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The possible threat of faking Covid-19 diagnostic tests and vaccination certifications: a call to an immediate action

ABSTRACT
The pandemic’s recessive effect on the global economy created a ‘de-globalized’ process that detrimentally causes financial turmoil to countries whose economy depends on tourism, urban passenger transport services and civil aviation, among others. The need to help the most vulnerable industries non-resilient to the pandemic reopen to aid economic recovery amid the pandemic’s threat is a very urgent concern. With the move to start the vaccination program against the threat of Covid-19, faking Covid-19 diagnostic testing certification pose a severe problem to matters of ethics and economics. If not taken seriously, falsifying documents that certify a person who has undergone Covid-19 vaccination could also happen. This paper argues that everyone’s collective effort could be the real embodiment of hope toward a new normal world immune from the virus and malpractices.

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could happen. As purported by a recent editorial article of this journal, the Covid-19-related issue ‘should be answered by society as a whole as we are all involved and not left to politicians or doctors’. The solution required sharing of responsibilities. The government authorities have a moral and legal duty to protect the general public from such an unethical and illegal act. The government’s intervention must include implementing preventive measures to resist this potential malpractice of utilizing fraudulent Covid-19 diagnostic tests and vaccination certifications. At the same time, the general public must also take their share of accountability. With the alarming recession of the global economy, individuals must exercise their social responsibility to avoid and report any fraudulent acts related to Covid-19 tests, vaccines and treatment to the legal authorities. As argued by a recent article of this journal, ‘public health must be grounded in ethical virtues’.

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