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A call for HPV vaccination moratorium

To the Honorable Members of the Scottish Petitions Committee:

I am Manuel Martínez-Lavín MD., a rheumatologist and pain researcher. You can view my full credentials below. I became interested in HPV vaccine adverse reactions after taking care of two girls who developed a disabling illness after HPV vaccination. Their disease was characterized by severe chronic widespread pain, profound fatigue and other vexing symptoms that prevented them from attending school. I published their case histories in the medical literature [1]. Similar cases have been reported from Denmark [2] and Japan [3]. As a matter of fact in 2013, the Japanese Health Ministry stopped recommending HPV vaccination while investigating similar serious adverse events.

HPV vaccination syndrome resembles Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Myalgic Encephalomyelitis. These are difficult to diagnose illnesses that have overlapping clinical features. [2-5] Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of practicing physicians are unable to recognize these syndromes. As result of this lack of knowledge, patients may either go undiagnosed or be misdiagnosed as suffering from a figured psychological ailment.

Our group just published the results of an international survey on HPV vaccination syndrome. We collected information from 45 injured individuals living in 13 different countries. Twenty nine percent had their illness onset immediately (within 24 hours) after the HPV jab.

Approximately 4 years after HPV vaccination 93% of these youngsters remain severely ill, and are unable to attend school or work. Their most frequent symptoms are profound fatigue, widespread pain, headache, muscle weakness, fainting, and dizziness [5]. Cases reported from Denmark [2] and Japan [3] have similar clusters of disabling symptoms.

We have proposed the possible mechanisms whereby HPV immunization could induce such severe disease. The vaccine virus-like particles and the aluminum adjuvant could damage key pain-transmitting nerve structures that are also in charge of maintaining blood pressure and other important body functions [4].

There are additional reasons to question the widespread use of this particular vaccine, its efficacy at preventing cervical cancer is inference based. There is no factual evidence demonstrating HPV vaccine effectiveness [4].

As result of this mounting knowledge, I strongly advocate for a HPV vaccination moratorium until the real vaccine adverse reactions are correctly appraised. I also suggest that a Medical Task Force is formed in order to carefully study those individuals who experienced the onset of a chronic illness soon after HPV immunization. Such persons can be easily identified through the concerned mother's internet blogs that have sprouted from many countries.

It is time for action. Many perfectly healthy girls have become chronically ill as result of this misguided HPV vaccination protocol.

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