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# Vaccine Literacy and Social-Cognitive Determinants of Vaccination

## Message from the Guest Editors

Vaccine hesitancy and uptake are the result of social cognitive determinants, which involve a complex interaction of social and cognitive factors that influence people's behavior towards vaccination. Multiple factors can influence vaccination choice, such as the level of health and vaccine literacy, personal and cultural beliefs, distrust in healthcare authorities, influence of misinformation or conspiracy theories, fear of side effects or adverse reactions, risk perception and so on. Understanding this problem and identifying the main predictors of vaccine reluctance or uptake could be useful for developing appropriate strategies to increase awareness and willingness to vaccinate. We aim to explore the various social-cognitive determinants of vaccine hesitancy and uptake, and consider their interplay in influencing people's attitudes and behaviors towards vaccination. We also aim to investigate the relationships between social-cognitive determinants and socioeconomic factors in shaping vaccination choices, as well as the interventions that can improve vaccine literacy and address vaccine hesitancy.

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