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Vaccine reality



When a manufacturer seeks approval for a covid vaccine, it must prove to the regulators that the product is safe and effective. Drug companies are then able to declare with a high level of authority that their products are effective to a certain degree. Yet when doubts later arise about the effectiveness of a vaccine on a new mutation of the coronavirus, the opposite argumentation is used. Manufacturers and governments tend to say that there is *no proof that a given product is not effective*. Epidemiologist Petr Smejkal acknowledged this approach yesterday on [Czech TV](#) but went against it. "Unfortunately, the biggest problem with the South African mutation is that certain vaccines aren't so effective against it, specifically the AstraZeneca vaccine," he said. "But here I go making bad promo for it, which I don't want to do. But it is simply a fact." As the Czech government's new "face of the pandemic," Smejkal is moving us out of the vaccine-reverence phase into the vaccine-reality phase.

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