# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

# REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021

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# **BioNTech SE**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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#### DOCUMENTS INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS FORM 6-K

On November 26, 2021, the Financial Times published an article that BioNTech SE (the "Company") will take two weeks to assess the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine against the new B.1.1.529 variant of COVID-19 that has emerged in southern Africa. The press releaseARTICLE is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### **BioNTech SE**

By: /s/ Dr. Sierk Poetting

Name: Dr. Sierk Poetting Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: November 26, 2021

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Hannah Kuchler

BioNTech will know in two weeks whether the vaccine it developed with Pfizer will work against the new B.1.1.529 variant of Covid that has emerged in southern Africa.

The German company says it is testing the vaccine against the strain in the lab. It said the variant "differs significantly from previously observed variants" because of additional mutations on the spike protein, which vaccines target.

"Pfizer and BioNTech have taken actions months ago to be able to adapt the mRNA vaccine within six weeks and ship initial batches within 100 days in the event of an escape variant," the company said.

"To that end, the companies have begun clinical trials with variant-specific vaccines (alpha and delta) to collect safety and tolerability data that can be provided to regulators."

Shares in BioNTech climbed 7.2 per cent to \$326.56 in pre-market trading, while partner Pfizer added 5.6 per cent to \$53.75.