

Review of: "[Viewpoint] Vaccination campaigns against Covid-19 may promote vaccine hesitancy toward mostly well-established, safe, and effective vaccines"

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I congratulate the authors for raising such an important issue. Anti-vaccine and vaccine hesitancy is increasing all over the world and unfortunately it has become a global threat today. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the death of many people and its sequelae. The most effective tool to combat the pandemic is undoubtedly vaccination. Therefore, in the COVID-19 pandemic, governments immediately started vaccination programs to prevent deaths and sequelae.

I absolutely agree with the authors' views on the reasons for hesitancy towards COVID-19 vaccines and the idea that this situation increases hesitancy towards other vaccines. I think the strategic steps suggested in the article are correct to prevent hesitations about vaccination.

On the other hand, during the pandemic period, COVID-19 vaccines were discussed not only by scientists but also by people who were not knowledgeable about vaccines, using all mass communication sources, especially social media. It should not be overlooked that this situation has largely led to anti-vaccine sentiment and vaccine hesitancy. To combat anti-vaccination, it is extremely important to prevent information pollution, use mass media correctly and inform the public clearly and transparently.