



## Human Consciousness and Behavior towards Infectious Diseases and Vaccines

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The WHO has identified vaccine hesitancy as one of the 10 threats to global health. One of the biggest causes of vaccine hesitancy is an inaccurate understanding of infectious diseases and vaccines. Currently, a new strain of coronavirus has spread around the world. People have a great fear of new coronavirus infections. A vaccine protective for coronavirus would be received widely, even if there are inevitable severe or unknown adverse reactions. However, the vaccination rate of HPV vaccine is quite low in several countries, especially in Japan, for fear of alleged adverse reactions. Consciousness on various kinds of infectious diseases, preventive behavior against infectious diseases including vaccination, and various kinds of bias on recognition of infectious diseases and vaccines might be a potential focus. Therefore, I would like to encourage the presentation of recent advances in the understanding of the mechanisms of vaccine hesitancy and how to overcome it, which will lead to the elimination of infectious diseases preventable by vaccine.

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