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<██████████@fda.hhs.gov>, Danice Hertz  
<██████████> **Subject: Re: Neurological reactions  
to the Covid vaccines**

Dear Danice,

We started this effort and trying our best to gather information from patients with vaccine side effects to thoughtfully organize the information and report them.

If you look at VARES database there are more than 1000 neurological side effects already reported but in order to present it to scientific community we have to gather as much information as we can before sending it out.

I promise you we will report your issue and other cases that we

are reviewing now and I really appreciate if you kindly give us 1-2 weeks to collect comprehensive information before publicizing it.

I would be happy to answer any question definitely will keep you in the loop when our report is ready.

Thank you for your patience.

Warm Regards, [REDACTED]

4-12-21 email from Dr. [REDACTED] at the NIH  
On Apr 12, 2021, at 4:02 PM, [REDACTED] (NIH/NINDS) [E]  
<[REDACTED]@nih.gov> wrote:

Hi Danice,

Thank you for your email. We prefer to complete our findings with scientific evidence first before getting to any press release. Please be patient, I am really working hard to prepare this information in the organized fashion to inform medical community.

[REDACTED]

PS;please let me know when you see your neurologist and I would be happy to discuss with him about next steps.

4-17-21 email from Dr. [REDACTED] at NIH  
On Apr 17, 2021, at 9:03 AM, [REDACTED] (NIH/NINDS) [E]  
<[REDACTED]@nih.gov> wrote:

Even as a case series we need some objective findings. I am not talking about basic immunology work. When you try to publish a case series, people need evidence(at least clinical ones). I have a couple of people with confirmatory EMG findings and a

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couple with positive skin bx but 4 out of 40 is not enough in this kind of reports or for any reviewer.

Additionally, case series do not give enough epidemiological

information. People can say 70 cases out of 210 million vaccinated individuals meaning 1 in 30 million. Is it really more than a baseline incidence of small fiber neuropathy?!!!!!!

thats why we need to make a very strong case to show the importance if this findings.

I understand your frustration but we need to be patient and scientifically follow the appropriate path to br able to push this work forward.

You can give my email to her and we can discuss it with her if she is interested. Have a good weekend!

[REDACTED]

4-17-21 email to Dr. [REDACTED] at the NIH

**From:** Danice Hertz <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 11:14:05 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] (NIH/NINDS) [E] <[REDACTED]@nih.gov>

**Subject:** Re: myself

Hi [REDACTED], I had a nice visit with Dr. [REDACTED] yesterday. He is a very kind man who patiently listened to my story. He told me that he has one other female patient who had a similar reaction and is slowly improving after three months. I told him your impression of what is going on and he agreed it probably is a small fiber neuropathy. He said this is often related to underlying autoimmune disease such as rheumatoid arthritis and scleroderma. I explained to him that extensive rheumatological testing on me has been negative recently and I had no preceding problems. He really had no other ideas about my vaccine reaction. He did schedule me for an EMG and skin biopsy. I need to have a Covid PCR before I can do these tests in his office and was unable to get one late yesterday so it will have to be scheduled next week. He said I could receive solumedrol or IVIG if I don't improve, as you recommended.

He recommended that I go back on low-dose gabapentin in the evening. I will try it again. He drew more labwork including a Hemoglobin a1C, serum protein electrophoresis and serum immune electrophoresis. I asked him if he would speak to you and he said he will copy you on his consult note. If you would like to contact him, I can forward you his phone number. Like everyone else, he is unaware of what is going on or what to do about it. I did not find the visit helpful, but at least I have some one who is willing to offer me medical care. With your help, hopefully I will get better. My

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symptoms fluctuate from day to day. My last bad day was 3 days ago. I am keeping my fingers crossed that my symptoms will subside.

In the meantime [REDACTED], I am being contacted daily by people experiencing similar neurological reactions to the vaccines. One of the first entries to pop up on Google if you enter paresthesias and the covid vaccines is a comment that I wrote in neurology today in early February about my reaction. The comment had my email on it and that is how people are reaching me. Unfortunately, there is nothing else you can read on the Internet about these reactions as nothing has been published. I believe there are thousands of people who have had similar reactions to mine. I am even being contacted now by physicians in Los Angeles who have heard about my reaction and are asking for advice for their patients as they can't find any information to read about. I spoke with two physicians yesterday. I believe you are the only resource In the country who has had any experience or has any theories about what is occurring. So many of the people that have joined my group (over 70 now) have seen doctors at excellent centers such as Stanford, UCSF, Harvard etc. and these doctors are uninformed. A professor of pediatrics at UCSF is now a member of my group with a severe vaccine reaction. She can't get help! I'm sure she will be contacting you.

I wrote another letter to Drs. Peter Marks and Janet Woodcock at the FDA pleading for them to take these reactions seriously and stop ignoring them so the medical world will know about them and try to help all of these poor patients who are not getting help. Janet Woodcock responded quickly that she would like to help but then responded again saying:

"I am so very sorry for your ordeal. It seems what is missing is what they call a "research definition", in other words a syndromic framework to describe what is being experienced, since it may not fit into current diagnostic categories. Possibly one of the academic researchers you have consulted could work on that. I don't have insight into how this could be approached from a treatment standpoint". Janet Woodcock

In otherwords, they are not interested in hearing about these reactions. It is shocking to me that they completely blow off these reports of 100's and 1000's suffering with severe reactions. I would think they would want to know as much as possible about these reactions. Something is very wrong and these adverse reactions to the vaccines are being covered up. It is a great disservice to so many who are suffering like me.

I know you are getting close to publishing and I hope you are in touch with Peter Marks and Janet Woodcock. Hopefully they will pay attention to you. From the large number of people contacting me, I can only imagine how many more people there are out there suffering. This is not a rare problem.

With great thanks, Danice

Sent from my iPhone

