

USE OF A MODIFIED POXVIRUS FOR THE RAPID INDUCTION OF
IMMUNITY AGAINST A POXVIRUS OR OTHER INFECTIOUS AGENTS

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Abstract

The present invention relates to the rapid induction of a protective immune response against poxviruses and poxvirus infections such as smallpox by vaccination of an animal, including a human with a poxvirus that is replication incompetent in said animal including the human. An example for such a
10 poxvirus is a Modified Vaccinia virus Ankara (MVA). The invention further relates to the use of a recombinant poxvirus that is replication incompetent in the animal, including the human that is vaccinated with the virus, such as a recombinant MVA expressing heterologous antigens and/or antigenic epitopes for a rapid induction of an protective immune responses against said
15 heterologous antigen and/or antigenic epitope, e.g. against an antigen and/or antigenic epitope that is part of an infectious agent.

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