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# ***PFIZER / BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE***

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## Question:

What is the Islamic ruling for Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and is it *Halāl*?

## Abstract:

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The query was deliberated amongst the Scholars at Department of *Dārul-Iftaa* (*Wifaqul Ulama*).

It must be emphasised that the decision to inoculate against COVID-19 (or vaccinate in general) is personal and should be taken after considering the best possible professional medical advice weighed against personal health, medical history and relevant risk factors. The scope of this *Fatwā* is limited to discussion regarding the ingredients of BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (exclusively) and should not be misconstrued to support vaccination in general or specifically for COVID-19.

## Vaccine Ingredients & Excipients:

The main ingredient in this vaccine is nucleoside-modified messenger RNA and it is not sourced from animal sources.<sup>1</sup> However, the active ingredients are almost never administered alone in a vaccine. Excipients play a central role in the drug development process, in the formulation of stable dosage forms and in their administration<sup>2</sup>. The list of excipients for the aforementioned vaccine is as follows:

1. ALC-0315 =4-[(hydroxybutyl)(azanediyl)] bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2 hexyldecanoate),
2. ALC-0159 =2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide,
3. 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine,
4. **cholesterol**,
5. potassium chloride,
6. potassium dihydrogen phosphate,
7. sodium chloride,
8. disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate,
9. sucrose,
10. water for injections

All excipients apart from Cholesterol are chemically synthesised. The following statement with regards to the presence of ingredients sourced from animal has been officially released:

The Medicines and Healthcare products Agency<sup>3</sup> can confirm that the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine does not contain any components of animal origin.

Thus in the light of the available data, official statement and clarification, we have concluded the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to be permissible for British Muslims.

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May *Allāh* preserve them all.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/941452/Information\\_for\\_healthcare\\_professionals.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/941452/Information_for_healthcare_professionals.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.europeanpharmaceuticalreview.com/article/18434/the-central-role-of-excipients-in-drug-formulation-2/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency>