

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 (15/15 micrograms)/dose dispersion for injection Adults and adolescents from 12 years COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine tozinameran/riltozinameran

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 for how to report side effects.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you receive this vaccine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is and what it is used for

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is a vaccine used for preventing COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2.

It is given to adults and adolescents from 12 years of age and older.

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is only for individuals who have previously received at least a primary vaccination course against COVID-19.

The vaccine causes the immune system (the body's natural defences) to produce antibodies and blood cells that work against the virus, so giving protection against COVID-19.

As Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 does not contain the virus to produce immunity, it cannot give you COVID-19.

The use of this vaccine should be in accordance with official recommendations.

2. What you need to know before you receive Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 should not be given

- if you are allergic to the active substance or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before you are given the vaccine if:

- you have ever had a severe allergic reaction or breathing problems after any other vaccine injection or after you were given this vaccine in the past.

- you are feeling nervous about the vaccination process or have ever fainted following any needle injection.
- you have a severe illness or infection with high fever. However, you can have your vaccination if you have a mild fever or upper airway infection like a cold.
- you have a bleeding problem, you bruise easily or you use a medicine to prevent blood-clots.
- you have a weakened immune system, because of a disease such as HIV infection or a medicine such as corticosteroid that affects your immune system.

There is an increased risk of myocarditis (inflammation of the heart muscle) and pericarditis (inflammation of the lining outside the heart) after vaccination with Comirnaty (see section 4). These conditions can develop within just a few days after vaccination and have primarily occurred within 14 days. They have been observed more often after the second vaccination, and more often in younger males. The risk of myocarditis and pericarditis seems lower in children ages 5 to 11 years compared with ages 12 to 17 years. Most cases of myocarditis and pericarditis recover. Some cases required intensive care support and fatal cases have been seen. Following vaccination, you should be alert to signs of myocarditis and pericarditis, such as breathlessness, palpitations and chest pain, and seek immediate medical attention should these occur.

As with any vaccine, Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 may not fully protect all those who receive it and it is not known how long you will be protected.

The efficacy of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 may be lower in people who are immunocompromised. If you are immunocompromised, you may receive additional doses of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1. In these cases, you should continue to maintain physical precautions to help prevent COVID-19. In addition, your close contacts should be vaccinated as appropriate. Discuss appropriate individual recommendations with your doctor.

Children

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 (15/15 micrograms)/dose dispersion for injection is not recommended for children aged under 12 years.

There are paediatric formulations available for infants aged 6 months and above and children below 12 years of age. For details, please refer to the Package Leaflet for other formulations.

The vaccine is not recommended for infants aged under 6 months.

Other medicines and Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines or have recently received any other vaccine.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant, tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist before you receive this vaccine.

No data are available yet regarding the use of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 during pregnancy. However, a large amount of information from pregnant women vaccinated with the initially approved Comirnaty vaccine during the second and third trimester have not shown negative effects on the pregnancy or the newborn baby. While information on effects on pregnancy or the newborn baby after vaccination during the first trimester is limited, no change to the risk for miscarriage has been seen. Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 can be used during pregnancy.

No data are available yet regarding the use of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 during breast-feeding. However, no effects on the breastfed newborn/infant are anticipated. Data from women who were breast-feeding after vaccination with the initially approved Comirnaty vaccine have not shown a risk for adverse effects in breastfed newborns/infants. Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 can be used while breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

Some of the effects of vaccination mentioned in section 4 (Possible side effects) may temporarily affect your ability to drive or use machines. Wait until these effects have worn off before you drive or use machines.

3. How Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is given

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is given as an injection of 0.3 mL into a muscle of your upper arm.

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is only for individuals who have previously received at least a primary vaccination course against COVID-19.

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 may be given at least 3 months after the most recent dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Please check with your healthcare provider regarding eligibility for and timing of the booster dose.

If you are immunocompromised, you may receive additional doses of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1.

For details on the primary vaccination course in individuals 12 years of age and older, please refer to the Package Leaflet for those formulations.

If you have any further questions on the use of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

4. Possible side effects

Like all vaccines, Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Very common side effects: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- injection site: pain, swelling
- tiredness, headache
- muscle pain, joint pain
- chills, fever
- diarrhoea

Some of these side effects were slightly more frequent in adolescents 12 to 15 years than in adults.

Common side effects: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- injection site redness
- nausea, vomiting
- enlarged lymph nodes (more frequently observed after a booster dose)

Uncommon side effects: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- feeling unwell, feeling weak or lack of energy/sleepy
- arm pain
- insomnia
- injection site itching
- allergic reactions such as rash or itching
- decreased appetite
- dizziness
- excessive sweating, night sweats

Rare side effects: may affect up to 1 in 1 000 people

- temporary one sided facial drooping
- allergic reactions such as hives or swelling of the face

Very rare side effects: may affect up to 1 in 10 000 people

- inflammation of the heart muscle (myocarditis) or inflammation of the lining outside the heart (pericarditis) which can result in breathlessness, palpitations or chest pain

Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)

- severe allergic reaction
- extensive swelling of the vaccinated limb
- swelling of the face (swelling of the face may occur in patients who have had facial dermatological fillers)
- a skin reaction that causes red spots or patches on the skin, that may look like a target or “bulls-eye” with a dark red centre surrounded by paler red rings (erythema multiforme)
- unusual feeling in the skin, such as tingling or a crawling feeling (paraesthesia)
- decreased feeling or sensitivity, especially in the skin (hypoesthesia)
- heavy menstrual bleeding (most cases appeared to be non-serious and temporary in nature)

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

If you are concerned about a side-effect it can be reported directly via the Coronavirus Yellow Card reporting site <https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/> or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store and include batch/Lot number if available. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

The following information about storage, expiry and use and handling is intended for healthcare professionals.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in freezer at -90 °C to -60 °C.

Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

The vaccine will be received frozen at -90 °C to -60 °C. Frozen vaccine can be stored either at -90 °C to -60 °C or 2 °C to 8 °C upon receipt.

When stored frozen at -90 °C to -60 °C, 10-vial packs of the vaccine can be thawed at 2 °C to 8 °C for 6 hours or individual vials can be thawed at room temperature (up to 30 °C) for 30 minutes.

Once removed from the freezer, the unopened vial may be stored and transported refrigerated at 2 °C to 8 °C for up to 10 weeks; not exceeding the printed expiry date (EXP). The outer carton should be marked with the new discard date at 2 °C to 8 °C. Once thawed, the vaccine cannot be re-frozen.

Prior to use, the unopened vials can be stored for up to 12 hours at temperatures between 8 °C and 30 °C.

Thawed vials can be handled in room light conditions.

After first puncture, store the vaccine at 2 °C to 30 °C and use within 12 hours, which includes up to 6 hours transportation time. Discard any unused vaccine.

Do not use this vaccine if you notice particulates or discolouration.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 contains

- The active substances of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (nucleoside modified) are called tozinameran and riltazinameran. The vial contains 6 doses of 0.3 mL with 15 micrograms of tozinameran (Original) and 15 micrograms of riltazinameran (Omicron BA.1) per dose.
- The other ingredients are:
 - ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate) (ALC-0315)
 - 2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide (ALC-0159)
 - 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DSPC)
 - cholesterol
 - trometamol
 - trometamol hydrochloride
 - sucrose
 - water for injections

What Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 looks like and contents of the pack

The vaccine is a white to off-white dispersion (pH: 6.9 - 7.9) provided in a multidose vial of 6 doses in a 2 mL clear vial (type I glass), with a rubber stopper and a grey flip-off plastic cap with aluminium seal.

Pack sizes: 10 vials or 195 vials
Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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The following information is intended for healthcare professionals only:

The dose of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is 0.3 mL given intramuscularly.

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 is only indicated for individuals who have previously received at least a primary vaccination course against COVID-19.

There should be an interval of at least 3 months between administration of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 and the last prior dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Additional doses may be given to individuals who are severely immunocompromised.

Traceability

In order to improve the traceability of biological medicinal products, the name and the batch number of the administered product should be clearly recorded.

Handling instructions prior to use

Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 should be prepared by a healthcare professional using aseptic technique to ensure the sterility of the prepared dispersion.

- **Verify** that the vial has a **grey plastic cap** and the product **name is Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1 (15/15 micrograms)/dose dispersion for injection** (12 years and older).
- If the vial has another product name on the label, please make reference to the Summary of Product Characteristics for that formulation.
- If the vial is stored frozen it must be thawed prior to use. Frozen vials should be transferred to an environment of 2 °C to 8 °C to thaw; a 10-vial pack may take 6 hours to thaw. Ensure vials are completely thawed prior to use.
- Upon moving vials to 2 °C to 8 °C storage, update the expiry date on the carton.
- Unopened vials can be **stored for up to 10 weeks at 2 °C to 8 °C**; not exceeding the printed expiry date (EXP).
- Alternatively, individual frozen vials may be thawed for 30 minutes at temperatures up to 30 °C.
- Prior to use, the unopened vial can be stored for up to 12 hours at temperatures up to 30 °C. Thawed vials can be handled in room light conditions.

Preparation of 0.3 mL doses

- Gently mix by inverting vials 10 times prior to use. Do not shake.
- Prior to mixing, the thawed dispersion may contain white to off-white opaque amorphous particles.
- After mixing, the vaccine should present as a white to off-white dispersion with no particulates visible. Do not use the vaccine if particulates or discolouration are present.
- Using aseptic technique, cleanse the vial stopper with a single-use antiseptic swab.
- Withdraw 0.3 mL of Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.1. **Low dead-volume syringes and/or needles** should be used in order to extract 6 doses from a single vial. The low dead-volume syringe and needle combination should have a dead volume of no more than 35 microlitres. If standard syringes and needles are used, there may not be sufficient volume to extract a sixth dose from a single vial.

- Each dose must contain 0.3 mL of vaccine.
- If the amount of vaccine remaining in the vial cannot provide a full dose of 0.3 mL, discard the vial and any excess volume.
- Record the appropriate date/time on the vial. Discard any unused vaccine 12 hours after first puncture.

Disposal

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.