

## **NAME OF THE MEDICINE**

**IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> Powder and Diluent\* for Suspension for Injection**  
**Japanese encephalitis vaccine (live, attenuated)**  
\*0.4% Sterile Sodium chloride solution

## **DESCRIPTION**

**IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** is a monovalent, live attenuated viral vaccine. The virus was obtained via recombinant DNA technology. It is based on the 17D-204 yellow fever vaccine virus in which two genes have been replaced by the corresponding genes from Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus. These are the pre-membrane (prM) and envelope (E) coding sequences of the SA14-14-2 live attenuated JE vaccine virus. The immunising antigens are the prM and E proteins from the SA14-14-2 vaccine virus.

### **After Reconstitution:**

### **Active Ingredients:**

Live, attenuated, recombinant Japanese encephalitis virus\*: 4.0 – 5.8 log PFU\*\* per dose (0.5 mL)

\* Propagated in Vero cells

\*\* Plaque Forming Unit

### **Excipients:**

Mannitol, lactose, glutamic acid, potassium hydroxide, histidine, Human Serum Albumin, sodium chloride and water for injections.

No adjuvant or microbial preservative is added.

The powder is a white to creamy white homogeneous cake which might be retracted from the sides of the vial. The diluent is a clear solution. After reconstitution, **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** is a colourless to amber suspension.

## **PHARMACOLOGY**

### **Mechanism of Action**

The vaccine is a live attenuated virus. Following administration, the virus replicates locally and elicits neutralising antibodies and cell-mediated immune responses that are specific to the Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus. Available results indicate that protection is mainly mediated by neutralising antibodies.

In nonclinical studies, all animals that received a single dose of the vaccine developed specific neutralising antibodies against JE virus and were protected against infection by a virulent JE virus experimental challenge.

## **CLINICAL TRIALS**

### **Immunogenicity**

Passive antibody transfer results in a small animal model indicate that protection is mediated by neutralising antibodies and that the threshold for protection is a plaque reduction neutralisation titre of 1:10.

### ***Immunogenicity Data in Adult Populations***

A single dose administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** is as immunogenic as a three-dose regimen of an inactivated Japanese encephalitis (JE) comparator vaccine administered in adults 18 years of age and over.

A seroprotective level of antibodies is generally reached 14 days after vaccination.

In a randomised comparative Phase III trial, 410 individuals over 18 years of age received a single dose of not less than 4.0 log PFU/dose of 0.5 mL of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** and 410 individuals over 18 years of age received a three-dose regimen of 1 mL of an inactivated JE comparator vaccine.

Thirty days after vaccination, the seroprotection rates for the individuals who received **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** were approximately 99% when measured against the homologous virus strain. These results are non-inferior to those observed after the three-dose regimen of the inactivated JE comparator vaccine.

Fourteen days after a single dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**, approximately 93% of the vaccinees showed seroprotective levels of neutralising antibodies.

Table 1 shows the seroprotection rates measured against the homologous virus strain, 14 and 30 days after vaccination with a single dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** or a three-dose regimen of the inactivated JE comparator vaccine.

**Table 1: Seroprotection Rates of Homologous Virus Strain, 14 and 30 Days after the Administration of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> or of the Inactivated JE Comparator Vaccine**

<b>Days post last-immunisation</b>	<b>14 days</b>		<b>30 days</b>	
	<b>IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>Inactivated Japanese encephalitis comparator vaccine</b>	<b>IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b>	<b>Inactivated Japanese encephalitis comparator vaccine</b>
<b>Seroprotection*† (%) (95% confidence interval)</b>	93.6% (90.5; 96.0)	-‡	99.1% (97.5; 99.8)	74.8% (70.0; 79.2)

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† Seroprotection refers to neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection

‡ Not applicable

Neutralising antibody levels were also assessed against a panel of wild-type strains belonging to the four main genotypes and originating from different countries. In a Phase II trial, approximately 89% of vaccinees showed neutralising antibody levels above the 1:10 threshold against the tested wild-type strains, 28 days after a single dose administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

In a long-term follow-up assessment in a randomised control phase II trial, 97.6% (95% CI, 93.3; 98.8) of individuals showed seroprotective levels six months after a single administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**. The

probability of being still seroprotected 60 months after vaccination for those who were seroprotected at six months is 86.8%.

Long-term immunogenicity data up to Month 60 are presented as Kaplan-Meier estimates in Table 2.

**Table 2: Long-Term Immunogenicity after a Single Dose of IMOJEV®**

Visit time point	N Seropositive	N Seronegative	N Censored*	Kaplan-Meier estimate	95% confidence interval
Month 6	90	0	11	100.0%	100.0; 100.0
Month 12	79	2	8	97.5%	94.0; 100.0
Month 24	69	3	11	93.2%	87.5; 99.0
Month 36	55	1	6	91.5%	85.0; 98.1
Month 48	48	1	15	89.6%	82.2; 97.0
Month 60	32	1	31	86.8%	77.9; 95.8

\* Individuals who were lost to follow-up were censored

No long-term immunogenicity data beyond 5 years after the administration of a single dose of IMOJEV® are available.

#### *Immunogenicity Data in Paediatric Populations*

- Primary Vaccination
  - Immune response 28 days after a single dose administration of IMOJEV®

A seroprotective level of antibodies is generally reached 28 days after vaccination.

A single dose administration of IMOJEV® in 2 randomised trials in 1,231 toddlers (12 to 24 months) previously not immunised with a Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine showed that approximately 95% of individuals seroconverted and were seroprotected (neutralising antibody level above the threshold of protection).

Table 3 shows the immune response against the homologous virus strain, 28 days after vaccination with a single dose of IMOJEV®.

**Table 3: Immune Response 28 Days after a Single-Dose of IMOJEV® in Toddlers (12 to 24 Months) Not Previously Immunised with a JE Vaccine**

28 days post IMOJEV® vaccination			95% confidence interval
<b>Seroprotection*†</b>			93.9; 96.4
<b>Seroconversion*‡</b>			94.0; 96.5
<b>Geometric Mean Titre* (1/dil)</b>	201		184; 221

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† Seroprotection refers to neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection

‡ Seroconversion refers to:

- In individuals who are seronegative at baseline: neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection after vaccination with **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>
- In individuals who are seropositive at baseline: at least a fourfold rise in neutralising antibody titre after vaccination with **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>

In addition, approximately 96% of a subset of toddlers previously not immunised with a JE vaccine in a Phase II trial seroconverted to three of the four tested JE wild-type strains 28 days after a single dose administration of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>, and approximately 70% seroconverted to the fourth strain.

A single dose administration of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> in a randomized comparative Phase III trial in infants and toddlers (9 to 18 months) (*N* = 126) not previously immunized with a JE vaccine showed more than 99% of individuals seroconverted and were seroprotected after 28 days. These results were non-inferior to those observed after the administration of a live attenuated Japanese encephalitis comparator vaccine.

**Table 4: Immune Response 28 Days, after a Single Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> or of a Live Attenuated JE Comparator Vaccine in Infants and Toddlers (9 to 18 months) Not Previously Immunised with a JE Vaccine**

	<b>IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> <b>(N = 126)</b>	<b>Live attenuated Japanese encephalitis comparator vaccine</b> <b>(N = 128)</b>
<b>Seroprotection *†</b> <b>(95% confidence interval)</b>	99.2% (95.7; 100.0)	99.2% (95.7; 100.0)
<b>Geometric Mean Titre*</b> <b>1/dil</b> <b>(95% confidence interval)</b>	491 (378; 638)	395 (304; 514)

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† “Seroprotection” refers to neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection

- o Immune response up to 5 years after a single dose administration of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>

The persistence of seroprotection was assessed in Phase II and Phase III trials in toddlers.

In the Phase II trial, approximately 65% of toddlers who did not receive any JE vaccine before the single dose administration of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> were shown to still have seroprotective antibody levels 5 years after the vaccination.

Table 5 shows the immune response up to 5 years after vaccination with a single dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>.

**Table 5: Immune Response up to 5 Years after a Single-Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> in Toddlers (12 to 24 Months) Not Previously Immunised with a JE Vaccine**

	<b>Seroprotection* (≥ 10 1/dil)</b> <b>%</b> <b>(95% CI)</b>	<b>GMT*</b> <b>1/dil</b> <b>(95% CI)</b>
<b>28 days after a single dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> (N = 194)</b>	96.4 (92.7; 98.5) †	295.8 (231.6; 377.9) †
<b>6 months after a single dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> (N = 197)</b>	86.8 (81.3; 91.2) †	69.5 (55.9; 86.4) †

<b>1 year after a single dose of IMOJEV® (N = 185)</b>	82.2 (75.9; 87.4) ‡	58.2 (46.2; 73.3) ‡
<b>2 years after a single dose of IMOJEV® (N = 172)</b>	80.2 (73.5; 85.9) ‡	70.3 (54.3; 91.1) ‡
<b>3 years after a single dose of IMOJEV® (N = 157)</b>	75.2 (67.6; 81.7) ‡	60.6 (45.5; 80.7) ‡
<b>4 years after a single dose of IMOJEV® (N = 158)</b>	74.1 (66.5; 80.7) ‡	56.1 (42.4; 74.1) ‡
<b>5 years after a single dose of IMOJEV® (N = 151)</b>	65.6 (57.4; 73.1) ‡	31.9 (24.3; 42.1) ‡

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† Full analysis set

‡ Sensitivity analysis in the Full analysis set to avoid a bias in the antibody measurement over time due to the potential discontinuations of subjects with antibody titres below the threshold of protection

In the phase III trial, approximately 86% of toddlers who did not receive any JE vaccine before the single dose administration of **IMOJEV®** are still seroprotected 2 years after the vaccination. All the toddlers included in this trial with serological data available 28 days after the vaccination were seroprotected at this timepoint.

Table 6 shows the immune response against the homologous virus strain, up to 2 years after vaccination with a single dose of **IMOJEV®**.

**Table 6: Immune Response up to 2 Years after a Single-Dose of IMOJEV® in Toddlers (12 to 24 Months) Not Previously Immunised with a JE Vaccine and Seroprotected 28 days after the Single-Dose**

	<b>Seroprotection* (<math>\geq 10</math> 1/dil) % (95% CI)</b>	<b>GMT* 1/dil (95% CI)</b>
<b>28 days after a single-dose of IMOJEV® (N = 580)</b>	100.0 (99.4; 100.0) †	253 (225; 284) †
<b>1 year after a single-dose of IMOJEV® (N = 586)</b>	88.2 (85.3; 90.7) †	77.2 (67.7; 88.0) †
<b>2 years after a single-dose of IMOJEV® (N = 574)</b>	85.9 (82.8; 88.6) ‡	71.4 (62.7; 81.3) ‡

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† Full analysis set (main analysis)

‡ Sensitivity analysis to avoid a bias in the antibody measurement over time due to the potential discontinuations of subjects with antibody titres below the threshold of protection

In another Phase III trial in infants and toddlers (9 to 18 months) not previously immunized with a JE vaccine, approximately 88% of individuals were still seroprotected 1 year after the single dose administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

**Table 7: Immune Response 6 months and 1 Year after a Single Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> in Infants and Toddlers (9 to 18 Months) Not Previously Immunised with a JE Vaccine**

	Seroprotection *† % (95% CI)	GMT* I/dil (95% CI)
<b>28 days after a single dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> (N = 146)	99.3 (96.2; 100.0)	507 (395; 651)
<b>6 months after a single dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> (N = 145)	94.5 (89.4; 97.6)	119 (91.7; 154)
<b>1 year after a single dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> (N = 143)	88.1 (81.6; 92.9)	97.6 (74.0; 129)

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† “Seroprotection” refers to neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection

- Booster
  - Booster dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** after primary vaccination with **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**

In a Phase III trial, a second dose (booster dose) of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** was administered in children (36 to 42 months) (N = 340) 24 months after primary vaccination with **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**. A control group of children (36 to 42 months) (N = 39) who never received a JE vaccine, received **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** for the first time to characterise the primary response to **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

The Geometric Mean Titre (GMT) increased by nearly 6 fold from Day 0 to Day 7 after the administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** in children previously vaccinated. By comparison, the GMT did not increase in the control group, thus demonstrating an anamnestic response in the booster group. The GMT increased by nearly 57 fold from Day 0 to Day 28 in the booster group.

100% of children previously vaccinated with **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** showed seroprotective antibody titres 28 days after the administration of the booster dose.

Table 8 shows the immune response against the homologous virus strain, 7 and 28 days after administration of a booster dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

**Table 8: Immune Response to a Booster Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> given to Children (36 to 42 Months) 24 Months after a Single-Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> vs. Control Children (36 to 42 Months) receiving a Single Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**

Group	Parameter	D0	D7	D28
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<b>IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> <b>primary vaccinated toddlers</b> (N = 340)	<b>Seroprotection* (≥ 10 1/dil)</b> <b>%</b> <b>[95%CI]</b>	80.3 [75.7; 84.4]	96.2 [93.6; 97.9]	100.0 [98.9; 100.0]
	<b>GMT*= 1/dil (ratio Dx/D0)</b> <b>[95%CI]</b>	39.4 [33.7; 46.0]	231 (5.87) [191; 279]	2,242 (57.0) [1,913; 2,628]
<b>Japanese encephalitis-vaccine naïve control group</b> (N = 39)	<b>Seroprotection* (≥ 10 1/dil)</b> <b>%</b> <b>[95%CI]</b>	0.0 [0.0;9.0]	15.4 [5.9;30.5]	89.7 [75.8;97.1]
	<b>GMT*= 1/dil (ratio Dx/D0)</b> <b>[95%CI]</b>	5.00 [5.00; 5.00]	6.41 (1.28) [5.11; 8.05]	178 (35.6) [99.7; 318]

\* Based on homologous virus strain

In the long-term follow-up assessment of the phase III trial, nearly all children (99.4%) who received the booster dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** 24 months after primary vaccination are still seroprotected 1 year after the vaccination.

Table 9 shows the immune response 28 days and 1 year after vaccination with a booster dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

**Table 9: Immune Response 28 Days and 1 Year after the Administration of a Booster Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> in Children (36 to 42 Months) 24 Months after a Single-Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**

	<b>Seroprotection* (≥ 10 1/dil)</b> <b>%</b> <b>(95% CI)</b>	<b>GMT* (1/dil)</b> <b>(95% CI)</b>
<b>28 days after a booster dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> (N = 345)	100.0 (98.9; 100.0)	2,259 (1,930; 2,645)
<b>1 year after a booster dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup></b> (N = 339)	99.4 (97.9; 99.9)	596 (502; 708)

\* Based on homologous virus strain

- o Booster vaccination with **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** after the administration of an inactivated JE vaccine as a primary immunisation

In a Phase II trial, **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** was administered to children (N = 97) (2 to 5 years) 6 to 38 months after a two-dose primary vaccination with an inactivated JE vaccine (mouse brain-derived JE vaccine).

The GMT increased by nearly 59 fold from Day 0 to Day 28.

Approximately 93% of individuals seroconverted and they were all seroprotected (titre above a threshold considered as protective) 28 days after the administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

Table 10 shows the immune response 28 days after the administration of a booster dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** after a primary vaccination with an inactivated JE vaccine.

**Table 10: Immune Response 28 Days after the Administration of a Booster Dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> in**

**Children (2 to 5 Years) after a Two-dose Primary Vaccination with an Inactivated JE Vaccine**

	<b>D0</b>	<b>D28</b>
<b>Seroprotection* †</b> % [95%CI]	85.6 [77.0; 91.9]	100.0 [96.3; 100.0]
<b>Seroconversion*‡</b> % [95%CI]	-	92.8 [85.7; 97.0]
<b>GMT*</b> <b>1/dil (ratio Dx/D0)</b> [95%CI]	44.8 [33.8; 59.4]	2,634 (58.7) [1,928; 3,600]

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† Seroprotection refers to neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection

‡ Seroconversion refers to:

- In individuals previously immunised and who are seronegative at baseline: neutralising antibody titre above the threshold of protection after vaccination with **IMOJEV®**
- In individuals who are seropositive at baseline: at least a fourfold rise in neutralising antibody titre after vaccination with **IMOJEV®**

In addition, approximately 99% of children showed seroprotective antibody levels against JE wild-type strains belonging to the four main genotypes, 28 days after the administration of **IMOJEV®**.

In the long-term follow-up assessment of the phase II trial, nearly all children (97.5%) who received the booster dose of **IMOJEV®** 6 to 38 months after the two-dose primary vaccination with the inactivated JE vaccine are still seroprotected 5 years after the vaccination.

Table 11 shows the immune response up to 5 years after the administration of a booster dose of **IMOJEV®** after a primary vaccination with an inactivated JE vaccine.

**Table 11: Immune Response up to 5 Years after the Administration of a Booster Dose of IMOJEV® in Children (2 to 5 Years) after a Two-dose Primary Vaccination with an Inactivated JE Vaccine**

	<b>Seroprotection* (≥ 10 1/dil)% (95% CI)</b>	<b>GMT* 1/dil (95% CI)</b>
<b>6 months after the administration of IMOJEV®</b> (N = 97)	100.0 (96.3; 100.0) †	1,055.4 (771.4; 1,444.0) †
<b>1 year after the administration of IMOJEV®</b> (N = 93)	96.8 (90.9; 99.3) ‡	454 (327; 632) ‡
<b>2 years after the administration of IMOJEV®</b> (N = 84)	97.6 (91.7; 99.7) ‡	521 (364; 744) ‡



<b>3 years after the administration of IMOJEV® (N = 78)</b>	97.5 (91.3;99.7) ‡	411 (298;569) ‡
<b>4 years after the administration of IMOJEV® (N = 79)</b>	97.5 (91.2; 99.7) ‡	395 (265; 588) ‡
<b>5 years after the administration of IMOJEV® (N = 80)</b>	97.5 (91.3; 99.7) ‡	228 (167; 313) ‡

\* Based on homologous virus strain

† Full analysis set

‡ Sensitivity analysis in the Full analysis set to avoid a bias in the antibody measurement over time due to the potential discontinuations of subjects with antibody titres below the threshold of protection

## INDICATIONS

**IMOJEV®** is indicated for prophylaxis of Japanese encephalitis caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus, in individuals from 9 months of age and over.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

**IMOJEV®** should not be administered to anyone with a history of severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine or after previous administration of the vaccine or a vaccine containing the same components or constituents.

Vaccination must be postponed in case of febrile or acute disease.

Congenital or acquired immune deficiency impairing cellular immunity, including immunosuppressive therapies such as chemotherapy, high doses of systemic corticosteroids given generally for 14 days or more (see Section “Precautions”).

**IMOJEV®** must not be administered to individuals with symptomatic HIV infection or with asymptomatic HIV infection when accompanied by evidence of impaired immune function.

**IMOJEV®** must not be administered to pregnant women (see Section “Use in Pregnancy”).

**IMOJEV®** must not be administered to breastfeeding women (see Section “Use in Lactation”).

## PRECAUTIONS

Before the injection of any biological, the person responsible for administration must take all precautions known for the prevention of allergic or any other reactions. As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical treatment and supervision should always be readily available in case of a rare anaphylactic event following administration of the vaccine.

In individuals who have a history of serious or severe reaction within 48 hours of a previous injection with a vaccine containing similar components, the course of the vaccination must be carefully considered.

**IMOJEV®** should under no circumstances be administered intravascularly.

## ***Protection***

As with any vaccine, vaccination with **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> may not protect 100% of vaccinated individuals.

## ***Special Patient Groups***

For patients following a treatment with high doses of systemic corticosteroids given for 14 days or more, it is advisable to wait for at least one month or more following the interruption of therapy before carrying out the vaccination until immune function has recovered.

## **Effects on Fertility**

A reproductive and developmental toxicity study in which female rabbits were SC administered the human dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> twice prior to mating showed no effects on female mating or fertility. No fertility data are available in humans.

## **Use in Pregnancy (Category B2)**

Developmental toxicity studies in which female rabbits were SC administered the human dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> twice prior to mating and three times during gestation, or once between gestation days 6 to 18, or once on postnatal day 15, showed no adverse effects on pregnancy, embryo-fetal development, parturition or postnatal development. Vaccine antigen-specific antibodies were transferred to fetuses.

As with all live attenuated vaccines, pregnancy constitutes a contraindication (see Section “Contraindications”).

There is a theoretical risk that a live vaccine virus can cross the placenta and infect the fetus. It is not known whether **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.

Women of childbearing age should be advised not to become pregnant for 4 weeks after vaccination.

## **Use in Lactation**

A developmental toxicity study in which female rabbits were SC administered the human dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> once between gestation days 6 to 18, or once on postnatal day 15, showed no effects on pup survival, growth and development.

It is not known whether this vaccine is excreted in human milk.

**IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> vaccination is contraindicated in breastfeeding women (see Section “Contraindications”).

Studies with some other live, attenuated virus vaccines have shown that a lactating postpartum woman may secrete the virus in breast milk and transmit virus to a breast-fed infant.

## **Paediatric Use**

**IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> is not recommended in children below the age of 9 months.

## **Use in the Elderly**

In clinical trials, the seroconversion rates and the safety profiles were similar in elderly and adults after the administration of one dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>.

## **Genotoxicity**

**IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** has not been tested for genotoxic potential.

### **Carcinogenicity**

**IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** has not been tested for carcinogenic potential.

### **Effect on Laboratory Tests**

Interference of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** with laboratory and/or diagnostic tests has not been studied.

## **INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES**

### ***Concomitant Administration with Other Vaccine(s)***

Separate injection sites and separate syringes should be used when other vaccines are concomitantly administered with **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** (see Section “Dosage and Administration”).

- From 12 months of age, **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** may be administered at the same time as vaccines against measles, mumps, or rubella, either stand alone or combined.
- **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** may be administered to adults at the same time as the yellow fever vaccine.

### ***Vaccine-drug Interactions***

- In the case of immunosuppressive therapy or corticosteroid therapy, refer to Section “Contraindications” and “Precautions”.
- Administering the vaccine in individuals who have previously received immunoglobulins:

In order to avoid any neutralising of the attenuated viruses contained in the vaccine, vaccination must not be performed within 6 weeks, and preferably not within 3 months of injection of immunoglobulins or blood products containing immunoglobulins, such as blood or plasma.

## **ADVERSE EFFECTS**

### **Clinical Trials Experience**

#### ***Data in Adult Populations***

The safety of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** has been assessed in 8 randomised clinical trials in individuals over 18 years of age. During the development in the adult population, approximately 2,500 individuals received an injection of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

Safety evaluation was performed for all individuals during the first 4 weeks following vaccination and serious adverse reactions were collected during at least six months of follow-up after a single dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

The most frequently reported systemic reactions after the administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** vaccine were headache, fatigue, malaise and myalgia. All these reactions were as frequently reported as after the administration of the inactivated Japanese Encephalitis (JE) comparator vaccine or a placebo.

The most frequently reported reaction at the injection site after the administration of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** vaccine

was injection site pain. All the injection site reactions were less frequently reported than after the administration of the inactivated JE comparator vaccine and as frequently reported as after the administration of a placebo.

Local and systemic reactions are ranked within each system organ class, under headings of frequency, using the following convention [Very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1000$  to  $< 1/100$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ ); very rare ( $< 1/10,000$ ), including isolated reports].

The following possibly related Adverse Events were reported during clinical trials within 30 days after vaccination:

**General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions:**

- Very common: Fatigue, malaise, injection site pain
- Common: Feeling hot, chills, injection site erythema, injection site pruritus, injection site swelling, injection site bruising
- Uncommon: Pyrexia

**Nervous System Disorders:**

- Very common: Headache
- Common: Dizziness

**Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders:**

- Very common: Myalgia
- Common: Arthralgia

**Gastrointestinal Disorders:**

- Common: Diarrhoea, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting

**Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders:**

- Common: Pharyngolaryngeal pain, dyspnea, rhinorrhea, cough, wheezing, nasal congestion

**Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:**

- Common: Rash

**Infections and Infections:**

- Rare: Viral infections

Table 12 below summarises the possibly related Adverse Events (frequency  $\geq 1.0\%$ ) that were reported during clinical trials within 30 days after the administration of a single dose of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>, of the two first doses and the third dose of the inactivated JE comparator vaccine and of the placebo doses.

**Table 12: Possibly Related Adverse Events ( $\geq 1.0\%$ ) Reported Within 30 Days After the Administration of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>, of the Inactivated JE Comparator Vaccine and of the Placebo**

Adverse events	IMOJEV <sup>®</sup> (N = 2046)	Inactivated Japanese encephalitis comparator vaccine Dose 1 and 2 (N = 440)	Inactivated Japanese encephalitis comparator vaccine Dose 3 (N = 422)	Placebo Dose 1 and 2 (N = 440)	Placebo (N = 435)

<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>					
Fatigue	21.0%	23.6%	10.9%	26.6%	22.1%
Malaise	17.0%	20.5%	9.0%	17.5%	16.3%
Injection site pain	11.8%	58.4%	34.8%	20.2%	9.2%
Feeling hot	8.4%	7.3%	4.7%	8.2%	6.9%
Chills	6.0%	5.5%	1.9%	7.3%	4.1%
Injection site erythema	4.4%	24.8%	17.5%	3.4%	3.2%
Injection site pruritus	3.6%	19.5%	12.6%	5.0%	2.5%
Injection site swelling	1.3%	13.9%	12.6%	1.6%	0.9%
Injection site bruising	1.1%	3.2%	1.4%	2.5%	1.1%
Pyrexia	0.9%	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>					
Headache	23.9%	32.5%	15.6%	30.7%	24.6%
Dizziness	1.1%	0.9%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>					
Myalgia	14.7%	17.5%	6.9%	15.7%	11.5%
Arthralgia	6.6%	8.6%	3.8%	8.6%	4.6%
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>					
Diarrhoea	7.6%	7.3%	2.4%	7.0%	5.7%
Nausea	6.5%	8.4%	4.3%	5.9%	6.4%
Abdominal pain	5.1%	5.7%	3.3%	8.0%	4.8%
Vomiting	1.0%	1.1%	0.9%	1.4%	1.6%
<b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</b>					
Pharyngolaryngeal pain	2.9%	2.3%	1.2%	2.3%	2.3%
Dyspnea	2.7%	3.2%	1.4%	3.0%	2.3%
Rhinorrhoea	1.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	2.1%
Cough	1.4%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1.8%
Wheezing	1.3%	1.4%	0.2%	2.3%	1.8%
Nasal congestion	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.2%	2.1%
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>					
Rash	1.2%	3.9%	2.1%	2.3%	1.8%

### **Data in Paediatric Populations**

The safety of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> has been assessed in 2 randomised clinical trials in individuals between 12 months and 5 years of age. During the development in paediatric populations, approximately 1,400 individuals (100 children and 1,300 toddlers) received an injection of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>.

Safety evaluation was performed for all individuals during the first 4 weeks following vaccination and serious adverse reactions were collected during at least six months of follow-up after a single dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>.

The most frequently reported systemic reactions were malaise, fever, headache and myalgia in children (2 to 5 years) previously immunised with a two-dose primary vaccination with an inactivated JE vaccine; and fever, appetite lost and irritability in toddlers (12 to 24 months) not previously immunised with a JE vaccine.

The most frequently reported reactions at the injection site after the administration of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> vaccine was injection site pain/tenderness and injection site erythema.

These adverse events observed during paediatric clinical trials were generally of mild intensity and of short duration. The onset of systemic reactions was generally seen within 3 days after immunisation.

Table 13 below summarises the solicited reactions that were reported during clinical trials after the administration of a single dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> or of a control vaccine.

**Table 13: Solicited Reactions after the Administration of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> or of a Control Vaccine (Reported Within 7 Days for Injection Site Reactions and 14 Days for Systemic Reactions)**

<b>Solicited reactions</b>	<b>IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> (N = 1396)</b>	<b>Hepatitis A (N = 400)</b>
<b>Injection site reaction</b>		
Injection site pain/tenderness	23.6%	25.1%
Injection site erythema	23.4%	20.6%
Injection site swelling	7.2%	7.8%
<b>Systemic reactions</b>		
Fever	20.7%	18.8%
Headache	21.0%	14.3%
Malaise	33.0%	26.5%
Myalgia	24.0%	15.3%
Vomiting	19.2%	19.9%
Crying abnormal	19.1%	19.9%
Drowsiness	18.4%	16.6%
Appetite lost	25.9%	28.2%
Irritability	28.5%	24.6%

Table 14 below summarises the non-serious adverse reactions that were reported during clinical trials within 28 days after the administration of a single dose of **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>** or of a control vaccine.

**Table 14: Unsolicited Non-serious Adverse Reactions within 28 days after the Administration of IMOJEV<sup>®</sup> or of a Control Vaccine**

Unsolicited Non-serious Adverse Reactions	IMOJEV <sup>®</sup> (N = 1396)	Hepatitis A (N = 400)
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>		
Injection site bruising	0.2%	0.3%
Injection site haematoma	0.3%	0.0%
Injection site haemorrhage	0.2%	0.0%
Injection site induration	0.1%	0.0%
Injection site pruritus	0.1%	0.0%
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Vomiting	0.1%	0.0%
<b>Infections and infestations</b>		
Upper respiratory tract infection	0.1%	0.0%
Viral infection	0.1%	0.0%
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>		
Post inflammatory pigmentation change	0.1%	0.0%
Rash	0.1%	0.0%
Rash maculo-papular	0.1%	0.3%
Urticaria	0.1%	0.0%

Local and systemic reactions are ranked within each system organ class, under headings of frequency, using the following convention [Very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $< 1/100$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ ); very rare ( $< 1/10,000$ ), including isolated reports].

The following related Adverse Events were reported during clinical trials within 28 days after vaccination:

**General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions:**

- Very common: Pyrexia, malaise, irritability, injection site pain/tenderness, injection site erythema
- Common: Injection site swelling
- Uncommon: Injection site reactions (induration, pruritus, bruising, haematoma, bleeding)

**Nervous System Disorders:**

- Very common: Headache, somnolence

**Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders:**

- Very common: Myalgia

**Gastrointestinal Disorders:**

- Very common: Vomiting

**Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders:**

- Very common: Appetite loss

**Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:**

- Rare: Rash, urticarial, maculo-papular rash

**Psychiatric Disorders:**

- Very common: Abnormal crying

No serious adverse events within 28 days of administration of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> were related to vaccination.

During the paediatric clinical trials, 29 cases of convulsion have been reported, including 28 cases of febrile convulsion and 1 case of convulsion without fever. All cases were assessed as not related to vaccination and were reported to be associated with concurrent infectious diseases (or common cold). In 9 cases, convulsions started within 30 days after **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> vaccination.

In the following studies, the safety of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> presented no clinically relevant difference with the above-described safety profile:

- In a Phase III trial in 149 individuals between 9 and 18 months of age (one subgroup from 9 to 11 months of age (N = 56) and one subgroup from 12 to 18 months of age (N = 93)).
- In a Phase III trial in 390 individuals between 36 and 42 months of age (45 out of the 390 received a single dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>, and 345 out of the 390 received a second dose (booster dose) of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> 2 years after the first dose).
- In a Phase III trial in 542 individuals between 12 and 18 months of age.

**Adverse Reactions from Post-Marketing Surveillance**

There is no additional safety data from post-marketing experience with **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>.

Since approval for use in the 9 to 12 months age group, **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> has been distributed in countries where it is indicated from 9 months of age. Children from 9 months of age may have received the vaccine in those countries, however age specific vaccine administration records are not available. No new adverse events other than those reported during the clinical trials have been reported in children aged less than 12 months from either post-marketing sources (spontaneous reporting) or ongoing clinical trials. There is no evidence of increased risk in the 9 to 12 months age group.



## DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### *Primary Vaccination:*

Individuals 9 months of age and over: a 0.5 mL single injection of the reconstituted vaccine.

### *Booster:*

- Adult population (18 years of age and over)

There is no need for a booster dose up to 5 years after the administration of a single dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup>.

- Pediatric population (9 months to 17 years of age inclusive)

A booster dose of **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> should be given after primary vaccination in order to confer long term protection. The booster dose should be given preferably 12 months after primary vaccination and can be given up to 24 months after primary vaccination.

**IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> can also be given as a booster vaccination in children who were previously given an inactivated Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccine for primary vaccination, in accordance with the recommended timing for the booster of the inactivated JE vaccine.

Safety and efficacy of a booster dose in children and adolescents 5 to 17 years of age have not been established. Nevertheless, the booster dose can be considered based on the available data in other age group.

Once the freeze-dried vaccine has been completely reconstituted using the diluent provided (see Section “Instructions for use”), it is administered via the subcutaneous route.

In individuals 2 years of age and over, the recommended injection site is the deltoid region of the upper arm.

In individuals between 9 and 24 months of age, the recommended injection site is the anterolateral aspect of the thigh or the deltoid region.

Do not administer by intravascular injection.

**IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> must not be mixed with any other injectable vaccine(s) or medicinal product(s).

Contact with disinfectants is to be avoided since they may inactivate the vaccine virus.

Product is for single use in one patient only. Discard any residue.

### **Instructions for Use**

Using aseptic technique, **IMOJEV**<sup>®</sup> vaccine is reconstituted by injecting all the 0.4% sodium chloride solution into the vial of freeze-dried vaccine, using the syringe and one of the needles

provided in the carton. The vial is gently swirled. After complete dissolution, a 0.5 mL dose of the reconstituted suspension is withdrawn into this same syringe. For injection, the syringe is fitted with the second needle provided in the package.

The product should be used once reconstituted and must be discarded if it is not used within one hour of reconstitution.

After use, any remaining vaccine and container must be disposed of safely, preferably by heat inactivation or incineration, according to locally agreed procedures.

## **OVERDOSE**

There is no specific information regarding overdose with **IMOJEV<sup>®</sup>**.

## **PRESENTATION AND STORAGE CONDITIONS**

One dose of freeze-dried vaccine and one dose of diluent in separate vials (type I glass), each equipped with a stopper (halo-butyl) and a flip off cap (aluminium/polypropylene), with one syringe (polypropylene) and two needles (stainless steel). Pack size of 1 powder vial and 1 diluent vial, 1 syringe and 2 needles.

Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C). Do not freeze.

Keep the vials in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

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