

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the Letter to the Editor by R. Mungmunpantipantip and V. Wiwanitkit re/ our publication 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 thank the authors that wrote a comment on our paper (1).

We agree with them (2) that is important to investigate on vaccine reluctance against Covid-19. However, we need to specify that our study was conducted to assess hesitancy towards traditional pediatric vaccination according to vaccine calendar in Albania.

At the time of the study, December 2020-February 2021, the anti-Sars-Cov-2 vaccines were just approved and introduced in Europe only for adults. In Albania, at the time of the study, the Covid-19 vaccines had not yet been introduced.

The question about Covid-19 vaccine acceptance was a preliminary investigation, so that - as expected - the vaccination acceptance was low.

Further investigations will be required to assess specific questions related to Covid-19 pediatric vaccines campaign, taking into account the assessments of other elements as “trust in scientists” that resulted so crucial in the recent study of Bauman et al. (3).

Anyway, Bauman et al assessed their study in a multicultural and multilanguage context in USA, very different from the Albanian context that we evaluated and therefore it would be intriguing for us to conduct further investigations.

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