Pharmacists’ Readiness to Receive, Recommend and Administer COVID-19” Vaccines

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Dear Editor,

We would like to share ideas on “Pharmacists’ Readiness to Receive, Recommend and Administer COVID-19 Vaccines in an African Country: An Online Multiple-Practice Settings Survey in Nigeria¹.” Isah and Ubaka proposed that “most pharmacists are willing to accept to be vaccinated against COVID-19…. want the authorities to consider strategies that will make the vaccines accessible to all citizens¹.” We agree that role of pharmacist in mass vaccination is interesting. The pharmacists-physicians collaborative coaching is proven as a tool for promoting mass COVID-19 vaccination coverage².

Basically, willingness is important but it is necessary to further assess knowledge of the pharmacist. In many developing countries, the willingness of the practitioner against COVID-19 management is usually good but the poor knowledge of them is not an uncommon problem³. In a recent report from Lebanon, the expansion of a pharmacist’s practice scope to include immunizations necessitated a national strategy that included increased knowledge, training, certification for vaccine eligibility, improved pharmacovigilance, and law reform⁴.

Conflict of interest

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