**Title: Human quarantine vis-à-vis the State of Exception**  
  
  
1. Importance of the paper  
Does it address issues relevant to the fields of bioethics and medical ethics in the developing countries?

**Yes, for example quarantine, human rights, and biopower in cases of polio vaccinations, Ebola quarantines, and the ever present threat of an influenza epidemic**

2. Is it topical?  
Is the issue discussed from another country's/culture perspective? **Not really, mostly theoretical.**  
  
Will it influence practice or policy? **Perhaps, but likely not.**

Is it too specialized for the journal? **No.**

3. Originality  
Is the information /comment new? **Not really.**

Is there any likelihood of plagiarism? **Not that I can discern.**

4. Conclusions  
Is the interpretation warranted, unwarranted, well developed?

**Not really. The first two sentences (“The geographical distribution . . . of protection and of health.”) are provocative yet remain unsubstantiated. Please substantiate, preferably with logic and direction that is related to and builds off of your discussion.**

**Also, the authors could move some of the conclusions to Discussion section in order to offer balance (i.e., shorten the Conclusion and add more heft to the discussion).**  
  
Does the article contain loose generalisations?

**Yes. Provocative and polemic statements are warranted, must be better substantiated or toned down (if scarce evidence) in some instances.**  
  
Are there any important omissions?

**Not specifically. However, not linking themes of the paper to modern and current quarantine practices--such as smallpox, polio, Ebola, and planning for influenza epidemics--is a missed opportunity.**

5. Other comments

**Abstract Suggestions: (1) Tighten the text to make it more succinct. (2) the sentence “In conclusion, human quarantine…are scientifically based.” is extremely abrupt and is unsubstantiated within the abstract. It constitutes a strong conclusion with no supporting evidence posited in the abstract. (3) Regarding the last sentence (“The sick person…‘walking danger to public health.’), please explain why the argument is correct (which I agree with) and what are possible alternatives?**

**Keywords Suggestions: (1) delete ‘statistics’ and ‘war’ from keywords since they are unsubstantiated; (2) consider changing ‘infectious’ to ‘infectious disease’; (3) consider adding ‘public health’ and ‘biopower’ as keywords in replace of keywords that were deleted.**

**Thesis of Paper: Authors must clearly state their objective/research question/overarching argument. Presently, the ‘thesis statement’ of the paper is unclear or unfocused at best. Please state clearly at the end of the Introduction, and be sure to restate at the beginning of the Conclusion.**

**Data, Evidence, and Substance: Draw upon more quantitative and empirical data to prove your theoretical arguments. This is lacking and thus leaves several of your arguments unsubstantiated.**

**The authors continually missed out on linking ideas to modern and current quarantine practices, such as smallpox, polio, Ebola, and planning for influenza epidemics. These practices and cases from these practices, which are well documented, could inform the authors’ arguments.**

**Increase the rigor and diversity of your citations. Replace some references with articles that span other disciplines and/or are placed in more highly regarded outlets. Also, you may choose to cite a related article from IJME to link to and push forward IJME’s related missions (e.g., Juran, L., J. Trivedi, and K.N. Kolivras (2017). Considering the ‘public’ in public health: popular resistance to the Smallpox Eradication Programme in India. *IJME* (2)2: 104-111.)**

**Style: Proofread a couple more times. Also, remove and/or shorten unnecessary words, phrases, and articles so that the paper reads more clearly and concisely.**

6. Recommendation  
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7. Separate comments for the author:  **See detailed comments above.**

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