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It’s done. I’m a Sputnik now! I’ve just got my first shot of the Russin vaccine at a mobile vaccination station in Central Moscow. In there weeks I will get the second one. Now feeling a bit lightheaded, but that may be a psychological reaction. How was it and why I did it? /2

The station is located on the second floor of a big food court in a former trolleybus depot on Lesnaya Street near the Belorussian Railway Station. The for court itself was packed with people. Almost none wearing a mask. A paradise for each virus. The vaccination was very.../3

…well organised. Very nice and polite people, explaining everything. Smooth workflow. All in all I needed about an hour. Coming without any advanced reservation, I had to fill out some forms, see a doctor and get the shot. My foreign passport didn’t raise any questions./4

The vaccination was for free. This is one of six such mobile station in Central Moscow, which began to work at the beginning of this week. Why did I take the Russian vaccine? First: I have no other choice, if I don’t want to go to Germany and wait there for probably a long…/5

…time, may be until summer. Second: I saw some friends and colleagues getting vaccinated and all went without any complications. Third: Some of my friend here are doctors. They all got the vaccine, assuring me that it is at least save. Whether it will help as much as the…/6

…authorities promise, will to be seen. But this is the case with all other vaccine in the world as well. Forth: Having followed the discussion around Sputnik since last summer; Ive been coming to the conclusion that the official propaganda (first, best, cheapest, Russia as…/7

…salvator mundi) has done the vaccine more harm than good and more harm than it deserves. My doctor friends tell me that (irony, irony) because of the soviet biological and chemical weapon programmes (greetings from Novichok!) the research in immunology has had priority, too. /8

This left a mark and thus there are a lot of knowledge, experience and even still skilled scientists left. Fifth and least: I have relatives, who belong to groups of risk. I want to do anything I can, to protect them, too. My risk is that Sputnik does not protect me as good…/9

…as has been promised. I’m ready to take this risk, but it seems to me much lower that what iI might gain: Protection for me, my dear ones and, through that, having made what I can do to held end the pandemic. /end