



## Sanofi Pasteur launches India's first 6-in-1 pediatric vaccine – Hexaxim®

*- A fully liquid vaccine protects infants against six World Health Organization (WHO) priority diseases, including polio -*

*- Improves compliance to immunization schedules by reducing the number of injections -*

**Mumbai, India, – November 24, 2016** – [Sanofi Pasteur](#), the vaccines global business unit of [Sanofi](#), announced today the launch of India's first innovative ready-to-use fully liquid 6-in-1 vaccine – Hexaxim®. The vaccine, indicated for primary and booster vaccination of infants and toddlers from six weeks to 24 months of age, provides protection against 6 major childhood diseases - diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenza B and hepatitis B.

The burden of the 6 diseases is significant, particularly in infants. Consequently, the WHO and the wide majority of countries around the world recommend vaccination against these diseases. India, under the Universal Immunization Program, also offers protection against these 6 major diseases.<sup>i</sup>

Globally, Hexaxim® is the only combination vaccine with acellular pertussis (acP) and inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) to have received a prequalification by the WHO. Today, the vaccine protects infants in more than 60 countries, with 20+ million doses distributed worldwide.

### KEY FEATURES OF HEXAXIM®

#### Fully Liquid, ready to use:

- No reconstitution needed prior to administration, thus avoiding potential risks of contamination and errors
- Reduces administration time

#### 6-in-1 combination:

- Reduces the number of injections;
  - Consistently and reliably ensures the right dose of each antigen every time;
- Improves compliance to immunization schedules

#### Preservative-free:

- Produced using high quality production processes with all antigens fully manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur

**Sharing his comments on the launch, Jean-Pierre Baylet, Country Head – Sanofi Pasteur India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, said,** *“We are very excited and proud to introduce India's first 6-in-1 combination pediatric vaccine. Hexaxim® brings to life Sanofi Pasteur's mission to improve*



*human health by developing superior innovative vaccination solutions against infectious diseases. Given the large influx of patients met by pediatricians in India, Hexaxim® will offer convenience and ensure consistency in administering the right dose of each antigen every single time. At Sanofi Pasteur, with every new vaccine we launch, our aim is to raise the bar of care in vaccination of children.”*

Hexaxim®, during its clinical study assessment, was found to be safe and well tolerated as a primary series and booster vaccination in all schedules, countries, and ethnicities tested. Each dose of Hexaxim® takes 24 to 36 months to be manufactured, of which 70% of the time is spent on quality tests. Sanofi Pasteur, a pioneer in the field of pediatric vaccines, has leveraged on its wealth of expertise in manufacturing complex combination vaccines to develop the world's first fully liquid hexavalent vaccine.

### **About Sanofi**

Sanofi, a global healthcare leader, discovers, develops and distributes therapeutic solutions focused on patients' needs. Sanofi is organized into five global business units: Diabetes and Cardiovascular, General Medicines and Emerging Markets, Sanofi Genzyme, Sanofi Pasteur and Merial. Sanofi is listed in Paris (EURONEXT: [SAN](#)) and in New York (NYSE: [SNY](#)).

Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of Sanofi, provides more than 1 billion doses of vaccine each year, making it possible to immunize more than 500 million people across the globe. A world leader in the vaccine industry, Sanofi Pasteur produces a portfolio of high quality vaccines that matches its areas of expertise and meets public-health demand. The company's heritage, to create vaccines that protect life, dates back more than a century. Sanofi Pasteur is the largest company entirely dedicated to vaccines. Every day, the company invests more than EUR 1 million in research and development. For more information, please visit: [www.sanofipasteur.com](http://www.sanofipasteur.com) or [www.sanofipasteur.us](http://www.sanofipasteur.us)

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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