Special Issue

Development of Vaccines Based on Virus-Like Particles

Message from the Guest Editors

Basic studies on virus structure and assembly have led to the experimental observation that many viral structural proteins have the intrinsic ability to self-assemble into virus-like particles (VLPs). These VLPs have led to better immunological mimics of whole-virus particles compared to soluble capsid subunits, resulting in the improved effectiveness of vaccines and leading to a renaissance in vaccine development. VLP-based vaccines combine many of the advantages of whole-virus-based and recombinant subunit vaccines, exhibiting a high safety profile. VLPs produced using recombinant protein expression systems can stimulate strong B- and T-cell immune responses and have been shown to exhibit self-adjuvanting abilities. In addition, VLPs can be used as platforms for the multimeric display of foreign antigens of interest derived from viruses or other pathogens (chimeric VLPs). This Special Issue aims to collect recent research work on the design, generation and use of VLPs and chimeric VLPs for the development of both human and veterinary new generation vaccines.

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