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Vaccine Efficacy and Safety in People with Kidney Diseases/Kidney Transplant Recipients

Message from the Guest Editor

The COVID-19 pandemic unmasked the impact of extrinsic immunosuppression, as in kidney transplant recipients, or intrinsic immunosuppression, as in ESRD patients with chronic inflammation and immune senescence with exceptionally high lethality. Immunocompromised cohorts with kidney diseases have a significantly impaired SARS-CoV-2 vaccine response compared with healthy subjects, even to new mRNA vaccines. With the upcoming different Omicron variants characterized by immune escape, novel vaccination strategies, including adapted mRNA vaccines against epitopes of emerging variants, are needed to protect high-risk individuals. However, further research is needed to fully understand the efficacy and safety of these bivalent vaccines against emerging variants. This Special Issue specifically welcomes (1) the submission of manuscripts that address efficacy, immunogenicity, and long-term immune response after bivalent COVID-19 vaccination, and (2) studies of non-COVID-19 vaccines that examine humoral and cellular immunity to various vaccines in immunocompromised individuals with kidney disease.

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