

Human trial of antibody therapy to treat COVID-19 underway

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The first human trial of an antibody therapy to treat COVID-19 is

underway, *CNN* reported Monday.

According to [drug](#) maker Eli Lilly, the phase 1 trial is designed to find if the drug is safe and well tolerated. Results are expected this month. If the drug does prove safe and effective, it could be available for use by the fall, according to *CNN*.

"Until now, scientists have been trying to repurpose medicines, drugs, that were designed for new diseases to see if they work in COVID-19, but as soon as this epidemic started, we got to work making a new [medicine](#) against this disease," Dan Skovronsky, M.D., Eli Lilly's senior vice president and chief scientific officer, told *CNN*. "Now we're ready and testing it in patients."

Eli Lilly is already manufacturing the antibody therapy. "If it does work, we don't want to waste a single day, we want to have as much medicine as possible available to help as many people quickly," Skovronsky said.

More information: [CNN Article](#)

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