	36.0%	36.7%	32.7%
Myalgia	32.0%	24.0%	36.7%	32.7%
Shivering	16.0%	18.0%	26.5%	26.5%

Regarding unsolicited reactions after any vaccination, injection site warmth (4%) was reported in children from 3 to 8 years of age and oropharyngeal pain (6.1%) was reported in adolescents from 9 to 17 years of age.

#### Children from 6 to 35 months of age:

In an open-label clinical trial, two half-doses (0.25 ml) of HUMENZA have been administered at a 3-week interval in 48 children from 6 to 11 months of age and in 48 children from 12 to 35 months of age.

Local and systemic reactions occurred within 7 days following any vaccine administration. These reactions were usually resolved spontaneously within 1 to 3 days after onset.

The severity of the local and systemic reactions was mainly from grade 1 (mild) to grade 2 (moderate). The rate of grade 3 (severe) reactions was overall low (from 6.5 to 8.3% in children from 6 to 11 months of age and from 8.3 to 12.5% in children from 12 to 35 months of age).

Overall, local and systemic reactions were less frequently observed in children from 6 to 35 months of age than in children from 3 to 8 years, except fever which was more frequently observed in children from 6 to 23 months. Overall, systemic reactions were more frequently reported in children from 6 to 11 months compared to children from 12 to 23 months.

Percentages of subjects who reported the following adverse reactions after each dose are provided by age group in the table below:

	Children (N=48) 6 to 11 months		Children (N=48) 12 to 35 months			
	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	12 to 23 months		24 to 35 months	
			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Injection site pain/tenderness	18.8%	28.3%	50.0%		29.2%	
Injection site erythema	10.4%	19.6%	14.6%		33.3%	
Injection site swelling	8.3%	6.5%	2.1%		12.5%	
Injection site induration	8.3%	21.7%	12.5%		12.5%	
Injection site ecchymosis	2.1%	4.3%	6.3%		6.3%	
			12 to 23 months		24 to 35 months	
			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Fever ( $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	8.3%	32.6%	28.6%	7.1%	0.0%	11.8%
Headache	-	-	-	-	2.9%	5.9%
Malaise	-	-	-	-	17.6%	17.6%
Myalgia	-	-	-	-	11.8%	17.6%
Shivering	-	-	-	-	5.9%	17.6%
Vomiting	25.0%	23.9%	7.1%	0.0%	-	-
Abnormal crying	39.6%	37.0%	14.3%	14.3%	-	-
Drowsiness	22.9%	30.4%	14.3%	28.6%	-	-
Appetite lost	33.3%	30.4%	42.9%	21.4%	-	-
Irritability	45.8%	50.0%	28.6%	28.6%	-	-

Regarding unsolicited reactions after any vaccination, diarrhoea (4.3 %) was reported in children from 6 to 11 months of age and cough (4.2 %) was reported in children from 12 to 35 months of age.

- Post-marketing surveillance

From post marketing surveillance with interpandemic trivalent vaccines, the following adverse events have been reported very rarely, even if an exact incidence rate cannot be precisely calculated:

*Blood and lymphatic system disorders:*

Transient thrombocytopenia, transient lymphadenopathy

*Immune system disorders:*

Allergic reactions, in rare cases leading to shock, angioedema

*Nervous system disorders:*

Neuralgia, paraesthesia, febrile convulsions, neurological disorders, such as encephalomyelitis, neuritis and Guillain-Barré syndrome

*Vascular disorders:*

Vasculitis associated in very rare cases with transient renal involvement

*Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:*

Generalised skin reactions including pruritus, urticaria or non-specific rash

This medicinal product contains thiomersal (an organomercuric compound) as a preservative and therefore, it is possible that sensitisation reactions may occur (see section 4.4).

#### 4.9 Overdose

No case of overdose have been reported.

## 5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Influenza vaccines, ATC code: J07BB02.

This medicinal product has been authorised under a so-called "conditional approval" scheme.

This means that further evidence on this medicinal product is awaited.

The European Medicines Agency will review any new information on the medicine and this Summary of Product Characteristics will be updated as necessary.

This section describes the clinical experience with HUMENZA following administration of one or two vaccine doses (0.5 ml or 0.25 ml) at a 3-week interval.

The immunogenicity 21 days after each dose has been assessed and is presented below for each age group according to the seroprotection rate, the seroconversion rate and the seroconversion factor, using haemagglutination inhibiting (HI) method.

The seroprotection rate corresponds to the proportion of subjects achieving a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$ .

The seroconversion rate corresponds to the proportion of subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $< 1:10$  achieving a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$ , or the proportion of subjects with a  $\geq$  four-fold increase from pre- to post-vaccination titer.

The seroconversion factor corresponds to the geometric mean of individual ratios (post-/pre-vaccination titers).

For all age groups:

- Immunogenicity results observed with the seroneutralisation (SN) method reflect those observed with HI method.
- No data on antibody persistence are currently available.

#### Adults (from 18 to 60 years of age):

In a clinical trial, the immunogenicity 21 days after each injection of HUMENZA given 21 days apart has been assessed in 99 adults.



The seroprotection rate, the seroconversion rate and the seroconversion factor, using haemagglutination inhibiting (HI) method, were as follows:

	Adults 18 to 60 years of age	
	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 99	<b>Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination</b> N= 55
<b>21 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</b>		
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	97.0 % [91.4; 99.4]	94.5 % [84.9; 98.9]
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	93.9 % [87.3; 97.7]	94.5 % [84.9; 98.9]
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	76.0 [56.6; 102]	94.0 [64.5; 137]
<b>21 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>		
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	100 % [96.3; 100]	100 % [96.3; 100]
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	99.0 % [94.4; 100]	100 % [96.3; 100]
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	115 [89.1; 147]	178 [134; 235]

\* Proportion of subjects achieving a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$

\*\* For subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $< 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$  and for subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a  $\geq$ four-fold increase from pre- to post-vaccination titer

\*\*\* Geometric mean of individual ratios (post-/pre-vaccination titers)

Elderly (>60 years of age):

In a clinical trial, the immunogenicity 21 days after each injection of HUMENZA given 21 days apart has been assessed in 54 elderly (29 elderly from 61 to 70 years of age, 18 elderly from 71 to 80 years of age and 7 elderly of 81 years of age and over).

The seroprotection rate, the seroconversion rate and the seroconversion factor, using HI method, were as follows:

	Elderly 61 to 70 years of age		Elderly 71 to 80 years of age		Elderly 81 years of age and over	
	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 29	<b>Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination</b> N= 14	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 18	<b>Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination</b> N= 7	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 7	<b>Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination</b> N= 1
<b>21 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</b>						
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	86.2 % [68.3;96.1]	78.6 % [49.2; 95.3]	77.8 % [52.4;93.6]	42.9 % [9.9; 81.6]	85.7 % [42.1;99.6]	0.0 % Not computed
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	82.8 % [64.2;94.2]	78.6 % [49.2; 95.3]	72.2 % [46.5;90.3]	42.9 % [9.9; 81.6]	42.9 % [9.9;81.6]	0.0 % Not computed
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	22.1 [12.4;39.3]	21.5 [9.42; 49.2]	14.5 [5.93;35.6]	4.20 [1.99; 8.90]	5.94 [1.12;31.6]	1.14 Not computed
<b>21 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>						
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	100 % [88.1;100]	100 % [76.8; 100]	94.4 % [72.7;99.9]	85.7 % [42.1; 99.6]	85.7 % [42.1;99.6]	0.0 % Not computed
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	96.6 % [82.2;99.9]	100 % [76.8; 100]	94.4 % [72.7;99.9]	85.7 % [42.1; 99.6]	57.1 % [18.4;90.1]	0.0 % Not computed
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	39.7 [25.3;62.2]	45.3 [23.1; 88.5]	21.0 [11.1;39.7]	14.5 [5.11; 41.1]	8.41 [1.93;36.7]	2.00 Not computed

\* Proportion of subjects achieving a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$

\*\* For subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $< 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$  and for subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a  $\geq$ four-fold increase from pre- to post-vaccination titer

\*\*\* Geometric mean of individual ratios (post-/pre-vaccination titers)

Children and adolescents (from 3 to 17 years of age):

In a clinical trial, the immunogenicity 21 days after each injection of HUMENZA given 21 days apart has been assessed in 50 children from 3 to 8 years of age and 49 adolescents from 9 to 17 years of age.

The seroprotection rate, the seroconversion rate and the seroconversion factor, using HI method, were as follows:

	Children 3 to 8 years of age	Adolescents 9 to 17 years of age	
	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 50	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 49	<b>Seronegative subjects prior to vaccination</b> N= 37
<b>21 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</b>			
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	100 % [92.9; 100]	100 % [92.6; 100]	100 % [90.5; 100]
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	100 % [92.9; 100]	100 % [92.6; 100]	100 % [90.5; 100]
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	124 [99.6; 156]	177 [130; 241]	203 [149; 276]
<b>21 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>			
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	100 % [92.7; 100]	100 % [92.7; 100]	100 % [90.5; 100]
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	100 % [92.7; 100]	100 % [92.6; 100]	100 % [90.5; 100]
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	883 [745; 1046]	527 [393; 706]	745 [620; 895]

\* Proportion of subjects achieving a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$

\*\* For subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $< 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$  and for subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a  $\geq$  four-fold increase from pre- to post-vaccination titer

\*\*\* Geometric mean of individual ratios (post-/pre-vaccination titers)

All children aged from 3 to 8 years were seronegative prior to vaccination.

Children (from 6 to 35 months of age):

In an open-label clinical trial, two half-doses (0.25 ml) of HUMENZA have been administered at a 3-week interval in 48 children from 6 to 11 months of age and in 48 children from 12 to 35 months.

The immunogenicity 21 days after each half-dose (0.25 ml) of HUMENZA in term of the seroprotection rate, the seroconversion rate and the seroconversion factor, using HI method, were as follows:

	Children (6 to 11 months of age)	Children (12 to 35 months of age)
	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 48	<b>Total enrolled subjects</b> N= 48
<b>21 days after 1<sup>st</sup> dose</b>		
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	95.7 % [85.5; 99.5]	97.8 % [88.5; 99.9]
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	95.7 % [85.5; 99.5]	97.8 % [88.5; 99.9]
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	39.9 [30.8; 51.7]	50.7 [38.1; 67.4]
<b>21 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose</b>		
Seroprotection rate* % [95% CI]	100 % [91.8; 100]	100 % [92.5; 100]
Seroconversion rate** % [95% CI]	100 % [91.8; 100]	100 % [92.5; 100]
Seroconversion factor*** [95% CI]	602 [495; 731]	543 [441; 670]

\* Proportion of subjects achieving a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$

\*\* For subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $< 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a post-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:40$  and for subjects with a pre-vaccination titer  $\geq 1:10$ , proportion of subjects with a  $\geq$  four-fold increase from pre- to post-vaccination titer

\*\*\* Geometric mean of individual ratios (post-/pre-vaccination titers)

All children aged from 6 to 35 months were seronegative prior to vaccination.

#### Information from non-clinical studies

A challenge ferret study showed vaccine similar protection after one or two human doses based on lung macroscopic examination, body weight loss (as indicator of disease after challenge) and viral loads in lungs and in the upper respiratory tract.

The ability of one or two administrations of HUMENZA to protect ferrets against infection in the lungs was evaluated. Groups of 7 ferrets were immunized intramuscularly (IM) with one human dose of HUMENZA (3.8  $\mu$ g of HA and full dose AF03) (at D21) or 2-dose administration of one human dose at 3-week intervals (at D0 and D21) and compared to a control group (AF03 adjuvant diluted in PBS). Four weeks after the last vaccine administration, ferrets were challenged with the wild type homologous strain A/H1N1/Netherlands/602/2009.

A single administration of a human dose of HUMENZA elicited HI titers  $\geq 80$  and MN (Microneutralization) titers  $\geq 160$  specific to the vaccinal strain in 100% of vaccinated animals and a two-dose administration regimen markedly increased (at least a 5-fold increase) HI and MN antibody titers. A mean body weight loss of 20% was recorded in control group 4 days after infection. This body weight loss was reduced to  $\leq 8\%$  in animals that received 1 or 2 doses of HUMENZA. Four days after challenge, in the control group, 34% of the lungs were affected and presented lung lesions associated with high levels of virus replication in lung tissue ( $\geq 4.7$  TCID<sub>50</sub>/g tissue).

In ferrets administered with one or two doses of HUMENZA, a significant reduction of lung damages (4 % or 1 % of affected lung, respectively) and of lung viral loads (more than 4 log<sub>10</sub> reduction) was achieved resulting in 86% (6 out of 7 ferrets) or 100% of ferrets with no detectable virus in lungs, respectively. The protection against infection in the lungs was associated with vaccine-induced HI titers  $\geq 40$ , a titer described in humans to be associated with protection against seasonal influenza. Viral shedding was assessed by measuring viral replication in both nasal and throat swabs and results demonstrated that HUMENZA was able to consistently reduce the viral load in the upper respiratory tract.

## 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Not applicable.

## 5.3 Preclinical safety data

Available non clinical data obtained with the vaccine HUMENZA or with the same vaccine but with another strain (A/H5N1) revealed no special hazard for humans based on conventional repeat dose toxicity studies, reproductive and developmental toxicity studies and an investigative pneumopathology study.

Repeated injections of the vaccine induced moderate local inflammation in rabbits and no exacerbation of pneumonia after exposure to the parental wild-type virus in monkeys. Rabbits dosed with vaccine, or with AF03 adjuvant alone, showed a slight increase of apoptosis / necrosis in the lachrymal tissues at doses higher than the human dose. Rabbits dams dosed with vaccine pre-mating and during gestation did not show any effects on embryofetal development.

The adjuvant, AF03, was not mutagenic or clastogenic and induced transient inflammatory changes in repeat dose toxicity studies (in rats and rabbits). The reproductive and developmental toxicity studies conducted in rats and rabbits with AF03 did not show any effects on female fertility, pregnancy, embryofetal development or early postnatal development.

# 6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

## 6.1 List of excipients

### *Antigen vial:*

Thiomersal  
Sodium chloride  
Potassium chloride  
Disodium phosphate dihydrate  
Potassium dihydrogen phosphate  
Water for injections

### *Adjuvant vial:*

Sodium chloride  
Potassium chloride  
Disodium phosphate dihydrate  
Potassium dihydrogen phosphate  
Water for injections

For adjuvant, see section 2.

## 6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

### 6.3 Shelf life

6 months.

After mixing, HUMENZA should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C) and should be used within 24 hours.

### 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C). Do not freeze.

For storage conditions after opening, see section 6.3.

Keep the vials in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

### 6.5 Nature and contents of container

*One pack containing:*

- One pack of 10 vials (type I glass) of 1.5 ml suspension (antigen) with stopper (chlorobutyl).
- One pack of 10 vials (type I glass) of 4.5 ml emulsion (adjuvant) with stopper (chlorobutyl).

Number of doses after mixing the content of antigen vial into the adjuvant vial: 10 doses of 0.5 ml.

### 6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

HUMENZA consists of 2 separate vials:

- One vial containing the antigen (suspension)
- One vial containing the adjuvant (emulsion)

Before use, the two components should be mixed.

#### Instructions for mixing the vaccine:

1. Before extemporaneous mix, the two vials (antigen and adjuvant) should be allowed to reach room temperature and must be gently swirled between hands and inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal physical appearance. In the event of either being observed (including rubber particles from the stopper), the vaccine should be discarded.
2. The vaccine is mixed by withdrawing with a sterile syringe and needle the entire content of the antigen vial and adding it into the adjuvant vial.
3. After the addition of the antigen to the adjuvant, the mixture should be gently shaken by at least 5 rotating movements. After mixing, the vaccine is a white opaque emulsion.
4. The volume of HUMENZA after mixing is at least 6 ml and allows the withdrawal of several doses (multidose vial). For the dose to be administered, see recommended posology in section 4.2.
5. After mixing HUMENZA should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C) (never place in the freezer) and should be used within 24 hours.
6. To facilitate tracking and timely disposal of partially used vials, it is suggested that the date and hour of mixing be clearly written on the label of adjuvant vial.

#### Instructions for the administration of the vaccine:

1. Before injection the vaccine should be allowed to reach room temperature by gently swirling the vial between hands (not more than 5 minutes).
2. Prior to each administration, the multidose vial should be gently shaken by at least 5 rotating movements.
3. The content of the multidose vial as well as the content of the syringe after withdrawal should be inspected visually. The vaccine is of a white opaque emulsion appearance. If deviations from this description and/or any foreign particulate matter are observed (including rubber particles from the stopper), the vaccine should be discarded.

4. Each vaccine dose of 0.5 ml or 0.25 ml (half-dose) is withdrawn with a new sterile syringe for injection and administered intramuscularly.

A partially used multidose vial must be discarded immediately if:

- Sterile dose withdrawal has not been fully observed.
- There is any suspicion that the partially used vial has been contaminated.
- There is visible evidence of contamination, such as change in appearance.

In order to keep the traceability of the product received by each vaccinee the name of the vaccine and the lot number should be recorded by using the stickers provided in the pack containing both the antigen and adjuvant vials.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

## **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Sanofi Pasteur SA  
2, avenue Pont Pasteur  
F-69007 Lyon  
France

## **8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

## **9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

## **10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency (<http://www.ema.europa.eu>).

**ANNEX II**

- A. MANUFACTURERS OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- C. SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS TO BE FULFILLED BY THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**



**A. MANUFACTURERS OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**

Name and address of the manufacturers of the biological active substance

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Parc Industriel d'Incarville  
27100 Val-de-Reuil  
France

sanofi pasteur  
Campus Mérieux  
1541, avenue Marcel Mérieux  
69280 Marcy l'Etoile  
France

Name and address of the manufacturers responsible for batch release

sanofi pasteur  
Parc Industriel d'Incarville  
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Campus Mérieux  
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69280 Marcy l'Etoile  
France

The printed package leaflet of the medicinal product must state the name and address of the manufacturer responsible for the release of the concerned batch.

**B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**

• **CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE IMPOSED ON THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

HUMENZA can only be marketed when there is an official WHO/EU declaration of an influenza pandemic, on the condition that the Marketing Authorisation Holder for HUMENZA takes due account of the officially declared pandemic strain.

• **CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

- The MAH shall agree with Member States to measures facilitating the identification and traceability of the A/H1N1 pandemic vaccine administered to each patient, in order to minimise medication errors and aid patients and health care professionals to report adverse reactions. This may include the provision by the MAH of stickers with invented name and batch number with each pack of the vaccine.
- The MAH shall agree with Member States on mechanisms allowing patients and health care professionals to have continuous access to updated information regarding HUMENZA.

- The MAH shall agree with Member States on the provision of a targeted communication to healthcare professionals which should address the following:
  - The correct way to prepare the vaccine prior to administration.
  - Adverse events to be prioritised for reporting, i.e. fatal and life-threatening adverse reactions, unexpected severe adverse reactions, adverse events of special interest (AESI).
  - The minimal data elements to be transmitted in individual case safety reports in order to facilitate the evaluation and the identification of the vaccine administered to each subject, including the invented name, the vaccine manufacturer and the batch number.
  - If a specific notification system has been put in place, how to report adverse reactions.
- **OTHER CONDITIONS**

*Official batch release:* in accordance with Article 114 of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended, the official batch release will be undertaken by a state laboratory or a laboratory designated for that purpose.

*Pharmacovigilance system*

The MAH must ensure that the system of pharmacovigilance, as described in version 10.0 presented in Module 1.8.1. of the Marketing Authorisation Application, is in place and functioning before the product is placed on the market and for as long as the marketed product remains in use.

PSUR submission during the influenza pandemic:

During a pandemic situation, the frequency of submission of periodic safety update reports specified in Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 will not be adequate for the safety monitoring of a pandemic vaccine for which high levels of exposure are expected within a short period of time. Such situation requires rapid notification of safety information that may have the greatest implications for benefit-risk balance in a pandemic. Prompt analysis of cumulative safety information, in light of the extent of exposure, will be crucial for regulatory decisions and protection of the population to be vaccinated. The MAH shall submit on a monthly basis a simplified periodic safety update report with the timelines, format and content as defined in the CHMP Recommendations for the Pharmacovigilance Plan as part of the Risk Management Plan to be submitted with the Marketing Authorisation Application for a Pandemic Influenza Vaccine (EMA/359381/2009) and any subsequent update.

*Risk Management Plan*

The MAH commits to performing the studies and additional pharmacovigilance activities detailed in the Pharmacovigilance Plan, as agreed in version 7.0 of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) presented in Module 1.8.2. of the Marketing Authorisation Application and any subsequent updates of the RMP agreed by the CHMP.

**C. SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS TO BE FULFILLED BY THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

The Marketing Authorisation Holder shall complete the following programme of studies within the specified time frame, the results of which shall form the basis of the annual reassessment of the benefit/risk profile.

Clinical	Independently of the cohort safety study (9,000 subjects), the MAH commits to implement a post-licensure prospective clinical safety study (N=3,000 subjects from 6 months of age).  The RMP will be updated accordingly to reflect this study within 15 calendar days of the receipt of the opinion.	Initiation of the study by July 2010
Pharmacovigilance	The MAH commits to update the observational study protocol to screen for auto-antibodies those patients presenting visual or ocular events during the study follow-up.	Prospective cohort safety study protocol update to be submitted within one week of Commission Decision granting Marketing Authorization.
Pharmacovigilance	The MAH commits to submit the data from pregnancy registry as described in the RMP.	Results to be provided in the simplified PSUR.
Pharmacovigilance	The MAH will submit the results of a prospective cohort safety study in at least 9,000 patients in different age groups, including immunocompromised subjects, in accordance with the protocol submitted with the Risk Management Plan.	Interim and final results will be submitted in accordance with the protocol.
Pharmacovigilance	The MAH commits to present a plan for the definition of the sources to collect safety data on immunocompromised patient within the prospective cohort safety study.	Prospective cohort safety study protocol update to be submitted within one week of Commission Decision granting Marketing Authorization.
Pharmacovigilance	The MAH will submit the results of the GBS surveillance study.	Interim and final results will be submitted in accordance with the protocol.

Medicinal product no longer authorised

**ANNEX III**  
**LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET**

**A. LABELLING**

Medicinal product no longer authorised

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING  
PACK CONTAINING 1 PACK OF 10 VIALS OF SUSPENSION (ANTIGEN) AND 1 PACK  
OF 10 VIALS OF EMULSION (ADJUVANT)**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

HUMENZA suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection  
Pandemic influenza vaccine (H1N1) (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted)

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

After mixing, 1 dose (0.5 ml) contains:

Split influenza virus\*, inactivated, containing antigen equivalent to:

A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like strain (NYMC X-179A).....3.8 micrograms\*\*

\* propagated in eggs

\*\* haemagglutinin

AF03 adjuvant composed of squalene, sorbitan oleate, polyoxyethylene, cetostearyl ether and mannitol

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

Excipients:

Thiomersal

Sodium chloride

Potassium chloride

Disodium phosphate dihydrate

Potassium dihydrogen phosphate

Water for injections

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

Suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection

10 vials of suspension (antigen)

10 vials of emulsion (adjuvant)

Number of doses after mixing the content of antigen vial into the adjuvant vial: **10 doses** of 0.5 ml.

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Intramuscular use

Shake before use

Read the package leaflet before use

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

MIX THE ANTIGEN INTO THE ADJUVANT VIAL BEFORE USE

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP MM/YYYY

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store in a refrigerator. Do not freeze.  
Keep the vials in the outer carton in order to protect from light.  
After mixing, store in a refrigerator and use within 24 hours.

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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69007 Lyon - France

**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Justification for not including Braille accepted

Medicinal product no longer authorised



**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING  
PACK OF 10 VIALS OF SUSPENSION (ANTIGEN)**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Antigen for HUMENZA suspension for injection  
Pandemic influenza vaccine (H1N1)

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Split influenza virus\*, inactivated, containing antigen equivalent to:  
A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like strain (NYMC X-179A).....30 µg\*\*  
For 1 ml

\* propagated in eggs

\*\* haemagglutinin

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

Excipients: thiomersal, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, disodium phosphate dihydrate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate and water for injections.

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

Suspension for injection  
10 vials

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Intramuscular use  
Read the package leaflet before use

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT  
OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

MIX INTO THE ADJUVANT VIAL BEFORE USE

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP MM/YYYY

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store in a refrigerator. Do not freeze.  
Keep the vials in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Justification for not including Braille accepted

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING  
PACK OF 10 VIALS OF EMULSION (ADJUVANT)**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Adjuvant for HUMENZA emulsion for injection

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

AF03 adjuvant composed of squalene (33 mg), sorbitan oleate (4.9 mg), polyoxyethylene cetostearyl ether (6.3 mg), mannitol (6.1 mg) per 1 ml

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

Excipients: sodium chloride, potassium chloride, disodium phosphate dihydrate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate and water for injections.

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

Emulsion for injection  
10 vials  
After mixing: 10 doses of 0.5 ml per vial.

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Intramuscular use.  
Read the package leaflet before use.

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

MIX WITH THE ANTIGEN BEFORE USE

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP MM/YYYY

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store in a refrigerator. Do not freeze.  
Keep the vials in the outer carton in order to protect from light.  
After mixing: use within 24 hours.

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)****13. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE****16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Justification for not including Braille accepted

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS  
SUSPENSION VIAL (ANTIGEN)**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Antigen for HUMENZA  
Pandemic influenza vaccine (H1N1)

**2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION**

Mix into the adjuvant vial before use.

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP MM/YYYY

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT**

1.5 ml

**6. OTHER**

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Medicinal product no longer authorised

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS  
EMULSION VIAL (ADJUVANT)**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Adjuvant for HUMENZA emulsion for injection  
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**2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION**

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP MM/YYYY

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT**

4.5 ml  
After mixing with the antigen: 10 doses of 0.5 ml

**6. OTHER**

Sanofi Pasteur

Medicinal product no longer authorised

Medicinal product no longer authorised

**B. PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

### **HUMENZA Suspension and emulsion for emulsion for injection** Pandemic influenza vaccine (H1N1) (split virion, inactivated, adjuvanted)

**For the most up-to-date information please consult the website of the European Medicines Agency : <http://www.ema.europa.eu/>.**

#### **Read all of this leaflet carefully before you receive this vaccine.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or nurse.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor.

#### **In this leaflet:**

1. What HUMENZA is and what it is used for
2. Before you receive HUMENZA
3. How HUMENZA is given
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store HUMENZA
6. Further information

### **1. WHAT HUMENZA IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR**

HUMENZA is a vaccine to prevent pandemic influenza (flu).

Pandemic flu is a type of influenza that occurs every few decades and which spreads rapidly around the world. The symptoms (signs) of pandemic flu are similar to those of an ordinary flu but may be more severe.

When a person is given the vaccine, the immune system (the body's natural defence system) will produce its own protection (antibodies) against the disease. None of the ingredients in the vaccine can cause flu.

### **2. BEFORE YOU RECEIVE HUMENZA**

#### **You should not receive HUMENZA:**

- if you have previously had a sudden life-threatening allergic reaction to any ingredient of HUMENZA (these are listed at the end of the leaflet) or to any of the substances that may be present in trace amounts as follows: ovalbumin, egg and chicken proteins, neomycin, octoxinol-9, formaldehyde. Signs of an allergic reaction may include itchy skin rash, shortness of breath and swelling of the face or tongue. However, in a pandemic situation, it may be appropriate for you to have the vaccine provided that appropriate medical treatment is immediately available in case of an allergic reaction.

If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or nurse before having this vaccine.



**Take special care with HUMENZA:**

- if you have had any allergic reaction other than a sudden life-threatening allergic reaction to any ingredient contained in the vaccine, to thiomersal, ovalbumin, egg and chicken proteins, neomycin, octoxinol-9, formaldehyde (see section 6. Further information).
- if you have a severe infection with a high temperature (over 38°C). If this applies to you then your vaccination will usually be postponed until you are feeling better. A minor infection such as a cold should not be problem, but your doctor should advise whether you could still be vaccinated with HUMENZA,
- if you are having a blood test to look for evidence of infection with certain viruses. In the first few weeks after vaccination with HUMENZA the results of these tests may not be correct. Tell the doctor requesting these tests that you have recently been given HUMENZA.
- as with all vaccines, HUMENZA may not fully protect all persons who are vaccinated.

In any of these cases, TELL YOUR DOCTOR OR NURSE, as vaccination may not be recommended, or may need to be delayed.

Please inform your doctor or nurse if you have a bleeding problem or bruise easily.

**Children below 6 months of age:**

HUMENZA is not recommended in children below 6 months of age.

**Taking other medicines**

Please tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription or have recently been given any other vaccine.

There is no information on administration of the vaccine HUMENZA with other vaccines. However, if this cannot be avoided, the vaccines should be injected into separate limbs. In such cases, you should be aware that the side effects may be more intense.

**Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant, plan to become pregnant or if you are breastfeeding. You should discuss with your doctor whether you should receive HUMENZA.

**Driving and using machines**

Some of the effects mentioned under section 4 "Possible side effects" may affect the ability to drive or use machines.

**Important information about some of the ingredients of HUMENZA**

This medicine contains thiomersal as a preservative and it is possible that you may experience an allergic reaction. Tell the doctor if you have any known allergies.

**3. HOW HUMENZA IS GIVEN**

Your doctor or nurse will administer the vaccine in accordance with official recommendations.

The vaccine will be injected into a muscle, preferably in the upper arm or the front of the thigh (depending on the muscle mass).

**Children from 3 years of age, adolescents and adults up to 60 years of age:**

One dose of 0.5 ml of the vaccine will be given.

Clinical data suggest that a single dose may be sufficient.

If a second dose is administered there should be an interval of at least three weeks between the first and second dose.

Elderly above 60 years of age:

One dose of 0.5 ml of the vaccine will be given.

A second dose of vaccine should be given after an interval of at least 3 weeks.

Children from 6 months to less than 3 years of age:

One half-dose of 0.25 ml of the vaccine will be given.

If a second dose of 0.25 ml is given, this will be administered at least three weeks after the first dose.

Children below 6 months of age:

Vaccination is currently not recommended in this age group

When HUMENZA is given for the first dose, it is recommended that HUMENZA (and not another vaccine against H1N1) be given for the complete vaccination course.

#### **4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

Like all medicines, HUMENZA can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Allergic reactions may occur following vaccination, in rare cases leading to shock. Doctors are aware of this possibility and have emergency treatment available for use in such cases.

The frequency of possible side effects listed below is defined using the following convention:

Very common (affects more than 1 user in 10)

Common (affects 1 to 10 users in 100)

Uncommon (affects 1 to 10 users in 1,000)

Rare (affects 1 to 10 users in 10,000)

Very rare (affects less than 1 user in 10,000)

During a clinical study conducted with HUMENZA in adults and elderly, the side effects listed below have been observed.

Very common: headache, muscular pain, injection site pain.

Common: feeling generally unwell, shivering, fever. At the injection site: hardness, redness, swelling, bruising.

During clinical studies conducted with HUMENZA in children and adolescents, the side effects listed below have been observed.

Adolescent from 9 to 17 years old:

Very common: headache, feeling generally unwell, muscular pain, shivering. At the injection site: pain, redness, swelling, hardness.

Common: fever, sore throat, injection site bruising.

Children from 3 to 8 years old:

Very common: feeling generally unwell, muscular pain, headache, shivering, fever. At the injection site: pain, redness, swelling, bruising, hardness.

Common: injection site warmth.

Children from 24 to 35 months old:

Very common: feeling generally unwell, muscular pain, shivering, fever. At the injection site: pain, redness, hardness, swelling.

Common: injection site bruising, headache, cough.

Children from 12 to 23 months old:

Very common: appetite lost, irritability, drowsiness, fever, abnormal crying. At the injection site: pain, redness, hardness, swelling.

Common: injection site bruising, vomiting, cough.

Children from 6 to 11 months old:

Very common: irritability, crying abnormal, appetite lost, drowsiness, fever, vomiting. At the injection site: pain, redness, hardness, swelling.

Common: injection site bruising, diarrhoea.

In all age groups, the side effects listed above usually disappeared without treatment within 1 to 3 days after onset.

The side effects listed below have occurred in the days or weeks after vaccination with vaccines given routinely every year to prevent flu. These side effects may occur with HUMENZA.

Very rare:

- Skin reactions that may spread throughout the body including itchiness of the skin (pruritus, urticaria), rash.
- Side effects related to the central nervous system:
  - Pain located on the nerve route (neuralgia),
  - Differences in the perception of touch, pain, heat and cold (paraesthesia),
  - Convulsions associated with fever,
  - Neurological disorders that may result in stiff neck, confusion, numbness, pain and weakness of the limbs, loss of balance, loss of reflexes, paralysis of part or all the body (encephalomyelitis, neuritis, Guillain-Barré Syndrome).
- Temporary reduction in the number of certain types of particles in the blood called platelets; a low number of these can result in excessive bruising or bleeding (transient thrombocytopenia), temporary swelling of the glands in the neck, armpit or groin (transient lymphadenopathy).
- Allergic reactions:
  - In rare cases leading to shock (a failure of the circulatory system to maintain adequate blood flow to the different organs leading to medical emergency).
  - Including swelling most apparent in the head and neck, including the face, lips, tongue, throat or any other part of the body (angioedema) in very rare cases.
- Vessel inflammation (vasculitis) which may result in skin rashes and in very rare cases in temporary kidney problems.

If any of these side effects occur, please tell your doctor or nurse immediately.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor.

## **5. HOW TO STORE HUMENZA**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Before the vaccine is mixed:

Do not use the antigen (suspension) and the adjuvant (emulsion) after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C).

Do not freeze.

Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

After the vaccine is mixed:

HUMENZA should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C) and should be used within 24 hours

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

## 6. FURTHER INFORMATION

### What HUMENZA contains

HUMENZA consists of two vials: one vial containing the antigen (suspension) and one vial containing the adjuvant (emulsion), which are mixed prior to use.

*After mixing:*

- Active substance:

Split Influenza virus\*, inactivated, containing antigen equivalent to:

A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like strain (NYMC X179A).....3.8 micrograms\*\*  
per 0.5 ml dose

\* propagated in eggs

\*\* expressed in microgram haemagglutinin

This vaccine complies with the WHO recommendation and EU decision for the pandemic.

- Adjuvant:

The adjuvant (AF03) is composed of squalene (12.4 milligrams), sorbitan oleate (1.9 milligrams), polyoxyethylene cetostearyl ether (2.4 milligrams) and mannitol (2.3 milligrams), per 0.5 ml dose

- Other ingredients:

The other ingredients are: thiomersal (11.3 micrograms per 0.5 ml dose), sodium chloride, potassium chloride, disodium phosphate dihydrate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate and water for injections.

### What HUMENZA looks like and contents of the pack

One pack contains:

- One pack containing 10 vials of 1.5 ml of suspension (antigen).
- One pack containing 10 vials of 4.5 ml of emulsion (adjuvant).

The antigen is a colourless limpid to opalescent suspension.

The adjuvant is a white opaque emulsion.

After mixing the content of antigen vial into the adjuvant vial, HUMENZA is an emulsion for injection in a multidose vial containing 10 doses of 0.5 ml. The emulsion is white, opaque.

### Marketing Authorisation Holder

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HUMENZA has been given "conditional approval".  
This means that there is more evidence to come about this medicine.  
The European Medicines Agency will review any new information on the medicine and this package leaflet will be updated as necessary.

Detailed information on this medicine is available on the European Medicines Agency web site:  
<http://www.ema.europa.eu>

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**The following information is intended for medical or healthcare professionals only:**

As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of a rare anaphylactic event following the administration of the vaccine.

HUMENZA consists of 2 separate vials:

- One vial containing the antigen (suspension)
- One vial containing the adjuvant (emulsion)

Before use, the two components should be mixed.

Instructions for mixing the vaccine:

1. Before extemporaneous mix, the two vials (antigen and adjuvant) should be allowed to reach room temperature and must be gently swirled between hands and inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and/or abnormal physical appearance. In the event of either being observed (including rubber particles from the stopper), the vaccine should be discarded.
2. The vaccine is mixed by withdrawing with a sterile syringe and needle the entire content of the antigen vial and adding it into the adjuvant vial.
3. After the addition of the antigen to the adjuvant, the mixture should be gently shaken by at least 5 rotating movements. After mixing, the vaccine is a white opaque emulsion.
4. The volume of HUMENZA after mixing is at least 6 ml and allows the withdrawal of several doses (multidose vial). For the dose to be administered, see recommended posology in section 3 "How HUMENZA is given".
5. After mixing HUMENZA should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C) (never place in the freezer) and should be used within 24 hours.
6. To facilitate tracking and timely disposal of partially used vials, it is suggested that the date and hour of mixing be clearly written on the label of adjuvant vial.

Instructions for the administration of the vaccine:

1. Before injection the vaccine should be allowed to reach room temperature by gently swirling the vial between hands (not more than 5 minutes).
2. Prior to each administration, the multidose vial should be gently shaken by at least 5 rotating movements.
3. The content of the multidose vial as well as the content of the syringe after withdrawal should be inspected visually. The vaccine is of a white opaque emulsion appearance. If deviations from this description and/or any foreign particulate matter are observed (including rubber particles from the stopper), the vaccine should be discarded.

4. Each vaccine dose of 0.5 ml or 0.25 ml (half-dose) is withdrawn with a new sterile syringe for injection and administered intramuscularly.

HUMENZA should under no circumstances be administered intravascularly.

A partially used multidose vial must be discarded immediately if:

- Sterile dose withdrawal has not been fully observed.
- There is any suspicion that the partially used vial has been contaminated.
- There is visible evidence of contamination, such as change in appearance.

In order to keep the traceability of the product received by each vaccinee the name of the vaccine and the lot number should be recorded by using the stickers provided in the pack containing both the antigen and adjuvant vials.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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