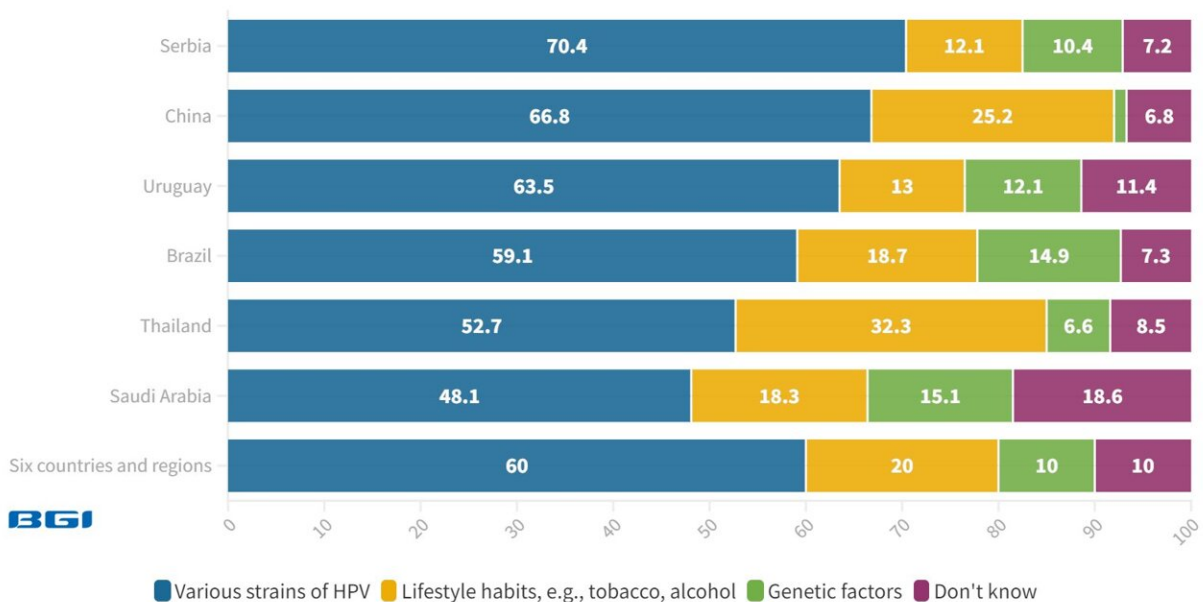


Report shows young women have higher HPV vaccination rates but are put off by pap smears

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Over 95 percent of cervical cancer is caused by:



Responses to whether cervical cancer is caused by HPV. Credit: *State of Cervical Cancer Awareness Report (2023)*.

To further motivate action to combat cervical cancer, BGI Genomics today released its State of Cervical Cancer Awareness Report. This report is released on World Self-Care Day, July 24, 2023, as the WHO

notes that self-care—including cervical cancer screening—can be practiced "24 hours a day/7 days a week."

This report assesses the level of knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to cervical cancer screening and the [human papillomavirus](#) (HPV) vaccine. By examining these key areas, this survey seeks to highlight the associated barriers and opportunities. 1,878 female respondents from six countries and regions were surveyed: Brazil, the Chinese mainland, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Thailand, and Uruguay.

Despite gaps in cervical cancer awareness such as 40.0% of women worldwide not knowing that cervical cancer is primarily caused by HPV, the report reveals several optimistic findings. For example, for women aged 21-25 years old, 46.0% of them received the HPV vaccine which is higher than the global average of 38.4%.

Other key takeaways from the report include:

HPV awareness affects cervical cancer screening rates: Among women who are unaware cervical cancer is often caused by HPV, 39.1% of them never undertaken cervical cancer screening which is higher than the global average of 31.2%.

More choice, fewer barriers: Age-specific HPV prevalence was highest in young women (

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