

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>

Court orders prosecution against Adar Poonawallah & Serum Institute of India

The Senior Division Civil Judge of the Nagpur Court has ordered [prosecution of vaccine manufacturer Adar Poonawallah](#). Serum Institute of India (SII), in a 10,000 crores defamation suit file by Editor in Chief of leading Marathi Daily, Deshonnoti and member of Awaken India Movement, Shri Prakash Pohre.

Shri Prakash Pohare and Awaken India Movement (AIM), which is a well known NGO with members all over the country, have been active throughout the so called pandemic, campaigning against lockdowns, mask mandates, and vaccine coercions. AIM is also continuously compiling the list of people maimed or dead due to adverse effects of the vaccine Covishield manufactured by SII.

Adar Poonawallah and SII filed a defamation case against AIM and all its members, including Shri Prakash Pohare. They filed a case against them at Hadapsar Police Station, Pune, in October 2022 which was disposed as frivolous and the case was closed by the police.

Ignoring this Adar Poonawallah and SII continued defaming AIM and its members on different forums. In response, Shri Prakash Pohare and AIM members filed a defamation suit at the Nagpur Court, claiming Rs 10,000 crores compensation. The Court took cognizance and issued show cause notices to Adar Poonawallah, Cyrus Poonawallah and SII. The defendants Adar Poonawallah and party, filed a reply affidavit opposing the suit.

This affidavit had a lot of inaccuracies and ex-facie false and a plea was made by Shri Pohare for taking action against Adar Poonawallah and party for perjury and enforces contempt of the Court.

After the hearing the advocate for Shri Prakash Pohare, Adv Nilesh Ojha, the Court concluded that Adar Poonawallah and party are guilty of pushing their harmful vaccine by suppressing the potential serious adverse effects of the vaccine, including death. Court order and proofs given by the Plaintiffs Sh. Prakash Pohare had proved that the accused Adar Poonawalla, Cyrus Poonawalla and Serum Institute are guilty of promoting their deadly Covishield vaccine by suppressing its death causing and other serious side effects. The said Covishield vaccine was banned in various European countries due to it's death causing side effect.

The Court also ruled that Adar Poonawallah and SII committed perjury by giving false affidavit. Therefore, Court decided to become the complainant and directed Superintendent of the Court to file complaint case against the Adar Poonawalla, Cyrus Poonawalla and Serum Institute before the Chief Judicial Magistrate.

While Adar Poonawallah and SII face the Court in India, Pfizer faces lawsuits in the USA

A [lawsuit filed by Kansas](#), a state in the USA, alleged that Pfizer promoted that its vaccine was safe and effective while hiding evidence linking the vaccine to myocarditis (inflammation of heart

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muscle), pregnancy complications like abortions and other adverse effects. Kansas also contends Pfizer falsely advertised that its vaccine, developed with BioNTech, was highly effective against new virus variants and could prevent transmission, not just illness. These claims were not based on evidence and later found to be misleading.

In response, Pfizer stated that their representations about the vaccine have been accurate and science-based. The company asserts that the state's case lacks merit and that their vaccine has shown a favourable safety profile, having been administered to over 1.5 billion people globally since December 2020.

While such lawsuits in different parts of the globe, may appear to be a ray of hope for many who were injured or lost their loved ones due to adverse events of the mRNA vaccines in the West, and Covishield (AstraZeneca) in India. the UHO feels guarded optimism on these developments. Lawsuits drag on for years and big pharmaceutical companies have unlimited finances to fight these cases and also influence expert witnesses. The pandemic proved that experts are not above board, as most have huge conflicts of interests either owning shares or getting grants for research to promote their careers. With the dice heavily loaded the trial can drag on with slim chances of getting a clear verdict.

Korean study suggests a slight increase in risk of autoimmune connective tissue disorder SLE

Autoimmune connective disorders are due to a person's own immune system attacking the host tissues and organs instead of attacking foreign proteins. The immune system mistakenly identifies the host tissue as foreign. The deranged immune system causes disorders of skin, muscle, joints and can affect other organs as well. These disorders are due to dysfunction of the body's immune system due to various causes including genetic and environmental, and many unknown factors.

There are recent [concerns](#) that too many doses of the Covid-19 vaccines can cause dysfunction of the immune system. To confirm this we require following up vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals for identifying long term adverse events following vaccination.

A [Korean study published in the prestigious Nature journal](#) reports such a follow up group. This study explores the association of Covid-19 vaccines with autoimmune connective tissue disorders. While the strength of the study is that it followed up a very large number of study participants, 9,258, 803 individuals, the study is limited by the duration of follow up which was only one year. Even in this short duration the study found a slight increase in the rate of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), an autoimmune disease affecting the skin, the joints and sometimes other organs like the kidney. The condition is chronic with no long term cure. More concerning, those who had taken a booster dose, had a more diverse range of autoimmune disorders like, loss of hair, psoriasis, and rheumatoid arthritis. The authors of this paper diplomatically conclude that while vaccination was not associated with increase in most autoimmune disorders, further research is needed regarding its long term side effects. It appears that no one wants to bell the cat and suggest that vaccine can harm. Or perhaps moderation to tone down the adverse effects is essential to get such papers published in medical journals.

We recommend a longer follow up of such studies and transparent reporting of adverse events in

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vaccinated cohorts. We also suggest that our research institutions such as the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), should also launch such large and long term studies. We have the largest cohort of vaccinated and unvaccinated people in the world and with this data dividend we can contribute immensely to the science of vaccines. If there is a will, that is. This seems unlikely as evident from the [ICMR admonishing Banaras Hindu Researchers](#) who attempted to do a follow up study to explore the adverse effects following vaccination.

A preprint shows that Covid and flu vaccines do not reduce hospitalization

A [preprint](#) has re-analyzed data published in Journal of American Medical Academy (JAMA), in 2023. These data pertained to over 11,000 patients admitted either due to Covid-19 or influenza in USA Veteran Hospitals in the fall/winter of 2022-2023. The re-analysis concluded that Covid and flu vaccines do not reduce hospitalization.

The investigators hypothesized that if either of the vaccines (Covid or the flu vaccine), had been efficacious there would be difference in vaccination rates of the two in hospitalized patients.

The paper is a pre-print and has not been peer reviewed yet. However, it is in the public domain and the data has been analyzed in a transparent manner which could be appraised by interested viewers. It would be interesting to see the verdict of peer review of this paper and the journal publishing this paper. Since the pandemic medical journals are hesitant to accept papers questioning the efficacy of vaccines.

PIL on Rotavirus vaccine has been dismissed by Supreme Court

The Supreme Court (SC) has [dismissed](#) a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking data of Phase 3 double blind trials of the Rotavirus Vaccine manufactured by Bharat Biotech. This vaccine is administered to infants to protect from one of the many causes of diarrhea, the rotavirus. The SC dismissed the petition on the grounds of it being a roving inquiry by the petitioner who failed to disclose the entire facts before the court.

The court also stated that it cannot overrule the recommendations of experts appointed by the Government of India in high level technical teams. It stated that the present writ petition was similar to one filed by Dr Jacob Puliyeal earlier in the Delhi High Court and was dismissed on the grounds that it was misconceived and motivated with private interest. Subsequent to this Dr Puliyeal file an appeal before the Supreme Court which also dismissed on the grounds that Dr Puliyeal, being a member of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization, cannot maintain a petition in public interest.

UHO feels that the data (rather than Government appointed experts), should speak for itself. Justice should not only be done but also seen to be done. For this, it is suggested that a PIL should not be required for disclosure of clinical trials data. These should be in public domain for appraisal and analysis by interested parties. This is the level of transparency in matters of public health which is urgently required.

In a bizarre turn of events, a whole village in Chhattisgarh administered anti-rabies vaccine!

More than 150 villagers in Kanker in Chhattisgarh have been [administered the anti-rabies vaccine](#) .

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The villagers had taken part in a religious ritual where “Prasad” was prepared from a raw milk of cows who were bitten by a rabid dog. Others who came for the “Puja” are also being contacted and interrogated. The cows died 90 days after being bitten by the rabid dog. On the apprehension that those exposed to the raw milk of these cows may contract rabies, the mass vaccination campaign in the village was implemented.

Research by UHO members have thrown up mixed messages. While an [earlier recommendation](#) mentions a theoretical risk of transmission of rabies by drinking untreated milk of rabid animals and advised vaccination for such exposures, the most recent recommendation from WHO has stated that there is [no evidence for this route of transmission](#) of rabies and vaccination post exposure of those who consume raw milk of rabid cows is not recommended. According to the WHO, there is no evidence of rabies virus in raw milk of rabid cows.

UHO would like our policy makers and health experts to be abreast with the latest evidence from the WHO which would save the cost of unnecessary vaccination, discomfort to the vaccine recipients and potential side effects. It is time that our policy maker practice, “evidence based medicine.”

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