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Evaluation of Vaccine Efficacy, Safety and Immunogenicity against Influenza and COVID-19

Message from the Guest Editor

Prophylactic vaccines against influenza and COVID-19 have been given to billions of individuals and are effective for the prevention of severe disease. While the safety and efficacy of current influenza vaccines are established based on decades of use, new vaccine concepts to achieve higher efficacy and preferentially more universal protection have a yet to be defined immunogenicity, safety and efficacy profile. Some of these new vaccine concepts have been used for the rapidly developed and licensed COVID-19 vaccines. These have shown to be safe with a high efficacy against severe disease; however, safety concerns of rare cases of myocarditis and vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT) shortly after vaccination became apparent, requiring further research to understand their etiology. SARS-CoV-2 vaccines have shown in part waning immunity and reduced efficacy against variants of concern, requiring the development of strategies to improve and further develop these new vaccine concepts and explore new ones.

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