

Special Issue

Management of National and Regional Immunization Programmes: Current Challenges and Future Strategies

Message from the Guest Editors

In these challenging times of rising infection and cancer rates, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, it is essential that countries learn from each other in order to improve future access to vaccines and vaccination coverage where there are concerns across all target groups. As a result reduce future morbidity and mortality, including mortality due to antimicrobial resistance from inappropriate prescribing of antimicrobials. We welcome original research papers and reviews on these key topics, with insights and suggested ways forward for immunization programmes to enhance public health, including those for COVID-19. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, issues and challenges surrounding vaccines, including vaccine hesitancy and vaccine uptake, strategies to address misinformation and build vaccine confidence, and key economic considerations, including affordability. Waivers and reduced publication fees will be available on request for a limited number of papers that will enhance this Special Issue, especially those from low- and low-middle income countries.

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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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