Response to FOI Request

The following chart represents the side effects of the COVID vaccine administered January 7 to August 23, 2021. Of 99,886 doses, there have been 23,864 reports of side effects. Each report has a potential for 7 symptoms. Noted in the chart below are 38,038 instances of side effect symptoms. Of these, 36,955 represent the 7 most common symptoms, which are also common to all other vaccines. The group labeled as "Other" includes 71 instances of symptoms that are vague or non-specific, hence not easily placed in groupings; they appear to be neither severe nor significant.

The data is from self-reporting collected on return for second dose, and from reports submitted to the Flu Hotline or to practitioners providing care. A possible causal relationship is best analysed by looking at frequencies of diagnoses (not symptoms) in the general population and then in the subgroup of interest. This requires large studies in big countries where rare events can be spotted.

To date there are no reported admissions to hospital for side effects, and no deaths associated with vaccine administration. Duration of side effects is varied; no life-threatening side effects have persisted.

