

World's first and only oral cholera vaccine in LDPE unidose pack launches in India

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Mumbai-based startup TechInvention Lifecare has partnered with Eubiotics Co. in South Korea, to launch Euvichol-Plus, the world's first and only oral cholera vaccine (OCV), in a low-density polyethylene (LDPE) unidose pack in India.

The LDPE unidose pack of Euvichol-Plus is not only easy and safe to use, but it also reduces the issues pertaining to conventional glass vials in terms of breakage, storage, transportation, distribution, waste management, and facilitates delivery in emergency situations and humanitarian crises in campaign mode.

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While cholera remains a major global public health threat, there has been an alarming resurgence of cases in susceptible countries globally amidst the stoppage in production of one of the only two cholera vaccines.

India features at the top of the list of cholera- endemic countries, with an estimated incidence rate of 1.64 per 1,000 people. In India, estimates show that 400 million people are at risk of cholera, with an estimated 6,751,888 cases and 20,256 (3%) deaths annually.

TechInvention's Founder and CEO, Syed Ahmed said, "We wish to contribute to the national initiatives along the lines of WHO's 'Ending Cholera: A Global Roadmap by 2030'. TechInvention has 2 more vaccines in late-stage clinical development and regulatory approval in India, while there are more on the anvil."