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# Reports of Suspected Adverse Reaction to COVID-19 Vaccines (01 March to 26 September 2021)

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# **About the report**

- A summary is presented below of all received suspected adverse reaction reports following COVID-19 vaccination from 01 March 2021, the date when the first vaccine became available, up to 26 September 2021.
- Seven (7) vaccines under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) are currently being used in the vaccination program: CoronaVac, COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Comirnaty, COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna, Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, and COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm.
- Data are based on VigiFlow, the national database of adverse reactions in the Philippines. It includes reports from various epidemiology surveillance units (ESUs) of the Department of Health (DOH), hospitals, patients/consumers, and EUA holders.
- Symptoms or diseases that occur after vaccination are reported if there is a *suspicion* of a possible link. However, it cannot be assumed that there is a causal relationship between the suspected adverse reaction and the vaccine.
- This report contains all suspected adverse reactions regardless of any possible causal relationship.
- Additional information may become available in individual case reports at any time, which may change the assessment and figures presented.
- Adverse reaction reports are necessary for the safety assessment of the vaccines, making sure that the benefits always outweigh the risks.
- Reports are constantly reviewed and monitored for the possible emergence/identification of unknown adverse reactions also known as signal. If a signal is identified, investigations, regulatory actions, and timely communication is performed by the FDA.
- A weekly report is published to summarize reported adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccines.

# **Summary**

This report is based on an assessment of adverse reaction reports received by 26 September 2021. As per benefit-risk assessment, these reports do not provide a basis for revising the current recommendations regarding the use of COVID-19 vaccines.

A report of adverse reaction does not necessarily mean that the vaccine caused the reactions. A mere suspicion may also be reported. Undiagnosed illness, underlying comorbidities, and pre-existing medical conditions unrelated to vaccination can be factors in reporting adverse reactions. The relative numbers should not be used to compare the safety of different vaccines.

Like any other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines may cause adverse reactions in some people. It is possible for several persons to experience the same adverse event but for the report to be serious for one person and non-serious for another person. Most of the reported reactions are generally in line with what is described in the product information and labels. Such reports are minor adverse reactions, which include body pain, chills, fatigue, fever, headache, nausea, and pain in the injection site. These usually appear on the first or second day of vaccination and may last for 2-3 days. Most people tolerate these adverse reactions while others experience greater discomfort.

Serious adverse reactions have also been reported. The FDA together with other public health partners are continuously monitoring the adverse experience as more people are being vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines. Such monitoring will provide reassurance that the vaccines are safe and effective for use.

Considering the post-authorization experience on the use of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine of other countries, information on the very rare and serious adverse events of thrombosis and thrombocytopenia and in some cases accompanied by bleeding have been revised under the special warning and precautions for use in their product labels. In addition, capillary leak syndrome and Guillain-Barré syndrome were added as a rare new side effect.

The label of mRNA vaccines Moderna and Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) have been revised to include imposition of the European Medicines Agency and the USFDA to include safety information on myocarditis and pericarditis.

Seven (7) vaccines are currently used in the immunization program. These include CoronaVac, COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Comirnaty, COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna, Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, and COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm. Supplies of vaccines are either procured by the government and/or private sector or supplied under the COVAX facility.

# COVID-19 vaccines with Emergency Use Authorization in the Philippines

At present, the FDA granted eight (8) COVID-19 vaccines with emergency use authorization:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Comirnaty)
- ChAdOx1-S [recombinant] (COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca)
- SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (CoronaVac)
- Gam-COVID-Vac (Sputnik V & Sputnik Light)
- Ad26.COV2-S [recombinant] (Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine)
- Whole Virion Inactivated Corona Virus (Covaxin)
- COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine [nucleoside modified] (COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna)
- Inactivated COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell) (COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm BIBP/Wuhan)

Various vaccine platforms have been approved for use in the Philippines. Comirnaty and COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna are mRNA vaccines; COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine are non-replicating viral vector vaccines while Sputnik V uses the same technology having two (2) different (dose) components of viral vectors; and CoronaVac, Covaxin, and COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm BIBP/Wuhan are inactivated vaccines. All are administered in two doses within an interval of a few weeks except for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine and Sputnik Light, which is administered as a single-dose.

# Statistics regarding reports of suspected adverse reactions

As of 26 September 2021, almost 44 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines (either CoronaVac, COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Comirnaty, COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna, Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, or COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm) were already administered. Over 20.3 million individuals are now fully vaccinated (either given a single-dose or 2-dose vaccine course) while more than 6.9 million are partly vaccinated waiting for their second dose to be administered. A total of 64,891 suspected adverse reaction reports were received, evaluated, and analyzed by the FDA. To disaggregate, 25,849 have been reported for CoronaVac, 30,998 for COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, 693 for Sputnik V, 3,059 for Comirnaty, 1,356 for COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna, and 2,899 for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, and 37 for COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm.

Table 1. Data on vaccination and suspected adverse reaction reports.

Indicators	Value	
Total number of doses administered	43,933,886	
No. of fully vaccinated individuals	20,307,122	
No. of individuals partly vaccinated	6,904,997	
No. of suspected adverse reaction reports	<b>64,891</b> (0.15% of doses administered)	
No. of suspected serious adverse reaction reports	<b>2,597</b> (0.006% of doses administered)	

# Distribution of reports of adverse reactions for each vaccine

Data shown below are cumulative reports from the start of the vaccination program on 01 March 2021 up until 26 September 2021.

Table 2. Distribution of reports of adverse reactions for each vaccine

Vaccine	Date started	Total vaccine doses administered <sup>b</sup>	Number of fully vaccinated individuals <sup>b</sup>	Number of individuals partly vaccinated	Total number of reports <sup>a</sup>	Reports of non-serious events	Reports of serious events
CoronaVac	01 Mar 2021	24,813,589	10,724,210	3,365,169	25,849	24,607	1,242
AstraZeneca	07 Mar 2021	6,942,940	2,563,850	1,815,240	30,998	30,214	784
Sputnik V	04 May 2021	387,818	119,955	147,908	693	680	13
Comirnaty	13 May 2021	4,505,757	1,943,530	618,697	3,059	2,893	166
Moderna	30 June 2021	3,336,741	1,350,434	635,873	1,356	1,280	76
Janssen	20 July 2021	3,585,355	3,585,355	-	2,899	2,584	315
Sinopharm	25 Aug 2021	361,686	19,788	322,110	37	36	1
TOTAL		43,933,886	20,307,122	6,904,997	64,891	62,294	2,597

Data source: aVigiFlow, bNVOC daily report as 6PM, 26 September 2021

#### **Demographics**

The figures below provide a descriptive overview of the population who have experienced adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines. Figure 1. and Figure 2. shows the distribution of reports by gender and age. Click here to show disaggregated data.

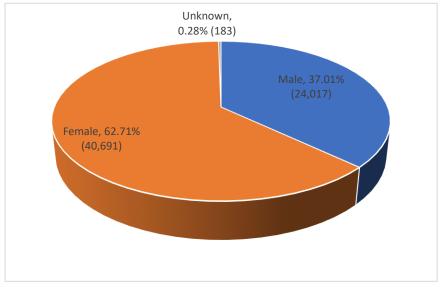


Figure 1. Report distribution by gender

 $Notes: Additional\ information\ may\ become\ available\ in\ individual\ cases,\ which\ may\ change\ the\ figures\ presented$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>An individual is considered partly vaccinated if they have received only one dose of a two-dose vaccine course. An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received a single-dose vaccine or both doses of a two-dose vaccine

Data concerning various vaccines are not directly comparable. COVID-19 vaccines profile varies, they have not been used for equal periods of time and they have been administered to number of people with different profiles including various age and sex.

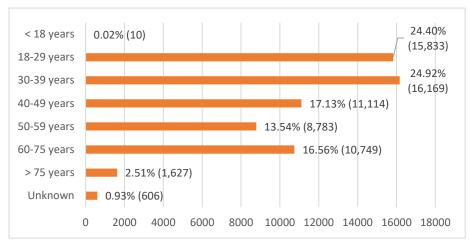


Figure 2. Report distribution by age

The early phase of the vaccination program is intended for the frontline health workers, thus, the high number in the female and younger population might be associated with the data that our health system is dominated by female (75%) and young adults under the age of 35 (65%).<sup>1</sup> An increasing number of reports from the age group 40 years and above have been observed in the past few weeks of the vaccination program. This may be attributed to the coverage of priority groups of senior citizens and individuals with comorbidities.

Relative to the inclusion of the frontline personnel in the priority groups, the observed increasing number of reports in the male population may be attributed to the vaccine coverage and statistics that more males are employed than females (6 in every 10).<sup>2</sup>

https://psa.gov.ph/statistics/survey/labor-and-employment/labor-force-survey/title/Employment%20Situation%20in%20July%202018

## Reports of suspected serious adverse reaction

Adverse reactions experienced after vaccination are considered serious when it resulted to any of the following criteria:

- In-patient hospitalization/prolongation of existing hospitalization
- Significant disability/incapacity
- Life-threatening (e.g. anaphylaxis) and death
- Birth defect or congenital malformations
- Considered to be medically important event

#### Hypersensitivity including severe allergic reactions

Severe allergic reactions have been reported on the use of COVID-19 vaccines including CoronaVac, COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca, Sputnik V, Comirnaty, and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. It only occurs in a few vaccinated individuals. It usually happens in people with a history of severe vaccine reactions. Severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) generally occur soon after vaccination and are usually managed with Epinephrine in combination with other medicines. Thus, vaccinees are observed for at least 15 minutes after receiving their vaccine. Epinephrine is readily available in all vaccination sites in case of anaphylaxis.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Human Resource for Health in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Does the Philippines Have Enough? https://www.drdf.org.ph/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID-19-Research-Brief-08.pdf <sup>2</sup> Employment situation in July 2018, Philippine Statistics Authority

The proportion of reported side effects of severe allergic reactions to COVID-19 vaccines proved to be statistically rare as the number of vaccinated populations increases. The current reporting rate for anaphylaxis is 5.83 per million doses administered.

#### Increased blood pressure

Blood pressure (BP) increased has been continuously reported as one of the top adverse reactions to all vaccine platforms. Monitoring BP has been part of the screening process for COVID-19 vaccination program in the country. The program recommends monitoring BP only in vaccine recipients with a history of hypertension, symptomatic hypertension, and based on the clinical judgement of the physician on the vaccination site. This is in relation to the recommendations of the Philippine Heart Association and Philippine Society of Hypertension on elevated blood pressure readings during COVID-19 vaccination.

According to PRESYON 4 (Philippine Heart Association Report on the Study of Hypertension), a nationwide hypertension survey conducted in January to April 2021, the prevalence of hypertension in the Philippines alarmingly increased to 37% in 2021 among adults 18 years old and above from 28% (2013). Out of this 37%, 19% are aware of having hypertension while 18% are unaware. The BP control rate, with or without medications, is 36%. Only about 25% of hypertensive individuals monitor blood pressure at home.<sup>3</sup> This study explains the increase in blood pressure observed in most vaccinated individuals.

#### Thrombosis-thrombocytopenia syndrome

Thrombosis-thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) are cases of unusual blood clots with low blood platelets. Following cases of TTS from other countries, COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine revised their label to include warnings related to thrombosis with thrombocytopenia, a very rare side effect following vaccination.

Vaccinated individuals should watch out for the said adverse event and seek immediate medical assistance if they experience any sign of blood clots and low blood platelet such as: 4

- shortness of breath
- chest pain
- leg swelling
- persistent abdominal (belly) pain
- neurological symptoms, such as severe and persistent headaches or blurred vision
- tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the site of the injection

Seven (7) cases of thrombosis have been reported. Causal link of such cases to the vaccination are being reviewed. The FDA together with the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH shall continue to monitor vaccine safety ensuring that the benefits always outweigh the risks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sison, J.A. (2021, May). Press Conference on PRESYON 4 – Nationwide 2021 Hypertension Survey Results [Video file]. Retrieved from https://www.facebook.com/philheart.org/videos/159433679504182/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine: EMA finds possible link to very rare cases of unusual blood clots with low blood platelets https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/astrazenecas-covid-19-vaccine-ema-finds-possible-link-very-rare-cases-unusual-blood-clots-low-blood

#### **Confirmed COVID-19 infections**

There were 1,581 confirmed reports of COVID-19 infections. Most of the reported infections were asymptomatic cases. There were 128 severe cases which resulted in a fatal outcome. Most of the fatal reports have not yet completed their vaccination course. Upon assessment, these cases were not related to the use of the vaccine, but these were actual COVID-19 natural infections.

The vaccines currently being used in the COVID-19 vaccination program are non-replicating viral vector, inactivated, and mRNA vaccines. It does not contain any live virus and does not cause COVID-19 infection in vaccine recipients.

#### Inflammation of the heart

Myocarditis is an inflammation of the heart muscle that may present chest pain, palpitations, arrhythmias, and/or symptoms of heart failure while pericarditis is an inflammation of the pericardial sac that surrounds the heart and fixes it to the mediastinum. Cases of myocarditis and pericarditis on the use of mRNA vaccine, such as Comirnaty and COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna, have been reported in many countries including the US, UK, Germany, and Israel. Most of the cases are young male. The US FDA announced the revision of fact sheets for Comirnaty and COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna suggesting increased risk of myocarditis and pericarditis following vaccination. EMA's safety committee has also concluded that myocarditis and pericarditis can occur in very rare cases following Comirnaty and COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna.

Vaccinated individuals should watch out for the said adverse event and seek immediate medical assistance if they experience the following symptoms after vaccination:<sup>5</sup>

- breathlessness
- a forceful heartbeat that may be irregular
- chest pain

Four (4) cases of myocarditis have been reported. Causal link of such cases to the vaccination are being reviewed. The FDA together with the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH shall continue to monitor vaccine safety ensuring that the benefits always outweigh the risks.

#### **Capillary Leak Syndrome**

Capillary leak syndrome is a very rare, serious condition that causes fluid leakage from small blood vessels (capillary), resulting in swelling mainly in the arms and legs, low blood pressure, thickening of the blood, and low blood levels of albumin. Several cases were reported on the use of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. The EMA's safety committee recommended contraindication in individuals with previous capillary leak syndrome and inclusion of capillary leak syndrome as a new side effect in the product information for both products.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Comirnaty and Spikevax: possible link to very rare cases of myocarditis and pericarditis https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/comirnaty-spikevax-possible-link-very-rare-cases-myocarditis-pericarditis

Vaccinated individuals should watch out for the said adverse event and seek immediate medical assistance if they experience the following symptoms days after vaccination, which may occur together with feeling faint (due to low blood pressure): <sup>6</sup>

- rapid swelling of the arms and legs
- sudden weight gain

No case of capillary leak syndrome has been reported on the use of COVID-19 vaccines in the Philippines as of this time. The FDA together with the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH shall continue to monitor vaccine safety ensuring that the benefits always outweigh the risks.

https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/medicines/dhpc/covid-19-vaccine-janssen-contraindication-individuals-previous-capillary-leak-syndrome-update

#### **Guillain-Barré syndrome**

Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is a rare, autoimmune disorder in which a person's own immune system damages the nerves, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis. An increased risk for GBS has been observed following vaccination with Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine in the US. The US FDA has announced the revision of fact sheets for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to include the observed risk for GBS. EMA's safety committee considered that a causal relationship between Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine and GBS is possible. COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca already updated their product information.

Vaccinated individuals should watch out for the said adverse event and seek immediate medical assistance if they experience signs and symptoms suggestive of GBS such as: <sup>7</sup>

- double vision or difficulty moving eyes
- difficulty swallowing, speaking, or chewing
- coordination problems and unsteadiness
- difficulty walking
- tingling sensations in the hands and feet
- weakness in the limbs, chest, or face
- problems with bladder control and bowel function

Ten (10) cases of GBS have been reported. One (1) case have been assessed as product related reactions (as per published literature), four (4) cases are indeterminate meaning there is insufficient evidence that the vaccine caused the reaction, and five (5) are currently being reviewed. The FDA together with the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH shall continue to monitor vaccine safety ensuring that the benefits always outweigh the risks.

#### Bell's palsy

Bell's palsy is a form of temporary facial paralysis or weakness on one side of the face. It results from dysfunction of facial nerve which directs the muscles on one side of the face. Cases have been reported in a number of people in Hong Kong, Canada, and UK on the use of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen: Contraindication in individuals with previous capillary leak syndrome and update on thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen: Guillain-Barré syndrome listed as a very rare side effect https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/covid-19-vaccine-janssen-guillain-barre-syndrome-listed-very-rare-side-effect

CoronaVac, Comirnaty, and COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna. The overall number of these reports is relatively small. In relation to this, CoronaVac vaccination fact sheet was revised to include bell's palsy as a very rare adverse reaction in Hong Kong while Comirnaty product information was revised in Canada. COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna already contains this safety information.

Vaccinated individuals should watch out for the said adverse event and seek immediate medical assistance if they experience any combination of the following symptoms: <sup>8</sup>

- uncoordinated movement of the muscles that control facial expressions, such as smiling, squinting, blinking, or closing the eyelid
- loss of feeling in the face
- headache
- · tearing from the eye
- drooling
- · lost sense of taste on the front two-thirds of the tongue
- hypersensitivity to sound in the one ear
- inability to close an eye on one side of the face

Twenty (20) cases of bell's palsy have been reported. Four (4) cases are indeterminate meaning there is insufficient evidence that the vaccine caused the reaction and 16 are currently being reviewed. The FDA together with the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH shall continue to monitor vaccine safety ensuring that the benefits always outweigh the risks.

#### **Cases of hospitalization**

One of the criteria for serious adverse reaction is hospitalization or extended hospital stay. Reports of adverse reaction that results in hospitalization does not necessarily mean that vaccine caused the reaction. An Expert Committee reviews and assesses whether the vaccine caused the reaction. Based on the reports received, the hospitalization reporting rate is 3.49 per 100,000 doses administered. Commonly reported causes of hospitalization include pyrexia, cough, dyspnea, and headache.

#### Reports involving death

As of 26 September 2021, 978 fatal events were received. Reports of fatal events does not necessarily mean that the vaccine caused the events. Underlying conditions or pre-existing medical conditions causing fatal events are usually coincidental on the use of the vaccine. It is expected that reports of fatal events will rise as the vaccination program covers more people including those with undiagnosed illness, underlying comorbidities, and pre-existing medical conditions.

The vaccinees reported to have fatal events were aged 18 years and above. The mean age of the fatal cases was 64.53 years. 71.57% (700) of the fatal cases were from age group 60 years and above, 20.25% (198) from age group of 40-59 years, 6.85% (67) from age group 18-39 years, and 1.33% (13) were not identified to what age group they are classified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Health Canada updates Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine label to reflect very rare reports of Bell's Palsy https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2021/76203a-eng.php

Most of these events occurred in persons with multiple existing comorbidities. These include cardiovascular diseases, ischemic heart diseases, cerebrovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, and infections including pneumonia. There were cases of confirmed COVID-19 infections leading to severe cases with fatal outcomes. An independent committee assessed 269 of these case reports as coincidental events or not related to the vaccine, 19 cases were indeterminate, and 14 were unclassifiable. Other cases are still under investigation and are continuously being reviewed.

# Number of suspected adverse reactions per category

A total of 64,891 case reports consisting of 143,845 suspected adverse reactions were received from the start of the vaccination program. More than one suspected adverse reaction may be reported in a single case. Suspected adverse reactions were coded using the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) terminology to allow international comparison of reports.

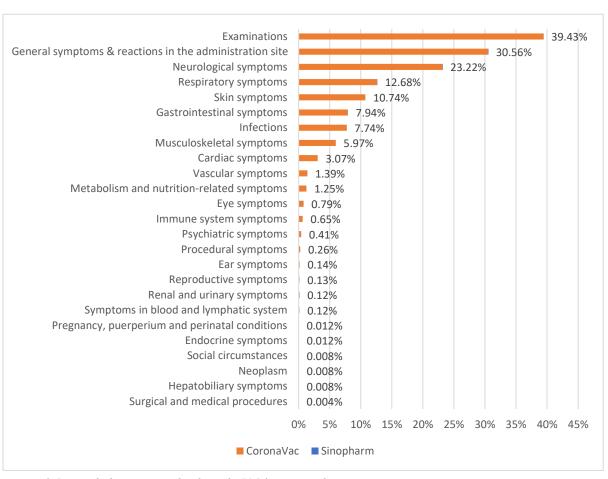
The data presented below are categorized by System Organ Class (SOC), the highest in the hierarchy of MedDRA. They are grouped by manifestation site (e.g. gastrointestinal, cardiac) and etiology (e.g. infections, examinations).

#### Reactions to inactivated vaccines

- CoronaVac
- COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm

Classification	Number of suspected reactions
General symptoms & reactions in the administration site E.g. Pain and reaction in the injection site, chills, discomfort, fever, fatigue	10,613
Cardiac symptoms  E.g. Palpitations, bradycardia, tachycardia	822
Ear symptoms E.g. Ear swelling, vertigo, tinnitus, ear discomfort	38
Endocrine symptoms  E.g. Adrenal insufficiency, goiter, thyroid symptoms	3
Examinations  E.g. Increased blood pressure, increased heart rate, blood glucose increased, SARS-CoV-2 test	10,321
Eye symptoms E.g. Eye itchiness, blurred vision, eye pain, eye swelling	228
Gastrointestinal symptoms E.g. Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, dry mouth, lip swelling	2,725
Hepatobiliary symptoms  E.g. Jaundice	2
Immune system symptoms E.g. Allergic reactions, hypersensitivity	173
Infections E.g. Cold symptoms, rhinitis	2,245
Metabolism and nutrition-related symptoms  E.g. Decreased appetite, increased appetite, starvation, dehydration	326

Musculoskeletal symptoms	1,761	
E.g. Back pain, joint pain, pain in extremities, muscle pain, muscle spasms		
Neoplasm	2	
E.g. Liver cancer, Endometrial cancer		
Neurological symptoms	7,089	
E.g. Dizziness, headache, syncope	7,005	
Pregnancy, puerperium, and perinatal conditions	3	
E.g. Abortion, hemorrhage	<u> </u>	
Procedural symptoms	67	
E.g. Procedural hypertension, vaccination adverse reaction	07	
Psychiatric symptoms	111	
E.g. Feeling anxious, insomnia, nervousness, disorientation	111	
Renal and urinary symptoms	34	
E.g. Urine coloring yellow, urine frequency	34	
Reproductive symptoms	35	
E.g. Vaginal bleeding, vaginal spotting	33	
Respiratory symptoms	4,303	
E.g. Cough, nasal congestion, throat irritation	4,303	
Skin symptoms	2.604	
E.g. Cold sweat, rash, redness	3,684	
Social circumstances	2	
E.g. Hearing disability, walking disability	3	
Surgical and medical procedure	1	
E.g. Tumor debulking, nasolabial flap	1	
Symptoms in blood and lymphatic system	22	
E.g. Pain in the lymph nodes	32	
Vascular symptoms	260	
E.g. Flushes, low blood pressure	368	



Figure~3.~Suspected~adverse~reaction~distribution~by~SOC~for~inactivated~vaccine

As shown in Figure 3, the SOC which consists of the greatest number of reports were examinations (10,207), followed by general symptoms and reactions in the administration site (7,912), neurological symptoms (6,010), respiratory symptoms (3,283), skin symptoms (2,780), gastrointestinal symptoms (2,056), infections (2,004), musculoskeletal symptoms (1,546), cardiac symptoms (795), and vascular symptoms (360).

#### The top reported events for CoronaVac are:

- blood pressure increased (39.02%)
- headache (13.47%)
- pyrexia (11.94%)
- vaccination/injection site pain (10.92%)
- cough (7.74%)
- rash (7.16%)
- dizziness (6.85%)
- malaise (5.09%)
- nasopharyngitis (4.74%)
- pruritus (4.24%)

#### The top reported events for COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm are:

- pyrexia (27.03%)
- cough (21.62%)
- hypoesthesia (16.22%)
- dizziness (13.51%), fatigue (13.51%), nasopharyngitis (13.51%), vaccination/injection site pain (13.51%)
- headache (10.81%), nausea (10.81%)

#### Reactions to non-replicating viral vector vaccines

- COVID-19 vaccine AstraZeneca
- Sputnik V
- Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

Classification	Number of suspected reactions
General symptoms & reactions in the administration site  E.g. Pain and reaction in the injection site, chills, discomfort, fever, fatigue	42,528
Cardiac symptoms E.g. Palpitations, bradycardia, tachycardia	714
Congenital, familial, and genetic disorder  E.g. Polycystic kidney	1
Ear symptoms E.g. Ear swelling, vertigo, tinnitus, ear discomfort	58
Endocrine symptoms  E.g. Adrenal insufficiency, goiter, thyroid symptoms	3
Examinations E.g. Increased blood pressure, increased heart rate, blood glucose increased, SARS-CoV-2 test	6,401
Eye symptoms E.g. Eye itchiness, blurred vision, eye pain, eye swelling	463

Castrointestinal symptoms	
Gastrointestinal symptoms  E.g. Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, lip swelling	4,473
Hepatobiliary symptoms	4
E.g. Jaundice	
Immune system symptoms	255
E.g. Allergic reactions, hypersensitivity	
Infections	1,947
E.g. Cold symptoms, rhinitis	
Metabolism and nutrition-related symptoms	685
E.g. Decreased appetite, increased appetite, starvation, dehydration	
Musculoskeletal symptoms	8,793
E.g. Back pain, joint pain, pain in extremities, muscle pain, muscle spasms	-,
Neurological symptoms	15,491
E.g. Dizziness, headache, syncope	13, 131
Pregnancy, puerperium, and perinatal conditions	9
E.g. Abortion, hemorrhage	<u> </u>
Procedural symptoms	129
E.g. Procedural hypertension, vaccination adverse reaction	129
Psychiatric symptoms	95
E.g. Feeling anxious, insomnia, nervousness, disorientation	
Renal and urinary symptoms	36
E.g. Urine coloring yellow, urine frequency	30
Reproductive symptoms	42
E.g. Vaginal bleeding, vaginal spotting	42
Respiratory symptoms	2 240
E.g. Cough, nasal congestion, throat irritation	3,318
Skin symptoms	2.254
E.g. Cold sweat, rash, redness	3,251
Social circumstances	_
E.g. Hearing disability, walking disability	1
Surgical and medical procedure	_
E.g. Tumor debulking, nasolabial flap	2
Symptoms in blood and lymphatic system	
E.g. Pain in the lymph nodes	64
Vascular symptoms	
E.g. Flushes, low blood pressure	359
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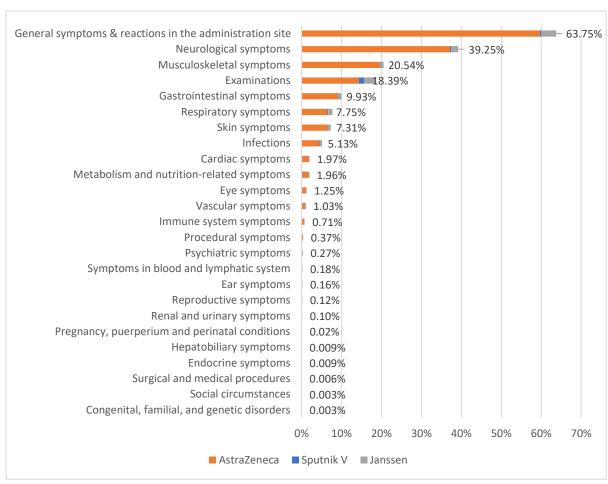


Figure 4. Suspected adverse reaction distribution by SOC for viral vector vaccines

As shown in Figure 4, the SOC which consists of the greatest number of reports were general symptoms and reactions in the administration site (22,050), followed by neurological symptoms (13,578), musculoskeletal symptoms (7,104), examinations (6,361), gastrointestinal symptoms (3,434), respiratory symptoms (2,679), skin symptoms (2,527), infections (1,774), cardiac symptoms (682), and metabolism and nutrition-related symptom (678).

The top reported events for COVID-19 vaccine AstraZeneca are:

- pyrexia (40.67%)
- headache (34.84%)
- vaccination/injection site pain (23.86%)
- malaise (22.43%)
- chills (16.89%)
- myalgia (16.32%)
- blood pressure increased (15.72%)
- fatigue (12.30%)
- arthralgia (8.11%)
- dizziness (6.4%)

#### The top reported events for Sputnik V are:

- blood pressure increased (60.89%)
- pyrexia (10.39%)

- headache (8.08%)
- cough (5.48%)
- rash (5.34%)
- heart rate increased (5.05%)
- vaccination/injection site pain (4.18%)
- dizziness (4.04%)
- nasopharyngitis (3.90%)
- chills (2.89%)

### The top reported events for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine are:

- blood pressure increased (31.56%)
- pyrexia (20.01%)
- vaccination/injection site pain (17.39%)
- headache (11.83%)
- **cough (9.00%)**
- malaise (5.76%)
- rash (5.42%)
- dyspnea (5.11%)
- dizziness (5.04%)
- myalgia (4.69%)

#### Reactions to mRNA vaccines

- Comirnaty
- COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna

Classification	Number of suspected reactions
General symptoms & reactions in the administration site <i>E.g. Pain and reaction in the injection site, chills, discomfort, fever, fatigue</i>	3,406
Cardiac symptoms E.g. Palpitations, bradycardia, tachycardia	147
Ear symptoms E.g. Ear swelling, vertigo, tinnitus, ear discomfort	11
Examinations E.g. Increased blood pressure, increased heart rate, blood glucose increased, SARS-CoV-2 test	1,359
Eye symptoms E.g. Eye itchiness, blurred vision, eye pain, eye swelling	54
Gastrointestinal symptoms E.g. Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, lip swelling	525
Immune system symptoms E.g. Allergic reactions, hypersensitivity	27
Infections E.g. Cold symptoms, rhinitis	410
Metabolism and nutrition-related symptoms  E.g. Decreased appetite, increased appetite, starvation, dehydration	77
Musculoskeletal symptoms  E.g. Back pain, joint pain, pain in extremities, muscle pain, muscle spasms	618
Neurological symptoms E.g. Dizziness, headache, syncope	1,449

Pregnancy, puerperium, and perinatal conditions  E.g. Abortion, hemorrhage	2
Procedural symptoms E.g. Procedural hypertension, vaccination adverse reaction	14
Psychiatric symptoms  E.g. Feeling anxious, insomnia, nervousness, disorientation	22
Renal and urinary symptoms  E.g. Urine coloring yellow, urine frequency	4
Reproductive symptoms E.g. Vaginal bleeding, vaginal spotting	12
Respiratory symptoms  E.g. Cough, nasal congestion, throat irritation	886
Skin symptoms E.g. Cold sweat, rash, redness	614
Social circumstances E.g. Hearing disability, walking disability	2
Symptoms in blood and lymphatic system  E.g. Pain in the lymph nodes	29
Vascular symptoms E.g. Flushes, low blood pressure	50

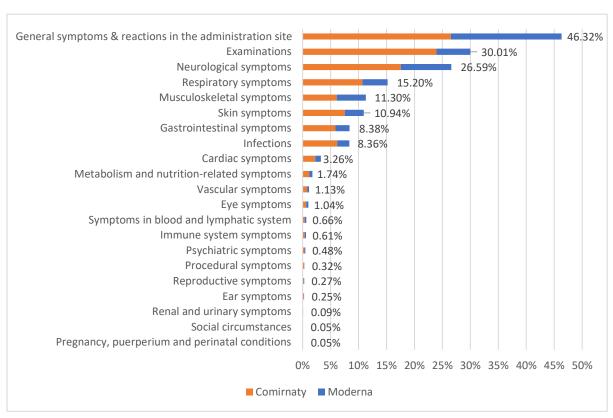


Figure 5. Suspected adverse reaction distribution by SOC for mRNA vaccine

As shown in Figure 5, the SOC which consists of the greatest number of reports were general symptoms and reactions in the administration site (2,045), followed by examinations (1,325), neurological symptoms (1,174), respiratory symptoms (671), musculoskeletal symptoms (499), skin symptoms (483), gastrointestinal symptoms (370), infections (369), cardiac symptoms (144), and metabolism and nutrition-related symptoms (77).

The top reported events for Comirnaty are:

- blood pressure increased (32.85%)
- pyrexia (22.46%)
- headache (14.84%)
- cough (9.87%)
- vaccination/injection site pain (9.51%)
- dizziness (7.81%)
- rash (7.62%)
- malaise (6.41%)
- nasopharyngitis (5.92%)
- chills (4.90%)

The top reported events for COVID-19 vaccine Moderna are:

- pyrexia (34.07%)
- vaccination/injection site pain (31.12%)
- headache (22.42%)
- blood pressure increased (17.85%)
- chills (10.99%)
- cough (9.66%)
- malaise (9.51%)
- pain (7.67%)
- myalgia (7.37%)
- dizziness (6.71%)

# **Outcome of suspected adverse reactions**

The outcome of cases of suspected adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccines is shown in Figure 6. Overall, most of the reported cases have recovered/resolved (77.64%), although there were few cases who have recovered but with sequalae (0.03%). Over 12% of the cases are recovering/resolving while less than 1% have not recovered/not resolved at the time of reporting. A proportion of 1.51% were reported with fatal outcomes as discussed in the section reports involving death.

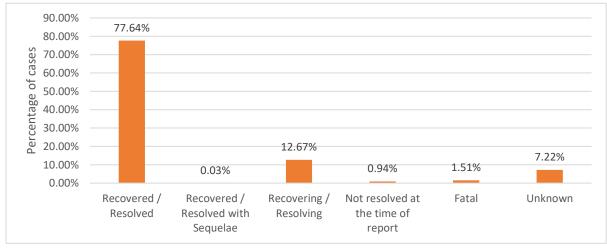


Figure 6. Case outcome

# Reporting of suspected adverse reactions following vaccination

Individuals who have received their COVID-19 vaccination shots can report any suspected adverse reaction to any of the following:

- Immunization site where you were vaccinated
- Directly to the vaccine manufacturer or emergency use authorization holder
  - Sinovac CoronaVac
  - o AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca
  - o Gamaleya Sputnik V
  - o Pfizer Comirnaty
  - o Zuellig COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna
  - o Johnson & Johnson Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine
- FDA online reporting system

Kindly **report only to one** of the above to avoid duplication of reports.