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After Danish soccer player Christian Eriksen collapsed during a Euro Cup match June 12, misinformation about the 29-year-old's Covid-19 vaccination status is circulating. The game, a Group B opener between Denmark and Finland, was paused for over an hour until news arrived that Eriksen, a midfielder, was conscious and speaking at a hospital; he was later reported to have suffered cardiac arrest.

That an otherwise healthy young athlete would experience cardiac arrest — a phenomenon that is rare but not unheard of — prompted baseless speculation that Eriksen had been vaccinated against Covid-19 and subsequently experienced one of the small number of reported cases of myocarditis. The European Medicines Agency, along with others elsewhere, are investigating a possible link between myocarditis and mRNA-based vaccines.

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