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AstraZeneca to use Sputnik V vaccine in clinical trials to boost own vaccine efficacy

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After the Sputnik V vaccine's clinical trial preliminary results showed its efficacy at above 90 percent, the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) and Gamaleya Institute on November 23, 2020 offered AstraZeneca to use one of the two components (human adenoviral vectors) of the Sputnik V vaccine in AstraZeneca's clinical trials.

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Kirill Dmitriev, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund, commented: "This unique example of cooperation between scientists from different countries in jointly fighting coronavirus will play a decisive role in achieving a final victory over the pandemic globally. We hope that other vaccine producers will follow our example."