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(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to the fields of molecular biology, virology, immunology and medicine. The invention provides a modified virus-like particle (VLP) comprising a VLP and particular peptides derived from ghrelin linked thereto. The invention also provides a process for producing the modified VLP. The modified VLPs of the invention are useful in the production of vaccines for the treatment of obesity and other disease associated with increased food-uptake or increased body weight and to efficiently induce immune responses, in particular antibody responses. Furthermore, the compositions of the invention are particularly useful to efficiently induce self-specific immune responses within the indicated context.

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