



Pros, Cons and Perspectives of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination

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Message from the Guest Editors

The need for an effective anti-severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)/coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine has been clear since the beginning of the global pandemic, in early 2020. Within one year from SARS-CoV-2 identification, with hundreds of ad hoc vaccine studies carried out and tens of candidate vaccines advanced to clinical testing, a few novel vaccines have been approved for emergency use in humans. This unprecedented extraordinary scientific and financial effort has thrived on freely available basic science data, leading to the successful exploitation of innovative platforms against key viral targets. Nonetheless, several questions remain open as to whether the newly approved, or other yet-to-be-identified, vaccines will be able to control the COVID-19 pandemic and for how long, and whether vaccine safety will be acceptable in the long run.





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