**Scientists Challenge PCR Test for Covid-19**

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The PCR nasal swab test is under fire. In August, The New York Times found up to 90 percent of people with PCR-positive tests aren’t infected or infectious. In November, 22 scientists asked a scientific journal to retract a January 2020 study that claims the PCR test can detect COVID-19. They describe 10 “serious flaws” including failure to use the actual virus to validate the test.

The study also did not mention serious conflicts of interest of its authors. And the study was accepted for publication just 24 hours after it was submitted, limiting the ability of other scientists to assess its claims. A retraction would cause a major, but necessary, shake-up of Covid-19 case and death statistics.

**“External peer review of the RTPCR test to detect SARS-CoV-2 reveals 10 major scientific flaws at the molecular and methodological level: consequences for false positive results,”** Pieter Borger et al, Eurosurveillance, November 27, 2020: <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346483715_External_peer_review_of_the_RTPCR_test_to_detect_SARS-CoV-2_reveals_10_major_scientific_flaws_at_the_molecular_and_methodological_level_consequences_for_false_positive_results>