

Pfizer and BioNTech Announce Publication of Peer-Reviewed Data from Ongoing Phase 1/2 study of mRNA-based Vaccine Candidate, BNT162b1, Against SARS-CoV-2 in *Nature*

NEW YORK and MAINZ, GERMANY, August 12, 2020 — [Pfizer Inc.](#) (NYSE: PFE) and [BioNTech SE](#) (Nasdaq: BNTX) today announced that preliminary, peer-reviewed data from their BNT162 mRNA-based vaccine development program, Project Lightspeed, against SARS-CoV-2, were published online in the journal [Nature](#). These preliminary clinical data on BNT162b1, a nucleoside-modified messenger RNA (modRNA) candidate that encodes an optimized SARS-CoV-2 receptor binding domain (RBD) antigen, showed that BNT162b1 was administered in a dose that was well tolerated and generated dose-dependent immunogenicity, as measured by RBD-binding IgG concentrations and SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers. These data were made available to the public on July 1, 2020 via an online preprint server, medRxiv. For additional details, please read the previously issued [press release](#).

The posted preprint version of the manuscript reported that, by 7 days after the second dose, 30 µg of BNT162b1 elicited a SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing geometric mean titer (GMT) 2.8-times the GMT of a SARS-CoV-2 convalescent human serum panel. Based on new data, the final, peer-reviewed paper reports that neutralizing titers continued to rise, and, by 14 days after the second dose of 30 µg, the participants' GMT was 4.6-times the convalescent serum panel GMT.

"The publication of peer-reviewed data from our mRNA-based vaccine development program against SARS-CoV-2 in a world-renowned publication like *Nature* provides further validation of our rapid progress toward developing a safe and effective potential vaccine to help address this current pandemic," said **Kathrin U. Jansen, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Head of Vaccine Research & Development, Pfizer**. "We are encouraged by the overall advancement of the program and look forward to generating additional data from our ongoing studies."

"Since our inception, we have been deeply grounded in science, which makes sharing our data in a peer-reviewed publication like *Nature* an even more important milestone. The scientific rigor of our approach is fundamental during the current pandemic. Supporting the growing body of knowledge is instrumental for finding answers to benefit global health," said **Ugur Sahin, M.D., CEO and Co-founder of BioNTech**. "We aim to continuously follow that scientific rigor in reporting additional data from our global trials, which are ongoing at more than 100 clinical sites worldwide. Our aim remains to bring a safe and efficacious vaccine to the global community."

The companies are also continuing the peer-review process for initial data [posted to the medRxiv preprint server](#) for BNT162b1 from the German Phase 1/2, open-label, non-randomized, non-placebo-controlled, dose-escalation trial.

Pfizer and BioNTech recently selected BNT162b2 as the vaccine candidate to progress to a Phase 2/3 study, which is now enrolling. BNT162b2 was selected based on the totality of available data from preclinical and clinical studies, including select immune response and tolerability parameters compared to the BNT162b1 candidate. The companies are continuing to collect data from the Phase 1/2 trials and expect to submit data on BNT162b2 for peer-review and potential publication in the near future. In keeping with their commitment to transparency, the companies intend to also post the manuscript on a preprint server at that time.

The Phase 2/3 study is an event-driven trial that is planned to enroll up to 30,000 participants between 18 and 85 years of age. The companies plan to enroll a diverse population, including participants in areas where there is significant expected SARS-CoV-2 transmission. For further information about this trial, visit www.ClinicalTrials.gov using the number NCT04368728.

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A further description of risks and uncertainties can be found in Pfizer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 and in its subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, including in the sections thereof captioned "Risk Factors" and "Forward-Looking Information and Factors That May Affect Future Results," as well as in its subsequent reports on Form 8-K, all of which are filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov and www.pfizer.com.

About BioNTech

Biopharmaceutical New Technologies is a next generation immunotherapy company pioneering novel therapies for cancer and other serious diseases. The Company exploits a wide array of computational discovery and therapeutic drug platforms for the rapid development of novel biopharmaceuticals. Its broad portfolio of oncology product candidates includes individualized and off-the-shelf mRNA-based therapies, innovative chimeric antigen receptor T cells, bi-specific checkpoint immuno-modulators, targeted cancer antibodies and small molecules. Based on its deep expertise in mRNA vaccine development and in-house manufacturing capabilities, BioNTech and its collaborators are developing multiple mRNA vaccine candidates for a range of infectious diseases alongside its diverse oncology pipeline. BioNTech has established a broad set of relationships with multiple global pharmaceutical collaborators, including Genmab, Sanofi, Bayer Animal Health, Genentech, a member of the Roche Group, Regeneron, Genevant, Fosun Pharma, and Pfizer.

For more information, please visit www.BioNTech.de.

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