

Special Issue

Adjuvants for Human Vaccines

Message from the Guest Editors

The current COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the urgency of vaccines for global health. Vaccines are the most effective method to prevent infectious diseases. In recent decades, mass vaccination has dramatically reduced the incidence of many life-threatening diseases. The vaccine development process involves antigen identification, development and expression, and finally formulation development. There are several ways adjuvants act to enhance the immunogenicity of vaccines. For example, adjuvants act as a depot for the sustained release of the antigen at the site of administration, initiate the up-regulation of cytokines and chemokines, arrange cellular recruitment at the site of injection, increase antigen uptake and presentation to antigen-presenting cells (APC) and/or cause the activation of inflammasomes. This Special Issue focuses on the emerging concepts in the development of adjuvant platforms that have the potential to be safe and to increase vaccine efficiency to protect against current and future infectious threats. Original research, review articles and short communications related to recent advances in adjuvant research for human vaccines will be welcomed.

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