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Not sure if you are aware of this initiative, but 5120 in cc informed me about two papers that have been published in Vaccine this year about an international group working on vaccination in adults called the International Council on Adult Immunization. I thought that these papers are interesting for the work we are doing in VITAL. It is a pity that the group did not refer to the work done by VITAL, but what I like in the document is that they try to obtain scores for countries about the implementation of the immunisation program in ageing adults and the facilities of decision making at country level. They also made recommendations to make a platform for immunisation in ageing adults related to the COVID-19 epidemic and why vaccination is important for that group. I guess that maybe we should try to have contact with that group or exchange work and activities with them? I think this should be a nice initiative to be taken by 51.2e maybe, unless 5120 knows the group and the work they are doing... The work done by John Hopkins has been sponsored by GSK, Pfizer, and Merck... GSK was the lead sponsor of the first part of the program and that is the reason that 5120 was aware of those publications.

The second paper related to COVID is not the most exciting document to read once you are familiar with the subject, however the score initiative of classifying countries in groups and arche-types can be useful for us as well... Maybe we should discuss those documents briefly at the next scientific board of VITAL?

I like to thank 512e for making us aware of those documents,

Best regards,