

Special Issue

Vaccine Hesitancy and Trust

Message from the Guest Editors

Thanks to technological advancement and investment, vaccines against many deadly diseases have been invented and are saving countless numbers of people. Vaccines are one of the most effective ways to save lives. However, often, the uptake of such vaccines is low. This low uptake has been a puzzle, given vaccines' high efficacy. One of the barriers to vaccination behaviors can be vaccine hesitancy, and such hesitancy might come from a lack of trust of the vaccine itself or authorities that provide vaccines. This Special Issue collects examples around the world on vaccine hesitancy and its connection with (a lack of) trust.
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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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