

# **US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices votes to recommend Arexvy for the prevention of RSV disease in adults aged 60 and older with shared clinical decision making**

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- Launch is planned in the US before the 2023 RSV season
- Committee recommendations mean over 55 million older adults in the US could have access to RSV vaccination for the first time<sup>1</sup>
- RSV causes approximately 177,000 hospitalisations and 14,000 deaths in adults aged 65 years and older in the US each year<sup>2,3,4</sup>

GSK plc (LSE/NYSE: GSK) today announced that the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted in favour of recommending the use of Arexvy (respiratory syncytial virus vaccine, adjuvanted) in adults aged 60 and older using shared clinical decision making. Shared clinical decision making empowers patients in consultation with their healthcare providers to determine whether RSV vaccination is appropriate for them.

There are an estimated 55.8 million people aged 65 and older in the US<sup>1</sup> who are at increased risk of RSV, a common, contagious virus that can lead to serious respiratory illness.<sup>2</sup> RSV causes approximately 177,000 hospitalisations and an estimated 14,000 deaths in this age

group in the US each year.<sup>2,3,4</sup> For adults 60 and older, data suggest an increased risk for severe RSV infection that can lead to hospitalisation.<sup>5,6</sup> Older adults, including those with underlying medical conditions\*, such as chronic heart disease, chronic lung disease or diabetes, are at high risk of severe RSV illness and account for the majority of RSV hospitalisations.<sup>5</sup>

Tony Wood, Chief Scientific Officer, GSK, said:

GSK's successful development of an RSV vaccine to help protect older adults from RSV lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) represents a major scientific advance, resulting from years of collaboration across academia, industry, and research centres. We are grateful to the ACIP and CDC for recognising the potential of Arexvy and look forward to partnering with public health officials, healthcare professionals and payers to make it available for eligible older adults in the US before this year's RSV season begins.

In making its recommendation, the ACIP considered evidence from the comprehensive data package supporting the vaccine, including in older adults with underlying medical conditions. This includes results from the first season of the pivotal AReSVi-006 (Adult Respiratory Syncytial Virus) phase III trial, published in the New England Journal of Medicine in February 2023.<sup>7</sup> During the ACIP meeting, GSK also presented data from the Northern Hemisphere second season of the trial, which remains ongoing to explore the effect of the vaccine over multiple seasons and the optimal timing for potential revaccination. These data will be submitted to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for review.

The ACIP recommendations will be forwarded to the director of the CDC and the US Department of Health and Human Services for review and approval. Once approved, the final recommendations will be published in a future Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) to advise healthcare providers on appropriate use of the vaccine.

\* According to the CDC, adults aged 60 and older at even greater risk of severe respiratory illness include those with chronic lung diseases, chronic cardiovascular diseases, immune-compromise, hematologic disorders, neurologic disorders, endocrine disorders, kidney and liver disorders and other factors <sup>8</sup>

About Arexvy (respiratory syncytial virus vaccine, adjuvanted)

Respiratory syncytial virus vaccine, adjuvanted, contains recombinant glycoprotein F stabilised in the prefusion conformation (RSVPreF3). This antigen is combined with GSK's proprietary AS01E adjuvant.<sup>7</sup>

The vaccine was approved by the US FDA on 3 May 2023 for the prevention of LRTD caused by RSV in individuals 60 years of age and older.<sup>9</sup>

In clinical trials, the vaccine was generally well tolerated. The most frequently observed solicited adverse events were injection site pain, fatigue, myalgia, headache, and arthralgia. These were generally mild to moderate and transient.<sup>7</sup>

In June 2023, the European Commission authorised the vaccine for active immunisation for the prevention of LRTD caused by RSV in adults aged 60 years and older.<sup>10</sup> Regulatory reviews in Japan and other countries are ongoing.

The vaccine is not approved anywhere else in the world. The proposed trade name remains subject to regulatory approval in other markets.

The GSK proprietary AS01 adjuvant system contains QS-21 STIMULON adjuvant licensed from Antigenics Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of Agenus Inc.

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RSV is a common contagious virus affecting the lungs and breathing passages.<sup>3</sup> Older adults are at high risk for severe disease due in part to age-related decline in immunity<sup>3</sup>, and older adults with underlying conditions are at even greater risk for severe disease.<sup>5</sup> RSV can exacerbate conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, and chronic heart failure and can lead to severe outcomes, such as pneumonia, hospitalisation, and death.<sup>2</sup> Each year, approximately 177,000 adults 65 years and older are hospitalised in the US due to RSV; an estimated 14,000 cases result in death.<sup>2,3,4</sup> For adults 60 and older, data suggest an increased risk for severe RSV infection that can lead to hospitalisation.<sup>5,6</sup> Adults with underlying conditions are more likely to seek medical services and have higher hospitalisation rates than adults without these conditions.<sup>5</sup>

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