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WOMAN WITH MYSTERY
ILLNESS FINDS ANSWERS
IN RARE ANTIBODY

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It's been a year since Stephanie Bartolac appealed to the public for help with a diagnosis as she suffers from a host of debilitating symptoms.

From chronic, severe pain to progressive weakness and loss of function as nerves disintegrated, the 31-year-old has battled to get through the day for more than a decade — as countless doctors tried to make sense of her mysterious condition.

And while her public plea generated support and responses from people far and wide, it was a test for a highly uncommon antibody ordered by a neurologist that ultimately delivered some answers.

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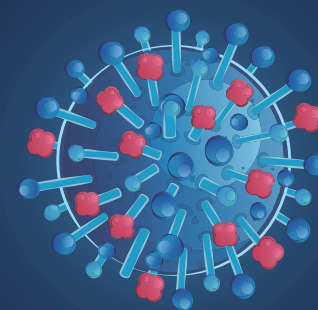


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Stephanie Bartolac is hoping to combat her debilitating symptoms with a stem cell transplant.

Stephanie Bartolac photo

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