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Conclusion Statement from the Expert Group on the Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) compatible case reported on 6 January 2010

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To date, the World Health Organization (WHO) has found no evidence suggesting a causal relationship between Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) and human swine influenza (HSI) vaccination and the reported number of GBS cases worldwide has been in line with usual background rates prior to the introduction of such vaccines. Recent incidence of GBS after the start of vaccination programme in Hong Kong does not increase over the baseline (about 40-60 cases per year).

While it is always difficult to completely rule out a rare, idiosyncratic response to any vaccine or drug for an individual patient, literature review shows that the majority of GBS cases that are temporally associated with vaccination occurred from the second week to third week, with a median latency of 13 days.

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This statement represents the consensus view of members of the Expert Group reached in the light of scientific information accessible and examined at the time of its release.

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