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20-VALENT PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE IN PNEUMOCOCCAL
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1. PROTOCOL SUMMARY

1.1. Synopsis

Short Title: 20-valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Safety and Immunogenicity Study in Pneumococcal Vaccine–Naïve Adults 60 Years of Age and Older in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan

Rationale

Pfizer is developing a 20vPnC candidate to expand protection against pneumococcal disease beyond that covered by current pneumococcal vaccines in children and adults. 20vPnC has the same composition as 13vPnC (Prevenar 13[®]) but contains an additional 7 pneumococcal conjugates to protect against serotypes responsible for a substantial burden of remaining pneumococcal disease. 20vPnC uses the same platform and contains the same excipients as 13vPnC. 20vPnC is in late-stage clinical development, and data from overseas Phase 3 studies in adults 18 years of age and older provide evidence that the safety profile is acceptable and similar to 13vPnC, and induces immune responses that are expected to support licensure for an adult (≥ 18 years of age) indication in the United States, Europe, and other countries.

The purpose of this study is to assess the safety and immunogenicity of 20vPnC in adults ≥ 60 years of age in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan CCI [REDACTED]

Objectives, Estimands, and Endpoints

Objectives	Estimands	Endpoints
Primary Safety	Primary Safety	Primary Safety
To describe the safety profile of 20vPnC.	<p>In participants receiving at least 1 dose of study intervention and having safety follow-up after vaccination from each vaccine group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The percentage of participants reporting prompted local reactions within 10 days after the first vaccination (20vPnC or 13vPnC)• The percentage of participants reporting prompted systemic events within 7 days after the first vaccination (20vPnC or 13vPnC)• The percentage of participants reporting AEs within 1 month after vaccination with 20vPnC or 13vPnC• The percentage of participants reporting SAEs within 1 month after vaccination with 20vPnC or 13vPnC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prompted local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site)• Prompted systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain)• AEs• SAEs

Primary Immunogenicity	Primary Immunogenicity	Primary Immunogenicity
To demonstrate that the immune responses to the 13 serotypes in 13vPnC (1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F) induced by 20vPnC are noninferior to the immune response induced by 13vPnC.	In participants in compliance with the key protocol criteria (evaluable participants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each of the 13 serotypes: GMR of serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after 20vPnC to the serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after 13vPnC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA titers
To demonstrate that the immune responses to the 7 additional serotypes in 20vPnC (8, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15B, 22F, and 33F) induced by 20vPnC are noninferior to the immune response induced by PPSV23.	In evaluable participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each of the 7 additional serotypes: GMR of serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after 20vPnC to the serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after PPSV23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA titers
Secondary Immunogenicity	Secondary Immunogenicity	Secondary Immunogenicity
To describe the immune responses to all 20 serotypes induced by 20vPnC.	In evaluable participants for each of the 20 serotypes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA GMTs 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group GMFRs in serotype-specific OPA titers from before to 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group Percentage of participants with ≥ 4-fold rise in serotype-specific OPA titers from before to 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group Percentage of participants with serotype-specific OPA titers greater than or equal to the LLOQ 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA titers
Secondary Safety	Secondary Safety	Secondary Safety
To describe the reactogenicity profile of PPSV23 following 13vPnC in Japanese participants (only for participants enrolled at Japan sites).	In participants receiving at least 1 dose of study intervention and having safety follow-up after vaccination from each vaccine group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percentage of participants reporting prompted local reactions within 10 days after the second vaccination (PPSV23 or saline) The percentage of participants reporting prompted systemic events within 7 days after the second vaccination (PPSV23 or saline) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompted local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site) Prompted systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain)

* Note: "1 month after vaccination" refers to 1 month after vaccination with 20vPnC (20vPnC/saline group), or 1 month after vaccination with 13vPnC for the 13 matched serotypes or PPSV23 for the 7 additional serotypes (13vPnC/PPSV23 group).

Overall Design

This Phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-blind study will be conducted at investigator sites in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Approximately 1400 participants 60 years of age and older at enrollment will be randomized into 2 groups in a 1:1 ratio by center-based randomization: 20vPnC/saline group and 13vPnC/PPSV23 group. Each participant will be randomized to receive either 20vPnC or 13vPnC (control vaccine) at Vaccination 1. Participants who received 20vPnC at Vaccination 1 in the 20vPnC/saline group will receive saline at Vaccination 2. Participants who received 13vPnC at Vaccination 1 in the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group will receive PPSV23 at Vaccination 2.

On Day 1 (Visit 1), participants will be assessed for eligibility, have blood drawn for immunogenicity assessments, and receive 20vPnC or 13vPnC administered by blinded site staff. Participants will be observed for at least 30 minutes after vaccination by blinded site staff, who will record AEs occurring during that time. Participants will also receive safety follow-up and e-diary instructions at the visit. Prompted systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain) occurring within 7 days after vaccination and prompted local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site) occurring at the 20vPnC or 13vPnC injection site within 10 days after vaccination will be collected daily in the e-diary. Use of antipyretic/pain medications will be collected daily in an e-diary for 7 days after vaccination.

Participants will return for Visit 2 (28 to 42 days after Visit 1), and information will be collected from the participants on AEs, SAEs, and e-diary follow-up (as needed). Blood will be drawn for immunogenicity assessments. Saline will be administered to participants who previously received 20vPnC, and PPSV23 will be administered to participants who previously received 13vPnC, by a third-party unblinded site staff member. Participants will be observed for at least 30 minutes after vaccination by blinded site staff, who will record AEs occurring during that time. Participants will also be reminded about safety follow-up. The control participants are receiving a schedule that has been studied previously with no safety concerns, but it is a research schedule and a specific request has been made by the PMDA to collect additional information in the Japanese population. For participants enrolled **at Japan sites**, prompted local reactions occurring at the saline or PPSV23 injection site within 10 days after vaccination and prompted systemic events occurring within 7 days after vaccination will be collected daily in the e-diary. Use of antipyretic/pain medications will be collected daily in an e-diary for 7 days after vaccination.

Participants will return for Visit 3 (28 to 42 days after Visit 2) and information will be collected from the participants on AEs and SAEs. Blood will be drawn for immunogenicity assessments.

Number of Participants

Approximately 1400 participants will be enrolled to achieve a target of 1260 evaluable participants (630 participants in each vaccine group) (assuming a 10% nonevaluable dropout rate). Approximately 700 participants will be enrolled from Japan, approximately 500 from Korea, and approximately 200 from Taiwan. The study will target enrolment of 50 %, or more, adults ≥ 65 years of age in each country. Note however, that the enrolment targets are approximations, and may not be achieved, particularly for the older age group. Randomization into the 2 vaccine groups will be managed within the age stratification (50 to 64 years of age and ≥ 65 years of age).

Note: "Enrolled" means a participant's agreement to participate in a clinical study following completion of the informed consent process. Potential participants who are screened for the purpose of determining eligibility for the study, but do not participate in the study, are not considered enrolled, unless otherwise specified by the protocol.

Intervention Groups and Duration

Each participant will participate in the study for approximately 2 months. Based on an 8-month enrollment period, the study duration will be approximately 10 months.

Participants will receive either 20vPnC and saline or 13vPnC and PPSV23.

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Statistical Methods

The primary safety objective will be evaluated by descriptive summary statistics for local reactions, systemic events, AEs, and SAEs for each vaccine group. A 3-tier approach will be used to summarize AEs.

Primary immunogenicity objectives will be evaluated by formal hypothesis tests for NI of the immune responses to 20vPnC relative to immune responses to the control vaccine. NI for a serotype will be declared if the lower bound of the 2-sided CI for the serotype-specific OPA GMR of 20vPnC relative to control for that serotype is greater than 0.5 (2-fold criterion), with control being 13vPnC for the 13vPnC serotypes and PPSV23 for the 7 additional serotypes. CCI

Serotype-specific OPA GMTs, serotype-specific OPA GMFRs, percentages of participants with OPA titers \geq LLOQ, and ≥ 4 -fold rises in OPA titers, CCI will also be provided for each vaccine group.

Immunogenicity and safety results will also be descriptively summarized by country (Japan, Korea, and Taiwan).

1.2. Schema

Not applicable.

1.3. Schedule of Activities

The SoA table provides an overview of the protocol visits and procedures. Refer to the STUDY ASSESSMENTS AND PROCEDURES section of the protocol for detailed information on each procedure and assessment required for compliance with the protocol.

The investigator may schedule visits (unplanned visits) in addition to those listed in the SoA table, in order to conduct evaluations or assessments required to protect the well-being of the participant.

Visit Number	1	2	3
Visit Description	Vaccination 1	Vaccination 2	Follow-up After Vaccination 2
Visit Type	Clinic Visit	Clinic Visit	Clinic Visit
Visit Window (Days)	Day 1	28 to 42 Days After Vaccination 1	28 to 42 Days After Vaccination 2
Obtain informed consent	X		
Assign participant number	X		
Record demography	X		
Conduct clinical assessment, including collecting medical history data and smoking history	X		
Record nonstudy vaccinations	X	X	X
Record concomitant medications used to treat SAEs	X	X	X
Measure height and weight	X		
Measure prevaccination oral temperature	X	X	
Contraception check, if applicable ^a	X	X	X
Review inclusion and exclusion criteria	X		
Review temporary delay criteria	X	X	X
Review continued eligibility		X	X
Assign randomization number	X		
Obtain blood sample for immunogenicity (~30 mL) ^b	X	X	X
Administer study intervention	X	X	
Observe and record acute reactions for at least 30 minutes after study intervention administration	X	X	
Provide a participant contact card	X		

Visit Number	1	2	3
Visit Description	Vaccination 1	Vaccination 2	Follow-up After Vaccination 2
Visit Type	Clinic Visit	Clinic Visit	Clinic Visit
Visit Window (Days)	Day 1	28 to 42 Days After Vaccination 1	28 to 42 Days After Vaccination 2
Provide participant with an e-diary (device or application), thermometer, and measuring device and instruct how to collect prompted local reactions, systemic events, and use of pain/antipyretic medications ^c	X		
Review e-diary ^d		X	X ^e
Collect e-diary (if device provided)		X ^f	X ^e
Record and report AEs and SAEs ^g	X-----X		

- The investigator or designee will inform male participants who are able to father children of the need to use highly effective contraception consistently and correctly until 28 days after the last dose of study intervention and document the conversation and the participant's affirmation in the participant's chart.
- Blood sample will be collected prior to vaccination at Visits 1 and 2.
- Participants will record in an e-diary prompted local reactions and systemic events occurring within 10 and 7 days, respectively, after Vaccination 1. Use of antipyretic/pain medications will also be prompted for and collected daily in an e-diary for 7 days after Vaccination 1. In addition, participants enrolled at Japan sites will record prompted local reactions and systemic events and use of antipyretic/pain medications in an e-diary after Vaccination 2 (collection periods will be the same as the collection periods after Vaccination 1). Participants will be instructed to contact the study staff or investigator if they experience redness or swelling measuring >20 measuring device units or severe pain at the injection site or any Grade 4 prompted systemic event.
- Designated site staff will review e-diary data online at frequent intervals (daily is optimal) for the 10 days following Vaccination 1 and Vaccination 2 (Japan sites only) to evaluate participant compliance and reported events as part of the ongoing safety review. Any e-diary devices given to participants are to be collected no later than Visit 2 and Visit 3 (Japan sites only).
- Only Japan sites.
- Korea and Taiwan sites.
- If the participant consents, participants withdrawn from the study will receive a 1-month safety follow-up after their last dose of study intervention for collection of any SAEs.

2. INTRODUCTION

Pneumococcal Disease

Streptococcus pneumoniae are gram-positive encapsulated cocci that have been a leading cause of bacteremia, bacterial meningitis, pneumonia, and AOM and continue to be a major global public health concern.^{1,2,3} Serious pneumococcal disease may occur at any age; however, children <5 and adults ≥65 years of age are at particularly increased risk.⁴ Individuals with certain comorbidities and immunocompromising conditions are also at increased risk, including persons with chronic heart, lung, liver, and renal disease, and those with functional asplenia.

Surveillance studies conducted in 2010 to 2012 by the CDC found that *S pneumoniae* were among the most common bacterial pathogens identified in CAP requiring hospitalization in both children and adults in the US.^{5,6} Bacteremic pneumococcal pneumonia (accounting for the majority of IPD in adults) is less common than nonbacteremic pneumococcal pneumonia (an estimated 3 to 10 or more cases of nonbacteremic pneumococcal pneumonia occur for every 1 case of bacteremic pneumonia); both bacteremic and nonbacteremic pneumococcal pneumonia are associated with significant morbidity and mortality in all age groups.^{1,7}

Pneumococcal disease in older adults represents a high clinical and economic healthcare burden. In Australia, the incidence of hospitalization for all-cause pneumonia in adults ≥65 years of age from 2011 through 2012 corresponded to an incidence rate of 1347/100,000 population.⁸ Incidence rates were higher in adults ≥85 years of age (3507/100,000). Pneumococcal pneumonia accounted for 20.6% of hospitalization, with an incidence of 274/100,000 population.⁸ In a study of the global burden of LRIs using data from 195 countries, it was estimated that in 2016, LRIs were among the leading causes of death in people of all ages and pneumococcal LRIs accounted for approximately 50% of LRI deaths (~1.2 million deaths) across all ages in 2016.⁹ The CDC estimated that in 2017, there were 31,000 cases and 3590 deaths due to IPD in the US.¹⁰

In Japan, Morimoto et al (2015) estimated that there were approximately 1.9 million new cases of CAP each year, with approximately 70% of cases occurring in adults ≥65 years of age and with approximately 70% of these elderly patients requiring hospitalization.¹¹ The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in 2019 identified pneumonia as the fifth most common cause of death in individuals 65 through 69 years of age, the fourth most common cause of death in individuals 70 through 94 years of age, and the third most common cause of death in individuals ≥95 years of age. Of note, in Japan the most frequent bacterial cause of pneumonia is *S pneumoniae*.¹²

In Korea, the overall incidence of CAP was 641 cases per 100,000 persons in 2013, and it sharply increased in the elderly population: 1618 cases per 100,000 persons 65 through 74 years old and 4454 cases per 100,000 persons ≥75 years old.¹³ Also pneumonia is the third leading cause of death, and the number of deaths caused by pneumonia has been steadily increasing during the past 10 years, from 11.1 deaths/100,000 persons in 2008 to 45.4 deaths/100,000 persons in 2018, according to 2008 and 2018 national statistics on

causes of death.¹⁴ Several studies reported that the most common cause of bacterial pneumonia was *S pneumoniae*, which accounted for 26.9% to 43.6% among total bacterial isolates from CAP patients.^{15,16}

In Taiwan, data from the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control showed that the overall IPD rate in 2018 was 1.9/100,000, with the most impacted groups being those 2 through 4 years of age (4.9/100,000), 65 through 69 years of age (3.8/100,000), and ≥70 years of age (6.5/100,000). Among adults ≥65 years of age, the most common serotypes were (in descending order): 3, 23A, 19A, 35B, 15A, 14, and 23F.¹⁷

As these numbers suggest, *S pneumoniae* remains an important cause of serious disease worldwide, including in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Vaccines to Prevent Pneumococcal Disease

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines

The polysaccharide capsule has been identified as an important virulence factor for this pathogen. While more than 95 pneumococcal serotypes, differentiated by their capsular polysaccharide composition, have been identified, serious disease is generally caused by a smaller subset of serotypes.^{18,19} Anticapsular antibodies, directed against the specific serotype, bind to the capsule and promote complement-mediated opsonophagocytic killing and clearance of the organism.²⁰ Pneumococcal disease can be prevented with polysaccharide-based vaccines that induce antibody responses with functional (opsonophagocytic) activity and target the capsular serotypes responsible for disease.²¹

Vaccines containing free polysaccharides have been licensed since the 1970s. One such vaccine, PPSV23, has been licensed in the US since 1983.²² PPSV23 contains capsular polysaccharides for 23 serotypes (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 8, 9N, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 15B, 17F, 18C, 19F, 19A, 20, 22F, 23F, and 33F). PPSV23 elicits a T-cell-independent immune response. Unconjugated polysaccharide vaccines do not induce robust responses in certain populations (eg, immunocompromised persons, children <2 years of age), nor do they generate immunologic memory, so their protective effect wanes over 2 to 5 years.^{4,23,24,25} Moreover, their ability to prevent nonbacteremic pneumonia and AOM is limited or lacking.^{21,25,26,27} They also do not have an impact on nasopharyngeal carriage and, therefore, do not afford herd protection.²⁸ Another limitation is that in several studies, individuals vaccinated with pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine had lower functional antibody responses following subsequent vaccination with either another dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine or a dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, compared to the first dose of polysaccharide vaccine.^{29,30,31} Such “hyporesponsiveness” has been observed with other polysaccharide vaccines as well and raises concern regarding the quality of response after revaccination or natural exposure to an invading VT pneumococcus.³² Despite waning immunity, these concerns of hyporesponsiveness, as well as other factors, have led most recommending bodies to restrict PPSV23 to a single lifetime dose in adults ≥65 years of age and 1 to 2 doses in most other high-risk populations.^{32,33,34}

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccines

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines contain polysaccharides that are covalently linked (conjugated) to an immunogenic protein. This modification results in T-cell-dependent immune responses, which have been shown to be protective in young children, older adults, and populations with high-risk conditions.^{24,35} Prevenar[®] (7vPnC) was the first pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to be licensed (2000) and was indicated for prevention of pneumococcal disease in infants and young children on the basis of efficacy studies. 7vPnC contained capsular polysaccharide conjugates for 7 pneumococcal serotypes (4, 6B, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F, and 23F), each covalently linked to CRM₁₉₇, a nontoxic variant of diphtheria toxin. These 7 serotypes were responsible for approximately 80% to 90% of IPD in children <5 years of age in the US and approximately 60% to 80% of IPD in the same age group in Europe at that time (1998-2000).^{36,37,38,39,40} These serotypes also accounted for a high proportion of antibiotic-resistant strains.⁴¹ 7vPnC demonstrated efficacy against VT IPD, pneumonia, and AOM in large, randomized controlled efficacy studies in infants.^{42,43} The 7vPnC components contained in a related pneumococcal conjugate vaccine also were demonstrated to be efficacious against clinically/radiographically-defined pneumonia.^{44,45} Following the introduction of 7vPnC, a reduction of nasopharyngeal carriage and transmission has resulted in indirect herd effects, with a 92% reduction of 7vPnC VT IPD in older adults ≥65 years of age.⁴⁶

Prevenar 13 (13vPnC) was developed to expand serotype coverage and was licensed in the US in 2010. 13vPnC includes the same *S pneumoniae* serotypes as 7vPnC and an additional 6 polysaccharide conjugates for serotypes 1, 3, 5, 6A, 7F, and 19A.^{35,39,47} The vaccine was licensed for use in infants and young children based on comparisons of serotype-specific IgG concentrations to 7vPnC, with supportive data to demonstrate the functional activity of the immune responses. 13vPnC was subsequently licensed in adults based on an accelerated approval pathway demonstrating comparable serotype-specific OPA responses to PPSV23, followed by traditional approval based on demonstration of efficacy against VT CAP in CAPIa, a randomized controlled study of adults ≥65 years of age.⁴⁸ Prevention of nonbacteremic VT CAP in this older adult population was also demonstrated and protection was observed through 4 years of follow-up. This is notable given the lack of definitive data showing that PPSV23 prevents nonbacteremic disease in older adults, and the evidence that protection against IPD wanes significantly over time.²³ 13vPnC has replaced 7vPnC and is licensed in the US and many other countries including Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, with national recommendations that include use in children and/or older adults.^{49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57} It has also been prequalified by WHO for use in national infant immunization programs in lower- and middle-income countries.^{58,59} Surveillance data from several countries following the introduction of 13vPnC into the routine infant immunization program have demonstrated vaccine effectiveness against VT IPD in the vaccinated population.^{60,61,62}

In the US, Prevenar 13 was licensed for adults ≥50 years of age in 2011 and recommended by the ACIP for use in adults with immunocompromising conditions in 2012.³⁴ In July 2016, it was also licensed for use in adults 18 through 49 years of age. The potential burden of VT CAP in adults in the US was demonstrated by a study conducted well after the introduction

of Prevenar 13 into the routine infant immunization schedule, suggesting potential value in direct immunization of adults rather than reliance solely on the herd effect.⁶³

In Korea, Prevenar 13 was licensed for the prevention of invasive disease and pneumonia in adults ≥ 50 years of age in May 2012.⁵⁵ The indication for prevention of invasive disease was later expanded in October 2013 to include adults 18 through 49 years of age, while prevention of pneumonia in adults ≥ 18 years of age was approved in October 2015, based on the CAPiTA results. In Taiwan, 13vPnC received approval in November 2011 for the prevention of invasive disease in adults ≥ 50 years of age. This was expanded to include adults ≥ 18 years of age in July 2014. In November 2015, based on the CAPiTA results, the label indication was expanded to include prevention of pneumonia in adults ≥ 18 years of age.⁶⁴ In Japan, the indication for the prevention of pneumococcal disease in adults ≥ 65 years of age was approved in June 2014. The indication was expanded in May 2020 to include children, adolescents, and adults 6 through 64 years of age who are considered to be at increased risk of pneumococcal disease.⁵⁴

The prevalence of IPD due to most of the serotypes contained only in PPSV23 has remained stable or slightly increased in the US and other countries, despite continued recommendation and use of PPSV23 in adults ≥ 65 years of age and high-risk adults.^{65,66,67} These serotypes account for a significant amount of pneumococcal disease globally, including in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, and their continued presence highlights the need for a better vaccine than PPSV23 to expand protection.^{53,68,69,17}

Development of 20vPnC

The 20vPnC candidate is modeled after 7vPnC and 13vPnC. 20vPnC contains the polysaccharides of capsular serotypes present in 13vPnC and 7 additional capsular polysaccharides (for serotypes 8, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15B, 22F, and 33F) individually conjugated to CRM₁₉₇. The 7 additional serotypes were selected based on their relative prevalence as a cause of IPD, their generalized geographic distribution, and other factors that would support inclusion, such as the presence of antibiotic resistance (11A, 15B), association with outbreaks (8, 12F), and greater disease severity (eg, meningitis, mortality) (10A, 11A, and 22F).^{70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83} These 7 serotypes have a long-standing association with serious pneumococcal disease and are responsible for a substantial burden of remaining pneumococcal disease.

The 20vPnC clinical development program in adults has included several trials, including 2 Phase 1 trials in healthy adults; 1 Phase 2 trial in adults 60 through 64 years of age; and 3 Phase 3 trials in adults ≥ 18 years of age.

In Phase 1 and Phase 2 trials, 20vPnC induced immune responses to the pneumococcal serotypes in the vaccine. The Phase 3 pivotal trial (B7471007) met its primary immunogenicity objectives of NI for all serotypes in common with licensed Prevenar 13 and 6 of the 7 additional serotypes when compared to PPSV23; 1 of the additional 7 serotypes (serotype 8) narrowly missed the statistical NI criteria; however, the serotype 8 immune response is expected to be similarly protective as the other 19 vaccine serotypes in 20vPnC,

based on OPA GMT, GMFR, proportion of participants with a ≥ 4 -fold rise in OPA titer, and proportion of participants with OPA titer \geq LLOQ. Secondary immunogenicity objectives for the immune responses from adults 18 through 49 and adults 50 through 59 years of age compared to those 60 through 64 years of age met NI for all 20 serotypes. This suggests that protective antibodies against all 20 serotypes were elicited by 20vPnC, and that protection against pneumococcal disease against the 13 common serotypes will be similar to 13vPnC, with the potential for protection against the 7 additional serotypes. The safety objectives were met in adults ≥ 18 years of age, demonstrating that the safety and tolerability of 20vPnC were comparable to licensed pneumococcal vaccines.

Additionally, the Phase 3 program has demonstrated equivalence of immunogenicity among 3 different lots of 20vPnC in a clinical lot-consistency trial, and 20vPnC has acceptable safety and elicits immune responses to all 20 vaccine serotypes in adults previously vaccinated with pneumococcal vaccines.

Additional description of the clinical trial results, epidemiology of the 7 serotypes, and clinical (and nonclinical) program are described in the 20vPnC IB.

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2.1. Study Rationale

The purpose of this study is to assess the safety and immunogenicity of 20vPnC in adults ≥ 60 years of age in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan CCI

2.2. Background

20vPnC is being developed to further expand protection beyond 13vPnC against the global burden of vaccine-preventable pneumococcal disease in children and adults. The clinical development program in adults has been generally modeled on the 13vPnC program. The clinical program is currently in late-stage development. To date, 2 Phase 1, 1 Phase 2, and 3 Phase 3 studies in adults have been conducted to support licensure for an adult indication in the United States, Europe, and other countries. These are all safety and immunogenicity studies.

2.2.1. Clinical Overview

Data from Phase 1 and Phase 2 studies in adults 18 through 64 years of age (including a Phase 1b study in Japanese adults 18 through 49 years of age) found that 20vPnC induces immune responses to the 20 vaccine serotypes and has a safety profile consistent with other pneumococcal conjugate vaccines. Additionally, safety data from 3 Phase 3 adult studies (B7471006, B7471007, and B7471008) have shown safety profiles consistent with other pneumococcal conjugate vaccines. Immunogenicity data from the pivotal Phase 3 studies

demonstrated that 20vPnC induces OPA GMTs that are noninferior to 13vPnC for the 13 matched serotypes and noninferior to PPSV23 for 6 of the 7 additional serotypes. The remaining serotype (serotype 8) demonstrated strong immune responses. See the 20vPnC IB for additional details.

2.3. Benefit/Risk Assessment

The safety profile of 20vPnC is expected to be similar to 13vPnC, but AEs may be different with the investigational 20vPnC. The safety profiles are expected to be similar because 20vPnC contains the same components and excipients as 13vPnC, along with the polysaccharide conjugates for 7 additional pneumococcal serotypes, and to date, 20vPnC has demonstrated a safety profile similar to 13vPnC in clinical trials. The most common AEs noted in adults after vaccination are primarily related to local reactions (injection site pain, redness, and swelling) and systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, joint pain, and muscle pain). Safety review of data from the 3 completed Phase 3 adult trials have not revealed any unexpected safety concerns. See the 20vPnC IB for additional details.

As with any vaccine, an allergic reaction can occur. The allergic reaction can vary from skin rash to swelling of the face or lips, wheezing, and/or shortness of breath. A severe allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock, collapse, or shock-like state [hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode]) may also occur. There may also be additional risks related to the vaccines administered in the study that are not known at this time.

Additional potential risks of clinical significance are presented in the table in [Section 2.3.1](#).

More detailed information about the known and expected benefits and risks and reasonably expected AEs of 20vPnC may be found in the IB, which is the SRSD for this study. The SRSDs for 13vPnC and PPSV23 are the package inserts.

2.3.1. Risk Assessment

Potential Risk of Clinical Significance	Summary of Data/Rationale for Risk	Mitigation Strategy
Study Intervention(s): 20vPnC, 13vPnC, and PPSV23		
The relevant key risks associated with 20vPnC and 13vPnC include local reactions (injection site pain, redness, and swelling); systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, joint pain, and muscle pain); and allergic reactions, including skin rash, face or lip swelling, wheezing, shortness of breath, or severe allergic reaction (eg, anaphylactic shock).	The risks are based on the 20vPnC IB and the 13vPnC and PPSV23 package inserts.	<p>Eligibility criteria have been selected to ensure that only appropriate participants are included in the study (see Section 5).</p> <p>E-diary and AE data will be monitored by the investigator (or designee) and sponsor.</p> <p>Participants who develop exclusionary conditions during study conduct or participants with significant reactions after Visit 1 vaccination or AEs considered by the investigator to present increased risk to the participant if he/she received additional study vaccinations will be excluded from further vaccinations.</p> <p>Sites with capabilities to manage potential immediate severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, will be selected.</p>
Study Procedures		
There is the risk of fainting, and pain, swelling, bruising, and infection at the venipuncture site.	Venipuncture is required to collect immunogenicity data from participants.	Only qualified nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, phlebotomists, or medical assistants certified or otherwise authorized to draw blood per the standards and procedures of the investigative site, as allowed by institutional, local, and country guidance, will be allowed to draw blood to minimize local complications.

2.3.2. Benefit Assessment

As described in [Section 2](#), adults ≥ 65 years of age are at particularly increased risk of pneumococcal disease, and pneumococcal conjugate vaccines have been shown to elicit T-cell–dependent immune responses, which have been shown to be protective in older adults. A safe and immunogenic pneumococcal conjugate vaccine with expanded pneumococcal serotype coverage would fulfill an unmet need for expanded protection against pneumococcal disease.

If 20vPnC is successful in Phase 3 studies and is approved, it is anticipated to provide a benefit to recipients in the prevention of pneumonia and invasive disease caused by vaccine serotypes.

13vPnC and PPSV23 are vaccines approved for the prevention of pneumococcal disease due to the serotypes in the vaccines, and may provide a clinical benefit to those receiving them.

2.3.3. Overall Benefit/Risk Conclusion

Taking into account the measures taken to minimize risk to participants participating in this study, the potential risks identified in association with 20vPnC are justified by the anticipated benefits that participants might receive (eg, possible protective immunity against the vaccine serotypes in *S pneumoniae*).

Pfizer considers that the available information in clinical studies conducted to date with 20vPnC, the available safety profile of similar pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (ie, 13vPnC), and the limited risks from study procedures support a favorable benefit-risk profile for 20vPnC and this study.

3. OBJECTIVES, ESTIMANDS, AND ENDPOINTS

Objectives	Estimands	Endpoints
Primary Safety	Primary Safety	Primary Safety
To describe the safety profile of 20vPnC.	<p>In participants receiving at least 1 dose of study intervention and having safety follow-up after vaccination from each vaccine group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The percentage of participants reporting prompted local reactions within 10 days after the first vaccination (20vPnC or 13vPnC)• The percentage of participants reporting prompted systemic events within 7 days after the first vaccination (20vPnC or 13vPnC)• The percentage of participants reporting AEs within 1 month after vaccination with 20vPnC or 13vPnC• The percentage of participants reporting SAEs within 1 month after vaccination with 20vPnC or 13vPnC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prompted local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site)• Prompted systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain)• AEs• SAEs

Primary Immunogenicity	Primary Immunogenicity	Primary Immunogenicity
To demonstrate that the immune responses to the 13 serotypes in 13vPnC (1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F) induced by 20vPnC are noninferior to the immune response induced by 13vPnC.	In participants in compliance with the key protocol criteria (evaluable participants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each of the 13 serotypes: GMR of serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after 20vPnC to the serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after 13vPnC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA titers
To demonstrate that the immune responses to the 7 additional serotypes in 20vPnC (8, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15B, 22F, and 33F) induced by 20vPnC are noninferior to the immune response induced by PPSV23.	In evaluable participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each of the 7 additional serotypes: GMR of serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after 20vPnC to the serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after PPSV23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA titers
Secondary Immunogenicity	Secondary Immunogenicity	Secondary Immunogenicity
To describe the immune responses to all 20 serotypes induced by 20vPnC.	In evaluable participants for each of the 20 serotypes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA GMTs 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group GMFRs in serotype-specific OPA titers from before to 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group Percentage of participants with ≥ 4-fold rise in serotype-specific OPA titers from before to 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group Percentage of participants with serotype-specific OPA titers greater than or equal to the LLOQ 1 month after vaccination* in each vaccine group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotype-specific OPA titers
Secondary Safety	Secondary Safety	Secondary Safety
To describe the reactogenicity profile of PPSV23 following 13vPnC in Japanese participants (only for participants enrolled at Japan sites).	In participants receiving at least 1 dose of study intervention and having safety follow-up after vaccination from each vaccine group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percentage of participants reporting prompted local reactions within 10 days after the second vaccination (PPSV23 or saline) The percentage of participants reporting prompted systemic events within 7 days after the second vaccination (PPSV23 or saline) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompted local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site) Prompted systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain)

* Note: "1 month after vaccination" refers to 1 month after vaccination with 20vPnC (20vPnC/saline group), or 1 month after vaccination with 13vPnC for the 13 matched serotypes or PPSV23 for the 7 additional serotypes (13vPnC/PPSV23 group).

4. STUDY DESIGN

4.1. Overall Design

This will be a Phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-blind third-party-unblinded study that will be conducted at investigator sites in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Approximately 1400 participants 60 years of age and older who are pneumococcal vaccine naïve will be randomized into 2 vaccine groups in a 1:1 ratio. Each participant will receive either 20vPnC or 13vPnC (control vaccine) at Vaccination 1. Participants who received 20vPnC at Vaccination 1 will receive saline at Vaccination 2. Participants who received 13vPnC at Vaccination 1 will receive PPSV23 at Vaccination 2.

On Day 1 (Visit 1), participants will be assessed for eligibility, have blood drawn for immunogenicity assessments, and receive 20vPnC or 13vPnC administered by blinded site staff. Participants will be observed for at least 30 minutes after vaccination by blinded site staff, who will record AEs occurring during that time. Participants will also receive safety follow-up and e-diary instructions at the visit. Prompted systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain) occurring within 7 days after vaccination (where Day 1 is the day of vaccination) and prompted local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site) occurring at the 20vPnC or 13vPnC injection site within 10 days after vaccination (where Day 1 is the day of vaccination) will be collected daily in the e-diary. Use of antipyretic/pain medications will be collected daily in an e-diary for 7 days after vaccination (where Day 1 is the day of vaccination). Participants will be instructed to contact the study staff if the participant experiences redness or swelling at the 20vPnC/saline injection site measuring >20 measuring device units (>10 cm) or severe injection site pain (prevents daily activity) in the 10 days after vaccination or has an emergency room visit or hospitalization.

Participants will return for Visit 2 (28 to 42 days after Visit 1), and information will be collected from the participants on AEs, SAEs, and e-diary follow-up (as needed). Participants will also be asked for information on concomitant medications used to treat any SAEs and on any nonstudy vaccines they received since Visit 1. Blood will be drawn for immunogenicity assessments. Saline will be administered to participants who previously received 20vPnC, and PPSV23 will be administered to participants who previously received 13vPnC, by a third-party unblinded site staff member. Participants will be observed for at least 30 minutes after vaccination by blinded site staff, who will record AEs occurring during that time. Participants will also be reminded about safety follow-up. The control participants are receiving a schedule that has been studied previously with no safety concerns, but it is a research schedule and a specific request has been made by the PMDA to collect additional information in the Japanese population. For participants enrolled **at Japan sites**, prompted local reactions occurring at the saline and PPSV23 injection site within 10 days after vaccination and prompted systemic events occurring within 7 days after vaccination will be collected daily in the e-diary. Use of antipyretic/pain medications will be collected daily in an e-diary for 7 days after vaccination.

Participants will return for Visit 3 (28 to 42 days after Visit 2) and information will be collected from the participants on AEs and SAEs. Participants will also be asked for information on concomitant medications used to treat any SAEs and on any nonstudy vaccines they received since Visit 2. Blood will be drawn for immunogenicity assessments.

4.1.1. Approximate Duration of Participation for Each Participant

Each participant will participate in the study for approximately 2 months. Based on an 8-month enrollment period, the study duration will be approximately 10 months.

4.1.2. Approximate Number of Participants

Approximately 1400 participants will be enrolled to achieve a target of 1260 evaluable participants (630 participants in each vaccine group) (assuming a 10% nonevaluable rate). Approximately 700 participants will be enrolled from Japan, approximately 500 from Korea, and approximately 200 from Taiwan. The study will target enrolment of 50 %, or more, adults ≥ 65 years of age in each country. Note however, that the enrolment targets are approximations, and may not be achieved, particularly for the older age group. Randomization into the 2 vaccine groups will be managed within the age stratification (50 to 64 years of age and ≥ 65 years of age).

Note: "Enrolled" means a participant's agreement to participate in a clinical study following completion of the informed consent process. Potential participants who are screened for the purpose of determining eligibility for the study, but do not participate in the study, are not considered enrolled, unless otherwise specified by the protocol.

4.2. Scientific Rationale for Study Design

The purpose of this study is to assess the safety and immunogenicity of 20vPnC in adults ≥ 60 years of age in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. CCI

████████████████████ This study uses a similar design and includes similar assessments as in prior studies of 20vPnC in adults (B7471002 and B7471007).

Human reproductive safety data are not available for 20vPnC, but there is no suspicion of human teratogenicity based on the intended pharmacology of the compound. Therefore, the use of a highly effective method of contraception is required. CCI

4.3. Justification for Dose

The 20vPnC candidate is modeled after 7vPnC and 13vPnC, and contains capsular polysaccharides from pneumococcal serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 8, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 15B, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F, and 33F individually conjugated to CRM₁₉₇. The vaccine formulation contains 2.2 μg of each saccharide, except for 4.4 μg of 6B, per 0.5-mL dose. In adults, administration of 1 dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine induces immune responses.

For this product, the term “dose” refers to an injection of a vaccine.

4.4. End of Study Definition

The end of the study is defined as the date of the last visit of the last participant in the study.

5. STUDY POPULATION

This study can fulfill its objectives only if appropriate participants are enrolled. The following eligibility criteria are designed to select participants for whom participation in the study is considered appropriate. All relevant medical and nonmedical conditions should be taken into consideration when deciding whether a particular participant is suitable for this protocol.

Prospective approval of protocol deviations to recruitment and enrollment criteria, also known as protocol waivers or exemptions, is not permitted.

5.1. Inclusion Criteria

Participants are eligible to be included in the study only if all of the following criteria apply:

Age and Sex:

1. Male or female participants ≥ 60 years of age at the time of consent.
 - Refer to Appendix 4 for reproductive criteria for male ([Section 10.4.1](#)) and female ([Section 10.4.2](#)) participants.

Type of Participant and Disease Characteristics:

2. Participants who are willing and able to comply with all scheduled visits, treatment plan, lifestyle considerations, and other study procedures.
3. Expected to be available for the duration of the study and can be contacted by telephone during study participation.
4. Adults determined by clinical assessment, including medical history and clinical judgment, to be eligible for the study, including adults with preexisting stable disease, defined as disease not requiring significant change in therapy in the previous 6 weeks or hospitalization for worsening disease within 12 weeks before receipt of study intervention.

[For adults **60 through 64 years of age** to be enrolled **at Japan sites only**:]

- Participants must have a preexisting chronic stable disease with an elevated risk for pneumococcal disease (eg, chronic cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary disease, chronic hepatic disease, diabetes mellitus, and/or chronic renal disorders).
5. Female participants of nonchildbearing potential or male participants not able to father children; male participants who are able to father children and willing to use a highly

effective method of contraception as outlined in this protocol until at least 28 days after the last dose of study intervention.

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Weight:

Not applicable.

Informed Consent:

6. Capable of giving signed informed consent as described in [Appendix 1](#), which includes compliance with the requirements and restrictions listed in the ICD and in this protocol.

5.2. Exclusion Criteria

Participants are excluded from the study if any of the following criteria apply:

Medical Conditions:

1. History of severe adverse reaction associated with a vaccine and/or severe allergic reaction (eg, anaphylaxis) to any component of 20vPnC, 13vPnC, or any other diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine or PPSV23.
2. Serious chronic disorder, including metastatic malignancy, severe COPD requiring supplemental oxygen, end-stage renal disease with or without dialysis, cirrhosis of the liver, clinically unstable cardiac disease, or any other disorder that, in the investigator's opinion, excludes the participant from participating in the study.
3. History of microbiologically proven invasive disease caused by *S pneumoniae*.
4. Known or suspected immunodeficiency or other conditions associated with immunosuppression, including, but not limited to, immunoglobulin class/subclass deficiencies, generalized malignancy, HIV infection, leukemia, lymphoma, or organ or bone marrow transplant.
5. Bleeding diathesis or condition associated with prolonged bleeding that would, in the opinion of the investigator, contraindicate intramuscular injection.
6. Pregnant female participants or breastfeeding female participants (known or suspected).
7. Congenital, functional, or surgical asplenia.
8. Other medical or psychiatric condition including recent (within the past year) or active suicidal ideation/behavior or laboratory abnormality that may increase the risk of study

participation or, in the investigator's judgment, make the participant inappropriate for the study.

Prior/Concomitant Therapy:

9. Previous vaccination with any licensed or investigational pneumococcal vaccine, or planned receipt through study participation.
10. Currently receives treatment with immunosuppressive therapy, including cytotoxic agents or systemic corticosteroids, or planned receipt through the last blood draw. If systemic corticosteroids have been administered short term (<14 days) for treatment of an acute illness, participants should not be enrolled into the study until corticosteroid therapy has been discontinued for at least 28 days before study intervention administration. Inhaled/nebulized, intra-articular, intrabursal, or topical (skin, eyes, or eyes) corticosteroids are permitted.
11. Receipt of blood/plasma products or immunoglobulin, from 60 days before study intervention administration, or planned receipt through study participation.

Prior/Concurrent Clinical Study Experience:

12. Participation in other studies involving investigational drug(s), investigational vaccines, or investigational devices within 28 days prior to study entry and/or during study participation. Participation in purely observational studies is acceptable.

Diagnostic Assessments:

Not applicable.

Other Exclusions:

13. Investigator site staff or Pfizer employees directly involved in the conduct of the study, site staff otherwise supervised by the investigator, and their respective family members.

5.3. Lifestyle Considerations

5.3.1. Contraception

The investigator or his or her designee, in consultation with the participant, will confirm that the participant has selected an appropriate method of contraception for the individual participant and his or her partner(s) from the permitted list of contraception methods [CCI] and will confirm that the participant has been instructed in its consistent and correct use. At time points indicated in the SoA, the investigator or designee will inform the participant of the need to use highly effective contraception consistently and correctly and document the conversation and the participant's affirmation in the participant's chart (participants need to affirm their consistent and correct use of at least 1 of the selected methods of contraception). In addition, the investigator or designee will instruct the

participant to call immediately if the selected contraception method is discontinued or if pregnancy is known or suspected in the participant or partner.

5.4. Screen Failures

Screen failures are defined as participants who consent to participate in the clinical study but are not subsequently randomly assigned to study intervention/enrolled in the study. A minimal set of screen failure information is required to ensure transparent reporting of screen failure participants to meet the CONSORT publishing requirements and to respond to queries from regulatory authorities. Minimal information includes demography, screen failure details, eligibility criteria, and any AEs and SAEs.

Individuals who do not meet the criteria for participation in this study (screen failure) may not be rescreened.

5.5. Criteria for Temporarily Delaying Enrollment/Randomization/Study Intervention Administration

The following conditions are temporary or self-limiting and a participant may be vaccinated in the study once the condition(s) has/have resolved and no other exclusion criteria are met.

The Visit 1 and Visit 2 blood draws prior to Vaccination 1 and Vaccination 2 should take place on the same day as the vaccination.

- Current febrile illness (body [oral] temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$, or $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ for participants from Japan sites) or other acute illness within 48 hours before study intervention administration.
- Receipt of any inactivated or otherwise nonlive vaccine within 14 days or any live vaccine within 28 days before study intervention administration.
- Receipt of short-term (<14 days) systemic corticosteroids. Study intervention administration should be delayed until systemic corticosteroid use has been discontinued for at least 28 days. Inhaled/nebulized, intra-articular, intrabursal, or topical (skin or eyes) corticosteroids are permitted.

6. STUDY INTERVENTION

Study intervention is defined as any investigational intervention(s), marketed product(s), placebo, medical device(s), or study procedure(s) intended to be administered to a study participant according to the study protocol.

For the purposes of this protocol, study intervention refers to 20vPnC, 13vPnC, PPSV23, and placebo.

6.1. Study Intervention(s) Administered

20vPnC contains saccharides from pneumococcal serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 8, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 15B, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F, and 33F individually conjugated to CRM₁₉₇. CCI [REDACTED]

13vPnC contains saccharides from pneumococcal serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F individually conjugated to CRM₁₉₇. CCI [REDACTED]

20vPnC and 13vPnC will be supplied to the site as packaged, single-use PFSs and labeled according to local regulatory requirements.

PPSV23 is a licensed commercial product and is a clear, sterile solution consisting of a mixture of purified capsular polysaccharides from 23 serotypes of *S pneumoniae*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 8, 9N, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 15B, 17F, 18C, 19F, 19A, 20, 22F, 23F, and 33F. The vaccine is formulated to contain 25 µg of each of the 23 purified polysaccharide serotypes per 0.5-mL dose of vaccine in an isotonic saline solution containing 0.25% phenol as a preservative. PPSV23 will be supplied by the sponsor to the site as packaged vials or PFSs and labeled according to local regulatory requirements.

The placebo will consist of a sterile normal saline solution for injection (0.9% sodium chloride injection) and will be supplied to the site as packaged vials or PFSs and labeled according to local regulatory requirements.

6.1.1. Administration

At Vaccination 1 (Visit 1), a 0.5-mL dose of 20vPnC or 13vPnC will be administered intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle of the nondominant arm by a blinded site staff member (20vPnC and 13vPnC have the same appearance).

At Vaccination 2 (Visit 2), a 0.5-mL dose of saline or PPSV23 will be prepared and administered by third-party unblinded site staff member(s) and will be administered intramuscularly in the deltoid muscle of the nondominant arm to blinded participants. All other study personnel, including the PI, and the participant, will be blinded. The unblinded site staff members will not participate in participant assessments.

Standard vaccination practices must be observed and vaccine must not be injected into blood vessels. Appropriate medication and other supportive measures for management of an acute hypersensitivity reaction should be available in accordance with local guidelines for standard immunization practices.

Administration of study interventions should be performed by an appropriately qualified, GCP-trained, and vaccine-experienced member of the study staff (eg, physician, nurse, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, or medical assistant) as allowed by local, state, and institutional guidance.

Study intervention administration details will be recorded on the CRF.

6.1.2. Medical Devices

1. In this study, medical devices being deployed are the PFSs used to contain 20vPnC, 13vPnC, and saline.
2. Other medical devices (not manufactured by or for the sponsor) provided for use in this study are syringes for PPSV23.
3. Instructions for medical device use are provided in the IP manual.
4. All medical device deficiencies (including malfunction, use error, and inadequate labeling) shall be documented and reported by the investigator throughout the clinical investigation (see [Section 8.3.9](#)) and appropriately managed by the sponsor.

6.2. Preparation/Handling/Storage/Accountability

The investigator or an approved representative, eg, pharmacist, will ensure that all study interventions are stored in a secured area with controlled access under required storage conditions and in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Study interventions should be stored in their original containers and in accordance with the labels.

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Upon identification of a product complaint, notify the sponsor within 1 business day of discovery as described in the IP manual.

6.2.1. Preparation and Dispensing

See the IP manual or applicable SRSD for instructions on how to prepare the study intervention for administration. Study intervention should be prepared and dispensed by an appropriately qualified and experienced member of the study staff (eg, physician, nurse, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, pharmacy assistant/technician, or pharmacist) as allowed by local, state, and institutional guidance. A second staff member will verify the dispensing.

Study intervention will be prepared by qualified site personnel according to the IP manual. The study intervention will be administered to blinded participants.

6.3. Measures to Minimize Bias: Randomization and Blinding

6.3.1. Allocation to Study Intervention

Allocation of participants to vaccine groups will proceed through the use of an IRT system (IWR). The site personnel (study coordinator or specified designee) will be required to enter or select information including but not limited to the user's ID and password, the protocol number, and the participant number. The site personnel will then be provided with a vaccine assignment, randomization number, and DU or container number when study intervention is being supplied via the IRT system. The IRT system will provide a confirmation report containing the participant number, randomization number, and DU or container number assigned. The confirmation report must be stored in the site's files.

Study intervention will be dispensed at the study visits summarized in the SoA.

Returned study intervention must not be redispensed to the participants.

An otherwise uninvolved third party (unblinded site staff) will be responsible for the second administration of the study intervention (saline or PPSV23) at Vaccination 2 (Visit 2). This includes ensuring that there are no differences in time or effort taken to administer the study intervention and no blinded site staff or participants are able to view the administration (refer to the SRM for details).

The study-specific IRT reference manual and IP manual will provide the contact information and further details on the use of the IRT system.

6.3.2. Blinding of Site Personnel

Site personnel taking part in any participant randomization, assessments, interviews, data collection, or CRF data entry, including the PI, will be blinded to study intervention assignments during the study.

At Vaccination 1, 20vPnC or 13vPnC will be administered in a double-blind fashion, as the appearance and PFSs of 20vPnC and 13vPnC are identical (PFSs packaged in blinded cartons).

At Vaccination 2, saline and PPSV23 will be prepared and administered by a third-party unblinded site staff member. All other study personnel, including the PI, and the participant, will be blinded. The unblinded site staff member(s) will not participate in participant assessments.

The PI will assign the responsibility of administering saline and PPSV23 to third-party unblinded site staff who will not participate in the evaluation of any study participant. More than 1 unblinded site staff member will be assigned. A member of the study site staff or

clinic pharmacy should fulfill this role. Contact between the unblinded staff member who will administer saline and PPSV23 and study participants should be kept to a minimum.

6.3.3. Blinding of the Sponsor

Those study team members who are involved in ensuring that protocol requirements for study intervention handling, allocation, and administration are fulfilled at the site (eg, study manager, CRAs, and unblinded medical monitor) will be unblinded for the duration of the study. All other study team members and all laboratory personnel performing the serology assays will remain blinded to vaccine assigned/received throughout the study.

6.3.4. Breaking the Blind

The study will be participant- and investigator-blinded through the duration of the study.

The IRT will be programmed with blind-breaking instructions. In case of an emergency, the investigator has the sole responsibility for determining if unblinding of a participant's vaccine assignment is warranted. Participant safety must always be the first consideration in making such a determination. If the investigator decides that unblinding is warranted, the investigator should make every effort to contact the sponsor prior to unblinding a participant's vaccine assignment unless this could delay further management of the participant. If a participant's vaccine assignment is unblinded, the sponsor must be notified within 24 hours after breaking the blind. The date and reason that the blind was broken must be recorded in the source documentation and CRF.

The study-specific IRT reference manual and IP manual will provide the contact information and further details on the use of the IRT system.

6.4. Study Intervention Compliance

All doses of study intervention will be administered by the appropriately designated study staff at the investigator site. The date and time of each dose administered will be recorded in the source documents and recorded in the CRF. The blinded study intervention and study participant ID will be confirmed at the time of dosing by a member of the study site staff other than the person administering the study intervention.

6.5. Concomitant Therapy

6.5.1. Prohibited Concomitant Vaccines and Treatments

- Receipt of any investigational vaccines, drugs, or medical devices is prohibited during a participant's participation in the study.
- Receipt of nonstudy pneumococcal vaccine is prohibited during participant participation in the study.
- Receipt of blood/plasma products, immunoglobulins, and/or immunosuppressive therapy (including a ≥ 14 -day course of systemic corticosteroids) is prohibited during study participation.

6.5.2. Permitted Concomitant Vaccines and Treatments

- Prescription and nonprescription medications, vitamins, minerals, and herbal remedies are permitted during a participant's participation in the study.
- Licensed inactivated influenza vaccine may be given >14 days prior to or >14 days after study intervention administration.
- If medically necessary (eg, pandemic or outbreak with pandemic potential), licensed influenza or other pandemic vaccines may be given at any time (however, an interval of >14 days prior to or >14 days after study intervention administration is preferred).
- Receipt of other licensed nonstudy vaccine (except pneumococcal [prohibited] or influenza or pandemic vaccine [permitted] as described above) is permitted after Visit 3.
- The use of prophylactic antipyretic medication, while permitted, is not recommended on the day prior to vaccination or the day of study intervention administration.
- Inhaled/nebulized, topical (skin, eyes, or ears), or localized injections of corticosteroids (eg, intra-articular or intrabursal administration) are permitted during a participant's participation in the study.

6.5.3. Recording Concomitant Vaccines and Treatments

The name and date of administration for any nonstudy vaccinations received from the time of signing of the ICD to the final visit will be collected and recorded in the CRF.

Details of any medications that the participant is currently taking for medical conditions at enrollment will be recorded in the CRF.

Medications taken to treat SAEs from the time of signing of the ICD to the final visit will be recorded in the CRF.

6.6. Dose Modification

Not applicable.

6.7. Intervention After the End of the Study

No intervention will be provided to study participants at the end of the study.

7. DISCONTINUATION OF STUDY INTERVENTION AND PARTICIPANT DISCONTINUATION/WITHDRAWAL

7.1. Discontinuation of Study Intervention

Participant eligibility must be confirmed prior to each vaccination in order to continue in the study.

If a participant no longer meets the eligibility criteria during the vaccination period of the study, further vaccinations should be discontinued, but the participant may remain in the study. If a participant is discontinued from vaccination and the participant consents, safety follow-up will be conducted as per [Section 8.3](#) (AEs and SAEs will be collected for 1 month after the last study vaccination).

In rare instances, it may be necessary for a participant to permanently discontinue study intervention (definitive discontinuation). Reasons for definitive discontinuation of study intervention include the following: the participant no longer meets eligibility criteria, specific protocol deviations, withdrawals by the participant, and certain AEs or SAEs.

Note that discontinuation of study intervention does not represent withdrawal from the study. If study intervention is definitively discontinued, the participant will remain in the study to be evaluated for safety. See the SoA for data to be collected at the time of discontinuation of study intervention and follow-up for any further evaluations that need to be completed.

In the event of discontinuation of study intervention, it must be documented on the appropriate CRF/in the medical records whether the participant is discontinuing further receipt of study intervention or also from study procedures, postvaccination study follow-up, and/or future collection of additional information.

7.2. Participant Discontinuation/Withdrawal From the Study

A participant may withdraw from the study at any time at his/her own request. Reasons for discontinuation from the study include the following:

- AE;
- Death;
- No longer meets eligibility criteria;
- Protocol deviation;
- Physician decision;
- Study terminated by sponsor;
- Medication error without associated AE;
- Withdrawal by participant;
- Refused further follow-up;
- Lost to follow-up;
- Other.

A participant may withdraw from the study at any time at his/her own request, or may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the investigator or sponsor for safety, behavioral, compliance, or administrative reasons.

If a participant does not return for a scheduled visit, every effort should be made to contact the participant. All attempts to contact the participant and information received during contact attempts must be documented in the participant's source document. In any circumstance, every effort should be made to document participant outcome, if possible.

At the time of discontinuing, please refer to the ISF and SoA for assessments to be collected at the time of study discontinuation and follow-up and for any further evaluations that need to be completed.

Participants should ideally notify the investigator in writing of the decision to withdraw consent from future follow-up, whenever possible. Participants should be questioned regarding their reason for withdrawal. The investigator or his or her designee should capture the reason for withdrawal in the CRF for all participants.

The participant should be requested to return for a final visit, if applicable, and the investigator will perform the procedures indicated for the next visit, agreed to by the participant. Any AEs or SAEs that are continuing at the time of withdrawal from the study should be followed until resolution or, in case of permanent impairment, until the condition stabilizes.

If a participant withdraws from the study, he/she may request destruction of any remaining samples taken and not tested, and the investigator must document any such requests in the site study records and notify the sponsor accordingly.

If the participant withdraws from the study and also withdraws consent (see Section 7.2.1) for disclosure of future information, no further evaluations should be performed and no additional data should be collected. The sponsor may retain and continue to use any data collected before such withdrawal of consent.

When a participant is withdrawn from the study because of an SAE, the SAE must be recorded on the CRF and reported on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form. If a participant is withdrawn because of an AE, the AE must be recorded on the CRF.

Lack of completion of all or any of the withdrawal/early termination procedures will not be viewed as protocol deviations so long as the participant's safety was preserved.

7.2.1. Withdrawal of Consent

Participants who request to discontinue receipt of study intervention will remain in the study and must continue to be followed for protocol-specified follow-up procedures. The only exception to this is when a participant specifically withdraws consent for any further contact with him or her or persons previously authorized by the participant to provide this information. Participants should notify the investigator in writing of the decision to

withdraw consent from future follow-up, whenever possible. The withdrawal of consent should be explained in detail in the medical records by the investigator, as to whether the withdrawal is only from further receipt of study intervention or also from study procedures and/or postvaccination study follow-up, and entered on the appropriate CRF page. In the event that vital status (whether the participant is alive or dead) is being measured, publicly available information should be used to determine vital status only as appropriately directed in accordance with local law.

7.3. Lost to Follow-up

A participant will be considered lost to follow-up if he or she repeatedly fails to return for scheduled visits and is unable to be contacted by the study site.

The following actions must be taken if a participant fails to return to the clinic for a required study visit:

- The site must attempt to contact the participant and reschedule the missed visit as soon as possible, counsel the participant on the importance of maintaining the assigned visit schedule, and ascertain whether or not the participant wishes to and/or should continue in the study;
- Before a participant is deemed lost to follow-up, the investigator or designee must make every effort to regain contact with the participant (where possible, 3 telephone calls and, if necessary, a certified letter to the participant's last known mailing address or local equivalent methods). These contact attempts should be documented in the participant's medical record;
- Should the participant continue to be unreachable, he/she will be considered to have withdrawn from the study.

Discontinuation of specific sites or of the study as a whole is handled as part of [Section 10.1.8](#) (Appendix 1).

8. STUDY ASSESSMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The investigator (or an appropriate delegate at the investigator site) must obtain a signed and dated ICD before performing any study-specific procedures.

The date of birth will be collected to critically evaluate the immune response and safety profile by age.

Study procedures and their timing are summarized in the SoA. Protocol waivers or exemptions are not allowed.

Safety issues should be discussed with the sponsor immediately upon occurrence or awareness to determine whether the participant should continue or discontinue study intervention.

Adherence to the study design requirements, including those specified in the SoA, is essential and required for study conduct.

All screening evaluations must be completed and reviewed to confirm that potential participants meet all eligibility criteria. The investigator will maintain a screening log to record details of all participants screened and to confirm eligibility or record reasons for screening failure, as applicable.

Every effort should be made to ensure that protocol-required tests and procedures are completed as described. However, it is anticipated that from time to time there may be circumstances outside the control of the investigator that may make it unfeasible to perform the test. In these cases, the investigator must take all steps necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the participant. When a protocol-required test cannot be performed, the investigator will document the reason for the missed test and any corrective and preventive actions that he or she has taken to ensure that required processes are adhered to as soon as possible. The study team must be informed of these incidents in a timely manner.

For samples being collected and shipped, detailed collection, processing, storage, and shipment instructions and contact information will be provided to the investigator site prior to initiation of the study.

The total blood sampling volume for individual participants in this study is approximately 90 mL.

8.1. Efficacy and/or Immunogenicity Assessments

8.1.1. Immunogenicity Assessments

Blood samples (approximately 30 mL per sample) will be collected from all participants at Visit 1 (prior to administration of 20vPnC or 13vPnC), at Visit 2 (prior to administration of saline or PPSV23), and at Visit 3. Sample collection, processing, storage, and shipping information can be found in the SRM or equivalent manual.

Pneumococcal Antibody Response

OPA titers for serotypes present in 20vPnC (1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 8, 9V, 10A, 11A, 12F, 14, 15B, 18C, 19A, 19F, 22F, 23F, and 33F) will be determined on all sera collected prior to study vaccination and 1 month (28 to 42 days) after Vaccination 1. OPA titers for the 7 additional serotypes only (8, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15B, 22F, and 33F) will be determined on sera collected 1 month (28 to 42 days) after Vaccination 2.

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8.2. Safety Assessments

A clinical assessment, including medical history and measurement of oral temperature, will be performed on all participants prior to vaccination to determine participant eligibility and to establish a clinical baseline. Significant medical history, significant findings from any physical examination, if performed, and temperature measurements will be documented and recorded in the source documents and/or the CRF.

The participant will be observed for 30 minutes after each study vaccination and any reactions occurring during that time will be recorded as AEs.

Prompted e-diary events, including local reactions (redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site) and systemic events (fever, headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain) that occur 10 and 7 days, respectively, after study intervention administration (where Day 1 is the day of vaccination) are graded as described in [Section 8.2.2.1](#) and [Section 8.2.2.2](#). Furthermore, AEs and SAEs will be collected as defined in [Section 8.3](#).

Planned time points for all safety assessments are provided in the SoA. Unscheduled clinical laboratory measurements may be obtained at any time during the study to assess any perceived safety issues.

8.2.1. Participant Electronic Diary

The participant will be asked to monitor and record local reactions for 10 days, and systemic events, including fever, and antipyretic/pain medication usage for 7 days, each evening following Vaccination 1 (where Day 1 is the day of vaccination) using an e-diary (in a provisioned device or an application on a personal device). This allows recording of these assessments only within a fixed time window, thus providing the accurate representation of the participant's experience at that time. Data reported in the e-diary will be transferred electronically to the e-diary vendor, where they will be available for review by investigators,

their appropriately qualified designees, and sponsor staff at all times via an internet-based portal. At intervals agreed to by the vendor and Pfizer, these data will be transferred electronically to Pfizer for analysis and reporting. For **Japan sites only**, the participants will also be asked to complete an e-diary after Vaccination 2.

The daily e-diary data will not be captured in the CRF. However, if a participant withdraws because of prompted events reported in the e-diary, the event(s) should be recorded on the AE CRF, regardless of whether the investigator considers the event(s) to be clinically significant.

The investigators (or appropriately qualified designees) are required to review the e-diary data online at frequent intervals (daily is optimal) to evaluate participant compliance and reported events as part of the ongoing safety review.

The investigator or designee must obtain stop dates for any local reactions and specific systemic events that were ongoing on the last day that the e-diary was completed. The stop dates should be entered in the CRF. Because chronic use of antipyretic/pain medication is very common in this population and is not being used as a surrogate for an adverse sign/symptom, a stop date will not be sought if antipyretic/pain medication use is present on the last day that the e-diary was completed.

8.2.2. Grading Scale for Prompted Events

The grading scales used in this study to assess AEs as described below are based on concepts outlined in the FDA CBER guidelines on toxicity grading scales for healthy adult volunteers enrolled in preventive vaccine clinical trials.⁸⁴

8.2.2.1. Local Reactions

From Day 1 through Day 10 after Vaccination 1, where Day 1 is the day of vaccination, participants will be asked to assess redness, swelling, and pain at the injection site and to record the symptoms in the e-diary in the evening. Redness and swelling will be measured and recorded in measuring device units (range: 1 to 21 and >21), and then categorized during analysis as mild, moderate, or severe based on the grading scale in [Table 1](#). Measuring device units can be converted to centimeters according to the following scale: 1 measuring device unit = 0.5 cm. Pain at the vaccine injection site will be assessed by the participant as mild, moderate, or severe according to the grading scale in [Table 1](#). A participant with a severe (Grade 3 or above) local reaction will be prompted to contact the investigator to assess the reaction and perform an unscheduled assessment or visit as appropriate. For **Japan sites only**, the participants will also be asked to complete an e-diary after Vaccination 2.

Only an investigator is able to classify a participant's local reaction as Grade 4, after physical examination of the participant or documentation from another medically qualified source (eg, emergency room or hospital record) or, in the case of pain at the injection site only, telephone contact with the participant. If a participant experiences a Grade 4 local reaction, the investigator must immediately notify the sponsor. Site staff will educate the participant regarding signs and symptoms that would prompt site contact. Grade 4 reactions will be

collected as an AE on the CRF. The event will be graded using the AE severity grading scale in [Section 10.3.3](#).

The procedure for notification of the sponsor is provided in the SRM or equivalent.

Table 1. Grading Scales for Local Reactions

	Mild Grade 1	Moderate Grade 2	Severe Grade 3^a	Grade 4^b
Redness	5 to 10 measuring device units = >2.0 to 5.0 cm	11 to 20 measuring device units = >5.0 to 10.0 cm	>20 measuring device units = >10.0 cm	Necrosis or exfoliative dermatitis
Swelling	5 to 10 measuring device units = >2.0 to 5.0 cm	11 to 20 measuring device units = >5.0 to 10.0 cm	>20 measuring device units = >10.0 cm	Necrosis
Pain at injection site	Does not interfere with activity	Interferes with activity	Prevents daily activity ^c	Emergency room visit or hospitalization for severe injection site pain

Note: If the size of the redness and/or swelling falls between 2 measuring device units, the higher measuring device unit number will be recorded in the e-diary.

- Participants experiencing Grade 3 local reactions are required to contact the investigator site. In the event that the participant does not call, the investigator will call the participant.
- Grade 4 assessment should be made by the investigator; Grade 4 will not be collected in the e-diary but will be collected as an AE on the case report form. The severity of the local reaction should be graded using the AE severity grading scale in [Section 10.3.3](#).
- Prevents daily activity, eg, results in missed days of work or is otherwise incapacitating.

8.2.2.2. Systemic Events (Systemic Symptoms and Fever)

From Day 1 through Day 7 after Vaccination 1, where Day 1 is the day of vaccination, participants will be asked to assess headache, fatigue, muscle pain, and joint pain and to record the symptoms in the e-diary in the evening. The symptoms will be assessed by the participant as mild, moderate, or severe according to the grading scale in [Table 2](#).

Participants will also be instructed to contact site staff or the investigator if they experience any possible Grade 4 prompted systemic event (ie, emergency room visit or hospitalization for severe headache, severe fatigue, severe muscle pain, or severe joint pain) within 7 days after vaccination. Study staff may also contact the participant to obtain additional information on Grade 3 events entered into the e-diary. For **Japan sites only**, the participants will also be asked to complete an e-diary after Vaccination 2.

Only an investigator is able to classify a participant's systemic event as Grade 4, after physical examination of the participant or documentation from another medically qualified source (eg, emergency room or hospital record) or telephone contact with the participant. If

a participant experiences a Grade 4 systemic event, the investigator must immediately notify the sponsor. Grade 4 events will be collected as an AE on the CRF. The event will be graded using the AE severity grading scale in [Section 10.3.3](#).

The procedure for notification of the sponsor is provided in the SRM or equivalent.

Table 2. Grading Scales for Systemic Events

	Mild Grade 1	Moderate Grade 2	Severe Grade 3^a	Grade 4^b
Fatigue (tiredness)	Does not interfere with activity	Some interference with activity	Prevents daily routine activity	Emergency room visit or hospitalization for severe fatigue
Headache	Does not interfere with activity	Some interference with activity	Prevents daily routine activity	Emergency room visit or hospitalization for severe headache
Muscle pain	Does not interfere with activity	Some interference with activity	Prevents daily routine activity	Emergency room visit or hospitalization for severe muscle pain
Joint pain	Does not interfere with activity	Some interference with activity	Prevents daily routine activity	Emergency room visit or hospitalization for severe joint pain

- a. Prevents daily routine activity, eg, results in missed days of work or school or is otherwise incapacitating; includes use of narcotics for analgesia.
- b. Grade 4 assessment should be made by the investigator; Grade 4 will not be collected in the e-diary but will be collected as an AE on the case report form. The severity of the systemic event should be graded using the AE severity grading scale in [Section 10.3.3](#).

8.2.2.2.1. Fever

In order to record information on fever, a digital thermometer will be given to the participant with instructions on how to measure oral temperature at home. Temperature will be collected in the evening daily for 7 days following Vaccination 1 (Days 1 through 7, where Day 1 is the day of vaccination) and at any time during the 7 days that fever is suspected. Fever is defined as an oral temperature of $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$. The highest temperature for each day will be recorded in the e-diary. In the event of a fever on Day 7, temperature will be collected daily until fever has resolved (1 day of temperature $< 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$) in order to collect a stop date in the CRF. Participants reporting a fever $> 40.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ will be prompted to contact the study site. Study staff may also contact the participant to obtain additional information if a temperature of $> 38.9^{\circ}\text{C}$ is entered into an e-diary. Temperature will be measured and recorded to 1 decimal place. For **Japan sites only**, the participants will also be asked to complete an e-diary after Vaccination 2.

Fever will be grouped into ranges for the analysis according to [Table 3](#).

Table 3. Temperature (°C) Ranges for Fever

≥38.0°C to 38.4°C

>38.4°C to 38.9°C

>38.9°C to 40.0°C

>40.0°C^a

Note: Fever is defined as temperature ≥38.0°C.

a. Participants reporting a fever >40.0°C will be prompted to contact the study site.

8.2.2.3. Use of Antipyretic/Pain Medication

The participant will be asked to record the use of antipyretic/pain medication (yes/no) in the e-diary in the evening, daily, for 7 days following Vaccination 1 (where Day 1 is the day of vaccination). The use of prophylactic antipyretic/pain medication, while permitted, is not recommended on the day of study intervention administration (before or after vaccination). Antipyretic/pain medication includes chronic use of NSAIDs; however, use of low-dose aspirin (<325 mg) should not be recorded in the e-diary. Participants **at Japan sites only** will also be asked to complete an e-diary after Vaccination 2.

8.2.3. Clinical Safety Laboratory Assessments

Clinical safety laboratory assessments will not be collected in this study.

8.3. Adverse Events and Serious Adverse Events

The definitions of an AE and an SAE can be found in [Appendix 3](#).

The definitions of device-related safety events (ADEs and SADEs) can be found in [Appendix 8](#). Device deficiencies are covered in [Section 8.3.9](#).

AEs will be reported by the participant (or, when appropriate, by a caregiver, surrogate, or the participant's legally authorized representative).

The investigator and any qualified designees are responsible for detecting, documenting, and recording events that meet the definition of an AE or SAE and remain responsible to pursue and obtain adequate information both to determine the outcome and to assess whether the event meets the criteria for classification as an SAE or caused the participant to discontinue the study intervention (see [Section 7.1](#)).

Each participant will be questioned about the occurrence of AEs in a nonleading manner.

In addition, the investigator may be requested by Pfizer Safety to obtain specific follow-up information in an expedited fashion.

8.3.1. Time Period and Frequency for Collecting AE and SAE Information

The time period for actively eliciting and collecting AEs and SAEs (“active collection period”) for each participant begins from the time the participant provides informed consent, which is obtained before the participant’s participation in the study (ie, before undergoing any study-related procedure and/or receiving study intervention), through and including Visit 3.

Follow-up by the investigator continues throughout and after the active collection period and until the AE or SAE or its sequelae resolve or stabilize at a level acceptable to the investigator and Pfizer concurs with that assessment.

For participants who are screen failures, the active collection period ends when screen failure status is determined.

If the participant withdraws from the study and also withdraws consent for the collection of future information, the active collection period ends when consent is withdrawn.

If a participant definitively discontinues or temporarily discontinues study intervention because of an AE or SAE, the AE or SAE must be recorded on the CRF and the SAE reported using the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form.

Investigators are not obligated to actively seek AEs or SAEs after the participant has concluded study participation. However, if the investigator learns of any SAE, including a death, at any time after a participant has completed the study, and he/she considers the event to be reasonably related to the study intervention, the investigator must promptly report the SAE to Pfizer using the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form.

8.3.1.1. Reporting SAEs to Pfizer Safety

All SAEs occurring in a participant during the active collection period as described in Section 8.3.1 are reported to Pfizer Safety on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form immediately upon awareness and under no circumstance should this exceed 24 hours, as indicated in [Appendix 3](#). The investigator will submit any updated SAE data to the sponsor within 24 hours of it being available.

8.3.1.2. Recording Nonserious AEs and SAEs on the CRF

All nonserious AEs and SAEs occurring in a participant during the active collection period, which begins after obtaining informed consent as described in Section 8.3.1, will be recorded on the AE section of the CRF.

The investigator is to record on the CRF all directly observed and all spontaneously reported AEs and SAEs reported by the participant.

8.3.2. Method of Detecting AEs and SAEs

The method of recording, evaluating, and assessing causality of AEs and SAEs and the procedures for completing and transmitting SAE reports are provided in [Appendix 3](#).

Care will be taken not to introduce bias when detecting AEs and/or SAEs. Open-ended and nonleading verbal questioning of the participant is the preferred method to inquire about AE occurrences.

8.3.3. Follow-up of AEs and SAEs

After the initial AE/SAE report, the investigator is required to proactively follow each participant at subsequent visits/contacts. For each event, the investigator must pursue and obtain adequate information until resolution, stabilization, the event is otherwise explained, or the participant is lost to follow-up (as defined in [Section 7.3](#)).

In general, follow-up information will include a description of the event in sufficient detail to allow for a complete medical assessment of the case and independent determination of possible causality. Any information relevant to the event, such as concomitant medications and illnesses, must be provided. In the case of a participant death, a summary of available autopsy findings must be submitted as soon as possible to Pfizer Safety.

Further information on follow-up procedures is given in [Appendix 3](#).

8.3.4. Regulatory Reporting Requirements for SAEs

Prompt notification by the investigator to the sponsor of an SAE is essential so that legal obligations and ethical responsibilities towards the safety of participants and the safety of a study intervention under clinical investigation are met.

The sponsor has a legal responsibility to notify both the local regulatory authority and other regulatory agencies about the safety of a study intervention under clinical investigation. The sponsor will comply with country-specific regulatory requirements relating to safety reporting to the regulatory authority, IRBs/ECs, and investigators.

Investigator safety reports must be prepared for SUSARs according to local regulatory requirements and sponsor policy and forwarded to investigators as necessary.

An investigator who receives SUSARs or other specific safety information (eg, summary or listing of SAEs) from the sponsor will review and then file it along with the SRSD(s) for the study and will notify the IRB/EC, if appropriate according to local requirements.

8.3.5. Exposure During Pregnancy or Breastfeeding, and Occupational Exposure

Exposure to the study intervention under study during pregnancy or breastfeeding and occupational exposure are reportable to Pfizer Safety within 24 hours of investigator awareness.

8.3.5.1. Exposure During Pregnancy

An EDP occurs if:

- A female participant is found to be pregnant while receiving or after discontinuing study intervention.
- A male participant who is receiving or has discontinued study intervention exposes a female partner prior to or around the time of conception.
- A female is found to be pregnant while being exposed or having been exposed to study intervention due to environmental exposure. Below are examples of environmental EDP:
 - A female family member or healthcare provider reports that she is pregnant after having been exposed to the study intervention by inhalation or skin contact.
 - A male family member or healthcare provider who has been exposed to the study intervention by inhalation or skin contact then exposes his female partner prior to or around the time of conception.

The investigator must report EDP to Pfizer Safety within 24 hours of the investigator's awareness, irrespective of whether an SAE has occurred. The initial information submitted should include the anticipated date of delivery (see below for information related to termination of pregnancy).

- If EDP occurs in a participant or a participant's partner, the investigator must report this information to Pfizer Safety on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form and an EDP Supplemental Form, regardless of whether an SAE has occurred. Details of the pregnancy will be collected after the start of study intervention and until Visit 3.
- If EDP occurs in the setting of environmental exposure, the investigator must report information to Pfizer Safety using the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form and EDP Supplemental Form. Since the exposure information does not pertain to the participant enrolled in the study, the information is not recorded on a CRF; however, a copy of the completed Vaccine SAE Reporting Form is maintained in the ISF.

Follow-up is conducted to obtain general information on the pregnancy and its outcome for all EDP reports with an unknown outcome. The investigator will follow the pregnancy until completion (or until pregnancy termination) and notify Pfizer Safety of the outcome as a follow-up to the initial EDP Supplemental Form. In the case of a live birth, the structural integrity of the neonate can be assessed at the time of birth. In the event of a termination, the reason(s) for termination should be specified and, if clinically possible, the structural integrity of the terminated fetus should be assessed by gross visual inspection (unless preprocedure test findings are conclusive for a congenital anomaly and the findings are reported).

Abnormal pregnancy outcomes are considered SAEs. If the outcome of the pregnancy meets the criteria for an SAE (ie, ectopic pregnancy, spontaneous abortion, intrauterine fetal demise, neonatal death, or congenital anomaly), the investigator should follow the procedures for reporting SAEs. Additional information about pregnancy outcomes that are reported to Pfizer Safety as SAEs follows:

- Spontaneous abortion including miscarriage and missed abortion;
- Neonatal deaths that occur within 1 month of birth should be reported, without regard to causality, as SAEs. In addition, infant deaths after 1 month should be reported as SAEs when the investigator assesses the infant death as related or possibly related to exposure to the study intervention.

Additional information regarding the EDP may be requested by the sponsor. Further follow-up of birth outcomes will be handled on a case-by-case basis (eg, follow-up on preterm infants to identify developmental delays). In the case of paternal exposure, the investigator will provide the participant with the Pregnant Partner Release of Information Form to deliver to his partner. The investigator must document in the source documents that the participant was given the Pregnant Partner Release of Information Form to provide to his partner.

8.3.5.2. Exposure During Breastfeeding

An exposure during breastfeeding occurs if:

- A female is found to be breastfeeding while being exposed or having been exposed to study intervention (ie, environmental exposure). An example of environmental exposure during breastfeeding is a female family member or healthcare provider who reports that she is breastfeeding after having been exposed to the study intervention by inhalation or skin contact.

The investigator must report exposure during breastfeeding to Pfizer Safety within 24 hours of the investigator's awareness, irrespective of whether an SAE has occurred. The information must be reported using the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form. When exposure during breastfeeding occurs in the setting of environmental exposure, the exposure information does not pertain to the participant enrolled in the study, so the information is not recorded on a CRF. However, a copy of the completed Vaccine SAE Reporting Form is maintained in the ISF.

An exposure-during-breastfeeding report is not created when a Pfizer drug specifically approved for use in breastfeeding women (eg, vitamins) is administered in accord with authorized use. However, if the infant experiences an SAE associated with such a drug, the SAE is reported together with the exposure during breastfeeding.

8.3.5.3. Occupational Exposure

An occupational exposure occurs when a person receives unplanned direct contact with the study intervention, which may or may not lead to the occurrence of an AE. Such persons may include healthcare providers, family members, and other roles that are involved in the trial participant's care.

The investigator must report occupational exposure to Pfizer Safety within 24 hours of the investigator's awareness, regardless of whether there is an associated SAE. The information must be reported using the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form. Since the information does not pertain to a participant enrolled in the study, the information is not recorded on a CRF; however, a copy of the completed Vaccine SAE Reporting Form is maintained in the ISF.

8.3.6. Cardiovascular and Death Events

Not applicable.

8.3.7. Disease-Related Events and/or Disease-Related Outcomes Not Qualifying as AEs or SAEs

Not applicable.

8.3.8. Adverse Events of Special Interest

Not applicable.

8.3.8.1. Lack of Efficacy

Lack of efficacy in an approved indication should be reported as an SAE to Pfizer Safety.

8.3.9. Medical Device Deficiencies

Medical devices are being provided for use in this study for the purpose of administering the study intervention. In order to fulfill regulatory reporting obligations worldwide, the unblinded site staff is responsible for the detection and documentation of events meeting the definitions of device deficiency that occur during the study with such devices.

The definition of a medical device deficiency can be found in [Appendix 8](#).

NOTE: Deficiencies fulfilling the definition of an AE/SAE will also follow the processes outlined in [Section 8.3.1](#) through [Section 8.3.4](#) and [Appendix 3](#).

8.3.9.1. Time Period for Detecting Medical Device Deficiencies

Medical device deficiencies or malfunctions of the device will be detected, documented, and reported during all periods of the study in which the medical device is used.

If the investigator learns of any device deficiency at any time after a participant has been discharged from the study, and such incident is considered reasonably related to a medical device provided for the study, the investigator will promptly notify the sponsor.

The method of documenting medical device deficiencies is provided in [Appendix 8](#).

8.3.9.2. Follow-up of Medical Device Deficiencies

Follow-up applies to all participants, including those who discontinue study intervention.

The unblinded site staff is responsible for ensuring that follow-up includes any supplemental investigations as indicated to elucidate the nature and/or causality of the deficiency.

New or updated information will be recorded on a follow-up form with all changes signed and dated by the unblinded site staff.

8.3.9.3. Prompt Reporting of Device Deficiencies to Sponsor

Device deficiencies will be reported to the sponsor within 1 day after the unblinded site staff determines that the event meets the protocol definition of a medical device deficiency. Information will be provided to the sponsor as described in the IP manual. The medication error CRF will also be completed.

Any device deficiency that is associated with an SAE must be reported to Pfizer Safety within 24 hours upon the investigator's awareness as outlined in [Section 8.3.1.1](#) and [8.3.1.2](#).

The sponsor will be the contact for the receipt of device deficiency information.

8.3.9.4. Regulatory Reporting Requirements for Device Deficiencies

The unblinded site staff will promptly report all device deficiencies occurring with any medical device provided for use in the study in order for the sponsor to fulfill the legal responsibility to notify appropriate regulatory authorities and other entities about certain safety information relating to medical devices being used in clinical studies.

The unblinded site staff, or responsible person according to local requirements (eg, the head of the medical institution), will comply with the applicable local regulatory requirements relating to the reporting of device deficiencies to the IRB/EC.

8.3.10. Medication Errors

Medication errors may result from the administration or consumption of the study intervention by the wrong participant, or at the wrong time, or at the wrong dosage strength.

Exposures to the study intervention under study may occur in clinical trial settings, such as medication errors.

Safety Event	Recorded on the CRF	Reported on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form to Pfizer Safety Within 24 Hours of Awareness
Medication errors	All (regardless of whether associated with an AE)	Only if associated with an SAE

Medication errors include:

- Medication errors involving participant exposure to the study intervention;
- Potential medication errors or uses outside of what is foreseen in the protocol that do or do not involve the study participant.

Such medication errors occurring to a study participant are to be captured on the medication error page of the CRF, which is a specific version of the AE page.

In the event of a medication dosing error, the sponsor should be notified within 24 hours.

Whether or not the medication error is accompanied by an AE, as determined by the investigator, the medication error is recorded on the medication error page of the CRF and, if applicable, any associated AE(s), serious and nonserious, are recorded on the AE page of the CRF.

Medication errors should be reported to Pfizer Safety within 24 hours on a Vaccine SAE Reporting Form **only when associated with an SAE**.

Other examples include, but are not limited to:

- The administration of expired study intervention;
- The administration of an incorrect study intervention;
- The administration of an incorrect dosage;
- The administration of study intervention that has undergone temperature excursion from the specified storage range, unless it is determined by the sponsor that the study intervention under question is acceptable for use.

8.4. Treatment of Overdose

For this study, any dose of study intervention greater than 1 dose of study intervention within a 24-hour time period will be considered an overdose.

Pfizer does not recommend specific treatment for an overdose.

In the event of an overdose, the investigator should:

1. Contact the medical monitor within 24 hours.
2. Closely monitor the participant for any AEs/SAEs.
3. Document the quantity of the excess dose as well as the duration of the overdose in the CRF.

4. Overdose is reportable to Safety **only when associated with an SAE.**

Decisions regarding dose interruptions or modifications will be made by the investigator in consultation with the medical monitor based on the clinical evaluation of the participant.

8.5. Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacokinetic parameters are not evaluated in this study.

8.6. Pharmacodynamics

Pharmacodynamic parameters are not evaluated in this study.

8.7. Genetics

Genetics (specified analyses) are not evaluated in this study.

8.8. Biomarkers

Biomarkers are not evaluated in this study.

8.9. Immunogenicity Assessments

Immunogenicity assessments are described in [Section 8.1](#).

8.10. Health Economics

Health economics/medical resource utilization and health economics parameters are not evaluated in this study.

8.11. Study Procedures

The study procedures are summarized in the SoA (Section [1.3](#)). The day of vaccination is considered to be Day 1.

8.11.1. Visit 1 (Vaccination 1 – Day 1)

Prior to vaccination:

- Obtain a personally signed and dated ICD indicating that the participant has been informed of all pertinent aspects of the study before performing any study-specific procedures.
- Assign a participant number via the IRT.
- Obtain and record the participant demography (sex, date of birth, ethnicity, and race). The complete date of birth (ie, DD-MMM-YYYY) will be collected to critically evaluate the immune response and safety profile by age.

- Obtain and record significant medical history including the presence of chronic conditions (eg, diabetes, asthma, cardiac disease, COPD, renal disorders) and/or medical history of significance such as relevant surgical procedures.
- Conduct a clinical assessment. If the clinical assessment indicates that a physical examination is necessary to comprehensively evaluate the participant, perform a physical examination and record any findings in the source documents and, if significant, record on the medical history CRF.
- Assess and record smoking history.
- Record details of any medications currently being taken for any medical conditions.
- Record nonstudy vaccinations and medications as described in [Section 6.5.3](#).
- Measure and record the participant's height, weight, and oral temperature (°C).
- Instruct the participant to use appropriate contraceptives until 28 days after Vaccination 2, if applicable, and document the conversation and the participant's affirmation in the participant's chart.
- Ensure and document that all of the inclusion criteria and none of the exclusion criteria are met and that none of the temporary delay criteria are met.
- Assign a randomization number and a study intervention container number via the IRT. This must be the last step before proceeding. A site staff member will prepare the study intervention according to the IP manual.

After randomization:

- Collect a blood sample of approximately 30 mL for immunogenicity assessments prior to vaccination.
- Administer a single 0.5-mL injection of study intervention (20vPnC or 13vPnC) into the deltoid muscle of the nondominant arm.

After vaccination:

- Blinded site staff will observe the participant for 30 minutes after study intervention administration for any reactions. Record any AEs on the CRF and on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form as applicable. Record concomitant medications used to treat SAEs.
- Issue the participant a measuring device to measure injection site reactions and a digital thermometer and provide instructions on their use.

- Issue the participant an e-diary (device or application) and provide instructions on its use and completion. Ask the participant to complete the e-diary from Day 1 to Day 10, with Day 1 being the day of vaccination.
- Ask the participant to contact the site staff or investigator immediately during the 10 days after vaccination if he or she experiences redness or swelling at the injection site measuring >20 measuring device units (>10.0 cm) or severe injection site pain (prevents daily activity) to determine if the event requires further assessment by the investigator.
- Ask the participant to contact site staff or the investigator as soon as possible if he or she experiences any possible Grade 4 prompted local reaction or systemic event (refer to [Section 8.11.4](#)).
- Inform the participant that he or she may be contacted by site staff to obtain additional information on reports of fever >38.9°C or Grade 3 events entered into the e-diary.
- Inform the participant that use of prophylactic antipyretic/pain medication, while permitted, is not recommended on the day of study intervention administration (before or after vaccination).
- Ask the participant to contact the site staff or investigator immediately if any significant illness or medical event (eg, emergency room visit or hospitalization) occurs.
- Provide the participant with the participant contact card containing the study and investigator information.
- Remind the participant to use appropriate contraceptives until 28 days after Vaccination 2, if applicable.
- Record AEs and SAEs as described in [Section 8.3.1](#).
- The investigator or an authorized designee completes the CRF and updates the study intervention accountability records.
- The investigator or appropriately qualified designee reviews the e-diary data online at frequent intervals (daily is optimal) for the 10 days following vaccination (Day 1 is the day of vaccination) to evaluate participant compliance and as part of the ongoing safety review.

8.11.2. Visit 2 (Vaccination 2 – 28 to 42 Days After Visit 1)

Prior to vaccination:

- Ensure and document that the participant continues to be eligible for the study and that none of the temporary delay criteria are met.

- Record nonstudy vaccinations and medications as described in [Section 6.5.3](#).
- Perform a contraception check (see [Section 10.4](#)), if applicable.
- Review the participant's e-diary data and collect the provisioned e-diary (from participants not enrolled **at Japan sites**). Collect stop dates of any e-diary events ongoing on the last day that the e-diary was completed and record stop dates in the CRF.
- Determine if any AEs or SAEs have occurred since Visit 1 and follow up on any previously reported events to determine the outcome (ie, record stop dates or confirm if they are still continuing), record as described in [Section 8.3.1](#), and record concomitant medications used to treat SAEs.
- Measure and record the participant's oral temperature (°C).
- Collect a blood sample of approximately 30 mL for immunogenicity assessments prior to vaccination.
- An **unblinded site staff member** will administer a single 0.5-mL injection of PPSV23 or saline into the deltoid muscle of the nondominant arm.

After vaccination:

- Blinded site staff will observe the participant for 30 minutes after study intervention administration for any reactions. Record any AEs on the CRF and on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form, as applicable. Record concomitant medications used to treat SAEs.
- For participants enrolled **at Japan sites**:
 - Ask the participant to contact the site staff or investigator immediately during the 10 days after vaccination if the participant experiences redness or swelling at the injection site measuring >20 measuring device units (>10.0 cm) or severe injection site pain (prevents daily activity) to determine if the event requires further assessment by the investigator.
 - Ask the participant to contact site staff or the investigator as soon as possible if the participant experiences any possible Grade 4 prompted local reaction or systemic event (refer to [Section 8.11.4](#)).
 - Remind the participant that he or she may be contacted by site staff to obtain additional information on reports of fever >38.9°C or Grade 3 events entered into the e-diary.
 - Remind the participant that the use of prophylactic antipyretic/pain medication, while permitted, is not recommended on the day of study intervention administration (before or after vaccination).

- The investigator or appropriately qualified designee reviews the e-diary data online at frequent intervals (daily is optimal) for the 10 days following vaccination (Day 1 is the day of vaccination) to evaluate participant compliance and as part of the ongoing safety review.
- Ask the participant to contact the site staff or investigator immediately if any significant illness or medical event (eg, emergency room visit or hospitalization) occurs.
- Remind the participant to use appropriate contraceptives until 28 days after vaccination, if applicable.
- The investigator or an authorized designee completes the CRF and updates the study intervention accountability records.

8.11.3. Visit 3 (Follow-up – 28 to 42 Days After Vaccination 2)

- Ensure and document that the participant continues to be eligible for the study.
- Record nonstudy vaccinations and concomitant medications as described in [Section 6.5.3](#).
- Perform a contraception check (see [Section 10.4](#)), if applicable.
- Determine if any AEs or SAEs have occurred since Visit 2 and follow up on any previously reported events to determine the outcome (ie, record stop dates or confirm if they are still continuing), record as described in [Section 8.3.1](#), and record concomitant medications used to treat SAEs.
- For participants enrolled **at Japan sites**, review the participant's e-diary data and collect the e-diary. Collect the stop dates of any e-diary events ongoing on the last day that the e-diary was completed and record the stop dates in the CRF.
- Collect a blood sample of approximately 30 mL for immunogenicity assessments.
- The investigator or an authorized designee completes the CRF.

8.11.4. Unscheduled Visits

Following Vaccination 1, if the participant reports redness or swelling at the injection site measuring >20 measuring device units (>10.0 cm) or severe injection site pain during the 10 days following vaccination, a telephone contact must occur as soon as possible between the investigator or medically qualified designee and the participant to assess if an unscheduled site visit is required. This applies to Vaccination 2 for participants enrolled **at Japan sites only**.

A site visit must be scheduled as soon as possible to assess the extent of the reaction unless any of the following is true:

- The participant is unable to attend the unscheduled visit.
- The reaction is no longer present at the time of the telephone contact.
- The participant recorded an incorrect value in the e-diary (confirmation of an e-diary data entry error).
- The PI or authorized designee determined it was not needed.

This telephone contact will be recorded in the participant's source documentation and the CRF.

If the participant is unable to attend the unscheduled visit, or the PI or authorized designee determined it was not needed, any ongoing reactions must be assessed at the next study visit.

During the unscheduled visit, the reactions should be assessed by the investigator or a medically qualified member of the study staff such as a study physician or a study nurse, as applicable to the investigator's local practice, who will:

- Measure oral temperature (°C).
- Measure minimum and maximum diameters of redness (if present).
- Measure minimum and maximum diameters of swelling (if present).
- Assess injection site pain (if present) in accordance with the grades provided in [Section 8.2.2.1](#).
- Assess for other findings associated with the reaction and record on the AE page of the CRF, if appropriate.

The investigator or an authorized designee will complete the unscheduled visit assessment page of the CRF.

Participants will also be instructed to contact site staff or the investigator if they experience any possible Grade 4 prompted systemic event (ie, emergency room visit or hospitalization for headache, fatigue, muscle pain, or joint pain) or fever >40.0°C within 7 days, or local reaction at the injection site (ie, necrosis, exfoliative dermatitis, or emergency room visit/hospitalization for injection site pain) within 10 days after vaccination.

Participants will be instructed to contact site staff or the investigator to report any significant illness, medical event, or hospitalization that occurs during the study period. The investigator site staff should determine if an unscheduled visit to further evaluate the event is warranted in all such cases.

Additionally, site staff may contact the participant to obtain additional information on fever $>38.9^{\circ}\text{C}$ or Grade 3 events entered into the e-diary.

9. STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Methodology for summary and statistical analyses of the data collected in this study is described here and further detailed in a SAP, which will be maintained by the sponsor. The SAP may modify what is outlined in the protocol where appropriate; however, any major modifications of the primary endpoint definitions or their analyses will also be reflected in a protocol amendment.

9.1. Estimands and Statistical Hypotheses

9.1.1. Estimands

The estimands corresponding to each of the primary and secondary objectives are described in the table in [Section 3](#). The estimands to evaluate the immunogenicity objectives for NI are based on evaluable populations ([Section 9.3](#)). These estimands estimate the vaccine effect in the hypothetical setting where participants follow the study schedules and protocol requirements as directed. The estimand addresses the objective of estimating the maximum potential difference between the 2 compared groups, since the impact of noncompliance is likely to diminish the observed difference between the 2 groups. Missing serology results will not be imputed. Immunogenicity results that are below the LLOQ will be set to $0.5 \times \text{LLOQ}$ in the analysis.

For safety evaluation, missing e-diary data will not be imputed. A partial missing AE start date (missing day or missing both day and month) will be imputed by assigning the earliest possible start date using all available information, such as the stop date of the AE and the vaccination date(s) from the same participant, following the Pfizer standard of handling incomplete AE start date. A complete missing start date for an AE is not allowed in the data collection. No other missing information will be imputed in the safety analysis.

9.1.2. Statistical Hypotheses

9.1.2.1. Noninferiority Comparing Pneumococcal Serotype-Specific OPA Titers 1 Month After Vaccination (Primary Endpoint)

NI of the immune response after vaccination for each serotype in 20vPnC is evaluated by serotype-specific OPA GMTs from the 20vPnC/saline group and the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group as described below.

Hypothesis testing will be used to assess NI of the serotype-specific OPA titers after administration of 20vPnC to those after administration of the control vaccine for each 20vPnC serotype. The null hypothesis for a serotype is

$$H_0: \ln(\mu_A) - \ln(\mu_B) \leq \ln(0.5)$$

where $\ln(0.5)$ corresponds to a 2-fold margin for NI and

- $\ln(\mu_A)$ is the natural log of the geometric mean OPA titer 1 month after 20vPnC in the 20vPnC/saline group;
- $\ln(\mu_B)$ is the natural log of the geometric mean OPA titer 1 month after 13vPnC in the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group when the serotypes is one of the 13 shared serotypes (1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F) or
- $\ln(\mu_B)$ is the natural log of the geometric mean OPA titer 1 month after PPSV23 in the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group when the serotype is one of the 7 additional serotypes (8, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15B, 22F, and 33F).

The null hypothesis will be rejected and NI of 20vPnC to the control vaccine for a serotype will be declared if the lower bound of the 2-sided 95% CI for the ratio of the GMT from the 20vPnC/saline group to that from the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group for that serotype is greater than 0.5 (2-fold criterion), with control being 13vPnC for the 13vPnC serotypes and PPSV23 for the 7 additional serotypes.

9.2. Sample Size Determination

Overall sample size of the study and the size from each country are based on considerations of the statistical probability of demonstrating NI of the overall immune response to 20vPnC comparing to control, a sufficient number of participants from each country for safety and immunogenicity evaluations to meet regulatory requirements of each country, and operational feasibility of the study.

Sample size and probability for the primary immunogenicity objectives are based on simulations of multivariate log-normal distributed random numbers with assumptions supported by Cohort 1 OPA results from the US pivotal Phase 3 study of 20vPnC (B7471007), as described in [Table 4](#).

Assuming the true GMRs and variance-covariance matrices for the 20 serotype-specific OPA titers are the same as that obtained from B7471007, the estimated probabilities to demonstrate NI for at least 18 out of 20, at least 19 out of 20, and for all 20 serotypes are approximately 99.3%, 94.7%, and 18.6%, respectively, assuming 630 evaluable participants in each group ([Table 5](#)). The large decrease in the probability of demonstrating NI for all 20 serotypes, compared to the probability of demonstrating at least 19 serotypes, is due to a relatively low observed GMR of 0.55 for serotype 8 in Study B7471007.

To ensure 630 evaluable participants per group for primary analysis, 700 participants per group (total 1400 participants) will be enrolled, assuming a dropout rate of about 10%.

A total of approximately 700 Japanese participants will be enrolled, and 500 and 200 participants will be enrolled from Korea and Taiwan, respectively.

Table 4. OPA GMT and GMR Results After Vaccination for Study B7471007 (Cohort 1)

Vaccine Group (as Randomized)								
ST	20vPnC/Saline			13vPnC/PPSV23			Vaccine Comparison	
	n ^a	GMT ^b	(95% CI ^b)	n ^a	GMT ^b	(95% CI ^b)	GMR ^c	(95% CI ^c)
1	1430	150.9	(138.3, 164.6)	1419	186.1	(170.6, 202.9)	0.81	(0.72, 0.92)
3	1415	43.6	(40.9, 46.5)	1411	50.4	(47.2, 53.7)	0.87	(0.79, 0.95)
4	1415	644.5	(584.3, 710.8)	1409	766.8	(695.5, 845.4)	0.84	(0.73, 0.97)
5	1418	101.8	(93.6, 110.9)	1395	123.6	(113.4, 134.6)	0.82	(0.73, 0.93)
6A	1403	1020.7	(921.8, 1130.2)	1390	1344.1	(1215.1, 1486.7)	0.76	(0.66, 0.88)
6B	1413	1261.1	(1144.8, 1389.3)	1401	1542.6	(1399.1, 1700.9)	0.82	(0.71, 0.94)
7F	1409	1056.7	(976.5, 1143.5)	1391	1250.2	(1154.0, 1354.4)	0.85	(0.76, 0.95)
9V	1399	1668.1	(1526.1, 1823.2)	1391	1761.2	(1610.5, 1926.0)	0.95	(0.83, 1.07)
14	1418	762.3	(697.2, 833.5)	1408	797.0	(731.7, 868.1)	0.96	(0.85, 1.08)
18C	1420	1383.9	(1254.1, 1527.2)	1403	1653.2	(1497.3, 1825.4)	0.84	(0.73, 0.96)
19A	1420	588.0	(540.9, 639.2)	1398	733.3	(673.5, 798.5)	0.80	(0.71, 0.90)
19F	1421	297.2	(271.7, 325.0)	1403	367.4	(334.0, 404.1)	0.81	(0.71, 0.92)
23F	1424	308.9	(273.2, 349.3)	1409	362.0	(320.0, 409.5)	0.85	(0.72, 1.02)
8	1374	540.2	(493.9, 591.0)	1319	978.1	(896.8, 1066.8)	0.55	(0.49, 0.63)
10A	1310	2257.2	(2059.8, 2473.5)	1263	1221.7	(1100.1, 1356.8)	1.85	(1.61, 2.12)
11A	1198	5268.9	(4807.3, 5774.9)	1209	2932.8	(2673.3, 3217.5)	1.80	(1.58, 2.05)
12F	1294	3191.6	(2895.2, 3518.3)	1222	2244.7	(1994.9, 2525.8)	1.42	(1.22, 1.66)
15B	1283	2722.7	(2433.0, 3046.8)	1249	899.2	(786.3, 1028.3)	3.03	(2.54, 3.61)
22F	1274	4588.5	(4141.3, 5084.0)	1227	2264.4	(2013.4, 2546.7)	2.03	(1.73, 2.37)
33F	1157	6126.9	(5585.0, 6721.5)	1201	4345.7	(3955.6, 4774.1)	1.41	(1.24, 1.61)

Abbreviations: CSR = clinical study report; GMR = geometric mean ratio; GMT = geometric mean titer; LLOQ = lower limit of quantitation; OPA = opsonophagocytic activity; ST= serotype.

Note: Assay results below the LLOQ were set to $0.5 \times$ LLOQ in the analysis. OPA GMTs and GMRs were obtained from the B7471007 CSR.

- n = Number of participants with valid and determinate OPA titers for the specified serotype.
- GMTs and 2-sided CIs were calculated by exponentiating the mean logarithm of the titers and the corresponding CIs (based on Student's t-distribution).
- GMRs and 2-sided CIs were calculated by exponentiating the mean differences of the logarithms of the titers (20vPnC/saline – 13vPnC/PPSV23) and the corresponding CIs (based on Student's t-distribution).

Table 5. Probability of Demonstrating Noninferiority of 20vPnC to Control for OPA GMTs With Specified Overall Success Criteria

Sample Size	Probability (%) With the Specified Overall Success Criterion ^a		
	≥18/20	≥19/20	20/20
600	99.1	93.5	18.2
630	99.3	94.7	18.6
650	99.6	95.1	18.0
700	99.8	97.4	19.7

Abbreviations: GMR = geometric mean ratio; GMT = geometric mean titer; OPA = opsonophagocytic activity.

Note: Probability is estimated based on 5000 simulated OPA results following multivariate log-normal distributions with mean vectors and variance-covariance matrices estimated from Study B7471007, with 1:1 randomization

- a. Noninferiority for each serotype is defined by the lower bound of the 2-sided 95% CI for OPA GMR (20vPnC/saline group over 13vPnC/PPSV23 group) above 0.5.

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9.3. Analysis Sets

For purposes of analysis, the following analysis sets are defined:

Population	Description
Enrolled	All participants who have a signed ICD.
Randomized	All participants who are assigned a randomization number in the IWR system.
Evaluable 13-matched immunogenicity	All eligible randomized participants who receive the first vaccine as randomized, have Visit 2 blood collection within an appropriate window for Visit 2, have at least 1 valid OPA titer for any of the 13 matched serotypes at Visit 2, and have no other major protocol deviations as determined by the clinician.
Evaluable 7-additional immunogenicity	All eligible randomized participants who receive the assigned study interventions at Visit 1 for the 20vPnC/saline group or receive the assigned study interventions at both Visit 1 and Visit 2 for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group, have either Visit 2 blood collection for the 20vPnC/saline group or Visit 3 blood collection for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group within appropriate windows for Visit 2 or 3, respectively, have at least 1 valid OPA titer for any of the

Population	Description
	7 additional serotypes at either Visit 2 for the 20vPnC/saline group or Visit 3 for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group, and have no other major protocol deviations as determined by the clinician.
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Safety	All participants who receive at least 1 dose of the study intervention with safety follow-up after any vaccination.

9.4. Statistical Analyses

The SAP will be developed and finalized before database lock for the final analysis. The SAP will describe the participant populations to be included in the analyses, and procedures for accounting for missing, unused, and spurious data. This section is a summary of the planned statistical analyses of the primary, secondary, CCI [REDACTED] endpoints.

All CIs in the statistical analysis will be calculated as 2-sided at the 95% level.

9.4.1. Immunogenicity Analyses

The statistical analysis of immunogenicity results will be primarily based on the evaluable 13-matched immunogenicity and evaluable 7-additional immunogenicity populations (primary immunogenicity population) as defined in [Section 9.3](#).

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Participants will be summarized according to the vaccine group to which they are randomized for analysis based on immunogenicity populations. Missing serology data will not be imputed. Titers below LLOQ or denoted as BLQ will be set to $0.5 \times \text{LLOQ}$ for analysis.

Endpoint	Statistical Analysis Methods
Primary immunogenicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GMRs of pneumococcal serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after vaccination <p>(1) For each of the 13 matched serotypes, the ratio of the GMT 1 month after 20vPnC in the 20vPnC/saline group to the GMT 1 month after 13vPnC in the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group (Visit 2) will be provided;</p> <p>(2) For each of the 7 additional serotypes, the ratio of the GMT 1 month after 20vPnC in the 20vPnC/saline group (Visit 2) to the GMT 1 month after PPSV23 in the 13vPnC/PPSV23 group (Visit 3) will be provided.</p>

Endpoint	Statistical Analysis Methods
	<p>As the primary approach to calculate the GMR and CI for each serotype for OPA titer, a linear regression model that includes terms for age, corresponding baseline OPA titer, sex, smoking status, country, and vaccine group will be used to calculate the serotype-specific OPA GMR and 2-sided 95% CI, along with the model-based least squares GMTs and associated 2-sided 95% CIs, for each vaccine group. CCI [REDACTED]</p> <p>Hypothesis testing for NI of 20vPnC to the control vaccine (13vPnC for the 13 matched serotypes or PPSV23 for the 7 additional serotypes) will be performed as described in Section 9.1.2.1.</p>
Secondary immunogenicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GMTs of pneumococcal serotype-specific OPA titers 1 month after vaccination <p>OPA GMTs at 1 month after 20vPnC for the 20vPnC/saline vaccine group and 13vPnC (Visit 2) for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 vaccine group will be summarized for the 13 matched serotypes in each vaccine group. For the 7 additional serotypes, the GMTs at 1 month after 20vPnC (Visit 2) for the 20vPnC/saline vaccine group and the GMTs at 1 month after PPSV23 (Visit 3) for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 vaccine group will be summarized.</p> <p>GMTs and the associated 2-sided 95% CIs will be derived by calculating means and CIs on the natural log scale based on Student's t-distribution, and then exponentiating the results.</p> GMFRs of pneumococcal serotype-specific OPA titers <p>OPA GMFRs from before vaccination (Visit 1) to 1 month after 20vPnC or 13vPnC (Visit 2) for the 13 matched serotypes in each vaccine group will be summarized. For the 7 additional serotypes, the GMFRs from before vaccination (Visit 1) to 1 month after 20vPnC (Visit 2) for the 20vPnC/saline vaccine group and the GMFRs from before vaccination (Visit 1) to 1 month after PPSV23 (Visit 3) for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 vaccine group will be summarized. GMFRs will be limited to participants with nonmissing values both before any vaccination and after the indicated vaccination.</p> <p>The GMFR for each serotype will be calculated as the mean of the difference of logarithmically transformed assay results (later time point – earlier time point) and transformed back to the original scale. Two-sided 95% CIs will be obtained by calculating CIs using Student's t-distribution for the mean difference of the</p>

Endpoint	Statistical Analysis Methods
	<p>logarithmically transformed assay results and transforming the limits back to the original scale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of participants with a ≥ 4-fold rise in pneumococcal serotype-specific OPA titers <p>Percentage of participants with a ≥ 4-fold rise in serotype-specific OPA titer from before vaccination (Visit 1) to 1 month after 20vPnC or 13vPnC (Visit 2) for the 13 matched serotypes in each vaccine group will be summarized. For 7 additional serotypes, the percentage of participants with a ≥ 4-fold rise in serotype-specific OPA titer from before vaccination (Visit 1) to 1 month after PPSV23 (Visit 3) for the 13vPnC/PPSV23 vaccine group will be summarized. The percentage of participants with a ≥ 4-fold rise in serotype-specific OPA titer will be limited to participants with nonmissing values both before any vaccination and after the indicated vaccination. The associated 2-sided CIs will be obtained using the Clopper-Pearson method.</p> Percentage of participants with pneumococcal serotype-specific OPA titers \geq LLOQ <p>Percentage of participants with OPA titers \geq LLOQ will be provided for time points (same as ≥ 4-fold rise) and serotypes. The associated 2-sided CIs will be obtained using the Clopper-Pearson method.</p>

9.4.2. Safety Analyses

Endpoint	Statistical Analysis Methods
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive statistics will be provided for each reactogenicity endpoint for each vaccine group. Local reactions from Day 1 through Day 10 after vaccination and systemic events from Day 1 through Day 7 after vaccination will be presented by severity cumulatively across severity levels. Descriptive summary statistics will include counts and percentages of participants with the indicated endpoint and the associated Clopper-Pearson 2-sided 95% CIs. Between-group differences (20vPnC/saline [Vaccination 1] - 13vPnC/PPSV23 [Vaccination 1]) in percentage and 2-sided 95% CIs will be provided. The Miettinen and Nurminen method will be used to derive the 2-sided 95% CI for the difference in percentages between vaccine groups.

Endpoint	Statistical Analysis Methods
	<p>In addition, descriptive summaries for each reactogenicity endpoint after each vaccination for each vaccine group and the associated 2-sided 95% Clopper-Pearson CIs for Japanese participants only will also be provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEs will be categorized according to MedDRA terms. A 3-tier approach will be used to summarize AEs. Under this approach AEs are classified into 1 of 3 tiers: (1) Tier 1 events are prespecified events of clinical importance and are identified in a list in the product's safety review plan; (2) Tier 2 events are those that are not Tier 1 but are considered "relatively common"; a MedDRA preferred term is defined as a Tier 2 event if there are at least 1% of participants in at least 1 vaccine group reporting the event; and (3) Tier 3 events are those that are neither Tier 1 nor Tier 2 events. For both Tier 1 and Tier 2 events, the 2-sided 95% CIs for the difference in percentage of participants reporting the events between groups will be calculated using the Miettinen and Nurminen method. In addition, for Tier 1 events, the asymptotic p-values will also be presented for the difference in percentage of participants reporting the events, based on the same test statistic and under the assumption that the test statistic is asymptotically normally distributed. There is no Tier 1 event identified for 20vPnC at this stage. Descriptive summary statistics (counts, percentages, and associated 2-sided Clopper-Pearson 95% CIs) will be provided for Tier 3 events for each vaccine group. • SAEs will be categorized according to MedDRA terms. Counts, percentages, and the associated 2-sided Clopper-Pearson 95% CIs of SAEs will be provided for each vaccine group. • The safety analyses are based on the safety population. Participants' data will be summarized by vaccine group according to the study interventions they actually received. Missing e-diary data will not be imputed; missing AE dates will be handled according to the Pfizer safety rules.
Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each reactogenicity endpoint, summaries (20vPnC/saline [Vaccination 1] and 13vPnC/PPSV23 [Vaccination 2]) and 2-sided 95% Clopper-Pearson CIs, for Japanese participants only, will be provided. The Miettinen and Nurminen method will be used to derive the 2-sided 95% CI for the difference in percentages between vaccine groups.

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9.5. Interim Analyses

No interim analysis is planned in this study. Statistical analyses will be carried out when the final data for the specified analyses are available.

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10. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

10.1. Appendix 1: Regulatory, Ethical, and Study Oversight Considerations

10.1.1. Regulatory and Ethical Considerations

This study will be conducted in accordance with the protocol and with the following:

- Consensus ethical principles derived from international guidelines including the Declaration of Helsinki and CIOMS International Ethical Guidelines;
- Applicable ICH GCP guidelines;
- Applicable laws and regulations, including applicable privacy laws.

The protocol, protocol amendments, ICD, SRSD(s), and other relevant documents (eg, advertisements) must be reviewed and approved by the sponsor and submitted to an IRB/EC by the investigator and reviewed and approved by the IRB/EC before the study is initiated.

Any amendments to the protocol will require IRB/EC approval before implementation of changes made to the study design, except for changes necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to study participants.

The investigator will be responsible for the following:

- Providing written summaries of the status of the study to the IRB/EC annually or more frequently in accordance with the requirements, policies, and procedures established by the IRB/EC;
- Notifying the IRB/EC of SAEs or other significant safety findings as required by IRB/EC procedures;
- Providing oversight of the conduct of the study at the site and adherence to requirements of 21 CFR, ICH guidelines, the IRB/EC, European regulation 536/2014 for clinical studies (if applicable), and all other applicable local regulations.

10.1.1.1. Reporting of Safety Issues and Serious Breaches of the Protocol or ICH GCP

In the event of any prohibition or restriction imposed (ie, clinical hold) by an applicable regulatory authority in any area of the world, or if the investigator is aware of any new information that might influence the evaluation of the benefits and risks of the study intervention, Pfizer should be informed immediately.

In addition, the investigator will inform Pfizer immediately of any urgent safety measures taken by the investigator to protect the study participants against any immediate hazard, and of any serious breaches of this protocol or of ICH GCP that the investigator becomes aware of.

10.1.2. Financial Disclosure

Investigators and subinvestigators will provide the sponsor with sufficient, accurate financial information as requested to allow the sponsor to submit complete and accurate financial certification or disclosure statements to the appropriate regulatory authorities. Investigators are responsible for providing information on financial interests during the course of the study and for 1 year after completion of the study.

10.1.3. Informed Consent Process

The investigator or his/her representative will explain the nature of the study to the participant and answer all questions regarding the study. The participant should be given sufficient time and opportunity to ask questions and to decide whether or not to participate in the trial.

Participants must be informed that their participation is voluntary. Participants will be required to sign a statement of informed consent that meets the requirements of 21 CFR 50, local regulations, ICH guidelines, HIPAA requirements, where applicable, and the IRB/EC or study center.

The investigator must ensure that each study participant is fully informed about the nature and objectives of the study, the sharing of data related to the study, and possible risks associated with participation, including the risks associated with the processing of the participant's personal data.

The participant must be informed that his/her personal study-related data will be used by the sponsor in accordance with local data protection law. The level of disclosure must also be explained to the participant.

The participant must be informed that his/her medical records may be examined by Clinical Quality Assurance auditors or other authorized personnel appointed by the sponsor, by appropriate IRB/EC members, and by inspectors from regulatory authorities.

The investigator further must ensure that each study participant is fully informed about his or her right to access and correct his or her personal data and to withdraw consent for the processing of his or her personal data.

The medical record must include a statement that written informed consent was obtained before the participant was enrolled in the study and the date the written consent was obtained. The authorized person obtaining the informed consent must also sign the ICD.

Participants must be reconsented to the most current version of the ICD(s) during their participation in the study.

A copy of the ICD(s) must be provided to the participant.

Unless prohibited by local requirements or IRB/EC decision, the ICD will contain a separate section that addresses the use of samples for optional additional research. The optional additional research does not require the collection of any further samples. The investigator or authorized designee will explain to each participant the objectives of the additional research. Participants will be told that they are free to refuse to participate and may withdraw their consent at any time and for any reason during the storage period.

10.1.4. Data Protection

All parties will comply with all applicable laws, including laws regarding the implementation of organizational and technical measures to ensure protection of participant data.

Participants' personal data will be stored at the study site in encrypted electronic and/or paper form and will be password protected or secured in a locked room to ensure that only authorized study staff have access. The study site will implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure that the personal data can be recovered in the event of disaster. In the event of a potential personal data breach, the study site will be responsible for determining whether a personal data breach has in fact occurred and, if so, providing breach notifications as required by law.

To protect the rights and freedoms of participants with regard to the processing of personal data, participants will be assigned a single, participant-specific numerical code. Any participant records or data sets that are transferred to the sponsor will contain the numerical code; participant names will not be transferred. All other identifiable data transferred to the sponsor will be identified by this single, participant-specific code. The study site will maintain a confidential list of participants who participated in the study, linking each participant's numerical code to his or her actual identity and medical record identification. In case of data transfer, the sponsor will protect the confidentiality of participants' personal data consistent with the clinical study agreement and applicable privacy laws.

10.1.5. Dissemination of Clinical Study Data

Pfizer fulfills its commitment to publicly disclose clinical study results through posting the results of studies on www.clinicaltrials.gov (ClinicalTrials.gov), the EudraCT, and/or www.pfizer.com, and other public registries in accordance with applicable local laws/regulations. In addition, Pfizer reports study results outside of the requirements of local laws/regulations pursuant to its SOPs.

In all cases, study results are reported by Pfizer in an objective, accurate, balanced, and complete manner and are reported regardless of the outcome of the study or the country in which the study was conducted.

www.clinicaltrials.gov

Pfizer posts clinical trial results on www.clinicaltrials.gov for Pfizer-sponsored interventional studies (conducted in patients) that evaluate the safety and/or efficacy of a product,

regardless of the geographical location in which the study is conducted. These results are submitted for posting in accordance with the format and timelines set forth by US law.

EudraCT

Pfizer posts clinical trial results on EudraCT for Pfizer-sponsored interventional studies in accordance with the format and timelines set forth by EU requirements.

www.pfizer.com

Pfizer posts public disclosure synopses (CSR synopses in which any data that could be used to identify individual participants have been removed) on www.pfizer.com for Pfizer-sponsored interventional studies at the same time the corresponding study results are posted to www.clinicaltrials.gov.

Documents within marketing authorization packages/submissions

Pfizer complies with the European Union Policy 0070, the proactive publication of clinical data to the EMA website. Clinical data, under Phase 1 of this policy, includes clinical overviews, clinical summaries, CSRs, and appendices containing the protocol and protocol amendments, sample CRFs, and statistical methods. Clinical data, under Phase 2 of this policy, includes the publishing of individual participant data. Policy 0070 applies to new marketing authorization applications submitted via the centralized procedure since 01 January 2015 and applications for line extensions and for new indications submitted via the centralized procedure since 01 July 2015.

Data Sharing

Pfizer provides researchers secure access to patient-level data or full CSRs for the purposes of “bona-fide scientific research” that contributes to the scientific understanding of the disease, target, or compound class. Pfizer will make available data from these trials 24 months after study completion. Patient-level data will be anonymized in accordance with applicable privacy laws and regulations. CSRs will have personally identifiable information redacted.

Data requests are considered from qualified researchers with the appropriate competencies to perform the proposed analyses. Research teams must include a biostatistician. Data will not be provided to applicants with significant conflicts of interest, including individuals requesting access for commercial/competitive or legal purposes.

10.1.6. Data Quality Assurance

All participant data relating to the study will be recorded on printed or electronic CRF unless transmitted to the sponsor or designee electronically (eg, laboratory data). The investigator is responsible for verifying that data entries are accurate and correct by physically or electronically signing the CRF.

The investigator must maintain accurate documentation (source data) that supports the information entered in the CRF.

The investigator must ensure that the CRFs are securely stored at the study site in encrypted electronic and/or paper form and are password protected or secured in a locked room to prevent access by unauthorized third parties.

The investigator must permit study-related monitoring, audits, IRB/EC review, and regulatory agency inspections and provide direct access to source data documents. This verification may also occur after study completion. It is important that the investigator(s) and their relevant personnel are available during the monitoring visits and possible audits or inspections and that sufficient time is devoted to the process.

Monitoring details describing strategy (eg, risk-based initiatives in operations and quality such as risk management and mitigation strategies and analytical risk-based monitoring), methods, responsibilities, and requirements, including handling of noncompliance issues and monitoring techniques (central, remote, or on-site monitoring), are provided in the monitoring plan.

The sponsor or designee is responsible for the data management of this study, including quality checking of the data.

Study monitors will perform ongoing source data verification to confirm that data entered into the CRF by authorized site personnel are accurate, complete, and verifiable from source documents; that the safety and rights of participants are being protected; and that the study is being conducted in accordance with the currently approved protocol and any other study agreements, ICH GCP, and all applicable regulatory requirements.

Records and documents, including signed ICDs, pertaining to the conduct of this study must be retained by the investigator for 15 years after study completion unless local regulations or institutional policies require a longer retention period. No records may be destroyed during the retention period without the written approval of the sponsor. No records may be transferred to another location or party without written notification to the sponsor. The investigator must ensure that the records continue to be stored securely for as long as they are maintained.

When participant data are to be deleted, the investigator will ensure that all copies of such data are promptly and irrevocably deleted from all systems.

The investigator(s) will notify the sponsor or its agents immediately of any regulatory inspection notification in relation to the study. Furthermore, the investigator will cooperate with the sponsor or its agents to prepare the investigator site for the inspection and will allow the sponsor or its agent, whenever feasible, to be present during the inspection. The investigator site and investigator will promptly resolve any discrepancies that are identified between the study data and the participant's medical records. The investigator will promptly provide copies of the inspection findings to the sponsor or its agent. Before response

submission to the regulatory authorities, the investigator will provide the sponsor or its agents with an opportunity to review and comment on responses to any such findings.

10.1.7. Source Documents

Source documents provide evidence for the existence of the participant and substantiate the integrity of the data collected. Source documents are filed at the investigator site.

Data reported on the CRF or entered in the eCRF that are from source documents must be consistent with the source documents or the discrepancies must be explained. The investigator may need to request previous medical records or transfer records, depending on the study. Also, current medical records must be available.

Definition of what constitutes source data can be found in the monitoring plan.

Description of the use of computerized system is documented in the Data Management Plan.

10.1.8. Study and Site Start and Closure

The study start date is the date on which the clinical study will be open for recruitment of participants.

The first act of recruitment is the date of the first participant's first visit and will be the study start date.

The sponsor designee reserves the right to close the study site or terminate the study at any time for any reason at the sole discretion of the sponsor. Study sites will be closed upon study completion. A study site is considered closed when all required documents and study supplies have been collected and a study-site closure visit has been performed.

The investigator may initiate study-site closure at any time upon notification to the sponsor or designee/CRO if requested to do so by the responsible IRB/EC or if such termination is required to protect the health of study participants.

Reasons for the early closure of a study site by the sponsor may include but are not limited to:

- Failure of the investigator to comply with the protocol, the requirements of the IRB/EC or local health authorities, the sponsor's procedures, or GCP guidelines;
- Inadequate recruitment of participants by the investigator;
- Discontinuation of further study intervention development.

If the study is prematurely terminated or suspended, the sponsor shall promptly inform the investigators, the ECs/IRBs, the regulatory authorities, and any CRO(s) used in the study of the reason for termination or suspension, as specified by the applicable regulatory

requirements. The investigator shall promptly inform the participant and should assure appropriate participant therapy and/or follow-up.

Study termination is also provided for in the clinical study agreement. If there is any conflict between the contract and this protocol, the contract will control as to termination rights.

10.1.9. Publication Policy

The results of this study may be published or presented at scientific meetings by the investigator after publication of the overall study results or 1 year after the end of the study (or study termination), whichever comes first.

The investigator agrees to refer to the primary publication in any subsequent publications such as secondary manuscripts, and submits all manuscripts or abstracts to the sponsor 30 days before submission. This allows the sponsor to protect proprietary information and to provide comments and the investigator will, on request, remove any previously undisclosed confidential information before disclosure, except for any study- or Pfizer intervention-related information necessary for the appropriate scientific presentation or understanding of the study results.

For all publications relating to the study, the investigator will comply with recognized ethical standards concerning publications and authorship, including those established by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.

The sponsor will comply with the requirements for publication of the overall study results covering all investigator sites. In accordance with standard editorial and ethical practice, the sponsor will support publication of multicenter studies only in their entirety and not as individual site data. In this case, a coordinating investigator will be designated by mutual agreement.

Authorship of publications for the overall study results will be determined by mutual agreement and in line with International Committee of Medical Journal Editors authorship requirements.

If publication is addressed in the clinical study agreement, the publication policy set out in this section will not apply.

10.1.10. Sponsor's Qualified Medical Personnel

The contact information for the sponsor's appropriately qualified medical personnel for the study is documented in the study contact list located in the ISF.

To facilitate access to appropriately qualified medical personnel on study-related medical questions or problems, participants are provided with a contact card at the time of informed consent. The contact card contains, at a minimum, protocol and study intervention identifiers, participant numbers, contact information for the investigator site, and contact details for a contact center in the event that the investigator site staff cannot be reached to

provide advice on a medical question or problem originating from another healthcare professional not involved in the participant's participation in the study. The contact number can also be used by investigator staff if they are seeking advice on medical questions or problems; however, it should be used only in the event that the established communication pathways between the investigator site and the study team are not available. It is therefore intended to augment, but not replace, the established communication pathways between the investigator site and the study team for advice on medical questions or problems that may arise during the study. The contact number is not intended for use by the participant directly, and if a participant calls that number, he or she will be directed back to the investigator site.

10.2. Appendix 2: Clinical Laboratory Tests

Not applicable.

10.3. Appendix 3: Adverse Events: Definitions and Procedures for Recording, Evaluating, Follow-up, and Reporting

10.3.1. Definition of AE

AE Definition
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An AE is any untoward medical occurrence in a patient or clinical study participant, temporally associated with the use of study intervention, whether or not considered related to the study intervention.• NOTE: An AE can therefore be any unfavorable and unintended sign (including an abnormal laboratory finding), symptom, or disease (new or exacerbated) temporally associated with the use of study intervention.

Events <u>Meeting</u> the AE Definition
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any abnormal laboratory test results (hematology, clinical chemistry, or urinalysis) or other safety assessments (eg, ECG, radiological scans, vital sign measurements), including those that worsen from baseline, considered clinically significant in the medical and scientific judgment of the investigator. Any abnormal laboratory test results that meet any of the conditions below must be recorded as an AE:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is associated with accompanying symptoms.• Requires additional diagnostic testing or medical/surgical intervention.• Leads to a change in study dosing (outside of any protocol-specified dose adjustments) or discontinuation from the study, significant additional concomitant drug treatment, or other therapy.• Exacerbation of a chronic or intermittent preexisting condition including either an increase in frequency and/or intensity of the condition.

- New conditions detected or diagnosed after study intervention administration even though it may have been present before the start of the study.
- Signs, symptoms, or the clinical sequelae of a suspected drug-drug interaction.
- Signs, symptoms, or the clinical sequelae of a suspected overdose of either study intervention or a concomitant medication. Overdose per se will not be reported as an AE/SAE unless it is an intentional overdose taken with possible suicidal/self-harming intent. Such overdoses should be reported regardless of sequelae.
- The signs, symptoms, and/or clinical sequelae resulting from lack of efficacy will be reported as an AE or SAE if they fulfill the definition of an AE or SAE and meet the requirements as per [Section 8.3.8.1](#). Also, “lack of efficacy” or “failure of expected pharmacological action” does constitute an AE or SAE.

Events **NOT** Meeting the AE Definition

- Any clinically significant abnormal laboratory findings or other abnormal safety assessments which are associated with the underlying disease, unless judged by the investigator to be more severe than expected for the participant’s condition.
- The disease/disorder being studied or expected progression, signs, or symptoms of the disease/disorder being studied, unless more severe than expected for the participant’s condition.
- Medical or surgical procedure (eg, endoscopy, appendectomy): the condition that leads to the procedure is the AE.
- Situations in which an untoward medical occurrence did not occur (social and/or convenience admission to a hospital).
- Anticipated day-to-day fluctuations of preexisting disease(s) or condition(s) present or detected at the start of the study that do not worsen.

10.3.2. Definition of SAE

If an event is not an AE per definition above, then it cannot be an SAE even if serious conditions are met (eg, hospitalization for signs/symptoms of the disease under study, death due to progression of disease).

An SAE is defined as any untoward medical occurrence that, at any dose:

a. Results in death

b. Is life-threatening

The term “life-threatening” in the definition of “serious” refers to an event in which the participant was at risk of death at the time of the event. It does not refer to an event that hypothetically might have caused death if it were more severe.

c. Requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization

In general, hospitalization signifies that the participant has been detained (usually involving at least an overnight stay) at the hospital or emergency ward for observation and/or treatment that would not have been appropriate in the physician’s office or outpatient setting.

Complications that occur during hospitalization are AEs. If a complication prolongs hospitalization or fulfills any other serious criteria, the event is serious. When in doubt as to whether “hospitalization” occurred or was necessary, the AE should be considered serious.

Hospitalization for elective treatment of a preexisting condition that did not worsen from baseline is not considered an AE.

d. Results in persistent disability/incapacity

- The term disability means a substantial disruption of a person’s ability to conduct normal life functions.
- This definition is not intended to include experiences of relatively minor medical significance such as uncomplicated headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, influenza, and accidental trauma (eg, sprained ankle) which may interfere with or prevent everyday life functions but do not constitute a substantial disruption.

e. Is a congenital anomaly/birth defect

f. Other situations:

- Medical or scientific judgment should be exercised in deciding whether SAE reporting is appropriate in other situations such as important medical events that may not be immediately life-threatening or result in death or hospitalization but may jeopardize the participant or may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the other outcomes listed in the above definition. These events should usually be considered serious.
- Examples of such events include invasive or malignant cancers, intensive treatment in an emergency room or at home for allergic bronchospasm, blood dyscrasias or convulsions that do not result in hospitalization, or development of drug dependency or drug abuse.

- Suspected transmission via a Pfizer product of an infectious agent, pathogenic or non-pathogenic, is considered serious. The event may be suspected from clinical symptoms or laboratory findings indicating an infection in a patient exposed to a Pfizer product. The terms “suspected transmission” and “transmission” are considered synonymous. These cases are considered unexpected and handled as serious expedited cases by pharmacovigilance personnel. Such cases are also considered for reporting as product defects, if appropriate.

10.3.3. Recording/Reporting and Follow-up of AEs and/or SAEs

AE and SAE Recording/Reporting

The table below summarizes the requirements for recording adverse events on the CRF and for reporting serious adverse events on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form to Pfizer Safety. These requirements are delineated for 3 types of events: (1) SAEs; (2) nonserious adverse events (AEs); and (3) exposure to the study intervention under study during pregnancy or breastfeeding, and occupational exposure.

It should be noted that the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form for reporting of SAE information is not the same as the AE page of the CRF. When the same data are collected, the forms must be completed in a consistent manner. AEs should be recorded using concise medical terminology and the same AE term should be used on both the CRF and the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form for reporting of SAE information.

Safety Event	Recorded on the CRF	Reported on the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form to Pfizer Safety Within 24 Hours of Awareness
SAE	All	All
Nonserious AE	All	None
Exposure to the study intervention under study during pregnancy or breastfeeding, and occupational exposure	All AEs/SAEs associated with exposure during pregnancy or breastfeeding Occupational exposure is not recorded.	All (and EDP supplemental form for EDP) Note: Include all SAEs associated with exposure during pregnancy or breastfeeding. Include all AEs/SAEs associated with occupational exposure.

- When an AE/SAE occurs, it is the responsibility of the investigator to review all documentation (eg, hospital progress notes, laboratory reports, and diagnostic reports) related to the event.

- The investigator will then record all relevant AE/SAE information in the CRF.
- It is **not** acceptable for the investigator to send photocopies of the participant's medical records to Pfizer Safety in lieu of completion of the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form/AE/SAE CRF page.
- There may be instances when copies of medical records for certain cases are requested by Pfizer Safety. In this case, all participant identifiers, with the exception of the participant number, will be redacted on the copies of the medical records before submission to Pfizer Safety.
- The investigator will attempt to establish a diagnosis of the event based on signs, symptoms, and/or other clinical information. Whenever possible, the diagnosis (not the individual signs/symptoms) will be documented as the AE/SAE.

Assessment of Intensity

The investigator will make an assessment of intensity for each AE and SAE reported during the study and assign it to 1 of the following categories:

- Mild: An event that is easily tolerated by the participant, causing minimal discomfort and not interfering with everyday activities.
- Moderate: An event that causes sufficient discomfort and interferes with normal everyday activities.
- Severe: An event that prevents normal everyday activities. An AE that is assessed as severe should not be confused with an SAE. Severe is a category utilized for rating the intensity of an event; and both AEs and SAEs can be assessed as severe.

An event is defined as “serious” when it meets at least 1 of the predefined outcomes as described in the definition of an SAE, NOT when it is rated as severe.

GRADE	If required on the AE page of the CRF, the investigator will use the adjectives MILD, MODERATE, SEVERE, or LIFE-THREATENING to describe the maximum intensity of the AE. For purposes of consistency, these intensity grades are defined as follows:	
1	MILD	Does not interfere with participant's usual function.
2	MODERATE	Interferes to some extent with participant's usual function.
3	SEVERE	Interferes significantly with participant's usual function.

Assessment of Causality

- The investigator is obligated to assess the relationship between study intervention and each occurrence of each AE/SAE.
- A “reasonable possibility” of a relationship conveys that there are facts, evidence, and/or arguments to suggest a causal relationship, rather than a relationship cannot be ruled out.
- The investigator will use clinical judgment to determine the relationship.
- Alternative causes, such as underlying disease(s), concomitant therapy, and other risk factors, as well as the temporal relationship of the event to study intervention administration, will be considered and investigated.
- The investigator will also consult the IB and/or product information, for marketed products, in his/her assessment.
- For each AE/SAE, the investigator **must** document in the medical notes that he/she has reviewed the AE/SAE and has provided an assessment of causality.
- There may be situations in which an SAE has occurred and the investigator has minimal information to include in the initial report to the sponsor. However, **it is very important that the investigator always make an assessment of causality for every event before the initial transmission of the SAE data to the sponsor.**
- The investigator may change his/her opinion of causality in light of follow-up information and send an SAE follow-up report with the updated causality assessment.
- The causality assessment is one of the criteria used when determining regulatory reporting requirements.
- If the investigator does not know whether or not the study intervention caused the event, then the event will be handled as “related to study intervention” for reporting purposes, as defined by the sponsor. In addition, if the investigator determines that an SAE is associated with study procedures, the investigator must record this causal relationship in the source documents and CRF, and report such an assessment in the dedicated section of the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form and in accordance with the SAE reporting requirements.

Follow-up of AEs and SAEs

- The investigator is obligated to perform or arrange for the conduct of supplemental measurements and/or evaluations as medically indicated or as requested by the sponsor to elucidate the nature and/or causality of the AE or SAE as fully as possible. This may include additional laboratory tests or investigations, histopathological examinations, or consultation with other healthcare providers.
- If a participant dies during participation in the study or during a recognized follow-up period, the investigator will provide Pfizer Safety with a copy of any postmortem

findings including histopathology.

- New or updated information will be recorded in the originally completed CRF.
- The investigator will submit any updated SAE data to the sponsor within 24 hours of receipt of the information.

10.3.4. Reporting of SAEs

SAE Reporting to Pfizer Safety via an Electronic Data Collection Tool

- The primary mechanism for reporting an SAE to Pfizer Safety will be the electronic data collection tool.
- If the electronic system is unavailable, then the site will use the paper SAE data collection tool (see next section) in order to report the event within 24 hours.
- The site will enter the SAE data into the electronic system as soon as the data become available.
- After the study is completed at a given site, the electronic data collection tool will be taken off-line to prevent the entry of new data or changes to existing data.
- If a site receives a report of a new SAE from a study participant or receives updated data on a previously reported SAE after the electronic data collection tool has been taken off-line, then the site can report this information on a paper SAE form (see next section) or to Pfizer Safety by telephone.

SAE Reporting to Pfizer Safety via Vaccine SAE Reporting Form

- Facsimile transmission of the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form is the preferred method to transmit this information to Pfizer Safety.
- In circumstances when the facsimile is not working, notification by telephone is acceptable with a copy of the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form sent by overnight mail or courier service.
- Initial notification via telephone does not replace the need for the investigator to complete and sign the Vaccine SAE Reporting Form pages within the designated reporting time frames.

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10.5. Appendix 5: Genetics

Not applicable.

10.6. Appendix 6: Liver Safety: Suggested Actions and Follow-up Assessments

Potential Cases of Drug-Induced Liver Injury

Humans exposed to a drug who show no sign of liver injury (as determined by elevations in transaminases) are termed “tolerators,” while those who show transient liver injury, but adapt

are termed “adaptors.” In some participants, transaminase elevations are a harbinger of a more serious potential outcome. These participants fail to adapt and therefore are “susceptible” to progressive and serious liver injury, commonly referred to as DILI. Participants who experience a transaminase elevation above $3 \times \text{ULN}$ should be monitored more frequently to determine if they are an “adaptor” or are “susceptible.”

LFTs are not required as a routine safety monitoring procedure in this study. However, should an investigator deem it necessary to assess LFTs because a participant presents with clinical signs/symptoms, such LFT results should be managed and followed as described below.

In the majority of DILI cases, elevations in AST and/or ALT precede TBili elevations ($>2 \times \text{ULN}$) by several days or weeks. The increase in TBili typically occurs while AST/ALT is/are still elevated above $3 \times \text{ULN}$ (ie, AST/ALT and TBili values will be elevated within the same laboratory sample). In rare instances, by the time TBili elevations are detected, AST/ALT values might have decreased. This occurrence is still regarded as a potential DILI. Therefore, abnormal elevations in either AST OR ALT in addition to TBili that meet the criteria outlined below are considered potential DILI (assessed per Hy’s law criteria) cases and should always be considered important medical events, even before all other possible causes of liver injury have been excluded.

The threshold of laboratory abnormalities for a potential DILI case depends on the participant’s individual baseline values and underlying conditions. Participants who present with the following laboratory abnormalities should be evaluated further as potential DILI (Hy’s law) cases to definitively determine the etiology of the abnormal laboratory values:

- Participants with AST/ALT and TBili baseline values within the normal range who subsequently present with AST OR ALT values $>3 \times \text{ULN}$ AND a TBili value $>2 \times \text{ULN}$ with no evidence of hemolysis and an alkaline phosphatase value $<2 \times \text{ULN}$ or not available.
- For participants with baseline AST **OR** ALT **OR** TBili values above the ULN, the following threshold values are used in the definition mentioned above, as needed, depending on which values are above the ULN at baseline:
 - Preexisting AST or ALT baseline values above the normal range: AST or ALT values >2 times the baseline values AND $>3 \times \text{ULN}$; or $>8 \times \text{ULN}$ (whichever is smaller).
 - Preexisting values of TBili above the normal range: TBili level increased from baseline value by an amount of at least $1 \times \text{ULN}$ **or** if the value reaches $>3 \times \text{ULN}$ (whichever is smaller).

Rises in AST/ALT and TBili separated by more than a few weeks should be assessed individually based on clinical judgment; any case where uncertainty remains as to whether it represents a potential Hy’s law case should be reviewed with the sponsor.

The participant should return to the investigator site and be evaluated as soon as possible, preferably within 48 hours from awareness of the abnormal results. This evaluation should include laboratory tests, detailed history, and physical assessment.

In addition to repeating measurements of AST and ALT and TBili for suspected cases of Hy's law, additional laboratory tests should include albumin, CK, direct and indirect bilirubin, GGT, PT/INR, total bile acids, and alkaline phosphatase. Consideration should also be given to drawing a separate tube of clotted blood and an anticoagulated tube of blood for further testing, as needed, for further contemporaneous analyses at the time of the recognized initial abnormalities to determine etiology. A detailed history, including relevant information, such as review of ethanol, acetaminophen/paracetamol (either by itself or as a coformulated product in prescription or over-the-counter medications), recreational drug, supplement (herbal) use and consumption, family history, sexual history, travel history, history of contact with a jaundiced person, surgery, blood transfusion, history of liver or allergic disease, and potential occupational exposure to chemicals, should be collected. Further testing for acute hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E infection and liver imaging (eg, biliary tract) and collection of serum samples for acetaminophen/paracetamol drug and/or protein adduct levels may be warranted.

All cases demonstrated on repeat testing as meeting the laboratory criteria of AST/ALT and TBili elevation defined above should be considered potential DILI (Hy's law) cases if no other reason for the LFT abnormalities has yet been found. **Such potential DILI (Hy's law) cases are to be reported as SAEs, irrespective of availability of all the results of the investigations performed to determine etiology of the LFT abnormalities.**

A potential DILI (Hy's law) case becomes a confirmed case only after all results of reasonable investigations have been received and have excluded an alternative etiology.

10.7. Appendix 7: ECG Findings of Potential Clinical Concern

Not applicable.

10.8. Appendix 8: Medical Device Adverse Events, Adverse Device Effects, Serious Adverse Events, and Device Deficiencies: Definition and Procedures for Recording, Evaluating, Follow-up, and Reporting

Definitions of a Medical Device Incident

The definitions and procedures detailed in this appendix are in accordance with ISO 14155.

Both the investigator and the sponsor will comply with all local medical device reporting requirements.

The detection and documentation procedures described in this protocol apply to all sponsor medical devices provided for use in the study (see [Section 6.1.2](#) for the list of sponsor medical devices).

10.8.1. Definition of AE and ADE

AE and ADE Definition

- An AE is defined as any untoward medical occurrence, unintended disease or injury, or untoward clinical signs (including abnormal laboratory finding) in study participants, users, or other persons, whether or not related to the investigational medical device. This definition includes events related to the investigational medical device or comparator for study participants, users, and other persons. This definition also includes events considered related to procedures for study participants only.
- An ADE is defined as an adverse event related to the use of an investigational medical device. This definition includes any adverse events resulting from insufficient or inadequate instructions for use, deployment, implantation, installation, or operation, or any malfunction of the investigational medical device as well as any event resulting from use error or from intentional misuse of the investigational medical device.

10.8.2. Definition of SAE, SADE, and Unanticipated Serious Adverse Device Effect

If an event is not an AE per definition above, then it cannot be an SAE even if serious conditions are met (eg, hospitalization for signs/symptoms of the disease under study, death due to progression of disease).

An SAE is an AE that:

- a. Led to death.
- b. Led to serious deterioration in the health of the participant, that either resulted in:
 - A life-threatening illness or injury. The term “life-threatening” in the definition of serious refers to an event in which the participant was at risk of death at the time of the event. It does not refer to an event that hypothetically might have caused death, if it were more severe.
 - A permanent impairment of a body structure or a body function.
 - Inpatient or prolonged hospitalization. Planned hospitalization for a preexisting condition, or a procedure required by the protocol, without serious deterioration in health, is not considered an SAE.
 - Medical or surgical intervention to prevent life-threatening illness or injury or permanent impairment to a body structure or a body function.
- c. Led to fetal distress, fetal death, or a congenital abnormality or birth defect.

SADE Definition

- An SADE is defined as an adverse device effect that has resulted in any of the consequences characteristic of a serious adverse event.

USADE Definition

- A USADE is a serious adverse device effect which by its nature, incidence, severity, or outcome has not been identified in the current version of the risk analysis management file.

10.8.3. Definition of Device Deficiency

Device Deficiency Definition

- A device deficiency is an inadequacy of a medical device with respect to its identity, quality, durability, reliability, safety, or performance. Device deficiencies include malfunctions, use errors, and inadequate labeling.

10.8.4. Recording/Reporting and Follow-up of AEs and/or SAEs and Device Deficiencies

AE, SAE, and Device Deficiency Recording

- When an AE/SAE/device deficiency occurs, it is the responsibility of the investigator to review all documentation (eg, hospital progress notes, laboratory reports, and diagnostic reports) related to the event.
- The investigator will then record all relevant AE/SAE/device deficiency information in the participant's medical records, in accordance with the investigator's normal clinical practice and on the appropriate form of the CRF.
- It is **not** acceptable for the investigator to send photocopies of the participant's medical records to Pfizer Safety in lieu of following the reporting process described in the IP manual and completing the Medication Error CRF.
- There may be instances when copies of medical records for certain cases are requested by Pfizer Safety. In this case, all participant identifiers, with the exception of the participant number, will be redacted on the copies of the medical records before submission to Pfizer Safety.
- The investigator will attempt to establish a diagnosis of the event based on signs, symptoms, and/or other clinical information. Whenever possible, the diagnosis (not the individual signs/symptoms) will be documented as the AE/SAE.

- For device deficiencies, it is very important that the investigator describes any corrective or remedial actions taken to prevent recurrence of the incident.
 - A remedial action is any action other than routine maintenance or servicing of a medical device where such action is necessary to prevent recurrence of a device deficiency. This includes any amendment to the device design to prevent recurrence.

Assessment of Intensity

The investigator will make an assessment of intensity for each AE/SAE/device deficiency reported during the study and assign it to 1 of the following categories:

- Mild: An event that is easily tolerated by the participant, causing minimal discomfort and not interfering with everyday activities.
- Moderate: An event that causes sufficient discomfort and interferes with normal everyday activities.
- Severe: An event that prevents normal everyday activities. An AE that is assessed as severe should not be confused with an SAE. Severe is a category utilized for rating the intensity of an event; and both AEs and SAEs can be assessed as severe.
- An event is defined as “serious” when it meets at least 1 of the predefined outcomes as described in the definition of an SAE, NOT when it is rated as severe.

Assessment of Causality

- The investigator is obligated to assess the relationship between study intervention and each occurrence of each AE/SAE/device deficiency.
- A “reasonable possibility” of a relationship conveys that there are facts, evidence, and/or arguments to suggest a causal relationship, rather than a relationship cannot be ruled out.
- The investigator will use clinical judgment to determine the relationship.
- Alternative causes, such as underlying disease(s), concomitant therapy, and other risk factors, as well as the temporal relationship of the event to study intervention administration will be considered and investigated.
- The investigator will also consult the IB and/or product information in his/her assessment.
- For each AE/SAE/device deficiency, the investigator **must** document in the medical notes that he/she has reviewed the AE/SAE/device deficiency and has provided an assessment of causality.
- There may be situations in which an SAE has occurred and the investigator has minimal information to include in the initial report to the sponsor. However, it is very important that the investigator always make an assessment of causality for every event before the

initial transmission of the SAE data to the sponsor.

- The investigator may change his/her opinion of causality in light of follow-up information and send an SAE follow-up report with the updated causality assessment.
- The causality assessment is one of the criteria used when determining regulatory reporting requirements.

Follow-up of AE/SAE/Device Deficiency

- The investigator is obligated to perform or arrange for the conduct of supplemental measurements and/or evaluations as medically indicated or as requested by the sponsor to elucidate the nature and/or causality of the AE/SAE/device deficiency as fully as possible. This may include additional laboratory tests or investigations, histopathological examinations, or consultation with other healthcare providers.
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10.8.6. Reporting of SADEs

SADE Reporting to Pfizer Safety

NOTE: There are additional reporting obligations for medical device incidents that are potentially related to SAEs that must fulfill the legal responsibility to notify appropriate regulatory authorities and other entities about certain safety information relating to medical devices being used in clinical studies.

- Any device deficiency that is associated with an SAE must be reported to the sponsor within 24 hours after the investigator determines that the event meets the definition of a device deficiency.
- The sponsor shall review all device deficiencies and determine and document in writing whether they could have led to an SAE. These shall be reported to the regulatory authorities and IRBs/ECs as required by national regulations.

10.9. Appendix 9: Country-Specific Requirements

10.9.1. Japan-Specific Regulatory Requirements

10.9.1.1. Definitions of Serious Adverse Event, Serious Adverse Event Caused by Medical Device, and Unanticipated Serious Adverse Event Caused by Medical Device

Definition of serious adverse event caused by medical device

An SAE caused by a medical device is defined as an AE caused by a medical device that led to an outcome characteristic of SAEs, or a device-related incident whose recurrence might lead to death or serious deterioration in health.

10.10. Appendix 10: Abbreviations

The following is a list of abbreviations that may be used in the protocol.

Abbreviation	Term
7vPnC	7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
13vPnC	13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
20vPnC	20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
ACIP	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
ADE	adverse device effect
AE	adverse event
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AOM	acute otitis media
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
BLQ	below the limit of quantitation
CAP	community-acquired pneumonia
CAPiTA	Community-Acquired Pneumonia Immunization Trial in Adults
CBER	Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CI	confidence interval
CIOMS	Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
CK	creatinine kinase
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CRA	clinical research associate
CRF	case report form
CRM ₁₉₇	cross-reactive material 197
CRO	contract research organization
CSR	clinical study report
DILI	drug-induced liver injury
DU	dispensable unit
EC	ethics committee
ECG	electrocardiogram
eCRF	electronic case report form
e-diary	electronic diary
CCI	
EDP	exposure during pregnancy
EMA	European Medicines Agency
EU	European Union
EudraCT	European Clinical Trials Database
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone

Abbreviation	Term
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GGT	gamma-glutamyl transferase
GMFR	geometric mean fold rise
GMR	geometric mean ratio
GMT	geometric mean titer
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HRT	hormone replacement therapy
IB	investigator's brochure
ICD	informed consent document
ICH	International Council for Harmonisation
ID	identification
IgG	immunoglobulin G
IND	investigational new drug application
INR	international normalized ratio
IP manual	investigational product manual
IPAL	investigational product accountability log
IPD	invasive pneumococcal disease
IRB	institutional review board
IRT	interactive response technology
ISF	investigator site file
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IWR	interactive Web-based response
LFT	liver function test
LLOQ	lower limit of quantitation
LRI	lower respiratory tract infection
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
N/A	not applicable
NI	noninferiority
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
OPA	opsonophagocytic activity
PFS	prefilled syringe
PI	principal investigator
PMDA	Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency
PPSV23	23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
PT	prothrombin time
CCI	
SADE	serious adverse device effect
SAE	serious adverse event
SAP	statistical analysis plan
SoA	schedule of activities

Abbreviation	Term
SOP	standard operating procedure
SRM	study reference manual
SRSD	single reference safety document
SUSAR	suspected unexpected serious adverse reaction
TBili	total bilirubin
ULN	upper limit of normal
US	United States
VT	vaccine-type
WHO	World Health Organization
WOCBP	woman of childbearing potential

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