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Takeda expands COVID-19 vaccine supply in Japan

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Three-way agreement among Takeda, Moderna and the Government of Japan's Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare (MHLW) to bring Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine candidate (mRNA-1273) to Japan



Takeda Pharmaceutical has announced that it will import and distribute 50 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine candidate, mRNA-1273, starting in the first half of 2021, pending licensure in Japan.

This effort is part of a three-way agreement among Takeda, Moderna and the Government of Japan's Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare (MHLW). Moderna has previously announced that the 30,000 participant Phase 3 clinical trial of mRNA-1273 at the 100 µg dose level in the U.S. is fully enrolled.
This follows Takeda's recent announcement that it is establishing the capability to manufacture Novavax' COVIDÃ¢â?¬â??19 vaccine candidate at its facilities in Japan to provide long-term supply to the Japanese population.

Takeda's efforts to bring Moderna's and Novavax' COVID-19 vaccine candidates to Japan are supported by the MHLW and the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED).

Under the terms of the new agreement with the MHLW and Moderna, Takeda will be responsible for securing the necessary regulatory approvals prior to distributing 50 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine candidate in Japan. Moderna will provide finished product and will support Takeda with its development and regulatory efforts.