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SARS-CoV-2: Vaccines in the Pandemic Era

Message from the Guest Editors

As of 17 November 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more than 636 million infections with over 6.6 million deaths (https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/). Since the pandemic, multiple SARS-CoV-2 vaccine platforms have been successfully developed for COVID-19, including messenger RNA (mRNA), inactivated virus, adenovirus vectors (Ad26.COV2.S and ChAdOx1), and spike (S) protein subunit vaccine. These vaccines demonstrate high efficacy against SARS-CoV-2 and dramatical reduction in viral transmission, hospitalization, and deaths following two intramuscular injections. However, an increasing number of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) have emerged, including the Alpha (B.1.1.7), Beta (B.1.351), Gamma (P.1), Delta (B.1.617.2), and recently dominant circulating Omicron variant. These emerging SARS-CoV-2 VOCs have significantly impaired the effectiveness of current SARS-CoV-2 vaccines. To achieve a more extensive understanding of recent scientific knowledge in SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, this Special issue focuses on SARS-CoV-2 vaccine development. We invite you contribute original research and reviews papers on SARS-CoV-2.

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