Vaccine Hesitancy and COVID-19

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Message from the Guest Editor

Vaccination is one of the most significant public health interventions for reducing the burden of infectious diseases globally. Despite the continued success of vaccination in preventing infectious diseases, the spread of misinformation and antivaccination movements have led to increased vaccine hesitancy all over the world. According to the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) working group, vaccine hesitancy can be defined as the "delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccination despite the availability of vaccine services". Vaccine hesitancy has increased worldwide due to different factors and barriers that should be addressed to improve the acceptance of global vaccination programs. Therefore, it is imperative to conduct high-quality research that can examine and understand the factors related to vaccine hesitancy related to COVID-19.

This Special Issue is designed to enable the rapid publication and dissemination of innovative research to advance the scientific knowledge and highlighting future perspectives on vaccine hesitancy associated with COVID-19 vaccines. We are interested in all aspects of COVID-19 research that relate to vaccine hesitancy.

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