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**CC:** *To Whom It May Concern*

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## **Re: Investigating the safety and consequences of blood transfusion from SARS-COVID-19 vaccine-trial donors**

Dear Mr Reddy and Dr Bellairs,

From 2020 there have been peer reviewed reports of blood disorders in COVID-19 vaccine recipients. An example of this is a syndrome now termed Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT). A current Pubmed (nih.gov) search of VITT delivers 442 related articles from 2021-2022. Laboratory testing has been documented for suspected cases.<sup>1</sup>

Studies have also shown that delivered messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) can trigger the production of distinct antigens that distribute systemically.<sup>2,3,4,5</sup> This is radically different from conventional platforms (i.e. inactivated whole-virus vaccines or even protein-subunit nanoparticle vaccines), where the produced antigen and its distribution are more predictable.<sup>6</sup>

The synthetic pseudouridine-containing mRNA technology used in these COVID-19 'vaccines' is a concern.<sup>7</sup> The National Health Act, 61 of 2003 "prohibits the manipulation of genetic material from either adult, zygotic or embryonic cells in order to alter, for therapeutic purposes, the function of cells or tissues". This raises problematic questions in light of liver cell line studies demonstrating that BNT162b2 mRNA is reverse transcribed intracellularly into DNA upon BNT162b2 exposure.<sup>4,8</sup>

If we further explore the nature of the COVID-19 gene-based 'vaccines' and the regulatory status of these interventions, they remain under clinical trial governance. To our knowledge, the SANBS and WCBS have not fully established the safety of vaccine-containing transfusion-transmitted blood products or by-products, or amended the informed consent process that they are following with blood and blood product recipients. Satisfactory informed consent is full disclosure of the possible content of blood and the

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potential of adverse events, and there is a clear concern from current peer reviewed reports, as well as VAERS and SAVAERS published data, which reveal the presence of risk of serious adverse events.<sup>5,6,9,10</sup>

Furthermore, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), *“An important component of a blood safety system is the establishment of haemovigilance, which includes efforts to monitor and evaluate adverse events associated with the blood supply and transfusion service and to use the findings to improve blood safety and transfusion outcomes.”*<sup>11</sup> To date, there is no statement from the SANBS or WCBS as to the analysis and safety precautions taken for the blood received from SARS-COVID-19 vaccine trial donors or regarding the process of informed consent regarding the donor vaccine trial status.<sup>12,13,14</sup>

The South African “Vaccine” Injury Medico-Legal Study-Group (SAVIMS) hereby request an immediate response to the following:

1. With no formal completion and outcome on any of the COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials, what are the SANBS and WCBS directives and accountability to ensure safety of the recipients of blood and blood products?
2. Currently the Health Questionnaire limits the vaccine trial status to the “past 3 months.” On what evidence-based literature data has the SANBS and WCBS resolved this time value to a clinical trial product?
3. There is an urgency for transparency and minimising of individual human rights violation. On what evidence-based data has the information of donors’ clinical trial status been omitted from the blood recipient?

Trusting this matter, of patent national interest as shown above, to be resolved with due promptness by your respective offices.

Yours faithfully,



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