Nanoparticles as vehicles of heterologous epitopes

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Neisseria meningitidis is a major cause of sepsis and meningitis in children and adolescents. BexseroTM is a successful multicomponent vaccine formulation against Neisseria meningitides serogroup B (MenB), composed of three surface-exposed meningococcal proteins. Here follows the description of a structural vaccinology approach toward the design of a more broadly cross-protective next generation BexseroTM vaccine. Guided extensively by EM techniques, the approach sees a recombinant protein epitope displayed within a ferritin nanoparticle scaffold to elicit a more potent immune response.