## Newsletter 15: A Cervical Cancer Vaccine or an HPV Vaccine?

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Australia is one of the first countries to offer the HPV vaccine to all adolescent boys and girls in school programs. Yet there are many uncertainties about this vaccine that are not being revealed to the public. I will list here the unknown factors about the HPV vaccine that were published in a referenced Letter to the Editor of the *Infectious Agents and Cancer* Journal in February 2013 (Tomljenovic et al 2013):

- HPV has not been demonstrated to prevent a single case of cervical cancer or any death to cervical cancer.
- Any high-risk HPV infection rarely progresses to cancer or warts (Australian Gov,
  2005)
- There are 15 high-risk HPV strains and the vaccine only protects against 2
- The manufacturer of the vaccine, Merck Ltd, sponsored the clinical trials and aluminium adjuvant was used as the placebo in the unvaccinated group. This compound is linked to allergies, anaphylaxis and autoimmune diseases and is not a suitable placebo to compare the adverse reactions between vaccinated and unvaccinated participants.
- HPV vaccine is neither safer nor more effective than pap-smear screening and women will still need screening even if vaccinated – because the vaccine will not protect all women.
- Gardasil is responsible for 61% of serious adverse events that have been reported from all vaccines. It is responsible for 63.8% of all reported deaths and 81.2% of cases of disability (from vaccines) in females younger than 30 years of age.
- HPV vaccination policy is being made on information that is promoted solely by the vaccine manufacturers.

The above statements can be confirmed in this article by Tomljenovic et al 2013 <a href="http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content/pdf/1750-9378-8-6.pdf">http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content/pdf/1750-9378-8-6.pdf</a>

Selective information is being used to promote this unproven vaccine as a cervical cancer vaccine. Even Ian Frazer (the Australian inventor of the vaccine) stated in 2011, five years after it was marketed in the US, that "HPV vaccine *may* prevent cervical cancer" (The Australian 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011).

Currently Australia has vaccination policies that are discriminating against health professionals in the workforce and against parents who decide not to use all the recommended vaccines in their children. These policies already infringe upon our right to choose how we care for our bodies (bodily integrity).

If these policies concern you please sign the following petition – My Body / My Choice <a href="http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/My">http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/My</a> Body My Choice/?cDZEidb and pass it on to all your friends. The right to control our own bodies should not be decided in parliament because these decisions are based on politics. Bodily integrity should be enshrined as a fundamental right and protected in a human rights bill with freedom of speech. There is no democracy without these fundamental rights.

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