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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Health economic analysis of vaccines is increasing in importance. In many jurisdictions, cost-effectiveness plays an important role in the final decision to include a vaccine into the National Immunization Programma. The UK's Joint Committee of Vaccination & Immunization may serve as an example here. It is often argued that cost-effectiveness for vaccines typically differs from that for curative drugs with specificities in the areas of broader economic impacts, indirect effects, spill-overs, timing of benefits and evidence requirements. This special issue aims to provide an overview of these aspects from both theoretical as well as practical (illustrations) angles.

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