

Brain inflammation and the mRNA vaccines

Case reports and a major new study raise troubling signals



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Three large insurance databases showed sharp increases in cases of severe brain inflammation after the Covid mRNA shots, according to a new peer-reviewed [paper](#).

People who received the Pfizer jab or booster had a 40 to 70 percent higher chance over the next six weeks of encephalitis or encephalomyelitis. The Moderna jab carried an even higher risk after the second primary dose or a booster.

Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain itself, while encephalomyelitis is inflammation of nerve sheaths in the brain or spinal cord. Both can range from relatively mild conditions to serious or even fatal illnesses. The researchers reported 47 cases following Pfizer's jab; they did not disclose an exact figure for Moderna's.

Though the finding was published in the peer-reviewed journal *Vaccine*, it has received little attention - in part because the authors presented the findings in a way that made them seem less statistically robust than they were.

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The paper's finding comes after a stream of case reports in medical journals of brain inflammation following the mRNA shots.

The reports have come from physicians worldwide, including [Belgium](#), [Japan](#), [Taiwan](#), [Peru](#), and [Thailand](#) - and even the [United States](#), an unusual development since

American physicians are often reluctant to publicize serious mRNA vaccine side effects.



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Vaccine: A Case Report

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VAERS, the federal vaccine adverse events reporting system, also contains scores reports of severe cases of encephalitis or encephalomyelitis shortly after Covid shots, although those are not peer-reviewed.

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Patient Age	42.00	Sex	Male
State / Territory	Ohio	Date Report Completed	2022-01-22
Date Vaccinated	2021-11-20	Date Report Received	2022-01-22

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ACUTE DISSEMINATED ENCEPHALOMYELITIS

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The most likely mechanism for potential mRNA vaccine encephalitis is that the shots overstimulate the immune system and cause the body to attack its own tissues in what physicians sometimes call a cytokine storm. As Taiwanese physicians explained in describing two cases:

Exposed mRNA or vaccine components may also be detected as antigens [substances that stimulate the immune system], further resulting in aberrant proinflammatory cytokine cascades and activation of immune signaling pathways...

Some patients in the case reports have had complete recovery after treatment with with steroids or other immunosuppressants. Others remained injured or even comatose, according to the case reports.

The *Vaccine* paper appeared online on September 27 and in print October 26. It draws on the Food and Drug Administration’s Biologics Effectiveness and Safety database, which tracks insurance claims in people who have received vaccines or other treatments.

In this case, the researchers followed claims for 17 different potential side effects, including myocarditis, in three large commercial insurance databases including more than 16 million vaccinated people. They they compared the results to the background rate

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As a result, the researchers were examining the post-shot risks using data that they had sliced into relatively small pools. In five of the six pools they checked, the researchers found that people who had received the mRNA shots had a notably increased risk of brain inflammation - ranging from 43 to 89 percent. (The only exception was after the first Moderna shot.)

But the scientists then *dismissed* those findings. Why? The smaller the pool of data, the more easily researchers can dismiss a finding as due to chance. Scientists generally say a finding is not necessarily real if statistical analysis confirms more than a 5 percent chance that it is due to chance.

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