

The Commercial Use of Aborted Children

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Many people are concerned by the news that scientists at Oxford University are using cell-lines derived from an aborted baby in the development of a Covid-19 vaccine. While it's too early to say whether they will produce a marketable vaccine, the issue has focused renewed attention on the commercial exploitation of unborn children. Since the widespread legalisation of abortion, the harvesting of tissue, organs and body parts from unborn children for use by the pharmaceutical industry, biotech companies, universities, and the cosmetics sector has become routine.^{1,2} This highly lucrative trade has also built-up a vast financial network with a vested interest in blocking attempts to protect unborn children from abortion.

The trade in foetal tissue

In 2000, Life Dynamics³ exposed the trade in foetal tissue in the USA.⁴ Abortion facilities rent space to “harvesters” or procurement technicians who retrieve body parts to order and forward them to researchers. Life Dynamics obtained documents detailing what laboratories ask for. Sometimes these instructions would require tissue to be extracted within 5 to 10 minutes of the abortion to ensure that it's fresh. The babies whose mothers meet the right criteria are delivered as intact as possible to facilitate harvesting since undamaged specimens command a higher price. This has been verified by eye-witness testimony. In March 2000, Dean Alberty, a former technician told ABC television that clinics were harvesting eyes, brains, hearts, limbs, torsos and other body parts for sale to the scientific market – universities and laboratories wanting to test new drugs or procedures. He described seeing babies still alive when technicians began dissecting them. On one occasion he witnessed a pair of twins “still moving on the table” who were “cuddling each other” and “gasping for breath”.⁵

Since then, the undercover videos and eye-witness evidence collected by the Center for Medical Progress, has established that the traffic in foetal tissue remains highly organised and extremely profitable.⁶ This trade is an integral part of research and development at major commercial laboratories, especially in the pharmaceutical industry. The harvesting of foetal tissue is a daily occurrence and likely to continue until public opposition is sufficient to end it.⁷

Vaccine Development

Unlike bacteria, viruses are not capable of reproducing on their own, they can only multiply in the cells of a host. To obtain a sufficient sample for use in a laboratory, a virus must be grown in a cell culture. It is then extracted, inactivated, and processed to make a vaccine.⁸

¹ Children of God for Life, US Aborted Fetal Products, Updated July 2020; <https://cogforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/fetalproductsall.pdf>

² Andrea Byrnes, Human Life International: *Products That Use Aborted Fetuses*, 23 April 2019; <https://www.hli.org/resources/products-that-use-aborted-fetuses/>

³ Life Dynamics; <https://lifedynamics.com/>

⁴ Pro-life America, *The Marketing of Aborted Baby Parts*, 8 March 2000; <https://www.prolifeamerica.com/marketing-aborted-baby-parts-2/11/>

⁵ Investigate Daily – Fetal body parts used for research; <http://mv3462p2bnv2ptxqp33ikj2j-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/INVESTIGATE-2012-Fetal-Body-Parts.pdf>

⁶ Center for Medical Progress, *Human Capital*; <https://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/human-capital/>

⁷ A boycott of Pepsi products ended in 2012 when PEPSICO announced that it would no longer take advantage of flavour enhancers developed by Senomyx laboratories using foetal cells in their research and development. (Children of God for Life, US Aborted Fetal Products)

⁸ Steven Kellmeyer, Children of God for Life, *Medical Cannibals: The Moral Implications of Fetal Tissue Vaccines* Medical; <https://cogforlife.org/steven-kellmeyer/#more-844>

The commercial use of foetal tissue largely began with research on vaccines.⁹ In 2018, Dr Stanley Plotkin, who famously developed a rubella vaccine in the 1960s while working at the University of Pennsylvania's Wistar Institute, testified under oath in a court case in the US.¹⁰ Plotkin described how his colleague Dr Sven Gard of the Karolinska Institute in Sweden harvested organs, hearts, eyes, tongues, etc from hundreds of fully-formed aborted children to make their vaccines. At the time abortion was restricted in the US so foetal tissue needed to be obtained abroad. It was the deliberate intention of the abortionist and researchers to secure foetal tissue for vaccine cultivation. And specific fetuses were chosen according to the medical history of their parents.

Plotkin's team successfully isolated the rubella virus (clinically named RA273 – R for rubella, A for abortus, 27 indicating the 27th foetus, 3 means the 3rd tissue explant) which was then cultivated on WI-38, the cell line grown from tissue specimen number 38, from the 32nd of approximately 99 babies used in that project.¹¹ There are at least 19 vaccines currently available which are grown on roughly 11 different cell lines derived from tissue harvested from aborted children.¹² These include vaccines for chickenpox, hepatitis A and B, shingles, measles, mumps and rubella. For some of these diseases, there are alternative vaccines which are not manufactured through the use of foetal cell lines.

It is important to understand that while the final products do not contain actual foetal cells, they may retain DNA contaminants from the cell-line used in their manufacture.¹³ Removing all foetal DNA would make the vaccines too expensive to be commercially viable. Dr Theresa Deisher, a genetic engineer with over 30 years' experience in pharmaceutical research warns that: "When we use human fetal produced vaccines or cosmetics, we are also injecting or transferring DNA and viruses from the human fetus used to create the cell line into our own bodies."¹⁴ Deisher, the president of Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute, argues that there are serious health risks attached to the use of these products.¹⁵ The pharmaceutical industry, of course, rejects these claims.

The Oxford Covid-19 vaccine research

The Oxford University research which is being carried out in partnership with pharmaceutical giants Merck¹⁶ and AstraZeneca¹⁷ uses the HEK 293 cell-line (Human Embryonic Kidney – derived from cells taken from a baby aborted in the 1970s).¹⁸ It is one of ten Covid-19 vaccines in development

⁹ As early as 1936, foetal tissue from forced abortions performed under the US eugenic laws were used in polio research. See Albert B Sabin, Peter K Olitsky, *Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, Cultivation of Poliomyelitis Virus in vitro in human embryonic tissue*. Proc Soc Exp Biol Med 1936, 34:357-359.

¹⁰ Children's Health Defense, Fetal Tissue in Vaccines, Studies on Orphans – Confirmed by Stanley Plotkin Under Oath; <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/video/fetal-tissue-in-vaccines-studies-on-orphans-confirmed-by-stanley-plotkin-under-oath/>

¹¹ Children of God for Life, Aborted Fetal Material Used in Vaccines and Medicines; <https://cogforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/AbortedFetalCellLines.pdf>

¹² Children of God for Life, Aborted Fetal Cell Line Products For USA & Canada – And Ethical Alternatives (Updated June 2020); <https://cogforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/vaccineListOrigFormat.pdf>

¹³ Theresa A. Deisher et al, Epidemiologic and Molecular Relationship Between Vaccine Manufacture and Autism Spectrum Disorder Prevalence (2015), *Issues in Law & Medicine*, 30 1; <https://www.soundchoice.org/wp-content/uploads/Deisher-VaccineManufactureAndASD.pdf>

¹⁴ DNA Mutations; <https://www.soundchoice.org/research/>

¹⁵ Open Letter from Dr Theresa Deisher to Legislators Regarding Fetal Cell DNA in Vaccines 8 April 2019; <https://www.soundchoice.org/open-letter-to-legislators/>

¹⁶ Merck: Merck Supports Jenner Institute to Reach First Milestone in Covid-19 Vaccine Manufacturing; <https://www.prnewswire.com/in/news-releases/merck-supports-jenner-institute-to-reach-first-milestone-in-covid-19-vaccine-manufacturing-891225678.html>

¹⁷ AstraZeneca: AstraZeneca and Oxford University announce landmark agreement for COVID-19 vaccine, 30 April 2020; <https://www.astrazeneca.com/content/astraz/media-centre/press-releases/2020/astrazeneca-and-oxford-university-announce-landmark-agreement-for-covid-19-vaccine.htm/>

¹⁸ PER C6 & HEK-293, Children of God for Life; <https://cogforlife.org/per-c6-hek-293/#more-776>

which are known to involve the use of foetal cells. There are, however, 19 laboratories working on a Covid-19 vaccine which do not utilise foetal cell lines.¹⁹ This shows that alternative methods of production are available if manufacturers choose to use them.

Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine, for example, which the company claims is over 90 per cent effective, was developed through the use of genetic sequencing on computers.²⁰ Instead of using an actual virus, this experimental technology manipulates RNA to mimic the antibodies produced in the human body when exposed to a virus. The vaccine is intended to alter the genetic information of the inoculated person by programming an immune response to occur without exposure to the virus.²¹ However, serious questions remain unanswered regarding both the basis of Pfizer's claims and the safety of RNA vaccines generally. One possible concern is that RNA-based vaccines could potentially induce inflammation and autoimmune conditions.²² These conditions cause "the body's immune system [to] mistakenly attack healthy cells in the body. Examples include type 1 diabetes, coeliac disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), psoriasis, and rheumatoid arthritis."²³ (Similar concerns can be raised regarding Moderna's use of RNA technology.²⁴) If approved, Pfizer's vaccine will be the first pharmaceutical which acts in this way to be licensed for human use. Nevertheless, it is not clear whether those who wish to be inoculated against Covid-19 through the NHS will have the option of choosing which vaccine they are to receive.

¹⁹ Children of God, Covid-19 Vaccines and Treatments in Development – Updated 7 August 2020; <https://cogforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/CovidCompareMoralImmoral.pdf>

²⁰ Wesley J Smith, 'Pfizer COVID Vaccine Not Created with Fetal Cells' *National Review* 9 November 2020 <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/pfizer-covid-vaccine-not-created-with-fetal-cells/?fbclid=IwAR21XXINGa1HNwfNljmCmK79KJuyo-wx3Je1m2cHEExkxYdM6zeOPfYhI0rM> Accessed 13 November 2020

²¹ "RNA vaccines use a different approach that takes advantage of the process that cells use to make proteins: cells use DNA as the template to make messenger RNA (mRNA) molecules, which are then translated to build proteins. An RNA vaccine consists of an mRNA strand that codes for a disease-specific antigen. Once the mRNA strand in the vaccine is inside the body's cells, the cells use the genetic information to produce the antigen. This antigen is then displayed on the cell surface, where it is recognised by the immune system." PHG Foundation, RNA vaccines: an introduction <https://www.phgfoundation.org/briefing/rna-vaccines> Accessed 13 November 2020

²² Pardi, N., Hogan, M., Porter, F. et al. 'mRNA vaccines — a new era in vaccinology'. (2018) *Nat Rev Drug Discov* 17, 261–279. <https://www.nature.com/articles/nrd.2017.243#citeas> [Accessed 18 November 2020]

²³ 'Report reveals the rising rates of autoimmune conditions' —The British Society for Immunology re *Report for parliamentarians into autoimmune conditions* published 26 November 2018 <https://www.immunology.org/news/report-reveals-the-rising-rates-autoimmune-conditions> [Accessed 18 November 2020]

²⁴ Eugene Gu 'This is the hard-to-swallow truth about a future coronavirus vaccine (and yes, I'm a doctor) The one you're all getting excited about carries some serious risks' *The Independent (London)*, 20 May 2020 <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/coronavirus-vaccine-covid-19-cure-doctor-moderna-novavax-oxford-a9523091.html> [Accessed 18 November 2020]