

## Preface

WHAT ARE THE MOST INTERESTING TOPICS LIKELY TO COME UP over dinner or drinks with your colleagues working on immunological memory or vaccines? Or, more importantly, what are the topics that *don't* come up because they are a little too controversial? We wanted to put together a volume of articles on those questions, written by thought leaders in these fields, with the freedom to talk about the issues as they see fit.

There are too many conventional reviews, and therefore we structured this short format and opinion-centric approach to bring a fresh perspective by encouraging authors to be opinionated, focus on what is most interesting and current, and minimize restating the same introductory material and main text present in a dozen other reviews. We also know that time is valuable, and so their contributions are all intentionally concise.

This volume consists of perspectives by multiple scientists on 13 interesting questions that are critical for our understanding of vaccines and immune memory. There are a number of responses to each question, which provide different perspectives on these important questions in the field. The articles are presented in groups, each with the question as part of its title. Of note, while each author knew that there were additional scientists writing on the same question, they did not know who those other writers were, thereby maintaining independence of the opinions and perspectives expressed in each article.

We thank the authors for their contributions. We hope you enjoy their pieces and that they trigger many more conversations on these important topics!

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