

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

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The debate raised by this article is an important one as it calls for transparency and build of trust on the use of COVID-19 vaccines and immunisation campaigns, similar to the processes followed with the development and use of childhood vaccines.

However, there are specifics and important omissions. Statements should be substantiated with examples and references. For example, the statement about "Contracts were put under seal and allowed for non-liability of manufacturers." We need a bit more detail, contracts between who (?? government and manufacturers, do not leave this to the audience to assume), and the non-liability was this information in the public domain? Was there a govt gazette, or something to substantiate or a source of this information? Please refer to such.

Other statements such as: - "Potential conflict of interest were not disclosed." We need specifics, which potential conflict of interest. Giving examples would help clarify these areas and enrich the manuscript; - "Tactics utilised to support a national emergency were not only unwarranted but unethical and divisive,"-- Elaborate: which tactics, how were they unethical and divisive? Give examples and explain.

Some statements need to be referenced. For example, the statement: "Reportedly,,,,,,. Serious side effects emerged emerged immediately as with,,," We need references on the side effects that emerged before the information that is referenced in reference 6, of side effects of other medication.

MHRA - is not written in full when first used and when in full there is an error. Please correct.

Same as EMA, we need it in full. May be with FDA, most readers are used to it. But as good practice, first use in full and then use the acronym. Check other acronyms and correct.

One of the Main Omissions in my view is the fact that whilst the Heading puts it clearly that the commentary is on COVID-19 Vaccination campaigns and its negative impact, leading to increased Childhood Vaccination Hesitancy, there is no paragraph that links the two. I was eagerly awaiting this. The authors need to address this and bring in the discussion about how COVID-19 Vaccination Hesitancy is affecting confidence in childhood vaccination, thus potentially posing a Major Threat of Reversal of the gains made in childhood vaccination. We will need references. This is an important area that the commentary promised us and therefore it should be covered.

In conclusion: I recommend that the commentary be revised and once corrections from reviewers are addressed it be published. This is an example of the necessary debate and may also help to point at where research is needed around the Impact of COVID-19 vaccinations and mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations as well as coercions in some settings on the Confidence in Childhood Vaccination.