

Anti-Bacterial Vaccine Activities of Bacteriolyses by Zn²⁺-Induced Peptidoglycan Autolysins and Zinc-, ZnONPs-Dependent Lyses in Bacterial Cell Walls

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ABSTRACT

Peptidoglycan (PGN) autolysin AmiA for *S.aureus* amidase is acted on PGN binding and cleavage that amiA distinguishes PGN mostly by the peptide, and cleavage is facilitated by a zinc-activated molecule. The autolytic activity of the recombinant amidase of the Aas (autolysin/adhesin of *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*) is inhibited and is necessary for the C-terminal GW repeats, not the N-terminal repeats. AmiB catalyzes the degradation of PGN in bacteria, resulting in a marked increases of sensitivity to oxidative stress and organic acids. Amidase activity of amiC controls cell separation and PGN fragments release. In these autolysins, zinc-dependent PGN autolysin of amidases may be enhanced and induced anti-bacterial vaccine activities.

Lytic amidase autolysin LytA associates with the cell wall via its zinc-binding motif. The LytB PGN hydrolase responsible for physical separation of daughter cells cleaves the GlcNAc-β-(1,4)-MurNAc glycosidic bond of PGN building units. LytC, LytD, and LytF are expressed in the same subpopulation of cells and complete flagellar synthesis.

Human peptidoglycan recognition proteins (PGLYRPs) are novel class of recognition and effector molecules with broad Zn²⁺-dependent bactericidal activity against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Adsorption of Zn²⁺ ions to the bacterial cell surface increases cell wall cohesion and favors the projection of elongated *S. aureus* surface protein (SasG) away from the cell surface. Zinc importer adcABC of the primary group A streptococcus (GAS) zinc uptake system is composed of a cell surface-exposed zinc-binding protein (adcA), an inner membrane permease (AdcB), and a cytosolic ATPase (AdcC) that provides the energy for zinc import by ATP hydrolysis.

Enterotoxigenic *E.coli* (ETEC) is the most common bacterial cause of children's diarrhea, in which antigen and antitoxin antibodies that neutralized both toxins that are associated with all cases of ETEC diarrhea, and polypeptide or subunit vaccines have the potential to effectively protect against ETEC diarrhea.

Zinc uptake A (ZnuA) is a high affinity acquisition of Zn²⁺ in *E. coli* was demonstrated and shown to occur via the ATP-binding cassette (ABC) permease, ZnuABC that the Znu permease comprises the solute-binding protein (SBP) ZnuA, and an ABC transporter. The acquisition of zinc by *P. aeruginosa* PAO₁ reveals a hitherto unrecognized complexity in zinc homeostasis that enables the bacterium to survive under zinc limitation that the mechanisms and pathways utilized by *P. aeruginosa* to survive and promulgate in environments of varying Zn²⁺ abundance, with the findings widely applicable to other prokaryotic organisms. Recombinant flagella and pili targeting lipo-polysaccharides and O-antigens have shown some promise in preventing infection that outer membrane protein including OprF and OprI are newer representative of vaccine candidates. Recombinant AfeA expresses abundant epitopes on the bacterial surface and induces protective responses in the mouse pulmonary clearance model following aerosol challenge with *Moraxella catarrhalis*.

Multivalent fusion DNA vaccine against *Brucella abortus* has been constructed that the expression of BAB antigens conjugated to SOD protein can polarize mice immunity to a Th1-type phenotype.

Zinc oxide nanoparticles (ZnO-NPs) are attractive antibacterial properties due to increased specific surface area as the reduced particle size leading to enhanced particle surface reactivity. Bacteriolytic activity of ZnO-NPs is associated with the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) including hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), hydroxyl radicals (OH⁻), and peroxide (O₂⁻²) that ROS have been cell wall damage due to ZnO-localized interaction, enhanced membrane permeability, internalization of NPs due to loss of proton motive force and uptake of toxic dissolved zinc ions. Released zinc ions from zinc oxide penetrate the bacterial cell wall via diffusion that ZnO-NPs disintegrate the cell membrane and accumulate in the cytoplasm. ZnO-NPs caused significant up-regulation of biosynthesis and degradation. The antibacterial mechanism of ZnO-NPs is likely due to disruption of the cell membrane and oxidative stress such as *Campylobacter*. Autolysin mediated bacteriolysis- and zinc dependent lysis-induced bacterial cell death can contribute to the bactericidal vaccine activities.

Keywords: Zn²⁺ induced autolysin-mediated vaccine, PGN autolysin amidase, Zinc and ZnONPs dependent anti-bacterial vaccines, ROS.

Abbreviations: Aas=autolysin/adhesin of *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*, ABC=ATP-binding cassette, APC=antigen presenting cell, A. *stephensi*=*Anopheles stephensi*, B. *abortus*=*Brucella abortus*, B. *subtilis*=*Bacillus subtilis*, CBPs=choline binding proteins, C. *difficile*=*Clostridium difficile*, CKD=Chronic Kidney Disease, E. *coli*=*Escherichia coli*, E. *faecalis*=*Enterococcus faecalis*, E. *faecium*=*Enterococcus faecium*, ETEC= Enterotoxigenic *E.coli*, Eps=Zinc dependent endopeptidases, FnBPs=fibronectin-binding proteins, Gas=group A streptococcus, GelE=gelatinase, HD=hemodialysis, M. *catarrhalis*=*Moraxella catarrhalis*, MCPs=Metalloprotease, MIBRs=most probable immune-protective B-cell epitope regions, MRB=multidrug bacteria, MRSA= methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, N. *meningitidis*=*Neisseria meningitidis*, ORSs=oral rehydration solutions, ORT=oral rehydration therapy, P. *aeruginosa*=*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, PBP2a=penicillin-binding protein2a, PGN= peptidoglycan, PGRPs= peptidoglycan recognition proteins, PSP= plasmid stabilization protein, ROS=reactive oxygen species, Sags= super-antigens, SasG=*S. aureus* surface protein, S. *aureus*=*Staphylococcus aureus*, SBP=solute-binding protein, SEB= staphylococcal enterotoxin serotype B, SOD=superoxide dismutase, S. *pneumoniae*=*Streptococcus pneumoniae*, TBVs=transmission-blocking vaccines, VRE=vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium*, ZnO-NPs=Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles, ZBL=zinc binding lipoprotein, ZnuA=Zinc uptake A.

INTRODUCTION

Zinc is the second most abundant trace metal with human body 2~3g, 90% in muscle and bone, and 10% other organs include prostate, liver, the gastrointestinal tract, kidney, skin, lung brain, heart, and pancreas in humans that cellular zinc underlies an efficient homeostatic control that avoids accumulation of zinc in excess. Zinc influences apoptosis by acting on several molecular regulators of programmed cell death and zinc deficiency caused by malnutrition and foods with low bioavailability, aging, certain diseases, and deregulated homeostasis is a far more common risk to human health without intoxication [1]. The role of zinc in cell death has apoptosis that the influence of zinc on apoptosis is tissue/cell type, zinc concentration, and expression of zinc transporters and zinc-binding proteins. Host zinc homeostasis changes in response to bacterial infections, including production of metal sequestering proteins and bombardment of bacteria with toxic level of zinc at host-pathogen interface [2]. Apoptosis is defined as cell death activated by an internally controlled suicide program that bacteria are able to trigger

apoptosis, including the secretion of compounds such as protein synthesis inhibitions, pore forming proteins, molecules responsible for the activation of the endogeneous death in the infected cell, and super antigens [3]. Regulation of apoptosis is essential for normal embryonic development and for homeostasis in adult tissue.

Zinc has a rather low toxicity and influences apoptosis by acting on several molecular regulators of programmed cell death which can inhibit apoptosis thereby either prolonging the survival of infected cells such that the production of progeny virus is maximized or facilitating the establishment of virus persistence. The influence of zinc on apoptosis is very complex that variables in this complex network are tissue and cell type, zinc concentration, expression of zinc transporters and zinc-binding proteins, oxidative or nitrosative stress, and the improvement of molecular opposing functions. The other, zinc deficiency in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) patients may be due to fecal excretion or decrease in its absorption that zinc concentrations were lower in hemodialysis (HD) patients compared to controls and Zn concentration 69.16 µg/dL of blood in HD patients, however, revealed no correlation among serum Zn concentration and anemia, serum parathyroid hormone concentration or pruritus severity in HD patients [4].

Zinc-dependent antibacterial vaccine principle has been not completely understood, but novel research as targets for antibacterial vaccines and therapies has been proceeding [5,6].

Zinc ion killing occurs chiefly by bacteriolyses of bacterial cell walls due to activated peptidoglycan (PGN) autolysins such as amidases, endopeptidases, and carboxypeptidase against bacteria [7]. PGN autolysins induced anti-bacterial vaccine activity may be enhanced by activation of zinc dependent PGN autolysins. PGN autolysins are bacterial peptidoglycan degrading enzymes that these muropeptides can be produced or modified by the activity of bacterial glycolytic and peptidolytic enzymes referred to as PGN hydrolases and autolysins which specific bacterial pathogens use PGN degradation to subvert host innate immunity [8].

Zinc homeostasis during acute phase response is the temporal transfer of serum zinc to the tissues, causing transient serum hypozincemia, which is rebalanced during resolution of the inflammatory response that intracellularly increased zinc can intoxicate engulfed

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pathogens and acts cytoprotective by promotion of neutralizing reactive oxygen species (ROS) and nitrogen species (RNS) [9]. Bacteria have to avoid recognition by the host immune system in order to establish a successful infection which bacterial autolysins enable the bacteriolyses of bacterial cell walls trim cell surface PGN to prevent detection by bacterial innate immune system [10].

In this review, anti-bacterial vaccine activities of bacteriolysis by Zn²⁺ ions induced autolytic PGN activation and zinc-dependent and ZnO nanoparticles-induced lyses are debated against *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) cell wall as Gram-positive bacterium and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) cell wall as Gram-negative bacterium. And thereby, the zinc mediated molecular vaccine mechanisms are clarified.

Zn²⁺ IONS-INDUCED PGN AUTOLYSINS PROMOTE ANTI-BACTERIAL VACCINE ACTIVITY

Molecular Structures of *S. Aureus* and *E. Coli* Cell Walls and Action Sites of PGN Autolysins

Bacterial PGN structure of both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria comprises repeating disaccharide backbones of N-acetylglucosamine (NAG) and β -(1-4)-N-acetylmuramic acid

(NAM) that are crosslinked by peptide stem chains attached to the NAM residues [11]. As shown in **Fig. 1**, the action sites of bacterial autolysins are comprised that for *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) PGN layer cell wall, there are N-acetylmuramidase-L-alanine amidase and DD-endopeptidase. The other, for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) cell wall as shown **Fig. 2**, there are endopeptidase of degrading enzyme at lipoprotein of C- and N-terminals, and amidase, peptidase, and caboxypeptidase at thin PGN layer in periplasmic space [12]. The bacterial cell walls are a strong flexible mesh work of PGN that gives a bacterium structural integrity, in which to accommodate a growing cell, the walls are remodeled by PGN synthesis and PGN autolysin. PGN is the main constituent of bacterial cell walls and must be continuously synthesized and degraded to maintain the integrity and viability of the cells that bacterial cell wall hydrolases of amidase, glycosidase, and peptidase display a modular architecture combining multiple and different catalytic domains, including some lytic transglycosylases as well as cell wall binding domains [13]. In these autolysins, zinc-dependent PGN autolysin of amidases may be enhanced and induced anti-bacterial vaccine activities.

Figure 1 Peptidoglycan structure and action sites of peptidoglycan autolysins against *S. aureus* PGN layer

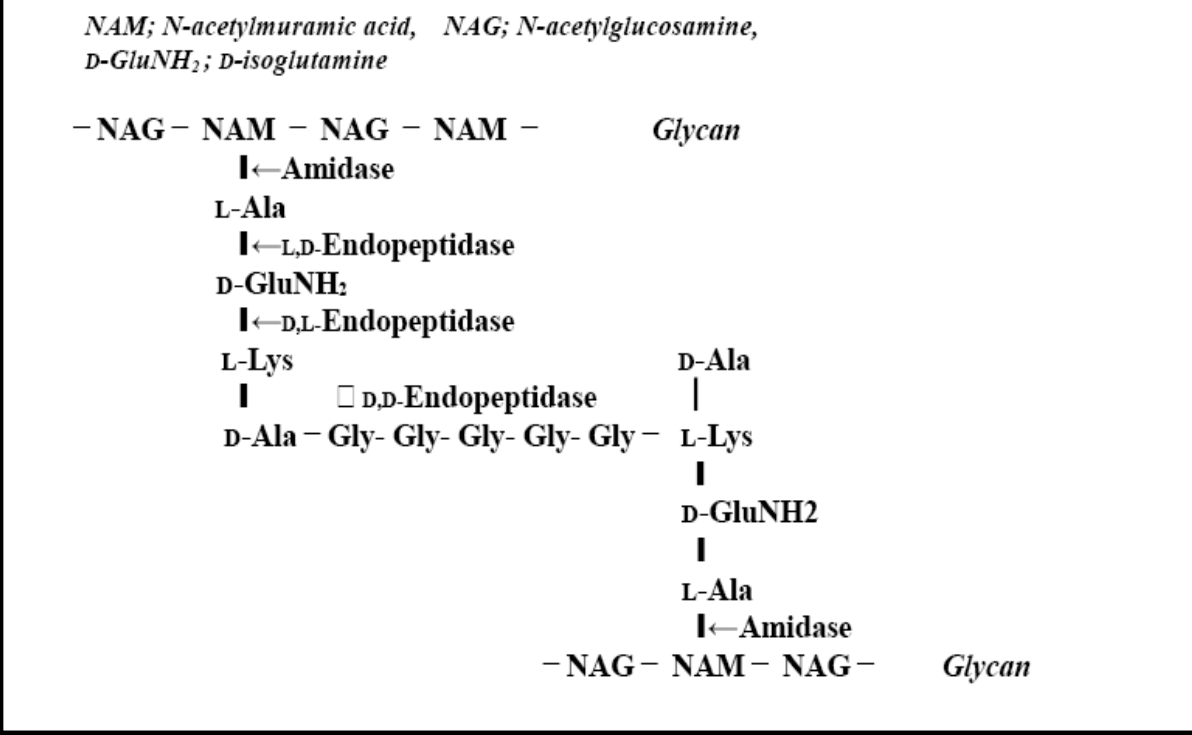
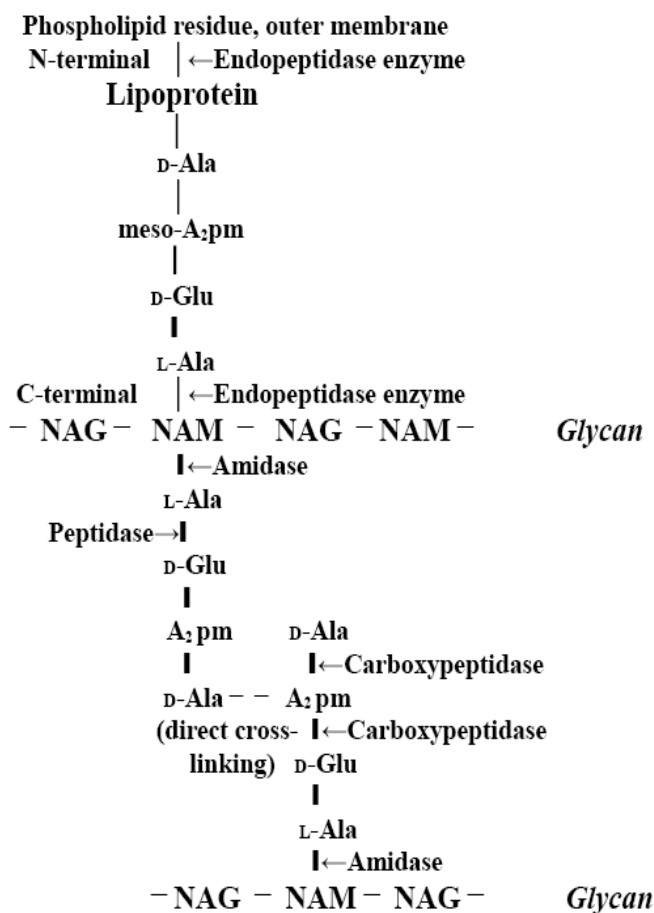


Figure 2 Molecular structures of outer membrane lipoprotein and peptidoglycan layer in the *E. coli* cell wall, and action sites of degrading enzyme of lipoprotein at C- and N-terminals and peptidoglycan autolysins

NAM; *N*-acetylmuramic acid, *NAG*; *N*-acetylglucosamine, *A₂pm*; diamminopimelic acid, *D-GluNH₂*; *D*-isoglutamine



Zn²⁺ Ions Induced Activated PGN Autolysins Promote Anti-Bacterial Vaccine Activity Against Gram-Positive Bacteria

S. aureus amidase AmiA shed light on PGN binding and cleavage that amiA distinguishes PGN mostly by the peptide, and cleavage is facilitated by a zinc-activated water molecule, in order to develop new therapeutics against MRSA [14].

The autolytic activity of the recombinant amidase of the Aas (autolysin/adhesin of *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*) is inhibited and is necessary for the C-terminal GW repeats, not the N-terminal repeats [15].

Autolysin-mediated lysis-induced bacterial cell death can contribute to the bactericidal vaccine activities. Lytic amidase autolysin LytA which

is released by bacterial lysis, associates with the cell wall via its zinc-binding motif that the amidase domain comprises a complex substrate-binding crevice and needs to interact with a large-motif epitope of PGN for catalysis [16]. Suicidal amidase autolysin LytA having both autolysis and capsule shedding depends on the cell wall hydrolytic activity of LytA that capsule shedding drastically increases invasion of epithelial cells and is the main pathway by which pneumococci reduce surface bound capsule during early acute lung infection of mice [17]. In the biofilms increase as zinc concentrations increase and biofilm formation effect as a negative regulator of LytA dependent autolysis, zinc availability contributes to the ability of pneumococci to form aggregates and subsequently, biofilms [18]. The LytB PGN

hydrolase responsible for physical separation of daughter cells cleaves the GlcNAc- β -(1,4)-MurNAc glycosidic bond of PGN building units that cell wall digestion products and solubilisation rates might indicate a tight control of LytB activity to prevent unrestrained breakdown of the cell wall [19]. The PGN-remodeling autolysins LytC, LytD, and LytF are expressed in the same subpopulation of cells and complete flagellar synthesis that LytC appears to be important for flagellar function, motility was restored to a LytC mutant by mutation of either *lon A*, and LytC, LytD, and LytF autolysins to population heterogeneity in *B. subtilis* [20]. Atl is the major autolysin in *S. aureus* that the bifunctional major autolysin play a key role in staphylococcal cell separation which processing of Atl yield catalytically active amidase and glucosamidase domains [21]. The biochemical and structural staphylococcal Atl have successful cloning, high level over-expression, and purification Atl proteins [22]. Major Atl autolysin also have an essential role in the early events of the fibronectin-binding proteins (FnBPs)-dependent *S. aureus* biofilm phenotype [23]. Furthermore, it is worth noting as a novel recombinant vaccine candidate comprising penicillin-binding protein 2a (PBP2a) and r-autolysin that active vaccination with a mixture of r-PBP2a/r-autolysin and conjugate form vaccine reduced the mortality rate and protected mice against lethal MRSA [24]. For the contribution of autolysins of PGN hydrolases to bacterial killing, there are N-acetylglucosaminidase (AtlA), two N-acetyl-muraminases (AtlB and AtlC) [25]. AtlA is the major PGN hydrolases of *Enterococcus faecalis* involved in cell division and cellular autolysis and the zinc metalloprotease, gelatinase (GelE) of their interplay proposed to regulate AtlA function, which N-terminal cleavage was required for efficient AtlA-mediated cell division, and AtlA septum localization and subsequent cell separation can be modulated by a single GelE-mediated N-terminal cleavage event [26].

Zn²⁺ Ions Induced Degrading Enzyme of Outer Membrane Lipoprotein and PGN Autolysins Promote Anti-Bacterial Vaccine Activity Against Gram-Negative Bacteria

Amidase gene (AmiB) catalyzes the degradation of PGN in bacteria that the *amiB* gene was composed of 1,722 nucleotides and 573 amino acid which is involved in the separation of daughter cells after cell division and

inactivation of the *amiB* gene, resulting in a marked increase of sensitivity to oxidative stress and organic acids [27]. Amidase activity of *amiC* controls cell separation and PGN fragments release [28]. Zinc-dependent endopeptidases (Eps) are predicted to hydrolyze PGN to facilitate cell growth that zinc availability affects strong activity of cell wall hydrolases, and *zur*-regulated endopeptidases are present in divergent Gram-negative bacteria [29]. Zinc-regulated peptidase maintains cell wall integrity during immune-mediated nutrient sequestration against *Acinetobacter baumannii* [30].

Carboxypeptidases are exopeptidases that remove a single amino acid residue from the C terminus of proteins or peptides that the carboxypeptidase B1 of and its evaluation have been high molecular characterization for transmission-blocking vaccines (TBVs) against Malaria eradication [31]. Metallo-carboxypeptidases (MCPs) of the M32 family of peptidases exhibit a significant hydrolytic activity and different hydrolysis patterns against *Trypanosoma brucei* or *cruxi* [32]. Thus, zinc-dependent carboxypeptidase autolysin could adapt to be appreciable the anti-bacterial vaccines.

ZINC DEPENDENT ANTI-BACTERIAL VACCINE ACTIVITY ON BACTERIAL CELL WALLS

Zinc Dependent Anti-Bacterial Vaccine Activity Against Gram-Positive Bacteria

Important considerations in designing a vaccine for the prevention of *S. aureus* disease have been outlined, accompanying with the complexity of Staphylococcal diseases and having aided design of new vaccine candidates based on multiple important bacterial pathogenesis mechanisms [33]. The mechanisms underlying *S. aureus* extracellular vesicles (EVs) production and highlights on the usefulness of EVs as *S. aureus* vaccine platform have been described [34].

Zinc is used as a structural or catalytic cofactor in the wider number of proteins that the zinc uptake regulator (*Zur*) is the most wide-spread, in which *Zur* proteins govern zinc homeostasis in a much more profound way than merely through the expression of uptake systems [35]. Adsorption of Zn^{2+} ions to the bacterial cell surface increases cell wall cohesion and favors the projection of elongated *S. aureus* surface

protein (SasG) away from the cell surface, thereby enabling zinc-dependent homophilic bonds between opposing cells that zinc-dependent cell surface dynamics may represent a general mechanism for activating adhesion in biofilm-forming species [36].

Antibody and vaccine development against *S.aureus* that produces cell envelope-associated proteins, secreted toxin, host cell lysis antibody function interference, are physiologically and pathologically considered that staphylococcal enterotoxin serotype B (SEB) and superantigenicity of superantigens (Sags) are largely achieved by the activated (APCs) and T cells, leading to a massive release of cytokines [37]. Human peptidoglycan recognition proteins (PGLYRPs) are novel class of recognition and effector molecules with broad Zn^{2+} -dependent bactericidal activity against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria [38]. In order to generate effective bacterial whole-cell vaccines auxotrophic for D-gluta-mate, it has been clear that the D-glutamate is effective for community acquired *MRSA*, and the other, it is efficient for *P. aeruginosa* PA14 [39].

Fusion protein consisting of most probable immunoprotective B-cell epitope regions (MIBRs) are both plasmid stabilization protein (PSP) and zinc binding lipoprotein (ZBL), PSP and ZBL respectively (APZs), in which the autolysin MIBRs show the highest probability for eliciting immunoprotection and pneumococcal conjugate vaccine against *Streptococcus pneumoniae* [40].

Clostridium difficile Residues are important in zinc binding and enzymatic activity that CD630 28300 (named Zmp1) destabilizes the fibronectin network produced by human fibroblast which a novel extracellular zinc metalloprotease may be important in key steps of clostridial pathogenesis [41]. Mice were immunized with the antibodies raised against recombinant lipoproteins, showing significant reduction of colony counts in mice livers and demonstrating the efficacy of these metal binding lipoproteins as promising vaccine candidates [42]. Zinc supplementation promotes the induction of T cell immunity to control infection and ameliorate immunopathology against Gram-positive pneumonia in children [43]. Zinc is an essential nutrient for microbial growth, but

can be toxic in excess. Zinc importer *adcABC* of the primary group A streptococcus (GAS) zinc uptake system is composed of a cell surface-exposed zinc-binding protein (*adcA*), an inner membrane permease (*AdcB*), and a cytosolic ATPase (*AdcC*) that provides the energy for zinc import by ATP hydrolysis [44].

Immunization of mice with the extracellular component of the zinc importer confers protection against system GAS, and a similar struggle for zinc may occur during streptococcal infections [44].

Pneumococcal choline binding proteins (CBPs) include cell wall hydrolases and play a dual role for the development of novel antipneumococcal drugs, both as targets for inhibitors of binding to the cell wall and as active cell lytic agents [45].

Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticles (ZnO-NPs) of ZnO nanoparticles-dependent anti-bacterial vaccine are attractive antibacterial properties with broad-spectrum antibiotics due to increased specific surface area as the reduced particle size leading to enhanced particle surface reactivity. Bactericidal and bacteriostatic activity of ZnO-NPs is associated with the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) including hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), hydroxyl radicals (OH^\cdot), and peroxide (O_2^{-2}) that ROS have been a major factor for several mechanisms including cell wall damage due to ZnO-localized interaction, enhanced membrane permeability, internalization of Nps due to loss of proton motive force and uptake of toxic dissolved zinc ions [46]. Zinc oxide is an essential ingredient of many enzymes, sun screens, and ointments for pain and itch relief that released zinc ions from zinc oxide penetrate the bacterial cell wall via diffusion that ZnO-NPs disintegrate the cell membrane and accumulate in the cytoplasm where they interact with bio-molecules causing cell apoptosis leading to cell death [47]. ZnO-NPs against *MRSA* are that exposure to ZnO-NPs resulted in over three-log reduction in colonies of *MRSA* with minimal increase in ROS or lipid peroxidation which ZnO-NPs caused significant up-regulation of pyrimidine biosynthesis and carbohydrate degradation [48]. The antibacterial mechanism of ZnO-NPs is likely due to disruption of the cell membrane and oxidative stress.

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Table1. Represents anti-bacterial vaccine activities of bacterio-lysis by Zn²⁺ ions induced activated PGN autolysins and of zinc and zinc oxide nanoparticles dependent bactericide against Gram-positive PGN layer cell wall.

Table 1 Zinc induced anti-bacterial vaccine activity against Gram-positive thick PGN envelope cell wall	
Zn²⁺ Ions	Gram-Positive PGN Layer Cell Wall
Zn²⁺	<p>Zn²⁺ ions induced PGN autolysins, Zinc-dependent vaccine activity → Zn²⁺, O₂⁻, H₂O₂, ·OH, ·NO, ONOO⁻</p> <p>Zn²⁺ ions induced activated PGN autolysins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>S.aureus</i> amidase AmiA • Recombinant amidase of the <i>Aas</i> • Lytic amidase LytA for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> • <i>Pneumococcal</i> autolysin LytA LytC, D, F of PGN remodeling for <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> • Endopeptidase LytF for <i>bacillus subtilis</i> • AtlA autolysin for GelE against <i>E. faecalis</i> • AtlA, AtlB, AtlC autolysins against <i>enterococcus faecalis</i> • Fusion protein autolysin, MIBRs against <i>S. pneumoniae</i> • Carboxypeptidase B1 against <i>Anopheles stephensi</i> and for malaria as transmission-blocking vaccines • Metalloprotease M32 against <i>Trypanosoma brucei or cruzi</i> • PBP2a and autolysin mixture against <i>MRSA</i> <p>Zinc dependent vaccine activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDR of Gram-positive strain as antibody and vaccine • Human PGLYRPs against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria • D-glutamate auxotrophy against <i>MRSA</i> • Extracellular zinc metalloprotease against <i>Clostridium difficile</i> • Zinc binding lipoprotein against <i>Enterococcal</i> infections • Zinc supplementation for <i>pneumonia</i> in children • Zn²⁺-dependent <i>S.aureus</i> surface protein (SasG) formation • Zinc importer AdcABC for streptococcal infections against <i>GAS</i> • <i>Pneumococcal</i> CBPs cell wall hydrolases <p>• ZnO-NPs have a very high anti-bacterial activity and ROS generation against <i>MRSA</i> (ROS; H₂O₂, OH⁻, O₂⁻²)</p> <p>• ZnO-NPs caused up-regulation of pyrimidine biosynthesis and degradation against <i>MRSA</i></p>

Zinc Dependent Anti-Bacterial Vaccine Activity Against Gram-Negative Bacteria

Bacterial pathogens must produce high affinity zinc importers in order to grow and multiply in the infected host, such as the ZnuABC transporter which is present in most Gram-negative bacteria, in which the disruption of ZnuABC transporter is usually associated with a remarkable loss of pathogenicity [49]. Neisserial outer-membrane transporter ZnuD is required for efficient systemic infection by the causative agent of bacterial *Neisseria meningitidis* [50]. ZnuD constitutes promising candidate for the development of a vaccine against meningococcal disease [51].

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(ETEC) is the most common bacterial cause of children's diarrhea, in which antigen preparation induced antitoxin antibodies that neutralized both toxins that are associated with all cases of ETEC diarrhea, and polypeptide or subunit vaccines have the potential to effectively protect against ETEC diarrhea [52]. Oral vaccines which are intended for global use do not necessarily induce the same immune responses in all children worldwide that vaccine designed for oral administration will need to be adjusted to these potential problems in order to maximize benefits for all children [53]. Zinc has positive effect in children with complication of diarrhea that young children are immunized with oral inactivated whole cell cholera vaccine containing recombinant cholera toxin B subunit, in which the combination of zinc with cholera

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vaccine and oral rehydration solutions (ORSs) has a positive impact on cholera and diarrhea [54]. Acute diarrhea remains a leading cause of childhood death despite the undeniable success of oral rehydration therapy (ORT) that vaccination is the most effective method of preventing infectious diseases [55]. There may be an influence of zinc on cholera vaccination and a suppression of antibody formation against cholera toxin.

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Table 2. Exhibits anti-bacterial vaccine activities of Zn²⁺ induced activated endopeptidase enzyme and PGN autolysins for Gram-negative cell wall with outer membrane lipoprotein at C- and N-terminals and thin PGN layer in plasmic space.

Table 2 Zinc induced antibacterial vaccine activity for Gram-negative cell wall with outer membrane lipoprotein and thin PGN layer in periplasmic space		
Zn²⁺Ions	Gram-Negative Cell Wall	
Zn²⁺	Outer Membrane Lipoprotein at C- and N-terminals	Periplasmic Space Thin PGN Layer
	→ Zn ²⁺ , O ₂ ⁻ , H ₂ O ₂	→ Zn ²⁺ , O ₂ ⁻ , H ₂ O ₂ , OH ⁻ , ·OH
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CONCLUSIONS

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Lytic amidase autolysin LytA which is released by bacterial lysis, associates with the cell wall via its zinc-binding motif that the amidase domain comprises a complex substrate-binding crevice and needs to interact with a large-motif epitope of PGN for catalysis. The LytB PGN hydrolase responsible for physical separation of daughter cells cleaves the GlcNAc- β -(1,4)-MurNAc glycosidic bond of PGN building units. The PGN-remodeling autolysins LytC, LytD, and LytF are expressed in the same subpopulation of cells and complete flagellar synthesis.

Human PGLYRPs are novel class of recognition and effector molecules with broad Zn^{2+} -dependent bactericidal activity against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. The D-glutamate is effective for community acquired MRSA, and the other, it is efficient for *P. aeruginosa* PA14.

Adoption of Zn^{2+} ions to the bacterial cell surface increases cell wall cohesion and favors the projection of elongated SasG away from the cell surface, thereby enabling zinc-dependent homophilic bonds between opposing cells that zinc-dependent cell surface dynamics may represent a general mechanism for activating adhesion in biofilm-forming species. Zinc is an essential nutrient for microbial growth, but can be toxic in excess. Zinc importer adcABC of the primary GAS zinc uptake system is composed of a cell surface-exposed zinc-binding protein (adcA), an inner membrane permease (AdcB),

and a cytosolic ATPase (AdcC) that provides the energy for zinc import by ATP hydrolysis.

ETEC is the most common bacterial cause of children's diarrhea, in which antigen preparation induced antitoxin antibodies that neutralized both toxins that are associated with all cases of ETEC diarrhea, and polypeptide or subunit vaccines have the potential to effectively protect against ETEC diarrhea. Oral vaccines which are intended for global use do not necessarily induce the same immune responses in all children worldwide that vaccine designed for oral administration will need to be adjusted to these potential problems in order to maximize benefits for all children. Zinc has positive effect in children with complication of diarrhea that young children are immunized with oral inactivated whole cell cholera vaccine containing recombinant cholera toxin B subunit, in which the combination of zinc with cholera vaccine and ORSs has a positive impact on cholera and diarrhea.

ZnuA is a high affinity acquisition of Zn^{2+} in *E. coli* was shown to occur via the ABC permease that the Znu permease comprises the SBP ZnuA, and an ABC transporter. The acquisition of zinc by *P. aeruginosa* PAO₁ reveals a hitherto unrecognized complexity in zinc homeostasis that enables the bacterium to survive under zinc limitation that the mechanisms and pathways utilized by *P. aeruginosa* to survive and promulgate in environments of varying Zn^{2+} abundance. Recombinant flagella and pili to targeting lipo-polysaccharides and O-antigens have shown some promise in preventing infection that outer membrane protein including OprF and OprI are newer representative of vaccine candidates which many of the aforementioned vaccine act on a single target.

Recombinant AfeA expresses abundant epitopes on the bacterial surface and induces protective responses in the mouse pulmonary clearance model following aerosol challenge with *Moraxella catarrhalis*.

ZnO-NPs are attractive antibacterial properties with broad-spectrum antibiotics due to increased specific surface area as the reduced particle size leading to enhanced particle surface reactivity. Bactericidal and bacteriostatic activity of ZnO-NPs is associated with the generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) including hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), hydroxyl radicals (OH^\cdot), and peroxide (O_2^{2-}) that ROS have been a major factor for several mechanisms including cell

wall damage due to ZnO-localized interaction, enhanced membrane permeability, internalization of Nps due to loss of proton motive force and uptake of toxic dissolved zinc ions.

Zinc oxide is an essential ingredient of many enzymes, sun screens, and ointments for pain and itch relief that released zinc ions from zinc oxide penetrate the bacterial cell wall via diffusion that ZnO-NPs disintegrate the cell membrane and accumulate in the cytoplasm where they interact with biomolecules causing cell apoptosis leading to cell death. ZnO-NPs caused significant up-regulation of pyrimidine biosynthesis and carbohydrate degradation. The antibacterial mechanism of ZnO-NPs is likely due to disruption of the cell membrane and oxidative stress in *Campylobacter*.

Bacterial autolysins enable the bacteriolyses of bacterial cell walls trim cell surface PGN to prevent detection by bacterial innate immune system. Autolysin mediated bacteriolysis- and zinc dependent lysis-induced bacterial cell death can contribute to the bactericidal vaccine activities, where PGN autolysins interact with biomolecules causing cell apoptosis leading to cell death.

Accordingly, Zn²⁺ ions under the homeostasis region could be appreciable for anti-bacterial vaccine development.

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