

Safety of Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella Combination Vaccine in 1-2 Year old Children

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Background

Among toddlers, measles-containing vaccines increase risk of seizure and fever during the 7-10 days after immunization.

Objective

To evaluate the risk of 7 outcomes, as well as seizure and fever, following combination measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) and separately administered MMR and varicella (MMR+V) vaccines.

Methods

12-23 month old children at 8 sites in the Vaccine Safety Datalink 2000-2012.

9 pre-specified outcomes with varying post-vaccination risk intervals. Seizure and fever study period limited to 10/08-06/12. (Table 1)

Primary analysis compared MMRV with MMR + V and estimated the relative risk of each outcome during outcome-specific risk intervals using stratified exact analyses. (Table 2)

Secondary analyses compared risk during a risk interval post-MMRV or post-MMR+V with risk during a control interval (days 57-180) using case-centered logistic regressions. (Table 3)

- First, we compared the risk interval with the control interval for each vaccine. (Table 3 columns: “MMRV” and “MMR + V”)
- Second, we examined whether the difference between the risk interval and control interval differed between MMRV and MMR + V (i.e. examined the difference-in-differences). (Table 3: “MMRV vs MMR + V” column)

Secondary analyses addressed potential unmeasured differences between MMRV and MMR + V vaccinees which could confound our primary comparison.

Case Definitions

Table 1. Pre-specified safety outcomes and outcome-specific risk intervals among 12-23 month olds following MMRV and MMR + V.

Outcome	Case Definition/ICD-9 Codes	Setting	Focal Risk Interval (post-vaccination days)	Broader Risk Interval (post-vaccination days)
Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM)	323.61	All ^a	3-21	1-42
Anaphylaxis ^b	995.1 (anaphylactic shock due to serum)	All	0	Not applicable
Arthritis/Arthralgia ^b	714.9, 716.9, 056.71	All	1-42	1-42
Ataxia	052.7, 334.3, 781.2, 781.3	All	14-28	1-42
Immune Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) I	Two platelet counts of <=50,000 within 7 days of each other	All	14-28	1-42
ITP II	Two platelet counts of <=150,000 within 7 days of each other	All	14-28	1-42
Kawasaki's Disease	448.1 (acute febrile mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome)	All	1-28	1-56
Meningitis/Encephalitis/Encephalopathy ^c	047.8, 047.9, 049.9, 321.2, 322*, 323.5, 323.8, and 348.3*	Inpatient only	3-21	1-42
Fever ^d	780.6	Outpatient	7-10	1-42
Seizures ^d	345*, 780.3*	Inpatient ED	7-10	1-42

^a Includes inpatient, emergency department and outpatient clinic.
^b Analyzed as a single group, not as separate analyses.
^c Data limited to October 2008 through June 2012.

Results

Table 2. Risk of outcomes comparing MMRV with MMR + V among 12-23 month olds using stratified exact analyses, VSD population 2000-2012.

Outcomes	Post-Vaccination Risk Interval (Days)	MMRV Cases (N)	MMR + V Cases (N)	MMRV vs MMR + V Relative Risk (95% CI)
ADEM	3-21	0	0	NE
	1-42	0	0	NE
Anaphylaxis	0	0	0	NE
Arthritis/Arthralgia	1-42	1	1	12.12 (0.03-4443.16)
Ataxia	14-28	52	68	1.31 (0.78-2.17)
	1-42	134	215	0.98 (0.71-1.35)
ITP I ^a	14-28	4	6	0.79 (0.1-6.2)
	1-42	7	8	0.9 (0.18-4.77)
ITP II ^a	14-28	6	10	1.26 (0.26-5.37)
	1-42	10	25	0.9 (0.28-2.69)
Kawasaki Disease	1-28	0	2	NE (0-53.38)
	1-56	7	8	0.69 (0.17-2.98)
Meningitis/Encephalitis/Encephalopathy	3-21	1	0	NE (0.01-NE)
	1-42	2	1	2.98 (0.04-627.05)
Fever ^b	7-10	155	807	1.16 (0.96-1.39)
	1-42	394	3487	0.91 (0.81-1.02)
Seizure ^b	7-10	18	53	1.99 (1.08-3.53)
	1-42	47	348	1.06 (0.75-1.46)

NE= Not estimable
^a Immune thrombocytopenia purpura I and II as defined in Table 1.
^b Data limited to October 2008 through June 2012.

Conclusions

- Comparing MMRV with MMR + V, there were no statistically significant differences in risk for any of the 7 additional outcomes.
- The elevated risk for ITP, similarly elevated after either vaccine, is consistent with previous studies.
- Using only previously unanalyzed data, this study confirmed:
 - Both MMRV and MMR + V are associated with fever and seizure 7-10 days after vaccination.
 - MMRV, compared with MMR + V, is associated with an increased risk of seizures 7-10 days after vaccination.

Implications

- The increased risk for anaphylaxis after MMRV and the reduced risk for ataxia after both MMRV and MMR + V require more investigation.
- Power was limited for outcomes other than fever and seizure. Ongoing monitoring of anaphylaxis and other outcomes is warranted.

Figure. Number of vaccine doses administered among 12-23 month olds, VSD population 2000-2012.

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VENUE

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

☐ DETACHABLE ARROWS

☐ OTHER

☐ EASEL BACKS

☐ D/FTAPE

☐ VELCRO

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: