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Dear Mr Keighley

Thank you for getting in touch with your concerns about episode 5 of Everything is Fake (and Nobody Cares).

The programme reflects the published study and the wider scientific consensus that it cannot reliably be used to support claims about COVID 19 vaccine harm outweighing benefit. A leading epidemiologist reviewed the episode prior to broadcast and confirmed the interpretation of the Vaccine study was sound and consistent with expert consensus.

The wording in the programme reflects the final, peer reviewed version of the paper, which explicitly states it was “not designed to evaluate the overall harm benefit of vaccination programmes”.

We are therefore unable to agree that the programme misrepresents the paper in any way. We hope this clarifies the situation.

Thanks for your feedback.

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