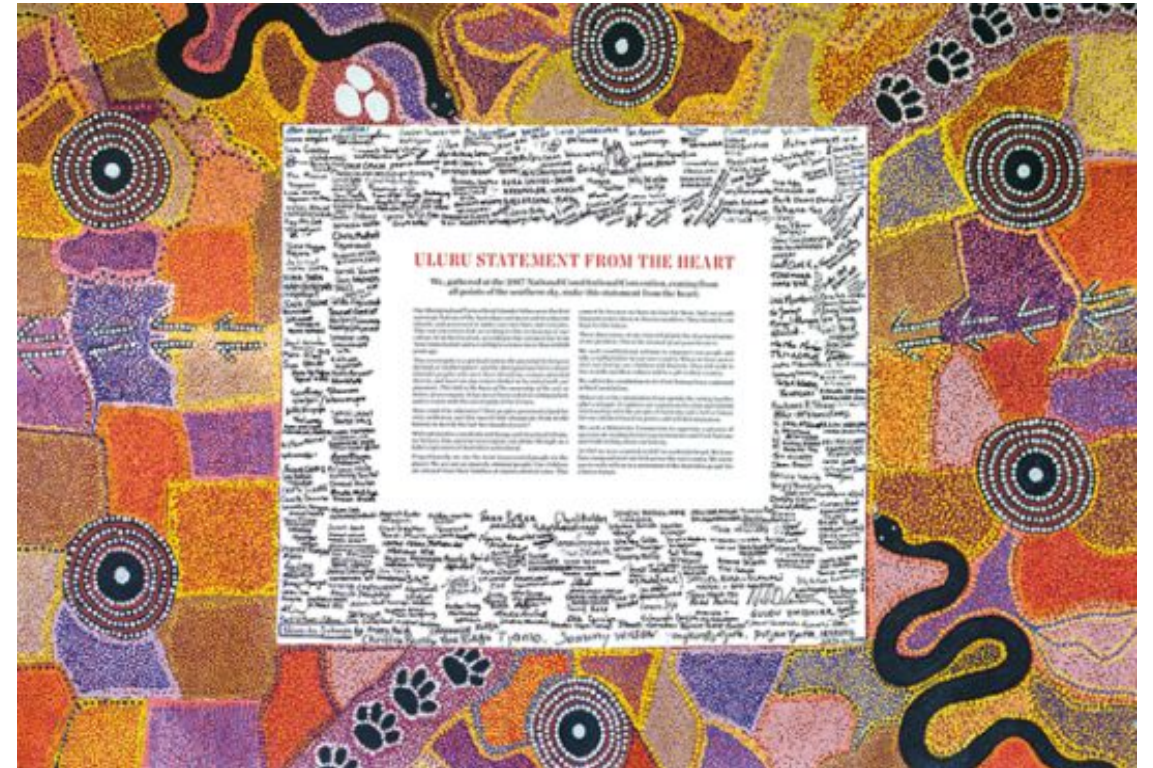


# COVID-19 Vaccine Safety:

## An update

Professor Kristine Macartney  
Director, NCIRS

ISG Meeting Feb 2022



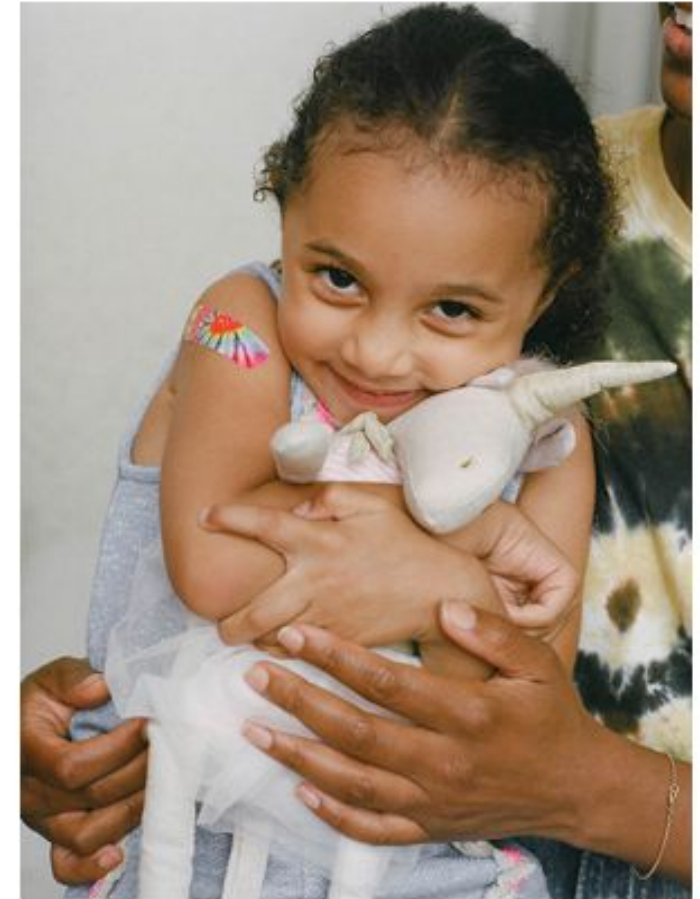
# Overview of vaccine safety concepts

- Vaccine safety paramount
- Vaccines given to protect against disease – not treat it
- Benefits must outweigh risks



## Adverse Event Following Immunisation (AEFI) Definition:

‘any untoward medical occurrence which follows immunisation and which does not necessarily have a causal relationship with the usage of the vaccine’



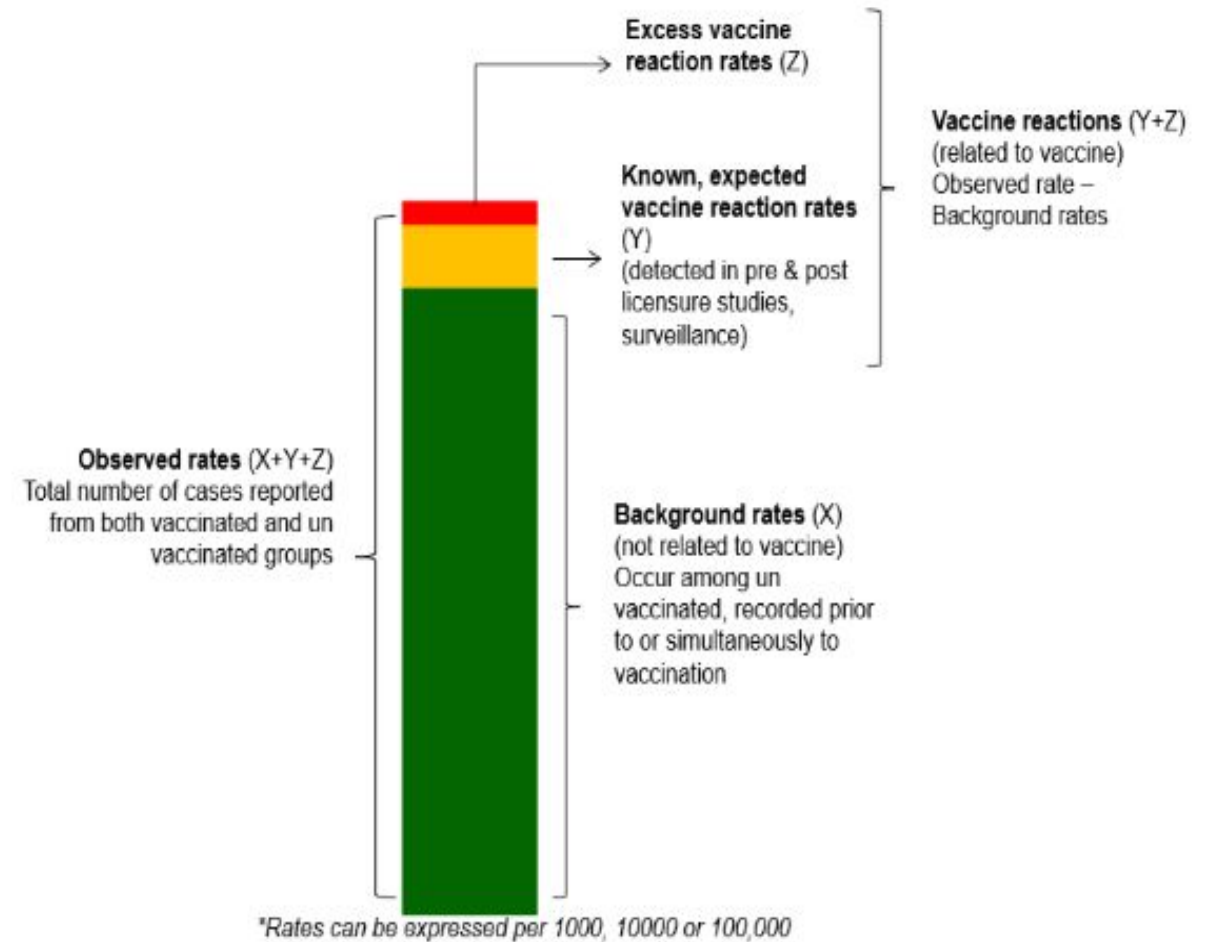
*Careful surveillance continues even after a vaccine candidate has proven to be effective and has passed all safety checks. Image: Self Magazine CC-BY-2.0*

# Causal versus coincidence? 5 categories of AEFI



Vaccine product related	• Febrile seizures with CSL Fluvax in 2010
Vaccine quality defect related	• Manufacturing error
Immunisation error related	• Live vaccine in immunocompromised patient
Immunisation stress related	• Fainting with vaccine in school
Coincidental	• Fall off a bike after vaccination

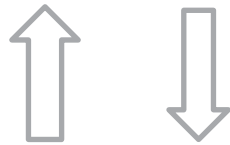
<https://vaccine-safety-training.org/classification-of-aefis.html>



# Safer vaccine design and manufacture



- Intelligent vaccine design
  - Safer, fewer antigens
  - Revolutionary science

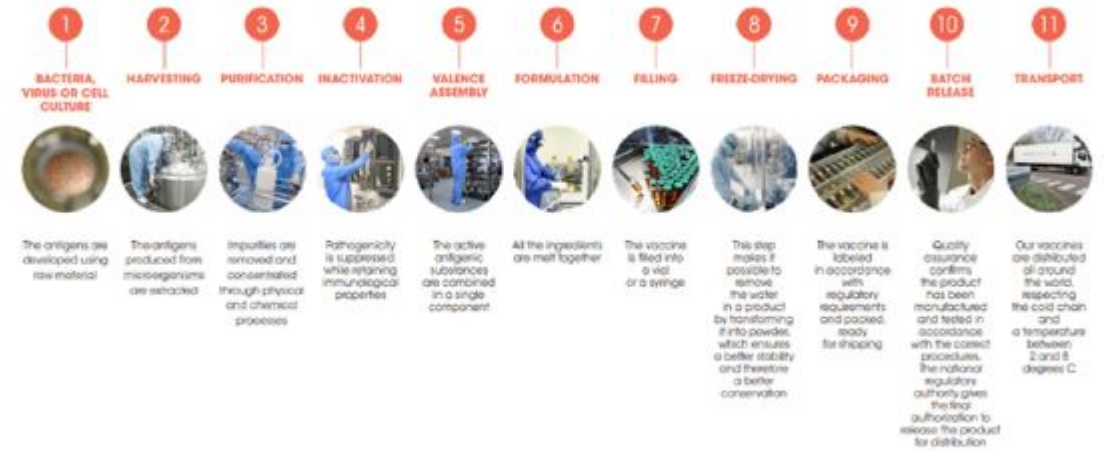


- Introduction of novel vaccines
  - requires alertness to the possibility of equally novel adverse effects

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Vaccine design and manufacture is complex; high regulated

Ensuring quality and regulatory compliance at each step



PRODUCTION TAKES BETWEEN  
**6 AND 36 MONTHS**

**70%** OF THE TIME OF PRODUCTION OF A VACCINE IS DEDICATED TO **QUALITY CONTROL**, WHICH REPRESENTS SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF TESTS



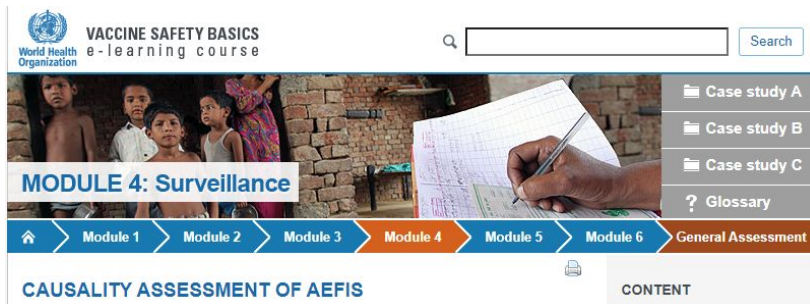
# Assessing causality is complex

- Very few adverse events have a unique ‘profile’ that absolutely defines them as being ‘vaccine related’ or ‘not vaccine related’
- Conditions that raise concern often don’t have known cause/trigger in absence of vaccination
  - Individual case assessment - challenging
  - Epidemiologic risk assessment - specialised



EPIDEMIOLOGIC ASSESSMENT						MECHANISTIC ASSESSMENT				CAUSALITY CONCLUSION				
High (increased risk)	High (decreased risk or no effect)	Moderate (increased risk)	Moderate (decreased risk or no effect)	Limited	Insufficient	Strong	Intermediate	Low-Intermediate	Weak	Lacking	Inadequate to Accept or Reject	Favors Rejection	Favors Acceptance	Convincingly Supports
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		Moderate (increased risk)						Intermediate						Favors Acceptance
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\* Causality conclusion is favors rejection only if mechanistic assessment is **not** strong or intermediate.  
 \*\* Causality conclusion is inadequate to accept or reject only if mechanistic assessment is **not** strong or intermediate.  
 \*\*\* Causality conclusion is inadequate to accept or reject only if epidemiologic assessment is **not** high (increased risk), high (decreased risk or no effect), or moderate (increased risk).



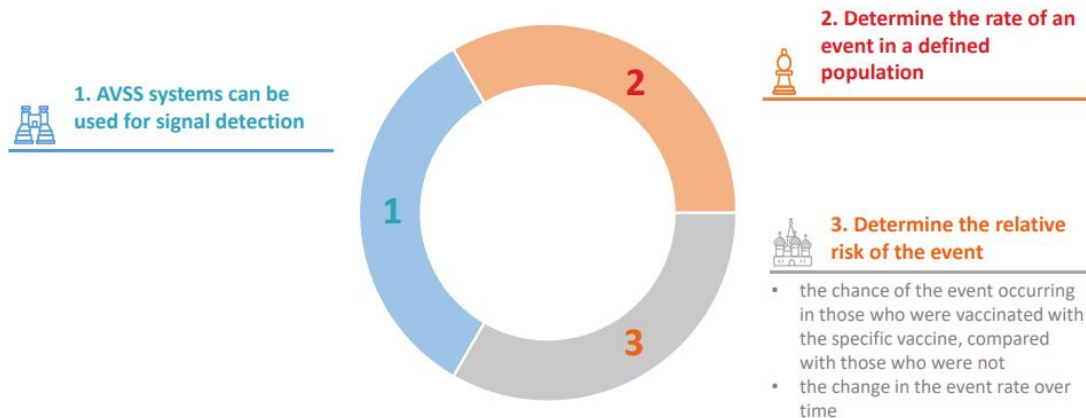


# Improving global AEFI surveillance

“A” = ~ Passive surveillance

- Relies on spontaneous report, data incomplete, quality variable
- For signal detection
- Incidence rates/vaccine attributable risk cannot be calculated

## Benefits of active vaccine safety surveillance



Reported illness, event or syndrome

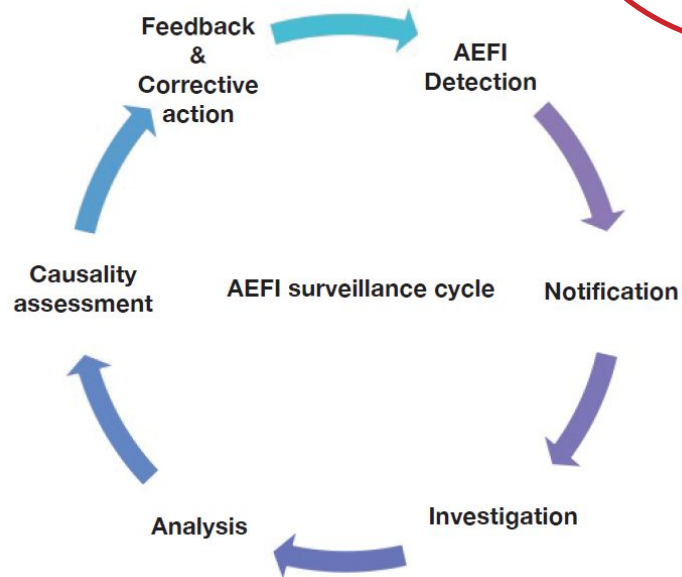
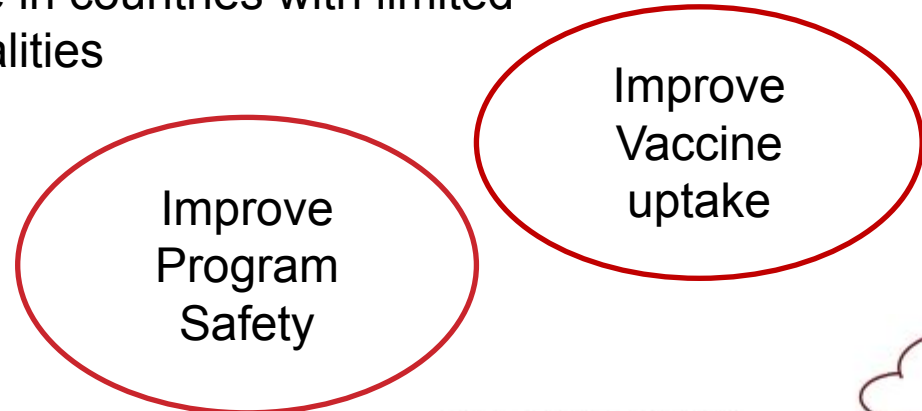
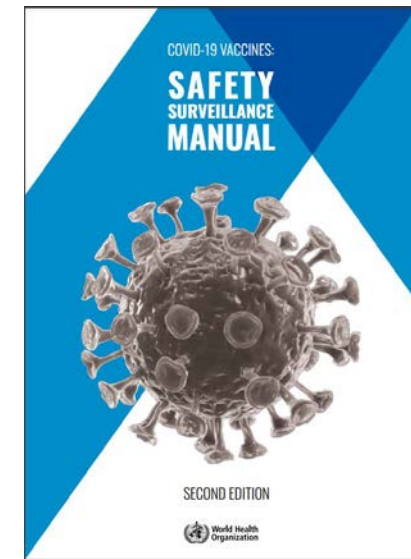
		YES	NO
Vaccinated	YES	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
	NO	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>

$$\% \text{ of adverse event in vaccinated} = A/(A+B)$$

$$\% \text{ of adverse event in unvaccinated} = C/(C+D)$$

# Improving global AEFI surveillance for COVID-19 vaccines

- Introduce AEFI surveillance in countries with none
- Improve AEFI surveillance in countries with limited
- Add/strengthen new modalities
  - More real-time data
  - Reporting, interpretation
  - Causality assessment
  - Monitoring AESI



## Factors influencing perceptions of COVID-19 vaccine safety

My auntie had a bad reaction when she got the flu vaccine at the hospital

I don't think anyone in my community has been vaccinated...

I read on Instagram that COVID-19 vaccines make you infertile

My church leader says COVID-19 vaccines are unsafe

We've had more COVID here than anywhere else, they don't really care about our safety

They're so new, how can we know they're safe?

They say they're safe, but they're just trying to get my vote!



# COVID-19 vaccines

Pharmaceutical Company RCTs – reactogenicity and long term follow-up

Other vaccine clinical trials

Surveillance (passive and active)

Observational/Epidemiologic studies



## Adverse Events of Special Interest AESI

“pre-specified medically significant event with potential to be causally associated with a vaccine product that needs to be carefully monitored and to be confirmed by further special studies”

Extra monitoring for events that could potentially be

- serious events that have followed other immunizations (e.g. GBS, anaphylaxis)
- serious events potentially related to novel platforms
- serious events potentially related to adjuvants, serious events related to vaccine failure/immunogenicity (enhanced disease) or events that are potentially specific to special populations
- proven association with immunization
- proven association with a known vaccine platform and/or adjuvant that is being used in any COVID-19 vaccines
- theoretical concern based on immunopathogenesis of COVID-19 disease
- theoretical concern related to viral replication during COVID-19 infection; or

[https://www.who.int/vaccine\\_safety/committee/Module\\_AESI.pdf](https://www.who.int/vaccine_safety/committee/Module_AESI.pdf)

Table 4: List of AESI defined for COVID-19 vaccines (May 2020)

AESI	Brighton Collaboration case definition status	Link to access the definition	Recommended length of post-vaccine surveillance
Vaccine-associated enhanced disease	Case definition submitted for publication Sept 2020	Link will be provided-	1 year
Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children	Under development and targeted for Oct 15, 2020	For all under development – they will be posted at time of submission for publication	1 year
Acute respiratory distress syndrome	Under development and targeted for Oct 15, 2020	-	1 year
Acute cardiovascular injury (microangiopathy, heart failure, stress cardiomyopathy, coronary artery disease arrhythmia, myocarditis)	Under development and targeted for Nov 15, 2020	-	1 year
Coagulation disorder (thromboembolism, haemorrhage)	Under development and targeted for Nov 15, 2020	-	1 year
Acute kidney injury	Planned start in Sept and targeted completion by Nov 30, 2020	-	1 year
Generalized convulsion	Published 2004	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2003.09.008">10.1016/j.vaccine.2003.09.008</a>	LA vaccines: 4 weeks Others: 1 week
Guillain Barré Syndrome	Published 2011	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2010.06.003">10.1016/j.vaccine.2010.06.003</a>	4-6 weeks
Acute liver injury	Planned start in Sept and targeted completion by Nov 30, 2020	-	4-6 weeks
Anosmia, ageusia	Planned start in Sept and targeted completion by Nov 30, 2020	-	4-6 weeks
Chilblain – like lesions	Planned start Jan 2021 and targeted completion by Apr 30, 2021	-	4-6 weeks
Single organ cutaneous vasculitis	Published 2016	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2016.09.032">10.1016/j.vaccine.2016.09.032</a>	4-6 weeks
Erythema multiforme	Planned start Jan 2021 and targeted completion by Apr 30, 2021	-	4-6 weeks
Anaphylaxis	Published 2007	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.02.064">10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.02.064</a>	2 days
Acute aseptic arthritis	Published 2019	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2017.08.087">10.1016/j.vaccine.2017.08.087</a>	4-6 weeks
Meningoencephalitis	Published 2007	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.04.060">10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.04.060</a>	LA vaccines: 4 weeks
Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis	Published 2007	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.04.060">10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.04.060</a>	4-6 weeks
Thrombocytopenia	Published 2007	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.02.067">10.1016/j.vaccine.2007.02.067</a>	4-6 weeks

# Immunisation Stress Related Response



Responses before, during and after vaccine administration



Immunization is recognized as the event to which the stress response is related

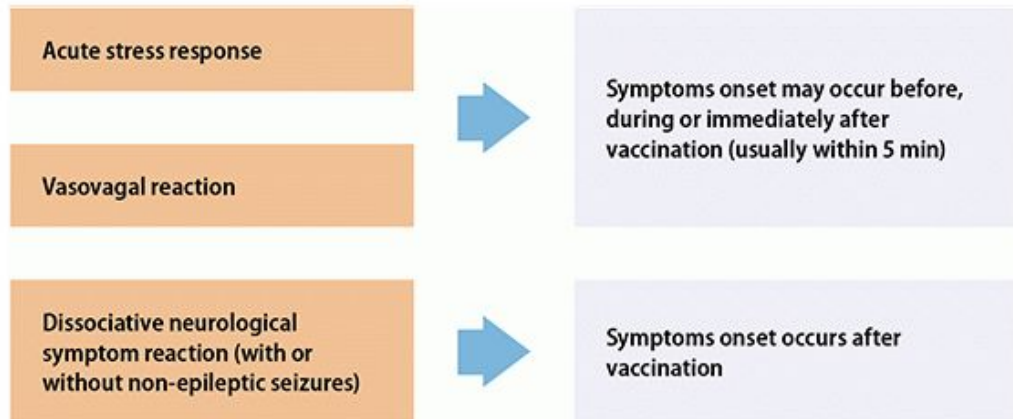


Covers many different symptoms & signs that may occur



Not caused by the vaccine, a defect in its quality or an error in immunization.

- Vaccine product related
- Vaccine quality defect related
- Immunisation error related
- Immunisation stress related
- Coincidental



Classification of stress responses and reactions

2007 Victoria, Australia, School HPV program

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## Mass psychogenic response to human papillomavirus vaccination

Jim P Buttery, Simon Madin, Nigel W Crawford, Sonja Elia, Sophie La Vincente, Sarah Hanieh, Lindsay Smith and Bruce Bolam

# 'Nocebo effect' above background rates versus 'healthy vaccine' effect

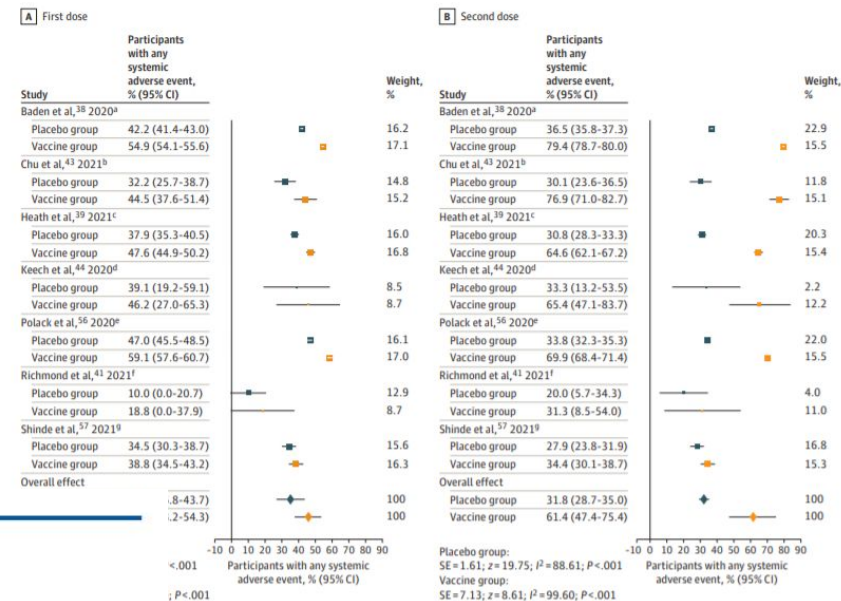


Original Investigation | Public Health

## Frequency of Adverse Events in the Placebo Arms of COVID-19 Vaccine Trials: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Julia W. Haas, PhD; Friederike L. Bender, MS; Sarah Ballou, PhD; John M. Kelley, PhD; Marcel Wilhelm, PhD; Franklin G. Miller, PhD; Winfried Rief, PhD; Ted J. Kaptchuk

Figure 2. Forest Plots of Any Systemic Adverse Events After the First and Second Doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine or Placebo



### Key Points

**Question** What was the frequency of adverse events (AEs) in the placebo groups of COVID-19 vaccine trials?

**Findings** In this systematic review and meta-analysis of 12 articles including AE reports for 45 380 trial participants, systemic AEs were experienced by 35% of placebo recipients after the first dose and 32% after the second. Significantly more AEs were reported in the vaccine groups, but AEs in placebo arms ("nocebo responses") accounted for 76% of systemic AEs after the first COVID-19 vaccine dose and 52% after the second dose.

**Meaning** This study found that the rate of nocebo responses in placebo arms of COVID-19 vaccine trials was substantial; this finding should be considered in public vaccination programs.

“a negative reaction characterised by the expression of adverse symptoms largely driven by the expectation of the individual that some untoward events will occur following the administration of a drug, vaccine or other medical intervention”

## Nocebo affects after COVID-19 vaccination

Professor Peter Sever  
National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Amanzio and colleagues are to be congratulated for their review of adverse events associated with vaccinations against corona virus-SARS-CoV-2.<sup>1</sup> Adverse events claimed to be caused by modern medicines be they tablets or injections, are the commonest reason given by patients for not accepting medication or for failing to adhere to prescribed drugs.

individual that some untoward events will occur following the administration of a drug, vaccine or other medical intervention.<sup>2</sup> The phenomenon has been highlighted recently in relation to statin treatment where the majority of adverse events have been demonstrated not to be due to the statin but to the anticipation of adverse

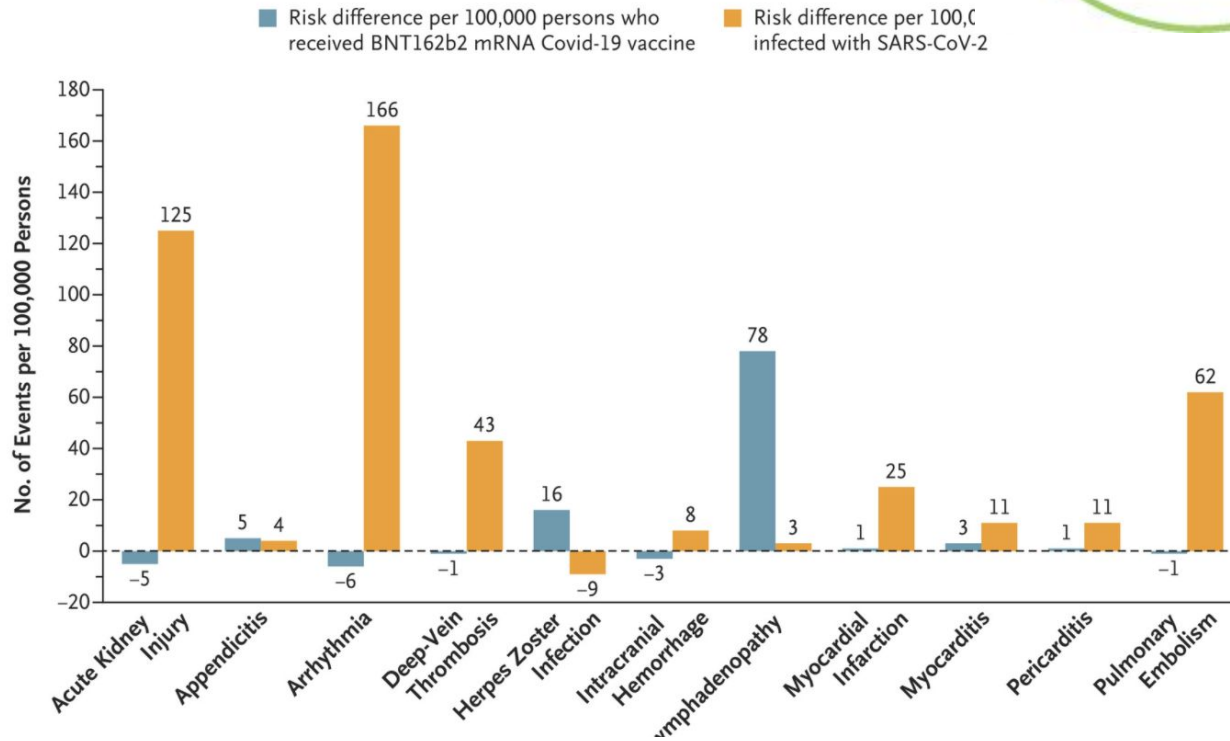
The Lancet Regional Health - Europe 2022;12: 100273  
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# COVID-19 vaccines: Thrombosis Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS)



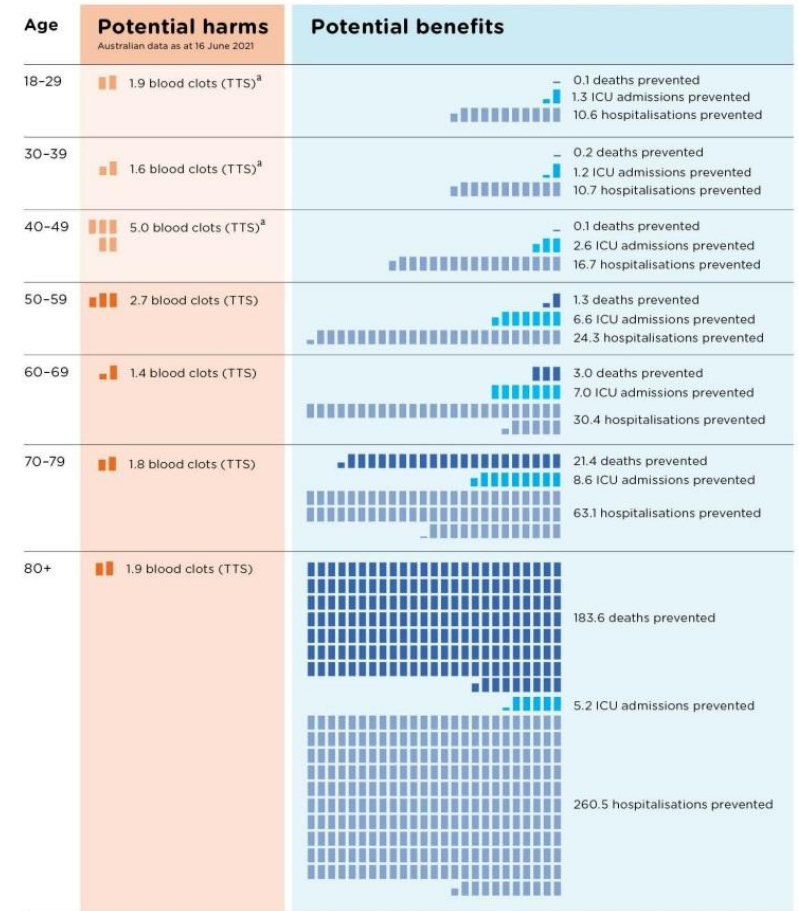
## COVID-19 vaccines: Myocarditis and Pericarditis



### Medium exposure risk in the Australian context

Scenario 2: Infection rate similar to second wave of COVID-19 in Victoria (275 infections per 100,000 people in a 16-week period)

### For every 100,000 AstraZeneca vaccinations



TTS = thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome. Includes probable and confirmed cases, and a range of health care presentations (including hospitalisations, ICU admissions and deaths).

<sup>a</sup> Estimates of risk are uncertain as rates are based on small numbers of vaccinations in people under 50 in Australia



# Myocarditis



- Rare and usually mild, shortly after mRNA vaccine dose
- Rates highest post dose 2 in teen/young males; Moderna ~2-fold > Pfizer
- Rate post 3<sup>rd</sup>/booster dose appears lower than after 2<sup>nd</sup> dose (Israel, Australia, USA)
- Very few cases in children age 5-11 years (USA ~ 2 per million doses to date)

## Pfizer

## Australian (TGA) reported rate 27 Jan 2022

## Moderna

Table 2. Rates of likely myocarditis cases following the mRNA vaccines. A. Comirnaty (Pfizer)

Age (years)	All doses		Second doses	
	Rate* per 100,000 doses		Rate* per 100,000 doses	
	Male	Female	Male	Female†
12-17	6.8	1.5	11.1	2.5
18-29	3.9	1.2	6.0	1.8
30-39	1.6	0.6	1.6	0.5
40-49	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8
50-59	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
60-69	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
70+	0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>All ages*</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>

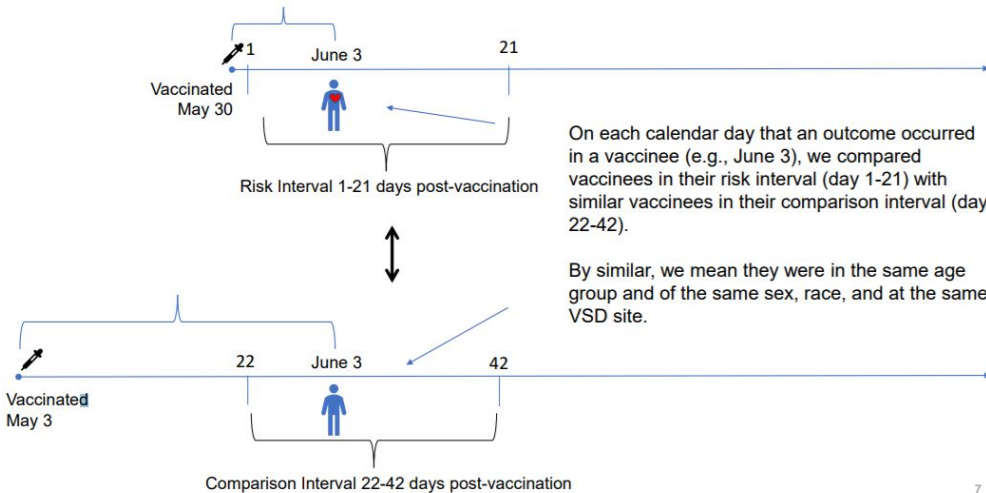
B. Spikevax (Moderna)

Age (years)	All doses		Second doses	
	Rate* per 100,000 doses		Rate* per 100,000 doses	
	Male	Female	Male	Female†
12-17	8.6	2.0	15.6	2.8
18-29	6.2	0.5	12.2	0.0
30-39	3.4	0.5	5.6	0.0
40-49	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
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<b>All ages*</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>

# US Vaccine Safety Datalink: Detailed linked data analysis



## Vaccinee with Myocarditis in Risk Interval and a Concurrent Comparator



## Validated Myocarditis/Pericarditis, among 12–17-Year-Olds in the 0-7 and 0-21 Day Risk Interval after Pfizer Vaccine by Dose Compared with Outcome Events in Vaccinated Comparators on the Same Calendar Days

Risk Interval	Dose	Events in Risk Interval	Events in Comparison Interval <sup>1</sup>	Analysis			
				Adjusted Rate Ratio <sup>2</sup>	95% Confidence Interval	2-Sided P-value	Excess Cases in Risk Period per 1 Million Doses
Days 0-21	Both Doses	45	3	10.16	3.41 – 42.39	<0.001	36.2
	Dose 1	3	3	1.16	0.17 – 8.05	0.873	0.7
	Dose 2	39	3	15.21	5.07 – 63.70	<0.001	70.8
Days 0-7	Both Doses	41	3	29.63	9.76 – 125.24	<0.001	34.6
	Dose 1	1	3	1.25	0.04 – 13.93	0.836	0.3
	Dose 2	37	3	46.18	15.07 – 196.40	<0.001	70.2

Post dose 2 = 1 in 14,000

<sup>1</sup>Comparison interval is 22–42 days after either dose.

<sup>2</sup>Adjusted for VSD site, 5-year age group, sex, race/ethnicity, and calendar date.

## Follow-Up Information on Validated Myocarditis/Pericarditis Cases Aged 12-17 Years (N=24)\*

Status at Time of Most Recent Follow-Up Visit	No. (%)
Current Status (not mutually exclusive)	
Recovered: no symptoms, medication, or exercise restrictions	11 (46%)
Still symptomatic	7 (29%)
Still on medication (e.g., NSAIDs, colchicine)	2 (8%)
Still on exercise/physical activity restrictions	6 (25%)

## Myocarditis in Children 5-11 years

- In the VSD, there have been no safety signals among 5–11-year-olds (430K doses analysis point)
- In VAERS in children 5-11 years, 12 validated cases after 8.6 million doses (9 post dose 2)



# We expect less vaccine associated myocarditis in younger ages

Background myocarditis age distribution (cases, hospitalisation)



Australian Government

COVID-19  
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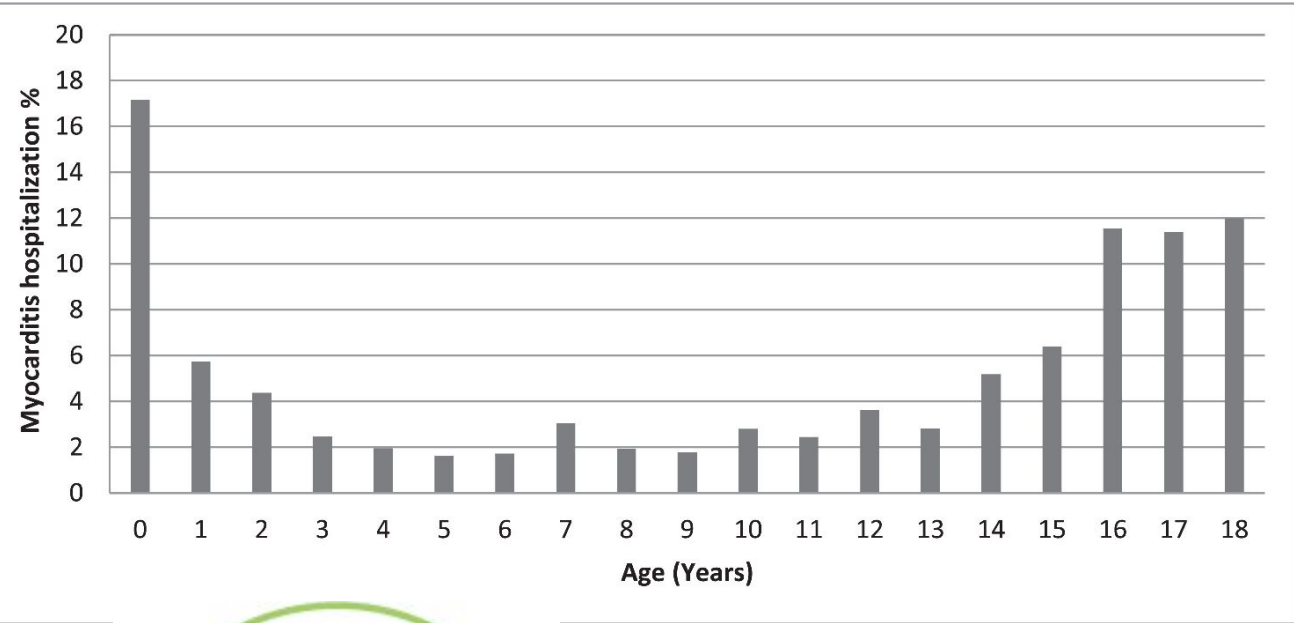
## Guidance on Myocarditis and Pericarditis after mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines

The following guidance has been developed jointly by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ), the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) and the Paediatric Research in Emergency Departments International Collaborative (PREDICT).

Updated 8 November 2021

What has been updated:

- Minor changes to **Figure 2**: Approach to revaccination in people with pericarditis attributed to an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine



RISK of PIMS TS (post COVID-19 Inflammatory Syndrome) in NSW Children in Delta wave 2021  
 1 in 3000  
 (Williams P et al, Preprint)

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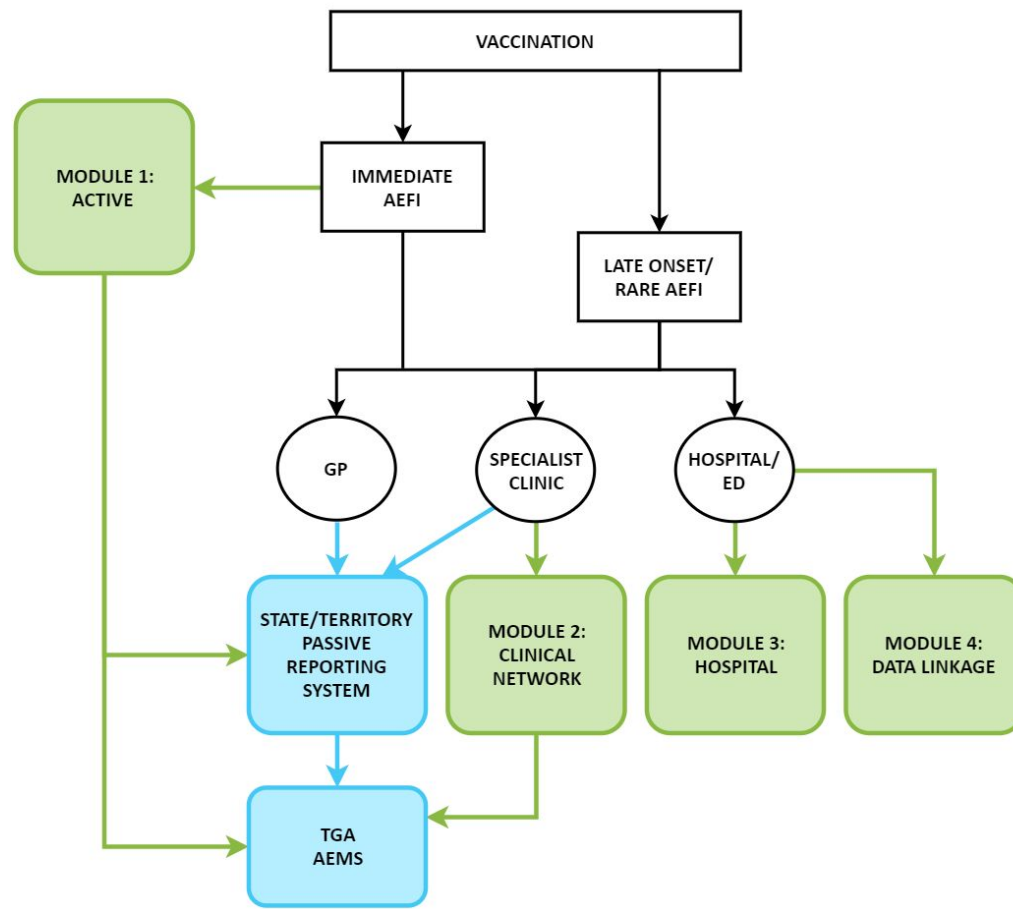


# Active, enhanced, national vaccine safety surveillance

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February 2022





Module	Role
1. Active	Cohort event monitoring of short term AEFIs using SMS/email
2. AEFI Clinical Assessment Network	AEFI case discussions for nationally consistent approach to complex cases
3. AESI Program of Research	Long term clinical follow up of patients with adverse events of special interest with States, Territories TGA and specialist groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TTS</li> <li>• myocarditis</li> </ul>
4. Linked data	Risk/Association studies using linked data



## COVID-19 vaccine safety data - at a glance

As at 24 January 2022

**5,577,953**

safety surveys completed\*

**83,572**

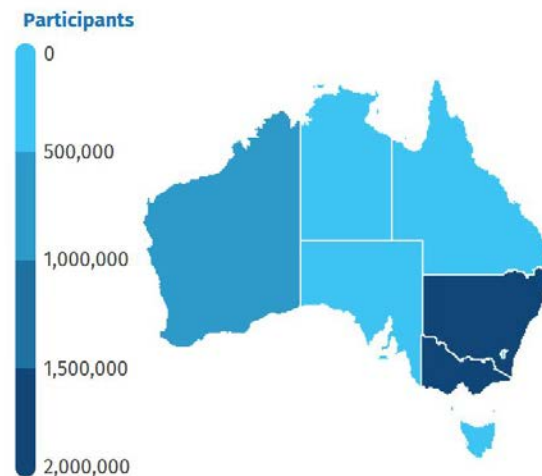
safety surveys completed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people\*

**44.7%**

reported at least one adverse event

**0.9%**

reported visiting a GP or ED



\* Surveys sent on Day 3 post vaccination. NOTE: Adverse events are self-reported, have not been clinically verified, and do not necessarily have a causal relationship with the vaccine.



**COVID-19 vaccine safety data are published weekly and include:**

- All participants
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island participants
- Children aged 5-11 years
- Adolescents aged 12-19 years
- Pregnant participants
- People affected by cancer

# Active surveillance – public data



Pfizer – all participants

## Safety surveys completed



## Reported at least one adverse event



## Medical attendance

Less than 1 in 100 people reported seeing a doctor or going to the emergency department in the days after Pfizer dose 1



Just over 1 in 100 people reported seeing a doctor or going to the emergency department in the days after Pfizer dose 2

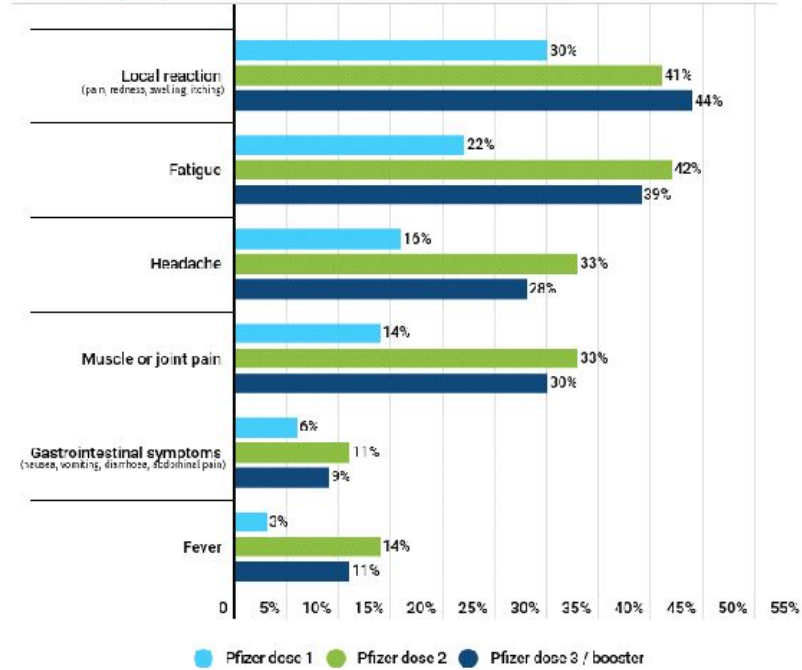


Less than 1 in 100 people reported seeing a doctor or going to the emergency department in the days after Pfizer dose 3 / booster

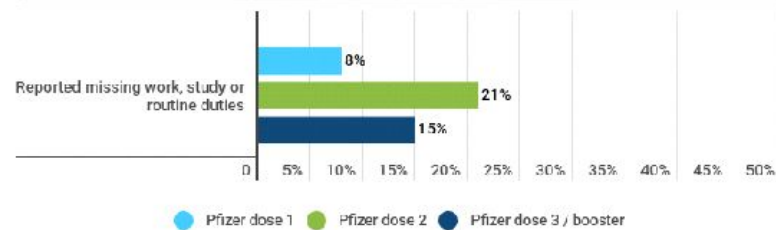


## Commonly reported adverse events

Data as at 16 January 2022



## Impact on routine activities





### Safety surveys completed

### Commonly reported adverse events

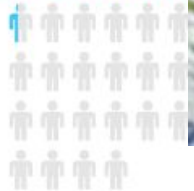
Pfizer - children aged 5-11

Reported at least



Medical attention

Less than 1 in 100  
the days after Pfizer



Australia's active vaccine safety system



19 January 2022 | News

## COVID-19 vaccine well tolerated by children, AusVaxSafety data show

### New COVID-19 vaccine safety data from AusVaxSafety have shown children aged 5-11 years are reporting fewer side effects following vaccination than...



40% 45% 50%

0 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50%

● Pfizer dose 1



### Safety surveys completed

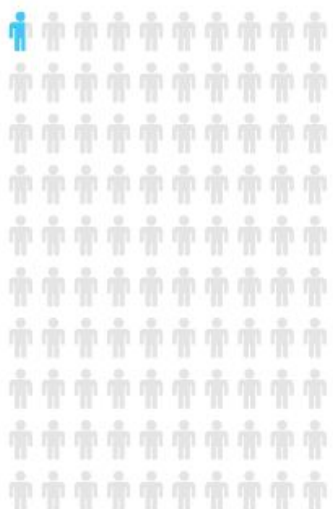


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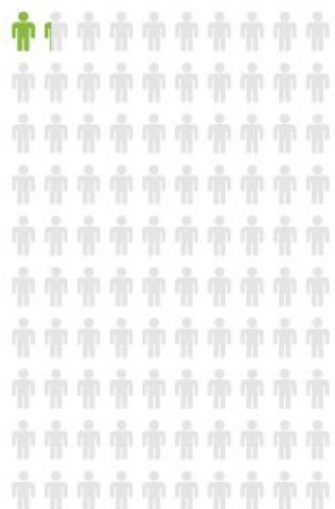


### Medical attendance

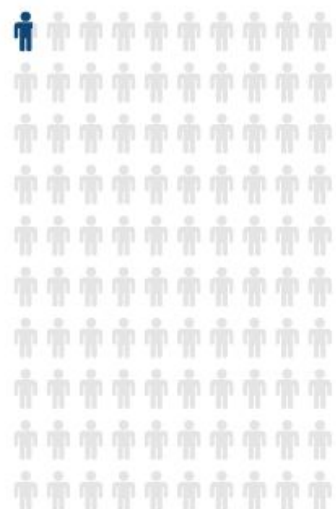
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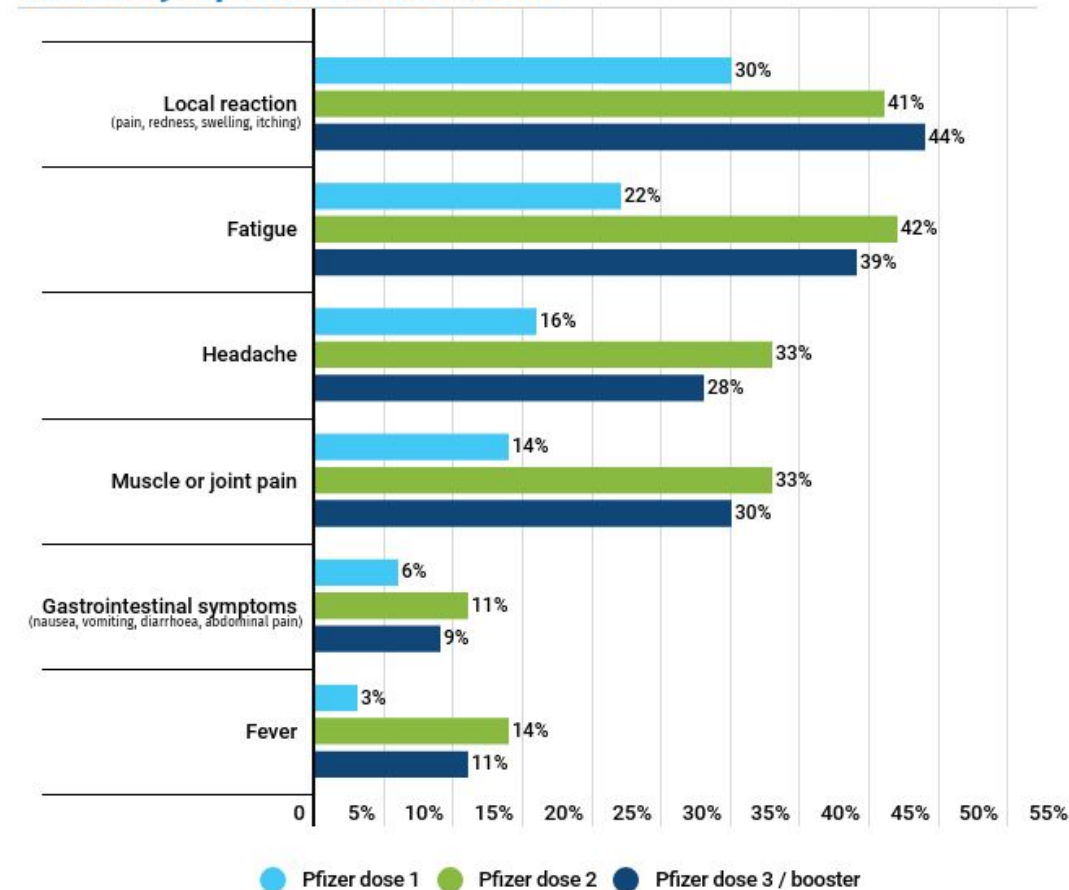
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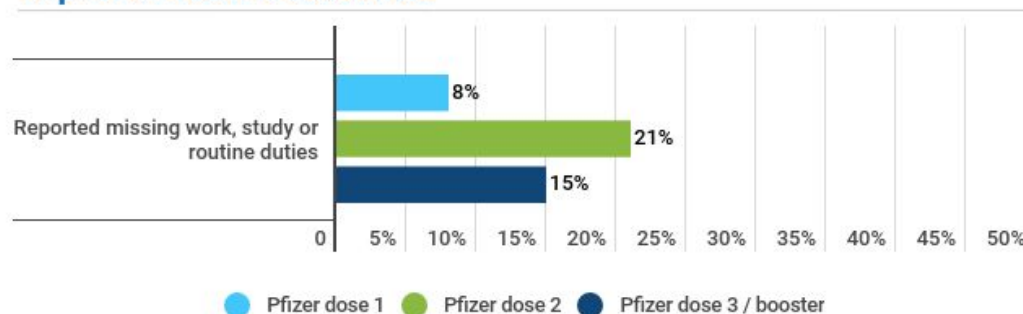
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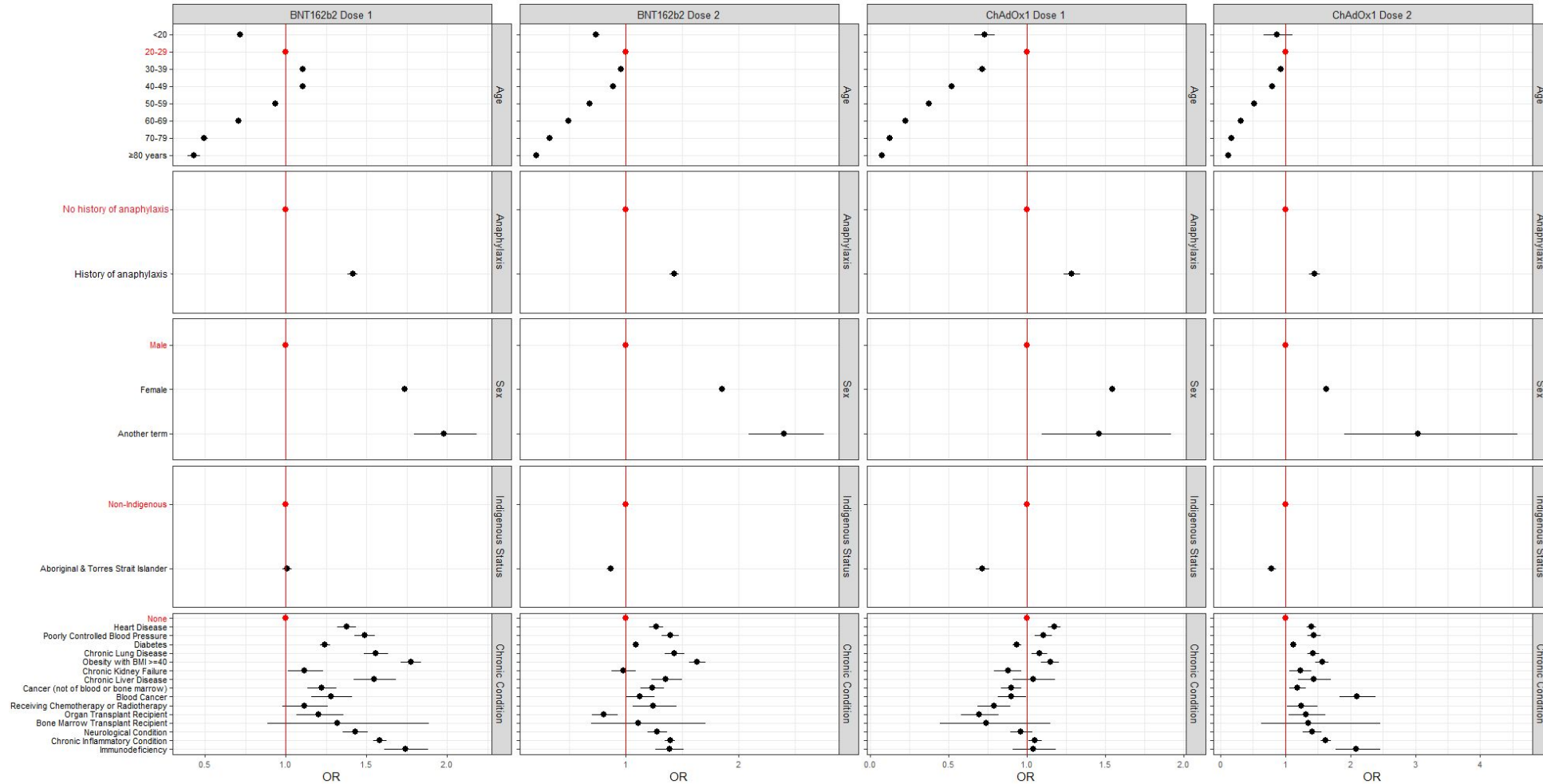
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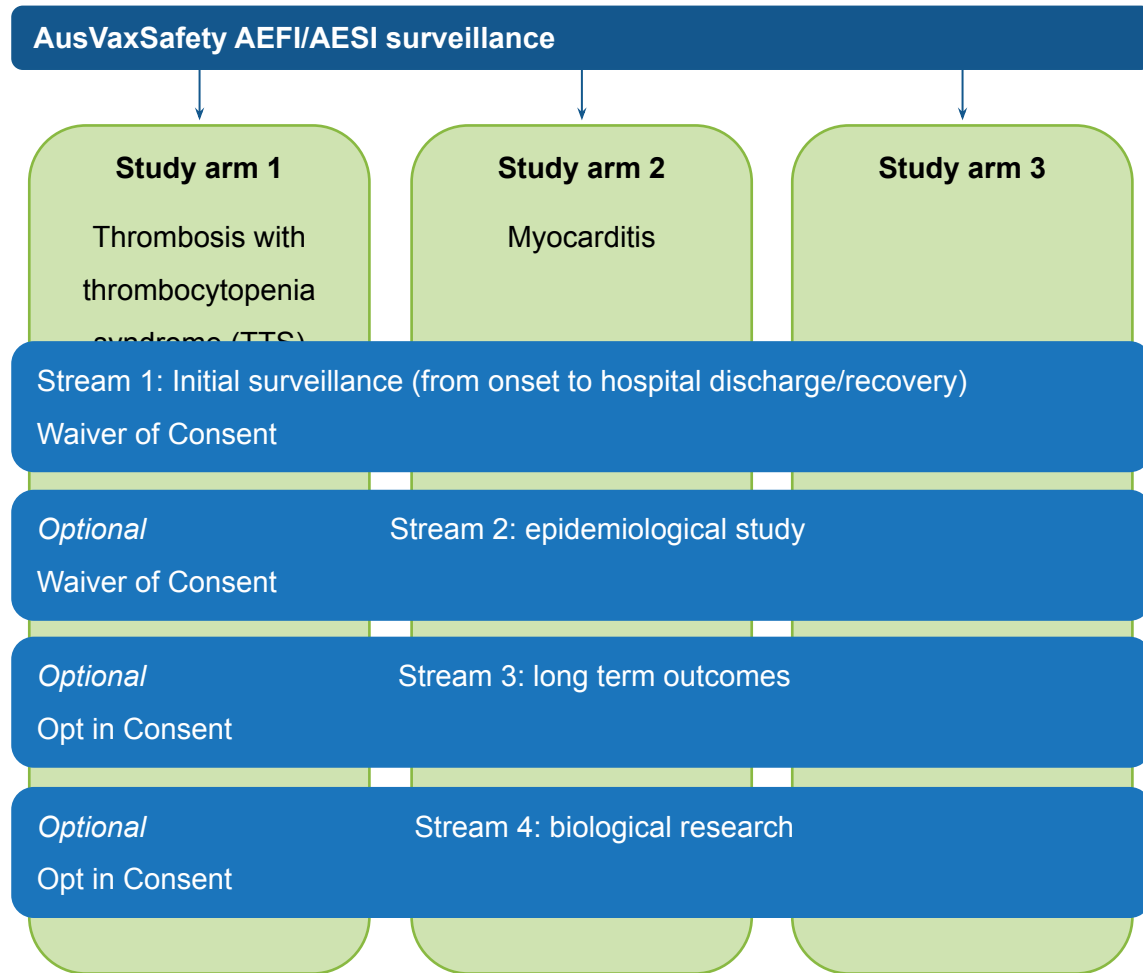


# Active surveillance – detailed analyses



Risk of any adverse event following immunisation (AEFI) with Comirnaty and Vaxzevria vaccines by respondent demographics, history of anaphylaxis or other medical conditions (manuscript under review)

# AESI Program of Research



- Collaboration with TGA, S/T and specialist groups (THANZ, CSANZ)
- Data collection and recruitment in progress for TTS and myocarditis



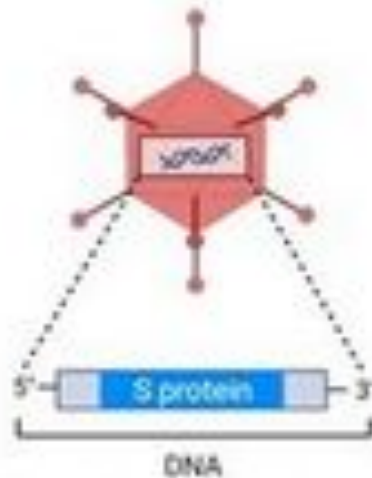


## New vaccines, populations and schedules

### **NOVAVAX COVID-19 Vaccine:**

A protein nanoparticle vaccine co-formulated with a saponin-based Matrix-M adjuvant. The antigenic component is based on the full-length, wild-type SARS-CoV-2 rS glycoprotein; modified by mutation at the putative furin cleavage site to be protease resistant. Two additional proline amino acid substitutions inserted to stabilise the S protein in a prefusion conformation, which is believed to optimise presentation of neutralising epitopes.

### **Vaccine: University of Oxford/ AstraZeneca**



**Platform:** Adenovirus with gene for the SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) protein

### **BioNTech/Pfizer**



**Platform:** lipid nanoparticle-encapsulated mRNA vaccines encoding Spike protein

### **Novavax**

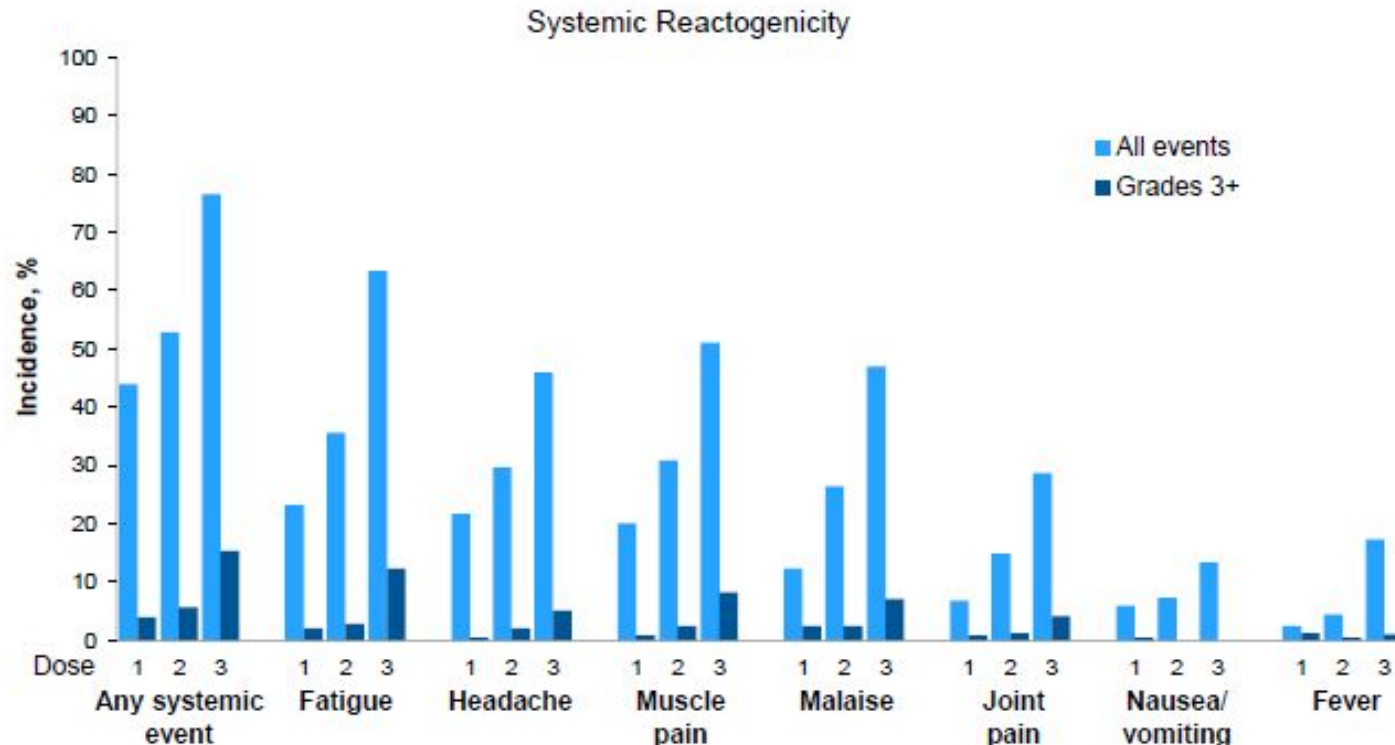


**Platform:** Synthetic nanoparticle coated with trimer spike protein. Matrix M used as an immune-boosting adjuvant

# Novavax – Reactogenicity (Systemic) post doses 1-3



- Increased events across all 3 doses, local and systemic reactions short-lived
- Overall medically attended AEs - related events reported in few participants (1.9%, 0%, and 1.2%, respectively)



Timing of potential registration as booster dose, not yet known

**Use now:**

- Unvaccinated
- contraindications or reluctant to receive same brand as previous primary dose

# UK COV-Boost Study

- 7 different booster vaccines after 2 dose AZ or Pfizer primary vaccination
- Immunogenicity and safety data

Supplementary Figure 2.C1 Group C severe

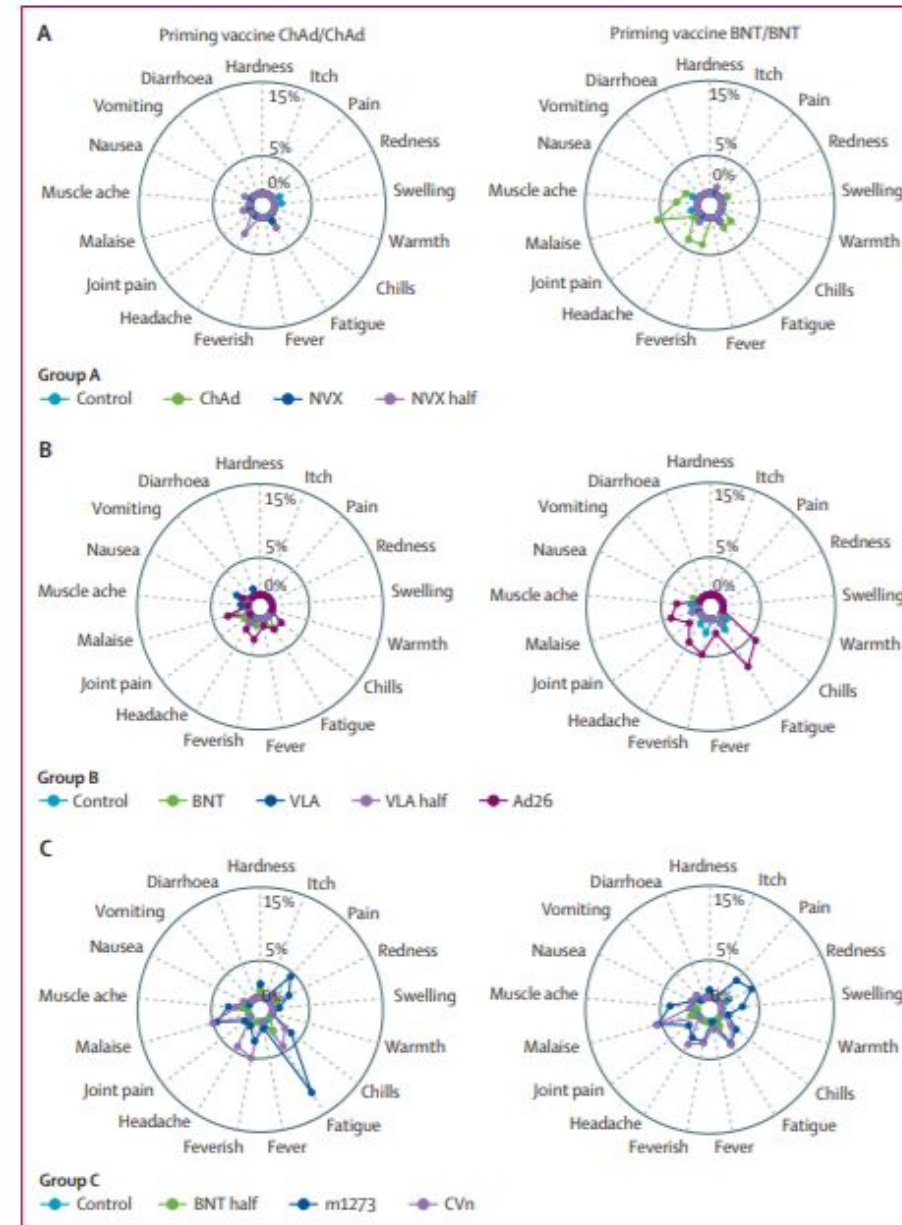
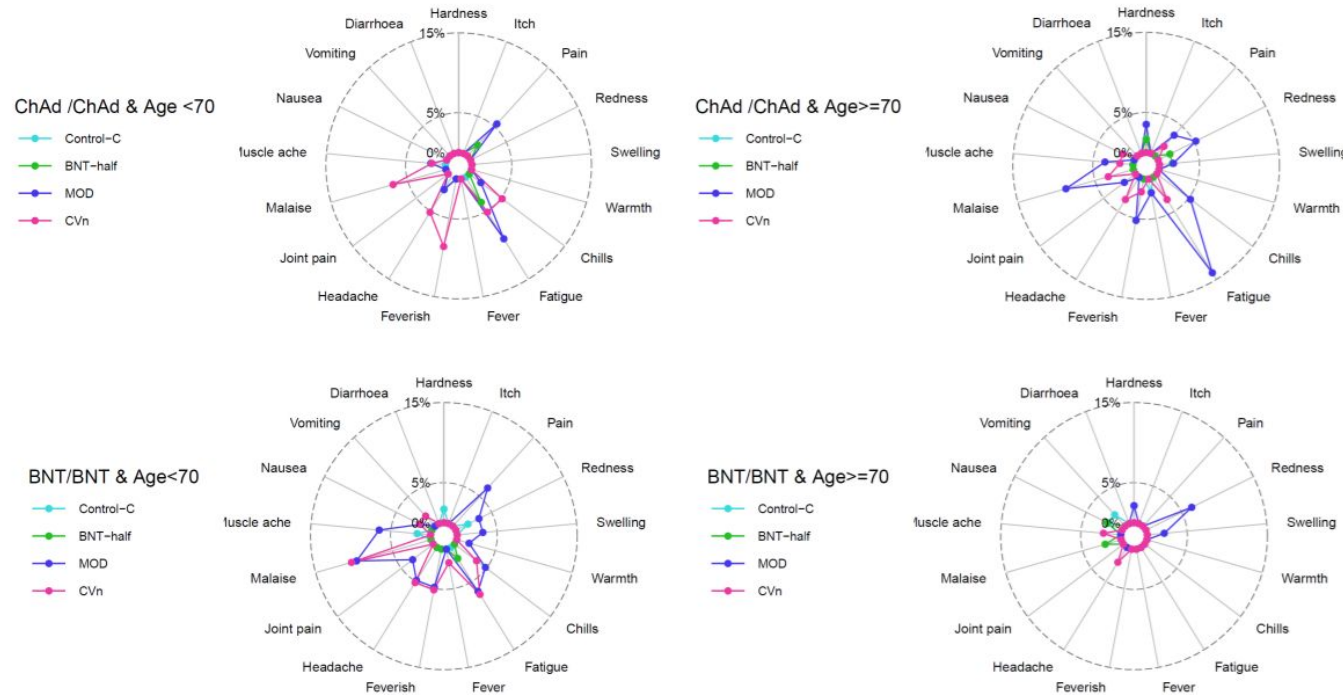


Figure 2: Radial graph for the occurrence of severe local and solicited adverse events in the first 7 days post vaccination in groups A, B, and C

Control=quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine. ChAd=ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine, Oxford-AstraZeneca. NVX=NVX-CoV2373 vaccine, Novavax. NVX half=half dose of NVX-CoV2373 vaccine. BNT=BNT162b2 vaccine, Pfizer-BioNTech. VLA=VLA2001 vaccine, Valneva. VLA half=half dose of VLA2001 vaccine. Ad26=Ad26.COV2.S vaccine, Janssen. m1273=mRNA1273 vaccine, Moderna. CVn=CVnCoV vaccine, Curevac.



# Summary of risks conditions – with risk demonstrated



- **Anaphylaxis after COVID-19 vaccination is rare** and has occurred in approximately 5 people per one million
- **Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) signal** after viral vector COVID-19 vaccines – very rare
- **NEW Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)** after viral vector COVID-19 vaccination is rare
- **Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) and AZ vaccine** adjusted rate ratio (aRR) = 5.77, 95% CI 2.41–13.83), estimated incidence of 1.13 (0.62–1.63) cases per 100,000 doses

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*More frequently, the concerns that focused public interest were ill founded, with scientific evidence not supporting any harmful role for vaccines”*

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**Global covid-19 vaccine rollout and safety surveillance—how to keep pace**

An agile internationally harmonised surveillance system is essential to maintain safety and trust in vaccines, argue **Vincent Lo Re and colleagues**

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