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Tess McCawe

By email: [tess.mccawe@gmail.com](mailto:tess.mccawe@gmail.com)  
Ref: H202114758

Dear Tess

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) on 21 October 2021. You asked:

*Please advise me the AESI category that my vaccine reaction (AE0009128) has been placed under in Report#30. The details of the reaction are attached and as it has been reported as medically significant, I know it will have been classified with a cause.*

The reaction reported was not an Adverse Event of Special Interest (AESI) and the report number is AEFI-A-033854. Medsafe can confirm that it was reported as serious due to being medically significant.

For further information, you may wish to contact Centre for Adverse Reactions and Monitoring (CARM) at the University of Otago directly. CARM undertakes pharmacovigilance under contract to the Ministry. Their contact details are provided at: <https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/contact/>.

I trust this satisfies your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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