

Comment on “Beliefs, barriers, and acceptance associated with COVID-19 vaccination among University students”

Dear Editor,

We read the publication by Mubarak *et al.* on “Beliefs, barriers, and acceptance associated with COVID-19 vaccination among Taif University students in Saudi Arabia.”^[1] According to Mubarak *et al.*,^[1] the majority of the participants are willing to be vaccinated. Because of their extensive knowledge, the majority of students who agreed to receive the vaccination were in the medical area. This emphasizes the need of increasing nonmedical students’ awareness.^[1] The belief of the students might depend on several factors. The available correct data on local mass media might be an important factor. Also, the local situation of an outbreak can also determine the acceptance of vaccination. It is interesting to discuss the local situation of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak and vaccination. In some areas of the world, the type of vaccine is also an important determinant for the acceptance of local people. If a low effective vaccine is available and circulated for mass vaccination, a low acceptance rate for vaccination might occur.^[2] In some regions where an efficient vaccine is not available, “waiting for a better vaccine” is a frequent justification for nonacceptance.^[3]

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