



Hepatitis and Vaccines

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The WHO has set elimination targets to achieve by 2030 to reduce the global burden of morbidity and mortality due to viral hepatitis. Prevention strategies, including vaccination, remain the cornerstone of this goal. There is a highly effective vaccine against the hepatitis B virus; however, timely delivery of the birth dose remains a major challenge worldwide. To overcome this hurdle, novel delivery devices and protocols such as delivery outside of the “cold chain” have been explored but not widely implemented. Currently, there is no effective vaccine available for hepatitis C, yet important work continues in this field. Advances in vaccine technology made through the development of vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 will further catalyze novel approaches to viral hepatitis vaccination development.

This Special Edition of Vaccines will cover topics relevant to vaccination in viral hepatitis, including novel vaccine delivery strategies, hepatitis C vaccine development, the role of therapeutic vaccines, and the modeled impact and cost-effectiveness of vaccination strategies to achieve viral hepatitis elimination.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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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