

## Special Issue

# Advancing the Science on Vaccine Hesitancy to Inform Interventions

### Message from the Guest Editors

The uptake of routinely recommended vaccines is suboptimal among some population subgroups in the U.S. A low vaccine uptake can be due to a variety of factors, including barriers to access, lack of trust in institutions, concerns about vaccine safety and efficacy, sociocultural factors, and religious or philosophical beliefs. While evidence-based interventions to promote the uptake of routine child and adult vaccinations exist, stagnating (or declining) rates of vaccine uptake among some groups suggests that new strategies may be needed to prepare the population for advances in vaccine technology and the inevitable next pandemic. This Special Issue will include papers that propose new or adapted conceptual frameworks, measures to assess vaccine hesitancy, qualitative and/or quantitative studies that advance our understanding of what is currently known, and studies evaluating the effectiveness or feasibility of new public health strategies.

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*Vaccines* (ISSN 2076-393X), founded in 2013, now has a firm history of publishing peer-reviewed, state-of-the-art research papers on vaccines and vaccination in the broadest sense. Areas covered include, but are not limited to, novel and emerging vaccine technologies, building on in-depth knowledge of what constitutes a protective immune response. These can be new vaccines for old diseases, or old vaccines for new diseases. Vaccines against cancer and autoimmune diseases explicitly are also within the scope of the journal. Because public opinion and even government policies towards vaccines and vaccination have changed, vaccine policy and public health issues are major concerns. Climate change will also have an impact on the spread of infectious diseases, and thus also on vaccine and vaccination policies worldwide.

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