

**From:** Mbaeyi, Sarah (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/OD)  
**Sent:** Wed, 16 Dec 2020 15:18:40 +0000  
**To:** Talbot, H. Keipp; Oliver, Sara Elizabeth (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD)  
**Subject:** RE: Which COVID-19 vaccines are connected to abortion? | News | LifeSite

Thanks Keipp!

-----Original Message-----

From: Talbot, H. Keipp <keipp.talbot@vumc.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:56 AM  
To: Oliver, Sara Elizabeth (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD) <yxo4@cdc.gov>; Mbaeyi, Sarah (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/OD) <vif6@cdc.gov>  
Subject: FW: Which COVID-19 vaccines are connected to abortion? | News | LifeSite

Hi!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Manju Gaglani <(b)(6)>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:28 AM  
To: Manish Patel <aul3@cdc.gov>; Arnold Monto <asmonto@umich.edu>; Helen Talbot <keipp.talbot@Vanderbilt.Edu>; Richard Zimmerman <zimmrk@upmc.edu>; Donald Middleton <middletondb@upmc.edu>; Emily Martin <etmartin@umich.edu>  
Subject: Which COVID-19 vaccines are connected to abortion? | News | LifeSite

FYI - This is the website that the HCP are providing and this is what they are saying:

“the Pfizer vaccine is tested using the HEK 293 cell line, which is derived from kidney tissue taken from a healthy baby who was aborted in the Netherlands in the 1970s.  
Most people will not care.  
But for some others like me it might be a moral decision.”

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lifesitenews.com%2Fnews%2Fwhich-covid-19-vaccines-are-connected-to-abortion&data=04%7C01%7Ckeipp.talbot%40vumc.org%7C76b766f0d45b47fcff7408d8a11ec57a%7Cef57503014244ed8b83c12c533d879ab%7C0%7C0%7C637436500817210804%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&data=zIBtM46usTh0LqOAdMpmC95FIUC7JkqxgHDhHY7AUcs%3D&reserved=0>

Thank you,  
Manju

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**From:** Goldstein, Susan (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/OD)  
**Sent:** Thu, 8 Oct 2020 17:18:56 +0000  
**To:** Albert, Alison P. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD);Cohn, Amanda (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/OD);Oliver, Sara Elizabeth (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD);Dooling, Kathleen L. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD)  
**Cc:** Routh, Janell A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD);Nordlund, Kristen (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/OD)  
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From the Science article: Jannsen and AZ are using fetal cells.  
<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/abortion-opponents-protest-covid-19-vaccines-use-fetal-cells>

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Sara and Elizabeth-

Do you know whether aborted fetal cells are used in development and manufacturing of any of the COVID-19 vaccines? (b)(5)

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**Sent:** Thu, 8 Oct 2020 17:16:55 +0000  
**To:** Wilhelm, Elisabeth (CDC/DDPHSIS/CGH/GID)  
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Forgot about this useful resource, the CHOP group is great.

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