

## Scientific Medical Journal, Publication of Report and Stress during COVID-19 Pandemic

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### Abstract

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### Case study

When there is a submission of a paper for publication to a medical journal. The authors wrote about the ideas on the possible effect of new COVID-19 vaccine on reproductive health. The authors discuss on chance of infertility induction. The editor gives a reason that “*Your correspondence ..... is definitely not acceptable for publication .....It is pure speculation and a dangerous one at that. It has the potential to have a major impact on vaccination against COVID-19 as well as all other vaccination processes...*”

### Discussion

Examples are interesting and might or might not occur at any setting. The role of medical editor to select and publish scientific article is important. However, there are some conflicts at some times. The COVID-19 pandemic becomes a big stress. Sometimes, a local situation is very labile and the publication of some articles might have great social impacts. Although a

report present a real scientific contents, its might be further misinterpreted by some bad persons and cause fake news pandemic. The best example is a social media virals after a misinterpretation of a published article on COVID-19 infection in a forensic worker by a news reporter and rapidly spread itto the public. Indeed, it might be difficultfor a medical editor to reject a paper due to this hidden agenda. However, it might be necessary to do due to several reasons, which might include local legal regulation on publication. On the other, this phenomenon might preventthe transparency in scientific communities. The scientific fact might be suppressed. Indeed, this might be an explanation for unbelievable low number of COVID cases in some settings [1]. If there is a real problem, it might be more problematic when it finally bloomed out.

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