



## HEPATITIS A VACCINE

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# *Changing scenario of Hepatitis A disease in India*



***Which vaccine to choose for pro\*-protection?  
Amongst the available Inactivated vaccine***



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# Evolution of Hepatitis A disease over time

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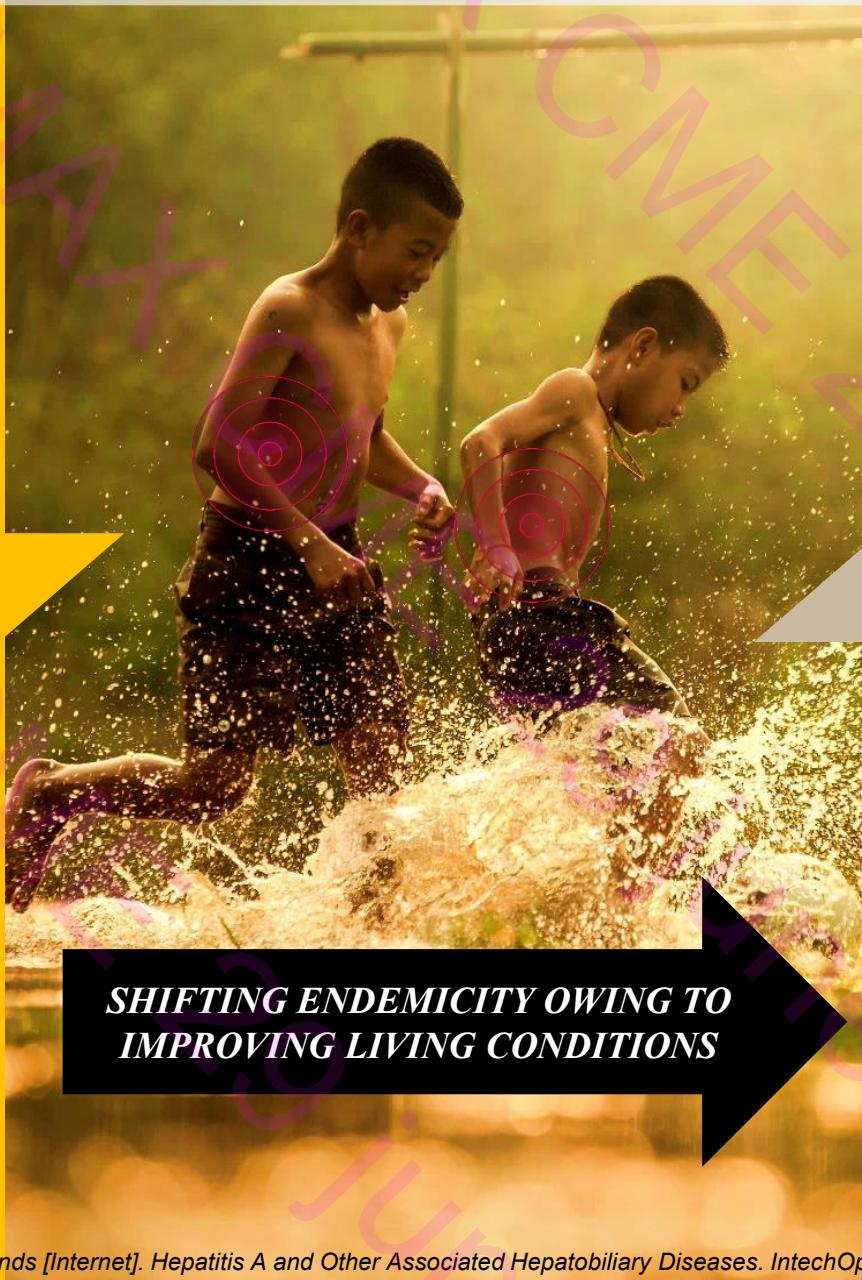
## Hepatitis A disease before 2000's

### 'THE PRE-VACCINE ERA'

- ✓ In India, majority of the population acquired hepatitis A infection early in life, such that large proportion of population is immune to HAV<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ The disease was self-limiting & asymptomatic amongst children which played an important role in sustaining Transmission & immunity<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Hepatitis A occurred in cycles, every 10–15 years, with majority of cases reported among children ( $\leq 15$  years)<sup>1</sup>



**INCREASED BURDEN IN YOUNGER CHILDREN**



**SHIFTING ENDEMICITY Owing TO IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS**

## Hepatitis A disease currently

### 'THE VACCINE ERA'

- ✓ Recent reports suggest decreasing sero-prevalence across the country is increasing incidence of infection among adults and adolescents<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ The shift in age group, which acquires hepatitis A, towards adolescents and adults has amplified the incidence of symptomatic disease(frank hepatitis), since childhood HAV infection is usually asymptomatic<sup>1</sup>

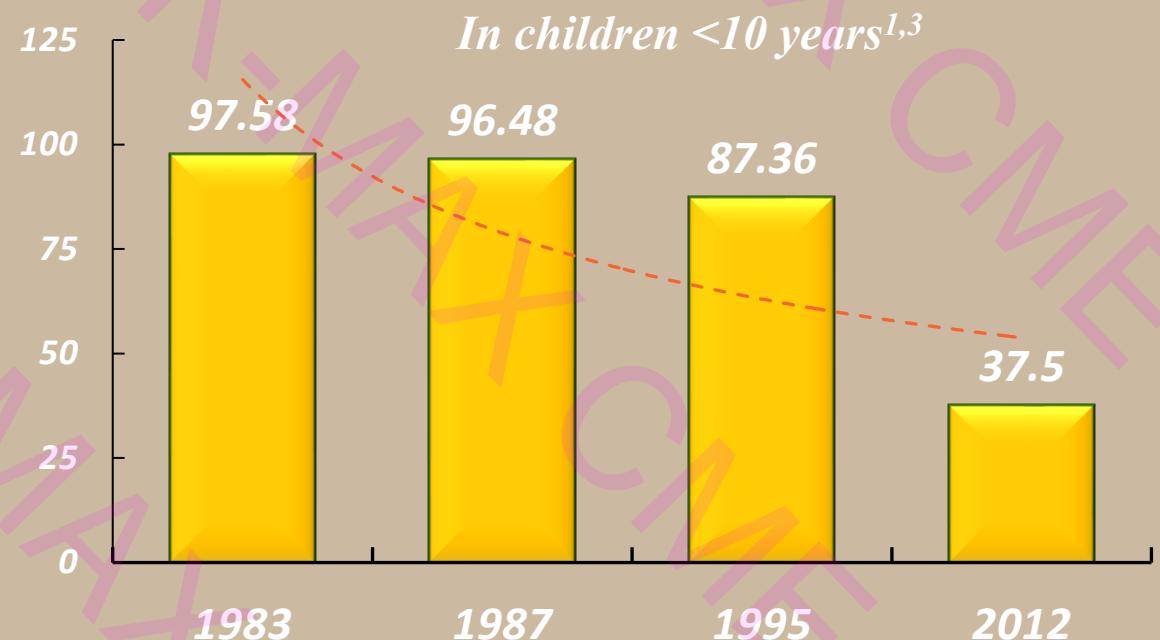


**INCREASED BURDEN IN ADOLESCENTS & ADULTS**

# Hepatitis A in India: Changing endemicity

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*Significant decrease in anti-HAV positivity across different studies in Indian children*



*Improved sanitation and water supplies are leading to reduced Hepatitis A endemicity in India<sup>1,2</sup>*

*2 out 3 children <10 years are vulnerable to Hepatitis A infection<sup>1</sup>*



# Hepatitis A disease severity

## Age wise severity

✓ Signs and symptoms of illness are more common among adults than among children, and the disease tends to be more severe in older age groups<sup>1</sup>



### <6 years

- ✓ 70% asymptomatic,<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ 10% develop jaundice<sup>1</sup>



### >6 years

- ✓ Typical asymptomatic,<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ >70% develop jaundice<sup>1</sup>



## Hospitalization severity

✓ Hospitalization rates were significantly higher in adults & adolescent than in children.<sup>1</sup>



✓ 24% hospitalization rate for <15 years old<sup>1</sup>



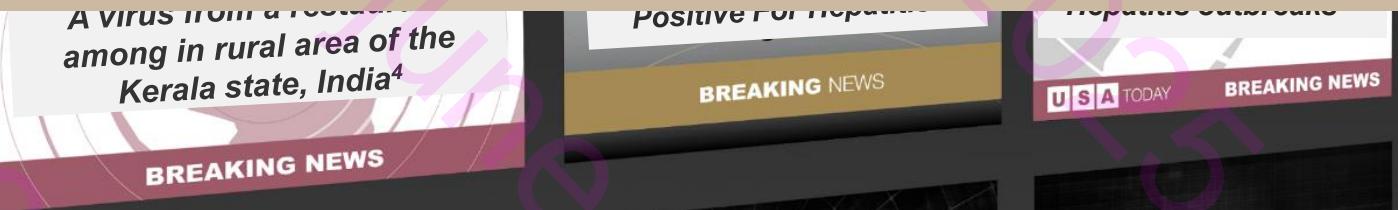
✓ 45% hospitalization rate for >15 years old<sup>1</sup>

✓ Average hospitalization was for 7.6 days<sup>4</sup>  
✓ About 20-180 days of work loss/rest<sup>4</sup>  
✓ Total household out of pocket expenditure for one HAV patient was around 25K<sup>4</sup>

# *Hepatitis A outbreaks are becoming a major public concern*



According to the IDSP report in India, overall Hepatitis outbreaks reported in 2021 accounted for **110** cases, whereas for the years 2022-2023\*, total reported cases increased to **977**.<sup>1</sup>



\*till 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023, All news channels are a work of fiction & are for illustration purpose only. 1. <https://idsp.mohfw.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=406&lid=3689> 2. <http://risingkashmir.com/hepatitis-a-outbreak-among-children-in-bandipora-villages> 3. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/chandigarh-news/another-child-dies-of-hepatitis-a-in-kashmir-village-4-more-infected-101670786480089.html> 4. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/article/suspected-spread-of-hepatitis-a-virus-from-a-restaurant-in-a-rural-area-of-the-kerala-state-india/D8DE5FAC94591362AA87095FF2EC06CA> 5. <https://medcraveonline.com/JMEN/investigation-of-hepatitis-a-virus-outbreak-in-aligarh-and-its-peripheral-areas-uttar-pradesh-india.html> 6. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/groundwater-causing-hepatitis-a-outbreak/articleshow/99655332.cms?from=mdr> 7. <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/three-more-students-in-rajasthan-kota-test-positive-for-hepatitis-3436960> 8. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/four-die-of-hepatitis-a-in-north-guwahati-8-others-in-hospital/articleshow/99627058.cms?from=mdr> 9. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/students-test-ve-for-hepatitis-a-door-hosp-denies-hostel-as-source-of-infection/articleshow/100577819.cms> 10. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/medical-camp-held-at-a-hospital/article/hepatitis-a-outbreak/articleshow/99719142.cms?from=mdr>

# Hepatitis A outbreaks in India

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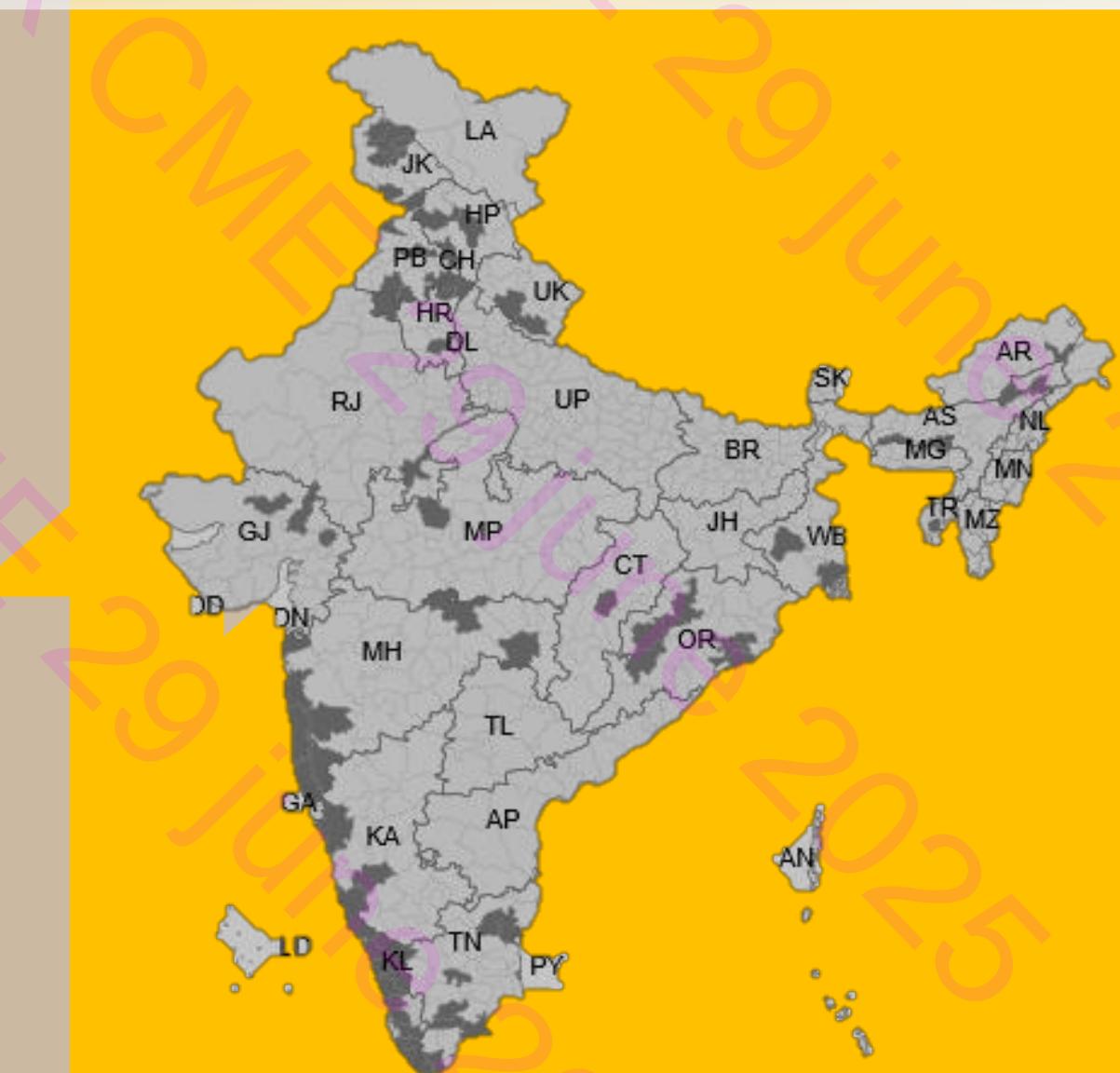
84 districts in India reported outbreaks of Hepatitis A during 2017–2021<sup>1</sup>



Numerous outbreaks of Hepatitis A in India have been reported to be due to contaminated water or food<sup>2</sup>



Adolescents and young adults aged 16–30 years were most affected in India<sup>2</sup>



GoI, Government of India; HAV, hepatitis A virus; MoHFW, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The figure has been adapted from the website of MoHFW, GoI.<sup>1</sup>

1. Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. District Wise Viral Hepatitis A Disease Outbreaks India 2017-2021. [https://www.idsp.mohfw.gov.in/outbreak\\_d/Home.html](https://www.idsp.mohfw.gov.in/outbreak_d/Home.html). Accessed July 26, 2022

Indian state boundaries

Indian district boundaries

District reporting the outbreaks of Hepatitis A

# *Ways of prevention for Hepatitis A disease*

*Improved sanitation, food safety and immunization are the most effective ways to combat hepatitis A.<sup>1</sup>*



*Reduce Feco-oral transmission with adequate supplies of safe drinking water;*



*Proper disposal of sewage within communities*



*Personal hygiene practices*



*Immunization/ Vaccination*

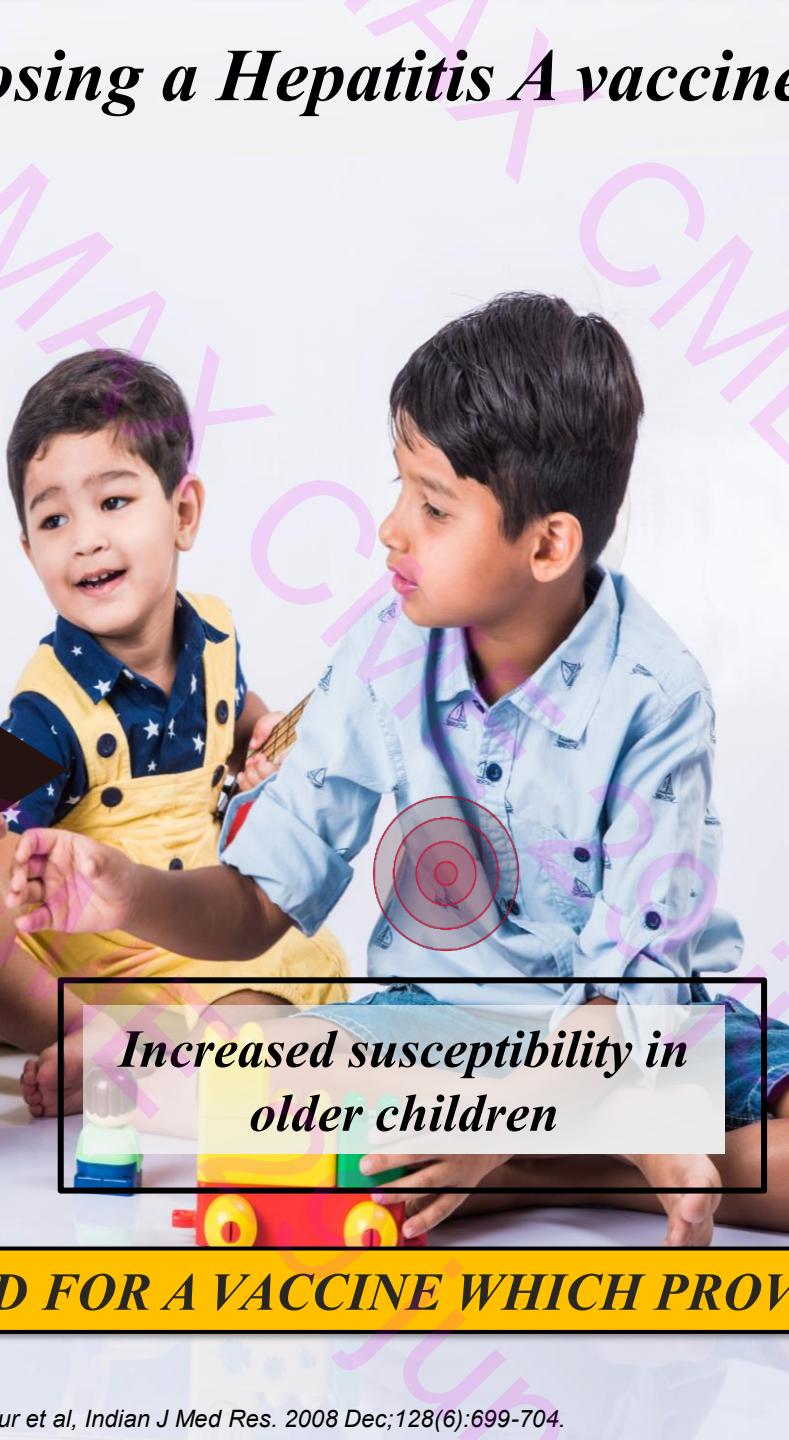


# *What matters while choosing a Hepatitis A vaccine?*

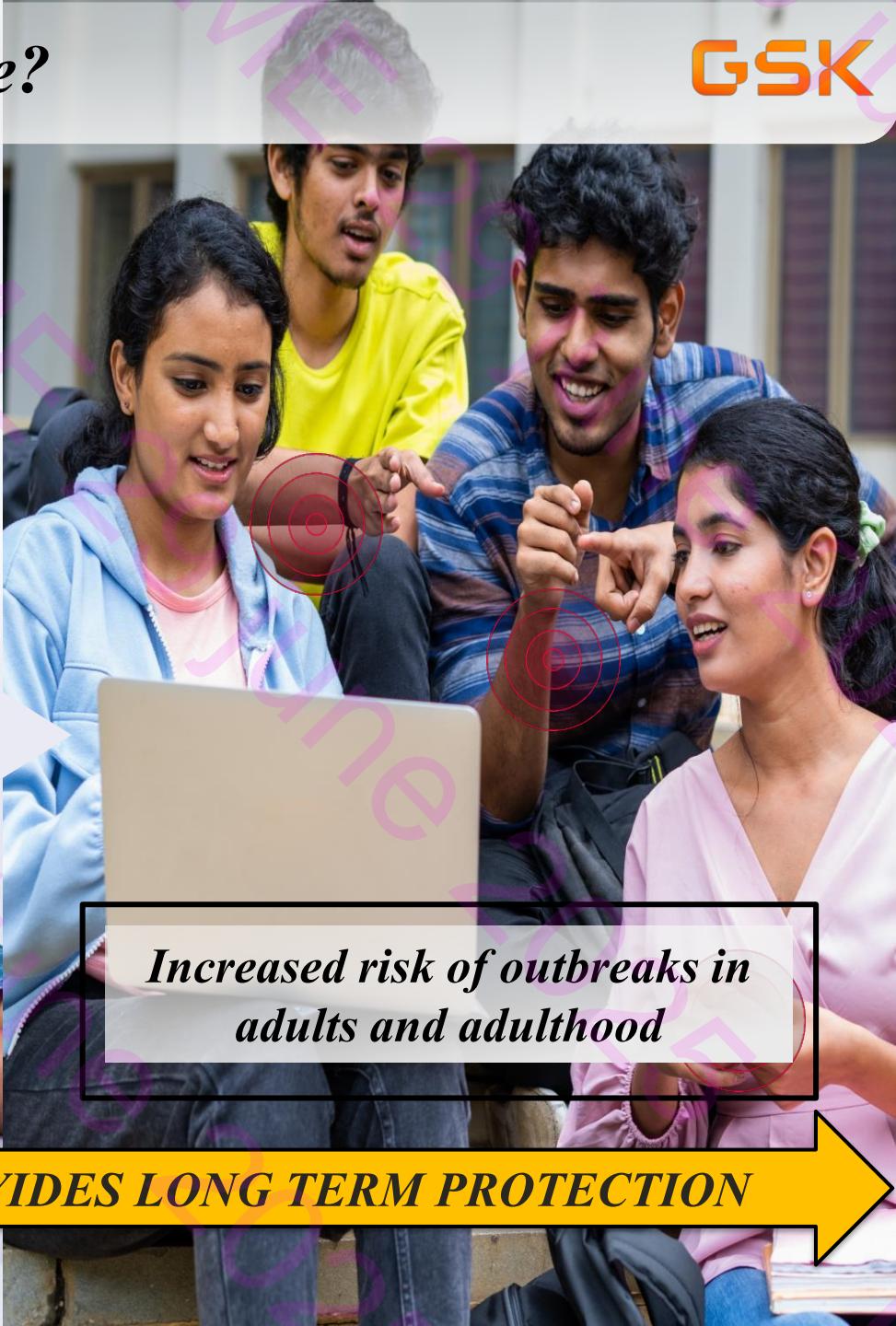
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*Reduced childhood  
exposure to virus*



*Increased susceptibility in  
older children*



*Increased risk of outbreaks in  
adults and adulthood*

**NECESSITATES THE NEED FOR A VACCINE WHICH PROVIDES LONG TERM PROTECTION**

# Evaluating different Hepatitis A vaccines in India today

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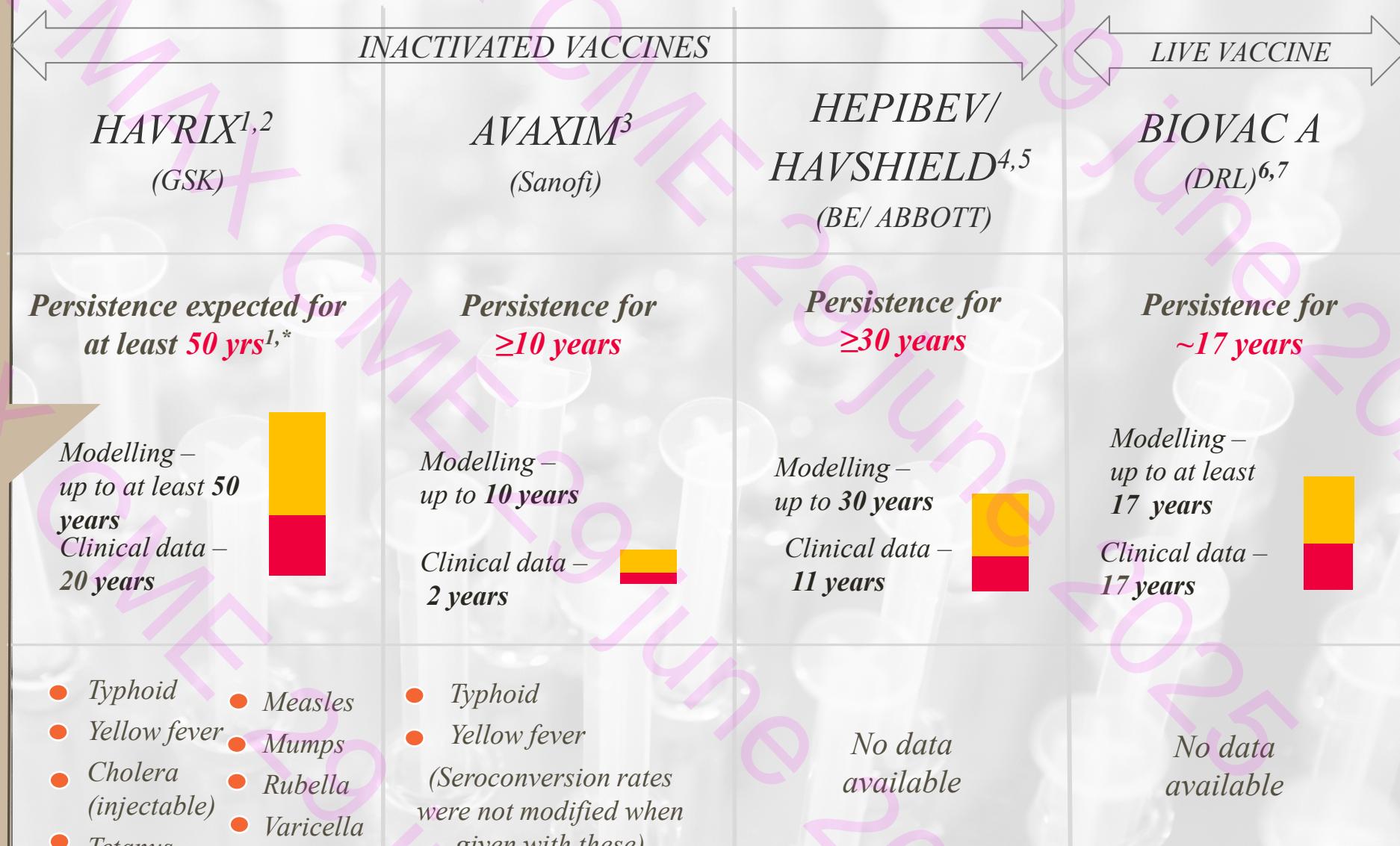
## Hepatitis A vaccines

HAVRIX has a duration of persistence expected for at least 50 years<sup>1,\*</sup>

Data shown are generated from independent studies – no head-to-head studies have been done comparing HAVRIX with AVAXIM, HEPIBEV/HAVSHIELD or BIOVAC A

## Available co-administration data<sup>1,2,5,6</sup>

DTaP, diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis; Hib, Haemophilus influenzae B; IPV, inactivated polio vaccine; PCV, pneumococcal 7-valent conjugate

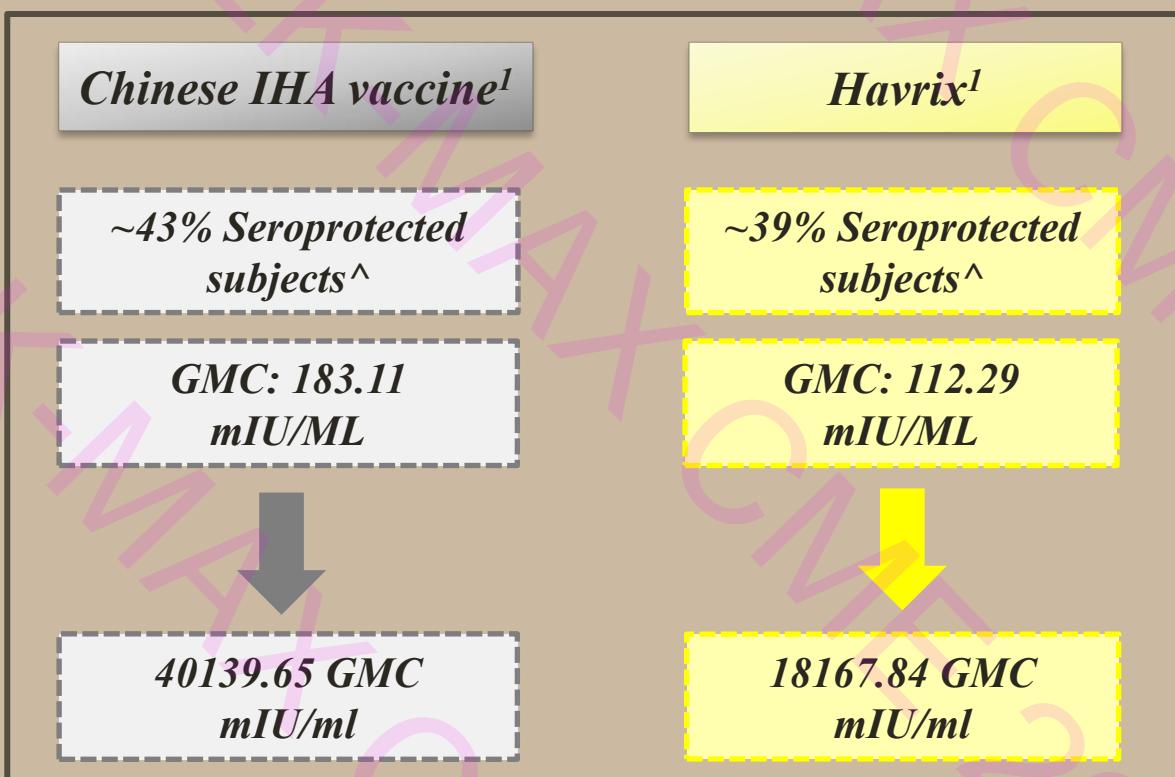


# Inactivated vaccines: Deep dive for the immunogenicity data

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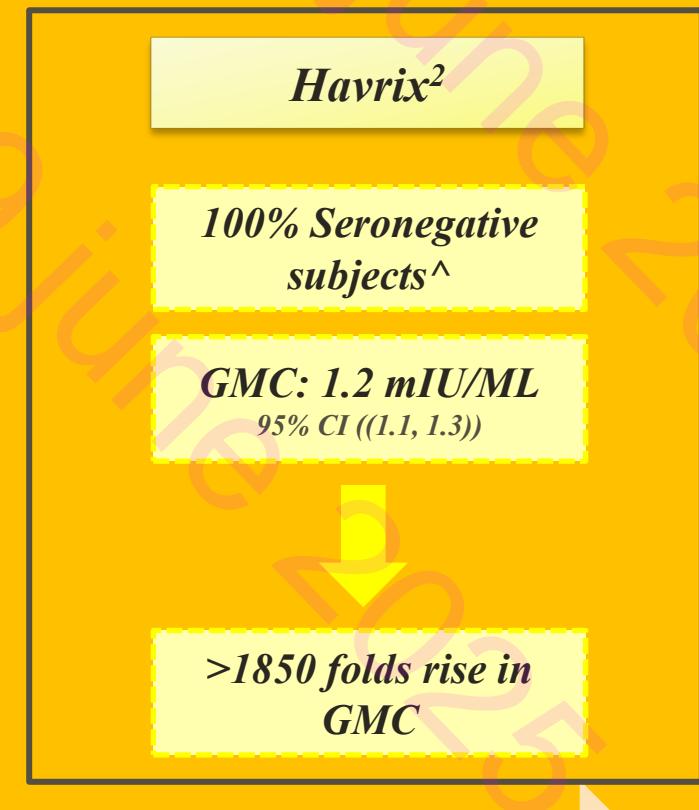
## Immunogenicity study for Chinese origin inactivated vaccine<sup>1,\*</sup>

Phase 3, single blind, parallel, randomized, active-controlled, two-arm study in age 1-15 yrs [n=467]



## Immunogenicity study for Havrix<sup>2,\*</sup>

Phase IV, open-label, randomized, controlled, multicenter, parallel-group study in age 18–47 months.[n=251]



**Immunogenicity studies should have a baseline seronegative subjects<sup>1,2</sup>**

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GMC: Geometric mean concentration; ^>20 mIU/ml Seroprotection level based on WHO definition. 1. Thuluva S et al. Vaccine. 2021;39(49):7166-7174 2. Hemant Jain, Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutic 10:7, 2089–2097; July 2014

# Comparing the available inactivated Hepatitis A Vaccines

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## Chinese origin Inactivated Vaccine<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

~43% seroprotected Indian subjects<sup>4</sup>

>219 folds rise in seroprotected subjects<sup>4</sup>

Not applicable\*

Only one study in China for 11 years<sup>7</sup>

Studied only in 1 age group (1-8 years)<sup>7</sup>

No annual follow up & limited end points<sup>7</sup>

Up to 30 years protection<sup>7</sup>



## Immunogenicity



## Seroconversion

After a single dose



## Long-term protection

## Havrix<sup>3,\*</sup>

100% seronegative Indian subjects<sup>5</sup>

>1850 folds rise in seronegative subjects<sup>5</sup>

100% seroconversion in 14-19 days<sup>3,6</sup>

5 studies in low-endemic countries<sup>8</sup>

Studied across age group<sup>8, #</sup>

Annual 20 years follow up<sup>8, #</sup>

Up to 50 years protection<sup>8, #</sup>

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1. Hapibev Prescribing Information 2. Havrix Prescribing Information 3. Havrix India Prescribing information, version PI-HAX/PI/IN/2023/01 dated 19-Jul-2023; 4. Thuluva S et al. Vaccine. 2021;39(49):7166-7174; July 2014 5. Hemant Jain, Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutic 10:7, 2089-2097; 6. Abarca K, et al. Int J Infect Dis. 2008 May;12(3):270-7.; 7. Yongji Wang, Yangyang Qi, Wenguo Xu, Hu, Ling Wang, Yongpei Yu, Zhiwei Jiang, Jielai Xia, Gang Zeng & Yalong Wang (2020) Immunogenicity persistence in children of hepatitis A vaccines Healive® and Havrix®: 11 years follow-up and long-term prediction, Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics, 16:10, 2559-2564, DOI: 10.1080/21645515.2020.1715687; 8. Agrawal A et al. Infect Dis Ther 2020;9:785-796. #A descriptive analysis was used to predict long-term seropositivity results for children based on studies of vaccines containing inactivated hepatitis A antigen either as standalone HAV or combination HAB. In order to extrapolate outcomes in children using data in adults, studies with data on adult vaccine doses of HAB 720 EU or HAV 1,440 EU were selected

# Havrix® Hepatitis A Vaccine

First  
licensed  
hepatitis A  
vaccine<sup>1</sup>

150 CTs  
Involving  
>30,000  
subjects<sup>1</sup>



29 years  
Of real-world  
experience<sup>1</sup>

>85  
countries  
with HAVRIX<sup>^</sup>  
registered<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Pro: word adapted from professional, expert or someone who has a lot of experience

<sup>2</sup>HAVRIX Paediatric approved in >85 countries. 1. André F, et al. Expert Rev Vaccines. 2002;1(1):9-23. 2. GSK DOF; 2023N531266\_00.

# BLK-MAX HAVRIX SAFETY PROFILE\*

*Havrix Junior has a clinically accepted safety profile in children\**

## **Undesirable effects:**

- **Very common:** Irritability, drowsiness, headaches, pain and redness at injection site
- **Common:** Loss of appetite , nausea , swelling, malaise, fever ( $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- **Uncommon :** Rhinitis, diarrhea, vomiting , rash , reaction at the injection site (induration)
- **Rare:** Hypoaesthesia, paraesthesia , pruritis, shivering **Very rare:** Neuritis, including Guillain-Barre syndrome, and transverse myelitis, myalgia, musculoskeletal stiffness

## **Contraindications:**

- Hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine
- Those who have shown signs of hypersensitivity during a previous administration of Havrix

# BLK-MAX CME

## HAVRIX API\*

### HAVRIX 1440 (ADULT) / 720 (JUNIOR) Inactivated Hepatitis A Vaccine (Adsorbed) IP

**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:** HAVRIX1440: Each dose (1 ml) contains:

Hepatitis A virus antigen (HAV) [HM 175 strain, propagated in MRC5 human diploid cells] 1440 ELISA units; Aluminium (as adjuvant) 0.5 mg [as hydrated Aluminium Oxide IP]. HAVRIX720 : Each dose (0.5 ml) contains :

Hepatitis A virus antigen (HAV) [HM 175 strain, propagated in MRC5 human diploid cells] 720 ELISA units ; Aluminium (as adjuvant) 0.25 mg [as hydrated Aluminium Oxide IP].

**INDICATION:** For active immunisation against infections caused by hepatitis A virus (HAV) for Children and Adolescents (from 1 year up to and including 18 years of age) and adults (from age 19 years and onwards). The booster dose may be given at any time between 6 months and 5 years, but preferably between 6 and 12 months after the primary dose. **DOSAGE AND**

**ADMINISTRATION:** **Posology Primary Vaccination-** Adults from age 19 years and onwards a single dose of HAVRIX 1440 Adult (1.0 ml suspension) is used for primary immunisation. Children and adolescents from 1 year up to and including 18 years of age, a single dose of HAVRIX 720 Junior (0.5 ml suspension) is used for primary immunisation. **Booster vaccination-** After primary vaccination with either HAVRIX 1440 Adult or HAVRIX 720 Junior, a booster dose is recommended in order to ensure long term protection. This booster dose should be given at any time between 6 months and 5 years, but preferably between 6 and 12 months after the primary dose. **Method of Administration-** HAVRIX must be injected **intramuscularly only**. It is recommended to inject the vaccine in the deltoid region in adults and in children. The deltoid muscle is not yet sufficiently developed in very young children, so the vaccine should be administered in the anterolateral part of the thigh. The injection must not be administered in the gluteal region **subcutaneously** or **intradermally** because the antibody response might be suboptimal. However, the vaccine should be administered **subcutaneously** in patients suffering from thrombocytopoenia or subject to serious haemorrhage (e.g. haemophiliacs) because bleeding could occur after **intramuscular** administration in such persons. Strong pressure should be exercised at the site of the **injection** (without rubbing) for at least 2 minutes. The vaccine may never be administered **intravascularly**.

**CONTRA-INDICATIONS:** HAVRIX may not be administered to persons with a known hypersensitivity to a component of the vaccine or to those who have shown signs of hypersensitivity during a previous administration of HAVRIX.

#### SPECIAL WARNINGS and SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

As in the case of other vaccines, HAVRIX will not be administered to patients with an acute febrile illness. A common infection does not constitute a contra-indication, however. People may already be in the incubation period of hepatitis A at the time of vaccination. In such circumstances, it is not certain that HAVRIX will prevent hepatitis A. In patients undergoing haemodialysis and in subjects with a deficient immune system, the anti-HAV (hepatitis A virus) may remain insufficient after a primo-vaccination; in such patients, additional doses of the vaccine may have to be administered to attain an adequate antibody count. HAVRIX may contain traces of neomycin. The vaccine will have to be used with caution in patients with a known hypersensitivity to this antibiotic. As with every product administered parenterally, it is recommended to prepare an appropriate medical treatment for immediate use, if an anaphylactic reaction were to occur after the administration of the vaccine. For this reason, the vaccinated persons should remain under medical supervision for half an hour after vaccination.

Syncope (fainting) can occur after any vaccination, or even before with adolescents in particular, as a psychogenic reaction to injection. This can be accompanied by several neurological signs such as a transient disturbance in vision, paraesthesia and tonic-clonic movements of the limbs during the recovery phase. It is important that caution be set up to avoid injuries in the event of fainting. HAVRIX may be administered with persons who are HIV positive. Vaccination is not justified in subjects with anti-hepatitis A IgG. This vaccine contains less than 1 mmol of sodium (23 mg) and potassium less than 1 mmol (39 mg) per dose, it is therefore essentially 'sodium-free' and 'potassium-free'.

#### ADVERSE EFFECTS:

Clinical Trials: Frequencies, per dose, are defined as follows: Very common:  $\geq 1/10$ , Common:  $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ , Uncommon:  $\geq 1/1000$  to  $< 1/100$ , Rare:  $\geq 1/10000$  to  $< 1/1000$ , Very rare:  $< 1/10000$ .

##### *Undesirable effects reported with HAVRIX Junior 720*

Infections and infestations : Uncommon: rhinitis, Metabolism and nutrition disorders Common: loss of appetite, Psychiatric disorders Very common: irritability Nervous system disorders Common: drowsiness, headaches; Very rare: neuritis, including Guillain-Barré syndrome and transverse myelitis, Gastrointestinal disorders Common: nausea Uncommon: diarrhoea, vomiting, Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Uncommon: rash, General disorders and administrative site conditions Very common: pain and redness at injection site Common: swelling, malaise, fever ( $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) Uncommon: reaction at the injection site (induration)

##### *Undesirable effects reported with HAVRIX 1440*

Infections and infestations Uncommon: upper respiratory tract infection, rhinitis, Metabolism and nutrition disorders Common: loss of appetite, Nervous system disorders Very common: headaches Uncommon: dizziness Rare: hypoesthesia, paraesthesia Very rare: neuritis, including Guillain-Barré syndrome and transverse myelitis, Gastrointestinal disorders: Common: gastrointestinal syndromes, diarrhoea, nausea Uncommon: vomiting, Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Rare: pruritis, Musculoskeletal and systemic disorders: Uncommon: myalgia, musculoskeletal stiffness, General disorders and administrative site conditions Very common: pain and redness at injection site, fatigue Common: swelling, malaise, fever ( $> 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), reaction at the injection site (induration)Uncommon: influenza like illness Rare: shivering

##### *Post-marketing surveillance*

Immune system disorders Anaphylactic reactions, allergic reactions, including anaphylactoid reactions and serum sickness like disease, Nervous system disorders Convulsions, Vascular disorders Vasculitis, Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Angioneurotic oedema, urticaria, erythema multiforme, Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Arthralgia

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You need pro\*-protection with  
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