

SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) Vaccine

CORBEVAX®

1. Generic Name

SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) Vaccine

2. Qualitative and quantitative composition

Each dose of 0.5 mL contains:

RBD antigen of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19)¹ 25 µg
 Aluminium Hydroxide gel as Al⁺⁺⁺ 750 µg
 CpG 1018 750 µg
 Buffer (Tris and NaCl in WFI) q.s to 0.5 mL
¹ Produced in *Pichia pastoris* (Yeast)

3. Dosage form and strength

SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) Vaccine (CORBEVAX®) is a suspension for intramuscular injection. Each dose contains 25 µg of RBD antigen of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19).

4. Clinical particulars

4.1 Therapeutic indication

CORBEVAX® is indicated for active immunization against Covid-19 disease in individuals aged 5 years and above.

CORBEVAX® is also indicated as a booster dose at ≥ 6 months after completion of primary immunization with 2 doses of Covishield™ or Covaxin™ in individuals aged 18 years and above.

The vaccine is approved for restricted use in emergency situation.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

CORBEVAX® vaccination course consists of two separate doses of 0.5 mL. The second dose should be administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose. The vaccine should be administered intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle of upper arm.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to any constituents of the vaccine listed in section 8

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

- Do not administer intravenously, intradermally or subcutaneously.
- Like all other vaccines, supervision and appropriate medical treatment should always be available to treat any anaphylactic reactions following immunization
- The vaccine should remain under medical supervision for at least 30 minutes after vaccination**
- Concurrent illness: As with other vaccines, administration of CORBEVAX® should be postponed in individuals suffering from an acute severe febrile illness.
- Thrombocytopenia and coagulation disorders: As with any other intramuscular injection, CORBEVAX® should be given with caution in individuals with thrombocytopenia and coagulation disorders or to individuals on treatment with anticoagulation therapy, because of risk of bleeding or bruising following an intramuscular injection in these individuals.
- Immunocompromised individuals: it is not known if individuals with impaired immune responsiveness, including individuals receiving immunosuppressant therapy, will elicit the same response as immunocompetent individuals to CORBEVAX®. These individuals may have a weaker immune response to the vaccine.

CORBEVAX® should be shaken well to obtain a uniform, whitish translucent suspension before use. Prior to administration, the vaccine vial should be visually checked for complete suspension and presence of any particulate matter or other coloration, if any. If in doubt, do not use the contents of the vial. Sterile needle and syringe should be used for withdrawal of the vaccine.

4.5 Drugs interactions

No interaction studies have been performed. Concomitant administration of CORBEVAX® with other vaccines has not been studied.

4.6 Use in special populations (such as pregnant women, lactating women)

Safety and effectiveness have not been established in pregnant women, nursing mothers. It is not known whether the vaccine is excreted in human milk.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

No studies on the effect of CORBEVAX® on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Clinical Trial Experience: The safety of CORBEVAX® was established in a controlled clinical trials in individuals aged 5 years to 80 years. Within each system organ class (SOC) the adverse reactions were ranked under headings using the following convention:

Very common ≥ 10%
 Common ≥ 1% and < 10%
 Uncommon ≥ 0.1% and < 1%
 Rare ≥ 0.01% and < 0.1%

Systemic:

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Fever/Pyrexia
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Body pain
- Myalgia
- Nausea

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Arthralgia
- Urticaria
- Chills
- Lethargy

Local:

Very common (may affect up to ≥ 1 in 10 people)

- Injection site pain

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Injection site erythema

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Injection site swelling
- Injection site rash
- Injection site pruritus

Rare (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people)

- Injection site irritation

Summary of safety profile:

In a phase I / II clinical study (BECT062) conducted in 360 subjects aged ≥ 18 to ≤ 65 years to assess the safety, reactogenicity and immunogenicity and to select the optimum formulation of BE's SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) Vaccine, all the four formulations were found to be safe and well tolerated.

In a phase II/III Clinical study (BECT069) conducted in 1268 subjects aged 18-80 years, a total of 51 adverse events were reported in 27 (2.7%) study subjects (phase II) and 532 adverse events were reported in 255 (21.8%) study subjects (phase III). In which 34 solicited adverse events were reported in 20 (20%) subjects and 455 unsolicited adverse events reported in 229 (19.6%) subjects in Phase II and phase III parts of the study respectively. Majority of adverse events are mild to moderate in intensity and no severe AEs were reported in the study. No SAEs and AESI were reported in the study (See Table 1).

Table 1: Adverse drug reactions from Phase II/III Study

MedDRA SOC	Frequency	Adverse reactions
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site pain
	Common	Fatigue, Pyrexia ^a , Chills
	Uncommon	Injection site swelling, Pain, Injection site erythema
Nervous system disorders	Common	Headache
	Rare	Lethargy
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Common	Myalgia, Arthralgia
	Uncommon	Pain in extremity ^a
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Uncommon	Cough ^a , Dyspnoea ^a , Oropharyngeal pain (Sore throat) ^a
	Rare	Pharyngitis (Throat infection) ^a
Infections and infestations	Uncommon	Nasopharyngitis (Common cold) ^a
	Rare	Pharyngitis (Throat infection) ^a
Gastrointestinal disorders	Uncommon	Nausea, Diarrhoea
	Rare	Decreased appetite ^a
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Uncommon	Urticaria ^a
	Rare	Urticaria ^a

^a: Unsolicited event

^b: Pyrexia includes feverishness (very common) and fever ≥ 100.4°F (common)

All the unsolicited events were unrelated to the Vaccine.

In a phase III active comparator study (BECT074) conducted in 2140 subjects aged 18 to 80 years, the safety of the vaccine was comparable to the comparator vaccine (Covishield™). All the adverse events were mild to moderate in intensity and no severe AEs which were related to study vaccine were reported in this study. No AESI were reported in the study. Most of the solicited adverse events were related to the study vaccine (See Table 2).

Table 2: Adverse drug reactions from Phase III superiority study

MedDRA SOC	Frequency	Adverse reactions
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site pain, Pyrexia ^a
	Common	Injection site erythema, Injection site pruritus, Headache, Injection site swelling, Fatigue
	Uncommon	Injection site warmth, Chills, Injection site rash, Pain
	Rare	Irritability, Injection site irritation
Nervous system disorders	Common	Headache

MedDRA SOC	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Very common	Myalgia
	Common	Arthralgia
	Rare	Back pain ^a
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Uncommon	Cough ^a , Oropharyngeal pain (Sore throat) ^a
	Rare	Rhinorrhoea (running nose), Throat irritation ^a , Sneezes ^a
Infections and infestations	Uncommon	Nasopharyngitis (Common cold) ^a
	Common	Nausea
Gastrointestinal disorders	Uncommon	Upper abdominal pain ^a , Diarrhoea ^a , Vomiting ^a
	Uncommon	Urticaria
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Uncommon	Urticaria
	Rare	Acne ^a , Rash

^a: Unsolicited event

^b: Pyrexia includes feverishness (very common) and fever ≥ 100.4°F (common)

All the unsolicited events were unrelated to the Vaccine.

In a phase II/III study (BECT072) conducted in 624 subjects aged ≥ 5 to < 18 years in two age cohorts (≥ 5 to < 12 and ≥ 12 to < 18 years) to prove safety, tolerability and reactivity of the vaccine against placebo. The interim results from 312 subjects in ≥ 12 to < 18 years (234 in vaccine arm and 78 in placebo arm) and 312 subjects ≥ 5 to < 12 years (234 in vaccine arm and 78 in placebo arm) indicated that, there was no difference in the safety profile when compared to the data of earlier clinical trials conducted in adults (See Table 3).

Table 3: Adverse drug reactions from Phase II/III Pediatric Study

a) Adverse drug reactions from Phase II/III Pediatric Study (12-18 years age group)

MedDRA SOC	Frequency	Adverse reactions
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site pain, Pyrexia ^a
	Common	Injection site erythema, Chills, Injection site swelling
	Uncommon	Fatigue
Nervous system disorders	Common	Headache
	Uncommon	Somnolence
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Common	Myalgia, Arthralgia
	Common	Nausea,
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Uncommon	Urticaria

^a: Pyrexia includes feverishness (very common) and fever ≥ 100.4°F (common)

b) Adverse drug reactions from Phase II/III Pediatric Study (5-12 years age group)

MedDRA SOC	Frequency	Adverse reactions
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site pain
	Common	Pyrexia ^a , Injection site erythema, Injection site swelling, Fatigue
	Uncommon	Fatigue
Nervous system disorders	Common	Headache
	Uncommon	Somnolence
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Uncommon	Myalgia
	Uncommon	Nausea,
Infections and infestations	Uncommon	Nasopharyngitis (common cold), Rhinorrhoea (running nose)
	Uncommon	Nausea,

^a: Pyrexia includes feverishness (very common) and fever ≥ 100.4°F (common)

CORBEVAX® as Booster dose: In a Phase III placebo controlled heterologous booster study (BECT070) conducted in 416 subjects aged 18 to 80 years who were previously vaccinated with 2 doses of either Covishield™ or Covaxin™ with the most recent dose at least 6 months prior to administration of CORBEVAX® as a booster dose to evaluate the immunogenicity and safety of single booster dose, the safety profile of CORBEVAX® found similar to that of the earlier clinical trials.

Out of 416 subjects randomized in 1:1 ratio between Covishield™ and Covaxin™ primed individuals, 312 subjects enrolled in CORBEVAX® arm and 104 subjects were enrolled under Placebo arm.

COVAXIN™ primed subjects (N=208): Of the 208 subjects primed with 2 doses of Covaxin™, 156 subjects enrolled under CORBEVAX® arm and 52 subjects enrolled under PLACEBO arm. Out of 156 subjects in CORBEVAX® arm, 32 (20.5%) subjects reported 44 events. The most commonly reported adverse events were Injection site pain in 14 (8.9%) subjects, Pyrexia in 11 (7.1%) subjects, Headache in 8 (3.6%) subjects, Rhinorrhoea in 3 (1.9%) subjects, Arthralgia in 3 (1.9%) subjects. Out of the 52 subjects under Placebo arm, 7 (13.5%) subjects reported 10 events. The most commonly reported adverse events were Headache in 5 (9.6%) subjects, Injection site pain in 3 (5.8%) subjects.

COVISHIELD™ primed subjects (N=208): Of the 208 subjects; 156 subjects enrolled under CORBEVAX® arm and 52 subjects enrolled under PLACEBO arm. Out of 156 subjects in CORBEVAX® arm, 28 (17.9%) subjects reported 38 events. The most commonly reported adverse events were Injection site pain in 16 (10.3%) subjects, Headache in 3 (1.9%) subjects, Myalgia in 3 (1.9%) subjects, Fatigue in 3 (1.9%) subjects, Injection site swelling, Pyrexia & Arthralgia in 2 (1.3%) subjects each. Out of the 52 subjects under Placebo arm, 8 (15.4%) subjects reported 8 events. The most commonly reported adverse events were Injection site pain in 5 (9.6%) subjects, Pyrexia, Injection site erythema, Injection site itching in 1 (1.9%) subject each.

All reported adverse events were mild to moderate in intensity and no severe AEs reported in the study. No SAEs or AESI reported during weekly follow-up up to 3 months' after booster dose administration in any of the study subjects either in vaccine or placebo arms.

4.9 Overdose

No case of overdose has been reported.

There is no specific treatment for an overdose with CORBEVAX®. In the event of an overdose, the individual should be monitored and provided with symptomatic treatment as appropriate.

5. Pharmacological properties

5.1 Mechanism of action

The receptor-binding domain (RBD) in the S1 subunit of the SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) protein binds to the ACE-2 receptor on human cells which initiates the virus infection and is the most important target for developing a Covid-19 vaccine. In particular, RBD of S protein contains the critical neutralizing domain (CND), which is able to induce highly potent neutralizing antibody response and cross-protection against divergent SARS-CoV-2 strains. RBD-based subunit vaccine is expected to be safer than other vaccines that may induce Th2-type immunopathology. CORBEVAX® targets the S1 subunit of the SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) protein leading to induction of protective immunity against severe Covid-19 infection.

5.2 Pharmacodynamic properties

COVID-19 disease is caused due to SARS-CoV-2 virus infection. CORBEVAX® is based on classical vaccine technology of a protein antigen, SARS-CoV-2 Spike RBD, adsorbed to the adjuvants, has been studied in Phase III, II/III and III clinical studies for safety, reactogenicity and immunogenicity and found to be safe and immunogenic.

In a Phase III clinical study (BECT062) conducted in 360 subjects aged ≥ 18 to ≤ 65 years to assess the safety, reactogenicity and immunogenicity and to select the optimum formulation of BE's SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) Vaccine. The immunogenicity testing indicated the optimum formulation elicited a significant humoral and cellular immune response.

In a Phase II/III Clinical study (BECT069) conducted in 1268 subjects aged 18-80 years, the immunogenicity was evaluated in 100 subjects in Phase II part in 18-55 year cohort and in a subset of population (elderly cohort aged >45 year) in Phase III trial. Similar overall immune response was observed in both younger population (18-45 year) and elderly population (45-80 year) in terms of increase in anti-RBD IgG concentrations and Neutralizing Antibody (nAb) titers post-vaccination. Significant nAb titers were observed against Wuhan, Delta and Beta strains. The interim Wuhan-nAb GMT was indicative > 90% vaccine effectiveness in preventing symptomatic infection as shown by the Correlates of Protection evaluation from Covid-19 Vaccine efficacy trial analysis. In the Phase III part of the study, pre-vaccination Anti-RBD IgG and nAb titers were higher than the Phase II study. However, significant increase in IgG and nAb titers were still observed post vaccination which indicates excellent immune response generated by CORBEVAX® (See Table 4). The sub-set of subjects assessed for immunogenicity also elicited a significant humoral and cellular immune response.

The median age in Phase II part (N=100) of the study was 33.5 years with a range of 18 to 52 years and median weight was 65.8 kg, while in Phase III part (N=1168) of the study, the median age was 34 years with a range of 18 to 78 years and median weight was 64.3 kg. Of these 1268 participants in the Phase III study, 26 participants (2.05%) had comorbidities at baseline. Comorbidities included diabetes, hypertension and hypothyroidism.

Table 4: Summary of Immunogenicity from Phase II/III Study

a) Summary of Anti-RBD IgG concentration

Time point	Statistic	CORBEVAX®	% SCR
Phase II part			
Base Line (Day 0)	N	98	
	GMC (EU/mL) 95% CI	945 788-1134	NA
Day-42	N	98	
	GMC (EU/mL) 95% CI	26448 19858-35223	95%

Time point	Statistic	CORBEVAX®	% SCR
Phase III part			
Base Line (Day 0)	N	65	
	GMC (EU/mL) 95% CI	4287 3137-5857	NA
Day-42	N	65	
	GMC (EU/mL) 95% CI	61138 47485-78715	89%

N: Number of subjects GMC: Geometric Mean Concentration
 CI: Confidence Interval SCR: Seroconversion Rate NA: Not Applicable

b) Summary of Neutralizing Antibody (nAb) Titers against Wuhan

Time point	Statistic	CORBEVAX®
Phase II part		
Base Line (Day 0)	N	98
	GMT 95% CI	67 52-88
Day-42	N	98
	GMT 95% CI	1338 917-1954
Phase III part		
Base Line (Day 0)	N	65
	GMT 95% CI	470 330-670
Day-42	N	65
	GMT 95% CI % SCR	5166 3830-6967 86%

N: Number of subjects GMT: Geometric Mean Titre
 CI: Confidence Interval SCR: Seroconversion Rate
 The sub-set of 20 subjects from Phase II part were tested for Neutralizing Antibody (nAb) Titers against Wuhan, Delta and Beta variants. The GMT was found to be 2351, 1487 and 511 respectively against Wuhan, Delta and Beta variants in this sub-set. The Sub-set of 65 subjects aged in elderly cohort (> 45 years age), from Phase III part were also tested for Neutralizing Antibody (nAb) Titers against Delta variant, in which the GMT was found to be 2341 (1614-3395).

In a Phase III superiority study (BECT074) conducted in 2140 subjects aged 18 to 80 years to prove the immunogenic superiority and safety, CORBEVAX® demonstrated superior immune response in comparison to Covishield™ when assessed for Neutralizing Antibody Titers against the Wuhan and Delta variants in terms of GMT's (See Table 5). The sub-set of subjects assessed for immunogenicity also elicited a significant humoral and cellular immune response. CORBEVAX® nAb GMT against Wuhan strain was indicative of vaccine effectiveness >90% for prevention of symptomatic infections based on the Correlates of Protection assessment performed as part of Covid-19 vaccine efficacy trial analysis.

The median age of the study subjects in CORBEVAX® arm (N=1819) was 34 years with a range of 18 to 79 years and median BMI was 23.7 kg/m². Of these 1819 participants in the Phase III active comparator study, 16 participants had comorbidities at baseline. Comorbidities included diabetes, hypertension and hypothyroidism.

Table 5: Summary of Phase III Immunogenic superiority study

a) Summary of Anti-RBD IgG concentration

Time point	Statistic	CORBEVAX®	COVISHIELD™
Base Line (Day 0)	N	304	307
	GMC (EU/mL) 95% CI	1439 1268-1633	1503 1316-1716
Day-42	N	304	307
	GMC (EU/mL) 95% CI % SCR	24478 21075-28431 91%	16203 14428-18196 88%

N: Number of subjects GMC: Geometric Mean Concentration
 CI: Confidence Interval SCR: Seroconversion Rate

b) Summary of Neutralizing Antibody (nAb) Titers

Time point	Statistic	CORBEVAX®		COVISHIELD™	
		Wuhan	Delta	Wuhan	Delta
Base Line (Day 0)	N	303	307	307	ND
	GMT 95% CI	85 75-96	ND	75 65-86	ND
Day-42	N	301	304	304	304
	GMT 95% CI % SCR	2123 1801-2514 95%	874 724-1055 NA	1833 1632-2089 94%	562 482-657 NA

N: Number of subjects GMC: Geometric Mean Titre ND: Not Done
 CI: Confidence Interval SCR: Seroconversion Rate NA: Not Applicable

CORBEVAX® showed comparable seroconversion and higher anti-RBD IgG concentration in comparison to Covishield™ post vaccination.
 In a Phase III/III placebo controlled clinical study (BECT072) conducted in 624 subjects aged ≥ 5 to < 18 years in two age cohorts (≥ 5 to < 12 and ≥ 12 to < 18 years) to prove the safety, tolerability and immunogenicity, the interim results from 5 to < 12 years age group showed significant increase in IgG and nAb titers post vaccination (at Day-42) against Wuhan and Delta variants, which indicates excellent immune response generated by CORBEVAX® and is inline with IgG and nAb titers observed in earlier clinical trials in Adults (See Table 6). The subjects were randomized in 3:1 ratio between CORBEVAX® and placebo groups.
 The mean age in ≥ 12 to < 18 years age group (N=312) was 14.7 years while the mean age in ≥ 5 to < 12 years age group (N=312) was 8.8 years. 51.9 % subjects are male and 48.1% subjects are female in ≥ 12 to < 18 years age group and 54.2 % subjects are male and 45.8% subjects are female in ≥ 5 to < 12 years age group.

Table 6: Summary of Interim study results of Phase II/III pediatric study.

a) Summary of Anti-RBD IgG concentration

Time point	Statistic	CORBEVAX®
≥ 12 to < 18 years		
Base Line (Day 0)	N	229
	GMC (EU/mL)	939
Day-42	N	229
	GMC (EU/mL) % SCR	18049 91%
≥ 5 to < 12 years		
Base Line (Day 0)	N	229
	GMC (EU/mL)	964
Day-42	N	229
	GMC (EU/mL) % SCR	26802 96%

N: Number of subjects GMC: Geometric Mean Concentration
 SCR: Seroconversion Rate