

**Patient leaflet in accordance with the Pharmacists' Regulations (Preparations) - 1986**

This medicine is dispensed with a doctor's prescription only

## **Spikevax**

### **Dispersion for injection**

#### **Active ingredient and its quantity:**

mRNA Vaccine encoding the SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein 1.26 mg/vial

Inactive ingredients and allergens - see section 6 "Additional information".

**Read the entire leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.** This leaflet contains concise information about this medicine.

- If you have any further questions, consult your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed to treat your illness. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if it seems to you that their illness is similar to yours.

### **1. What is the medicine intended for?**

Spikevax is an active vaccine used to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

The active substance in Spikevax is mRNA encoding the SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein.

The mRNA is embedded in SM-102 lipid nanoparticles.

As Spikevax does not contain the virus, it cannot give you COVID-19.

**Therapeutic group:** Vaccine, other viral vaccines

### **How the vaccine works**

Spikevax stimulates the body's natural defences (immune system).

The vaccine works by causing the body to produce protection (antibodies) against the virus that causes COVID-19. Spikevax uses a substance called messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) to carry instructions that cells in the body can use to make the spike protein that is also on the virus. The cells then make antibodies against the spike protein to help fight off the virus. This will help to protect you against COVID-19.

### **2. Before using the medicine**

#### **Do not use this medicine if:**

- You are sensitive (allergic) to the active ingredient or to any of the other ingredients in this medicine (see section 6 "Additional information").

## Special warnings about using this medicine

### Before receiving the vaccine, tell your doctor, pharmacist or the nurse if:

- you have previously had a severe, life-threatening **allergic** reaction after any other vaccine injection or after you were given Spikevax in the past.
- you have a very weak or compromised immune system
- you have ever fainted following any needle injection
- you have a bleeding disorder.
- you have a high fever or severe infection; however, you can have your vaccination if you have a mild fever or upper airway infection like a cold.
- you have any serious illness.
- you have anxiety related to injections.

There is an increased risk of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (Inflammation of the lining outside the heart) after vaccination with Spikevax (see section 4).

These conditions can develop within just a few days after vaccination and have primarily occurred within 14 days. They have been observed more often after the second vaccination, and more often in younger males.

Following vaccination, you should be alert to signs of myocarditis and pericarditis, such as breathlessness, palpitations and chest pain, and seek immediate medical attention should these occur.

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before you are given Spikevax.

As with any vaccine, the primary 2-dose vaccination course of Spikevax may not fully protect all those who receive it, and it is not known how long you will be protected.

### Children and adolescents

Spikevax is not indicated for children and adolescents aged under 18 years.

### Drug interactions

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken, or might take any other medicines, including non-prescription medications and nutritional supplements.**

Spikevax may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how Spikevax works.

### Immunocompromised individuals

If you are immunocompromised, you may receive a third dose of Spikevax. The efficacy of Spikevax even after a third dose may be lower in people who are immunocompromised. In these cases, you should continue to maintain physical precautions to help prevent COVID-19. In

addition, your close contacts should be vaccinated as appropriate. Discuss appropriate individual recommendations with your doctor.

### **Pregnancy, breastfeeding, and fertility**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before being vaccinated.

### **Pregnancy**

There is limited experience with use of Spikevax in pregnant women. Administration of Spikevax in pregnancy should only be considered when the potential benefits outweigh any potential risks for the mother and fetus.

### **Breastfeeding**

It is unknown whether Spikevax is excreted in human milk.

### **Driving and using machines**

Do not drive or use machines if you are feeling unwell after vaccination. Wait until any effects of the vaccine have worn off before you drive or use machines.

### **Important information about some of the ingredients in this medicine**

#### **Spikevax and sodium**

Spikevax contains less than 1 mmol (23 mg) sodium per dose and, that is to say, essentially 'sodium free'

### **3. How to use this medicine?**

Always use this medicine according to your doctor's instructions.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about your dose or about how to take this medicine.

The dose and the method of administration of the vaccine will be determined only by the doctor.

Spikevax will be given to you as two 0.5 mL injections. It is recommended to administer the second dose of the same vaccine 28 days after the first dose to complete the vaccination course.

#### **If you miss an appointment for your primary 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Spikevax**

- If you miss an appointment, arrange another visit as soon as possible with your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse.
- If you miss a scheduled injection, you may not be fully protected against COVID-19

If you are immunocompromised, you may receive a third dose (0.5 mL) of Spikevax at least 1 month after the second dose.

Your doctor, pharmacist or nurse will inject the vaccine into a muscle (intramuscular injection) in your upper arm.

**After** each injection of the vaccine, your doctor, pharmacist or nurse will watch over you for at least **15 minutes** to monitor for signs of an allergic reaction.

**Do not exceed the recommended dose.**

If you have any further questions on the use of this vaccine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

#### **4. Side effects**

Like with all medicines, this vaccine may cause side effects in some users. Do not be alarmed by this list of side effects; you may not experience any of them.

Get **urgent** medical attention if you get any of the following signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction:

- feeling faint or light-headed
- changes in your heartbeat
- shortness of breath
- wheezing
- swelling of your lips, face, or throat
- hives or rash
- nausea or vomiting
- stomach pain

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you develop any other side effects. These can include:

**Very common side effects** (may affect more than 1 in 10 people):

- swelling/tenderness in the underarm
- headache
- nausea
- vomiting
- muscle ache, joint aches, and stiffness
- pain or swelling at the injection site
- feeling very tired
- chills
- fever

**Common side effects** (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- diarrhoea
- rash
- rash, redness, or hives at the injection site (some of which may occur at a median of 4 to 11 days after the injection)

**Uncommon side effects** (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- itchiness at the injection site

**Rare side effects** (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people):

- temporary one-sided facial drooping (Bell's palsy)
- swelling of the face (swelling of the face may occur in patients who have had facial cosmetic injections.)
- dizziness

- decreased sense of touch or sensation

**Very rare side effects** (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people):

- inflammation of the heart muscle (myocarditis) or inflammation of the lining outside the heart (pericarditis) which can result in breathlessness, palpitations or chest pain

**Side effects of unknown frequency**

- severe allergic reactions with breathing difficulties (anaphylaxis)
- reaction of increased sensitivity or intolerance by the immune system (hypersensitivity)
- a skin reaction that causes red spots or patches on the skin that may look like a target or "bull's-eye" with a dark red center surrounded by paler red rings (erythema multiforme)

**If you experience any side effect, if any side effect gets worse, or if you experience a side effect not mentioned in this leaflet, consult your doctor.**

### **Reporting side effects**

You can report side effects to the Ministry of Health by following the link 'Reporting Side Effects of Drug Treatment' on the Ministry of Health home page ([www.health.gov.il](http://www.health.gov.il)) which links to an online form for reporting side effects, or by the following link:

<https://sideeffects.health.gov.il>

## **5. How to store the medicine?**

- Avoid poisoning! This medicine and any other medicine should be kept in a safe place out of the reach and sight of children and/or infants in order to avoid poisoning. Do not induce vomiting without explicit instructions from the doctor.
- Do not use this vaccine after the expiry date (exp. date) which is stated on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

### **Storage conditions:**

Unopened vial

- Store frozen between -25°C to -15°C.
- Store in the original carton to protect from light.
- Do not store on dry ice or below -50°C.
- The unopened vaccine may be stored refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C, protected from light, for maximum 30 days. Within this period, up to 12 hours may be used for transportation.
- Once thawed the vaccine should not be re-frozen.
- The unopened vaccine may be stored at 8°C to 25°C up to 24 hours after removal from refrigerated conditions.

Punctured vial

- Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 19 hours at 2°C to 25°C after initial puncture (within the allowed use period of 30 days at 2°C to 8°C and 24 hours at 8°C to 25°C). From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately. If the vaccine is not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions are the responsibility of the user.

## **6. Additional information**

- This is a multidose vial that contains 10 doses of 0.5 mL each or a maximum of 20 doses of 0.25 mL each.
- One dose (0.5 mL) contains 100 micrograms of messenger RNA (mRNA) (embedded in SM-102 lipid nanoparticles).
- One dose (0.25 mL) contains 50 micrograms of messenger RNA (mRNA) (embedded in SM-102 lipid nanoparticles).

In addition to the active ingredient, this medicine also contains:

Sucrose, SM-102, Cholesterol, DSPC (1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine), PEG2000 DMG (1,2-Dimyristoyl-rac-glycero-3-methoxypolyethylene glycol-2000), Tromethamol hydrochloride (Tris-HCl), Tromethamol (Tris), Sodium acetate trihydrate, Acetic acid (Glacial), Water for injections.

### **What the medicine looks like and contents of the pack:**

Spikevax is a white to off white dispersion supplied in a glass vial with a rubber stopper and aluminium seal.

Pack size: 10 multidose vials

### **Registration holder's name and address:**

Medison Pharma Ltd., 10 Hashiloach St., Petach Tikva.

### **Manufacturer's name and address:**

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