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Dear Ms Madiba

RESPONSE TO EMAIL REGARDING THE SINOPHARM VACCINE

Your email dated 04 March 2021 regarding the Sinopharm vaccine refers.

I would like to thank African Diagnostics Excellence for their efforts in building a collaborative relationship with the National Department of Health and assisting with the accessibility of the Sinopharm vaccine. The MAC on Covid-19 Vaccines is an advisory Committee to the Minister of Health and consists of various experts in the fields including health economics, health sciences and legal leaders. In order for the MAC to review the Sinopharm vaccine for use in the South African setting, additional scientific data is required regarding the vaccine's efficacy against the 501Y.V2 variant.

In addition, for any therapeutic agent to be considered by the National Department of Health for public healthcare use, registration with the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) is required. I would like to encourage you to further engage with SAHPRA regarding the requirements for a submission for the use of the Sinopharm vaccine in South Africa. I would like to further thank you for reaching out to the National Department of Health and look forward to developing a sustainable relationship in the future.

Kind regards,

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