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# HERPES ZOSTER VACCINATION IN ADULTS A PARADIGM SHIFT

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**SHINGRIX** 

(ZOSTER VACCINE  
RECOMBINANT, ADJUVANTED)

Powder and suspension for  
suspension for IM Injection

# **PLACEHOLDER FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

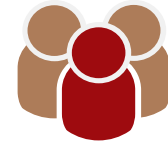
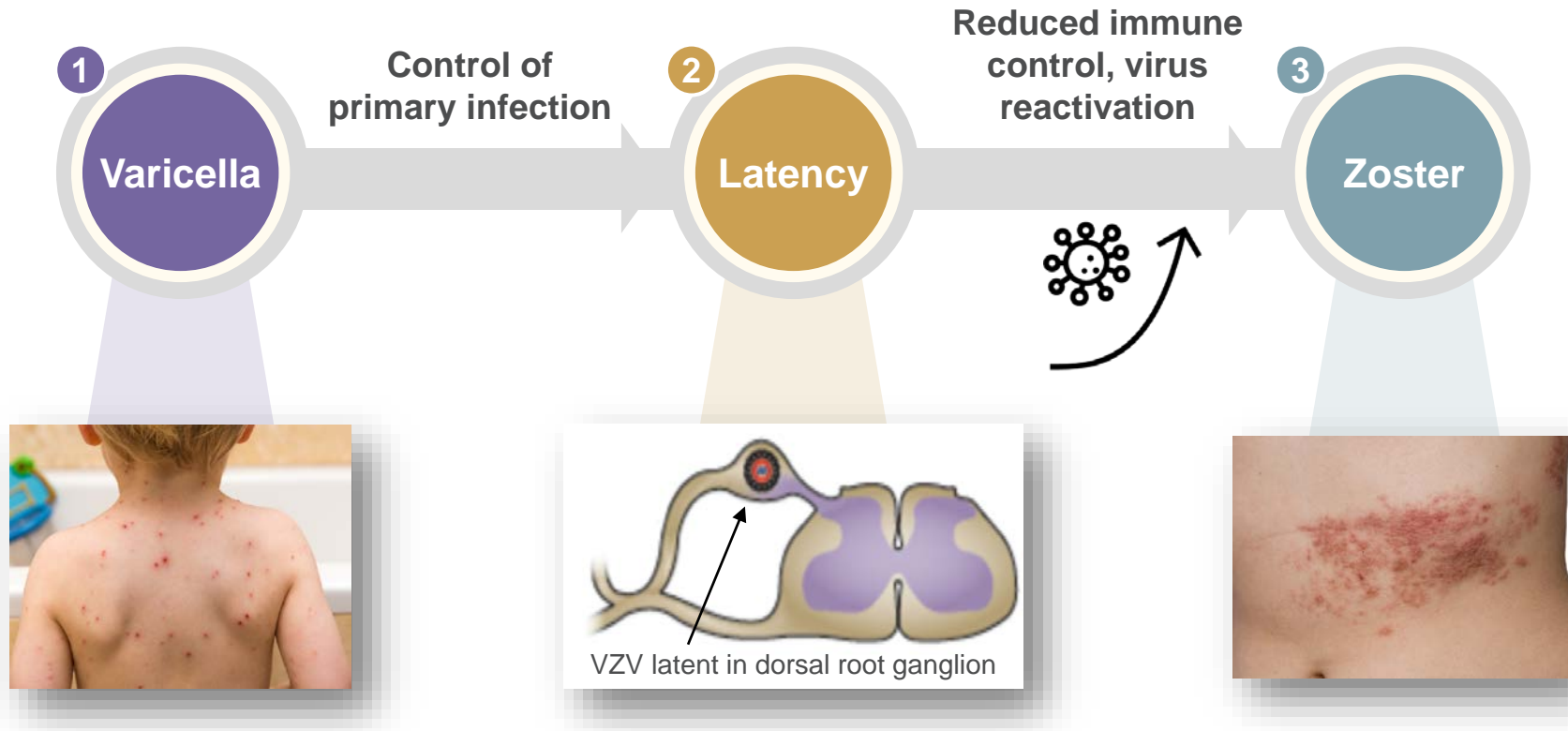
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# >90% OF ADULTS ≥50 YEARS OF AGE ARE INFECTED WITH VZV AND ARE AT RISK FOR SHINGLES<sup>1\*</sup>



**Up to 1 in 3** people will develop shingles in their lifetime due to VZV reactivation<sup>2</sup>

Incidence rates are similar between countries -  
**overall rate of ~6-8 per 1000 person years at age 60<sup>3</sup>**

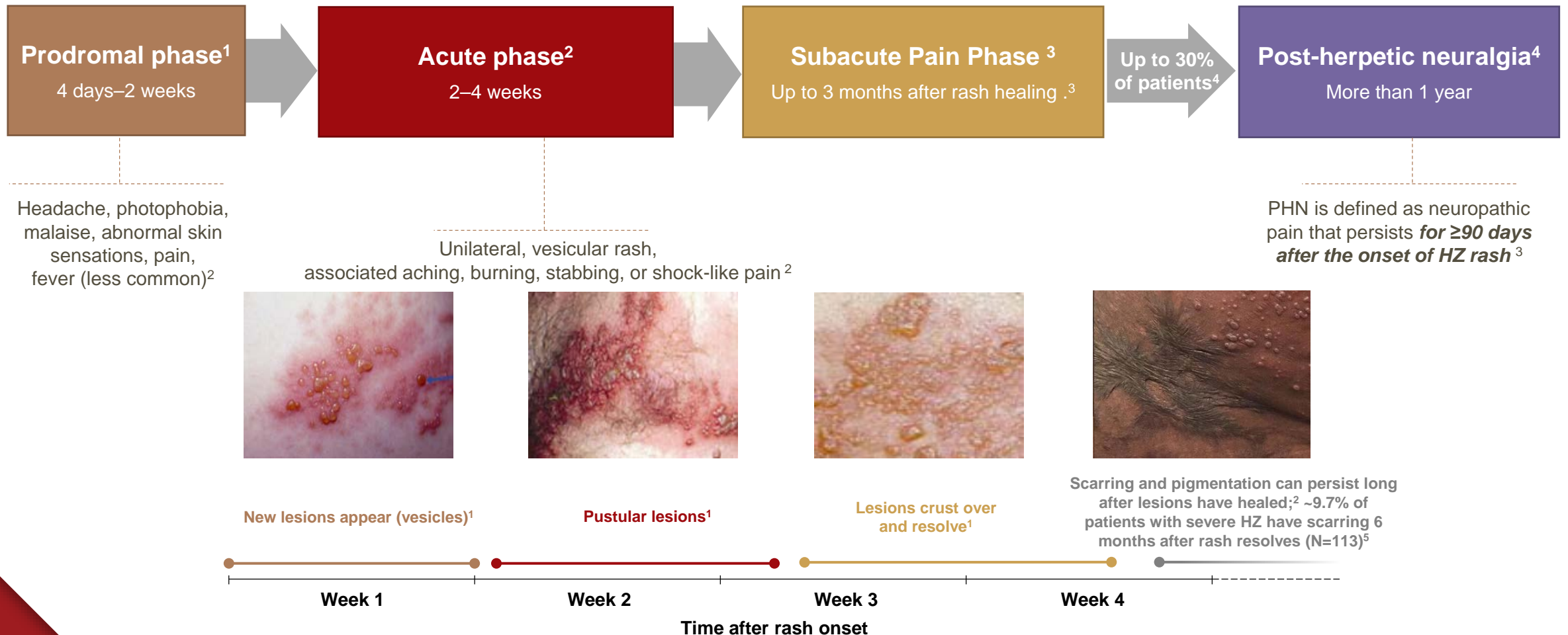
Each year, there are an estimated **1 million** new cases of shingles in the United States,<sup>2</sup> **1.7 million** in Europe,<sup>4</sup> and **1.5 million** in China<sup>5</sup>

the image of VZV latent in dorsal root ganglion is adapted from Zerboni L, et al. 2014.

\*US data; ~99.5% VZV seropositive. May not be representative of global population. SHINGRIX is not indicated for prevention of primary varicella infection (chickenpox).<sup>6</sup>  
VZV=varicella zoster virus.



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# SHINGLES CAN BE A PAINFUL DISEASE AND LEAD TO SERIOUS AND LONG-LASTING COMPLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>



## Acute presentation

- Unilateral, vesicular rash<sup>1</sup>
- Pain can be “excruciating” – often described as aching, burning, stabbing or shock-like<sup>1</sup>
- Other symptoms of shingles include headache, photophobia, malaise and fever<sup>1</sup>



## Complications

### Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN)

- Neuropathic pain that persists for >3 months<sup>2</sup>
- Affects up to 30% of patients with shingles<sup>2</sup>

### Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus (HZO)

- Affects up to 25% of patients with shingles<sup>1</sup>
- May lead to vision loss in rare cases<sup>2</sup>

### Other complications

- Disseminated disease<sup>1</sup>
- Scarring<sup>1</sup>
- Neurological complications<sup>3</sup>
- Ramsay Hunt syndrome (incl. hearing loss)<sup>1</sup>
- Bell’s palsy<sup>1</sup>
- Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events<sup>4</sup>



## Recurrence

- ~5–10% of patients experience a recurrent episode<sup>5</sup>

HZ symptoms may be more severe and complications more frequent in immunocompromised patients<sup>1</sup>



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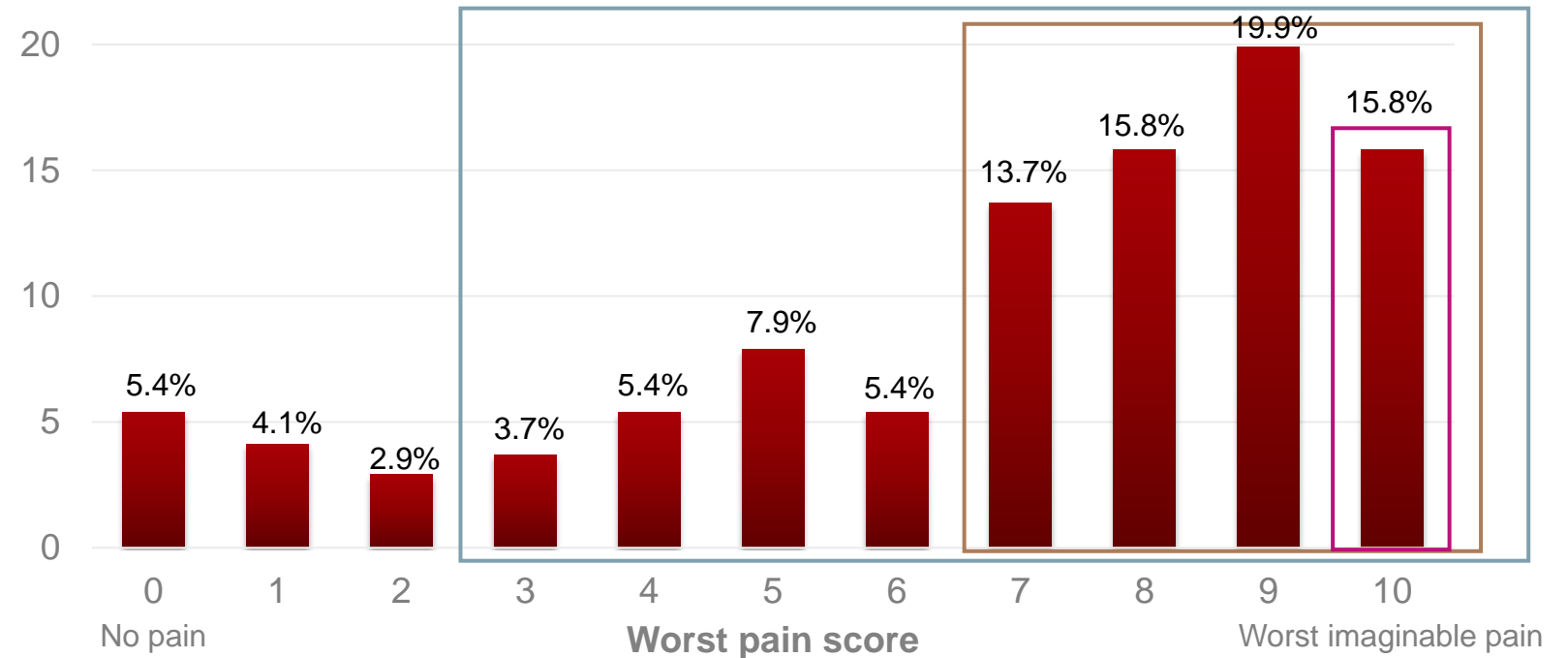
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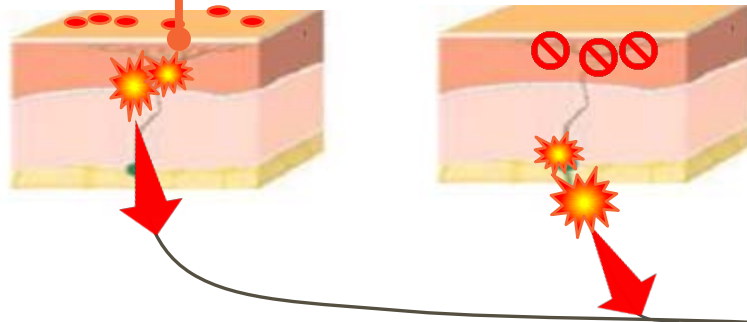
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# SHINGLES PAIN MAY BE TRIGGERED BY INFLAMMATION OF NERVE ENDINGS AND DYING-BACK OF AXON ENDS<sup>1</sup>

- 1 **Inflammation of and damage to nociceptors**  
→ Light touch can cause pain (allodynia)



- 2 **Dying-back of axon ends**  
Spontaneous signal firing at ectopic pacemaker sites even after the rash has healed

- 3 **Spontaneous signal firing from the dorsal root ganglion**  
even after the rash has healed<sup>1</sup>

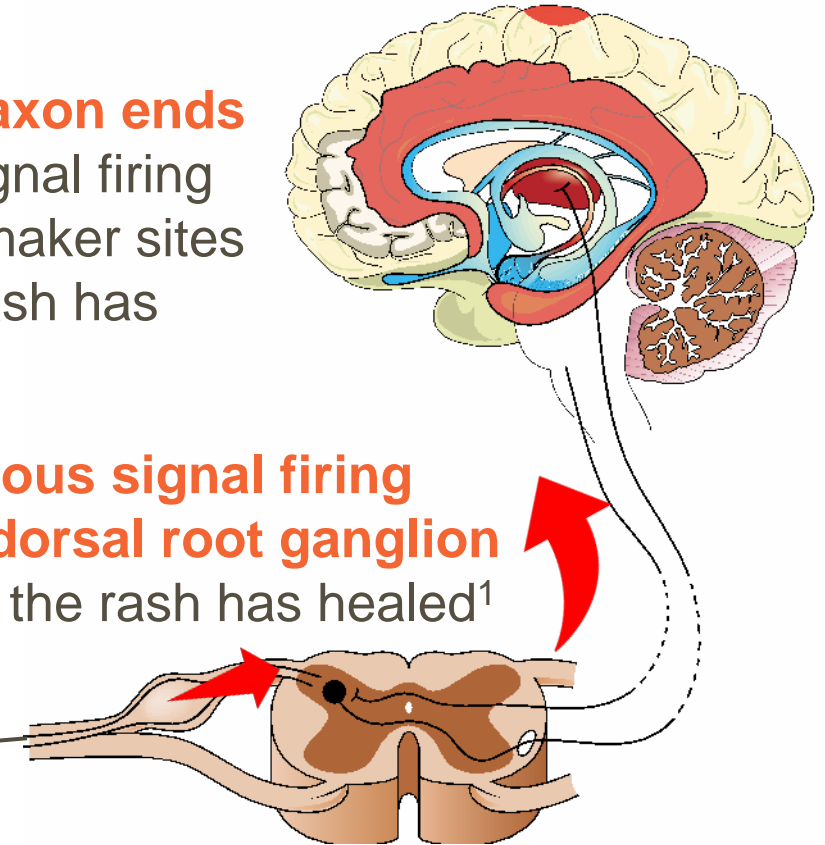
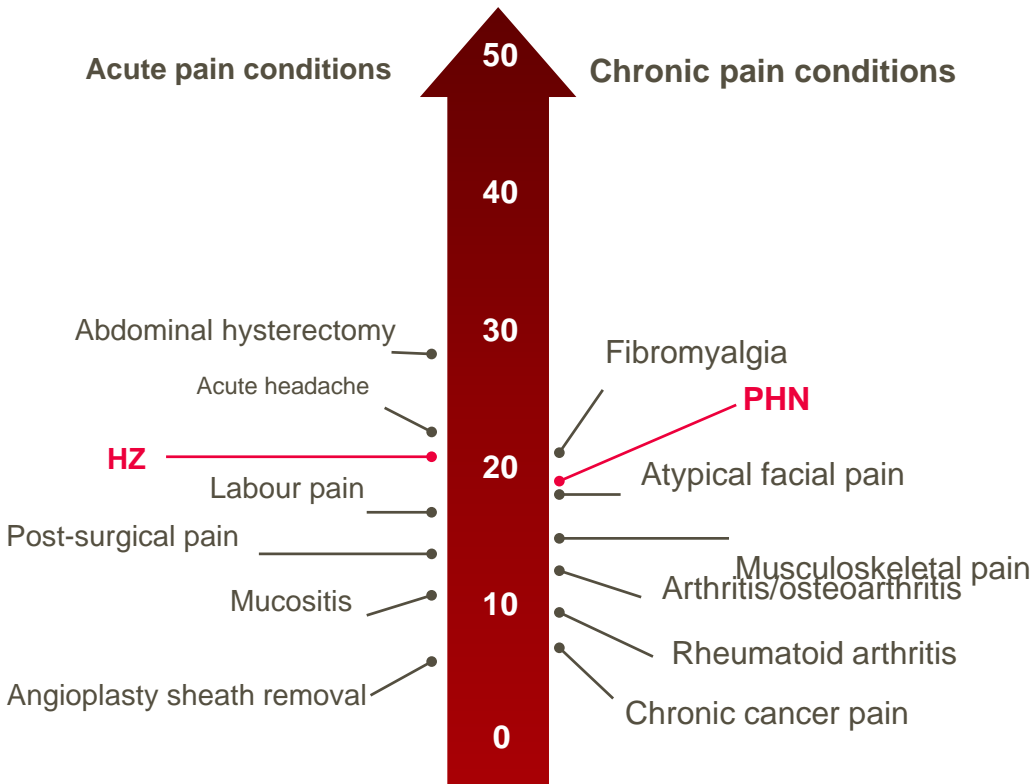


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# MORE THAN JUST A RASH, IT IMPACTS DAILY LIFE<sup>1</sup>

Level of pain reported for different conditions using the short-form McGill Pain Questionnaire<sup>3</sup>



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% reported impact on quality of life<sup>2</sup>  
(N=261)



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A total of 574 outpatients aged 50 years and older with a physician-confirmed diagnosis of herpes zoster were recruited at different times after rash onset. Of these patients, 266 were recruited within 14 days after rash onset and were considered to have incident herpes zoster. The outcome measures were herpes zoster pain and post-herpetic neuralgia, interference with activities of daily living and health-related quality of life. The median duration of interference with activities of daily living because of pain varied between 27.0 days (relations with others) and 29.8 days (sleep).<sup>1</sup>

HZ=herpes zoster; PHN=postherpetic neuralgia.

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# THE IMMUNE SYSTEM CHANGES OVER AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIFE<sup>1</sup>

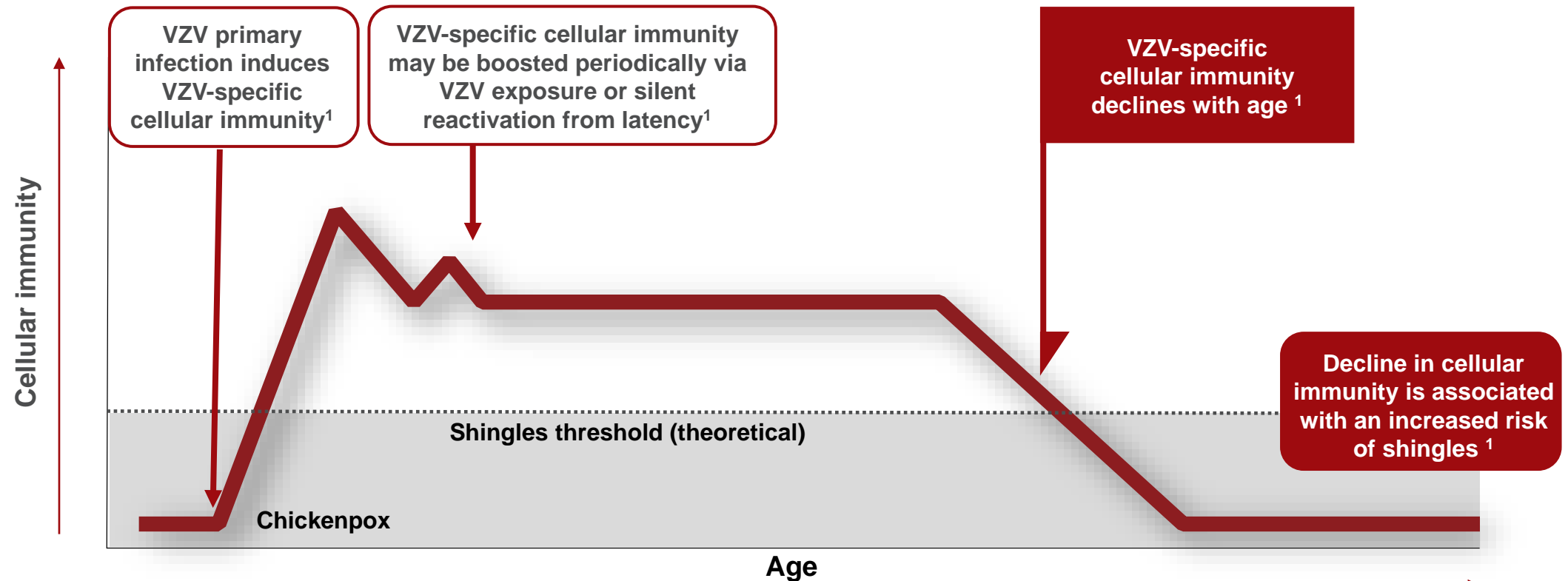
The immune system of newborns is immature, leaving them at risk of infection<sup>1</sup>

The immune system develops through childhood into adulthood<sup>1</sup>

It gradually weakens with age, a concept called 'immunosenescence'<sup>2</sup>

There is a need for vaccination programmes that protect individuals throughout all stages of their lives<sup>3</sup>

# AGE-RELATED DECLINE IN IMMUNITY IS THE DOMINANT DRIVER OF SHINGLES<sup>1\*</sup>



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Adapted From reference 1

# THE BURDEN OF SHINGLES INCREASES WITH AGE, WITH A SHARP INCREASE FROM ≥50 YEARS ONWARDS<sup>1</sup>

## The incidence of HZ increases with age<sup>2</sup>

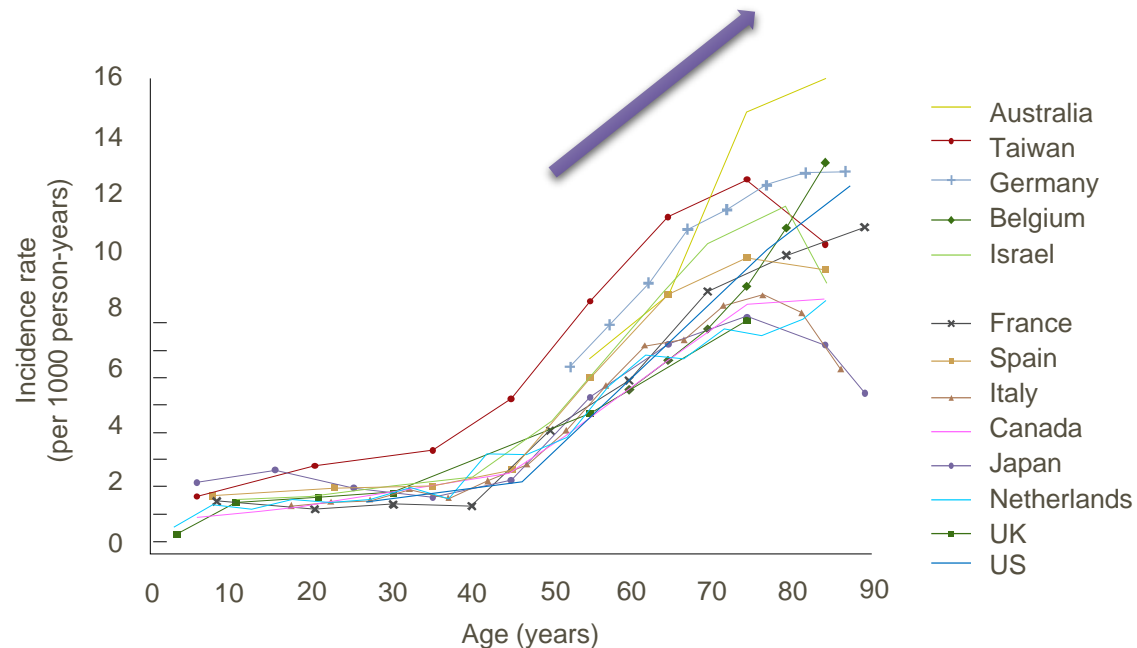
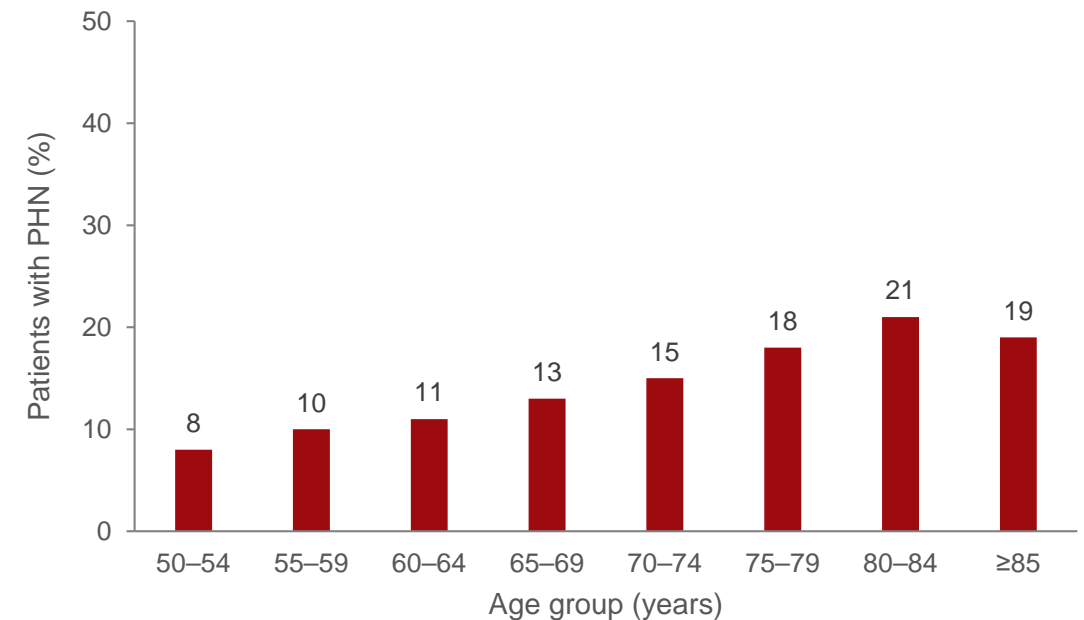


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## The incidence of PHN also increases with age<sup>1</sup>

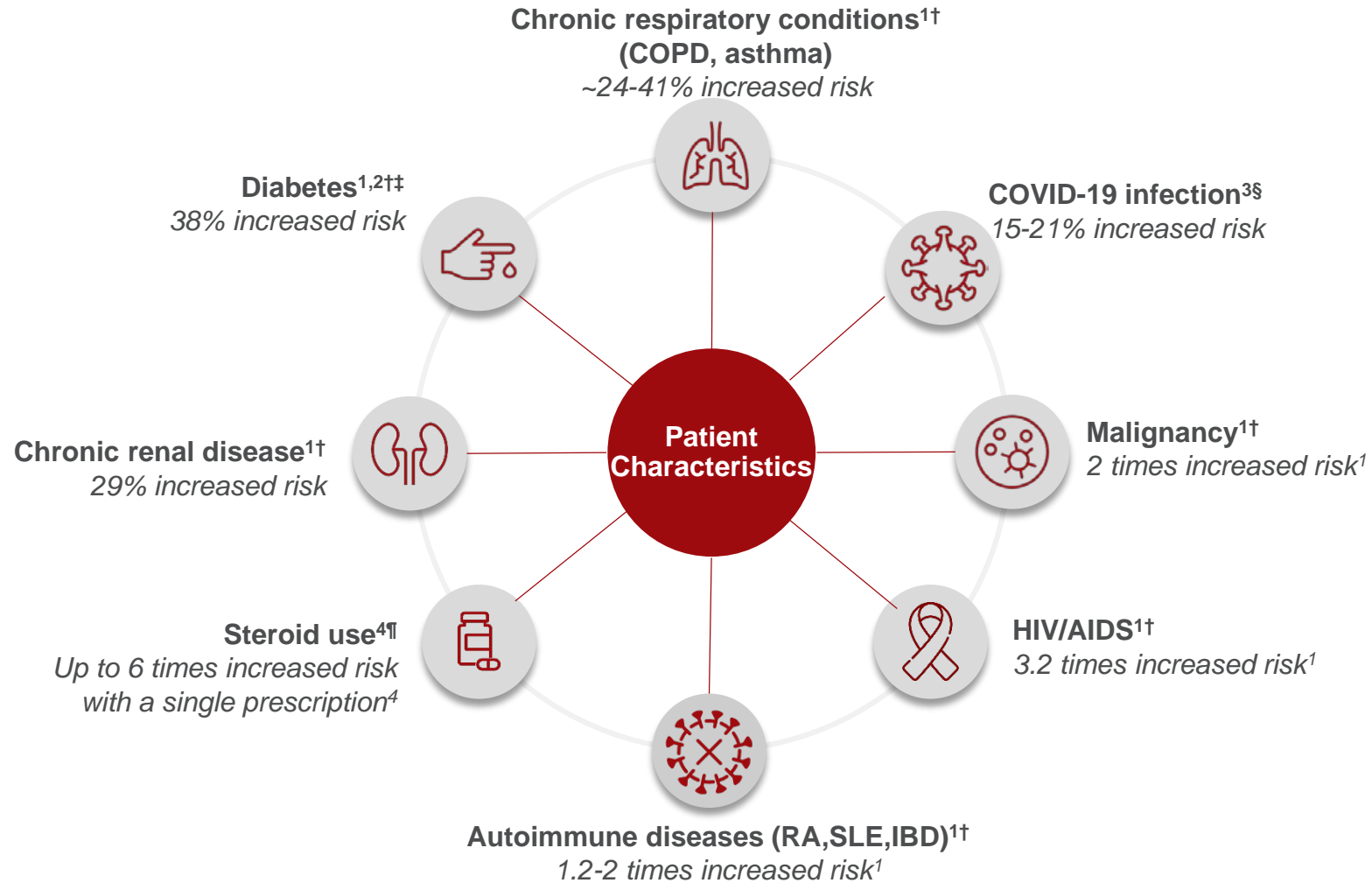


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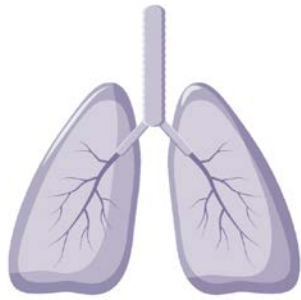
\*List of risk factors is not exhaustive and presented HZ risk may vary with age. †Meta-analysis of 88 studies (N=198,751,846); estimates based on risk ratio and age ranged from 3 months to 104 years.<sup>1</sup> ‡Meta-analysis of 16 studies (N=65,541,845); estimates based on risk ratio and age was ≥18 years.<sup>2</sup> §Retrospective cohort study of individuals ≥50 years of age (N=394,677); adjusted incidence rate ratios were estimated by Poisson regression.<sup>3</sup> ¶Prospective population-based study of adults ≥45 years of age (n=20,048) on new systemic corticosteroid users with a median equivalent systemic prednisolone dose of 300 mg<sup>4</sup>; ; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SLE, systemic lupus erythematosus .

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# CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED RISK OF SHINGLES PHN AND HOSPITALISATION<sup>1\*</sup>



**↑ 53%**  
increased risk of PHN  
in COPD patients  
aOR 1.53 (99%CI 1.35–1.72)<sup>2†</sup>



**↑ 21%**  
increased risk of PHN  
in asthma patients  
aOR 1.21 (99%CI 1.06–1.37)<sup>2†</sup>



**↑ 2.6x**  
increased risk of HZ-related  
hospitalisation  
in COPD patients  
OR 2.66 (95%CI 2.17–3.24)<sup>1‡</sup>



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aOR=adjusted odds ratio; COPD=chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder; HZ=herpes zoster; PHN=post-herpetic neuralgia

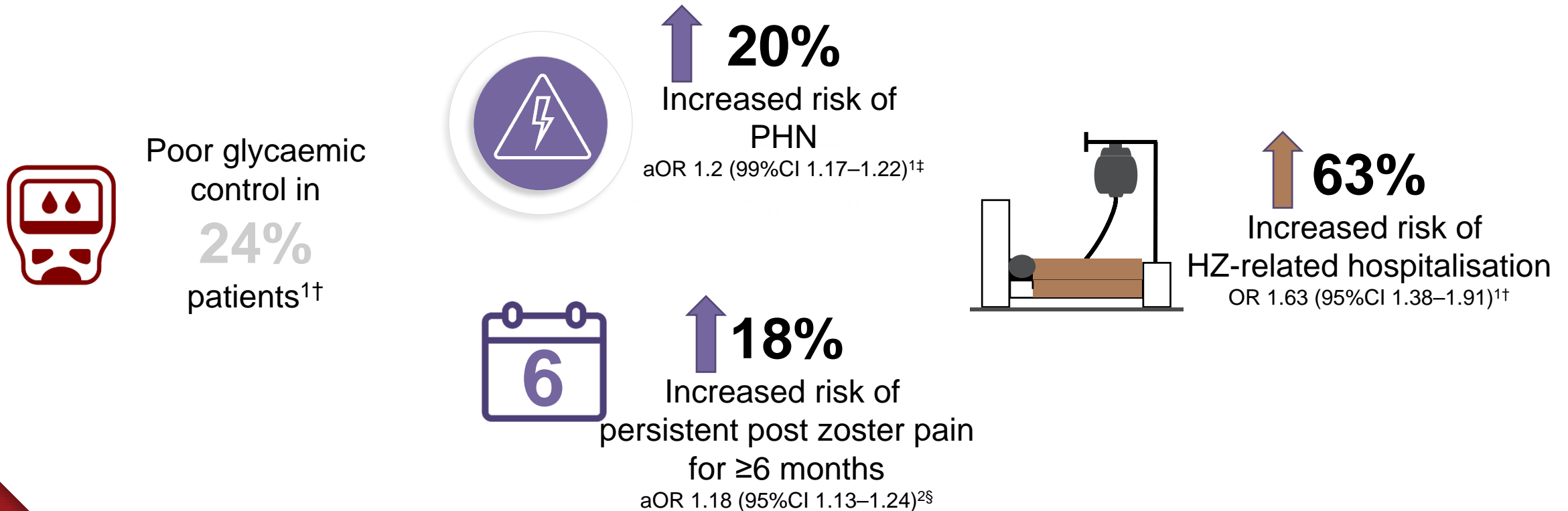
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In patients with diabetes mellitus, HZ is associated with:



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aOR=adjusted odds ratios; CI=confidence interval; HZ=herpes zoster; OR=odds ratio; PHN=post-herpetic neuralgia.

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# TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR SHINGLES AND ITS COMPLICATIONS ARE LIMITED AND SUBOPTIMAL<sup>1</sup>

## Rash onset<sup>1</sup>

### Antiviral treatment of acute HZ

within 72 hours of the rash onset<sup>2</sup>

- Antivirals can reduce HZ severity and duration<sup>1</sup>

Oral acyclovir does not reduce PHN incidence; insufficient evidence for to determine if other antiviral agents prevent PHN.<sup>3</sup>

HZ=herpes zoster; PHN=post-herpetic neuralgia.

\*Results from a single study. Patients with PHN (N=385) were asked how satisfied they were with their medication by using a 5-point Likert response scale (“a lot,” “quite a bit,” “some,” “a little,” “not at all”).

## Rash lasts 7-10 days<sup>1</sup>

Additional pain control can be achieved in certain patients by supplementing antiviral agents with corticosteroids and with analgesics<sup>2</sup>

Caution is warranted when using corticosteroids without concomitant antiviral therapy, as this may promote viral replication and trigger acute retinal necrosis.<sup>2</sup>

**Analgesics and corticosteroids agents.<sup>2</sup>**

## PHN months/years<sup>1</sup>



Not actual patient image.

**Drugs for acute zoster pain**

- Tricyclic antidepressants<sup>2</sup>
- Topical anesthetics<sup>2</sup>
- opiates <sup>2</sup>

**Only 14% of patients with PHN are satisfied with their pain medication<sup>4\*</sup>**

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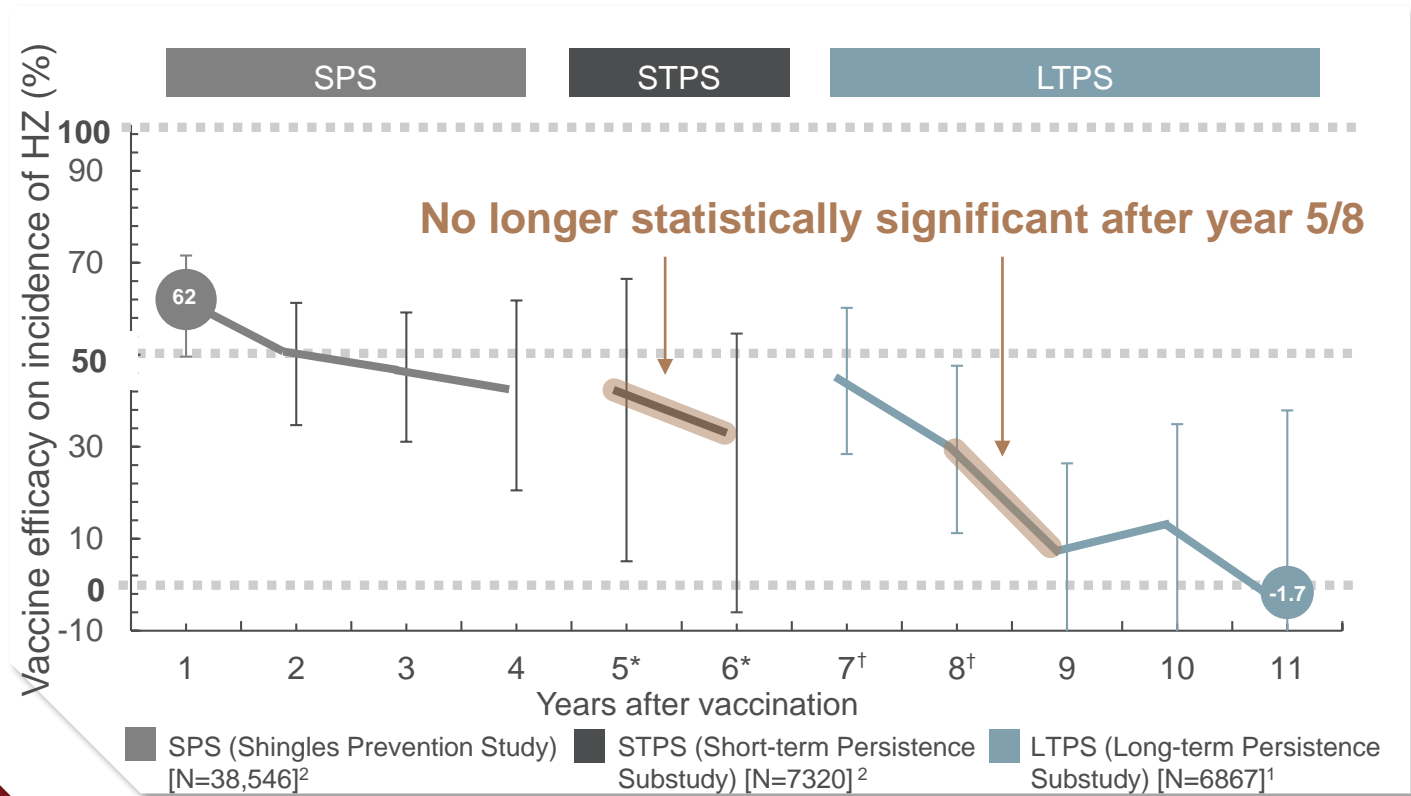


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# LIVE ATTENUATED ZOSTER VACCINE (VZV) EFFICACY AGAINST HZ INCIDENCE WAS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT FOR EACH YEAR THROUGH YEAR 5 AND REMAIN STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT THROUGH YEAR 8<sup>1</sup>



Age range (years)	Vaccine efficacy against HZ (95% CI)
50-59 (ZEST)*	69.8% (54.1-80.6) <sup>3</sup>
Overall (≥60) (SPS)	51.3% (44.2-57.6) <sup>2</sup>
60-69 (SPS)	64% (56-71) <sup>3</sup>
70-79 (SPS)	41% (28-52) <sup>3</sup>

ZVL is contraindicated in patients with immunosuppression or immunodeficiency<sup>4</sup>

Figures adapted from Morrison VA, et al. LTPS—subject mean age 74.5 years (standard deviation, 5.8 years). SPS—mean age 68.3 years (standard deviation, 5.7 years).<sup>1</sup> STPS—mean age 73.3 years.<sup>2</sup>

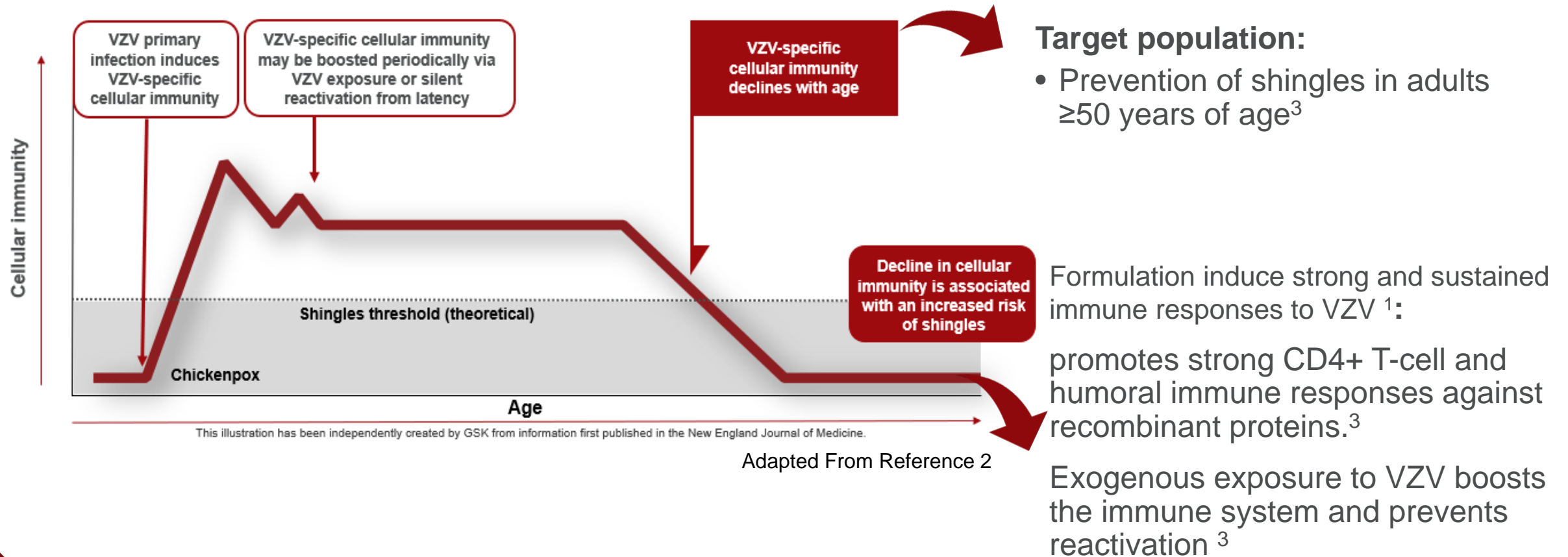
\*Data for years 5–6 from the Long-term Persistence Substudy (LTPS) are excluded.<sup>1</sup> For years 7 and 8, both STPS and LTPS contributed to vaccine group data.<sup>1</sup> CI=confidence interval; HZ=herpes zoster; LTPS=Long-term Persistence Substudy; SPS=Shingles Prevention Study; STPS=Short-term Persistence Substudy; ZEST=ZVL Efficacy and Safety Trial; ZVL=zoster vaccine live.

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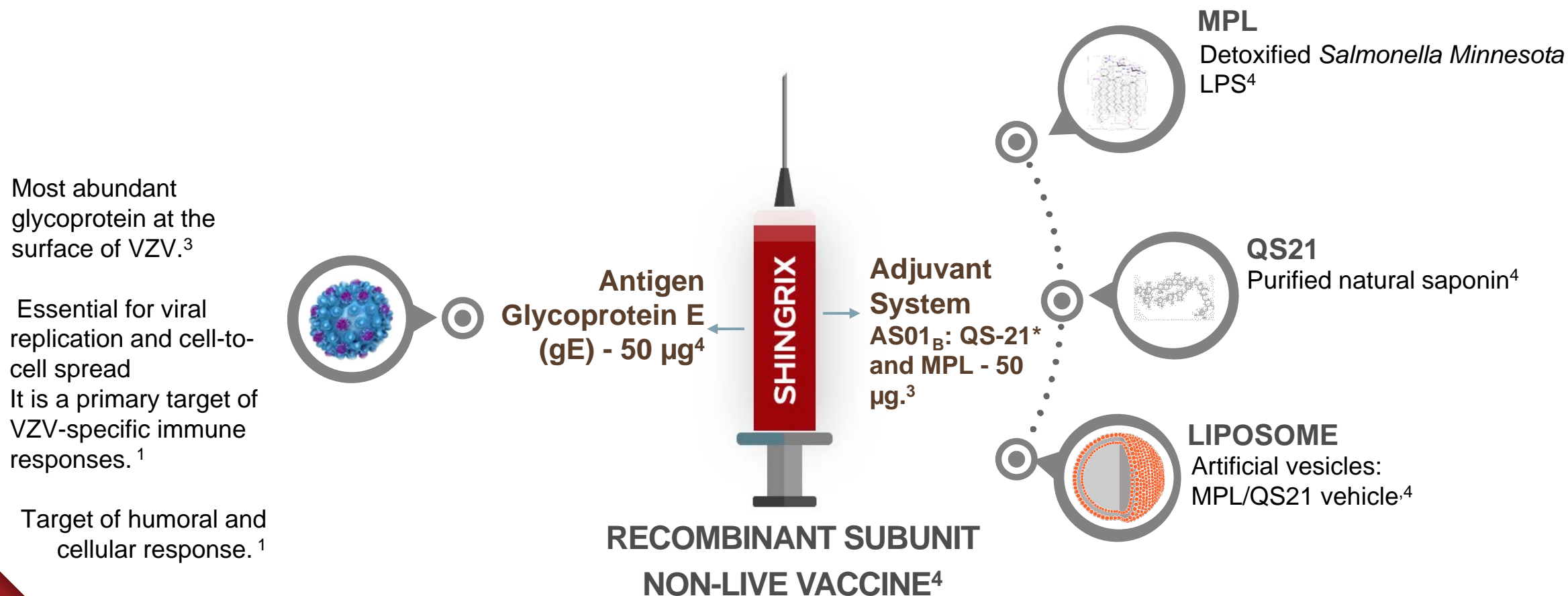


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# SHINGRIX IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR PREVENTING HZ IN INDIVIDUALS AGED 50 YEARS AND ABOVE<sup>1</sup>, WHO HAVE AGE-RELATED IMMUNITY DECLINE.<sup>2</sup>



AS01B=Adjuvant System 01B; gE=glycoprotein E; HZ=herpes zoster; MPL=mono-phosphoryl lipid A; LPS=lipopolysaccharide; QS-21=Quillaja saponaria Molina fraction 21; VZV: varicella zoster virus

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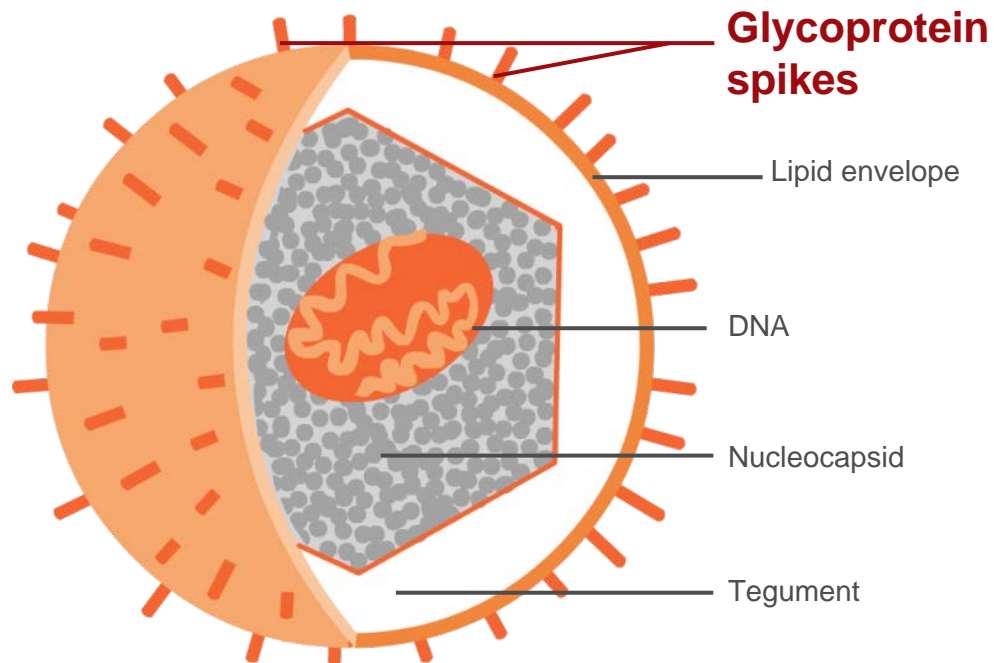
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# VZV GLYCOPROTEIN E (gE) IS PRIMARY TARGET FOR PROTECTIVE IMMUNE RESPONSE<sup>1</sup>

## VZV STRUCTURE<sup>4</sup>



## VZV gE

- **The most abundant VZV glycoprotein<sup>2</sup>**
- **Important role in viral infection**  
is a major target for VZV-specific antibody and T-cell responses and was selected as vaccine antigen based on its role in viral replication and cell-to-cell transfer<sup>3</sup>
- **Found in infected cells<sup>3</sup>**  
promotes viral spread and the pathogenesis of skin lesions
- **Target of both humoral and cellular immune system<sup>2</sup>**

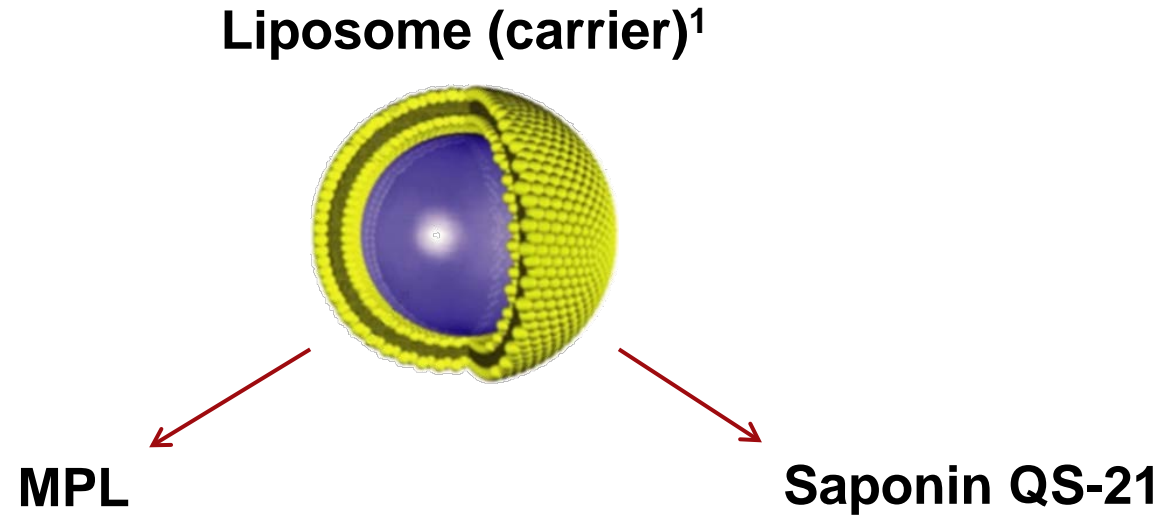
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# RATIONALE FOR SELECTION OF THE ADJUVANT SYSTEM AS01<sub>B</sub>



## Adjuvant system AS01<sub>B</sub>

- Selected based on preclinical evaluation and previous clinical experience
- The combination of MPL and QS-21 enhances cellular response and antibody response to gE

During the preclinical development and early clinical trials, several adjuvant options were tested, and compared to the classical live-attenuated vaccine for the induction of CD4 Tcell.<sup>1</sup> The final selection was for the adjuvant system called AS01B, which is composed of two immunostimulants incorporated into a liposomal carrier. It contains 50ug of each of mono-phosphoryl lipid A or MPL, and purified saponin fraction, QS-21 extracted from *Quillaja saponaria* tree bark. MPL is a detoxified derivative of *Salmonella* Minnesota LPS and stimulates activation of innate immunity via Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4). MPL acts in synergy with QS-21 to induce a stronger CD4 T cell response. However, the signaling pathways triggered by QS-21 are not fully understood. Also Co-localization of AS01 and antigen is necessary for adjuvant benefit.<sup>2</sup>

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# AGENDA





# SHINGRIX DELIVERED 97% EFFICACY AGAINST SHINGLES IN PATIENTS ≥50 YOA<sup>1\*</sup>

Age Group (years)	ZOE-50 <sup>2</sup>	Age Group (years)	ZOE-50 and ZOE-70 <sup>1†</sup> Pre-specified, pooled analyses
≥50	97.2% (93.7-99.0)	≥70	91.3% (86.8-94.5)
50-59	96.6% (89.6-99.3)	70-79	91.3% (86.0-94.9)
60-69	97.4% (90.1-99.7)	≥80	91.4% (80.2-97.0)
≥70	97.9% (87.9-100)		

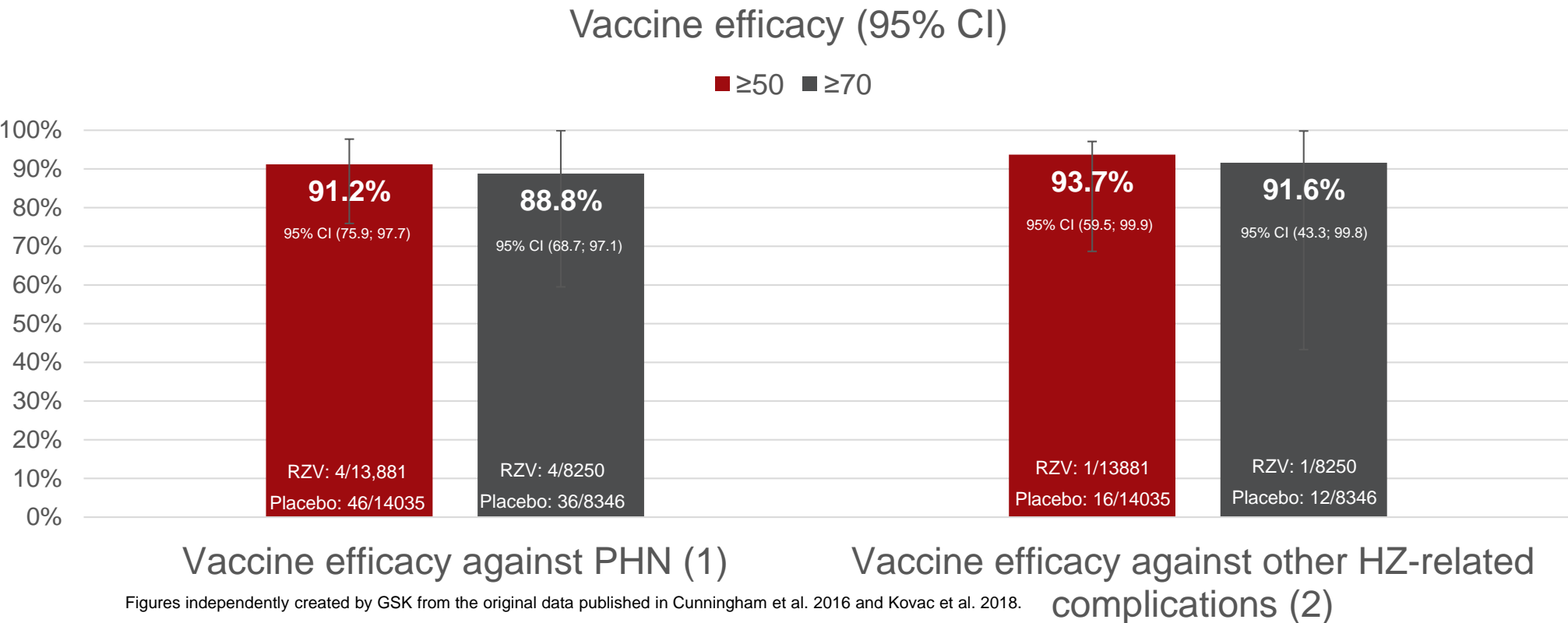
\*In ZOE-50, RZV had a VE against HZ of 97.2% (95% CI: 93.7–99.0) in adults ≥50 years of age; n/N RZV (6/7344) vs. placebo (210/7415). In ZOE-70, RZV has a VE against HZ of 91.3% (95% CI: 86.8–94.5) in the pooled analysis of subjects ≥70 years old from ZOE-50/70; n/N RZV (25/8250) vs. placebo (284/8346).<sup>1</sup> †Included 7344 randomized subjects ≥50 YOA who received second dose of the vaccine and did not develop shingles within 1 month after the second dose.<sup>2</sup>

. YOA=years of age

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# BY PREVENTING SHINGLES, SHINGRIX SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED RISK OF PHN AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

SHINGRIX does not prevent 100% of shingles cases.



PHN is defined as HZ-associated pain rated as  $\geq 3$  on a 0-10 scale, occurring or persisting for at least 90 days following the onset of rash using the Zoster Brief Pain Inventory questionnaire.<sup>1</sup>

Other complications included HZ vasculitis, disseminated disease, ophthalmic disease, neurological disease, visceral disease, and stroke.<sup>2</sup>

Pooled data from ZOE-50 (subjects  $\geq 50$  years old) and ZOE-70 (subjects  $\geq 70$  years old).<sup>2</sup>

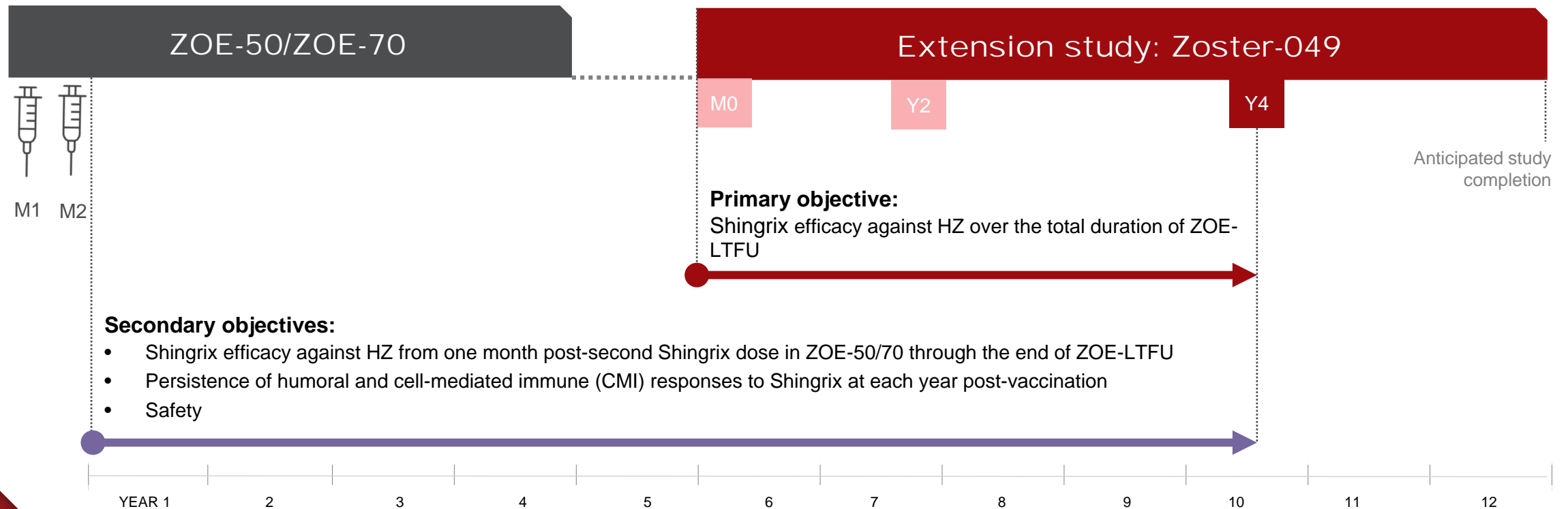
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# LONG TERM FOLLOW UP STUDY (LTFU): ZOSTER-049 SECOND INTERIM ANALYSIS:<sup>1</sup>

## Zoster-049:

- LTFU of ZOE-50/70 trials - ongoing
- 7277 participants. Conducted in 18 countries
- Second interim analysis: **≥4 years of follow-up**, from mean 5.6 ( $\pm 0.3$ ) to 9.6 ( $\pm 0.3$ ) years post vaccination

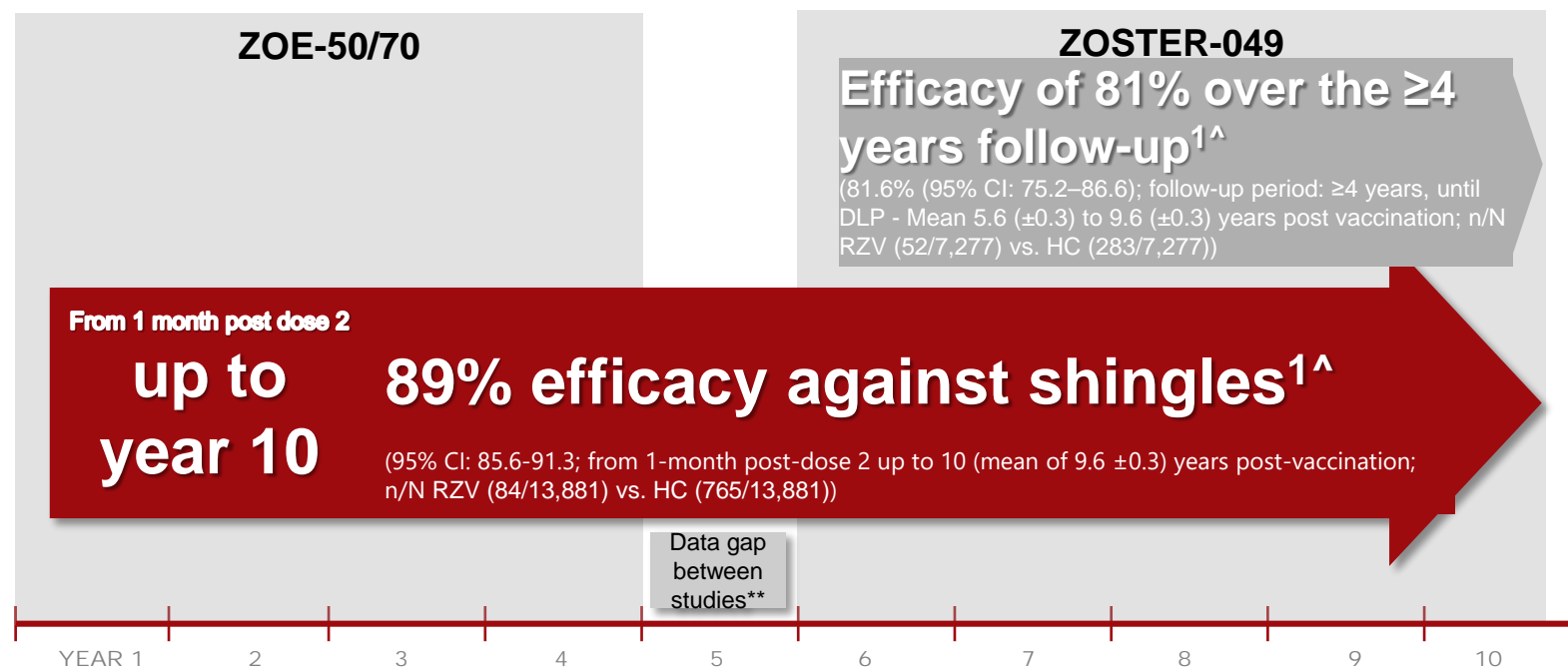


CMI=cell-mediated immune; HZ=herpes zoster; LTFU=long term follow-up; M=month; Y=year. The graph has been independently created by GSK from the original data published in Strezova A et al. 2022.

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# SHINGLES PROTECTION THAT LASTS UP TO YEAR 10<sup>1</sup>

## ZOSTER-049 interim analysis:



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<sup>\*\*</sup>No data are available for year 5 because that period corresponds to the gap between ZOE-50/70 and the Zoster-049 follow-up study<sup>1</sup>

<sup>^</sup> Of the 14,648 ZOE-50/70 participants who received at least 1 RZV dose, 7,413 (50.6%) were enrolled in ZOSTER-049. Of these, 7,277 had previously received both RZV doses and were included in the mTVC for the efficacy assessments. In the absence of an unvaccinated placebo group for the LTFU study, the efficacy analyses in ZOSTER-049 used historical control estimates from the ZOE-50/70 placebo groups recorded during the trials. At this DLP, data accrual was complete through year 9.<sup>2</sup>

Results for year 10 are also included although still incomplete, precision of estimates for this time point will increase at the final analysis.<sup>1</sup>

CI=confidence interval; DLP=data lock point, DLP set when the last participant had reached 4-years of follow-up; HC=historical controls; HZ=herpes zoster; mTVC, modified total vaccinated cohort; N, number of individuals included in each group; n, number of individuals having at least one confirmed herpes zoster episode; RZV, recombinant zoster vaccine.



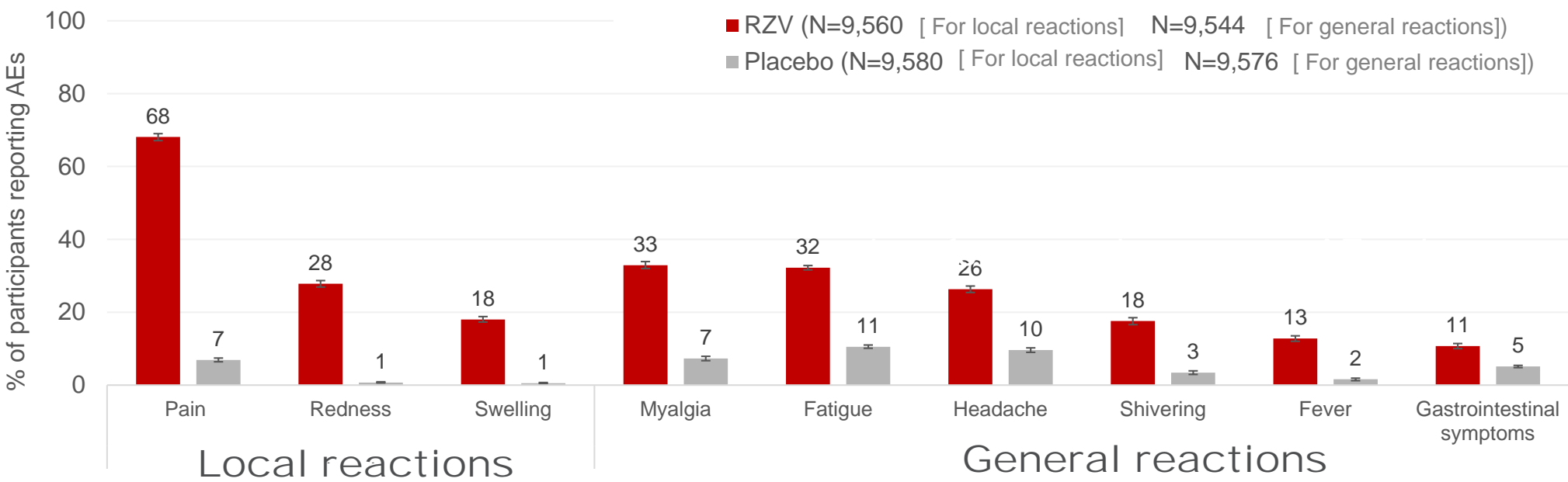
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# SHINGRIX HAS AN ESTABLISHED SAFETY PROFILE<sup>1</sup>

Most vaccination reactions were mild to moderate, with a median duration of 2-3 days<sup>1^</sup>



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**No increase in serious adverse events (SAEs) in ZOE-50/70** (median follow-up 4.4 years; 14,645 SHINGRIX and 14,660 placebo): Overall SAEs (SHINGRIX: 10.1%; placebo: 10.4%), fatal AEs (SHINGRIX: 4.3%; placebo: 4.6%), and pIMDs (SHINGRIX: 1.2%; placebo: 1.4%).<sup>1</sup>

**Safety profile remained clinically acceptable up to year 10 post vaccination** and no SAEs were considered causally related to vaccination in ZOSTER-049.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Median duration 3 days or less for local and 2 days or less for general symptoms.

.AE=adverse event; N=number of participants in the pooled total vaccinated cohort; pIMD=potential immune-mediated disease; RZV=recombinant zoster vaccine; SAE=serious adverse event  
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# AGENDA

What is the clinical impact of shingles on patients?

Why is it important to prevent shingles?

How was SHINGRIX designed?

What is the clinical profile of SHINGRIX?

How can you implement SHINGRIX in your practice?

# STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION



**SHINGRIX should be refrigerated. DO NOT FREEZE.** Store in a refrigerator (2° C - 8° C).<sup>1</sup>

After reconstitution, the vaccine should be used promptly; if this is not possible, the vaccine should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C- 8°C). If not used within 6 hours it should be discarded.<sup>1</sup>



**SHINGRIX is supplied in 2 vials for reconstitution:** 1 vial of antigen should be reconstituted with 1 accompanying vial of adjuvant suspension.<sup>1</sup>



**SHINGRIX is for intramuscular injection only.**<sup>1</sup>

Shingrix is indicated for prevention of herpes zoster (HZ) and postherpetic neuralgia (PHN), in

- adults 50 years of age or older

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients.

**Limitations of Use:** SHINGRIX is not indicated for the prevention of primary varicella infection (chickenpox).<sup>1</sup>

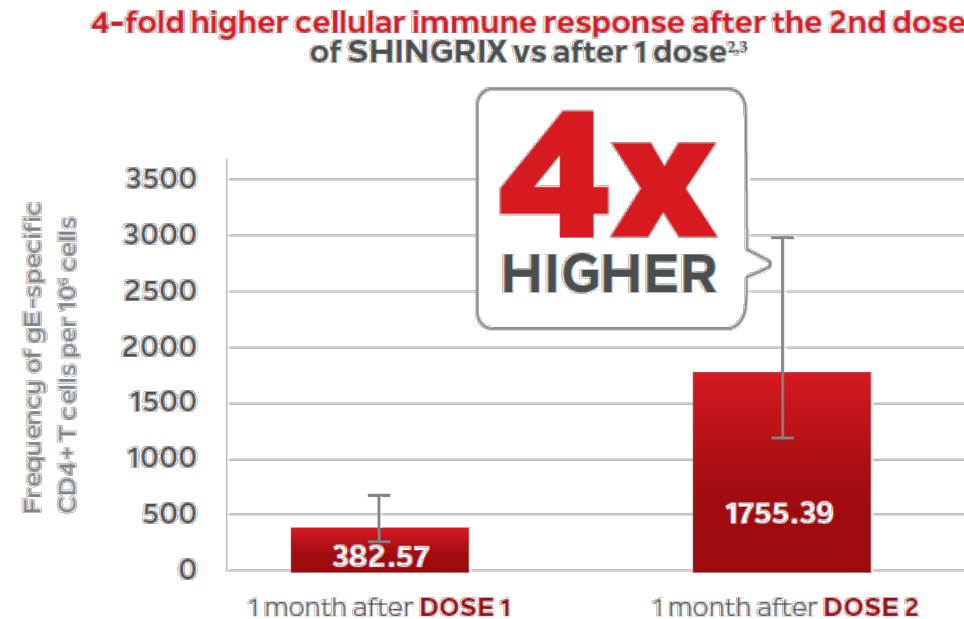


Note: The vial stoppers are made of butyl rubber.

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# TWO DOSES OF SHINGRIX ARE REQUIRED TO INDUCE STRONG IMMUNE RESPONSE AGAINST VZV<sup>1</sup>



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Median gE-specific CD4+ T cell expressing at least two activation markers per 10 cells (Q1, Q3) was 122.18 (62.3-290.22) at baseline, 382.57 (236.79-615.51) at 1 month after dose 1, and 1755.39 (1210.8-2987.71) at 1 month after dose 2. \*Data in subjects 60+. CD4=cluster of differentiation4, gE=glycoprotein E; HZ=herpes zoster; VZV=varicella zoster virus.

Vaccination schedule consists of initial dose followed by a second dose 2 months later<sup>1</sup>  
If flexibility is necessary, the second dose can be administered between 2 and 6 months after the first dose<sup>1</sup>

*For Adults 50 years of age or older*



# DATA SUPPORT CO-ADMINISTRATION WITH THE FOLLOWING VACCINES


- ✓ **Influenza** (unadjuvanted inactivated seasonal)<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ **Pneumococcal** (PPV23)<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ **Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis** (Tdap)<sup>1</sup>


Co-administration  
generally well tolerated<sup>2</sup>

No safety issue raised<sup>2</sup>

No immunologic  
interference observed<sup>2</sup>



# CURRENT GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHINGRIX IN ADULTS 50+\*






### General Population (≥50 years of age)

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices<sup>1</sup>
- Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunization <sup>2</sup>





### Common Comorbidities

**Diabetes Mellitus**

- American Diabetes Association (2024)<sup>3</sup>

**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)**

- Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) (2024) <sup>4</sup>

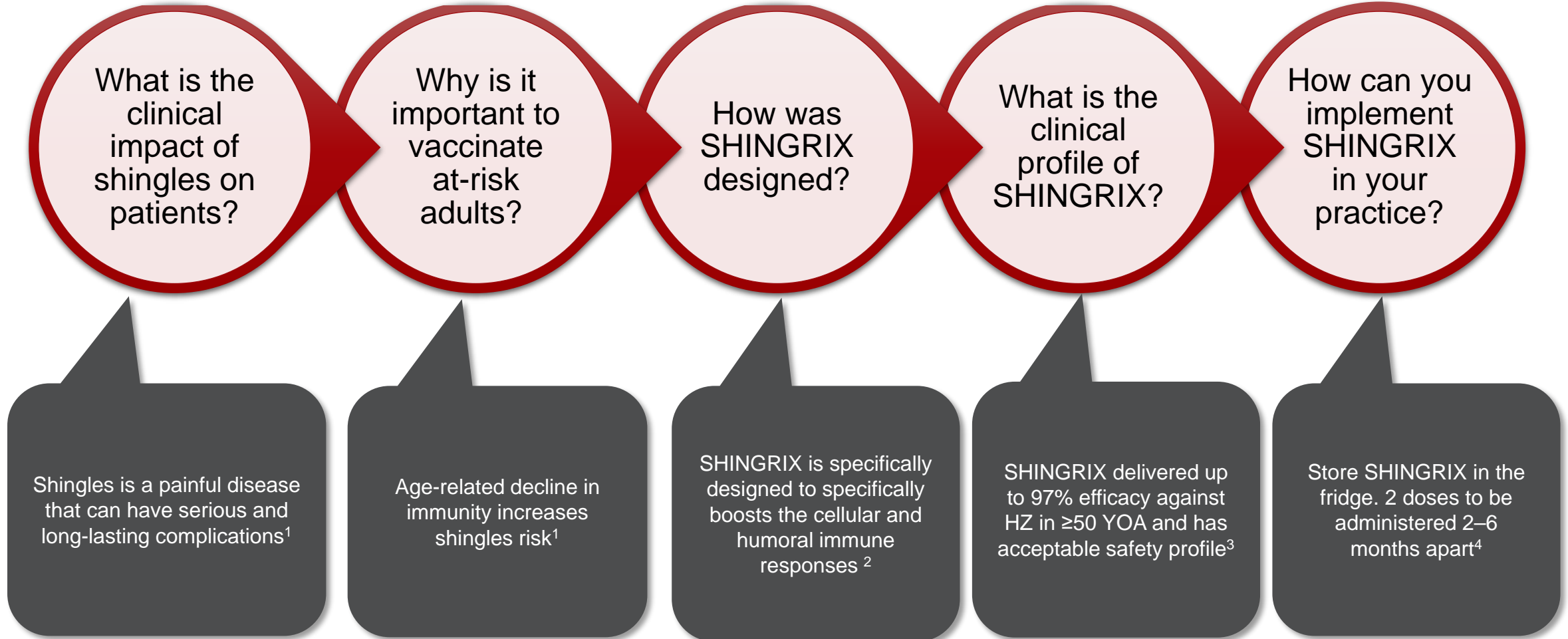
**Asthma**

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (2022)<sup>1</sup>

\*Disclaimer: The following table is inclusive but not an exhaustive list or all society recommendations for recombinant zoster vaccine or protection against shingles

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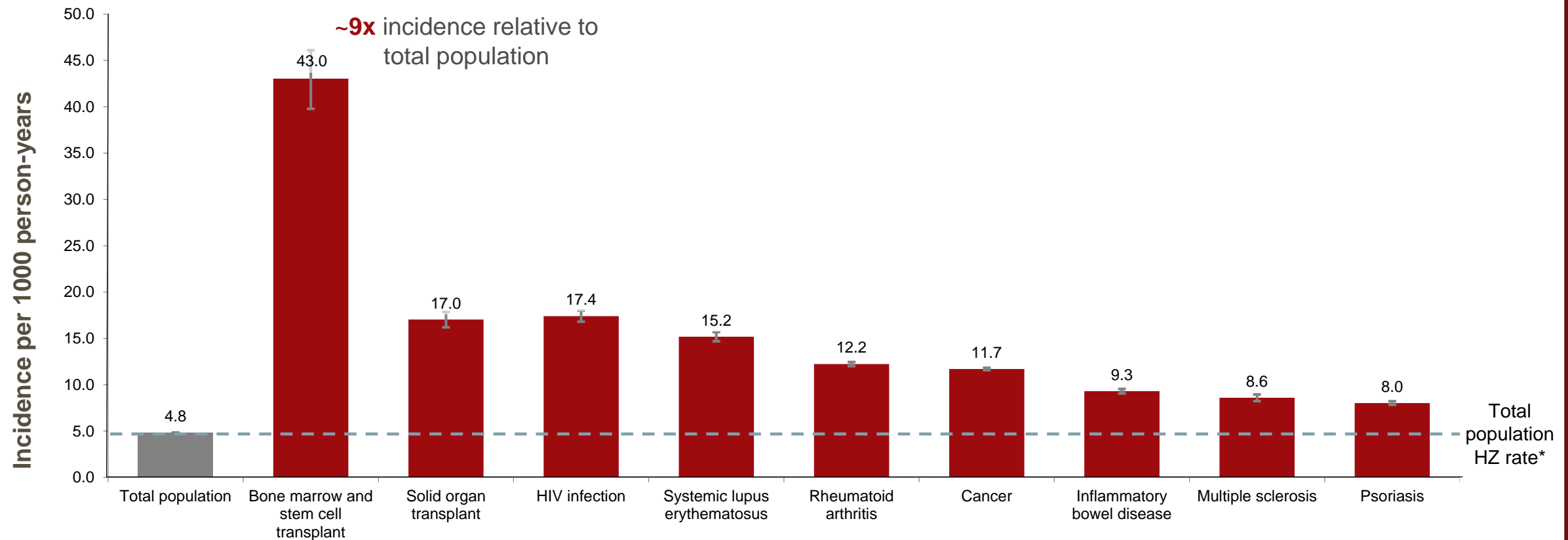




# **SHINGRIX Vaccination for Immunocompromised Patients**

# INCIDENCE OF SHINGLES IS HIGHER IN IC PATIENTS COMPARED WITH THE GENERAL POPULATION<sup>1\*</sup>

Adults ≥18 YOA

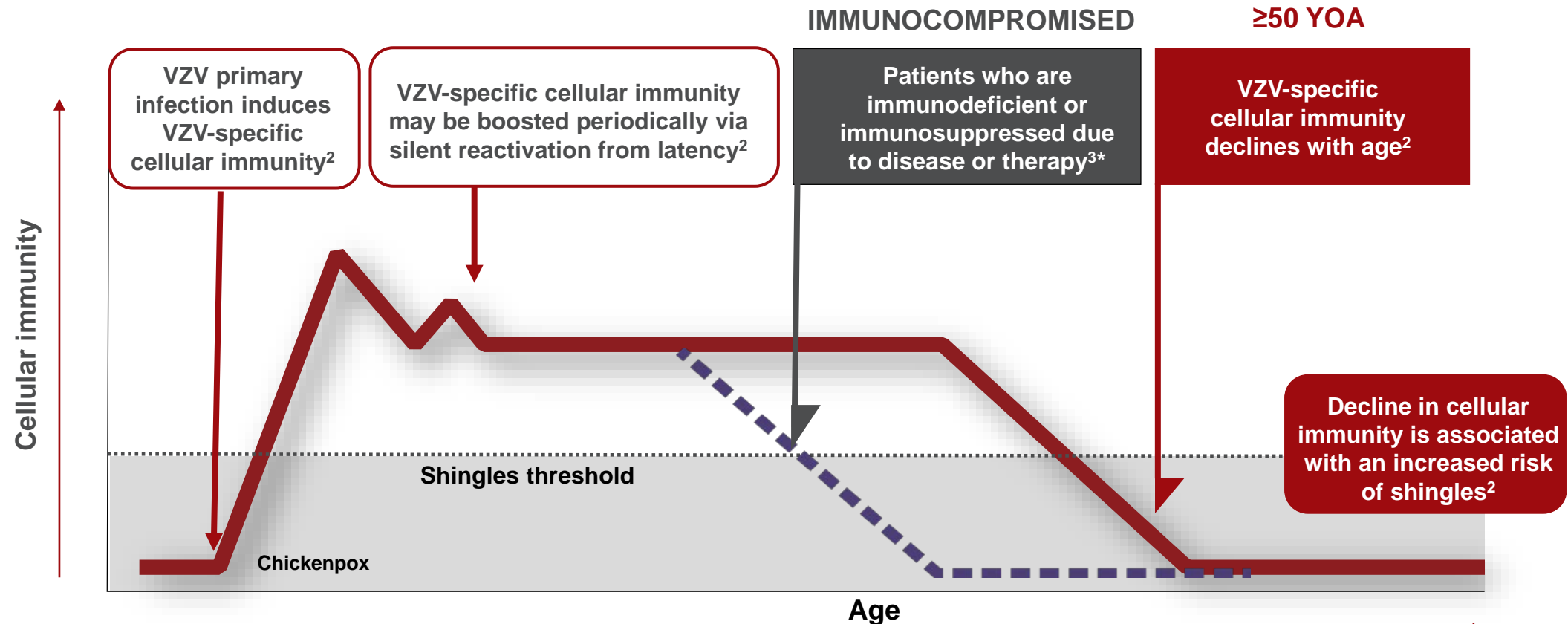


HIV=human immunodeficiency virus; HZ=herpes zoster; IC=immunocompromised; YOA=years of age.

\*Total population from age 18. Mean age 43 YOA

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# AGE-RELATED DECLINE IN IMMUNITY AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSION INCREASES SHINGLES RISK<sup>1\*</sup>



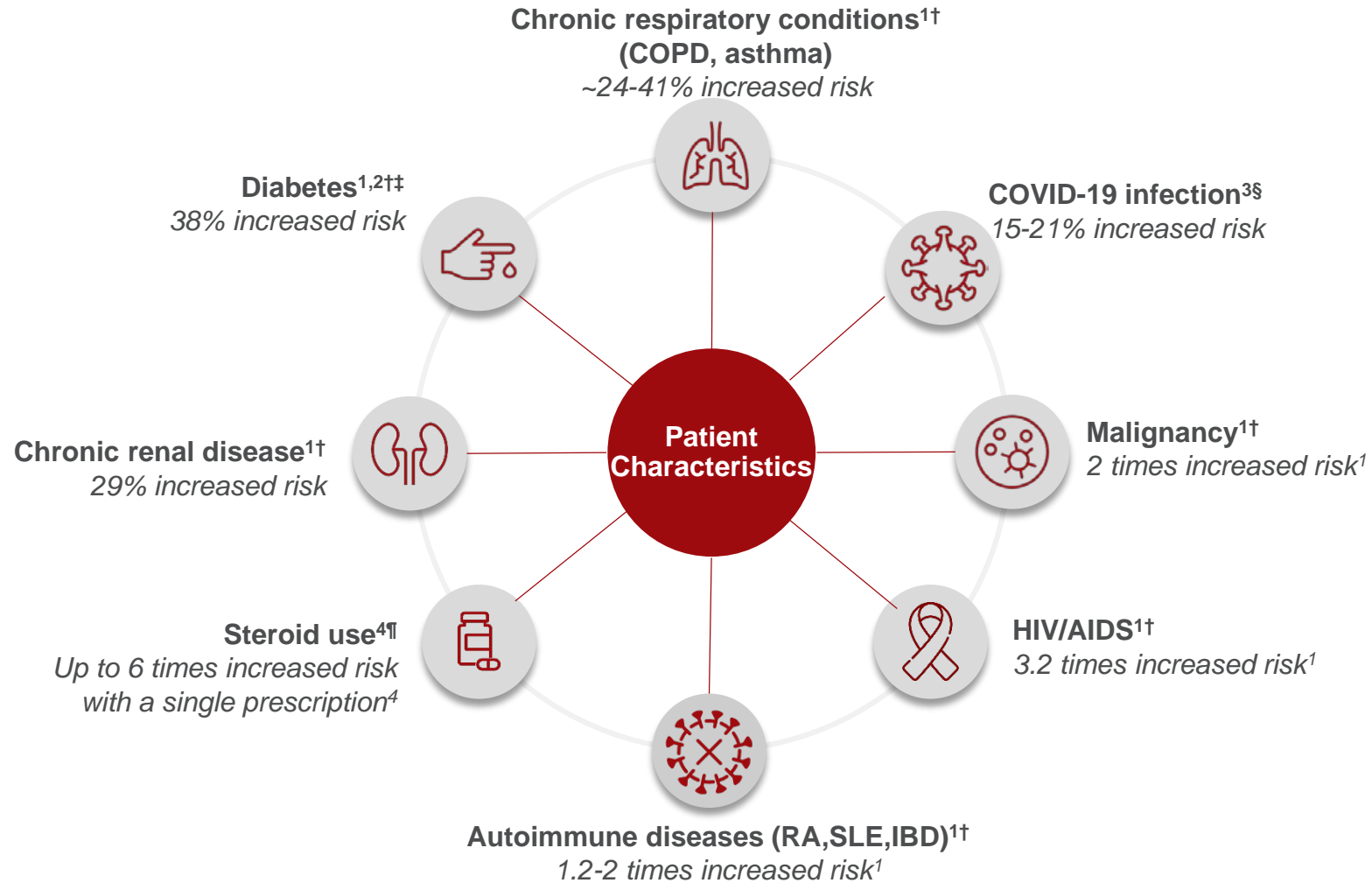
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\*Immunodeficiency caused by medical conditions or immunosuppressive medications may also increase the risk of shingles.<sup>1</sup>  
VZV=varicella-zoster virus; YOA=years of age.

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# ON TOP OF AGE, A VARIETY OF OTHER FACTORS CAN FURTHER ELEVATE PATIENTS' RISK OF SHINGLES<sup>1\*</sup>



\*List of risk factors is not exhaustive and presented HZ risk may vary with age. †Meta-analysis of 88 studies (N=198,751,846); estimates based on risk ratio and age ranged from 3 months to 104 years.<sup>1</sup> ‡Meta-analysis of 16 studies (N=65,541,845); estimates based on risk ratio and age was ≥18 years.<sup>2</sup> §Retrospective cohort study of individuals ≥50 years of age (N=394,677); adjusted incidence rate ratios were estimated by Poisson regression.<sup>3</sup> ¶Prospective population-based study of adults ≥45 years of age (n=20,048) on new systemic corticosteroid users with a median equivalent systemic prednisolone dose of 300 mg<sup>4</sup>; ; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SLE, systemic lupus erythematosus .

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# IC PATIENTS INCLUDING THOSE WITH CANCER HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF HZ COMPLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>



Up to 40% of haematological malignancy and solid tumour patients with HZ develop PHN<sup>2\*</sup>



Disseminated zoster was reported in 19.3% and 8.5% of hematological malignancy and solid tumor patients, respectively<sup>3†</sup>

**Disseminated zoster can be life-threatening, with a mortality rate up to 50% in IC patients<sup>4‡</sup>**

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<sup>\*</sup>Systematic review of studies (N=32) examining risk of HZ and its complications in adult patients with hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT), cancer (HM and ST), HIV, and SOT (kidney and other). PHN was reported in then range of 6–40% in HM and ST studies (n=4).<sup>2</sup> †Retrospective cohort study of members of Kaiser Permanente Northern California newly diagnosed with invasive cancer (N=14,670). Median follow-up of 22 months, 590 potential cases of HZ were identified. Disseminated zoster was defined as HZ rash  $\geq 2$  dermatomes.<sup>3</sup> ‡Disseminated VZV is observed more frequently in HSCT recipients compared with those patients undergoing conventional chemotherapy strategies. HIV=human immunodeficiency virus; HM=haematologic malignancies; HSCT=haematopoietic stem cell transplantation; HZ=herpes zoster; IC=immunocompromised; PHN=post-herpetic neuralgia; SOT=solid organ transplant; ST=solid tumour.

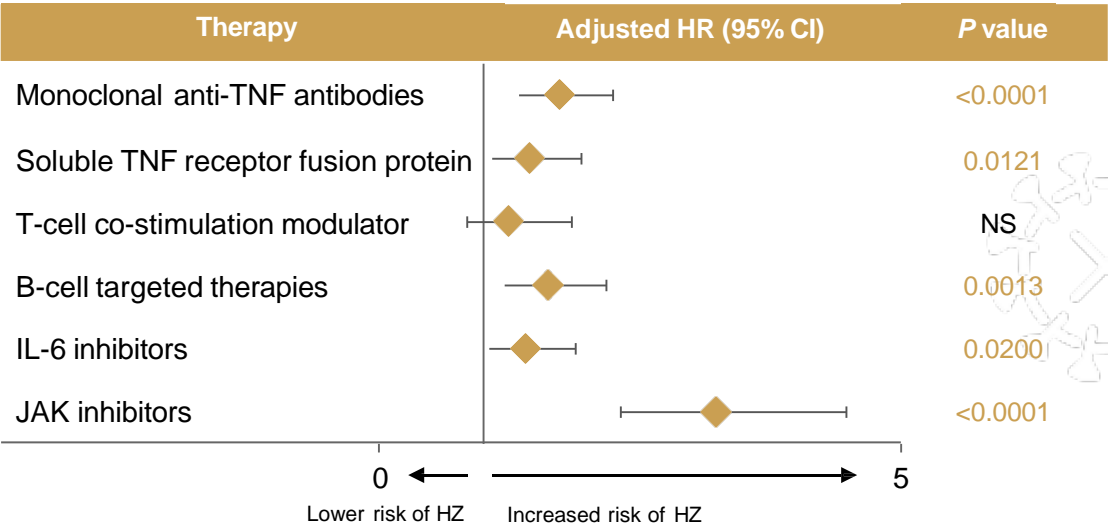
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# RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS TREATMENTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED RISK AND SEVERITY OF HERPES ZOSTER<sup>1</sup>

Rheumatoid arthritis medications differentially increase the risk of HZ<sup>1\*</sup>



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Up to 40% of HZ cases in rheumatoid arthritis patients receiving biological treatment are severe<sup>2†</sup>



- Use of biological therapy is associated with an increased risk of severe HZ vs non-biologicals.
- The use of corticosteroids showed a strong dose-dependent association with HZ ( $p < 0.001$ ).
- Patients with RA taking specific non-biological medications (eg, methotrexate,) were similar or slightly less prone to develop HZ than patients taking anti-TNF biological medications
- Patients in biologicals medication groups had a shorter time period for HZ occurrence than those in the non-biologicals group ( $p < 0.001$ ).<sup>2</sup>

The risk of HZ complications and recurrence is also higher in patients with rheumatoid arthritis versus the general population<sup>2</sup>

\*Prospective observational study (N=13,991) results of Anderson-Gill model without IPW. Adjusted regression analyses with csDMARD treatment used as reference. Weights were estimated using variables age, sex, disease duration, DAS28, FFbH, previous treatment with bDMARDs/tsDMARDs and osteoporosis. †Severe HZ defined as the need for IV antiviral treatment or HZ ophthalmicus (Anti-TNF=25.5%; non-anti-TNF=40.0%; non-biologicals=11%). bDMARD=biologic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug; CI=confidence interval; csDMARD=conventional synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug; DAS28=Disease Activity Score of 28 joints; DMARD=disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug; FFbH=Hannover Functional Status Questionnaire; HR=hazard ratio; HZ=herpes zoster; IL-6=interleukin 6; IPW=inverse probability weights; IV= intravenous; JAK=Janus kinase; NS=not significant; TNF=tumour necrosis factor; tsDMARD=targeted synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug.



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# SHINGRIX WAS ALSO INVESTIGATED IN 5 IMMUNOCOMPROMISED POPULATIONS (ADULTS ≥18 YEARS OF AGE)



HUMAN  
IMMUNODEFICIENCY  
VIRUS<sup>1</sup>  
Living with HIV



AUTOLOGOUS  
HAEMATOPOIETIC  
STEM CELL  
TRANSPLANT<sup>2</sup>  
Post transplant



HAEMATOLOGIC  
MALIGNANCIES<sup>3</sup>  
Receiving  
immunosuppressive  
chemotherapy\*



RENAL  
TRANSPLANTS<sup>4</sup>  
Post-renal transplant



SOLID TUMOUR<sup>5</sup>  
Receiving  
immunosuppressive  
chemotherapy

Trial	Zoster-015	Zoster-002	Zoster-039	Zoster-041	Zoster-028
Phases	Phase 1/2a (N=123)	Phase 3 (N=1846)	Phase 3 (N=562)	Phase 3 (N=264)	Phase 2/3 (N=232)
Trial Type	Placebo controlled, ≥18 years of age				
Endpoints	Immuno/Safety	Efficacy/Immunogenicity/Safety		Immunogenicity/Safety	
Dose Timeline	Month 0, 2, 6 (3 doses)	Month 0, 1-2	Month 0, 1-2	Month 0, 1-2	Month 0, 1-2

\*Efficacy was measured in post-hoc analysis.<sup>3</sup> HIV=human immunodeficiency virus; HZ=herpes zoster :

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# SHINGRIX DEMONSTRATED EFFICACY AMONG PATIENTS WITH au-HSCT AND HM<sup>1</sup>



AUTOLOGOUS HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANT (auHSCT)<sup>1</sup>

Post transplant

## Vaccine efficacy against HZ by age (95% CI)<sup>1</sup>

Aged ≥18 years (SHINGRIX n/N:49/870; placebo n/N;135/851)	<b>68.2%</b> (55.5-77.6)
Aged 18-49 years (SHINGRIX n/N:9/213; placebo n/N;29/212)	<b>71.8%</b> (38.7-88.3)
Aged ≥50 years (SHINGRIX n/N:40/657; placebo n/N;106/639)	<b>67.3%</b> (52.6-77.9)



HAEMATOLOGIC MALIGNANCIES<sup>2</sup>  
Receiving immunosuppressive chemotherapy

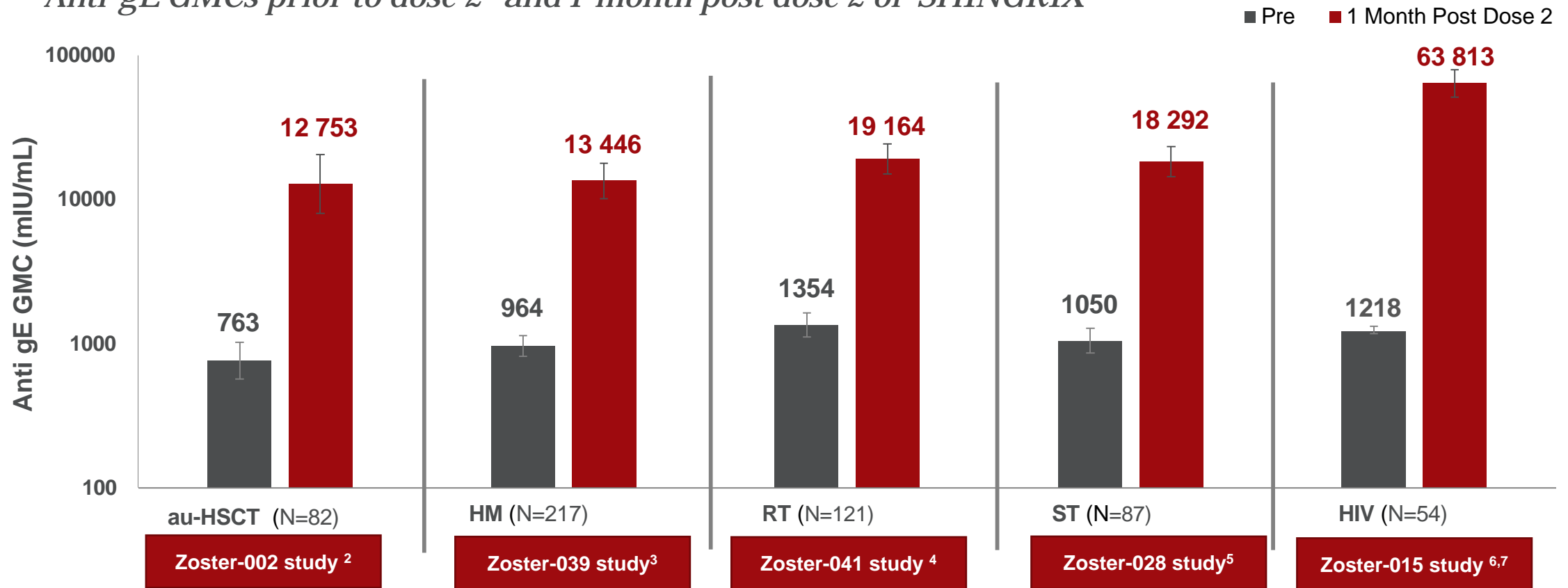
## Post hoc vaccine efficacy against Shingles (95% CI)<sup>2</sup>

Aged ≥18 years (SHINGRIX n/N:2/259; placebo n/N;14/256)	<b>87.2%</b> (44.3-98.6)
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An immunological correlate of protection has not been established, therefore the level of immune response that provides protection against HZ is unknown.<sup>2</sup>

# SHINGRIX ELICITED HUMORAL-MEDIATED IMMUNE RESPONSES ACROSS PHASE II/III TRIALS IN IMMUNOCOMPROMISED POPULATIONS<sup>1,\*</sup>

*Anti-gE GMCs prior to dose 2- and 1-month post dose 2 of SHINGRIX*



<sup>1</sup>\*Each population was evaluated in a separate study.

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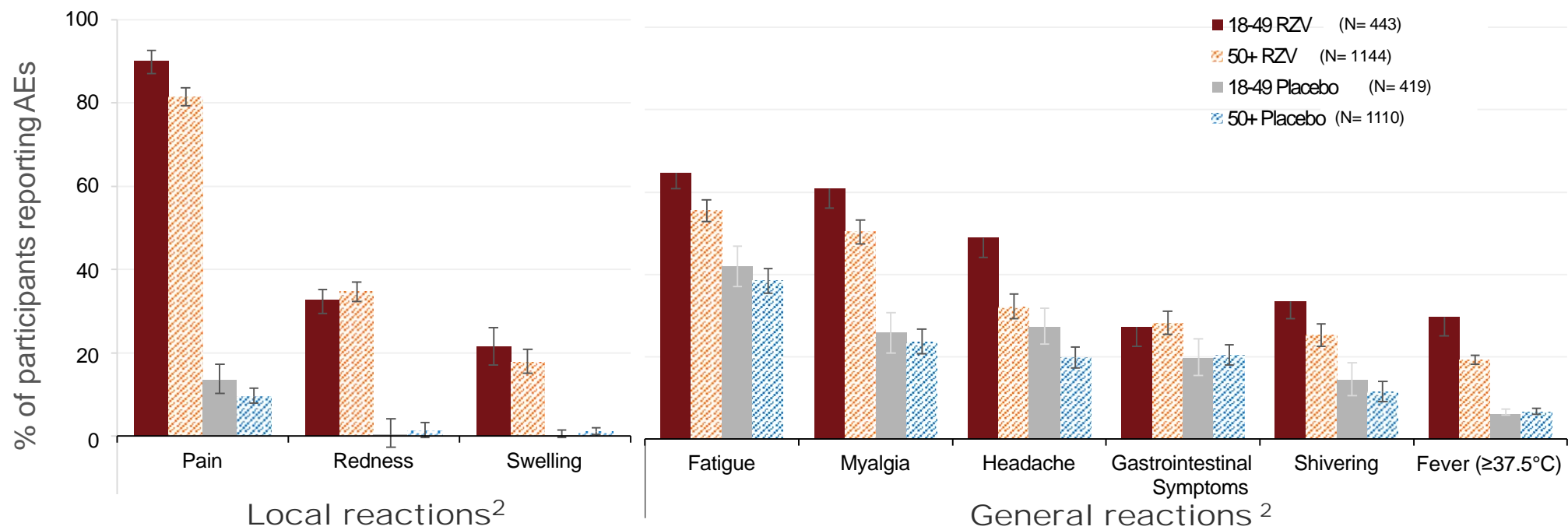
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# SHINGRIX HAS CLINICALLY ACCEPTABLE SAFETY PROFILE IN IC PATIENTS<sup>1</sup>

In pooled analysis of six trials in IC patients<sup>1^</sup>  
Most vaccination reactions were mild to moderate, with a median duration of 1-3 days<sup>1\*</sup>



The incidence of unsolicited AEs, SAEs, fatal SAEs, and pIMDs showed no significant difference between RZV and placebo groups<sup>1</sup>

# SHINGRIX HAS CLINICALLY ACCEPTABLE SAFETY PROFILE IN IC PATIENTS<sup>1,2</sup>

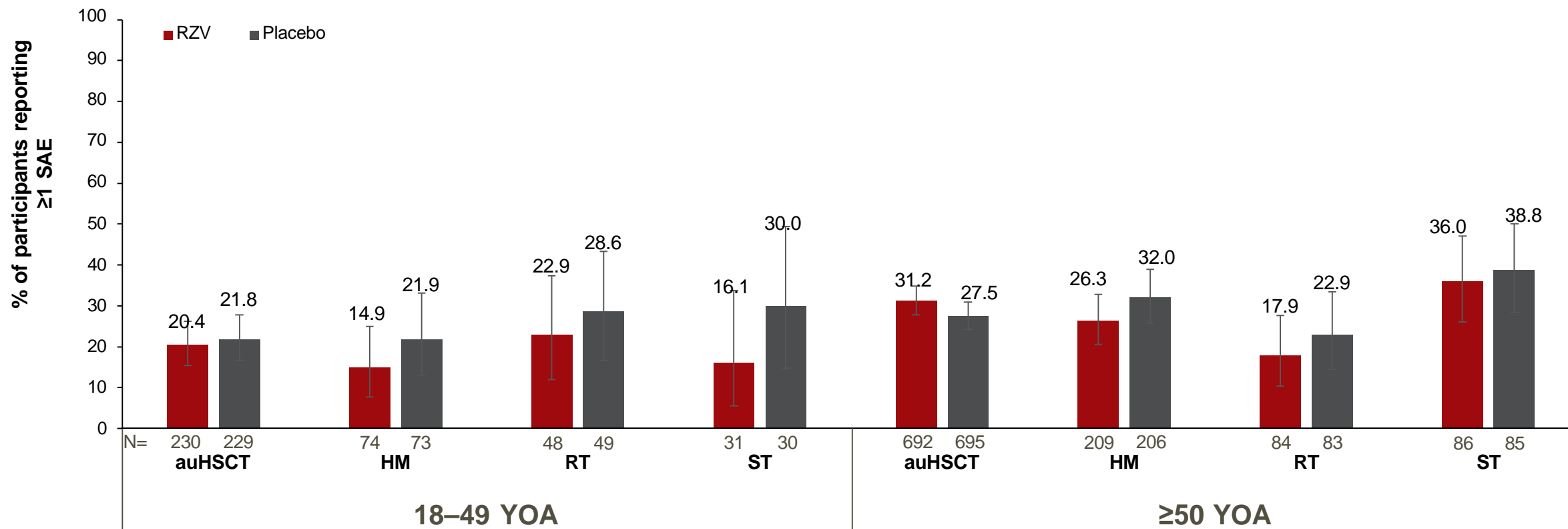
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# SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS (SAES)

Percentage of participants reporting  $\geq 1$  SAE from dose 1 until 1-year post-last dose per study – TVC<sup>1</sup>



Percentage of adults with  $\geq 1$  SAE, causally related SAEs, fatal SAEs and pIMDs between RZV and placebo and between age groups

The same results were first published in López-Fauqued M et al. 2020. The figure has been independently created by GSK from the original data published in López-Fauqued M et al. 2020. Error bars represent 95% CI. Each population was evaluated in a separate study. **There are no head-to-head comparisons between immunocompromised populations.** auHSCT=autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant; CI=confidence interval; HM=hematological malignancies; pIMD=potential immune-mediated disease; RT=renal transplant; RZV=recombinant zoster vaccine; SAE=serious adverse event; ST=solid tumours; TVC=total vaccinated cohort; YOA=years of age.

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# Storage and Administration



**SHINGRIX should be refrigerated. DO NOT FREEZE.** Store in a refrigerator (2° C - 8° C). After reconstitution, SHINGRIX is stable for 6 hours when kept in a refrigerator (2° C - 8° C).<sup>1</sup>



**SHINGRIX is supplied in 2 vials for reconstitution:** 1 vial of antigen should be reconstituted with 1 accompanying vial of adjuvant suspension.<sup>1</sup>



**SHINGRIX is for intramuscular injection only.**<sup>1</sup>

Shingrix is indicated for prevention of herpes zoster HZ and PHN in

- adults 50 years of age or older;
- adults 18 years of age or older at increased risk of HZ<sup>1</sup>

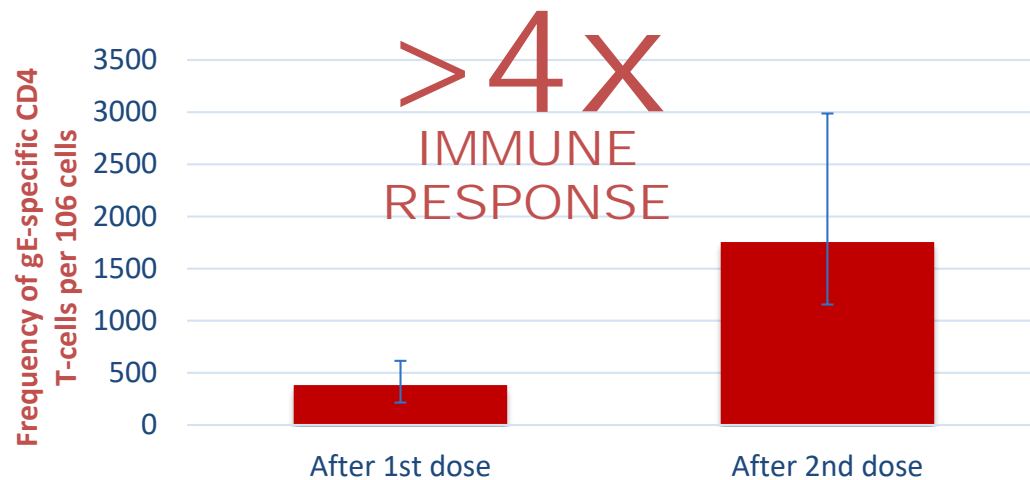
**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients.

**Limitations of Use:** SHINGRIX is not indicated for the prevention of primary varicella infection (chickenpox).<sup>1</sup>



# Two doses of SHINGRIX are required to induce strong immune response against VZV<sup>1</sup>

2 doses of SHINGRIX generated a >4x increase in cellular immune response vs to 1 dose<sup>2\*</sup>



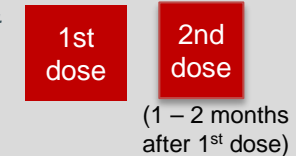
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Vaccination Schedule consists of initial dose followed by a second dose 2 months later<sup>1</sup>  
If flexibility is necessary, the second dose can be administered between 2 and 6 months after the first dose<sup>1</sup>

*For Adults 50 years of age or older*



*For subjects who are or might become immunodeficient or immunosuppressed due to disease or therapy<sup>1</sup>*



Shorter vaccination Schedule

# CURRENT GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHINGRIX\*



## General Population (≥50 years of age)

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (2022)<sup>1</sup>
- Canadian National Advisory Committee on Immunization (2018)<sup>2</sup>



## Common Comorbidities

### Diabetes Mellitus

- American Diabetes Association (2024)<sup>8</sup>

### Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

- Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) (2024)<sup>9</sup>

### Asthma

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (2022)<sup>1</sup>



## Autoimmune Diseases

### Rheumatoid Arthritis

- European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR) 2019<sup>3</sup>

### Inflammatory Bowel Disease

- American College of Gastroenterology 2017<sup>4</sup>
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation 2017<sup>5</sup>
- European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO) Guidelines 2021<sup>6</sup>

### Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases

- American College of Rheumatology (2022)<sup>7</sup>



## Immunocompromised (≥18/50 years of age)

### Cancer

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (2022)<sup>1</sup>

### Solid Organ/Renal Transplant

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (2022)<sup>1</sup>
- American Society of Transplantation (2019)<sup>10</sup>

### Human Immunodeficiency Virus

- US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (2022)<sup>1</sup>
- European AIDS Clinical Society (2024)<sup>11</sup>

### Multiple Myeloma

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# SHINGRIX (ZOSTER VACCINE RECOMBINANT, ADJUVANTED) IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>

## Dosage and Administration:

For intramuscular injection only, preferably in the deltoid muscle. The use of Shingrix should be in accordance with official recommendations:

- **Adults:** The primary vaccination schedule consists of two doses of 0.5 mL each: an initial dose followed by a second dose 2 months later. If flexibility in the vaccination schedule is necessary, the second dose can be administered between 2 and 6 months after the first dose.
- **Immunodeficient or Immunosuppressed Subjects**, and who would benefit from a shorter vaccination schedule, the second dose can be given 1 to 2 months after the initial dose.

The need for booster doses following the primary vaccination schedule has not been established.

## Important Safety Information

- SHINGRIX is contraindicated in anyone with hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any of the excipients.
- As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of an anaphylactic event following the administration of the vaccine.
- SHINGRIX should be given with caution to individuals with thrombocytopenia or any coagulation disorder since bleeding may occur following intramuscular administration to these subjects.
- Syncope (fainting) can be associated with the administration of injectable vaccines, including SHINGRIX. Procedures should be in place to avoid falling injury and to restore cerebral perfusion following syncope.

- In a post-marketing observational study in individuals aged 65 years or older, an increased risk of Guillain-Barre syndrome (estimated 3 excess cases per million doses administered) was observed during the 42 days following vaccination with SHINGRIX. Available information is insufficient to determine a causal relationship with SHINGRIX.
- In adults aged 50 years and above, the most frequently reported adverse reactions were pain at the injection site (68.1% overall/dose; 3.8% severe/dose), myalgia (32.9% overall/dose; 2.9% severe/dose), fatigue (32.2% overall/dose; 3.0% severe/dose) and headache (26.3% overall/dose; 1.9% severe/dose). Most of these reactions were not long lasting (median duration of 2 to 3 days). Reactions reported as severe lasted 1 to 2 days.
- In adults  $\geq 18$  years of age who are immunodeficient or immunosuppressed due to disease or therapy (referred to as immunocompromised (IC)), the safety profile was consistent with that observed in adults  $\geq 50$  years of age. There are limited data in adults aged 18-49 years at increased risk of HZ who are not IC.
- Overall, there was a higher incidence of some adverse reactions in younger age groups:
  - studies in IC adults  $\geq 18$  years of age (pooled analysis): the incidence of pain at the injection site, fatigue, myalgia, headache, shivering and fever was higher in adults aged 18-49 years compared to those aged 50 years and above.
  - studies in adults  $\geq 50$  years of age (pooled analysis): the incidence of myalgia, fatigue, headache, shivering, fever and gastrointestinal symptoms was higher in adults aged 50-69 years compared to those aged 70 years and above.
- There are no data from the use of SHINGRIX in pregnant women. As a precautionary measure, it is preferable to avoid the use of SHINGRIX during pregnancy. It is unknown whether SHINGRIX is excreted in human milk.
- As with any vaccine, a protective immune response may not be elicited in all vaccines.



# SHINGRIX PRESCRIBING INFORMATION SHINGRIX Herpes zoster (HZ, or shingles) vaccine (non-live recombinant, AS01<sub>B</sub> adjuvanted)

## QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

After reconstitution, 1 dose (0.5 ml) contains 50 micrograms of gE antigen<sup>1</sup> adjuvanted with AS01<sub>B</sub><sup>2</sup>.

1 Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) glycoprotein E (gE) produced by recombinant DNA technology in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells

2 The GlaxoSmithKline proprietary AS01s Adjuvant System is composed of the plant extract *Quillaja saponaria* Molina, fraction 21 (QS-21) (50 micrograms) and 3-O-desacyl-4'-monophosphoryl lipid A (MPL) from *Salmonella minnesota* (50 micrograms)

The powder is white. The suspension is an opalescent, colourless to pale brownish liquid.

## CLINICAL INFORMATION

### **Indications**

Shingrix is indicated for the prevention of herpes zoster (HZ) and HZ-related complications, such as post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), in:

- adults 50 years of age or older;
- adults 18 years of age or older at increased risk of HZ.

The use of Shingrix should be based on official recommendations.

### **Dosage and Administration**

Pharmaceutical form: powder and suspension for suspension for injection.

The immunisation schedules for Shingrix should be based on official recommendations.

### **Posology**

The primary vaccination schedule consists of two doses of 0.5 ml each; an initial dose followed by a second dose 2 to 6 months later. For subjects who are immunodeficient, immunosuppressed or likely to become immunosuppressed due to known disease or the rapy, and whom would benefit from a shorter vaccination schedule, the second dose can be given 1 to 2 months after the initial dose (see *Pharmacodynamics Effects*).

The need for booster doses has not been established. Shingrix can be given with the same schedule in individuals previously vaccinated with live attenuated HZ vaccine (see *Pharmacodynamics Effects*). Shingrix is not indicated for prevention of primary varicella infection

## Method of administration

Shingrix is for intramuscular injection only, preferably in the deltoid muscle.

For instructions on reconstitution of the medicinal product before administration, see Use and Handling.

## Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substances or to any component of the vaccine (see *Qualitative and Quantitative Composition* and *List of Excipients*).

## Warnings and Precautions

### Prior to immunisation

It is good clinical practice to precede vaccination by a review of the medical history (especially with regard to previous vaccination and possible occurrence of undesirable events) and a clinical examination. As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of an anaphylactic event following the administration of the vaccine.

As with other vaccines, vaccination with Shingrix should be postponed in subjects suffering from an acute severe febrile illness. The presence of a minor infection, such as a cold, should not result in the deferral of vaccination.

As with any vaccine, a protective immune response may not be elicited in all vaccines. In a post-marketing observational study in individuals aged 65 years or older, an increased risk of Guillain-Barre syndrome (estimated 3 excess cases per million doses administered) was observed during the 42 days following vaccination with Shingrix. Available information is to determine a causal relationship with Shingrix.

## Precautions for use

**Do not administer the vaccine intravascularly, intradermally or subcutaneously.**

Maladministration via the subcutaneous route may lead to an increase in transient local reactions.

As with other vaccines administered intramuscularly, Shingrix should be given with caution to individuals with thrombocytopenia or any coagulation disorder since bleeding may occur following an intramuscular administration to these subjects.

Syncope (fainting) can occur following, or even before, any vaccination as a psychogenic response to the needle injection. It is important that procedures are in place to avoid injury from faints.

## Interactions

### Use with other vaccines

Shingrix can be given concomitantly with unadjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccine, 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV23), pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) or reduced antigen diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis vaccine (dTpa) (see Pharmacodynamics Effects).

The adverse reactions of fever and shivering were more frequent when PPV23 vaccine was co-administered with Shingrix compared to when Shingrix was given alone (see Adverse Reactions).

If Shingrix is to be given at the same time as another injectable vaccine, the vaccines should always be administered at different injection sites.

# Pregnancy and Lactation

## Fertility

Animal studies indicate no effects of Shingrix on male or female fertility.

## Pregnancy

There are no data on the use of Shingrix in pregnant women. Animal studies performed with Shingrix administered to female rats do not indicate any harmful effects with respect to pregnancy (see *Non-clinical information*).

## Lactation

The effect on breast-fed infants of administration of Shingrix to their mothers has not been studied.

## Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines

No studies on the effects of Shingrix on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

## Adverse Reactions

### Clinical trial data

The safety profile presented below is based on a pooled analysis of more than 14,500 adults  $\geq 50$  years of age, who have received at least one dose of Shingrix. These data were generated in placebo-controlled clinical studies (conducted in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia and Australia) where Shingrix was administered according to a 0, 2-month schedule.

Additionally, in clinical studies, 1,587 subjects  $\geq 18$  years of age who are immunodeficient or immunosuppressed due to disease or therapy (referred to as immunocompromised (IC)), were vaccinated with at least 1 dose of Shingrix. The reported adverse reactions were consistent with those presented in the Table below. Adverse reactions reported are listed according to the following frequency:

Very common  $\geq 1/10$ ); Common  $\geq 1/100$  to  $<1/10$ ); Uncommon  $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $<1/100$ ); Rare  $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $<1/1,000$ ); Very rare ( $<1/10,000$ )

System Organ Class	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Nervous system disorders	Very common	headache
Gastrointestinal disorders	Very common	gastrointestinal symptoms (including nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and/or abdominal pain)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Very common	myalgia
	Uncommon	arthralgia
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	injection site reactions (such as pain, redness, swelling), fatigue, chills, fever
	Common	injection site pruritus, malaise

Overall, there was a higher incidence of some adverse reactions in younger age groups. However, the overall frequency and severity of these events did not indicate a clinically meaningful different reactogenicity profile in the younger age strata. In IC adult studies, there was a higher incidence of pain at the injection site, fatigue, myalgia, headache, shivering and fever in subjects aged 18 to 49 years compared with those aged 50 years and older. In older adult studies, there was a higher incidence of pain and swelling at the injection site, fatigue, myalgia, headache, shivering, fever and gastrointestinal symptoms in subjects aged 50 to 69 years compared with those aged 70 years and older.

In a clinical study where 119 subjects  $\geq 50$  years of age were vaccinated with Shingrix following a 0, 6-month schedule, the safety profile was similar to that observed in subjects vaccinated with Shingrix following a 0, 2-month schedule. In a clinical study including 865 adults  $\geq 50$  years of age, fever and shivering were reported more frequently when PPV23 vaccine was co-administered with Shingrix (16% and 21%, respectively) compared to when Shingrix was given alone (7% for both adverse reactions).

## Post-marketing data

System Organ Class	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Immune system disorders	Rare	hypersensitivity reactions including rash, urticaria, angioedema

## Overdose

Insufficient data are available.

## PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

### Pharmacodynamics

### ATC Code

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Varicella zoster vaccines, ATC code: J07BK03.

### Mechanism of Action

Shingrix is designed to induce antigen-specific cellular and humoral immune responses in individuals with pre-existing immunity against VZV.

Non-clinical data show that AS01B induces a local and transient activation of the innate immune system through specific molecular pathways. This facilitates the recruitment and activation of antigen presenting cells carrying gE-derived antigens in the draining lymph node, which in turn leads to the generation of gE-specific CD4+ T cells and antibodies.

The adjuvant effect of AS01B is the result of interactions between MPL and QS-21 formulated in liposomes.

# Pharmacodynamic Effects

## 1. Efficacy of Shingrix

*Efficacy against Herpes Zoster (HZ) and Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN)* Two phase III, placebo-controlled, observer-blind efficacy studies of Shingrix were conducted in adults ≥ 50 years with 2 doses administered 2 months apart:

- Zoster-006 (ZOE-50): total vaccinated cohort (TVC) of 15,405 subjects 50 years who received at least one dose of either Shingrix (N=7,695) or placebo (N=7,710).
- Zoster-022(ZOE-70): TVC of 13,900 subjects 70 years who received at least one dose of either Shingrix (N=6,950) or placebo (N=6,950).

Two phase III, placebo-controlled, observer-blind studies evaluating Shingrix efficacy were conducted in IC adults ≥ 18 years with 2 doses administered 1-2 months apart:

- Zoster-002: TVC of 1,846 autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplants (aHSCT) recipients who received at least one dose of either Shingrix (N=922) or placebo (N=924) post-transplant.
- Zoster-039: TVC of 562 subjects with hematologic malignancies who received at least one dose of either Shingrix (N=283) or placebo (N=279) during a cancer therapy course or after the full cancer therapy course. Incidence of HZ and PHN cases as well as vaccine efficacy were evaluated in the modified Total Vaccinated Cohort (mTVC i. e. excluding subjects who did not receive the second dose of vaccine or who had a confirmed diagnosis of HZ within one month after the second dose).

Shingrix significantly decreased the incidence of HZ and PHN compared with placebo in:

- adults ≥ 50 years (Zoster-006): 6 vs. 210 HZ cases and 0 vs. 18 PHN cases;
- adults ≥ 70 years (pooled analysis of Zoster-006 and Zoster-022): 25 vs. 284 HZ cases and 4 vs. 36 PHN cases;
- adults ≥ 18 years with aHSCT (Zoster-002): 49 vs. 135 HZ cases and 1 vs. 9 PHN cases;
- adults ≥ 18 years with hematologic malignancies (Zoster-039): 2 vs. 14 HZ cases (PHN was not assessed as study endpoint). Vaccine efficacy was calculated post-hoc.

Vaccine efficacy results are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Shingrix efficacy against HZ and PHN (mTVC)

Age (Years)	HZ			7,340	100.0	PHN
	N	Efficacy (%)	95% CI	N	Efficacy (%)	95% CI
<b>Zoster-006*</b>						
≥ 50	7,344	97.2	93.7; 99.0	7,340	100.0	77.1; 100.0
50-59	3,492	96.6	89.6; 99.4	3,491	100.0	40.8; 100.0
≥ 60	3,852	97.6	92.7; 99.6	3,849	100.0	55.2; 100.0
60-69	2,141	97.4	90.1; 99.7	2,140	100.0 <sup>s</sup>	< 0; 100.0
<b>Pooled Zoster-006 and Zoster-022**</b>						
≥ 70	8,250	91.3	86.8; 94.5	8,250	88.8	68.7; 97.1
70-79	6,468	91.3	86.0; 94.9	6,468	93.0	72.4; 99.2
≥ 80	1,782	91.4	80.2; 97.0	1,782	71.2 <sup>s</sup>	< 0; 97.1
<b>Zoster-002*** (aHSCT recipients#)</b>						
≥ 18	870	68.2	55.5; 77.6	870	89.3	22.5; 99.8
18-49	213	71.8	38.7; 88.3	213	100.0 <sup>s</sup>	< 0; 100.0
≥ 50	657	67.3	52.6; 77.9	657	88.0	10.4; 99.8
<b>Zoster-039 (hematologic malignancy patients#)</b>						
≥ 18	259	87.2****	44.2; 98.6	-	-	-



N Number of evaluable subjects

CI Confidence interval

\* Over a median follow-up period of 3.1 and 4.1 years for reporting HZ and PHN cases, respectively

\*\* Over a median follow-up period of 4.0 years for reporting HZ and PHN cases

\*\*\* Over a median follow-up period of 21 months for reporting HZ and PHN cases

\*\*\*\* VE calculation was performed post-hoc; median follow-up period of 11.1 months

# antiviral prophylaxis in line with the local standard of care was permitted

§ Not statistically significant

Zoster-006 mTVC: N (Shingrix) = 7,344, N (Placebo) = 7,415

Pooled analysis of Zoster-006 and Zoster-022 mTVC: N (Shingrix) = 8,250, N (Placebo) = 8,346

Zoster-002 mTVC: N (Shingrix) = 870, N (Placebo) = 851

Zoster-039 mTVC: N(Shingrix)=259, N(Placebo)=256

In the fourth year after vaccination, the efficacy against HZ was 93.1 % (95% CI: 81.2; 98.2) and 87.9% (95% CI: 73.3; 95.4) in subjects  $\geq 50$  years (Zoster-006) and subjects  $\geq 70$  years (pooled Zoster-006 and Zoster-022), respectively. In Zoster-002, during a follow-up period starting 1 month post-dose 2 (i.e. corresponding to approximately 6 months after aHSCT) until 1 year after aHSCT, when the risk for HZ is the highest, the efficacy against HZ was 76.2% (95% CI: 61.1; 86.0).

#### Efficacy against other HZ-related complications

The evaluated HZ-related complications (other than PHN) were: HZ vasculitis, disseminated disease, ophthalmic disease, neurologic disease including stroke, and visceral disease. In the pooled analysis of Zoster-006 and Zoster-022, Shingrix significantly reduced HZ related

complications by 93.7% (95% CI: 59.5; 99.9) and 91.6% (95% CI: 43.3; 99.8) in subjects  $\geq 50$  years (1 vs. 16 cases) and subjects  $\geq 70$  years (1 vs. 12 cases), respectively.

In Zoster-002, Shingrix significantly reduced HZ-related complications by 77.8% (95% CI: 19.0; 96.0) in aHSCT recipients  $\geq 18$  years (3 vs 13 cases).

In addition, in Zoster-002, Shingrix significantly reduced HZ-related hospitalisations by 84.7% (95% CI: 32.1; 96.6) (2 vs. 13 cases).

### Effect of Shingrix on HZ-associated pain

In Zoster-022, Shingrix significantly reduced the use and the duration of HZ-associated pain medication by 39.6% (95% CI: 10.7; 64.8) and 49.3% (95% CI: 2.9; 73.5), respectively, in subjects  $\geq 70$  years with at least one confirmed HZ episode. The median duration of pain medication use was 30.0 and 38.0 days in the Shingrix and placebo group, respectively.

Overall there was a general trend towards less severe HZ-associated pain in subjects vaccinated with Shingrix compared to placebo.

In Zoster-002, Shingrix significantly reduced the duration of severe ‘worst’ HZ associated pain by 38.5% (95% CI: 11.0; 57.6) in aHSCT recipients  $\geq 18$  years with at least one confirmed HZ episode.

## **2. Immunogenicity of Shingrix**

An immunological correlate of protection has not been established; therefore the level of immune response that provides protection against HZ is unknown.

In adults  $\geq 50$  years, the immune responses to Shingrix were evaluated in a subset of subjects from the phase III efficacy studies Zoster-006 [humoral immunity and cell mediated immunity (CMI)] and Zoster-022 (humoral immunity). The gE-specific immune responses (humoral and CMI) elicited by Shingrix at 1 month post-dose 2 are presented in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

**Table 2:** Humoral immunogenicity of Shingrix in adults  $\geq 50$  years at 1 month post-dose 2 (ATP cohort for immunogenicity)

Anti-gE immune response <sup>^</sup>				
Age group (years)	N	VRR <sup>§</sup> (%) (95%CI)	GMC (95% CI)	Median fold increase of concentrations vs pre-vaccination (Q1; Q3)
<b>Zoster-006</b>				
≥ 50	1,070	98.5 (97.9; 99.1)	52,376.6 (50,264.1; 54,577.9)	41.9 (20.8; 86.9)
<b>Pooled Zoster-006 and Zoster-022</b>				
≥ 70	742	96.6 (95.1; 97.8)	49,691.5 (47,250.8; 52,258.2)	34.3 (16.7; 68.5)

ATP According-To-Protocol

<sup>^</sup> Anti-gE immune response = anti-gE antibody levels, measured by anti-gE enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (gE ELISA)

N Number of evaluable subjects at the specified time point (for the GMC)

<sup>§</sup> Vaccine response rate (VRR)for anti-gE is defined as the percentage of subjects who have at least a 4-fold increase in the post-dose 2 anti-gE antibodies concentration as compared to the pre- vaccination anti-gE antibodies (subjects seropositive at baseline), or as compared to the anti-gE antibodies cut-off value for seropositivity (subjects seronegative at baseline)

CI Confidence interval

GMC Geometric Mean Concentration

Q1; Q3 First and third quartiles

At 3 years post-dose 2, the median fold increase over baseline was 9.3 (Q1: 4.9; Q3: 19.5) in adults ≥ 50 years (Zoster-006) and 7.2 (Q1: 3.5; Q3: 14.5) in adults ≥ 70 years (pooled Zoster-006 and Zoster-022).

**Table 3:** Cell-mediated immunogenicity of Shingrix in adults ≥ 50 years at 1 month post dose 2 (ATP cohort for immunogenicity)

gE-specific CD4[2+] T cell response^			
Age group (years)	N	Median frequency (Q1; Q3)	Median fold increase of frequency vs. pre- vaccination (Q1; Q3)
Zoster-006			
≥ 50	164	1,844.1 (1,253.6; 2,932.3)	24.6 (9.9; 744.2)
≥ 70	52	1,494.6 (922.9; 2,067.1)	33.2 (10.0; 1,052.0)

ATP According-To-Protocol

^ gE-specific CD4[2+] T cell response = gE-specific CD4+ T cell activity, measured by intracellular cytokine staining (ICS) assay (CD4[2+]T cells=CD4+Tcells expressing at least 2 of 4 selected immune markers)

N Number of evaluable subjects at the specified time point for the median frequency

Q1; Q3 First and third quartiles

\* The gE-specific CD4[2+] data in the ≥ 70 YOA group were only generated in Zoster-006 because CD4+ T cell activity was not assessed in Zoster-022

At 3 years post-dose 2, in Zoster-006, the median fold increase over baseline was 7.9 (Q1: 2.7; Q3: 31.6) in adults  $\geq$  50 years and 7.3 (Q1: 1.7; Q3: 31.6) in adults  $\geq$  70 years.

Data from a phase II, open-label, single group, follow-up clinical study in adults  $\geq$  60 years (Zoster-024) indicate that the vaccine-induced immune response (humoral and CMI) persists up to Month 72 (approximately 6 years post-dose 1 i.e. 70 months post dose 2), following a 0, 2-month schedule (N= 119).

The median anti-gE antibody concentration was greater than 7-fold above the baseline pre-vaccination median concentration. The median frequency of gE-specific CD4[2+] T cells was greater than 3.7-fold above baseline pre-vaccination median frequency.

In IC adults  $\geq$  18 years, the humoral and CMI responses to Shingrix were evaluated in:

- one phase I/II study: Zoster-015 (HIV infected subjects);
- one phase II/III study: Zoster-028 (patients with solid tumours undergoing chemotherapy);
- three phase III studies: Zoster-002 (aHSCT recipients vaccinated post-transplant), Zoster-039 (patients with hematologic malignancies vaccinated during a cancer therapy course or after the full cancer therapy course) and Zoster-041 (renal transplant recipients on chronic immunosuppressive treatment at the time of vaccination).

The gE-specific immune responses (humoral and CMI) elicited by Shingrix at 1 month post-dose 2 in all IC populations studied are presented in Tables 4 and 5, respectively.

**Table 4:** Humoral immunogenicity of Shingrix in IC adults ≥ 18 years at 1 month postdose 2 (ATP cohort for immunogenicity)

Anti-gE immune response <sup>a</sup>			
N	VRR <sup>b</sup> (%) (95%CI)	GMC (95%CI)	Median fold increase of concentrations vs pre- vaccination (Q1; Q3)
Zoster-002 (aHSCT recipients)			
82	67.1	12,753.2	14.1
	(55.8; 77.1)	(7,973.0; 20,399.4)	(1.7; 137.0)
Zoster-028 (solid tumor patients)			
87	86.2	18,291.7	21.5
	(77.1; 92.7)	(14,432.1; 23,183.5)	(7.0; 45.2)

Zoster-039 (hematologic malignancy patients)			
217	65.4	13,445.6	17.2
	(58.7; 71.7)	(10,158.9; 17,795.6)	(1.4; 87.4)
Zoster-041 (renal transplant recipients)			
121	80.2	19,163.8	15.1
	(71.9; 86.9)	(15,041.5; 24,416.0)	(6.1; 35.0)
Zoster-015 (HIV infected subjects)			
53	98.1	42,723.6	40.9
	(89.9; 100)	(31,233.0; 58,441.6)	(18.8; 93.0)

ATP According-To-Protocol

^ Anti-gE immune response anti-gE antibody levels, measured by anti-gE enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (gE ELISA)

N Number of evaluable subjects at the specified time point (for the GMC)

§ Vaccine response rate (VRR) for anti-gE is defined as the percentage of subjects who have at least a 4-fold increase in the post-dose 2 anti-gE antibodies concentration as compared to the pre-vaccination anti-gE antibodies (subjects seropositive at baseline), or as compared to the anti-gE antibodies cut-off value for seropositivity (subjects seronegative at baseline)

CI Confidence interval

GMC Geometric Mean Concentration

Q1; Q3 First and third quartiles

**Table 5:** Cell-mediated immunogenicity of Shingrix in IC adults  $\geq 18$  years at 1 month post-dose 2 (ATP cohort for immunogen

gE-specific CD4[2+] T cell response"		
N	Median frequency (Q1; Q3)	Median fold increase of frequency vs. pre-vaccination (Q1; Q3)
<b>Zoster-002 (aHSCT recipients)</b>		
51	6,644.9	109.0
	(1,438.3; 13,298.6)	(34.4; 2,716.4)
<b>Zoster-028* (solid tumor patients)</b>		
22	778.8	4.9
	(393.1; 1,098.2)	(1.7; 33.0)
<b>Zoster-039 (hematologic malignancy patients)</b>		
53	3,081.9	45.9
	(1,766.2; 7,413.6)	(16.4; 2,221.9)
<b>Zoster-041 (renal transplant recipients)</b>		
32	2,149.0	47.7
	(569.4; 3,695.1)	(14.7; 439.6)
<b>Zoster-015 (HIV infected subjects)</b>		
41	2,809.7	23.4
	(1,554.5; 4,663.7)	(8.5; 604.1)



ATP According-To-Protocol

^ gE-specific CD4[2+] T cell response = gE-specific CD4+ T cell activity, measured by intracellular cytokine staining (ICS) assay (CD4[2 +] T cells = CD4+ T cells expressing at least 2 of 4 selected immune markers)

N Number of evaluable subjects at the specified time point for the median frequency

Q1; Q3 First and third quartiles SHINGRIX

\*Blood for CMI was only collected from the group of subjects that received the first dose of Shingrix 8-30 days before the start of a chemotherapy cycle (i.e. largest group of the study)

At 1 year post-dose 2, the median fold increase over baseline ranged from 2.7 to 6.5 in terms of anti-gE antibody concentration and from 2.0 to 43.6 in terms of gE-specific CD4[2+] T-cell frequencies (studies Zoster-002, Zoster-028, Zoster-039 and Zoster-041).

At 2 years post-dose 2, in Zoster-002, the median fold increase over baseline was 1.3 in terms of anti-gE antibody concentration and 50.9 in terms of gE-specific CD4[2+] T-cell frequencies.

#### Immunogenicity following concomitant vaccination

In four phase III, controlled, open-label clinical studies, adults ≥ 50 years of age were randomized to receive 2 doses of Shingrix 2 months apart administered either concomitantly at the first dose or non-concomitantly with unadjuvanted seasonal influenza vaccine (N=828; Zoster-004), PPV23 vaccine (N=865; Zoster 035), PCV13 vaccine (N=912; Zoster-059) or dTap vaccine formulated with 0.3 milligrams Al3+ (N=830; Zoster-042). The vaccine response rate (in terms of anti-gE antibodies) was 95.8% (95% CI: 93.3; 97.6), 98.3% (95% CI: 96.4; 99.3), 99.1% (95% CI: 97.6; 99.7) and 97.8% (95% CI: 95.8; 99.1) following co administration of Shingrix with the influenza, PPV23, PCV13 and dTap vaccine respectively. The immune responses of the co-administered vaccines were unaffected, with the exception of lower geometric mean concentrations (GMCs) for one of the pertussis antigens (pertactin) when Shingrix is co-administered with the dTpa vaccine. However, these data do not suggest clinically relevant interference.

### Immunogenicity in subjects with a history of HZ prior to vaccination

In a phase III, uncontrolled, open-label clinical study (Zoster-033), 96 adults  $\geq 50$  years of age, with a history of HZ, received 2 doses of Shingrix 2 months apart. The vaccine response rate (anti-gE antibodies) at 1 month post-vaccination was 90.2% (95% CI: 81.7; 95.7).

### Immunogenicity in subjects receiving 2 doses of Shingrix 6 months apart

In a phase III, open-label clinical study (Zoster-026) where 238 subjects  $\geq 50$  years of age were equally randomised to receive 2 doses of Shingrix 2 or 6 months apart, the vaccine response rate (anti-gE antibodies) at 1 month post-vaccination following the 0, 6-month schedule was 96.5% (95% CI: 90.4; 99.2).

The humoral immune response (anti-gE antibodies concentration) following the 0, 6- month schedule was not inferior to the humoral immune response following the 0, 2- month schedule, as the 97.5% CI upper limit of the antibodies concentration ratio was below 1.50 [1.16 (97.5% CI: 0.98; 1.39)].

### Immunogenicity in individuals previously vaccinated with live attenuated herpes zoster (HZ) vaccine

In a phase III, open-label, multicentre clinical study (Zoster-048), 430 adults  $\geq 65$  years of age with or without a previous history of vaccination with live attenuated HZ vaccine  $\geq 5$  years earlier were group-matched at a 1:1 ratio to receive 2 doses of Shingrix 2 months apart. The immune response to Shingrix was unaffected by prior vaccination with live attenuated HZ vaccine.

## **Pharmacokinetics**

Evaluation of pharmacokinetic properties is not required for vaccines.

## **Clinical Studies**

See *Pharmacodynamics Effects*.

## **Non-Clinical Information**

### **Reproductive Toxicology**

Administration of VZV gE ASO1B to female rats did not indicate any harmful effects with respect to fertility, pregnancy, embryo-foetal development, parturition or postnatal development.

Treatment of male rats did not affect mating performance, fertility or early embryonic development.

### **Animal toxicology and/or pharmacology**

Non-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of acute and repeated dose toxicity, local tolerance and cardiovascular/respiratory safety pharmacology.

## **PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION**

## List of Excipients

Powder (gE antigen):

Sucrose, polysorbate 80, sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate, dipotassium phosphate

Suspension (ASO1B Adjuvant System):

Dioleoyl phosphatidylcholine, cholesterol, sodium chloride, disodium phosphate anhydrous, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, water for injections

## Shelf Life

The expiry date is indicated on the packaging.

For shelf-life after reconstitution of the medicinal product, see *Use and Handling*.

## Storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C). Do not freeze. Store in the original package in order to protect from light. The storage conditions are detailed on the packaging.

For storage conditions after reconstitution of the medicinal product, see *Use and Handling*.

## Nature and Contents of Container

- Powder for 1 dose in a vial (type I glass) with a stopper (butyl rubber)
- Suspension for 1 dose in a vial (type I glass) with a stopper (butyl rubber).

Shingrix is available in a pack size of 1 vial of powder plus 1 vial of suspension or in a pack size of 10 vials of powder plus 10 vials of suspension.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

## Incompatibilities

This medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

## Use and Handling

The powder and suspension should be inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and/or variation of appearance. If either is observed, do not reconstitute the vaccine.

## How to prepare Shingrix:

Shingrix must be reconstituted prior to administration.

1. Withdraw the entire contents of the vial containing the suspension into the syringe.
2. Add the entire contents of the syringe into the vial containing the powder.
3. Shake gently until the powder is completely dissolved.

The reconstituted vaccine is an opalescent, colourless to pale brownish liquid.

The reconstituted vaccine should be inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and /or variation of appearance. If either is observed, do not administer the vaccine.

After reconstitution, the vaccine should be used promptly; if this is not possible, the vaccine should be stored in a refrigerator(2°C-8°C).If not used within 6 hours it should be discarded.

## Before administration:

1. Withdraw the entire contents of the vial containing the reconstituted vaccine into the syringe.
2. Change the needle so that you are using a new needle to administer the vaccine.

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

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