

Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia

Vaccines have been key in preventing [COVID-19](#) infections and the [AstraZeneca vaccine](#) has been widely used. However, increased rates of [thromboembolic events](#) were identified in recipients, and, subsequently, a syndrome of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic [thrombocytopenia](#) (VITT) was described whereby recipients presented with [cerebral venous sinus thrombosis](#), hemorrhagic [infarctions](#), and - consequently - raised [intracranial pressure](#).

Definitive Diagnosis

(must meet all five criteria):

COVID vaccine 4 to 42 days prior to symptom onset

Any venous or arterial thrombosis (often cerebral or abdominal)

Thrombocytopenia (platelet count $< 150 \times 10^9/L$)

Positive [PF4](#) "HIT" ([heparin-induced thrombocytopenia](#)) ELISA

Markedly elevated D-dimer (> 4 times upper limit of normal)

Complications

[Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis after Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia](#)

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