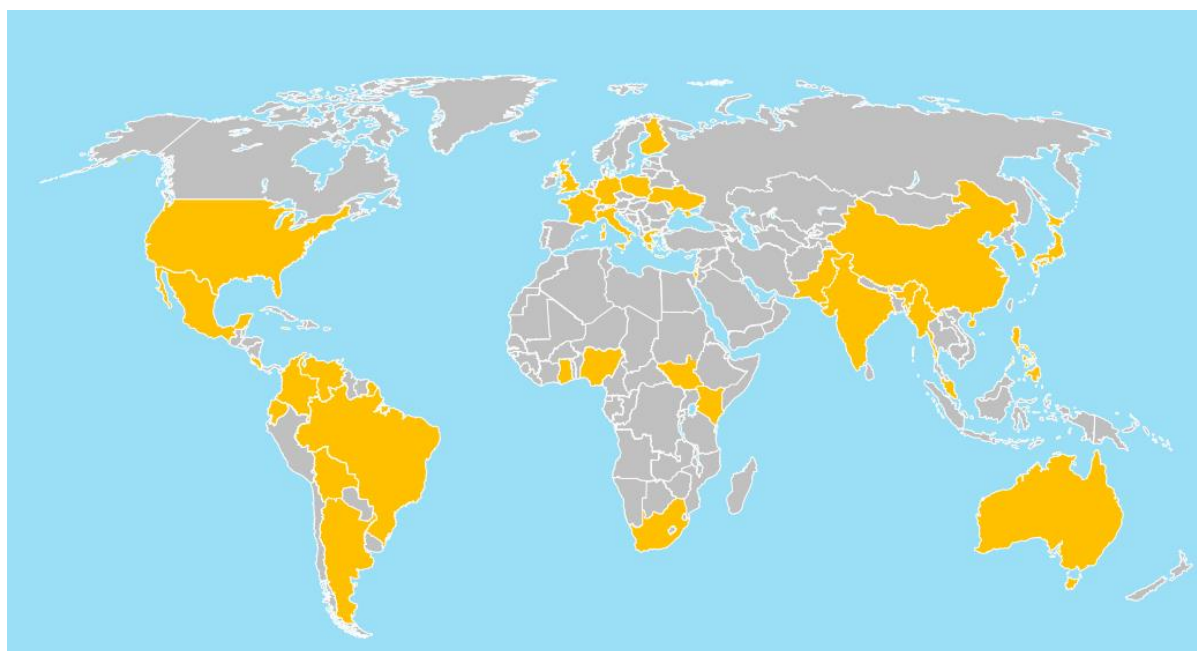


# Medical Product Quality Report – **COVID-19 vaccine** issues

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Countries linked to incidents of substandard, falsified or diverted COVID-19 vaccines on the Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe.

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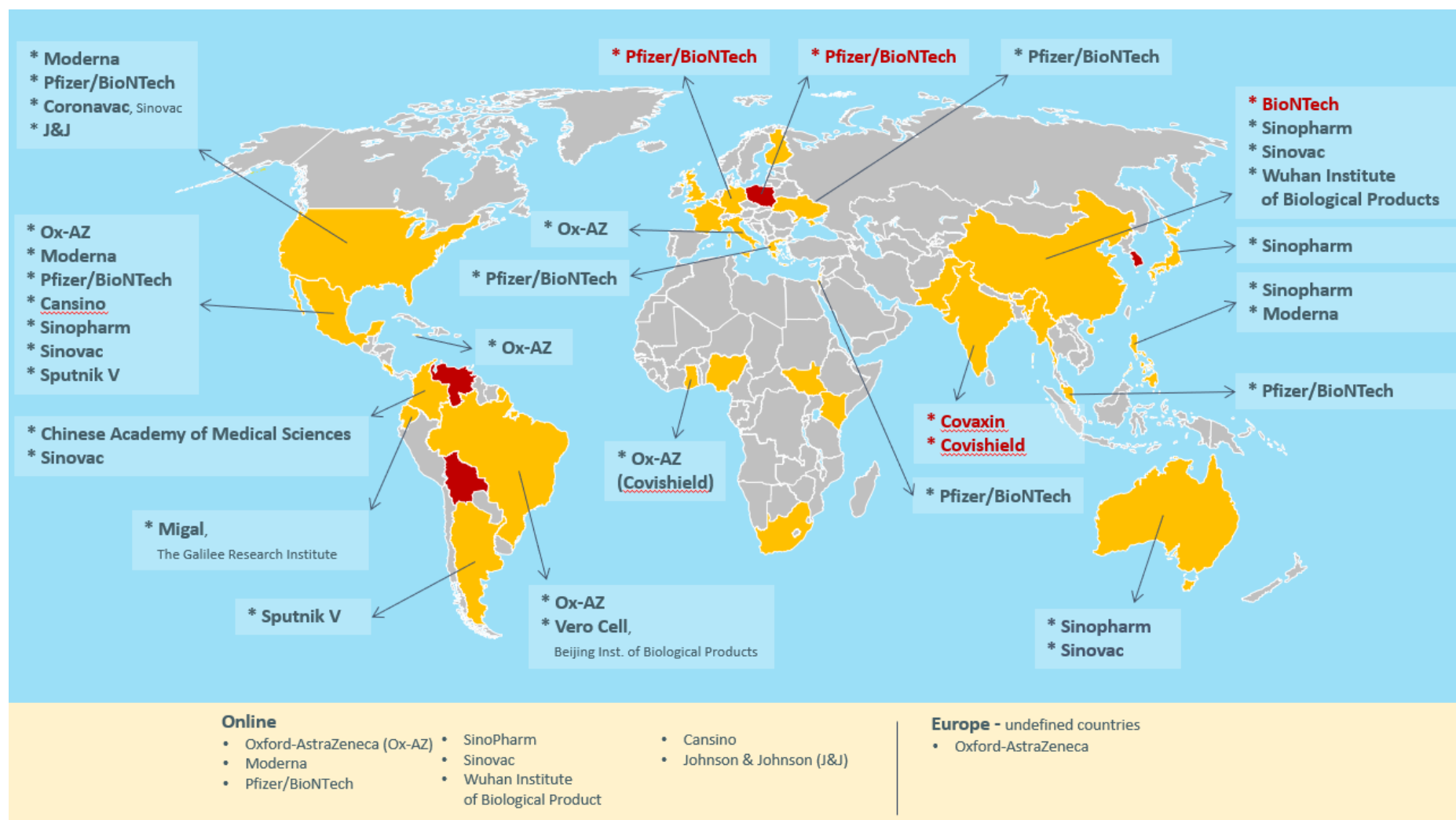
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## Summary

COVID-19 vaccines are vital interventions to help end the pandemic. However, with severe issues with equitable global access, falsified, substandard (especially degraded) and diverted vaccines are becoming an increasing global public health problem, leading to vulnerable communities thinking that they are protected when they are not. In order to facilitate our understanding of such reports and to inform interventions, we summarise reports in the public domain relevant to diverted, substandard and falsified (SF) COVID-19 vaccines since the start of the pandemic. This report is cumulative, [the last report](#) was published in April 2021 and included information identified up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Newly added information in this report, since the last issue, is indicated in red.

In total between 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 we found, excluding duplicates, 109 reports of diverted or SF COVID-19 vaccines from 35 countries in the lay press (see Figure 1). When the vaccines were stated as unauthorised copies of approved vaccines, they were copies of products from Pfizer/BioNTech (12), AstraZeneca (7), Sinovac (5), Sinopharm (5), Moderna (4), Sputnik V (2), and Johnson & Johnson (1), and were reported online and/or from 12 countries (Australia, Brazil, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, USA, Ukraine). Nineteen of the lay press articles discussed missing or diverted COVID-19 vaccine doses. Errors in cold chain can lead to degradation and reduced vaccine potency of genuine and diverted products. Not only SF COVID-19 vaccine doses are being sold illegally. Empty COVID-19 vaccine vials are available for sale as well, facilitating the efforts of criminal groups to produce falsified vaccines.

Inequitable access is highly likely to fuel the occurrence of such incidents, negating the global good on health and economy of these remarkable vaccines. We urgently need joined-up interventions to reduce the risk of SF COVID-19 vaccines on global public health, through significant enhancements in global capacity for their prevention, detection and response.



**Figure 1. Countries with public reports on diverted, substandard or falsified COVID-19 vaccines in the lay press.**

Countries linked to incidents are indicated in orange or red. The red shaded countries are those for which there were no incidents reported in the previous issues of this report. For the orange shaded countries at least one incident has been reported in a previous issue. If a public report mentions a product name or a company, these details are indicated on the map, with in red the information that was added since the last issue. Ox-AZ: Oxford-AstraZeneca, and J&J: Johnson & Johnson. Source of the information - see Table 1 and 2.

# 1. Introduction

It is hoped that the deployment of COVID-19 vaccines, combined with other public health interventions, will reduce the incidence of COVID-19 infections and help end the pandemic. The storage and distribution of these vaccines is a major logistical challenge. Additional, but so far neglected, issues are substandard and falsified (SF) and diverted COVID-19 vaccines, a high risk globally, especially in low and middle income countries.

There have been numerous reports over the last two decades of vaccine falsification (aka counterfeiting), for example, rabies, cholera, meningitis, yellow fever and hepatitis B vaccines and degradation due to storage and transport at inappropriate temperatures. These risk impairing the effectiveness of vaccination programs, increasing mortality, morbidity and economic harm, engendering further viral mutants, confuse and alarm communities, and damage public confidence in immunization programs, reducing vaccine uptake. Major current risks for the implementation of COVID-19 vaccines include falsification and diversion fuelled by impaired access and the vital need for them globally, especially in the face of inequitable distribution. Vaccine degradation (included in the term substandard by WHO<sup>1</sup>) is also a major risk without robust regulated supply chains.

Here, we summarise reports in the public domain, relevant to SF COVID-19 vaccines, since the start of the pandemic. We describe SF vaccine incident reports, warnings issued by international organisations and through the scientific literature and regulatory alerts. The incidents highlighted in this report are not exhaustive and we are continuing to collate more reports. We also include reports of theft and diversion of COVID-19 vaccines from legitimate supply chains. It is highly likely that diverted vaccines will not be stored appropriately and their use is likely to result in people being unprotected when they think they are. The report aims to aid national medicine regulators, international organizations, vaccine manufacturers and distributors, and civil society by summarising the current public domain literature, to inform action and policy.

This report is cumulative and is updated monthly. Newly added reports are indicated in red font. This vaccine-orientated report is complementary to the larger report we issue monthly on issues with SF medical products for COVID-19 (see [on the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory webpage](#))<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organisation. Appendix 3 WHO member state mechanism on substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit (SSFFC) medical products working definitions. In: Seventieth World Health Assembly. 2017. Accessed April 8, 2021. [https://www.who.int/medicines/regulation/ssffc/A70\\_23-en1.pdf?ua=1](https://www.who.int/medicines/regulation/ssffc/A70_23-en1.pdf?ua=1)

<sup>2</sup> Infectious Diseases Data Observatory. Medical Product Quality Reports. Published 2020. Accessed April 8, 2021. <https://www.iddo.org/mq/research/medical-product-quality-reports>.

The [Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe system](#)<sup>3</sup> was developed by Clark Freifeld (HealthMap, Boston Children's Hospital, North Eastern University) and Andrew Payne (IDDO), Alberto Olliaro (IDDO) and Gareth Blower (ex-IDDO) with curation of the reports by Konnie Bellingham, Inthaphavanh Kitignavong and Vayouly Vidhamaly, linked to the Lao-Oxford-Mahosot Hospital-Wellcome Trust Research Unit (LOMWRU), Microbiology Laboratory, Mahosot Hospital, Vientiane, Lao PDR and by Thi Ngan Do, Jingying Xu and Ana Rosado Olmo (part of the Medicine Quality Research Group, IDDO).

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## 2. Reports of SF COVID-19 vaccine incidents in the lay press

### 2.1 Methodology

The reports presented here were extracted from the Medicines Quality Monitoring Globe ([the MQM Globe is accessible on the IDDO website<sup>4</sup>](#)), a system that scrapes online newspapers (referenced in Google News) for early warnings of SF medical products. Any article describing recalls, seizures, diversions, thefts, scams, degradation, adulteration or contamination of COVID-19 vaccines, cases of patients suffering adverse effects/lack of efficacy after taking a COVID-19 vaccine suspected to be substandard or falsified (SF)<sup>5</sup> will be included.

The reports cited in Table 1 (covering 2020) and Table 2 (covering 2021) are all reports on diverted or SF COVID-19 vaccines that were published up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021 and present in the Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe (MQM Globe)<sup>6</sup>. The MQM Globe contains publicly available information on the quality of medical products from non-peer-reviewed lay literature ([Please consult the IDDO website for full methodology](#)). We include data that were published in English. For articles in French, Spanish, Mandarin, and Vietnamese in 2020, please consult the online MQM Globe. For 2021 we include articles in French, Spanish, Vietnamese and/or Chinese if the incident was not reported in the English lay press.

With the information provided in the articles, it is not always possible to make the distinction between cases of financial scams, SF COVID-19 vaccines or diverted COVID-19 vaccines. We aim at including incidents in which it is likely that a physical product claimed to be a vaccine is involved. When the article clearly states that the offers are pure financial scams (without a physical purported vaccine), we do not include the article: for example, criminals offering COVID-19 vaccines through a fake website<sup>7</sup> or COVID-19 vaccines sold over the phone<sup>8</sup> for which it is clearly established that it concerns a scam in which criminals are after personal details and money. In case of doubt and the possibility of a physical product behind the offer, we include the article: for example, vaccines are offered online or by phone but we cannot exclude that there is a physical product behind the offer because it is not mentioned in the article or no investigation has been done.

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<sup>4</sup> Infectious Diseases Data Observatory. Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe. Web Page. Published 2020. Accessed April 8, 2020. <https://www.iddo.org/medicine-quality-monitoring-globe>

<sup>5</sup> We use the terminology for different types of poor quality medical products as defined by the World Health Organisation: World Health Organisation. Appendix 3 WHO MEMBER STATE MECHANISM ON SUBSTANDARD/SPURIOUS/FALSELY-LABELLED/FALSIFIED/COUNTERFEIT (SSFFC) MEDICAL PRODUCTS WORKING DEFINITIONS. In: Seventieth World Health Assembly. ; 2017. Accessed March 2, 2021. [https://www.who.int/medicines/regulation/ssffc/A70\\_23-en1.pdf?ua=1](https://www.who.int/medicines/regulation/ssffc/A70_23-en1.pdf?ua=1)

<sup>6</sup> Infectious Diseases Data Observatory. Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe. Web Page. Published 2020. Accessed April 8, 2021. <https://www.iddo.org/medicine-quality-monitoring-globe>

<sup>7</sup> For example: CBS Baltimore. 3 Maryland Men Charged With Creating Fraudulent Website To Sell COVID-19 Vaccines . CBS Baltimore. <https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2021/02/11/3-maryland-men-face-federal-charges-for-fraud-scheme-to-sell-covid-19-vaccine/>. Published February 11, 2021. Accessed March 11, 2021.

<sup>8</sup> For example: Lenahan I. COVID-19 vaccine phone scam: Rye police alert residents of bogus calls. Seacoastonline. <https://eu.seacoastonline.com/story/news/local/2021/02/15/covid-19-vaccine-phone-scam-rye-police-alert-residents-bogus-calls/4488304001/>. Published February 15, 2021. Accessed March 11, 2021.

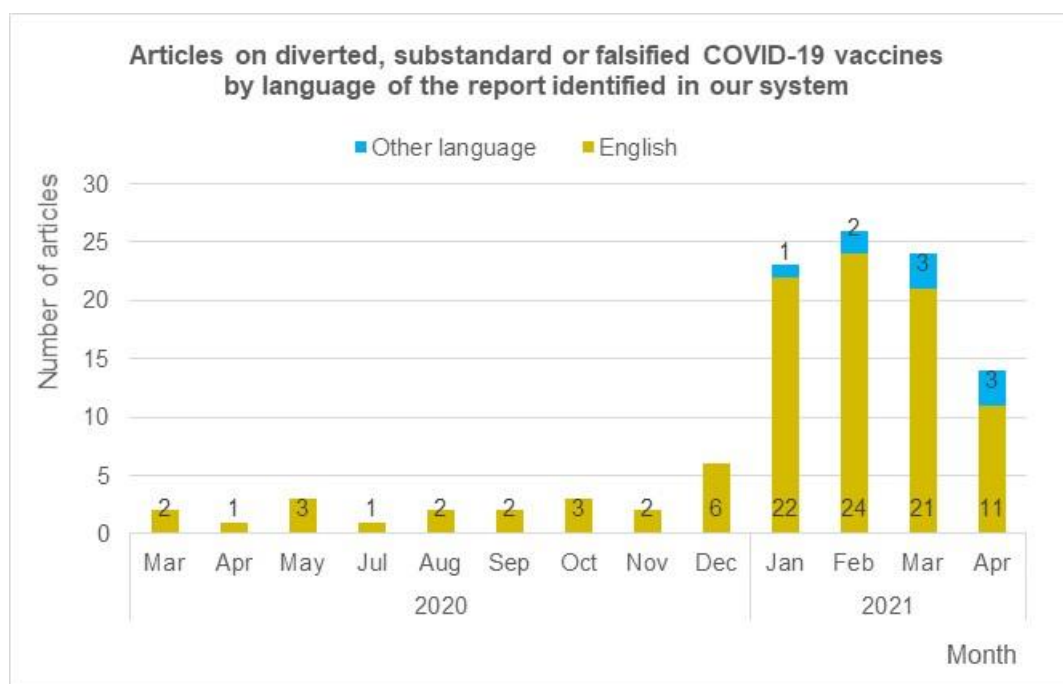


We report the information as it is stated in the identified articles and can thus be biased towards the authors perspective. It does not necessarily reflect our vision or judgment on the issue. Also, this press information usually will not have scientific confirmation. Therefore, the information needs to be interpreted with the greatest caution. We regard the reports as early warnings of potential problems.

## 2.2 Incidents since the beginning of the pandemic

Between 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 we found, excluding duplicates, 109 reports of incidents with diverted, substandard or falsified COVID-19 vaccines linked to 35 different countries and/or online (see Figure 2): 22 reports were published in 2020 (see Table 1), 87 reports were published in 2021 (see Table 2). Nineteen of the reports deal with missing or diverted vaccines and seven with degradation.

Unauthorised copies of approved COVID-19 vaccines of the Pfizer/BioNTech (12), AstraZeneca (7), Sinovac (5), Sinopharm (5), Moderna (4), Sputnik V (2), and Johnson & Johnson (1) were reported from 12 countries (Australia, Brazil, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, USA, Ukraine) and online.



**Figure 2. Incidents of diverted, substandard or falsified COVID-19 vaccines on the Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe.**

Reports date from 12 March 2020 until 30 April 2021. We count here only one report per incident– there are many other reports describing these issues.



**Table 1. Reports from 2020 on substandard, falsified or diverted COVID-19 vaccines available in the Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe, in chronological order.** Reports date from 12 March 2020 until 31 December 2020. We list here only one report per incident– there are many other reports describing these issues but we have not included them unless they provide additional relevant information. We only included in this table articles from the English lay press.

2020					
Publication date	Location	Product/ organization	Title	MQM Globe report ID	URL <sup>9</sup>
12 March 2020	India	-	Maharashtra: Three held for administering fake coronavirus vaccines	487568	<a href="https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/maharashtra-three-held-for-administering-fake-coronavirus-vaccines-812962.html">https://www.deccanherald.com/national/west/maharashtra-three-held-for-administering-fake-coronavirus-vaccines-812962.html</a>
23 March 2020	USA	-	US Court Blocks Website Selling Fake #COVID19 Vaccine	497263	<a href="https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/us-court-blocks-fake-covid-19/">https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/us-court-blocks-fake-covid-19/</a>
30 April 2020	USA	-	Man busted for selling fake coronavirus vaccine in Washington	549794	<a href="https://mynorthwest.com/1847021/coronavirus-vaccine-scam-washington/">https://mynorthwest.com/1847021/coronavirus-vaccine-scam-washington/</a>
01 May 2020	Online	-	Blood of coronavirus survivors sold on the dark web as 'makeshift vaccine'	550753	<a href="https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/5550884/coronavirus-vaccine-blood-dark-web/">https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/5550884/coronavirus-vaccine-blood-dark-web/</a>
23 May 2020	USA	-	US FDA issues warning letters to two groups for selling fake COVID-19 vaccines	578176	<a href="https://www.republicworld.com/world-news/us-news/us-fda-issues-warning-to-two-groups-for-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines.html">https://www.republicworld.com/world-news/us-news/us-fda-issues-warning-to-two-groups-for-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines.html</a>
27 May 2020	Ecuador	<b>Migal, The Galilee Research Inst.</b>	Fake Israeli coronavirus vaccine being sold in South America	582392	<a href="https://www.jpost.com/health-science/fake-coronavirus-vaccine-with-hebrew-label-being-sold-in-south-america-629416">https://www.jpost.com/health-science/fake-coronavirus-vaccine-with-hebrew-label-being-sold-in-south-america-629416</a>
13 July 2020	USA	-	US attorney shuts down Louisville man's website advertising fake coronavirus vaccine	646267	<a href="https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2020/07/13/louisville-man-advertised-fake-coronavirus-vaccine/5431942002/">https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2020/07/13/louisville-man-advertised-fake-coronavirus-vaccine/5431942002/</a>
13 August 2020	Online, China	* Sinovac * Wuhan Inst. of Biological Products	Fake pre-orders for coronavirus vaccines found in China	688388	<a href="https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3987217">https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3987217</a>
21 August 2020	Online, China	* Sinopharm * Sinovac	Authorities warn against illegal COVID-19 vaccines and medication sold online	723320	<a href="https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-22/border-force-warn-against-importing-coronavirus-vaccines/12581996">https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-22/border-force-warn-against-importing-coronavirus-vaccines/12581996</a>
11 September 2020	Online	-	Darknet Dealers are Selling COVID-19 Test Kits for Thousands of Dollars	723812	<a href="https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/akzpv5/covid-19-rapid-test-kits-for-sale-dark-web">https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/akzpv5/covid-19-rapid-test-kits-for-sale-dark-web</a>
26 September 2020	India	-	Fake COVID-19 Vaccine Manufacturing Unit Busted In Bargarh	742841	<a href="https://odishatv.in/odisha-news/fake-covid-19-vaccine-manufacturing-unit-busted-in-bargarh-478473">https://odishatv.in/odisha-news/fake-covid-19-vaccine-manufacturing-unit-busted-in-bargarh-478473</a>
02 October 2020	Myanmar	-	Myanmar Health Chiefs Warn Against Fake COVID-19 Vaccines	750450	<a href="https://www.irrawaddy.com/specials/myanmar-covid-19/myanmar-health-chiefs-warn-fake-covid-19-vaccines.html">https://www.irrawaddy.com/specials/myanmar-covid-19/myanmar-health-chiefs-warn-fake-covid-19-vaccines.html</a>

<sup>9</sup> Over time some URLs might not work anymore, and in that case one can find a summary/extract of the article [on the online MQM Globe](#) using 'reportID:XXXXXX' in the search box.

<b>13 October 2020</b>	Brazil	<b>Oxford- AstraZeneca</b>	Sales of fake Covid-19 vaccine in Brazil reported	764662	<a href="https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&amp;id=60698&amp;SEO=sales-of-fake-covid-19-vaccine-in-brazil-reported">https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&amp;id=60698&amp;SEO=sales-of-fake-covid-19-vaccine-in-brazil-reported</a> <a href="https://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/miscellaneous/covid-19/fake-covid-19-vaccine-sold-in-brazils-city-of-niteroi-regulatory-body-alerts/">Accessible duplicate article</a> <a href="https://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/miscellaneous/covid-19/fake-covid-19-vaccine-sold-in-brazils-city-of-niteroi-regulatory-body-alerts/">https://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/miscellaneous/covid-19/fake-covid-19-vaccine-sold-in-brazils-city-of-niteroi-regulatory-body-alerts/</a>
<b>30 October 2020</b>	Online	-	FDA Warns Of Bogus Coronavirus Vaccines And Treatments Being Sold Online	787356	<a href="https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/10/30/fda-warns-of-bogus-coronavirus-vaccines-and-treatments-being-sold-online/">https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/10/30/fda-warns-of-bogus-coronavirus-vaccines-and-treatments-being-sold-online/</a>
<b>11 November 2020</b>	Online	-	Dark Web Has Become a Market place for 'Vaccines' and Other Pandemic Scams	835199	<a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-11/dark-web-has-become-a-marketplace-for-vaccines-and-other-pandemic-scams?sref=Pqfp0AgC">https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-11/dark-web-has-become-a-marketplace-for-vaccines-and-other-pandemic-scams?sref=Pqfp0AgC</a>
<b>13 November 2020</b>	Online, Australia	* <b>Sinopharm</b> * <b>Sinovac</b>	COVID-19 vaccines selling for \$24k on black market	803482	<a href="https://www.noosanews.com.au/news/covid-19-vaccines-selling-for-24k-on-black-market/4139565/">https://www.noosanews.com.au/news/covid-19-vaccines-selling-for-24k-on-black-market/4139565/</a>
<b>04 December 2020</b>	Online	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	Darknet Drug Dealers Are Now Selling 'Pfizer COVID Vaccines'	830853	<a href="https://www.vice.com/en/article/akdkkg/darknet-drug-dealers-are-now-selling-pfizer-covid-vaccines">https://www.vice.com/en/article/akdkkg/darknet-drug-dealers-are-now-selling-pfizer-covid-vaccines</a>
<b>11 December 2020</b>	Online	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	Covid vaccine: Scammers are flogging fake coronavirus jabs on the dark web for £230	841777	<a href="https://www.mirror.co.uk/tech/covid-vaccine-scammers-flogging-fake-23151276">https://www.mirror.co.uk/tech/covid-vaccine-scammers-flogging-fake-23151276</a>
<b>21 December 2020</b>	Philippines	<b>Sinopharm</b>	Locsin says reported COVID-19 vaccine in Binondo could be fake, just 'dextrose'	855225	<a href="https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/768836/locsin-says-reported-covid-19-vaccine-in-binondo-could-be-fake-just-dextrose/story/">https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/768836/locsin-says-reported-covid-19-vaccine-in-binondo-could-be-fake-just-dextrose/story/</a>
<b>23 December 2020</b>	Brazil	<b>Vero Cell,</b> Beijing Institute of Biological Products	Creative Professional Says He Saw Street Vendor Selling a False Vaccine in Rio for \$R50	890939	<a href="https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/internacional/en/scienceandhealth/2020/12/street-vendors-sell-fake-vaccine-against-covid-19-for-r-50-in-rio.shtml">https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/internacional/en/scienceandhealth/2020/12/street-vendors-sell-fake-vaccine-against-covid-19-for-r-50-in-rio.shtml</a>
<b>28 December 2020</b>	South Africa	-	Interpol notes fake Covid-19 vaccine bust in SA	865724	<a href="https://citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/crime/2413293/interpol-notes-fake-covid-19-vaccine-bust-in-sa/">https://citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/crime/2413293/interpol-notes-fake-covid-19-vaccine-bust-in-sa/</a>
<b>31 December 2020</b>	USA	<b>Moderna</b>	Pharmacist Arrested, Accused Of Destroying More Than 500 Moderna Vaccine Doses	895651	<a href="https://www.npr.org/2020/12/31/952536531/pharmacist-arrested-accused-of-destroying-more-than-500-moderna-vaccine-doses?t=1614099235033">https://www.npr.org/2020/12/31/952536531/pharmacist-arrested-accused-of-destroying-more-than-500-moderna-vaccine-doses?t=1614099235033</a>

**Table 2. Reports from 2021 on substandard, falsified or diverted COVID-19 vaccines available in the Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe, in chronological order.**

Incidents in red font are those included for the first time since the last report (until 31<sup>th</sup> March 2021). Reports date from 1 January 2021 until 30 April 2021. We included articles from the Spanish, French, Chinese and/or Vietnamese press if the event was not reported in the English lay press. We list here only one report per incident – there are many other reports describing these issues but we have not included them unless they provide additional relevant information. In the table we only refer to primary incidents described in the report, if the report repeats information on incidents that we already reported on, we do not name it again.

2021						
Publication date	Location	Product/ Organization	Additional information	Title	MQM Globe report ID	URL <sup>10</sup>
<b>JANUARY</b>						
<b>05 January 2021</b>	Online	<b>* Wuhan Institute of Science</b> <b>* Moderna</b> <b>* Pfizer/BioNTech</b> <b>* Oxford-AstraZeneca</b>	-	A COVID-19 shot for \$150? Online scams surge as slow vaccine rollout frustrates	877299	<a href="https://in.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-vaccine-scams/a-covid-19-shot-for-150-online-scams-surge-as-slow-vaccine-rollout-frustrates-idINKBN29A19Z">https://in.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-vaccine-scams/a-covid-19-shot-for-150-online-scams-surge-as-slow-vaccine-rollout-frustrates-idINKBN29A19Z</a>
<b>05 January 2021</b>	Argentina	<b>Sputnik V</b>	degraded	Coronavirus: en Olavarria tuvieron que tirar 400 vacunas que perdieron la cadena de frio ('Due to a cold-chain breakdown 400 doses had to be thrown away')	877565	<a href="https://www.rosario3.com/informaciongeneral/Coronavirus-en-Olavarria-tuvieron-que-tirar-400-vacunas-que-perdieron-la-cadena-de-frio-20210105-0001.html">https://www.rosario3.com/informaciongeneral/Coronavirus-en-Olavarria-tuvieron-que-tirar-400-vacunas-que-perdieron-la-cadena-de-frio-20210105-0001.html</a>
<b>07 January 2021</b>	UK	-	-	Elderly woman, 92, tricked into paying £160 to get fake Covid jab in her own home	881071	<a href="https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/elderly-woman-92-tricked-paying-23282075">https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/elderly-woman-92-tricked-paying-23282075</a>
<b>13 January 2021</b>	Online, Australia	<b>* Moderna</b> <b>* Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	The dark net is being flooded with fraudulent COVID-19 vaccines	890850	<a href="https://www.crikey.com.au/2021/01/14/dark-web-covid-19-vaccine-black-market/">https://www.crikey.com.au/2021/01/14/dark-web-covid-19-vaccine-black-market/</a>
<b>14 January 2021</b>	Mexico, online	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Organized crime in Mexico selling fake Covid-19 vaccines	892039	<a href="https://www.laprensa-latina.com/organized-crime-in-mexico-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines/">https://www.laprensa-latina.com/organized-crime-in-mexico-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines/</a> Original message: <a href="https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/604366/Comunicado_Vacuna_Covid_050121.pdf">https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/604366/Comunicado_Vacuna_Covid_050121.pdf</a>
<b>14 January 2021</b>	USA	<b>Moderna</b>	diverted	Two vials of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine stolen from Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee	936933	<a href="https://eu.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/state/2021/01/14/two-vials-moderna-covid-19-vaccine-stolen-florida-state-hospital-chattahoochee/4156644001/">https://eu.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/state/2021/01/14/two-vials-moderna-covid-19-vaccine-stolen-florida-state-hospital-chattahoochee/4156644001/</a>
<b>15 January 2021</b>	UK	-	-	Shameless fraudster tries to sell 61-year-old woman fake Covid-19 vaccine for £170 in Worksop area	893684	<a href="https://www.worksopguardian.co.uk/news/crime/shameless-fraudster-tries-sell-61-year-old-woman-fake-covid-19-vaccine-ps170-worksop-area-3102846">https://www.worksopguardian.co.uk/news/crime/shameless-fraudster-tries-sell-61-year-old-woman-fake-covid-19-vaccine-ps170-worksop-area-3102846</a>

Over time some URLs might not work anymore, and in that case one can find a summary/extract of the article [on the online MQM Globe](#) using 'reportID:XXXXXX' in the search box.

15 January 2021	Nigeria	-	-	Fake COVID-19 vaccines in circulation, NAFDAC warns	892876	<a href="https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/01/updated-fake-covid-19-vaccines-in-circulation-nafdac-warns/">https://www.vanguardngr.com/2021/01/updated-fake-covid-19-vaccines-in-circulation-nafdac-warns/</a>
18 January 2021	Costa Rica	-	-	Fake Black market COVID-19 Vaccines in Costa Rica	922769	<a href="https://news.co.cr/fake-blackmarket-covid-19-vaccines-in-costa-rica/82725/">https://news.co.cr/fake-blackmarket-covid-19-vaccines-in-costa-rica/82725/</a>
18 January 2021	USA	Moderna	uncertain aetiology	Coronavirus: California calls for pause, investigation after allergic reactions to Moderna vaccine batch	897789	<a href="https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/01/18/coronavirus-california-calls-for-pause-investigation-after-allergic-reactions-to-moderna-vaccine-batch">https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/01/18/coronavirus-california-calls-for-pause-investigation-after-allergic-reactions-to-moderna-vaccine-batch</a>
18 January 2021	Mexico	-	-	Liquid Gold - False COVID-19 Vaccines Emerge in Latin America	897295	<a href="https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/false-covid-vaccines-emerge/">https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/false-covid-vaccines-emerge/</a>
19 January 2021	Mexico	Pfizer/BioNTech	diverted	4 vaccine doses stolen in Mexico, oxygen tanks spark appeal	943497	<a href="https://kstp.com/news/4-vaccine-doses-stolen-in-mexico-oxygen-tanks-spark-appeal/5983681/">https://kstp.com/news/4-vaccine-doses-stolen-in-mexico-oxygen-tanks-spark-appeal/5983681/</a>
20 January 2021	USA	Moderna	degraded	Thousands of Moderna Covid vaccine doses spoil in Maine & Michigan due to temperature control issues	900582	<a href="https://www.rt.com/usa/513082-michigan-maine-moderna-vaccine-ruined/">https://www.rt.com/usa/513082-michigan-maine-moderna-vaccine-ruined/</a>
21 January 2021	Online, USA	CoronaVac, (Sinovac)	-	Leading Indicators Foreshadow COVID-19 Vaccine Scams	902346	<a href="https://securityboulevard.com/2021/01/leading-indicators-foreshadow-covid-19-vaccine-scams/">https://securityboulevard.com/2021/01/leading-indicators-foreshadow-covid-19-vaccine-scams/</a>
21 January 2021	Online	-	-	Sale of Fake COVID-19 Vaccines Grew 400% on the Dark Web	902237	<a href="https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/363880">https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/363880</a>
22 January 2021	USA	-	-	Seller of fake vaccine arrested in Seattle	904241	<a href="https://www.myclallamcounty.com/2021/01/22/seller-of-fake-vaccine-arrested-in-seattle/">https://www.myclallamcounty.com/2021/01/22/seller-of-fake-vaccine-arrested-in-seattle/</a>
22 January 2021	USA	Moderna	diverted	Texas doctor fired, charged with stealing COVID-19 vaccine to give to his friends, family	903988	<a href="https://www.foxnews.com/us/texas-doctor-charged-coronavirus-vaccine-theft-case">https://www.foxnews.com/us/texas-doctor-charged-coronavirus-vaccine-theft-case</a> Articles bringing other elements to the event were published in February: *) Doctors says he was wrongly fired for giving expiring Covid vaccine to his wife : <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/covid-vaccine-expiring-houston-texas-b1801122.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/covid-vaccine-expiring-houston-texas-b1801122.html</a> *) Texas doctor fired for giving away expiring vaccines: <a href="https://www.webmd.com/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine/news/20210214/texas-doctor-fired-for-giving-expiring-vaccines">https://www.webmd.com/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine/news/20210214/texas-doctor-fired-for-giving-expiring-vaccines</a>
25 January 2021	Mexico, online	Moderna	-	Mexico Warns Citizens of Fake COVID-19 Vaccines	907667	<a href="https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/13715-mexico-warns-citizens-of-fake-covid-19-vaccines">https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/13715-mexico-warns-citizens-of-fake-covid-19-vaccines</a> Original message: <a href="https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/608294/Comunicado_Vacuna_Covid_Moderna_220121.pdf">https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/608294/Comunicado_Vacuna_Covid_Moderna_220121.pdf</a>
26 January 2021	UK	-	-	Sick fraudsters inject Scots with fake Covid vaccine for cash in cruel scam	909286	<a href="https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/scottish-news/sick-fraudsters-inject-scots-fake-23389274">https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/scottish-news/sick-fraudsters-inject-scots-fake-23389274</a>
26 January 2021	USA	Moderna	diverted	Polk County 'Paramedic of the Year' arrested in theft of COVID vaccines	936949	<a href="https://www.wfla.com/news/polk-county/judd-polk-county-paramedic-arrested-for-stealing-coronavirus-vaccines/">https://www.wfla.com/news/polk-county/judd-polk-county-paramedic-arrested-for-stealing-coronavirus-vaccines/</a>
27 January 2021	Ecuador	-	-	Ecuador Health Centre 'Gives Fake Covid Jab to 70,000 People'	910241	<a href="https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2021/01/27/ecuador-health-centre-gave-fake-covid-jab-to-70000-people/">https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2021/01/27/ecuador-health-centre-gave-fake-covid-jab-to-70000-people/</a>
29 January 2021	Online	-	-	Covid-19 medicines, PPE, tests and vaccines are being sold on the dark web	913513	<a href="https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-9198535/Covid-19-medicines-PPE-tests-vaccines-sold-dark-web.html">https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-9198535/Covid-19-medicines-PPE-tests-vaccines-sold-dark-web.html</a>
31 January 2021	Finland	-	-	Woman suspected of peddling fake vaccine in southeast Finland	917132	<a href="https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/woman_suspected_of_peddling_fake_vaccine_in_southeast_finland/11765320">https://yle.fi/uutiset/osasto/news/woman_suspected_of_peddling_fake_vaccine_in_southeast_finland/11765320</a>

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01 February 2021	China	-	-	80 held in China over fake Covid-19 vaccines	918486	<a href="https://www.scmp.com/news/china/politics/article/3120083/chinese-police-detain-80-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines">https://www.scmp.com/news/china/politics/article/3120083/chinese-police-detain-80-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines</a>
04 February 2021	Mexico, online	<b>Oxford-AstraZeneca</b>	-	Cofepris alerts about the illicit sale of the AstraZeneca vaccine	924171	<a href="https://www.explica.co/cofepris-alerts-about-the-illicit-sale-of-the-astrazeneca-vaccine/">https://www.explica.co/cofepris-alerts-about-the-illicit-sale-of-the-astrazeneca-vaccine/</a> Original message: <a href="https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/613986/COFEPRIS03022021.pdf">https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/613986/COFEPRIS03022021.pdf</a>
04 February 2021	USA	-	diverted	COVID-19 vaccine doses stolen in Florida after car keys left in ignition	936924	<a href="https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2021/02/04/video-shows-person-of-interest-in-stolen-covid-19-vaccine-investigation-police-say/">https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2021/02/04/video-shows-person-of-interest-in-stolen-covid-19-vaccine-investigation-police-say/</a>
04 February 2021	USA	-	diverted	St. Pete City Council left in the dark on theft of COVID-19 vaccine vials, investigation into fire department employee	936941	<a href="https://www.abccactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/st-pete-city-council-left-in-the-dark-on-theft-of-covid-19-vaccine-vials-investigation-into-fire-department-employee">https://www.abccactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/st-pete-city-council-left-in-the-dark-on-theft-of-covid-19-vaccine-vials-investigation-into-fire-department-employee</a>
08 February 2021	Philippines	-	-	Avoid COVID-19 vaccines from black market, doctors warn	930157	<a href="https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1393684/avoid-vaccines-from-black-market-doctors-warn">https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1393684/avoid-vaccines-from-black-market-doctors-warn</a>
08 February 2021	Online	-	-	Bogus COVID-19 Vaccine Offers Flooding The 'Dark Web'	929197	<a href="https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2021/02/07/dark-web-covid-vaccine-scams/">https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2021/02/07/dark-web-covid-vaccine-scams/</a>
10 February 2021	China	-	-	Over 58,000 Fake COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Busted in China, 600 Doses Sent Overseas	932609	<a href="https://www.urdupoint.com/en/world/over-58000-fake-covid-19-vaccine-doses-buste-1164592.html">https://www.urdupoint.com/en/world/over-58000-fake-covid-19-vaccine-doses-buste-1164592.html</a>
10 February 2021	UK, Italy, Japan	<b>Sinopharm</b> (in Japan)	diverted & other issues	黑市疫苗，为何屡禁不止？ (‘Black market vaccines, why do they persist?’) --> reports on several incidents’)	932480	<a href="https://www.yicai.com/news/100947924.html">https://www.yicai.com/news/100947924.html</a>
11 February 2021	Greece	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	diverted	Greek Police Probe Theft of COVID-19 Vaccine Vial Holding Six Doses	948981	<a href="https://www.thenationalherald.com/archive_general_news_greece/arthro/greek_police_probe_theft_of_covid_19_vaccine_vial_holding_six_doses-1776428/">https://www.thenationalherald.com/archive_general_news_greece/arthro/greek_police_probe_theft_of_covid_19_vaccine_vial_holding_six_doses-1776428/</a>
11 February 2021	USA	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	degraded	About 6,000 COVID Vaccine Doses Potentially Spoiled In OC Due To Refrigerator Malfunction	933403	<a href="https://news.yahoo.com/6-000-covid-vaccine-doses-003325113.html">https://news.yahoo.com/6-000-covid-vaccine-doses-003325113.html</a>
14 February 2021	India	-	-	Woman injects fake COVID-19 vaccine to elderly couple, flees with 8 tola jewellery	940683	<a href="https://www.timesnownews.com/hyderabad/article/woman-injects-fake-covid-19-vaccine-to-elderly-couple-flees-with-8-tola-jewellery-hyderabad/720332">https://www.timesnownews.com/hyderabad/article/woman-injects-fake-covid-19-vaccine-to-elderly-couple-flees-with-8-tola-jewellery-hyderabad/720332</a>
14 February 2021	USA	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	diverted	1,000 COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Stolen From Under Nose of Mayor Kane	943453	<a href="https://bleedingcool.com/tv/1000-covid-19-vaccine-doses-stolen-from-under-nose-of-mayor-kane/">https://bleedingcool.com/tv/1000-covid-19-vaccine-doses-stolen-from-under-nose-of-mayor-kane/</a>
14 February 2021	Philippines	<b>Moderna</b>	-	Rumored Moderna vaccine shipment likely fake, says FDA	939722	<a href="https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1885882/Manila/Local-News/Rumored-Moderna-vaccine-shipment-likely-fake-says-FDA">https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1885882/Manila/Local-News/Rumored-Moderna-vaccine-shipment-likely-fake-says-FDA</a>
15 February 2021	Europe	-	-	EU's anti-fraud agency warns against fake COVID vaccines	941124	<a href="https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/eu-s-anti-fraud-agency-warns-against-fake-covid-vaccines/46371790">https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/eu-s-anti-fraud-agency-warns-against-fake-covid-vaccines/46371790</a>
16 February 2021	Belgium	-	-	Belgium warns against fake Russian vaccines	942342	<a href="https://www.brusselstimes.com/news/belgium-all-news/155115/belgium-warns-against-fake-russian-vaccines-vaccination-taskforce-info-campaign-herd-immunity/">https://www.brusselstimes.com/news/belgium-all-news/155115/belgium-warns-against-fake-russian-vaccines-vaccination-taskforce-info-campaign-herd-immunity/</a>
17 February 2021	South Africa	-	-	Fake Covid-19 vaccines discovered in Gauteng	945211	<a href="https://www.jacarandafm.com/news/news/fake-covid-19-vaccines-discovered-gauteng/">https://www.jacarandafm.com/news/news/fake-covid-19-vaccines-discovered-gauteng/</a> (This incident might be related to the one described in report ID 865724 on 28 December 2020, but not clear if this article mentions an additional warehouse or if it is referring to the same event)

<b>17 February 2021</b>	Brazil	-	air vaccines	'Shots of air': Brazilian health workers accused of giving fake COVID vaccinations with empty syringes	944701	<a href="https://nationalpost.com/news/world/brazil-police-probe-reports-of-coronavirus-vaccine-shots-of-air">https://nationalpost.com/news/world/brazil-police-probe-reports-of-coronavirus-vaccine-shots-of-air</a>
<b>17 February 2021</b>	Mexico	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Mexico Arrests 6 for Trafficking False Coronavirus Vaccines	944948	<a href="https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/mexico-arrests-6-for-trafficking-false-coronavirus-vaccines/2555781/">https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/mexico-arrests-6-for-trafficking-false-coronavirus-vaccines/2555781/</a>
<b>19 February 2021</b>	Colombia	<b>Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (Vero Cell)</b>	-	COVID-19 vaccine counterfeits set off alarms across the globe	947830	<a href="https://www.bioworld.com/articles/503830-covid-19-vaccine-counterfeits-set-off-alarms-across-the-globe">https://www.bioworld.com/articles/503830-covid-19-vaccine-counterfeits-set-off-alarms-across-the-globe</a>
<b>19 February 2021</b>	Italy, online	<b>* Pfizer/BioNTech * Oxford-AstraZeneca</b>	-	Italy probes vaccine scams even as officials court offers	947669	<a href="https://www.theridgefieldpress.com/news/article/Italy-probes-vaccine-scams-even-as-officials-15963865.php">https://www.theridgefieldpress.com/news/article/Italy-probes-vaccine-scams-even-as-officials-15963865.php</a>
<b>21 February 2021</b>	Ukraine	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Covid-19 vaccines hit the black market	950068	<a href="https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/covid-19-vaccines-hit-the-black-market/">https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/covid-19-vaccines-hit-the-black-market/</a>
<b>22 February 2021</b>	Trinidad and Tobago	-	-	Fake COVID vaccines being offered to Trinidad	951551	<a href="https://www.stabroeknews.com/2021/02/22/news/regional/trinidad/fake-covid-vaccines-being-offered-to-trinidad-pm/">https://www.stabroeknews.com/2021/02/22/news/regional/trinidad/fake-covid-vaccines-being-offered-to-trinidad-pm/</a>
<b>23 February 2021</b>	France	-	-	Il se fait passer pour un infirmier et administre un faux vaccin ('He pretends to be a nurse and administers a fake vaccine')	951944	<a href="https://www.alouette.fr/news/bretagne-il-se-fait-passer-pour-un-infirmier-et-administre-un-faux-vaccin-10676">https://www.alouette.fr/news/bretagne-il-se-fait-passer-pour-un-infirmier-et-administre-un-faux-vaccin-10676</a>
<b>25 February 2021</b>	USA	-	degraded	COVID-19 vaccine doses tossed around state, low amounts in Pima County	956586	<a href="https://www.kold.com/2021/02/26/covid-vaccine-doses-tossed-around-state-low-amounts-pima-county/">https://www.kold.com/2021/02/26/covid-vaccine-doses-tossed-around-state-low-amounts-pima-county/</a>
<b>25 February 2021</b>	Europe	<b>Oxford-AstraZeneca</b>	-	Fraudsters offer 400 million 'ghost' COVID vaccines in EU: officials	955619	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-eu-vaccines/fraudsters-offer-400-million-ghost-covid-vaccines-in-eu-officials-idUSKBN2AP1GN">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-eu-vaccines/fraudsters-offer-400-million-ghost-covid-vaccines-in-eu-officials-idUSKBN2AP1GN</a>
<b>26 February 2021</b>	USA	-	-	Vaccine doses may have been stolen at Pipkin Building in early February, Tennessee health department says	957718	<a href="https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/local/coronavirus/2021/02/26/covid-19-vaccines-stolen-in-memphis-shelby-county-health-department/6822867002/">https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/local/coronavirus/2021/02/26/covid-19-vaccines-stolen-in-memphis-shelby-county-health-department/6822867002/</a>
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<b>01 March 2021</b>	Europe	<b>Oxford-AstraZeneca</b>	-	Europe Probes Attempted Vaccine Scams of More Than \$15 Billion	961495	<a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-03-01/europe-probes-attempted-vaccine-scams-of-more-than-15-billion">https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-03-01/europe-probes-attempted-vaccine-scams-of-more-than-15-billion</a>
<b>02 March 2021</b>	South Sudan	-	-	Thai Army doctor sold fake Covid-19 vaccines to UN peacekeepers	962520	<a href="https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/thai-army-doctor-sold-fake-covid-19-vaccines-to-un-peacekeepers">https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/thai-army-doctor-sold-fake-covid-19-vaccines-to-un-peacekeepers</a>
<b>02 March 2021</b>	USA	-	-	National Consumer Protection Week: FDA Is Vigilant in Protecting Consumers Against COVID-19 Vaccine Scams - 2021-03-02	962956	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/national-consumer-protection-week-fda-vigilant-protecting-consumers-against-covid-19-vaccine-scams">http://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/national-consumer-protection-week-fda-vigilant-protecting-consumers-against-covid-19-vaccine-scams</a>
<b>03 March 2021</b>	Israel	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	empty vials: diverted	2 Israelis detained on suspicion of selling used COVID vaccine vials	975656	<a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/2-israelis-detained-on-suspicion-of-selling-used-covid-vaccine-vials/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/2-israelis-detained-on-suspicion-of-selling-used-covid-vaccine-vials/</a>
<b>03 March 2021</b>	USA	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	diverted	Decatur pharmacist fired after taking COVID-19 vaccines home to family	992152	<a href="https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/vaccine/ct-coronavirus-vaccine-decatur-hospital-pharmacist-20210303-t6nnwtc2vvad5jr4dmtlx7mq-story.html">https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/vaccine/ct-coronavirus-vaccine-decatur-hospital-pharmacist-20210303-t6nnwtc2vvad5jr4dmtlx7mq-story.html</a>
<b>04 March 2021</b>	Malaysia, Online	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Police Investigate Fake COVID-19 Vaccines Sold Online, Losses Amounting Up To RM285,499	966743	<a href="https://worldofbuzz.com/police-investigate-fake-covid-19-vaccines-sold-online-losses-amounting-up-to-rm285499/">https://worldofbuzz.com/police-investigate-fake-covid-19-vaccines-sold-online-losses-amounting-up-to-rm285499/</a>

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<b>04 March 2021</b>	Online, France, Germany, UK, USA	-	-	Scammers are Selling Fake COVID-19 Vaccines for up to \$1,200	965729	<a href="https://www.itnewsafrika.com/2021/03/scammers-are-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines-for-up-to-1200/">https://www.itnewsafrika.com/2021/03/scammers-are-selling-fake-covid-19-vaccines-for-up-to-1200/</a>
<b>09 March 2021</b>	Online	-	-	Some people turning to black market to get COVID-19 vaccine	973480	<a href="https://www.azfamily.com/news/continuing_coverage/coronavirus_coverage/vaccine_headquarters/some-people-turning-to-black-market-to-get-covid-19-vaccine/article_af7de3d2-8144-11eb-bf11-a7a9c31ca1c6.html">https://www.azfamily.com/news/continuing_coverage/coronavirus_coverage/vaccine_headquarters/some-people-turning-to-black-market-to-get-covid-19-vaccine/article_af7de3d2-8144-11eb-bf11-a7a9c31ca1c6.html</a>
<b>10 March 2021</b>	Mexico, online	* Cansino Biologics * Sinopharm Group Co. Ltd * Sinovac	-	Alerta por falsificación de vacunas contra el covid-19 en México que estarían en venta ('Alert for falsified vaccines against covid-19 in Mexico that would be for sale')	976281	<a href="https://www.larepublica.co/globoeconomia/alerta-por-falsificacion-de-vacunas-contra-el-covid-19-en-mexico-que-estarian-en-venta-3137336">https://www.larepublica.co/globoeconomia/alerta-por-falsificacion-de-vacunas-contra-el-covid-19-en-mexico-que-estarian-en-venta-3137336</a> Original message: <a href="https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/619020/Alerta_Sanitaria_Cansino_Sinopharm_Sinovac.pdf">https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/619020/Alerta_Sanitaria_Cansino_Sinopharm_Sinovac.pdf</a>
<b>13 March 2021</b>	India	-	-	Woman administers fake COVID-19 vaccine to aunt, her family & escapes with gold	978169	<a href="https://www.timesnownews.com/chennai/article/woman-administers-fake-covid-19-vaccine-to-aunt-her-family-escapes-with-gold/732152">https://www.timesnownews.com/chennai/article/woman-administers-fake-covid-19-vaccine-to-aunt-her-family-escapes-with-gold/732152</a>
<b>15 March 2021</b>	Colombia	Sinovac	air vaccines	El video del engaño: enfermera vacuna contra el Covid-19 con una jeringa vacía ('The video of the deception: nurse vaccinates against COVID-19 with an empty syringe')	987387	<a href="https://www.clarin.com/internacional/video-engano-enfermera-vacuna-covid-19-jeringa-vacia_0_5bj7mXUTK.html">https://www.clarin.com/internacional/video-engano-enfermera-vacuna-covid-19-jeringa-vacia_0_5bj7mXUTK.html</a>
<b>16 March 2021</b>	USA	-	diverted	Nurse arrested for allegedly stealing COVID-19 vaccine at TCF Center in Detroit	981668	<a href="https://www.wxyz.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/nurse-arrested-for-allegedly-stealing-covid-19-vaccine-at-tcf-center-in-detroit">https://www.wxyz.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/nurse-arrested-for-allegedly-stealing-covid-19-vaccine-at-tcf-center-in-detroit</a>
<b>16 March 2021</b>	Jamaica	Oxford-AstraZeneca	diverted (under investigation)	Ten doses of COVID vaccine missing from Cornwall Regional Hospital	1003286	<a href="https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20210316/ten-doses-covid-vaccine-missing-cornwall-regional-hospital">https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20210316/ten-doses-covid-vaccine-missing-cornwall-regional-hospital</a>
<b>18 March 2021</b>	Mexico	Sputnik V	-	Mexico authorities seize fake batch of Russian Sputnik V vaccine: RDIF	984176	<a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-russia-vaccine-mex-idUSKBN2BA1RD">https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-russia-vaccine-mex-idUSKBN2BA1RD</a> Original message: <a href="https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/nota-informativa-sobre-vacunacion-ilegal-en-campeche?idiom=es">https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/nota-informativa-sobre-vacunacion-ilegal-en-campeche?idiom=es</a>
<b>22 March 2021</b>	Ghana	Oxford-AstraZeneca 'Covidshield' [sic]	diverted	Ghana Health Service start dey investigate 3 health officials who 'dey sell Covid-19 vaccines'	988608	<a href="https://www.bbc.com/pidgin/tori-56481793">https://www.bbc.com/pidgin/tori-56481793</a> Additional information: '4 accused of stealing and selling Covid-19 vaccines granted bail': <a href="https://www.myjoyonline.com/4-accused-of-stealing-and-selling-covid-19-vaccines-granted-bail/">https://www.myjoyonline.com/4-accused-of-stealing-and-selling-covid-19-vaccines-granted-bail/</a>
<b>23 March 2021</b>	Online	* Johnson & Johnson * Oxford-AstraZeneca	-	Covid-19 vaccines and counterfeit vaccine cards are for sale on the dark web	989053	<a href="https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/23/tech/covid-vaccines-dark-web/index.html">https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/23/tech/covid-vaccines-dark-web/index.html</a>
<b>23 March 2021</b>	UK	-	diverted	Man charged after Covid vial stolen from Edinburgh vaccination centre	990549	<a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-56505041">https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-56505041</a>



<b>24 March 2021</b>	Mexico	<b>Sputnik V</b>	-	México investiga supuesta aplicación de vacuna anticovid "falsa" a un millar de personas (‘Mexico investigates alleged application of falsified COVID-19 vaccine to thousand people’)	990553	<a href="https://www.clarin.com/agencias/afp-mexico-investiga-supuesta-aplicacion-vacuna-anticovid-falsa-millar-personas_0_klvqCFjVO.html">https://www.clarin.com/agencias/afp-mexico-investiga-supuesta-aplicacion-vacuna-anticovid-falsa-millar-personas_0_klvqCFjVO.html</a> Original message: <a href="https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/cofepris-informa-sobre-la-vacuna-falsa-presuntamente-aplicada-en-campeche-y-las-acciones-en-curso?idiom=es">https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/cofepris-informa-sobre-la-vacuna-falsa-presuntamente-aplicada-en-campeche-y-las-acciones-en-curso?idiom=es</a>
<b>24 March 2021</b>	Kenya	<b>Sputnik V</b>	diverted	Kenya: Distributors 'Sneaked' Russian Vaccine Into Kenya for Sale at Sh11,000 Per Jab	990984	<a href="https://allafrica.com/stories/202103240210.html">https://allafrica.com/stories/202103240210.html</a>
<b>24 March 2021</b>	Macau - China	<b>BioNTech</b>	-	Hong Kong, Macau suspend Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine over packaging flaw	1021092	<a href="https://www.arabnews.com/node/1830936/world">https://www.arabnews.com/node/1830936/world</a>
<b>26 March 2021</b>	Mexico	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Medical Product Alert N°2/2021: Falsified COVID-19 Vaccine BNT162b2	994973	<a href="https://www.who.int/news/item/26-03-2021-medical-product-alert-n-2-2021-falsified-covid-19-vaccine-bnt162b2">https://www.who.int/news/item/26-03-2021-medical-product-alert-n-2-2021-falsified-covid-19-vaccine-bnt162b2</a>
<b>30 March 2021</b>	Philippines	-	-	Galvez says gov't probing 3 firms offering fake COVID-19 vaccines	998393	<a href="https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1413018/galvez-says-govt-probing-3-companies-offering-fake-covid-19-vaccines">https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1413018/galvez-says-govt-probing-3-companies-offering-fake-covid-19-vaccines</a>
<b>31 March 2021</b>	USA	<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	-	Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine batch fails quality check	1000915	<a href="https://www.thetelegraph.com/news/article/Johnson-Johnson-COVID-19-vaccine-batch-fails-16068073.php">https://www.thetelegraph.com/news/article/Johnson-Johnson-COVID-19-vaccine-batch-fails-16068073.php</a>
<b>31 March 2021</b>	Pakistan	-	degraded & diverted	Corona vaccine stolen in Services, wasted in Mozang hospital	1001109	<a href="https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/813092-corona-vaccine-stolen-in-services-wasted-in-mozang-hospital">https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/813092-corona-vaccine-stolen-in-services-wasted-in-mozang-hospital</a>
<b>APRIL</b>						
<b>04 April 2021</b>	Europe	-	-	Descubren contenedores de vacunas falsificadas que iban a distribuir en Europa (‘They discover containers of falsified vaccines that were going to be distributed in Europe’)	1005914	<a href="https://espanadiario.net/salud/descubren-contenedores-vacunas-falsas-distribucion-europa">https://espanadiario.net/salud/descubren-contenedores-vacunas-falsas-distribucion-europa</a>
<b>07 April 2021</b>	USA	<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	-	Another 62million Covid vaccines 'contaminated' at scandal-hit factory	1011051	<a href="https://metro.co.uk/2021/04/07/another-62million-covid-vaccines-contaminated-at-scandal-hit-factory-14373004/">https://metro.co.uk/2021/04/07/another-62million-covid-vaccines-contaminated-at-scandal-hit-factory-14373004/</a>
<b>07 April 2021</b>	Brazil	-	-	Au Brésil, une fausse infirmière s’est fait plus de 5000 euros en administrant de faux vaccins à plus de 50 hommes d’affaires (‘In Brazil, a fake nurse made more than 5,000 euros injecting falsified vaccines to over 50 businessmen’)	1010975	<a href="https://www.sudinfo.be/id385891/article/2021-04-07/au-bresil-une-fausse-infirmiere-sest-fait-plus-de-5000-euros-en-administrant-de">https://www.sudinfo.be/id385891/article/2021-04-07/au-bresil-une-fausse-infirmiere-sest-fait-plus-de-5000-euros-en-administrant-de</a>
<b>08 April 2021</b>	USA	<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	diverted	Capel Coral Police investigating stolen vials of Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine	1013423	<a href="https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/capel-coral-police-investigating-stolen-vials-of-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine">https://www.fox4now.com/news/local-news/capel-coral-police-investigating-stolen-vials-of-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine</a>
<b>13 April 2021</b>	USA	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	degraded	Thousands need to be revaccinated after state finds substandard vaccine storage, handling at El Paso County clinic	1021500	<a href="https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/thousands-need-to-be-revaccinated-after-state-finds-substandard-vaccine-storage-handling-at-el-paso-county-clinic/ar-BB1fCWLL">https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/thousands-need-to-be-revaccinated-after-state-finds-substandard-vaccine-storage-handling-at-el-paso-county-clinic/ar-BB1fCWLL</a> Additional information: 3,000 vaccine doses seized from Colorado Springs medical spa due to storage problems: <a href="https://coloradosun.com/2021/04/12/moma-health-and-wellness-coronavirus-vaccine-seized/">https://coloradosun.com/2021/04/12/moma-health-and-wellness-coronavirus-vaccine-seized/</a>

<b>14 April 2021</b>	India	<b>Covaxin</b>	diverted	Rajasthan: 320 doses of COVID-19 vaccine stolen from Jaipur hospital, FIR filed	1020922	<a href="https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/rajasthan-320-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-stolen-from-jaipur-hospital-fir-filed/745043">https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/rajasthan-320-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-stolen-from-jaipur-hospital-fir-filed/745043</a> Additional information: Over 300 Covaxin Covid-19 doses go missing from Rajasthan govt hospital <a href="https://www.livemint.com/news/india/over-300-mn-covaxin-covid-19-doses-go-missing-from-rajasthan-govt-hospital-11618395901531.html">https://www.livemint.com/news/india/over-300-mn-covaxin-covid-19-doses-go-missing-from-rajasthan-govt-hospital-11618395901531.html</a>
<b>15 April 2021</b>	Online, Venezuela	-	-	Venezuela: arrestation de vendeurs de vaccins au noir ('Venezuela: illegal vaccine sellers arrested')	1023308	<a href="https://www.tvnouvelles.ca/2021/04/15/venezuela-arrestation-de-vendeurs-de-vaccins-au-noir">https://www.tvnouvelles.ca/2021/04/15/venezuela-arrestation-de-vendeurs-de-vaccins-au-noir</a>
<b>16 April 2021</b>	Republic of Korea	-	syringes: substandard	Korea gives 500,000 AstraZeneca shots with potentially faulty syringes	1025296	<a href="http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20210416000870">http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20210416000870</a>
<b>21 April 2021</b>	Poland	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Pfizer Identifies Fake Covid-19 Shots Abroad as Criminals Exploit Vaccine Demand	1030129	<a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/pfizer-identifies-fake-covid-19-shots-abroad-as-criminals-exploit-vaccine-demand-11619006403">https://www.wsj.com/articles/pfizer-identifies-fake-covid-19-shots-abroad-as-criminals-exploit-vaccine-demand-11619006403</a>
<b>21 April 2021</b>	Online, Argentina (Brazil, Mexico)	-	-	PAHO warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico	1030705	<a href="https://batimes.com.ar/news/latin-america/paho-warns-of-fake-covid-19-vaccines-in-argentina-brazil-and-mexico.phtml">https://batimes.com.ar/news/latin-america/paho-warns-of-fake-covid-19-vaccines-in-argentina-brazil-and-mexico.phtml</a>
<b>22 April 2021</b>	India	<b>* Covishield</b> <b>* Covaxin</b>	diverted	1,710 doses of Covid-19 vaccine stolen from civil hospital in Haryana	1031435	<a href="https://www.livemint.com/news/india/1710-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-stolen-from-civil-hospital-in-haryana-11619069095866.html">https://www.livemint.com/news/india/1710-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-stolen-from-civil-hospital-in-haryana-11619069095866.html</a>
<b>23 April 2021</b>	Bolivia (Mexico, Colombia)	-	-	PAHO warns against acquiring vaccines from unofficial sources	1034582	<a href="https://www.nycaribnews.com/articles/paho-warns-latin-america-about-counterfeit-unauthorized-vaccines/">https://www.nycaribnews.com/articles/paho-warns-latin-america-about-counterfeit-unauthorized-vaccines/</a>
<b>27 April 2021</b>	Germany	<b>Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	-	Nurse 'gave people fake Covid vaccines to cover up for dropping vial'	1038395	<a href="https://metro.co.uk/2021/04/27/nurse-gave-people-fake-covid-vaccines-to-cover-up-for-dropping-vial-14478894/">https://metro.co.uk/2021/04/27/nurse-gave-people-fake-covid-vaccines-to-cover-up-for-dropping-vial-14478894/</a>
<b>30 April 2021</b>	USA, online	<b>* Moderna</b> <b>* Pfizer/BioNTech</b>	empty vials	CBS 2 Investigators Go Undercover And Find Pharmacist Selling 'Empty' COVID Vaccine Vials Online: 'I Did Not Think It Was A Big Deal'	1043609	<a href="https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2021/04/30/pharmacist-selling-empty-covid-vaccine-vials-online-cbs-2-investigators-dorothy-tucker/">https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2021/04/30/pharmacist-selling-empty-covid-vaccine-vials-online-cbs-2-investigators-dorothy-tucker/</a>

### 2.3 New incidents included since the last SF COVID-19 vaccine report

In this section we describe the reports, available in the MQM Globe, that have not been described in the previous COVID-19 vaccine reports (see in red font in Table 2), most of them were published between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

#### Substandard or degraded vaccines

In March, Fosun Pharma, the Chinese pharmaceutical company responsible for the BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine distribution in China, communicated about a problem with “*defective caps*” for one lot (report ID 1021092). Awaiting further investigation, the use of the vaccine was suspended in Hong Kong and Macau.

In the previous COVID-19 vaccine report we reported on 15 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine that needed to be discarded in March 2021 (see Table 2, report ID 1000915). All the doses were produced by Emergent BioSolutions, a subcontractor producing both the J&J and the Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine at their manufacturing site in Baltimore (USA). Allegedly, in late February, there was a mix-up between vectors of both vaccines. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, another article reported that an additional 62 million doses of the J&J COVID-19 vaccine could have been contaminated and needed additional screening (report ID 1011051). The US FDA was stated as closely following up on the issue before approving release of the 62 million doses.

At a clinic in Colorado Springs (USA), 3,150 doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine had to be thrown away (report ID 1021500). There were concerns of a lack of consistent temperature monitoring and possible temperature excursions. After an investigation, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) confirmed that the vaccines storage and handling were substandard. Almost 4,000 people had already been vaccinated at the clinic, and it was recommended that they should be revaccinated with two doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

#### Diversion

In Florida, USA, ten vials of J&J COVID-19 vaccine were stolen from a refrigerator from a medical centre (report ID 1013423). A police investigation is ongoing. We have seen 2 reports on COVID-19 vaccines that were missing and probably stolen from hospitals in India. In Jaipur, Rajasthan state, 320 doses of Covaxin were allegedly stolen (report ID 1020922). Covaxin is the vaccine produced by the Indian manufacturer Bharat Biotech. It is feared that the doses will be diverted to the black market. In Jind district, Haryana state, a total of 1,710 doses went missing: 1,270 doses of Covishield and 440 doses of Covaxin (report ID 1031435). Investigations are ongoing.

#### Purported COVID-19 vaccines

In Brazil, a nursing assistant pretending to be a nurse allegedly injected falsified COVID-19 vaccines to approximately 57 people in Brazil (report ID 1010975 in French). She asked 90 euros per injection but instead of the COVID-19 vaccine she injected physiological water. The nursing assistant has been arrested.

In Germany, an investigation is ongoing into a nurse who replaced six COVID-19 vaccine doses with saline water (report ID 1038395). The nurse allegedly accidentally

dropped the Pfizer vial and to cover up the loss, she replaced the lost doses with saline injections. The case came to light four days after the event when the nurse confided in her colleague.

An article in the Wall Street Journal reported on the seizure of falsified COVID-19 Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines in an apartment in Poland (report ID 1030129). According to Polish authorities no one received the falsified vaccine that was reported to contain an antiwrinkle treatment. Articles in the Polish press reported some additional information<sup>11,12</sup>. In mid-January a journalist bought 2 vials online of purported Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Analysis by the Jagiellonian University showed the falsified vial contained RNA in a concentration corresponding to the genuine vaccine. Further analysis by Pfizer allegedly showed the vials contained some hyaluronic acid. The seller was detained in January. The suspect was already being followed by the police for suspected online COVID-19 vaccine offers.

### **Illicit sales**

Four people have been arrested in Venezuela for the online sale of COVID-19 vaccines together with other medicines on 'Marketplace' (report ID 1023308 in French). According to the article, several sources had already highlighted the issue of COVID-19 vaccines sold on the black market in Venezuela for 300 to 600 USD. Until now it was not possible to confirm those claims.

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), published a warning that COVID-19 vaccines not bought through the official recognized system are considered to be falsified and a risk for public health<sup>13</sup>. In the warning PAHO says it has reports from falsified and unauthorised vaccines amongst others in Bolivia, Colombia and Mexico (report ID 1034582). In another article, during an interview the deputy director of PAHO, Jarbas Barbosa, said PAHO received information on illegal COVID-19 vaccines sold through social networks in Mexico, Argentina and Brazil (report ID 1030705). He highlights that these vaccines are probably falsified or diverted and that good storage conditions cannot be ensured. In previous issues of the COVID-19 vaccine report, we reported on lay press articles dealing with SF COVID-19 vaccine issues in Colombia, Mexico, and Brazil. In February, AGEMED the Medicines Regulatory Authority of Bolivia had issued an alert<sup>14</sup> on illegal offers of Sputnik V vaccine on social media. However, only now with the recent lay press articles on the PAHO press release and the interview with the deputy director of PAHO, lay press

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<sup>11</sup> "Raport": zarabiają na strachu przed epidemią. Czarny rynek szczepionek nadal kwitnie - Polsat News. Accessed May 7, 2021. <https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2021-03-02/raport-zarabiaja-na-strachu-przed-epidemia-czarny-rynek-szczepionek-nadal-kwitnie/?ref=article>

<sup>12</sup> Falszywe szczepionki w Polsce. "To powszechnie dostępny środek" - Polsat News. Accessed May 7, 2021. <https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2021-04-22/falszywe-szczepionki-w-polsce-to-powszechnie-dostepny-srodek/>

<sup>13</sup> Pan American Health Organization. PAHO warns against getting COVID-19 vaccines outside of official channels. News. Published April 22, 2021. Accessed April 30, 2021. <https://www.paho.org/en/news/22-4-2021-paho-warns-against-getting-covid-19-vaccines-outside-official-channels>

<sup>14</sup> Agencia Estatal de Medicamentos y Tecnologías en Salud. Ofertas y Comercialización Fraudulenta Por Redes Sociales de Vacuna Contra Covid-19. Alerta Medicamentos Ilícitos - N°001/2021. Published February 8, 2021. Accessed April 20, 2021. [https://www.agemed.gob.bo/archivos\\_vigilancia/alertas\\_nac/alerta-1-2021.PDF](https://www.agemed.gob.bo/archivos_vigilancia/alertas_nac/alerta-1-2021.PDF)

articles in the MQM Globe are referring to reports for falsified or unauthorized vaccines in Bolivia and of illegal COVID-19 vaccines in Argentina.

### **Miscellaneous**

An article reports on information provided by the director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), which is part of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). Previously we reported on information shared by OLAF on COVID-19 vaccine issues in Europe (see Table 2 report ID 941124, 955619, and 961495). In the current article the EUIPO director, Christian Archambeau, says that containers were intercepted upon arrival in Europe with falsified vaccines (report ID 1005914 in Spanish). He states that the products that are were seized can be the finished falsified vaccine or just some elements to produce the vaccines for example only the vials, large bottles with filling-liquid, or labels. From the article it is not entirely clear if the article refers to vaccines in general or specifically to COVID-19 vaccines.

In the USA, an article reported on a pharmacist, a Director of pharmacy at a hospital in Illinois, who was selling empty COVID-19 vaccine vials (report ID 1043609). The empty vials were offered as a pair, one Pfizer/BioNTech and one Moderna vial, on Craigslist as “Own a piece of history”. The sale of empty COVID-19 vaccine vials might attract criminals wanting to produce falsified versions; nevertheless the pharmacist claimed he did not realise selling empty vials was problematic. The pharmacist did violate the applicable guidelines for vaccine packaging disposal. The same article suggests that an offer on Ebay, for 28 pairs of vials that have been sold, was published by the same person.

The Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency ordered a recall for Doowon Meditec defective syringes used to administer the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine (report ID 1025296). There are reports that the low dead space syringes produced by the local manufacturer Doowon Meditec, have a wrong scale marking and contain contaminants. At the time of the recall 500,000 syringes had already been used to vaccinate people; the remaining 700,000 syringes were recalled. Problems are reported for some serial numbers but all syringes were recalled out of precaution. An investigation is ongoing looking into the quality and safety concerns.

### **2.4 Hacking of COVID-19 vaccine data**

In addition to the incidents of SF COVID-19 vaccines registered on the MQM Globe (and reported in Tables 1 and 2), several articles were published on the theft of data on COVID-19 vaccines.

In September 2020 an email phishing scheme started, targeting actors in the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain. At the end of 2020, the IBM Security X-Force unit discovered the hacking attacks. In April 2021, it turns out that the attack had a much wider impact than originally thought. Forty-four companies active in the vaccine’s cold chain distribution system such as transport, warehousing, storage, and distribution of medical products, in 14 countries were affected. It remains unclear who the hackers were interested in. Some of the possibilities are “*national*”

*procurement plans for vaccines, timetables for shipments, intellectual property, cargo security measures and World Trade Organization trade facilitation agreements”.*

- Mehrotra K. **Unknown Nation-State Attacking Vaccine Cold Chain, IBM Finds. Bloomberg - Cybersecurity.** Published December 3, 2020. Accessed June 2, 2021. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-12-03/unknown-nation-state-attacking-vaccine-cold-chain-ibm-finds>
- Taylor P. **COVID-19 jab hack targeted 40-plus companies, says IBM. Securing Industry: Pharmaceuticals.** Published April 15, 2021. Accessed June 1, 2021. <https://www.securindustry.com/pharmaceuticals/covid-19-jab-hack-attack-targeted-40-plus-companies-says-ibm/s40/a13316/#.YLZgFPkza5g>

In November 2020 an article discussed alleged state-backed hacking in Russia, North Korea and China, with the hackers targeting COVID-19 vaccine research, including that of Pfizer/BioNTech.

- Bajak F. **Microsoft: Russian, North Korean hackers target vaccine work.** *APnews.* <https://apnews.com/article/microsoft-russia-north-korea-vaccines-efc925638332b4a42d06d36066802d33>. Published November 13, 2020. Accessed March 12, 2021.

In Europe, Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine data were stolen in December 2020 from the European Medicines Agency (EMA). The hackers allegedly manipulated the stolen data and subsequently leaked the altered data to impair public trust. **Ongoing investigations reveal that EMA was allegedly first targeted by Chinese spies, followed by Russian intelligence agency later on. The hackers possibly were interested in which countries and at what price the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine would be available.**

- Strubbs J. **Hackers steal Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine data in Europe, companies say.** *Reuters - Technology news.* <https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-ema-cyber/hackers-steal-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-data-in-europe-companies-say-idUKKBN28J1VF>. Published December 9, 2020. Accessed February 15, 2021.
- Davis J. **Hackers Leak COVID-19 Vaccine Data Stolen During EU Regulator Breach.** *Health IT Security.* <https://healthitsecurity.com/news/hackers-leak-covid-19-vaccine-data-stolen-during-eu-regulator-breach>. Published January 13, 2021. Accessed February 15, 2021.
- Davis J. **COVID-19 Vaccine Data Manipulated Before Leak to Impair Public Trust.** *Health IT security.* <https://healthitsecurity.com/news/covid-19-vaccine-data-manipulated-before-leak-to-impair-public-trust>. Published January 19, 2021. Accessed February 15, 2021.
- Reuters. **Russian, Chinese hackers targeted Europe drug regulator: newspaper.** *Reuters Media and Telecoms.* Published March 6, 2021. Accessed June 2, 2021. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-eu-cyber-idUSKBN2AY0F1>

In February 2021, South Korea Intelligence officials communicated that North Korea allegedly tried to steal Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and treatment technology from Pfizer. We did not find details as to whether the attempt was successful.

- Denyer S. **North Korea tried to steal Pfizer coronavirus vaccine information, South says.** *The Washington Post.* [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/north-korea-pfizer-coronavirus-vaccine-hack/2021/02/16/c09ec7fc-702e-11eb-8651-6d3091eac63f\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/north-korea-pfizer-coronavirus-vaccine-hack/2021/02/16/c09ec7fc-702e-11eb-8651-6d3091eac63f_story.html). Published February 16, 2021. Accessed March 15, 2021.



### 3. Reports by international organisations

#### March 2020

- Interpol. **COVID-19 pandemic: guidelines for Law enforcement. Guidelines.** 2020 March 26.  
[https://www.interpol.int/content/download/15014/file/COVID19\\_LE\\_Guidelines\\_PUBLIC\\_26mar2020.pdf](https://www.interpol.int/content/download/15014/file/COVID19_LE_Guidelines_PUBLIC_26mar2020.pdf)

Extract. « *The coronavirus outbreak that began in late 2019 (COVID-19) has evolved so rapidly and globally that it has been qualified as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). The rapid spread of the disease worldwide, and uncertainties as to its evolution, demand a global response in which law enforcement services play a crucial role in contributing to the effort to control the disease, promoting safer communities, and fighting criminals who see the outbreak as an opportunity to increase or diversify their activities.* » [...] **3.2.2 FAKE AND COUNTERFEIT MEDICAL PRODUCTS** *The COVID-19 pandemic has offered an opportunity for fast cash, as predatory criminals take advantage of the high market demand for personal protection and hygiene products. The results of Operation Pangea, conducted by INTERPOL with enforcement partners in March 2020, have shown an increase in fake or counterfeit medical items available on the market, including: Disposable surgical masks, Hand sanitizers, Antiviral and antimalarial medication, Vaccines, COVID-19 test kits. Recommendations: (\*)Law enforcement agencies should pay particular attention to the above list of fake or counterfeit items. (\*)Inform the general public about false or misleading online advertisements related to these products. (\*)National reporting hotlines may identify such scams at an early stage.* »

- World Health Organisation. **Medical Product Alert N°3/2020: Falsified medical products, including in vitro diagnostics, that claim to prevent, detect, treat or cure COVID-19.** 2020 March 31. <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/31-03-2020-medical-product-alert-n-3-2020>

Extract. « *This Medical Product Alert warns consumers, healthcare professionals, and health authorities against a growing number of falsified medical products that claim to prevent, detect, treat or cure COVID-19. The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic (caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2) has increased demand for medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and reagents, all related to COVID-19, creating an opportunity for ill-intended persons to distribute falsified medical products. Due diligence is required from all actors in the procurement, use and administration of medical products, in particular those affected by the current crisis of, or related to, COVID-19. 1. Falsified in vitro diagnostics and laboratory reagents, 2. Falsified medicines and vaccines.* »

#### April 2020

- Europol. **Viral marketing - counterfeits, substandard goods and intellectual property crime in the COVID-19 pandemic. Report.** 2020 April 17.  
<https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/viral-marketing-counterfeits-substandard-goods-and-intellectual-property-crime-in-covid-19-pandemic>

Extract. « *Particular attention should be paid to developments and criminal innovation if a genuine vaccine for COVID-19 is developed as this will likely prompt a wave of offers for counterfeit vaccines. However, the development of a vaccine will also likely result in an immediate drop in demand for counterfeit pharmaceutical and healthcare products. Criminals involved in the trade of counterfeit products prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic will turn to other commodities to counterfeit and distribute.* »



- Europol. **Beyond the pandemic - how COVID-19 will shape the serious and organised crime landscape in the EU.** Report. 2020 April 30.  
<https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/beyond-pandemic-how-covid-19-will-shape-serious-and-organised-crime-landscape-in-eu>

Extract. « Efforts to develop a vaccine against COVID-19 are ongoing around the world. Scammers are already offering versions of such a vaccine online. However, once the development of a genuine vaccine has been announced, it is expected that counterfeiters and fraudsters will invest heavily in offering ineffective counterfeits of this vaccine especially online via different platforms and on social media. »

## May 2020

- Interpol. **COVID-19: the global threat of fake medicines.** News release. 2020 May. [https://www.interpol.int/en/content/download/15305/file/20COM0356%20-%20IGGH\\_COVID-19%20threats%20to%20medicines\\_2020-05\\_EN.pdf](https://www.interpol.int/en/content/download/15305/file/20COM0356%20-%20IGGH_COVID-19%20threats%20to%20medicines_2020-05_EN.pdf)

Extract. « Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the threat posed by fake medicines and medical products has increased dramatically. Organized crime groups take advantage of the high market demand for medicines, personal protection and hygiene products and make lucrative profits from the sale of counterfeit items.” [...] “When life-saving products or a vaccine become available, demand will soar, resulting in a parallel increase in the theft and counterfeiting of these medicines. »

## July 2020

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. **COVID-19-related Trafficking of Medical Products as a Threat to Public Health.** Research Brief. 2020 July 6.  
[https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/covid/COVID-19\\_research\\_brief\\_trafficking\\_medical\\_products.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/covid/COVID-19_research_brief_trafficking_medical_products.pdf)

Extract. « Demand-led supply during COVID-19 and the future criminal threat involving vaccines. The demand-supply gap in COVID-19-related products that naturally arose in the early containment phase of the pandemic is gradually being reduced for some products. Producers and suppliers of non-pharmaceutical medical products, including medical grade face masks and surgical gowns, are responding more rapidly by increasing manufacturing capacity thereby reducing opportunities for scams and trafficking in substandard and falsified products. Since the production of such products does not require highly technical infrastructure or sophisticated know-how, the supply chain can be quickly adapted to larger demand. However, when it comes to pharmaceutical medicines to prevent and treat the virus, no such products have yet been found, and building a supply chain to satisfy global demand will require a much longer time scale. This time gap, in the absence of a scientific solution, is an opportunity for criminal groups to sell substandard and falsified medical products. For legitimate vaccine products, the global manufacturing capacity is limited by many technical and regulatory factors as well as the fact that there are only a relatively small number of such manufacturers in existence, and they may not readily cope with rapid change. It is to be expected that criminal actors will seize new opportunities to market substandard and falsified vaccines as soon as a legitimate vaccine candidate is announced and before the genuine product can be legitimately produced and supplied. Again, as demand is likely to be greater than the ability to supply legitimate vaccines, the illicit market space will continue to expand whenever there are anecdotal reports of unproven remedies. Some illegal activities surrounding falsified vaccines have already emerged, even though a vaccine has not yet been discovered. A website advertising a fraudulent coronavirus vaccine was detected in the United States of America. The US Department of Justice has subsequently issued a public warning against criminals seeking to exploit the state of emergency and uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 by advertising illegitimate vaccines. »

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. **The impact of COVID-19 on organized crime. Research Brief.** 2020 July 13.

[https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/covid/RB\\_COVID\\_organized\\_crime\\_july13\\_web.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/covid/RB_COVID_organized_crime_july13_web.pdf)

Extract. « Depending on the evolution of the pandemic, the market for prevention products – vaccines in particular – could be the next area to face high demand and low supply, making it vulnerable to organized crime. »

## August 2020

- Interpol. **COVID-19 Cybercrime Analysis Report. Report.** 2020 August, viewed 16 September 2020. Available from <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2020/INTERPOL-report-shows-alarming-rate-of-cyberattacks-during-COVID-19>

Extract. « According to information provided by member countries and private partners, the top COVID-19 phishing themes include: X Emails from national or global health authorities; X Government orders and financial support initiatives; X Fake payment requests and money reimbursements; X Offers of vaccine and medical supplies; X COVID-19 tracking apps for mobile phones; X Investments and stock offers; X COVID-19 related charity and donation requests. »

## October 2020

- UNODC. **Good Practices Compendium on Combating Corruption in the Response to COVID-19.** 2020. Accessed November 20, 2020. [https://www.unodc.org/pdf/corruption/G20\\_Compendium\\_COVID-19\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/pdf/corruption/G20_Compendium_COVID-19_FINAL.pdf)

Extract. « The number of G20 countries that identified certain corruption risks emanating from the COVID-19 crisis. Nine countries indicated risks pertaining to cyberfraud which include the utilization of new Information and Communication Technologies and cyber-scams. 13 countries reported increased corruption vulnerabilities in the exploitation of stimulus packages including dedicated employment furlough schemes and other economic aid. 15 countries identified heightened health-related fraud which includes risks emanating from counterfeit medicines, overpriced medical equipment, health procurement collusion, among others. It is worth noting that these risks were also identical to the new and emerging risks identified by G20 countries.” [...] “The United Kingdom noted the rapid emergence of multiple examples of COVID19 fraud which sought to exploit the immediate vulnerabilities and demand across society; affected sectors included medical supplies (personal protective equipment (PPE) or fake vaccines), shortages of certain goods and services and in the provision of financial services (personal loans, stimulus relief funds). It was also noted that fraud was increasingly enabled and perpetrated using digital technology; the use of digital platforms - phishing, emails and online interfaces, among others.” [...] “Spain: The G20 should be increasingly used to share best practices and experiences. The exchange of operational information would facilitate the early detection of corruption instances linked to the COVID-19 crisis and future pandemics. This will be especially relevant once COVID-19 vaccines become available in order to avoid the proliferation of counterfeit vaccines and/or the sale and trafficking of vaccines through illicit channels.” [...] “Turkey: G20 countries should increase and accelerate international cooperation in emergency contexts. Joint measures should be taken to prevent the production and distribution of counterfeit drugs concerning the COVID-19 vaccine and related therapeutics. »

## November 2020

- Europol. **How COVID-19-Related Crime Infected Europe during 2020.**; 2020. Accessed December 8, 2020. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/how-covid-19-related-crime-infected-europe-during-2020>

Extract. « *The (online and offline) distribution of counterfeit and substandard personal protective equipment, pharmaceutical and sanitary products, including fake 'corona home test kits' and alleged vaccines preventing COVID-19 infection, remains a consistent pandemic-related criminal activity.* »

- Interpol. **COVID-19 Pandemic Protecting Police and Communities: Guidelines for Law Enforcement. Second Edition.** 2020. Accessed December 14, 2020. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2020/COVID-19-crime-INTERPOL-issues-new-guidelines-for-law-enforcement>

Extract. « *Criminal targeting of legitimate vaccines. In addition, as legitimate vaccines move closer to delivery, the targeting of storage facilities and distribution networks by criminal networks can also be expected, and the updated guidelines highlight the need for secure storage and delivery of supplies. "High demand combined with a limited supply will make COVID-19 vaccines the equivalent of liquid gold to organized crime networks as soon as one is available."*(Jürgen Stock, INTERPOL Secretary General). *"This is why it is essential for action to be taken now, to both protect the legitimate supply chain for when the vaccine is ready, and to prevent the production and distribution of fake COVID-19 vaccines. "As the global COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, so must the law enforcement response and these updated guidelines provide a useful reference document for frontline officers to protect themselves and the communities they serve," concluded Secretary General Stock.* »

## December 2020

- Interpol. **INTERPOL warns of organized crime threat to COVID-19 vaccines.** News. Published December 2, 2020. Accessed December 8, 2020. <https://www.interpol.int/News-and-Events/News/2020/INTERPOL-warns-of-organized-crime-threat-to-COVID-19-vaccines>

Extract. « *INTERPOL has issued a global alert to law enforcement across its 194 member countries warning them to prepare for organized crime networks targeting COVID-19 vaccines, both physically and online. The INTERPOL Orange Notice outlines potential criminal activity in relation to the falsification, theft and illegal advertising of COVID-19 and flu vaccines, with the pandemic having already triggered unprecedented opportunistic and predatory criminal behaviour. It also includes examples of crimes where individuals have been advertising, selling and administering fake vaccines. As a number of COVID-19 vaccines come closer to approval and global distribution, ensuring the safety of the supply chain and identifying illicit websites selling fake products will be essential.* »

- Europol. **Europol predictions correct for fake COVID-19 vaccines.** Newsroom. Published December 4, 2020. Accessed December 14, 2020. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/europol-predictions-correct-for-fake-covid-19-vaccines>

Extract. « *There have already been cases of advertisements on dark web marketplaces using the brands of genuine pharmaceutical companies that are already in the final stages of testing. These counterfeit vaccines may pose a significant risk to public health if they are ineffective or toxic, given their production in labs without the required hygiene standards. These fake vaccines may circulate on illicit markets or be introduced to the legal market for*

distribution. Europol actively encourages Member States to share any relevant information on criminal activities related to COVID-19 or flu vaccines. »

- UNODC. **Covid-19 Vaccines & Corruption Risks: Preventing Corruption in the Manufacture, Allocation and Distribution of Vaccines.**; 2020. Accessed December 14, 2020. [https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/COVID-19/Policy\\_paper\\_on\\_COVID-19\\_vaccines\\_and\\_corruption\\_risks.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/corruption/COVID-19/Policy_paper_on_COVID-19_vaccines_and_corruption_risks.pdf)

Extract. « *With COVID-19 vaccines being approved for use in different parts of the globe, the scale and complexity of their manufacture, allocation and distribution globally will be unprecedented. This will also present corruption risks that may threaten vital public health goals. These risks include the entry of substandard and falsified vaccines into markets, theft of vaccines within the distribution systems, leakages in emergency funding designated for the development and distribution of vaccines, nepotism, favouritism, and corrupted procurement systems. These corruption risks must be identified and mitigated by public institutions to help advance access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines by the population, including the most vulnerable and marginalized groups.* »

## February 2021

- Europol. **COVID-19 chiefs of police working group meets to talk pandemic and fighting crime threats.** Newsroom. Published February 15, 2021. Accessed March 5, 2021. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/covid-19-chiefs-of-police-working-group-meets-to-talk-pandemic-and-fighting-crime-threats>

Extract. « *As the pandemic has changed the landscape of crime, law enforcement has had to adapt their approaches to the accelerated shifts in criminal modi operandi and market focus. The COVID-19 chiefs of police working group is an important initiative for law enforcement agencies to work together in monitoring the situation and coordinating the appropriate responses. [...] Some of the priority areas discussed: the risks of criminals taking advantage of vaccination campaigns rolling out across the world to sell fake vaccines. Although still limited, some offers of fake vaccines have appeared on the dark web.* »

- European Anti-Fraud Office. **OLAF warns against fraudsters offering COVID-19 vaccines.** Press release No7/2021. [https://ec.europa.eu/anti-fraud/media-corner/news/15-02-2021/olaf-warns-against-fraudsters-offering-covid-19-vaccines\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/anti-fraud/media-corner/news/15-02-2021/olaf-warns-against-fraudsters-offering-covid-19-vaccines_en). Published February 15, 2021. Accessed March 10, 2021.

Extract. « *The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) has warned governments to be on their guard against offers to provide them with COVID-19 vaccines. These offers are very often fake, and should be reported. [...] We are hearing reports of fraudsters offering to sell vaccines to governments across the EU. These offers come in many different forms. For example, fraudsters may offer to sell large quantities of vaccines, deliver a sample in order to pocket the first advance payment and then vanish with the money. They may deliver batches of fake vaccines. Or they falsely may purport to represent legitimate business and claim to be in the possession of or have access to vaccines.* »

## March 2021

- United Nations. **Draft Kyoto Declaration on Advancing Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law: Towards the Achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.** 2021. Accessed March 8, 2021. <https://undocs.org/A/CONF.234/L.6>

Extract. « *We commit ourselves to take decisive actions and action-oriented measures to address challenges and remove international impediments posed and aggravated by COVID-*



19 to crime prevention and criminal justice, including by a multilateral approach and strengthening the resilience of law enforcement and other criminal justice institutions through multilateral cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnership, with special attention to the urgent capacity-building and technical assistance needs of developing countries in this regard, bearing in mind the long-term social and economic implications of the pandemic, including for sustainable development and international cooperation, and recognizing that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the impact of the pandemic [...] Encourage data collection and research on the manufacturing of and trafficking in falsified medical products, while recognizing, within its scope of application, the definition of falsified medical products endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2017, and, taking this into account, strengthen, as appropriate, measures to respond to the manufacturing of and trafficking in falsified medical products. »

- **Interpol. Online vaccine scams: INTERPOL and Homeland Security Investigations issue public warning - 'Be vigilant, be skeptical, be safe.'** News. Published March 24, 2021. Accessed April 7, 2021. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2021/Online-vaccine-scams-INTERPOL-and-Homeland-Security-Investigations-issue-public-warning-Be-vigilant-be-skeptical-be-safe>

Extract. « INTERPOL and the United States's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) have joined forces to warn the public against purchasing alleged COVID-19 vaccines and treatments online. With criminal groups producing, distributing and selling fake vaccines, the risks to the public are clear: these can include buying a product which not only does not protect against COVID-19, but poses a serious health hazard if ingested or injected. Such products are not tested, regulated or safety-checked. Legitimate vaccines are not for sale. They are strictly administered and distributed by national healthcare regulators. Anyone buying these products online also runs the risk of potentially giving their money to organized criminals. »

- **World Health Organization. Media Briefing on COVID-19.** World Health Organization; 2021. Accessed April 30, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Perb3IKasjc&t=335s>

WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus says « World Health Organization is concerned about the potential for criminal groups to exploit the huge unmet global demand for COVID-19 vaccines ». WHO is aware of suspicious offers, diversion, corruption and falsification of COVID-19 vaccines. To prevent criminal groups to reuse vaccine vials, it is recommended to implement a safe disposal or destruction of the empty vials. WHO recommends to rely on government-run vaccination programmes as vaccines bought through other channels might be substandard and/or falsified.

## INCIDENTS

- **Interpol. Fake COVID vaccine distribution network dismantled after INTERPOL alert.** News. Published March 3, 2021. Accessed March 3, 2021. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2021/Fake-COVID-vaccine-distribution-network-dismantled-after-INTERPOL-alert>



Extract. « South African authorities have seized hundreds of fake COVID-19 vaccines following a global alert issued by INTERPOL warning vaccines would be a prime target for criminal networks. Some 400 ampoules - equivalent to around 2,400 doses - containing the fake vaccine were found at a warehouse in Germiston, Gauteng, where officers also recovered a large quantity of fake 3M masks and arrested three Chinese nationals and a Zambian national. In China, police successfully identified a network selling counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines, raided the manufacturing premises, resulting in the arrest of some 80 suspects, and seized more than 3,000 fake vaccines on the scene. »

- World Health Organization. **Medical Product Alert N°2/2021: Falsified COVID-19 Vaccine BNT162b2.** Medical Product Alert. Published March 26, 2021. Accessed March 29, 2021. <https://www.who.int/news/item/26-03-2021-medical-product-alert-n-2-2021-falsified-covid-19-vaccine-bnt162b2>



Extract. « This WHO Medical Product Alert refers to falsified COVID-19 Vaccine identified as “BNT162b2” detected in Mexico in February 2021 and recently confirmed as falsified to the WHO. The falsified product was supplied and administered to patients outside authorized vaccination programs. This falsified COVID-19 Vaccine may still be in circulation in the region and may continue to be offered to patients outside authorized vaccination programs. »

## April 2021

- Europol. **European Union Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment. A Corrupting Influence: The Infiltration and Undermining of Europe’s Economy and Society by Organised Crime.**; 2021. Accessed May 19, 2021. <https://www.europol.europa.eu/activities-services/main-reports/european-union-serious-and-organised-crime-threat-assessment>

Extract. « I The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted a surge in the trade of illicit medical supplies such as counterfeit face masks, gloves, hand sanitiser as well as fake vaccines. Legitimate suppliers were initially unable to meet the sudden increase in demand for personal protective equipment and sanitary products, which resulted in opportunities for criminals. »

- Pan American Health Organization. **PAHO warns against getting COVID-19 vaccines outside of official channels.** News. Published April 22, 2021. Accessed May 19, 2021. <https://www.paho.org/en/news/22-4-2021-paho-warns-against-getting-covid-19-vaccines-outside-official-channels>

Extract. « Vaccines not procured through government purchases from certified providers and offered by authorized national immunization circuits are presumed to be falsified and dangerous to health. [...] The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in incidents of substandard, counterfeit, and unregistered medical products worldwide. In particular, the limited availability of vaccines appears to be contributing to the emergence of products in illegal channels, ranging from Internet sales offers to customs seizures to retail trade. »

## 4. Reports from the scientific literature

Newton PN, Bond KC. **COVID-19 and risks to the supply and quality of tests, drugs, and vaccines.** *Lancet Glob Health*. 2020 June;8(6): e754–e755. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(20)30136-4. Epub 2020 Apr 9.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7158941/>

Extract. « *Without preparation for the quality assurance of diagnostic tests, drugs, and vaccines, the world risks a parallel pandemic of substandard and falsified products. Interventions are needed globally to ensure access to safe, quality assured, and effective medical products on which the world's population will depend.* »

Schneider M, Ho Tu Nam N. **Africa and counterfeit pharmaceuticals in the times of COVID-19.** *J. Intellect. Prop. Law & Practice*. Online ahead of print: jpaa073. doi: 10.1093/jiplp/jpaa073. Epub 2020 May 1.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7197578/>

Extract. « *At a time where counterfeit and substandard medications and critical medical supplies, such as hand sanitizers and face masks, are flooding the world market due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the European Union Intellectual Property Office on 'Trade in Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Products' finding that trade in falsified medicine reached USD 4.4 billion in 2016, threatening public health and safety, while enriching criminals and organized crime, is very timely* [...] *"Already in March, in Uganda, a father and daughter duo were arrested for administering a fake vaccine against the coronavirus. Fear of the virus and the inability to verify the authenticity of products are pushing the African population towards fake and substandard pharmaceuticals products and medical supplies obtained from unreliable sources. This trend, which will have a dramatic effect on the health of the population, will go unabated until a vaccine or effective remedy is found.* »

Rahaman MM. **Deconstructing free trade: An analysis of the implications of the disruption on global medical supply chains during the COVID-19 crisis.**

Published online 2020. Accessed March 17, 2021. <https://www.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1522359/FULLTEXT02.pdf>

Extract. « *Another problem emerging from the affected medical supply chain is the proliferation of falsified and substandard medical products. A decreasing supply of medical products coupled with a worsening pandemic created a problem of a sudden increase in inferior medical products. [...] Panic buying present opportunities for fraudsters to fill the gap between overwhelming demand and shortage of supply. The pandemic has made it incredibly easy for fraudsters to get away with and profit from falsified medical products. Some of the scammers include new suppliers who had previously been denied government authorization. The urgency of the problem and the inability to travel to fields of operations for quality audits to expose health systems to fake medical products. At the same time, while government regulators may be conscious of these risks, political pressure to deliver goods often lead to fast-tracked approval of products. [...] The insights outlined in this section have demonstrated the vulnerabilities of developing countries in accessing Covid-19 health supplies. After lagging behind their counterparts during the initial response to the pandemic, they are now at risk of being left behind in access to vaccines. As such, this literature has demonstrated the need for aligning international trade and global supply chains with their health improvement initiatives.* »



Mackey TK, Li J, Purushothaman V, Nali M, Shah N, Bardier C, et al. **Big Data, Natural Language Processing, and Deep Learning to Detect and Characterize Illicit COVID-19 Product Sales: Infoveillance Study on Twitter and Instagram.** JMIR Public Heal Surveill. 2020 Aug 25;6(3):e20794. Available from <http://publichealth.jmir.org/2020/3/e20794/>

Extract. « Unfortunately, illegal online sales of COVID-19 health products are likely to continue and possibly accelerate as this health emergency continues to progress. A “flattening of the curve” will not halt the progression of this parallel infodemic, as the public continues to desperately seek access to COVID-19 testing, therapeutics, and an eventual vaccine. As legitimate news about promising and new COVID-19 treatments and countermeasures becomes available, scammers and counterfeiters will inevitably seek to capitalize on desperation and high demand from global citizens who simply want to be safe and prepared against this historic disease. »

Kohler JC, Wright T. **The Urgent Need for Transparent and Accountable Procurement of Medicine and Medical Supplies in Times of COVID-19 Pandemic.** J Pharm Policy Pract. 2020;13(1). doi:10.1186/s40545-020-00256-w

Extract. « The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed unprecedented and complex public policy issues. One that has emerged as a challenge for many countries globally is how to ensure the efficient and effective procurement of quality medical supplies. Existing corruption pressures on procurement—everything from undue influence to the outright bribery of public officials—has been amplified by the pandemic, and thus demands commensurate policy responses. We argue that transparency and accountability in procurement are essential to preventing the corruption risks that threaten the health and well-being of populations. »  
[...] “Corruption in procurement: COVID-19. Promising breakthroughs in COVID-19 medicines research offer seemingly rare glimpses of hope in the fight against the pandemic. For example, a University of Oxford randomized clinical trial demonstrated the beneficial use of dexamethasone, a generic drug, in improving survival rates in COVID-19 patients with respiratory complications. Researchers also conducted successful early clinical trials into a promising vaccine candidate, with the latest results demonstrating the vaccine’s ability to induce a strong immune response. Effective procurement of these products, and others, to treat COVID-19 will depend on robust government procurement practices. Past experience illuminates how corruption in pharmaceutical procurement can distort and restrict equitable access to their life-saving properties by increasing prices, facilitating the distribution of substandard and falsified medicines, and creating shortages. »

[Preprint] Bae J, Gandhi D, Kothari J, et al. **Challenges of Equitable Vaccine Distribution in the COVID-19 Pandemic.** Preprint. Published online November 2020. Accessed December 7, 2020.  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346356495\\_Challenges\\_of\\_Equitable\\_Vaccine\\_Distribution\\_in\\_the\\_COVID-19\\_Pandemic](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346356495_Challenges_of_Equitable_Vaccine_Distribution_in_the_COVID-19_Pandemic)

Extract. « Insufficient monitoring of the entire supply chain of vaccine production, distribution, and storage also lends itself to attack by bad actors. If a country does not carefully monitor the total pipeline of vaccine distribution, there may be opportunities for theft and counterfeit vaccine delivery. »

Forman L, Kohler JC. **Global health and human rights in the time of COVID-19: Response, restrictions, and legitimacy.** J Hum Rights. 2020;19(5):547-556. doi:10.1080/14754835.2020.1818556

Extract. « In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, as we experienced with the EVD, the health systems vulnerabilities to corruption are clear. Examples of corruption have been found globally

*in drug and medical equipment procurement and price gouging of essential supplies, such as hand sanitizer and 3M masks. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the WHO have both issued public warnings about the increase in the circulation of falsified medicines. The risk of falsified medicines is not only for those products that may potentially treat COVID-19 but also for other drugs and products, particularly when shortages exist. Newton and Bond (2020) explained that the circulation of substandard and falsified products is heightened when shortages are taking place and quality assurance standards are lax. They advanced the importance of information-sharing among countries to ensure that global demand and supplies are being met and noted that countries need to ensure sufficient regulatory controls. They also pointed out that this will be even more critical once valid COVID-19 treatments are available. Governments and health institutions are also under pressure to purchase and import quickly needed medical equipment and supplies for COVID-19 through emergency procurement processes. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has reported a number of bribery cases in the health industry and the risk of the purchase of inferior or falsified goods. »*

Jarrett S, Wilmansyah T, Bramanti Y, et al. **The role of manufacturers in the implementation of global traceability standards in the supply chain to combat vaccine counterfeiting and enhance safety monitoring.** *Vaccine*. 2020;38(52):8325. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2020.11.011

*Abstract. « The counterfeiting of vaccines is an increasing problem globally with the safety of persons vaccinated, the trust in vaccines generally and the associated reputation of vaccine manufacturers and regulatory agencies at risk. This risk is especially critical with the on-going development of COVID-19 vaccines. The ability to track and trace vaccines through the vaccine supply chain down to persons vaccinated has to be enhanced. In this context of traceability, the global immunization community has recently set the barcoding of the primary packaging of vaccines, specifically vaccine vials and pre-filled syringes, as a top priority. Emerging vaccine manufacturers are already engaged in investigating ways to incorporate barcoding in their labelling and packaging using GS1 international standards. A specific pilot taking place in Indonesia by the national vaccine manufacturer, Bio Farma, shows the innovation of barcoding on primary packaging already underway with a relatively modest level of investment and success at this stage. This article highlights the efforts of industry and governments on the value of traceability and introduction to 2D barcodes. Access to financial resources and support from the international immunization community would accelerate such innovations leading to enhanced security of the vaccine supply chain. »*

Bracci A, Nadini M, Aliapoulos M, et al. **Dark Web Marketplaces and COVID-19: before the vaccine.** *EPJ Data Sci*. 2021;10(1):1-26. doi:10.1140/epjds/s13688-021-00259-w

*Abstract. « The COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped the demand for goods and services worldwide. The combination of a public health emergency, economic distress, and misinformation-driven panic have pushed customers and vendors towards the shadow economy. In particular, dark web marketplaces (DWMs), commercial websites accessible via free software, have gained significant popularity. Here, we analyse 851,199 listings extracted from 30 DWMs between January 1, 2020 and November 16, 2020. We identify 788 listings directly related to COVID-19 products and monitor the temporal evolution of product categories including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medicines (e.g., hydroxycloquine), and medical frauds. Finally, we compare trends in their temporal evolution with variations in public attention, as measured by Twitter posts and Wikipedia page visits. We reveal how the online shadow economy has evolved during the COVID-19 pandemic and highlight the importance of a continuous monitoring of DWMs, especially now that real vaccines are available and in short supply. We anticipate our analysis will be of interest both to researchers and public agencies focused on the protection of public health. »*

[Preprint] Bracci A, Nadini M, Aliapoulios M, et al. **Dark Web Marketplaces and COVID-19: The vaccines.** Published online February 26, 2021. Accessed March 11, 2021. [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3783216](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3783216)

Abstract. « *The ongoing COVID-19 vaccination campaign has so far targeted less than 3% of the world population, and even in countries where the campaign has started many citizens will not receive their doses for many months. There is clear evidence that previous shortages of COVID-19 related goods (e.g., masks and COVID-19 tests) and services pushed customers, and vendors, towards illicit online trade occurring on dark web marketplaces. Is this happening also with vaccines? Here, we report on our effort to continuously monitor 102 dark web marketplaces. By February 26, we found 33 listings offering a COVID-19 vaccine, seven of which offering officially approved vaccines. The number of currently active listings is 11, including one listing selling the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, one listing the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine, and 9 listings selling vaccines of unspecified type. Illicit trade of uncertified COVID-19 vaccines poses a concrete threat to public health and risks to undermine public confidence towards vaccination.* »

Jung J. **Preparing for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Vaccination: Evidence, Plans, and Implications.** *J Korean Med Sci.* 2021;36(7). doi:10.3346/jkms.2021.36.e59

Extract. « *Major countries are operating vaccine safety monitoring systems, but are strengthening their organizations and systems specifically to respond to COVID-19. The United States has already established a surveillance system, such as V-safe, and the baseline of adverse reactions is constantly being monitored and measured through the vaccine safety datalink. The UK collects vaccine adverse events through the 'yellow card scheme' and has created a specialized internet-based reporting tool for COVID-19. [...] The Yellow Card Scheme, The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency: The system collects and monitors information on safety concerns about medicines, medical devices and e-cigarettes. This includes all adverse events as well as concerns related to product quality or counterfeit products. System contains COVID-19 yellow card reporting page.* »

Valcheva KS. **Prosecution and public awareness: key lines of defence against falsified medicinal products during pandemic.** *Knowl - Int J.* 2020;40(1):279-284. Accessed March 12, 2021. <https://ikm.mk/ojs/index.php/KIJ/article/view/3895/3745>

Extract. « *The medicinal shortages combined with the lack of awareness in the society pose serious threat as panicked people turn to unauthorised and dangerous sources to buy pharmaceuticals and medical products. Their irrational and dangerous behaviour facilitate and significantly contribute to the uncontrolled spread of fakes as Internet provides perfect conditions for the unscrupulous dealers. The public is overwhelmed by a constant flow of disinformation that contain misleading and potentially dangerous recommendations and online offers for —miracle cures. The disrupted legitimate supply chains provide further options for illegal structures to exploit the fear of the society and profiteer from the global crisis. [...] If policymakers engage more actively to strengthen their legal and regulatory frameworks against falsified medicinal products, their efforts would result in better preparedness and response in case of future health crises and in increased trust in governments and healthcare systems.* »

[Preprint] Wang Y, Dong L, Liang Y, et al. **Willingness for COVID-19 Vaccination and Influencing factors in Nurses from Tangshan City, China: A Cross-sectional Study.** *Preprint.* Published online March 11, 2021:1-21. doi:10.21203/rs.3.rs-275435/v1

Extract. « *Reasons for nurses' willingness for COVID-19 vaccination. Among the 173 nurses who expressed willingness for COVID-19 vaccination, the major reasons included engaging in high-*

risk work requiring vaccination against COVID-19 (87.9%), expected benefits to themselves and others (72.8%) and worries regarding COVID-19 infection (66.5%). Meanwhile, among the 82 nurses who were unwilling to undergo COVID-19 vaccination, the major reasons included concerns regarding safety (89.0%), effectiveness (62.2%) and the possibility of fake vaccines (32.9%).»

Labaran MJ, Hamma-Adama M. **View of The Nigerian Pharmaceutical Supply Chain: Blockchain Adoption, Counterfeit Drugs and Successful Deployment of COVID-19 Vaccine in Nigeria.** *J Sci Res Reports.* 2021;27(2):20-36. doi:10.9734/jsrr/2021/v27i230356

Extract. « (\*) Result: Firstly, this study has ascertained the current prevalence of counterfeit drugs and the reasons for that. The study discovers a very high level of counterfeit drugs and some reasons behind that. Secondly, this study has also found some barriers to blockchain adoption, including the fact that the level of awareness of blockchain technology among stakeholders within the Nigerian pharmaceutical supply chain and the regulatory agencies is very low. (\*) Conclusion: It was concluded that the efforts put in developing a viable COVID-19 vaccine could be undermined due to the current nature of the Nigerian pharmaceutical supply chain, the nature of porous borders in place, absence of an apparent drug distribution system, among others. This study also concludes that the supply chain's current structure needs more regulatory and structural interventions by the Nigerian government than blockchain technology. In other words, with the current nature of the supply chain, blockchain technology adoption would not be effective in delivering the said benefits reported by scholars because the atmosphere is not conducive for successful blockchain adoption. »

Amimo F, Lambert B, Magit A, Hashizume M. **A review of prospective pathways and impacts of COVID-19 on the accessibility, safety, quality, and affordability of essential medicines and vaccines for universal health coverage in Africa.** *Global Health.* 2021;17(1):42. Published 2021 Apr 8. doi:10.1186/s12992-021-00666-8

Extract. «We found that the disruption of the international system affects more immediately the capability of low- and middle-income countries to acquire the basket of EMV [Essential medicines and vaccines]. The COVID-19 pandemic may facilitate dishonesty and fraud, increasing the propensity of patients to take substandard and falsified drugs. Strategic regional cooperation in the form of joint tenders and contract awarding, joint price negotiation and supplier selection, as well as joint market research, monitoring, and evaluation could improve the supply, affordability, quality, and safety of EMV. Sustainable health financing along with international technology transfer and substantial investment in research and development are needed to minimize the vulnerability of African countries arising from their dependence on imported EMV. »

**Falsified COVID-19 vaccine recently identified in Mexico.** *Reactions Weekly.* 2021;1850(1):4. doi:10.1007/s40278-021-93809-0

Extract. «A falsified COVID-19 Vaccine, called BNT162b2, has been identified in the WHO region of the Americas (specifically Mexico), according to the WHO. In a recent WHO Medical Product Alert, the above-mentioned product was confirmed as a falsified vaccine, which was supplied and administered to patients outside authorised vaccination programmes. The WHO has expressed concern that "this falsified COVID-19 Vaccine may still be in circulation in the region and may continue to be offered to patients outside authorized vaccination programs". »



## 5. Regulatory authorities

In this section we include warnings or reports per country, published on websites of regulatory authorities. This section is work in progress, and the list is thus not exhaustive. We are putting a system in place on the Medicines Quality Monitoring Globe (MQM Globe) to more easily access regulatory and alert webpages.

Several lay press articles on the [MQM Globe](#) report on warnings coming from regulatory authorities, however those can be found in the lay press articles in the annexes.

### Bolivia

- **Offers and illegal marketing of Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine, through false accounts on social networks**

Agencia Estatal de Medicamentos y Tecnologías en Salud. Ofertas y Comercialización Fraudulenta Por Redes Sociales de Vacuna Contra Covid-19. Alerta Medicamentos Ilícitos - N°001/2021. Published February 8, 2021. Accessed April 20, 2021.

[https://www.agemed.gob.bo/archivos\\_vigilancia/alertas\\_nac/alerta-1-2021.PDF](https://www.agemed.gob.bo/archivos_vigilancia/alertas_nac/alerta-1-2021.PDF)

### Canada

- Health Canada. **Health Canada warns Canadians not to buy COVID-19 vaccines sold online or from unauthorized sources - Recalls and safety alerts**. Accessed February 12, 2021. <https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2020/74579a-eng.php>

### China

#### Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

- **Final results of the defective vaccine produced by BioNTech**

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region - Drug Office. 澳門：關於BioNTech生產的有封蓋瑕疵的疫苗最終處理結果. Other safety alerts.

Published April 30, 2021. Accessed June 2, 2021.

<https://www.drugoffice.gov.hk/eps/news/showNews/澳門/consumer/2021-04-30/en/44023.html>

### Colombia

- **The entry of 70 fraudulent Vero Cell COVID-19 vaccines was prevented.**

Agencia Nacional de Regulación C y VS. Alerta por intento de ingresar vacunas COVID-19 fraudulentas a Colombia. Alertas Arcsa - Medicamentos. Published April 9, 2021. Accessed April 20, 2021.

<https://www.controlsanitario.gob.ec/alerta-por-intento-de-ingresar-vacunas-covid-19-fraudulentas-a-colombia/>

## Israel

- **Two people are suspected for selling empty Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine vials.** Ministry of Health Israel - Division of Enforcement and Inspection. עוכבו לחקירה. שני חשודים בחשד למכירת בקבוקי חיסון קורונה משומשים. News. Published March 3, 2021. Accessed April 21, 2021. <https://www.gov.il/he/departments/news/03032021-03>
- Shapira B, Berkovitz R. **Vaccine Scams, Miracle Cures, Spurious Supplements, and Counterfeit Medical Devices during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Israel** Division of Enforcement and Inspection, Israel Ministry of Health. (2021). Vaccine Scams, Miracle Cures, Spurious Supplements, and C.; 2021. Accessed April 8, 2021. [https://govextra.gov.il/media/33589/imoh\\_covid19\\_counterfeit-report\\_march-2021.pdf](https://govextra.gov.il/media/33589/imoh_covid19_counterfeit-report_march-2021.pdf)

## Mexico

- **Illegal sale of Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine** Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Comunicado a La Población - La Cofepris Informa Sobre La Venta Ilegal de La Vacuna Contra COVID-19. Published January 5, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021. [https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/604366/Comunicado\\_Vacuna\\_Covid\\_050121.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/604366/Comunicado_Vacuna_Covid_050121.pdf)
- **Illegal marketing of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Comunicado a La Población - La Cofepris Informa Sobre La Comercialización Ilegal de La Vacuna Contra COVID-19 de La Empresa Moderna Tx, Inc. Published January 22, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021. [https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/608294/Comunicado\\_Vacuna\\_Covid\\_Moderna\\_220121.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/608294/Comunicado_Vacuna_Covid_Moderna_220121.pdf)
- **Illegal marketing of Oxford-Astrazeneca COVID-19 vaccine** Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Alerta Sanitaria - Cofepris Informa Sobre La Comercialización Ilegal de La Vacuna Contra COVID-19 de La Empresa Astra Zeneca. S.A.de C.V. Published February 3, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/613986/COFEPRIS03022021.pdf>
- **Illegal marketing of Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine** Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Comunicado a La Población - Alerta Por Comercialización Ilegal de La Vacuna Contra La COVID-19. Published February 15, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021. [https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/616133/COMUNICADO\\_PFIZER\\_FINAL\\_DGPS\\_validado\\_presidencia.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/616133/COMUNICADO_PFIZER_FINAL_DGPS_validado_presidencia.pdf)
- **Falsification and illegal use of Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: BNT162B2** Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Alerta Sanitaria - La Cofepris Alerta Sobre La Falsificación y Aplicación Ilegal de La Vacuna Apócrifa Contra COVID-19 BNT162B2 Pfizer/BioNTech/. Published February 17,

2021. Accessed April 13, 2021.

[https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/616567/Alerta\\_sanitaria\\_Pfizer\\_Biontec\\_17022021-1.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/616567/Alerta_sanitaria_Pfizer_Biontec_17022021-1.pdf)

- **Illegal marketing of Cansino, Sinopharm and Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines**  
Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Alerta Sanitaria - La Cofepris Alerta Sobre La Comercialización Ilegal de Los Productos Indebidamente Ofertados Como Vacunas Contra COVID-19 de Las Empresas Cansino Biologics, Sinopharm Group Co.Ltd. y Sinovac. Published February 26, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021.  
[https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/619020/Alerta\\_Sanitaria\\_Cansino\\_Sinopharm\\_Sinovac.pdf](https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/619020/Alerta_Sanitaria_Cansino_Sinopharm_Sinovac.pdf)
- **Falsified COVID-19 vaccine at Campeche Airport – Sputnik-V**
  - Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. *Comunicado a La Población - Cofepris Informa Sobre La Presencia de Productos Indebidamente Presentados Como Vacunas Contra Covid-19 En El Aeropuerto de Campeche*. Published March 18, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/cofepris-informa-sobre-la-presencia-de-productos-indebidamente-presentados-como-vacunas-contra-covid-19-en-el-aeropuerto-de-campeche?idiom=es>
  - Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Nota informativa sobre reporte de producto apócrifo ofertado como vacuna en campeche. Blog. Published March 24, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021. <https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/nota-informativa-sobre-vacunacion-ilegal-en-campeche?idiom=es>
- **Illegal COVID-19 vaccination at a company in Campeche & actions**  
Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios. Comunicado a la población: 07/21 - Cofepris informa sobre la vacuna falsa presuntamente aplicada en campeche y las acciones en curso. Comunicado a la población. Published March 24, 2021. Accessed April 13, 2021.  
<https://www.gob.mx/cofepris/es/articulos/cofepris-informa-sobre-la-vacuna-falsa-presuntamente-aplicada-en-campeche-y-las-acciones-en-curso?idiom=es>

## New Zealand

- **MEDSAFE New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority. Unapproved COVID-19 vaccines – restriction on importation, manufacture, supply and use.** Policy Statements. Published April 29, 2021. Accessed June 2, 2021. <https://medsafe.govt.nz/Medicines/policy-statements/COVID19/Unapproved-COVID-19-vaccine-restrictions.asp>

## Philippines

- Food and Drug Administration Philippines. **FDA Advisory No. 2021-0664 || Public Health Warning on Fake COVID-19 Vaccines.** FDA Advisory. Published March 30, 2021. Accessed April 7, 2021. <https://www.fda.gov.ph/fda-advisory-no-2021-0664-public-health-warning-on-fake-covid-19-vaccines/>

## Switzerland



- Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products. **Swissmedic warns of the danger of buying vaccines or other medicines online.** *Human medicines, Market surveillance*. Published January 11, 2021. Accessed March 11, 2021. [https://www.swissmedic.ch/swissmedic/en/home/humanarzneimittel/market-surveillance/medicinal-products-from-the-internet/warnings-related-to-medicinal-products-from-the-internet/impfstoffe\\_internet.html](https://www.swissmedic.ch/swissmedic/en/home/humanarzneimittel/market-surveillance/medicinal-products-from-the-internet/warnings-related-to-medicinal-products-from-the-internet/impfstoffe_internet.html).

## United States of America

- US Food & Drug Administration. **Beware of Fraudulent Coronavirus Tests, Vaccines and Treatments.** Consumer Updates. Published February 10, 2021. Accessed February 12, 2021. <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/beware-fraudulent-coronavirus-tests-vaccines-and-treatments>
- United States Food & Drug Administration. **National Consumer Protection Week: FDA Is Vigilant in Protecting Consumers Against COVID-19 Vaccine Scams.** FDA Newsroom - FDA Voices. Published March 2, 2021. Accessed April 8, 2021. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/national-consumer-protection-week-fda-vigilant-protecting-consumers-against-covid-19-vaccine-scams>

## 6. Miscellaneous

In this section we report on organisations, associations or independent writers who have highlighted the risk or threat of SF COVID-19 vaccines but that are not necessarily covered in the MQM Globe database.

### Year 2020

- National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. **Rogue Online Pharmacies in the Time of Pandemic: Capitalizing on Misinformation and Fear.** 2020. Accessed November 13, 2020. <https://nabp.pharmacy/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Rogue-Rx-Activity-Report-May-2020.pdf>

Extract. « *In an effort to protect vulnerable consumers, government agencies are cracking down on COVID-related cybercrime. NABP applauds these efforts. Regulators, members of Congress, and state attorneys general are also asking the private sector for assistance. Many internet intermediaries have stepped up to the plate, shutting down fraudulent face mask, vaccine, and test kit sellers. However, illegal internet “pharmacies” continue, largely unabated, to peddle falsified, substandard, and dangerous drugs, including purported treatments for COVID-19. This behavior is predictable; these bad actors have been around for over 20 years. We can – and must – stop it now.* »

- National Association of Manufacturers. **Countering Counterfeits: The Real Threat of Fake Products.** *White paper.* July 2020. [https://www.nam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CounteringCounterfeits.vF .pdf](https://www.nam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CounteringCounterfeits.vF.pdf)

Extract. « *Counterfeiting is not a new problem; it has harmed manufacturers, American workers and consumers for years. But the problem is getting worse, and the COVID-19 pandemic has shown just how dangerous inaction can be. As part of the nation’s critical response effort, manufacturers have been supplying health care workers and other Americans on the front lines of this crisis with vital goods, including personal protective equipment, hospital beds, ventilators, hand sanitizers, cleaning supplies and other critical health care and safety products. But while manufacturing men and women work long hours to ramp up production of desperately needed products to fight the spread of this deadly illness, counterfeiters have exploited the crisis to peddle fake tests, dangerous vaccines and ineffective protective gear. These counterfeits are harming American citizens and hindering manufacturers’ efforts to protect their workers and communities. The prevalence of counterfeits in the COVID-19 response has brought new urgency to this long-simmering issue. So the National Association of Manufacturers is leading the charge against fake and counterfeit goods, bringing together diverse stakeholders and driving innovative policy solutions to address these issues once and for all and to ensure the long-term success of our sector and the safety and security of the people who rely on our products.* »

- Farrell G, Johnson SD. **Preventing a Coronavirus Vaccine Crime Wave.** *UCL JDI Spec Ser COVID-19.* 2020;(24):1-2. Accessed January 4, 2021. [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/jill-dando-institute/sites/jill-dando-institute/files/vaccine\\_crime\\_wave\\_no\\_24\\_final.pdf](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/jill-dando-institute/sites/jill-dando-institute/files/vaccine_crime_wave_no_24_final.pdf)

Extract. « *Huge increases in theft and robberies can be expected, including interceptions of shipments, counterfeiting and other fraud, and black-markets (with high prices), promoting corruption and organised crime. Monetary costs will be in the billions. Human costs will arise as vaccine distribution is disrupted and delayed, and as counterfeits are used by unsuspecting*

victims. Vaccine distribution will be hindered and effectiveness reduced. If reinfection and virus mutations extend the vaccination process, they will potentially also extend the crime. »

- **Fight the Fakes. Updated statement regarding COVID-19 and falsified medical products. Fight the Fakes Alliance: Official Statement to COVID-19 and Falsified Medical Products.** Updates. Published December 2020. Accessed January 19, 2021. <http://fightthefakes.org/updated-statement-regarding-covid-19-and-falsified-medical-products/>  
Update March 12, 2021

Extract. « *The Fight the Fakes Alliance is calling on the global health community to raise awareness about the dangers of falsified medical products promising to treat, protect from or cure COVID-19.* »

- **U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations. Operation Stolen Promise - an initiative targeting COVID-19 Fraud.** Operation Stolen Promise. Published 2020. Accessed December 16, 2020.

Extract. « *U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) launched Operation Stolen Promise (OSP) in April 2020 to protect the Homeland from the increasing and evolving threat posed by COVID-19-related fraud and criminal activity. Since the Operation's inception, HSI has capitalized upon its unique and expansive federal criminal investigative authorities; its strong intelligence analysis capabilities and resources; its expansive domestic and international footprint; and its robust law enforcement and private sector partnerships to lead the government's investigative response to pandemic-related crime. In the coming months, HSI anticipates that high public demand for access to vaccines and treatments will lead to illegal attempts to introduce counterfeit versions of these items into U.S. and global marketplaces. In response, HSI has initiated Operation Stolen Promise 2.0, which expands the focus of OSP to address this emerging public health threat.* »

## Year 2021

- **Krähenbühl C. COVID vaccines “a test of resilience” for FMD anti-counterfeiting. Securing Industry.** Published January 12, 2021. Accessed March 1, 2021. <https://www.securingindustry.com/pharmaceuticals/covid-vaccines-a-test-of-resilience-for-fmd-anti-counterfeiting/s40/a12767/#.YDzShGhKgml>

Extract. « *We at Excellis are concerned that a perfect storm is going to hit the industry. A combination of new players, dispensing large numbers of products in non-standard scenarios and at locations where the scanning technology and processes have not yet been established as routine, is highly likely to generate a spike of EU-FMD alerts that manufacturers need to deal with. There is a real concern that many manufacturers are even today ill-prepared to deal with the routine number of EU-Alerts in timely manner and that they will be swamped by a flood of new alerts that are likely to arise due to technical issues, processing errors and – inevitably – human error. Ignoring these alerts, even if the vast majority are going to be false alerts, is not an option and manufacturers must ensure that their organisation and processes are ready to scale and flex up to this additional challenge they face once the vaccine roll-out begins in earnest.* »

- **Taylor/Bhekisisa D. Little Vials, Big Crime: Criminals Primed For. Health Policy Watch - Health Systems.** Published February 11, 2021. Accessed February 12, 2021. <https://healthpolicy-watch.news/little-vials-big-crime-criminals-primed/>

Extract. « *In Africa, you have all the elements necessary to allow a black market in vaccines to flourish,*” says Meyer. *“Lack of resources, logistics and technical capacity means it’s going to take incredibly long for the roll-outs to happen. That gives organised crime the time and space needed to strategise, adapt to security measures and to insert their products into supply chains. The poverty and official corruption that’s unfortunately prevalent throughout Africa makes their job much easier. »*

- The Partnership for Safe Medicines. **Watch Out For COVID-19 Vaccine Scams.** Accessed February 15, 2021. <https://www.safemedicines.org/covid-vaccine-scams>

Extract. « *There has been a huge upsurge in scams since the start of the global COVID-19 outbreak. Fake treatments, fake versions of real treatments, fake medical products including personal protective equipment, and fraud surrounding everything from unemployment payments to business relief aid. COVID-19 vaccines are modern medical miracles produced in record time with a high effectiveness rate. Everyone should get one, but the rollout will take time. In the meantime COVID scammers are preying on the public to try and make a buck, and in some cases, endangering their lives. »*

PSM is describing three broad categories of COVID-19 vaccine crime: 1) Vaccines Signups Dangled For Financial And Identity Theft, 2) Diversion: Shots For Sale Where They Shouldn't Be, 3) Fake Substances Sold As Vaccines.

- Taylor D. **Experts Warn Crime Gangs Capable of Selling Fake Vaccines.** Voanews. <https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/experts-warn-crime-gangs-capable-selling-fake-vaccines>. Published February 26, 2021. Accessed March 12, 2021.

Extract. « *International crime fighting agencies say organized crime groups have all the networks and methods needed to smuggle falsified, substandard and stolen COVID-19 vaccines across Africa. [...] Meyer says there won't be enough vaccines, and as infection rates and deaths spike in some countries, criminals will introduce fakes into supply chains. [...] Ho Tu Nam said criminal organizations have been waiting eagerly for immunization programs to start, and for vaccine shortages. “Now people are aware that the vaccine exists; people know it's being rolled out in certain countries, and I think it's a perfect time for those syndicates to come in and say, ‘We have the vaccine; you're not getting it in the hospitals, you're not getting it in your private clinics, so come to us.’” she said. And they have been successful in the past. Schneider says groups dealing in black market vaccines do their best to make their products look legitimate. »*

- Partnership for Safe Medicines. **Vaccine Trash Makes Cash.** Partnership for Safe Medicines; 2021. Accessed May 3, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG5QmOiW2eU>

The Partnership for Safe Medicines reported that empty COVID-19 vaccine vials are for sale online. They did the test and could buy some vials after a brief online search. They highlight that there are no requirements for secure destruction for COVID-19 vaccine vials since they are not seen as medical waste. For criminals, the empty vaccine vials are a great opportunity for vaccine scams.

- Stone J. **How Counterfeit Covid-19 Vaccines And Vaccination Cards Endanger Us All.** Forbes - Heal. Published online March 31, 2021. Accessed May 3, 2021. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/judystone/2021/03/31/how-counterfeit-covid-19-vaccines-and-vaccination-cards-endanger-us-all/?sh=db6523c36495>

Extract. « *The black market for Covid vaccines and proof of vaccination is growing rapidly as people tire of restrictions and are anxious to return to normalcy. It is also driven by the inequitable distribution of vaccines, leaving many low- and middle-income (LMIC) countries behind. [...] Fake vaccines—substituting plain salt water for a vaccine, for example—might not cause immediate harm, but may fuel distrust about vaccines’ effectiveness. People will falsely assume that they are protected and engage in risky behaviors. Sharing vaccines equitably would also likely slow down counterfeiting drugs, which is particularly a pressure in the poorer countries that don’t have access to vaccines that wealthy nations do.* »

## **Annex: MQM Globe general discussions and alerts on COVID-19 vaccines**

In addition to the above warnings, that our team collected ad hoc, please have a look at the annex. It contains general discussions the MQM Globe holds on SF COVID-19 vaccine issues in English and was automatically generated for the period of the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2020 to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

Many articles are discussing alerts by regulatory authorities or the challenges of the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines: describing the possible shortages and the concurrent threats of theft, diversion, price gouging, falsification, and some of the solutions to overcome the challenges such as blockchain technology to monitor the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain.

# Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe

June 4, 2021



This is a summary of the information available in the Medicine Quality Monitoring Globe for the search terms selected between the dates selected. For more information on the terminology used, caveats and the work of the medicine quality group please see the information at: <https://www.iddo.org/medicine-quality>

Non-Curated reports are those that have been automatically flagged as relevant by the system but have not been manually curated by the curators.

We would be grateful for any feedback on this summary and for the details of any reports that we may have missed.

## Filters applied for this report

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OR "Ad26.COV2.S" OR "CoronaVac" OR "Covishield" OR "Ad5-nCoV" OR "AZD1222"  
OR "FBRI" OR "Sputnik V" OR "mRNA-1273" OR "EpiVacCorona" OR "Vero Cells"  
OR "Covaxin") OR ("vaccine") AND ("Barat Biotech" OR "BioNTech" OR "Johnson  
& Johnson" OR "Pfizer" OR "Oxford/AstraZeneca" OR "Serum Institute of India" OR  
"Sinopharm" OR "Sinovac" OR "Gamaleya" OR "Moderna" OR "Pfizer/BioNTech" OR  
"CanSino" OR "AstraZeneca" OR "Oxford")) OR ("vaccine") AND ("COVID-19" OR  
"COVID" OR "SARS-CoV-2" OR "Coronavirus" OR "CV19" OR "CV-19" OR "SARS"  
OR "CoV-2"))))

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# 1 Latest monitoring data confirms safety of COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-02-05
Create date	2021-02-08
Score	53.69
Report id	925789
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Not Directly Relevant
Source	Hospital pharmacy
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Latest monitoring data confirms safety of COVID-19 vaccines GOV.UK

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Table 1: Places for report 925789

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	London	51.50853	-0.12574

Table 2: Drugs for report 925789

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] Routine safety monitoring and analysis of the approved COVID-19 vaccines by the UK's medicines regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), shows that the safety of these vaccines remains as high as expected from the clinical trial data that supported the approvals. The safety profile of the vaccines remains positive and the benefits continue to far outweigh any known side-effects.

Over 10 million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech and the Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccines have been given across the UK and the MHRA has gathered a large amount of safety data. [...]

## 2 Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine data hacked in cyberattack on European Medicines Agency

Publication date	2020-12-09
Create date	2020-12-11
Score	49.84
Report id	838653
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine data hacked in cyberattack on European Medicines Agency Republic World

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Table 3: Places for report 838653

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Europe	48.69096	9.14062

Table 4: Drugs for report 838653

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 5: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
936960	Hackers Leak COVID-19 Vaccine Data Stolen During EU Regulator Breach	<a href="#">Link</a>
946713	Altered Vaccine Data Exposes Critical Cyber Risks	<a href="#">Link</a>
843802	EU drugs regulator confirms data breach in cyber attack	<a href="#">Link</a>
838956	Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine docs hacked from European Medicines Agency	<a href="#">Link</a>
945464	COVID-19 Vaccine Data Manipulated Before Leak to Impair Public Trust	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 5: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
838970	Hackers accessed vaccine documents in cyber-attack on EMA	<a href="#">Link</a>
853580	EU drug regulator hacked, data on COVID-19 vaccine accessed	<a href="#">Link</a>
943454	Hackers 'manipulated' stolen COVID-19 vaccine data before leaking it online	<a href="#">Link</a>
846943	Hackers access documents related to authorized COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
943456	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Data Stolen From European Medicines Agency's Server Leaked Online	<a href="#">Link</a>
844384	Mafias are planning to develop fake Corona Vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
841851	EU Vaccine Regulator Hacked for Pfizer/BioNTech Info	<a href="#">Link</a>
839040	EU drug regulator hacked, data on COVID-19 vaccine accessed	<a href="#">Link</a>
839305	Hackers access documents related to authorized COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
940434	Hackers 'manipulated' stolen COVID vaccine papers, says EU agency	<a href="#">Link</a>
929947	Hackers leak Moderna, Pfizer vaccine data stolen in EU cyberattack online	<a href="#">Link</a>
946086	Hackers manipulated stolen Covid-19 vaccine data to undermine trust: EMA	<a href="#">Link</a>
920776	Hackers Leak Stolen Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Data	<a href="#">Link</a>
841207	Hackers breach Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine data in cyberattack targeting EMA	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The warning was issued after the European Medicines Agency (EMA) announced that it was set to conclude the evaluation of the first conditional marketing authorisation application for the vaccines. "Increased vigilance for criminal fraudulent activity is advised to all Member States," Europol said in a statement, stressing that criminals replacing genuine shots shipments with counterfeit vaccines. [...]

### 3 Top Security Official Warns of COVID Vaccine Scams

Publication date	2020-12-18
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	49.68
Report id	852814
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Top Security Official Warns of COVID Vaccine Scams AARP

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Table 6: Places for report 852814

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 7: Drugs for report 852814

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 8: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
859945	Top Security Official Warns of COVID Vaccine Scams	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Criminals are targeting not only individuals but also care facilities, he says, describing a phony "pharmaceutical representative" who offered to sell a residential care facility a number of vaccines to inoculate its patients and staff. Fortunately, though, administrators suspected something was amiss, contacted Pfizer and learned it was a ruse, he says.

Talking about the pandemic-induced onslaught of scams and frauds, Kubiak says Pfizer noticed criminal organizations purporting to sell coronavirus vaccines last spring, many months before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Dec. 11 authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech

COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use in this country. (Now the FDA is poised to authorize a second coronavirus vaccine, from Moderna, for emergency use in the U.S.)

Throughout the health crisis, Pfizer surveilled COVID-19 scams and reported what it spotted to government authorities, Kubiak says. "We began to scour the open web and the dark web for anything — any intelligence — related to COVID-19 related scams." The intelligence it tracked and shared dealt with counterfeit protective gear — face masks, gloves and gowns, for example — and counterfeit treatments. [...]



## 4 Criminals fiddled stolen Covid-19 vaccine data to damage trust

Publication date	2021-01-19
Create date	2021-02-15
Score	48.76
Report id	936943
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Criminals fiddled stolen Covid-19 vaccine data to damage trust ComputerWeekly.com

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Table 9: Places for report 936943

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 10: Drugs for report 936943

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] The identity of the cyber criminal gang who broke into the EMA's systems has not yet been revealed during the course of the investigation, however multiple organisations associated with the development of Covid-19 vaccines, as well as their transport and storage, have found themselves under attack by nation state backed actors.

Earlier in January 2021 a study conducted by polling company YouGov found that that Britons were among the most enthusiastic proponents of the various Covid-19 vaccines now coming to market, with 80% saying they would be happy to receive it, second only to Thailand in the data. People in Denmark, Mexico, India, Spain, Australia, Italy, China and Malaysia were also more likely to say they would take the vaccine when offered.

However, in a sign of how widespread anti-vaccination sentiment has become, only 47% of Americans said they would receive the vaccine, 39% of French people, and 28% of Poles, many of whom said they were worried about what the vaccines contain. Rates were also lower in a

number of Apac states including Singapore, the Philippines, Taiwan and Hong Kong, but this likely reflects those governments' competent and effective response to the pandemic as opposed to anti-vaccination sentiment. [...]

## 5 Some Vials Of COVID-19 Vaccine Contain Extra Doses, Expanding Supply : NPR

Publication date	2020-12-17
Create date	2021-01-10
Score	38.94
Report id	879608
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard
Source	Manufacturer
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Some Vials Of COVID-19 Vaccine Contain Extra Doses, Expanding Supply : NPR  
TechnoCodex

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Table 11: Places for report 879608

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 12: Drugs for report 879608

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 13: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
881387	Extra doses found in Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Food and Drug Administration has authorized health care workers to use extra doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine found in some of the vials that have been distributed throughout the country this week.

The agency issued the guidance Wednesday after health care workers reported throwing out the excess vaccine, fearing it would be against the rules to use it.

"At this time, given the public health emergency, FDA is advising that it is acceptable to use every full dose obtainable (the sixth, or possibly even a seventh) from each vial, pending resolution of the issue," the FDA wrote in a tweet. As health care workers prepared for its arrival they expected to receive vials holding five doses. That left many surprised by the overfilled containers. [...]

## 6 Health ministry warns of fake coronavirus vaccine sales

Publication date	2021-03-11
Create date	2021-03-12
Score	33.24
Report id	975241
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Health ministry warns of fake coronavirus vaccine sales VnExpress International

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Table 14: Places for report 975241

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Viet Nam	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	16.16667	107.83333

Table 15: Drugs for report 975241

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: As Vietnam started rolling out its mass Covid-19 inoculation campaign, the Health Ministry has warned citizens to be vigilant of counterfeit coronavirus vaccines. Some domestic and international organizations and businesses had contacted the ministry recently to sell Covid-19 vaccines produced by British-Swedish firm AstraZeneca and U.S. company Moderna though none had been officially authorized by the producers, the ministry said. [...] However, the ministry called on businesses to be prudent and proactive in verifying information and ensuring legal, financial and commercial safety. In case of necessity, businesses could seek help from the Ministries of Health, Public Security and Foreign Affairs to verify information related to the Covid-19 vaccine supply. [...]

## 7 China Gives Unproven Covid-19 Vaccines to Thousands, With Risks Unknown

Publication date	2020-12-09
Create date	2021-01-10
Score	32.73
Report id	880569
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard
Source	Manufacturer
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: China Gives Unproven Covid-19 Vaccines to Thousands, With Risks Unknown The New York Times

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Table 16: Places for report 880569

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Asia	China	Beijing	39.9075	116.39723

Table 17: Drugs for report 880569

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The world still lacks a proven coronavirus vaccine, but that has not stopped Chinese officials from trying to inoculate tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of people outside the traditional testing process. Three vaccine candidates are being injected into workers whom the government considers essential, along with many others, including employees of the pharmaceutical firms themselves.

Officials are laying out plans to give shots to even more people, citing emergency use, amounting to a big wager that the vaccines will eventually prove to be safe and effective.

China's rush has bewildered global experts. No other country has injected people with unproven vaccines outside the usual drug trial process to such a huge scale. [...] It is not clear how many people in China have received coronavirus vaccines. Sinopharm, a Chinese state-owned company with a vaccine candidate in late-stage trials, has said hundreds of thousands of people



have received its shots. Sinovac, a Beijing-based company, said more than 10,000 people in Beijing had been injected with its vaccine. Separately, it said nearly all its employees — around 3,000 in total — and their families had taken it. [...]

## 8 With covid-19 vaccines coming, federal investigators grow wary of fraud

Publication date	2020-12-01
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	32.07
Report id	827582
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: With covid-19 vaccines coming, federal investigators grow wary of fraud Washington Post

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Table 18: Places for report 827582

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 19: Drugs for report 827582

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Investigators at the Department of Homeland Security are bracing for a new wave of fraud attempts by criminal groups that officials expect will try to take advantage of the extraordinary demand for doses of the coronavirus vaccine.

Pfizer and Moderna, the two drug companies that applied for emergency vaccine approval this week, have said they will produce enough doses for about 20 million people this month. Health-care employees, law enforcement personnel and other front-line workers are expected to be first in line. [...]

## 9 Watch out for fake COVID-19 vaccines as drug companies near FDA approval, feds warn

Publication date	2020-11-30
Create date	2020-12-01
Score	30.31
Report id	826177
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Watch out for fake COVID-19 vaccines as drug companies near FDA approval, feds warn San Luis Obispo Tribune

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Table 20: Places for report 826177

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	San Luis Obispo	35.28275	-120.65962

Table 21: Drugs for report 826177

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 22: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
836913	Covid vaccine scams are on the rise. Here's how to make sure you get a real one	<a href="#">Link</a>
836931	Beware of Covid Vaccine Scams. Here's How to Make Sure You Get a Real One	<a href="#">Link</a>
841056	Watch out for fake COVID-19 vaccines as drug companies near FDA approval, feds warn	<a href="#">Link</a>
848271	Watch out for fake COVID-19 vaccines as drug companies near FDA approval, feds warn	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 22: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
858008	Watch out for fake COVID-19 vaccines as drug companies near FDA approval, feds warn	<a href="#">Link</a>
833191	Watch out for fake COVID-19 vaccines as drug companies near FDA approval, feds warn	<a href="#">Link</a>
830649	Beware of COVID-19 scams as vaccine approaches FDA approval - WIVB.com	<a href="#">Link</a>
837088	WARNING: How to spot a COVID-19 vaccine scam	<a href="#">Link</a>
850428	US officials warn of escalating COVID-19 vaccine scams - Xinhua   English.news.cn	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] As a COVID-19 vaccine nears, bringing hope for an end to the pandemic, criminal organizations big and small will be looking to take advantage by peddling fake and potentially dangerous vaccines of their own, federal authorities warn.

Scammers have been selling fake cures, treatments and protective equipment since the coronavirus pandemic began eight months ago, but Immigration and Customs Enforcement is "preparing for a surge in anticipated fraud" as drug companies approach approval from the Federal Drug Administration and prepare to distribute their vaccines, ICE announced Monday.

ICE isn't the only agency sounding the alarm. The FBI and Federal Drug Administration have been working with major drug manufacturers, including Pfizer and Moderna, to prepare for distribution, and put protections in place to combat fraud, outlets report. [...]

## 10 Sales of fake Covid-19 vaccines seen on ‘dark web’

Publication date	2021-01-09
Create date	2021-01-11
Score	27.62
Report id	883836
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Sales of fake Covid-19 vaccines seen on ‘dark web’ Buenos Aires Times

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Table 23: Places for report 883836

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Argentina	Argentine Republic	-34	-64

Table 24: Drugs for report 883836

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The murky world of cybercrime has acquired a new dimension with the coronavirus pandemic in the form of increased sales of fake vaccines on the dark web as countries across the world embark on vaccination campaigns.

Hawking false antidotes against Covid-19 is a worldwide problem that has worried organisations like the FBI and Interpol in recent weeks, while here in Argentina companies related to cybersecurity are also issuing warnings.

”At a time when the logistics of various vaccines is taking off worldwide, we are detecting the possibility of acquiring various brands of vaccine, among them AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine,” said BTR Consulting, a firm specialising in cybersecurity.

”They offer a specific quote in Bitcoins to eliminate price volatility, specifying conditions of delivery, including changing the original label to ‘saltwater’ for ‘safer’ transport and thus seeking anonymity at any time,” among other digital frauds in websites selling vaccines but which end up robbing money and information from users, the firm added. [...]

## 11 How procurement could've helped the J&J vaccine contamination issue

Publication date	2021-04-06
Create date	2021-04-08
Score	27.45
Report id	1008991
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard
Source	Manufacturer
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: How procurement could've helped the J&J vaccine contamination issue Spend Matters

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Table 25: Places for report 1008991

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 26: Drugs for report 1008991

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Mix-ups in supply chain and procurement happen. But when it's a high-profile issue, like the recent Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Covid-19 vaccine mishap, it can make the general public distrustful and leave procurement professionals wanting to lend their expertise. [...] TraceLink is one such solution. In a recent interview with Spend Matters, John Bermudez, the Vice President of Product Marketing at TraceLink, acknowledged that errors happen. But that's where procurement can be a helpful arm to any organization focusing on pharmaceutical production. [...]



## 12 How to identify fake Pfizer and Sputnik V vaccines marketed in Mexico – Explica .co

Publication date	2021-04-25
Create date	2021-04-30
Score	27.27
Report id	1036221
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: How to identify fake Pfizer and Sputnik V vaccines marketed in Mexico – Explica .co  
Explica

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Table 27: Places for report 1036221

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 28: Drugs for report 1036221

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] However, there is an easier way to avoid fake vaccines: none of those developed approved in Mexico so far are sold to individuals, so all vaccines that are offered illegally outside the National Vaccination Program and are applied in different locations to those established by the federal and state governments, have a very high probability of being false. [...]

## 13 Cofepris warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines selling around Mexico

Publication date	2021-02-06
Create date	2021-02-08
Score	26.25
Report id	927500
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Cofepris warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines selling around Mexico Riviera Maya News

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Table 29: Places for report 927500

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Mexico	Riviera Maya	20.50807	-87.2287

Table 30: Drugs for report 927500

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (Cofepris) launched an alert for the sale of fake Covid-19 vaccines. The public health agency warns of their sale on the internet through social networks, by telephone, pharmacies, hospitals and even points of sale.

They say it is the AstraZeneca vaccine in particular that is being offered. In a statement, the agency stressed that acquiring this type of drug "constitutes a health risk due to its unknown origin," adding that anyone seeing the AstraZeneca SA de CV vaccine for sale, "should not purchase it since, at the moment in Mexico, its sale to the private sector is not authorized." [...]

## 14 Feds warn of COVID-19 vaccine scammers using fake websites

Publication date	2020-12-18
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	25.96
Report id	852866
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Feds warn of COVID-19 vaccine scammers using fake websites New York Post

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Table 31: Places for report 852866

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 32: Drugs for report 852866

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 33: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
974872	Vaccine fraud growing problem in Maryland, Gov. Hogans warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
852867	US seizes 2 fake coronavirus vaccine websites: US Attorney	<a href="#">Link</a>
852894	ICE investigation led to seizure of 2 fraudulent websites purporting to be biotechnology companies developing treatments for COVID-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
854430	Scammers set up fake vaccine websites to trick people: DOJ - Business Insider	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 33: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
855974	DOJ Seizes Fake Domains Impersonating Moderna, Regeneron	<a href="#">Link</a>
953015	COVID-19 vaccine scams on the rise: 4 things to know	<a href="#">Link</a>
951998	Covid-19 Vaccine Scams Grow, Leveraging Confusion About How to Get the Shot	<a href="#">Link</a>
852962	ICE investigations led to seizure of two websites posing as Covid vaccine companies	<a href="#">Link</a>
856313	Officials shut down fake Moderna, Regeneron websites that allegedly stole users' info for cyberattacks	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Coronavirus vaccine scammers are running wild on the internet — with some setting up fake drug company websites to cash in on the desperate demand for shots, federal authorities said Friday.

A bogus website claiming to belong the drugmaker Moderna — whose vaccine was greenlit by a Food and Drug Administration panel Thursday — was shut down Friday by the U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland, officials said.

Fraudsters set up the sham web domain, mordernatx.com, to steal personal information from customers and potentially send out spyware, according to a press release about the scheme. [...]

## 15 DILG warns LGUs, public against fake Pfizer anti-COVID vaccine

Publication date	2021-04-30
Create date	2021-05-07
Score	24.78
Report id	1043458
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: DILG warns LGUs, public against fake Pfizer anti-COVID vaccine GMA News Online

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Table 34: Places for report 1043458

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Republic of the Philippines	13	122

Table 35: Drugs for report 1043458

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 36: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1044311	DILG sounds alarm on 'fake' Pfizer vaccine – The Manila Times	<a href="#">Link</a>
1047909	DILG, MMDA warn vs. fake Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
1043838	DILG warns public vs fake Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
1043839	DILG warns local govts over fake vaccines – The Manila Times	<a href="#">Link</a>
1076901	DILG warns local govts over fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 36: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
1044144	DILG warns LGUs vs fake Pfizer vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
1044416	DILG warns vs. fake Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: In the middle of the national vaccination program against COVID-19, the Department of the Interior and Local Government on Saturday warned local government units and the public against "fake Pfizer" vaccine. In a statement, DILG Secretary Eduardo Ano called on the all local LGU officials down to the barangay level to be on guard after the World Health Organization (WHO) issued an alert that possibly fake Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines are out in the market. [...]



## 16 Investigation into Knox County's 975 missing Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines shows no criminal activity

Publication date	2021-03-11
Create date	2021-03-12
Score	24.11
Report id	976180
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Investigation into Knox County's 975 missing Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines shows no criminal activity Knoxville News Sentinel

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Table 37: Places for report 976180

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Knoxville	35.96064	-83.92074

Table 38: Drugs for report 976180

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Investigators were "not able to detect criminal activity" related to the disappearance of 975 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine delivered in January to the Knox County Health Department.

In a letter sent by District Attorney General Charme Allen to Knoxville police and obtained by Knox News, she told police investigators she had reviewed their findings, planned to close the DA office's case and told police they could close their case, as well.

A police report obtained by Knox News shows that investigators spoke to the two employees involved, leaders at the health department, the FedEx driver who delivered the package, a Waste Management employee and Pfizer's global security director. They also reviewed security footage that shows an employee putting the box into a dumpster and a truck hauling the trash away.

"At this time I do not believe this aforementioned vaccine was stolen. I believe this was mistakenly thrown out," a Knoxville Police Department investigator wrote. [...]

## 17 Coronavirus vaccine fraud warning issued to everybody in the UK

Publication date	2020-11-14
Create date	2020-11-16
Score	24.02
Report id	804181
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Coronavirus vaccine fraud warning issued to everybody in the UK Birmingham Live

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Table 39: Places for report 804181

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	54.75844	-2.69531

Table 40: Drugs for report 804181

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 41: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
804098	Covid vaccine fraud is 'emerging threat' to UK, National Crime Agency says	<a href="#">Link</a>
804218	Fake coronavirus vaccines an 'emerging threat' to UK, crime agency boss warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
839624	Police chiefs urge people in Staffordshire to be vigilant over 'national trend' of bogus callers offering Covid-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Concern over fake coronavirus vaccines is spreading among police forces, according to a new report today.

The National Crime Agency (NCA) in the UK are urging Brits to exercise caution amid fears fake coronavirus vaccines could become a threat.

There is a growing threat to the UK from fraudulent antidotes to Covid-19, according to the NCA.

The warning comes in the same week Pfizer announced a groundbreaking breakthrough with its own vaccine, which the health firm says is 90 per cent effective. [...]

## 18 LA City Attorney Warns Residents Of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Publication date	2020-12-16
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	22.65
Report id	849572
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: LA City Attorney Warns Residents Of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams CBS Los Angeles

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Table 42: Places for report 849572

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Anaheim	33.83529	-117.9145
Americas	United States	Los Angeles	34.05223	-118.24368
Americas	United States	Pasadena	34.14778	-118.14452

Table 43: Drugs for report 849572

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 44: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
851177	With COVID-19 vaccines rolling out, L.A. City Attorney warns: 'Don't pay for the promise of access to the vaccine'	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) — City Attorney Mike Feuer Wednesday warned Los Angeles residents to beware of COVID-19 vaccine scams.

Feuer said although the first COVID-19 vaccines are being administered by Pfizer, they are not yet available to all.

People should beware of texts or calls or house visits from people claiming they have a vaccine or can give people early access to an inoculation, he said.

"While this is terrific news, the vaccine won't be available on a widespread basis until spring or early summer," Feuer said. "In the meantime, that means there will be a wait, and that wait is surely an opportunity for scammers to try to sell you fake vaccines that are ineffective at best and dangerous at worst." [...]



## 19 COVID-19 vaccine is bonanza for digital supply chain tracking industry - The Jakarta Post

Publication date	2020-12-17
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	22.32
Report id	850502
Category	Other, Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: COVID-19 vaccine is bonanza for digital supply chain tracking industry - The Jakarta Post Jakarta Post

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Table 45: Places for report 850502

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 46: Drugs for report 850502

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 47: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
850503	FOCUS-COVID vaccine is bonanza for digital supply chain tracking industry	<a href="#">Link</a>
850536	COVID vaccine is bonanza for digital supply chain tracking industry	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...]Cloudleaf, backed by Intel Capital, the venture arm of chipmaker Intel Corp, uses sensors attached to material containers to track the location, temperature, humidity, vibration

and acceleration. The sensors send data to the cloud, where an artificial intelligence algorithm can predict if action is needed to prevent a product from becoming exposed to temperatures outside the recommended range, known as excursions. [...] Moderna is using SAP's digital solutions to help serialize and distribute its vaccine. The applications are designed to prevent counterfeit medicines and enable collaboration with contract manufacturers and wholesalers. Similarly, Israeli startup Varcod, which makes smart tags that measure time and temperature, and can track and trace products throughout the supply chain, has seen a multifold jump in orders. [...]

## 20 Beware of scams as coronavirus vaccine approaches FDA approval

Publication date	2020-12-01
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	21.19
Report id	827097
Category	Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unlicensed outlets
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Beware of scams as coronavirus vaccine approaches FDA approval Moscow-Pullman Daily News

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Table 48: Places for report 827097

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 49: Drugs for report 827097

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 50: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
825634	The Latest: Beware of COVID-19 scams as vaccine approaches FDA approval	<a href="#">Link</a>
843121	Beware of Fraudulent Coronavirus Tests, Vaccines and Treatments - 2020-11-20	<a href="#">Link</a>
834023	How to watch out for scams as a coronavirus vaccine nears	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] Homeland Security investigators are working with Pfizer, Moderna and dozens of other drug companies racing to complete and distribute the vaccine and treatments for the virus. The goal: to prepare for the scams that are coming, especially after the mess of criminal activity this year with phony personal protective equipment, false cures and extortion schemes. [...] Meanwhile, investigators are learning about how the vaccine will be packaged and getting the message out to field agents, creating a mass database of information from more than 200 companies, so they can be prepared to spot fakes and crack down on dangerous fraud. They are monitoring tens of thousands of false websites and looking for evidence of fake cures sold online. Earlier this year as cases exploded, hospitals and governments grew short on masks, gloves and other protective gear. Scams grew, too. Tricksters preyed on unwitting citizens to hand over money for goods they'd never receive. [...]

## 21 Fraudsters will exploit Covid vaccine to con vulnerable, warns National Crime Agency

Publication date	2020-11-14
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	17.65
Report id	804383
Category	Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Fraudsters will exploit Covid vaccine to con vulnerable, warns National Crime Agency  
Telegraph.co.uk

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Table 51: Places for report 804383

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	England	52.16045	-0.70312

Table 52: Drugs for report 804383

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 53: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
843815	New Covid-19 Vaccine Phone Scam Targets Elderly Pensioners After UK Began Pfizer-Biontech Vaccine Rollout	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The new Covid vaccine An alert over Covid vaccine fraud has been issued by the National Crime Agency (NCA) as criminals seek to exploit a breakthrough that could see millions of doses

being issued for vulnerable people in the next six months. Just as fraudsters targeted people by selling fake testing kits and with PPE scams, Graeme Biggar, director-general of the National Economic Crime Centre, part of the NCA, said vaccine fraud was a "new, emerging threat." His warning followed news that distribution of the world's first effective coronavirus vaccine produced by drugs giant Pfizer could start within weeks. Speaking at a webinar organised by the business support body, "Resilience First", Biggar said he expected fraudsters to capitalise on the development by selling fake vaccines.[...]

## 22 Law enforcement officials warn about vaccine scams | Coronavirus

Publication date	2020-12-30
Create date	2020-12-31
Score	17.64
Report id	869163
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Law enforcement officials warn about vaccine scams | Coronavirus coloradopolitics.com

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Table 54: Places for report 869163

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Colorado	39.00027	-105.50083

Table 55: Drugs for report 869163

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 56: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
869379	Colorado Attorney General Warns Of COVID Vaccine Scams, Promises To Prosecute	<a href="#">Link</a>
886685	Be on the lookout for COVID-19 vaccine scams: Laws prohibit sale or advertising of fake COVID-19 vaccinations	<a href="#">Link</a>
871072	Colorado attorney general issues warning about COVID-19 vaccination scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
890060	Avoiding COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>



Notes: Law enforcement and other officials in Colorado are joining the nationwide warning for people to watch out for scams tied to COVID-19 vaccines.

Some of those scams may claim that the vaccines carry a cost, or that with payment, they are guaranteed an earlier spot in line to receive a vaccine. The scams may also result in the victim getting a black market or phony vaccine.

On Dec. 3, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a fraud alert regarding scams tied to COVID-19, including on vaccines. That alert warned that "Scammers are using telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms and door-to-door visits to perpetrate COVID-19-related scams." [...]

## 23 Swiss regulator warns of fake COVID-19 vaccines, urging not to order vaccines online

Publication date	2021-01-12
Create date	2021-01-13
Score	17.41
Report id	888828
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Swiss regulator warns of fake COVID-19 vaccines, urging not to order vaccines online  
The Star Online

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Table 57: Places for report 888828

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	Switzerland	Switzerland	47.00016	8.01427

Table 58: Drugs for report 888828

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 59: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
889350	Swiss regulator warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
889363	Swiss regulator warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines, urging not to order vaccines online	<a href="#">Link</a>
925594	Swiss regulator warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines online	<a href="#">Link</a>
890849	Beware of fake Covid-19 vaccines: When, where and how to receive the genuine vaccine?	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Switzerland's health regulator Swissmedic on Tuesday warned of the danger of buying vaccines online, saying that fake coronavirus vaccines are already being offered on the internet. In a statement issued Tuesday, Swissmedic said that as the demand for coronavirus vaccines being on the rise, criminal individuals and organizations are exploiting people's fears by offering fake vaccines on the internet.

"Crimes involving illegal medicines and vaccines, and especially COVID-19 vaccines, pose a serious threat to the health and lives of the population," the statement said.

"Very often, the products they are offering are fakes that either contain no active ingredients at all or else contain dangerous substances that can endanger people's health. In many cases, advance payments are made and nothing is ever delivered," it added. [...]

## 24 FDA offers tips to avoid coronavirus vaccine scams

Publication date	2020-12-01
Create date	2020-12-07
Score	17.31
Report id	827469
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: FDA offers tips to avoid coronavirus vaccine scams Yahoo Money

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Table 60: Places for report 827469

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 61: Drugs for report 827469

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 62: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
835616	Virginia Attorney General warns against possible COVID-19 vaccination scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
845628	Get vaccinated, not scammed. Here's how to avoid covid-19 cons.	<a href="#">Link</a>
829758	FDA Warns of Possible Scams As COVID-19 Vaccine Approaches Approval	<a href="#">Link</a>
835981	Tips for avoiding coronavirus vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
852719	The COVID-19 Vaccine is Here. What Does That Mean for Counterfeiting?	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Americans are anxiously anticipating approval and public distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine to inoculate the masses and return to normalcy — and scammers are standing by.

Government agencies like the Federal Trade Commission, Department of Homeland Security, and Food and Drug Administration have issued warnings to Americans to be wary of groups or individuals offering COVID-19 vaccines or cures because a vaccine has yet to be approved by the FDA. [...]

## 25 WTVR Kroger mistakenly used empty syringes instead of COVID-19 vaccine at Midlothian store Officials said

Publication date	2021-03-10
Create date	2021-03-30
Score	17.25
Report id	995469
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: WTVR Kroger mistakenly used empty syringes instead of COVID-19 vaccine at Midlothian store Officials said wtvr.com

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Table 63: Places for report 995469

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Midlothian	32.48236	-96.99445

Table 64: Drugs for report 995469

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 65: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
996995	A Kroger clinic in Virginia accidentally gave customers empty shots instead of Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
997599	Virginia Kroger now says it administered 'empty syringes' instead of COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Kroger is now clarifying a COVID-19 vaccine mishap that happened at one of its Central Virginia clinics.

A spokesperson initially told CBS 6 multiple people were mistakenly given a shot of saline instead of a Coronavirus vaccine at the Midlothian location, but now Kroger says that's not the case.

"After a thorough investigation we just received new information that customers were injected with empty syringes and not saline," said a Kroger Mid-Atlantic spokesperson.

Early Wednesday afternoon, Kroger sent CBS 6 an initial statement saying people expecting to be vaccinated against Coronavirus were instead administered saline as an "honest mistake." Hours later, Kroger rolled back on that statement after a spokesperson said they were misinformed. [...]

## 26 Be Wary of COVID-19 Vaccine-Related Scams

Publication date	2021-02-16
Create date	2021-02-19
Score	17.12
Report id	944092
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Be Wary of COVID-19 Vaccine-Related Scams South Florida Reporter

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Table 66: Places for report 944092

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Florida	28.75054	-82.5001

Table 67: Drugs for report 944092

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 68: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
946242	Scam alert: Fake Vaccine Appointments Come with Lasting Side Effects	<a href="#">Link</a>
968339	Feds warn of COVID scams   Mile Markers   keysnews.com	<a href="#">Link</a>
955304	Feds warns of COVID scams   Mile Markers   keysnews.com	<a href="#">Link</a>
944093	Beware of COVID-19 vaccine scams   News	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The total number of doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered statewide now outpace



the number of Floridians who have been reported to have contracted the novel coronavirus. With the rollout of vaccines and the increasing number of individuals seeking to secure them, scammers have devised multiple methods attempting to take advantage of vaccination distribution, according to Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody.[...]

## 27 SC hears plea seeking prevention of circulation of fake COVID-19 vaccine

Publication date	2020-12-29
Create date	2020-12-31
Score	17.12
Report id	867095
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: SC hears plea seeking prevention of circulation of fake COVID-19 vaccine BW Businessworld

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Table 69: Places for report 867095

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	India	New Delhi	28.63576	77.22445

Table 70: Drugs for report 867095

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 71: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
867156	SC hears plea seeking prevention of circulation of fake Covid-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
869006	Govt should create strict guidelines to prevent fake Covid vaccines from being sold: Plea in SC	<a href="#">Link</a>
868581	PIL in SC cites INTERPOL's notice, wants action against fake COVID vaccine rackets	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: New Delhi [India], December 29 (ANI): A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed before the Supreme Court on Tuesday by lawyer, Vishal Tiwari, seeking a direction to the Union of India (UoI) and others, to issue strict guidelines and regulations under the Disaster Management Act by constituting a special committee to prevent the chances of sale or circulation of fake and counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine by any organisation, company or online apps. The petitioner in his PIL sought a direction that the respondents, including the Centre, be directed to run an awareness programme for the safety of the citizens against the danger of counterfeit vaccination of coronavirus. Tiwari, in his petition, sought a direction that the respondents be directed to enact a strict law against the criminal act committed by selling or circulating counterfeit coronavirus vaccine by any organisation or individual. The petitioner cited that the pandemic took the entire world into its captivity. He further stated in his plea that all countries started research for its cure. After several months of research, some countries have been successful in inventing the vaccine against COVID-19. [...]

## 28 NBI to strengthen monitoring of fake COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-02-05
Create date	2021-02-08
Score	17.08
Report id	925590
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: NBI to strengthen monitoring of fake COVID-19 vaccines ptnnews.ph

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Table 72: Places for report 925590

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Republic of the Philippines	13	122

Table 73: Drugs for report 925590

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 74: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
932914	PNP, NBI urged: Crack down on fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
933682	PNP to monitor blackmarkets for counterfeit, unauthorized COVID-19 vax —Sinan	<a href="#">Link</a>
933584	Police to track, arrest smugglers of illegal Covid-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Department of Justice (DOJ) has ordered the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to strengthen its monitoring of fake Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines.

DOJ Secretary Menardo Guevarra pointed out that this was after news of fake vaccines from China have been discovered in different countries. The NBI will use its assets to be on the lookout for possible smuggling of the said products. [...]

## 29 BOC warns public against locally-made fake COVID-19 vaccines - UNTV News

Publication date	2021-02-17
Create date	2021-02-19
Score	17.01
Report id	943674
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: BOC warns public against locally-made fake COVID-19 vaccines - UNTV News UNTV News

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Table 75: Places for report 943674

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Manila	14.6042	120.9822

Table 76: Drugs for report 943674

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 77: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
943825	3 BOC ports prepare for arrival of vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Bureau of Customs (BOC) on Wednesday warned the public against the possible proliferation of locally-manufactured vaccines against novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as the government gears up for the rollout of its vaccination program. "BOC warns the public to be careful when availing of vaccines as fake vaccines may have severe health consequences to

users,” the bureau said in a statement. “The composition of such vaccines are not tested and even worse, fake vaccines may not be effective thus further exposing users to the dangers of COVID-19,” it added. [...]

### 30 Public warned that fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online 'may pose risk to health'

Publication date	2021-01-19
Create date	2021-01-21
Score	16.89
Report id	899525
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Public warned that fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online 'may pose risk to health' CTV News Vancouver

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Table 78: Places for report 899525

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Canada	Vancouver	49.24966	-123.11934

Table 79: Drugs for report 899525

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 80: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
900639	Immunize BC warns of fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online   News	<a href="#">Link</a>
899733	Fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online may 'pose risks to health': ImmunizeBC	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: ImmunizeBC is warning the public not to buy supposed COVID-19 vaccine doses that are being advertised online.



The organization said there have been reports of emails and websites promising to provide coronavirus vaccines for money – but the products don't work, and could actually harm the people who use them. [...]

### 31 EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines

Publication date	2020-12-04
Create date	2020-12-07
Score	16.55
Report id	831487
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines ActionNewsJax.com

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Table 81: Places for report 831487

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Europe	48.69096	9.14062

Table 82: Drugs for report 831487

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 83: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
833821	Public warned of fake Covid-19 vaccine risk as gangs hope to cash in	<a href="#">Link</a>
838431	EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
832810	Medical products regulator urges people to be vigilant for fake Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
846125	EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
832819	Police warning over dangerous fake coronavirus vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 83: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
875835	Officials warn of fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
832071	European Union police agency Europol warns against counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines, fraud	<a href="#">Link</a>
855959	Europol Warns COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Vulnerable to Fraud, Theft	<a href="#">Link</a>
831653	EU Police Agency Europol Warns of Fake Coronavirus Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
861352	EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
864428	Europol warns of risk of coronavirus vaccine fraud - Europol warns of fraudulent and fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
864173	Covid-19: Europol warns of fraudulent and fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
831698	EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines - KTAB	<a href="#">Link</a>
853734	EU police agency Europol warns of fake coronavirus vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
923132	CRISIS UNFOLDING: Fake vaccines, a new bane of the pandemic	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: European Union police agency Europol issued a warning Friday highlighting the risk of organized crime scams linked to COVID-19 vaccines, including the possibility criminals will try to sell dangerous counterfeit vaccines or to hijack shipments of genuine shots. [...] "Once a legitimate vaccine enters the market, counterfeited versions of the specific vaccine brand are expected to circulate rapidly," the agency's warning said, citing a phony flu vaccine that the World Health Organization discovered in Mexico in October. "Similar to the fake influenza vaccine encountered in Mexico, counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines may represent a significant public health threat if they are ineffective at best or toxic at worst, given their production in underground labs without hygiene standards," Europol said. "Fake vaccines may even have a wider-reaching impact if new outbreaks emerge in communities assumed to be vaccinated." [...]

## 32 Anxiety over fake COVID-19 vaccines | The Guardian Nigeria News

Publication date	2021-03-07
Create date	2021-03-10
Score	16.46
Report id	971699
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Anxiety over fake COVID-19 vaccines | The Guardian Nigeria News Guardian

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Table 84: Places for report 971699

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Western Africa	Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	10	8

Table 85: Drugs for report 971699

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 86: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
970442	Press focuses on concerns that fake COVID-19 vaccines may flood Nigerian market, others - Journaldu-cameroun.com	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Three days after Nigeria began vaccination for coronavirus, there are concerns that fake and illegal COVID-19 vaccines may soon flood the Nigerian market if the Federal Government did not tackle the situation urgently. The anxiety was heightened, last week, when the global

police organization, Interpol Police, in China and South Africa reportedly seized thousands of fake doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, warning this represented only the "tip of the iceberg" in vaccine-related crime. [...] The situation has raised questions about readiness of Nigeria to prevent fake vaccines from getting into the country, a situation that could increase concerns about efficacy and apathy.

The Guardian investigation revealed that real the challenge for government is that there are no enough vaccines. Some travellers may become so desperate to be tempted to take from the black market, which might encourage its smuggling. [...]

### 33 Interpol warns against organised criminal networks selling 'fake vaccines'

Publication date	2020-12-02
Create date	2020-12-02
Score	16.33
Report id	828283
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Interpol warns against organised criminal networks selling 'fake vaccines' Newsbook

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Table 87: Places for report 828283

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 88: Drugs for report 828283

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 89: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
829441	Interpol warns about fake, stolen COVID vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
842242	Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine: Scots warned of Covid scams including fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
872199	Interpol Warns Of Criminal Activities Related To Coronavirus Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
834827	Interpol warns organised crime will target COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
828428	Crime gangs threaten COVID-19 vaccine campaigns, Interpol warns	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 89: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
1006350	Singapore joins Interpol-led global crime task force against COVID-19 vaccine scams Borneo Bulletin On-line	<a href="#">Link</a>
839696	Cyber Attackers Threaten COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Chain   Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP	<a href="#">Link</a>
867092	Issue directions to Centre to prevent organized crime rackets around fake COVID-19 vaccines: Plea in Supreme Court - Bar & Bench	<a href="#">Link</a>
993045	Interpol issues warning as criminals target desperate Europeans with fake vaccines scam	<a href="#">Link</a>
1005334	Singapore joining Interpol-led global financial crime task force looking into COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
859161	Could Fake Vaccine Criminals Be Thwarted By Technological Solutions?	<a href="#">Link</a>
837147	Interpol Warns The Mafia May Try To Steal COVID Vaccines, Sell Fake Ones	<a href="#">Link</a>
838432	How Will Government Deal With Fake Vaccine, Interpol Warns 194 Countries   Uncut	<a href="#">Link</a>
994342	Agencies warn of online vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
829230	Interpol issues a global alert warning that criminal groups plan to target COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
998447	COVID Vaccine Not On Sale Anywhere in The World, Says Interpol After Websites Sell Fake Corona Injections	<a href="#">Link</a>
828726	Interpol warning of fake, stolen vaccines   TheHill	<a href="#">Link</a>
833593	Coronavirus – Interpol warns organised crime gangs will be out to hijack ‘liquid gold’ Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
829767	Beware! Criminal networks could try to sell fake COVID vaccines physically and on internet, warns Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
840522	Scots warned of Covid-19 scams including fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
842570	Interpol, IBM Security Experts Issue Warnings Of Criminal Efforts Targeting Coronavirus Vaccine Distribution	<a href="#">Link</a>
843851	Interpol warns that criminals are primed to create fake Covid vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
858189	Beware: There Are Fake, Stolen COVID-19 Vaccines Out There	<a href="#">Link</a>
830541	Beware: There Are Fake, Stolen COVID-19 Vaccines Out There	<a href="#">Link</a>
829006	Fake COVID-19 vaccines warning issued, shots could be targeted by criminals: Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
828496	Interpol warns of organized crime threat to Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 89: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
829776	Covid-19 wrap: Global cases cross 63.37m, Interpol warns of vaccine criminals, mask guidelines tightened	<a href="#">Link</a>
830802	'Beware of fake COVID-19 vaccine', Interpol warns 194 nations	<a href="#">Link</a>
830292	Interpol warns of organised crime threat to coronavirus vaccine via Orange Notice	<a href="#">Link</a>
847192	Beware: There Are Fake, Stolen COVID-19 Vaccines Out There	<a href="#">Link</a>
853081	Report: Purported COVID-19 Vaccines Hit Dark Web	<a href="#">Link</a>
997472	Cyber Fraud Global alert against fake Covid vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
829537	Interpol warns that organized crime groups will likely try to steal 'liquid gold' COVID vaccines as well as pe	<a href="#">Link</a>
829283	Federal Investigators warn of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine fraud	<a href="#">Link</a>
994408	Fake Covid-19 vaccines pose 'serious health hazard', warns Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
867948	Interpol shares details of organised crime hand in fake vaccines found in SA	<a href="#">Link</a>
837487	Interpol warns that COVID-19 vaccines could be targeted by criminals	<a href="#">Link</a>
841847	More COVID-19 scams: Criminal networks expected to pitch fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
859523	Fake COVID-19 Vaccines are Already Being Sold On-line	<a href="#">Link</a>
828804	The Mafia Is Probably Going To Try To Get Their Hands On The COVID Vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
834948	Beware fake coronavirus vaccines, says Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
828817	Interpol warns that criminals are primed to create fake Covid vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
845205	Police and public health working together to protect COVID-19 vaccine from 'sabotage,' says BC's top doc	<a href="#">Link</a>
828317	Beware fake coronavirus vaccines, says Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
1007782	Singapore joins Interpol-led crime task force Covid-19 related scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
828338	Organized criminal networks could be targeting COVID-19 vaccines, Interpol warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
828595	Interpol warns international authorities about threat of fake Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
858038	MP govt tightens law against food, drug adulteration amid Interpol warning on fake Covid-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
921273	Mexico says illicit labs are making fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
860345	Crime gangs threaten Covid-19 vaccine campaigns, Interpol warns	<a href="#">Link</a>



Table 89: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
830656	COVID-19 vaccines could be targeted by crime groups, Interpol says	<a href="#">Link</a>
829124	Interpol warns world against coronavirus vaccine fraud by mob	<a href="#">Link</a>
829638	Beware of fake COVID-19 vaccine: Interpol's global alert on organised crime targeting vax, supply chain	<a href="#">Link</a>
855498	Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine: Scots warned of Covid scams including fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
828877	COVID-19: Criminals could target vaccine supply chains or create fakes, Interpol warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
829645	Criminal networks could try to sell fake Covid-19 vaccines physically and on internet, warns Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
851422	Don't buy a fake vaccine online as it arrives in Mississauga next week	<a href="#">Link</a>
841193	COVID-19: Criminals could target vaccine supply chains or create fakes, Interpol warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
840426	Interpol on fake vaccine; India to see \$66 bn investment in gas infrastructure	<a href="#">Link</a>
958956	Beware! Criminal networks could try to sell fake COVID vaccines physically and on internet, warns Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
829933	Interpol warns criminals may sell fake Covid vaccine online	<a href="#">Link</a>
861168	Interpol: Vaccine Ushers an 'Onslaught' of Criminal Activity	<a href="#">Link</a>
1005559	Singapore joins Interpol-led crime task force to look into Covid-19 scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
829180	Interpol Warns About Potential Fake, Stolen COVID-19 Vaccines From Criminal Organizations	<a href="#">Link</a>
829181	Feds warn of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine fraud	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Interpol warned that organised criminal networks could be targeting COVID-19 vaccines, and could look to sell fake shots.

Interpol said it had issued a global alert to law enforcement across its 194 member countries, warning them to prepare for organised crime networks targeting COVID-19 vaccines, both physically and online.

With demand for personal protection and hygiene products growing exponentially, criminals are seeking to make a profit by selling substandard or counterfeit items such as surgical masks, and even outright fake 'coronavirus medicine'. [...]

### 34 Fake vaccine watch - Government on alert for influx of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines to the island

Publication date	2021-01-31
Create date	2021-02-01
Score	15.80
Report id	917075
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Fake vaccine watch - Government on alert for influx of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines to the island Jamaica Gleaner

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Table 90: Places for report 917075

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Jamaica	Jamaica	18.16667	-77.25

Table 91: Drugs for report 917075

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Health and Wellness Minister Dr Christopher Tufton says the Government is being proactive against the threat of fake coronavirus vaccines hitting the Jamaican market, as the demand for protection against the dreaded disease increases locally.

Tufton said this has been a consideration for his ministry, prior to last week's warning from Dr Joy St John, executive director of the Trinidad-based Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), urging regional nations to pay strict attention to the distribution of vaccines to their populations. [...]

## 35 Intense Efforts to Secure COVID Vaccine, Keep It Off the Black Market

Publication date	2020-12-16
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	15.67
Report id	849824
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Intense Efforts to Secure COVID Vaccine, Keep It Off the Black Market NBC10 Boston

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Table 92: Places for report 849824

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Boston	42.35843	-71.05977

Table 93: Drugs for report 849824

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: As delivery trucks rumble out of Pfizer's Michigan plant with an escort from U.S. Marshals, they are also under the watchful eye of FedEx employees.

Each box of vaccines is equipped with Bluetooth and GPS sensors to monitor their location and temperature.

"I refer to them as guardian angels," said Richard Smith, regional president of the Americas for the shipping giant. "They are using the technology to have eyes on every single one of them to be alerted to any potential failure." [...] "We'll be checking the inventory counts every day," Vreeland said. "We don't want to lose track of any vaccines."

On a broader scale, there are reports that shipping companies will send out "dummy trucks" to throw criminals off the trail. On a microlevel, each vial will contain a special mark that glows under blacklight to prevent counterfeit samples. [...]

### 36    Coronavirus vaccine rollout is hackers dream: Top five scams in the works

Publication date	2020-12-07
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	15.07
Report id	835169
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Coronavirus vaccine rollout is hackers dream: Top five scams in the works Fox Business

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Table 94: Places for report 835169

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	New York City	40.71427	-74.00597

Table 95: Drugs for report 835169

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] Cybercriminals will likely take advantage of people willing to make a rash decision for COVID-19 vaccine access, as well as those who are skeptical about the administration's quick rollout of the vaccine. These criminals have the potential to harm supplies, supply chains, cargo shipments and government response efforts, Experian reported. [...]

## 37 Doctors and police forces issue joint warning over fake Covid-19 vaccine fraudsters

Publication date	2021-01-15
Create date	2021-01-18
Score	14.95
Report id	894025
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard
Source	Street vendors
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Doctors and police forces issue joint warning over fake Covid-19 vaccine fraudsters  
MSN UK

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Table 96: Places for report 894025

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	England	52.16045	-0.70312

Table 97: Drugs for report 894025

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 98: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
894582	Covid news: Public warned amid rising vaccine fraud - 'Jab should be free!'	<a href="#">Link</a>
897658	NHS issues Covid-19 vaccine scam warning	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] "We know how excited people are to get the vaccine when it's their turn to do so, but sadly we're seeing that excitement is also bringing out the cheats, crooks and con people looking to make money from this life-saving programme.

”Remember, the vaccine will always be free on the NHS. Our staff will never ask for, or accept, cash for vaccines, never ask for your banking details or identity documents, and will never come around to your house unannounced.”

As of January 10, Action Fraud had received 65 reports in relation to coronavirus vaccines.

During the vaccine rollout, the NHS says it will never ask for bank account or card details, a banking PIN or password, and never ask individuals to prove their identity by sending copies of personal documents such as a passport, driving licence, bills or payslips. [...]

## 38 Troopers Warn Of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Publication date	2021-03-14
Create date	2021-03-15
Score	14.84
Report id	978633
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Troopers Warn Of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams LevittownNow.com

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Table 99: Places for report 978633

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Philadelphia	39.95233	-75.16379

Table 100: Drugs for report 978633

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) reminds Pennsylvania residents of the potential physical health risks and financial harms of purchasing, administering, and consuming counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines.

Unverified vaccines made from unknown substances under unknown conditions present significant health risks. Additionally, consumers of fake vaccines, believing they are subsequently protected against COVID-19, may make lifestyle choices that increase their actual risk of COVID-19 infection. Residents should remain cautious of websites and stores selling products that claim to prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19. [...]

### 39 New Mexicans: Beware of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Publication date	2020-12-14
Create date	2020-12-15
Score	14.79
Report id	846057
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: New Mexicans: Beware of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams KRWG

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Table 101: Places for report 846057

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	New Mexico	34.50034	-106.00085

Table 102: Drugs for report 846057

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 103: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
846404	Attorney General Warns New Mexicans To Beware Of COVID-10 Vaccine Scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
848255	Beware of COVID-19 vaccine scams, warns New Mexico Attorney General	<a href="#">Link</a>
846292	Attorney General Hector Balderas Warns New Mexicans To Beware Of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Attorney General Hector Balderas today issued a consumer safety advisory to New Mexican consumers about the increased proliferation of COVID-19 vaccine related scams, as



vaccine rollout begins. Pharmaceutical companies and law enforcement entities across the globe are warning of organized criminal elements that are taking advantage of the vaccine rollout. These scammers are defrauding and enticing people into purchasing fake COVID-19 vaccines. In response to these scams, Attorney General Balderas warns New Mexican families to be vigilant in seeking or receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. [...]

## 40 Customs warns public vs. counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-03-31
Create date	2021-04-05
Score	14.72
Report id	999852
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Clandestine laboratory
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Customs warns public vs. counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines GMA News

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Table 104: Drugs for report 999852

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 105: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1001531	Unilab warns public to be 'vigilant' vs fake medicines	<a href="#">Link</a>
1001548	Unilab warns public vs. fake medicines	<a href="#">Link</a>
1018820	FDA warns public vs fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Bureau of Customs (BOC) on Wednesday issued a warning to the public against the proliferation of counterfeit COVID vaccines, which may be manufactured locally.

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In a statement, the BOC said it supports the call of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to strongly warn the public against fake vaccines in light of the President's directive to import COVID-19 vaccines. "With the standing directive by the national government to authorize private sectors to import COVID-19 vaccines, unscrupulous entities might take advantage to profit during the pandemic by illegally manufacturing counterfeit vaccines locally," the Customs said. [...]

## 41 Coronavirus vaccine warning: Criminal gangs preparing to steal jab - 'It's liquid gold'

Publication date	2020-12-05
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	14.70
Report id	832466
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Coronavirus vaccine warning: Criminal gangs preparing to steal jab - 'It's liquid gold'  
Express

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Table 106: Places for report 832466

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	54.75844	-2.69531

Table 107: Drugs for report 832466

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 108: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
835378	BEWARE: Fake Coronavirus Vaccines An 'Emerging Threat', Warns UK Crime Agency Boss	<a href="#">Link</a>
977090	Fake Vaccines Are 'Liquid Gold' In Pandemic Crime Wave Worth Billions, Says Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...]But storage facilities have been kept secret amid mounting fears the "liquid gold" vaccine will attract criminal gangs.

Jurgen Stock, secretary-general of Interpol, warned: "As governments are preparing to roll out vaccines, criminal organisations are planning to infiltrate or disrupt supply chains. "It is essential that law enforcement is as prepared as possible for what will be an onslaught of all types of criminal activity linked to the COVID-19 vaccine." [...]

## 42 Conicet denies that ivermectin works as a cure

Publication date	2021-02-22
Create date	2021-02-23
Score	14.67
Report id	950380
Category	Veterinary medicines, Antiparasitic
Quality	Not Directly Relevant
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Conicet denies that ivermectin works as a cure Explica

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Table 109: Places for report 950380

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 110: Drugs for report 950380

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
ivermectin	Other dermato- logicals	other dermatological preparations	D11AX22
ivermectin	Avermectines	antinematodal agents	P02CF01

Notes: Scientists Conicet they denied that the Ivermectin have a greater effect to vaccines in cases of coronavirus and came out at the crossroads of messages that circulate on whatsapp and other social networks, from the Twitter account Science Anti-Fake News – COVID-19 .

For some time now, it has been circulating on social networks and messaging services, mainly Whatsapp, a series of publications and message chains that ensure that the drug popularly known as ivermectin it works better than any vaccine. Supposedly this drug not only would be able to prevent disease, as a vaccine would, it is also capable of cure infected people. [...] The experts were blunt: Lhe results available so far are not sufficient to ensure that ivermectin is effective to prevent or treat COVID-19 , they confirmed from the Twitter account dedicated to combating misinformation about the pandemic. [...]

## 43 FG raises alarm over fake covid-19 vaccines from China

Publication date	2021-03-27
Create date	2021-03-30
Score	14.66
Report id	995577
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: FG raises alarm over fake covid-19 vaccines from China The Nation Newspaper

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Table 111: Places for report 995577

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Western Africa	Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	10	8

Table 112: Drugs for report 995577

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 113: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
995611	Ministry alerts health institutions of fake COVID-19 vaccine in circulation	<a href="#">Link</a>
996173	FG reacts to report of fake Covid-19 vaccine from China	<a href="#">Link</a>
995669	Nigerian govt raises alarm over fake COVID-19 vaccines   International Centre for Investigative Reporting	<a href="#">Link</a>
995694	ALERT: No COVID vaccine authorised for sale in Nigeria, FG warns	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 113: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
995697	NMA urges vigilance as FG warns against fake COVID-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
996993	Nigeria: Covid-19 Vaccine Not for Sale, Says Govt - AllAfrica	<a href="#">Link</a>
1001656	COVID-19 Update: Fake Vaccine from China, N500M School Feeding Scandal	<a href="#">Link</a>
996805	COVID-19 Vaccine Not for Sale, Says FG	<a href="#">Link</a>
996085	FG Raises the Alarm over Intercepted Africa-bound Fake COVID-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
995837	FG alerts CMD's, MD's on fake COVID-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Federal Government on Saturday raised alarm over fake covid-19 vaccines currently in circulation in Africa.

It stated that about 3,000 of the fake vaccines, which were Africa-bound from China have been intercepted.

The Director of Hospital Services of the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), Dr Adebimpe Adebisi, made this known in a letter dated March 26, 2021, to the Chief Medical Directors/ Medical Directors of Federal Tertiary Health Institutions.

She said: "The Ministry is in receipt of a letter from the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 regarding the arrest of about 3,000 doses of fake COVID-19 vaccines which were Africa-bound from China.

"The report further indicates that the fake COVID-19 vaccines are already in circulation in Africa. [...]

## 44 In new guidelines, Interpol warns of fake vaccines, COVID-19 infected letters

Publication date	2020-11-19
Create date	2020-11-23
Score	14.66
Report id	811551
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: In new guidelines, Interpol warns of fake vaccines, COVID-19 infected letters THE WEEK

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Table 114: Drugs for report 811551

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 115: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
837089	Interpol warns of fake COVID-19 vaccine and other crimes	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The agency also notes the increased presence of fake and counterfeit medical products including face masks, hand sanitisers and even vaccines.

”High demand combined with a limited supply will make COVID-19 vaccines the equivalent of liquid gold to organized crime networks as soon as one is available,” Jürgen Stock, Interpol Secretary-General said, calling for immediate action to both protect the legitimate supply chain for when the vaccine is ready and to prevent the production and distribution of fake COVID-19 vaccines.



## 45 How Hackers Are Targeting COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Chain - Q/A

Publication date	2020-12-16
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	14.63
Report id	849478
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: How Hackers Are Targeting COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Chain - Q/A HIT Consultant

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Table 116: Places for report 849478

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 117: Drugs for report 849478

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 118: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1022753	IBM finds more cyberattacks against COVID-19 vaccine supply chain	<a href="#">Link</a>
859719	US takes extra measures to secure COVID vaccine shipments	<a href="#">Link</a>
1021294	IBM Uncovers More Attacks Against Covid-19 Vaccine Supply Chain	<a href="#">Link</a>
857734	Hackers Threaten COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Chain	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: With the US and other major countries poised to begin national distribution of multiple FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines, the cybersecurity threats to secure COVID19 vaccine distribution is imminent. Earlier this month, IBM released a report on malicious cyber actors targeting the COVID-19 cold chain—an integral part of delivering and storing a vaccine at safe temperatures.

Impersonating a biomedical company, cyber actors are sending phishing and spear-phishing emails to executives and global organizations involved in vaccine storage and transport to harvest account credentials. The emails have been posed as requests for quotations for participation in a vaccine program. In the report, IBM urges companies in the COVID-19 supply chain — from research of therapies, healthcare delivery to the distribution of a vaccine — to be vigilant and remain on high alert during this time

We recently sat down with Nigel Thorpe, Technical Director, SecureAge, an enterprise data security and encryption company to talk about the cybersecurity risks involved with COVID-19 vaccine distribution. [...]

## 46 Warning: Cybercriminals are targeting COVID-19 vaccines and distribution

Publication date	2020-12-29
Create date	2021-01-25
Score	14.63
Report id	907362
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Warning: Cybercriminals are targeting COVID-19 vaccines and distribution SiliconANGLE News

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Table 119: Places for report 907362

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 120: Drugs for report 907362

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has issued a warning to financial institutions to be alert to the threat of fraud, ransomware and other types of criminal activity targeting COVID-19 vaccines and their distribution.

The warning, issued Monday , states that COVID-19 vaccine fraud may include the sale of unapproved and illegally marketed vaccines, counterfeit versions of approved vaccines and the illegal diversion of legitimate vaccines. FinCEN claims that fraudsters are already offering to provide potential victims with a vaccine sooner than otherwise available for a fee.

Ransomware is specifically mentioned. The notice says operators will continue to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic, stating that there are current ransomware campaigns directly targeting vaccine research. FinCEN notes that it's likely that similar attacks could be launched to disrupt the vaccine supply chain and delivery operations. [...]

## 47 Black market starting to emerge amid coronavirus vaccine shortages

Publication date	2021-01-31
Create date	2021-03-11
Score	14.60
Report id	917172
Category	Other, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Black market starting to emerge amid coronavirus vaccine shortages ORegister

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Table 121: Places for report 917172

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	California	37.25022	-119.75126
Americas	United States	Miami	25.77427	-80.19366
Americas	United States	New York City	40.71427	-74.00597

Table 122: Drugs for report 917172

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 123: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
960587	Black market starting to emerge amid coronavirus vaccine shortages	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: In Miami, priority access to COVID vaccines was dangled as a lure to big hospital donors.

In New York, hospital workers laboring from home cut in front of their frontline colleagues on

the COVID-19 vaccine line.

In California, teachers at the wealthy Los Gatos Union School District were urged — by their superintendent — to masquerade as health care workers to get vaccines ahead of schedule.

Scarcity of vaccines amid a deadly global pandemic is fueling fears of a black market that could inflict great harm on public health and confidence, where potentially stolen, spoiled or fake vaccine is sold to those who can afford to pay while the real thing is in short supply in communities most heavily impacted by COVID, experts said. [...]

## 48 Pakistan urges world to stop spread of fake Covid-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-03-07
Create date	2021-03-10
Score	14.58
Report id	969802
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Pakistan urges world to stop spread of fake Covid-19 vaccines DAWN.com

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Table 124: Places for report 969802

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	Pakistan	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	30	70

Table 125: Drugs for report 969802

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 126: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
970769	Pakistan highlights the issue of fake COVID-19 vaccine at UN forum	<a href="#">Link</a>
971401	Pakistan's envoy at UN seeks effective action against fake Covid-19 jabs	<a href="#">Link</a>
970930	There is need for effective action against global spread of fake COVID-19 vaccines, Pakistan urges world	<a href="#">Link</a>
969922	Pakistan raises issue of fake COVID-19 vaccine at UN forum	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Pakistan has urged the international community to work together to prevent criminals from making and distributing false Covid-19 vaccines and other fake medical products.

”In the context of Covid-19, there is a need for effective action against falsified and fake medical products — such as Covid-19 vaccines — and to strengthen international cooperation in this regard,” said Munir Akram, Pakistan’s ambassador to the United Nations. [...]

## 49 Fake Handbags Are One Thing, But Now Feds Warn of Counterfeit COVID Vaccines and PPE

Publication date	2020-11-25
Create date	2020-11-27
Score	14.56
Report id	818704
Category	Other, Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Fake Handbags Are One Thing, But Now Feds Warn of Counterfeit COVID Vaccines and PPE NBC New York

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Table 127: Places for report 818704

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 128: Drugs for report 818704

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] Counterfeiting is a big business that harms legitimate commerce and helps criminal networks, the Department of Homeland Security says. But now the feds are warning against other fakes that are much more sinister, and potentially dangerous

Officials said that counterfeit medicine and personal protective equipment are already rampant, and officials fear that false COVID-19 vaccines may be next.

"COVID-19 vaccines will not be available outside regular distribution networks, however these criminal organizations will try to sell you otherwise," said Special Agent in Charge Erik Rosenblatt. "This pandemic has created a massive market for these criminal organizations."

Ahead of the holidays, officials want shoppers to beware of what they buy, and if a deal on anything — whether it's clothes, electronics or even medication or a coronavirus vaccine — is too good to be true, it's probably a fake.



"The market is flooded with counterfeit consumer goods sold online, in stores and on street corners," Rosenblatt said. "Not only ripping off consumers and providing shoddy, dangerous products, but also potentially putting your health and personal financial information at risk."

## 50 AG Nessel warning of scammers offering fake COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2020-12-07
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	14.52
Report id	835384
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: AG Nessel warning of scammers offering fake COVID-19 vaccines WXYZ

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Table 129: Places for report 835384

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Michigan	44.25029	-85.50033

Table 130: Drugs for report 835384

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 131: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
844825	COVID-19 Scams Likely to Increase as Vaccine Nears	<a href="#">Link</a>
847975	4 types of COVID-19 vaccine scams circulating in Michigan and how they work	<a href="#">Link</a>
845996	AG Nessel warning of scammers offering fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
843724	Scams likely to heat up after COVID-19 vaccine roll-out	<a href="#">Link</a>
922084	AG Nessel warns about law enforcement officer scams	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Attorney General Dana Nessel issued an urgent consumer alert to Michigan residents warning them of COVID-19-related scams. [...] Nessel is urging residents to avoid false claims, products and services that promise to cure, treat or prevent COVID-19. Vaccines, treatments, test kits and clinical trials are all examples of what scammers may be offering. [...]

## 51 Task Force Ensures No Fake Covid-19 Vaccines in Indonesia

Publication date	2021-03-08
Create date	2021-03-11
Score	14.52
Report id	971700
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Task Force Ensures No Fake Covid-19 Vaccines in Indonesia Tempo.co English

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Table 132: Places for report 971700

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Indonesia	Jakarta	-6.21462	106.84513

Table 133: Drugs for report 971700

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 134: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
971949	No fake COVID-19 vaccine in Indonesia: task force	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Covid-19 Handling Task Force confirmed that there were no fake Covid-19 vaccines circulating in Indonesia, including the syndicate.

”Producing fake vaccines is a crime that endangers people’s lives. There is no fake vaccine syndicate found in Indonesia now,” said the task force spokesperson Wiku Adisasmito in his statement on Monday, March 8, 2021. [...]

## 52 Angola: Minister Warns Against Fake Covid-19 Vaccines

Publication date	2020-12-08
Create date	2020-12-10
Score	14.46
Report id	836086
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Angola: Minister Warns Against Fake Covid-19 Vaccines AllAfrica.com

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Table 135: Places for report 836086

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Central Africa	Angola	Republic of Angola	-12.5	18.5

Table 136: Drugs for report 836086

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Angolan Health minister Silvia Lutucuta, Monday warned the population to remain alert against fake Covid-19 vaccines in the country.

The government official, who was speaking to the press at the end of a meeting of the multisectoral commission against Covid-19, stressed the need for the population not to be fooled and denounced attempts to introduce false vaccines in the country.

According to Silvia Lutucuta, the health authorities will pass on all information on the vaccination process as soon as the country receives the vaccines authorised and certified by the WHO. [...]

## 53 Beware! COVID-19 vaccines sold online are fake — FDA

Publication date	2021-03-30
Create date	2021-04-01
Score	14.46
Report id	998153
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Beware! COVID-19 vaccines sold online are fake — FDA INQUIRER.net

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Table 137: Places for report 998153

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Republic of the Philip-pines	13	122

Table 138: Drugs for report 998153

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 139: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
998403	How to spot fake vaccines? FDA gives tips	<a href="#">Link</a>
999472	FDA warns public vs fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online - UNTV News	<a href="#">Link</a>
998201	Checklist: How to spot fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
998519	Beware of fake COVID-19 vaccines: Here's how to spot one	<a href="#">Link</a>
998268	How can you spot a fake COVID-19 vaccine?	<a href="#">Link</a>
1031043	Don't buy Covid-19 vaccines online: FDA	<a href="#">Link</a>
998297	Don't buy COVID-19 vaccines online, FDA tells public	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 139: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
998316	How to spot fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: COVID-19 vaccines being sold online are fake, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned on Tuesday. [...] "I am sure that vaccines sold online are falsified and fake vaccines. They should not be patronized by anybody. Otherwise, they are only giving their money to the criminals," he said in an online press briefing.

He said that legitimate and approved COVID-19 vaccines cannot be found on the internet. [...]

## 54 Campaign to educate public on dangers of unregistered COVID-19 vaccine

Publication date	2021-03-18
Create date	2021-03-18
Score	14.42
Report id	983972
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Campaign to educate public on dangers of unregistered COVID-19 vaccine Devdiscourse

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Table 140: Places for report 983972

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Africa	South Africa	Republic of South Africa	-29	24

Table 141: Drugs for report 983972

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Deputy President David Mabuza says the government has developed an awareness campaign aimed at educating members of the public on the dangers of utilising unregistered COVID-19 vaccine centres. [...] As part of its agenda, not only does the government want to acquire COVID-19 vaccines that are manufactured abroad, there is also an intention to locally manufacture them.

Against this background, and to be successful in such aspirations, the government must counter illegal activities such as the production of sub-standard or falsified vaccines. [...]



## 55 FBI: Scammers are selling fake COVID-19 vaccines online

Publication date	2021-01-18
Create date	2021-01-19
Score	14.42
Report id	898068
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: FBI: Scammers are selling fake COVID-19 vaccines online WDIV ClickOnDetroit

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Table 142: Places for report 898068

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Detroit	42.33143	-83.04575

Table 143: Drugs for report 898068

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 144: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
898069	Fake COVID-19 vaccines being sold online	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is putting out a warning to protect consumers from scammers who are preying on people's fears during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There have been reports of fake COVID-19 test kits and now there are fake vaccines being sold online. Thieves want more than just your money, they want your personal money.

## 56 The COVID-19 vaccine's logistics will be targeted. Vet the supply chain.

Publication date	2020-11-24
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	14.37
Report id	816574
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: The COVID-19 vaccine's logistics will be targeted. Vet the supply chain. Supply Chain Dive

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Table 145: Places for report 816574

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 146: Drugs for report 816574

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The arrival and distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine will not be that dissimilar to a new smartphone launch: A significant event that is marked by limited supply with increased product demand, potentially creating a gray market for supplies, particularly in countries with high rates of cargo theft. [...] We know that these black and gray markets — facilitated by fake wholesalers and organized theft rings — already exist for oncology, arthritis and other drugs that don't seem like obvious targets. So, they will likely exist for a COVID-19 vaccine. With shortages also come an ongoing risk of counterfeiting, contamination, other quality issues, price-gouging and the targeting of such products by thieves. [...]

## 57 Mexico probes coronavirus vaccine theft from hospital

Publication date	2021-01-20
Create date	2021-02-16
Score	14.37
Report id	938479
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Mexico probes coronavirus vaccine theft from hospital FRANCE 24

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Table 147: Places for report 938479

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Mexico	Mexico City	19.42847	-99.12766

Table 148: Drugs for report 938479

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Mexican authorities are investigating the theft of several coronavirus vaccines from a public hospital, the army said Tuesday, underscoring the challenges of distributing the shots across the crime-plagued country.

Mexico, which has one of the world's highest Covid-19 death tolls, has deployed the military to guard the vaccines and prevent them falling into criminals' hands.

The army said that the stolen vaccines were under the control of a public health institution in a hospital in central Morelos state whose security is overseen by a private company.

"This theft could have been a dishonest act of self-interest by a member of the hospital's vaccination team," it said in a statement.

The Mexican government has promised to make vaccinations available free of charge across the country of almost 129 million people – a massive logistical challenge – starting with frontline health workers.

There have been a handful of reported cases of queue-jumping, including a hospital manager

who was sanctioned for being immunized along with his family.

## 58 Fake Covid-19 Vaccines: What to Know About Counterfeit Shots Sold Online

Publication date	2021-01-15
Create date	2021-01-18
Score	14.36
Report id	892904
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Fake Covid-19 Vaccines: What to Know About Counterfeit Shots Sold Online Yahoo Finance

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Table 149: Places for report 892904

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 150: Drugs for report 892904

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 151: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
893289	Fake Covid-19 Vaccines: What to Know About Counterfeit Shots	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] As Covid-19 vaccines roll out in several countries, counterfeits are being marketed online. WSJ explains how phony vaccines end up on the internet and the risks for people who buy them. [...]

## 59 U.S. Customs has seized millions of counterfeit N95 face masks. Here's how to spot a fake.

Publication date	2021-02-05
Create date	2021-02-08
Score	14.35
Report id	925693
Category	Anti-malarial, Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine
Quality	Old News
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: U.S. Customs has seized millions of counterfeit N95 face masks. Here's how to spot a fake. CBS News

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Table 152: Places for report 925693

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 153: Drugs for report 925693

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07
chloroquine	Aminoquinolines	antimalarials	P01BA01

Table 154: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
926720	Fake N95 masks have flooded the market. Here's how to tell the difference - Local News 8	<a href="#">Link</a>
925964	US Customs has seized millions of counterfeit N95s; here's how to spot a fake.	<a href="#">Link</a>
928782	US Customs Has Seized Millions Of Counterfeit N95s	<a href="#">Link</a>
945683	A Counterfeit N95 Mask Can Increase Your COVID Infection Risk—Here's How to Know Yours Is Legit	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 154: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
1024033	India Covid-19: Fake N95 Masks Flooding Markets, How To Spot Fakes	<a href="#">Link</a>
946478	China-made fake N95 masks are flooding market, here's what to look for	<a href="#">Link</a>
950341	COVID-19 : Counterfeit masks: what is their effectiveness and how to distinguish them from the originals	<a href="#">Link</a>
926536	Fake N95 masks have flooded the market. Here's how to tell the difference	<a href="#">Link</a>
947534	How to Spot a Fake N95	<a href="#">Link</a>
955474	Is your N95 mask legit? How to spot a counterfeit mask	<a href="#">Link</a>
945766	The CDC Just Issued a Warning About KN95 Masks	<a href="#">Link</a>
970605	How to Identify Fake N95 Masks	<a href="#">Link</a>
1014649	Fake N95 Mask? 7 Ways to Spot a Fake N95   US News	<a href="#">Link</a>
946556	Fake N95 masks are flooding the market here is what to look for	<a href="#">Link</a>
998526	Counterfeit PPE, Consumers Beware - Food, Drugs, Healthcare, Life Sciences - United States	<a href="#">Link</a>
959617	How to Tell if an N95 Mask Is Legit Amid Influx of Counterfeits	<a href="#">Link</a>
947848	Counterfeit N95 masks are flooding the market — here's how to tell if yours is fake	<a href="#">Link</a>
947608	Counterfeit N95s are out there: How to avoid getting duped	<a href="#">Link</a>
967849	Fake N95 masks have flooded the market. Here's how to tell the difference	<a href="#">Link</a>
928430	U.S. Customs has seized millions of counterfeit N95s. Here's how to spot a fake.	<a href="#">Link</a>
958696	N95 masks are the best. But if you manage to get one, it might be a fake.	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers have seized nearly 15 million counterfeit face masks since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, the agency reported Thursday. Agents confiscated the unsafe personal protective equipment as part of an effort to prevent criminals from exploiting the public crisis for economic gain.

The agency also seized roughly 180,000 prohibited COVID-19 test kits and more than 38,000 prohibited chloroquine tablets typically used to treat malaria. Chloroquine is considered safe for patients with malaria, but has not been shown to be an effective treatment for COVID-19. [...]

## 60 Interpol Warns Fake COVID-19 Vaccines May Pop Up Online

Publication date	2020-12-07
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	14.27
Report id	835660
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Interpol Warns Fake COVID-19 Vaccines May Pop Up Online Healthline

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Table 155: Places for report 835660

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 156: Drugs for report 835660

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 157: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
995593	ALERT: Fake COVID-19 vaccines are being sold online, Interpol warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
991507	Fake COVID-19 vaccines are being sold online, warns Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
850506	Interpol warns of online scams offering fake Covid-19 vaccines, treatments	<a href="#">Link</a>
838498	Interpol warns of online scams offering fake Covid-19 vaccines, treatments	<a href="#">Link</a>
863597	Officials warn of fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online amid impending rollout	<a href="#">Link</a>



Table 157: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
993718	WATCH   Fake Covid-19 vaccines are being sold online, warns Interpol	<a href="#">Link</a>
993474	Interpol warns of buying fake vaccines online	<a href="#">Link</a>
1000145	Online Vaccine Scams: Homeland Security Investigations, INTERPOL Issue Public Warning	<a href="#">Link</a>
851411	A look at the dark web's coronavirus vaccine market. : The Indicator from Planet Money	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The top international law enforcement agency, Interpol, released a warning last week stating that organized crime networks may try to scam people into buying fraudulent COVID-19 vaccines. Interpol also expressed concern that criminal organizations could attempt to interrupt the supply chain and steal legitimate doses of the vaccine. The pandemic has presented a ripe opportunity for making and selling fraudulent products that claim to prevent and cure COVID-19. [...] Interpol suspects much of the misinformation regarding fraudulent vaccines will take place online.

The real vaccine won't be distributed online, so avoid circumventing the process for what may seem like early access to the shot. [...]

## 61 IRS warns of COVID-19 scams related to stimulus payments

Publication date	2021-01-14
Create date	2021-01-15
Score	14.23
Report id	891753
Category	Other, Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: IRS warns of COVID-19 scams related to stimulus payments WDBJ

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Table 158: Places for report 891753

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Washington	37.13054	-113.50829

Table 159: Drugs for report 891753

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The IRS is warning taxpayers about a new wave of COVID-19-related scams as the second round of Economic Impact Payments are being distributed. [...] The sale of fake at-home COVID-19 tests, along with offers to sell fake cures, vaccines, pills and professional medical advice regarding unproven COVID-19 treatments. [...]

## 62 Drug admin asked to prevent fake COVID-19 vaccine

Publication date	2021-01-24
Create date	2021-01-25
Score	14.17
Report id	906293
Category	Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Drug admin asked to prevent fake COVID-19 vaccine newagebd.net

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Table 160: Places for report 906293

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	Bangladesh	Bangladesh	24	90

Table 161: Drugs for report 906293

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The health ministry on Sunday informed the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry that it ordered the Directorate General of Drug Administration to take necessary steps to prevent fake COVID-19 vaccines.

The ministry informed the matter to the parliamentary body at its eighth meeting held at Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan, a member of the committee told New Age.

Earlier, huge corruption and irregularities were detected in procurement of life saving equipment's for health service providers engaged in providing treatments to COVID-19 patients.

Law enforcement agencies have also uncovered incidents of forgery in COVID-19 tests besides the supply of substandard and fake N-95 masks and PPEs. [...]

## 63 Interpol targets criminal gangs selling fake COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-01-15
Create date	2021-01-18
Score	14.15
Report id	893535
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Interpol targets criminal gangs selling fake COVID-19 vaccines CGTN

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Table 162: Places for report 893535

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Europe	48.69096	9.14062

Table 163: Drugs for report 893535

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] Europol, which is based in The Hague, stated that dark web markets had already begun featuring advertisements for fake COVID-19 vaccines "using the brands of genuine pharmaceutical companies," and warned that these adverts would increase once officially-approved vaccines started to be widely rolled out.

The European law enforcement agency warned of the damage that could be caused by the distribution of illicit vaccines.

"Counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines may represent a significant public health threat if they are ineffective at best or toxic at worst, given their production in underground labs without hygiene standards," Europol's warning said.

Targeting supply chains

It also stated that there is a risk facing vaccine supply chains, which could be targeted by criminal groups. "Counterfeit vaccines may circulate on illicit markets or be introduced to the

legal market, as occurs regularly with other counterfeit pharmaceuticals,” the police agency said.

”For example, criminals may resort to illegally refilling empty vials. Therefore, procedures for the correct disposal of vials by grinding or incineration will have to be properly enforced.” [...]

## 64 Advisory - Health Canada warns Canadians not to buy COVID-19 vaccines sold online or from unauthorized sources

Publication date	2020-12-16
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	14.11
Report id	849570
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Advisory - Health Canada warns Canadians not to buy COVID-19 vaccines sold online or from unauthorized sources Canada NewsWire

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Table 164: Places for report 849570

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Canada	Canada	60.10867	-113.64258

Table 165: Drugs for report 849570

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 166: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
859686	Health Canada warning: Do not buy counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
889906	Police, Health Canada warn of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
849722	Health Canada warns of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines sold online	<a href="#">Link</a>
850747	Watch For Bogus Online COVID Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
851266	Health Canada warning: Do not buy counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 166: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
851550	Health Canada warns private buyers about counterfeit vaccine dangers	<a href="#">Link</a>
911458	Health Canada warns that COVID-19 vaccines sold online could do more harm than good – Barrie 360	<a href="#">Link</a>
851081	COVID-19 vaccine: Do not buy counterfeit doses, Health Canada warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
849821	COVID-19 Update: 1,270 new cases, 16 deaths   Health Canada warns of counterfeit vaccines sold online	<a href="#">Link</a>
859299	Health Canada warns private buyers about counterfeit vaccine dangers	<a href="#">Link</a>
850864	COVID-19 Update: Province to expand rapid testing program   1,270 new cases, 16 deaths   Health Canada warns of counterfeit vaccines sold online	<a href="#">Link</a>
867523	COVID-19: Officials warn of online scams advertising vaccine for sale	<a href="#">Link</a>
880628	Health Canada issues counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine advisory	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] On December 9, 2020, Health Canada authorized the first vaccine in Canada for the prevention of COVID-19. Health Canada evaluates the safety, efficacy and quality of any drug or vaccine before it can be legally sold in Canada and all vaccines require specific storage conditions in order to maintain their quality. COVID-19 vaccines have a tightly-controlled supply chain, and will only be provided through clinics organized or endorsed by your local public health authority. COVID-19 vaccines are being offered free of charge to all Canadians.

Selling counterfeit drugs or vaccines is a criminal activity that poses serious risks to the health and safety of Canadians. Health Canada takes this issue seriously and is working with international partners and other government departments and agencies, such as the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), to help protect Canadians. The International Criminal Police Organization, INTERPOL, has issued a global alert to law enforcement across its 194 member countries warning them of this issue. [...]

## 65 Fake COVID-19 vaccines in circulation, NAFDAC warns

Publication date	2021-01-15
Create date	2021-01-18
Score	14.10
Report id	892876
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Fake COVID-19 vaccines in circulation, NAFDAC warns Vanguard

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Table 167: Places for report 892876

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Western Africa	Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	10	8

Table 168: Drugs for report 892876

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 169: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
893443	Nigeria warns against fake COVID vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
951055	COVID-19: Fake vaccines now in circulation, FG raises alarm	<a href="#">Link</a>
893968	COVID-19: Fake vaccines in circulation, NAFDAC warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
892955	NAFDAC Raises the Alarm over Fake COVID-19 Vaccine in Nigeria	<a href="#">Link</a>
1026609	Experts worry, alert Nigerians to dangers of fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>



Table 169: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
907879	Nigeria: Coronavirus - NCDC Publishes New Guidance On Use of Approved Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits	<a href="#">Link</a>
893291	Coronavirus vaccine: NAFDAC declare say fake Covid- 19 vaccine don dey Nigeria	<a href="#">Link</a>
951443	COVID-19: Fake vaccines now in	<a href="#">Link</a>
904604	Nigeria warns against "fake vaccines" as 10m doses expected in March	<a href="#">Link</a>
893342	Nigeria warns public against fake coronavirus vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
894148	Nigeria: Fake Covid-19 Vaccines in Circulation, NAFDAC Warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
979163	NAFDAC raises the alarm on fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
893149	Nigeria warns against "fake vaccines" as 10 mn doses expected in March	<a href="#">Link</a>
894437	Nigeria warns of reported fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] Disclosing these during a virtual press conference, the Director-General of the Agency, Prof Mojisola Christianah Adeyeye, said "Covid-19 vaccines are new, and the side effects or adverse events must be well monitored, therefore, if NAFDAC does not approve, the public should not use."

"There are reports of fake vaccines in Nigeria. NAFDAC is pleading with the public to beware. No Covid Vaccines have been approved by NAFDAC. Fake vaccines can cause Covid-like illnesses or other serious diseases that could kill. [...]"

## 66 Consumer Alert: Watch out for counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine offers

Publication date	2021-02-20
Create date	2021-02-23
Score	14.10
Report id	948539
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Consumer Alert: Watch out for counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine offers EIN News

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Table 170: Places for report 948539

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Raleigh	35.7721	-78.63861

Table 171: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
952910	Robocalls, student loan forgiveness, and fake vaccines: Top concerns from NC's Attorney General	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: As North Carolina continues to administer vaccines to people across the state, please be on the lookout for offers for unapproved or counterfeit vaccines. Here's what you should know about these offers and about other COVID-19 vaccine scams: [...]

## 67 Inside Govt Plan to Prevent Theft of Covid-19 Vaccines

Publication date	2021-03-01
Create date	2021-03-03
Score	14.07
Report id	962251
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Inside Govt Plan to Prevent Theft of Covid-19 Vaccines Kenyans.co.ke

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Table 172: Places for report 962251

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Africa	Kenya	Republic of Kenya	1	38

Table 173: Drugs for report 962251

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The Head of Covid-19 vaccine advisory taskforce Chairman Willis Akhwale stated that the imported vaccines would be easily traced once they arrive in the country.

”The batches will be equipped with barcodes that will help in serialisation and traceability of the vaccines,” he explained.

He, however, revealed that once the batches are open and individual vials removed, the Ministry would not have the capacity to track the individual doses. [...]

## 68 Opinion: The unspoken COVID-19 vaccine challenges — distribution and corruption

Publication date	2020-11-10
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	14.07
Report id	799629
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Opinion: The unspoken COVID-19 vaccine challenges — distribution and corruption  
Devex

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Table 174: Places for report 799629

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 175: Drugs for report 799629

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] Whilst most vaccines have little street value, initial limited supplies of a COVID-19 vaccine — compounded by a likely high demand from anxious populations — will make it a target for theft and diversion.

Many countries lack what the World Health Organization considers to be well-functioning and integrated medicines regulatory systems, making it more likely that substandard and falsified vaccines will appear on the market. The impact of these could be devastating, fueling skepticism and distrust, worsening the pandemic, and ultimately costing lives. [...]

## 69 FinCEN Issues Warning About COVID-19 Vaccine Scams, Cyberattacks

Publication date	2020-12-28
Create date	2020-12-29
Score	14.06
Report id	866239
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: FinCEN Issues Warning About COVID-19 Vaccine Scams, Cyberattacks pymnts.com

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Table 176: Places for report 866239

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 177: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
868943	FinCEN: Beware Scams Related to COVID-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
872791	FinCEN Warns Financial Institutions About Scams and Cyber-Attacks Relating to COVID-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
869557	New warning issued over COVID-19 vaccine fraud, cyberattacks	<a href="#">Link</a>
866262	Treasury Warns Banks of Covid-19 Vaccine Fraud	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: SHARE TWEET SHARE SHARE EMAIL As the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine continues to roll out to medical workers and high-risk populations, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) is asking financial institutions to be extra vigilant when it comes to cybersecurity.

”Already, fraudsters have offered, for a fee, to provide potential victims with the vaccine sooner than permitted under the applicable vaccine distribution plan,” FinCEN said in a statement on

Monday (Dec. 28).

"In addition, cybercriminals, including ransomware operators, will continue to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic alongside legitimate efforts to develop, distribute, and administer vaccines," according to the agency.

There have already been ransomware attacks aimed at medical research facilities working on vaccinations. FinCEN said similar attacks could be launched to disrupt the vaccine supply chain and delivery operations.

Further, FinCEN said phishing schemes could surface targeting people with fraudulent vaccine information, the sale of unapproved and illegally marketed vaccines and the sale of counterfeit versions of approved vaccines. [...]

## 70 Indonesian Police React to Fake Covid-19 Vaccines Found in China, South Africa

Publication date	2021-03-05
Create date	2021-03-09
Score	14.04
Report id	967027
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Indonesian Police React to Fake Covid-19 Vaccines Found in China, South Africa  
English Tempo.co

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Table 178: Places for report 967027

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Indonesia	Republic of Indonesia	-5	120

Table 179: Drugs for report 967027

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The Indonesian National Police (Polri) announced that it will enact preventive measures against fake Covid-19 vaccines from entering the country.

”Surely Polri will back up the preventive measures against those counterfeit vaccines,” said the National Police spokesperson Brig. Gen. Rusid Hartono at his office in South Jakarta on March 5.

He said that police have yet received any information of a possible counterfeit vaccines circulating here but ensures that police will act quickly if they find one.

Hartono warned that the authorities will not hesitate to take action on people attempting to exploit the Covid-19 pandemic. [...]

## 71 BBB Scam Alert: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way, so are scams

Publication date	2020-12-04
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	14.04
Report id	832881
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: BBB Scam Alert: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way, so are scams KVOA Tucson News

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Table 180: Places for report 832881

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 181: Drugs for report 832881

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 182: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
845063	Consumer advocates expect COVID-19 vaccine scams in coming weeks	<a href="#">Link</a>
994059	Vaccine scammers are working to mislead the community, the BBB warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
912140	BBB Alert: A COVID-19 Vaccine is Available, so Scams May Follow – WKTN	<a href="#">Link</a>
846351	How to Spot a COVID-19 Vaccine Con, According to the BBB	<a href="#">Link</a>



Table 182: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
850705	Scam Alert: Fake COVID-19 vaccines, online puppy sales, and more	<a href="#">Link</a>
850962	Scammers offering fake, early COVID-19 vaccine access: public health officials   TheHill	<a href="#">Link</a>
837145	Better Business Bureau warning people of potential COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
963102	BBB sends out a warning about vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
867367	Up next: COVID-19 vaccination scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
852521	Health, consumer experts warn of fraudulent COVID-19 tests	<a href="#">Link</a>
838442	SCAM ALERT: BBB warns Americans about fake COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
948782	Warning: Covid-19 Vaccine Scams Are Clever And Tenacious	<a href="#">Link</a>
848185	First came news of a vaccine. Now come the scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>
848186	Arrival of COVID-19 vaccine brings new warnings about pandemic scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
864828	BBB CONSUMER TIPS: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way. So are the scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
846140	SCAM ALERT: BBB warns Americans about fake COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
845120	COVID vaccine scams: Better Business Bureau warns of scammers exploiting consumers	<a href="#">Link</a>
849988	How to avoid COVID-19 vaccine schemes	<a href="#">Link</a>
851269	BBB warns of COVID-related and holiday scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
850759	Scam Alert: Fake COVID-19 vaccines, online puppy sales, and more - WGN Radio	<a href="#">Link</a>
835913	COVID-19 vaccine scams at center of new crime-fighting effort	<a href="#">Link</a>
985683	Be aware: Better Business Bureau warns public of COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
833110	BBB Scam Alert: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way. So are the scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>
849500	BBB Scam Alert: A COVID-19 Vaccine is on the Way and So are the Scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>
844893	VOICES: Beware of COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
853086	Avoid the Scam: COVID-19 Vaccines Offer Scammers a Shot at Consumers	<a href="#">Link</a>
954722	BBB warns of COVID-19 scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
842595	BBB warns against fake COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
845156	COVID vaccine scams: Better Business Bureau warns of fake vaccines, early access to doses, exploiting consumers	<a href="#">Link</a>
836971	BBB Reports Fake Coronavirus Vaccine Scam   1290 WJNO   Florida News	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 182: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
849520	Protect yourself from COVID vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
851316	BBB warns not to fall for COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
881015	COVID-19 scams: Cybersecurity experts warn of coronavirus vaccine scams sent by text, email	<a href="#">Link</a>
848256	Scammers taking advantage of news of COVID vaccine. Here's what to watch out for	<a href="#">Link</a>
844930	Better Business Bureau warning people of potential COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
844679	Straight Talk: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way. So are the scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>
861580	BBB Scam Alert: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way. So are the scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>
854413	COVID-19 vaccines are on the way....But so are scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
837266	BBB Scam Alert: Watch Out for COVID-19 Vaccine Scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
845971	Scam alert: Watch out for fake Covid vaccine sales	<a href="#">Link</a>
854168	As COVID-19 vaccines rollout, BBB warns of scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
846495	Consumer Alert: As Covid-19 vaccines roll out, BBB warns consumers about fake vaccine sales	<a href="#">Link</a>
848038	Better Business Bureau warns of COVID-19 fake vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
853420	Be mindful of COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
851636	Scammers start using COVID-19 vaccine to target people	<a href="#">Link</a>
856503	DEFENDERS: Look out for scammers selling fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
866237	BBB: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way — so are the scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
847805	BBB Scam Alert: Consumers Should Prepare for Scams Ahead of COVID-19 Vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
849597	BBB Scam Alert: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way. So are the scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>
976065	Online purchase scams identified as riskiest scam by Better Business Bureau	<a href="#">Link</a>
868036	County warns of scams as vaccine distribution plans take shape	<a href="#">Link</a>
851410	BBB: Beware fake COVID-19 vaccine scams trying to steal your money	<a href="#">Link</a>
867539	Vaccination Scammers Stealing Personal Info	<a href="#">Link</a>
835803	Post from Community: BBB Scam Alert: Watch out for COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
838878	BBB warns about scams related to COVID vaccines   The Henrico Citizen	<a href="#">Link</a>
847326	Better Business Bureau: A COVID-19 vaccine is on the way. So are the scams.	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 182: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
945887	Better Business Bureau warns about potential COVID-19 scammers	<a href="#">Link</a>
855013	Better Business Bureau warning people of potential COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
848109	How to protect yourself from a COVID-19 vaccine scam	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: On Friday, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) issued a warning about the potential for scams related to the soon-to-be-released COVID-19. "Government officials have already been cracking down on phony COVID testing kits and treatments," the BBB said in a news release. "Now, they are ramping up efforts to prevent the sale of fake vaccines."

Selling fake vaccines and other treatments are likely only one of many ways scammers will try to cash in on the vaccine release. [...]

## 72 Experts express need for traceability of COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2020-11-26
Create date	2020-11-27
Score	14.03
Report id	819767
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Experts express need for traceability of COVID-19 vaccines Express Pharma

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Table 183: Places for report 819767

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 184: Drugs for report 819767

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Industry experts have urged the government bodies to consider the need to incorporate an end-to-end traceability mechanism on all COVID-19 vaccines. They reason that it is the need of the hour to build a supply chain that has visibility and enhanced effectiveness to ensure that the largest feasible portion of India's population benefits from the initial limited supplies. Experts are suggesting that the government makes it mandatory for vaccine manufacturers to implement serial numbers, bar codes and a systems driven end-to-end traceability and tracking system, which will monitor the distribution channel, quality of drug, patient safety, counterfeiting etc. [...]

## 73 Don't be fooled by counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-01-08
Create date	2021-02-03
Score	14.00
Report id	918701
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Don't be fooled by counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines San Diego Downtown News

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Table 185: Places for report 918701

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	San Diego	32.71533	-117.15726

Table 186: Drugs for report 918701

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] By now, we know that unscrupulous scammers are always waiting for their next opportunity and the COVID-19 vaccine is no different. Already bad actors have been counterfeiting pharmaceutical company logos for many years and will likely quickly move into producing a look-alike vaccine for sale through already established illicit supply chains.

Keep these tips in mind to avoid falling for a counterfeit vaccine:

Fake vaccines may appear early and look genuine. [...]

## 74 Health Canada issues counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine advisory | Bancroft this Week

Publication date	2021-01-06
Create date	
Score	13.97
Report id	917847
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Health Canada issues counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine advisory | Bancroft this Week  
Bancroft This Week

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Table 187: Places for report 917847

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Canada	Bancroft	45.05752	-77.85702

Table 188: Drugs for report 917847

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes:

## 75 Ashley Moody Warns Floridians of COVID-19 Vaccine-Related Scams

Publication date	2021-02-16
Create date	
Score	13.93
Report id	944097
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Ashley Moody Warns Floridians of COVID-19 Vaccine-Related Scams Florida Daily

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Table 189: Places for report 944097

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Florida	28.75054	-82.5001

Table 190: Drugs for report 944097

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes:

## 76 Mitigating Risks To Global Distribution Of COVID-19 Vaccines And Therapeutics

Publication date	2020-11-20
Create date	
Score	13.92
Report id	811772
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Mitigating Risks To Global Distribution Of COVID-19 Vaccines And Therapeutics  
BioProcess Online

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Table 191: Places for report 811772

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 192: Drugs for report 811772

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
	Antivirals	chemotherapeutics for topical use	D06BB
	Antivirals	antiinfectives	S01AD
			J07

Notes:



## 77 Private investigators' body APDI forms global alliance against fake Covid-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-01-07
Create date	2021-01-08
Score	13.90
Report id	880319
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Private investigators' body APDI forms global alliance against fake Covid-19 vaccines  
ETHealthworld.com

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Table 193: Drugs for report 880319

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 194: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
880332	Private investigators' body APDI forms global alliance against fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: As India gears up for a massive Covid-19 vaccination drive, private investigators' body APDI has formed an international alliance to check the circulation of fake vaccines. An initiative of Delhi-based Association of Private Detectives and Investigators (APDI), the Global Alliance Against Fake Vaccine (GAFV) has been formed comprising professional investigators from 16 countries, while more are likely to join this international campaign initiated from India.

APDI Chairman Kunwar Vikram Singh in a statement said, "The GAFV has been formed after reports emanating from several countries about the circulation of fake Covid vaccines. Already, Europol, the European Union's law enforcement agency, has issued a warning of fake vaccine circulation due to huge demands." [...]

## 78 Cybersecurity experts warn hackers may try to disrupt vaccine distribution systems

Publication date	2021-02-12
Create date	2021-02-15
Score	13.88
Report id	936939
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Cybersecurity experts warn hackers may try to disrupt vaccine distribution systems  
WJHL-TV News Channel 11

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Table 195: Places for report 936939

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 196: Drugs for report 936939

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: As the government prepares to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to U.S. retailers and pharmacies, cybersecurity experts are warning hackers will instantly get more chances to disrupt the vaccine distribution system.

Retailers and pharmacies nationwide say they're preparing for a fresh round of "bot" attacks expected to target the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain. [...] Now, the stakes are infinitely higher. The bots would specifically target appointments for the COVID-19 vaccines, with the goal of undermining national security, the health of Americans, and their confidence in the system. [...]

## 79 S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs warns of COVID-19 vaccine scams

Publication date	2021-03-08
Create date	2021-03-10
Score	13.85
Report id	971574
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs warns of COVID-19 vaccine scams FOX Carolina

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Table 197: Places for report 971574

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Greenville	34.85262	-82.39401

Notes: The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) and DHEC are warning people to be on the look out for COVID-19 vaccine scams.

According to a tweet by SCDCA, if someone comes to your door claiming to be a government employee and offers you early access to the vaccine, it is a scam.

The agency says for reliable vaccine updates, South Carolinians should get their information from the CDC or DHEC.

## 80 FBI warns Nevadans about COVID-19 scams

Publication date	2021-02-23
Create date	2021-02-26
Score	13.85
Report id	953354
Category	Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: FBI warns Nevadans about COVID-19 scams KRNV

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Table 198: Places for report 953354

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Nevada	39.25021	-116.75119

Table 199: Drugs for report 953354

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] The FBI saw scammers trying to sell COVID tests and even fake cures online. [...] Some of the newer scams being seen online are paying for a COVID-19 vaccine or for the chance get a vaccine. [...]

## 81 Gardai issue urgent warning over Covid-19 vaccine scams in Ireland

Publication date	2021-03-09
Create date	2021-03-11
Score	13.79
Report id	972776
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Gardai issue urgent warning over Covid-19 vaccine scams in Ireland Irish Mirror

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Table 200: Places for report 972776

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	Ireland	Ireland	53	-8

Table 201: Drugs for report 972776

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Gardai have issued an urgent warning over Covid-19 vaccine scams.

Officers said that some members of the public were receiving "fraudulent text messages and calls" regarding vaccinations.

Several people were offered a jab, with callers providing fake dates and attempting to uncover sensitive personal details. [...]

## 82 ‘Fake COVID-19 vaccine taking toll on govt’s efforts to curb pandemic’

Publication date	2021-04-01
Create date	2021-05-27
Score	13.73
Report id	1001858
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: ‘Fake COVID-19 vaccine taking toll on govt’s efforts to curb pandemic’ The Siasat Daily

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Table 202: Places for report 1001858

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	India	Hyderabad	17.38405	78.45636

Table 203: Drugs for report 1001858

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Rise in fake COVID-19 vaccines is taking a toll on the Telangana government’s efforts to curb the ongoing pandemic, said principal secretary (IT and industries) Jayesh Ranjan on Thursday. He added that in order to counter it, the state will use blockchain and AI technology to create a barrier against such crimes. [...]

## 83 Worries Over Growing Counterfeit COVID-19 Vaccine Market In East Africa • Today News Africa

Publication date	2021-02-18
Create date	2021-03-18
Score	13.73
Report id	983683
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Worries Over Growing Counterfeit COVID-19 Vaccine Market In East Africa • Today News Africa Today News Africa

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Table 204: Places for report 983683

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Africa	Kenya	Mombasa	-4.05466	39.66359

Table 205: Drugs for report 983683

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 206: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1005165	Kenya Blocks Private Covid Vaccine Imports on Fear of Fakes	<a href="#">Link</a>
1004935	The Latest: Kenya suspends private vaccine imports	<a href="#">Link</a>
1005263	Kenya stops the private importation of COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
1005015	Kenya stops private importation of COVID-19 vaccines   World News   yakimaherald.com	<a href="#">Link</a>
1005031	Kenya stops private importation of COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: On the World Health Organization's (WHO) COVAX website , one video is quoted as saying, "When the world has safe and effective vaccines, how can we make sure they reach the people that need them the most?" The WHO may need to urgently drill down into answering that question because there is a robust COVID-19 vaccine counterfeit market set to make millions shipping fake vaccines to Africa. Djibouti, Lome (Togo), and Cotonou (Benin) are all known entry points for fake pharmaceutical products related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on historical data, there is no reason to believe that these ports won't also serve as a hub for counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines. In particular, one port is making the news as an "easy target" – Mombasa Port in Kenya. Three weeks ago, Mombasa Port, one of Africa's busiest harbors, registered an increase in the number of ships and cargo. Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) told Africa Inc. Magazine they were optimistic about the early indications of significant growth. However, there is also concern about the Port Authority's ability to inspect goods because, as one port worker stated , "The more shipments, the less inspection." [...]



## 84 Dr Noor Hisham: Allowing firms to sell Covid-19 vaccines may encourage 'queue cutting', emergence of fake vaccines

Publication date	2021-02-26
Create date	2021-03-01
Score	13.73
Report id	957446
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Dr Noor Hisham: Allowing firms to sell Covid-19 vaccines may encourage 'queue cutting', emergence of fake vaccines The Star Online

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Table 207: Places for report 957446

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Malaysia	Malaysia	2.5	112.5

Table 208: Drugs for report 957446

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 209: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
965728	Beware of fake Covid-19 vaccines being sold online — Dr Noor Hisham	<a href="#">Link</a>
965730	Noor Hisham warns of fake Covid vaccines sold online	<a href="#">Link</a>
966095	Beware of fake Covid-19 vaccines — Dr Noor Hisham	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Allowing private companies to sell Covid-19 vaccines may encourage "queue cutting" and

the emergence of fake vaccines, says Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah. [...] "The fear is that if we allow commercialisation of the vaccines, there will be queue cutting, and fake vaccines may emerge, " said Dr Noor Hisham during a virtual engagement session with the media on Friday (Feb 26). [...]

## 85 Pharmacists concerned for safety as robberies increase and COVID vaccine rollout begins

Publication date	2021-02-25
Create date	2021-02-26
Score	13.72
Report id	956330
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Private pharmacy
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Pharmacists concerned for safety as robberies increase and COVID vaccine rollout begins CTV Toronto

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Table 210: Places for report 956330

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Canada	Calgary	51.05011	-114.08529

Table 211: Drugs for report 956330

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: As Calgary pharmacists prepare to roll out doses of COVID-19 vaccines, many are concerned for the safety of their staff and customers due to a large spike in robberies. [...] Fareeby adds that several of his pharmacy friends were also robbed and many are scared as doses of COVID-19 vaccine will soon be administered at several pharmacies across Calgary. [...]

## 86 South Africans warned against fake COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2021-03-04
Create date	2021-03-08
Score	13.69
Report id	966429
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: South Africans warned against fake COVID-19 vaccines MyBroadband

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Table 212: Places for report 966429

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Africa	South Africa	Republic of South Africa	-29	24

Table 213: Drugs for report 966429

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 214: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
972036	No approved Covid-19 vaccines are available for sale, warn police	<a href="#">Link</a>
969480	Police warn against possible fake vaccines on sale	<a href="#">Link</a>
971311	Don't be deceived: Covid-19 vaccines are not for sale	<a href="#">Link</a>
969298	SAPS warns public against purchasing fake Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
969559	Police warning: fake vaccinations	<a href="#">Link</a>
967534	Govt warns against buying 'dangerous' COVID-19 vaccines online after bust	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 214: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
976263	S African Government Concerned About Fake Covid-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
975242	Govt worried about reports of black market fake vaccines, says Mkhize	<a href="#">Link</a>
969356	Police warn the public against buying fake Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
969616	Police warn the public against purchasing fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
969123	South Africans warned over COVID-19 vaccine fraud	<a href="#">Link</a>
969635	South African Police Warn People About Sale of Fake COVID-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
975536	Cabinet urges public to avoid buying fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
971963	Fake vaccines on sale in South Africa, Syria president gets the virus & more global Covid news	<a href="#">Link</a>
971964	Public warned of fake Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
976099	World News   S African Government Concerned About Fake COVID-19 Vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
976355	S African government concerned about fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
975597	Government concerned about fake vaccines: Zweli Mkhize	<a href="#">Link</a>
973307	FDA alerts public over the seizure of fake coronavirus vaccine in South Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The South African government has warned of illegitimate COVID-19 vaccines being sold online and on the dark web.

"The public is warned that no approved vaccines are currently available for sale online," the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) said in a tweet.

The government assured South Africans it would not allow any vaccines to be resold on the black market.

"South Africans will not have to pay for vaccinations against COVID-19 and the government would not allow anyone to sell it on the black market."

"Any vaccine being advertised on websites or the dark web, is not legitimate, not tested and may be dangerous," it added.

"Anyone who buys these drugs is putting themselves at risk and giving their money to organised criminals."

The government reminded South Africans that it has put in place an Electronic Vaccine Data System that aims to ensure that those who are vaccinated are contactable and alerted to optimise adherence to the vaccination regimen. [...]

## 87 Health Ministry urges public to avoid purchasing fake Covid-19 vaccines online

Publication date	2021-01-18
Create date	2021-01-19
Score	13.67
Report id	896816
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Health Ministry urges public to avoid purchasing fake Covid-19 vaccines online The Star Online

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Table 215: Places for report 896816

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Malaysia	Malaysia	2.5	112.5

Table 216: Drugs for report 896816

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The Health Ministry (MOH) has urged members of the public to avoid purchasing vaccines claimed to be able to prevent and treat Covid-19 that are offered by online sellers.

In a post uploaded on Facebook today (Jan 18), MOH said the vaccines that are being touted by sellers on the Internet are most likely counterfeits, unregistered, and may even contain unidentified components. As such, their quality, safety and effectiveness is not guaranteed by the Ministry.

The post also stated that sellers are not allowed to advertise vaccines claiming that they could prevent Covid-19 on all forms of media.

MOH added that advertising health-related products without approval from the Medicine Advertisement Board is an offence under Section 4B of the Medicines Act (Advertisement and

Sale) 1956. If convicted, offenders face a fine of no more than RM3,000 or a one-year prison sentence, or both. [...]

## 88 COVID-19 vaccine scam: Australians urged to to watch out as jab rollout begins

Publication date	2021-02-17
Create date	2021-02-19
Score	13.66
Report id	944850
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: COVID-19 vaccine scam: Australians urged to to watch out as jab rollout begins  
7NEWS.com.au

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Table 217: Places for report 944850

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Melanesia	Australia	Commonwealth of Australia	-25	135

Table 218: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
949851	Coronavirus scammers prepare to target Australians over vaccine rollout, experts warn	<a href="#">Link</a>
998133	Black market vaccine fight as COVID rollout tempts criminals	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Australians are being warned to watch out for COVID-19 scams as the country starts its vaccination rollout.

Fake vaccine scam have already cost victims millions of dollars overseas - and now cybersecurity experts fear fraudsters will pounce on vulnerable Aussies. [...]



## 89 PAHO warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico

Publication date	2021-04-21
Create date	2021-04-28
Score	13.62
Report id	1030705
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: PAHO warns of fake Covid-19 vaccines in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico Buenos Aires Times

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Table 219: Places for report 1030705

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Argentina	Argentine Republic	-34	-64
Americas	Brazil	Federative Republic of Brazil	-10	-55
Americas	Mexico	Mexico	23	-102

Table 220: Drugs for report 1030705

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 221: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1035547	PAHO Warns of Bogus COVID Vaccines Sold in Mexico, Argentina and Brazil	<a href="#">Link</a>
1059045	COVID vaccine scarcity and fake doses hamper efforts in Americas	<a href="#">Link</a>
1036519	PAHO warns about fake Covid vaccines in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The deputy director of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), Jarbas Barbosa, warned on Wednesday that fake Covid-19 vaccines were being sold in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. [...]

## 90 Experts Warn of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Publication date	2020-12-09
Create date	2020-12-11
Score	13.56
Report id	837701
Category	Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Experts Warn of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams NBC San Diego

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Table 222: Places for report 837701

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	San Diego	32.71533	-117.15726

Table 223: Drugs for report 837701

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 224: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
849154	Officials warn of fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online amid impending rollout	<a href="#">Link</a>
849422	Beware of scams related to the COVID-19 vaccine, experts warn	<a href="#">Link</a>
846402	As COVID-19 vaccine begins shipping, experts warn of fake vaccines, treatments	<a href="#">Link</a>
852590	Ask the Expert: Counterfeit products and COVID-19	<a href="#">Link</a>
885201	Coming to a black market near you: Covid-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
842196	Officials warn of fake COVID-19 vaccines sold online amid impending rollout	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: With the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine possibly just days away, experts are warning everyone to beware of vaccine scams that could be dangerous to your health.

Researchers at the UC San Diego School of Medicine found that fake COVID-19 claims have come in waves, starting in March with claims of cures and fake testing kits.

Now, they're seeing a plethora of fake vaccine posts. [...] Mackey is the lead author of a study released in August that shows an increase in posts tied to financial scams, possible counterfeit goods and unapproved treatments. Now, he's seeing a wave of fake vaccines.

Most times, according to Mackey, they're just trying to scam you out of your money, but if you do receive a fake vaccine, it could harm more than just your wallet. [...] But once the vaccine is released, Mackey warns there's also a need to ensure vials are properly disposed because they could be re-used for fake vaccine doses.

Then there's the black market danger.

"There's a lot of pharmaceutical companies that are worried about the security of their product, like people actually just reselling legitimate vaccines or maybe even reselling spoiled vaccines because so much of it is going to be temperature controlled," explained Mackey.

Experts say any vaccine you get should only be through a licensed medical professional, and most health departments will publish a list of approved COVID-19 vaccine providers.

## 91 Plea in SC seeking strict guidelines to prevent chances of fake Covid-19 vaccine

Publication date	2021-03-14
Create date	2021-03-15
Score	13.54
Report id	978444
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Plea in SC seeking strict guidelines to prevent chances of fake Covid-19 vaccine Hindustan Times

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Table 225: Places for report 978444

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	India	Republic of India	22	79

Table 226: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
980543	Plea in SC seeks guidelines to prevent fake COVID vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
978600	Plea in SC seeking strict guidelines to prevent chances of fake COVID-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking the Centre to issue strict guidelines and regulations to prevent the chances of fake and counterfeit Covid-19 vaccine. The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari sought a direction to the Centre to enact a strict law against the criminal act committed by selling or circulating the counterfeit vaccine by any organisation or Individual. [...]

## 92 Montgomery County warns residents about COVID-19 scams

Publication date	2021-02-19
Create date	2021-02-22
Score	13.54
Report id	946822
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Montgomery County warns residents about COVID-19 scams WUSA9.com

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Table 227: Places for report 946822

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Maryland	39.00039	-76.74997

Table 228: Drugs for report 946822

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 229: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
947299	COVID-19 Scams Surge Amid Vaccine Rollout, Officials Warn	<a href="#">Link</a>
947099	Office of Consumer Protection Warns of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The Montgomery County Office of Consumer has been working to provide information to residents about how to identify these COVID-19 scams.

According to the consumer awareness office for the county, among the scams identified are ones regarding bogus products, testing sites and vaccine availability. The scams are being directed

toward consumers via email, texting and telephone. In most cases, the attention-getting scams seek to have innocent residents provide the scammers with funds for services or products that do not actually exist. In other cases, fake or stolen vaccines may be offered on the "darknet."  
[...]

## 93 I-Team: Federal investigators warn of fake COVID-19 vaccine scams, counterfeit items - KLAS

Publication date	2020-12-15
Create date	
Score	13.47
Report id	846849
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: I-Team: Federal investigators warn of fake COVID-19 vaccine scams, counterfeit items  
KLAS - 8 News Now

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Table 230: Places for report 846849

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Las Vegas	36.17497	-115.13722

Table 231: Drugs for report 846849

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07
silver	Silver compounds	antiseptics and disinfectants	D08AL30

Notes:



## 94 Vaccine shortages led to problems in the past. Will it happen again with COVID-19?

Publication date	2020-12-07
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	13.47
Report id	834837
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Vaccine shortages led to problems in the past. Will it happen again with COVID-19?  
Chicago Tribune

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Table 232: Places for report 834837

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Chicago	41.85003	-87.65005

Table 233: Drugs for report 834837

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 234: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
836630	Vaccine shortages have led to theft, smuggling and a free-for-all to get doses. Will it happen again with COVID-19?	<a href="#">Link</a>
844614	Vaccine shortages have led to theft, smuggling and a free-for-all to get doses. Will it happen again with COVID-19?	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: As America prepares to distribute another scarce vaccine, some are wary that history could repeat. Interpol is warning that criminals are scheming to intercept COVID-19 vaccines, and federal officials have raised concerns about counterfeit doses — the scenario that most worries Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association. "My biggest fear is not so much that too many celebrities will get it first," he said. "Tragically, that's going to happen. I just hope there's not a lot of it. My biggest fear is the black market and the false market. I'm concerned about people fraudulently selling vaccine and people being defrauded by (phony promises)." [...] The vaccines will travel through global supply chains, and Interpol, the international law enforcement agency, has warned that "high demand combined with a limited supply will make COVID-19 vaccines the equivalent of liquid gold to organized crime networks as soon as one is available."

U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement officials say they anticipate that criminals will also try to sell counterfeit vaccines to the unwary, possibly via social media ads, illicit websites or robocalls. [...]

## 95 Mkhize warns of COVID-19 vaccine challenges such as theft

Publication date	2021-02-05
Create date	2021-02-19
Score	13.46
Report id	943565
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Mkhize warns of COVID-19 vaccine challenges such as theft Eyewitness News

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Table 235: Places for report 943565

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Africa	South Africa	Cape Town	-33.92584	18.42322

Table 236: Drugs for report 943565

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 237: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1001395	South African government concerned about fake COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The Department of Health listed several risks in the vaccine rollout, like possible vaccine theft and malfeasance in the procurement process. [...]

## 96 Cutting off the fake vaccine supply chain

Publication date	2021-04-13
Create date	2021-04-21
Score	13.40
Report id	1020230
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Cutting off the fake vaccine supply chain The Star Online

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Table 238: Places for report 1020230

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Malaysia	Malaysia	2.5	112.5

Table 239: Drugs for report 1020230

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Preventive measures are being put in place by e-commerce and social media sites to curb any unscrupulous attempt to falsely peddle "Covid-19 vaccines." Shopee Malaysia's operations director Esten Mok said it has mechanisms to ensure that listings of so-called "Covid-19 vaccines" do not get published on its platform. [...] "If products are found to be illegal or do not meet our stringent standards, we will remove the product listing and take swift action against the sellers, " he said. [...] Mok added that Shopee has also taken pre-emptive measures to blacklist any related keywords for Covid-19 vaccines to intercept attempts to sell such items on its platform. [...]

## 97 Dept. of Homeland Security working with drug companies to be prepared to spot 'fake' COVID-19 vaccines

Publication date	2020-11-30
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	13.36
Report id	826418
Category	Antiviral others, Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Dept. of Homeland Security working with drug companies to be prepared to spot 'fake' COVID-19 vaccines KITV Honolulu

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Table 240: Places for report 826418

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Homeland	30.85637	-82.02264

Table 241: Drugs for report 826418

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07
	Antivirals	chemotherapeutics for topical use	D06BB
	Antivirals	antiinfectives	S01AD

Notes: Federal investigators warn criminals are waiting to use a COVID-19 vaccine to their advantage.

The Department of Homeland Security is working with drug companies to create a mass database of information on how the vaccine will be packaged.

The goal is to prepare them to spot fakes.

DHS is monitoring tens of thousands of web sites involved in some sort of COVID-related fraud. [...] Since April the government has seized millions of fake or unapproved personal protective equipment products and antiviral pharmaceuticals.

## 98 'Vaccine grabbing' seen fueling risk of fake COVID-19 jabs in Africa

Publication date	2021-04-09
Create date	2021-04-19
Score	13.31
Report id	1014195
Category	Other, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: 'Vaccine grabbing' seen fueling risk of fake COVID-19 jabs in Africa National Post

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Table 242: Places for report 1014195

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Africa	7.1881	21.09375

Table 243: Drugs for report 1014195

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 244: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1014536	'Vaccine grabbing' seen fueling risk of fake Covid-19 jabs in Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>
1019513	Inequalities in Global Distribution Drive Risk of Fake COVID-19 Vaccines in Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>
1053845	'Vaccine grabbing' seen fueling risk of fake Covid-19 jabs in Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>
1014217	'Vaccine grabbing' fuels risk of fake COVID-19 jabs in Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The unequal global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines could spur the trade in fake doses in Africa – a hotspot for counterfeit medicines, analysts warned on Friday, citing the seizure of falsified vaccination shots in South Africa.

With poorer countries grappling to procure enough vaccine doses for their people, criminals will likely see an opportunity to profit, especially in Africa where imports account for more than 80% of pharmaceutical needs, they said.

”Already Africa has a problem with counterfeit medicines. The lack of local production and weak enforcement have for years allowed products to enter countries, such as fake medication for malaria in West Africa,” said Richard Chelin, senior researcher at the ENACT program at the Institute for Security Studies.

”Now with rich nations hoarding vaccines, this is likely to get worse. The consequence of this vaccine grabbing is that it creates opportunity for criminal networks. Everyone wants the vaccine and people will panic and buy whatever is out there.” [...]

## 99 SoCal Taxpayers Warned Of New Round Of COVID-19 Scams

<b>Publication date</b>	2021-01-25
<b>Create date</b>	2021-01-28
<b>Score</b>	13.30
<b>Report id</b>	909078
<b>Category</b>	Medical devices for disease prevention, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
<b>Quality</b>	Falsified
<b>Source</b>	Unknown
<b>Curation</b>	Manually curated
<b>Incident or General</b>	General

Snippet: SoCal Taxpayers Warned Of New Round Of COVID-19 Scams CBS Los Angeles

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Table 245: Places for report 909078

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Los Angeles	34.05223	-118.24368

Table 246: Drugs for report 909078

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] The IRS-Criminal Investigation Division has seen a variety of EIP scams and other financial schemes in the last several months designed to steal money and personal information from taxpayers. [...] the organized and unofficial sale of fake at-home COVID-19 test kits (as well as offers to sell fake cures, vaccines, pills and professional medical advice regarding unproven COVID-19 treatments); [...]



## 100 The Covid-19 vaccine is safe — and scarce. That makes it ripe for the black market.

Publication date	2020-12-17
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	13.27
Report id	850370
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unlicensed outlets
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: The Covid-19 vaccine is safe — and scarce. That makes it ripe for the black market.  
NBCNews.com

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Table 247: Drugs for report 850370

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] If history is a guide, illicit markets for the Covid-19 vaccine are likely to develop to feed people who wish to jump the line or simply profit from trading in a valuable commodity. These illicit markets will, in turn, build the necessary motivation for criminal networks to steal and counterfeit the new vaccine. And the arrival of these illicit markets online — offering real or faked Covid vaccines — is as certain as receiving a spam call. It is, therefore, imperative that the rapid and early detection of illicit vaccine markets be prioritized by federal law enforcement in partnership with the vast array of cyberspace watchers in the National Security Agency. Unlike the past, these markets can be rapidly established on the dark net, operate globally using anonymous communications tools and rely on cryptocurrencies providing anonymity.

These dark markets are hard but not impossible to combat. Identifying and either shutting down these markets via technology or by destroying their credibility have been used to previous good effect. And in cases where uncooperative governments won't stop these markets, infiltrating them so no buyer or seller can be sure they aren't dealing with law enforcement has proven to be effective. [...]

## 101 4 tools to fight fraud, counterfeits and cyberattacks in the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain

Publication date	2021-04-07
Create date	2021-04-08
Score	13.27
Report id	1010868
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: 4 tools to fight fraud, counterfeits and cyberattacks in the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain Supply Chain Dive

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Table 248: Places for report 1010868

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Southington	41.30839	-80.95592

Table 249: Drugs for report 1010868

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] Technologies like artificial intelligence, automation, collaboration tools and blockchain can help, by building trust and providing one version of the truth, increasing security and reducing fraud possibilities. [...]

## 102 Fighting fake Covid-19 vaccines with blockchain

Publication date	2021-03-12
Create date	2021-03-15
Score	13.24
Report id	976396
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Fighting fake Covid-19 vaccines with blockchain ComputerWeekly.com

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Table 250: Places for report 976396

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	Singapore	Republic of Singapore	1.36667	103.8

Table 251: Drugs for report 976396

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: (Need to subscribe for full text) – A blockchain-based system developed by Singapore-based Zuellig Pharma can help governments and healthcare providers weed out fake vaccines and manage vaccine distribution and administration.

## 103 Experts warn of the growing number of COVID-19 scams preying on pandemic fears and vaccine shortages

Publication date	2021-03-09
Create date	2021-03-12
Score	13.15
Report id	973089
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Experts warn of the growing number of COVID-19 scams preying on pandemic fears and vaccine shortages National Post

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Table 252: Places for report 973089

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	Canada	Canada	60.10867	-113.64258

Table 253: Drugs for report 973089

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 254: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1010061	Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre warns of COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
974756	Coronavirus: Officials aware of marketing of 'fake vaccines,' Njoo says	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: As the pandemic goes on, fraudsters are adapting their COVID schemes for scamming individuals online. First, it was fake face masks and toilet paper supplies. Then it was false

COVID tracking apps. Now it's offers of vaccines.

Cyber security companies are joining the government in warning Canadians to remain vigilant and to be mindful of scammers taking advantage of people's fears during the pandemic. [...]

## 104 Using blockchain to monitor the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain

Publication date	2020-11-20
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	13.09
Report id	811709
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Using blockchain to monitor the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain World Economic Forum

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Table 255: Places for report 811709

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 256: Drugs for report 811709

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 257: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
929741	How Are Blockchain and IoT Helping COVID Vaccine Shipments?	<a href="#">Link</a>
836312	FDA Approval Is Not The Only Vaccine Challenge	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The technology could solve some of the most stubborn challenges of standard supply chain management, such as participants' accountability, accuracy in tracking items, fighting potential counterfeits, complications in stock management and more. However, blockchain's

greatest advantage in this case would be the immutability of the storage conditions data. Given the vital importance of the storage temperature, vaccine distributors would be required to make sure that all storage conditions are met, but also to unequivocally prove that they were met. Ensuring that storage temperature data is recorded on an immutable database could provide this proof, removing beyond a shadow of the doubt that the vaccines are safe and effective. [...]

## 105 Man charged with five offences around fake COVID-19 vaccine

Publication date	2021-01-15
Create date	2021-01-18
Score	13.07
Report id	894514
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Street vendors
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Man charged with five offences around fake COVID-19 vaccine The Crown Prosecution Service

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Table 258: Places for report 894514

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	London	51.50853	-0.12574

Notes: The Crown Prosecution Service has authorised City of London Police to charge David Chambers, 33, with five offences including fraud around the fake administration of a COVID-19 vaccine and common assault.

The CPS made the decision to charge Mr Chambers, after reviewing a file of evidence from the City of London police relating to allegations of fraud and misrepresentation.

We remind all concerned that criminal proceedings against Mr Chambers are now active and that he has a right a to fair trial. It is extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings. [...]



## 106 Covid-19 and organised crime: counterfeit cures

Publication date	2021-02-17
Create date	2021-02-19
Score	13.07
Report id	944946
Category	Other, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Covid-19 and organised crime: counterfeit cures Business Day

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Table 259: Places for report 944946

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Africa	7.1881	21.09375
Eastern Africa	Kenya	Mombasa	-4.05466	39.66359

Table 260: Drugs for report 944946

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 261: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
945954	Worries over growing counterfeit COVID-19 vaccine market in East Africa • Today News Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>
945057	Crime and (no) punishment: Why Africa's ports are vulnerable to counterfeit COVID vaccines – Bhekisisa	<a href="#">Link</a>
945128	Crime and (no) punishment: Why Africa's ports are vulnerable to counterfeit Covid vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The city today retains its reputation as an integral part of Africa's criminal under-

belly, being a major entry point for narcotics from the Middle East and illicit pharmaceuticals from Asia. Over the past 12 months, there's been increasing talk in East African intelligence and law enforcement circles about the role it could play in facilitating shipments of falsified and substandard Covid-19 vaccines.[...] "Inspection regimes have been reduced in order to facilitate the swift and hassle-free movement of items through the border, to be distributed across the region," says Broome. This, however, also allows organised crime groups "to facilitate the movement of illicit medications" — most of them from Asia. [...] In East Africa, several police officers tell Bhekisisa they're concerned that falsified, substandard and stolen Covid vaccines could be distributed by some of the region's many thousand informal "chemists".

It's a valid concern, says Interpol.

"The number of unlicensed pharmacies has increased across the region during Covid-19," says Broome. "We see an example of this during this period where 56 arrests were made in Uganda and there was the closure of 1,526 facilities. These enable, for example, the sales of fake antivirals imported from Asia."

Broome says members of organised crime groups are trying to "franchise" illegal pharmacies all over East Africa, "which would give them an even greater air of legitimacy". [...]

## 107 Counterfeit Covid-19 Vaccines: Impacting Public Health and Safety

Publication date	2021-04-21
Create date	2021-04-28
Score	13.06
Report id	1030552
Category	Other, Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Counterfeit Covid-19 Vaccines: Impacting Public Health and Safety JD Supra

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Table 262: Places for report 1030552

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 263: Drugs for report 1030552

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The other shoe has dropped! At least it has in the world of counterfeit pharmaceuticals. Since early in the pandemic, the US has faced a significant and still ongoing wave of counterfeit PPE entering the country from abroad. A recent Wall Street Journal article confirms what had been feared for months; a rise in the availability of counterfeit Covid-19 vaccines. Albeit the counterfeit doses were found in Mexico and Poland, it does not portend well for the efforts to reign in the pandemic around the world.

To understand the situation, we must look at a fundamental truth when it comes to counterfeits. It is one that has been repeated for years by the brand owner community; counterfeiters are not modern-day Robin Hoods. They line their own pockets with no regard whatsoever for public health and safety. This sad fact remains true now more than ever. [...]

## 108 Forum, Feb. 17: Beware of vaccine scams

Publication date	2021-02-16
Create date	2021-02-19
Score	13.04
Report id	944148
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Forum, Feb. 17: Beware of vaccine scams Valley News

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Table 264: Places for report 944148

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 265: Drugs for report 944148

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 266: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1007618	FDA calls on public not to patronize fake vaccines   Claudeth Mocon-Ciriaco	<a href="#">Link</a>
984606	From fake vaccines to real opioids, social media platforms crammed with scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
1005370	Coronavirus ‘vaccines’ sold online are fake and potentially dangerous if taken, authorities say	<a href="#">Link</a>
946765	COVID vaccine scam warning from Two Rivers Public Health Department	<a href="#">Link</a>
993163	Warning issued over scams touting fake COVID-19 vaccines, asking for Bitcoin	<a href="#">Link</a>
946325	Protect yourself from COVID-19-related scams	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 266: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
982939	What the Tech? Beware of Online COVID-19 Vaccine Scams - Alabama News	<a href="#">Link</a>
972963	Don't Fall for a COVID-19 Vaccine Scam	<a href="#">Link</a>
989623	Don't fall for a COVID-19 vaccine scam	<a href="#">Link</a>
972985	4 Scams to Warn Older Loved Ones About, From Fake COVID-19 Vaccines to Fake Relatives	<a href="#">Link</a>
966620	Coronavirus vaccine scams are on the rise — here's how to spot them	<a href="#">Link</a>
993518	Scams involving COVID-19 vaccine surge, experts say	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The FBI, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, and the Center for Medicare and Medicare Services are warning the public of fraud schemes related to COVID-19 vaccines.

One such scheme suggests that scammers could be acquiring empty or used COVID-19 vaccine vials to fraudulently offer fake or counterfeit vaccines. In response, the Department of Defense released a recommendation to vaccine administration sites to destroy empty vials and product packaging. [...]

## 109 Police issue security warning due to threat of COVID-19 vaccines being stolen

Publication date	2021-02-04
Create date	2021-02-18
Score	13.01
Report id	943465
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Diverted/Unregistered
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Police issue security warning due to threat of COVID-19 vaccines being stolen Daily Record

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Table 267: Places for report 943465

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	Perth	56.39522	-3.43139
Europe	United Kingdom	Perth and Kinross	56.5	-3.75
Americas	United States	Perthshire	33.97733	-90.91233

Table 268: Drugs for report 943465

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Police Scotland this week issued a security warning to Perth and Kinross health professionals over storage of the COVID vaccine.

An official email sent to some NHS Tayside staff said "careful consideration" should be given to how to keep the vaccine safe, with theft thought to be the most likely threat. [...]

## 110 Cameroon students 'injured in fake-vaccine stampede'

Publication date	2021-02-23
Create date	2021-02-24
Score	12.95
Report id	952115
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Cameroon students 'injured in fake-vaccine stampede' Myjoyonline.com

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Table 269: Places for report 952115

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Central Africa	Cameroon	Kumba	4.6363	9.4469

Table 270: Drugs for report 952115

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Three students were injured in Cameroon's South-West region after a stampede broke out following a rumoured Covid-19 vaccination campaign, The Guardian Post newspaper has reported.

The students from the city of Kumba are currently being observed by medics, the newspaper adds.

"The injuries were recorded in the wake of a stampede as many struggled to escape a rumoured Covid-19 vaccination campaign," [...]

## 111 European Union police agency Europol warns against counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines, fraud

Publication date	2020-12-04
Create date	
Score	12.89
Report id	839166
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Other
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: European Union police agency Europol warns against counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines, fraud Republic World

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Table 271: Places for report 839166

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	India	State of Mahārāshtra	19.5	76
Southern Asia	Pakistan	Punjab	30.86017	72.31976
Eastern Africa	Ethiopia	Tigray Region	14.16667	38.83333

Table 272: Drugs for report 839166

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes:



## 112 Criminal gangs offering fake vaccines and bogus home testing kits – Europol

Publication date	2021-04-12
Create date	2021-04-19
Score	12.84
Report id	1017581
Category	Medical devices for disease prevention, Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unlicensed outlets
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Criminal gangs offering fake vaccines and bogus home testing kits – Europol Independent.ie

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Table 273: Places for report 1017581

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Europe	48.69096	9.14062

Table 274: Drugs for report 1017581

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 275: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1017700	Europol report warns of criminal gangs offering fake vaccines and bogus Covid-19 home testing kits	<a href="#">Link</a>
1019251	Gangs to flog fake vaccines and attempt to take over struggling businesses in pandemic aftermath, warns...	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Criminal gangs are offering fake Covid-19 vaccines and bogus home testing kits as they

capitalise on the ongoing health pandemic across Europe.

A significant report has raised serious concerns about the threat organised crime poses to the EU, which it says has never been greater. [...] This includes offering ineffective goods such as fake Covid home testing kits or fraudulent prescriptions used to treat the disease. [...]

## 113 Europol: Beware Fake Dark Web #COVID19 Vaccines

Publication date	2020-12-07
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	12.20
Report id	834774
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Europol: Beware Fake Dark Web #COVID19 Vaccines Infosecurity Magazine

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Table 276: Places for report 834774

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	54.75844	-2.69531

Table 277: Drugs for report 834774

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: As the UK begins preparations to deploy a COVID-19 vaccine, law enforcers are warning of counterfeit versions circulating on the dark web. [...] However, Europol warned on Friday that counterfeit versions are already starting to circulate on the dark web, as organized crime groups react to the surge in interest and demand from the public. These will be "ineffective at best or toxic at worst" and could lead to outbreaks of the virus among communities assumed to have been vaccinated, the police agency warned. "Counterfeit vaccines may circulate on illicit markets or be introduced to the legal market, as occurs regularly with other counterfeit pharmaceuticals. The expected high demand for COVID-19 vaccines will likely attract organized crime groups seeking to capitalize on the pandemic situation and subsequent vaccination campaigns," it explained. [...]

## 114 WHO warns against sales of counterfeit Covid vaccines on the dark web

Publication date	2021-03-26
Create date	2021-03-29
Score	11.88
Report id	994540
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: WHO warns against sales of counterfeit Covid vaccines on the dark web CNBC

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Table 278: Places for report 994540

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 279: Drugs for report 994540

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 280: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
995082	Covid-19 vaccine: WHO warns of counterfeit coronavirus jabs	<a href="#">Link</a>
995174	World News   WHO Warns Against Sales of Counterfeit COVID-19 Vaccines on The Dark Web, Urges People to Stick to Government-Run Vaccination Programs	<a href="#">Link</a>
996977	WHO issues alert for falsified COVID-19 vaccine	<a href="#">Link</a>
997245	WHO warns about fake COVID-19 vaccines on the dark web	<a href="#">Link</a>

Table 280: Other Stories(continued)

ID	Title	Link
994972	World Health Organisation warns of counterfeit COVID vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
995239	WHO warns of counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
994745	Criminal groups selling fake COVID-19 vaccines on dark web, WHO warns	<a href="#">Link</a>
999362	WHO warns against fake COVID-19 vaccines sold on dark web	<a href="#">Link</a>
995021	WHO warns of counterfeit Covid vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
999402	WHO warns of fake vaccine online sales	<a href="#">Link</a>
999403	WHO warns against sale of counterfeit Covid-19 vaccines on dark web	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The World Health Organization warned against counterfeit Covid-19 vaccines sold on the dark web during a press conference Friday.

"We urge all people not to buy vaccines outside government-run vaccination programs. Any vaccine outside these programs may be substandard or falsified, with the potential to cause serious harm," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The WHO's top official said the group is also aware of reports of "criminal groups" reusing empty vaccine vials and tampering with the Covid vaccines supply chain. [...]

## 115 Beware of fake Covid vaccine distribution — WHO

Publication date	2021-04-01
Create date	2021-04-23
Score	11.80
Report id	1022899
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Beware of fake Covid vaccine distribution — WHO The Star, Kenya

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Table 281: Places for report 1022899

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 282: Drugs for report 1022899

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 283: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1062478	World Health Organisation warns of counterfeit COVID vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The World Health Organization has warned criminals are increasingly attempting to exploit ongoing vaccination to peddle bogus Covid-19 vaccines.

It said countries must now increase vigilance within their supply systems to prevent falsified products.

”Increased vigilance should include hospitals, clinics, health centres, wholesalers, distributors, pharmacies, and any other suppliers of medical products,” WHO said in a statement.

The organisation said all medical products must be obtained from authorised suppliers. The products' authenticity and physical condition should be carefully checked. [...]

## 116 New alliance seeks to fight 'plague' of fake medicines

Publication date	2020-12-14
Create date	2020-12-15
Score	11.65
Report id	845983
Category	Anti-malarial, Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: New alliance seeks to fight 'plague' of fake medicines SciDev.Net

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Table 284: Places for report 845983

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 285: Drugs for report 845983

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07
		antimalarials	P01B

Table 286: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
846614	New alliance seeks to tackle the plague of falsified medical products	<a href="#">Link</a>
853578	New alliance seeks to fight 'plague' of fake medicines	<a href="#">Link</a>
849091	New alliance seeks to fight 'plague' of fake medicines - Sub-Saharan Africa	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: COVID-19 has spawned a "stark rise" in the global circulation of fake medical products relating to the pandemic, experts warn as they launch an alliance aimed at tackling the scourge.



The Fight the Fakes (FTF) Alliance, a non-profit association comprising 16 organisations from manufacturers to wholesalers, and research and patient groups, aims to raise the profile of an issue it views as long under-addressed globally, with a disproportionate impact on low- and middle-income countries.

One in 10 medical products in developing countries is either substandard or falsified, according to World Health Organization (WHO) figures from 2017. And some research suggests the prevalence of fake medicines can be as high as 70 per cent in some African countries. [...] COVID-19 has resulted in a surge in falsified medical products, causing concern at a time when vaccines are being developed.

A recent report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) highlights that people deprived of essential medical products in some African countries may accept falsified alternatives under fear and uncertainty engendered by criminal groups.

Angela Me, chief of the Research and Trend Analysis Branch at the UNODC, said: "With vaccines gradually emerging around the globe, it is likely that criminal groups take advantage of the gap between demand and supply. [...]"

## 117 Hontiveros tells BOC, PNP to be vigilant vs fake COVID vaccines

Publication date	2021-02-03
Create date	2021-02-05
Score	11.52
Report id	921872
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Hontiveros tells BOC, PNP to be vigilant vs fake COVID vaccines INQUIRER.net

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Table 287: Places for report 921872

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Manila	14.6042	120.9822

Table 288: Drugs for report 921872

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 289: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
922700	Alert on smuggled fake vaccine up; EU assures PH of vax supply	<a href="#">Link</a>
921951	Amid reported crackdown in China, PH authorities told to ensure no fake vaccines enter the country	<a href="#">Link</a>
922497	EDITORIAL - Fake vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
922027	Secure borders 'like bloodhounds' vs entry of fake COVID-19 jabs, authorities told	<a href="#">Link</a>
1025240	FDA Philippines warns about fake vaccine, clarifies use of Lerolimab - Outbreak News Today	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Senator Risa Hontiveros on Wednesday reminded the Bureau of Customs and Philippine National Police to remain vigilant against fake COVID-19 vaccines that might enter the country. As per the Senate's official website, Hontiveros cited reports of Chinese authorities confiscating over 3,000 doses of fake vaccines, which were saline-filled syringes, that they suspected were made with the intent to send abroad. [...]

## 118 Senate Passes Enzi, Hassan Bill to Protect Against Counterfeit Medical Products

Publication date	2020-12-09
Create date	2020-12-11
Score	11.07
Report id	838957
Category	Other, Medical device used for cure/mitigation/treatment, Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Senate Passes Enzi, Hassan Bill to Protect Against Counterfeit Medical Products  
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Table 290: Places for report 838957

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Wyoming	42.91336	-85.70531

Table 291: Drugs for report 838957

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 292: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
839888	Senate passes Enzi, Hassan bill to protect against counterfeit medical products	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bill introduced by U.S. Senators Mike Enzi of Wyoming and Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, to help protect patients from counterfeit medical products. According to a joint news release from the senators, the Safeguarding

Therapeutics Act would give the Food and Drug Administration authority to seize and destroy counterfeit medical devices and products, including COVID-19 tests and vaccines, as well as counterfeit combination products like EpiPens. Senator Enzi said that it's crucial that we work to protect patients and ensure confidence in our healthcare system, especially as we continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The U.S. House passed similar legislation in September, but because the Senate version had small technical differences, the Safeguarding Therapeutics Act now must be passed by the House before being sent to the president for his signature.

## 119 ‘Robust mechanism needed to check pilferage & black-marketing of Covid vax’

Publication date	2020-12-19
Create date	2020-12-22
Score	10.96
Report id	853429
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Substandard or Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: ‘Robust mechanism needed to check pilferage & black-marketing of Covid vax’ The Siasat Daily

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Table 293: Places for report 853429

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Southern Asia	India	New Delhi	28.63576	77.22445

Table 294: Drugs for report 853429

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 295: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
867593	‘Robust mechanism needed to check pilferage & black-marketing of Covid vax’	<a href="#">Link</a>
853520	Private investigators offer Centre help to check counterfeiting of Covid-19 vaccines	<a href="#">Link</a>
853965	Robust mechanism must to check pilferage & black-marketing of COVID-19 vaccines - Sentinelassam	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: As India inches closer to the massive national Covid-19 immunisation drive, the necessity to ensure that vaccines reach the people in safe and uncompromised state has become crucial. The huge gap in demand and supply of Covid vaccines has made experts wary of pilferage and infiltration by counterfeits once they hit the market shelves. Lalit Kant, former head of epidemiology and communicable diseases at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), said that the vaccine is a commodity which is currently sought after by more than 7 billion people around the world, a situation which possibly triggers many kinds of mischiefs. [...] S. Swaminathan, COO, GS1 India, which provides universally unique barcode numbers, concurred with Kant and said that there are high chances of spurious products entering the supply chain. However, he suggested that real-time monitoring to track and trace vaccines from manufacturing to end user can rule out such possibilities. "A robust tracking mechanism to monitor the supply chain of the vaccines are important to trace down if an anomaly emerges. This will be critical for various other reasons – to recall batches in case of any adverse event or manufacturing error, to ensure that the person getting the vaccine gets two shots of the same vaccine from the same manufacturer," he added. [...]

## 120 130,000 vaccinated so far as pharmacists warn against risk of fakes

Publication date	2021-03-30
Create date	2021-04-05
Score	10.96
Report id	1003795
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: 130,000 vaccinated so far as pharmacists warn against risk of fakes The Star, Kenya

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Table 296: Places for report 1003795

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Africa	Kenya	Republic of Kenya	1	38

Table 297: Drugs for report 1003795

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] This comes even as the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya cautioned against unauthorized marketing of Covid-19 vaccines, saying people have been marketing vaccines to the public through their social media accounts. [...]



## 121 Public warned of fake vaccines, forged vaccine passports

Publication date	2021-04-13
Create date	2021-04-21
Score	10.95
Report id	1020231
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Public warned of fake vaccines, forged vaccine passports The Star Online

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Table 298: Places for report 1020231

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Malaysia	Malaysia	2.5	112.5

Table 299: Drugs for report 1020231

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: he public must not fall prey to counterfeit Covid-19 vaccines or vaccine passports that are being sold on the Internet even as demand for these items grows. [...] "Vaccines purchased through the Internet, we do not know where it is coming from since it is not registered. Vaccines have to be registered with the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA), " he said. [...]

## 122 Warning over fake coronavirus vaccine medics calling at homes in Leicester

Publication date	2021-02-13
Create date	2021-02-16
Score	10.81
Report id	938712
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Not Directly Relevant
Source	Street vendors
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Warning over fake coronavirus vaccine medics calling at homes in Leicester Leicester-shire Live

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Table 300: Places for report 938712

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	Leicester	52.6386	-1.13169

Table 301: Drugs for report 938712

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Phoney medics offering coronavirus vaccines have been visiting homes in the city, the NHS has warned.

They have been knocking on doors in Leicester pretending to be able to offer the vaccine but residents are being warned that only housebound people will ever receive a visit to get their jab and only after they have booked a visit.

The NHS East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group said in a tweet this afternoon: "We're aware of reports of people knocking on doors in the city claiming to offer the covid vaccine.

"Please do not let these people into your homes. [...]"

## 123 NBI joins vaccine probe, 'smuggled' drug at issue

Publication date	2020-12-30
Create date	2020-12-31
Score	10.80
Report id	869104
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: NBI joins vaccine probe, 'smuggled' drug at issue manilastandard.net

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Table 302: Places for report 869104

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 303: Drugs for report 869104

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra on Wednesday said he has ordered the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) to investigate the reported illegal distribution and use of unregistered vaccines against COVID-19. Guevarra said the NBI is mandated to determine possible violations of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Act, the Consumer Act, and the Medical Practice Act. He clarified, however, that the investigation would not focus solely on the inoculation of members of the Presidential Security Group (PSG) using an unauthorized vaccine as early as September. [...]

## 124 Private players will open path for counterfeit vaccines

Publication date	2021-03-12
Create date	2021-03-15
Score	10.80
Report id	976604
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Private players will open path for counterfeit vaccines Zimbabwe Independent

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Table 304: Places for report 976604

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Africa	Zimbabwe	Republic of Zimbabwe	-19	29.75

Table 305: Drugs for report 976604

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] The Zimbabwean drug regulatory framework is not only an environment that is lacking in innovative capabilities to be at the top of drug regulation, but is laden with ineptitude insofar as monitoring abuse is concerned. Expecting the same players to be arbiters of acquisition and distribution of Covid-19 vaccines is just but synonymous with opening the path for counterfeit vaccines. [...]

## 125 Health officials warn counterfeit vaccines could be deadly

Publication date	2021-01-15
Create date	2021-01-18
Score	10.69
Report id	893211
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Street vendors
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Health officials warn counterfeit vaccines could be deadly KGBT-TV

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Table 306: Places for report 893211

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Texas	31.25044	-99.25061

Table 307: Drugs for report 893211

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: As the vaccine rollout increases so do the scams trying to take advantage of people looking for a dose.

"It's just an individual that you are receiving a phone call from probably identifying themselves as a physician who most likely is not," said Hilda Martinez Interim President at the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

Martinez said since distributions for the vaccines began, they've seen an increase in calls regarding the sales of fake COVID-19 vaccines. She said scammers are targeting those without medical insurance. [...]

## 126 Centralized logistical system needed to prevent proliferation of fake vaccines — House leader

Publication date	2021-01-23
Create date	2021-01-25
Score	10.55
Report id	905622
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Distributor/Wholesaler
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Centralized logistical system needed to prevent proliferation of fake vaccines — House leader Manila Bulletin

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Table 308: Places for report 905622

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Quezon City	14.6488	121.0509

Table 309: Drugs for report 905622

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: Quezon City 2nd District Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo has urged the Department of Health (DOH) to come up with a centralized logistical system to ensure that the proper amount of doses of COVID-19 vaccines are appropriately inoculated to Filipinos. [...] "A centralized logistical system is also encouraged in order to prevent the proliferation of fake vaccines and illegitimate vaccine providers," she said.

## 127 PNP told: Go after fake vaccine sellers, not teachers of displaced Lumads

Publication date	2021-02-17
Create date	2021-02-22
Score	10.45
Report id	945118
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: PNP told: Go after fake vaccine sellers, not teachers of displaced Lumads Philstar.com

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Table 310: Places for report 945118

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
South-Eastern Asia	Philippines	Manila	14.6042	120.9822

Table 311: Drugs for report 945118

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 312: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1028279	Don't you dare spread fake COVID-19 vaccines, Duterte warns private sector	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The Department of Interior and Local Government on Thursday also called on the PNP to be vigilant and "work double time" to arrest peddlers of fake vaccines, citing reports of their circulation in the market.

In a statement released to reporters, Undersecretary Bernardo C. Florece, DILG officer-in-

charge, said that local government units and the PNP must be on top of the hunt and arrest illegal peddlers of fake COVID-19 vaccines.

"Some people are taking advantage of the pandemic to make money by selling fake vaccines," Florence said.

"I am directing the PNP to arrest these criminals and ensure that these bogus vaccines are taken off the market."



## 128 [EXCLUSIVE] Little vials, big crime: Criminals primed for onslaught on Africa's vaccines – Bhekisisa

Publication date	2021-02-11
Create date	2021-02-15
Score	10.15
Report id	935604
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: [EXCLUSIVE] Little vials, big crime: Criminals primed for onslaught on Africa's vaccines – Bhekisisa Bhekisisa

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Table 313: Places for report 935604

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Africa	7.1881	21.09375
Southern Africa	South Africa	Germiston	-26.23481	28.17665
Western Africa	Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	10	8

Table 314: Drugs for report 935604

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] "Our inspectors got there and then they saw prefilled syringes, and they [had labels that] were written in Chinese ... The two people who were at the site, the owner of the warehouse and the Chinese owner of the consignment were arrested," says Wondo. [...] "There were clear indications that the contents of the boxes were going to be sold as genuine COVID-19 vaccines." According to Interpol, the "vaccines" had been advertised for sale on a Chinese social media app, WeChat, and had been imported from Singapore as "cosmetic injections". [...] On 15 January, Nigeria's National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (Nafdac) said it was aware of fake vaccines circulating in the country. The agency's director-general,

Mojisola Adeyeye, told a press conference: "Nafdac is pleading with the public to beware. No COVID vaccines have been approved by Nafdac. Fake vaccines ... could kill." [...]

## 129 The Vaccine Black Market – The Pioneer

Publication date	2021-02-13
Create date	2021-02-16
Score	10.06
Report id	939040
Category	Antiseptic, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: The Vaccine Black Market – The Pioneer The Pioneer

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Table 315: Places for report 939040

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Table 316: Drugs for report 939040

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] The slow vaccine rollout is leaving thousands of Americans wondering when they will get their turn for vaccinations. COVID-19 has created breeding grounds for a new set of black market products, beginning with the falsification of hand sanitizer in the early stages of the pandemic. With a slow vaccination process, America's wealthy class and those with political connections are seizing the opportunity to cut in line for vaccinations, some posing as healthcare professionals. According to experts, it was only inevitable a black market would emerge from the Trump Administration's failure to adequately set guidelines for inoculation. Nico Passas, a Northwestern University Professor, spoke out in a discussion regarding the black market citing fear of "falsified" products which "undermines...public health of the community." [...]

## 130 CBP Announces February 2021 Operational Update

<b>Publication date</b>	2021-03-10
<b>Create date</b>	2021-04-30
<b>Score</b>	10.06
<b>Report id</b>	1042816
<b>Category</b>	Anti-malarial, Antibiotic, Medical devices for disease prevention, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
<b>Quality</b>	Falsified
<b>Source</b>	Other
<b>Curation</b>	Manually curated
<b>Incident or General</b>	General

Snippet: WASHINGTON — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) today released operational statistics for February 2021, which can be viewed here.

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Table 317: Drugs for report 1042816

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			D08
		antiseptics and disinfectants	D08A
azithromycin	Macrolides	macrolides, lincosamides and streptogramins	J01FA10
azithromycin	Antibiotics	antiinfectives	S01AA26
chloroquine	Aminoquinolines	antimalarials	P01BA01

Notes: WASHINGTON — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) today released operational statistics for February 2021, which can be viewed here.

February marked the start of processing for migrants with active cases under the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) through three ports of entry. To date, CBP has processed 1,500 individuals through this phased program. Migrants are required to go through a staging and COVID-19 testing process before entry. If individuals appear at the port of entry without going through this process, they are not admitted. CBP also conducts biometric checks to confirm that individuals do not pose a threat to the American public. Anyone who poses a national security or public safety threat is detained and removed according to existing protocols.

”The United States is continuing to strictly enforce our existing immigration laws and border

security measures,” said CBP Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner Troy Miller. “Those who attempt to cross the border without going through ports of entry should understand that they are putting themselves and their families in danger, especially during the pandemic. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the border is not open, and the vast majority of people are being returned under Title 42. Do not believe smugglers or others claiming otherwise.”

#### CBP Enforcement Numbers

In February 2021, CBP encountered 100,441 persons attempting entry along the Southwest border. This total represented a 28 percent increase over January 2021. CBP completed 72,113 expulsions from the border pursuant to CDC guidance under Title 42 authority.

The number of encounters at the border has been rising since April 2020 due to ongoing violence, natural disasters, food insecurity, and poverty in the Northern Triangle countries of Central America. As it always has, the number of individuals crossing the border continues to fluctuate and CBP adapts accordingly.

CBP enforcement numbers for February 2021 can be found [here](#).

#### Unaccompanied Children

Beginning in April 2020, CBP has seen an increase in encounters of unaccompanied children from Central America at the Southwest Border.

In Fiscal Year 2021 through February, 29,792 unaccompanied children and single minors have been encountered along the Southwest Border. Two thousand nine hundred and forty-two of these children are under the age of 12 years old and 26,850 are aged 13-17 years old.

DHS has continued its close coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as it increases its capacity to care for unaccompanied children and place them with sponsors. Our goal is to ensure that CBP has the continued capability to efficiently transfer unaccompanied children to HHS as quickly as possible, consistent with legal requirements and the best interest of the children.

Addressing unaccompanied children crossing our southwest border is an important priority of this Administration. It requires a coordinated and sustained whole-of-government response.

#### Drug Seizures

CBP officers, Border Patrol agents, and Air and Marine Operations agents continued to interdict the flow of illicit narcotics across the border. Nationwide, drug seizures increased 50 percent in February from January 2021. Cocaine interceptions decreased 13 percent. Seizures of methamphetamine increased 40 percent. Seizures of heroin went up 48 percent and seizures of fentanyl decreased by 17 percent.

Despite the slight drop for February, CBP is seeing a drastic increase in fentanyl seizures this fiscal year – more than 360 percent higher than this same time last year. For all Fiscal Year 2020, CBP intercepted more than 4,700 pounds. Just five months into this year, CBP has seized nearly 5,000 pounds.

Additional CBP drug seizure statistics can be found [here](#).

#### Life-saving Rescues

CBP continued to perform a large number of rescues of citizens and migrants in February 2021, with more than 893 rescues nationwide. Over the past year, CBP agents and officers have rescued more than 7,600 individuals, regardless of their circumstance or status.

#### Effects of COVID-19 on CBP Personnel

The safety of our workforce, our communities, and those in our care is a top priority. CBP personnel put themselves and their families at risk with every encounter at the border. Since the start of the pandemic, more than 8,000 CBP employees have tested positive for COVID-19,

and 27 have died.

CBP is focused on providing access to the COVID-19 vaccine to our workforce and is collaborating with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Homeland Security to expedite the delivery of vaccinations to personnel. To date, based on self-reporting, at least 23 percent of CBP's front line personnel have been vaccinated.

Our policy is to protect our national and border security, address the humanitarian challenges at the U.S.-Mexico border, and ensure public health and safety.

DHS and CBP are working with local mayors and public health officials to provide COVID-19 testing and, as needed, isolation and quarantine for families released from Border Patrol facilities.

#### Trade and Counterfeit Seizures

CBP continues to collaborate with federal partners and the trade community to facilitate the importation of legitimate medical supplies and other goods necessary for the COVID-19 response while verifying that those goods are authorized and safe for use. As part of that effort, CBP is interdicting fraudulent and unauthorized goods that could harm the health and safety of Americans. Since the pandemic began until the end of February, CBP had seized more than:

177,500 FDA-prohibited COVID-19 test kits in 414 incidents. These items were either prohibited for not meeting legal requirements, or they were potentially unlicensed, 30 million counterfeit face masks seized in 611 incidents, 37,000 EPA-prohibited anti-virus lanyards in 118 incidents, 38,000 FDA-prohibited chloroquine tablets in 229 incidents, 6,000 tablets of antibiotics, such as azithromycin in 108 incidents, and 300,000 containers of hand sanitizer in 36 incidents.

## 131 Vaccine supply under threat from theft and counterfeits, warns freight insurer

Publication date	2021-03-31
Create date	2021-04-05
Score	10.06
Report id	999798
Category	Vaccine, Medical device for screening/diagnosis/monitoring
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Vaccine supply under threat from theft and counterfeits, warns freight insurer Logistics Middle East

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Table 318: Places for report 999798

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Earth	0	0

Table 319: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
1042399	Vaccine supply under threat from theft and counterfeits	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: From theft and illegal sale of authentic vaccines to counterfeiting, substitution with fake pharmaceuticals and contamination, the threats posed by criminals attempting to take advantage of this very high-value cargo are widespread.

Mike Yarwood, TT Club's MD Loss Prevention, warns the risks should not be under-estimated, "It is probable that the market for counterfeit pharmaceuticals is worth \$400 billion a year and the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that up to one million people die annually from counterfeited drugs... The current and future supply chain challenge to distribute the COVID-19 vaccines, in all their forms, from various countries of production, will mean that these figures are likely to grow. Multiple incidents have already been reported." [...]

## 132 West Midlands Police Commissioner urges residents to report scammers selling fake Covid vaccines

Publication date	2021-03-23
Create date	2021-03-24
Score	9.98
Report id	989584
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: West Midlands Police Commissioner urges residents to report scammers selling fake Covid vaccines Birmingham Live

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Table 320: Places for report 989584

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Europe	United Kingdom	West Midlands	52.5	-1.96667

Table 321: Drugs for report 989584

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 322: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
989642	Anger as fraudsters offer fake Covid-19 vaccines on the doorstep in 'dangerous' scam	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: Cruel fraudsters have been going door to door offering fake coronavirus vaccinations. West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson urged anyone who had been targeted to contact police immediately. [...] Questions were raised in the House of Commons after it was reported fraudsters were attempting to sell fake vaccinations on the doorstep. [...]



## 133 Chinese pharma's history of counterfeits, fakes, and quality issues

Publication date	2021-03-16
Create date	2021-03-18
Score	9.31
Report id	981015
Category	Anti-malarial, Other, Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Clandestine laboratory
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Chinese pharma's history of counterfeits, fakes, and quality issues SupChina

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Table 323: Places for report 981015

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Eastern Asia	China	People's Republic of China	35	105

Notes: Last month, black market entrepreneurs were arrested for a multimillion-dollar COVID-19 vaccine scam, passing saline water for the in-demand shot. Before getting caught, the counterfeiters had scored \$2.78 million in earnings and managed to manufacture more than 58,000 fake doses. The criminals allegedly acquired vaccine bottles through the "internal channels" of Chinese vaccine manufacturers.

As only one of 21 major vaccine fraud incidents currently being investigated by Beijing, this incident brought to mind a long-standing issue in China: pharmaceutical fraud.

In 2001, according to public health researchers, 192,000 Chinese patients reportedly died due to use of fake pharmaceuticals. That same year, Beijing investigated 480,000 cases of counterfeit drug manufacturing. Much has improved in the two decades since, but with roughly \$100 billion in collective investment in the biotechnology industry, pharma fraud remains a big concern. How have China's regulators historically dealt with it, and what does the future look like? [...]

## 134 Don't fall for fake vaccine scams, FBI warns

Publication date	2020-11-25
Create date	2020-11-27
Score	8.85
Report id	819002
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Don't fall for fake vaccine scams, FBI warns KSAT San Antonio

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Table 324: Places for report 819002

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	San Antonio	29.42412	-98.49363

Table 325: Drugs for report 819002

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 326: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
837425	Consumer Alert: Watch out for fraudulent COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
847726	Consumer Alert: Watch out for fraudulent COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
839153	FBI warns of COVID-19 vaccine scams	<a href="#">Link</a>
826354	Don't fall for fake vaccine scams, FBI warns	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: As major pharmaceutical companies inch closer to releasing an FDA-approved coronavirus vaccine, federal law enforcement officials are warning that scammers are also hard at work

looking to take advantage of vulnerable people. In the coming weeks, FBI special agents want everyone to look out for schemes offering fake vaccines. "The FBI has been closely following scams connected with the COVID pandemic," said FBI Special Agent Michelle Lee. "Definitely, we saw instances where unscrupulous individuals, criminal organizations, were taking advantage of the fear and the vulnerability that a lot of folks in our community have." [...] Like Lee, Croft warns about the red flags that may appear through a website, text message, email or a phone call. [...] In the meantime, Lee and Croft say beware of the fakes.

"I would never trust anything, like any third party, that isn't a legitimate public health official or a health care provider," Lee said.

## 135 There is Still a Lack of PPEs in the Hospitals in the Us

Publication date	2020-12-21
Create date	2020-12-23
Score	8.83
Report id	856641
Category	Medical devices for disease prevention
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: There is Still a Lack of PPEs in the Hospitals in the Us Science Times

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Table 327: Places for report 856641

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	United States	39.76	-98.5

Notes: As the first COVID-19 vaccines have started rolling out in the US, many doctors and nurses that will first receive the vaccine said that declaring victory against the pandemic is still premature, especially with the alarming shortage of personal protective equipment (PPEs) in the hospitals in the US.

The New York Times reported that the lack or shortage of the PPEs have led frontline medical health workers to ration their use of disposable gowns, gloves, N95 masks that protect them from catching the virus.

Even at the beginning, there have been shortages of PPEs reported, and during the months of the summer season. According to NPR, demand for respirator masks, gloves, gowns, thermometers, and other PPEs have remained high, as well as their prices. [...] The report said that the shortage of PPEs results from increasing demands and low supply, which has resulted in hospitals competing for limited supplies. Not to mention that the high prices of these PPEs have seemed to become a norm that desperate institutions have been duped into buying fake products. [...]

## 136 Turkish scientist's invention to help in detecting fake drugs | Daily Sabah

Publication date	2021-02-09
Create date	2021-02-10
Score	8.34
Report id	931210
Category	Not applicable
Quality	Falsified
Source	Not applicable
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Turkish scientist's invention to help in detecting fake drugs | Daily Sabah Daily Sabah

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Table 328: Places for report 931210

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Western Asia	Turkey	Republic of Turkey	39	35

Notes: Dr. Derya Cebeci, a former employee of the U.S. Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), now fights fake drugs with her new invention. The chemistry expert, who returned to her native Turkey for research, developed an infrared device that can detect whether drugs are genuine within 20 seconds.

Cebeci hopes that her artificial intelligence-supported device that works on a cloud-based system will deal a blow to the fake drug market whose yearly global profit amounts to around \$400 billion. She says fake drugs, from cough syrups containing antifreeze to cancer medications, claim 1 million lives every year globally and that her device, resembling a barcode scanner, can help curb this number. Speaking to Demirören News Agency (DHA) on Tuesday, she said that the technology she developed could also be applied to inspect COVID-19 vaccines and drugs. [...]

## 137 Here's How To Spot A Fake COVID Vaccine

Publication date	2021-03-04
Create date	2021-03-08
Score	7.42
Report id	966331
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unspecified outlet
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: Here's How To Spot A Fake COVID Vaccine Men's Health

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Table 329: Places for report 966331

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Melanesia	Australia	Commonwealth of Australia	-25	135

Table 330: Drugs for report 966331

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 331: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
967169	Buyer Beware - DODGY ONLINE COVID VACCINES SCAM WARNING	<a href="#">Link</a>
1032907	How can you prevent yourself from getting a fake vaccine?	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] The worrying trend of scam emails promising people the opportunity to jump the queue is becoming a reality for many. While most Australians over the age of 18 will have the chance to be vaccinated by the end of October, these emails are becoming more prevalent. In an interview with Body and Soul, technology lawyer Nicole Murdoch said it's important to

be patient. "Some people are desperate to jump the queue for vaccines and there are reports from abroad of scammers selling bogus COVID vaccines which are nothing more than saline solutions," she told the publication. "Scammers will try and prey on people by offering cheap vaccines, that are not even vaccines, or offering people the chance to 'jump' the queue or even opt for a specific vaccine." [...]

## 138 If you found a COVID vaccine for sale.....

Publication date	2021-03-16
Create date	2021-03-18
Score	7.33
Report id	981378
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Website(s)
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: If you found a COVID vaccine for sale..... WFMYNews2.com

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Table 332: Places for report 981378

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Greensboro	36.07264	-79.79198

Table 333: Drugs for report 981378

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: I got my COVID vaccine on Monday morning. I spent less than an hour from the time I got to the mass vaccination site to when I walked out. Some folks have been online or on the phone longer trying to get an appointment! Scammers know folks are frustrated. "Some person on social media is texting you or someone is offering you to buy a vaccine, it's a scam. If you're on an online pharmacy and they're offering you a vaccine to buy it's a scam. If someone offers to buy a vaccine through bitcoin, it's a scam. Basically, do not buy a vaccine online," said Yoav Keren, Brandshield Founder & CEO.

Just in case you missed it, you should never buy a vaccine. It's a scam. The vaccine is free. Signing up for the vaccine is free. If anyone asks you for money or personal info like banking or social security number, it's fake. [...]



## 139 COVID vaccines 'a test of resilience' for FMD anti-counterfeiting

Publication date	2021-01-12
Create date	2021-01-19
Score	7.21
Report id	896499
Category	Vaccine
Quality	Falsified
Source	Unknown
Curation	Manually curated
Incident or General	General

Snippet: COVID vaccines 'a test of resilience' for FMD anti-counterfeiting SecuringIndustry.com

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Table 334: Places for report 896499

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Europe	48.69096	9.14062

Table 335: Drugs for report 896499

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: [...] There will be new battles ahead, as recent warnings by Interpol and Europol about the emerging threats of counterfeit vaccines show; the rush to bring the vaccine to patients as quickly as possible must not be at the cost of jeopardising the security of the medicines supply. It could, of course, be argued that threats are negligible in Europe where the supply chain for regulated medicines is highly secure, in no small part thanks to the European Medicines Verification System (EMVS) that has been established to fulfil the requirements of the EU Falsified Medicines (EU-FMD) directive.

The EMVS provides a very high level of protection against counterfeiting (and other criminal activities) but – and this is an important ‘but’ – only if the products are supplied in compliance with the EU-FMD/EMVS processes.

All medicines supplied, including COVID vaccines, need to be serialised and tamper-evidenced. Additionally, their unique identifiers (UIs) must be recorded twice; once when the UIs are uploaded to the European Hub at the time of batch release, and again at the point of dispense,

when every pack UI is checked against the appropriate National Medicines Verification System.  
[...]

## 140 The COVID Vaccines Are Approaching. Is the FDA Ready to Inspect the Plants Where They're Made?

Publication date	2020-12-02
Create date	2020-12-08
Score	6.72
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Quality	Substandard
Source	Manufacturer
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Incident or General	General

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Table 336: Places for report 828723

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
Americas	United States	Durham	35.99403	-78.89862

Table 337: Drugs for report 828723

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Notes: The agency's Team Biologics inspects the facilities that make vaccines and blood products for U.S. patients. One whistleblower—and other insiders—paints a troubling picture of the daunting challenges the elite unit, made up of just 14 investigators, has faced in recent years. [...] On his first afternoon at Merck's Durham plant, Menachem's concern deepened when his FDA supervisor belatedly emailed him a 19-page document, sent to the agency from a confidential informant at the facility. The allegations described a biohazard nightmare. Workers appeared to be defecating and urinating in their uniforms, and feces had been found smeared on the floor of the plant's production area, the letter alleged. In a sterile manufacturing plant, bathroom breaks can be difficult to take because they require additional time, which could serve as one possible explanation for the events inside the Merck plant. Ungowning can take 15 minutes, regowning can take 15 minutes, and on a night shift, there may be no one else to

cover an essential worker during that time, Menachem said. [...]

## 141 News / Moving the vaccine will be 'the biggest security challenge for a generation'

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Quality	Substandard or Falsified
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Table 338: Places for report 801776

Region Name	Country	Location	Latitude	Longitude
		Europe	48.69096	9.14062

Table 339: Drugs for report 801776

Medicine Name	Medicine Class	Action	ATC Code
			J07

Table 340: Other Stories

ID	Title	Link
809610	COVID-19 Vaccine Could Become Liquid Gold for Criminals	<a href="#">Link</a>

Notes: [...] "Product losses are clearly the biggest threat, but contamination of pharma cargo during a cargo crime – even if it is not actually stolen – can be just as damaging."

TAPA is advising companies to "leave no stone unturned in assessing the cargo security risks and requirements on a country-by-country basis".

Mr Neumann advised: "With a black market controlled by supply and demand, organised crime groups (OCGs) will be very aware of the value of doses of the vaccine, and are highly likely to be looking for ways to intercept supply chains to steal shipments, especially with such high volumes being distributed within a short timescale. "If such losses do arise, the impact on the global community will be much more far-reaching than the theft of a single shipment of vaccines. As we have already seen this year, with the high number of thefts of PPE, cargo thieves are very active in targeting Covid-related products. So, as industry, we must be ready." [...]