1. **NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

   Pertagen® Recombinant acellular pertussis vaccine.

2. **QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

   Each single dose (0.5 mL) contains:
   
   Purified *Bordetella pertussis* antigens
   
   - Recombinant Pertussis Toxin (rPT)* 5 µg
   - Filamentous Haemagglutinin (FHA) 5 µg

   *rPT is a genetically-detoxified PT obtained by recombinant DNA technology.
   
   For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

   Pertagen® meets the World Health Organisation requirements for the manufacture of biological substances and acellular pertussis vaccines.

3. **PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

   Suspension for injection.

4. **CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

   4.1 **Therapeutic indications**

   Pertagen® is indicated for active booster immunization against pertussis in individuals from the age of 11 years onwards.

   Pertagen® may be considered as an alternative to combined tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccines in persons having received multiple and frequent tetanus and diphtheria vaccine doses including persons with known hypersensitivity to tetanus (Arthus-type hypersensitivity reaction) or diphtheria vaccines.

   4.2 **Posology and method of administration**

   **Posology**

   A single 0.5 mL dose of Pertagen® is recommended. Pertagen® should be given following the current local recommendation for booster vaccination against pertussis.

   **Method of administration**

   Shake the syringe well to obtain a uniform, cloudy and white suspension. Do not use if resuspension does not occur after vigorous shaking.
**Pertagen®** should be administered by deep intramuscular injection, preferably in the deltoid region. Before injection, the skin over the site of injection should be cleaned with a suitable germicide. Open the needle cap of the pre-filled syringe, administer the total volume of 0.5 mL intramuscularly (IM).

### 4.3 Contraindications

**Hypersensitivity**

**Pertagen®** should not be administered to individuals having shown signs of hypersensitivity or life-threatening reaction following administration of pertussis vaccines or to any component of the vaccine (see section 2 “QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION” and section 6.1 “List of excipients”).

Hypersensitivity to diphtheria and tetanus vaccines are not contra-indication to the use of **Pertagen®**.

**Neurological Disorders**

**Pertagen®** should not be administered to individuals having experienced any encephalopathy with unknown aetiology such as coma, prolonged seizures, or decreased level of consciousness within 7 days following previous vaccination with any whooping cough vaccine.

**Pertagen®** should not be administered to individuals with progressive or unstable neurological disorders, uncontrolled epilepsy or progressive encephalopathy.

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

**General**

It is good clinical practice that vaccination should be preceded by a review of the medical history (especially with regard to previous vaccination and possible occurrence of undesirable events) and a clinical examination in compliance with local requirements. As with all injectable vaccines, appropriate medical care should be readily available in case of a rare anaphylactic reaction after vaccination.

- The vaccine should not be administered intravascularly.
- Fractional doses (< 0.5 mL) should not be given.

**Febrile and acute reactions**

As with other vaccines, administration of **Pertagen®** to subjects suffering from acute severe febrile illness should be postponed.

**Pertagen®** should be administered with precautionary measures to subjects who had any of the following adverse events within 48 hours after a previous immunization with any whooping cough vaccines: high temperature (≥ 40°C) without any identifiable cause, convulsions and collapse or shock-like state.

**Hematologic reactions**

**Pertagen®** should be administered with caution to the recipient with any bleeding disorders, thrombocytopenia or anticoagulant therapy because bleeding at injection site may occur after intramuscular injection.
**Immunodeficiency**

In the case of immunosuppressive treatment or immunodeficiency, the immune response to the vaccine may be diminished. Vaccination should be postponed until the end of treatment or resolution of disease. Nevertheless, in the case of chronic immunodeficiency, including HIV-infected persons, vaccination is recommended even if the response may be limited.

**4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Interaction studies with other medicinal products or vaccines have not been performed. However, since Pertagen® is an inactivated vaccine, administration of Pertagen® concomitantly with other inactivated vaccine or immunoglobulin is unlikely to cause any interference with the immune response.

When considered necessary, Pertagen® can be administered simultaneously with other inactivated vaccines or immunoglobulins at separate site of injections.

Immunosuppressive treatment may interfere the development of expected immune response. (see section 4.4 “Special warnings and precautions for use”)

**4.6 Pregnancy and lactation**

**Pregnancy**

The effect of Pertagen® on the embryo-foetal development in human has not been assessed. However, Pertagen® antigens combined to tetanus and diphtheria toxoids were evaluated in one animal prenatal and postnatal developmental toxicity study. No adverse effects on pregnancy, parturition, lactation, embryo-foetal, prenatal development or postnatal growth were observed. There were no vaccine related postnatal anomalies or teratogenic effect noted in this study.

Administration of Pertagen® during pregnancy should be carefully considered when clearly needed and the benefits in terms of preventing whooping cough in pregnant women and neonates should outweigh the potential risks for the foetus.

**Lactation**

Data on the administration of Pertagen® to women who are breastfeeding their infants are not available. However, no adverse effects on lactation were observed in an animal postnatal toxicity study evaluating Pertagen® antigens combined to tetanus and diphtheria toxoids. Pertagen® should only be administered to women who are breastfeeding when clearly needed.

**4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

Pertagen® has no effect on the ability to drive and use machines.

**4.8 Undesirable effects**

**Summary of the safety profile**

The safety profile presented below is based on data from a clinical trial where Pertagen® was administered to 150 adolescents between 12 and 17 years of age. Within 7 days after vaccination, the most common events occurring were local injection site pain and systemic reactions (headache, fatigue, myalgia, malaise and arthralgia).
Frequency, severity and duration of adverse reactions were similar in subjects vaccinated either with Pertagen® or with a licensed Tdap vaccine. These signs and symptoms were mostly mild and moderate in intensity and resolved without sequelae.

**Tabulated summary of adverse reactions**

Adverse reactions are listed according to the following frequency:

- **Very common** (≥1/10)
- **Common** (≥1/100 to <1/10)
- **Uncommon** (≥1/1,000 to <1/100)
- **Rare** (≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000)

### Adolescents 12 – 17 years of age, Adverse Reactions Reported

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<td>≥1/100 to &lt;1/10</td>
<td>Redness and induration at injection site, chills, fever (≥37.5ºC)</td>
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In another clinical trial, a formulation of recombinant acellular pertussis vaccine containing PRN (Pertactin antigen) in addition to the Pertagen® antigens (rPT and FHA) was tested in 20 healthy adult subjects aged 18 – 35 years. Subjects vaccinated with this vaccine had similar frequency of adverse events following 7 days after vaccination to subjects vaccinated with a licensed Tdap vaccine.

### Adults 18 – 35 years of age, Adverse Reactions Reported

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Data from post-marketing experience

The suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product will be monitored and reported according to pharmacovigilance practice and local regulations.

4.9 Overdose

Pertagen® is supplied in single-dose pre-filled syringes. Overdose requires repeated administration which cannot be excluded completely but is considered highly unlikely due to the presentation of Pertagen® in monodose pre-filled syringe.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmaco-therapeutic group: Bacterial vaccines combined, ATC code: J07AJ02

Immunogenicity of Pertagen® was evaluated in 150 adolescents aged 12 – 27 years old and compared with a licensed Tdap vaccine to show non-inferiority (Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) (2005) Guideline on the choice of the non-inferiority margin: EMEA/CPMP/EWP/2158/99).

At 28 days after vaccination, ELISA anti-PT and anti-FHA antibody titers and seroconversion rates were statistically significant higher in subjects vaccinated with Pertagen® than in subjects vaccinated with the licensed Tdap vaccine. Non-inferiority of Pertagen® was met. In addition, superiority of ELISA anti-PT and anti-FHA seroconversion rates and GMTs was demonstrated according to EMEA guidelines (Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products (CPMP) (2000) Points to consider on switching between superiority and non-inferiority: CPMP/EWP/482/99).

Non-inferiority test for seroconversion rates of anti-PT and anti-FHA antibody titers as assessed by ELISA in Pertagen® vs a licensed Tdap vaccine in 12 – 17 years old adolescents

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<tr>
<td>PT</td>
<td>142 (95.95)</td>
<td>82 (55.03)</td>
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<td>FHA</td>
<td>138 (93.24)</td>
<td>81 (54.36)</td>
<td>38.88 (29.92 – 47.84)</td>
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a: Seroconversion defined as ≥ 4 fold increase at 28 days after vaccination as compared to baseline titers
b: Based on non-inferiority test with different margin of 10%
Non-inferiority test for anti-PT and anti-FHA GMTs as assessed by ELISA in Pertagen® vs a licensed Tdap vaccine in 12 – 17 years old adolescents

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<td>PT</td>
<td>527.51 (435.57 – 638.87)</td>
<td>48.09 (36.99 – 62.50)</td>
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a: Geometric Mean Change from baseline at Day 28 after vaccination  
b: Based on non-inferiority test with GMT Ratio > 0.67

Protective efficacy of pertussis

No established correlates of protection to pertussis antigens are currently available. Pertagen® was compared to a licensed Tdap vaccine. The antibody titers to pertussis antigens, PT and FHA, after vaccination with Pertagen® were statistically higher than those observed after immunization with the licensed Tdap vaccine. In addition, 1 month after booster vaccination, the neutralizing antibodies against PT antigen were also significantly higher with Pertagen® than with the licensed Tdap vaccine.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Evaluation of pharmacokinetic properties is not required for vaccines.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Preclinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety and toxicity.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Sodium chloride, water for injection. Formaldehyde may be present in trace amounts as a manufacturing process residual.

6.2 Incompatibilities

Pertagen® should not be mixed with other vaccines in the same syringe.

6.3 Shelf life

Three years. The expiry date of Pertagen® is indicated on the label and packaging.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Pertagen® should be stored at 2°C to 8°C. Do not freeze. Discard if vaccine has been frozen. Store in the original package in order to protect from light. Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
6.5 Nature and contents of container
Single-dose (0.5 mL) pre-filled syringe which is made of a type I borosilicate glass, conforming to European Pharmacopoeia requirements. The container closure system of Pertagen® is free of latex (natural rubber).

6.6 Special precautions for use, handling and disposal
The vaccine should be well shaken to obtain a uniform, cloudy and white suspension. Do not use if you notice presence of foreign particles or discoloration. Do not inject intravascularly. Do not use after expiration date. See expiration on carton and inner label. Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER
BioNet-Asia Co., Ltd., Thailand

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)
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10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT
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