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Need of Vaccine development in Pakistan

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In recent years, vaccines have played a critical role in protecting against a wide range of diseases, from influenza to polio. As the world continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for effective vaccines has never been greater. In Pakistan, the situation is no different. According to data from the World Health Organization, Pakistan has seen over 880,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and over 18,000 deaths as of January 2021[1]. With numbers like these, it is clear that the development of vaccines is essential for bringing the pandemic under control and protecting the people of Pakistan.

One of the primary reasons for the importance of vaccine development in Pakistan is the country's relatively limited resources. While many developed nations have the financial and technological resources to effectively manage the spread of COVID-19 through measures such as widespread testing and contact tracing, Pakistan has fewer resources at its disposal. In such a situation, vaccines provide an important tool for controlling the spread of the virus and protecting the population. Another reason for the need for vaccine development in Pakistan is the country's high population density. With over 220 million people living in a small area, Pakistan has one of the highest population densities in the world [2]. In such a densely populated country, it is especially important to have effective measures in place to prevent the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19. Vaccines can play a crucial role in this regard by providing immunity to large numbers of people, thereby reducing the overall transmission of the virus.

There is also the issue of economic impact to consider. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on economies around the world, and Pakistan has been no exception. According to the World Bank, the pandemic is expected to have a significant impact on Pakistan's economy, with GDP growth forecast to fall from 2.4% in 2020 to -0.5% in 2021[2]. One way to mitigate the economic effects of the pandemic would be to bring it under control as quickly as possible, and vaccines are an essential tool for achieving this.

In order to address these challenges and improve vaccination rates in Pakistan, it is essential that efforts be made to increase the availability and accessibility of vaccines. This could involve investing in infrastructure and training to ensure that vaccines are properly stored, handled, and administered, as well as implementing outreach programs to educate the public about the importance of vaccination. In addition to these efforts, there is also a need for ongoing vaccine research and development in Pakistan.

In conclusion, the need for vaccine development in Pakistan is clear. With limited resources, a high population density, and a struggling economy, the country needs effective tools for controlling the spread of COVID-19 and protecting its citizens. Vaccines have the potential to play a crucial role in this regard, and it is important for Pakistan to prioritize their development and distribution. By prioritizing vaccine development and increasing access to vaccines, we can take an important step towards a healthier and more prosperous future for all.

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