A New Approach to Vaccine Development for Porcine Virus Infections

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Vaccination is the act of purposefully inoculating an individual to induce an immune response to protect against exposure to the pathogen. Other than live attenuated vaccines,

Vaccination is an artificial induction of the immune response.

To understand how vaccines work, you must understand the immune response





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This process took decades to isolate a safe, vaccine strain of the virus and testing was vaccinate/challenge and screen for disease.



In the face of the spread of African swine fever virus,

porcine reproduction and respiratory syndrome virus,

swine influenza virus, porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus,

we DO NOT have decades to develop new,

efficacious vaccines.





And this will make it worse!



Underground ASF Vaccines in China: What's the Risk?





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(J Swine Health Prod. 2019;27(5):256-264.)

Good antibody response, no effect on shedding!





Star Wars: Attack of the Clones







Killed Vaccines: Control of the Virus







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(recombinant/killed pathogen/vectored, empty capsid/VLP)

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How do you win the war with the clones (viruses)?







Destroy the Factory (virus infected cell)









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Lessons from Studies of Foot-and-Mouth Disease Virus





Virus Neutralising Titres (VNTs) to FMDV following vaccination





Measuring Antibody Secreting Cells



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Plasma cell

Adenovirus vector delivering empty capsid

Solution:

Like live, attenuated vaccines, redesigned vectored vaccines show induction of both antibody responses and cellular immunity





antibodies neutralize virus





Solution:

Destroy the factory and send the antibodies to clean up





antibodies neutralize virus

Destroyed the factory

now antibodies can handle the residual virus





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Thank you





