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Implementation of covid-19 vaccination in the United Kingdom  
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Dear Prof. Majeed,

Thank you for sending us this paper and giving us the chance to consider your work.

We think your paper is improved but requires some further revisions:

1 Early on, your paper offer a clear message for the inquiry.

2 There is some new evidence – summarized here, that you may wish to consider

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3 Simply because it is so widely misrepresented, it would be good to note that the EUA was given while the UK was still working under EU law.

4 The messages are all within the paper but could be made clearer with a bit of editing and restructuring.

5 There does seem to be a bit of a mismatch between the questions in the box and the text and we do think the

comments on JCVI and childhood vaccination are much more restrained than is justified, especially as we now have their most recent minutes. Summary here:

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6 A few more key messages are contained in the last 2 paras (lessons for the future) – eg. investment in UK scientific infrastructure (though this is a bit general); we think a key message about transparency of decision making by JCVI would be a good thing to highlight too.

7 Would there be merit in adding a question for the inquiry about procurement and the over-procurement of vaccines (and impact on availability for other countries)?

Along with the revised text, please provide a point by point response to our comments and those of the reviewers. We also ask that you keep the revised manuscript within the word count of 1800-2000 words.

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I hope you will find the comments useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if anything is unclear or if you have any questions.

Best wishes and we look forward to your revised paper,

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