

Special Issue

Vaccine Hesitancy

Message from the Guest Editors

Vaccines invites submissions for a Special Issue that aims to publish scientific evidence addressing the root causes of vaccine hesitancy and barriers to vaccine acceptance, especially with a lens of health equity and social determinants of vaccine acceptance. We welcome research manuscripts, reviews, and short communication, including but not limited to themes listed below:

- Individual-level factors associated with vaccine hesitancy, including sociodemographic characteristics, cultural and religious beliefs about vaccines, perception about efficacy, effectiveness, and risks, and access and affordability barriers
- Innovations in addressing barriers to vaccine acceptance
- System-level social determinants of vaccine hesitancy
- Evaluation of vaccine hesitancy among different populations, especially vulnerable groups
- Long- and short-term impacts of vaccine hesitancy
- Addressing vaccine hesitancy through policy
- Interventions focusing on effective communications to increase vaccine acceptance among different populations

The above are merely examples of themes. Articles on any aspect of vaccine hesitancy will be considered for this Special Issue.

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About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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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