

Special Issue

Psychological Aspects of COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake: Principles and Empirical Strategies

Message from the Guest Editors

As you are all well aware, developing a vaccine for COVID-19 is our best hope for successfully confronting the current global epidemic.

However, coming up with an effective vaccine (or several of them) is not enough: People need to actually take the vaccine. To achieve a more extensive understanding of recent scientific knowledge as it applies to possible COVID-19-related vaccines, this Special Issue will focus on the critical issues, challenges, successes, and new ways of thinking about uptake of a COVID-19 vaccine.

We invite you to contribute with an original report, observation or review, highlighting (i) prevalence of acceptance, hesitancy or refusal to accept a COVID-19 vaccine; (ii) associated attributes or factors driving hesitancy/refusal ranging from the personal and relational to the community and cultural; (iii) experimental work testing intention/behavior change in relation to the uptake vaccination; and (iv) the influence of media on the decision-making process—from literacy to social media.

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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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