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This vaccine is not safe. Those with any allergies should not take this vaccine as it is not safe.

COVISHIELD/AZ vaccine is safe. There are no major safety concerns. Some minor side effects like fever and pain after vaccination are common.

Individuals who have a history of serious allergic reactions should consult a physician before taking any vaccine. Individuals who have had an allergic reaction after the first dose of this vaccine should consult a physician and not take the second dose if the physician determines that the allergic reaction was caused by the vaccine or its components.

Children below 18 years of age should not get the vaccine since research on the effects of the vaccine on this age-group is still ongoing.

This vaccine causes mental health problems.

COVISHIELD/AZ vaccine is safe. This vaccine was developed by the world-renowned Oxford University, UK and Astrazeneca following rigorous research.

This vaccine has not passed phase 3 trial.

Results from large scale phase-3 trial has been published and is in the public domain. It has been approved only after thorough review of all trial data from phases I to III. The vaccine is very safe and efficacious.

This vaccine contains only vitamins and hormones, not antibodies.

The vaccine contains a viral vector that stimulates the human immune system to produce antibodies and immune cells against SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 disease.

There will be long term effect after being vaccinated

Similar to other vaccines, there are several common adverse effects that could follow the vaccination against COVID-19. These include swelling, pain and redness in the vaccinated area, headache, fever, body ache, fatigue or lethargy, nausea, pain in joints and muscles, vomiting, etc. These are normal and should subside in a few days with no long-term consequences.

Initial results from the vaccine trials and deployment in country programs including Nepal, have not raised any major safety concerns. Those being vaccinated will undergo longer term follow-up to ascertain any long-term side effects. However, so far this vaccine has been found to be safe during various clinical tests.



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