






<b>Zydus Lifesciences Limited</b>	<b>Summary of product characteristics as per Annexure C Measles and Rubella Vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried)</b>	
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## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

- Measles and Rubella Vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried)

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

### Each dose of 0.5 ml after reconstitution contains:

Live Attenuated Measles Virus (Edmonston Zagreb Strain)      NLT 1000 CCID<sub>50</sub>  
(Propagated on Human Diploid Cells)

Live Attenuated Rubella Virus (RA 27/3 strain)                      NLT 1000 CCID<sub>50</sub>  
(Propagated on Human Diploid Cells)

**Diluent for reconstitution:** Sterile Water for Injections I.P.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Freeze dried vaccine for subcutaneous injection upon reconstitution

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

MR Vaccine is indicated for active immunization in children of 9 months of age and older against Measles and Rubella infections simultaneously.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Measles and Rubella Vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried) has to be diluted with the diluent provided before administration. Single dose of 0.5ml should be administered as subcutaneous injection in the antero-lateral aspect of thigh or the upper arm taking aseptic precautions.


The lyophilized vial must be reconstituted by adding the entire contents of the supplied diluent to the vaccine vial. The vaccine pellet should be completely dissolved in the diluent. The diluent and reconstituted vaccine should be inspected visually for any foreign particulate matter and / or variation of physical aspects prior to administration. In the event of either being observed, discard the diluent or reconstituted vaccine.

**Steps for preparation:**

1. Draw the entire content of supplied diluent from the ampoule into a syringe
2. Pierce the bung of the vial with the needle and gently inject the diluent into the vial
3. Detach the syringe, leaving the needle in vial bung. After 15 seconds remove the needle.
4. Rotate the vial gently between your palms till the material dissolves. Avoid shaking the vial as this would cause frothing.
5. Withdraw 0.5 ml of the reconstituted solution into the syringe, now ready for administration.

**4.3 Contraindications**

Individuals receiving corticosteroids, other immuno-suppressive drugs or undergoing radio-therapy may not develop an optimal immune response. The vaccine should not be given in febrile states, pregnancy, acute infectious diseases, leukaemia, severe anemia and other severe diseases of the blood system, severe impairment of the renal function, decompensated heart diseases, following administration of gamma globulin or blood transfusions or to subjects with potential allergies to vaccine components. History of anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reactions are absolute contraindications. There are extremely rare reports of hypersensitivity reactions with MR vaccines in individuals who are allergic to cow's milk. Such individuals should not receive the vaccine. Low grade fever, mild respiratory infections or diarrhoea, and other minor illness should not be considered as contraindications. It is particularly important to immunize children with malnutrition.

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MR vaccine should not be administered in pregnant women because of the theoretical but never demonstrated teratogenic risk. Inadvertent receipt of MR vaccine during pregnancy is not an indication for an abortion. Since MR vaccine is recommended in adults, if pregnancy is planned, then an interval of one month should be observed after MR vaccination. No cases of CRS have been reported in any pregnant women who inadvertently received rubella-containing vaccine in early pregnancy.


Measles and Rubella vaccine may be used in children with known or suspected HIV infection. The vaccine is contraindicated in persons who are severely immunocompromised as a result of congenital disease, HIV infection, advanced leukaemia or lymphoma, serious malignant disease, or treatment with high-dose steroids, alkylating agents or anti-metabolites, or in persons who are receiving immunosuppressive therapeutic radiation

#### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

The vaccine should be administered by subcutaneous route only.

In rare cases anaphylactic shock may occur in susceptible individual and for such emergency 1:1000 adrenaline injection should be kept ready to be injected intramuscularly or subcutaneously. For treatment of severe anaphylaxis, the initial dose of adrenaline is 0.1 - 0.5 mg (0.1-0.5ml of 1:1000 injections) given s/c or i/m. Single dose should not exceed 1 mg (1ml). For infants and children, the recommended dose of adrenaline is 0.01mg/kg (0.01ml/kg of 1:1000 injections). Single paediatric dose should not exceed 0.5mg (0.5ml).

The mainstay in the treatment of severe anaphylaxis is the prompt use of adrenaline, which can be lifesaving. It should be used at the first suspicion of anaphylaxis. As with the use of all vaccines the vaccines should remain under observation for not less than 30 minutes for possibility of occurrence of rapid allergic reactions. Antihistaminic should also be available in addition to supportive measures such as oxygen inhalation.

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#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Due to the risk of inactivation, the rubella vaccine should not be given within the 6 weeks, and if it is possible the 3 months, after an injection of immunoglobulins or blood product containing immunoglobulins (blood, plasma).

For the same reason, immunoglobulins should not be administered within the two weeks after the vaccination.

If administration of other live virus vaccines is required, MR Vaccine should be given concomitantly at separate injection sites, or one month before or after administration of other live virus vaccines.

The vaccine can be safely and effectively given simultaneously with DTP, DT, TT, Td, BCG, Polio vaccine (OPV and IPV), *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, Hepatitis B, Yellow fever vaccine and vitamin A supplementation.

It has been reported that live attenuated measles and rubella virus vaccine may result in a temporary depression of tuberculin skin sensitivity. Therefore, if a tuberculin test is to be done, it should be administered either any time before, simultaneously with, or 4 to 6 weeks after vaccination with Measles & Rubella Vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried).

#### **4.6 Special Population**


Not recommended to be used in pregnant or lactating mothers.

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

No studies on the effect of Measles & Rubella Vaccine (Live) on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

Adverse reactions commonly known to occur with Measles & Rubella Vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried) include: injection site erythema, injection site pain, injection site swelling,

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fever (38.5°C or higher), running nose, morbilliform or other rash. Rarely, vaccination may lead to encephalitis, thrombocytopenia, anaphylactic / allergic reactions.

#### **4.9 Overdose**

No case of overdose has been reported.


### **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

Measles & Rubella vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried) is a live attenuated viral vaccine which consists of Edmonston Zagreb strain of Measles virus and RA27/3 strain of rubella virus propagated on Human Diploid Cells. The vaccine when administered subcutaneously in a dose of 0.5ml confers significant protection against measles and rubella based on the production of antibodies. Immunity appears 4 to 6 weeks after vaccination.

#### **5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES**

The immunogenicity of single dose and multi-dose (10 dose) formulation of Measles and Rubella vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried) of M/s Zydus Lifesciences Limited was compared to Measles and Rubella vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried) of M/s Serum Institute of India Limited (Reference Product) in a prospective, randomized, single blind, parallel, active controlled, multicentre, phase II / III clinical study in 619 healthy paediatric subjects aged 9-12 months.

The proportion of subjects seropositive for measles at baseline were 14.9%, 13.6% and 19.4% for Test 1 Group (Single dose formulation of CHL), Test 2 Group (Multi dose formulation of CHL) and Reference Group, respectively while all these subjects in the three groups became seropositive for measles at the end of 6 weeks of study. With regards to Rubella, 7.7%, 8.1% and 11.4% subjects in Test 1 Group, Test 2 Group and Reference Group, respectively were seropositive at baseline and 89.7%, 88.9% and 88.6% subjects became seropositive at the end of 6 weeks of treatment in the three groups, respectively.

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The seroconversion rate was 100.0% seroconversion for measles in all the three groups while the seroconversion rates for rubella in Test 1 Group, Test 2 Group and the Reference Group were 89.4%, 89.6% and 88.8%, respectively.

## **5.2 PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES**

Evaluation of Pharmacokinetic properties is not required for vaccines.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

### **5.3.1 Animal Toxicology & Pharmacology:**

Measles, Mumps & Rubella (Live) Vaccine formulation developed by Zydus Lifesciences Limited has been adequately tested in toxicology studies, with two acute dose toxicity studies in mice and rats, and two repeat-dose studies in rats and rabbits. No unexpected toxicity and safety concerns were identified in these non-clinical studies during in-life Phase and terminal Phase including histopathological evaluation.

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**


In the formulation of Measles and Rubella Vaccine (Live) I.P. (Freeze Dried), both the active ingredients are formulated with Stabilizer 176 and diluent Medium 199. The Stabilizer 176 contains following excipients: Gelatin, D-Sorbitol, Lactose monohydrate, Lactalbumin hydrolysate, Calcium gluconate, L-Alanine, L-Histidine and Tricine. pH of the Stabilizer 176 is adjusted with Sodium hydroxide.

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

This product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

### **6.3 Shelf life**



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The expiry date of the vaccine is indicated on the label and carton of the product.

#### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

It is important to protect both the lyophilized and reconstituted vaccine from the light.

The vaccine should be stored in the dark at a temperature between 2-8°C. The diluent should not be frozen, but should be kept cool.

**For Single Dose:** - Use immediately after reconstitution.

**For Multi dose:** - Use within 6 hours after reconstitution. Once opened, multi-dose vials should be used as soon as practically possible and within 6 hours when kept between +2°C and +8°C. All opened multidose vials should be discarded at the end of immunization session or within six hours whichever comes first.

#### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

##### **For Single dose Vial (0.5 ml)**

2R Amber glass vial – USP type I with 13 mm Bromo Butyl Rubber Stopper and 13 mm Aluminium Flip Off Seals.

##### **For Multi dose vial (2.5 ml -5 dose and 5.0 ml -10 dose)**

5.0 mL Amber glass vial – USP type I with 13 mm Bromo Butyl Rubber Stopper and 13 mm Aluminium Flip Off Seals.

#### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**


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

#### **7. Details of manufacturer**

Zydus Lifesciences Limited

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**8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

Permission No. MF/BIO/18/000036

**9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION**

26<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 and amendment dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 (For Single dose and 10 dose presentation), 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for 5 dose presentation.

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