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Bio-Inspired Nanocarriers in Next-Generation Vaccines Against Bacterial and Viral Pathogens

Message from the Guest Editors

The COVID-19 pandemic has driven unprecedented vaccine development, underscoring nanotechnology's key role in vaccine design and delivery. Many approved vaccines use nanoparticles to enhance the stability and efficacy of antigens like proteins, mRNA, or DNA. Synthetic lipid nanoparticles, including liposomes, have emerged as scalable platforms, allowing controlled antigen release. Natural nanocarriers, such as extracellular vesicles (EVs), offer additional promise by closely mimicking cellular interactions for enhanced immune responses. Bacterial EVs also show potential, broadening the scope of nanocarrier-based vaccines. This Special Issue will explore both synthetic and natural nanocarriers, focusing on innovative applications against diverse bacterial and viral pathogens, paving the way for next-generation immunization strategies.

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