

Preface

Within the wider context of immunovaccinology and vaccine discovery, this book will address and explore a range of new strategies and technologies, both informatics-based and experimental, which support and complement both traditional and emerging approaches to vaccine design and discovery. This book looks in turn at reverse vaccinology and the identification of putative candidate antigens, at the discovery of a wide range of different types of adjuvants, and finally at the development of sophisticated new delivery mechanisms, such as liposomes and other applications of nanotechnology. The expectation of this book is very straightforward: to foster and foment interest in those areas of vaccinology, which have thus far not received the level of interest that they perhaps deserve. We have tried to balance the optimism of which we are all guilty with some rationality. Not all of the approaches described will ultimately bear fruit, but each should nonetheless be investigated with the same diligence.

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