

## Recent advances in rabies DNA vaccines and its future prospects

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Rabies is a fatal encephalomyelitis. Most cases occur in developing countries and are transmitted by dogs. Because of their high cost, cell culture vaccines have not totally replaced the unsafe brain-derived vaccines which are still used in many developing countries. Moreover, there will be a need for vaccines against rabies-related viruses against which classical vaccines are not always effective. The worldwide incidence of rabies and the inability of currently used vaccination strategies to provide highly potent and cost-effective therapy indicate the need for alternate control strategies. DNA vaccines have emerged as safest vaccines and best remedy for complicated diseases like Hepatitis, HIV and Rabies. A number of recombinant DNA vaccines are now being developed against several diseases such as AIDS and malaria. Therefore, it can be a valuable alternative for the production of cheaper rabies vaccines against its larger spectrum of viruses. In this review we report published data on DNA-based immunization with sequences encoding rabies and related virus antigens.

### Biography

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