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Health minister: Malaysian mRNA vaccine against Covid-19 under development

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Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba speaks during a press conference in Putrajaya March 19, 2020. — Picture by Choo Choy May

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PUTRAJAYA, June 21 — Malaysia is developing a vaccine to protect against Covid-19 using the messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) technology.

Health Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba, said in a joint press conference with National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme Coordinating Minister, Khairy Jamaluddin, today that the Malaysian Institute for Medical Research (IMR) started developing it with Universiti

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“The original SARS-CoV-2 virus and variants are currently in the cloning stage,” he said.

He said that the development process involves testing in small and big animals (pre-clinical stage) first, then three phases of clinical trials in humans before vaccine registration and manufacturing can begin.

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