

Australia deals with AstraZeneca for AZD1222 COVID-19 investigational vaccine

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Australia announces a deal for 84 million vaccine doses



AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine candidate, AZD1222, as a potential candidate for an emergency use authorization (EUA) via the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through the Phase 3 clinical trials findings point to significant efficacy and safety. Australia is positioning itself to receive the first doses of the investigational product, originally developed by University of Oxford. Australia approved a second vaccine purchase involving 26 million doses to be manufactured locally by CSL.

The Australian Government has made a \$1.7bn AUD (\$1.34bn USD) supply and production agreement for COVID-19 vaccines: with the first doses set to come from AstraZeneca's vaccine in January 2021.