

The website of alternative medicine advocate Andreas Kalcker that has published false claims about COVID-19, vaccines, and other matters. The site promotes use of chlorine dioxide as a health cure.



Proceed with caution: This website fails to adhere to several basic journalistic standards.

Ownership and Financing

The site is owned by Andreas Kalcker. According to Kalcker's biography on the website, he "is a German biophysicist with residence in Switzerland who has been researching for more than 13 years chlorine dioxide for therapeutic use."

In German-speaking countries, Kalcker is one of the most prominent promoters of chlorine dioxide, a bleach-like solution, as a health cure. He appears to be a follower of Jim Humble, an American author who claims to have discovered what adherents call Miracle Mineral Solution (MMS), another name of chlorine dioxide, on a gold mining expedition in South America in 1996.

Chlorine dioxide is made by mixing a sodium chlorite solution with a citric acid, such as lemon or lime juice. This creates what the U.S. Food and Drug Administration calls "a powerful bleaching agent."

Kalcker previously worked at a research institute in Switzerland until it shut down in February 2020, according to Psiram, an online encyclopedia that documents pseudoscience and conspiracy theories. The institute's website has been deleted; its business registration described the Institute's mission as "Research and development of biophysical, pharmaceutical and diagnostic products and new technologies."

According to Psiram, Kalcker acquired his degree, "Doctor of Philosophy in Alternative Medicine and Natural Biophysics," from a company called Open University of Advanced Sciences Inc, based in Barcelona, with a branch in Florida. The company, which has no campus, offers degree certificates for sale — a doctor certificate costs 1,500 euros — Psiram reported.

Kalcker appears to be involved in a Swiss nonprofit association called Swiss Association for Natural Scientific Biophysics that states on its website that it seeks to "appeal to people who are interested in the

Score: 40/100

-  Does not repeatedly publish false content (22points)
-  Gathers and presents information responsibly (18)
-  Regularly corrects or clarifies errors (12.5)
-  Handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly (12.5)
-  Avoids deceptive headlines (10)
-  Website discloses ownership and financing (7.5)
-  Clearly labels advertising (7.5)
-  Reveals who's in charge, including any possible conflicts of interest (5)
-  The site provides names of content creators, along with either contact or biographical information (5)

Criteria are listed in order of importance.

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topic of biophysical medicine and who would like to take the responsibility for their health into their own hands.” Many blog posts on the association's website are authored by Kalcker and promote his work. The membership section on AndreasKalcker.com links to the association's sign-up page.

Kalcker has published two books, “Forbidden Health - incurable was yesterday” (“Gesundheit verboten - unheilbar war gestern”) and “CDS/MMS healing is possible” (“CDS/MMS Heilung ist möglich”). He also holds three patents, including one for an invention of what the patent calls a “solution of chlorine dioxide adapted as a solution for rectal intestinal lavage,” an internal rinse.

AndreasKalcker.com is available in German, English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

The site's articles often promote Kalcker's books and seminars.

Content

On the About Me (Über mich) page, Andreas Kalcker writes, “When I found out by my own means that there were alternatives to conventional medicine, it was eye opening. From that point on, I dedicated myself to research a substance known as MMS, which is no more no less than chlorine dioxide.”

Content on the site largely consists of blog posts by Kalcker, as well as information on his books, interviews, and press coverage. Informational pages and news articles primarily promote chlorine dioxide and MMS as a medical treatment. Some posts on the site also refer to the work of the American MMS promoter Jim Humble.

The site includes an Autism section with informational pages that often contain false claims about a correlation between vaccines and autism. A section titled For Healthcare Professionals provides advice for medical professionals, including a post that warns against the assumption that only “academic experts.... are allowed to officially represent scientific truth.... Any other attempt by a person without membership in elite clubs or without a diploma is unanimously rejected by the establishment, even if that person is correct.”

Credibility

Articles on AndreasKalcker.com often rely on false and unsubstantiated claims to promote MMS as a cure for

numerous diseases, despite the known dangers of ingesting the bleach-like solution. The site also misrepresents the findings of published studies.

For example, in a March 2020 article titled “Coronavirus Special Information For Physicians And Researchers” (“Coronavirus-spezialinformationen Für Ärzte Und Forscher”), the site suggested that chlorine dioxide could be used to treat the COVID-19 virus. “Chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) has been used for over 100 years to combat all types of bacteria, viruses and fungi successfully,” the article said. “The recent Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic demands urgent solutions with new approaches. Therefore, chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) in low-dose aqueous solution promises to be an ideal, rapid and effective solution.”

The article added, “The approach is as follows: On the one hand, we know that viruses are absolutely sensitive to oxidation, and on the other hand, if they act against viruses such as HIV and other pathogens in human blood, why should they not act organically against the coronavirus?”

The posting was based on an article by Kalcker that had been published by the Liechtenstein Association for Science and Health, a nonprofit association for “the exchange of information about scientific biophysics and health among its members,” according to its website. The text lists as sources nearly 50 scientific publications, including studies on the efficacy of chlorine dioxide as a cleaning agent. None of the sources provide evidence for the claim that MMS or chlorine dioxide can treat the COVID-19 virus, a NewsGuard review found.

The World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have said that there is no specific treatment recommended for treating the coronavirus strain responsible for the 2020 outbreak.

There is no evidence for the claim that MMS can treat COVID-19 or HIV. Since 2010, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued multiple warnings about MMS and chlorine dioxide. In an August 2019 press release, the FDA said it is “not aware of any research showing that these products are safe or effective in treating any illness” and warned that consuming MMS “is the same as drinking bleach.” Possible side effects from ingesting the solution include “severe vomiting,

severe diarrhea, life-threatening low blood pressure caused by dehydration, and acute liver failure,” the agency said.

An undated Vaccines (Impfungen) page in the site’s Autism section claimed that vaccines cause autism and that unvaccinated children are healthier than vaccinated ones. “Many mass media claim that vaccines cannot cause autism, but almost 90% of the approximately 2000 parents we met say it happened because of the vaccination or immediately afterwards,” the article said. “The children mostly reacted with high fever, cough or dermatitis, and became autistic afterwards, especially after an MMR vaccination.”

The article also claimed that “In Germany, the KiGGS study revealed very interesting data, [which] clearly shows that unvaccinated children are healthier than vaccinated children. “

The CDC and many other health and science authorities, including the Robert-Koch-Institut, the U.K. National Health Service and the World Health Organization, have repeatedly stated that there is no link between vaccines and autism, based on an abundance of scientific evidence.

As for the study cited in the article, the study, published in 2011 in the journal *Deutsches Ärzteblatt International*, contradicts the website’s claim that unvaccinated children are “healthier” than those who have been vaccinated. The study, which involved more than 13,000 German children, found that vaccinated children did not develop infections and allergies at a higher rate than the unvaccinated. At the same time, unvaccinated children were found to be more likely to contract vaccine-preventable diseases, the study concluded.

An undated posting on the site’s Frequently Asked Questions page (Häufig gestellte Fragen) claimed that chlorine dioxide can ease the side effects of chemotherapy and can treat hypothyroidism. “I have received many reports that chlorine dioxide solution has helped patients to cope better with the serious side effects of toxic chemotherapy,” Kalcker wrote. He added that “good results have been achieved” in treating hypothyroidism with chlorine dioxide.

There is no evidence to back the claim that chlorine dioxide treats hypothyroidism or has lessened the side effects of chemotherapy. The article fails to mention the

aforementioned FDA warnings about MMS and chlorine dioxide, and its potential damage to health.

Because AndreasKalcker.com frequently publishes false and misleading claims, often to promote unproven and potentially dangerous chlorine dioxide treatments, NewsGuard has determined that the site repeatedly publishes false content and fails to gather and present information responsibly.

Headlines on the site are generally broad, and pages or articles that contain false or misleading information do not typically include those claims in the headline. For example, the article promoting the false claim that MMS can treat the COVID-19 virus is titled “Coronavirus special information for physicians and researchers.”

AndreasKalcker.com does not post a corrections policy, and NewsGuard did not find any corrections on the site.

The site makes it clear that it is designed to promote MMS, and articles are consistent with that agenda and point of view. Therefore, NewsGuard has determined the site handles the difference between news and opinion responsibly.

The site did not respond to two emails inquiring about the articles cited above and its approach to corrections.

Transparency

The site’s Imprint page identifies Andreas Kalcker as the owner and chief editor, and the site provides biographical information on Kalcker. The bottom of the homepage lists a general email address.

Articles do not typically name Kalcker as the author. However, articles are often written in the first person, and the site’s presentation makes it clear that Kalcker is the author of the posts on the site.

Articles and links on the site often promote Kalcker’s books. For example, the “What is MMS?” page includes a link — not labeled as advertising — to buy Kalcker’s book “Forbidden Health - incurable was yesterday.” Therefore, NewsGuard has determined that the website does not clearly label advertising.

The site did not respond to two NewsGuard emails inquiring about the site’s labeling of advertising.

History

According to Whois domain records, the site was launched in April 2020.

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