

Review of: "The COVID 19 vaccine patent race"

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The paper deals with the race to the vaccine against SARS CoV 2 and the related patents. In particular, the patent activity is discussed in detail.

All in all, the patent applications of different firms active in this field, in particular Moderna, CureVac and BioNTech. The details presented as to the patentability are very interesting and convincing. The paper shows a deep knowledge of the authors as to this topic.

The paper is excellent and I have no request for modifying anything. The only aspect which would improve the paper is to discuss the consequences for developing countries. There was a long debate that the production of Covid vaccines in developing countries such as India or South Africa is blocked by the IPRs of Western enterprises. What are the consequences of the limited patentability for this issue?