

✚ **Influenza virus surveillance and susceptibility assessment.** Under the influenza virus surveillance, our team monitors influenza drug resistance among community isolates/ specimens, offers antiviral testing for clinical care use in the USA. Recently, we identified a cluster of four oseltamivir-resistant influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses, carrying NA-H275Y at a border detention center. These viruses shared HA-N156K and NA-N222K substitutions that may facilitate their spread by enabling escape from pre-existing immunity and increasing neuraminidase activity.

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✚ **Tetrameric M2e cores and crosslinked full-length or stalk HA nanoparticle confer broad immune protection.** I designed double-layered nanoparticles, fabricated by tetrameric M2e into protein nanoparticle cores and coated with headless HA from two phylogenetic groups. The vaccination of M2e-headless HA nanoparticles in mice induced robust long-lasting immunity and fully protected the mice against challenges by different influenza A viruses. I also tested whether the dual protein nanoclusters composed of tetrameric M2e from four different viral strain cores with full-length Aic and Pr8 HA coatings could induce immune protection against divergent influenza A virus challenges of the same group or both groups. Study demonstrated that the dual protein nanoclusters conferred mice with divergent cross-protection mediated.

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✚ **GPI-anchored CCL28 in influenza VLPs acts as potent immunostimulatory.** I developed a chimeric VLP containing influenza HA as antigen and GPI-CCL28 as an adjuvant. I found GPI-CCL28 acted as a strong immunostimulator at both systemic and mucosal sites, and it promoted long-lasting antigen-specific immune recall responses and protective immunity against homologous or drifted H3N2 viruses. I also evaluated the role of chimeric VLPs in enhancement of T cell immunity and dendritic cells activation and maturation.

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✚ **Sequential immunization with a panel of VLPs generate broader protection in HIV and influenza.** I demonstrated that the intramuscular sequential immunization of confirmation-stabilized trimeric chimeric Env that closely mimic the natural structure of the HIV-1 Env glycoprotein, embedded VLPs, from various HIV-1 subclades generate broadly neutralizing antibody responses with high breadth and potency of neutralization in rabbits. As well, I employed intranasal sequential administration of a panel of these Env-enriched VLPs to elicit potent and robust mucosal and T cell immunity in rabbits. In influenza project, I have sequentially vaccinated mice with heterosubtypic influenza HA VLPs to elicit cross protection against divergent influenza A viruses.

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- ✚ **Investigation of synthetic defensins as mucosal adjuvants with HIV-1 antigens.** During my doctorate, I studied defensin peptide and their corresponding analogues with various peptide antigens of HIV-1 and demonstrated the effectiveness of synthetic defensins to induce strong and long-lasting humoral and cellular immune responses at different mucosal sites, when administered through intranasal route with HIV-1 peptide antigens using PLG nanosphere as a delivery vehicle.
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