

Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

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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>

A Systematic Review of Autopsy findings in deaths after Covid Vaccine finds around 74% due to the vaccine

A [pooled analysis](#) of autopsy findings among those who died after Covid-19 vaccination found 73.9% of the deaths were directly linked or significantly contributed by the vaccine. This warrants an urgent investigation to explore the exact mechanisms of death to avoid future tragic adverse effects. The review helps provide the medical and forensic community an important lead for a better understanding of fatal events following Covid-19 vaccinations.

The UHO is of the view that such studies should have started simultaneously with the roll out of the experimental jabs under emergency use authorization. This would have prevented many avoidable deaths across the globe. Our august Indian research institutions like the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) should undertake such basic research to confirm or refute any fatal adverse effects of the Covid-19 vaccines. We regret that instead of doing in-depth studies, the ICMR is indulging in [suppressing efforts](#) to study the adverse events following the Covid-19 vaccination.

The British Medical Journal (BMJ) was not immune to bias towards Zero Covid Strategy

The most prestigious medical publication the BMJ too failed up to the highest scientific objectivity during the Covid-19 pandemic. A [preprint](#) puts forth damning evidence of the BMJ being influenced by advocates of severe and restrictive covid control measures during the pandemic. The paper states that advocacy is debatable for its influence on science and policy. It contaminates the science and is undesirable.

We feel disappointed that even the BMJ with Kamran Abbasi and Peter Doshi, two medical scientists of high integrity on the editorial board, succumbed to advocates. Early in the pandemic Abbasi had written an editorial titled, [“Covid-19: politicization, corruption, and suppression of science,”](#) in the BMJ. In that editorial Abbasi concluded that when good science is suppressed, people die.

Peter Doshi too, in an [opinion piece](#), in the BMJ had critical views on the Pfizer trials of the Covid-19 vaccines and had demanded raw data from the trials. He also questioned the wisdom of offering vaccine to those who had recovered from the infection.

It is a sad commentary of the science during the pandemic, that in spite of having editors like Abbasi and Doshi, the BMJ succumbed to publishing one sided narrative advocating the harsh pandemic measures and gave low priority to alternative views.

Bharat Biotech admits oversight in not acknowledging ICMR as co-inventor of Covaxin

In a turn of events which exposes the conflicts of interest of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), when investigating the adverse effects of the Covid-19 vaccines, the manufacturer of Covaxin [admitted](#) that they erred in not acknowledging ICMR as a co-inventor of Covaxin.

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We find this statement and the timing puzzling. It was a well known fact that ICMR partnered with Bharat Biotech in the manufacture of the Covaxin and also [shared royalties](#) from its sales.

UHO would like to raise the question that given such conflicts of interests is the ICMR qualified to investigate the safety of the Covid-19 vaccines? This also explains the knee-jerk attempts by the ICMR to [suppress](#) any investigations on the adverse effects, if any, by the scientists from Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

Mainstream media has started publishing side effects of Covid-19 vaccines now

Why mainstream media is publishing studies carried out more than a year back now? The leading Indian newspaper, The Times of India on 26 June 2024, [reported the findings](#) of a study on neurological side-effects of the Covishield vaccine, published more than a year ago in the medical journal Neurology India. The study was carried out by researchers at King George Medical University, Lucknow. The study identified serious neurological and psychiatric adverse events related to the Covishield vaccine from all over the country. The average age of the victims was 45 years. The neurological complications were slightly more common among women.

UHO wants to put it on record that this late reporting amounts to negligence on part of the mainstream media and medical fraternity. Timely sounding the alarm bell would have prevented many side effects and perhaps deaths also most of which go unreported as we do not have a robust adverse events monitoring system following immunization (AEFI). It also puts in question the [ICMR study](#) giving a clean chit to Covid-19 vaccines as safe in spite of this published study more than a year ago in a leading Indian medical journal.

It is obvious that vaccine advocacy by the manufacturers, other stakeholders, including the ICMR, which had serious conflicts of interests, influenced the media resulting in biased reporting, i.e. giving wide publicity to studies, however flawed, showing vaccine as safe and downplaying studies which raised doubts about the safety of the Covid-19 vaccines. At stake were human lives.

A recent study echoes the findings of severe neurological adverse effects following Covid-19 vaccination

A recent [preprint](#) echoes the findings of the study done by Indian researchers reported in the previous paragraphs. This study published as a preprint in June 2024 investigated trends in death rates from neurological diseases for all age groups in the USA using data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The paper also reported a detailed analysis for younger individuals aged 15 to 44 years. The authors found that following vaccination, excess deaths from neurological conditions occurred across all age groups with the highest rates in the 15-44 years of age. They recommended that future research should focus on Covid-19 vaccinated and un-vaccinated individuals to determine whether the vaccine or the virus is contributing to the rising trends of deaths from neurological disorders.

Will Africa become the happy hunting ground for vaccine manufacturers?

World leaders, pharmaceutical firms, and health groups announced a [\\$ 1.2 billion investment](#) at a

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summit to promote vaccines in Africa. The summit, named, “The African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator,” was held in Paris.

Ironically, one of the points deliberated in the summit was that during the Covid-19 pandemic, Africa was deprived of equitable distribution of the Covid-19 vaccines, and this step would remove this injustice and prevent history repeating itself. Strange, how the obvious is ignored, i.e. they fared much better without the vaccine! It is apparent that propaganda and advocacy triumphs over evidence from hard data.

The summit strongly advocated vaccine for cholera which is endemic in many countries of Africa. UHO wants to stress that safe water supply, sanitation and promotion of cheap life saving measures like oral rehydration fluids would be cost effective in preventing morbidity and mortality not only from cholera but from all diarrheal diseases. Poor health and malnutrition in developing countries of Latin America, Asia and Africa contribute to a large extent to deaths from infections. So in addition to safe water and sanitation, other health promotion measures like nutrition, housing, healthy lifestyle, i.e. a holistic approach would raise the health status of the population in these countries.

A vaccine for each single infection is a piecemeal solution and is not a cost effective strategy. There are hundreds of pathogens and it will be unrealistic to advocate hundreds of vaccines.

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