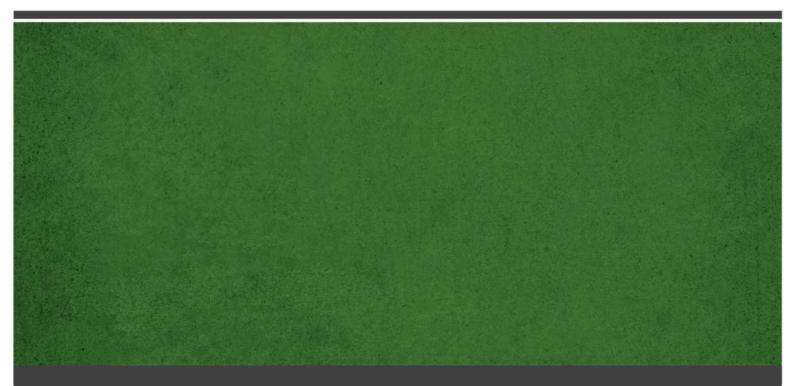
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PREAMBLE

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In addition to burden of disease and vaccine characteristics, PHAC has expanded the mandate of NACI to include the systematic consideration of programmatic factors in developing evidence based recommendations to facilitate timely decision-making for publicly funded vaccine programs at provincial and territorial levels.

The additional factors to be systematically considered by NACI include: economics, ethics, equity, feasibility, and acceptability. Not all NACI Statements will require in-depth analyses of all programmatic factors. While systematic consideration of programmatic factors will be conducted using evidence-informed tools to identify distinct issues that could impact decision-making for recommendation development, only distinct issues identified as being specific to the vaccine or vaccine-preventable disease will be included.

This statement contains NACI's independent advice and recommendations, which are based upon the best current available scientific knowledge. This document is being disseminated for information purposes. People administering the vaccine should also be aware of the contents of the relevant product monograph. Recommendations for use and other information set out herein may differ from that set out in the product monographs of the Canadian manufacturers of the vaccines. Manufacturer(s) have sought approval of the vaccines and provided evidence as to its safety and efficacy only when it is used in accordance with the product monographs. NACI members and liaison members conduct themselves within the context of PHAC's Policy on Conflict of Interest, including yearly declaration of potential conflict of interest.

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SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NACI SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

The following highlights key information for immunization providers. Please refer to the remainder of this supplemental statement for details.

1. What

Supemtek[™] is a quadrivalent recombinant seasonal influenza vaccine (RIV4) that has recently been authorized for use in Canada in adults 18 years of age and older. Supemtek is the first and, to date, the only seasonal influenza vaccine made with recombinant technology available in Canada. Other influenza vaccines are made in eggs or mammalian cell cultures.

2. Who

This supplemental statement addresses the annual influenza vaccination of adults who do not have contraindications to Supemtek.

3. How

Supemtek may be considered among the quadrivalent influenza vaccines offered to adults 18 years of age and older for their annual influenza vaccination.

4. Why

Supemtek is considered effective, immunogenic, and safe in adults 18 years of age and older and has a comparable immunogenicity and safety profile to egg- and cell culture-based, inactivated, live attenuated, adjuvanted, and high-dose seasonal influenza vaccines already licensed in Canada. Supemtek can provide a broader protection against influenza when compared to trivalent vaccines as its formulation contains both influenza B lineages. In addition, it contains identical hemagglutinin proteins to target influenza strains.

I. Introduction

Influenza is a viral infection that has been estimated to cause approximately 12,200¹ hospitalizations and 3,500 deaths² in Canada annually. In the five seasons prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (2014–2015 to 2018-2019 seasons), an average of 47,000 laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza were reported to FluWatch, Canada's national surveillance system, each year^{3–5}. The burden of influenza illness varies from year to year. Influenza activity has been at a historical low during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been associated with various reasons including the implementation of non-pharmaceutical public health measures (e.g., masking, social distancing) against COVID-19. Only 69 confirmed cases of influenza were identified in Canada during the 2020-2021 season and no community circulation of influenza occurred⁵. A return of persistent sporadic influenza activity was observed in the 2021-2022 season. It is expected that seasonal influenza will continue to re-circulate following the relaxation of COVID-19 pandemic-related public health measures. Low exposure to influenza during the COVID-19 pandemic may lead to higher infection rates when influenza begins circulating as levels of immunity to influenza may have decreased during the pandemic⁶. An increased number of influenza infections and larger outbreaks compared to those observed during the COVID-19 pandemic when infections were reported to be at historic lows ^{6,7} may occur. Additionally, the resurgence of seasonal influenza may not follow usual seasonal patterns^{5,8}. Vaccination against seasonal influenza remains the best method of preventing and limiting the spread and impact of seasonal influenza circulation.

Influenza in humans is caused by two main types of influenza virus: A, which is classified into subtypes based on hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA) surface proteins, and B, which consists of two antigenically distinct lineages, B/Yamagata and B/Victoria. Seasonal influenza vaccines are either trivalent or quadrivalent formulations. Trivalent influenza vaccines contain two influenza A and one influenza B strain, and quadrivalent influenza vaccines contain the three strains included in trivalent vaccines and an additional influenza B strain from the other lineage of influenza B. Each year, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) publishes a statement on seasonal influenza vaccines, which contains recommendations and guidance on the use of influenza vaccines for the upcoming influenza season.

Supemtek (Sanofi Pasteur, Ltd.) is a quadrivalent recombinant seasonal influenza vaccine (RIV4) that was authorized for use in Canada in adults 18 years of age and older on January 14, 2021⁹. Supemtek is created using an insect cell-baculovirus expression vector system and influenza virus proteins (i.e., HA antigens)⁹. The vaccine manufacturing process involves inserting the gene for the production of the HA antigen into a baculovirus to produce a recombinant baculovirus. Insect cells [proprietary expresSF+ insect cells] are then infected with the recombinant baculovirus. The baculovirus facilitates the transportation of the genetic instructions for producing the HA antigen to the host insect cells. A single HA antigen is cloned in these host cells. The individual HA antigens are then extracted from the host cells and further purified to be formulated into the final vaccine product.

Recombinant technology is a novel platform for influenza vaccine manufacturing that aims to overcome challenges associated with egg-based vaccine production and to improve the development process and quality of seasonal influenza vaccines^{10–12}. Although Supemtek is the only seasonal influenza vaccine made with recombinant technology authorized for use in Canada, the recombinant protein technology is a an established technique that has been utilized to produce vaccines for other vaccine-preventable diseases, including hepatitis B,

human papillomavirus, meningococcal group B, herpes zoster, cholera, traveller's diarrhea and COVID-19¹³. Additionally, RIV has been licensed in the United States (US) for 9 years.

The recombinant manufacturing platform offers several advantages over egg-based or cellbased vaccine production including faster production times, high vaccine purity, and reduced risk of mismatch between the vaccine and circulating viral strains^{12,14}. The recombinant production is not dependent on egg supply nor the availability of an avian or canine kidney cell substrate, as it does not require expansion of live egg-grown nor cell-grown viruses for development of a candidate vaccine virus. It therefore allows for a faster manufacturing process that can be valuable during a pandemic response or in cases of vaccine supply shortage^{11,14}. Recombinant vaccines are made from stable genetic sequences from original wild-type human isolates, so large quantities of highly purified HA can be produced in a relatively short period of time without preservatives^{11,14}.

Additionally, recombinant vaccine technology ensures an exact match of HA protein included in the vaccine to the influenza strains recommended seasonally by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is not subject to the risk of mutations related to egg-adaptive changes and therefore may potentially have higher vaccine effectiveness relative to standard egg-based influenza vaccines¹². At the time of this Statement's development, the infrastructure required for manufacturing recombinant vaccines is limited compared to the vast infrastructure for producing egg-based influenza vaccines ^{15,16}. Thus, the cost of recombinant influenza vaccines (RIV) is typically greater compared to egg-based vaccines ^{15,16}.

The authorization of Supertek triggered the need for a supplemental NACI statement, as it is the first, and currently the only, RIV available in Canada, and NACI has not previously made a recommendation on RIV in any population. Supemtek (licensed in the US under the tradename Flublok[®] Quadrivalent) builds on the clinical development of its trivalent predecessor, Flublok (RIV3), a RIV developed by Protein Sciences, Inc. (currently operating as Sanofi Pasteur, Ltd.). Flublok and its quadrivalent formulation, Flublok Quadrivalent, have been licensed for use among adults in the US since 2013 and 2016, respectively. Supemtek has also been licensed for use in the European Union (EU) since 2020. The trivalent and guadrivalent RIV formulations have the same manufacturing process. Additionally, both formulations have a high purity of HA and similar compositions, with the differentiation being that the quadrivalent formulation has a higher content of recombinant HA (180 instead of 135 µg/dose) due to the inclusion of one additional HA antigen⁹. The Supemtek formulation comprises antigens from two influenza A subtype viruses (H1N1 and H3N2) and two influenza type B virus lineages (B/Yamagata lineage and B/Victoria lineage). Superatek contains three times higher HA content per strain compared with cell- and egg-based standard-dose guadrivalent influenza vaccines. Despite the higher HA content, administration of the vaccine does not appear to be associated significant increase in adverse events (AEs)^{17,18}.

Guidance Objective:

The objective of this advisory committee supplemental statement is to review the available evidence on the efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, and safety of Supemtek, and to provide guidance on its use among adults in Canada.

II. METHODS

In brief, the broad stages in the preparation of this NACI statement included:

- Knowledge synthesis;
- Synthesis of the body of evidence of benefits and harms, considering the quality of the synthesized evidence and certainty of effects observed across studies;
- Translation of evidence into recommendations.

Details of NACI's evidence-based process for recommendation development can be found elsewhere^{19,20}.

To develop comprehensive, appropriate immunization program recommendations, NACI considers a number of factors. In addition to critically appraising the evidence on burden of disease and vaccine characteristics such as safety, efficacy, immunogenicity and effectiveness, NACI uses a published, peer-reviewed framework and evidence-informed tools to ensure that issues related to ethics, equity, feasibility, and acceptability (EEFA) are systematically assessed and integrated into its guidance²¹. The NACI Secretariat applied this framework with accompanying evidence-informed tools (Ethics Integrated Filters, Equity Matrix, Feasibility Matrix, and Acceptability Matrix) to consider these programmatic factors systematically for the development of clear, comprehensive, appropriate recommendations for timely, transparent decision-making. For details on the development and application of NACI's EEFA Framework and evidence-informed tools, please see <u>A framework for the systematic consideration of ethics</u>, equity, feasibility, and acceptability in vaccine program recommendations.

For this advisory committee statement, NACI used the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) framework to organize the information and to develop recommendations. Further information on this framework can be found in the <u>GRADE</u> <u>handbook</u>.

A systematic review, including scientific and grey literature, and a meta-analysis were undertaken to develop recommendations for the use of Supemtek seasonal influenza vaccine in adults 18 years of age and older in Canada. The literature review and knowledge synthesis were performed by PHAC staff and supervised by the NACI Influenza Working Group (IWG). Following critical appraisal of individual studies, proposed recommendations for vaccine use were developed. The evidence and proposed recommendations were presented to NACI for deliberation on October 27, 2021 and approved following a thorough review of the evidence. Relevant considerations, rationale for specific decisions, and knowledge gaps are described in the following sections.

II.1 NACI literature review

The policy and research questions addressed in this statement are:

Policy Question: Should Supemtek be considered alongside the influenza vaccines already recommended for use by NACI?

Research Question: What are the vaccine efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, and safety of Supemtek in persons 18 years of age and older?

The literature search and data extraction were conducted according to the following PICOT framework (Population, Intervention, Comparators, Outcomes and Time):

P (Population):	Adults (18 years of age and older)
I (Intervention):	Quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4)
C (Comparator):	Egg-based, standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV4-SD), trivalent, standard-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV3-SD), high-dose (IIV3- HD) or adjuvanted trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV3-Adj), mammalian cell culture-based trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV3-cc) or quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV4-cc), placebo, or no comparator
O (Outcome):	Efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, safety
T (Time)	Studies published January 2000 or later

The search strategy was developed based on the research question and PICOT illustrated above, in conjunction with a librarian from the Health Library of Health Canada and PHAC (search strategy available upon request). The EMBASE, MEDLINE, Cochrane Central, Scopus, ProQuest Public Health, and ClinicalTrials.gov, electronic databases were searched for primary research articles and case reports. Registered clinical trials and grey literature from international public health authorities and National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups were also considered. Searches were restricted to articles published in English or French due to the language proficiencies of the reviewers. Additionally, hand-searching of the reference lists of included articles was performed by one reviewer to identify additional relevant publications. All searches were performed on January 12, 2021, with an update to August 8, 2021.

Two reviewers independently screened the titles and abstracts of records retrieved from the database searches for potential eligibility. DistillerSR[®] (Evidence Partners Inc., Ottawa, Canada) was used to operationalize screening and data management. The full texts of records deemed potentially eligible were obtained and independently reviewed by both reviewers for potential inclusion in the review. Refer to Appendix A for the PRISMA Flow Diagram of study selection.

Studies were included if they met the following criteria:

- 1. The study population or subpopulation consisted of adults 18 years of age and older;
- 2. Study assessed efficacy and effectiveness, immunogenicity, or safety of RIV4;
- 3. Primary research studies from peer-reviewed scientific literature;
- 4. Case reports and case series;
- Registered clinical trials and grey literature from international public health authorities (Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation [ATAGI]; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]; clinicaltrials.gov; European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control [ECDC]; European Medicines Agency [EMA]; Department of Health Services Research & Policy [HSRP]; International Clinical Trials Registry Platform [ICTRP]; World Health Organization [WHO]);
- 6. Study is published in English or French; and
- 7. Published in 2000 or later.

Studies were excluded if they met one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. The study did not present data on any of: the efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, or safety of RIV4;
- 2. The study is in a language other than English or French;
- 3. The study is a non-human or in vitro study;
- 4. The article is not a primary research study;
- 5. The article is an editorial, opinion, commentary or news report;
- 6. The article is an economic study, clinical practice guideline, consensus conference, health technology assessment (HTA) report;
- 7. The article was a doctoral dissertation, master's thesis, or conference summary; or
- 8. The article is a duplicate.

One reviewer extracted data from the studies included for review into an evidence table using a piloted data abstraction template designed to capture information on study design, population and outcomes of interest. A second reviewer independently validated the abstracted data. Two reviewers independently assessed the risk of bias within each included study using the Cochrane tools (RoB 2.0²² for randomized trials and ROBINS-I²³ for non-randomized studies of interventions). The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) checklist was used to examine potential risks of bias in case reports or case series²⁴. The strength and certainty of evidence included in syntheses were assessed by two independent reviewers using the GRADE system^{25,26}. In the current review, GRADE assessment was reserved for outcomes deemed to be critical or important to decision making by the IWG based on the results of a prioritization exercise. The following critical outcomes and definitions were identified:

- 1. Serious Adverse Event (SAE): Any untoward medical occurrence that at any dose results in death, requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, results in persistent or significant disability or incapacity, or is life-threatening.
- Laboratory Confirmed Influenza (LCI)-Related Mortality: A death during an influenza season resulting from a clinically compatible illness that was confirmed to be influenza by an appropriate laboratory test (e.g., reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), virus culture or antigen detection); all influenza (A and B).
- Laboratory Confirmed Influenza (LCI): Symptoms of influenza with a positive laboratory diagnosis by reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), virus culture or antigen detection; all influenza (A and B).
- **4. Solicited Systemic AE**: Intentionally solicited systemic reactions including but not limited to fever, malaise, muscle pain, headache or loss of appetite.
- Seroprotection: Proportion of subjects achieving a hemagglutination inhibition (HI) titre of ≥1:40 post-vaccination ²⁷.
- **6.** Seroconversion: Proportion of subjects achieving an increase from ≤1:10 HI titre prevaccination to ≥1:40 post-vaccination or achieving at least four-fold rise in HI titres ²⁷.
- **7. Geometric Mean Titre Ratio (GMTR)**: Ratio of **Geometric Mean Titre** (GMT) post-vaccination of previously licensed vaccine to GMT post-vaccination of new vaccine ²⁷.

For each outcome definition identified, the GRADE framework was used to assess the strength and certainty of the evidence. GRADE guidance was followed for determining the extent of the risk of bias for the body of evidence. Any disagreements or discrepancies during the data extraction and quality appraisal processes were resolved by discussion and consensus. The knowledge synthesis was performed by AG, AS, MX, and PD, and was supervised by the IWG.

Data were compiled by outcome to evaluate: the availability of quantitative evidence; heterogeneity with respect to comparisons, outcome definitions, and time point of measurement; and feasibility and appropriateness of meta-analysis. Meta-analyses were performed to pool study estimates for seroconversion rates and proportion of study participants who experienced an AE following immunization with Supemtek compared to other seasonal influenza vaccine recipients. Only estimates from studies deemed to be clinically and methodologically similar were pooled. A random effects model was used for all meta-analyses. Subgroup analyses were conducted by age group (18 to 49 years old, 50 to 64 years old, 65 years and older), vaccine strains, and influenza vaccine type. Potential heterogeneity between studies was assessed using the I² statistic, with a threshold of 50% or higher suggesting potentially important heterogeneity. Forest plots have been provided to present meta-analyses. Potential publication bias was assessed using funnel plots.

All analyses were conducted using the RevMan 5.0 meta-analysis software²⁸.

III. VACCINE

III.1 Recombinant influenza vaccine preparation authorized for use in Canada

Supemtek is an unadjuvanted RIV4 made from recombinant HA expressed in proprietary expresSF+ insect cells (derived from *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells) using baculovirus as a vector for protein expression. It is authorized for intramuscular (IM) injection and is available as a 0.5 mL single-dose, pre-filled syringe without a needle. Supemtek does not contain egg proteins, antibiotics, or preservatives. There is no gelatin added in Supemtek as a stabilizer. The single-dose, prefilled syringes also do not contain any natural rubber latex. For more information on Supemtek, refer to the product monograph⁹.

Table 1. Characteristics of Supemtek influenza vaccine

Route of Administration	Dosage	Non-medicinal Ingredients
Intramuscular	Each 0.5 mL dose contains 45 µg of HA of each of the four influenza virus strains contained in the vaccine	Sodium chloride, monobasic sodium phosphate, dibasic sodium phosphate, and polysorbate 20. Each dose may also contain residual amounts of: Baculovirus and <i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i> cell proteins, baculovirus and cellular DNA, and Triton X-100.

III.2 Vaccine efficacy and effectiveness

Two vaccine efficacy and effectiveness outcomes were ranked as critical during the outcome prioritization process: efficacy or effectiveness against laboratory-confirmed influenza (LCI)-related mortality and efficacy or effectiveness against LCI.

One peer-reviewed study that assessed the efficacy of Supemtek against LCI was identified and included in the review¹⁷ and is summarized below.

Although one effectiveness study reporting on influenza hospital encounters was identified as part of this review, the study by Izurieta et al. (2020)²⁹ was not included in the evidence synthesis because it did not provide data on LCI outcomes that were pre-specified as critical for decision making in this analysis. Therefore, the certainty of evidence from this study was not assessed and the study will not be presented further.

Peer-reviewed, published clinical data pertaining to the efficacy or effectiveness of vaccination with RIV4 during pregnancy or including breastfeeding were not available at the time of this review.

Efficacy against Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza-Related Mortality

No studies reported on the efficacy of Supemtek against LCI-related mortality and studies evaluating the efficacy of Flublok against LCI-related mortality were beyond the scope of this review.

Efficacy against Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Infection

The study by Dunkle et al. (2017a)¹⁷ assessed the relative vaccine efficacy (rVE) of Supemtek compared to egg-based IIV4-SD against LCI infection during the 2014-2015 influenza season in the US. Specifically, Dunkle et al. (2017a) conducted a participant, care provider, investigator, and outcomes assessor-blind parallel Phase 3-4 randomized clinical trial to determine the rVE of Supemtek compared to egg-based IIV4-SD against reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) confirmed influenza infection and culture-positive influenza infection¹⁷. The clinical trial was conducted in medically stable, ambulatory adults 50 years of age and older (mean age: 63; age range: 50-96) at 40 outpatient centres across the US¹⁷. Individuals testing positive for influenza by RT-PCR or viral culture between 14 and 224 days after vaccination were classified as cases¹⁷.

The results from the study by Dunkle et al. (2017a) indicated that study participants who received Supemtek had statistically significantly lower risk of having any RT-PCR LCI infection compared to study participants who received IIV4-SD (rVE: 30%; 95% confidence interval (CI): 10 to 47%; hazard ratio [HR]: 0.69; 95% CI: 0.53 to 0.90; p=0.006)¹⁷. In separate sub-group analyses, the rVE for adults 50 years of age and older who were vaccinated with Supemtek versus IIV4-SD was statistically significant for influenza A (rVE: 36%; 95% CI: 14 to 53%) and was not statistically significant against RT-PCR LCIB (rVE: 4%; 95% CI: -72 to 46%)¹⁷. This trial was performed during the 2014-15 influenza season which was characterized by widespread circulation of antigenically mismatched influenza A(H3N2)¹⁷. The pre-specified non-inferiority criterion required a lower bound of the 95% CI for rVE greater than -20% and the pre-specified superiority criterion required a lower bound of the 95% CI for rVE greater than 9%¹⁷. A pre-specified exploratory analysis for superiority was also assessed if the primary endpoint had a lower bound 95%CI of >9%. Since the lower bound here was 10% for the primary endpoint, this pre-specified endpoint for superiority was met. However, subgroup analyses by influenza type demonstrated that adults 50 years of age and older who were vaccinated with Superntek had statistically significantly lower risk of having any RT-PCR LCIA (rVE: 36%; 95% CI: 14 to 53%; HR: 0.64; 95% CI: 0.48 to 0.86; p=0.003)¹⁷. rVE against RT-PCR LCI for adults 50 to 64 years of age who were vaccinated with Supertek compared to egg-based IIV4-SD was 42% (95% CI: 15 to 61%) and 17% (95% CI: -20 to 43%) for adults >64 years of age¹⁷. rVE estimates were similar between RT-PCR LCI infections and viral culture-positive influenza infections for all subgroup analyses conducted¹⁷. This study was conducted in adults aged 50 years and over and, therefore, the findings may not be directly applicable to younger adult populations. Moreover, the study presented wide CIs around the outcome measures important to this analysis. Due to the limitations of the available vaccine efficacy data, the overall quality of the body of evidence for this outcome was rated as low. Additional details regarding study characteristics and results are shown in Table 4.

III.3 Immunogenicity

Regulators in Canada, the US, and Europe accept non-inferiority immunogenicity trials that compare the HI antibody response of the new vaccine to that of an existing licensed vaccine, or placebo-controlled immunogenicity trials that assess the HI antibody response to the new vaccine. Non-inferiority and placebo-controlled immunogenicity trials are often considered sufficient by regulatory authorities when there are bridging data to correlate immunogenicity outcomes to clinical protection, or when the new vaccines are considered by the regulators to be very similar to vaccines already authorized. Serological assessments based on the GMTs of HI antibody that are used by regulators are: GMTR, seroprotection rate, and seroconversion rate. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has published definitions for these serological assessments and

criteria for immunogenicity data necessary for influenza vaccine licensure²⁷, which are also used in Canada. These definitions and currently used criteria are shown in Table 3. Correlates of protection that are not based on HI antibody titres have not been well established.

Three vaccine immunogenicity outcomes were ranked as critical during the outcome prioritization process of this review: seroprotection rate, seroconversion rate, and GMTR. Although GMT was not identified as a critical outcome, evidence reporting on GMT will be presented to supplement the evidence base for immunogenicity.

Eight RCTs that assessed the immunogenicity of Supemtek compared to different influenza vaccines, including IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV3-Adj (Fluad[®], Segirus, Inc.), IIV4-SD (FluQuadri[™], Sanofi Pasteur; Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline; Fluzone Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur), and IIV4-cc (Flucelvax[®] Quadrivalent, Segirus), were identified in this review. One study was conducted among adult military beneficiaries 18 years of age and older³⁰, one study was conducted among adult participants 50 years of age and older¹⁷, three studies were conducted among adult participants 65 years of age and older^{31–33}, two studies focused on adult participants 18 to 49 years of age^{34,35}, and one study was conducted among healthcare personnel 18 to 64 years of age³⁶. Of these studies, two were conducted during the 2014-2015 influenza season^{17,34}, three were conducted over the 2017-2018 influenza season^{31,32,35}, and three were conducted over the 2018-2019 influenza season^{30,33,36}. Additional details on the immunogenicity findings from these studies are shown in Table 5. Overall, there was fair evidence (of moderate certainty) that the immunogenicity for Supemtek is non-inferior to traditional egg-based comparators, based on data in adults aged 18 years and older. Three RCTs were identified to have an unclear risk of selection bias as these studies did not specify the method of random sequence generation^{30,32,35}. Two RCTs were identified to have a moderate risk of recruitment bias as these studies were conducted at a single-centre that may not be representative of the population of interest^{31,35}. One RCT was identified to have an unclear risk of recruitment bias as it did not specify the site used for recruitment³².

Seroprotection rate

Four RCTs were identified that assessed the seroprotection rate of HI titres against HA of Supemtek at approximately three to five weeks post-vaccination^{17,31,33,36}. Of these studies, one was conducted during the 2014-2015 influenza season¹⁷, one was conducted over the 2017-2018 influenza season³¹, and two were conducted over the 2018-2019 influenza season^{33,36}. The comparator vaccines for these four studies included IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline), IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), and IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Seqirus, Inc.). Three RCTs were conducted among adult participants 50 years of age and older^{17,31,33} and one RCT was conducted among adult healthcare personnel 18 to 64 years of age³⁶. Only one RCT out of the four studies also assessed the seroprotection rate of HA of Supemtek at 56 days and 182 days post-vaccination³³. The comparator vaccines for this study included IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³³.

At approximately one month post-vaccination, the seroprotection rate in Supemtek recipients was similar to or higher than seroprotection rates for recipients of the comparator vaccines (IIV4-SD, IIV4-cc, IIV3-HD, IIV3-Adj) in adults 18 years of age and older^{17,31,33,36}. In two of the four studies, RIV4 met the non-inferiority criteria specified by the US FDA for all tested influenza strains including A(H1N1), A(H3N2), B/Yamagata lineage, and B/Victoria lineage^{33,36}. Across the four RCTs, RIV4 met non-inferiority criteria against five of seven tested strains of A(H3N2)^{17,31,33,36}. In Belongia et al. (2020), RIV4 demonstrated lower rates of seroprotection for older adults 65 to 74 years of age against two of four tested strains of A(H3N2)³¹. However, one limitation was the small

sample size of the study³¹. In the study by Dunkle et al. (2017a), RIV4 met the non-inferiority threshold for seroprotection against influenza A(H1N1), A(H3N2), and B/Yamagata lineage, but not against influenza B/Victoria lineage in adults aged 50 and older¹⁷. The FDA non-inferiority criterion required a lower bound of the 95% CI for the percentage of participants achieving seroprotection greater than or equal to 70% for adults under 65 years of age and greater than or equal to 60% for adults 65 years of age or older²⁷.

At 56 and 182 days post-vaccination, seroprotection rate against A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) and B/Colorado/06/2017 (Victoria lineage) were slightly lower in Supemtek recipients compared to IIV3-HD recipients³³. However, no test of significance was conducted. At 56 and 182 days post-vaccination, seroprotection rates in Supemtek recipients against other tested influenza strains were comparable to or greater than seroprotection rates for recipients of the comparator vaccine (IIV3-HD) in adults 65 years of age and older³³. Additional details on the immunogenicity findings in adults can be found in Table 5.

Seroconversion rate

Eight RCTs were identified that assessed the seroconversion rate of HA of Supemtek at approximately three to five weeks post-vaccination^{17,30–36}. Of these studies, two were conducted during the 2014-2015 influenza season^{17,32}, three were conducted over the 2017-2018 influenza season^{31,32,35}, and three were conducted over the 2018-2019 influenza season^{30,33,36}. The comparator vaccines for these eight studies included IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Seqirus, Inc.), IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline; FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur; Fluzone Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur), and IIV4-cc (Flucelvax Quadrivalent, Seqirus). One RCT assessed the seroconversion rate of HA of Supemtek at 56 days and 182 days post-vaccination³³. The comparator vaccines for this study included IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³³. Of the eight studies, one study was conducted among adult military beneficiaries 18 years of age and older³⁰, one study was conducted among adult participants 50 years of age and older¹⁷, three studies were conducted among adult participants 18 to 49 years of age^{34,35}, and one study was conducted among healthcare personnel 18 to 64 years of age³⁶.

In four of the eight studies, at approximately three to five weeks post-vaccination, Supemtek demonstrated non-inferiority to IIV3-HD, IIV3-Adj, IIV4-SD, and IIV4-cc in the HI antibody responses against influenza A(H1N1), A(H3N2), B/Yamagata and B/Victoria lineage contained in the comparator vaccines, based on seroconversion rates^{31–33,36}. The FDA non-inferiority criterion required that the difference between the upper bound of the 95% CI of the seroconversion between the licensed vaccine and the new vaccine (i.e., seroconversion of licensed vaccine – seroconversion of new vaccine) did not exceed 10 percentage points²⁷.

There were different results in the remaining studies. The two studies by Dunkle et al. (2017) demonstrated that, compared to IIV4-SD, RIV4 met the non-inferiority threshold in HI antibody responses for 3 of the 4 virus strains. Non-inferiority, however, was not met against the B/Victoria lineage in adults 18 to 64 years of age^{17,34}. Additionally, rates of seroconversion following RIV4 did not meet the non-inferiority threshold compared to IIV4-SD against influenza A(H1N1) in adults 64 and older¹⁷. Non-inferiority could not be assessed for the remaining two RCTs as these studies did not state CIs for seroconversion estimates^{30,35}. Due to the heterogeneity in the influenza strain, vaccine type, follow-up period, and population in the seroconversion rates measured, only three of the eight studies identified could be pooled through meta-analysis. When data from three RCTs in adult participants 50 years of age and older were combined and weighted using a random effects model, there was little difference in seroconversion rates between

Supemtek and other seasonal influenza vaccine comparators (odds ratio [OR]: 1.36; 95% CI: 1.00 to 1.86; Figure 1)^{17,32,33}.

At 56 and 182 days post-vaccination, Supemtek demonstrated comparable HI antibody responses against A(H1N1), A(H3N2), B/Victoria lineage, and B/Yamagata lineage to IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur) in adults 65 years of age and older, based on seroconversion rates³³.

Geometric Mean Titre and Geometric Mean Titre Ratio

Eight RCTs assessed the GMT and/or GMTR of Supemtek compared to various different influenza vaccines including IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Seqirus, Inc.), IIV4-SD (FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur; Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline; Fluzone Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV4-cc (Flucelvax Quadrivalent, Seqirus) at approximately three to twenty-six weeks (i.e., six months) following influenza vaccination were identified in this review^{17,30–37}. Of these studies, two were conducted during the 2014-2015 influenza season^{17,34,37}, three were conducted over the 2017-2018 influenza season^{31,32,35}, and three were conducted over the 2018-2019 influenza season^{30,33,36}.

Three studies assessed the GMTR of Supemtek compared to IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline; Fluzone Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur) at approximately one month following vaccination in adults 18 years of age or older^{17,34,36,37}. In one study, RIV4 met the non-inferiority criteria specified by the US FDA for all tested influenza strains including A(H1N1), A(H3N2), B/Yamagata lineage, and B/Victoria lineage³⁶. In two of the three studies, seroresponses to A(H1N1), A(H3N2), and B/Yamagata lineage in RIV4 recipients aged 18 to 64 years were comparable to seroresponses in IIV4-SD recipients based on the GMTR^{17,34,37}. However, the GMTR against B/Victoria lineage for IIV4-SD recipients compared to RIV4 recipients did not meet the non-inferiority criteria set by the US FDA^{17,34,37}. The FDA non-inferiority criterion required an upper bound 95% CI on the GMTR to be less than or equal to 1.5²⁷. Geometric mean titre estimates could not be pooled during meta-analysis due to the heterogeneity between study populations (i.e., studies were conducted among different age groups).

Five RCTs assessed the GMT of Supemtek compared to various different influenza vaccines including IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Seqirus, Inc.), IIV4-SD (FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur; Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline; Fluzone Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV4-cc (Flucelvax Quadrivalent, Seqirus) at three to eight weeks following vaccination^{30–33,35}. GMTs in Supemtek recipients were similar to or higher than GMTs for recipients of the comparator vaccines^{30–33,35}.

Additional details on the immunogenicity findings in adults can be found in Table 5.

III.4 Safety

Two vaccine safety outcomes were ranked as critical during the outcome prioritization process for this review: SAEs and solicited systemic AEs.

This review identified six peer-reviewed studies that assessed the safety of Supemtek in adults, including five RCTs and one review of post-marketing surveillance data in adults^{17,32–34,38,39}. Of these studies, two were conducted during the 2014-2015 influenza season^{17,34}, two were conducted during the 2017-2018 influenza season^{32,38}, one was conducted during the 2018-2019 influenza season³³, and one study reported data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020³⁹. Among the five RCTs, one study

was conducted among adult participants 18 to 49 years of age³⁴, one study was conducted among adult participants 50 years of age and older¹⁷, and three studies focused on adult participants 65 years of age and older^{32,38,39}. Notably, no published clinical data pertaining to the safety of vaccination with RIV4 during pregnancy were available at the time of this review to inform vaccine-associated risks. Vaccine comparators used in the five RCTs included IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Seqirus, Inc.), IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline; FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur)^{17,32,38,39}. There was moderate certainty of evidence for the safety outcomes overall. A common concern across the studies reporting on the safety of Supemtek in adults was the imprecision of the estimates due to the lack of CIs reported in four of the five RCTs^{17,32,34,38} and the uncertainties regarding the completeness, quality, and consistency of the data reported to VAERS³⁹.

Additional details on the safety evidence presented in this review are shown in Table 6.

Serious Adverse Events

Five studies were identified that evaluated the occurrence of SAEs in recipients of Supemtek, including four RCTs^{17,32–34} and one review of post-marketing surveillance data in adults³⁹ SAEs reported across clinical trials were not considered by the investigators to be related to the trial vaccines^{17,32–34,39} and SAE rates were not significantly different between the study vaccine and the comparator vaccine(s).

One RCT examined the occurrence of SAEs in adult participants 18 to 49 years of age six months following Supemtek or IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline) administration³⁴. In this study, 1% of individuals who received Supemtek experienced at least one SAEs within six months following vaccination³⁴. The occurrence of SAEs was similar between the vaccine groups, and the study did not find any deaths or SAEs to be related to the study vaccines³⁴.

Three RCTs examined the occurrence of SAEs in adult participants 50 years of age or older^{17,32,33}. Cowling et al. (2020a) found that 6.6% of Superntek recipients experienced hospitalization within 30 days following vaccination³². This proportion was comparable to or less than the proportion of participants who experienced hospitalization within 30 days of receiving a comparator vaccine, and all SAEs were deemed unrelated to the study vaccines³². One RCT found that 3.4% and 3.0% of adult participants 50 years of age or older experienced at least one SAE within six months of receiving Supemtek and IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline), respectively¹⁷. Common SAEs among this group of participants included cardiac disorders, musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders, and infections and infestations¹⁷. Death occurred in 8 Supemtek recipients and in 12 IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline) recipients¹⁷. The occurrence of SAEs was similar between the vaccine groups, and the study did not find any deaths or SAEs to be related to the study vaccines¹⁷. The third RCT examined the occurrence of SAEs in adult participants 65 years of age or older within six months after receiving Supemtek or IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³³. This RCT found that 2% and 3.9% of adult participants 65 years of age or older experienced a SAE within six months after receiving Supemtek and IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur), respectively³³. Common SAEs found in this study included infections and infestations, metabolism and nutrition disorders, and injury, poisoning, and procedural complications³³. No SAEs were considered to be related to the study vaccines³³. When data from two RCTs in adult participants 50 years of age and older were combined and weighted using a random effects model, there was no difference in the odds of experiencing a serious adverse event following administration of Supemtek and other seasonal influenza vaccine comparators (OR: 1.01; 95% CI: 062 to 1.66; Figure 2)^{17,33}.

A clinical review of post-licensure surveillance data from the VAERS, which is a passive surveillance system useful for detecting safety issues related to newly licensed vaccines for use in the US, identified 849 AE reports following Supemtek administration from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020³⁹. Of these 849 AE reports, 39 were SAE³⁹. Notably, ten reports of Guillain-Barré syndrome were identified; two reports met Brighton Collaboration criteria level 1, five reports met Brighton Collaboration criteria level 2, and three reports met Brighton Collaboration criteria level 3³⁹. Three serious reports of anaphylaxis were identified, including two reports that met Brighton Collaboration criteria level 2, and one report that did not meet Brighton Collaboration criteria, but was diagnosed by the attending physician as an anaphylactic reaction³⁹.

Solicited Systemic Adverse Events

Four studies were identified that evaluated the occurrence of solicited systemic AEs in recipients of Supemtek, including three RCTs^{33,34,38} and one review of post-marketing surveillance data in adults³⁹. Most systemic reactions reported by the clinical trials were mild to moderate in severity and were transient in nature^{33,34,38}.

One RCT examined the proportion of adult participants 18 to 49 years of age who experienced solicited systemic AEs of any severity within 6-7 days following vaccination with Supemtek or IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline)³⁴. The proportion of participants who experienced at least one solicited systemic AE of any severity, at least one Grade 3 (i.e., severe) solicited systemic AE, and at least one Grade 4 (i.e., life-threatening) solicited systemic AE following Supemtek or the comparator vaccine IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline), were similar³⁴. Of the participants who received Supemtek, 34.1% experienced at least one solicited systemic AE of any severity, 2.3% experienced a Grade 3 (i.e., severe) solicited systemic AE, and 0% experienced a Grade 4 (i.e., life-threatening) solicited systemic AE within 6-7 days following vaccination³⁴. Common solicited systemic AEs included headache, fatigue, and muscle pain³⁴.

One RCT examined the proportion of adult participants 65 years of age or older who experienced at least one mild, moderate, or severe solicited systemic AE at one, three to four, seven to nine, and 14 to 16 days following vaccination with Supemtek, IIV4-SD (FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur), IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Segirus), and IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³⁸. The proportion of participants who experienced at least one solicited systemic AE of each severity was similar between Superatek and the comparator vaccines, including IIV4-SD (FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur). IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Segirus), and IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³⁸. At one day following vaccination, 0.4%-5.0%, 0% and 0.4% of Supemtek recipients reported mild, moderate and severe solicited systemic AEs, respectively³⁸. At three to four days following vaccination, 1.5%-5.5%, 0.7%-1.1% and 0% of Supertiek recipients reported mild, moderate and severe solicited systemic AEs, respectively³⁸. At seven to nine days following vaccination, 0.3%-5.9%, 0.3%-0.7% and 0.3% of Supemtek recipients reported mild, moderate and severe solicited systemic AEs, respectively³⁸. At 14 to 16 days following vaccination, 0%-5.2%, 0%-1.6%, 0.7% of Supemtek recipients reported mild, moderate and severe solicited systemic AEs, respectively³⁸. Common solicited systemic AEs at all three time points included mild fatigue, mild muscle pain, mild feverishness, and other mild systemic AEs³⁸.

One RCT examined the proportion of adult participants 65 years of age or older who experienced at least one solicited systemic AE within six days of receiving Supemtek or IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³³. The proportion of participants who experienced at least one solicited systemic AE of any severity and at least one severe solicited systemic AE was similar between Supemtek and the comparator vaccine IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-Dose, Sanofi Pasteur)³³.

Within six days following vaccination, 25.8% (95% CI: 19.1, 33.6) of 151 Supemtek recipients experienced at least one solicited systemic AE of any severity and 2.6% (95% CI: 0.7to 6.6%) of the Supemtek recipients experienced at least one severe adverse event³³. Common solicited systemic AEs included muscle pain, fatigue, and headache³³.

A clinical review of post-licensure surveillance data from the VAERS, identified 849 adverse event reports following Supemtek administration from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020³⁹. Of these reports, the most common solicited systemic AEs reported included pyrexia, headache, and rash.

IV. DISCUSSION

This systematic review examined studies of the efficacy, immunogenicity, and safety of Supertek, a recombinant seasonal influenza vaccine approved for adult use in Canada. The peer-reviewed published evidence on the efficacy of Supemtek against LCI illness was sparse. One RCT that evaluated the rVE of Superntek was identified in this review¹⁷. The efficacy study by Dunkle et al. (2017) demonstrated that Supemtek was statistically significantly more efficacious than egg-based IIV4-SD in preventing LCI-A infection in adults 50 years of age or older. Compared to IIV4-SD, RIV4 met the non-inferiority threshold in HI antibody responses for 3 of the 4 virus strains. Non-inferiority, however, was not met against the B/Victoria lineage in adults 50 years of age and older¹⁷. The data from this clinical trial have limitations. The results may not be applicable to all influenza seasons as the study was conducted in the 2014-2015 influenza season in the US, which was A(H3N2)-dominant. Additionally, since the efficacy estimates were derived from one clinical trial conducted among adults 50 years of age or older, these efficacy estimates may not be generalizable to younger adults (e.g., adults 18 to 49 years of age). Furthermore, the Cls surrounding the efficacy estimates were wide, suggesting a risk of imprecision. A previous study by Treanor et al. (2011) found that the efficacy of Flublok, the previously FDA-approved trivalent formulation of Supemtek, was superior to a saline placebo against culture-positive influenza A, but not culture-positive influenza B in adults 18 to 49 years of age during the 2007-2008 influenza season in the US⁴⁰. The NACI IWG had prespecified vaccine efficacy against laboratory confirmed influenza-related mortality to be a critically important outcome to be considered, but no data were available for this outcome.

Eight RCTs conducted in adults that specifically assessed the immunogenicity of Supemtek were identified in this review^{17,30–36}. Overall, across the eight studies, Supemtek demonstrated non-inferiority compared to egg-based influenza vaccines against influenza A(H1N1), most strains of A(H3N2), and B/Yamagata lineage^{17,30–36}. Findings differed across studies regarding the non-inferiority of RIV4 compared to egg-based influenza vaccines against influenza B/Victoria lineage based on seroconversion rates, seroprotection rates, GMTs, and GMTR^{17,34}. The immunogenicity evidence for Supemtek builds on the clinical development program of Flublok (RIV3) in the US.

This review also examined six studies that assessed the safety of Supemtek, including five RCTs^{17,32–34,38} and one post-marketing surveillance study³⁹. The five RCTs found that Supemtek is a safe, well-tolerated, and immunogenic alternative to conventional egg-based influenza vaccines for adults (noting that no published clinical data pertaining to the safety of vaccination with RIV4 during pregnancy were available at the time of this review to inform vaccine-associated risks)^{17,32–34,38}. Post-marketing surveillance data revealed that the lack of egg proteins in Supemtek does not eliminate the risk of allergic reactions following vaccine administration, as allergic reactions can occur following exposure to any drug or vaccine⁴¹. The five RCTs did not identify an elevated risk of severe allergic reactions compared to traditional egg-based influenza vaccines^{17,32–34,38}.

Recombinant technology is a method of influenza vaccine production that is significantly different from existing egg-based and mammalian cell-culture-based technology. Recombinant technology is the quickest method of influenza vaccine production as it does not depend on the growth of candidate vaccine viruses. Unlike egg- or cell-based vaccines, recombinant technologies do not result in vaccine viruses that are adapted from growth in eggs or in cells; instead, recombinant technology ensures an exact match to the key component of the influenza strains recommended annually by the WHO. Furthermore, RIV are insulated from egg-adaptive changes and pose negligible mutation risk¹². As such, they have the potential to provide enhanced protection in some

seasons compared to standard egg-based influenza vaccines¹². Similar to mammalian cell culture-based vaccines, recombinant vaccines may offer enhanced manufacturing scalability, sterility, timeliness, and flexibility^{10–12}. The flexible and quick manufacturing process of recombinant vaccines may be helpful in a prompt response to rapid and emerging circulating seasonal influenza strains in a post-COVID-19 pandemic setting. The diversification of vaccine platforms can help to overcome influenza supply vulnerabilities and to improve vaccine-production capacity, which may be particularly helpful in an influenza pandemic setting, in cases of vaccine shortage, and in cases of egg supply shortage¹⁰.

The NACI Secretariat applied the Committee's EEFA Framework to assess the implications of ethics, equity, feasibility and acceptability of its recommendation for the use of Supemtek for the prevention of influenza in adults aged 18 years and older in Canada. There were no potential inequities or ethical considerations identified that could arise with the recommendation of Supemtek. However, acceptability of a newly approved vaccine such as Supemtek by the general public, providers and policymakers could be affected by the vaccine's real or perceived potential risks and unknowns. Potential feasibility issues identified are the limited manufacturing infrastructure and the comparatively higher cost of RIV compared to egg-based vaccines. No cost analyses or economic evaluations were conducted prior to the development of this statement and the true cost of RIV, particularly following the optimization of manufacturing infrastructure, is unknown¹⁶.

Given the novelty of RIV, ongoing monitoring of new and emerging evidence on RIV4 efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, and safety will be important. As additional research data on RIV4 become available, further analyses could explore comparisons of these outcomes between seasons and against different influenza subtypes, with comparisons to existing egg-based and mammalian cell culture-based influenza vaccines.

Notably, very limited peer-reviewed, published data on the use of RIV in pregnant individuals and in other vulnerable populations are available to inform vaccine-associated risks. For example, a new study has been published on the safety of Supemtek compared to IIV4-SD in adults self-identified as ethnically Chinese and aged 18-64 years, including pregnant individuals, during the 2018-2019 influenza season in the US⁴². The study found that RIV4 has a comparable safety profile to IIV4-SD and demonstrated safety findings consistent with the studies included in this review.

In addition, safety data on the use of RIV3 in pregnant adults are available and may be considered to supplement the safety evidence base given that the trivalent and quadrivalent RIV formulations are produced using the same manufacturing platform and have overlapping compositions. For example, a supplemental safety analysis stratified on pregnancy status that was conducted as part of a retrospective cohort study evaluating the safety of RIV3 compared to IIV3 in adults aged 18 years and older during a single influenza season (2015-2016) did not detect any safety concerns ⁴³. A more robust, comprehensive, and consistent body of evidence, including further data on comorbidities, pregnant individuals, health status, and other potential confounders⁴⁴, is needed to evaluate the relative effectiveness and safety of Supemtek compared to other injectable influenza vaccines.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

Following the thorough review of available evidence summarized above, as well as the assessment of ethics, equity, feasibility and acceptability considerations with the EEFA Framework, the following section outlines the evidence-informed recommendation made by NACI regarding the use of Supemtek in adults 18 years of age and older. NACI will continue to carefully monitor the scientific developments related to influenza vaccines, as well as ongoing vaccine pharmacovigilance, and will update its recommendations as required. Additional information on the strength of NACI recommendations and the grading of evidence is available in Table 3.

The following recommendation for Supemtek supplements NACI's overarching recommendation for influenza vaccination, which is available in the <u>NACI Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Statement</u>. The overarching NACI recommendation for influenza vaccination is that an age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be offered annually to anyone 6 months of age and older (Strong NACI Recommendation), noting product-specific contraindications.

1. NACI recommends that Supemtek may be considered among the seasonal influenza vaccines offered to adults 18 years of age and older. (Discretionary NACI Recommendation)

NACI concludes that there is fair evidence to recommend vaccination of adults 18 years of age and older with Supemtek. (Grade B Evidence)

Summary of Evidence and Rationale

- There is fair evidence that Supemtek is effective, safe, and has non-inferior immunogenicity to comparable vaccines, based on direct evidence in adults 18 years of age and older.
- There is some evidence that Supemtek may potentially offer improved protection against laboratory-confirmed influenza A infection compared to standard egg-based influenza vaccines. However, all the relative vaccine efficacy analyses were conducted using data only from the 2014-2015 influenza season in the US, which was influenza A(H3N2)dominant, and in adults aged 50 years and older. Therefore, no firm conclusions can be drawn at this time, and NACI will continue to monitor this issue.
- A more robust, comprehensive and consistent body of evidence, including data on comorbidities, health status, and other potential confounders, is needed to evaluate the relative effectiveness of Supemtek compared to other injectable influenza vaccines.
- There is very limited peer-reviewed, published data on the use of Supemtek in pregnant individuals.
- NACI will continue to monitor the evidence related to RIV and will update this supplemental statement as needed and as data on Supemtek from several different influenza seasons accumulates.

An updated summary of the characteristics of influenza vaccines available in Canada for the 2022–2023 influenza season can be found in Appendix B. For complete prescribing information, readers should consult the product monograph available through <u>Health Canada's Drug Product</u> <u>Database</u>.

VI. TABLES

Table 2. Serological Assay Definitions and Thresholds for Protection Specified by the United States Food and Drug Administration $^{\rm 27}$

Serological assay	Definition	Threshold
GMTR	Ratio of GMT post- vaccination of licensed vaccine to GMT post- vaccination of new vaccine	Non-inferiority: The upper bound of the two-sided 95% CI on the ratio of the GMTs should not exceed 1.5.
Seroprotection	Proportion of subjects achieving an HI titre of ≥1:40 post-vaccination	Placebo-controlled: Lower limit of the two- sided 95% CI for the percent of subjects achieving seroprotection should meet or exceed 70% (for adults <65 and children) or 60% (for adults ≥65)
Seroconversion	Proportion of subjects achieving an increase from $\leq 1:10$ HI titre pre- vaccination to $\geq 1:40$ post- vaccination or achieving at least four-fold rise in HI	Non-inferiority: Upper limit of the two-sided 95% CI on the difference between the seroconversion rates (rate of licensed vaccine – rate of new vaccine) should not exceed 10 percentage points.
	titres	Placebo-controlled: Lower limit of the two- sided 95% CI for the percent of subjects achieving seroprotection should meet or exceed 40% (for adults <65 and children) or 30% (for adults ≥65)

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval, GMT: geometric mean titre, GMTR: geometric mean titre ratio, HI: hemagglutination inhibition

Table 3. NACI Recommendations: Strength of Recommendation and Grade of Evidence

STRENGTH OF NACI RECOMMENDATION	GRADE OF EVIDENCE
Based on factors not isolated to strength of evidence (e.g., public health need)	Based on assessment of the body of evidence
Strong "should/should not be offered"	A - good evidence to recommend
Known/Anticipated advantages outweigh	B – fair evidence to recommend
known/anticipated disadvantages ("should"), OR Known/Anticipated disadvantages	C – <i>conflicting evidence</i> , however other factors may influence decision-making
outweigh known/anticipated advantages ("should not")	D – fair evidence to recommend against
Implication: A strong recommendation	E – good evidence to recommend against
applies to most populations/individuals and should be followed unless a clear and compelling rationale for an alternative approach is present	I – insufficient evidence (in quality or quantity), however other factors may influence decision-making
Discretionary <i>"may be</i> considered"	A - good evidence to recommend
 Known/Anticipated advantages closely 	B – fair evidence to recommend
balanced with known/anticipated disadvantages, OR uncertainty in the evidence of advantages and	C – <i>conflicting evidence</i> , however other factors may influence decision-making
disadvantages exists	D – fair evidence to recommend against
 Implication: A discretionary recommendation may be considered for 	E – good evidence to recommend against
some populations/individuals in some circumstances. Alternative approaches may be reasonable	I – <i>insufficient evidence</i> (in quality or quantity), however other factors may influence decision-making

Table 4 Summary of Evidence on the Efficacy of Supertok

STUDY DETAILS								
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key	r Findings			
Dunkle L, Izikson R, Patriarca P, Goldenthal K, Muse D, Callahan J, Cox M, PSC12 Study Team. Efficacy of Recombinant Influenza Vaccine in Adults 50 Years of Age or Older. New England Journal of Medicine. 2017; 376(25):2427-2436. ClinicalTrials.gov Protective Efficacy of Flublok Quadrivalent Versus Licensed Inactivated Influenza Vaccine in Adults ≥50 Years of Age NCT02285998	RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur)	Phase III-IV RCT US Multi-centre (40 sites) 2014-2015 influenza season Funded by Protein Sciences Corporation	Adults 50 years of age or older living independently without clinically significant acute illness, not receiving ongoing immunosuppressive therapy, and with no contraindications to trial vaccines 58.5% female Mean age: 63 RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur):	The efficacy of calculated as 1 risk of influenza attack rate/IIV4	RIV4 relative to IIV4-SD 00×(1–RR), where RR is a attack rates in the two -SD attack rate). positive, protocol-defined rVE estimate % (95% CI) 30 (10, 47) 42 (15, 61) 17 (-20, 43) 36 (14, 53) 4 (-72, 46)	s the relative groups (RIV4		
			n= 4,303 IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline): n= 4,301	rVE for culture- Subgroup Overall 50-64 years >64 years Influenza A Influenza B Fever (≥37.8°C)	Active, protocol-defined rVE estimate % (95% CI) 43 (21, 59) 44 (10, 65) 42 (9, 65) 44 (22, 61) 25 (-121, 75) 41 (11, 61)	ILI:		

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval; IIV4-SD: standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; ILI: Influenza-like illness RCT: randomized controlled trial; RIV4: quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine; RR: risk ratio; RT-PCR: reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction; rVE: relative vaccine efficacy; SD: standard-dose; US: United States.

Table 5. Summary of Evidence on the Immunogenicity of Supemtek

STUDY DETAILS										
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of	^F Key Findings					
Dawood FS, Naleway AL, Flannery B, Levine MZ, Murthy K, Sambhara S, Gangappa S, Edwards L, Ball S, Grant L, Belongia E. Comparison of the Immunogenicity of Cell Culture- Based and Quadrivalent Recombinant Influenza Vaccines to Conventional Egg-Based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccines Among Healthcare Personnel	RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur)	Phase IVAdult healthcareRCTpersonnel aged64 years64US82.4% female(2 sites)RIV4 (Supemtek2018-2019Flublok QuadrivinfluenzaSanofi Pasteur):seasonsn=202	RCT US Multi-centre (2 sites) 2018-2019 influenza	82.4% female RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur):	compared to Strain A(H1N1) A(H3N2) B/Yam B/Vic Seroconvers the intention	egg-based IIV Estimate 1.5 (1. 3.0 (2. 1.1 (0.) 1.1 (0.)	(95% CI) 2, 1.9) 4, 3.7) 9, 1.4) 9, 1.3) ults 18 to 64 years ulation:	s of age, 1 m	Ţ	
Aged 18–64 Years: A		Funded by the		Strain		Estimate %	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Randomized Open-Label Trial. Clinical Infectious Diseases. 2021. ClinicalTrials.gov Immunogenicity Trial of Egg- Versus Non-Egg-Based Influenza Vaccines Among HCP. NCT03722589		US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention	IIV4-cc (Flucelvax Quad, Seqirus) n=283 Mean age: 44 IIV4 (Fluarix, GSK Biologics) n=120 Mean age: 45 IIV4 (Fluzone Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur) n=122 Mean age: 44	A(H1N1) A(H3N2) B/Yam B/Vic Seroprotecti Strain A(H1N1) A(H3N2) B/Yam B/Vic	RIV4 29 (23, 35) 55 (49, 62) 20 (15, 26) 14 (10, 19) on rate in adu RIV4 85 (80, 90) 95 (92, 98) 88 (83, 92) 86 (81, 90)	IIV4 (Fluzone) 10 (5, 15) 16 (10, 23) 9 (4, 14) 10 (5, 15) Its 18 to 64 years Estimate % (9) IIV4 (combined to the stress of the stre	5% Cl) ned) IIV/ 80 (86 (83 (18 (13, 17 (13, 9 (6, 13 8 (5, 11	22) 21))	

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Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of	f Key Findings				
Dunkle L, Izikson R, Patriarca P,	RIV4	Phase III-IV	Adults 50 years of age	GMT ratio ir	n adults 50 yea	rs of age and older, 28	3 days post-vaccinatio	on (IIV4/RIV4):	
Goldenthal K, Muse D,	(Supemtek/	RCT	or older living	Strain	Estimate	(95% CI)			
Callahan J, Cox M, PSC12 Study	Flublok		independently	A(H1N1)		<u>, </u>			
Team. Efficacy of Recombinant	Quadrivalent,	US	without clinically	A(H3N2)		. ,			
Influenza Vaccine in Adults 50	Sanofi Pasteur)	Multi-centre	significant acute	B/Yam	1.04 (0.8				
Years of Age or Older. New England Journal of Medicine.		(40 sites)	illness, not receiving ongoing	B/Vic	1.47 (1.2				
2017; 376(25):2427-2436		2014-2015	immunosuppressive	B/ VIC	1.47 (1.2	(4, 1.77)			
2017, 370(23).2427-2430.		influenza season	therapy, and with no	Seroconvers	ion rate in adu	Ilts within three age ca	ategories, 28 days pos	st-vaccination:	
ClinicalTrials.gov			contraindications to	Strain		Estimate %	% (95% CI)		
Protective Efficacy of Flublok		Funded by	trial vaccines	Strain	Age group	RIV4	IIV4-SD		
Quadrivalent Versus Licensed		Protein Sciences			<u>></u> 50	44.9 (39.3, 50.6)	49.0 (43.2, 54.8)		
Inactivated Influenza Vaccine in Adults ≥50 Years of Age		Corporation	58.5% female	A(H1N1)	50-64	56 (48.4, 62.7)	54 (47.1, 61.0)		
NCT02285998			Mean age: 63		<u>></u> 65	27 (19.3, 36.1)	37 (27.4, 48.1)		
102203330			Weall age. 05		<u>></u> 50	54.5 (48.8 <i>,</i> 60.1)	43.3 (37.6, 49.1)		
		RIV4 (Supemtek/	A(H3N2)	50-64	63 (55.6, 69.5)	51 (44.2, 58.2)			
			Flublok Quadrivalent,		<u>></u> 65	41 (31.7, 50.1)	25 (16.7, 35.5)		
			Sanofi Pasteur):		>50	38.9 (33.4, 44.5)	38.3 (32.8, 44.1)		
			≥50 age group: n= 314	B/Yam	50-64	43 (35.8, 50.1)	44 (36.7, 50.6)		
			50.64		<u>></u> 65	32 (23.9, 41.4)	26 (17.7, 36.7)		
			50-64 age group: n= 196		<u>></u> 50	21.0 (16.6, 25.9)	34.3 (29.0, 40.0)		
			190	B/Vic	50-64	26 (19.6, 32.2)	43 (35.8, 49.6)		
			<u>></u> 65 age group: n= 118		<u>></u> 65	14 (8.0, 21.1)	15 (8.7, 24.5)		
			IIV4-SD (Fluarix	Seroprotect	ion rate in adu	Its 50 years and older,	, 28 days post-vaccina	ition:	
			Quadrivalent,	Strain		te % (95% CI)			
			GlaxoSmithKline):		RIV4	IIV4-SD			
			<u>></u> 50 age group: n= 300	A(H1N1)	91 (87, 94)	95 (92, 97)			
			50-64 age group: n=	A(H3N2)	100 (98, 100)				
			209	B/Yam	68 (63, 73)	72 (67, 77)			
			200	B/Vic	50 (44, 55)	61 (55, 66)			
			<u>≥</u> 65 age group: n= 91						

			STUDY DETAI	LS			
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of	Key Findings		
Belongia E, Levine M, Olaiya O,	RIV4	Open label RCT	Adults 65 to 74 Years	GMT in adult	ts 65 to 74 years of age	, 28±5 days post-vaco	cination:
Gross F, King J, Flannery B,	(Supemtek/		of Age	Strain		Estimate (95% CI)	
McLean H. Clinical trial to	Flublok	US		Juan	RIV4	IIV3-HD	IIV3-Adj
assess immunogenicity of high-	Quadrivalent,	Single-centre	56% female	A(H3N2) ¹	56.4 (39.3, 81.1)	53.2 (32.2, 87.7)	42.7 (25.8, 70.6)
dose, adjuvanted, and	Sanofi Pasteur)			A(H3N2) ²	80.1 (52.9, 121.2)	52.3 (28.4, 96.6)	45.6 (25.9, 80.4)
recombinant influenza vaccines		2017-2018	Mean age: 70	A(H3N2) ³	71.6 (44.5, 115.0)	51.4 (28.6, 92.5)	42.8 (25.3, 72.4)
against cell-grown A(H3N2)		influenza season		A(H3N2) ⁴	48.5 (27.6, 85.2)	28.6 (17.4, 47.0)	22.7 (16.4, 31.4)
viruses in adults 65 to 74 years,			RIV4 (Supemtek/	¹ A/Hong Kong		28.0 (17.4, 47.0)	22.7 (10.4, 51.4)
2017–2018. Vaccine. 2020;		Funding by	Flublok Quadrivalent,		/INFIMH-16-0019/2016		
38(15):3121-3128.		Centres for	Sanofi Pasteur): n=30	³ A/Kentucky/			
ClinicalTrials.gov		Disease Control and Prevention	IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-	⁴ A/Kansas/14	/2017		
Open-Label Influenza Vaccine		to the Marshfield	Dose, Sanofi Pasteur):	Seroconversi	ion rate in adults 65 to	74 years of age 28+5	days post-vaccination:
Evaluation (OLIVE)		Clinic Research	n=29				
NCT02872311		Institute	11-25	Strain		Estimate % (95% CI)	
NC102072311		institute	IIV3-Adj (Fluad,		RIV4	IIV3-HD	IIV3-Adj
			Seqirus): n=30	A(H3N2) ¹	13.3 (3.8, 30.7)	3.5 (0.09, 17.8)	6.7 (0.8, 22.1)
			5cq. (3). 11 50	A(H3N2) ²	26.7 (10.8, 42.5)	6.9 (0.9, 22.8)	10.0 (2.1, 26.5)
				A(H3N2) ³	40.0 (22.7, 57.5)	6.9 (0.9, 22.8)	13.3 (3.8, 30.7)
				A(H3N2) ⁴	33.3 (16.5, 50.2)	3.5 (0.1, 17.8)	6.7 (0.8, 22.1)
				¹ A/Hong Kong			
				² A/Singapore, ³ A/Kentucky/	/INFIMH-16-0019/2016		
				⁴ A/Kansas/14			
				A/ Kalisas/ 14	/2017		
				Seroprotecti	on rate in adults 65 to	74 years of age, 28±5	days post-vaccination:
				Strain		Estimate % (95% CI)	
				Struit	RIV4	IIV3-HD	IIV3-Adj
				A(H3N2) ¹	70.0 (53.6, 86.4)	58.6 (40.1, 76.6)	50.0 (32.1, 67.9)
				A(H3N2) ²	80.0 (65.7, 94.3)	62.1 (44.4, 79.7)	53.3 (35.5, 71.2)
				A(H3N2) ³	76.7 (61.5, 91.8)	65.5 (48.2, 82.8)	60.0 (42.5, 77.5)
				A(H3N2) ⁴	60.0 (40.6, 77.3)	51.7 (33.5, 69.9)	30.0 (13.6, 46.4)
				¹ A/Hong Kong			,,
				² A/Singapore	/INFIMH-16-0019/2016		
				³ A/Kentucky/			
				⁴ A/Kansas/14	/2017		

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Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of	Key Findings			
Shinde V, Cai R, Plested J, Cho I, Fiske J, Pham X, Zhu M,	RIV4 (Supemtek/	Phase II, observer blind	Clinically stable adults aged ≥65 years	GMT in adul	ts 65 years of age and old	er, 28 days post-vaccination:		
Cloney-Clark S, Wang N, Zhou	Flublok	RCT		Strain	RIV4	e (95% CI)		
H, Zhou B, Patel N, Massare M,	Quadrivalent,		RIV4 (Supemtek/	A/111N11)		IIV3-HD		
Fix A, Spindler M, Thomas D,	Sanofi Pasteur)	US	Flublok Quadrivalent,	A(H1N1) A(H3N2)	82.1 (71.6, 94.2) 66.6 (54.9, 80.9)	96.9 (84.5, 111.1) 46.5 (38.6, 55.9)		
Smith G, Fries L, Glenn G.		Multi-centre	Sanofi Pasteur): n=144	B/Yam	102.0 (88.6, 117.4)	64.5 (57.3, 72.6)		
Induction of Cross-Reactive		(14 sites)	Maan ana, 72 0	B/Vic				
Hemagglutination Inhibiting		2018-2019	Mean age: 72.9	A(H3N2) ¹	83.3 (73.2, 94.9)	93.2 (81.6, 106.5)		
Antibody and Polyfunctional CD4+ T-Cell Responses by a		influenza season	57.6% female	A(H3N2) ²	158.8 (132.2, 190.9) 64.3 (53.5, 77.2)	133.4 (111.2,160.0)		
Recombinant Matrix-M–		IIIIueiiza seasoii	57.0% lettiale		d/9715293/2013 (Drift Strai	46.1 (38.7, 55.1)		
Adjuvanted Hemagglutinin		Funded by	IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-		/19/2017 (Drift Strain))		
Nanoparticle Influenza Vaccine. Clinical Infectious Diseases.		Novavax Inc.	Dose, Sanofi Pasteur); n= 143	GMT in adul	ts 65 years of age and old	er, 56 days post-vaccination:		
2020.			Маар ада, 72 Г	Strain		ate (95% CI)		
Clinical Trials gov			Mean age: 72.5		RIV4	IIV3-HD		
ClinicalTrials.gov Phase 2 Dose and Formulation			64.7% female	A(H1N1)	65.2 (57.9, 73.5)	78.6 (69.2, 89.4)		
Confirmation of Quad-NIV in			64.7% leffiale	A(H3N2)	49.3 (42.0, 57.9)	38.9 (33.7, 45.1)		
Older Adults				B/Yam	85.5 (73.7, 99.1)	60.9 (53.6, 69.2)		
NCT03658629				B/Vic	60.7 (53.6, 68.7)	70.9 (62.2, 80.7)		
110103030023				A(H3N2) ¹	123.8 (104.8, 146.2)	108.3 (92.4, 126.9)		
				A(H3N2) ²	55.7 (46.6, 66.6)	41.7 (35.4, 49.2)		
					d/9715293/2013 (Drift Strai	n)		
					/19/2017 (Drift Strain)			
				GMT in adult	ts 65 years of age and old	er, 182 days post-vaccination:		
				Strain	Estimate	(95% CI)		
					RIV4	IIV3-HD		
				A(H1N1)	53.9 (47.8, 60.7)	65.6 (58.8, 73.1)		
				A(H3N2)	58.7 (51.5, 66.9)	52.3 (46.6, 58.8)		
				B/Yam	63.0 (56.7, 69.9)	57.3 (52.2, 63.1)		
				B/Vic	52.4 (46.7, 58.7)	63.3 (56.7, 70.6)		
				A(H3N2) ¹	93.8 (79.3, 111.0)	81.2 (69.5, 94.8)		
				A(H3N2) ²	34.4 (29.1, 40.7)	29.2 (25.0, 34.0)		
					d/9715293/2013 (Drift Strai	n)		
				² A/Wisconsin	/19/2017 (Drift Strain)			

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· · · · ·			-			ears of age and older	r, 28 days post-vaccination:		
				Strain	Estimate	% (95% CI)			
					RIV4	IIV3-HD			
				A(H1N1)	21.5 (15.1, 29.1)	16.8 (11.1, 23.9)			
				A(H3N2)	45.1 (36.8, 53.6)	21.7 (15.2, 29.3)			
				B/Yam	27.8 (20.6, 35.8)	3.5 (1.1, 8.0)			
				B/Vic	19.4 (13.3, 26.9)	21.0 (14.6, 28.6)			
				A(H3N2) ¹	39.6 (31.5, 48.1)	21.7 (15.2, 29.3)			
				A(H3N2) ²	43.1 (34.8, 51.6)	18.2 (12.2, 25.5)			
					d/9715293/2013 (Drift S	Strain)			
				² A/Wisconsin	/19/2017 (Drift Strain)				
				Seroconversi	-	-	r, 56 days post-vaccination:		
				Strain	Estimate %	6 (95% CI)			
					RIV4	IIV3-HD			
				A(H1N1)	7.8 (4.0, 13.5)	5.0 (2.0, 10.0)			
				A(H3N2)	26.2 (19.2, 34.3)	9.3 (5.0, 15.4)			
				B/Yam	18.4 (12.4, 25.8)	2.1 (0.4, 6.1)			
				B/Vic	4.3 (1.6, 9.0)	5.7 (2.5, 10.9)			
				A(H3N2) ¹	26.2 (19.2, 34.3)	12.1 (7.2, 18.7)			
				A(H3N2) ²		5.7 (2.5, 10.9)			
					d/9715293/2013 (Drift \$ /19/2017 (Drift Strain)	Strain)			
							r, 182 days post-vaccination:		
				Strain		% (95% CI)	_		
					RIV4	IIV3-HD	_		
				A(H1N1)	2.1 (0.4, 6.1)	2.1 (0.4, 6.1)	_		
				A(H3N2)	29.8 (22.4, 38.1)	12.8 (7.7, 19.4)	-		
				B/Yam	2.8 (0.8, 7.1)	0 (0.0, 2.6)	-		
				B/Vic	3.5 (1.2, 8.1)	2.8 (0.8, 7.1)	-		
				A(H3N2) ¹	12.8 (7.7, 19.4)	4.3 (1.6, 9.0)	-		
				A(H3N2) ²	10.6 (6.1, 16.9)	2.1 (0.4, 6.1)			
					d/9715293/2013 (Drift S /19/2017 (Drift Strain)	strain)			

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-				Seroprotection rate in adults 65 years of age and older, 28 days post-vaccination:					
				Strain Estimate % (95% CI)					
				RIV4 IIV3-HD					
				A(H1N1) 89.6 (83.4, 94.1) 93.0 (87.5, 96.6)					
				A(H3N2) 72.9 (64.9, 80.0) 64.3 (55.9, 72.2)					
				B/Yam 94.4 (89.3, 97.6) 88.1 (81.6, 92.9)					
				B/Vic 93.1 (87.6, 96.6) 95.8 (91.1, 98.4)					
				A(H3N2) ¹ 93.1 (87.6, 96.6) 92.3 (86.7, 96.1)					
				A(H3N2) ² 72.9 (64.9, 80.0) 65.0 (56.6, 72.8)					
				¹ A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (Drift Strain)					
				² A/Wisconsin/19/2017 (Drift Strain)					
				Seroprotection rate in adults 65 years of age and older, 56 days post-vaccination:					
				Strain Estimate % (95% CI)					
				RIV4 IIV3-HD					
				A(H1N1) 75.9 (68.0, 82.7) 85 (78.0, 90.5)					
				A(H3N2) 57.4 (48.8, 65.7) 45 (36.6, 53.6)					
				B/Yam 87.9 (81.4, 92.8) 81.4 (74.0, 87.5)					
				B/Vic 65.2 (56.8, 73.1) 73.6 (65.5, 80.7)					
				A(H3N2) ¹ 91.5 (85.6, 95.5) 94.3 (89.1, 97.5)					
				A(H3N2) ² 53.9 (45.3, 62.3) 42.1 (33.9, 50.8)					
				¹ A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (Drift Strain)					
				² A/Wisconsin/19/2017 (Drift Strain)					
				Seroprotection rate in adults 65 years of age and older, 182 days post-vaccination:					
				Strain Estimate % (95% CI)					
				RIV4 IIV3-HD					
				A(H1N1) 59.6 (51.0, 67.7) 68.8 (60.5, 76.3)					
				A(H3N2) 67.4 (59.0, 75.0) 63.8 (55.3, 71.7)					
				B/Yam 75.2 (67.2, 82.1) 73.8 (65.7, 80.8)					
				B/Vic 62.4 (53.9, 70.4) 78.0 (70.3, 84.5)					
				A(H3N2) ¹ 77.3 (69.5, 83.9) 73.0 (64.9, 80.2)					
				A(H3N2) ² 31.9 (24.3, 40.3) 24.8 (17.9, 32.8)					
				¹ A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (Drift Strain)					
				² A/Wisconsin/19/2017 (Drift Strain)					

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Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings							
Dunkle L, Izikson R, Patriarca P, Goldenthal K, Muse D, Cox M. Randomized Comparison of Immunogenicity and Safety of Quadrivalent Recombinant Versus Inactivated Influenza Vaccine in Healthy Adults 18–49 Years of Age. The Journal of Infectious Diseases. 2017;216(10):1219-1226. ClinicalTrials.gov Safety and Immunogenicity of Flublok Quadrivalent vs IIV4 in Adults 18-49 Years of Age NCT02290509	RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur)	Phase III RCT US Multi-centre (10 sites) 2014-2015 influenza season Funded by Protein Sciences Corporation	Ambulatory, medically stable adults aged 18 to 49 years with no contraindications to either study vaccine. 64.7% female RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur): n= 969 Mean age: 33.3 IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline): n= 323 Mean age: 34.0	GMT ratio in adults 18-49 years of age, 28 days post-vaccination (IIV4/RIV4): Strain Estimate (95% CI) A(H1N1) 0.81 (0.71, 0.92) A(H3N2) 0.50 (0.44, 0.57) B/Yam 0.86 (0.74, 0.99) B/Vic 1.49 (1.29, 1.71) Seroconversion rates in adults 18-49 years of age, 28 days post-vaccination: Strain Estimate % (95% CI) RIV4 IIV4-SD A(H1N1) 66.7 (63.6, 69.6) 63.5 (58.0, 68.7) A(H3N2) 72.1 (69.2, 74.9) 57.0 (51.4, 62.4) B/Yam 59.6 (56.5, 62.8) 60.4 (54.8, 65.7) B/Vic 40.6 (37.4, 43.7) 58.2 (52.6, 63.6)							

Wang W, Alvarado-Facundo E,	RIV4	Open label,	Adult military	GMT in adults	18-83 y	ears of a	age, 21-3	5 days post vaccination:
Vassell R, Collins L, Colombo R,	(Supemtek/	phase IV	healthcare	Strain		Estimat	e	
Ganesan A, Geaney C, Hrncir D,	Flublok	RCT	beneficiaries aged 18		RIV4	IIV4-	IIV4-	
Lalani T, Markelz A, Maves R,	Quadrivalent,		to 83 years			SD	сс	
McClenathan B, Mende K,	Sanofi Pasteur)	US		A(H3N2) ¹	192	60	108	
Richard S, Schofield C, Seshadri		Multi-centre	47.4 female	A(H3N2) ²	282	56	71	
S, Spooner C, Utz G,		(5 sites)		A(H3N2) ³	308	105	138	
Warkentien T, Levine M, Coles			RIV4 (Supemtek/	A(H3N2) ⁴	70	40	35	
C, Burgess T, Eichelberger M,		2018-2019	Flublok Quadrivalent,	A(H3N2) ⁵	181	41	55	
Weiss D. Comparison of		influenza season	Sanofi Pasteur)	A(H3N2) ⁶	293	104	118	
A(H3N2) Neutralizing Antibody			n= 51	A(H3N2) ⁷	458	231	313	
Responses Elicited by 2018–		Funded by US		A(H3N2) ⁸	175	63	99	
2019 Season Quadrivalent		Food and Drug	Mean age: 48.3	A(H3N2) ⁹	668	366	439	
Influenza Vaccines Derived from		Administration,		A(H3N2) ¹⁰	183	74	86	
Eggs, Cells, and Recombinant		Department of	IIV4-SD (Fluarix),	A(H3N2) ¹¹	370	146	211	
Hemagglutinin. Clinical		Defense, and	GlaxoSmithKline	A(H3N2) ¹²	1011	480	511	
Infectious Diseases. 2020.		Centres for	Biologicals): n= 46	¹ A/North Carol				
		Disease Control		² A/Hong Kong/				
ClinicalTrials.gov		and Prevention	Mean age: 48.1	³ A/Abu Dhabi/2	•		e	
A Pragmatic Assessment of				⁴ A/Kansas/14/2				
Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness			IIV4-cc (Flucelvax	⁵ A/Singapore/I				
in the DoD (PAIVED)			Quadrivalent, Seqirus,	⁶ A/Singapore/I ⁷ A/Singapore/I				
NCT03734237			Inc.): n= 36	⁸ A/Singapore/I				
			Moon age: 45 7					K and L194P mutations
			Mean age: 45.7					DK and D225G mutations
				¹¹ A/Singapore/	INFIMH-	16-0019/	2016 L194	IP and D225G mutations
				¹² A/Singapore/	INFIMH-:	16-0019/	2016 NIB-	104 (egg)

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				Seroconversion rate in adults 18-83 years of age, 21-35 days post vaccination:							
				Strain Estimate %							
				RIV4 IIV4 IIV4-							
				-SD cc							
				A(H3N2) ¹ 43.1 8.7 8.3							
				A(H3N2) ² 62.7 6.5 13.9							
				A(H3N2) ³ 52.9 4.3 11.1							
				A(H3N2) ⁴ 21.6 2.2 0							
				A(H3N2) ⁵ 56.9 4.3 16.7							
				A(H3N2) ⁶ 47.1 4.3 8.3							
				A(H3N2) ⁷ 25.5 4.3 5.6							
				A(H3N2) ⁸ 33.3 4.3 8.3							
				A(H3N2) ⁹ 25.5 6.5 5.6							
				A(H3N2) ¹⁰ 39.2 4.3 2.8							
				A(H3N2) ¹¹ 41.1 4.3 5.6							
				A(H3N2) ¹² 47.1 8.7 13.9							
				¹ A/North Carolina/04/2016 (cell)							
				² A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (cell)							
				³ A/Abu Dhabi/240/2018 wild type							
				 ⁴ A/Kansas/14/2017 wild type ⁵ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 wild type 							
				⁶ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 T160K mutation							
				⁷ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 L194P mutation							
				⁸ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 D225G mutation							
				⁹ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 T160K and L194P mutations							
				¹⁰ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 T160K and D225G mutations							
				¹¹ A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 L194P and D225G mutations							
				¹² A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 NIB-104 (egg)							

STUDY DETAILS											
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings							
Cowling B, Perera R,	RIV4	Phase IV	Community-dwelling	GMT in adults 65-82 years of age, 30 days post-vaccination:							
Valkenburg S, Leung N, Iuliano	(Supemtek/	RCT	older adults who were	Strain	Estimate (95% CI)						
A, Tam, Wong J, Fang V, Li A,	Flublok		65–82 years of age,		RIV4	IIV4-S	D II	V3-Adj	IIV3-HD		
So H, Ip D, Azziz-Baumgartner	Quadrivalent,	Hong Kong	residing in Hong Kong,	A(H1N1)	85	6	9	94	125		
E, Fry A, Levine M, Gangappa S,	Sanofi Pasteur)		and had not already		(69, 10	5) (58,	83) ((78, 114)	(102, 152)		
Sambhara S, Barr G,		2017-2018	received northern	A(H3N2)	254	15	58	207	214		
Skowronski D, Peiris J,		influenza season	hemisphere 2017–		(218, 29	95) (135,	186) (1	178, 241)	(183, 250)		
Thompson M. Comparative			2018 formulation of	B/Yam	131	12	21	63	68		
Immunogenicity of Several		Funded by the	influenza vaccination.	-	(111, 15	55) (104,	141)	(54, 74)	(57, 81)		
Enhanced Influenza Vaccine		Centres for		B/Vic	90	8	9	95	132		
Options for Older Adults: A		Disease	60.6% female	-	(76, 10	7) (75,	105) ((81, 112)	(112, 157)		
Randomized, Controlled Trial.		Control and				<u> </u>					
Clinical Infectious Diseases.		Prevention	Mean age: n/a	Seroconvers	ion rate in a	dults 65-82 y	ears of ag	ge, 30 days	post vaccinati		
2020;71(7):1704-1714.				Strain	Estimate (95% CI)						
		RIV4 (Supemtek/		RIV4	IIV4-SD	IIV3-Adj)			
ClinicalTrials.gov			Flublok Quadrivalent,	A(H1N1)	60	42	60	, 59)		
Immunogenicity of Alternative			Sanofi Pasteur): n=200		(53, 67)	(36, 50)	(53, 67)				
Annual Influenza Vaccination				A(H3N2)	56	41	48	, (* ,	-		
Strategies in Older Adults in			IIV4-SD (FluQuadri,	A(113112)	(48, 63)	(34, 48)	(40 <i>,</i> 55)				
Hong Kong (PIVOT) NCT03330132			Sanofi Pasteur): n= 200	B/Yam	42	42	12) (40, 15			
				b/ ram	(36, 50)	(36, 50)	(8, 18)				
				B/Vic	44	48	44	52			
	IIV3-Adj (Fluad,	by vic	(37, 51)	48 (41 <i>,</i> 56)	(37, 51)	_					
			Seqirus): n= 200		(37, 31)	(41, 50)	(37, 31)	, (43,	00)		
			IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-								
			Dose, Sanofi Pasteur):								
			n= 200								
		L	11-200								

STUDY DETAILS										
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings						
Gouma S, Zost S, Parkhouse K,	RIV4	Phase IV	Healthy adults aged	GMT in adults 18-49 years of age, 28 days post vaccination:						
Branche A, Topham D, Cobey S,	(Supemtek/	RCT	18 to 49 years	Strain Estimate (95% CI)						
Hensley S. Comparison of	Flublok				RIV4	IIV4-cc	IIV4-SD	IIV3-HD		
Human H3N2 Antibody	Quadrivalent,	US	57.6% female	A(H3N2) ¹	146	47	33	129		
Responses Elicited by Egg-	Sanofi Pasteur)				(95, 224)	(29, 76)	(20, 55)	(57, 290)		
Based, Cell-Based, and		2017-2018	Mean age: n/a	A(H3N2) ²	117 (76, 179)	42	27	108		
Recombinant Protein–Based		influenza season				(27, 68)	(18, 40)	(49, 242)		
Influenza Vaccines During the			RIV4 (Supemtek/	A(H3N2) ³	1401	630	612	2297		
2017–2018 Season. Clinical		Funded by	Flublok Quadrivalent,	. ,	(876, 2242)	(411, 967)	(366, 1023)	(1230, 4289)		
Infectious Diseases.		National Institute	Sanofi Pasteur)	A(H3N2) ⁴	167	71	39	164		
2020;71(6):1447-1453.		of Allergy and	n= 23	, <i>,</i>	(115, 243)	(44–114)	(23, 65)	(81, 329)		
		Infectious		H1N1	186	138	90	217		
ClinicalTrials.gov		Diseases at the	IIV3-HD (Fluzone High-		(107, 323)	(75, 251)	(51, 159)	(97, 484)		
Comparison of Three Licensed		National	Dose; Sanofi Pasteur):	¹ A/Hong Kong/4801/2014						
Influenza Vaccines		Institutes of	n= 16	² A/Pennsylvania/49/2018						
NCT03068949		Health		 ³ A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 egg-adapted ⁴ A/Singapore/GP2050/2015 cell/adapted <u>Seroconversion rate in adults 18-49 years of age, 28 days post vaccination</u> 						
			IIV4-cc (Flucelvax							
			Quadrivalent, Seqirus,							
			Inc.): n= 23							
				Strain	Estima	te %				
			IIV3- HD (Fluzone		RIV4	IIV3-HD				
			High-Dose; Sanofi	. (
			Pasteur): n=16	A(H3N2) ¹	52	38				
				A(H3N2) ²	61	38				
1				¹ A/Hong Kong/						
1				² A/Pennsylvania/49/2018						

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval; GMT: geometric mean titre; IIV3-Adj: adjuvanted trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV3-HD: high-dose trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV4-cc: cell-culture based quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV4-SD: standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; N/A: not applicable; RCT: randomized controlled trial; RIV4: quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine; US: United States.

Table 6. Summary of Evidence on the Safety of Supemtek

				DETAILS			
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings			
Dunkle L, Izikson R, Patriarca P, Goldenthal K, Muse D, Callahan J, Cox M, PSC12 Study Team. <i>Efficacy of</i>	RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent,	Phase III-IV RCT US	Adults 50 years of age or older living independently without clinically	Proportion of reported SAEs according to System older reporting within 182 days (6 months) post-v SAEs ¹	vaccination Propor RIV4	n: tion (%) IIV4-SD	50 years of age and
Recombinant Influenza Vaccine in Adults 50 Years of Age or Older. New England Journal of Medicine. 2017; 376(25):2427-2436. ClinicalTrials.gov Protective Efficacy of Flublok Quadrivalent Versus Licensed Inactivated Influenza Vaccine in Adults ≥50 Years of Age NCT02285998	Sanofi Pasteur)	Multi-centre (40 sites) 2014-2015 influenza season Funded by Protein Sciences Corporation	significant acute illness, not receiving ongoing immunosuppressive therapy, and with no contraindications to trial vaccines 58.5% female Mean age: 63 RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur): n= 4,328 IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent, GlaxoSmithKline): n= 4,344	Any SAE2Infections and infestationsCardiac disordersMusculoskeletal and connective tissuedisordersNervous system disordersGastrointestinal disordersGastrointestinal disordersNeoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified(including cysts and polyps)General disorders and administration siteconditionsRespiratory, thoracic and mediastinaldisordersInjury, poisoning and proceduralcomplicationsMetabolism and nutrition disordersVascular disordersSurgical and medical proceduresRenal and urinary disordersHepatobiliary disordersBlood and lymphatic system disordersInvestigationsPsychiatric disordersEar and labyrinth disordersSkin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	11.004 3.4 0.4 0.5 0.4 0.5 0.2 0.3 0.2 0.1 0.2 0.1 0.2 0.1 0.2 0.1 0.2 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	3.0 3.0 0.6 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.5 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.0 0.1 0.0 0.1 0.0 0.1	
				¹ Events coded according to MedDRA, Version 17 ² Subjects may have reported more than one SAE term			

Dunkle L, Izikson R, Patriarca	RIV4	Phase III	Ambulatory, medically	Proportion of SAEs in adu	lts 18-49 yea	rs of age,	within 1	82 days (6 r	nonths) p	ost-
P, Goldenthal K, Muse D, Cox	(Supemtek/	RCT	stable adults aged 18-	vaccination:						
M. Randomized Comparison	Flublok		49 years with no	SAEs		Prop	ortion (%)		
of Immunogenicity and Safety	Quadrivalent,	US	contraindications to			RIV4	IIV4	-SD		
of Quadrivalent Recombinant	Sanofi Pasteur)	Multi-centre	either study vaccine.	Any SAE		1.0	0.	6		
Versus Inactivated Influenza		(10 sites)		Myocardial infarction		0.2	0.	0		
Vaccine in Healthy Adults 18–			64.7% female	Gastrointestinal haemor	rhage	0.0	0.	3		
49 Years of Age. The Journal		2014-2015		Pancreatitis		0.0	0.3	30		
of Infectious Diseases.		influenza	RIV4 (Supemtek/	Small intestinal obstruct	ion	0.1	0.			
2017;216(10):1219-1226.		season	Flublok Quadrivalent,	Cholecystitis		0.0	0.	3		
			Sanofi Pasteur):	Appendicitis		0.1	0.			
ClinicalTrials.gov		Funded by		Periumbilical abscess		0.1	0.			
Safety and Immunogenicity of		Protein	SAEs population, n=	Road traffic accident		0.1	0.			
Flublok Quadrivalent vs IIV4 in		Sciences	998	Neck pain		0.1	0.	0		
Adults 18-49 Years of Age		Corporation		Metabolic encephalopat	hy	0.1	0.	0		
NCT02290509			Systemic AEs	Abortion spontaneous	,	0.1	0			
			population, n= 994	Ovarian cyst		0.1	0)		
			Mean age: 33.3	Arm amputation		0.1	0			
			IIV4-SD (Fluarix Quadrivalent,	Proportion of reported syn vaccination:	stemic AEs ir	n adults 1		rs of age, w	ithin 7 day	ys post-
			GlaxoSmithKline):			RIV4			IIV4-SD	
			SAEs population, n=	Systemic AE	Any	Grade	Grade	Any	Grade	Grade
			332		Severity	3	4	Severity	3	4
				Any systemic reaction ¹	34.1	2.3	0	35.8	2.7	0.3
			Systemic AEs	Fatigue	16.5	0.5	0	16.6	1.2	0
			population, n= 332	Shivering/chills	6.9	0.5	0	6.0	1.2	0
				Joint pain	9.5	0.9	0	10.2	0.6	0
			Mean age: 34.0	Muscle pain	12.8	0.9	0	11.7	0.9	0
				Headache	20.3	1.3	0	21.1	1.8	0.3
				Nausea	9.0	0.6	0.1	9.3	1.2	0
				Fever ^{2,3}	1.5	0.4	0	0.6	0.3	0
				¹ The grading system systemi Grade 4: life threatening. ² For fever, the denominator ³ The grading system for feve 38.9°C (101.2–102.0°F); Grad	s were 990 an er was as follo	id 327 for 1 ws: Grade	the RIV4 a 1, 38–38.	nd IIV4-SD gi 4°C (100.4–1	roups, resp 01.1°F); Gr	ectively.

			STUDY	DETAILS				
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Find	ings			
Cowling B, Perera R, Valkenburg S, Leung N, Iuliano A, Tam, Wong J, Fang V, Li A, So H, Ip D, Azziz- Baumgartner E, Fry A, Levine M, Gangappa S, Sambhara S, Barr I, Skowronski D, Peiris J, Thompson M. Comparative Immunogenicity of Several Enhanced Influenza Vaccine Options for Older Adults: A Randomized, Controlled Trial. Clinical Infectious Diseases. 2020;71(7):1704-1714. ClinicalTrials.gov Immunogenicity of Alternative Annual Influenza Vaccination	Vaccine RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur)	Study DesignPhase IVRCTHong Kong2017-2018influenzaseasonFunded bythe Centresfor DiseaseControl andPrevention		Summary of Key Find	AE was id y vaccines RIV4 6.6	entified by t 5.		reporting throughout ations were deemed
Strategies in Older Adults in Hong Kong (PIVOT) NCT03330132			IIV4-SD (FluQuadri, Sanofi Pasteur) : n= 508 IIV3-Adj (Fluad, Seqirus): n= 508 IIV3-HD (Fluzone High- Dose, Sanofi Pasteur): n= 510					

Cowling B, Thompson M, Ng	RIV4	Hong Kong	65–82 years of age,	Proportion of reported system	emic AEs	in adults 65-	82 years of	age, within 1	1 day post-
T, Fang V, Perera R, Leung N,	(Supemtek/		residing in Hong Kong,	vaccination:			,	- 0 - /	
Chen Y, So H, Ip D, Iuliano A.	Flublok	2017-2018	and had not already	Systemic AEs ^{1,2}		Propo	rtion (%)		1
Comparative Reactogenicity	Quadrivalent,	influenza	received northern		RIV4	IIV4-SD	IIV3-Adj	IIV3-HD	
of Enhanced Influenza	Sanofi Pasteur)	season	hemisphere 2017–	Fatigue (mild)	3.2	3.7	5.2	5.0	
Vaccines in Older Adults. The			2018 formulation of	Feverishness (mild)	0.4	1.4	2.9	2.1	
Journal of Infectious Diseases.		Funded by	influenza vaccination.	Muscle pain (mild)	1.1	1.9	1.8	1.2	1
2020;222(8):1383-1391.		the Centres		Nausea (mild)	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.5	1
		for Disease	60.8% female	Others (mild)	5.0	6.8	5.9	7.3	1
ClinicalTrials.gov		Control and		Fatigue (moderate)	0	0.5	1.1	0	1
Immunogenicity of Alternative		Prevention	Mean age: n/a	Feverishness (moderate)	0	0	0.2	0.2	
Annual Influenza Vaccination				Muscle pain (moderate)	0	0.9	0	0.2	
Strategies in Older Adults in			RIV4 (Supemtek/	Nausea (moderate)	0	0	0.2	0.2	
Hong Kong (PIVOT)			Flublok Quadrivalent,	Others (moderate)	0	0.2	1.1	1.2	
NCT03330132			Sanofi Pasteur):	Fatigue (severe)	0	0	0.5	0	
			1 day population, n=	Feverishness (severe)	0	0	0	0	
			280	Muscle pain (severe)	0	0	0	0	
			200	Nausea (severe)	0	0	0	0	
			3-4 days population,	Others (severe)	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	
			n= 273	¹ Mild: symptom is easily tolera					
				symptom interferes with usual					
			7-9 days population,	² Other symptoms included sor	e throat, l	headache, run	ny nose, cou	gh, dry eyes a	nd upset stomach
			n= 307						
			14-16 days						
			population, n= 305						
			IIV4-SD (FluQuadri,						
			Sanofi Pasteur) :						
			1 day population,						
			n= 429						
			3-4 days population, n= 414						
			11-414						
			7-9 days population,						
			n= 456						
			11						

14-16 day population,	Proportion of reported system vaccination:	emic AEs in a	dults 65-82	years of age	e, within 3-4	days post-
n= 458	Systemic AEs ^{1,2}		Proport	ion (%)		1
		RIV4	IIV4-SD	IIV3-Adj	IIV3-HD	
	Fatigue (mild)	2.9	2.7	1.7	4.2	
IIV3-Adj (Fluad,	Feverishness (mild)	1.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	
Seqirus):	Muscle pain (mild)	1.5	2.2	0.7	1.7	
	Nausea (mild)	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	
1 day population, n=	Others (mild)	5.5	5.8	3.3	5.4	
442	Fatigue (moderate)	1.1	0.7	1.7	0	
	Feverishness (moderate)	0	0.2	0	0.2	
3-4 days population,	Muscle pain (moderate)	0	0.2	0	0.7	
n= 419	Nausea (moderate)	0	0	0	0.2	
7.0 days population	Others (moderate)	0.7	1.0	2.1	1.2	
7-9 days population, n= 462	Fatigue (severe)	0	0	0	0.2	
11-402	Feverishness (severe)	0	0	0	0	
14-16 days	Muscle pain (severe)	0	0	0	0	
population, n= 453	Nausea (severe)	0	0	0	0	
	Others (severe)	0	0.2	0.2	1.0	
IIV3-HD (Fluzone High- Dose, Sanofi Pasteur): 1 day population, n= 424 3-4 days population,	¹ Mild: symptom is easily tolera symptom interferes with usual ² Other symptoms included sor	activities; seve	ere: participa	nt cannot car	ry out usual a	ctivities.
n= 407 7-9 days population, n= 463 14-16 days population, n= 449						

	years of age, 7-9 days post-vaccination:

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		Systemic AEs in adults 65-82	years o			cination:	1
		Systemic AEs ^{1,2}			ortion (%)		
			RIV4	IIV4-SD	IIV3-Adj	IIV3-HD	
		Fatigue (mild)	3.9	2.2	2.8	3.0	
		Feverishness (mild)	0.3	0.9	1.3	1.3	
		Muscle pain (mild)	2.0	1.3	0.9	1.1	
		Nausea (mild)	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	
		Others (mild)	5.9	4.2	4.5	6.0	
		Fatigue (moderate)	0.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	
		Feverishness (moderate)	0	0.7	0.2	0.2	
		Muscle pain (moderate)	0	0.9	0.6	0.9	
		Nausea (moderate)	0	0.4	0	0.2	
		Others (moderate)	0.7	2.0	1.1	1.3	
		Fatigue (severe)	0	0.4	0	0	
		Feverishness (severe)	0	0	0	0	
		Muscle pain (severe)	0	0	0	0	
		Nausea (severe)	0	0	0	0	
		Others (severe)	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.4	
		¹ Mild: symptom is easily tolera					
		symptom interferes with usual					
		² Other symptoms included sor	e throat,	headache, ru	nny nose, co	ugh, dry eyes	and upset stomach
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			STUDY	DETAILS					
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings					
				Systemic AEs in adults 65-82 year	ars of age	e, 14-16 day	s post-vaccir	nation:	
				Systemic AEs ^{1,2}		Propo	rtion (%)		
					RIV4	IIV4-SD	IIV3-Adj	IIV3-HD	
				Fatigue (mild)	1.3	1.7	2.2	2.4	
				Feverishness (mild)	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.1	
				Muscle pain (mild)	1.0	1.3	0.4	1.8	
				Nausea (mild)	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	
				Others (mild)	5.2	4.6	3.5	5.8	
				Fatigue (moderate)	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.9	
				Feverishness (moderate)	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	
				Muscle pain (moderate)	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.2	
				Nausea (moderate)	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	
				Others (moderate)	1.6	2.8	1.5	2.4	
				Fatigue (severe)	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	
				Feverishness (severe)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
				Muscle pain (severe)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	
				Nausea (severe)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
				Others (severe)	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.2	
				¹ Mild: symptom is easily tolerated			•		
				symptom interferes with usual active ² Other symptoms included sore the					
					ioal, fieat	lache, runny i	iose, cougii, c	li y eyes anu	upset stomach

			STUDY	DETAILS			
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings			
Study Shinde V, Cai R, Plested J, Cho I, Fiske J, Pham X, Zhu M, Cloney-Clark S, Wang N, Zhou H, Zhou B, Patel N, Massare M, Fix A, Spindler M, Thomas D, Smith G, Fries L, Glenn G. Induction of Cross-Reactive Hemagglutination Inhibiting Antibody and Polyfunctional CD4+ T-Cell Responses by a Recombinant Matrix-M– Adjuvanted Hemagglutinin Nanoparticle Influenza Vaccine. Clinical Infectious Diseases. 2020.	Vaccine RIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur)	Study DesignPhase II, observer blind RCTUS Multi-centre (14 sites)2018-2019 influenza seasonFunded by Novavax Inc.	ParticipantsClinically stable adults aged ≥65 yearsRIV4 (Supemtek/ Flublok Quadrivalent, Sanofi Pasteur): n=151Mean age: 72.957.6% femaleIIV3-HD (Fluzone High- Dose, Sanofi Pasteur); n= 153	Summary of Key Findings SAEs in adults 65 years of age and over, 181 SAEs ¹ Subjects with at least one SAE Infections and infestations Nervous system disorders Cardiac disorders Gastrointestinal disorders Injury, poisoning, and procedural complications Metabolism and nutrition disorders Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (including cysts and polyps)	Proportion RIV4 2.0 (0.4–5.7) 0.7 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.3 0.0 0.0	% (95% CI) IIV3-HD 3.9 (1.5-8.3) 1.3 0.0 0.7 0.0 0.7 0.7 1.3 0.0	
ClinicalTrials.gov Phase 2 Dose and Formulation Confirmation of Quad-NIV in Older Adults NCT03658629			Mean age: 72.5 64.7% female	Respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders General disorders and administration site conditions Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Blood and lymphatic system disorders Hepatobiliary disorders Reproductive system and breast disorders	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.7 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	
				Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Vascular disorders ¹ MedDRA System Organ Class and Preferred Terr	0.0 0.0 m	0.0 0.0	

			STU	TUDY DETAILS							
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Findings	5						
				Systemic AEs in adults 65	years of age and	over, 6 days po	st-vaccination:				
						Proportion %	(95 % CI)				
				Systemic AEs	RIV	/4	IIV3-	HD			
				Systemic ALS	Any severity	Severe	Any severity	Severe			
				All systemic AEs	25.8 (19.1–33.6)	2.6 (0.7–6.6)	24.2 (17.6–31.8)	1.3 (0.2–4.6)			
				Chills	1.3	0.0	3.3	0.7			
				Fatigue	6.6	0.7	10.5	0.7			
				Headache	9.3	2.0	9.2	1.3			
				Joint pain	6.6	0.0	7.8	0.7			
				Muscle pain	4.6	0.0	14.4	0.7			
				Oral temperature	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
				Diarrhea	9.9	0.7	3.9	0.0			
				Nausea	2.0	0.0	4.6	0.7			
				Vomiting	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7			
				Chest tightness	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.0			
				Cough	5.3	0.7	2.0	0.0			
				Difficulty breathing	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.0			
				Difficulty swallowing	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.0			
				Eye redness	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0			
				Eyelid swelling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
				Facial swelling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
				Hoarseness	0.7	0.0	2.0	0.0			
				Sore throat	3.3	0.7	3.9	0.0			
				Wheezing	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0			

	RIV4	Post-	Persons	SAEs reported after RIV4 vaccination:	
Postmarketing safety	(Supemtek/	marketing	vaccinated	SAEs	Proportion (%
surveillance of quadrivalent	Flublok	safety	with RIV4	SAES	RIV4
ecombinant influenza	Quadrivalent,	surveillance	during July 1,	Neurological	43.6
accine: Reports to the	Sanofi Pasteur)	of cases	2017 through	Guillain-Barré syndrome	25.6
accine adverse event		identified	June 30,	Seizure	7.7
eporting system. Vaccine.	US	through	2020	Exacerbation of pre-existing multiple sclerosis	5.1
021;39(13):1812-1817.	(Vaccine	VAERS		Optic papillitis	2.6
	Adverse Event		Mean age: 43.7	Sensorineural hearing loss	2.6
	Reporting			Immunological	15.4
	System)		69.7% female	Anaphylaxis / allergic reaction	10.3
	2017-2018,		Reports on serious	Serum sickness-type reaction, allergic reaction to influenza vaccine	2.6
	2018-2019,		adverse events:	Stevens Johnson syndrome after lisinopril and atorvastatin	2.6
	2019-2020 influenza		N= 39	Local reaction	12.8
			Reports on systemic	Injection site reaction or local cellulitis	12.8
	seasons		adverse events:	Respiratory	10.3
			N= 300	Exacerbation or complications of pre-existing pulmonary conditions (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease asthma, or lung transplantation)	10.3
				Cardiac or cardiovascular	7.7
				Bradycardia	2.6
				Takotsubo cardiomyopathy, cardiogenic shock, and pulseless electrical activity	2.6
				Cardiomegaly (544 g) and hypertension	2.6
				Viral-type symptoms	7.7
				Flu-like symptoms, fatigue, chills, or myalgia	7.7
				Other	2.6
				Mesenteric panniculitis	2.6

			ST	TUDY DETAILS		
Study	Vaccine	Study Design	Participants	Summary of Key Find	ings	
				Systemic AEs identifie	d from non-serious reports	after RIV4 vaccination:
				Systemic AEs repo	rted after RIV4	
					Proportion (%)	
				Systemic AEs		
				Pyrexia	19.3	
				Headache	16.7	7
				Rash	13.7	
				Dizziness	13.3	
				Fatigue	13	7
				Chills	12	7
				Nausea	12	

Abbreviations: AE: Adverse Event; CI: confidence interval; IIV3-Adj: adjuvanted trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV3-HD: high-dose trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV4-SD: standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; MedDRA: Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; n/a: not applicable; RCT: randomized controlled trial; RIV: recombinant influenza vaccine; RIV4: quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine; SAE: Serious Adverse Event; SD: standard-dose; US: United States; VAERS: Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.

Figure 1. Odds of seroconversion on days 28-30 post-vaccination between RIV4 and other seasonal influenza vaccine recipients 50 years and older.

	RIV	RIV4 Other IV				Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% C	M-H, Random, 95% CI
1.1.1 A(H1N1)							
Cowling 2020	120	200	322	600	9.0%	1.30 [0.94, 1.79]	
Dunkle 2017	141	314	147	300	9.1%	0.85 [0.62, 1.17]	+
Shinde 2020	31	144	24	143	7.4%	1.36 [0.75, 2.46]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		658		1043	25.5%	1.10 [0.80, 1.52]	♦
Total events	292		493				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.04; Chi ²	= 4.01	, df = 2 (F	= 0.13	3); l ² = 50%	6	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 0.60 (P = 0.5	5)				
1.1.2 A(H3N2)							
Cowling 2020	112	200	286	600	9.1%	1.40 [1.01, 1.93]	
Dunkle 2017	171	314	130	300	9.1%	1.56 [1.14, 2.15]	-
Shinde 2020	65	144	31	143	7.9%	2.97 [1.77, 4.98]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		658		1043	26.0%	1.77 [1.21, 2.59]	•
Total events	348		447				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.07; Chi ²	= 6.14	, df = 2 (F	= 0.05	5); l ² = 67%	6	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 2.96 (P = 0.0	03)				
1.1.3 B/Yamagata li	neage						
Cowling 2020	84	200	138	600	9.0%	2.42 [1.73, 3.40]	
Dunkle 2017	122	314	115	300	9.0%	1.02 [0.74, 1.41]	+
Shinde 2020	40	144	5	143	5.1%	10.62 [4.05, 27.83]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		658		1043	23.1%	2.66 [1.02, 6.93]	◆
Total events	246		258				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.63; Chi ²	= 27.6	5, df = 2	(P < 0.0	00001); l ² :	= 93%	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 2.00 (P = 0.0	5)				
1.1.4 B/Victoria linea	ge						
Cowling 2020	88	200	288	600	9.1%	0.85 [0.62, 1.17]	-
Dunkle 2017	66	314	103	300	8.8%	0.51 [0.35, 0.73]	-
Shinde 2020	28	144	30	143	7.5%	0.91 [0.51, 1.62]	-
Subtotal (95% CI)		658		1043	25.4%	0.72 [0.49, 1.04]	•
Total events	182		421				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.07; Chi ²	= 5.19	, df = 2 (F	P = 0.07	7); l ² = 61%	6	
Test for overall effect:	Z = 1.74 (P = 0.0	8)				
Total (95% CI)		2632		4172	100.0%	1.36 [1.00, 1.86]	•
Total events	1068		1619				
Heterogeneity: Tau ² =	0.25; Chi ²	= 84.3	8, df = 11	(P < 0	.00001); P	² = 87%	0.001 0.1 1 10 1000
Test for overall effect:	Z = 1.95 (P = 0.0	5)	carro all			Favours RIV4 Favours other IV
Test for subgroup diffe	rences: C	$hi^2 = 14$.07. df =	3 (P =	0.003), 12 :	= 78.7%	Tayous NIV4 Tayous ould IV

Figure 2. Odds of experiencing a SAE within 180 days of vaccination between RIV4 and other seasonal influenza vaccine recipients 50 years and older.

	RIV	4	Other	IV		Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio					
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI		M-H, Rand	om, 95%	CI		
Dunkle 2017	145	4328	132	4344	88.9%	1.11 [0.87, 1.41]						
Shinde 2020	3	151	6	153	11.1%	0.50 [0.12, 2.02]			-			
Total (95% CI)		4479		4497	100.0%	1.01 [0.62, 1.66]		•				
Total events	148		138									
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.06; Chi ² = 1.21, df = 1 (P = 0.27); l ² = 18%							0.01	0.1		10	100	
Test for overall effect:	6)				0.01	Favours RIV4	Favours		100			

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Term
AE	Adverse event
CI	Confidence interval
EEFA	Ethics, equity, feasibility, and acceptability
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (United States)
GMT	Geometric mean titre
GMTR	Geometric mean titre ratio
GRADE	Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation
НА	Hemagglutinin
н	Hemagglutination inhibition
IIV	Inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV3	Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV3-Adj	Adjuvanted trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV3-cc	Cell-culture based trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV3-HD	High-dose trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV3-SD	Standard-dose trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV4	Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV4-cc	Cell-culture based quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
IIV4-SD	Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine
ILI	Influenza-like illness
IM	Intramuscular
IWG	Influenza Working Group
LCI	Laboratory-confirmed influenza
ΝΑ	Neuraminidase

NACI	National Advisory Committee on Immunization
OR	Odds ratio
PHAC	Public Health Agency of Canada
RCT	Randomized controlled trial
RIV	Recombinant influenza vaccine
RIV3	Trivalent recombinant influenza vaccine
RIV4	Quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine
RR	Risk ratio
RT-PCR	Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
rVE	Relative vaccine efficacy
SAE	Serious Adverse Event
US	United States
VAERS	Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (US)

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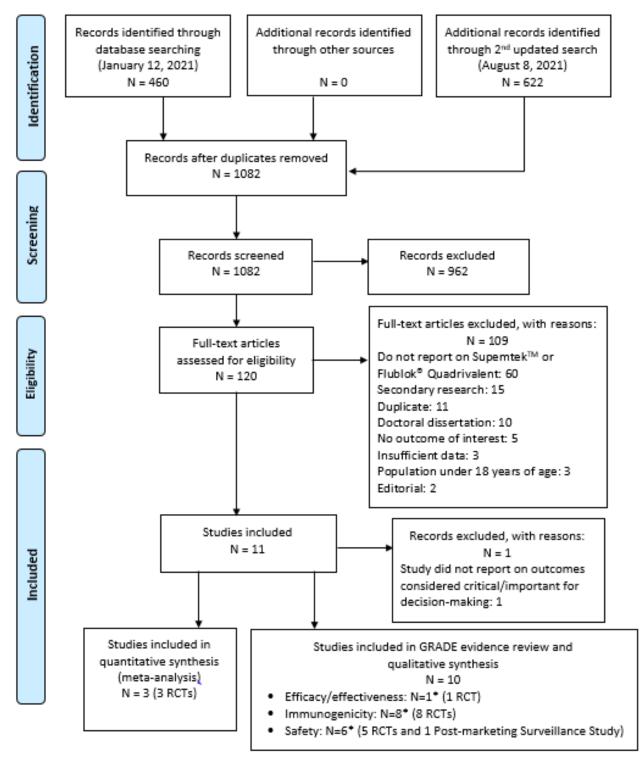
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APPENDIX A: PRISMA FLOW DIAGRAM



*Note: some studies fit into more than one outcome category

APPENDIX B: CHARACTERISTICS OF INLFUENZA VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN CANADA, 2022–2023^a

		Vaccine Characteristic												
Product name (manufacturer)	Vaccine type	Route of administration	Authorized ages for use	Antigen content for each vaccine strain	Adjuvant	Formats available	Post-puncture shelf life for multi-dose vials	Thimerosal	Antibiotics (traces)	Production medium				
Quadrivalent		•				•								
Flulaval [®] Tetra (GSK)	IIV4-SD (split virus)	IM	6 months and older	15 µg HA /0.5 mL dose	None	5 mL multi-dose vial	28 days	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	None	Egg (Avian)				
Fluzone [®] Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	IIV4-SD (split virus)	IM	6 months and older	15 µg НА /0.5 mL dose	None	5 mL multi-dose vial Single-dose pre- filled syringe without attached needle	Up to expiry date indicated on vial label	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	None	Egg (Avian)				
Afluria [®] Tetra (Seqirus)	IIV4-SD (split virus)	IM	5 years and older	15 μg HA /0.5 mL dose	None	5 mL multi-dose vial Single dose pre- filled syringe without attached needle	Up to expiry date indicated on vial label	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	Neomycin and polymyxin B	Egg (Avian)				
Influvac [®] Tetra (BGP Pharma ULC, operating as Mylan, d.b.a. Viatris Canada)	IIV4-SD (subunit)	IM or deep subcutaneous injection	6 months and older	15 μg HA /0.5 mL dose	None	Single dose pre- filled syringe with or without attached needle	Not applicable	No	Gentamicin or neomycin and polymyxin B ^b	Egg (Avian)				
Flucelvax [®] Quad (Seqirus)	IIV4-cc (subunit)	IM	6 months and older	15 μg HA /0.5 mL dose	None	5 mL multi-dose vial Single dose pre- filled syringe without attached needle	28 days	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	None	Cell culture (Mammalian)				
Fluzone [®] High- Dose Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	IIV4-HD (split virus)	IM	65 years and older	60 µg HA /0.7 mL dose	None	Single dose pre- filled syringe without attached needle	Not applicable	No	None	Egg (Avian)				
Supemtek™ (Sanofi Pasteur)	RIV4 (recombinant protein)	IM	18 years and older	45 μg HA /0.5 mL dose	None	Single dose pre- filled syringe without attached needle	Not applicable	No	None	Recombinant protein (Baculovirus Expression Vector System)				

FluMist [®] Quadrivalent (AstraZeneca)	LAIV4 (live attenuated)	Intranasal	2–59 years	10 ^{6.5-7.5} FFU of live attenuated reassortants /0.2 mL dose (given as 0.1 mL in each nostril)	None	Single use pre-filled glass sprayer	Not applicable	No	Gentamicin	Egg (Avian)
Trivalent										
Fluad Pediatric [®] and Fluad [®] (Seqirus)	IIV3-Adj (subunit)	IM	Pediatric: 6–23 months Adult: 65 years and older	Pediatric: 7.5 μg HA /0.25 mL dose Adult: 15 μg HA /0.5 mL dose	MF59	Single dose pre- filled syringe without a needle	Not applicable	No	Kanamycin and neomycin	Egg (Avian)

Abbreviations: FFU: fluorescent focus units; HA: hemagglutinin; IIV3-Adj: adjuvanted egg-based trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV4-cc: standard-dose cell culture-based quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IIV4-SD: standard-dose egg-based quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine; IM: intramuscular; LAIV4: quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine; NA: neuraminidase; RIV4: quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine.

^a Full details of the composition of each vaccine authorized for use in Canada, including other non-medicinal ingredients, and a brief description of its manufacturing process can be found in the product monograph.

^b Neomycin and polymyxin B are only used if gentamicin cannot be used. No trace amounts of neomycin or polymyxin B are present if gentamicin was used.