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ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine-associated thrombocytopenia: three cases of immune thrombocytopenia after 107 720 doses of ChAdOx1 vaccination in Thailand

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Abstract

We reported three cases of immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) that developed within 6 weeks after ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccination. Antiplatelet factor 4 antibodies were undetectable in all three cases. Therefore, vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia was very unlikely. Other potential causes of thrombocytopenia were excluded. Their clinical presentations, severity of thrombocytopenia and outcomes were varied. Only one ITP case, an 80-year-old man, received ITP treatments and achieved complete response after 2 weeks of eltrombopag. An 84-year-old man had spontaneous complete remission, and a 55-year-old woman had partial platelet recovery without ITP treatments. Among 107 720 Thais administered the ChAdOx1 vaccine between 16 March and 10 May 2021, these three ITP cases resulted in an estimated risk of ITP of at least one per 36 000 doses, which was approximately similar to the risk of ITP after measles-mumps-rubella immunization. This raises the concern of an increased risk of ITP after ChAdOx1 vaccination.

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