

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Comment on: Gjini E, Moramarco S, Carestia MC, et al. Parents' and caregivers' role toward childhood vaccination in Albania: assessment of predictors of vaccine hesitancy. (Ann Ig. 2022 May 6. doi: 10.7416/ai.2022.2521. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35532052).

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Dear Editor, we would like to comment on "Parents' and caregivers' role toward childhood vaccination in Albania: assessment of predictors of vaccine hesitancy" (1). To deal with vaccine hesitancy, Gjini et al. noted that their findings highlighted the role of positive parents'/caregivers' attitudes toward childhood vaccines, followed by high staff confidence and good health center organization, especially for traditional and well-known childhood vaccines.

We agree that vaccine reluctance is still an issue in the fight against the COVID-19 outbreak. There are several factors that can influence acceptability. Furthermore, acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine may change over time. According to a recent report from Hong Kong, COVID-19's background circumstances alter over time, and a pattern of acceptance may emerge (2). Furthermore, a recent study by Baumann et al. (3) revealed that COVID-19 vaccination acceptance was low, with age, educational level, and trust in scientists being among the most critical determinants. Trust is a significant issue that may or may not be investigated, but it is required to do so. As a result, to establish a definite conclusion, the underlying context of (3) needs to be carefully examined. It's possible that a long-term follow-up research is required.

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