

# 60% of Young People with COVID Vaccine-induced Myocarditis Showed Heart Damage 6 Months Later

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Sixty percent of young people who were hospitalized with myocarditis after receiving an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine still showed signs of myocardial injury roughly six months after getting the shot, according to a new peer-reviewed study funded by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Critics said the study authors — who published their report in The Lancet on Sept. 6 — downplayed the seriousness of the study's findings. They also noted that some authors had ties to the government and  $\underline{\text{Big Pharma}}$  that may have influenced the research.

The study authors, led by <u>Dr. Supriya S. Jain</u>, a pediatric cardiologist and researcher at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla, New York, analyzed health outcome data and biomarkers from 333 patients ages 5-30, from 38 U.S. hospitals, who were diagnosed with <u>COVID-19</u> mRNA vaccine-induced <u>myocarditis</u>.

The researchers used <u>late gadolinium enhancement</u> (LGE) in <u>cardiac MRIs</u> to determine which areas of the patients' heart tissue were injured.

<u>Gadolinium</u> is a metal used to help doctors see abnormal tissues in MRI scans with more detail, according to Drugwatch. The presence of LGE is often associated with worse outcomes, such as a higher risk of heart failure or arrhythmias, according to <u>Trial Site News</u> in its coverage of the study.

The authors followed up with 307 of the 333 patients by analyzing their health data collected from April 2021 to November 2022. The time between vaccination and follow-up varied, with a median of 178 days.

The results revealed that LGE persisted in the cardiac MRIs of 60% of the patients at the follow-up. Jain and her co-authors called these results "reassuring," noting that there had not been any reported cardiac-related deaths or heart transplants at the time of writing their report. They recommended "continued clinical surveillance and long-term studies."

Daniel O'Conner of Trial Site News criticized the FDA as the study's funder. "The FDA is not keeping up with its tradition of 'patient safety first,'" he told <u>The Defender</u>, adding:

"The procedures that were used and the outcomes that were identified are associated with a higher probability of more severe conditions.

"The FDA [study authors] rightly called for ongoing surveillance — but they don't have

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the urgency they should, given the vulnerabilities of the population."

<u>Children's Health Defense</u> (CHD) Chief Scientific Officer Brian Hooker agreed, telling The Defender he was "disgusted" by the study authors' downplaying of cardiac harm caused by the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

"It's telling that 60% of the myocarditis patients were still showing significant inflammation and damage," he said. "You get vaccinated, get myocarditis and then have a ticking time bomb in your chest for the rest of your life."

Trial Site News — which aims to "drive more interest and awareness in clinical research" — made a similar point. "We here at TrialSite have concerns about the incidence, commonality of LGE and its association with propensity for more severe <u>conditions</u> if not now into the future."

Trial Site News also said it was concerned about the many vaccine-induced myocarditis cases that aren't presenting in the hospital and which thus weren't included in the study. "What happens as they age?"

Heather Ray, a science and research analyst with CHD, pointed out that prior studies show that <u>myocarditis can be life-threatening</u> and can cause <u>subclinical changes</u> and <u>scarring of</u> the heart.

"I don't feel that any incidence of vaccine-induced myocarditis is reassuring," Ray told The Defender. "Additionally, we have all witnessed several anecdotal or personal reports of individuals who died from vaccine-induced cardiac issues over the past four years."

<u>Dr. Peter McCullough</u> told The Defender that as a cardiologist, he was "greatly concerned" that COVID-19 vaccine heart damage in the majority of young people studied hadn't resolved at the time of follow-up.

"The investigators should extend their efforts and measure spike protein or its antibodies in the blood and study strategies to eliminate mRNA and spike protein from the body," McCullough said. "This is the best hope of reducing the damage done by COVID-19 vaccination."

# Is Vaccine-induced Myocarditis Less Serious Than Myocarditis Caused by COVID Virus?

In their <u>study</u>, Jain and her co-authors also compared the results from the vaccine-inducted myocarditis patients with health data from 100 children with <u>multisystem inflammatory syndrome</u> (MIS-C), a "rare but serious condition associated with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in which different body parts become inflamed, including the heart," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### The authors explained:

"To gain a better perspective of the severity of cardiac involvement and myocardial injury in myocarditis associated with the COVID-19 vaccine in the pediatric population, we compared it with MIS-C, a serious complication of COVID-19 with common cardiac dysfunction."

<u>Karl Jablonowski, Ph.D.</u>, a senior research scientist with CHD, told The Defender the authors' choice was "scientifically perplexing."

"Why compare C-VAM [COVID-19 vaccine-associated myocarditis] to MIS-C?" he asked. "Wouldn't comparing vaccine-induced myocarditis to virus-induced myocarditis be an even better perspective?"

The health data reported in the study show what a bad comparison the two make, he said:

"Table 1's C-VAM vs. MIS-C p-value shows the children and adults who make up the two cohorts are radically different in age, weight, sex and race.

"And because they are different diseases, 5 of 8 presenting symptoms are different, 7 of 11 biomarkers are different, 9 of 10 hospital course metrics are different, both echocardiography metrics are different, 3 of the 5 left ventricular dysfunction metrics are different, and 5 of the 14 cardiac magnetic resonance metrics are different."

Jablonowski speculated that the authors chose MIS-C as a comparator so they could compare vaccine-inducted myocarditis to "something worse."

The authors concluded that cardiac dysfunction was "less common" in patients with vaccine-induced myocarditis than in patients with MIS-C.

They also said that the "initial clinical course" of myocarditis among those with vaccineinduced myocarditis was "more likely to be mild."

# Researchers Use Dismissive Words for Vaccine-induced Myocarditis

Jablonowski said the study authors used language to do "a lot of narrative-building" around vaccine-induced myocarditis and its symptoms, "namely that it's 'mild,' 'rare,' 'transient' and 'worth the risk.'"

They used the word "mild" no less than 24 times, almost always when describing vaccine-induced myocarditis, while the word "serious" appeared only once — and as a descriptor of MIS-C.

"Shiral Halal and her family would not consider it mild," Jablonowski said. "She was a healthy 22-year-old Israeli woman, and the first publicly disclosed fatality, who died two weeks after her second Pfizer-BioNTech dose."

McCullough said, "I disagree with the authors that this is a 'mild condition,' as Takada et al. recently reported a <u>9.6% mortality rate</u> in young persons with vaccine myopericarditis. Even small areas of damage invisible to cardiac MRI could put vaccine recipients at risk for a future cardiac arrest."

<u>Myopericarditis</u> is an umbrella term for <u>myocarditis</u>, inflammation of the heart, and <u>pericarditis</u>, inflammation of the tissue surrounding the heart.

Hooker said, "The use of the terms 'mild' and 'rare' have no place in this type of discourse. However, these researchers 'pepper' that type of wrong-headed and dismissive verbiage throughout the paper while genuflecting to the vaccine gods about how the clot shot is a 'cornerstone in the mitigation of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.'"

#### Critics Call Out Conflicts of Interest

More than 60 researchers are listed as co-authors with Jain.

Ray noted that some of the co-authors came from the same universities or research labs involved with <a href="https://example.com/Pfizer-BioNTech's clinical trials">Pfizer-BioNTech's clinical trials</a> for its COVID-19 vaccine in children.

"For instance," she said, "the report states that co-author Alexandra B. Yonts' institution received funds for conducting Phase 3 clinical trials for the Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine."

The study numbers listed — C4591007 and C4591048 — were the clinical trials for <u>emergency use authorization</u> for subsequent doses (four doses total) of the COVID-19 shot for children 6 months to 4 years old, Ray said.

Jablonowski pointed out that the study's second author, <u>Steven A. Anderson, Ph.D.</u>, directs the FDA's Office of Biostatistics and Pharmacovigilance yet declared "no competing interests."

"It is nonsensical," he said, "to declare no competing interests while studying adverse reactions to a product that your employing <u>agency</u> approves for everyone 6 months and older, including during pregnancy."

The Defender reached out to Jain for comment but did not receive a response by our deadline.

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