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Dear Mr. Siri:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of November 6, 2023, for:

[IR#0971H] All VAERS reports for any adverse event that was determined to be caused by any COVID-19 vaccine.

A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request. The CDC's National Center for Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases (NCEZID) advises the following:

Information provided on the CDC webpage Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/adverse-events.html> is related to the outcome of the review process of VAERS reports where the CDC's determination is that the reported adverse event meets the case definition for anaphylaxis, myocarditis, or thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS). However, this does not necessarily mean that the vaccine was the cause of these adverse events.

Because VAERS reports may lack unique laboratory findings or other information necessary to conclude, they are usually not helpful in assessing whether a vaccine caused a reported adverse event. Multiple vaccines are often administered at the same visit, making attributing causation to a single vaccine or antigen difficult. Additionally, there is a lack of an unvaccinated group for comparison in VAERS. Therefore, reports to VAERS are useful for generating hypotheses, but studies with vaccinated and unvaccinated subjects are necessary to confirm any hypotheses generated by VAERS observations.

Please click on "Scientific Publications after COVID-19 Vaccination" under each listed adverse events and/or the hyperlinks within the body of the adverse events descriptions on the webpage for additional information.

Please know that VAERS reports can be submitted voluntarily by anyone, including healthcare providers, patients, or family members. No proof that the event was caused by the vaccine is required in order for VAERS to accept the report. VAERS accepts all reports without judging whether the event was caused by the vaccine. Reports to VAERS are important because they help CDC and the Food and

Drug Administration (FDA) detect new or unusual adverse events or patterns that could indicate a problem with vaccines. Instructions for reporting are available at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html> should you be interested in how reports are submitted.

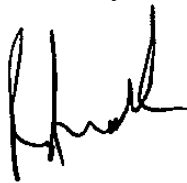
Additional information on the VAERS reporting system limitations is accessible at:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor_1616772265496

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6246 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by April 9, 2024.

Sincerely,



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