

'Covaxin booster dose can fight variant menace'

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Pune: With SARS-CoV-2 variants likely to define the next phase of the Covid-19 pandemic, scientists at the National Institute of Virology (NIV) here have said that a booster dose of Covaxin may provide a solution to the menace posed by the evolving virus and offer "long-term protection."

A booster dose against Covid is being explored in some countries with other vaccines. Similar research is being considered in India too, said ICMR-NIV director Priya Abraham.

A booster shot will come after the first two doses of any vaccine and may have to be given regularly (perhaps after a year or two, or later) to keep the immune system primed against SARS-CoV-2 variants. A person receiving a booster will not have to repeat an entire two-dose schedule.

"Covaxin could be more effective at tackling emerging variants. It can play a useful role as a booster vaccine because both antibodies and cells of the immune

J&J: Talks on to speed up vax delivery in India

Bengaluru: Johnson & Johnson (J&J) said on Tuesday that it was in talks with the Indian government to explore ways to speed up delivery of its single-shot Covid-19 vaccine in the country. The company also said as per a recent announcement by the Indian drug regulator, there is no longer a need to conduct bridging clinical trials of the vaccines in India. AGENCIES

system (mounted by Covaxin) are able to recognise and neutralise more proteins of the virus, apart from the spike protein," said Abraham.

Booster shots with a whole virus inactivated vaccine have proven to work well after two doses of any vaccine. "Inactivated vaccines can trigger a strong immune reaction, though it may not be the same as the immune response to live attenuated vaccines. So, a person may need booster shots" added Abraham.

Covishield travel with EU official

power to approve WHO-clear vaccines for travel by foreigners to their countries. For the purpose of the Digital Covid Certificate, individual member states will have the option to accept also vaccinations that have been authorised by the World Health Organization (WHO), such as Covishield."

Earlier on Tuesday, Serum Institute sources said they had applied for approval from the European Medicine Agency (EMA) for the Covishield vaccine through AstraZeneca. Since this is exactly the same as the Vaxzevria jab manufactured in the EU, there has been a backlash at EMA's decision to clear the latter but not the former.

on Tuesday they had not received any application for approval of Covishield vaccine by SII. "Concerning a possible EMA authorisation for Covishield, as of yesterday, the European Medicine Agency (EMA) stated that it had not received a request for approval. It will examine any such request when received, as per its procedures. The EMA does not investigate new drugs on its own, unless it is asked by the relevant companies."

Some officials said all the companies producing the AstraZeneca vaccine would have to apply separately for approval. The EU has had a testy relationship with AstraZeneca from the start of the vaccine process.

Speeding car runs over family sleeping on footpath, kills one:

A speeding car ran over a family of four sleeping on a footpath in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and snuffed out a life on Tuesday. After a hard day's work as casual labourers, Babu Babhor, his wife Satu and their two kids fell sound asleep on the footpath. Parv Shah (22), who was allegedly in a car chase, ran over them. As per an FIR, while Babu and the kids suffered injuries, Satu died by the time an ambulance arrived. An investigation is on. TNN

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