# mRNA "vaccine" biodistribution, persistence, and adjuvant toxicity library

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Originally part of the outer coat of the SARS-CoV2 virus, where it functions as a "key" to "unlock" (infect) cells, spike proteins are also produced in large amounts by the mRNA "vaccines," triggering a short-lived immune response in the form of antibodies. However, a growing body of evidence has shown that the spike protein is harmful by itself (see: "Spike protein pathogenicity research library," <u>https://zenodo.org/records/14269255</u>). Furthermore, research has demonstrated that:

- 1) Both the "vaccine" mRNA encoding for the spike protein antigen and the spike protein itself can penetrate distant tissues, causing systemic harms.
- 2) "Vaccine" mRNA and the spike protein antigen persist in the tissues of human vaccine recipients and animal test subjects far longer than claimed by public health officials, while viral spike proteins have been shown to persist even longer.
- 3) The ionizable lipid nanoparticles (LNPs) used in the experimental mRNA injections are highly inflammatory on their own, including their polyethylene glycol (PEG) component, an established cause of anaphylaxis (an extreme allergic reaction).

The following research collection presents over 100 peer-reviewed studies (**n=130**) documenting I) the wide distribution and II) persistence of "vaccine" mRNA and the encoded spike protein, as well as III) the potential harms of the LNP delivery system (some studies with overlapping findings appear in more than one category). Taken together with evidence of the spike protein's pathogenicity (<u>https://zenodo.org/records/14269255</u>), these findings suggest that the mRNA "vaccines" can distribute harmful, long-lasting spike protein uncontrollably throughout the body, causing injuries and death by various means.

Please note that a small number of studies in section I) investigate the ability of viral spike protein resulting from infection to cross important physiological barriers on its own, while some studies in section II) demonstrate the long persistence of viral-derived spike protein in the absence of viable virus, bolstering concerns about the identical "vaccine" spike.

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# I. Spike protein and "vaccine" mRNA biodistribution

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Biodistribution studies show that both the "vaccine" mRNA encoding for the spike protein antigen and the spike protein itself can penetrate distant tissues, causing systemic harms to a variety of organs and organ systems, including the placenta. The following research collection presents over 50 peer-reviewed studies (**n=54**) documenting the wide distribution of "vaccine" mRNA and the associated spike protein throughout human beings and animal test subjects.

These articles confirm that "vaccine" mRNA and spike protein can reach tissues and organs including the heart, liver, brain, lungs, placenta, umbilical cord, breast milk, lymph nodes, thymus, kidneys, spleen, bladder, large intestine, eyes, adrenal glands, ovaries, testes, bone marrow, skin, lacrimal glands, and appendix. Additionally, a small number of studies demonstrate the viral spike protein's ability to cross important physiological barriers independently of the rest of the virus, suggesting identical "vaccine"-derived spike protein can do the same.

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## II. Spike protein and vaccine mRNA persistence research library

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Dozens of studies collected here (**n=39**) demonstrate that both "vaccine" mRNA, and the spike protein antigen it encodes, persist in the tissues of human vaccine recipients and animal test subjects far longer than claimed by public health officials: up to eight weeks in the case of mRNA (Röltgen K et al.) and up to six months for spike protein (Brogna C et al.). Numerous studies have also shown that viral spike proteins can persist even longer in individuals recovered from SARS CoV2 infection or with "long COVID," with spike protein detected 15 months (Patterson BK et al.) to two years (Fraser ME at al.) after infection. Long-lasting viral spike proteins have frequently been detected in the absence of viable virus, as reflected in negative PCR tests and RNA assays, suggesting identical "vaccine" spike proteins may also persist for a year or more.

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## III. Lipid nanoparticle toxicity and allergenicity research library

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The anti-SARS CoV2 mRNA injections rely on lipid nanoparticles (LNPs) bonded with polyethylene glycol (PEG) to deliver mRNA coding for the spike protein antigen into human cells. However, a growing body of evidence suggests that the ionizable LNPs used in the experimental mRNA injections are highly inflammatory on their own, while PEG has long been recognized as an allergen with the potential to trigger anaphylaxis (a severe, possibly life-threatening allergic reaction). This annotated research collection presents over 50 (**n=57**) scientific papers detailing the potential harms of LNPs, PEG, and other components of the mRNA injections to the human body and setting forth possible or established mechanisms. Some of the research annotated here also suggests a far higher incidence of anaphylaxis due to the mRNA injections than claimed in official estimates, ranging from 1/2,280 doses (Warren CM et al.) to 1/4,049 (Blumenthal KG et al.) and 1/13,882 (Somiya A et al.).

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