



2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report generated - Proposals for Updates to the Vaccine Injury Table (VIT)

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MMR-Adverse events

Febrile Seizures

Transient Arthralgia

Measles inclusion body encephalitis (MIBE)





What are febrile seizures?

- Associated with a fever
- Infants or children
- Last a minute or two (few seconds to more than 15 minutes)
- No long-term sequelae





- The 2011 IOM committee concluded that the evidence convincingly supports a causal relationship between MMR vaccine and febrile seizures
- Information is not new with literature evidence going back to 1989





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- Febrile seizures occurring after MMR vaccinations hold no long-term consequences
 - no risk of subsequent seizure or neurodevelopmental disability
 - no increased rate of epilepsy
- In comparison, post-vaccination syncope can lead to serious adverse events
- No VIT revisions proposed





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- Transient Arthralgia is a symptom with no long term effects
- The 2011 IOM committee concluded that the evidence favors acceptance of a causal relationship between MMR vaccine (rubella component) and transient arthralgia in women and children.
- The 2011 IOM committee concluded that the evidence is inadequate to accept or reject a causal relationship between MMR vaccine and chronic arthralgia.
- No VIT revisions proposed





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In 2011, the Institute of Medicine, following an extensive review of the scientific and medical literature, concluded that the evidence convincingly supported a causal relationship between MMR vaccine and measles inclusion body encephalitis (MIBE) in individuals with demonstrated immunodeficiencies.





Summary Justification for Proposed Changes to the VIT

- The current VIT has the injury "Vaccine-strain measles infection in an immunodeficient recipient" for vaccines containing measles virus.
- Since MIBE is one type of measles-associated disease, the proposal involves revision of the current injury to include MIBE.





Justification for Proposed Changes to the Time Interval

- Based on 3 case reports the IOM reviewed, the time interval for MIBE is 4 – 9 months.
- Goon 2001 describes a patient with vaccine strain measles with onset of symptoms 8 days after vaccination.
- Angel 1998 describes a patient with vaccine-associated measles pneumonitis with onset of symptoms 11 months after vaccination.
- Proposal:
 - Broad interval of ≤ 12 months for those cases in which typing of vaccine strain was not performed.
 - If vaccine strain is identified, no time frame will be applicable.





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Current VIT

- Vaccine:
 - Vaccines containing measles virus (e.g., MMR, MMRV,MR, M)
- Injury (Time Interval):
 - A. Thrombocytopenic purpura (7 30 days)
 - B. Vaccine-Strain Measles Viral Infection in an immunodeficient recipient (6 months)
 - C. Any acute complication or sequela, including death, of above events that arose within the time period prescribed (Not applicable)

Proposed VIT

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- Injury (Time Interval):
 - A. Thrombocytopenic purpura (7 30 days)
 - B. Vaccine-Strain Measles Viral Disease in an immunodeficient recipient
 - Vaccine –strain virus identified (Not Applicable)
 - If strain determination is not done or if laboratory testing is inconclusive (≤ 12 months)
 - (b) Any acute complication or sequela, including death...of above events...





Current VIT

Vaccines containing measles virus (e.g., MMR, MMRV,MR, M)	Injury	Time Interval
	Vaccine-Strain Measles Viral Infection in an immunodeficient recipient	0 - 6 months





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	 Vaccine –strain virus identified If strain determination is not done or if laboratory testing is inconclusive 	Not Applicable ≤ 12 months





Current QAI

 Vaccine-strain measles viral infection is a disease caused by the vaccine-strain that should be determined by vaccinespecific monoclonal antibody or polymerase chain reaction tests.

Proposed QAI

- This term is defined as a measles illness that involves the skin and/or other organs (such as the brain and lungs).
- Measles virus must be isolated from the affected organ or histopathologic findings characteristic for the disease must be present.
- Measles viral strain determination may be performed by methods such as polymerase chain reaction test and vaccine-specific monoclonal antibody.
- If strain determination reveals wild-type measles virus or another, non-vaccine-strain virus, the disease shall not be considered to be a condition set forth in the Table.
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Justification for proposed QAI

- Science
 - Isolation of measles virus from the affected organ and/or characteristic histopathologic findings
 - Identification of vaccine-strain measles virus by PCR or specific monoclonal antibody
 - Diseases in persons with immunodeficiencies
- ACCV Guiding Principles
 - Presumption of causation to cases in which the vaccinestrain is undetermined or testing is inconclusive
 - Only 1 out of 3 cases of MIBE showed vaccine-strain virus





Vaccine	Injury	Time Interval
Vaccines containing measles virus (e.g., MMR, MMRV,MR, M)	Vaccine-strain Measles viral disease in an immunodeficient recipient • Vaccine strain virus identified • If strain determination is not done or if laboratory testing is inconclusive	Not applicable ≤ 12 months

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