

Case Study of Vaccine Sales

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Merck 2008 sales (merck.com)
Singulair (asthma medication): \$4.3G
Zetia and Vytorin: \$4.6G
Cozar and Hizar: \$3.6G
Fosamax: \$1.6G
Januvia (diabetes medication): \$1.4 G
Gardasil (HPV vaccine): \$1.4G
Rotateq (rotavirus vaccine): \$665M
Zastavax (shingles vaccine): \$312M
"other viral vaccines" including MMR-II: \$1.3G
Total vaccine sales: \$3.6G
Total sales: \$23.9G
Net income: \$7.8G

Vaccine sales Jan-Sept 2008, in millions (yahoo.biz):

Gardasil	1,117.1
RotaTeq	502.4
Zostavax	150.8
ProQuad/M-M-R II/Varivax	973.8
(Varivax alone, a "chicken pox" vaccine, probably ca. \$800-900M for full year)	
Hepatitis vaccines	107.9
Primaxin	591.5
Cancidas	457.4
Isentress	231.1
Crixivan/Stocrin	222.8
Invanz	197.0
Other infectious disease	9.6

Vaccine expenses (Paul Offit, private interview)

>\$1G research and development

Ca. 14 years from beginning of development to sale

Probably exceed sales in all cases.

Summary:

- Merck's sales of all vaccines combined are 15% of its total sales.
- IF the income-to-sales ratio of Merck's vaccine division were the same as the company as a whole, then vaccine profits for 2008 would be \$1.2 billion.
- 44% of Merck's vaccine sales come from Gardasil alone. 61% come from Gardasil and Rotateq.
- MMR-II and Proquad, versions of the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine first implicated as causing autism, likely sold less than \$500M in 2008.

Conclusion:

Those who blame vaccines for autism typically allege that vaccine manufacturers make vast profits from vaccines in general and from certain early-childhood vaccines in particular, and use a portion of

the profits (\$5 billion would not be generous) to bribe the government, doctors and the media to cover up conclusive evidence that autism is a form of vaccine injury. However, it is disputed whether vaccines generate ANY “profits”; the specific vaccines blamed for autism have low sales compared to other vaccines, and no plausible figure for total vaccine profits (if any) could match the cost of the coverup. Therefore, no such coverup exists.

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