

China's Sinovac inks deal to supply COVID-19 vaccine to COVAX

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SINOVAC Biotech, a leading provider of biopharmaceutical products in China, announced that it has signed an advance purchase agreement (APA) with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), which is on behalf of COVAX Facility, to provide up to 380 million doses of inactivated COVID-19 vaccine, CoronaVac® for distribution through the COVAX Facility.

According to the APA, SINOVAC will supply 50 million doses of CoronaVac® by the end of September of 2021.

In addition, Gavi has the option to purchase an additional 150 million doses in the fourth quarter of 2021 and 180 million more doses in the first half of 2022. In total, up to 380 million doses of CoronaVac® will be available to both self-financing participants of the Facility as well as those supported by the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC).

COVAX, the vaccines pillar of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, is co-led by CEPI, Gavi and WHO – working in partnership with UNICEF and PAHO as delivery partners, developed and developing country vaccine manufacturers, the World Bank, and others.

The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) had systematically reviewed and evaluated evidence of vaccine safety and effect of Sinovac's CoronaVac vaccine, recommending two doses of CoronaVac® for adults aged 18 and above. Following the review by SAGE, the WHO announced its intention to authorize Sinovac's CoronaVac® for Emergency Use on June 1, 2021.