Coexpression of differential antigens on the self-assembled protein nanoparticles

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The specific two differential antigens are studied whether it has divalent immunogenicity and antigenicity. We have chosen the *E.coli* toxin inducing diarrhea. Mucosal surfaces are uniquely structured for the development of effective immune responses against pathogens that invade via the mucosal route. Like *E.coli* toxin, there is another virus antigen which is also expressed on the surface of lipid vesicles. To enhance the efficiency of antigen uptake at mucosal surfaces, *E.coli* toxin and virus antigens were conjugated to self-assembled protein nanoparticle that had been discovered already. The one of the self-assembled protein nanoparticles are studied continuously in our laboratory and used by recombination with various fusion partners. The protein nanoparticles have characteristics as follows: formation of self assembled supra molecules with limited and constant sizes and solubility enhancement of heterologous proteins. So we tried that the fragments of virus antigen and *E.coli* toxin would be displayed on surface of protein nanoparticles. Therefore, *E.coli* toxin conjugated with virus antigen would gain divalent immunity and be noticed for one of the candidate of vaccine.