

Editorial

How *Pediatrics* validated erroneous British mercury data

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Abstract

John Stone presents more compelling evidence of high-level collusion between the CDC, the WHO, and British health officials over an epidemiological study presented, without independent peer review to the 2004 IOM committee and subsequently published in *Pediatrics*. Information acquired from public sources and through Freedom-of-Information-Act (FOIA) requests in both the U.K. and the U.S.A. suggest: a) the study was compromised by undisclosed conflicts of interest from its inception, b) the study made a knowingly false claim about the equivalence of the mercury burden in the WHO and the UK routine-vaccination schedules, c) the database used in the study was, at best, weak, and d) the authors deliberately excluded confounding evidence that clearly established the autism rate rose when the schedule was changed in the UK in 1990. When all this substantiation was presented to *Pediatrics* the journal declined to publish the evidence.

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