

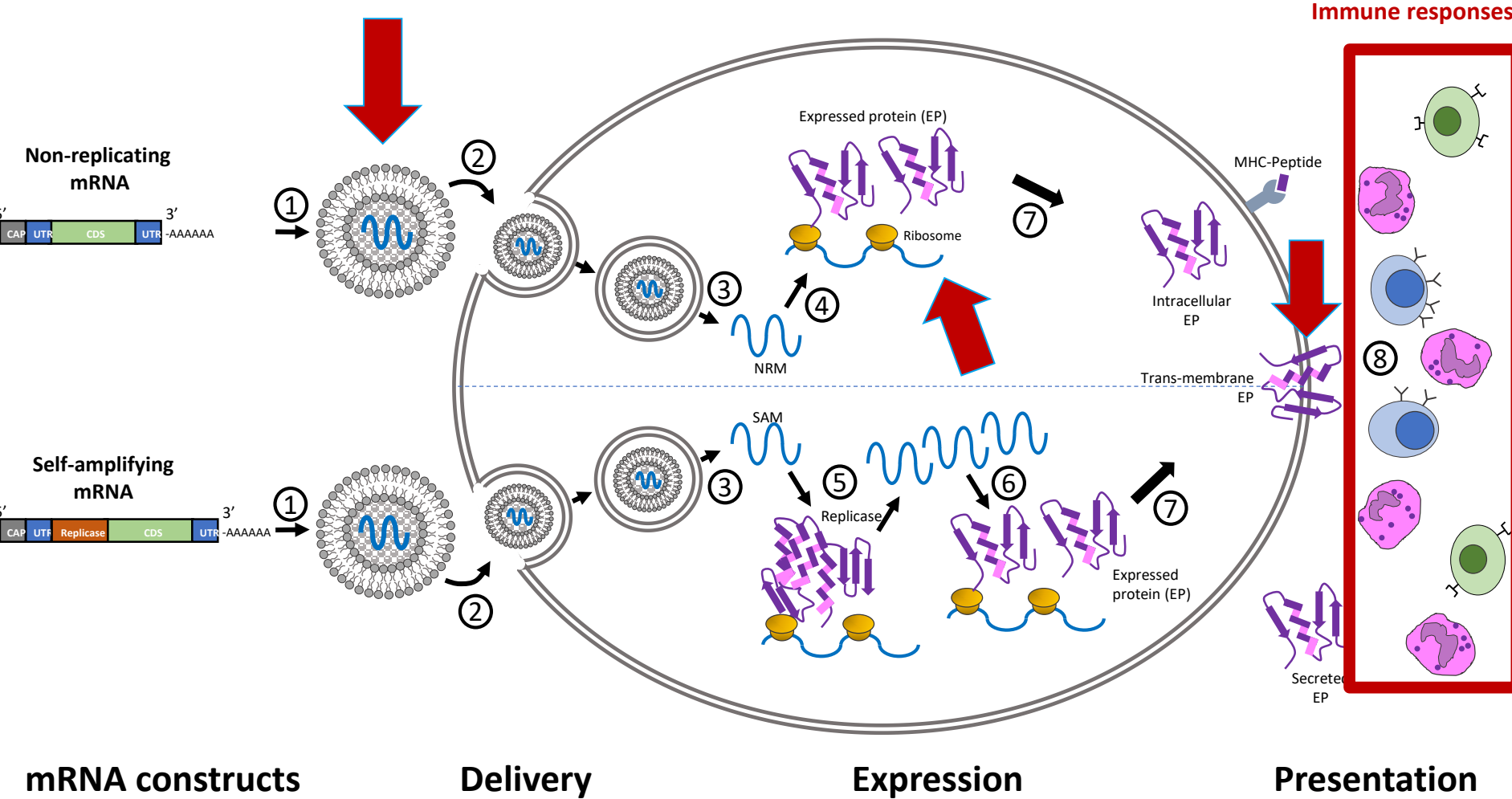
Technical presentation on mRNA Vaccines

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Member States COVID-19 Briefing

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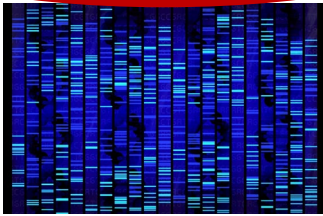
How do mRNA vaccines work?



Speed: mRNA has demonstrated an unprecedented research and development pace

COVID-19 sequence release

12th January 2020



Phase 1



Phase 3



Time from sequence release	Company	Phase 1 Start	Phase 3 Start	1 st Vaccine Efficacy
9 weeks	Moderna	FSFV March 16 th	FSFV July 27 th	Nov 16 th ; 306 days
18 weeks	Pfizer/ BioNTech	May 14 th	July 27 th	Nov 9 th ; 300 days
23 weeks	Curevac	June 19 th		-
24 weeks	Imperial	June 23 rd		-
25 weeks	Walvax	June 29 th		-
31 weeks	Arcturus	August 11 th		-

First vaccine efficacy results now becoming available

(from press releases)

Pfizer/ BioNTech

Full study results (released on Nov. 18)



mRNA

- 43,000 trial participants
- Efficacy of **95%**
 - Efficacy in elderly of >94%
- 170 confirmed cases,
 - 162 in placebo group vs.
 - 8 in vaccine group
- 10 were severe cases of COVID-19
 - 9 in placebo group vs.
 - 1 in vaccine group
- Median follow up of > 2 months
- No serious safety concerns observed

Moderna



Interim study results (released on Nov. 16)



mRNA

- 30,000 trial participants
- Efficacy of **94.5%** (p<0.0001)
 - Efficacy in elderly not reported (15 total cases)
- 95 confirmed cases
 - 90 in placebo group vs.
 - 5 in vaccine group
- 11 were severe cases of COVID-19
 - 11 in placebo vs.
 - 0 in vaccine group
- Median follow up of >2 months
- No safety concerns

The products and next steps









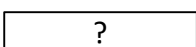
	Pfizer/ BioNTech 	Moderna 
Cold chain	-80°C (UCC) 2-8 ° C for up to 5 days	-20°C 2-8 ° C for up to 30 days
Full analysis of efficacy target	164 cases; complete	151 cases; pending
Safety data	Median follow up 2 months	Median follow up 2 months
Manufacturing	ongoing	ongoing
Regulatory pathway	Rolling reviews: US FDA EU- EMA Global - WHO	Rolling reviews: US FDA EU - EMA Engagement with WHO has started

WHO Regulatory and Safety Monitoring Coordination and Leadership

PQ/EUL	Criteria for evaluation of candidate vaccines published Call for Expressions of Interest for candidate vaccines in Phase IIb/III, with expected regulatory approvals within 6 months Rolling reviews of data from vaccine candidates meeting criteria
Roadmaps	Assessment pathways; WHO led global assessment involving “regional champions”; followed by facilitation for global national approval and active engagement with countries
Labelling	Working Position established; to facilitate harmonization and timely global access to candidate vaccines
Safety Monitoring	Global monitoring mechanisms coordinated by WHO; Regional and country support; guidance on requirements and methods

Characteristics of Pfizer vaccine present some challenges that need to be put in context and addressed

Illustration – Dynamic situation; preliminary considerations regarding Pfizer vaccine

Dimensions	Preliminary assessment	
Equity		Early vaccine; aim to limit delay for access between LIC/MIC/HIC across whole vaccine portfolio
Pace of supply		Expected quantities early in 2021 will be limited
Regulatory		Regulatory process expected to flow smoothly
Programmatic – Supply chain		UCC complex but solutions available / feasible in some settings
Programmatic – Safety and monitoring		Needs careful attention; new vx platform, early vaccine
Programmatic – Delivery		Diluent availability (incl. procurement) & bundling, non-standard syringes (0.3mL), complexity if HCW have to come to vaccination site, management of UCC
Cost (procurement & delivery)		Quantification ongoing of investments needed
Indemnification and Liability		Likely doable as part of the current I&L solutions (under development)
Interest of AMC countries		Being assessed (AMC92 briefing, country outreach, MS briefing)

Deploying vaccines requiring UCC has costing implications

Higher delivery costs

Non-standard cold chain requirements will require investments in capital equipment and special equipment for handling deep-frozen shipments



Delivery of -80°C vaccines

\$0.8- \$2.38 per dose ¹

beyond the costs to deliver a 2-8°C product

1. Based on COVAX analysis (ongoing)

Other products are coming along...

First candidates with efficacy results



+3 additional candidates expected to have efficacy readouts

Q4 2020

+3 further candidates expected to have efficacy readouts

Q1 2021

+1 candidate expected to have efficacy readouts

Q2 2021

+3 candidates expected to have efficacy readouts


Q3 2021

3 months+

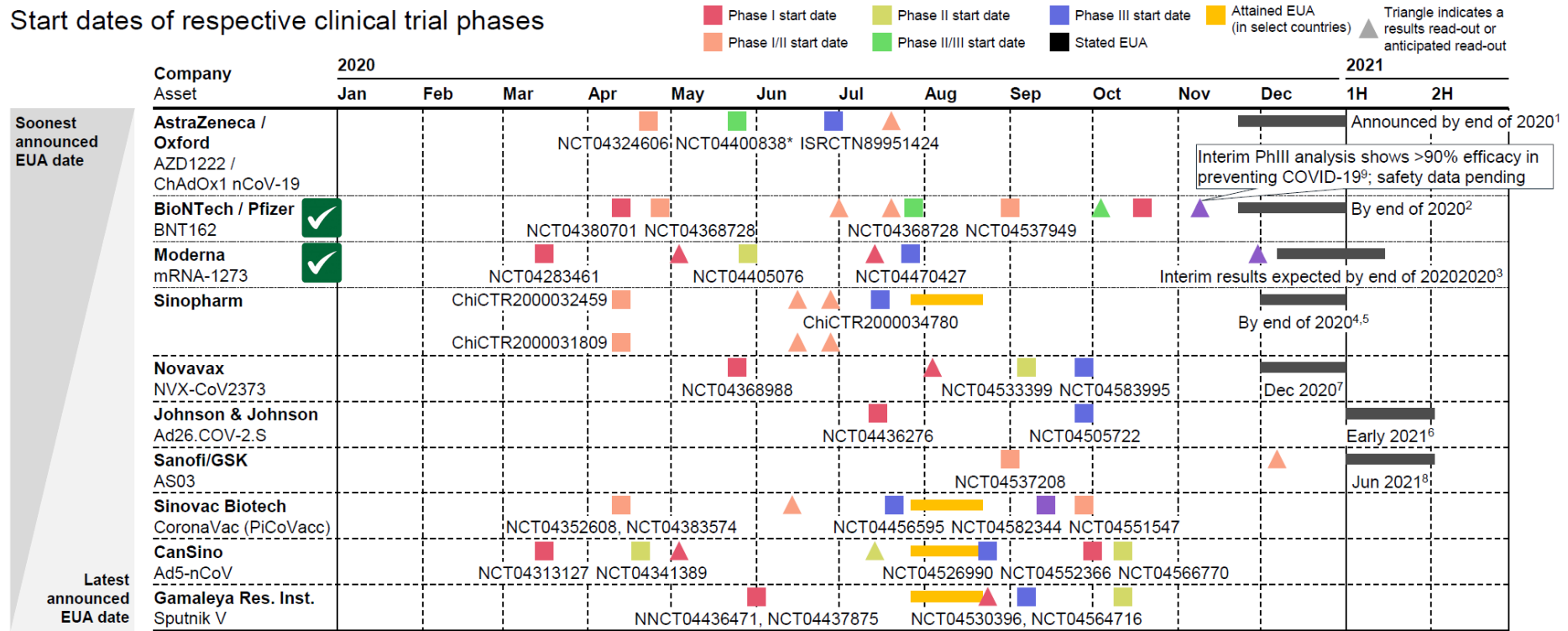
potential lead time for first mRNA vaccines
(i.e. Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna) and possibly others

Detailed timeline

(from publicly available data)

 Efficacy results already released

Start dates of respective clinical trial phases



- 1. Reuters
- 2. CIDRAP
- 3. Moderna
- 4. Reuters
- 5. PBR
- 6. FiercePharma
- 7. Reuters
- 8. SEC filing
- 9. Pfizer

* indicates an estimated start date as trial has not yet officially commenced

CRITICAL ACTIONS COUNTRIES NEED TO TAKE NOW & AVAILABLE RESOURCES

CRITICAL ACTIONS

Priority decision making on:

- **Policies** for use (in-country allocation)
- **Regulatory** approvals (e.g. WHO reliance mechanism)
- **Financing** (ensuring fiscal space, with WORLD BANK on IDA/IDRB)
- **Indemnification & liability cover**

Deployment of technical & operational teams (with WHO/UNICEF/Gavi/WB)

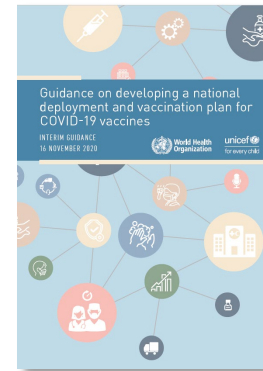
- **Country readiness assessments**
- **Country-led plan** (preventive/Vx & clinical services/Dx,Tx,PPE,O2)
- Key bottleneck **analysis**



AVAILABLE RESOURCES *(selected)*

Vaccine Introduction Readiness Assessment Framework (VIRAF) Tool

Guidance to develop a National Deployment and Vaccination Plan (NDVP) [Link](#)



SAGE Policy Recommendations on Population Prioritization

Regulatory and Safety Guidance and Tools

Next steps

- Country readiness work is essential
- Country action on critical bottlenecks
- Assess countries interest in mRNA vaccines
- Support preparation for delivery of all vaccines with specific attention to UCC where needed
- Gavi Applications for AMC92 countries
- World Bank Applications

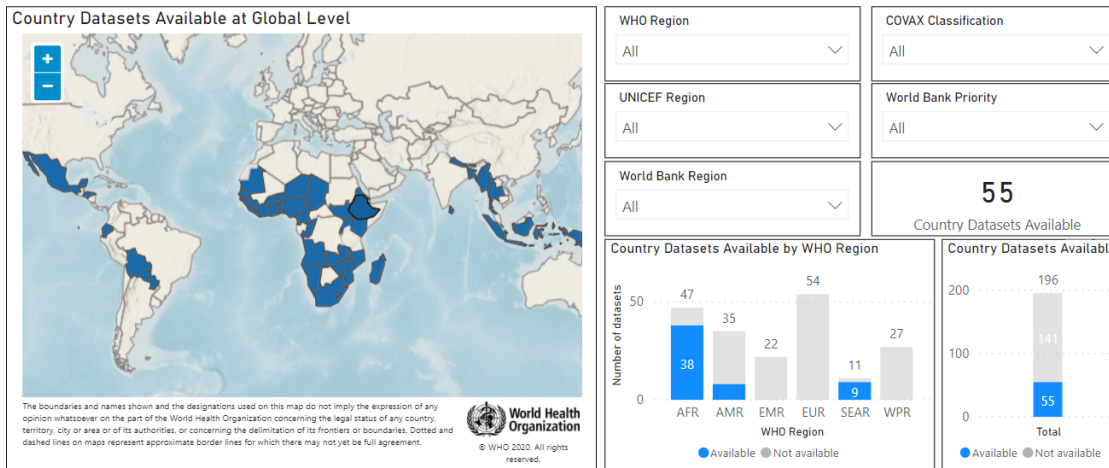
Back-up slides

Vaccine prices range from \$3 to more than \$30 a dose (based on publicly available information; does not reflect COVAX Facility prices)

Vaccine candidates	Procurement price, USD per dose	Comments
 	3 - 4	Based on the deal with the European Commission ¹
 	20	Price reportedly charged per dose (according to CNBC on Nov.17)
 	30	In October, Sinovac began selling its vaccine in select Chinese cities at \$60 for two shots ¹
 	32 - 39	In Aug. 2020, Moderna published a maximum price tag of 39 USD per dose ¹

1. Source: Financial Times, 23 Oct 2020

COVAX Country Readiness & Delivery Core Indicators Dashboard





Regulatory alignment of COVID-19 vaccines under EUL/PQ



Goal & objectives

Goal of this WHO regulatory work: to optimize access & availability to safe, efficacious, quality-assured COVID-19 products by further aligning regulatory processes

WHO's ongoing COVAX regulatory work

- **Alignment ongoing** (Regulatory Advisory Group, ICMRA*, regional regulators)
- **Biweekly regulatory updates, 15 regional update webinars**
- **Documents published**
 - EUL procedure (Jan), Q&A (Jul)
 - Draft consideration criteria (Sep), expected final publication 20 November
 - Expression of Interest (Eoi) (EUL/PQ) (Oct)
- **>10 dedicated company meetings** hosted prior to Eoi publication
- **Roadmap template** (Published)
- **Who working position on QR, barcodes and labelling published**
- **Safety preparedness manual**
 - PV Preparedness checklist, AESI definitions, active surveillance methods, guidance on RMPS, PSURs, data sharing platforms, reliance, work-sharing and risk communications

*ICMRA International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities

Next steps on WHO regulatory alignment activities for COVID-19 vaccines

- Continue **implementation discussions with regional networks & reference NRAs**
 - Two round tables of discussion with Regional offices for establishment of a mechanism for expedited approval in countries and monitoring performance of vaccines deployed to countries August 2020.
 - Nominations of regulatory authorities received from several regions.
 - Official communication with regulatory authorities.
 - Briefing on WHO led mechanisms to regulatory authorities and networks planned.
- Continue support for planning of **post-marketing / safety monitoring** in countries
- Continue engagement & alignment with **regulatory bodies** (e.g. ICMRA, regional regulatory networks, Reference NRAs)