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## Incidences of Adverse Reactions in SARS-CoV-2 mRNA Vaccines: A Meta-analysis

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### INTRODUCTION

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**Condition being studied:** COVID-19, caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome Type 2 coronavirus (SARS-COV-2), was first reported in China on 31 December 2019. This is the most extensive global pandemic to hit humanity in nearly a century, posing a serious crisis and a severe test for the world. Human life, safety, and health are seriously threatened. Vaccines are considered to be the most effective means of controlling Novel coronavirus infection due to the lack of effective antiviral drugs and the persistence of root control of the outbreak. At present,countries around the world are urgently developing COVID-19 vaccines, mainly including the following six technical routes: inactivated vaccine, attenuated live vaccine, protein subunit vaccine, viral vector vaccine (replication/non-replication), nucleic acid vaccine (DNA, mRNA), and virus particle like a vaccine. Among them, due to its excellent characteristics of mRNA vaccine and high effectiveness in clinical trials, it is widely used in Europe and The United States. Currently, the safety and immunogenicity of mRNA vaccines in phase I / II, II and II / III clinical trials have been published, showing efficacy. However, the safety of BNT162b2 remains controversial. Therefore, this study systematically evaluated the safety of mRNA vaccines, in order to provide a reference for its clinical application.

## METHODS

**Search strategy:** We searched for literature published before December 1, 2021 in Pub Med, Embase, Web of Science, using the following search terms “(effectiveness OR safety) AND (sars-cov-2 vaccine OR 2019-ncov vaccine OR covid-19 vaccine)”in WOS and PubMed, “(effectiveness:ab,ti OR safety:ab,ti) AND ('sars-cov-2 vaccine':ti OR '2019-ncov vaccine':ti OR 'covid-19 vaccine':ti) AND [clinical study]/lim” in Embase.

**Participant or population:** Healthy adults aged > 12 years with no previous history of COVID-19 infection.

**Intervention:** The intervention of the experimental group was mRNA vaccine.

**Comparator:** The intervention in the control group was a placebo injection.

**Study designs to be included:** The study type was a randomized controlled study(RCTs).

**Eligibility criteria:** The PICOS (population, intervention, comparator, outcome and study) design approach was usedwas used to define study eligibility criteria.· Population—Subjects enrolled in a clinical trial related to SARS-CoV-2 vaccine.· Intervention—SARS-CoV-2 vaccination.· Comparator—SARS-CoV-2 placebo.· Outcomes—Vaccine safety for SARS-CoV-2 was assessed based on the incidence of adverse reactions.The results were the safety of the vaccine, including adverse events at the injection site (pain.swelling), systemic adverse events (e.g. fever, fatigue, chills) and serious adverse events (e.g. dehydration, syncope, atrial fibrillation, pulmonary embolism, acute kidney injury, etc.).Subjects were asked to record any adverse events at days 0 to 7, 14 or 28 after injection.· Study design — randomized controlled trials were eligible for inclusion. Animal trials, case reports, reviews, editorials, letters and meeting abstracts were excluded.

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**Main outcome(s):** The incidence of local adverse reactions (including redness, swelling); Incidence of systemic adverse reactions (including fever, fatigue, cough).

**Data management:** We use Endnote X9 to manage papers.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Two researchers will assess study quality

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across seven domains using the Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool. If any different points of view emerge, another experienced researcher will help resolve them through discussion.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** RevMan 5.4 software will be used for data analysis. The dichotomous data will be expressed as risk ratio (RR) and 95% confidence interval (CI), and the continuous data will be estimated as mean difference (MD) or standard mean difference (SMD) and 95% CI. Statistical heterogeneity of conformity tests was examined by the  $I^2$  test. If in enough eligible studies there is little heterogeneity ( $I^2 \leq 50\%$ ) of the same results, the data are aggregated using a fixed-effects model, and meta-analysis is performed. If there is significant statistical heterogeneity between the included studies ( $I^2 > 50\%$ ), the random-effects model is used to summarize the data and subgroup analysis is used to determine its source. If we cannot examine the source of apparent heterogeneity, we will use descriptive analysis rather than meta-analysis. The results of the meta-analysis will be displayed through the forest map. Sensitivity and subgroup analyses were performed to explore whether significant heterogeneity existed. Two researchers will assess study quality across seven domains using the Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool. If any different points of view emerge, another experienced researcher will help resolve them through discussion.

**Subgroup analysis:** We will perform subgroup analysis according to the different details of interventions, study quality and outcome indicators.

**Sensitivity analysis:** Sensitivity analysis: We will perform sensitivity analysis based on sample size, research design, heterogeneity quality, methodological quality and statistical model, excluding trials with low quality, and ensure the stability of analysis results.

**Language:** Only English literature was included.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

**Keywords:** SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, safety, meta-analysis, Adverse events.

**Dissemination plans:** We plan to publish this meta-analysis in relevant scientific journals and disseminate it widely on the Internet.

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