COVID-19: The biopharmaceutical industry is leading the way in developing & manufacturing vaccines, therapeutics & diagnostics

On 19th May 2021, global vaccine manufacturers and biotech associations have committed to Five Steps to urgently advance COVID-19 vaccine equity. The plan points out that, whilst extraordinary achievements have been made with 11 billion doses produced by the end of 2021, vaccine doses are not reaching all priority populations worldwide. We believe vaccine equity can be a reality if all stakeholders work together to step up dose sharing, eliminate trade barriers, further support for country readiness. Industry is also working tirelessly to continue optimizing production and driving further innovation.
STEP UP DOSE SHARING

Work with governments and expand every effort to make additional COVID-19 vaccine doses available to low- and lower-middle income countries, through COVAX or other efficient established mechanisms.

The key to ensuring dose sharing delivers on its promise of equity goes far beyond pledges, as outlined in our explainer of step 1 of 5 needed to urgently advance COVID-19 vaccine equity. See our video on Step 1 here.

Since the first vaccines became available, the COVAX facility, co-led by Gavi, UNICEF, WHO and CEPI, has signed agreements with several vaccine manufacturers to provide at least 2 billion doses of approved COVID-19 vaccines by the end of 2021.

Find the latest dose donations to COVAX announced for 2021-2022 here – last update 23 July 2021.

- 29 September 2020 – Gavi announced a collaboration between AstraZeneca, the Serum Institute of India, and the Bill & Melina Gates Foundation to accelerate the manufacturing through the sharing of the know-how to produce the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine which ultimately should result in the delivery of up to 200 million vaccines for LMICs in 2021 at a maximum of US$ 3 per dose, with an option to secure more.
- 22 January 2021 – an agreement that saw Gavi securing 400 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was signed.
- 25 February 2021 – UNICEF, together with procurement partners, signed a long-term supply agreement with AstraZeneca on behalf of the COVAX Facility for 170 million vaccine doses for about 85 LMICs.
- 3 May and 6 May 2021 – agreements were signed by Gavi with Moderna and with Novavax for the supply of up to 500 million doses respectively.
- 21 May 2021 – Gavi announced the signing of an agreement with Johnson & Johnson for the supply of 200 million doses in 2021, and a potential additional 300 million doses in 2022.
- 02 June 2021 – UNICEF together with procurement partners announced a long-term agreement with Moderna for the supply of up to 34 million doses in 2021, and 466 million doses in 2022.
- 10 June 2021 – Pfizer and BioNTech announced that they would provide the US government with 500 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines for donation and distribution amongst the world’s most resource-limited nations.
- 01 July 2021 – UNICEF signs supply agreement Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen Pharmaceutica to access up to 200 million doses in 2021 for 92 countries.
- 2 August 2021 – The African Union (AU), the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust (AVAT) and UNICEF announced a partnership to ensure procurement and delivery of vaccines to AU Member States.
CONTINUE TO OPTIMIZE PRODUCTION

Work with governments and individual suppliers of raw materials and components to undertake all practicable efforts to maximize COVID-19 vaccine output without compromising safety and quality.

Manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines at the volumes the world needs is a colossal challenge and scarcity of raw materials and trade barriers could upset estimates that 11 billion doses – more than double pre-pandemic global manufacturing capacity for all vaccines – can be produced by the end of 2021, as our explainer on Step 2 out of 5 outlines. See our video on Step 2 here.

- **22 February 2021** – Sanofi announced it would provide manufacturing support to Johnson & Johnson to formulate and fill vials of Janssen’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate in 2021 at a rate of approximately 12 million doses per month.
- **29 March 2021** – GSK agreed with Novavax and the UK Government Vaccine Taskforce to support the manufacturing of up to 60 million doses of Novavax’ COVID-19 vaccine.
- **26 April 2021** – Sanofi announced the manufacturing of up to 200 million doses of Moderna’s vaccine in the US starting in September 2021.
- **29 April 2021** – Moderna announced new investments to increase global supply for COVID-19 Vaccine at its own manufacturing facilities, which it expects to increase global supply to up to 3 billion doses in 2022.
- **22 May 2021** – Moderna announced two memoranda of understanding with the government of South Korea and one with the Korea National Institute of Health to explore local manufacturing opportunities for mRNA vaccines in South Korea, and with Samsung Biologics.
- **22 May 2021** – Moderna signed a Manufacturing Services and Supply Agreement in which Samsung Biologics will provide large scale, commercial fill-finish manufacturing support for Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine.
- **22 May 2021** – Novavax signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea and SK Bioscience to explore further cooperation in the development and manufacturing of vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines.
- **24 May 2021** – Moderna and Aldevron announced an expansion of their partnership in support of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing and additional programs such as the supply of plasmid DNA, which serves as the generic template for generating the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine.
- **02 June 2021** – Moderna expanded its partnership with Lonza to increase drug substance manufacturing for Moderna’s global supply chain to support the additional manufacturing of 300 million doses of Moderna’s updated booster variant vaccine candidate.
- **22 June 2021** – Novavax entered into a partnership with the National Research Council of Canada Biologics Manufacturing Centre to expand manufacturing capabilities for Novavax’ COVID-19 vaccine.
- **01 July 2021** – Moderna announced a partnership with Recipharm in France to expand manufacturing for Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine at Recipharm’s Monts manufacturing site.
- **21 July 2021** – Pfizer and BioNTech announced the signing of a letter of intent with Biovac, a Cape Town-based, South
African biopharmaceutical company, to manufacture the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for distribution within the African Union. To facilitate Biovac’s involvement in the production process, technical transfer, on-site development and equipment installation activities will begin immediately. At full operational capacity, the annual production will exceed 100 million finished doses annually, reaching the 55 Member States that make up the African Union.

**CALL OUT TRADE BARRIERS TO BE ELIMINATED**

Urge governments to eliminate all trade and regulatory barriers to the export of essential manufacturing materials and vaccines, while identifying and addressing trade barriers in cooperation with partners.

As our [explainer on Step 3](#) of 5 outlines, trade restrictions, amongst other hurdles, are holding up both upstream and downstream supply, presenting a significant challenge to achieve vaccine equity. See our [video on Step 3](#) here.

- **23 April 2021** – IFPMA and the COVID-19 vaccine industry cautioned during a [press briefing](#) that immediate action would be needed to remove manufacturing supply barriers to meet production targets and keep the goals for equitable and fair access to COVID-19 vaccines on course.
- **14 May 2021** – CEPI, IFPMA, DCVLN, and other partners in the COVAX Facility announced the establishment of the COVAX Manufacturing Task Force to tackle vaccine supply challenges, including addressing the elimination of potential trade barriers.

**SUPPORT COUNTRY READINESS**

Partner with governments on COVID-19 vaccine deployment, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, to ensure that they are ready and able to deploy available doses, while also restoring and maintaining the delivery of routine immunization.

As our [explainer on Step 4](#) outlines, countries must be ready to roll out vaccination programs as soon as doses are delivered. Therefore, countries need adequate resourcing, the right infrastructure, a strong cold supply chain, and trained staff to effectively store, distribute and administer vaccines. See our [video explaining Step 4](#) here.

- **14 May 2021** – CEPI, IFPMA, DCVLN, and other partners in the COVAX Facility announced the establishment of the COVAX Manufacturing Task Force to, amongst other objectives, support the establishment or upgrading of vaccine manufacturing facilities, particularly those in LMICs, leveraging appropriate mechanisms and business processes.

MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION DEALS FOR COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS around the globe
- **03 June 2021** – Moderna has committed to a supply agreement on 3 June 2021 with the Republic of Botswana to support the government’s ongoing efforts to secure access to a COVID-19 vaccines for the people of Botswana.
- **10 June 2021** – The UPS Foundation, a longstanding partner of Gavi, is supporting equitable delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to countries with insufficient access. Together with Pfizer, they are donating freezers to countries that need assistance with building their ultra-cold chain capacity.
- **17 June 2021** – Pfizer and Zipline have partnered to design and test delivery solutions, like drone delivery and thermal shipping containers, that can safely and effectively distribute COVID-19 vaccines in difficult-to-reach areas.
- **15 July 2021** – CEPI and COVAX partners launched the COVAX Marketplace to match buyers and sellers of critical manufacturing supplies and speed up global access to COVID-19 vaccines through COVAX.
- **10 August 2021** – Moderna announced it will support Canada with direct access to rapid pandemic response capabilities, including the building of an mRNA vaccine manufacturing facility in Canada. **New**

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**DRIVE FURTHER INNOVATION**

Prioritize the development of new and next-generation COVID-19 vaccines while urging governments for unhindered access to pathogens and related data.

As our [explainer on Step 5](https://example.com) outlines, to improve the efficacy, manufacture and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and combat emerging variants, governments, regulators, and research scientists must work together to drive further innovation. See our [video explaining Step 5](https://example.com) here.

- **20 May 2021** – BioNTech announced plans to expand its global footprint to Asia with the establishment of its Regional Headquarters for Southeast Asia in Singapore and a first mRNA manufacturing facility.
- **04 June 2021** – IFPMA announced that life science industry leaders are joining forces with governments to prioritize the development of new COVID-19 vaccines, developing a plan to deploy high-quality diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines and treatments in just 100 days after a new pandemic threat is identified.
- **14 June 2021** – Novavax announced positive results from a first study that administered an influenza vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine candidate simultaneously.
- **27 June 2021** – AstraZeneca announced that the first participants across the UK, South Africa, Brazil, and Poland, were vaccinated in a clinical trial to test their updated COVID-19 vaccines for emerging variants.
- **29 June 2021** – Sanofi launched a vaccine mRNA Center of Excellence and will invest approximately €400 million annually to accelerate the development and delivery of next-generation vaccines.
As a science-driven industry that aims to address some of the world’s biggest healthcare challenges, the biopharmaceutical industry is uniquely positioned to respond rapidly to COVID-19. It has gained profound scientific insights from decades of experience in developing solutions for infectious diseases such as MERS, SARS, Ebola and influenza as well as in working with health authorities and regulators to swiftly bring safe and effective vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics to patients.

The rapid worldwide spread of SARS-CoV-2 is a public health emergency. More than ever, we need effective international cooperation to ensure that no-one is left behind in the race to tackle this crisis. This requires coordinated, multi-stakeholder action embracing the private sector as a critical partner. IFPMA members are fully committed to bringing their unique expertise in R&D and manufacturing of vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics to the table.

IFPMA members are also committed to collaborate closely with national regulatory agencies, academia and global health stakeholders to retain access to existing medicines and vaccines for treatment and prevention of other conditions. Clinical research into new options and treatments for serious, life-threatening diseases also remains a priority (read our Regulatory Guiding Principles here).

IFPMA has joined the global public-private partnership, ACT Accelerator, as founding partner, offering its knowledge and expertise in finding/developing novel therapeutics and vaccines and in building manufacturing capacity and distribution networks. IFPMA has published the Vaccines Policy Principles that will guide its work with the ACT Accelerator Vaccines Partnership (COVAX). On 24 February 2021, COVAX and UNICEF began to roll out 2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines (to be delivered by the end of 2021) to protect high risk and vulnerable people, and frontline healthcare workers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Since then, GAVI has announced various deliveries of COVAX COVID-19 vaccines, with millions of doses to reach 147 countries by the end of May 2021.

IFPMA, EFPIA, BIO, PhRMA, ABPI, ICBA, and Vaccines Europe call on manufacturers, governments, and non-governmental organizations to take immediate action to advance COVID-19 vaccine equity, proposing 5 steps to take – step up dose sharing, continue to optimize production, call out trade barriers to be eliminated, support country readiness, and drive further innovation – with urgency.

**SEVEN GLOBAL BIOPHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY COMMITMENTS TO ADDRESS CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

**REPURPOSE EXISTING & TEST NEW TREATMENTS**

Rapidly screen the industry’s vast libraries of medicines to identify potential treatments and undertake numerous clinical trials to test new and existing therapies.

IFPMA members reviewed their drug portfolios for potentially safe and effective assets that could help with the development of new
or repurposed treatments. Gilead's remdesivir was approved as the first COVID-19 treatment by the US FDA in May 2020, and the EMA in June 2020. Various authorities, including the EMA and US FDA endorsed the use of dexamethasone for treating adult cases requiring respiratory support. Regarding antibodies, in November 2020, the US FDA was the first to grant EUA to Regeneron's antibody cocktail (casirivimab and imdevimab administered together). In February 2021, the US FDA granted EUA for Eli Lilly's investigational antibody cocktail of bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) and etesevimab (LY-CoV016).

**Large-scale COVID-19 partnerships with broad industry involvement to speed up COVID-19 Therapeutics R&D**

The following IFPMA member companies have partnered with the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator initiative, initiated by the Gates Foundation, Wellcome and Mastercard, to accelerate the development, manufacture, and delivery of vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics for COVID-19: Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eisai, Eli Lilly, Gilead, GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Merck (known as MSD outside the US and Canada), Merck KGaA, Novartis, Pfizer, and Sanofi.

The NIH set up the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) public-private partnership to develop a coordinated research strategy for prioritizing and speeding development of the most promising therapeutics and vaccines. The following IFPMA member companies have partnered with the ACTIV initiative: AbbVie, Amgen, AstraZeneca, Bristol Myers Squibb, Eisai, Eli Lilly and Company, Gilead, GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co., Inc., Novartis, Pfizer, Roche-Genentech, Sanofi, and Takeda.

The Corona Accelerated R&D in Europe (CARE) consortium, a coalition of 37 globally renowned academic institutions, pharmaceutical companies and non-profit research organizations, committed to the development of therapeutics (i) to provide an emergency response towards the current COVID-19 pandemic by drug repositioning and (ii) to address the current and/or future coronavirus outbreaks by broad-spectrum small-molecule drug discovery and/or virus-neutralizing antibody discovery. The following IFPMA members have joined the consortium: AbbVie, Astellas, Boehringer Ingelheim, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Novartis, Pfizer, and Takeda.

**AbbVie** partnered with global authorities to determine the effectiveness of HIV drugs lopinavir/ritonavir in treating COVID-19. WHO interim trial results showed that lopinavir/ritonavir produced little or no reduction in mortality of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, hence trials were interrupted with immediate effect.

AbbVie also entered into a collaboration with Harbour BioM, Utrecht University, and Erasmus Medical Center to develop a novel antibody therapeutic.

AbbVie, and partners of the COVID R&D Alliance, Amgen, and Takeda, announced the start of the I-SPY COVID trial evaluating the efficacy of cenicriviroc, apremilast, and icatibant in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

**Amgen** and Adaptive Biotechnologies are partnering to combine expertise to discover and develop fully human neutralizing antibodies targeting SARS-CoV-2.

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**Astellas** In Japan, Astellas is providing compounds in response to a request from the government to cooperate in the "Basic
Screening Plan for Drugs for Coronavirus Disease.

**Astellas** is also responding to requests from EFPIA and IMI to cooperate in “Activities Aimed at Developing Drugs for the Novel Virus” and providing consultation on countermeasures.

**AstraZeneca** - **AZD7442 treatment** – **AstraZeneca** signed an agreement with DARPA, part of the US Department of Defense, and BARDA to support the company’s efforts to develop a monoclonal antibody treatment against SARS-CoV-2. **The company** announced the advancement of its LAAB combination, AZD7442, into two Phase III clinical trials in more than 6,000 participants worldwide.

**Acalabrutinib** – In ongoing trials supported by **AstraZeneca**, results published in Science Immunology showed that acalabrutinib reduced markers of inflammation and improved clinical outcomes of patients with severe COVID-19 disease.

**BMS** and The Rockefeller University announced that they entered into a definitive agreement under which Bristol Myers Squibb was granted a global exclusive license to develop, manufacture and commercialize Rockefeller’s novel mAb duo treatment that neutralizes the SARS-CoV-2 virus for therapy or prevention of COVID-19.

**Xencor** announced it has entered into a technology license agreement with Bristol-Myers Squibb under which BMS will have non-exclusive access to Xencor’s Xtend™ Fc technology to extend the half-life of a novel antibody combination therapy that is intended to neutralize the SARS-CoV-2 virus (“SARS-CoV-2 mAb Duo”) for treatment or prevention of COVID-19.

**Boehringer IngelHeim** is a member of the CARE consortium, leading the work stream focusing on the development of virus neutralizing antibodies. The company will also provide antiviral molecules from its legacy HIV and HCV portfolio and small molecule candidates from a complete screen of its molecule library.

**Boehringer Ingelheim** announced the initiation of a Phase 2 clinical trial of BI 764198, an inhibitor of TRPC6 that may alleviate the damage to the lung and decrease the risk or severity of acute respiratory complications in patients hospitalized for COVID-19. **Boehringer Ingelheim** announced that it has decided to discontinue treatment in the Phase II trial of BI 764198.

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UKK, UMR, the DZIF and **Boehringer IngelHeim** announced the initiation of Phase 1/2a clinical investigation of BI 767551, a new SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibody.

**Boehringer IngelHeim** announced its decision to focus its COVID-19 therapy research on the development of alteplase as a potential treatment for COVID-19 patients with severe breathing problems. The decision is based on favorable safety and efficacy data from an interim analysis of the TRISTARDS Phase 2/3 study, following completion of the Phase 2b part of the study including 62 patients.

**Chugai** Pharmabody Research Pte. Ltd. and the Agency for Science, Technology and Research in Singapore are jointly researching a therapeutic antibody to fight COVID-19.

**Chugai** entered into a license agreement for worldwide non-exclusive rights of several Chugai’s antibody engineering technologies with Eli Lilly.

**Chugai** announced that it concluded a license agreement with Roche for the development and commercialization in Japan for the antibody cocktail of casirivimab and imdevimab (formerly known as REGN-COV2) for COVID-19.

**Chugai** announced that it concluded a license agreement with Roche for the development and marketing in Japan for AT-527, an oral drug candidate for COVID-19.

**CSL Group/Seqirus** is collaborating with Takeda, Biotest AG, Bio Products Laboratory, LFB and Octapharma to accelerate development of a potential COVID-19 Hyperimmune therapy.

The CoVlg-19 Plasma Alliance announced that the Phase 3 ITAC clinical trial sponsored and funded by the NNIAID, part
of the NIH, did not meet its endpoints. **CSL Behring** is partnering with SAB Biotherapeutics, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, to advance and deliver a novel immunotherapy targeting COVID-19. The potential therapy would be produced without the need for blood plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients. **CSL Behring** has launched a clinical trial into the use of CSL312 (garadacimab, Factor XIIa antagonist monoclonal antibody) to treat patients suffering from severe respiratory distress, a leading cause of death in patients with COVID-19 related pneumonia.

**Daiichi Sankyo** reached a basic agreement with the University of Tokyo, RIKEN and Nichi-Iko Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. on collaborative R&D on a Nafamostat inhalation formulation for treating COVID-19. However, in view of situations of ongoing non-clinical studies and the phase 1 trial, **Daiichi Sankyo** decided to discontinue development of Nafamostat inhalation formulation for treatment of the novel coronavirus infectious disease (COVID-19).

**EFPIA** through the IMI, IMI associated partners and other organisations provided up to 45 million EUR to fund 8 COVID-19 R&D projects with 3 focusing on treatments.

**Eli Lilly** received the rights to use Chugai's antibody engineering technologies for their research activities to develop next-generation COVID-19 treatments and the rights for the development and marketing of therapeutic antibodies applying the technologies.

**Bamlanivimab** – In June 2020, **Eli Lilly** announced a Phase 1 study of LY-CoV555, the lead antibody from Lilly's collaboration with AbCellera. **Eli Lilly** also announced the start of a Phase 1 study for its second potential COVID-19 antibody treatment in collaboration with Junshi Biosciences. **Eli Lilly** and UnitedHealth Group announced a partnership to conduct a pragmatic study of LY-CoV555 in high-risk, individuals with COVID-19. **Eli Lilly**, Vir Biotechnology and GSK announced a collaboration to evaluate a combination of bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) with VIR-7831 (GSK4182136) in low-risk patients with mild to moderate COVID-19. **Eli Lilly** announced the US FDA granted EUA for the combination treatment of bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) and etesevimab (LY-CoV016). **Eli Lilly** also announced the EMA's positive scientific opinion for bamlanivimab alone and bamlanivimab administered together with etesevimab.

**LY3127804** – **Eli Lilly** advanced to Phase 2 trials for its investigational selective monoclonal antibody LY3127804 against Angiopoietin 2 in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

**Baricitinib** – **Eli Lilly** entered into an agreement with NIAID to study baricitinib as an arm in NIAID's Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial. Complementing this data, **Eli Lilly** separately started a Phase 3 study to evaluate efficacy and safety of baricitinib in hospitalized adults with COVID-19.

**Eisai**, in collaboration with the Global Coalition for Adaptive Research and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, joined REMAP-COVID, a study that tests multiple interventions for the treatment of patients hospitalized with COVID-19. Eritoran, an investigational TLR4 antagonist discovered and developed by Eisai, was selected as the first investigational immune modulation therapy to be evaluated. **Eisai** announced that it has entered into a joint research agreement with four research organizations in Japan concerning the "Development of Therapeutics to Prevent the Aggravation of the Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease (COVID-19)" (Grant Number: 20fk0108255).

**Gilead** identified remdesivir as a potential COVID-19 treatment. In April 2020, positive data emerged from the NIAID study of remdesivir. Additional data from a Phase 3 SIMPLE-severe study, and new analyses of the company's compassionate use program revealed remdesivir to improve recovery time and reduce mortality in COVID-19 patients. **Gilead** received an authorization from the US FDA for remdesivir in October 2020, regulatory approval by Japan in May, and conditional approval from the EMA in July.
Gilead initiated a Phase 1a clinical study to evaluate the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of an investigational, inhaled solution of remdesivir in healthy volunteers, for potential outpatient treatment of COVID-19. Gilead and the US FDA launched an open-label, single-arm phase 2/3 clinical trial to evaluate safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics and efficacy of remdesivir in treating paediatric patients with moderate-to-severe COVID-19, across 30 sites in the US and Europe.

VIR-7831 – GSK and Vir Biotechnology Inc entered into a collaboration using Vir’s proprietary monoclonal antibody platform technology to accelerate existing and identify new anti-viral antibodies. Vir Biotechnology and GSK announced that the first patient was dosed in a phase 2/3 study with VIR-7831 (GSK4182136) for the treatment of adult and adolescent COVID-19 patients who are at high risk of progressing to severe disease. For further developments see GSK under “Share real-time clinical trial data with governments, companies & the public.”

Otilimab – GSK initiated clinical trials of otilimab, an experimental rheumatoid arthritis drug, on patients suffering from severe pulmonary COVID-19 related disease, running from May to December 2020. For further developments see GSK under “Share real-time clinical trial data with governments, companies & the public.”

Ipsen donated financial resources to the Institut Pasteur that has devoted a portion of its research, since January, to understanding SARS-CoV-2 in terms of epidemiology, biological characteristics and pathogenicity.

Johnson & Johnson partnered with BARDA to accelerate the discovery of potential COVID-19 treatments. Johnson & Johnson, in partnership with the Rega Institute for Medical Research, and the University of Leuven (Belgium), partnered to identify existing or new compounds with anti-SARS-CoV-2 properties.

LEO Pharma is participating in a pharma industry initiative supported by the EU Commission to identify active compounds and compile a sample library for testing with the potential of reducing lead time for treatment development for COVID-19.

Merck’s compound M5049 is being clinically tested in a Phase II trial as a treatment for patients with Covid-19 pneumonia. Merck has donated a total of 300,000 units of interferon beta-1a (Rebif®) to the French Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSMR) for a trial, the World Health Organization (WHO) for use in their global Solidarity trial, and the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for their ACTT 3 trial in combination with remdesivir. Merck is a member of the CARE (Corona Accelerated R&D in Europe) consortium to advance research and future treatments. Studies are also underway to investigate whether existing treatments can be used.

MSD and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics LP entered into a collaboration agreement to develop EIDD-2801, an orally available antiviral candidate currently in early clinical development for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. The candidate antiviral, renamed to MK-4882, is currently in phase 2 clinical trials.

Novartis initiated a 450-person study in the US to determine if the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine can effectively treat COVID-19. Novartis discontinued the study due to feasibility of recruitment. Novartis initiated a Phase III clinical trial for canakinumab to treat cytokine release syndrome (CRS) in people with COVID-19 pneumonia. Novartis announced that interim data showed that the trial failed to meet its primary and secondary endpoint. Novartis initiated a Phase III clinical trial in collaboration with Incyte to evaluate the use of ruxolitinib for the treatment of CRS that can lead to life-threatening respiratory complications in patients with COVID-19. Novartis and Molecular Partners announced a collaboration in the form of an option and license agreement to develop, manufacture and commercialize Molecular Partners’ anti-COVID-19 DARPin® program, consisting of two therapeutic.
candidates, MP0420 and MP0423.

**Pfizer** confirmed a lead compound and analogues as potent inhibitors of a SARS-CoV-2 protease. Preliminary data suggest this lead protease inhibitor shows antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2. Pfizer will perform pre-clinical confirmatory studies.

**Pfizer** shared in vitro and clinical data regarding azithromycin to facilitate the use of azithromycin in research on COVID-19.

**Pfizer** and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine's Respiratory Infection Clinical Research Group launched two studies to provide insights on the interaction between S. pneumoniae and SARS-CoV-2.

**Tofacitinib** – **Pfizer** supported an independent Phase 2 investigator-initiated study for the use of tofacitinib in patients with SARS-CoV-2 with a grant.

**Pfizer** and The Academic Research Organization from the Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein announced that the *New England Journal of Medicine* has published positive findings from the STOP-COVID study (NCT04469114) evaluating the efficacy and safety of oral Janus kinase inhibitor tofacitinib in 289 hospitalized adult patients with COVID-19 pneumonia who were not on ventilation. The study met its primary endpoint.

**Roche** **Tocilizumab** – Roche’s tocilizumab was **approved by China on March 5** to treat COVID-19 patients with lung complications and subsequently **entered phase III clinical trials** in the REMDACTA and COVACTA clinical trials. On 29 July, **Roche** announced tocilizumab did not meet its primary and secondary endpoints of improved clinical status and mortality in COVID-19 associated pneumonia.

**Roche** initiated a phase 3 clinical trial of tocilizumab plus remdesivir in hospitalised patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia.

**AT-527** – **Roche** and Atea Pharmaceuticals announced they are joining forces in the fight against COVID-19 to develop, manufacture and distribute AT-527, Atea's investigational oral and direct-acting antiviral, to people around the globe.

**Casirivimab-imdevimab cocktail** – **Regeneron** announced that the antibody cocktail casirivimab and imdevimab administered together, received EUA from the US FDA. Regeneron is responsible for the development and distribution of the treatment in the US, and Roche for development and distribution outside the US.

**Roche** announced the EMA issued a scientific opinion supporting the use of the investigational antibody cocktail, casirivimab and imdevimab, for people with confirmed COVID-19 who do not require oxygen supplementation and who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19.

The US FDA expanded emergency authorized use of **Regeneron's REGEN-COV**, the antibody cocktail casirivimab and imdevimab, for post-exposure prophylaxis in certain people exposed to a SARS-CoV-2 infected individual, or who are at high risk of exposure to an infected individual in an institutional setting.

**Sanofi** **Sarilumab** – **Sanofi** entered into a partnership with Regeneron Pharmaceuticals to evaluate the arthritis drug sarilumab in patients hospitalized with severe COVID-19. The US phase 3 clinical trial in COVID-19 patients requiring mechanical ventilation did not meet its primary and key secondary endpoints, and was subsequently halted.

**Shionogi** **Iduralast** identified various number of promising lead compounds against SARS-CoV-2 through a collaborative research effort with the Hokkaido University Research Center for Zoonosis Control. The company aims to start clinical trials in FY2020.

**Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma** donated 10 million yen to the Kitasato Institute's Project for COVID-19 to identify clinical candidates for the treatment of COVID-19 through a large-scale screening of approved pharmaceuticals.

**Takeda** **Bamlanivimab** and CSL Group formed the CoVig-19 Plasma Alliance with other leading global plasma companies to develop a potential plasma-derived therapy for treating COVID-19. The **CoVig-19 Plasma Alliance expanded** to comprise 10
companies and attracted the support of major companies and organizations. In parallel, the Alliance confirmed it will work with NIAID to test the safety, tolerability and efficacy of the hyperimmune therapy in adult patients with COVID-19. The CoVig-19 Plasma Alliance announced that the Phase 3 ITAC clinical trial sponsored and funded by the NNIAD, part of the NIH, did not meet its endpoints. Takeda, and partners of the COVID R&D Alliance AbbVie and Amgen, announced the start of the I-SPY COVID trial evaluating the efficacy of cenicriviroc, apremilast, and icatibant in hospitalized COVID-19 patients who require high-flow oxygen.

Teva Teva is actively looking through its range of products to determine if any products may be relevant for COVID-19.

UCB In the US, UCB is working with the Seattle Structural Genomics Center for Infectious Disease to identify crystal structures of SARS-CoV-2 proteins. In the UK, the company partnered with Diamond Light Source and the University of Oxford to design inhibitors of SARS-CoV-2’s main protease for treatment of COVID-19 patients.

SHARE REAL-TIME CLINICAL TRIAL DATA WITH GOVERNMENTS, COMPANIES & THE PUBLIC

Share real-time clinical trial data with governments and other companies around the world to advance the development of additional therapies.

“Open Access” data-sharing channels are key to securing a response capacity as we have seen with influenza networks. The speed with which researchers have understood this novel strain of virus and got therapeutics and vaccines into clinical trials is unprecedented. The Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID), an open access platform part-funded by the private sector, played a critical role in sharing the first genome sequences of the novel coronavirus – a vital element in speeding up information sharing among scientists and public health authorities.

IFPMA & EFPIA support the EMA’s initiative to implement exceptional transparency measures that are targeting regulatory activities for the assessment and approval of medicines and vaccines for COVID-19. The biopharmaceutical industry represented by IFPMA and EFPIA encourage other national regulatory authorities to follow the EMA’s example.

In less than a year, several vaccine candidates have concluded or are in advanced Phase III clinical trials with encouraging results. On 31 December 2020, Pfizer and BioNTech announced the granting of a temporary EUL for their COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (BNT162b2) after thorough review of clinical trial data. On 15 February 2020, WHO granted temporary EUL to AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine (AZD1222). On 12 March 2021, WHO granted EUL to Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine Ad26.COV2.S. All three vaccines are part of the COVAX roll-out.

AbbVie AbbVie worked closely with European health authorities, US FDA, US CDC, NIH, and BARDA to research the effectiveness of lopinavir/ritonavir in clinical studies. Trials were interrupted immediately after no reduction in mortality of hospitalized COVID-19 patients was noticed.
**Amgen** Amgen’s subsidiary deCODE genetics, Iceland’s Directorate of Health and the National University Hospital published a population-based study of the early spread of SARS-CoV-2 in Iceland’s population in the *NEJM*. Amgen, together with AstraZeneca, Eli Lilly, Roche’s Genentech subsidiary, GSK and AbCellera, has been allowed to share manufacturing information that could help speed up coronavirus antibody production by the US Department of Justice, since 23 July 2020.

**Astellas** In Japan, Astellas is providing compounds in response to a request from the government to cooperate in the “Basic Screening Plan for Drugs for Coronavirus Disease”. Astellas is also responding to requests from EFPIA and IMI to cooperate in “Activities Aimed at Developing Drugs for the Novel Virus” and providing consultation on countermeasures.

**AstraZeneca** AstraZeneca is sharing manufacturing information concerning COVID-19 antibody production with other companies. Please see previous entries on Amgen for more info. AZD7442 treatment – AstraZeneca announced the advancement of its Long-Acting AntiBody (LAAB) combination, AZD7442, into two Phase III clinical trials with more than 6,000 participants at sites in and outside the US. AstraZeneca announced results from the STORM CHASER trial assessing the safety and efficacy of AZD7442. The trial did not meet the primary endpoint of post-exposure prevention of symptomatic COVID-19 with AZD7442 compared to placebo. Acalabrutinib – Results published in *Science Immunology* for acalabrutinib initially showed promising clinical improvements in hospitalised COVID-19 patients with respiratory symptoms, but did not meet the primary efficacy endpoint in the CALAVI Phase II trials. AZD1222 vaccine – AstraZeneca and partner Oxford University have co-developed their COVID-19 vaccine AZD1222. Early interim results, published in *The Lancet* on 20 July 2020, showed that AZD1222 was tolerated and generated a robust immune response against SARS-CoV-2 in all evaluated participants. In November 2020, AstraZeneca announced that its AZD1222 vaccine was highly effective in preventing COVID-19, the primary efficacy endpoint, and no hospitalisations or severe cases of the disease were reported in participants receiving the vaccine. Positive high-level results showed the vaccine had efficacy of up to 90%. Results of an interim analysis of the Phase III programme conducted by Oxford University with AZD1222, peer-reviewed and published in *The Lancet*, demonstrated that the vaccine is safe and effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 and that it protects against severe disease and hospitalisation. AstraZeneca published the full protocol for its COVID-19 vaccine study. The primary analysis of the Phase III clinical trials from the UK, Brazil and South Africa, published as a preprint in *The Lancet* confirmed that the vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, with no severe cases and no hospitalisations, more than 22 days after the first dose. AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for EUA in the UK on 30 December 2020 and has been granted EUA in India, Argentina, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico and Morocco for the active immunisation of adults by 6 January 2021. AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine has been granted a CMA in the EU for individuals 18 years of age and older, by 29 January 2021. AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine has been granted EUL by WHO in individuals 18 years of age and older, including those over 65, on 15 February 2021. On 14 March 2021, AstraZeneca provided an update on the safety of its COVID-19 Vaccine. A careful review of all available safety data of more than 17 million people vaccinated in the EU and UK showed no evidence of an increased risk of pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or thrombocytopenia, in any defined age group, gender, batch or in any particular country. WHO considers that the benefits of the AstraZeneca vaccine outweigh its risks and
recommends that vaccinations continue. On 18 March 2021, AstraZeneca announced that the MHRA and EMA reaffirmed that the benefits of its COVID-19 vaccine continue to outweigh the risks.

The AstraZeneca US Phase III trial of AZD1222 demonstrated statistically significant vaccine efficacy of 79% at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 and 100% efficacy at preventing severe disease and hospitalisation. The numbers published were based on a pre-specified interim analysis with a data cut-off of 17 February. AstraZeneca has reviewed the preliminary assessment of the primary analysis and the results were consistent with the interim analysis. Positive high-level results from the primary analysis of the Phase III trial of AZD1222 in the US confirmed vaccine efficacy consistent with the pre-specified interim analysis announced on Monday 22 March 2021.

AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine, Vaxzevria (ChAdOx1-S [Recombinant]), formerly AZD1222, was granted a special approval for emergency use in Japan for active immunisation of individuals aged 18 years and older, to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2.

Data from PHE demonstrated COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca offers high levels of protection against the Delta variant (B.1.617.2; formerly the ‘Indian’ variant). Real world data from PHE, published as a pre-print, demonstrated two doses of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca are 92% effective against hospitalization due to the Delta variant and showed no deaths among those vaccinated. The vaccine also showed a high level of effectiveness against the Alpha variant (B.1.1.7; formerly the ‘Kent’ variant) with an 86% reduction of hospitalizations and no deaths reported. The data suggest that vaccine effectiveness against milder symptomatic disease, although significant, was lower. Vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic disease was 74% against the Alpha variant and 64% against the Delta variant.

The data published in The Lancet suggests that rates of the very rare clotting disorder, thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), following a second dose of Vaxzevria are comparable to the background rate in an unvaccinated population. In a large real-world study, data published as a pre-print on The Lancet server from over one million individuals assessed the incidence rates of blood clotting disorders of thromboembolism and thrombocytopenia, including the very rare thrombosis with thrombocytopenia (TTS) following vaccination with an mRNA vaccine or Vaxzevria, and compared them with expected rates in a general population and in people with COVID-19. Incidence of very rare thromboembolic events was far lower than in people diagnosed with COVID-19 infection.

Dapagliflozin – AstraZeneca and Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute announced results for the DARE-19 Phase III trial using dapagliflozin to treat hospitalized COVID-19 patients with a risk of developing serious complications. The trial did not achieve statistical significance for the primary endpoint.

Bayer Bayer Canada partnered with the Population Health Research Institute to launch a major clinical research program to evaluate the safety and efficacy of different combination therapies including Bayer’s chloroquine and interferon beta-1b.

Biogen Biogen, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard and Partners HealthCare announced a consortium to build and share a COVID-19 biobank to help scientists study a large collection of de-identified biological and medical data, advancing knowledge and the search for potential vaccines and treatments.

Boehringer Ingelheim Boehringer Ingelheim supports scientists worldwide with its open innovation portal opnMe.com, which offers 6 antiviral compounds out of 43 high quality pharmacological tool compounds at no cost for testing of research hypotheses.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Bristol-Myers Squibb identified 1,000 compounds which it made available to collaborators for screening for potential COVID-19 treatments.

Chugai Chugai announced results from Phase III J-COVACTA clinical study in Japan for the humanized anti-human IL-6 receptor
monoclonal antibody “Actemra® Intravenous Infusion 80 mg, 200 mg, and 400 mg” in patients with COVID-19 associated pneumonia.

Chugai announced that it filed a new drug application with the MHLW for the antibody cocktail casirivimab and imdevimab for the treatment of COVID-19. The application would seek the Special Approval for Emergency.

Daiichi Sankyo announced that it has made its shipment of VAXZEvRIATM Intramuscular Injection developed by AstraZeneca. This shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine would be provided to Southeast Asian countries and other regions through the Japanese Government.

Eli Lilly is sharing manufacturing information concerning COVID-19 antibody production with other companies. Please see previous entries on Amgen for more info.

Baricitinib – Eli Lilly and Incyte announced positive early data on baricitinib emerging from the ACTT-2 trial sponsored by NIAID and shared additional data on its effectiveness in combination with remdesivir, reducing patient recovery time and improving clinical outcomes. US FDA granted EUA to Eli Lilly and Incyte announced distribution of baricitinib in combination with remdesivir in hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Eli Lilly and Incyte announced results of COV-BARRIER, a Phase 3 study evaluating baricitinib plus standard of care (SoC) versus placebo plus SoC. The trial did not meet statistical significance on the primary endpoint. Both companies announced on 3 August 2021 that a sub-study had shown that baricitinib reduced deaths among COVID-19 patients receiving mechanical ventilation or ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation).

Bamlanivimab – Eli Lilly announced that combination therapy of two SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies (LY-CoV555 and LY-CoV016) reduced viral load, symptoms and hospitalizations in its BLAZE-1 clinical trial. The US FDA granted EUA to Eli Lilly’s bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients from age 12. Eli Lilly announced that bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) significantly reduced the risk of contracting symptomatic COVID-19 among residents and staff of long-term care facilities. Eli Lilly has requested the US FDA to revoke the EUA for bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555). Lilly made this request due to the evolving variant landscape and availability of the bamlanivimab and etesevimab cocktail.

Bamlanivimab combination treatment – Eli Lilly announced further data from its BLAZE-1 Phase 3 study, demonstrating bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) and etesevimab (LY-CoV016) together significantly reduced COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths in high-risk COVID-19 patients. Eli Lilly announced the US FDA granting EUA for the combination treatment of bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) and etesevimab (LY-CoV016). Eli Lilly, Vir Biotechnology, and GSK announced positive topline data from the expanded Phase 2 BLAZE-4 trial study evaluating bamlanivimab with VIR-7831 in low-risk adults with COVID-19.

Gilead identified remdesivir as a potential COVID-19 treatment. In April 2020, positive data emerged from the NIAID study of remdesivir. Additional data from a Phase 3 SIMPLE-severe study, and new analyses of the company’s compassionate use program revealed remdesivir to improve recovery time and reduce mortality in COVID-19 patients. Further results demonstrate that treatment with remdesivir result in a faster time to recovery than previously reported. Gilead announced that the US FDA has approved the antiviral drug Veklury © (remdesivir) for the treatment of patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization. Gilead announced positive data from three retrospective studies of the real-world treatment of patients hospitalized with COVID-19, showing that patients who received Veklury treatment had significantly lower risk for mortality compared with matched controls.

GSK is sharing manufacturing information concerning COVID-19 antibody production with other companies. Please see
VIR-7831 – GSK and Vir Biotechnology announced the global expansion to Phase 3 of the COMET-ICE study evaluating VIR-7831 in COVID-19 patients at high risk of hospitalisation. The two companies also announced a Phase 1b/2a clinical trial of VIR-7832 through the UK-based AGILE initiative in patients with mild to moderate COVID-19. In April 2021, both companies announced VIR-7831 demonstrated an 85% reduction in hospitalization or death. GSK and Vir continue discussions with global regulators (EMA, US FDA, Australian TGA) to make VIR-7831 available to patients with COVID-19 through an EUA, based on clinical trial data. In May 2021, GSK and Vir Biotechnology announced the U.S. FDA granted an EUA for sotrovimab (previously VIR-7831).

Eli Lilly, Vir Biotechnology, and GSK also announced positive topline data from the expanded Phase 2 BLAZE-4 trial studying evaluating bamlanivimab with VIR-7831 in low-risk adults with COVID-19. GSK and Vir Biotechnology announced that the EMA CHMP issued a positive scientific opinion following the referral of sotrovimab to the CHMP. The opinion related to the use of sotrovimab for the treatment of adults and adolescents (aged 12 years and over and weighing at least 40 kg) with COVID-19 who do not require oxygen supplementation and who are at risk of progressing to severe COVID-19.

GSK and Vir Biotechnology announced final, confirmatory results from the Phase 3 COMET-ICE trial demonstrating that sotrovimab significantly reduced the risk of hospitalisation or death among high-risk adult outpatients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.

Otilimab – Results from GSK’s phase 2 trials suggest a potentially important clinical benefit for its investigational monoclonal antibody otilimab in a pre-defined sub-group of high-risk patients. GSK has amended and expanded the OSCAR study to confirm potentially significant findings.

Sanofi-GSK vaccine – Sanofi and GSK announced the initiation of a Phase 2 study with 720 volunteers aged 18 and over to select the most appropriate antigen dosage for Phase 3 evaluation of their adjuvanted recombinant protein COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The Sanofi and GSK adjuvanted recombinant COVID-19 vaccine candidate achieved strong rates of neutralizing antibody responses. A global pivotal Phase 3 study started in May 2021, to assess the safety, efficacy and immunogenicity.

Adjuvant vaccine technology – Medicago and GSK announced Phase 3 clinical trials of Medicago’s plant-derived COVID-19 vaccine candidate in combination with GSK’s pandemic adjuvant, as part of GSK’s Phase 2/3 study. For more developments on Sanofi’s vaccine technology see “Develop and test vaccine candidates for COVID-19.”

Johnson & Johnson Ad26.COV2.S vaccine – Johnson & Johnson and BARDA partnered in August 2020 for phase 1/2a first-in-human clinical trials for a vaccine candidate, announcing they selected a lead COVID-19 vaccine candidate, Ad26.COV2-S, in March 2020. Results from pre-clinical studies showed a robust immune response in non-human primates against SARS-CoV-2. Following positive interim results from Phase 1/2a clinical study, a Phase 3 clinical trial commenced in September 2020, and enrolled up to 60,000 volunteers across three continents in order to study the safety and efficacy of a single vaccine dose versus placebo. In addition to the single-dose regimen ENSEMBLE study, Janssen also initiated a two-dose regimen ENSEMBLE 2 trial that would study safety and efficacy in up to 30,000 participants worldwide. On 13 January 2021, interim Phase 1/2a data were published in the New England Journal of Medicine demonstrating that Johnson & Johnson’s single-dose investigational COVID-19 vaccine candidate provided an immune response in participants aged 18-55 years.

Johnson & Johnson announced on 29 January 2021 efficacy and safety data from the Phase 3 ENSEMBLE clinical trial, demonstrating that the investigational single-dose COVID-19 vaccine met all primary and key secondary endpoints. Among all participants from different geographies and including those infected with an emerging viral variant, the COVID-19 vaccine candidate was 66% effective overall in preventing moderate to severe COVID-19, 28 days after vaccination.

Johnson & Johnson’s single-dose COVID-19 vaccine was granted EUA by the US FDA to prevent COVID-19 in individuals
aged 18 years and older. The European Commission granted CMA for J&J’s COVID-19 vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals aged 18 years and older. Johnson & Johnson welcomed the interim recommendation by the WHO’s SAGE on Immunization supporting the use of its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine in persons aged 18 years and above. Johnson & Johnson has submitted a request for WHO EUL on 19 February 2021. Following rigorous evaluation of data relating to a very rare adverse event, the US FDA and US CDC recommended the single-shot vaccine is safe for use and resuming immunization in the earlier designated age-group.

The US CDC ACIP convened to consider reports of an extremely rare disorder involving blood clots in combination with low platelets observed in a small number of individuals following vaccination with Ad26.COV2.S. The US CDC and FDA recommended a pause in the use of the vaccine. Johnson & Johnson made the decision to proactively delay the rollout of its vaccine in Europe and pause vaccinations in all Janssen COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials while they update guidance for investigators and participants.

Johnson & Johnson announced data that demonstrated its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine generated strong, persistent activity against the rapidly spreading Delta variant and other highly prevalent SARS-CoV-2 viral variants. Johnson & Johnson confirmed that the U.S. FDA extended the shelf life for the Johnson & Johnson single-shot COVID-19 vaccine to six months. The decision was based on data from ongoing stability assessment studies, which demonstrated the vaccine is stable at six months when refrigerated at temperatures of 36 – 46 degrees Fahrenheit (2 – 8 degrees Celsius).

Merck’s Life Science business sector participates in the MIT Pandemic Response CoLab, which will help individuals and groups work together to solve practical problems created by the Covid-19 pandemic. By leveraging an open online collaboration platform, the CoLab mobilizes innovators, communities, businesses, and others to develop actionable solutions to real problems.

Merck awarded the Future Insight Prize 2019 for outstanding research in the field of Pandemic Preparedness to Pardis Sabeti of Harvard University and the Broad Institute and to James Crowe of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The awarded grants support Sabeti’s and Crowe’s research on new diagnostics and treatment options for Covid-19.

Merck offered a research grant of up to € 500,000 per year for three consecutive years to external research teams working on pandemic preparedness projects in 2020.

Moderna On 5 August and 12 August 2021, Moderna announced data on the durability of its COVID-19 vaccine mRNA-1273, generating neutralizing antibodies for at least six months after receiving the second dose, including against variants of concern.

Moderna booster candidates demonstrate robust antibody responses to COVID-19 variants of concern, including Gamma (P.1); Beta (B.1.351); and Delta (B.1.617.2), in Phase 2 studies. The booster candidates included mRNA-1273, investigational mRNA-1273.351, and investigational mRNA-1273.211.

MSD, BARDA and the US-based ISB are collaborating to investigate and define the molecular mechanisms of SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 and identifying targets for medicines and vaccines. Findings will be made available to the worldwide scientific and biomedical community.

MSD, known as Merck in the US and Canada, announced the discontinuation of development of MK-7110 (formerly known as CD24Fc) for the treatment of hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

Monupiravir – MSD and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics announced that preliminary results from Ridgeback’s Phase 2a clinical trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of molnupiravir (EIDD-2801/MK-4482), an investigational oral antiviral agent, showed that viral load decreased faster in patients receiving molnupiravir compared to patients receiving a placebo.

MSD, known as Merck in the US and Canada, and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics announced that clinical trials for molnupiravir (MK-4482/ EIDD-2801), an investigational orally antiviral therapeutic, would not continue to Phase 3 trials.
in hospitalized patients. Clinical trials would proceed to Phase 3 clinical trials for non-hospitalized patients.

**MSD**, known as Merck in the US and Canada, and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics announced the presentation of previously announced Phase 2 interim results from two Phase 2/3 clinical trials of molnupiravir (MK-4482/EIDD-2801). The data were presented during the late-breaking clinical trials session at the ECCMiD. The Phase 3 portion of the global MOVE-OUT trial studying molnupiravir in non-hospitalized adult patients with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and at least one risk factor associated with poor disease outcomes was underway. In addition, Merck planned to initiate a clinical program to evaluate molnupiravir for post-exposure prophylaxis in the second half of 2021.

**Novartis** announced that the Phase III RUXCOVID study evaluating ruxolitinib on top of standard of care (SoC) therapy compared to SoC treatment alone in patients with COVID-19 did not meet its primary endpoint. Molecular Partners, a clinical-stage biotech company that is developing a new class of custom-built protein drugs known as DARPin® therapeutics, and its collaborator Novartis, announced initial results from its phase 1 study of its first tri-specific COVID-19 antiviral treatment, ensovibep (MP0420), in healthy volunteers. The initial findings show ensovibep to be safe and well tolerated with no significant adverse events.

**Novavax** announced that NVX-CoV2373, its recombinant nanoparticle protein-based COVID-19 vaccine, demonstrated 100% protection against moderate and severe disease, 90.4% efficacy overall, and met the primary endpoint in its PREVENT-19 pivotal Phase 3 trial. The study enrolled 29,960 participants across 119 sites in the U.S. and Mexico to evaluate efficacy, safety and immunogenicity, with an emphasis on recruiting a representative population of communities and demographic groups most impacted by the disease. Novavax’s PREVENT-19 vaccine trial in the US and Mexico has demonstrated 100% protection against moderate and severe disease and 90.4% efficacy overall in a Phase 3 trial. Preliminary studies of a NanoFlu™/NVX-CoV2373 combination vaccine (qNIV/CoV2373) targeting both influenza and SARS-CoV-2, indicate positive results.

On 5 August 2021, Novavax announced preliminary data demonstrating that a single booster dose of its recombinant nanoparticle protein-based COVID-19 vaccine with Matrix-M™ adjuvant, NVX-CoV2373, given six months after an initial two-dose regimen, elicited a significant immune response, including against the Delta (B.1.617.2) variant.

Pfizer has committed to making tools that they develop available on an open source platform and to share data and learnings gained with other companies in real time to advance therapy and vaccine development. The company also commits to sharing clinical development and regulatory expertise to support promising drug candidates of smaller biotech companies.

Azithromycin – Pfizer shared data regarding azithromycin which may facilitate the use of azithromycin in future research on COVID-19.

**BNT162b2 vaccine** – In July 2020, early positive data and updated data from the Pfizer/BioNTech Phase 1/2 trial demonstrated the ability of the BNT162b1 vaccine candidate to elicit high SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers. In August 2020, the companies shared additional Phase 1 safety and immunogenicity data.

Pfizer and BioNTech announced preliminary preclinical data in mouse and non-human primate models from their BNT162b2 mRNA-based vaccine development program against SARS-CoV-2. Pfizer published the full protocol for its COVID-19 vaccine study to reinforce its commitment to scientific and regulatory rigor.

Pfizer and BioNTech announced their mRNA-based vaccine candidate, BNT162b2, demonstrated evidence of efficacy
against COVID-19 in participants without prior evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Primary efficacy analysis demonstrated the vaccine to be 95% effective against COVID-19, 28 days after the first dose. Pfizer and BioNTech announced additional data demonstrating that BNT162b2 elicits a combined adaptive humoral and cellular immune response. Pfizer and BioNTech announced results showing the BNT162b2 vaccine effectively neutralizing SARS-CoV-2 with a key mutation found in highly transmissible variants. Pfizer and BioNTech announced additional data showing the BNT162b2 vaccine eliciting antibodies that neutralize pseudovirus bearing the SARS-CoV-2 UK strain spike protein in cell culture. Pfizer/BioNTech were granted EUA by UK-based MHRA for their mRNA vaccine BNT162b2. Pfizer/BioNTech were granted EUA by the US FDA for their vaccine in individuals aged 16 or older. Pfizer/BioNTech were granted CMA by the EU for their vaccine in individuals aged 16 or older. WHO granted EUL on 31 December 2020, making the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine the first to receive emergency validation since the outbreak began. Pfizer/BioNTech announced that the first healthy pregnant women aged 18 or older had been dosed in a global Phase 2/3 study to further evaluate the safety, tolerability, and immunogenicity of the vaccine. Pfizer/BioNTech announced data demonstrating stability of their COVID-19 vaccine when stored between -25°C to -15°C (-13°F to 5°F), approved by the EMA. In February 2021, Pfizer/BioNTech announced the evaluation of the safety and immunogenicity of a third booster dose of the BNT162b2 vaccine to understand the effect of a booster on immunity against COVID-19 caused by circulating and emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants. Pfizer/BioNTech and Israel’s MoH announced real-world evidence demonstrating dramatically lower incidence rates of COVID-19 disease in fully vaccinated individuals with the BNT162b2 vaccine. Pfizer/BioNTech announced their vaccine demonstrated 100% efficacy and robust antibody responses in a Phase 3 trial in adolescents aged 12 to 15. Pfizer and BioNTech confirmed high efficacy and no serious safety concerns through up to six months following second dose in an updated topline clinical trial analysis. Pfizer and BioNTech announced that the U.S. FDA and the EMA expanded respectively the EUA and CMA for their COVID-19 vaccine to include individuals 12 to 15 years of age.

Roche's subsidiary Genentech is sharing manufacturing information concerning COVID-19 antibody production with other companies. Please see previous entries on Amgen for more info.

Casirivimab-imdevimab cocktail – Regeneron announced changes to the Phase 3 trial assessing investigational casirivimab with imdevimab in non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients following the IDMC finding clear clinical efficacy on reducing the rate of hospitalization and death. Regeneron has partnered with Roche to develop and manufacture the antibody cocktail outside the US. Regeneron announced positive topline results from the largest trial to date assessing the investigational antibody cocktail. Roche confirmed positive results from the Phase 3 REGN-COV 2069 trial assessing the ability of the investigational antibody cocktail to reduce the risk and burden of COVID-19 infection among household contacts of SARS-CoV-2 infected individuals. On 4 August 2021, Regeneron reported further positive phase 3 trials results showing promise as post-exposure prophylaxis for SARS-CoV-2.

Tocilizumab – In July 2020, Roche announced that tocilizumab did not meet its primary and secondary endpoints of improved clinical status and mortality in COVID-19 associated pneumonia in their global clinical trial. Roche announced the Phase 3 EMPACTA study meeting its primary endpoint, showing a positive effect of tocilizumab on COVID-19 patients. Roche announced that the global Phase 3 REMDACTA study of tocilizumab plus remdesivir did not meet its primary endpoint. Roche announced that the US FDA issued an EUA for intravenous Actemra/RoActemra® (tocilizumab) for the treatment
of COVID-19 in hospitalised adults and paediatric patients. The WHO recommended using arthritis drug Actemra from Roche with corticosteroids for Covid-19 patients after data from around 11,000 patients showed they cut the risk of death. Sanofi is collaborating with CEPI and sharing its vaccine R&D experience and expertise to advance vaccine solutions.

**Sanofi-GSK vaccine** – Sanofi and GSK started the Phase 1/2 clinical trial for their adjuvanted COVID-19 vaccine, which has been to improve immune response in older adults. Phase 1/2 interim trial results showed an immune response comparable to patients who recovered from COVID-19 in adults aged 18 to 49 years, but a low immune response in older adults. Sanofi and GSK announced the initiation of a Phase 2 study with 720 volunteers aged 18 and over to select the most appropriate antigen dosage for Phase 3 evaluation of their adjuvanted recombinant protein COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The Sanofi and GSK adjuvanted recombinant COVID-19 vaccine candidate achieved strong rates of neutralizing antibody responses. A global pivotal Phase 3 study is expected to start.

**MRT5500 vaccine** – Sanofi and Translate Bio announced the preclinical results for their MRT5500 mRNA-based vaccine candidate, which demonstrated a favorable immune response profile. Sanofi and Translate Bio started Phase 1/2 clinical trials in March 2021.

**Sarilumab** – In July 2020, Sanofi announced that a US phase 3 clinical trial of sarilumab in COVID-19 patients requiring mechanical ventilation did not meet its primary and key secondary endpoints. In September 2020, the company also announced that sarilumab did not meet its primary endpoint and key secondary endpoint in severely or critically ill patients hospitalized with COVID-19. The WHO recommended using arthritis drug Kevzara from Sanofi with corticosteroids for Covid-19 patients after data from around 11,000 patients showed they cut the risk of death.

**Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma** collaborates in the “COVID-19 Research Database” consortium to provide researchers with free access to the medical information database.

**Takeda** partnered with IMI to leverage collective expertise to develop inhibitors to help prevent future outbreaks. The CoVlg-19 Plasma Alliance, an unprecedented collaboration of leading plasma companies supported by global organizations outside the plasma industry, confirmed that patients are being enrolled in the ITAC Phase 3 clinical trial sponsored by the NIAID, part of the NIH. The investigational H-Ig materials for the trial would be provided by CSL Behring and Takeda on behalf of the CoVlg-19 Plasma Alliance, as well as by two other companies. The CoVlg-19 Plasma Alliance announced that the Phase 3 ITAC clinical trial sponsored and funded by the NIAID, part of the NIH, did not meet its endpoints. Takeda announced that the MHLW granted special approval for emergency use of Moderna’s mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, TAK-919, now known as COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna Intramuscular Injection, in Japan.

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Use our expertise and know-how to speed up the development of safe and effective vaccines to prevent COVID-19 in partnership with others.
As of 27 July 2021, WHO reports 108 candidate vaccines are in clinical evaluation and 184 candidate vaccines are in preclinical evaluation. IFPMA member companies are at the forefront of the global effort to develop a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine and scale up manufacturing to ensure equitable access to vaccines around the world. CEOs of AstraZeneca, BioNTech, GSK, Johnson & Johnson, MSD (known as Merck in US and Canada), Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer, and Sanofi, have made a historic pledge to the world, outlining a united commitment to uphold the integrity of the scientific process as they work towards potential regulatory filings and approvals of COVID-19 vaccines.

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**AstraZeneca** AZD1222 vaccine – AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford joined forces for the development and distribution of the University’s recombinant adenovirus vaccine. A Phase I/II vaccine clinical trial to assess safety, immunogenicity and efficacy of the vaccine candidate, AZD1222, was initiated in April 2020. Interim results, published in The Lancet, showed it was tolerated and generated robust immune responses against the SARS-CoV-2 virus in all evaluated participants. AstraZeneca received support of more than $1bn from BARDA for development, production and delivery of the vaccine. The development programme would include a Phase 3 clinical trial with 30,000 participants and a paediatric trial. AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine has been granted EUA in the UK, CMA in the EU for individuals aged 18 and older, and EUL by WHO in individuals aged 18 and older, including those over 65. AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine has further been granted EUA in India, Argentina, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Morocco, and others for the active immunisation of adults. AstraZeneca announced that a sub-analysis from the Oxford-led COV001 and COV002 trials with Vaxzevria induced strong immune responses following either a prolonged second dose interval of up to 45 weeks or following a third boosting dose. The results, published by the University of Oxford on the pre-print server of The Lancet, demonstrated that antibody levels remain elevated from baseline for at least one year following a single dose.

**Bayer** Bayer has signed a collaboration and services agreement with CureVac. Under the terms of the agreement, Bayer will support the further development, supply and key territory operations of CureVac’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate CVnCoV.

**CSL Group/Seqirus** CSL/Seqirus partnered with the University of Queensland’s COVID-19 vaccine development program to provide technical expertise as well as a donation of Seqirus’ proprietary adjuvant technology, MF59®, to the University’s pre-clinical development program. CSL announced that its vaccine candidate would not proceed to Phase 2/3 clinical trials.

**Daiichi Sankyo** Daiichi Sankyo is developing an mRNA vaccine for COVID-19. The company is also participating in “Fundamental Research on the Control of a Novel Coronavirus”, an initiative supported by the AMED.
Daiichi Sankyo announced today it has started the first vaccinations in a phase 1/2 clinical trial in Japan of an mRNA vaccine, DS-5670 that is being developed by the company against the novel coronavirus infectious disease.

**GSK Adjuvant vaccine technology** – GSK and Sanofi joined forces to develop an adjuvanted vaccine for COVID-19, using innovative technologies from both companies. The vaccine candidate started the Phase 1/2 clinical trial. GSK and Medicago collaborate on developing and evaluating a COVID-19 candidate vaccine combining their technologies. They announced Phase 2/3 clinical trials of its plant-derived vaccine candidate for COVID-19 to evaluate its efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity.

**mRNA vaccine technology** – GSK and CureVac announced a €150m collaboration, building on their existing relationship, to jointly develop next generation mRNA vaccines for COVID-19 with the potential for a multi-valent approach to address multiple emerging variants in one vaccine.

**Johnson & Johnson**

**Ad26.COV2-S vaccine** – Johnson & Johnson expedited its investigational coronavirus vaccine program through an expanded collaboration with BARDA. Both have committed more than $1 billion of investment to co-fund vaccine research, development, and clinical testing. Research teams at Janssen, in collaboration with the Harvard Medical School, constructed and tested multiple vaccine candidates using the Janssen AdVac® technology. Johnson & Johnson selected a lead COVID-19 vaccine candidate, Ad26.COV2-S, in March 2020. Results from pre-clinical studies showed a robust immune response in non-human primates against SARS-CoV-2. Following positive interim results from Phase 1/2a clinical study, a Phase 3 clinical trial commenced in September 2020, in order to study the safety and efficacy of a single vaccine dose. Johnson & Johnson also established a collaboration with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to support the development of a preventive vaccine candidate for COVID-19. Johnson & Johnson was granted EUA by the US FDA for its single-dose COVID-19 vaccine in individuals aged 18 and older. Johnson & Johnson was granted CMA by the European Commission for its single-dose COVID-19 vaccine in individuals aged 18 and older. Johnson & Johnson submitted a request for EUL to WHO for its single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Johnson & Johnson began vaccinating adolescent aged 12 to 17 in a Phase 2a clinical trial. India has approved Johnson & Johnson’s (INJ.N) single-dose COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use.

**Merck**

Merck’s Life Science business sector is supporting a total of more than 50 vaccine projects in different stages with products and services. Merck partnered with the Jenner Institute of the University of Oxford to develop a manufacturing process for a vaccine in 2020. This vaccine has been approved for emergency use in multiple countries. Merck partnered with the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, to develop manufacturing platforms for two vaccines in 2020. Those vaccines are in clinical trials.

**Moderna**

The CMA for Spikevax, Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine, in the EU has been expanded to include adolescents 12 years of age and older. In addition, the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare also approved Moderna Inc.’s COVID-19 vaccine for ages 12 to 17. Moderna has filed for a EUA for adolescents with the US FDA as well as with additional regulatory agencies around the world. Enrollment has completed for the Phase 1 study of mRNA-1283, Moderna’s next-generation COVID-19 vaccine, a potential refrigerator-stable vaccine that could facilitate easier distribution and administration by healthcare providers. Moderna announced on 13 August 2021 that the US FDA has updated the EUA for the COVID-19 vaccine mRNA-1273 MSD and IAVI, a nonprofit scientific research organization dedicated to addressing urgent, unmet global health challenges, partnered to advance the development and global clinical evaluation of a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine candidate.
This vaccine candidate would use the recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV) technology that is the basis for MSD's Ebola Zaire virus vaccine, ERVEBO®. MSD acquired Vienna-based biotech company Themis. The acquisition is expected to accelerate the development of Themis' COVID-19 vaccine candidate in the near term and in the longer-term MSD is planning to establish a pandemic preparedness capability. MSD announced the discontinuation of the development of its SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 vaccine candidates, V590 and V591. This decision follows Merck's review of findings from Phase 1 clinical studies for the vaccines. In these studies, both V590 and V591 were generally well tolerated, but the immune responses were inferior to those seen following natural infection and those reported for other SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 vaccines.

**Novartis** Novartis' AveXis division partnered with Massachusetts Eye and Ear and Massachusetts General Hospital, members of Mass General Brigham, entering into a manufacturing agreement to contribute to the development and production of their novel genetic vaccine.

**Novavax** announced that NVX-CoV2373, its recombinant nanoparticle protein-based COVID-19 vaccine, demonstrated 100% protection against moderate and severe disease, 90.4% efficacy overall, and met the primary endpoint in its PREVENT-19 pivotal Phase 3 trial. The study enrolled 29,960 participants across 119 sites in the U.S. and Mexico to evaluate efficacy, safety and immunogenicity, with an emphasis on recruiting a representative population of communities and demographic groups most impacted by the disease. On 5 August 2021, Novavax and Serum Institute of India announced submission to regulatory agencies in India, Indonesia, and the Philippines for EUA of Novavax' Recombinant Nanoparticle COVID-19 vaccine. Novavax expects to complete its requests for regulatory filing with the UK’s MHRA, the EMA, Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration, Health Canada, and New Zealand Medsafe in the third quarter of 2021. Novavax will request EUA for its vaccine to the US FDA in the fourth quarter of 2021.

**Pfizer** BNT162b2 vaccine – Pfizer and BioNTech entered into a partnership to jointly develop BioNTech's mRNA-based vaccine candidate. Early positive data from the most advanced of four investigational vaccine candidates emerged in early July 2020. Initial data from their German Phase 1/2 trial, released in July 2020, demonstrated the ability of BNT162b1 to elicit high SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers. In August 2020, the companies shared additional Phase 1 safety and immunogenicity data. A global Phase 2/3 safety and efficacy clinical study to evaluate their chosen lead COVID-19 vaccine, BNT162b2, commenced on 28 July 2020. Pfizer/BioNTech also received a Fast Track designation from the US FDA for its vaccine candidates. In November 2020, Pfizer/BioNTech announced that the final Phase 3 study efficacy analysis met all of the study's primary efficacy endpoints and indicates a vaccine efficacy rate of 95%. In December 2020, Pfizer/BioNTech were granted EUA by UK-based MHRA. The US FDA granted EUA in individuals aged 16 or older. The European Commission granted CMA in individuals aged 16 or older. WHO granted EUL to the BNT162b2 vaccine, making the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine the first to receive WHO emergency validation since the outbreak began. In May 2021, Pfizer announced the start of a study in adults ages 65 or older exploring the coadministration of the company's 20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (20vPnC) candidate following a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.

**Sanofi** announced a collaboration with BARDA to advance a novel COVID-19 vaccine candidate using Sanofi's recombinant DNA technology, leveraging previous efforts to create a SARS vaccine candidate. Sanofi-GSK vaccine – Sanofi and GSK joined forces to develop an adjuvanted vaccine for COVID-19, and started Phase
1/2 clinical trials in September 2020. Phase 1/2 study interim trial results showed an immune response comparable to patients who recovered from COVID-19 in adults aged 18 to 49 years, but a low immune response in older adults likely due to an insufficient concentration of the antigen. Sanofi and GSK announced the initiation of a Phase 2 study with 720 volunteers aged 18 and over to select the most appropriate antigen dosage for Phase 3 evaluation of their adjuvanted recombinant protein COVID-19 vaccine candidate.

MRT5500 vaccine – Sanofi and Translate Bio partnered to develop a mRNA vaccine for COVID-19. Sanofi and Translate Bio started Phase 1/2 clinical trials in March 2021 with results expected in Q3 2021. Sanofi announced it intends to acquire Translate Bio to advance its mRNA vaccine R&D.

Shionogi’s subsidiary UMN Pharma Inc. is pursuing the discovery and development of a recombinant protein vaccine, supported by the AMED. Shionogi reports that, in parallel and in collaboration with the NIID, an immunogenicity testing of protein antigens and adjuvant candidates added to vaccine formulations have been initiated. Shionogi announced that it initiated a Japanese Phase 1 clinical trial of the therapeutic agent S-217622 as an orally administered antiviral drug for COVID-19. The first dose was administered successfully on July 22, 2021.

Takeda announced today that the first subject was dosed in its Phase 1/2 immunogenicity and safety study of Novavax’ COVID-19 vaccine candidate (TAK-019) in Japan. Earlier in February 2021, Takeda completed enrollment in the company’s Phase 1/2 immunogenicity and safety study of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate (TAK-919) in Japan.

UCB is collaborating with the University of Oxford on developing a vaccine.

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**DEVELOP DIAGNOSTIC TESTING & SECURE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY**

Develop and scale up the capacity of diagnostics testing for COVID-19 patients as much as possible and secure the continuous supply of diagnostic test kits to countries around the world.

Rolling out diagnostics to detect whether patients are genuinely infected with SARS-CoV-2 is a key step in preventing or slowing its spread. However, the rapid spread of SARS-CoV-2 and variants has drastically increased demand for testing kits around the world and governments are ramping up their testing capacities. Moreover, diagnostics are an essential enabler of COVID-19 vaccine development, both in the R&D phase and for monitoring the impact of the introduction of vaccines, as part of public health surveillance. The biopharmaceutical industry is therefore pushing the boundaries, uniting and collaborating to increase and secure the production and development of COVID-19 diagnostics.

AstraZeneca is accelerating the development of its diagnostic testing capabilities to scale-up screening and is also working in partnership with governments on existing screening programmes to supplement testing. AstraZeneca is collaborating with GSK and Cambridge University by setting up a new testing laboratory at the University’s facilities for high throughput screening for COVID-19 testing. It will also explore the use of alternative chemical reagents for test kits to help overcome current supply shortages.
**Bayer** is making more than 40 virus diagnostics devices available from its research operations to scale up Germany’s COVID-19 analysis by several thousand tests daily. It is also freeing up specially trained personnel for this purpose.

**EFPIA** through the IMI, with IMI Associated Partners and other organisations has provided up to 45 million EUR to fund 8 COVID-19 R&D projects with 5 focusing on diagnostics.

**GSK** partnered with AstraZeneca and Cambridge University to create a state-of-the-art, high-throughput testing laboratory in Cambridge, the UK.

**GSK** has conducted large-scale COVID-19 testing at its facility in Rixensart, Belgium.

**GSK** Consumer Healthcare and Mammoth Biosciences are developing a CRISPR-based, over-the-counter coronavirus test.

**Johnson & Johnson** entered into a research collaboration with Alveo Technologies to advance Alveo’s be.well™ platform of analyzers, nasal swabs and cartridges for the detection of viral infectious diseases, including potentially SARS-CoV-2. J&J will provide Alveo with financial support as well as technical and regulatory counsel.

**Menarini** Diagnostics and Credo Diagnostics Biomedical entered into an exclusive distribution agreement for the VitaPCR™ SARS-CoV-2 assay kit.

**Merck** supports more than 35 Covid-19 test systems with raw materials and services.

**Merck** entered into a collaboration with Mammoth Biosciences Inc., California, USA, in 2020. As part of this collaboration, Merck is taking on the contract manufacture of DETECTR BOOST™ SARS-CoV-2 Reagent Kit, which will enable the quick processing of patient samples using standard equipment for the automated handling of liquids.

**Novo Nordisk** scientists are working in R&D laboratories to boost Denmark’s COVID-19 testing capacity.

**Otsuka** and Denka Company announced to co-market the rapid-diagnostic test kit QuickNavi™ to medical institutions across Japan.

**Roche** received an EUA from the US FDA for its diagnostic kit cobas® SARS-CoV-2 Test. Roche is committed to delivering as many tests as possible and is going to the limits of production capacity. Roche has also received an EUA from the US FDA for its diagnostic kit the cobas® SARS-CoV-2 & Influenza A/B Test for use on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems. This test is intended for the simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A and Influenza B.

**Roche** announced the launch of its Elecsys® Anti-SARS-CoV-2 S antibody test for markets accepting the CE Mark. Roche filed for EUA from the US FDA. The company intends to launch a high-volume SARS-CoV-2 Antigen test as aid in the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

**Roche** also received an EUA from the US FDA for its COVID-19 antibody test. Roche has already started shipping the new antibody test to leading laboratories globally and will ramp up production capacity to high double-digit millions per month.

**Roche** announced the upcoming launch of a SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test, for markets accepting the CE Mark. Roche also intends to file for EUA to the US FDA.

**Sanofi** joined forces with Luminostics to develop a COVID-19 smartphone-based self-testing solution. Luminostics would contribute its proprietary technology for consumer-diagnostics for COVID-19 testing while Sanofi would bring its clinical research testing experience and capabilities.

**Shionogi** marketed the IgG/IgM Antibody-test Kit for COVID-19 as a research reagent in Japan since June 3, 2020 to be useful for epidemiological surveillance and studies of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 aiming to determine the number of
individuals previously infected with SARS-CoV-2. Shionogi had entered into an agreement with Micro Blood Science Inc., the licensor of the kit. Shionogi signed a license agreement with Nihon University, Gunma University, and Tokyo Medical University to develop new rapid diagnostic methods for COVID-19, using an innovative nucleic acid amplification technique. Shionogi is partnering with public entities and other pharmaceutical companies through the IMI in Europe to leverage collective expertise in the hope of developing diagnostics for COVID-19.

Takeda and other pharmaceutical companies through the IMI in Europe to leverage collective expertise in the hope of developing diagnostics for COVID-19.

UCB is working closely with the Belgian government to scale up COVID-19 testing capabilities. It is looking at similar possibilities in the UK.

**SECURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR OTHER MEDICINES & VACCINES**

Work to secure continuity of supply for all essential medicines, and vaccines for patients with other life-threatening diseases, urging governments to implement policies and decisions that facilitate access for all those in need.

IFPMA member companies are committed to ensure the continued supply of essential medicines and vaccines for patients suffering from chronic illnesses and other health conditions. So far, they have found no obvious near-term impacts on medicine and vaccine availability. Companies are working to prevent and mitigate any potential shortages through close coordination with national regulatory authorities and other global stakeholders, including the WHO.

The threat of falsified medicines is rising and targeting existing products but also new potential treatments against COVID-19. IFPMA and its members continue to tackle the global public health threat posed by falsified medical products, and to support the Fight the Fakes Alliance (Statement).

**AbbVie** does not anticipate disruption to the supply of HIV medicines as a result of investigating their effectiveness against COVID-19.

**Almirall** continued production of all its essential products and increased production of specific medicines, such as paracetamol.

**Astellas** maintains an adequate inventory level of raw materials and finished products, cooperating with outsourcing manufacturers and suppliers of raw materials.

**Bayer** continued the production of medicines and health care products at their plant in Garbagnate, Italy for both the Italian and global market during the lockdown.

**Biogen** does not anticipate any interruptions to its supply chain, and is diminishing any impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on future manufacturing capabilities.

**Boehringer Ingelheim** ensured further discovery, development, production and supply of its products that are needed by patients around the globe.
Bristol-Myers Squibb has made sure raw materials and products reach their markets and clinical sites and does not foresee any disruption due to the pandemic.

Chiesi continued production of all medicines without interruption at sites in Italy, Brazil, France and other countries.

CSL Group/Seqirus has enacted its business continuity plans across the globe to minimise disruption to the manufacturing and supply of influenza vaccines.

Daiichi-Sankyo was monitoring the evolving situation very carefully to maintain supply and delivery of these medicines, and does not foresee any shortages.

Eisai maintained necessary stocks for the stable supply of medicines in addition to stable production.

Eli Lilly launched the Lilly Insulin Value Program in the US allowing anyone with commercial insurance and those without insurance to fill their monthly prescription of Lilly insulin for $35.

Gilead has no manufacturing issues or supply shortages with any Gilead products, including HIV and hepatitis portfolios.

Grüenthal is not experiencing any significant supply shortages and is continuously monitoring the current situation.

GSK increased production of high demand products (e.g. multi-vitamins, respiratory medicines and antibiotics).

Ipsen is monitoring supply chains with national and international suppliers and does not anticipate any supply shortages.

LEO Pharma is taking additional measures to avoid any shortages of medicines or raw materials and to mitigate any interruptions.

Lundbeck announced that its supply chain remains intact and it has not experienced any supply disruptions.

Merck maintained the production and supply chains of its Healthcare business sector across the globe in all affected regions and supplied more than 85 million patients worldwide with their (non-Covid-19-related) medication since the beginning of the pandemic.

Novartis subsidiary Sandoz was maintaining prices on a basket of essential medicines that may help in the treatment of COVID-19. Novartis and the AU through the AMSP announced a new collaboration to facilitate the supply of medicines from the Novartis Pandemic Response Portfolio to the AU member states and Caricom countries.

Novo Nordisk is ensuring the supply of lifesaving medicines for people with serious chronic diseases across the globe, using their experience with Chinese lockdown measures to assure continuity of service.

Roche is ensuring an adequate supply of medicines, calling upon governments to work with the industry to keep global manufacturing and supplies running.

Servier is ensuring the continuity of its products and is providing its expertise to the multi-stakeholder partnership "Health Innovation Coalition – Health Crisis" in France.

Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma strives to ensure a stable supply of products and business continuity.
Pharma Takeda is monitoring the situation as it evolves and will take all necessary actions in an effort to ensure supply continuity for patients.

Teva has inventory and redundancy plans in place to address potential shortfalls, with their supply chain remaining largely uninterrupted.

**INCREASE AND SHARE MANUFACTURING CAPACITY & SECURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR COVID-19 MEDICINES AND VACCINES**

Increase our manufacturing capabilities and share available capacity to ramp up production once a successful vaccine or treatment is developed.

Collaboration in fast-tracking the development of therapeutics and new vaccines creates networks of centres of excellence that can deliver a real impact and a preparedness infrastructure that in turn can be mobilized for future outbreaks. Companies are partnering with manufacturers and other biopharmaceutical companies to extensively scale-up at-risk production capacity, particularly for COVID-19 vaccines.

IFPMA has joined the global public-private partnership, ACT Accelerator, as founding partner, offering its knowledge and expertise in building manufacturing capacity and distribution networks. IFPMA has published the Vaccines Policy Principles that will guide its work with the ACT Accelerator Vaccines Partnership (COVAX). On 24 February 2021, COVAX and UNICEF began to roll out 2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines to protect high risk and vulnerable people, and frontline healthcare workers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Chatham House in collaboration with COVAX, IFPMA, DCVMN, and BIO convened a Global COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Chain & Manufacturing Summit on 8 and 9 March 2021 to discuss COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing bottlenecks that urgently need to be tackled.

**COVID-19 vaccines**

**AstraZeneca** AZD1222 vaccine – In April 2020, AstraZeneca (AZ) and the University of Oxford to jointly develop, manufacture and distribute their COVID-19 vaccine. By May 2020, AZ concluded the first agreements for at least 400 million doses and secured manufacturing capacity for one billion doses. In June 2020, AZ reached a $750m agreement with CEPI and Gavi to support manufacturing, procurement and distribution of 300 million vaccine doses to LMICs. AstraZeneca has also partnered with the Serum Institute of India to supply one billion doses to a large number of LMICs through the COVAX Facility.
AZ reached manufacturing und supply deals with various countries and regional organisations, including the European Union, India, Switzerland. The company also entered into collaborations with Catalent Biologics (Italy), Symbiosis Pharmaceutical Services (UK), Oxford Biomedica (UK), Emergent BioSolutions, BioKangtai (China), R-Pharm (Russia), CSL (Australia), IDT Biologika (Germany/Europe).

On 2 March 2021, AstraZeneca announced that the first doses of its vaccine had begun arriving in LMICs across the world through the COVAX initiative. Further shipments aim to supply a total of 142 countries with hundreds of millions of doses.

Bayer has signed a collaboration and services agreement with CureVac. Under the terms of the agreement, Bayer will support the further development, supply and key territory operations of CureVac’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate CVnCoV. Bayer plans to add an additional 160 million doses of CureVac’s vaccine in 2022 to further expand their supply network and overall capacity using the manufacturing network of Bayer.

Chugai announced that they agreed with the Japanese government to supply the antibody cocktail casirivimab and imdevimab for the year 2021 for domestic supply if it is approved by the regulatory authority in Japan.

Daiichi Sankyo was selected by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan to be a provider for the Japanese Government’s “Emergent Initiative to Build Production Capacity for COVID-19 Vaccines” with respect to Daiichi Sankyo’s mRNA vaccine for COVID-19. Daiichi Sankyo announced that it entered into an outsourcing agreement with AstraZeneca to manufacture the AstraZeneca-developed COVID-19 vaccine, AZD1222, in Japan. Daiichi Sankyo announced that it started manufacturing the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Japan. The marketing approval application for AZD1222 in Japan was submitted by AstraZeneca on 5 February 2021.

GSK and Sanofi are collaborating on a vaccine candidate with the purpose of manufacturing hundreds of millions of doses annually by the end of 2021. Both committed to making their jointly developed vaccine affordable to the public and through mechanisms that offer fair access for all. GSK and Sanofi reached manufacturing and supply deals with various countries and regional organisations, including UK, US, European Union, Canada and Gavi.

For more info on their vaccine development progress see “Share real-time clinical trial data.”

Adjuvant vaccine technology – In May 2020, GSK confirmed its intention to manufacture 1 billion doses of its pandemic vaccine adjuvant system, in 2021, to support the development of multiple adjuvanted COVID-19 vaccine candidates.

CVnCoV vaccine – GSK would support the manufacture of up to 100 million doses of CureVac’s first generation COVID-19 vaccine candidate CVnCoV in 2021.

NVX-CoV2373 vaccine – GSK reached an agreement in principle with Novavax and the UK Government Vaccines Taskforce to support manufacturing of up to 60 million doses of Novavax’ COVID-19 vaccine candidate (NVX-CoV2373).

Johnson & Johnson announced it would provide up to 500 million doses of its COVID-19 vaccine candidate to lower-
income countries through the COVAX Facility as part of an agreement in principle with Gavi. Johnson & Johnson signed manufacturing and supply deals with various countries and regional organisations, including Canada, European Union, UK, US, AVAT, COVAX Facility, UNICEF.

**Merck** Merck announced comprehensive expansions with a combined €40 million investment at its production facilities in Danvers, Massachusetts, and Jaffrey, New Hampshire, USA. These sites supply critical products to customers developing lifesaving therapies, including Covid-19 vaccines. These expansions will significantly increase capacity and output at these facilities by the end of 2021. Merck acquired AmpTec, a leading Hamburg, Germany-based, mRNA contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO). This acquisition strengthened Merck's capabilities to develop and manufacture mRNA for its customers for use in vaccines, treatments and diagnostics applicable in Covid-19 and many other diseases. Merck announced the expansion of its strategic partnership with BioNTech and will increase the supply volume of lipids needed for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine towards the end of 2021. Merck is adding a single-use assembly production unit at its Life Science Center in Molsheim, France. With the €25 million investment, the company is accelerating its European expansion plans for this key technology, which is used to produce Covid-19 vaccines and other lifesaving therapies. Merck has launched a new, high-purity synthetic cholesterol product, nine months ahead of schedule to meet the high demand for lipids, a key component of mRNA-based vaccines and therapeutics.

**Moderna** Moderna would expand its agreement with Lonza to establish a new production site in the Netherlands that would manufacture the drug substance of Moderna's updated booster variant vaccine candidate, if authorized. Thermo Fisher in North Carolina would support fill-finish manufacturing of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine. Samsung Biologics would provide large-scale, commercial fill-finish manufacturing for Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine. Moderna would expand its collaboration with Aldevron which supplies plasmid DNA to serve as the genetic template for generating the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine. Sanofi would provide fill-finish manufacturing for 200 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine starting September 2021, at their site in New Jersey. Rovi would produce bulk substance for Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, expanding an agreement between the companies. Rovi currently provides fill-finish for the vaccine, receiving substance from a Lonza plant in Switzerland. A new production line at Rovi's plant in Granada, Spain, would make ingredients for up to 100 million vaccine doses a year. Baxter BioPharma Solutions in Indiana would support fill-finish manufacturing of Moderna's vaccine in the US. Moderna would partner with Takeda which would support the import and distribution activities of the vaccine in Japan. Moderna would collaborate with Catalent in Indiana for vial filling and packaging capacity. Lonza's sites in Switzerland and New Hampshire would support drug substance and manufacturing of Moderna's vaccine. Recipharm would support formulation and fill-finish for Moderna's vaccine at their site in France. Laboratorios Farmacéuticos Rovi would support large-scale, commercial fill-finish manufacturing of Moderna's vaccine at their site in Madrid, Spain. CordenPharma would manufacture large-scale volumes of Moderna's lipid excipients to be used in the manufacture of Moderna's vaccine. Moderna announced that the government of India issued a registration certificate and a permission to import the COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna for restricted use in an emergency situation. On 10 August 2021, Moderna and Canada announced a collaboration to bring mRNA manufacturing to Canada, with the goal of providing Canada with direct access to rapid pandemic response capabilities and vaccines in development for respiratory viruses.
Molnupiravir – MSD, known as Merck in the US and Canada, amid the humanitarian crisis in India, announced voluntary licensing agreements with five Indian generics manufacturers to accelerate and expand global access to molnupiravir, an investigational oral COVID-19 treatment.

Novartis announced that it signed an initial agreement to leverage its manufacturing capacity and capabilities in order to address the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting the production of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Novartis announced that it signed an initial agreement to manufacture the mRNA and bulk drug product for the COVID-19 vaccine candidate CVnCoV from CureVac to aid in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Novartis plans to produce up to 50 million doses of the mRNA and bulk drug product for the CureVac vaccine in 2021 and up to a further 200 million doses in 2022. First deliveries of the bulk drug product to CureVac are expected in the summer 2021.

Novavax announced that it signed an agreement with SK Bioscience to increase production of its COVID-19 vaccine. Novavax and the European Commission finalized an advance purchase agreement for up to 200 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine NVX-CoV2373, the company’s recombinant nanoparticle protein-based COVID-19 vaccine candidate, through 2023.

Novavax is increasing manufacturing capacity to 100 million doses per month by the end of the third quarter of 2021 and to 150 million doses per month by the fourth quarter of the year. Novavax has initiated technology transfer at National Research Council of Canada Biologics Manufacturing Centre to produce NVX-CoV2373. Novavax has entered into advance purchase agreement with Gavi to provide 350 million doses to the COVAX Facility. SII is to manufacture and distribute additional vaccines for the combined total of 1.1 billion doses.

Pfizer BNT162b2 vaccine – Pfizer and BioNTech jointly develop and scale up manufacturing for their COVID-19 vaccine. The companies plan to at least supply approximately 1.3 billion doses by the end of 2021. Pfizer/BioNTech reached an advance purchase agreement with COVAX for up to 40 million doses to be delivered throughout 2021. UNICEF partnered with Pfizer on behalf of the COVAX Facility for the supply of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine through 2021. Pfizer and BioNTech collaborate for manufacturing scale up with various organizations, including Delpharm, Thermofisher, Novartis, Sanofi, Baxter, Siegfried, Dermapharm, Fosun, Polymun, Allergopharma.

Pfizer and BioNTech also reached manufacturing and supply deals with various countries and regional organisations, including Australia, Canada, European Union (1,2,3,4,5), Japan, UK, US (1,2,3,4), IOC. On 21 May 2021, at the Global Health Summit, Pfizer and BioNTech pledged to provide 2 billion doses of their COVID-19 vaccine to middle- and low-income countries over the next 18 months. They expected to provide 1 billion of these doses to low- and middle-income countries in 2021. And they pledged to deliver another 1 billion doses to these countries in 2022. Pfizer and BioNTech announced plans to provide the U.S. government at a not-for-profit price 500 million doses of the companies’ COVID-19 vaccine, 200 million doses in 2021 and 300 million doses in the first half of 2022, to further support the multilateral efforts to address the surge of infection in many parts of the world and to help end the pandemic. The government would, in turn, donate the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine doses to low- and lower middle-income countries and organizations that support them.

Pfizer and BioNTech announced the signing of a letter of intent with Biovac, a Cape Town-based, South African biopharmaceutical company, to manufacture the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for distribution within the African Union. To facilitate Biovac’s involvement in the production process, technical transfer, on-site development and equipment installation activities would begin immediately. At full operational capacity, the annual production would exceed 100 million finished doses annually. All doses would exclusively be distributed within the 55 member states that make up the African Union.
Sanofi will invest €610 million to create a new production site and research center in France to increase its vaccines research and production capacities, contributing to future pandemic responses.

**Sanofi-GSK vaccine** – Sanofi and GSK are collaborating and committing to creating and supplying sufficient quantities of their vaccine candidate. See GSK for more details regarding their joint COVID-19 vaccine development.

**BNT162b2 vaccine** – Sanofi partnered with Pfizer/BioNTech to support manufacturing and supply of 125 million vaccine doses.

**Ad26.COV2-S vaccine** – Sanofi partnered with Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen Pharmaceuticals to support manufacturing of the Ad26.COV2-S vaccine. Sanofi provides access to established infrastructure and vaccine manufacturing expertise to formulate and fill vials at a rate of approximately 12 million doses per month.

**Moderna vaccine** – Sanofi entered into an agreement with Moderna, under which Sanofi would help manufacture Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine, supporting the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine supply needs. Sanofi would leverage its established infrastructure and manufacturing expertise to perform fill and finish of up to 200 million doses of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine, starting in September 2021.

CSL/Seqirus partners with CEPI and the University of Queensland to accelerate the development, manufacture and distribution of the University’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate. If trials are successful, initial large-scale production of the vaccine will happen at CSL’s biotech manufacturing headquarters in Melbourne. The company estimates that the scale-up can help generate millions of doses by the end of next year.

CSL announced it has signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with the Australian Government for the supply of 51 million doses of the University of Queensland’s (UQ) COVID-19 vaccine candidate (V451), and a separate HoA with AstraZeneca to manufacture the Oxford University candidate (AZD1222), should clinical trials of both prove successful.

CSL announced that its vaccine candidate would not proceed to Phase 2/3 clinical trials.

Shionogi is making preparations to offer its vaccine to 10 million people as early as possible by collaboration with Api Co., Ltd. and its group company UNIGEN Inc. It also applied for the "Grant to Promote the Domestic Investment Project to Combat the Supply Chain" publicly established by the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and three companies. It has begun preparing commercial production in advance of the Ministry’s review of the application.

Shionogi announced that it was in discussions with Vietnam regarding technology transfer for the manufacturing of the COVID-19 recombinant protein-based vaccine that Shionogi is developing in Japan.

Takeda, Novavax and the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare are partnering to increase manufacturing capacity of Novavax’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate NVX-CoV2373 in Japan. Takeda anticipates to manufacture over 250 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine per year. Takeda also announced that it would import and distribute 50 million doses of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine candidate, mRNA-1273, pending licensure in Japan.

Takeda announced a mutual agreement with IDT Biologika GmbH to utilize capacity at IDT previously reserved for Takeda’s dengue vaccine candidate (TAK-003) to manufacture the single-shot COVID-19 vaccine developed by the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. At the end of a three-month period, the capacity would be returned to Takeda to resume critical manufacturing for the planned launch of its dengue vaccine, subject to regulatory approvals.

COVID-19 therapeutics

AstraZeneca modified an agreement with the US Government to supply up to 500,000 additional doses of AZD7442, a long-acting antibody (LAAB) combination which is in late-stage development for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19.
Eli Lilly and AbCellera collaborate on AbCellera's rapid pandemic response platform for the rapid development, manufacturing and distribution of therapeutic antibodies. Eli Lilly and Amgen announced a global antibody manufacturing collaboration to significantly increase the supply capacity available for Lilly's potential COVID-19 therapies. Eli Lilly is collaborating with Fujifilm and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for Supply of Potential COVID-19 Antibody Therapy for LMICs. Lilly and Samsung Biologics entered into the manufacturing partnership agreement in May of 2020 to address the increasingly urgent demand for COVID-19 treatments worldwide.

Bamlanivimab – Eli Lilly announced an initial agreement with the US government to supply 300,000 vials of bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) 700 mg, an investigational neutralizing antibody, for $375 million. The US government will accept the vials of bamlanivimab if it is granted an EUA by the US FDA. Eli Lilly announced that it was working with global regulators to make bamlanivimab available for emergency use in countries around the world. Global allocation would be made based on Lilly's guiding principles that aim to ensure access for patients with high unmet need, no matter where they live.

Bamlanivimab/etesevimab – Eli Lilly announced that the U.S. government agreed to purchase a minimum of 100,000 doses of bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) 700 mg and etesevimab (LY-CoV016) 1400 mg together. Eli Lilly announced changes to the purchase agreements with the US government for its neutralizing antibody therapies authorized for emergency use as a treatment for COVID-19. As part of Lilly’s planned transition to only supply bamlanivimab and etesevimab together, Lilly and the US government agreed to modify the purchase agreement of bamlanivimab alone and focus on supply of bamlanivimab and etesevimab together.

Baricitinib – Eli Lilly entered into royalty-free, limited, non-exclusive voluntary licensing agreement with Lupin, Cipla, Sunpharma, Natco Pharma for manufacturing and selling of Lilly's monoclonal antibody treatment Baricitinib in India.

Gilead has proactively scaled up manufacturing of remdesivir to increase available supply as rapidly as possible in anticipation of potential future supply needs. In August 2020, Gilead announced that it had increased supply more than 50-fold since January, and was likely able to meet real-time global demand starting in October. The company is planning to produce more than two million treatment courses by the end of 2020, and several million more in 2021, if needed.

To further expand global supply, Gilead is in discussions with leading chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing companies about their ability, under voluntary licenses, to produce remdesivir for Europe, Asia and the developing world at least through 2022. Gilead also negotiated long-term voluntary licenses with several generic drugmakers in India and Pakistan and is in active discussions with the Medicines Patent Pool to license remdesivir, and with UNICEF to deliver the drug using its established distribution networks.

As of August 2020, Gilead’s manufacturing network for remdesivir includes more than 40 companies in North America, Europe and Asia. Gilead announced that in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases in India, the company would provide its voluntary licensing partners with technical assistance, support for the addition of new local manufacturing facilities and the donation of API to rapidly scale up production of remdesivir.

Gilead also reached an agreement with the EU Commission to secure sufficient doses of remdesivir for 30,000 patients presenting severe COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, the company also signed a JPA with the EU Commission that will enable rapid and equitable access to remdesivir.

MSD, known as Merck inside the United States and Canada, announced it has entered into a procurement agreement with the U.S. government for molnupiravir (MK-4482). Through the agreement, if molnupiravir receives EUA or approval by the U.S. FDA, Merck will supply approximately 1.7 million courses of molnupiravir to the U.S. government. Merck has
been investing at risk to support development and scale-up production of molnupiravir and expects to have more than 10 million courses of therapy available by the end of 2021.

**Pfizer** announced a multi-year agreement with Gilead to manufacture and supply Gilead’s remdesivir.

**Roche** and Regeneron joined forces to significantly increase global supply of REGN-COV2, Regeneron’s investigational antiviral antibody combination, to at least three and a half times the current capacity, with the potential for even further expansion.

**Roche** confirmed that the U.S. HHS and DOD will purchase additional supply of Regeneron’s casirivimab and imdevimab antibody cocktail for use in non-hospitalised COVID-19 patients as part of Operation Warp Speed.

**Novartis** signed an initial agreement with Roche to reserve capacity and implement the technology transfer for the production of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) for Roche’s Actemra/RoActemra® (tocilizumab), a treatment for rheumatoid arthritis which is also being tested in various clinical trials investigating the safety and efficacy in COVID-19 associated pneumonia.

In May 2021, Roche and **Cipla** announced that the first batch of the Antibody Cocktail (Casirivimab and Imdevimab) was available in India while a second batch would be made available by mid-June 2021.

**Roche** and Chugai decided not to assert any patents against the use of Actemra/RoActemra in COVID-19 in LMICs during this current pandemic.

**Sanofi** increased production capacity of hydroxychloroquine by 50% and is on track to further increase production over the coming months.

**Teva** is assessing additional production of hydroxychloroquine sulfate tablets with materials that are being sent to Teva from its ingredient supplier.

Teva’s global manufacturing network has been working tirelessly on securing and scaling production of both API and finished doses for potential treatments that my prove essential in treating COVID-19 everywhere Teva does business.

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**SUPPORT GLOBAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19**

Use our medical expertise to support global healthcare systems to manage the unprecedented increase in the pressure they are experiencing.

IFPMA member companies are committed to helping to boost healthcare system capacities and protect healthcare workers, particularly in the hardest-hit and vulnerable countries that are ill prepared to cope with an accelerating outbreak of COVID-19. When the novel coronavirus first emerged in Wuhan, China, IFPMA and its member companies started working with their teams on the ground, and with the Chinese authorities to ensure people gain access to necessary health care services. This experience has since repeated around the world as the virus spread with increased efforts by member companies donating PPE and money to ease burdens on hard-pressed health services.

**Support to affected countries worldwide (on-going)**
AbbVie donated $35 million to COVID-19 relief efforts. In the US, it supported healthcare capacity for hospitals and secured access to food and essential supplies for vulnerable populations. In Europe, it provided critical equipment and supplies to patients and front-line healthcare workers in hard-hit countries.

AbbVie made donations to 26 community non-profit organizations to support COVID-19 relief efforts, totaling $5 million. The AbbVie COVID-19 Community Resilience Fund helped these organizations to support front-line healthcare workers and vulnerable populations in hard-hit communities.

AFIDRO donated medical equipment to the Central Military Hospital of Bogota (Colombia) to strengthen the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Almirall donated topical cream to healthcare professionals in Spain and the UK, repurposed production facilities in Germany to manufacture antibacterial gels, and donated PPE to healthcare workers in Spain.

Amgen and the Amgen Foundation donated $12.5 million to support US and global relief efforts for communities with critical needs impacted by COVID-19. Amgen donated $1 million to support AHA’s COVID-19 rapid response efforts in the cardiovascular health community.

AstraZeneca donated 9 million face masks to healthcare workers around the world and partnered with WEF’s COVID Action Platform to identify countries in greatest need.

Bayer made financial donations to Lombardy, Brazil (€1 million), and France (€1 million) to support COVID-19 relief efforts. The company also donated 1 million chloroquine tablets to Italy; and another 3 million tablets to the US. Bayer produced hand sanitizers in Indonesia based on their expertise from their plants in Germany. Bayer supplied German hospitals with ventilators, provided health care workers with masks, provided the German Army with 600,000 chloroquine tablets, and supported employees wishing to volunteer in the local health system by offering 4 weeks paid leave.

Biogen The Biogen Foundation has committed $10 million to support global response efforts and communities around the world. Biogen employees donated more than $300,000 to NPOs and volunteered in their communities.

Boehringer Ingelheim contributed €5.8 million from their Global Support Program donations fund, provided paid leave for its 51,000 employees to volunteer for COVID-19 relief, donated over $1 million to protect health care professionals, and established a €580,000 relief fund for social entrepreneurs and their communities in Kenya and India via its Making More Health program.
Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) and the BMS Foundation have contributed more than $31 million in financial support and needed products (e.g. PPE and medical equipment) to relief efforts in 43 countries. The BMS Foundation has supported nearly 50 organizations in the U.S. and more than 150 organizations globally that care for patients and that support those on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. In addition, it has contributed funding to support the work of more than 40 patient advocacy groups and professional societies. Also, to support research, education, and a wide range of efforts to benefit patients in need, BMS is engaging with more than 250 patient and professional organizations.

BMS partnered with GRYT Health to develop the COVID Advocacy Exchange, a virtual platform to unite patient advocacy organizations, patients, policy makers, healthcare practitioners and industry in the exchange of information.

Chiesi donated €3 million to COVID-19 relief efforts in Italy, donated 50,000 units of sanitizing hand gel to public transport operators and PPE to hospitals, partnered with associations of general practitioners providing advice and guidance, and supported the purchase of respiratory equipment in hospitals.

Chugai donated JPY 50 million to support healthcare professionals fighting COVID-19 in Japan.

Daiichi-Sankyo donated $1 million to the WHO COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund through the Japan Center for International Exchange, supporting COVID-19 relief efforts.

Eisai provided $250,000 in funding to US civil society organisations, and provided PPE to local healthcare providers in the US.

Eisai provided €945,000 to professional organizations such as the WHO, as well as healthcare providers and vulnerable communities in the UK, Italy, Germany, Spain, Belgium, France, Portugal, and Slovakia.

Eisai donated 11.8 million rupees to federal emergency funding in India, and donated funding and supplies in Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Eisai announced that it has committed the equivalent of 1 million USD in aid towards various activities in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus infection in Africa.

Eli Lilly deployed medical professionals to staff a free drive-through COVID-19 testing facility at its corporate headquarters in Indianapolis.

Eli Lilly and Company Foundation contributed $500,000 to the Central Indiana COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund.

Eli Lilly partnered with local health systems to launch dedicated infusion center locations serving central, northern, and now southern Indiana that are intended to provide Hoosiers with access to important COVID-19 treatments.

Eli Lilly and Direct Relief would provide patients in need in LMICs with COVID-19 treatments, free of charge. Lilly donated baricitinib, bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) and etesevimab (LY-CoV016).

Farmindustria and member companies donated over €9.4 million worth of medicines to Italian hospitals, €21.8 million of financial and medical equipment donations, and 4 members modified their production lines to meet health needs during the pandemic.

Gilead provided remdesivir to physicians for compassionate use to treat hundreds of severely ill COVID-19 patients. Gilead committed another 1.5 million individual doses of remdesivir for donation, representing 140,000 treatment courses based on a 10-day treatment duration.

Gilead announced the $20 million Gilead CARES (COVID-19 Acute Relief and Emergency Support) Grantee Fund to support civil society organisations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gilead partnered with Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine to study racial health inequities associated with COVID-19.
GSK donated $10 million to the WHO COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund to enable distribution of essential supplies to frontline health workers. GSK donated lab equipment, instruments, and scientific kits to support government testing and donated over 700,000 PPE units to frontline health workers in 29 countries. GSK donated more than 660,000 GSK products to more than 24 countries in Asia, Americas and EU.

HKAPI delivered 17,000 surgical face masks to patient organizations together with the continued support of their member companies in sourcing PPE.

Johnson & Johnson committed $50 million to support frontline health workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Johnson & Johnson encouraged medically trained employees worldwide to take paid leave and volunteer within their community. Financial donations made by employees or retirees to the Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund or the CDC Foundation’s All of Us Campaign were matched, dollar for dollar, up to a total of $1 million for each organization.

LEO Pharma made donations supporting local hospitals and communities in Northern Italy, Spain and New Jersey (US) in fighting COVID-19.

Lundbeck supported fundraising activities in Italy, donated PPE to France and the US, committed $1 million to COVID-19 relief efforts in North America, and donated to the COVID Response Funds in regions where the company is present.

Medicines Australia joined forces with 15 healthcare organisations in the Continuity of Care Collaboration to stress the importance for people to continue monitoring their health and maintaining regular medical care.

Menarini converted a topical pharmaceutical producing plant in Florence into an antibacterial gels producing plant, donated products across Italy and increased production from 20 to 100 tons per month.

Merck engaged in multiple donation efforts in more than 40 countries, adding up to cash and goods worth millions of Euros, including in-house 3D-printed face shields and disinfectant. Merck donated two million FFP2 masks, e.g. in Germany, France, Brazil, the United States, Ethiopia, Ghana, Central America, Cameroon, Nigeria, Mexico, Lebanon, Mauritania to support frontline healthcare workers. Merck supports employees in heavily affected countries: E.g. in India, Merck provided € 2 million for vaccinations and medical equipment, and vaccination programs are being prepared for Peru, Indonesia, and the Philippines, among others.

MSD committed more than $30 million to COVID-19 relief efforts, including donations of medicines, PPE and funding to relief organizations, and pledged another $10 million to support disparately impacted patients and communities in the US and globally. Through MSD for Mothers, MSD committed $3 million to address critical maternal health needs during COVID-19. MSD encouraged medically trained employees to volunteer in local communities, providing paid leave. MSD announced it was taking a number of new steps to support patients in the US who may have lost their jobs and health insurance coverage.

Merck donated 150,000 liters of disinfectant to the German state of Hesse.

Novartis donated up to 130 million doses of hydroxychloroquine. Novartis' COVID-19 Response Fund provided $20 million in support to the most impacted communities around the world. Novartis and the Novartis US Foundation established a $5 million US COVID-19 Community Response Fund.
Novartis Canada and Sandoz Canada donated $500,000 to community and patient groups via the Community Strong COVID-19 response program. Novartis contributed $1 million to the International Rescue Committee to support the COVID-19 response in East Africa. Novartis and its subsidiary Sandoz launched a not-for-profit portfolio of medicines for symptomatic treatment of COVID-19, which were made available to governments, NGOs and other institutional customers in up to 79 eligible countries.

Novo Nordisk donated PPE, provided 20 tons of hand sanitizer to hospitals, and through its Novo Nordisk Foundation donated more than $7 million to fight COVID-19 in Denmark.

Pfizer created a Global COVID-19 Medical Service Program to empower medical colleagues to provide diagnostic, treatment, and public health support. Pfizer and the Pfizer Foundation provided $40 million in medical and charitable cash grants to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roche’s subsidiary, Genentech and the Genentech Foundation, provided $42 million to address the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sanofi made a charitable gift of 100 million euros to help tackle the coronavirus crisis in France, with the money going to hospitals, care homes and other initiatives. Sanofi also donated 100 million doses of hydroxychloroquine across 50 countries globally.

Servier provided PPE to hospitals in affected countries, donated to foundations and NGOs, and encouraged medically-trained staff to volunteer in the French healthcare system to combat COVID-19.

Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma (SDP) manufactured 20,000 face shields and procured PPE through its Chinese subsidiary for use in the worst affected Japanese prefectures. SDP subsidiary Sunovion Pharmaceuticals provided a monetary donation to the US CDP COVID-19 Response Fund, donated PPE, delivered food donations to a food bank and sent out volunteers to support the activities of the NHS in the UK, and provided further financial support to several organizations. SDP also joined forces with Innovative Medicines Canada to set up a Canadian COVID-19 fund.

Takeda donated $6.25 million to the American Red Cross, the city of Cambridge, and the town of Lexington to fight COVID-19.

Teva donated more than 10 million hydroxychloroquine doses to hospitals in the US, and another 2 million hydroxychloroquine units to the Israeli Ministry of Health. The company also donated hydroxychloroquine as well as PPE to Spain and allowed UK employees to volunteer with the NHS, providing paid leave. Teva provided PPE, kits and food to populations in need in India.

UCB donated hydro-alcoholic solutions to the Belgian and Swiss authorities which it started producing at its own manufacturing sites. UCB encouraged healthcare professionals to volunteer in line with local government needs and guidance. UCB donated PPE to Belgian healthcare authorities and local hospitals.

Support to China during the start of the outbreak (Jan/ Feb 2020)
AbbVie donated older antiviral drugs upon request from the Chinese government as an experimental option to support the growing public health crisis.

Astellas Pharma China donated 1 million yuan to the Red Cross Society of China for purchasing PPE and procuring medical treatment equipment and donated 500,000 yuan worth of PPE to hospitals in Wuhan, China.

Bayer made financial contributions and donations of several medicines to the Chinese Red Cross.

Boehringer Ingelheim made financial donations to the Chinese Red Cross to purchase PPE and made donations of medicines.

Bristol-Myers Squibb made financial donations to the Chinese Red Cross to purchase PPE and made donations of medicines.

CSL Group/Seqirus donated 1 million RMB to the China Red Cross in support of COVID-19 relief efforts.

Eisai donated 1 million yuan to the Wuhan Charity Federation and provided local healthcare providers with medicines and medical relief supplies.

Johnson & Johnson donated 300 boxes of HIV medication to the Shanghai Public Health Clinical Centre and Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University. The company also provided drug-screening for antiviral properties against SARS-CoV-2 to assist laboratory-based investigations of the Chinese CDC.

Eli Lilly donated 1 million yuan to the Chinese Red Cross. The Lilly Foundation donated $100,000 to Direct Relief, and $150,000 to Project HOPE to support their COVID-19 relief efforts.

Lundbeck supported local communities and societies with monetary and medicine donations to Wuhan, China.

MSD donated 1 million RMB to the Chinese Red Cross Foundation and supported the construction of a second specialty hospital (Leishenshan Hospital) to treat COVID-19 patients in Wuhan.

MSD launched online campaigns to educate the public about respiratory disease and helped provide up-to-date articles on treatment guidelines for health care professionals.

Otsuka donated 1 million RMB to the Red Cross located in Jinnan Community Hangzhou Lin’an Area for medical supplies and PPE, 500,000 RMB to the Sichuan Red Cross, medical supplies to the Hubei Charity Federation, and provided supportive nutritional products to medical staff, the Tianjin Red Cross and designated hospitals in Beijing.

Pfizer made cash contributions to its global NGO partners who shipped supplies to hospitals in China. The Pfizer Foundation provided $500,000 in grants for direct COVID-19 relief efforts of Direct Relief and Project HOPE.

Roche donated diagnostics tests, medical supplies and financial support, including a donation of $2 million worth of tocilizumab to China to help manage the COVID-19 outbreak. Roche subsidiary Genentech also worked with Chinese government and health authorities to provide screening and health care.

Sumitomo Dainippon subsidiary Sumitomo Pharmaceuticals donated 1 million RMB to the Chinese Red Cross Foundation for prevention and containment efforts.

Teva donated 9,600 packs of azithromycin to 15 hospitals in Hubei.
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