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We feel the submission is suited to a medical ethics journal because our work is based on a topical multidisciplinary study linking the aspects of health, ethics, and sociology necessitating the need to stop the misinformation surrounding the usage/consumption of cow-excreta in India as a preventive measure against COVID-19 infection. This article thereby firstly analyzes the types of mediums used to circulate such unfounded information, followed by citing India specific events where customary beliefs (lacking significant scientific backing) have contributed towards the worsening of the curve.

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