Special Issue

Plant-Derived Booster Vaccines or Adjuvants

Message from the Guest Editor

Plants can serve not only as vaccine producers and carriers, but simultaneously as source of chemicals of immunostimulatory properties. Many natural plant compounds may act as mucosal or systemic adjuvants, as lectins, flavonoids, carotenoids, oils, or saponins, which are the key components of one of the most potent adjuvant and antigen delivery systems—ISCOMATRIX™. Apart from these, thanks to genetic engineering, plants can produce proteins enhancing immune response, acting as adjuvants, immunomodulators, epitope carriers, or structures combining these activities (e.g., LTB, CTB, interleukins, or various virus-like particles). This Special Issue will focus on more recent studies dealing with plant-based booster vaccines, especially those that are orally administered, together with natural and recombinant adjuvants, including their production systems, processing, administration, effects on the immune system, and mechanisms of action. Toward this purpose, original research articles, reviews, and short communications are welcome.

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