

# EU watchdog reviews Pfizer vaccine adapted for Omicron

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Europe's medicines watchdog said Wednesday it has started to review an adapted version of Pfizer/BioNTech's anti-COVID jab in order to better protect against specific variants of the virus, including Omicron.

"As the [company](#) makes progress in the development of its adapted vaccine, EMA will receive more [data](#), including data on the [immune response](#) to the vaccine, as well as data on its efficacy against Omicron sub variants," the European Medicines Agency said.

"By starting a rolling review, EMA will be able to assess these data as they become available," the Amsterdam-based agency said.

However, it stressed that the details about the adaptive [vaccine](#) "for example whether it will specifically target one of more COVID variants, are not yet defined."

The EMA's rolling review will continue until there are enough data for a formal application to market the drug within the 27-nation bloc, the EMA said.

Worries that the coronavirus, particularly the BA.4 and BA.5 variants, are making a comeback are mounting including in Britain and the Netherlands where infection levels have rising to the highest levels in three months.

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