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(57) **Abstract**: The present invention concerns methods and compositions for treating or preventing a bacterial infection, particularly infection by a *Staphylococcus* bacterium. The invention provides methods and compositions for stimulating an immune response against the bacteria. In certain embodiments, the methods and compositions involve a non-toxigenic Protein A (SpA) variant.

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