

Review: Andrew J. Wakefield, *Callous Disregard: Autism and Vaccines – The Truth Behind a Tragedy*, Skyhorse Publishing, NY, 2010 (2017 edn.)

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Medical Industrial Complex Destroys Doctor

Dr Andrew Wakefield marshals all the evidence surrounding his ill-fated 1998 *Lancet* paper which concluded an association between MMR shots and gut disease in twelve referred children, and that further investigation was warranted.

The MIC propaganda is notorious, that Wakefield: was paid by a law firm suing over MMR damage; cherry-picked the study's children; behaved unethically; and claimed MMR caused autism. Furthermore, that he was the cause of the modern 'anti-vaxx' movement, and his paper caused a sharp drop in MMR vaccine which led to many preventable deaths.

Wakefield documents the falsity of the above, including his show trial before the U.K.'s General Medical Council which found him guilty of "callous disregard". Also, that the U.K. government is the irresponsible actor, in approving dangerous Trivirix MMR shots previously banned in Canada from adverse reactions.

The material is thorough and gives great insight into how 'the system' must operate under duress of its benefactors, up to and including the destruction of medicine itself to preserve the status quo.

Preface (pp. i-ii)

In 1987, The U.K. Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) were urging rapid product licences for three MMR vaccines.

The Committee on Safety of Medicines accepts positive rechallenge as evidence of causal relationships.

While autism may have multiple causes, there must be one main single initiating factor.

Foreword (pp. iii-iv)

Autistic children suffer from severe bowel pain, and often regress shortly after vaccination.

Prologue (pp. 1-8)

In nine of the twelve children studied, regression followed MMR vaccine.

A Vioxx litigation case in Australia revealed Merck's strategy against doctors who questioned safety:

“We may need to seek them out and destroy them where they live.”

Toyota hired ex-government regulators to kill at least four investigations into problems with its U.S. cars.

In 1991, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services began secretly settling cases of vaccine-caused autism.

I) That Paper (pp. 9-23)

Colitis is inflammation of the large intestine.

Lymphoid nodular hyperplasia (LNH) is intestinal lining lymph gland swelling

The *terminal ileum* is the last part of the small intestine.

Child PH: loss of developmental milestones and coordination which changed into an awkward gate. His father urged his wife not to mention MMR as they were being discriminated against by doctors who thought she was crazy.

A *case series* study describes a group of patients with a similar diagnosis in which an unusual feature is identified. This is done in order to form new hypothesis. It does *not* seek to test causality.

Thalidomide caused babies to be born with phocomelia (absent limbs).

The U.S. vaccine court ruled Bailey Banks autism was caused by MMR, based on an MRI scan 16 days after the shot.

Child RT: Two weeks after MMR, aged 4.5 years, he “disappeared”, started head banging and negative behaviours.

The GMC has never brought any charge of scientific fraud against Wakefield.

II) The Children (pp. 24-48)

Fecal and urinary incontinence is indicated in regression post-MMR.

Standard care for gut inflammation is Salazopyrin.

Child 3: Age 14 months, 2 days post-MMR began head banging and had fever and rash. At 15 months he started hand flapping, became aggressive, and lost speech. **By age 12 his parents had to place him in permanent care!**

Child 5: MMR at 18 months; within two months he began making strange noises and became socially withdrawn.

Child 6 and 7 (brothers): the elder began convulsing within 2 weeks of MMR and had rectal bleeding.

Hyperacusis is excessive sound sensitivity.

Child 10: MMR at 12 mths; at 16 mths developed rash, vomiting, reduced consciousness and loss of eye contact.

Raised methylmalonic acid (MMA) in urine is an indication of B12 metabolite disorder.

Cerebellar ataxia is uncoordination due to cerebellum damage, and is a complication of MMR.

Sadly, most of the *Lancet 12* children are now institutionalised.

Asperger syndrome was first published 1944 from four boys: lack of empathy; poor ability to form friendships; one-sided conversation; intense absorption in a special interest; clumsy movements.

III) The Dean's Dilemma (pp. 49-64)

IV) The Whistleblower (pp. 65-76)

In 1986, Canada introduced Trivirix MMR containing the Urabe AM-9 mumps strain. It was withdrawn in July 1998 for safety reasons, but was granted approval in the U.K. under a different name (*Pluserix*).

Merck Sharpe & Dohme made a 'safer' vaccine MMR-II containing the Jeryl Lynn strain.

A female employee of SmithKline Beecham re: U.K. *Pluserix* approval: "we are immunising the children and the government is immunising us." [p68]

V) Ethics and the Masses (pp. 77-82)

An experimental MR-only vaccine was given to 8M U.K. schoolchildren in November 1994, justified by a *mathematical prediction* [!] of a measles epidemic.

From a 1992 risk assessment in New York, it was known that 5 in 2,789 MMR boosters cause deadly anaphylaxis.

The GMC found Wakefield guilty of not having Ethics Committee approval for sampling children's blood at his son's birthday party in exchange for £5 each.

VI) The Dean's Press Briefing (pp. 83-100)

"Loss of trust in the regulatory agencies is inevitable."

At age one the immune system is still not fully developed, which is why challenge by three live viral attenuated strains may cause side effects.

VII) Horton and *The Lancet* (pp. 101-116)

Ten of the paper's authors published a letter of retraction of association on 3/6/04.

VIII) Horton's Evidence (pp. 117-132)

At the GMC hearing, *Lancet* editor Dr Richard Horton believed Wakefield's relationship with lawyer Barr had started since the paper's publication, that there was clear blue water of three or four months.

Horton issued a full retraction of the paper after the GMC findings in 2010: the description of the children as "consecutively referred" is false or misleading and they were really self-referred.

IX) The Devil's in the Detail (pp. 133-142)

In 1908, Viennese remedial educator Theodore Heller described *dementia infantilis* (Heller's Disease [HD]), which later became Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD).

ICD-10 acknowledges uncertainty between CDD and autism.

HD describes skill lost from ages 2-10: language; self-care; play; motor; bowel and bladder control. There is also repetitive behaviour and communication breakdown.

HD can't be diagnosed by symptoms prior to thirty months.

30% of children suffer language loss in autism.

Autism is associate with *in utero* measles exposure.

Ataxia can occur at 1 in 1,000 for MMR shots.

X) Bedlam' or Bonaparte (pp. 143-168)

The GMC alleged lumbar puncture (LP) was not warranted fort autism diagnosis.

LP is needle insertion into the spine vertebrae gap to extract cerebral spinal fluid (CSF), which can indicate inflammation or metabolic abnormality.

Mitochondria defects (“mito”) cause the brain to rely on anaerobic metabolism which builds lactate, identifiable in CSF.

The Royal Free hospital abandoned LP as routine clinical procedure from 1997.

The Genetic Model of autism had led to disappointment.

XI) Disclosure (pp. 169-180)

1997 disclosure rules were in the active voice.

None of the Lancet 12 were involved in litigation at the time of the paper.

XII) Deer (pp. 181-222)

Child 8 suffered a *grand mal* seizure 2 weeks after MMR causing permanent disability.

Wakefield: “Vaccination is designed to protect the majority at the expense of the minority.” (p206)

XIII) Poisoning Young Minds (pp. 223-232)

PANDAS is Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal infections.

Elsevier owns *The Lancet* and 500 other medical and scientific journals. It created six fake journals funded by Merck in order to promote Vioxx.

XIV) Ethics, Evidence and the Death of Medicine (pp. 233-246)

The GMC prosecution must have withheld evidence of EC 162-95 approval for The Lancet 12.

As a result of Wakefield’s persecution, the chilling effect will force doctors into a mode of safe mediocrity.

Epilogue (pp. 247-266)

Postscript (pp. 267-270)