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**Subject:** Hendra virus (HeV) EquiVacc® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland  
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## SUBMISSION

1. I made the decision to vaccinate my horses as they were competing in areas where there were bat populations and because with many vets refusing to treat unvaccinated horses and I didnt want to risk not being able to get a vet. I do not have any populations on or near my property, I rarely see bats/flying foxs at my property and I try to follow good biosecurity.
2. One of my horses have had a site reaction after receiving the above vaccine. It started with the 6mth booster and has been slightly worse each time. Last vaccination my horse was also given IV Bute to help with pain and swelling. The added cost of the IV bute makes the vaccinations more expensive and my concern is the cost if reaction gets worse. My horse has always received the tetanus strangles vaccination either yearly or 6 monthly without reaction.
3. It concerns me that I am responsible for the investigation costs if my horse has a worse reaction. I believe that if a vet has approved my horse as fit and well and ok to give the vaccination there should be some onus on the vet as to the responsibility in cost of investigations.
4. It concerns me that some vets are combining dentals, HeV vacc and 2in1 vacc at the same consultations.
5. With all the other costs involved with proper horse care these vaccinations in comparison to Zoetis's other vaccinations are very expensive which makes it very difficult for some horse owners to afford.
6. I dont understand or agree with vets that wont see unvaccinated horses but will if you agree to vaccinate when they come out. For what ever reason you are calling a vet for an emergency the horse would clearly not pass for "fit and well" and ok to vaccinate.
7. I have worked in the medical industry and have witnessed the extremely pushy tactics drug company representatives use to promote their products. Its always about the money. It is a given that this sort of behaviour has continued through to vets. So who's pockets are we lining for the health of our horses and to who's best interest?
8. I would like to see a safer less reactive vaccine available.
9. I am pro choice but I will continue to vaccinate not because I am concerned that my horses will contract the hendra virus but because I will not risk not being able to get veterinarian help if required.

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