

# Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

## Weekly Newsletter – 24 Nov 2023



*The weekly newsletters bring the updates on the science, battered and bruised during the pandemic, legal updates and impact of activism for a just society, across the world. These are small steps to promote Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability – the ethos of the UHO.*

**Announcement: Membership & endorsements to the UHO invited:** <https://uho.org.in/member.php>

### **WHO continues to promote Covid-19 vaccines to the extent of including it into routine immunization**

Unfazed by the poor efficacy and safety record of the Covid-19 experimental vaccines, the WHO is contemplating ways to integrate them with the routine [immunization programs](#). There seems to be an unholy haste to convert the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of the vaccines to Marketing Authorization. The WHO is aiming to include the Covid-19 vaccines in the National Immunization Programs of the countries of the WHO in the South East Asia Region. “Even though the acute phase of the Covid-19 pandemic is over, the virus is still circulating...” said Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region at a three day workshop organized by WHO in Kathmandu.

The UHO is concerned at these developments and considers pushing for Marketing Authorization for these experimental vaccine in midst of excess deaths particularly in the young being reported by many countries highly irresponsible. It appears that there is a [reluctance](#) to acknowledge possible vaccine harms and investigating them thoroughly.

### **Study by ICMR on the link between the Covid-19 vaccines and sudden deaths in the young gives a clean chit to the vaccines**

In this environment of denial, it comes as no surprise that an ICMR [study](#) has given a clean chit to the Covid-19 vaccines. On the face of it the study is impressive with over 100 authors spread over 47 tertiary care hospitals. A large number of ICMR researchers also took part in the study; in fact the media refer to this as an [ICMR study](#).

On critical appraisal, the study has a number of flaws. The figures in the table do not match, the study declares no conflicts of interest in spite of the fact that the ICMR has [financial](#) dealings with the vaccine manufacturers. The Gates Foundation, one of the major promoters for the Covid-19 vaccines too donates [grants](#) to the ICMR. The ICMR has also signed a [letter of intent](#) with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

While having conflicts of interest and financial ties are by itself not unethical, not disclosing them certainly is.

Besides these concerns, the study has fundamental flaws in its methodology which effaces any possible cause effect association between the vaccine and the sudden deaths in young people. This is in the form of selection of controls for the study. These were selected from the same neighborhoods as the cases (sudden death victims). This can result in ["overmatching"](#) which will mask any association due to the fact that due to the mass vaccination campaigns unleashed during the pandemic, all in the same neighborhoods will have more or less similar vaccination status.

In an observational study, when the suspected exposure (in the study the vaccine) is universal it would be impossible to indict it, howsoever strong the association may be. A hypothetical example will make this clear. Say, if smoking was universal and all inhabitants on this earth had been smokers, it would have been impossible to identify smoking as a cause of lung cancer.

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This fundamental error in selection of controls makes the study null and void. The confirmation of cause effect should depend on the totality of evidence such as robust randomized controlled trials, cohort studies and backed by with post-mortem studies including histopathology and biochemical markers. We expected better from our premier institutes and the ICMR. They disappointed us.

### **Mysterious fever in Bihar: WHO team investigating the cause**

A news [report](#) dated 22 November 2023 refers to a mysterious fever in Bihar where 300 people in a village near Gaya have fallen sick. The symptoms are fever and joint pains. No fatalities have been reported. In a large country like India such occurrences should not warrant such an alarm that a WHO team has to come and investigate. This speaks more of the lack of basic public health services in our villages which could have coped with such self limiting infections.

The WHO acting as a Good Samaritan seems to be desperate to declare the next pandemic, the UHO feels.

### **Meanwhile Zika threat in Pune**

Six cases of Zika have raised an [alert](#) in Pune. There have been no deaths. Zika virus is a viral infection transmitted by the Aedes group of mosquitoes, which is also responsible for transmission of dengue fever. It is a self limiting viral fever milder than dengue but of special concern for pregnant women as it had been suspected to cause abnormalities in the baby such as poor brain development if the mother gets infected during pregnancy.

It may be pertinent to note that there is a candidate mRNA [vaccine](#) for the Zika virus. UHO fears that virus detection and genomic surveillance will work in tandem with the vaccine industry to promote newer and yet newer vaccines to offer piecemeal solutions at great cost and minimum impact on the health and well being of the people. The priority should be better hygiene, sanitation and water management to reduce the breeding of mosquitoes. [Tunnel vision](#) should be avoided.

### **Mysterious Pneumonia Outbreak in China**

We have come full circle, it seems. There is a mysterious [pneumonia](#) outbreak in China since October. China as usual, is tardy with information. The WHO has asked China for more information. The outbreak has been reported to affect the children more. As things stand, one cannot trust the China or the WHO with their deep political and commercial conflicts of interests.

### **More skeletons spilling out in the UK: Government Ethics Committee which objected to harsh pandemic measures was disbanded**

It has surfaced that the Department of Health in the UK [closed down](#) the Government Expert Ethics Committee after it raised objections to the pandemic measures. Former members of this committee under conditions of anonymity disclosed the behind the scenes happenings to the authors of the book titled, “The Accountability Deficit” which is available on Amazon. According to the authors, many mainstream newspapers refused to publish the story which was supported by sound evidence from official published records. A couple of newspapers dropped the feature at the last moment after agreeing to run it on the front page.

One of the pillars of the UHO is “Accountability.” All those who support the UHO’s endeavors towards, “Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability,” (TEA) should go through the full report.

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