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By email: [fyi-request-21719-6f379ab3@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-21719-6f379ab3@requests.fyi.org.nz)  
Ref: H2023019871

Tēnā koe Mr Wood

### Transfer of your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 3 February 2023 for information relating to a study titled: *Adverse Events Following the BNT162b2 mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNtech) in Aotearoa New Zealand*. You requested:

*"The Ministry of Health funded a preprint study: 'Adverse events following the BNT162b2 mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech) in Aotearoa New Zealand' It was published as a pre-print in the Lancet on 20 January 2023 here:*  
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The requested information is more closely connected to the functions of the National Immunisation Programme at Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to Te Whatu Ora under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. You can expect a response from Te Whatu Ora in due course.

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.

Nāku noa, na



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## **COPY OF OIA REQUEST**

From: Mr Wood <fyi-request-21719-6f379ab3@requests.fyi.org.nz>  
Sent on: Friday, February 3, 2023 5:54:33 AM  
To: OIA/LGOIMA requests at Ministry of Health <oiagr@moh.govt.nz>  
Subject: Official Information request - Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine study pre-print unpublished

Dear Ministry of Health,

The Ministry of Health funded a preprint study: 'Adverse events following the BNT162b2 mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech) in Aotearoa New Zealand' It was published as a pre-print in the Lancet on 20 January 2023 here:

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Yours faithfully,

Mr Wood