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**FOR**  
**VAXZEVRIA (ChAdOx1-S [RECOMBINANT])**

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The content of this RMP has been reviewed and approved by the EU QPPV

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Rationale for submitting an updated RMP

This EU RMP (Version 8) has been updated to include:

- **Reclassification of Safety concern “Thrombosis”:**
  - As a result of an imposition requested by PRAC in procedure EMEA/H/C/PSUSA/00010912/202212, “Venous thromboembolism” is included as an important identified risk.
  - Important potential risk “Thrombosis” is removed from the list of safety concerns.
- Data from the final study analysis of US study (D8110C00001).
- Data from the final study analysis of Booster study (D7220C00001).
- Updates to study milestone for D8111R00010 (ATTEST) study.
- Updates to study status of Real-world effectiveness of the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in England (D8111R00007) and Systemic literature review (D8111R00020).
- Updates to COVID-19 epidemiology data and Adverse Events of Special Interest (AESI) PT list based on MedDRA updates.

References to the SmPC are to the version approved on 15 September 2023.

### Summary of significant changes in this RMP

Part I:	No changes
Part II SI:	Aligned with the recent epidemiology data of COVID-19
Part II SII:	No changes
Part II SIII:	Clinical trial exposure data updated with the DCO5 of US study (D8110C00001) and Booster study (D7220C00001).
Part II SIV:	Limitations in respect to populations typically under-represented in clinical trial development programmes from the immunocompromised study (D8111C00010)
Part II SV:	Latest cumulative post-marketing exposure data updated (data cut-off date of 30 June 2023)
Part II SVI:	No changes
Part II SVII:	The important potential risk “Thrombosis” is removed from the list of safety concerns and Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) included as an important identified risk. DCO5 US study (D8110C00001) data updated as applicable. Reactogenicity updated to align with the Booster study data exposure
Part II SVIII:	Updated to align the reclassification of safety concern; (added IIR VTE and removed IPR thrombosis)

Part III:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study milestone updated for TTS study (D8111R00010)</li> <li>• Completed studies/ activities removed from Table III -2 Ongoing and planned additional pharmacovigilance activities: Real-world effectiveness of the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in England (D8111R00007); Systemic literature review (D8111R00020)</li> </ul>
Part IV:	No change
Part V:	Updated to reflect the safety concern reclassification
Part VI:	Updated to reflect changes throughout the EU RMP
Annex	<p><u>Annex 2</u>: Additional PV activities D8111R00007 study; Systemic literature review (D8111R00020) moved from Table I: ‘Planned and ongoing studies’ to Table II ‘Completed studies’.</p> <p>To update milestones for TTS (D8111R00010) -final study report Q2 2024</p> <p><u>Annex 7</u>: AESI PTs to be aligned with MedDRA versions 26.0 and 26.1.</p> <p><u>Annex 8</u>: Aligned to the updates throughout the RMP</p>

### Details of currently approved RMP

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

<b>Abbreviation/ Special term</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
ADR	Averse Drug Reaction
AE	Adverse Event
AEFI	Adverse Event Following Immunisation
AESI	Adverse Event of Special Interest
AMN	Acute Macular Neuroretinopathy
AMOR	Acute Macular Outer Retinopathy
ARDS	Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
ATC	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical
CCDS	Company Core Data Sheet
CDC	Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
CLS	Capillary leak syndrome
CMO	Contract Manufacturing Organization
CSP	Clinical Study Protocol
DCO	Data Cut-Off
DME	Designated Medical Events
DSRU	Drug Safety Research Unit
EAS	Enhanced Active Surveillance
ECDC	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
EEA	European Economic Area
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EPAR	European Public Assessment Report
eRMR	Electronic Reaction Monitoring Report
EU	European Union
EVDAS	EudraVigilance Data Analysis System
GBS	Guillain-Barré syndrome
GD	Gestational Day
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GVP	Good Pharmacovigilance Practices
HCP	Healthcare Professional
HEK	Human Embryonic Kidney
HLT	High-Level Term
hPRR	Hybrid Proportional Reporting Ratio
IBD	International Birth Date



<b>Abbreviation/ Special term</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
ICH	International Conference on Harmonisation
ICSR	Individual Case Safety Report
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IIR	Important Identified Risk
IM	Intramuscular
LMP	Last Menstrual Period
MenACWY	Meningococcal group a, c, w-135, and y conjugate vaccine
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MSD	Meso Scale Discovery
nAb	Neutralising Antibodies
NITAG	National Immunization Technical Advisory Group
NOEL	No Observed effect level
O/E	Observed Versus Expected
PASS	Post-Authorisation Safety Study(ies)
PAMM	Paracentral Acute Middle Maculopathy
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PF4	Platelet Factor 4
PL	Package Leaflet
PRR	Proportional Reporting Ratio
PSUR	Periodic Safety Update Report
PT	Preferred Term (MedDRA)
QPPV	Qualified Person Responsible for Pharmacovigilance
RBD	Receptor-Binding Domain
RoR	Reporting Odds Ratio
RMP	Risk Management Plan
S	Spike
SAP	Statistical Analysis Plan
SARS-CoV-2	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus 2
SD	Standard Dose
SmPC	Summary of Product Characteristics (EU)
SMQ	Standardised MedDRA Query(ies)
SOC	System Organ Class
TTS	Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome
UK	United Kingdom

<b>Abbreviation/ Special term</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
US/USA	United States of America
VAED	Vaccine-Associated Enhanced Disease
VAERD	Vaccine-Associated Enhanced Respiratory Disease
VAERS	US Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System
vp	Viral Particles
WHO	World Health Organization

## I. PART I: PRODUCT OVERVIEW

**Table I-1 Product Overview**

Active substance	ChAdOx1-S [recombinant] (AZD1222 <sup>a</sup> ) (formerly ChAdOx1 nCoV-19)
Pharmacotherapeutic group(s) (ATC Code)	Vaccines, other viral vaccines (J07BX03)
Marketing Authorisation Applicant	AstraZeneca AB, 15185 Södertälje, Sweden
Medicinal products to which this RMP refers	One
Invented name in the EEA	Vaxzevria (formerly COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca)
Marketing authorisation produced	Centralised
	<u>Chemical class:</u> Recombinant replication-deficient viral vector vaccine
Brief description of the product	<u>Summary of mode of action:</u> Vaxzevria is a monovalent vaccine composed of a single recombinant, replication-deficient chimpanzee adenovirus (ChAdOx1) vector encoding the S glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2. The SARS-CoV-2 S immunogen in the vaccine is expressed in the trimeric pre-fusion conformation; the coding sequence has not been modified in order to stabilise the expressed S-protein in the pre-fusion conformation. Following administration, the S glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2 is expressed locally stimulating neutralising antibody and cellular immune responses.
	<u>Important information about its composition:</u> Vaxzevria is produced in genetically modified human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cells and by recombinant DNA technology. <u>List of excipients:</u> L-Histidine, L-Histidine hydrochloride monohydrate, magnesium chloride hexahydrate, polysorbate 80, ethanol, sucrose, sodium chloride, disodium edetate dihydrate, and water for injections.
Hyperlink to the product information	Vaxzevria Summary of Product Characteristics
Indication in the EEA	<u>Current:</u> Vaxzevria is indicated for active immunisation to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2, in individuals 18 years of age and older.
Dosage in the EEA	<u>Current:</u> The Vaxzevria primary vaccination course consists of two separate doses of 0.5 mL each. The second dose should be administered between 4 and 12 weeks (28 to 84 days) after the first dose. A booster dose (third dose) of 0.5 mL may be given to individuals who completed the primary vaccination course with Vaxzevria or an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. The third dose should be administered at least 3 months after completing the primary vaccination course.

**Table I-1          Product Overview**

Pharmaceutical form(s) and strengths	<u>Current:</u> Suspension for injection. One dose (0.5 mL) contains Chimpanzee Adenovirus encoding the SARS-CoV-2 Spike glycoprotein (ChAdOx1-S), not less than $2.5 \times 10^8$ infectious units.
Will the product be subject to additional monitoring in the EU?	Yes

<sup>a</sup> Note: VAXZEVRIA will be referred to by its development number (AZD1222) within this RMP when describing data and studies from the non-clinical and clinical development programme.

## **II. PART II: SAFETY SPECIFICATION**

### **II.1 MODULE SI: EPIDEMIOLOGY OF THE INDICATION AND TARGET POPULATION**

#### **II.1.1 Prevention of COVID-19**

##### **Incidence**

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel infectious disease, caused by SARS-CoV-2.

##### **Prevalence**

Since the first reports of COVID-19, infection has spread worldwide, prompting the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare a public health emergency in late January 2020 (WHO 2020a) and characterise SARS-CoV-2 as a pandemic in March 2020 (WHO 2020b). As of 06 June 2023, over 767 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection have been diagnosed globally with more than 6.9 million deaths (WHO 2023b). By 14 June 2023, there had been over 249.54 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection and over 2.09 million deaths in the EU/European Economic Area (Our World in Data 2023a). According to a statement made on 5 May 2023, more than 3 years into the pandemic, the WHO Emergency Committee on COVID-19 recommended to the Director-General, who accepted the recommendation, that given the disease is now an established and ongoing health issue, it no longer fits the definition of a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). This does not mean the pandemic itself is over, but that it is no longer considered a global emergency. A Review Committee to be established will develop long-term, standing recommendations for countries on how to manage COVID-19 on an ongoing basis (WHO 2023).

##### **COVID-19 variants**

During the course of the pandemic, several SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern with different patterns of infectivity have emerged (Joshi and Poduri 2022; Saban et al 2022; Zhao et al 2022). The Delta variant was the major epidemic strain around the world in 2021. The Omicron variant replaced the Delta variant as the major strain from the beginning of 2022. A 2023 review of data across 50 countries reported a median incidence rate of 17.14 per 100,000 people during the Delta variant period and 61.66 per 100,000 people during the Omicron variant period (Wang et al 2023). AstraZeneca conducts continuous and thorough reviews of genomic databases such as GISAID (Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data) for emerging Variants of Interest and Variants of Concern.

##### **Demographics of the population in the proposed indication (age, gender, racial and ethnic origin), and risk factors for the disease**

Individuals of any age can acquire SARS-CoV-2 infection, although the risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 increases with age. Early epidemiological studies suggest that acute

COVID-19 occurs at a lower frequency in patients < 18 years old than in adults (CDC 2020a, Livingston and Bucher 2020, Wu and McGoogan 2020), with a smaller percentage of children with COVID-19 requiring hospitalisation or intensive care unit admission relative to adults (CDC 2020a, ECDC 2022 a). Patients with COVID-19 can experience a wide range of symptoms from mild to critical illness (ECDC 2022 a). Older adults, males, and persons with chronic medical conditions, including cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, cancer, obesity, diabetes, pre-existing hypertension, pulmonary disease, immunosuppression, and sickle cell disease, are at increased risk of disease severity and/or mortality (Gallo Marin et al 2020, Beaney et al 2022 and ECDC 2022b).

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is comparable among men and women; however, men may have a slightly higher risk of more severe illness and higher mortality from COVID-19 than women (Beaney et al 2022, ECDC 2023, Gebhard et al 2020). Studies from the US have also reported increased mortality with COVID-19 in males relative to female patients (Finelli 2021). In the USA, non-Hispanic American Indian, Alaska Native, and Black and Hispanic persons have been disproportionately affected (Tian et al 2020, Williamson et al 2020, Zheng et al 2020). Ethnicity (particularly non-white ethnicity) has been recognized as a predictor for more severe disease, and/or risk of hospitalisation in numerous studies (Gao 2021, Beaney et al 2022). Recent evidence suggests that racial disparities in COVID-19 risk were more pronounced in the early waves of the pandemic, and that such association is mediated mainly by community-level socioeconomic status, contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases, and lack of access to clinical care (Lo et al 2021, Magesh et al 2021).

### **The main existing treatment options**

#### Pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis

In December 2020, the first COVID-19 vaccine candidate (COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine BNT162b2) was authorised in the UK on a temporary basis under Regulation 174 of the Human Medicine Regulations 2012 and granted conditional marketing authorisation in the EU for active immunisation to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus in individuals  $\geq 16$  years of age. That same month, Vaxzevria (previously COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca) temporary authorisation was also issued under UK Regulation 174 for individuals  $\geq 18$  years of age. In January 2021, Vaxzevria and COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna were granted conditional marketing authorisation in the EU for active immunisation to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus in individuals  $\geq 18$  years of age. Conditional marketing authorisation in the EU was also granted for COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen in March 2021 and for Nuvaxovid COVID-19 Vaccine (recombinant, adjuvanted) (Novavax CZ a.s.) in December 2021. Subsequently, and as of 02 December 2022, at least 11 different vaccines, utilizing 4 platforms, have been administered globally (WHO 2022). As of October 2022, 172 candidate vaccines are in clinical development and 199 are in pre-clinical investigation (WHO 2022a).

On 11 December 2020, FDA issued the first emergency use authorization (EUA) of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Comirnaty) for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older. On 18 December 2020, FDA issued an EUA for Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (Spikevax) for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older. EUA was also issued Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in February 2021 ([FDA 2022](#)).

Currently, 8 and 9 COVID-19 vaccines are authorised for use in the European Union (EU) and United Kingdom (UK), respectively, including originally authorised and adapted vaccines ([EMA 2023a](#), [UK Health Security Agency 2023](#)). The following drugs are authorised for either pre-exposure prophylaxis and/or treatment in the EU/UK: EVUSHELD (tixagevimab / cilgavimab); Kineret (anakinra); PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir / ritonavir); REGKIRONA (regdanvimab); RoActemra; RONAPREVE (casirivimab / imdevimab); XEVUDY (sotrovimab), VEKLURY (remdesivir), and LAGEVRIO (molnupiravir) ([EMA 2023a](#) and [NHS 2023](#)).

#### Management of persons with COVID-19

Patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection can experience a range of clinical manifestations, from no symptoms to critical illness. Earlier in the clinical course of disease when SARS-CoV-2 replication is greatest or soon after symptom onset, antivirals and monoclonal antibody therapies are likely to be most effective. Later, anti-inflammatory drugs and immunomodulators may be used to stabilize the hyperinflammatory state that can accompany of COVID-19 in some patients ([Cascella et al 2022](#)).

Individuals with mild COVID-19 are managed in the ambulatory setting with supportive care and isolation. Closer monitoring over the time course of those with mild disease is advised for the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions. Where authorized, monoclonal antibody therapies can be considered for outpatients who are at risk of disease progression ([Cascella et al 2022](#)). As of October 2022, CHMP has granted marketing authorizations for 3 mAbs [XEVUDY (sotrovimab), REGKIRONA (regdanvimab), and RONAPREVE (casirivimab/imdevimab)] in the treatment of COVID-19 in patients who do not require supplemental oxygen and who are at increased risk of progressing to severe COVID-19. The antiviral drugs nirmatrelvir with ritonavir (PAXLOVID) and remdesivir (VEKLURY) are authorised or approved for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in patients who are at increased risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 ([FDA 2022](#), [FDA 2023a](#), [EMA 2023a](#)).

Currently, authorized vaccines continue to be effective at preventing hospitalisation, severe disease, and death due to COVID-19. However, protection against infection wanes over time and as new SARS-CoV-2 variants emerge. Large cohort studies on VE indicate that bivalent Wuhan-BA.4/5 vaccines offer an increased protection versus monovalent Wuhan vaccines against severe disease with Omicron BA.4.6, BA.5, BQ.1, and BQ.1.1 ([ICMRA 2023](#)).

Based on the available data, both the EMA and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have recommended monovalent XBB-lineage vaccine for use during the upcoming 2023 to 2024 vaccination campaigns ([EMA 2023b](#), [FDA 2023b](#)).

### **Natural history of the indicated condition in the untreated population, including mortality and morbidity**

SARS-CoV-2 infection can be classified into 6 distinct types including asymptomatic, pre-symptomatic infection, as well as mild, moderate, severe and critical illness. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 may occur from pre-symptomatic, asymptomatic or symptomatic individuals ([Cascella et al 2022](#)). Early evidence suggested that viral transmission was possible from asymptomatic individuals ([CDC 2020b](#), [Lavezzo et al 2020](#), [Oran and Topol 2020](#)). Estimated rates of asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection, however, vary widely with significant heterogeneity between studies, with an Interquartile Range (IQR) of estimates across 130 studies ranging of 14% to 50% (prediction interval 2% to 90%) ([Buitrago-Garcia 2022](#)). Symptomatic patients can experience a range of symptoms from mild to critical illness, with shifts in patterns of reported symptoms relative to dominant variants throughout the pandemic ([Schulze 2022](#)). Based on a large cohort study of > 44000 persons with confirmed COVID-19 during the early stages of the pandemic in China, the majority of patients experienced mild to moderate illness ([Wu and McGoogan 2020](#)):

- Mild (mild symptoms up to mild pneumonia): 81%
- Severe (dyspnoea, hypoxia, or > 50% lung involvement on imaging): 14%
- Critical (respiratory failure, shock, or multiorgan system dysfunction): 5%

These early data are consistent with a meta-analysis including > 280000 persons from 11 countries/regions which estimated the proportion of individuals with severe (and critical) disease as 22.9% ([Li 2021](#)). It is worth noting that patterns of clinical outcomes have been changing throughout the pandemic and along the changing landscape of dominant variants of concern, the widespread use of COVID-19 vaccines, and the improvement in both early detection and management of symptomatic cases. For example, recent research suggested a shift towards atypical but less severe clinical presentation with omicron vs. delta variants ([Menni et al 2022](#)).

Overall, among Chinese patients who developed severe illness, the median time to dyspnoea ranged from 5 to 8 days, the median time to ARDS ranged from 8 to 12 days, and the median time ICU admission ranged from 10 to 12 days ([Huang et al 2020](#), [Wang et al 2020](#), [Yang et al 2020](#), [Zhou et al 2020](#)). Among all hospitalised patients, a range of 26% to 32% of patients were admitted to the ICU. Among all patients, a range of 3% to 17% developed ARDS compared to a range of 20% to 42% for hospitalised patients and 67% to 85% for patients admitted to the ICU. Overall mortality was estimated in a large meta-analysis as 5.6% ([Li 2021](#)), with much higher mortality among patients admitted to the ICU ranges from 39% to



72% depending on the study, with improvements seen in ICU mortality over the course of the pandemic (Dennis 2021). The median length of hospitalisation among survivors was 10 to 13 days (Chen et al 2020, Guan et al 2020, Huang et al 2020, Wang et al 2020, Wu et al 2020a, Yang et al 2020).

Data from the SEMI-COVID registry in Spain (a retrospective, multi centre national cohort study) demonstrated that immunosuppressed patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19 had significantly longer hospital stays than those without immunosuppression (median 10 days vs 9 days) (Suárez-García et al 2021). Immune suppression in this study was also associated with 60% higher rates of COVID-19-associated mortality compared to patients without immunosuppression, further highlighting the vulnerability of this population to SARS-CoV-2 (Suárez-García et al 2021).

It is worth noting that patterns of clinical outcomes have been changing throughout the pandemic, along with the changing landscape of dominant Variants of Concern, the widespread use of COVID-19 vaccines, and the improvement in both early detection and management of symptomatic cases. Recent research suggests a shift towards less severe clinical presentation with Omicron vs Delta variants (Greene et al 2023; Menni et al 2022; Zhao et al 2023). According to a recent review based on reports issued by the WHO and Our World in Data (OWID), the case fatality rate decreased from 8.56 per 1000 persons during the Delta variant period to 3.04 per 1000 during the Omicron variant period, due to the decreased pathogenicity of Omicron and increased vaccination coverage (Wang et al 2023).

#### Complications associated with COVID-19

- Acute respiratory distress syndrome is the major complication in patients with severe disease and can manifest shortly after the onset of dyspnoea. Approximately 12% to 24% of hospitalised patients have required mechanical ventilation (Petrilli et al 2020, Richardson et al 2020, Yang et al 2020).
- Arrhythmias, acute cardiac injury, cardiomyopathy, shock, and myocarditis (Arentz et al 2020, Cao et al 2020, Chen et al 2020, Wang et al 2020, Keller et al 2023).
- Acute myocardial infarction especially in patients with severe systemic inflammation and hypercoagulability due to COVID-19 (Long et al 2020).
- Thromboembolic complications, including pulmonary embolism and acute stroke and acute limb ischaemia (Danzi et al 2020, Klok et al 2020, Mao et al 2020, Zhang et al 2020 and Galyfos et al 2022).
  - Large vessel thromboembolisms have also been reported in patients < 50 years of age without risk factors (Oxley et al 2020)
  - Meta-analyses of studies reporting prevalence of venous thromboembolisms in patients with COVID-19 reported a pooled prevalence of PE of 21% (n=36 studies) to 32% (n = 17 studies) and a pooled prevalence of deep vein thrombosis of 27% (n = 32 studies) (Gong et al 2022, Kollias 2021).

- Incidence of stroke in COVID-19 patients ranged from 0.4% to 8.1% across 24 cohort studies, with a pooled estimate of stroke occurring in 1.4% of patients with COVID-19 ([Nannoni et al 2021](#)).
- Haematological complications including thrombocytopenia and complications including thrombocytopenia and neutrophilia are a hallmark of severe disease ([Coopersmith 2021](#)). Hypercoagulability in COVID-19 is well known. Although the exact mechanisms are unclear, it is thought to be linked to cytokine-induced inflammatory response ([Abou-Ismaïl 2020](#)).
- Laboratory evidence of an increased levels of proinflammatory cytokines, similar to cytokine release syndrome, with persistent fevers, elevated inflammatory markers (eg, D dimer, ferritin), and elevated proinflammatory cytokines have been associated with critical and fatal illnesses ([Huang et al 2020](#), [Mehta et al 2020](#)).
- Central and peripheral nervous system complications including Guillain-Barré syndrome ([Paterson et al 2020](#)), encephalopathy ([Helms et al 2020](#)), meningo encephalitis ([Moriguchi et al 2020](#)), acute disseminated encephalomyelitis ([Paterson et al 2020](#)), and acute necrotizing encephalopathy ([Poyiadji et al 2020](#)).
  - Neurologic complications, in particular encephalopathy manifesting with agitated delirium, was common in patients with critical illness.
  - Delirium/encephalopathy was reported in approximately two thirds of patients with COVID-19-related ARDS ([Helms et al 2020](#)).
- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome with clinical features similar to those of Kawasaki disease and toxic shock syndrome has been described in children with COVID-19 ([Kabeerdoss et al 2021](#), [Licciardi et al 2020](#)) and adults in with COVID-19 ([Patel et al 2021](#)).
- Secondary infections and bacterial or fungal coinfections were reported in 7.5-8% of patients; these included mainly respiratory infections and bacteraemia ([Nakagawara et al 2023](#), [Rawson et al 2020](#)). Several reports of invasive pulmonary aspergillosis among immunocompetent patients with ARDS from COVID-19 have been described ([Koehler et al 2020](#), [Rutsaert et al 2020](#)).
- Psychotic symptoms have been related to other CoV infections. Structured delusions mixed with confusional features were the most frequent psychiatric manifestations observed in the COVID-19 patients. Psychotic symptoms were seen in patients with no previous history of psychosis ([Parra et al 2020](#), [Rogers et al 2020](#), [Varatharaj et al 2020](#)). In a large analysis of electronic health records, the risk of psychiatric outcomes including dementia, mood, anxiety or psychotic disorders were significantly higher in the 6 months following COVID-19 than compared to influenza or other respiratory tract infection ([Taquet 2021](#)).
- COVID-19-associated acute kidney injury has been found to occur in 4.3% to 30.5% of COVID-19 patients, the most common risk factors for the development of COVID-19-associated acute kidney injury were diabetes mellitus, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, cardiovascular disease, age, and male sex ([Fu et al 2020](#); [Mallhi et al 2022](#); [Xu et al 2021](#)).
- Long-term complications of COVID-19 (post-acute sequelae) can develop following infection of any severity, affecting up to 1 in 5 people following acute illness from

COVID-19. Although sequelae are chronic and often debilitating, long COVID remains poorly characterized in current COVID-19 prevention and treatment strategies (Iqbal 2021). Multiple organ systems can be affected, including respiratory, cardiovascular, nervous system, musculoskeletal, cutaneous and neuropsychiatric manifestations (Aiyegbusi et al 2021, Ballering et al 2022).

According to early research, the average recovery time from COVID-19 is approximately 2 weeks for mild illness and 3 to 6 weeks for severe illness, with wide ranges dependent on risk factors and comorbidities (WHO 2022). More recent data suggest that duration of disease is highly variable, with recovery time dependent on risk factors (including age) and comorbidities (Mizrahi 2020). Duration of symptoms may be higher in individuals with suboptimal immune responses (Dreyer 2021).

### **Important comorbidities**

The risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, particularly in adults aged 70 years and older (Chatterjee et al 2023, Wu et al 2020b). In addition, proposed comorbidities associated with COVID 19 severity and mortality include: cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, obesity, diabetes, pulmonary disease, Parkinson's disease and other neurological disorders, immunosuppression (immunosuppressive disease, immunosuppressive medications), immunocompromised state (from solid organ transplant, blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, human immunodeficiency virus), sickle cell disease, cancer, chronic liver disease, renal failure, and fluid and electrolyte disorders (ACEP 2020, Gallo Marin et al 2020, Appelman et al 2022, Chatterjee et al 2023, Nogueira et al 2022). As a result, elderly individuals, and those with these underlying comorbidities were prioritised for vaccination following AZD1222 marketing approval.

## II.2 MODULE SII: NON-CLINICAL PART OF THE SAFETY SPECIFICATION

### II.2.1 Summary of key findings from non-clinical data

Key safety findings from non-clinical studies and their relevance to human usage are described below.

#### Toxicity

##### Key issues identified from acute or repeat-dose toxicity studies

A repeat-dose Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) toxicity study with AZD1222 in mice was conducted (Study 513351), with findings (including recovery data) indicating that there were no clinically relevant observations considered to be related to administration of AZD1222.

Furthermore, as the ChAdOx1 platform technology utilised for AZD1222 is well characterised, non-clinical toxicology findings with the ChAdOx1 MERS-CoV vaccine expressing the full-length spike (S) protein in mice are also considered of direct relevance to the non-clinical safety profile of AZD1222. Additionally, results from toxicology studies on similar replication-defective ChAd vaccines (ChAdOx1 NP+M1 and AdCh63 MSP-1) are also considered to be of significance.

Results from repeat-dose mouse toxicology studies with vaccines ChAdOx1 NP+M1 and AdCh63 MSP-1 were consistent with ChAdOx1 MERS and demonstrated that these vaccines were well tolerated with no associated adverse effects. Toxicity data (and toxicity in the target organs) from the ChAdOx1- and ChAd63-based vaccines follow the same pattern, with findings consistent with a predicted response to vaccine administration (eg, observed changes in the intramuscular (IM) injection site and immune system response).

Relevance to human use: None. Note changes in IM injection site are discussed under ‘local tolerance’ below.

##### Reproductive/developmental toxicity

A non-clinical developmental and reproductive toxicity study was performed to evaluate the effects of AZD1222 on fertility and reproductive processes of female CD-1 mice during the embryo/foetal development phase, and postnatal outcomes during the littering phase. Immunogenicity assessments were also made in dams, foetuses, and pups. There were no vaccine-related unscheduled deaths throughout the study. Furthermore, there were no vaccine-related effects on female reproduction, foetal or pup survival, foetal external, visceral, or skeletal findings, pup physical development, and no abnormal gross pathology findings in pups or dams. Antibody responses raised in dams were maintained throughout gestation and postnatal periods, and seroconversion in foetuses and pups indicate placental and lactational transfer of immunoglobulins. Together with clinical data from non-pregnant people, these

results supported the inclusion of pregnant and breastfeeding people in AZD1222 clinical studies ([Stebbing et al 2021a](#)).

In a non-clinical study, the biodistribution of AZD1222 was assessed in mice for 29 days following intramuscular injection. Results show that AZD1222 was safe and well tolerated, with a spread that was largely confined to administration sites and the proximal sciatic nerve, with low levels observed in sites that are involved in rapid clearance of particulates by the reticuloendothelial system. Accordingly, levels of AZD1222 decreased from Day 2 to Day 29, indicating clearance. There were no quantifiable levels of AZD1222 in the blood, brain, spinal cord, reproductive tissue, and mammary gland suggesting a lack of widespread or long-term distribution of AZD1222 vector DNA throughout the body following its administration ([Stebbing et al 2021b](#)).

*Relevance to human use:* Based on these findings no reproductive or developmental effects are anticipated with AZD1222; however as pregnant and breast-feeding participants were excluded from AZD1222 clinical studies, this is regarded as an area of missing information until such time further data can be obtained in the clinical setting.

#### Genotoxicity

Genotoxicity studies have not been performed with AZD1222. Consistent with WHO guidelines on the nonclinical evaluation of vaccines ([WHO 2005](#)), genotoxicity studies are normally not required for the final vaccine formulation and therefore have not been conducted.

*Relevance to human use:* Not applicable.

#### Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenicity studies have not been performed with AZD1222. Consistent with WHO guidelines on the nonclinical evaluation of vaccines ([WHO 2005](#)), carcinogenicity studies are not required for vaccine antigens. AZD1222 is a replication deficient, non-integrating adenovirus vector so there is no risk of carcinogenicity.

*Relevance to human use:* Not applicable. To date, there have been no clinical reports of chromosomal vector integration following adenovirus vector-mediated gene transfer.

### **Safety pharmacology**

#### Respiratory and cardiovascular

A single AZD1222 safety pharmacology study (Study 617078) has been performed to date, designed to investigate the potential effects of AZD1222 on respiratory parameters in conscious male mice for at least 4 hours following administration, in addition to assessment of arterial blood pressure, heart rate and body temperature for up to 24 hours post-dose. Single

IM dose levels of zero (control), and  $2.59 \times 10^{10}$  vp (AZD1222) were administered, with an interval of 3 days between the 2 treatment sessions.

There were no changes in arterial blood pressure, heart rate, body temperature or respiratory parameters considered to be AZD1222-related. The no observed effect level (NOEL) for cardiovascular and respiratory assessment was  $2.59 \times 10^{10}$  vp.

*Relevance to human use:* None.

#### Neurobehavioral assessment

An Irwin Screen was included in a GLP repeat-dose toxicity study with AZD1222 (Study 513351). There were no effects on body temperature, pupil size, or Irwin Screen observations considered to be AZD1222-related. The NOEL for the Modified Irwin Screen phase was  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  vp.

*Relevance to human use:* None.

#### **Other toxicity-related information**

##### Immunogenicity

A post-vaccination SARS-CoV-2 challenge study in rhesus macaques was conducted to evaluate protection and the potential for vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD) (Non-human Primate Efficacy and Immunogenicity - Study 1). A single administration of AZD1222 significantly reduced viral load in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid and respiratory tract tissue of vaccinated animals as compared to vector controls. None of the vaccinated monkeys developed pulmonary pathology after challenge with SARS-CoV-2. All lungs were histologically normal, and no evidence of viral pneumonia or immune-enhanced inflammatory disease was observed.

*Relevance to human use:* None. No evidence of VAERD following SARS-CoV-2 challenge in vaccinated rhesus macaques was observed.

##### Local Tolerance

Local tolerance with AZD1222 has been assessed in a GLP repeat-dose toxicity study in mice (Study 513351), from which findings indicated no erythema or oedema at the injection sites after administration of AZD1222 on any dosing occasion. Non adverse, fully reversible, mixed and/or mononuclear cell inflammation was observed in the subcutaneous tissues and skeletal muscle of the administration sites and adjacent sciatic nerve of animals dosed with AZD1222, however findings were consistent with anticipated findings after IM injection of vaccines.

Local tolerance was also evaluated as part of a repeat dose GLP toxicology study in mice with the related ChAdOx1 MERS vaccine. Changes related to treatment with ChAdOx1 MERS

vaccine were seen in the tissues of the IM injection site, the right lumbar lymph node (draining lymph node) and the spleen of mice. The inflammatory cell infiltrate seen in the tissues of the IM injection sites (infiltrates of lymphocytic/mononuclear inflammatory cells) were caused by the IM injection of the vaccine with the increased germinal centre development of the right lumbar lymph node caused by immune stimulation of the lymphatic drainage from this area and were not considered adverse.

*Relevance to human use:* Changes in the IM injection site have been observed as part of local tolerance testing in repeat-dose mouse toxicology studies with similar replication-defective ChAd vaccines. Injection site reactions are common adverse effects of vaccine administration and were observed in patients receiving AZD1222 in the clinical development programme. Consequently, injection site reaction is considered to be an identified risk of AZD1222; however, as this risk is well characterised, and does not require any additional pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation activities, it is not considered important for inclusion in the list of safety concerns.

#### Vaccine-related quality considerations

There are no adjuvant, stabilisers or preservatives included in the AZD1222 formulation that are deemed to influence the safety profile of the final vaccine product.

Host cell proteins may remain as a contaminant as a result of the manufacturing process; however, levels are controlled by biological product deviation (BPD) release criteria and are therefore not of relevance.

*Relevance to human use:* None.

## II.3 MODULE III: CLINICAL TRIAL EXPOSURE

### Primary vaccination course with AZD1222

Table II-1 provides a breakdown of exposure for the US study (D8110C00001, which included participants from the US [88.7%], Chile [6.8%], and Peru [4.5%]), and for the pooled University of Oxford-sponsored studies (COV001 [UK], COV002 [UK], COV003 [Brazil], and COV005 [South Africa]).

All participants in the US study and most participants in the 4 pooled University of Oxford-sponsored studies, were randomised to receive 2 standard doses of either AZD1222 (at  $5.0 \times 10^{10}$  vp or equivalent) or control. Some participants in the pooled Oxford studies were randomised to single dose cohorts and for some who received 2 doses of AZD1222, one or both the doses were non-standard (ie, low doses of AZD1222  $2.2 \times 10^{10}$  vp or  $2.5 \times 10^{10}$  vp).

Further breakdowns of these exposure data from the US and pooled Oxford studies by age group and sex (Table II-2) and race (Table II-3) are also provided.

**Table II-1 Clinical Trial Exposure to AZD1222 (US Study D8110C00001 and Pooled Oxford Studies - Safety Analysis Set)**

	US Study D8110C00001 <sup>a</sup> n	Pooled Oxford Studies n	Total n
Received at least 1 dose, regardless of dose level (Any dose)	21583	12259 <sup>b</sup>	33846
Received a standard dose as the first dose (Dose 1 SD)	21583	10306	31893

<sup>a</sup> Includes all participants who received at least one dose of AZD1222. Participants were classified according to the study intervention they actually received. If a participant received AZD1222 and placebo they were classified as AZD1222.

<sup>b</sup> Participants included in the Any Dose for Safety Analysis Set.

**Table II-2 Clinical Trial Exposure to AZD1222 by Age Group and Sex (US Study D8110C00001 Pooled Oxford Studies - Safety Analysis Set)**

Parameter	Number of participants (%)		
	US Study D8110C00001 (N = 21587*)	Pooled Oxford Studies (N = 12259)	Total AZD1222 (N = 33846)
<b>Age group at screening (years)</b>			
18 - 64	16759 (77.6)	11003 (89.8)	27762 (82.0)
≥ 65	4828 (22.4)	1256 (10.2)	6084 (18.0)
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	9578 (44.4)	6835 (55.8)	16413 (48.5)
Male	12009 (55.6)	5424 (44.2)	17433 (51.5)



Pooled oxford studies cut off: 31 December 2021 and US study D8110C00001 cut off: 21 Mar 2023.

\*Number of all randomized subjects

**Table II-3 Clinical Trial Exposure to AZD1222 by Race (US Study D8110C00001 and Pooled Oxford Studies – Safety Analysis Set)**

Race	Number of participants (%)		
	US Study D8110C00001 (N = 21587)	Pooled Oxford Studies (N = 12259)	Total AZD1222 (N =33846)
White	17062 (79.0)	9253 (75.5)	26315 (77.8)
Asian	947 (4.4)	448 (3.7)	1395 (4.1)
Black or African American	1793 (8.3)	1200 (9.8)	2993 (8.8)
American Indian or Alaska Native	853 (4.0)	-	853 (2.5)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	60 (0.3)	-	60(0.2)
Other	-	807 (6.6)	807 (2.4)
Mixed/Multiple	511 (2.4)	533 (4.3)	1043 (3.1)
Unknown	101 (0.5)	16 (0.1)	117 (0.3)
Missing	-	2 (< 0.1)	2 (< 0.1)
Not reported	260 (1.2)	-	260 (0.8)

Pooled oxford studies cut off: 31 December 2021.

D8110C00001 final Study cut off: 21 March 2023.

**Booster dose (third dose) with AZD1222**

Table II-4 provides clinical trial exposure for the booster dose of AZD1222 in previously vaccinated individuals with either AZD1222 (V1222) or an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (VmRNA) from Study D7220C00001(Safety Analysis Set), where the majority of participants were from the UK (>96%):

**Table II-4 Clinical trial exposure to AZD1222 booster dose (Safety Analysis Set - D7220C00001) for previously vaccinated cohorts):**

AZD1222 booster treatment	Primary vaccination and booster dose with AZD1222 (Homologous)	Primary vaccination with mRNA followed by booster dose with AZD1222 (Heterologous)	Total
Safety Analysis Set (N)	373	322	695

Further breakdowns of these exposure data from the D7220C00001 study by age group, sex and race are also provided in Table II-5.

**Table II-5 Clinical trial exposure to AZD1222 booster dose by Age group, Sex and Race (Safety analysis set - D7220C00001)**

Parameter	Number of participants (%)	
	Primary vaccination and booster dose with AZD1222 (Homologous) N = 373	Primary vaccination with mRNA followed by booster dose with AZD1222 (Heterologous) N = 322
<b>Age group at randomisation (years)</b>		
18 – 64	199 (53.4)	238 (73.9)
≥ 65	174 (46.6)	84 (26.1)
<b>Sex</b>		
Female	172 (46.3)	197 (61.2)
Male	201 (53.7)	125 (38.8)
<b>Race</b>		
White	325 (86.9)	290 (90.1)
Black or African American	2 (0.5)	3 (0.9)
Asian	10 (2.7)	8 (2.5)
Mixed	0	2 (0.6)
Unknown	36 (9.6)	19 (5.9)

Percentages are based on N, the number of subjects in the analysis set for each treatment group.  
B1222 represents booster dose of AZD1222.

## II.4 MODULE SIV: POPULATIONS NOT STUDIED IN CLINICAL TRIALS

### II.4.1 Exclusion Criteria in pivotal clinical studies within the development programme

Important exclusion criteria in the US (D8110C00001) and University of Oxford-sponsored studies are described below:

#### **Pregnant and breastfeeding women**

Reason for exclusion: Women who were pregnant or breastfeeding were excluded from the clinical studies to avoid potential harm to the unborn foetus or breastfed infant.

Considered to be included as missing information: Yes

#### **Patients with severe immunodeficiency**

Reason for exclusion: Patients with severe immunodeficiency or requiring systemic immunosuppressive medication were excluded from the clinical studies. Patients with severe immunodeficiency were excluded in order to avoid factors that may confound a complete understanding of the safety and efficacy of AZD1222 and to ensure interpretability of data.

Considered to be included as missing information: Yes

#### **Patients with severe and/or uncontrolled underlying disease**

Reason for exclusion: Patients with severe and/or uncontrolled cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, liver, renal, endocrine/metabolic disease, and neurological illness were excluded from the clinical studies in order to avoid factors that may confound a complete understanding of the safety and efficacy of AZD1222 and to ensure interpretability of data. Participants with mild/moderate well controlled comorbidities were allowed to participate in the clinical studies.

Considered to be included as missing information: Yes (included in the area of missing information of ‘*Use in frail patients with co-morbidities [eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders]*’)

#### **Paediatric and adolescent patients < 18 years of age**

Reason for exclusion: This population was excluded from the majority of AZD1222 clinical studies based on the general principle that paediatric patients are not routinely exposed to an investigational product where the benefit-risk profile for the intended adult population has not yet been established, rather than due to a specific safety concern.

Considered to be included as missing information: No

Rationale: Use of AZD1222 in children and adolescents < 18 years is not part of the proposed indication.

### **History of allergy to any component of the vaccine**

Reason for exclusion: Patients with known allergy/hypersensitivity to the active ingredient or comparator were excluded from the clinical studies as these individuals may have a higher risk of hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis.

Considered to be included as missing information: No

Rationale: AZD1222 is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to active substance and excipients, therefore use in this patient population is not applicable for the approved indication.

### **Patients with bleeding disorder or prior history of significant bleeding or bruising following IM injections or venepuncture**

Reason for exclusion: As AZD1222 is administered as an IM injection, patients with history of bleeding disorders were excluded from the clinical studies due to the potential for an increased risk of injection site haemorrhage or bruising.

Considered to be included as missing information: No

Rationale: Prevention and management of injection site bleeding and/or bruising after IM injection in patients with bleeding disorders or prior history of significant bleeding is fully integrated into standard immunisation practice. Use in this patient population does not require further characterisation and is therefore not considered as missing information. Precautions for individuals with thrombocytopenia and/or coagulation disorders are described in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) Section 4.4.

### **Planned receipt of any vaccine (licensed or investigational; other than AZD1222), 30 days before and after each AZD1222 vaccination administration**

Reasons for exclusion: Patients who had undergone previous vaccination within 30 days of the first dose of AZD1222 were excluded from clinical studies in order to avoid factors that may confound a complete understanding of the safety and efficacy data of AZD1222 and ensure interpretability of data.

Considered to be included as missing information: Yes (included in the area of missing information of '*Interactions with other vaccines*').

### **Patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) or any other demyelinating condition (only excluded from US study D8110C00001)**

Reasons for exclusion: Patients with GBS or any other demyelinating condition were excluded from US study D8110C00001 as these individuals may have a higher risk of these demyelinating events.

Considered to be included as missing information: No

Rationale: Very rare events of demyelinating disorders have been reported following vaccination with AZD1222. SmPC includes GBS and transverse myelitis (TM). It is possible that this excluded population may be at a higher risk of these events than the general indicated population. Guillain-Barré syndrome is considered as an important identified risk.

#### **II.4.2 Limitations to detect adverse reactions in clinical trial development programmes**

The clinical development programme is unlikely to detect certain types of adverse reactions such as rare serious adverse events following immunisation (especially those with rates of occurrence of less than 1 per 100000 vaccinees), or adverse reactions with a long latency.

#### **II.4.3 Limitations in respect to populations typically under-represented in clinical trial development programmes**

**Table II-6 Exposure of Special Populations Included or not Included in the Clinical Development Programme**

<b>Type of special population</b>	<b>Exposure</b>
Pregnant women	Not included in the clinical development programme.
Breastfeeding women	Not included in the clinical development programme.
Patients with hepatic impairment	In the US study (D8110C00001), 341 of 21587 participants (1.6%) reported comorbid liver disease at baseline. Exposure data for this population are not available for the pooled Oxford studies.
Patients with renal impairment	In the US study (D8110C00001), 166 of 21587 participants (0.8%) reported comorbid kidney disease at baseline. Exposure data for this population are not available for the pooled Oxford studies.
Patient with controlled cardiovascular disease	In the pooled Oxford studies, 1609 of 12282 participants (13.1%) in the AZD1222 group reported a history of cardiovascular disease at baseline. In the US study (D8110C00001), the following comorbid conditions were reported in the AZD1222 group at baseline: 737 of 21587 participants (3.4%) reported serious heart conditions (such as coronary artery disease, heart failure) and 5851 of 21587 participants (27.1%) reported high blood pressure.

**Table II-6 Exposure of Special Populations Included or not Included in the Clinical Development Programme**

Type of special population	Exposure
Patient with controlled respiratory disease	In the pooled Oxford studies, 1288 of 12282 participants (10.5%) in the AZD1222 group reported a history of respiratory disease at baseline. In the US study (D8110C00001), the following comorbid respiratory diseases were reported in the 21587 AZD1222 group participants at baseline: 2142 (9.9%) reported asthma, 297 (1.4%) reported chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, 1 (< 0.1%) reported cystic fibrosis, and 33 (0.2%) reported pulmonary fibrosis.
Immunocompromised patients	In the US study (D8110C00001), 5 of the 21587 participants in the AZD1222 group (< 0.1%) reported lower immune health at baseline due to solid organ transplant. Exposure data for this population are not available for the pooled Oxford studies. In the immunogenicity study (D8111C00010), 11 of 34 participants were immunocompromised at baseline due to solid organ transplant, chronic inflammatory disease, and cytotoxic chemotherapy.
Subpopulations carrying relevant genetic polymorphisms	Data not collected in the clinical development programme.

## II.5 MODULE SV: POST-AUTHORISATION EXPERIENCE

### II.5.1 Method used to calculate exposure

The post-marketing exposure data included in this section are presented by the number of doses distributed and the number of doses administered. All doses of VAXZEVRIA are intended for the same indication and route of administration.

For doses distributed, detailed vaccinee-level data (eg, gender, ethnicity, and age category) are not available.

### II.5.2 Exposure

The Vaxzevria International Birth Date (IBD) is 29 December 2020; however, the first dose of vaccine administered in the post-marketing setting was on 04 January 2021 in the UK.

Cumulatively up to 30 June 2023, global post-marketing exposure (by doses distributed) to Vaxzevria was estimated to be 2.99 billion doses. Cumulative regional data are presented in the below [Table II-7](#).

**Table II-7 VAXZEVRIA cumulative exposure (based on doses distributed) from IBD to 30 June 2023, by Region/Country/Collaboration**

Region <sup>b</sup>	Exposure by doses distributed
Europe	248197720
International	650370580 <sup>c</sup>
North America	33267900
Japan	62720740
Serum Institute of India (licensing partner) <sup>a</sup>	1745773940
Fiocruz (licensing partner) <sup>a</sup>	209957440
R-Pharm (licensing partner) <sup>a</sup>	10358700
BKT <sup>a</sup>	30000000
<b>Global</b>	<b>2990647020</b>

<sup>a</sup> Data from Serum Institute of India, BKT, and R-Pharm is as of 30 June 2022 and from Fiocruz is as of 31 December 2022.

<sup>b</sup> Where AstraZeneca (AZ) is the Marketing Authorisation Holder, dose volumes cited represent doses dispatched from AZ manufacturing sites and contracted manufacturing sites. The destinations noted 'Region' represent what is known at the time of dispatch. Country to country donations may or may not be reflected dependent on the timing and type of donation'.

<sup>c</sup> Note: In the previous RMP, the cumulative exposure numbers represented under "International" was incorrect and hence, the cumulative numbers (until previous cut off) were recalculated to reflect the correct exposure.

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Vaccine doses administered is a subset of doses distributed. Cumulative up to 30 June 2023, global post-marketing exposure (by doses administered) to Vaxzevria was estimated to be 2.36 billion doses including booster doses and are summarised in the below [Table II-8](#).

**Table II-8 VAXZEVRIA cumulative exposure (by doses administered), by Region/Country**

Region/Country*	Exposure by doses administered		
	Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3/Dose 4/ Boosters
European Union	38936373	29831848	33490
United Kingdom	24725401	24141350	59155
Australia	6710682	6644072	479167
Argentina	10183571	9946788	6649224
Bangladesh	20769467	19505767	16005534
Guatemala	2038608	1612900	838041
Malaysia	2048049	2027872	1631879
Japan	58689	59194	0
Canada	2233858	576008	1809
Columbia	5931571	4131623	2341356
Ecuador	1764566	1470117	5039182
Iran	5601073	5045996	3779468
Brazil	62280928	56586705	34576082
Chile	410045	139646	2656871
Nepal	5506364	4789110	4703764
Peru	2247252	2113555	3826652
Saint Lucia	37850	34810	0
Thailand	14100757	28684215	5933269
New Zealand	3321	3648	2083
Uruguay	47150	44879	359
Afghanistan	975338		
Philippines	23931246		
India	1749417976		
Ghana	10545038		
Lebanon	730198		
Iraq	717233		
South Korea	20348870		
Mexico	49783383		
Taiwan	15298070		

\*The data cut off for Iraq is 29 August 2021

The data cut off for Afghanistan is 30 April 2022



The data cut off for United Kingdom is 12 September 2022

The data cut off for Nepal is 25 September 2022

The data cut off for Mexico is 30 December 2022

The data cut off for Saint Lucia is 18 October 2022

The data cut off for Thailand is 10 March 2023

The data cut off for Philippines is 31 May 2023

The data cut off for Peru is 28 February 2023

The data cut off for Canada is 18 June 2023

The data cut off for New Zealand is 02 May 2023

The data cut off for Ghana is 30 April 2023

The data cut off for EU is 11 June 2023 \*EU - AZ vaccine administration data for Germany is not available.

The data cut off for Iran is 13 May 2023

The data cut off for South Korea is 24 June 2023

The data cut off for Australia is 21 December 2022

The data cut off for Taiwan is 25 June 2023

The data cut off for Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Chile, India, Guatemala, Lebanon and Uruguay is 28 June 2023

The weekly administered data is subject to change every week. The administered data for the PBRER reporting interval is derived by subtracting the previous report's cumulative from current cumulative values (Current Cumulative - Previous Cumulative = Current Interval) across all the Countries. Therefore, the negative values here is due to a greater cumulative value from previous report in comparison to current report.

## **II.6 MODULE SVI: ADDITIONAL EU REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAFETY SPECIFICATION**

### **Potential for misuse for illegal purposes**

Vaxzevria is a vaccine and is non-habit forming, non-narcotic, and is unlikely to have any potential for abuse.

## II.7 MODULE SVII: IDENTIFIED AND POTENTIAL RISKS

### II.7.1 Identification of safety concerns in the initial RMP submission

All safety data available from the AZD1222 clinical development programme were evaluated in order to formulate the initial list of identified risks (adverse drug reactions [ADRs]), in addition to the important potential risks described within the initial approved version of this Risk Management Plan (RMP) (Version 1, Succession 5). Risks that were not included in the initial list of safety concerns (including supporting rationales) are presented in Section II.7.1.1, with safety concerns relevant for inclusion in the initial approved RMP and their justifications presented in Section II.7.1.2.

Further to these sections, a list of adverse events of special interest (AESIs) for AZD1222 is presented in Section II.7.1.3. In addition, considerations specific to COVID-19 vaccine safety are discussed in Section II.7.1.4.

#### II.7.1.1 Risk not considered important for inclusion in the list of safety concerns in the RMP

The following topics were not considered relevant for inclusion in the list of safety concerns at the time of initial EU RMP approval:

- Known risks that do not impact the risk-benefit profile:
  - Local injections site reactions (including injection site tenderness, pain, warmth, erythema, pruritus, bruising, and swelling): Injection-site reactions are commonly observed following IM injections and have been reported in AZD1222 clinical studies as common or very common ADRs, which were generally mild or moderate in severity and self-limiting. Specific guidance on the administration of AZD1222 for HCPs is provided in the SmPC, and this is fully aligned with standard clinical practice for the management of injection site reactions following immunisation.
  - Lymphadenopathy, Decreased appetite, Headache, Dizziness, Somnolence, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Hyperhidrosis, Pruritus, Rash, Myalgia, Arthralgia, Fatigue, Malaise, Feverishness, Fever, and Chills: These risks are frequently reported class effects for vaccines, all of which tend to be of low-grade severity and self-limiting. These risks are all considered to be ADRs for AZD1222 and are listed in the AZD1222 SmPC. These risks are considered non-serious and have limited clinical impact.
- Other reasons for considering risks not important:
  - HLA sensitisation in transplant candidates and recipients: There is a theoretical concern related to the potential presence of soluble HLA or cell fragments from the human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cell line in AZD1222 leading to HLA sensitisation in transplant candidates and recipients. However, analytical investigations showed no evidence for the presence of HLA proteins in AZD1222 Process 4 Drug Substance and serum sample testing from AZD1222 vaccinated-individuals showed no de-novo occurrence of anti-HLA antibodies following vaccination.

## II.7.1.2 Risks considered important for inclusion in the list of safety concerns in the initial EU RMP

### Important identified risks

There were no important identified risks for AZD1222 at the time of initial EU RMP approval.

### Important potential risk

The following topics were classified as important potential risks for AZD1222 at the time of initial EU RMP approval:

- Nervous system disorders, including immune-mediated neurological conditions
  - Risk benefit impact: There is a theoretical concern that vaccination could be associated with immune-mediated neurological conditions. Very rare events of demyelinating disorders were reported in the AZD1222 clinical development programme; however, there is no evidence suggesting a causal relationship between AZD1222 and demyelinating disorders. Severe neurological conditions may result in persistent or significant disability or incapacity and require early detection, careful monitoring, and timely medical intervention.
- Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)
  - Risk benefit impact: There is a theoretical concern that vaccination against SARS CoV-2 may be associated with enhanced severity of COVID-19 episodes which would manifest as VAED. Vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory (VAERD) refers to the predominantly lower respiratory tract presentation of VAED. Although available data have not identified VAED/VAERD as a concern for AZD1222, the risk of VAED/VAERD cannot be ruled out. VAED/VAERD may be potentially serious or life-threatening, and require early detection, careful monitoring, and timely medical intervention.
- Anaphylaxis
  - Risk benefit impact: Anaphylaxis is an acute serious allergic reaction with multi-organ-system involvement that can present or rapidly progress to a severe life-threatening reaction requiring immediate medical attention. Risk of anaphylaxis after all vaccines is estimated to be 1.31 per million vaccine doses (McNeil et al 2018). The risk of anaphylaxis is idiosyncratic in nature, and no serious or acute events of anaphylaxis were reported in AZD1222 clinical trials. Nevertheless, anaphylaxis is a topic of particular relevance for pandemic vaccines due to the large number of individuals who will undergo vaccination.

### Missing Information

The following topics were classified as missing information for AZD1222 at the time of initial EU RMP approval:

- Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding
  - Risk benefit impact: There is a limited amount of data from the use of AZD1222 in pregnant and/or lactating women, or from women who became pregnant after receiving AZD1222. While preliminary non-clinical safety studies have not indicated any concern to date, the

effect of AZD1222 on the foetus and breastfed infant is unknown, as data are currently insufficient to inform on any vaccine-associated risk. As AZD1222 is intended for use in mass vaccination campaigns in a large proportion of the global population, the collection of pregnancy and infant outcomes data with the aim of characterising the safety profile in this population, is considered necessary.

- Use in immunocompromised patients
  - Risk benefit impact: Immunocompromised individuals are at greater risk of morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable disease. In addition, vaccines may be less effective in severely immunocompromised subjects, as the vaccinees weakened immune system may not mount a sufficient response. Although there is no evidence that the safety profile of this population receiving AZD1222 will be different to that of the general population, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded. As immunocompromised subjects have been identified as a priority group for initial vaccination in several jurisdictions following vaccine availability, proactive data collection in this population receiving AZD1222 is important.
- Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)
  - Risk benefit impact: This population is potentially at risk of developing a more severe manifestation of COVID-19. Although there is no evidence that the safety profile of this population receiving AZD1222 will be different to that of the general population, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded. As this population has been identified as a priority group for initial vaccination in several jurisdictions following vaccine availability, proactive data collection in this population receiving AZD1222 is important.
- Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders
  - Risk benefit impact: This population is potentially at risk of developing a more severe manifestation of COVID-19. Although there is no evidence that the safety profile of this population receiving AZD1222 will be different to that of the general population, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded. As this population has been identified as a priority group for initial vaccination in several jurisdictions following vaccine availability, proactive data collection in this population receiving AZD1222 is important.
- Interactions with other vaccines
  - Risk benefit impact: The safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy of AZD1222 when co-administered with other vaccines (eg, with seasonal illness vaccines [such as the influenza and pneumococcal vaccines]) has not been evaluated. Therefore, while there is currently no evidence to suggest the safety profile of the subjects receiving AZD1222 when co-administered with other vaccines would be impacted, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded.
- Long-term safety
  - Risk benefit impact: Given the expedited nature of the AZD1222 clinical development programme, understanding of the long-term safety profile of AZD1222 is currently limited. While there is currently no evidence to suspect an adverse long-term safety profile, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded.

### II.7.1.3 Adverse Events of Special Interest

Adverse events of special interest in the context of this RMP are defined as adverse events that may be of interest in the context of a mass COVID-19 vaccine administration campaign, which may represent potential signals requiring timely investigation or regulatory action, that could lead to a change in the benefit-risk balance of AZD1222, or that could require prompt communication to the public by regulatory or public health authorities.

The current list of AESIs applicable to AZD1222 is presented in [Table II-9](#). This list is informed by global regulatory guidance, global vaccine safety research networks, and data obtained from the AZD1222 clinical development programme. The inclusion of these AESIs may be based on theoretical considerations and/or be based on past associations, whether causal or not, with different vaccines, or are conditions that are expected to occur naturally with COVID-19 in the absence of vaccination. This AESI list will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and will be updated as necessary. Consequently, should an update to the AESI list be required, any impact on the ongoing/planned post-authorisation safety studies (PASS) will be assessed at that time.

Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) search term lists (at the Preferred Term [PT] level) used for AESIs are included in Annex 7.

**Table II-9 List of AZD1222 AESIs**

Body System/Classification	AESI
Other system	Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)
	Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children/adults (MIS-C/A)
	Sudden Death
	Anosmia, ageusia
Eye disorder	Acute macular neuroretinopathy (AMN)/ Acute macular outer retinopathy (AMOR)/ Paracentral acute middle maculopathy (PAMM)
Immunological	Autoimmune thyroiditis
	Anaphylaxis
	Type III hypersensitivity reactions
	Giant cell arteritis (GCA)
Respiratory	Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)
Neurologic	Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS)
	Peripheral neuropathy and polyneuropathy
	Multiple sclerosis, transverse myelitis, and other demyelinating disorders
	Optic neuritis / neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder

Body System/Classification	AESI
	Non-infectious encephalitis (inc. acute disseminated encephalomyelitis) / Non-infectious encephalopathy
	Myasthenia gravis
	Bell's palsy
	Generalised Convulsion (Seizures)
	Narcolepsy
Cardiovascular system	Myocarditis / Pericarditis
	Myocardial infarction
	Acute cardiac injury including microangiopathy, cardiogenic shock, heart failure, stress cardiomyopathy
	Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome
Circulatory system/Haematological	Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia
	Embolic and thrombotic events (thrombosis)
	Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)
	Capillary leak syndrome (CLS)
Renal	Acute kidney injury
Gastrointestinal	Acute liver injury
	Acute pancreatitis
Musculoskeletal system	Acute aseptic arthritis
	Fibromyalgia
	Rhabdomyolysis
General	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome / ME / PVFS
Pregnancy /Foetal /Neonatal	Pregnancy outcome – Maternal
	Pregnancy outcome – Neonates
Skin	Erythema multiforme
	Chilblain-like lesions

#### II.7.1.4 Further Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines

Further considerations for RMP Module SVII in specific relation to COVID-19 vaccine development are also described in the EMA guidance document ‘Consideration on core requirements for RMPs of COVID-19 vaccines’ (EMA/PRAC/709308/2022) (EMA 2022). These considerations are therefore discussed below for completeness:

##### Reactogenicity

As of 31 December 2021, in the pooled Oxford studies, solicited local and systemic adverse events (AEs) were reported by 73.4 % and 72.8% of evaluated participants in the pooled Dose 1 SD safety dataset (N = 10306), respectively, within the first 7 days following any dose of

AZD1222. In the control group (MenACWY vaccine active control or saline placebo; N = 10141), solicited local and systemic AEs were reported by 48.9% and 60.8% of participants, respectively. The reduced reactogenicity in the control group of the overall pooled safety population is expected given that participants in this group could have received either the MenACWY active control or saline placebo compared to the AZD1222 group, in which all participants received active treatment.

Additionally, for the US study (D8110C00001), in the safety analysis set, 1956 participants in the AZD1222 group and 981 participants in the placebo group were evaluated for solicited AEs within 7 days after any vaccination. Solicited local and systemic AEs were reported by 74.1% (1440 participants) and 71.6% of participants (1395 participants), respectively, within the first 7 days following any vaccination with AZD1222. In the placebo group, solicited local injection site and systemic AEs were reported by 24.4% (239 participants) and 53.0% of participants (519 participants), respectively.

With respect to the reactogenicity profile of AZD1222 by age group, solicited local and systemic AEs were milder and reported less frequently in older adults ( $\geq 65$  years) compared to younger adults (18 to 64 years). Solicited AEs were milder and reported less frequently after the second dose than after the first dose in both age groups. Furthermore, no imbalances in the nature and severity of reactogenicity events was noted in participants with comorbidities.

The reactogenicity events associated with AZD1222 occurring in close temporal association to vaccination were generally mild to moderate in severity, of short duration, and generally did not require medical intervention, and were thereby of limited clinical impact. Further characterisation of solicited local and systemic reactogenicity events is therefore not warranted.

### **Reactogenicity in AZD1222 as a Booster Dose**

In study D7220C00001, the frequency of solicited local and systemic AEs in participants receiving a homologous booster of AZD1222 who were previously vaccinated with AZD1222 (N=373) was 59.8% and 59.2%, respectively. The frequency of solicited local and systemic AEs in participants receiving a heterologous booster of AZD1222 who were previously vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine (N=322) was 75.5% and 78.9%, respectively, which is similar to the reactogenicity observed in participants receiving a first dose of AZD1222 in previous clinical studies. Across both groups who received a booster dose of AZD1222, most solicited AEs were mild or moderate in intensity and generally resolved within a few days.

In the COV001 study, the observed reactogenicity in participants who received a single homologous booster dose (third dose) following a 2-dose primary vaccination course of AZD1222 was consistent with the known reactogenicity profile of COVID-19 Vaccine

AstraZeneca and was lower after the third dose compared with after the first dose ([Flaxman et al 2021](#)).

In the published study RHH 001, a Phase 4 randomized single-blind study conducted in Brazil, 304 participants received a single booster dose (third dose) of AZD1222 following a 2-dose primary vaccination course with an inactivated whole-virion SARS-CoV-2 vaccine (CoronaVac) ([Clemens et al 2022](#)). The reported reactogenicity profile was consistent with the known reactogenicity profile of AZD1222.

Overall, based on available data, the reactogenicity of either a homologous or heterologous booster dose of AZD1222, has been shown to be consistent with the reactogenicity profile of AZD1222 when administered as a primary vaccination course.

#### Formulation and preparation aspects of the vaccine

In animals and humans, ChAdOx1 reversion to virulence has not been detected. The biological material used in the manufacturing process are not known to be pathogenic to humans and are thus not known to have potential for infection in humans. Contaminations introduced by the manufacturing process do not have a potential for transmission of infectious agents.

AZD1222 does not form infectious particles in vaccinated individuals. Shedding from vaccinated individuals to unvaccinated close contacts does not occur, as the vaccine is injected via IM route. As AZD1222 is replication-deficient, it does not replicate in vaccinated individuals, so transmission does not occur.

#### Risk of vaccine drop out

Data pertaining to the reason for drop out (ie, discontinuation from treatment) following each dose of AZD1222 were not collected in pivotal studies. However, the overall study discontinuation rate in the pooled Oxford studies (any dose group; N = 12259) as of 31 December 2021 indicates that early discontinuation from the study for any reason was very low in the AZD1222 arm (n = 1621 participants [13.2%]). In the US study (D8110C00001), the incidence of study discontinuation was low; a total of < 0.1% (3 participants) in the AZD1222 group and < 0.1% (5 participants) in the placebo group discontinued the study due to AEs within 28 days following any vaccination. A total of 1.2% (266 participants) in the AZD1222 group and 1.5% (160 participants) in the placebo group discontinued study intervention due to AEs following any vaccination.

#### Relevance of the long-term follow-up

Given the expedited nature of the AZD1222 clinical development programme in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, understanding of the long-term safety profile of AZD1222 is currently limited. Consequently, while there is no scientific evidence to suspect an adverse long-term safety profile based on long-term safety data from AZD1222 studies (1 year follow-



up from COV pooled analysis and 2-year follow-up from the US Study) and post-marketing experience with distribution of approximately 3 billion doses. However, it is recognised that further follow-up for all vaccines developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is required. This topic is therefore included as an area of missing information.

For AZD1222, long-term safety is being evaluated through the planned PASS activities (see Section III.2.1).

The ongoing PASS activities will follow participants for varying lengths of time to allow meaningful data collection for the evaluation of long-term safety and effectiveness (see Section III.2.1).

#### Risks of vaccination errors in a context of mass vaccination campaigns

As AZD1222 will be administered in large scale vaccination programmes, there is a potential to introduce the risk of vaccination errors. Vaccination errors may relate to administration, vaccination scheme, storage conditions, or errors associated with multi-dose vials. These potential vaccination errors are mitigated through a number of strategies:

- SmPC Section 6.6 contains instructions on administration and storage conditions for AZD1222. Instructions on vaccination scheme are provided in SmPC Section 4.2.
- HCP and the public guides have been prepared, which include specific sections on AZD1222 administration and storage.
- Medical information call centres are available for the public and HCPs to respond to questions about AZD1222.
- Traceability and Vaccination reminder cards are provided by AstraZeneca, where applicable (see Section III.1.6).

Furthermore, as other COVID-19 vaccines are also available, there is the potential for confusion or interchangeability with other COVID-19 vaccines. The above tools will facilitate the education of HCPs on the avoidance of this situation.

### **II.7.2 New safety concerns and reclassification with a submission of an updated RMP**

Thrombosis, previously considered as an important potential risk, is removed from the list of safety concerns and venous thromboembolism (VTE) is included as important identified risk following an PRAC imposition in regulatory procedure EMEA/H/C/PSUSA/00010912/202212.

Thrombosis was included as an important potential risk in the EU RMP Version 3 (dated 14 Oct 2021) via regulatory procedure EMA/PRAC/157045/2021 based on the request from EMA. Thrombosis includes both arterial and/or venous thrombosis. Arterial thrombosis, coronary artery disease (CAD) including Myocardial Infarction (MI) and Cerebrovascular

Accident (CVA) were reviewed as part of Post-Authorisation Measure LEG 103 and the cumulative review of arterial thrombosis, CAD including MI and CVA cases did not raise new safety concerns. However, few literature articles showed increased risk for venous thromboembolism in association with Vaxzevria.

Thus, IPR of “Thrombosis” is reclassified and removed from the list of safety concern and replaced with “Venous thromboembolism (VTE) without thrombocytopenia” as an important identified risk.

### **II.7.3 Details of important identified risks, important potential risks and missing information**

#### **Presentation of important identified risks and important potential risks**

##### **II.7.3.1 Important Identified Risk: Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome**

###### Potential mechanisms

The exact mechanism of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) following immunisation with AZD1222 is unknown. Several hypothetical biologic mechanisms (eg, vaccine induction of Platelet Factor 4 (PF4) autoantibodies) have been proposed to explain the pathophysiology of thromboembolic events with thrombocytopenia following vaccination ([Greinacher et al 2021](#)). Among them a study by [Baker et al 2021](#), proposes an interaction between the ChAdOx1 vaccine vector used in COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and PF4; however, it is unknown if the adenoviral ChAdOx1 interaction with PF4 is actually platelet activating or thrombogenic (causal of blood clots). [Greinacher et al 2021](#) suggested that ChAdOx1 itself or proteins contained within the vaccine can bind to PF4 to form immune complexes which may drive a B-cell response causing high-titer anti-PF4 antibodies resulting in TTS. However, none of these hypotheses have been confirmed.

###### Evidence source(s) and strength of evidence

There were no reports of thrombosis concurrent with thrombocytopenia in the AZD1222 clinical development programme. Very rare events of serious TTS (including fatal events), have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use.

###### Characterisation of the risk

TTS, in some cases accompanied by bleeding, has been observed very rarely following vaccination with AZD1222. This includes severe cases presenting as venous thrombosis, including unusual sites such as cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, splanchnic vein thrombosis, as well as arterial thrombosis, concomitant with thrombocytopenia. The majority of these cases occurred within the first 21 days following vaccination and some events had a fatal outcome. The reporting rates after the second dose are lower compared to after the first dose.

### Risk factors and risk groups

There are no known risk factors for the development of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following vaccination.

### Preventability

Prevention of TTS in the context of COVID-19 vaccination is currently unknown. As described in Section 4.4 of the SmPC, healthcare professionals should be alert to the signs and symptoms of thromboembolism and/or thrombocytopenia. Vaccinated individuals should be instructed to seek immediate medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, leg swelling, leg pain, persistent abdominal pain following vaccination.

Individuals diagnosed with thrombocytopenia/ thrombosis within three weeks after vaccination with AZD1222, should be actively investigated for signs of thrombosis/thrombocytopenia.

TTS requires specialised clinical management. Healthcare professionals should consult applicable guidance and/or consult specialists (eg, haematologists, specialists in coagulation) to diagnose and treat this condition.

### Impact on the risk-benefit balance of the product

TTS is a potentially life-threatening event if not recognised or managed appropriately, may result in persistent or significant disability or incapacity. TTS requires immediate medical intervention.

### Public health impact

The public health benefit of vaccination is considered to outweigh the very rare occurrence of these events.

## **II.7.3.2 Important Identified Risk: Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

### Potential mechanism

The exact mechanism of thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia following immunisation with AZD1222 is unknown.

### Evidence source(s) and strength of evidence

Very rare cases of thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use.

### Characterisation of the risk

Cases of thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), have been reported after receiving Vaxzevria, typically within the first four weeks after vaccination. Very rarely, these presented with very low platelet levels (< 20,000 per  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and/or were associated with

bleeding. Some of these cases occurred in individuals with a history of immune thrombocytopenia. Cases with fatal outcome have been reported. In the clinical development programme, in the primary analysis of the study D8110C00001(DCO 05 March 2021), thrombocytopenia was reported in 2 participants (< 0.1%) in the AZD1222 group and immune thrombocytopenia was reported in 1 participant each (< 0.1%) in both AZD1222 group and the placebo group. In the long-term safety analysis at 6-months data cut-off (30 July 2021) when censored at the time of EUA vaccination, one additional event of thrombocytopenia was reported in a participant in the AZD 1222 group. None of these events were serious and none of these participants in either of the treatment groups reported concurrent thromboembolic event.

#### Risk factors and risk groups

There are no known risk factors for the development of thrombocytopenia following vaccination. In general, individuals with a history of thrombocytopenic disorder, such as immune thrombocytopenia, the risk of developing low platelet levels should be considered before administering the vaccine and platelet monitoring is recommended after vaccination as described in Section 4.4 of the SmPC.

#### Preventability

Prevention of thrombocytopenia including immune thrombocytopenia in the context of COVID-19 vaccination is currently unknown. Individuals diagnosed with thrombosis within three weeks after vaccination with Vaxzevria, should be actively investigated for signs of thrombocytopenia as described in Section 4.4 of the SmPC.

#### Impact on the risk-benefit balance of the product

Thrombocytopenia including immune thrombocytopenia if not recognised or managed appropriately can lead to bleeding which can be a potentially life-threatening event. Thrombocytopenia with associated bleeding requires immediate medical intervention.

#### Public health impact

The public health benefit of vaccination is considered to outweigh the very rare occurrence of these events.

### **II.7.3.3 Important Identified Risk: Guillain-Barré syndrome**

#### Potential mechanism

Exact mechanism of GBS following immunization with AZD1222 is unknown. Although the underlying etiology and pathophysiology of GBS are not completely understood, it is believed that immune stimulation plays a central role in its pathogenesis ([Sejvar et al 2011](#)).

#### Evidence source(s) and strength of evidence

In the US study (D8110C00001), 1 SAE of a demyelinating event initially reported as Guillain-Barre syndrome occurred in a participant enrolled in the AZD1222 group. The SAE

of GBS was subsequently amended to an SAE of Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy. Very rare events of GBS have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use.

#### Characterisation of the risk

Very rare events of GBS have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 in the post-authorisation setting. These reports of GBS have been associated temporally after vaccination and resulted in fatal outcome in isolated cases. The majority of the GBS cases were reported in vaccinees < 69 years of age. Pharmacoepidemiologic studies suggest an increased rate of GBS after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of AZD1222 in the first 4-6 weeks after vaccination (Keh et al 2021 and Maramattom et al 2021).

#### Risk factors and risk groups

There are no known risk factors for the development of GBS following vaccination. In general, infection with the bacteria *Campylobacter jejuni* is one of the most common risk factors for GBS. People also can develop GBS after having the flu or other infections such as cytomegalovirus and Epstein-Barr virus. On very rare occasions, people develop GBS in the days or weeks after getting a vaccination (CDC 2019).

#### Preventability

As described in SmPC section 4.4, the healthcare professionals should be alert of GBS signs and symptoms to ensure correct diagnosis, in order to initiate adequate supportive care and treatment, and to rule out other causes.

#### Impact on the risk-benefit balance of the product

GBS, though rare, is the most common cause of acute flaccid paralysis and if not recognised or managed appropriately, may result in persistent or significant disability or incapacity, and hence requires immediate medical intervention.

#### Public health impact

Occurrence of GBS following AZD1222 vaccine is very rare and as such the public health benefit of vaccination is considered to outweigh the very rare potential occurrences of such events.

### **II.7.3.4 Important Identified Risk: Venous thromboembolism**

#### Potential mechanisms

The exact mechanism of Venous thromboembolism (VTE) following immunisation with Vaxzevria is unknown. In general, the pathophysiology VTE includes a blood flow stasis, hypercoagulability, endothelial dysfunction and injury. Severe coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is associated with increased risk of venous thromboembolism events.

### Evidence source(s) and strength of evidence

VTE has been observed rarely following vaccination with Vaxzevria in clinical trials, however, there was no increase in VTE events among individuals who received AZD1222 compared to placebo/comparator. In the post marketing setting very rare events of VTE (DVT/PE) without thrombocytopenia have been observed; few literature articles showed increased risk for venous thromboembolism in association with Vaxzevria. VTE is an adverse drug reaction described in the SmPC.

### Characterisation of the risk

Serious events of venous thrombosis without thrombocytopenia have been reported following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use. Majority of the case reports occurred within the first 28 days following vaccination and some events had a fatal outcome ([White 2003](#)).

However, large population studies ([Burn Li et al 2022](#), [Whiteley et al 2022](#), [Hippisley-Cox et al 2021](#), [Andrews et al 2022](#), [Ab Rahman et al 2022](#), [Li et al 2022](#)) showed increased risk for venous thromboembolism and PE in younger age-group (<60 years) in association with Vaxzevria.

### Risk factors and risk groups

There are no known risk factors identified for the development of VTE following vaccination.

### Preventability

The SmPC Section 4.4 provides guidance to healthcare professionals to be alert to signs and symptoms of thromboembolism and advises to take the occurrence of VTE into consideration for individuals at increased risk for VTE.

### Impact on the risk-benefit balance of the product

VTE is a potentially life-threatening event, and if not recognised or managed appropriately, may result in persistent or significant disability or incapacity, and hence requires immediate medical intervention.

### Public health impact

The public health benefits of vaccination is considered to outweigh the very rare occurrence of these events.

## **II.7.3.5 Important Potential Risk: Immune-mediated neurological conditions**

### Potential mechanisms

Several hypothetical biologic mechanisms have been proposed to explain the pathophysiology of neurologic adverse reactions following immunisation; most involve the concept of autoimmunity and the possibility that the immunostimulatory effect of the vaccine results in an aberrant immunologic response ([Stratton et al 1994](#)).

### Evidence source(s) and strength of evidence

The association between vaccines and acute demyelinating events has been assessed in a range of studies and expert reviews, including a population-based analysis of nearly 64 million vaccine doses in the US, which concluded that if there is an association between transverse myelitis and vaccines, it is < 2 per million doses of live-zoster and live-attenuated influenza vaccines, and < 1 per million doses for other vaccines (Baxter et al 2016). Moreover, demyelinating diseases occur more frequently with infections than with vaccination (Miravalle et al 2010). Taken together, the evidence is inconclusive regarding a causal relation between contemporary vaccines and acute demyelinating events (Principi and Esposito 2020, Mouchet et al 2018, Phillips et al 2018).

Very rare events of immune-mediated neurological conditions have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use.

### Characterisation of the risk

A review of the events in the pooled safety dataset in the MedDRA System Organ Class (SOC) of Nervous System Disorders in AZD1222-treated participants (any dose group) demonstrated that reactogenicity events (ADRs) comprised the majority of events in this SOC. No imbalance (between the AZD1222 group and the control group) in the incidence of events in the Nervous System Disorders SOC was noted when reactogenicity ADRs were removed.

Overall, in clinical studies there were no clinically meaningful imbalances in the incidence of neurological AESIs. In the pooled Oxford studies as of 31 December 2021, neurologic or neuroinflammatory AESIs were reported in 1.0% (121/12,259 participants) in the AZD1222 group and 1.0% (117/11,962 participants) in the control group. In the primary analysis of the US study (DCO 05 March 2021), neurologic or neuroinflammatory AESIs were reported in 0.6 % (121/21,587 participants) in the AZD1222 group 0.4 % (48/10,792 participants) in the placebo group. In the long-term safety analysis at 6-months data cut-off (30 July 2021) when censored at the time of EUA vaccination, neurologic or neuroinflammatory AESIs were reported in 0.6% of participants (137 participants) in the AZD1222 group (exposure adjusted rate of 0.01/patient-year) and 0.5% of participants (51 participants) in the placebo group (0.01/patient-year).

Furthermore, in the pooled Oxford studies no clinically meaningful imbalance was noted in the incidence of AESIs of neuroinflammatory disorders, which were reported in 10 participants (0.1%) in the AZD1222 group and 6 participants (< 0.1%) in the control group in the pooled safety dataset (any dose group). Of these, the most frequently reported events were nonserious AEs of facial paralysis, occurring in 4 participants in the AZD1222 group and 3 participants in the control group. In the primary analysis of the US study (DCO 05 March 2021), there were 5 participants reported nonserious AEs of facial paralysis, all in the AZD1222 group. In the long-term safety analysis at 6-months data cut-off (30 July 2021)

when censored at the time of EUA vaccination, 3 additional participants reported nonserious AEs of facial paralysis in the AZD 1222 group.

In the pooled Oxford studies, there were 4 SAEs of demyelinating events: 3 cases in the AZD1222 group (1 case of transverse myelitis, and 2 case of multiple sclerosis in a participant with pre-existing, but previously unrecognised, multiple sclerosis), and 1 case of myelitis in the control group. In the primary analysis of the US study (DCO 05 March 2021), there was 1 SAE of a demyelinating event: a participant in the AZD1222 group had an AE initially reported as Guillain-Barre syndrome, which was subsequently diagnosed as an SAE of Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy. In the long-term safety analysis at 6-months data cut-off (30 July 2021) when censored at the time of EUA vaccination, one additional SAE was reported in a participant who experienced demyelinating polyneuropathy.

#### Risk factors and risk groups

There are no known risk factors for the development of immune-mediated neurological conditions, following vaccination.

#### Preventability

Prevention of immune-mediated neurological conditions, in the context of SARS-CoV-2 vaccination is unknown.

#### Impact on the risk-benefit balance of the product

Severe neurological conditions, if not recognised or managed appropriately, may result in persistent or significant disability or incapacity.

#### Public health impact

Severe neurological disorders are very rare, and as such the public health benefit of vaccination is considered to outweigh the very rare potential occurrences of such events.

### **II.7.3.6 Important Potential Risk: Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)**

#### Potential mechanisms

The pathogenesis of VAED in the context of SARS-CoV-2 is unclear, and there are no consistent mechanisms or immune markers of disease enhancement from nonclinical studies (Haynes et al 2020). VAERD refers to the predominantly lower respiratory tract presentation of VAED. The mechanism of the pathogenesis of VAERD may be specific to the lower respiratory tract or may be part of a systemic process.

#### Evidence source(s) and strength of evidence

There is a theoretical concern that vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 may be associated with enhanced severity of COVID-19 episodes which would manifest as VAED/VAERD. Vaccine-associated enhanced disease was observed in children given formalin-inactivated whole-virus



vaccines against respiratory syncytial virus and measles virus (Haynes et al 2020), and findings from experimental models of SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV infection suggest that VAED/VAERD may be possible in certain conditions (EMA 2021b, EMA 2021c, FDA 2020).

### Characterisation of the risk

In the AZD1222 clinical programme, there was no evidence of an association between AZD1222 and VAED/VAERD; proportionally more AESIs based on study specific lists of terms related to COVID-19<sup>1</sup> occurred in the control group than among AZD1222 recipients. In the pooled Oxford studies as of 31 December 2021, COVID-related AESIs were reported in 0.5% (66/12,259 participants) in the AZD1222 group and 1.0% (118/11,962 participants) in the control group. There have been no confirmed post-marketing reports of VAED/VAERD. In the primary analysis of the US study (DCO 05 March 2021), COVID-related AESIs were reported in 1.7% (374/21,587 participants) in the AZD1222 group and 3.4% (362/10,792 participants) in the placebo group. In the long-term safety analysis at 6-months data cut-off (30 July 2021) when censored at the time of EUA vaccination, COVID-related AESIs were reported in 3.2% of participants (697 participants) in the AZD1222 group (exposure adjusted rate of 0.06/patient-year) and 4.3% of participants (461 participants) in the placebo group (0.13/patient-year).

### Risk factors and risk groups

There are no known risk factors identified for VAED/VAERD.

### Preventability

Prevention of VAED/VAERD in the context of SARS-CoV-2 is currently unknown.

### Impact on the risk-benefit balance of the product

Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (including VAERD) may present as severe disease or modified/unusual clinical manifestations of a known disease presentation and may involve one or multiple organ systems. Subjects with VAED/VAERD may experience rapid clinical deterioration and will likely require non-invasive or invasive mechanical ventilation, and patients diagnosed with ARDS have poorer prognosis and potentially higher mortality rate.

### Public health impact

As this safety concern is currently theoretical in relation to AZD1222 administration, there is no public health impact noted at this time.

### **Presentation of missing information**

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the selected terms: Acute lung injury, Acute respiratory distress syndrome, Pneumonitis, Coronavirus infection, COVID-19, COVID-19 pneumonia, Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, SARS-CoV-2 sepsis, Suspected COVID-19

### **II.7.3.7 Missing Information: Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding**

#### Evidence source

Data from more than 400 case reports of pregnant women or women who became pregnant after receiving AZD1222 do not suggest unusual patterns of pregnancy complications or foetal/neonatal outcomes. No increased risk of maternal thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia has been observed. Preliminary non-clinical safety studies have not indicated any concern to date and available non-clinical, clinical and post-marketing data do not suggest a risk to breastfed new borns /infants.

As AZD1222 is intended for use in mass vaccination campaigns in a large proportion of the global population, the collection of pregnancy and infant outcomes data with the aim of further characterising the safety profile in this population, is considered necessary.

#### Population in need of further characterisation

Use of AZD1222 in pregnant and breastfeeding women is investigated in the ongoing PASS activities (a post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources, and a pregnancy registry; see Section III.2.1 for further details).

### **II.7.3.8 Missing Information: Use in immunocompromised patients**

#### Evidence source

Vaccines may be less effective in severely immunocompromised subjects, as the vaccinees weakened immune system may not mount a sufficient response; however, immunocompromised individuals may also be at greater risk of morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable disease, and consequently this population have been identified as a priority group for initial vaccination in several jurisdictions following vaccine availability. Although there is no evidence that the safety profile of this population receiving AZD1222 will be different to that of the general population, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded.

#### Population in need of further characterisation

Use in immunocompromised patients will be investigated in the planned and ongoing PASS activities (post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources, see Section III.2.1 for further details).

### **II.7.3.9 Missing Information: Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)**

#### Evidence source

Frail subjects with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders) are potentially at risk of developing a more severe manifestation of COVID-19, and as a consequence have been included as a

priority group for initial vaccination in several jurisdictions following vaccine availability. Although there is no evidence that the safety profile of this population receiving AZD1222 will be different to that of the general population, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded.

#### Population in need of further characterisation

Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders) is investigated in the ongoing PASS activity (a post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources; see Section III.2.1 for further details).

#### **II.7.3.10 Missing Information: Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders**

##### Evidence source

Subjects with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders are potentially at risk of developing a more severe manifestation of COVID-19, and as a consequence have been included as a priority group for initial vaccination in several jurisdictions following vaccine availability. There is no evidence from AZD1222 clinical studies to date that the safety profile of this population differs from that of the general population. However, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded.

#### Population in need of further characterisation

Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders is investigated in the ongoing PASS activity (a post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources; see Section III.2.1 for further details).

#### **II.7.3.11 Missing Information: Interactions with other vaccines**

##### Evidence source

There is currently limited information regarding the safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy of AZD1222 when co-administered with other vaccines concurrently seasonal illness vaccines. While there is currently no evidence to suggest the safety profile or efficacy of AZD1222 when co-administered with other vaccines would be impacted, given the paucity of data, the possibility of an interaction causing an altered safety profile or reduced efficacy of either AZD1222 or the co-administered vaccine cannot be excluded.

#### Population in need of further characterisation

The co-administration of AZD1222 with other vaccines (either together, or 30 days before or after administration) is investigated in the ongoing PASS activity (a post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources; see Section III.2.1 for further details). Vaccines to be evaluated include the influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.

### II.7.3.12 Missing Information: Long-term safety

#### Evidence source

Given the expedited nature of the AZD1222 clinical development programme, understanding of the long-term safety profile of AZD1222 is currently limited. However, there are no known risks with a potentially delayed onset, with the exception of the theoretical concern of VAED/VAERD. While there is currently no evidence to suspect an adverse long-term safety profile, given the paucity of data, the possibility cannot be excluded.

#### Population in need of further characterisation

Long-term safety will be evaluated through the ongoing PASS activity (a post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources; see Section III.2.1 for further details).

For the US study, long-term safety of AZD1222 has been evaluated through the 6-month data cut-off (31 July 2021). Relevant safety results through the 6-month data cut-off are presented for the Important identified risks and Important potential risks in section II.7.3. Overall, safety results at the final data cut-off (10 February 2023) were generally consistent with safety findings at the primary analysis, with no new or emerging safety issues identified.

## II.8 MODULE SVIII: SUMMARY OF THE SAFETY CONCERNS

A summary of safety concerns for AZD1222 is presented in [Table II-10](#).

**Table II-10 Summary of Safety Concerns**

Important identified risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Guillain-Barré syndrome</li> <li>• Venous thromboembolism (VTE)</li> </ul>
Important potential risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immune-mediated neurological conditions</li> <li>• Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)</li> </ul>
Missing information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding</li> <li>• Use in immunocompromised patients</li> <li>• Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)</li> <li>• Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders</li> <li>• Interactions with other vaccines</li> <li>• Long-term safety</li> </ul>

### III. PART III: PHARMACOVIGILANCE PLAN

#### III.1 ROUTINE PHARMACOVIGILANCE ACTIVITIES

AstraZeneca undertakes routine pharmacovigilance activities consistent with the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) E2E Pharmacovigilance Planning Guideline.

Routine pharmacovigilance activities (as defined by standard operating procedures and guidelines) are designed to rapidly assess the ongoing safety profile of AZD1222 throughout clinical development and in the post-authorisation period in order to characterise and communicate pertinent safety data appropriately. A comprehensive description of all aspects of the pharmacovigilance system is provided in the Pharmacovigilance System Master File, which is available upon request.

In addition to ICH requirements, AstraZeneca’s routine pharmacovigilance activities in relation to AZD1222 are also aligned with the measures described in GVP PI, GVP IX for vaccine surveillance, and recent regulatory guidance specific to vaccine risk management in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic ([EMA 2022](#), [MHRA 2020](#)). Routine surveillance activities to specifically address the challenges in the context of the pandemic are described in the sections below.

##### III.1.1 Signal Detection

Given the specific requirements of vaccines and the need to rapidly identify potential safety issues during the pandemic, routine signal detection activities are supplemented as described below.

Data sources that are used for signal detection and the frequency of their review are listed in [Table III-1](#).

**Table III-1 Data sources for signal detection and frequency of review**

Data Source	Frequency of review
AstraZeneca global safety database (SAPPHIRE), which includes Clinical Trial SAEs and all Post Marketing case reports received by AstraZeneca and License Partners (including special situation reports and case reports from the MHRA and EU [EudraVigilance])	Monthly
EudraVigilance Data Analysis System (EVDAS) Electronic Reaction Monitoring Report (eRMR)	Quarterly
US Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)	Monthly
Literature (Embase and Insight Meme)	Monthly
All Clinical Trial AEs from AZ and non-AZ sponsored studies	Monthly
Batch distribution data	Monthly

Due to the unique nature in which safety data are obtained for AZD1222 (both in methods of data collection and in volume of data), multiple methods for the evaluation of data retrieved from the above data sources are utilised for signal detection. These data sources are interrogated via a number of internal systems using a combination of quantitative and qualitative methodology. Further detail on both methodologies is provided below.

### **Quantitative methodology**

Disproportionality analysis using a targeted database: Due to the limited volume of vaccine cases within AstraZeneca's safety database, an external database (the US Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System [VAERS]) was chosen for application of disproportionality analysis due to its large and varied vaccine profile. Two proportionality reporting ratio scores from this analysis are produced: a hybrid ratio score, and a standard proportionality score. The difference between these scores is described below:

- Disproportionality analysis score using a Hybrid Proportional Reporting Ratio (hPRR) – AZD1222 safety data in AstraZeneca's safety database compared to all VAERS data.
- Disproportionality analysis score (Proportional Reporting Ratio [PRR]) using VAERS data alone - comparison of AZD1222 vaccine reports in VAERS to all VAERS data.

A ratio score of  $\geq 1.8$  is applied for events that require evaluation for both methods. A filter of 3 case minimum is applied and a Yates corrected chi-square  $\geq 4$  is also applied for both hPRR and PRR.

Disproportionality analysis using EudraVigilance: EudraVigilance data are downloaded and integrated into the AstraZeneca Global Safety Database on a daily basis. These data are included in the quarterly data review. Additionally, an eRMR is generated on a monthly basis and is included as a part of surveillance review. The eRMR report is generated using the Active Substance High Level value of 'COVID-19 VACCINE ASTRAZENECA (CHADOX1 NCOV-19)'. A series of filters are applied to the eRMR to identify events requiring review. Examples of these filters include events that are statistically significant ( $\text{RoR} > 1.0$ ), or are Important Medical Events, Designated Medical Events (DME) per the EMA, or have an increase in the number of reported cases.

### **Qualitative methodology**

Routine safety data review: Data from AstraZeneca's safety database are extracted in the form of specific reports covering the following categories of safety data (in which AZD1222 is captured as a suspect medication):

- All AEs; stratified by country, seriousness, and age group
- Fatal AEs
- Serious Unlisted AEs
- All AEs on AstraZeneca's DME list

- AESIs (including important potential risks) (see Section II.7.1 for further details of AESIs)
- Disease specific Standardised MedDRA Queries (SMQs)
- Pregnancy reports
- Special Situations (example: reports of medication error, overdose, lack of efficacy, and potential interactions with other vaccines administered concomitantly)

These reports are produced and reviewed monthly as part of routine surveillance activities. In addition, daily reports may be produced for cases not yet closed on the safety database to allow for early identification of any potential safety issue. Reports provide both in-period and cumulative event counts, and comparisons with previous event counts are conducted to determine if there are any sudden increases or unusual patterns of AE reporting, as population-level exposure to AZD1222 increases over time. Furthermore, these reports facilitate the identification of potential serious but rare adverse reactions that may be associated with AZD1222 use.

Batch-related adverse reactions: On a monthly basis, a report of AEs by batch number is generated and analysed against batch distribution data using an observed vs expected analysis model to identify batches with a higher number of AEs than expected being reported based on the volume distributed for that lot. Batches meeting the threshold for analysis are examined in further detail in order to identify any safety issues potentially related to the quality of AZD1222.

Time-series analysis: To aid in the identification of changes in case reporting over time, time-series analyses will be considered based on necessity, and subject to the availability of baseline data.

Observed versus expected (O/E) analysis: O/E analysis is conducted for events/medical concepts provided on the AESI list (see Section II.7.1). The stratified background rates publicly available from the ACCESS program and other industry groups collaborating with Vaccines Europe are analysed against the observed reports received in AstraZeneca's safety database, using distribution data and/or exposure data collected from EU member countries when made publicly available, on a 6 - monthly basis. However, to account for potential under reporting of AEs, sensitivity analysis is performed. Where appropriate, standard statistical testing methodology are also applied. To further enhance background rate identification additional literature review may be conducted if ACCESS data is insufficient or unavailable.

Time-to-onset analysis: An additional signal detection methodology currently under evaluation is time-to-onset analysis. This methodology will consider the amount of lapsed time from vaccine administration to event onset for a given event compared to onset time for all other vaccines for that event.

## Mixed methodology

*Cluster Analysis:* Cluster analyses will be performed on an ad hoc basis (where justified), based on the results of routine surveillance methods described above. Should a cluster analysis be performed as part of the signal detection process, this will be included in the Periodic Safety Update Report (see Section III.1.4). Justifications will be described for such analyses, and all PTs will be provided.

### III.1.1.1 Signal Evaluation

Any potential signal identified through the signal detection processes described in Section III.1.1 will be thoroughly evaluated (utilising all sources of data available) to validate the signal. This will include expanded analysis of all external regulatory database information (EudraVigilance, VigiBase, VAERS), SAPPHERE case data, literature publications, data from clinical studies, epidemiology data, and O/E analysis of the event(s) of interest. All validated signals will be presented in the PSUR (see Section III.1.4).

Following validation of any signal, a further internal safety review will be performed based on AstraZeneca's standard operating procedures. Following this, should there be a reasonable possibility of a causal relationship with AZD1222, appropriate updates will be made to the core product information, which will subsequently be shared with Competent Authorities through standard regulatory processes.

### III.1.2 ICSR Reporting

All ICSRs received for AZD1222 are processed and reported in accordance with the requirements specified in the EMA guidance document entitled 'Detailed Guidance on ICSRs in the context of COVID-19 - Validity and coding of ICSRs (EMA/174312/2020)' (EMA 2020c). Spontaneous cases of Confirmed Vaccination Failure<sup>2</sup> when AZD1222 is used in accordance with its authorisation, will be reported within the required 15 days of receipt.

For all AZD1222 ICSRs received, data regarding the subject, the reporter, the adverse reaction, suspect drug(s) and product batch number are proactively sought.

Additionally, for all AZD1222 ICSRs received other than non-serious listed ICSRs, further data including, but not limited to, the subject's medical history, concomitant medications, vaccination and reaction dates, and outcome are actively followed up.

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<sup>2</sup> Proposed definition for Confirmed Vaccination Failure with AZD1222: The occurrence of COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in a person who is appropriately and fully vaccinated following an incubation period of  $\geq 15$  days following the second dose of the vaccine.

A COVID-19 diagnosis is defined as: Virologically-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 (eg, RT-PCR) and at least 1 symptom of COVID-19 disease (eg, objective fever [defined as  $\geq 37.8$  °C], cough, shortness of breath, anosmia, or ageusia) or COVID-19 diagnosis stated/provided by the Physician.



Furthermore, in case of a suspected quality defect, detailed specific information regarding batch release specifications, expiry date(s), and distribution and administration-related data (eg, storage and handling conditions for vaccines in the healthcare institutions where vaccination took place) will also be requested.

### **III.1.3 Specific Adverse Reaction Follow-Up Questionnaires**

Targeted follow-up questionnaires are in place for important potential risks and AESIs.

Applicable targeted follow-up questionnaires for important identified and important potential risks are provided in Annex 4.

### **III.1.4 Summary Safety Reports**

PSURs will serve as the tool for discussion of any safety topics as well as other standard pharmacovigilance activities. The requirements for submission of PSURs for this medicinal product are set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and any subsequent updates published on the European medicines web-portal.

### **III.1.5 Enhanced Passive Surveillance**

Enhanced passive surveillance activities are not planned as other additional pharmacovigilance measures are in place (see Section [III.2.1](#)).

### **III.1.6 Traceability**

In order to facilitate traceability of batch numbers for pharmacovigilance signal detection and reporting purposes, stickers detailing relevant brand name and batch numbers are placed into all cartons of drug product at the Contract Manufacturing Organizations (CMO) packing sites. Two stickers are provided per dose; hence, 200 stickers are included in each carton (which has 100 doses based on 0.5 ml per dose), thereby providing stickers for both HCP and patient records. The vaccine carton labelling also includes a scannable 2D barcode that provides batch number and expiry date.

The stickers include the vaccine name (ie, '*COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca*' or '*Vaxzevria*'), the relevant batch number, and a 2D barcode. As AstraZeneca is using several CMOs for packing purposes, all with unique carton dimensions and size, stickers may vary in size; however, the number of stickers per dose (ie, 2) remains the same. Traceability instructions for HCPs are provided in the SmPC.

Where regional practices permit, the batch number for Vaxzevria, if not already provided, is systematically followed up for each post marketing ICSR. When available, batch information is included in the AstraZeneca global safety database.

AstraZeneca also makes available Traceability and Vaccination reminder cards for vaccinators to facilitate batch number traceability. These cards are designed to be completed at the time of vaccination and be given to the vaccinee. These cards may be used by Member States where alternative strategies (ie, the use of electronic records or national mandated vaccination cards) are unavailable. The Traceability and Vaccination reminder cards contain the following elements:

- Placeholder space for name of vaccinee
- Vaccine brand name and manufacturer name
- Placeholder space for due date and actual date of first and second doses, and space for batch/lot number
- A reminder to retain the card and to bring it to the appointment for the second dose of the vaccine; in addition to a reminder to save the card after the second dose
- QR code that links to a Marketing Authorisation Holder website with additional information on product use
- Placeholder for AE reporting information (national contact points)

At the time of initial vaccine availability, AstraZeneca will provide sufficient quantities of blank Traceability and Vaccination cards to vaccinators in Member States where alternative strategies are unavailable. These cards are also available on AstraZeneca websites, where required by National Competent Authorities.

## III.2 ADDITIONAL PHARMACOVIGILANCE ACTIVITIES

In order to obtain data to aid the further characterisation of the safety concerns described in Section II.7.3, a number of PASS activities are planned, which are presented in Section III.2.1. It is noted that in order to meet regulatory requirements, some of the planned PASS activities may be conducted under more than one localised protocol.

### III.2.1 Post Marketing safety studies

#### Pregnancy Registry

Study name and title:	Pregnancy Registry of Women Exposed to AZD1222 Immediately Before or During Pregnancy as part of the C-VIPER Registry Consortium (D8110C00003; Pregistry-sponsored).
Rationale and study objectives:	There are limited data on long term safety and health status in specific populations such as pregnant women. The study objective is to estimate the risk of the most common obstetric outcomes (pregnancy losses, placentation disorders, gestational diabetes, premature delivery, and COVID-19), neonatal outcomes (congenital anomalies, low birth weight for gestational age, neonatal intensive care unit admission, and COVID-19), and infant outcomes (height for age, weight for height, developmental milestones until one year of age, and COVID-19) among pregnant women exposed to AZD1222 from 30 days prior to

	the first day of the LMP to end of pregnancy and their offspring relative to a matched unexposed reference group.
Study design:	This study will utilise data from a prospective registry, C-VIPER, an international, prospective, observational cohort study of pregnant women vaccinated from 30 days prior to the first day of the LMP to end of pregnancy to prevent COVID-19. It includes follow-up of liveborn infants to one year of age. Women will be followed through the end of their pregnancy (ie, abortion, stillbirth, or live birth) and until the child reaches age 12 months.
Study population:	Women aged $\geq 18$ years old, who receive the AZD1222 vaccine at any time while they are pregnant or who become pregnant within a predefined period (eg, 30 days pre-LMP) after being vaccinated will be eligible for inclusion in the treated cohort. A minimum of 500 women exposed to AZD1222, including 200 exposed during the first trimester will be recruited. Unexposed women from IRCEP will be matched to AZD1222 exposed women from C-VIPER by country and gestational age at enrolment.
Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial Study Design Concept submission: 11 Dec 2020</li> <li>• Protocol submission: 27 Jan 2021</li> <li>• Start of study: 17 May 2021</li> <li>• First interim report / First quarterly update: 30 Sep 2021</li> <li>• Statistical analysis plan (SAP): 15 Jan 2022</li> <li>• Semi-annual report (period of 1 Jun to 30 Nov each year): Jan 2022/ Jan 2023</li> <li>• Quarterly update (period of 1 Dec to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb following year): Apr 2022</li> <li>• Annual update report (period of 1 June to 31 May following year): Jul 2022/Jul 2023/Jul 2024/Jul 2025</li> <li>• Final Report: Jul 2026</li> </ul>

### Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources

Study name and title:	A post-authorisation/post-marketing observational study to evaluate the association between exposure to AZD1222 and safety concerns using existing secondary health data sources and D8111R00006 [EU/UK].
Rationale and study objectives:	<p>The purpose of this study is to further define the incidence and relative risk of safety concerns and AESIs among adults vaccinated with AZD1222 and 3 different comparator cohorts: concurrent individuals who have not received any vaccination for COVID-19, active comparators (2 dose vaccinees only), and historical comparators – overall and in subpopulations of interest. The AZD1222 cohort will be matched, as applicable, independently to the 3 different comparator cohorts on calendar date of vaccination, age, sex, region, prior COVID 19, and status according to each of the five special populations. Matching will be done with replacement in a ratio of 1 vaccinated to 1 comparator subject. Where appropriate, the study will also use a self-controlled risk interval (SCRI) design.</p> <p>The primary study objectives are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To describe the baseline characteristics of all subjects in the matched population.</li> <li>2. To describe, among subjects who receive a first dose of AZD1222(i.e., in the all AZD1222 vaccinated first dose population), the timing and type of second dose of any COVID-19 vaccine (AZD1222 or other) over the study period.</li> <li>3. To describe the incidence rates (IRs) of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received at least 1 dose of AZD1222 in the matched population and subjects who</li> </ol>

	<p>did not receive any vaccination against COVID-19 (concurrent unvaccinated comparators) in the matched population.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. To estimate the relative and absolute risk of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received at least 1 dose of AZD1222 compared with concurrent unvaccinated comparators in the matched populations, using a retrospective cohort design and an SCRI design.</li> </ol> <p>The secondary study objectives are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To describe the baseline characteristics of all subjects in the matched population among the specific populations considered to have missing information.</li> <li>2. To describe, among subjects who receive a first dose of AZD1222, (i.e., in the all AZD1222 vaccinated first dose population), the timing and type of second dose of any COVID-19 vaccine (AZD1222 or other) over the study period among the specific populations considered to have missing information.</li> <li>3. To describe the IRs of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received at least 1 dose of AZD1222 in the matched population and subjects who did not receive any vaccination against COVID-19 (concurrent unvaccinated comparators) in the matched population, among the specific populations considered to have missing information.</li> <li>4. To estimate the relative and absolute risk of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received at least 1 dose of AZD1222 compared with concurrent unvaccinated comparators in the matched populations, among the specific populations considered to have missing information, using a retrospective cohort design and an SCRI design.</li> </ol> <p>Exploratory objectives are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To describe the IRs of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received an mRNA vaccine against COVID-19 (either Comirnaty or Spikevax) (active comparators) and in subjects from the pre-pandemic period (2017-2018) (historical comparators) in the matched population.</li> <li>2. To estimate the relative and absolute risk of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received at least 1 dose of AZD1222 in the matched population compared with historical comparators in the matched population.</li> <li>3. To estimate the relative and absolute risk of prespecified AESIs in subjects who received 2 doses of AZD1222 in the matched population compared with subjects who received 2 doses of active comparator (Comirnaty or Spikevax as per homologous vaccination regimen) in the matched population.</li> </ol>
<p>Study design/period:</p>	<p>This is a multinational, retrospective, longitudinal cohort study using population-based automated health care data to ascertain vaccination details, patient characteristics, and outcomes of interest.</p> <p>The study period will start on 04 January 2021, when the vaccine was first used in the UK, and will end approximately 24 months after it is introduced in the last country among participating data sources.</p>
<p>Study population:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The source population will comprise all individuals registered in each of the healthcare data sources.</li> <li>• The AZD1222 cohort will be identified based on the first vaccination with AZD1222 (index date).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A concurrent unvaccinated comparator cohort will be identified among subjects who have not received any vaccination for COVID-19 matched (to the extent possible) on the vaccinee's index date, age, sex, prior diagnosis of COVID-19, and status according to each of the 5 special populations.</li> <li>• The active comparator cohort will be identified based on the first second consecutive vaccination with an mRNA vaccine (Comirnaty or Spikevax) matched (to the extent possible) on the vaccinee's index date (second dose), age, sex, prior diagnosis of COVID-19, and status according to each of the 5 special populations.</li> <li>• A historical comparator cohort will be identified among subjects who were enrolled in the study data sources at any time during 2017 and 2018 matched on age, sex, and status according to each of the 5 special populations.</li> </ul>
Milestones:	<p>The milestones below are only for the D8111R00006 study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study Design Concept submission: 18 Dec 2020</li> <li>• Submission of study protocol: 01 Apr 2021</li> <li>• Submission of final study protocol: 15 Jul 2021</li> <li>• Statistical analysis plan submission: Nov 2021</li> <li>• Progress report: Oct 2021</li> <li>• Interim report 1: Apr 2022</li> <li>• Feasibility report for comparative analysis: August 2023</li> <li>• Final report of study results: Jun 2024</li> </ul>

### Post-marketing Effectiveness Study

Study name and title:	A post-authorization/post-marketing retrospective cohort study to evaluate the effectiveness of the AZD1222 vaccine to prevent serious COVID-19 infection in conditions of usual care (D8111R00005/ D8111R00017 [EU/UK]).
Rationale and study objectives:	<p>The effectiveness of vaccines in real-world setting may differ from efficacy estimated from clinical registration studies. At the time of regulatory approval, efficacy of AZD1222 will have been demonstrated in randomised clinical studies, but information about the effectiveness of this vaccine under real-world conditions will be lacking. One of the proposed approaches to address this is through a public-private partnership with COVIDRIVE, leveraging an existing brand-specific influenza vaccine effectiveness platform (DRIVE).</p> <p>The primary objective is to estimate brand specific vaccine effectiveness against laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 among (primarily) hospitalised patients, overall and by age group (eg, &lt; 18, 18 to 64 and ≥ 65 years old), after adjusting for potential confounders.</p>
Study design:	The current proposed study design is an observational, primary data, active-surveillance hospital-based and/or Primary Care study, following a pre-defined study design (eg, test-negative design), which will be carried out in each participating site. However, final study design and data collection methodology is an outstanding subject for consortium decision in the next period of the public-private partnership set-up.
Study population:	Patients fulfilling COVID-19 case definition (eg, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control [ECDC] definition) are enrolled at hospitals (or Primary Care) and tested for the virus of interest.
Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of consortium study protocol (D8111R00005 - directed by the COVIDRIVE consortium): Mar 2021.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of AstraZeneca-specific study protocol (D8111R00017): 30 Apr 2021</li> <li>• Submission of final AstraZeneca-specific study (D8111R00017): 15 Jul 2021</li> <li>• First interim report: Q2 2022</li> <li>• Second interim report: Q4 2022</li> <li>• Final Report: Q4 2023</li> </ul>
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### Thrombotic thrombocytopenia syndrome (D8111R00010)

Study name and title:	An assessment of a relationship between the exposure to COVID-19 vaccines and risk of thrombotic thrombocytopenia syndrome <sup>a</sup>
Rationale and study objectives:	A very rare syndrome of TTS has been reported following exposure to COVID-19 vaccine. No causal association with COVID-19 vaccination has yet been established. The objective of this study is to evaluate an association between COVID-19 vaccine exposure and the TTS.
Study design:	A retrospective study using linked secondary databases in England. Data for the definitive study accessed through the NHS Digital Trusted Research Environment (TRE), providing national data coverage. Primary care data will be linked with vaccination, hospitalization, COVID-19 test results, mortality data. Initial exploratory analyses will be conducted using the Oxford-Royal College of General Practitioners sentinel network, ORCHID network database. Two primary study designs will be considered, a case control study and a self-controlled case series (SCCS). A cohort analysis will be considered, in addition or as an alternative to either of the primary study designs, pending feasibility assessment of the follow-up time.
Study population:	All patients, in England who are present in the integrated health records of NHS Digital TRE and/or Oxford Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Informatics Digital Hub (ORCHID) database at the start of study period.
Milestones:	Progress report: Q1 2023 Submission of final study report: Q2 2024

<sup>a</sup> Thrombotic thrombocytopenia syndrome is also referred as Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome.

### Study D8110C00001

Study name and title:	Study D8110C00001 – A Phase III Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Multicenter Study in Adults to Determine the Safety, Efficacy, and Immunogenicity of AZD1222, a Non-replicating ChAdOx1 Vector Vaccine, for the Prevention of COVID-19.
Rationale and study objectives:	The primary objectives of this study are to estimate the efficacy of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo for the prevention of COVID-19 in adults $\geq 18$ years of age; to assess the safety and tolerability of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo in adults $\geq 18$ years of age; and to assess the reactogenicity of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo in adults $\geq 18$ years of age (Substudy only).
Study design:	This is an ongoing, Phase III randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled multicentre study assessing the safety, efficacy, and immunogenicity of AZD1222 compared to saline placebo for the prevention of COVID-19. Participants receive 2 IM doses of either AZD1222 or saline placebo, 4 weeks apart, on Days 1 and 29. All participants

	will remain on study for 2 years following administration of first dose of study intervention (Day 730). This study is being conducted in the USA, Chile, and Peru.
Study population:	Adult participants $\geq 18$ years of age who are healthy or have medically stable chronic diseases, and are at increased risk for SARS-CoV-2 acquisition and COVID-19.
Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Primary efficacy analysis: Q2 2021</li><li>• Final study report due: Q4 2023.</li></ul>

### **III.3 SUMMARY TABLE OF ADDITIONAL PHARMACOVIGILANCE ACTIVITIES**

A summary of the studies and activities included in the pharmacovigilance plan is provided in [Table III-2](#).

**Table III-2 Ongoing and planned additional pharmacovigilance activities**

Study name / title Status	Study code	Summary of activity objectives	Safety concerns addressed	Milestones	Due dates
<b>Category 3 – Required additional pharmacovigilance activities</b>					
Pregnancy Registry  Pregnancy Registry of Women Exposed to AZD1222 Immediately Before or During Pregnancy as Part of the C-VIPER Registry Consortium.  <u>Status:</u> Ongoing	D8110C00003 (Pregistry-sponsored)	To estimate the risk of the most common obstetric outcomes (pregnancy losses, placentation disorders, gestational diabetes, premature delivery, and COVID-19), neonatal outcomes (congenital anomalies, low birth weight for gestational age, neonatal intensive care unit admission, and COVID-19), and infant outcomes (height for age, weight for height, developmental milestones until one year of age, and COVID-19) among pregnant women exposed to AZD1222 from 30 days prior to the first day of the LMP to end of pregnancy and their offspring relative to a matched unexposed reference group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use during pregnancy-and while breastfeeding</li> </ul>	Initial Study Design Concept submission  Protocol submission  Start of study  First interim report / First quarterly update  SAP  Semi-annual report  Quarterly update  Annual Update  Final report	11 Dec 2020  27 Jan 2021  17 May 2021  30 Sep 2021  15 Jan 2022  Jan 2022/ Jan 2023  Apr 2022  Jul 2022/Jul 2023/Jul 2024/Jul 2025  Jul 2026
D8110C00001	D8110C00001	To estimate the efficacy of 2 IM doses of AZD1222	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome</li> </ul>	Primary efficacy analysis	Q2 2021



**Table III-2 Ongoing and planned additional pharmacovigilance activities**

Study name / title Status	Study code	Summary of activity objectives	Safety concerns addressed	Milestones	Due dates
A Phase III Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Multicentre Study in Adults to Determine the Safety, Efficacy, and Immunogenicity of AZD1222, a Non-replicating ChAdOx1 Vector Vaccine, for the Prevention of COVID-19  <u>Status</u> : Ongoing		compared to placebo for the prevention of COVID-19 in adults $\geq$ 18 years of age  To assess the safety and tolerability of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo in adults $\geq$ 18 years of age  To assess the reactogenicity of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo in adults $\geq$ 18 years of age (Sub study only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrombosis</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Guillain-Barré syndrome</li> <li>• Immune-mediated neurological conditions</li> <li>• Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)</li> <li>• Long-term safety</li> </ul>	Final report	Q4 2023
Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources  A post- authorisation/post-marketing observational study to evaluate the association between exposure to	D8111R00006 (EU/UK)	To evaluate the incidence and relative risk of safety concerns and AESIs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome</li> <li>• Thrombosis*</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Guillain-Barré syndrome</li> <li>• Immune-mediated neurological conditions</li> <li>• Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)</li> <li>• Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding</li> </ul>	Study Design Concept submission	18 Dec 2020
				Protocol submission	01 Apr 2021
				Final protocol submission	15 July 2021
				Statistical analysis plan submission	Nov 2021
				Progress report	Oct 2021
				Interim report 1	Apr 2022

**Table III-2 Ongoing and planned additional pharmacovigilance activities**

Study name / title Status	Study code	Summary of activity objectives	Safety concerns addressed	Milestones	Due dates
AZD1222 and safety concerns using existing secondary health data sources.  <u>Status</u> : Ongoing			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use in immunocompromised patients</li> <li>• Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)</li> <li>• Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders</li> <li>• Interactions with other vaccines</li> <li>• Long-term safety</li> </ul>	Feasibility report for comparative analysis	Aug 2023
				Final report of study results	Jun 2024
Post-marketing effectiveness study Post-authorisation/ Post-marketing retrospective cohort study to evaluate the effectiveness of the AZD1222 vaccine to prevent serious COVID-19 infection in conditions of usual care through public-private partnership with COVIDRIVE utilizing primary data collected prospectively through	D8111R00005 Master Protocol (EU/UK) D8111R00017 AZ protocol (EU/UK)	To estimate brand specific vaccine effectiveness against laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 in hospitalized patients, overall and by age group (< 18, 18-64 and ≥ 65 years old), after adjusting for potential confounders.	<i>Not applicable</i>	Protocol submission (D8111R00005), Directed by COVIDRIVE consortium	Mar 2021
				Protocol submission (D8111R00017), AstraZeneca-specific study protocol	30 Apr 2021
				Protocol submission (D8111R00017), AstraZeneca-specific final study protocol	15 Jul 2021
				First interim report (D8111R00017)	Q2 2022

**Table III-2 Ongoing and planned additional pharmacovigilance activities**

<b>Study name / title Status</b>	<b>Study code</b>	<b>Summary of activity objectives</b>	<b>Safety concerns addressed</b>	<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Due dates</b>
the COVIDRIVE platform.  <u>Status: Ongoing</u>				Second interim report (D8111R00017)	Q4 2022
				Final report (D8111R00017)	Q4 2023
D8111R00010 An assessment of a relationship between the exposure to COVID-19 vaccines and risk of thrombotic thrombocytopenia syndrome <u>Status: Ongoing</u>	D8111R00010	To evaluate an association between COVID-19 vaccine exposure and thromboembolic events occurring with thrombocytopenia (thrombotic thrombocytopenia syndrome; TTS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome;</li> </ul>	Progress report          Final Study report	Q1 2023          Q2 2024

\*including venous thromboembolism (VTE)

## IV. PART IV: PLANS FOR POST-AUTHORISATION EFFICACY STUDIES

Not applicable.

## V. PART V: RISK MINIMISATION MEASURES

### V.1 ROUTINE RISK MINIMISATION MEASURES

A summary of routine risk minimisation measures per safety concern are provided in [Table V-1](#).

**Table V-1 Description of routine risk minimisation measures by safety concern**

Safety concern	Routine risk minimisation activities
<b>Important Identified Risks</b>	
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome	<p>Routine risk communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.3, 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>PL Section 4</li> </ul> <p>Routine risk minimisation activities recommending specific clinical measures to address the risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Sections 4.3 and 4.4</li> <li>PL Section 2 and 4</li> </ul>
Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia	<p>Routine risk communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.8</li> <li>PL Section 4</li> </ul> <p>Routine risk minimisation activities recommending specific clinical measures to address the risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.4</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Guillain-Barré syndrome	<p>Routine risk communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.8</li> <li>PL Section 4</li> </ul> <p>Routine risk minimisation activities recommending specific clinical measures to address the risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.4</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Venous thromboembolism	<p>Routine risk communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC section 4.8</li> <li>PL section 4</li> </ul> <p>Routine risk minimisation activities recommending specific clinical measures to address the risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC section 4.4.</li> <li>PL section 2</li> </ul>

**Table V-1 Description of routine risk minimisation measures by safety concern**

Safety concern	Routine risk minimisation activities
<b>Important Potential Risks</b>	
Immune-mediated neurological conditions	Routine risk minimisation activities recommending specific clinical measures to address the risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC section 4.4</li> <li>• PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)	None
<b>Missing Information</b>	
Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding	Routine risk communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Section 4.6</li> <li>• PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Use in immunocompromised patients	Routine risk communication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Section 4.4</li> <li>• PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)	None
Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders	None
Interactions with other vaccines	Routine risk communication: SmPC Section 4.5 PL Section 2
Long-term safety	None

## V.2 ADDITIONAL RISK MINIMISATION MEASURES

Routine risk minimisation activities as described in Part V.1 are sufficient to manage the safety concerns of the medicinal product.

## V.3 SUMMARY OF RISK MINIMISATION MEASURES

**Table V-2 Summary table of pharmacovigilance activities and risk minimisation activities by safety concern**

Safety concern	Risk minimisation measures	Pharmacovigilance activities
<b>Important Identified Risks</b>		
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome	Routine risk minimisation measures:	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection:

**Table V-2 Summary table of pharmacovigilance activities and risk minimisation activities by safety concern**

Safety concern	Risk minimisation measures	Pharmacovigilance activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>• PL Sections 2 and 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaire</li> </ul> Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D8111R00010</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul>
Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8</li> </ul> PL Sections 2 and 4	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaire</li> </ul> Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul>
Guillain-Barré syndrome	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8</li> </ul> PL Sections 2 and 4	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaire</li> </ul> Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul>
Venous thromboembolism	Routine risk minimisation measures: SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8 PL Sections 2 and 4	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection: Specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaire. Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU]).</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul>
<b>Important Potential Risks</b>		
Immune-mediated neurological conditions	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>• PL Section 2 and 4</li> </ul>	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaire</li> </ul> Additional pharmacovigilance activities:

**Table V-2 Summary table of pharmacovigilance activities and risk minimisation activities by safety concern**

Safety concern	Risk minimisation measures	Pharmacovigilance activities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>D8110C00001</li> </ul>
Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)	None	<p>Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaire</li> </ul> <p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>D8110C00001</li> </ul>
<b>Missing Information</b>		
Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding	<p>Routine risk minimisation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.6</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>	<p>Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pregnancy Registry (D8110C00003)</li> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul>
Use in immunocompromised patients	<p>Routine risk minimisation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.4</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>	<p>Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul>
Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)	None	<p>Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul>
Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorder	None	<p>Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> <p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p>

**Table V-2 Summary table of pharmacovigilance activities and risk minimisation activities by safety concern**

Safety concern	Risk minimisation measures	Pharmacovigilance activities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul>
Interactions with other vaccines	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.5</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> Additional pharmacovigilance activities: Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])
Long-term safety	None	Routine pharmacovigilance activities beyond adverse reactions reporting and signal detection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul> Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>D8110C00001</li> </ul>

## VI. PART VI: SUMMARY OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AZD1222

### Summary of Risk Management Plan for VAXZEVRIA (previously COVID-19 vaccine AstraZeneca) (AZD1222; ChAdOx1-S [recombinant])

This is a summary of the risk management plan (RMP) for Vaxzevria (previously COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, also referred to as AZD1222). The RMP details important risks of Vaxzevria, how these risks can be minimised, and how more information will be obtained about Vaxzevria's risks and uncertainties (missing information).

Vaxzevria's Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) and its package leaflet give essential information to healthcare professionals and patients on how Vaxzevria should be used.

This summary of the RMP for Vaxzevria should be read in the context of all this information including the assessment report of the evaluation and its plain-language summary, all which is part of the European Public Assessment Report (EPAR).

Important new concerns or changes to the current ones will be included in updates of Vaxzevria's RMP.



## **VI.1 THE MEDICINE AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR**

Vaxzevria is authorised for active immunisation to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS CoV 2, in individuals 18 years of age and older. It contains Chimpanzee Adenovirus encoding the SARS CoV 2 Spike glycoprotein (ChAdOx1-S) as the active substance, and it is given by intramuscular injection only, preferably in the deltoid muscle.

Further information about the evaluation of Vaxzevria's benefits can be found in Vaxzevria's EPAR, including in its plain-language summary, available on the European Medicines Agency website, under the medicine's webpage:

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/human/EPAR/vaxzevria-previously-covid-19-vaccine-astrazeneca>.

## **VI.2 RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEDICINE AND ACTIVITIES TO MINIMISE OR FURTHER CHARACTERISE THE RISKS**

Important risks of Vaxzevria, together with measures to minimise such risks and the proposed studies for learning more about Vaxzevria's risks, are outlined below.

Measures to minimise the risks identified for medicinal products can be:

- Specific information, such as warnings, precautions, and advice on correct use, in the package leaflet and SmPC addressed to patients and healthcare professionals
- Important advice on the medicine's packaging
- The authorised pack size - the amount of medicine in a pack is chosen so to ensure that the medicine is used correctly
- The medicine's legal status - the way a medicine is supplied to the patient (eg, with or without prescription) can help to minimise its risks.

Together, these measures constitute routine risk minimisation measures.

In addition to these measures, information about adverse reactions is collected continuously and regularly analysed, including Periodic Safety Update Report (PSUR) assessment, so that immediate action can be taken as necessary. These measures constitute *routine pharmacovigilance activities*.

If important information that may affect the safe use of Vaxzevria is not yet available, it is listed under 'missing information' below.

### **VI.2.1 List of important risks and missing information**

Important risks of Vaxzevria are risks that need special risk management activities to further investigate or minimise the risk, so that the medicinal product can be safely administered.

Important risks can be regarded as identified or potential. Identified risks are concerns for which there is sufficient proof of a link with the use of Vaxzevria. Potential risks are concerns for which an association with the use of this medicine is possible based on available data, but this association has not been established yet and needs further evaluation. Missing information refers to information on the safety of the medicinal product that is currently missing and needs to be collected (eg, on the long-term use of the medicine).

**Table VI-1 List of important risks and missing information**

Important identified risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Guillain-Barré syndrome</li> <li>• Venous Thromboembolism</li> </ul>
Important potential risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Immune-mediated neurological conditions</li> <li>▲ Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)</li> </ul>
Missing Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding</li> <li>• Use in immunocompromised patients</li> <li>• Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)</li> <li>• Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders</li> <li>• Interactions with other vaccines</li> <li>• Long-term safety</li> </ul>

## VI.2.2 Summary of important risks

**Table VI-2 Important identified risk: Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome**

Evidence for linking the risk to the medicine	Very rare events of serious thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) (including fatal events), have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use. There have been no reports of TTS in the AZD1222 clinical development programme.
Risk factors and risk groups	There are no known risk factors for the development of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following vaccination.
Risk minimisation measures	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>• PL Sections 2 and 4</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D8111R00010</li> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul> See Section <a href="#">VI.2.3</a> of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-3 Important identified risk: Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

Evidence for linking the risk to the medicine	Very rare cases of thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use
Risk factors and risk groups	There are no known risk factors for the development of thrombocytopenia following vaccination. In general, individuals with a history of thrombocytopenic disorder, such as immune thrombocytopenia, the risk of developing low platelet levels should be considered before administering the vaccine and platelet monitoring is recommended after vaccination as described in Section 4.4 of the SmPC
Risk minimisation measures	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>PL Sections 2 and 4</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>D8110C00001</li> </ul> See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-4 Important identified risk: Guillain-Barré syndrome**

Evidence for linking the risk to the medicine	In the US study (D8110C00001), 1 SAE of a demyelinating event initially reported as Guillain-Barre syndrome occurred in a participant enrolled in the AZD1222 group. The SAE of GBS was subsequently amended to an SAE of Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy. Very rare events of GBS have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use.
Risk factors and risk groups	There are no known risk factors for the development of GBS following vaccination. In general, infection with the bacteria <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> is one of the most common risk factors for GBS. People also can develop GBS after having the flu or other infections such as cytomegalovirus and Epstein-Barr virus. On very rare occasions, people develop GBS in the days or weeks after getting a vaccination (CDC, 2019).
Risk minimisation measures	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>PL Sections 2 and 4</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>D8110C00001</li> </ul>

**Table VI-4 Important identified risk: Guillain-Barré syndrome**

	See Section <a href="#">VI.2.3</a> of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.
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**Table VI-5 Important identified risk: Venous thromboembolism**

Evidence for linking the risk to the medicine	Very rare events of serious VTE, including thrombosis with and without co-reported thrombocytopenia and thrombosis in unusual sites associated with rapid decline in platelet count known as TTS, have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use
Risk factors and risk groups	There are no known risk factors identified for the development of VTE following vaccination.
Risk minimisation measures	Routine risk minimisation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Sections 4.4 and 4.8</li> <li>• PL Sections 2 and 4</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul> See Section <a href="#">VI.2.3</a> of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-6 Important potential risk: Immune-mediated neurological conditions**

Evidence for linking the risk to the medicine	The association between vaccines and acute demyelinating events has been assessed in a range of studies and expert reviews, including a population-based analysis of nearly 64 million vaccine doses in the United States, which concluded that if there is an association between transverse myelitis and vaccines, it is < 2 per million doses of live-zoster and live-attenuated influenza vaccines, and < 1 per million doses for other vaccines. Moreover, demyelinating diseases occur more frequently with infections than with vaccination. Taken together, the evidence is inconclusive regarding a causal relation between contemporary vaccines and acute demyelinating events.  Overall, there have been no clinically meaningful imbalances in the incidence of neurological AESIs between the AZD1222 and control groups in the AZD1222 clinical development programme.  Very rare events of immune-mediated neurological conditions have been observed following vaccination with AZD1222 during post-authorisation use.
Risk factors and risk groups	There are no known risk factors for the development of neurological conditions following vaccination.
Risk minimisation measures	SmPC Section 4.4 and 4.8, PL section 2 and 4

Additional pharmacovigilance activities	<p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul> <p>See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.</p>
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**Table VI-7 Important potential risk: Vaccine-associated enhanced disease (VAED), including vaccine-associated enhanced respiratory disease (VAERD)**

Evidence for linking the risk to the medicine	<p>There is a theoretical concern that vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 may be associated with enhanced severity of COVID-19 episodes which would manifest as VAED/VAERD. Vaccine-associated enhanced disease was observed in children given formalin-inactivated whole-virus vaccines against respiratory syncytial virus and measles virus, and findings from experimental models of SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV infection suggest that VAED/VAERD may be possible in certain conditions.</p> <p>Overall, there is no evidence of an association between AZD1222 and VAED/VAERD; proportionally more AESIs related to COVID-19 have occurred in the control/placebo groups than among AZD1222 recipients in the AZD1222 clinical development programme.</p> <p>There have been no confirmed post-marketing reports of VAED/VAERD.</p>
Risk factors and risk groups	There are no known risk factors identified for VAED/VAERD.
Risk minimisation measures	None
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	<p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul> <p>See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.</p>

**Table VI-8 Missing information: Use during pregnancy and while breastfeeding**

Risk minimisation measures	<p>Routine risk minimisation measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SmPC Section 4.6</li> <li>• PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	<p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnancy Registry (D8110C00003)</li> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul> <p>See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.</p>

**Table VI-9 Missing information: Use in immunocompromised patients**

Risk minimisation measures	Routine risk minimisation measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.4</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul> See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-10 Missing information: Use in frail patients with co-morbidities (eg, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease, cardiovascular disorders)**

Risk minimisation measures	None
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul> See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-11 Missing information: Use in patients with autoimmune or inflammatory disorders**

Risk minimisation measures	None
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul> See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-12 Missing information: Interactions with other vaccines**

Risk minimisation measures	Routine risk minimisation measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmPC Section 4.5</li> <li>PL Section 2</li> </ul>
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	Additional pharmacovigilance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> </ul> See Section VI.2.3 of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.

**Table VI-13 Missing information: Long-term safety**

Risk minimisation measures	None
Additional pharmacovigilance activities	<p>Additional pharmacovigilance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-marketing observational study using existing secondary health data sources (D8111R00006 [EU])</li> <li>• D8110C00001</li> </ul> <p>See Section <a href="#">VI.2.3</a> of this summary for an overview of the post-authorisation development plan.</p>

### VI.2.3 Post-authorisation development plan

Studies and activities in the post authorisation development plan are as follows:

#### **Study D8110C00001 – A Phase III Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Multicentre Study in Adults to Determine the Safety, Efficacy, and Immunogenicity of AZD1222, a Non-replicating ChAdOx1 Vector Vaccine, for the Prevention of COVID-19.**

*Purpose of the study:* The primary objectives of this study are to estimate the efficacy of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo for the prevention of COVID-19 in adults  $\geq 18$  years of age; to assess the safety and tolerability of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo in adults  $\geq 18$  years of age; and to assess the reactogenicity of 2 IM doses of AZD1222 compared to placebo in adults  $\geq 18$  years of age (Substudy only).

#### **Registry of Women Exposed to AZD1222 Immediately Before or During Pregnancy as part of the C-VIPER Registry Consortium (D8110C00003; Pregistry-sponsored)**

*Purpose of the study:* The study objective is to estimate the risk of the most common obstetric outcomes (pregnancy losses, placentation disorders, gestational diabetes, premature delivery, and COVID-19), neonatal outcomes (congenital anomalies, low birth weight for gestational age, neonatal intensive care unit admission, and COVID-19), and infant outcomes (height for age, weight for height, developmental milestones until one year of age, and COVID-19) among pregnant women exposed to AZD1222 from 30 days prior to the first day of the LMP to end of pregnancy and their offspring relative to a matched unexposed reference group.

#### **A post-authorisation/post-marketing observational study to evaluate the association between exposure to AZD1222 and safety concerns using existing secondary health data source (D8111R00006 [EU/UK])**

*Purpose of the study:* The study objective is to evaluate the incidence and relative risk of safety concerns and adverse events of special interest (AESIs).

**An assessment of a relationship between the exposure to COVID-19 vaccines and risk of thrombotic thrombocytopenia syndrome**

*Purpose of the study:* To investigate the association of vaccine exposure with venous thrombotic events and thrombocytopenia using multiple study design approaches.

**A post-authorization/post-marketing retrospective cohort study to evaluate the effectiveness of the AZD1222 vaccine to prevent serious COVID-19 infection in conditions of usual care (D8111R00005 [EU/UK])**

*Purpose of the study:* The primary objective is to estimate brand specific vaccine effectiveness against laboratory-confirmed SARS CoV-2 among (primarily) hospitalized patients, overall and by age group (eg, < 18, 18 to 64 and  $\geq$  65 years old), after adjusting for potential confounders.



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**EU RMP Part VII Annex 4**

Drug Substance ChAdOx1-S (recombinant) (AZD1222)

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**EUROPEAN UNION RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (EU RMP) FOR VAXZEVRIA  
(ChAdOx1-S [RECOMBINANT])**

**Part VII Annex 4 - Specific Adverse Drug Reaction Follow-Up Forms**

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## **1. SPECIFIC ADVERSE DRUG REACTION FOLLOW-UP FORMS**

The following specific adverse reaction follow-up questionnaires\* will be used to collect further information on important identified and potential risks:

- Questionnaire (VAXZEVRIA) – Thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia, Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome [TTS]/ Embolic and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia
- Questionnaire (VAXZEVRIA) – Immune-mediated neurological conditions
- Questionnaire (VAXZEVRIA) – COVID-19/ Vaccine failure and including Vaccine-associated enhanced (respiratory) disease (VAED/VAERD)/ Anosmia/ Ageusia

\*Subject to national health authority agreement



**Questionnaire for Thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia,  
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)/**

**Embolc and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

AZ Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_  
AZ Case ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Reporter's Information**

Reporter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Reporter a healthcare professional?  No  Yes, If yes, please provide specialty: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Patient's Details**

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender at birth:  Male  Female Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Age (years): \_\_\_\_\_  
For female, currently Pregnant?:  No  Yes

Race:  White  Black or African American  Native American  Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian  Asian  Other  Refused or Unknown  
Ethnic Group:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  Unknown

**3. Adverse Event Details**

Adverse Event(s)	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Outcome
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae. If yes, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae. If yes, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

*In the event of Death, please provide the cause of death (please provide copy of autopsy report, if available).* Was the patient hospitalized for Thrombosis, Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome or Thrombocytopenia?  No  Yes

Please tick appropriate diagnosis; If yes, please could you provide the following further information, if available:

- Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (Date DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_
- Thrombosis (Date DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_
- Thromocytopenia (platelet count <150 X 109/L) (Date DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

How was thrombosis diagnosed?

Imaging study:

- Ultrasound -Doppler
- Computed Tomography (CT scan)
- Magnetic resonance venography/arteriography (MRV/MRA)
- Echocardiogram
- Perfusion V/Q scan
- Conventional angiography/Digital subtraction angiography

Others, please specify the details \_\_\_\_\_

Surgical (Procedure that confirms the presence of a thrombus (e.g. Thrombectomy):  
Please specify the details: \_\_\_\_\_

Pathology (consistent with thrombosis/thromboembolism including biopsy or autopsy):  
Please specify the details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide details about the site of Thrombosis (please check all that is applicable. Also provide the date of diagnosis)**

- Arterial thrombosis
- Venous thrombosis
- Small vessels thrombosis
- Cerebral thrombosis
- Cerebrovascular venous sinus thrombosis
- Splanchnic vein thrombosis
- Coronary thrombosis
- Pulmonary thrombosis (emboli or thrombosis)
- Leg extremities thrombosis
- Hepatic thrombosis
- Renal thrombosis
- Ocular thrombosis
- Adrenal thrombosis

**Questionnaire for Thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia,  
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)**

**/Embollic and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

AZ Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_  
AZ Case ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

*Others please specify:*

**Please provide details of bleeding events**

- Purpura
- Bruising
- Non palpable petechiae
- Epistaxis (bleeding from nose)
- Gingival bleeding
- Gastro-intestinal bleeding
- Intra-cranial bleeding
- Other bleeding, specify:

Please check below if the patient had any of the signs and symptoms

<p><b>Neurological:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures If seizures, please specify type _____ No of episodes: _____ Duration of longest seizure episode: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Photophobia <input type="checkbox"/> blurred vision <input type="checkbox"/> double vision <input type="checkbox"/> sudden visual loss <input type="checkbox"/> temporary loss of vision in one eye <input type="checkbox"/> Unconsciousness <input type="checkbox"/> Altered mental status	<p><b>Cardiovascular/Respiratory:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain/discomfort <input type="checkbox"/> Palpitations <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Dyspnoea</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Cyanosis <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory failure	<p><b>Gastrointestinal and hepatic system</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain	<p><b>Muscular:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> pain in legs <input type="checkbox"/> difficulty walking <input type="checkbox"/> instability <input type="checkbox"/> paralysis with weak muscles <input type="checkbox"/> problems with coordination <input type="checkbox"/> paralysis of one side of the body <p><b>Speech:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> difficulty speaking <input type="checkbox"/> slurred speech	<p><b>General:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> lightheadedness <p><b>Sensory</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> pins and needles <input type="checkbox"/> reduced sensation of touch <input type="checkbox"/> numbness
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If any other signs and symptoms, please, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Were there any complications caused by the Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome / Embollic and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia?

- No  Yes

*If 'Yes', please provide a brief statement of complications:*

**4. COVID-19 Vaccine**

**Dose 1 received:**  No  Yes Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_ Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this covid-19 vaccine AstraZeneca:  No  Yes If no, name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dose 2 received:**  No  Yes Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_ Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this covid-19 vaccine AstraZeneca :  No  Yes If no, name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine received after 1 dose or 2 dose series of COVID 19 vaccine:**  No  Yes

Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_ Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Questionnaire for Thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia,  
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)**

**/Embolic and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

AZ Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_  
AZ Case ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. How was the patient treated?**

Was treatment provided?  No  Yes

**Please specify the details of the treatment (including dose/start date):**

Anticoagulant drugs

Intravenous immunoglobulin

Platelet transfusions

Plasma exchange

**Others please specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Other Suspect Drugs**  
*Please only include other drugs you consider to be causally related to the adverse event(s) and not concomitant medications.*

Suspect Drug Name	Indication	Daily Dosage	Route	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Was suspect drug withdrawn?
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

If any of the above drugs were stopped, did the event(s) improve after stopping?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable, If applicable, please provide Date Drug was Stopped/Altered (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Did the event(s) reoccur after reintroduction?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable, If applicable, please provide Date Drug was Reintroduced (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Concomitant Drugs/ Vaccines** (Non Covid Vaccines administered in the last 4 weeks) *Please exclude drugs used to treat the event(s). List all medications taken by the patient, including over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and herbal preparations.*

Concomitant Drug Name/ Concomitant Vaccine	Indication	For vaccines please enter Batch/Lot #	Daily Dosage	Route	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Was concomitant drug withdrawn?
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

**8. Please provide information on Relevant Medical History/Concurrent Diseases/ Treatments**

Medical History		Start Date (if applicable) (DD/MM/YY)	Stop date (if applicable) (DD/MM/YY)
Previous thrombotic/embolic event	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
History of Covid-19 (please provide the date of diagnosis)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
CNS tumor/metastases	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Haemophilia/other coagulation disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
History of Heparin induced Thrombocytopenia	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
History of Primary immune thrombocytopenia/ Thrombocytopenia	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
History of Drug induced immune thrombocytopenia	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Anticoagulation / previous heparin use	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Therapeutic thrombolysis	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Sickle cell disease	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Disseminated intravascular coagulation	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		

**Questionnaire for Thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia,  
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)**

**/Embolic and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

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AZ Case ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Cancer with disseminated intravascular coagulation	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Cancer with bone marrow infiltration or suppression (eg, lymphoma, leukemia, some solid tumors)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Renal failure	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Liver failure	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Hypersplenism due to chronic liver disease	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Valvular heart disease	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Atrial fibrillation	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Atherosclerosis	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Ischaemic heart disease	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Endocarditis	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Sudden hypotension	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Peripheral vascular disease	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Inflammatory vascular disease	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Diabetes mellitus	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Infections (eg HIV, Hepatitis C, Intracellular parasites)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Sepsis	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Rheumatologic/autoimmune disorders (eg, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Trauma	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Nutrient deficiencies (eg, vitamin B12, folate, copper)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Myelodysplasia	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Surgical procedures	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Obesity	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Alcohol consumption	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Tobacco smoking	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		

Other, please specify:

**Were there any adverse events experienced with the previous Covid -19 vaccines, if yes, please provide the details (including date of vaccination, date of event, treatment and outcome of the event):**

**9. Laboratory Results- Before/During/After Treatment** Please provide details of the relevant lab tests as applicable (attach results if available).

Test	Date (DD/MM/YY)	Results
Complete blood count (CBC)		
Platelet count (before vaccination)		
Platelet count (after vaccination) – please provide details of all the values		
Peripheral blood smear		
Bone marrow biopsy		
Blood group (Rh)		
Direct antiglobulin test		
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)		
Serum C-reactive protein (CRP)		
Prothrombin time (PT)		
Activated partial thromboplastin time (APTT)		
Heparin-induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT) PF4 Antibody : Immunoassay (AcusStar)		



**Questionnaire for Thrombosis in combination with thrombocytopenia,  
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**/Embolic and thrombotic events (Thrombosis)/ Thrombocytopenia, including immune thrombocytopenia**

AZ Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_  
AZ Case ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Heparin-induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT) PF4 Antibody ELISA		
PF4-serotonin release assay		
D-dimers, fibrinogen levels		
Serum anti-platelet antibodies		
Partial thromboplastin time (PTT)		
INR		
Total cholesterol		
Anticardiolipin (ELISA) IgM		
Anticardiolipin (ELISA) IgG		
Anti-beta 2 glycoprotein I		
Anti-prothrombin		
H pylori, HIV, HCV		
Random / Fasted blood glucose		
Ultrasound (e.g. carotid, cardiac)		
ECG		
MRI		
CT		
Cerebral angiography		
Other, please specify: Please provide and attach results of any relevant laboratory and diagnostic procedures performed, if available:		

**Thank you for completing this form.**

**1. Reporter's Information**

Reporter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Reporter a healthcare professional?  No  Yes, If yes, please provide specialty: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Reporter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Patient's Details**

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender at birth:  Male  Female Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Age (years): \_\_\_\_\_  
For female, currently Pregnant?:  No  Yes

Race:  White  Black or African American  Native American  Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian  Asian  Other  Refused or Unknown  
Ethnic Group:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  Unknown

**3. Adverse Event Details**

Adverse Event(s)	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Outcome
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

In the event of Death, please provide the cause of death (please provide copy of autopsy report, if available).  
Was the patient hospitalized for the event(s)?  No  Yes

Please tick appropriate diagnosis:

Guillain-Barré syndrome  
 Multiple sclerosis  
 Optic neuritis  
 Myelitis Transverse  
 Other demyelinating disease (provide details) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Encephalitis  
 Encephalopathy  
 Paraesthesia/hypoaesthesia

Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**What signs and symptoms did the patient experience?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Leg weakness	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac arrhythmias	<input type="checkbox"/> Lethargy	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Paraparesis
<input type="checkbox"/> Facial paralysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Delirium	<input type="checkbox"/> Meningismus	<input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of deep tendon reflexes	<input type="checkbox"/> Neck stiffness	<input type="checkbox"/> Confusional State	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory loss	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory muscle involvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowel/Bladder dysfunction	<input type="checkbox"/> Photophobia	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreased level of consciousness	<input type="checkbox"/> Paraesthesia	<input type="checkbox"/> Spasticity
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood pressure fluctuation/orthostatic drop	<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures If seizures, please specify type _____ No of episodes: _____ Duration of longest seizure episode: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive dysfunction (Attention span Concentration, Memory, Judgement)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypoaesthesia	<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle cramping secondary to spasticity
<input type="checkbox"/> Ataxia		<input type="checkbox"/> Motor dysfunction	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemiparesis	

Were there any complications caused by the above event(s)?  No  Yes  
If 'Yes', please provide a brief statement of complications from the event(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**4. COVID-19 Vaccine**

**Dose 1 received:**  No  Yes Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_ Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this covid-19 vaccine AstraZeneca:  No  Yes If no, name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dose 2 received:**  No  Yes Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_ Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this covid-19 vaccine AstraZeneca:  No  Yes If no, name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine received after 1 dose or 2 dose series of COVID 19 vaccine:**  No  Yes

Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_ Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**5. How was the patient treated?**

Was treatment provided?  No  Yes

If Yes, Please provide the details of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Intravenous immunoglobulin - *please specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Plasmapheresis

Supportive therapy - *please specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

Other treatments - *please specify:* \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Other Suspect Drugs**  
*Please only include other drugs you consider to be causally related to the adverse event(s) and not concomitant medications.*

Suspect Drug Name	Indication	Daily Dosage	Route	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Was suspect drug withdrawn?
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

If any of the above drugs were stopped, did the event(s) improve after stopping?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable, If applicable, please provide Date Drug was Stopped/Altered (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Did the event(s) reoccur after reintroduction?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable, If applicable, please provide Date Drug was Reintroduced (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Concomitant Drugs/ Concomitant Vaccines** *(Non Covid Vaccines administered in the last 4 weeks) Please exclude drugs used to treat the event(s). List all medications taken by the patient, including over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and herbal preparations. (attach a list if available).*

Concomitant Drug Name / Concomitant Vaccine	Indication	For vaccines please enter Batch/Lot #	Daily Dosage	Route	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Was concomitant drug withdrawn?
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

**8. Relevant Medical History/Concurrent Diseases**

Medical History	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)
Respiratory or gastrointestinal infection <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Recent immunization (eg. Rabies Vaccination, influenza) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Nutritional deficiency: Vitamin B12, vitamin E; copper <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Neoplastic disease <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Conditions that cause spinal cord compression/ Conditions that resulted in spinal cord radiation <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Drugs/toxins (epidural anaesthesia, chemotherapeutic agents) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Lymphoma <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
HIV positive <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Systemic lupus erythematosus <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Vasculitis <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Connective tissue / autoimmune diseases <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		

Other, please specify:

Is the patient being treated or under medical care for the condition(s) identified above?  Yes  No

**Were there any adverse events experienced with the previous Covid -19 vaccines, if yes, please provide the details (including date of vaccination, date of event, treatment and outcome of the event):**

**9. Laboratory Results- Before/During/After Treatment-** Please provide details of the following relevant lab tests (attach test results if available).

Test	Date	Results
CSF		
EEG		
Neuroimaging (MRI/CT)		
Oligoclonal Bands		
IgG index, IgG synthesis rate		
Nerve conduction studies/ needle electromyography		
Nerve biopsy		
Blood serum for antiganglioside antibody detection AIDP: various antibodies AMAN: GM1a, GM1b, GD1a and GalNAc-GD1a antibodies AMSAN: GM1, GD1a Fisher syndrome: GQ1b and GT1a antibodies Onco-neural antibodies		
Acute and convalescent sera (A/C serum)		
Complete Blood Count		
Serum C-reactive protein		
Serum Electrolytes		
Imaging results (X-ray/CT/MRI, etc.)		
Liver Function tests		
Rheumatoid factor (RF)		
Anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA)		
Other investigations (Evoked Potential tests, Ophthalmologic examination, Electrophysiologic examination, Myelography, Viral serology, tests for bacterial infections) :		

Other, please specify:  
Please provide and attach results of any relevant laboratory and diagnostic procedures performed, if available

**Thank you for completing this form**

## Questionnaire for COVID-19/ Vaccine Failure and Vaccine-Associated Enhanced (Respiratory) Disease (VAED/VAERD)/ Anosmia/Ageusia

AZ Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_  
AZ Case ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Reporter's Information

Reporter's Name:	Is Reporter a healthcare professional? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, If yes, please provide specialty:	Telephone #:
Reporter's Address:	Reporter's Signature:	Date (DD/MM/YY):

### 2. Patient's Details

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender at birth:  Male  Female Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Age (years): \_\_\_\_\_  
 For female, currently Pregnant?:  No  Yes

**Race:**  White  Black or African American  Native American  Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian  Asian  Other  Refused or Unknown  
**Ethnic Group:**  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino  Unknown

### 3. Adverse Event Details

Adverse Event(s)	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Outcome
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
			<input type="checkbox"/> Recovered <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered with sequelae <input type="checkbox"/> Event ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Patient died <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

*In the event of death, please provide the cause of death (please provide copy of autopsy report, if available).*

Was the patient hospitalized for the event(s)?  
 No  Yes

Did the patient have testing for SARS-CoV-2? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown If yes, specify type of testing: _____ (Please specify date of test and type of test – e.g., nasal swab reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test or nucleic acid amplification–based test (NAAT) or antigen test)	Does the patient have SARS-CoV-2 antibodies at diagnosis? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown _____ (Please specify date of test, whether IgM /IgG or both and the titer if available)
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Was/Is the patient admitted to an Intensive Care Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <i>If 'Yes' please provide details</i>	In the absence of a positive SARS-CoV-2 test, what findings suggested a diagnosis of COVID-19 infection?
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How many days from the SARS-CoV2 diagnosis did it take before the SARS-CoV2 antigen test became negative?	Have any pre-existing diseases worsened during the SARS-CoV-2 infection (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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Please provide information on any new or worsened symptoms/signs during the COVID-19 illness experienced (including date of onset/worsening)

<u>Respiratory system</u>	<u>Cardiovascular system</u>	<u>Haematopoietic and Immune system</u>	<u>Inflammatory markers</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dyspnoea <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Cyanosis <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-pneumonia <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory failure <input type="checkbox"/> Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) <input type="checkbox"/> Lower respiratory tract disease <input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonary hemorrhage <input type="checkbox"/> Radiographic abnormalities <input type="checkbox"/> Anosmia <input type="checkbox"/> Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute cardiac injury <input type="checkbox"/> Pericarditis <input type="checkbox"/> Myocarditis <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiogenic shock <input type="checkbox"/> Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Coagulopathy <input type="checkbox"/> Thrombocytopenia <input type="checkbox"/> Deep vein thrombosis <input type="checkbox"/> Disseminated intravascular coagulation <input type="checkbox"/> Vasculitis <input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonary embolism <input type="checkbox"/> Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Elevated cytokines <input type="checkbox"/> Others



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<u>Renal system</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Renal dysfunction <input type="checkbox"/> Acute kidney injury <input type="checkbox"/> Others	<u>Gastrointestinal and hepatic system</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Jaundice <input type="checkbox"/> Acute liver injury <input type="checkbox"/> Ageusia <input type="checkbox"/> Others	<u>Central Nervous System</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered mental status <input type="checkbox"/> Convulsions/seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Cranial nerve involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Unconsciousness <input type="checkbox"/> Others	<u>Other System</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Acute arthritis <input type="checkbox"/> Dermatological <input type="checkbox"/> Multisystem inflammatory syndrome [MIS] <input type="checkbox"/> Multiorgan failure (please specify which organ systems were affected)  <input type="checkbox"/> Death
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Were there any complications caused by the event(s)?  No  Yes  
 If 'Yes' please provide a brief statement of any complications from the event(s):

### 4. COVID-19 Vaccine

**Dose 1 received:**  No  Yes      Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_      Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this covid-19 vaccine AstraZeneca:  No  Yes      If no, name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dose 2 received:**  No  Yes      Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_      Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this covid-19 vaccine AstraZeneca :  No  Yes      If no, name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine received after 1 dose or 2 dose series of COVID 19 vaccine:**  No  Yes

Date and time of vaccination (DD/MM/YY / hh:mm): \_\_\_\_\_      Batch/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the vaccine (vaccine brand name or manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. How was the patient treated?

Did the patient receive any additional therapies for COVID-19?  No  Yes

Therapy	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Dose/Any additional information
<input type="checkbox"/> Remdesivir			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydroxychloroquine/chloroquine			
<input type="checkbox"/> Azithromycin			
<input type="checkbox"/> Corticosteroids			
<input type="checkbox"/> Plasmapheresis			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify)			

### 6. Other Suspect Drugs

*Please only include other drugs you consider to be causally related to the adverse event(s) and not concomitant medications.*

Suspect Drug Name	Indication	Daily Dosage	Route	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Was suspect drug withdrawn?
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
						<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

If any of the above drugs were stopped, did the event(s) improve after stopping?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable, If applicable, please provide Date Drug was Stopped/Altered (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Did the event(s) reoccur after reintroduction?  
 No  Yes  Not applicable, If applicable, please provide Date Drug was Reintroduced (DD/MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Concomitant Drugs/ Concomitant Vaccines (Non Covid Vaccines administered in the last 4 weeks) Please exclude drugs used to treat the event(s). List all medications taken by the patient, including over-the-counter drugs, supplements, and herbal preparations. (attach a list if available).

Concomitant Drug / Concomitant Vaccine Name	Indication	For vaccines please enter Batch/Lot #	Daily Dosage	Route	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)	Was concomitant drug withdrawn?
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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							<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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**8. Relevant Medical History/Concurrent Diseases**

Medical History	Start Date (DD/MM/YY)	Stop Date (DD/MM/YY)
Respiratory or gastrointestinal infection <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Recent immunization <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Lymphoma <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
HIV positive <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Systemic lupus erythematosus <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Vasculitis <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Other autoimmune disorders <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Hypertension <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Heart Disease (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Lung Disease (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Kidney disease (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Obesity <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Current or Former Smoker <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, please provide details		
Other, please specify:		

Is the patient being treated or under medical care for the condition(s) identified above?  
 Yes  No

**Were there any adverse events experienced with the previous Covid -19 vaccines, if yes, please provide the details (including date of vaccination, date of event, treatment and outcome of the event):**

**9. Laboratory Results- Before/During/After Treatment-** Please provide and attach results of any relevant laboratory and diagnostic procedures performed, if available. Especially laboratory findings suggestive of VAED/VAERD.

Test	Date	Results
Test for SARS-CoV-2 by PCR, or other commercial or public health assay		
Imaging for COVID-Pneumonia (e.g.CXR, CT)		
Evidence of hypoxemia (e.g. PaO2/FiO2 [P/F ratio], SpO2/FiO2 [S/F ratio]), hypercapnia (PaCO2) or acidosis (pH)		
Hematology (e.g. leucocyte count [including neutrophil and lymphocyte counts], haemoglobin, platelet count, coagulation parameters [PT, PTT, D Dimer, INR], fibrinogen, B and T cell function assays)		
Clinical chemistry (e.g. serum creatinine, glomerular filtration rate [GFR], liver enzymes, bilirubin, albumin, B-type natriuretic peptide [BNP], troponin)		
Other, please specify: Please provide and attach results of any relevant laboratory and diagnostic procedures performed, if available		

**Thank you for completing this form.**