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Vaccines Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Sexually transmitted infections (STI) have major adverse and though preventable impacts on reproductive health, perinatal morbidity, several common cancers, and HIV. According to the World Health Organization, more than 1 million STIs are acquired every day

(https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/sexually-transmitted-infections-(stis)),

while data from the Centers for Disease Control indicates that STI rates have increased for the fifth consecutive year (STD Surveillance, 2018. Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, October 2019). Aggressive control efforts (i.e., counseling and behavioral interventions, barrier technologies such as condom use, rapid diagnosis, screening, and treatment programs, and partner notification) alone have not reduced STI prevalence. Moreover, the introduction of highly effective HIV prevention tools is correlated with increases in STI in some populations at risk for HIV, and antimicrobial resistance continues to threaten STI control.

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