

Supplementary Materials for

Exploring perceptions of vaccine safety: an Italian national survey on different COVID-19 vaccine formulations

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QUESTIONNAIRE

COVID-19 vaccines: perceptions of safety after one year of vaccination campaign

1. Gender

- M F I prefer not to answer

2. Age

- "Enter your age in years"

3. Geographical area of residence

- Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardia, Marche, Molise, Piemonte, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana, Trentino-Alto Adige, Umbria, Valle d'Aosta, Veneto

4. Educational qualification

- No qualification/Elementary school certificate/Middle school diploma/University degree/Postgraduate degree

5. Employment

- Student Self-employed/Employee/Unemployed/Retired/Other (please specify)

6. Do you work in the healthcare sector?

- Yes No

7. Do you generally think vaccines are safe?

- Yes No

8. Do you think mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) are safe?

- Yes No

9. Do you think viral vector vaccines (AstraZeneca and Janssen) are safe?

- Yes No

10. Do you think the Novavax protein-based vaccine is safe?

- Yes No

11. Do you think the Novavax vaccine is safer than mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna)?

- Yes No

12. If you answered Yes to the previous question, please provide the reason:

- _____

13. Do you think the Novavax vaccine is safer than viral vector vaccines (AstraZeneca and Janssen)?

- Yes No

14. If you answered Yes to the previous question, please provide the reason:

- _____

15. Do you know anyone who experienced severe reactions (hospitalization) after receiving an mRNA vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna)?

- Yes No

16. Do you know anyone who experienced severe reactions (hospitalization) after receiving a viral vector vaccine (AstraZeneca and Janssen)?

- Yes No

17. Do you believe that getting vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 exposes you to greater risks than contracting the disease?

- Yes No

18. If you have doubts about the risks or actual benefits of a vaccine, which of the following sources would you consult for information? (You can select multiple answers)

- Primary care physician, medical officer, or healthcare professionals

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- Local health authority (ASL) vaccination services
 - Pharmacies
 - Regional health authority or ASL website
 - Official institutional websites (e.g., Ministry of Health, Italian National Institute of Health, Italian Medicines Agency, etc.)
 - Anti-vaccine websites, blogs, or forums
 - Pro-vaccine websites, blogs, or forums (e.g., VaccinarSi, EpiCentro, IoVaccino)
 - General search engines (e.g., Google)
 - “Traditional” media (TV, radio, printed paper)
 - Word of mouth (family, friends)
 - Scientific books or journals
 - Educational Institutions (school, university, etc.)

19. Do you feel you have sufficient trust in institutions (e.g., Ministry of Health, Italian National Institute of Health, Italian Medicines Agency)?

- Yes No