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# **Hexavalent Vaccines: Hepatitis B antibody response and co-administration with other vaccines**



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## **Conflicts of Interest**

PI in several study protocols on

Infanrix Hexa (GSK)

Hexaxim/Hexyon (SP-MSD)

Vaxelis or PR5I (Merck)

Consultant to GSK 2016

Member (Chair) of SP-MSD Advisory Board  
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Consultant to Merck on PR5I until 2017

# Landscape

Infanrix hexa (GSK)



- gold standard
- requires reconstitution of lyophilized Hib component

Hexyon / Hexacim (Sanofi Pasteur)



- fully liquid

Vaxelis (Merck)



- fully liquid

Real differences in immunogenicity between the vaccines are minor or non-existent

# Infanrix hexa™ (GSK)

Clever trade name implying that this is the basic vaccine for infants



# Hexaxim / Hexyon® (Sanofi Pasteur)



# Vaxelis® (Merck)

Runner-ups for trade name and substance



# Comparison of pertussis components in hexavalent vaccines

Vaxelis	5	PT, FHA, PRN, FIM2,3
Infanrix hexa	3	PT, FHA, PRN
Hexyon	2	PT, FHA

No known difference in clinical protection against pertussis

# Aluminum adjuvant in hexavalent vaccines

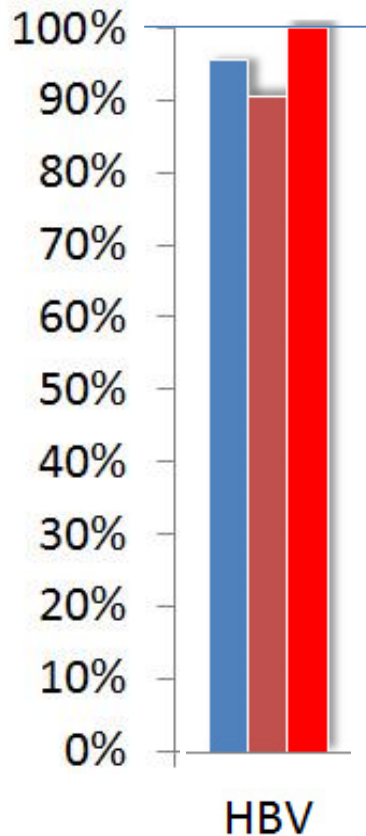
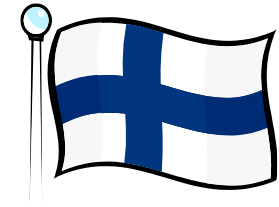
	Al <sup>+++</sup> per dose
Vaxelis	0.3 mg
Hexyon	0.6 mg
Infanrix hexa	0.8 mg

# Clinical experience with *Infanrix hexa*

Antibody	SP cut-off	% SP subjects
Anti-D	0.1 IU/ml	≥ 98.0
Anti-T	0.1 IU/ml	≥ 99.6
Anti-HBs	10 mIU/ml	≥ 96.8
Anti-polio 1	1:8	≥ 99.4
Anti-polio 2	1:8	≥ 95.7
Anti-polio 3	1:8	≥ 98.8
Anti-PRP	0.15 µg/ml	≥ 91.7 (2 doses)
		≥ 96.4 (3 doses)

All schedules combined. Data from *Infanrix*<sup>™</sup> *hexa* European SPC

# Experience in Finland: (2+1 schedule 3-5-12 months of age)

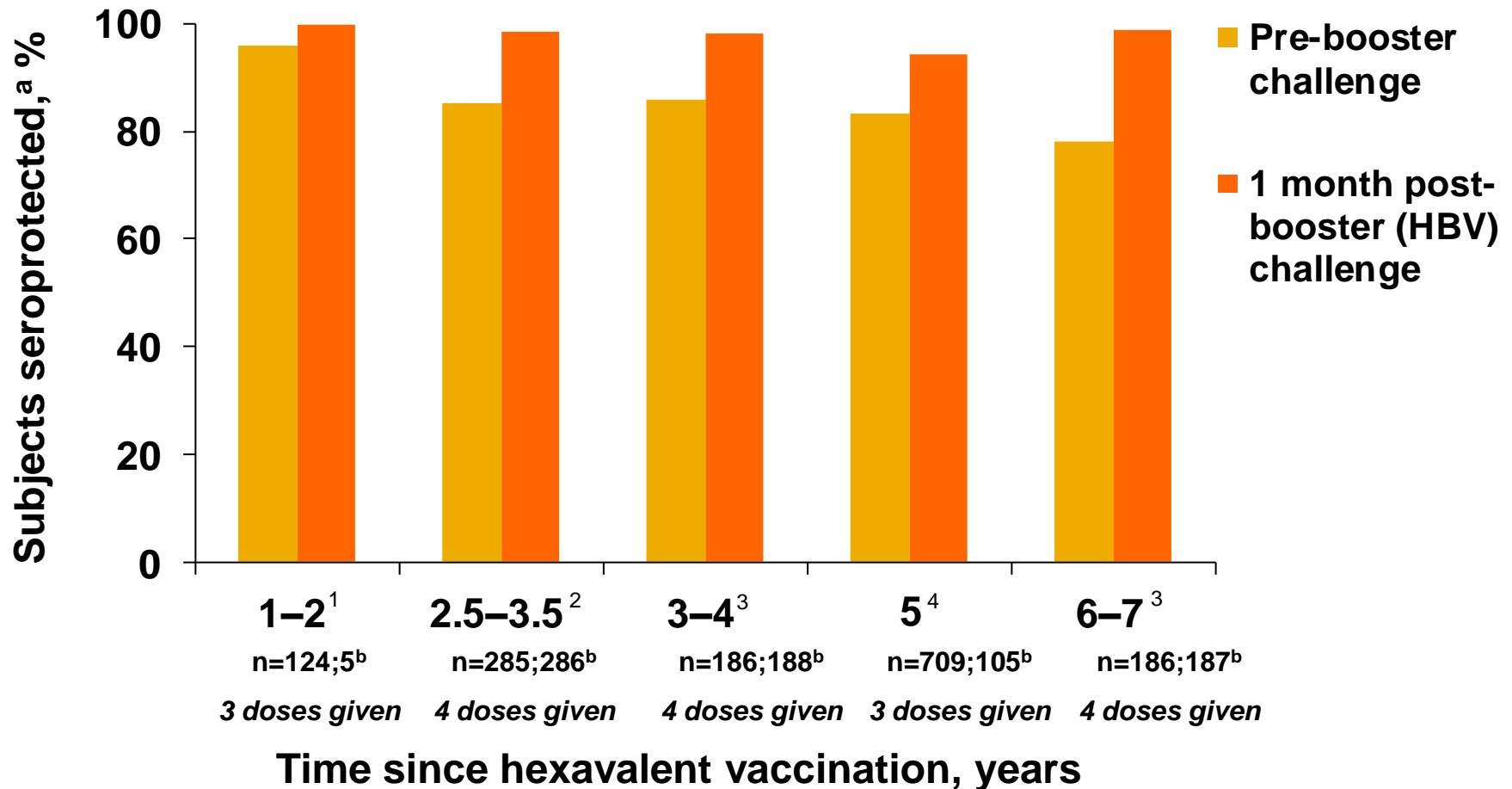


	Post dose 2	Pre dose 3	Post dose 3
HBs Ab ≥10 mIU/ml	94 %	89.7 %	99.1 %

■ Post-dose 2    ■ Pre-dose 3    ■ Post-dose 3



# *Infanrix hexa*<sup>TM</sup> induced long-lasting immune memory against HBV



<sup>a</sup>Defined as subjects with an anti-HBsAg titre  $\geq 10$  mIU/ml; <sup>b</sup>Number of subjects with available results (pre-booster;post-challenge)

HBsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen; HBV, hepatitis B virus

1. Giambi *et al. BMC Infect Dis* 2008;8:100; 2. Steiner *et al. BMC Infect Dis* 2010;10:9; 3. Zinke *et al. Hum Vaccin* 2009;5(9):592–598;

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# ***Infanrix hexa*<sup>™</sup>: Established use**

*Infanrix hexa*<sup>™</sup> has extensive evidence supporting its use, encompassing >10 years of clinical practice and >15 years in clinical studies<sup>1–3</sup>

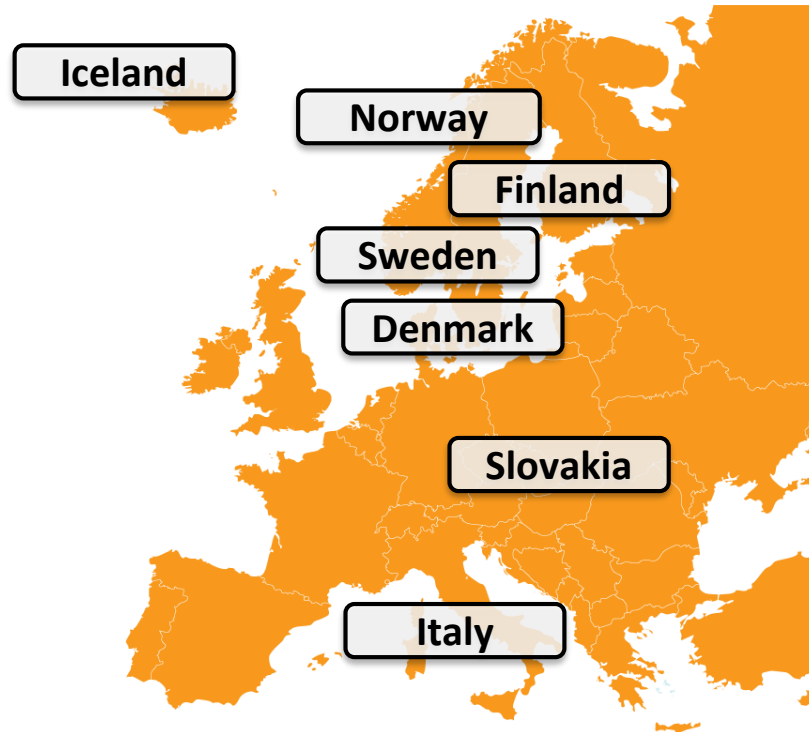
- In the decade following licensure, *Infanrix hexa*<sup>™</sup> was administered in over 100 GSK-sponsored interventional studies with 27 500 infants receiving *Infanrix hexa*<sup>™</sup> as a primary vaccine, and over 21 000 children receiving a booster dose

As of the end of December 2012, over 90 million doses of *Infanrix hexa*<sup>™</sup> have been distributed worldwide, helping to protect children in 95 countries against six serious childhood diseases<sup>4,5</sup>



# ***Infanrix hexa*<sup>TM</sup> can be used in a two-dose primary and booster vaccination schedule<sup>1</sup>**

A number of countries recommend the use of a 2-dose primary and booster vaccination schedule, including:<sup>2</sup>



**Please check  
individual country  
recommendations for  
the full schedules**

# ***Infanrix hexa*<sup>TM</sup> can be given with other vaccines**

*Infanrix hexa*<sup>TM</sup> can be co-administered with the following vaccines:<sup>1–12</sup>

## **Pneumococcal vaccines**

- ***Prevenar*<sup>®</sup>**
- ***Prevenar 13*<sup>®</sup>**
- ***Synflorix*<sup>TM</sup>**

## **Meningococcal vaccines**

- ***Bexsero*<sup>TM</sup>**
- ***Nimenrix*<sup>TM</sup>**
- ***NeisVac-C*<sup>TM</sup>**
- ***Meningitec*<sup>TM</sup>**

## **Rotavirus vaccines**

- ***Rotarix*<sup>TM</sup>**
- ***RotaTeq*<sup>®</sup>**

## **MMRV vaccine**

- ***Priorix-Tetra*<sup>TM</sup>**
- ***ProQuad*<sup>®</sup>**

**In general, co-administration does not meaningfully impact on the immunogenicity of any of the vaccine components<sup>13–18</sup>**

# Hexyon

- Unique hexavalent vaccine in a fully liquid, ready-to-use formulation
- Indicated for primary and booster vaccination of infants and toddlers from 6 weeks to 24 months of age combining:
  - Well-established antigens (D,T, aP, IPV, Hib) used in combined Sanofi Pasteur MSD vaccines as Pentavac
  - New hepatitis B antigen



:::Hexyon

Abbreviations: D: diphtheria, T: tetanus, aP: acellular pertussis, IPV: Inactivated poliovirus, Hib: *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, Hep B: Hepatitis B antigen

# A new hepatitis B antigen specifically developed for Hexyon

Produced using the patented *Hansenula polymorpha* yeast expression system:

- Consistent high quality and reliable supply<sup>1,2</sup>

Compliant with European Pharmacopoeia Monograph 2067<sup>3</sup>

Manufactured and controlled in Sanofi Pasteur's state-of-the-art facility in Argentina<sup>4</sup>

- Completely dedicated to this new hepatitis B antigen<sup>4</sup>

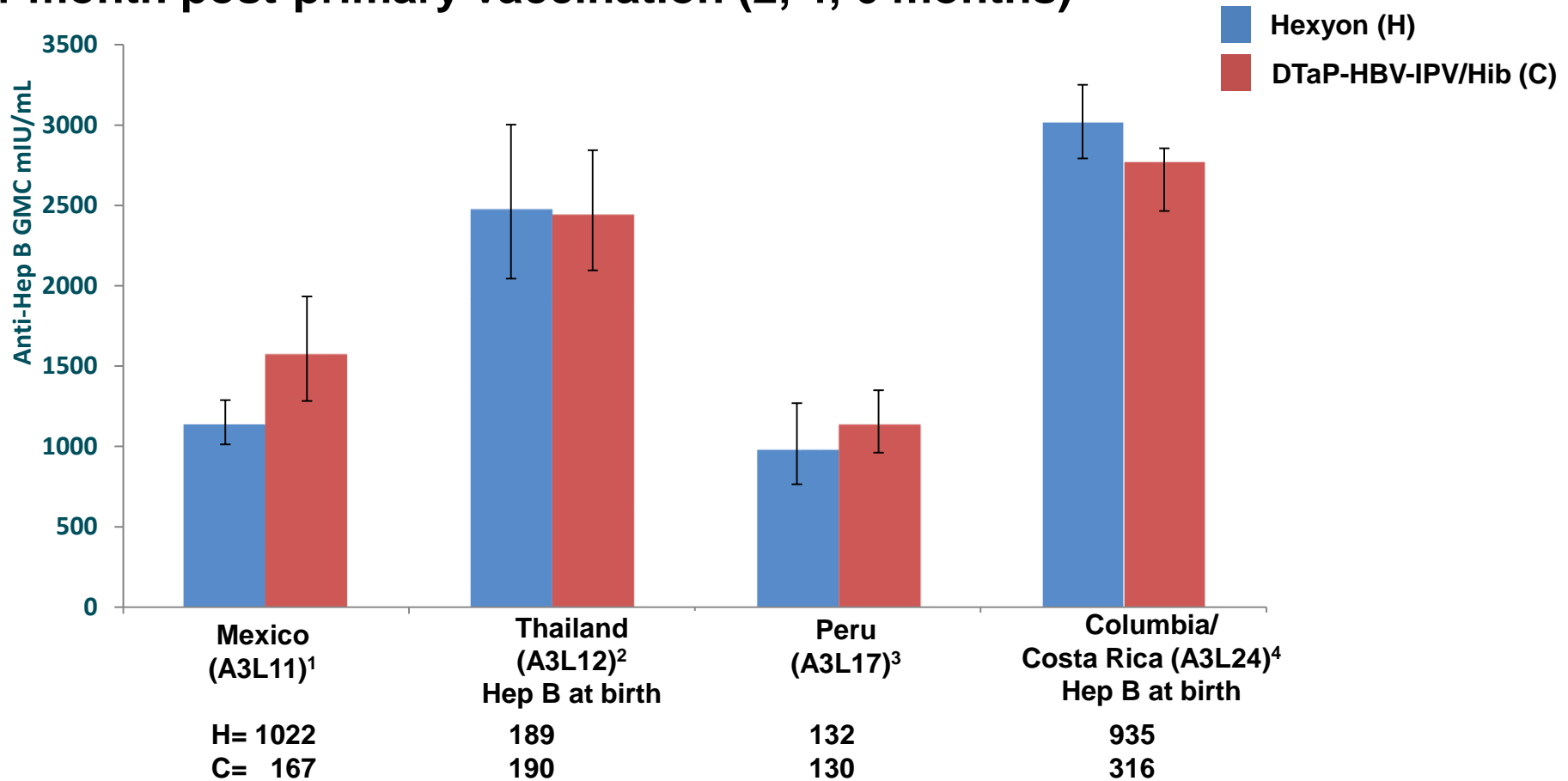
Produced exclusively for use in Hexyon<sup>4</sup>



\*This facility passed a GMP inspection by the French Agency (on behalf of the EMA and the WHO) in February 2012.

# Hexyon vs DTaP-HBV-IPV/Hib (Infanrix Hexa™): Hepatitis B immune responses

1 month post-primary vaccination (2, 4, 6 months)\*†



\* Primary vaccination at 2, 4 and 6 months. Measurements made 1 month post-primary vaccination series.

† A3L11 and A3L17 participants did not receive hepatitis B vaccination at birth, whereas all A3L12 and A3L24 participants received hepatitis B vaccination at birth.

1. Becerra A et al. Vaccine 2012;30:6492–6500. 2. Kosalaraska P et al. Int J Infect Dis. 2011;15(4):e249–e256. 3. Lanata C et al. Vaccine and Vaccination 2012;3:1. 4. López P et al. Poster presented at the Congress ICID: 13–16 June 2012.

DTaP-HBV-IPV/Hib (Infanrix hexa®)

# **Co-administration of Hexyon/Hexaxim™ or Infanrix Hexa™ with Prevnar13**

Schedule 3, 5, 11–12 months

Finland and Sweden

Protocol A3L38 Sanofi Pasteur

Vesikari T, et al. PIDJ 2017;36:87–93.



# Hepatitis B responses

	Hexyon N=248	Infanrix hexa N=249
Seroconversion after 3 doses		
≥10 mIU/mL	96.4 %	99.6%
≥100 mIU/mL	91.2 %	98.0%
GMT		
Pre-dose 3	76.5 (62.0,94.4)	260 (218,311)
Post-dose 3	1370 (1069,1757)	5015 (4178,6020)

# Protocol A3L38

## Responses to Prevnar13 after 3 doses

	<b>Hexyon N=249</b>	<b>Infanrix hexa N=248</b>
Serotype 3	86.3 %	88.0 %
Serotype 5	95.1 %	98.1 %
All other serotypes	98.2–100 %	98.1–100 %

# Hexyon/Hexacim co-administration with RV vaccine (Rotarix) at 2 and 4 months of age

Rotavirus IgA antibody responses		
	Hexyon	Infanrix hexa
Seroconversion	77.9 % (71.1,83.7)	86.9 % (75.8,94.2)
GMC	110 (85.4,142)	155 (96.6,250)

"Similar"

# Hexyon co-administration with MenC at 2 and 4 months of age

Men C responses  $\geq 8$  SBA

After dose 1	99.4%
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After dose 2	100%
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GMC

After dose 1	885 (737,1063)
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After dose 2	580 (505,664)
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MenC vaccine can be given together with Hexyon

One dose is as good as two (or better)

# Hexyon / Hexacima / Hexaxim is registered in 98 countries



- A fully liquid ready-to-use, preservative free hexavalent paediatric vaccine
- Indicated for primary (3 doses) and booster vaccination of infants and toddlers from six weeks to 24 months of age against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, poliomyelitis and invasive diseases caused by *Haemophilus influenzae* type b
- Should be in accordance with official recommendations

- Marketing authorisation granted by the European Commission [30 countries] on 17 April 2013 [<http://ec.europa.eu/health/documents/community-register/html/h829.htm>]
- Marketing authorisation granted in Latin America [Peru, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Argentina, El Salvador, Uruguay], Asia [Malaysia, Philippines], Africa [South Africa], Greater Europe [Georgia, Kazakhstan]



**Marketing Authorisation granted**

**EC Decision 15-FEB-2016**

[http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/human/medicines/003982/human\\_med\\_001962.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001d124](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/human/medicines/003982/human_med_001962.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058001d124)

<http://ec.europa.eu/health/documents/community-register/html/h1079.htm>



**vaxelis®**

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular, component),  
hepatitis B (rDNA), poliomyelitis (inactivated) and  
*Haemophilus* type b conjugate vaccine (adsorbed)



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# Vaxelis (PR5I) is a unique combination of well-established antigens from vaccines licensed in EU or US

Antigen(s)			Amounts	Licensed vaccine containing the same antigen(s)
<b>P</b>	Merck	<b>PRP-OMPC</b> Polyribosylribitol phosphate polysaccharide coupled to the outer membrane complex of <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	3 µg	PedvaxHIB (US)
<b>R</b>		<b>HBsAg<sup>2</sup></b> Recombinant hepatitis B surface antigen	10 µg	HBVaxPro RECOMBIVAX HB (US)
<b>5</b>	Sanofi Pasteur	<b>5 component acellular pertussis<sup>1</sup></b> PT: Pertussis Toxoid FHA: Filamentous Haemagglutinin PRN: Pertactin FIM: Fimbriae Types 2 and 3	20 µg 20 µg 3 µg 5 µg	PENTACEL (US) PEDIACEL
		<b>Diphtheria Toxoid<sup>1</sup></b> <b>Tetanus Toxoid<sup>1</sup></b>	≥20 IU ≥40 IU	
<b>I</b>		<b>IPV Inactivated Poliovirus</b> Type 1 Type 2 Type 3	40-D 8-D 32-D	IMOVAX POLIO PENTAVAC, HEXYON PEDIACEL

Aluminium used as adjuvant

(<sup>1</sup>adsorbed on aluminium phosphate (0.17 mg Al<sup>3+</sup>), <sup>2</sup>adsorbed on amorphous aluminium hydroxyphosphate sulfate (0.15 mg Al<sup>3+</sup>))

# **Protocol V419-007 (Vaxelis)**

## **3+1 schedule at 2, 3, 4 and 12 months**

PR5I (Vaxelis) vs. Infanrix hexa

PR5I was non-inferior for all immunogenicity comparisons

PRP responses 1 month after infant series

% with titer  $\geq 0.15\mu\text{g/ml}$

PR5I 98%

Infanrix hexa 87%

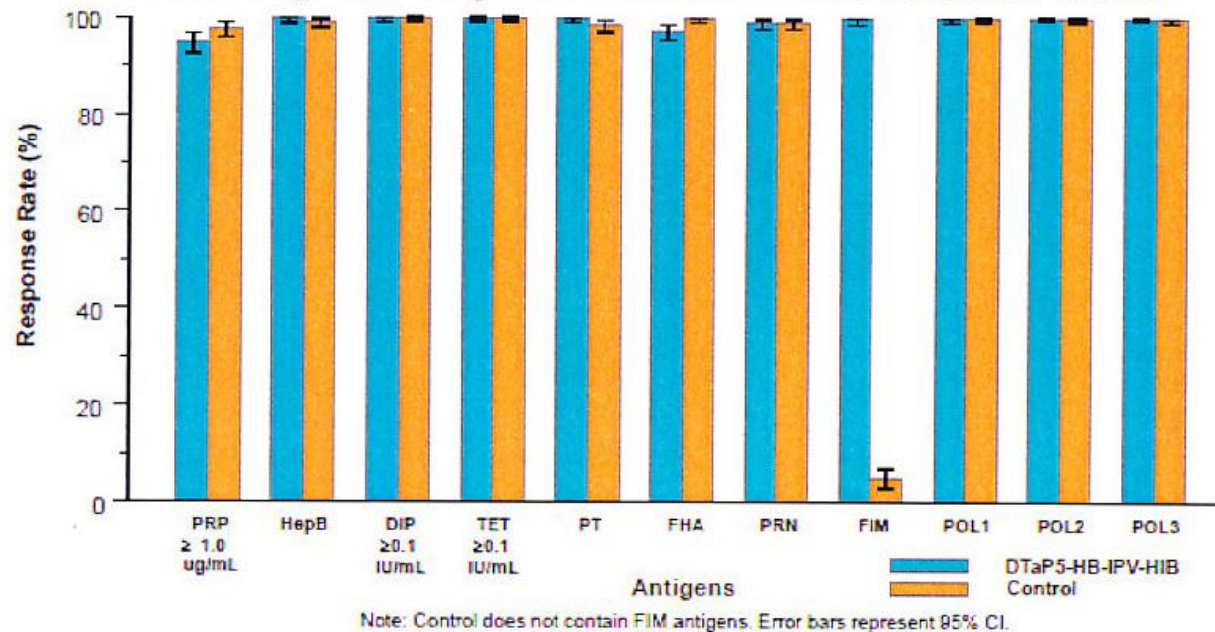
Group difference 11.4% (8.4, 14.7)

”Significant”



# Non-inferiority of Vaxelis versus Infanrix hexa demonstrated for the 3+1 schedule (007)

## Summary of Response Rates Post Toddler Dose



### Pertussis response:

If pre-vaccination antibody concentration was  $< 4 \times$  lower limit of quantification (LLOQ), then the post-vaccination antibody concentration was  $\geq 4 \times$  LLOQ;

if pre-vaccination antibody concentration was  $\geq 4 \times$  LLOQ,

then the post-vaccination antibody concentration was  $\geq$  pre-vaccination levels

HepB:  $\geq 10$  mIU/mL

Polio:  $\geq 1:8$  dil

### Post Toddler dose:

- High response rates for all PR5I antigens ( $\geq 95\%$ )
- non-inferiority to Infanrix hexa regarding the response rates to HepB and pertussis antigens

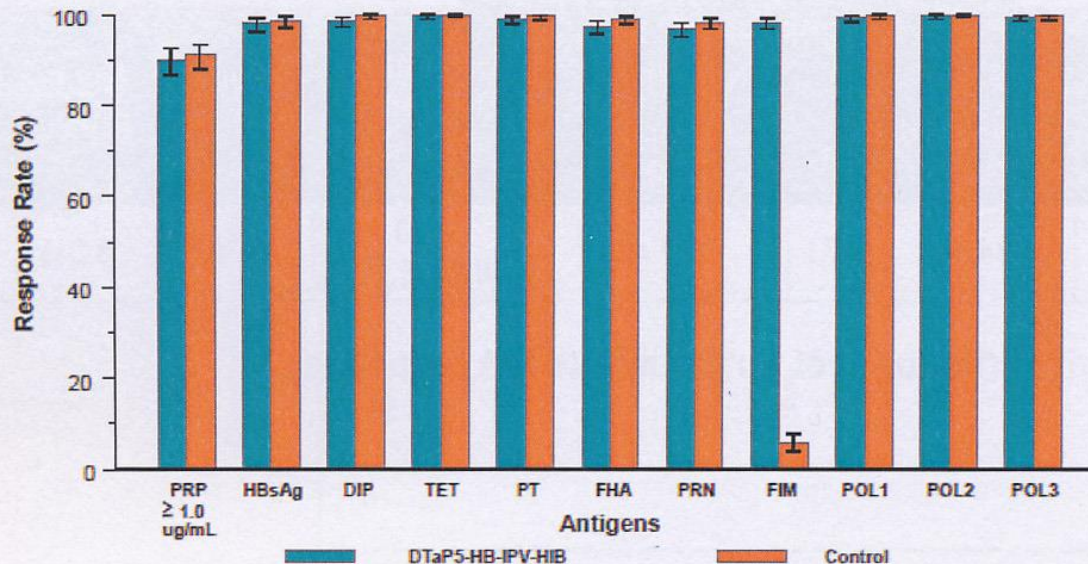
Vesikari T et al, 33<sup>rd</sup> ESPID, May12-16,2015, Leipzig, Germany  
V419-007 CSR

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# Non-inferiority of Vaxelis versus Infanrix hexa demonstrated for the 2+1 schedule (008)

## Summary of Response Rates Post Toddler Dose



Note: Control (INFANRIX<sup>TM</sup> hexa) does not contain FIM antigens. Error bars represent 95% CI.

\*If pre-vaccination antibody concentration was <LLOQ, then the post-vaccination antibody concentration was  $\geq$ LLOQ; If pre-vaccination antibody concentration was  $\geq$ LLOQ, then the post-vaccination antibody concentration was  $\geq$ pre-vaccination levels (the pre-vaccination level was defined as the antibody titer at pre-Dose 1)

Post Toddler dose:

- High response rates for all PR5I antigens
- non-inferiority to Infanrix hexa demonstrated regarding the response rates to all PR5I antigens

# **Vaxelis vs. Infanrix hexa**

## **Coadministration with routine pediatric vaccines in the US (2, 4, 6 months)**

	<b>Vaxelis N=522</b>	<b>Infanrix hexa N=274</b>
RV IgA GMC	282	277
GMC ratio 1.02 (0.83 to 1.24)		

# **Booster dose at 12 months of Vaxelis vs. Infanrix hexa given concomitantly with MMRV**

	<b>Vaxelis N=467</b>	<b>Infanrix hexa N=474</b>
Measles	96.2%	96.4%
Mumps	94.9%	91.8%
Rubella	98.3%	97.9%
Varicella	97.6%	97.7%

Conclusion: Vaxelis can be given concurrently with MMRV



# Conclusions for HepB in hexavalent vaccines

- AntiHBs responses to various hexavalent vaccines are not equal (highest after Infanrix hexa)
- High primary responses are associated with better persistence
- AntiHBs responses may be (simply) correlated with the quantity of Al<sup>+++</sup> adjuvant in hexavalent vaccine

# Conclusions on coadministration of other childhood vaccines with hexavalent vaccines

- No interference with pneumococcal conjugate vaccine one way or the other
- No significant suppression of RV IgA response after vaccination
- No suppression of MenC response
- No interference with MMRV



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# Thank you!

