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Message from the Guest Editor

Despite the increased importance of influenza vaccination in the elderly due to increased morbidity and mortality, vaccine efficacy is only 17-53% versus 70-90% in young adults. The development of vaccines for an ever-increasing aging population has been an arduous challenge due to immunosenescence. Some approaches to improve vaccine efficacy in the elderly include high-dose vaccines and the use of better adjuvants. Currently, high-dose influenza vaccines and adjuvanted vaccines are approved in the US for people aged 65 years and older. These influenza vaccines induce elevated hemagglutination inhibition (HAI) titers by enhancing the immunogenicity of vaccines. The efficacy of controlling lung viral replication by vaccination with adjuvants that induce antibody, CD4. and CD8 T cell responses is desirable. Recent advances in developing universal vaccines that generate immunity against stalk proteins might provide better protection against various strains of influenza virus.

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