| Symbol | Explanation | Stage |
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| | The inner square is lighter than the outer circle. If the expiry date has not passed, USE the vaccine. | I |
| | As time passes the inner square is still lighter than the outer circle. If the expiry date has not passed, USE the vaccine. | II |
| × | Discard point: the color of the inner square matches that of the outer circle. DO NOT USE the vaccine. | III |
| × | Beyond the discard point: inner square is darker than the outer circle. DO NOT USE the vaccine. | IV |

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