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Recent Scientific Advances in Vaccines for Shigella

Message from the Guest Editors

Diarrheal disease is a pressing global health issue, especially for children in low- to middle-income countries. Shigella is a leading cause of diarrhea-related mortality in children under 5 and ranks second across all age groups. It's also linked to Traveler's diarrhea and post-infectious conditions like reactive arthritis and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Antibiotics are commonly used for shigellosis, but the rise of antimicrobialresistant (AMR) Shigella strains threatens treatment. The WHO designates Shigella spp. as Priority Pathogens for new therapeutics. A viable solution lies in developing an effective Shigella vaccine. Numerous vaccine candidates, including conjugate, outer membrane vesicles, recombinant subunit, and live attenuated vaccines, are in clinical testing. The preclinical pipeline offers additional candidates like killed whole-cell and multi-pathogen vaccines. This Special Issue welcomes contributions on Shigella vaccine development, encompassing preclinical and clinical insights and assay development for evaluating vaccine efficacy and potential protection indicators.

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