

Review of: "[Viewpoint] Vaccination campaigns against Covid-19 may promote vaccine hesitancy toward mostly well-established, safe, and effective vaccines"

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Good evening. I appreciate the concept of this Viewpoint. My main concerns are with the acronyms used and some of the terms/organizations which are not familiar in the United States.

For instance - what is the YELLOW CARD SYSTEM? I looked it up but it should be completely introduced to the reader. The same for acronyms like the MHRA and the EMA.

I assume the WHO is the World Health Org and the FDA is the Food & Drug Administration. When in doubt, all acronyms should be defined the first time they are introduced.

On the second page it mentions that "Raw data is yet to be released despite substantial public funding for vaccine development, and repeated requests from scientists..." I see this is from Footnote #4 - could you expand more completely on WHY this is occurring?

The authors appear to address this later on page 3: So, we are now left with two avenues. First to continue on the narrative of fear and coercion which can only lead to further vaccine hesitancy increasing mistrust in public institutions due to a lack of transparency and accountability; or to answer questions about the mounting evidence of potentially serious adverse effects as part of relevant and routine scientific inquiry. **Opening up raw data would clearly allow further research to negate a growing public perception of a causal relationship between Covid-19 vaccinations and serious adverse effects.** Open debate should be facilitated and censorship in research and in the media suspended.

The final conclusion - "What is not acceptable however is to label legitimate questions about the Covid-19 vaccination programme, as arising from nothing other than ill-informed conspiracy." is useful. There might be a better way to tie this all together?

I realize this is mostly a critique of acronym usage and different language to get the point clearly across? The comments about defining acronyms and the Yellow Card System come from an author well-versed with APA (American Psychological Association) conventions for writing.

I hope this is useful for the authors in finalizing this opinion.

