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On May 27, 3:11 pm, the 3rd Man <derdrittemann2...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On May 27, 12:00 pm, the 3rd Man <derdrittemann2...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:> On May 26, 3:15 pm, chronichel...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Then why would he state that the vaccine was pulled because of activist–generated fears that resulted in spurious litigation threats?

Maybe because (and this is pure speculation) he was part of that disaster (inadvertently) and his acceptance of this will give grounds to many people that received the vaccine (and didn't develop any symptoms) to file personal injury for non–specific symptoms.

I think that the class action settlement closed the window on that possibility...that others could file.

This as

well will give more ammo to people with non specific symptoms to assert that it was due to undiagnosed lyme disease, i.e. people with rheumatoid arthritis will claim that in one of their trips they "probably" got infected with Lyme (even if this trip was to Ecuador).

Okay, well...but WHY mention it all? In other words, he chose to bring it up, himself...(and in a really strange way...sour–grapes over the vaccine in a commencement address)? Wouldn't it have been smarter just

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to keep quiet on the subject and talk in general terms about the quest for scientific truth versus mass hysteria...without going into the mindnumbing details of the vaccine demise? (the assembled grads, no doubt worried about where they were going to party that night, must have been captivated).

I agree it is odd, like you said not the smartest idea. I think he felt pressured to say that to counter the publicity that has arisen due to A.G's investigation. Is wrong in the sense that he wants to already condition the student to not think for themselves (which you would be amazed how often that happens, also in science but is not as pervasive).

In other words, if the vaccine caused a "Lyme-like syndrome" in some patients, I would have to think that would be a legitimate reason to file personal injury claims.

I thought that was the case. Meaning that people did file for personal injury claims, I'm not sure, but I thought that the company had actually settled with some of those people.

Yes. And my understanding is that settlement forecloses the possibility of any further claims against the vaccine manufacturers.

Seems like he is denying this...both publically and personally, intellectually.

Ironically, that will go in turn to validate the hypothesis

that people will develop severe illness even after the infection has been cleared up, and hence long term use of

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antibiotics has very little therapeutic. Hopefully this will result in more research put into understanding this phenomenon.–

Yes, I follow this...what you say here...but I'm unsure that Steere (or Kathleen) does.

Well actually I think they both do, they just don't want to accept it publically. An alternative solution would be to have a vaccine that uses a different protein of the bacteria. Then everybody will be happy (except for the ones already sick) and we could just put this on the past (sort of mentality in Steere case). Kathleen is more about vengeance due to information that hasn't been presented in all honesty by the "establishment" (IDSA), so it doesn't matter if it chronic infection or autoimmune condition but more a matter of undiagnosed lyme (and the abuses she had to go through).

(All you have to do to get K, to go bouncing off the walls, BTW...is mention "Steere" and "vaccine" in the same sentence...it's like throwing a couple of pounds of hamburger in the hyena cage at the Zoo).

Yes :)

what is your though about that 3rd? was the vaccine really withdrawn because of poor sales?

No. Not buying that one at all.

I am just guessing also...but my experience tends to indicate to me, that it was pulled, because of fear of liability exposure...and NOT just the threat of a large amount of litigation.

I'm not sure I understand this one very well, wouldn't liability exposure mean larger threat of litigation?

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But what has also struck me as somewhat strange about that whole episode, is the lack of a rationale for a vaccine, in general...how the underplaying of the significance of the disease worked against it being commercially viable, in the first place.

Simply...if I am concerned about the possibility of contracting Lyme disease...well, hell...from what I can gather, it is easily cured with a short course of antibiotics...and you get a nice big, rash that says, "hey, you've got it"...(at least that was pretty much what they were saying at that time).

So why run the risk of multiple injections of god only knows what?

You know, the proscratinator's logic...deal with that rash when I actually get one...they consistently downplayed the threat of the disease, to the point where there may not have been a good market for it.

Well if I was with the IDSA (watch out for the paranoids). I will argue that even though lyme infection is easily treated, it is possible to cause extensive damage if underdiagnosed. For that reason better safe than sorry, get your vaccine.

Dunno.