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### ABSTRACT

Exosomes are extracellular vesicles derived from the endosomal compartment, which are released by all kinds of eukaryotic and prokaryotic organisms. These vesicles contain a variety of biomolecules that differ both in quantity and type depending on the origin and cellular state. Exosomes are internalized by recipient cells, delivering their content and thus contributing to cell–cell communication in health and disease. During infections exosomes may exert a dual role, on one hand, they can transmit pathogen-related molecules mediating further infection and damage, and on the other hand, they can protect the host by activating the immune response and reducing pathogen spread. Selective packaging of pathogenic components may mediate these effects. Recently, quantitative analysis of samples by omics technologies has allowed a deep characterization of the proteins, lipids, RNA, and metabolite cargoes of exosomes. Knowledge about the content of these vesicles may facilitate their therapeutic application. Furthermore, as exosomes have been detected in almost all biological fluids, pathogenic or host-derived components can be identified in liquid biopsies, making them suitable for diagnosis and prognosis. This review attempts to organize the recent findings on exosome composition and function during viral, bacterial, fungal, and protozoan infections, and their contribution to host defense or to pathogen spread. Moreover, we summarize the current perspectives and future directions regarding the potential application of exosomes for prophylactic and therapeutic purposes.

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## Introduction

Cells from all living systems can release bioactive vesicles into biological fluids that allow intercellular communication [1,2]. Among these extracellular vesicles, exosomes have been the subject of increasing interest in the past few years [3]. Exosomes are endosome-derived vesicles of 30–100 nm which were first discovered in reticulocytes [4–6]. For a long time, their secretion was thought to be a mechanism to dispose cellular waste [6,7], however, now the increasing research in the exosomes field has shown that they can transfer a wide variety of biomolecules allowing cell-to-cell communications [8]. Moreover, exosomes can be secreted by a wide variety of mammalian cells including lymphocytes, dendritic cells (DC), stem cells, astrocytes, epithelial cells and hepatocytes [9–11], and can act either locally or by distant signaling being released in body fluids [10,12,13]. In humans, they have been implicated in normal conditions such as neuronal function, lactation, and immune response, and during diseases like cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, infections, liver disease, etc. [7,9,11,13–16].

As the process of exosome secretion seems to be evolutionary conserved among different eukaryotes and prokaryotes organisms [1,10,17], during an infection host- and pathogen-derived exosomes are released into the extracellular milieu [18]. The content of these vesicles will transmit messages that can either limit or disseminate the infection [19]. Recently, the exosome-dependent pathways of infection of important human pathogens such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) [11,20], Ebola virus [21] and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* [22], among others have been characterized. This reflects the importance of the exosome study in microbial pathogenesis. Moreover, the specific composition of these vesicles derived from pathogens or infected cells can be a hallmark of the infection and used as a potential biomarker [23,24]. Furthermore, the hijacking of exosomes by some pathogens has shown the carrying capacity of these vesicles, which can be harnessed for vaccine development [25–29]. This review attempts to summarize the current findings on exosome composition and function during viral, bacterial, fungal and protozoan infections, their contribution to host defense or to pathogen spread, and provide an insight into the potential application of exosomes in biomedical research.

## Exosomes structure and composition

All extracellular vesicles are limited by a lipid bilayer which wraps a particular cargo of molecules [30]. Among these vesicles, canonical exosomes are identified by a size of

30–100 nm, a density of 1.13–1.19 g/mL in sucrose gradients, and sedimentation at 100,000 g [31,32]. Due to their small size, exosome morphology is analyzed by transmission electron microscopy where they are usually described as cup-shaped vesicles, however, the more sophisticated technique of cryo-electron microscopy has revealed its rounded shape indicating that the cup-shape may be an artifact generated during sample processing [10,33]. Exosomes are also distinguishable from other secreted vesicles because of their intracellular origin (endosome membranes versus plasma membrane) and lipid composition [34].

Exosome composition may include all kinds of biomolecules (proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and nucleic acids) and differs both in quantity and type of molecules depending on the origin and cellular state [16,18]. Some components of the exosomes are constitutive since they are required for their biogenesis and trafficking, while others reflect the cell of origin [2,5]. Among the components that are typically found in mammalian exosomes are cytoskeletal proteins including actin, tubulin and myosin; tetraspanins including CD9, CD63, CD81 and CD82; adhesion proteins (integrins) as well as proteins related to the multi-vesicular body biogenesis as clathrin, Alix and ubiquitin; membrane trafficking proteins (e.g. Rabs and annexins); metabolic enzymes, heat shock proteins and antigen presentation molecules [2,35–37]. Some of these proteins are currently used as conventional exosome markers [38–40].

The mammalian exosomal lipid membrane has been described as enriched in sphingomyelin, saturated fatty acids, phosphatidylserine, and cholesterol compared with the composition of the plasma membrane [5,36,37]. Lysophosphatidic acid which is key for exosome biogenesis [39], the ganglioside GM3, ceramide and lipid raft microdomains containing glycosphingolipids, cholesterol, and some proteins have also been reported in the exosomal membrane [5,37]. Exosomes also contain a specific signature of nucleic acids including a variety of mRNAs, fragments of tRNAs, microRNAs, Y-RNAs, small nuclear RNA, small nucleolar RNAs, piwi-interacting RNAs, vault-RNAs and long non-coding RNAs [35]. In addition, the presence of oncogenes and transposable elements of DNA has been reported [41,42], whereas the presence of ribosomal RNA and mitochondrial DNA in the exosomes has been associated with cell death during the sample preparation [37,43,44]. Although many reports on exosomal proteomics and nucleic acid contents have been issued, very little is known about the composition of carbohydrates in exosomes. N-glycans including paucimannosidic,

high-mannose and complex type glycans have been identified in exosomes from human urine samples [45–47].

During infection, exosomes undergo alterations in number, content and membrane structure [48], below we describe some of these changes associated with pathogen infections. Additionally, the specific contents of exosomes and other extracellular vesicles in different settings are available in databases such as Exocarta (<http://www.exocarta.org/>), Vesiclepedia (<http://microvesicles.org/>), and EVpedia (<http://evpedia.info>) [49–51].

### Biogenesis of exosomes

Multiple stimuli, such as cell differentiation, activation, hypoxia and infections are responsible for inducing cell vesiculation [35]. In this process, cytosolic components and membrane-associated molecules are enclosed within endosomes, whose main fate is to degrade their content by fusing with lysosomes [48]. However, the components bearing some specific hallmarks of late endosomes such as the major histocompatibility complex class II (MHC-II) or the tetraspanin CD63 can release their content to the extracellular space [40]. Mammalian exosome biogenesis begins in the late endosomes with the formation of small vesicles called intraluminal vesicles which are generated by the inward budding of the late endosomal membrane [35,52]. These vesicles accumulate within large multivesicular bodies, which can then fuse with lysosomes or with the plasma membrane to release the content in form of exosomes [37]. Although the process of exosome generation has not been completely elucidated and is presumably to be cell-specific, two kinds of mechanisms for exosome biogenesis have been proposed [53,54]. The mechanism that requires the recruitment of the Endosomal Sorting Complex Required for Transport (ESCRT), composed of four separated complexes (0-III) plus associated proteins, has been extensively described [55–57]. ESCRT-0 through II recognize ubiquitinated proteins for cargo sorting, whereas ESCRT-I and II plus additional factors induce endosomal membrane budding. Subsequently, ESCRT-III binding to ESCRT-I results in cargo deubiquitination and vesicle scission [58].

Alternative ESCRT-independent mechanisms for exosome biogenesis have also been identified. These pathways involve raft-based microdomains of lipids, tetraspanins or heat-shock proteins [40]. Endosomal membranes are enriched in sphingolipids and sphingomyelinases, which convert sphingolipids to ceramide [59]. It is thought that the cone-shaped ceramide induces endosomal membrane budding [52]. Another ESCRT-

independent manner of exosome biogenesis through tetraspanin-enriched microdomains has been suggested to be specific for sorting certain receptors and signaling proteins into exosomes [60]. Apparently, different specialized mechanisms for exosome biogenesis may occur depending on the cellular origin [52].

### Characterization and analysis of exosomes

Exosomes are identified by their physical characteristics (e.g. size, density, sedimentation, morphology) and the presence of exosome marker proteins (e.g. CD63, CD9, Alix, HSP70, etc.) [35,40,48]. Several techniques and protocols have been described for the isolation and characterization of exosomes obtained from different sources [31,33,45,61,62]. Ultracentrifugation is the golden standard method for exosome isolation, they can be obtained with high purity from cell culture media using this method, however, it is not convenient when working with more complex matrices like body fluids [52]. For such applications, size exclusion methods are more recommendable since chromatography can better preserve the integrity of exosomes present in physiological samples [52]. Immune affinity capture using magnetic beads can also isolate exosomes with high specificity but with low yields [63]. Newly developed techniques including commercial kits, microfluidic technologies, field flow fractionation and contact-free sorting can enable high-throughput analysis with high sensitivity [52,64].

Characterization of exosomes is usually performed by transmission electron microscopy, dynamic light scattering and nanoparticle tracking analysis. Nevertheless, other methods including flow cytometry, surface plasmon resonance, tunable resistive pulse sensing and single extravesicular analysis are also available (Details: [64, 65]). Finally, for a more comprehensive characterization of exosome content, mass spectrometry is the conventional technique used for the analysis of proteins, carbohydrates and lipidic cargo of exosomes, while PCR is used to study nucleic acids [52,61,64,66–68]. In Table 1 we summarized the methods currently available for the purification and characterization of exosomes.

Although, the exosomes field is relatively new, efforts to homogenize the nomenclature, size, morphology and isolation, have been made since 2013 [69,70]. For instance, the International Society of Extracellular Vesicles has urged researchers to describe the methods employed for extracellular vesicles isolation, in order to allow others to replicate and interpret their findings. As a result of international consensus, the ‘Minimal information for

**Table 1.** Exosome purification and characterization methods. Abbreviations: HPLC, high performance liquid chromatography; HSP70, heat shock protein 70; LSRP, localized surface resonance plasmon; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; TSG101, Tumor susceptibility gene 101 [52,61,64,66–68].

Isolation	Characterization	Cargo analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Ultracentrifugation, density-gradient ultracentrifugation</li> <li>*Size exclusion (filtration, chromatography)</li> <li>*Immune affinity capture (beads, ELISA, flow cytometry, ExoCap kit)</li> <li>*Co-precipitation or polymer-based (ExoQuick)</li> <li>*Microfluidic technologies</li> <li>*Field flow fractionation</li> <li>*Contact-free sorting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Microscopy-based methods (Scanning electron microscopy, transmission electron microscopy, cryo-electron microscopy, atomic force microscopy)</li> <li>*Dynamic light scattering</li> <li>*Nanoparticle tracking analysis</li> <li>*Tunable resistive pulse sensing</li> <li>*Single extravesicular analysis method</li> <li>*Surface plasmon resonance</li> <li>*Flow cytometry (typical markers: CD63, Alix, TSG101, HSP70, CD9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Proteins:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western blot and ELISA</li> <li>Mass Spectrometry</li> <li>Small Particle Flow Cytometry</li> <li>Micronuclear Magnetic Resonance</li> <li>Surface Plasmon Resonance</li> <li>Integrated magnetic-electrochemical exosome sensor</li> <li>ExoScreen</li> </ul> </li> <li>*Nucleic Acids:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conventional PCR</li> <li>Droplet PCR</li> <li>Microfluidics for On-Chip extraction and detection</li> <li>Ion-exchange nanodetector</li> <li>LSRP-based assay</li> </ul> </li> <li>*Lipids:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass spectrometry</li> <li>Ultra-high HPLC</li> <li>Cholesterol content analysis</li> </ul> </li> <li>*Carbohydrates:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glycomic microarrays</li> <li>Mass spectrometry</li> <li>HPLC</li> <li>Nuclear magnetic resonance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

studies of extracellular vesicles' was first published in 2014 [70] and updated in 2018 [71]. Recently, reports indicate that these guidelines have being widely accepted by the scientific community specialized in the field [72], demonstrating a promising future.

### Exosomes released from infected cells

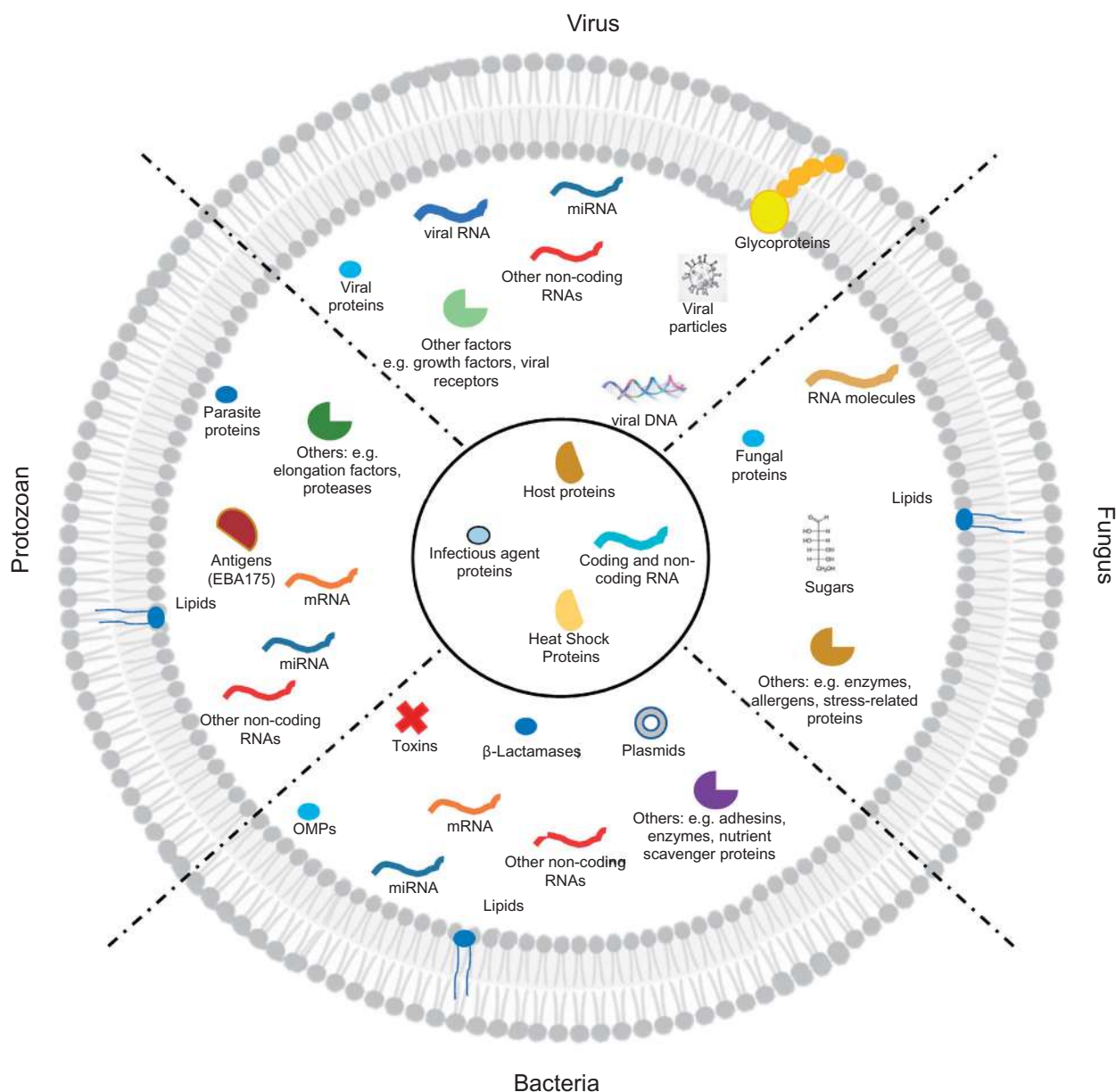
Exosomes have emerged as key players in the intercellular transport of substances, information and communication between eukaryotic cells to maintain the body homeostasis of living organisms to different cell stimuli [2]. Once released, exosomes usually bind to target cells and exert their functional effects, whether in the local environment or at distant sites [73]. Furthermore, these vesicles can cross natural host barriers and have specific cell targeting effects as well as stability in circulation due to their contents [74]. These characteristics are advantageous since exosome analysis can be used as a sensitive and non-invasive method for detection in real-time and at different stages of the disease [75–78]. However, these exosome properties can also be deleterious. As is well-known, viruses can adopt many mechanisms to evade immune system recognition to survive [79] and exosomes may play an important role in this process. Exosomes released from infected cells can regulate the immune response and therefore contribute to the spread of infection [35]. Thereby, these vesicles may allow the escape of cells in any stage of infection and

hide them from the immune system [80–83]. Many pathogens utilize the exosome pathway to efficiently transfer virulence factors and host components from infected cells to naïve cells [84–88]. Besides, enclosure in these vesicles seems to be fundamental to it. In the following paragraphs, we describe exosome cargo for different infectious agents (Figure 1).

### Viral cargo in exosomes and their potential effects during viral infections

Studies have demonstrated that exosomes are involved in the intercellular transportation of substances and information exchange among cells during viral infections [89–91]. On one hand, exosomes can be advantageous to the virus by facilitating infection and spreading [80,92], as well as cancer progression and metastasis [84]. Because of this, exosomes are called the Trojan Horses of viruses and cancer [93]. When virions (and their components) are released through the exosomes, this mechanism offers an alternative route that avoids cellular damage, such as lysis, and exerts protection from circulating neutralizing antibodies [80,85,94]. Some viral and host components carried on exosomes might also contribute to pathogenesis, like in the case of pathogen miRNAs and viral nucleic acids [84,95,96]; as well as tenascin-C involved in fibrosis during COVID-19 [97].

Furthermore, oncogenic viruses which are responsible for approximately 15% of human tumors [98] take



**Figure 1.** Overall composition of exosomes and exosome-like extracellular vesicles derived from human pathogens.

Schematic representation of the biomolecules cargo in exosomes. Note that the composition can vary depending on the species of microorganisms (for details see Tables 2–5). Other non-coding RNAs may include transfer RNA, ribosomal RNA, small interfering RNA, small nuclear RNA, long non-coding RNA, etc. Abbreviations: EBA175, Erythrocyte binding antigen 175; miRNA, microRNA; mRNA, messenger RNA; OMPs, outer membrane proteins.

advantage of exosomes to enhance viral pathogenesis. Oncogenic viral molecules (such as oncoproteins and RNAs) encapsulated into exosomes have been demonstrated to possess tumorigenic characteristics, such as Epstein Barr Virus latent membrane proteins, and Kaposi's sarcoma herpesvirus miR-K12 which can be detected in all individuals infected by those oncogenic viruses and in virus-associated cancer cells [99,100]. Notably, exosomes that carry some oncogenes molecules can promote tumor development [101]. Accumulated evidence has shown that exosomes derived from oncogenic virus-associated tumors evade

immune system recognition helping viruses to survive and accelerating cancer progression, possibly by delivering biologically active molecules that remodel the cellular microenvironment [79]. In this context, exosomes can be a valuable tool as biomarkers for the diagnosis and tracking of disease progression [12,75,78].

On the other hand, some of the exosomes-associated molecules can activate the innate antiviral immune response, showing that they can also have pro-host effects. For instance, herpes simplex virus 1 (HSV-1) encodes genetic material that restricts the transmission of viruses from one cell to another [102]. Moreover,

**Table 2.** Exosomes released in viral infections and their possible effect on viral-host interaction.

Virus	Viral cargo reported in exosomes	Potential effect of viral exosomes	References
BK virus	Viral miRNA (miR-B1-5p)	Potential biomarkers of kidney disease	[75,76]
Cytomegalovirus	Viral antigens like glycoprotein B (UL55), lectin, DC-SIGN, IFI16	Exacerbate transplant rejection; infection of myeloid DC; viral persistence	[119,120]
Dengue virus 2 and 3	Viral RNA and proteins	Inhibition of RNAi machinery; downregulation of Drosha and DGCR8 increasing viral replication	[90,121]
Ebola virus	Viral matrix protein VP40	Protect RNA from degradation, viral dissemination; induction of cell death in uninfected T-cell and monocyte population; downregulation of miRNA machinery in naïve recipient T-cells, regulation of cell cycle and biogenesis of extracellular vesicles	[21,81,122,123]
Epstein-Barr virus	Viral BART miRNA, viral proteins: LMP1, LMP2A, glycoprotein 350; FGF-2, HIF-1 $\alpha$ , IFI16, EGFR, FasL, Galectin-9, EBERS, dUTPase, non-coding RNAs	Proliferation, apoptosis, increase cytokine expression in target cells; modulation of tumor microenvironment, enhance viral efficiency, tumorigenesis promotion; viral reactivation, immune modulation, regulation of downstream signaling, transformation of recipient cells, promote pre-malignancy and tumor angiogenesis, epithelial-mesenchymal transition, angiogenesis, antagonism to innate antiviral immunity, and apoptosis	[77,99,108,109,116,117,124-132]
Enterovirus 71	miR-146a and miR-30a, viral particles	Suppression of type I interferon response; viral dissemination and replication	[91,133-136]
Hepatitis A virus	Viral particles	Immune evasion; enhance transmission of the virus	[114,137]
Hepatitis B virus	Viral DNA, viral RNA, viral proteins (HBsAg, HBeAg, core protein, large envelope protein, protein and HBx protein), viral miRNA (miR-3)	Immune evasion, improve transmission efficiency, promote antiviral immune response, suppressing immune responses	[106,110,111,138,139]
Hepatitis C virus	Structural proteins (E1 and E2); core proteins of the virus, positive and negative sense viral RNA, miR-122 and miR-19a, miR-192, Ago2 and HSP90	Viral pathogenesis, viral RNA replication and productive infection; immune evasion	[89,94,114,140-150]
Hepatitis E virus	Viral RNA and proteins	Viral dissemination and immune evasion	[80,151]
Human Herpes virus 6	Mature virions, viral envelope glycoproteins (gB and gM)	Relevant for viral dissemination	[107]
Human immunodeficiency virus type 1	Viral proteins (Nef, Gag), viral RNA, unspliced RNA, viral miRNAs (vmiR88, vmiR99, vmiR-TAR); viral receptors (CCR5 AND CXCR4), APOBEC3G molecules, cGAMP	Induction of T-cell apoptosis and down-modulation of cell surface molecules (i.e. MHC-I and CD4); enhance HIV replication; production of pro-inflammatory cytokines; stimulate signaling in macrophages by TNF $\alpha$ release; Nef participate in suppressing of viral recognition by immune cells and death or senescence in CD4+ T lymphocytes.	[20,96,112,113,126,152-159]
Human papillomavirus	Viral DNA, mRNA, miRNA, cytokines, lncRNAs within HeLa-derived exosomes; circRNA; cellular molecules of the host like survivin and other members of the IAP family, oxidative stress-related proteins; viral molecules of L1, E6 and E7	Inhibition of apoptosis and necrosis, enhance tumor progression and pro-proliferative potential	[86,160-166]
Herpes simplex virus type 1	Viral RNA, viral miRNAs (miR-H28, miR-H29, miR-H3, miR-H5 and miR-H6), STING proteins and viral glycoprotein B	Increase infectivity, prevent the elimination by the host and establish persistent infection; immune evasion	[82,95,115,167]
Human T-lymphotropic virus	Viral proteins such as Tax and glycoprotein 46, viral mRNA transcripts (Tax, HBZ, and Env)	Proliferation and transformation of T cells; viral dissemination	[85,152,168]
JC polyomavirus	JC-miRNAs 5p and 3p	Increase viral autoregulation	[78,169]
Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus (Human Herpes virus 8)	IFI16, Cleaved IL-1 $\beta$ , Hexokinase, Pyruvate kinase, Lactose dehydrogenase, viral miRNAs (miR-K12 - 1, 5,7, 9,10 y 11 y K12-3-5p), viral RNA, properdin, mitochondrial DNA	Inflammation, induction of glycolysis; downregulation of common mRNA targets, including those with related with cell growth regulation, tumor induction; exacerbate disease progression and pathogenesis, cell proliferation, immune evasion, regulation of the life cycle and latent-lytic switch, anti-apoptosis	[84,100,118,170-175]
Norovirus	Virions	Enhance viral propagation	[92]
Pegivirus	Viral RNA	Viral persistence and replication	[176]
Respiratory syncytial virus	Viral RNA and proteins like nucleocapsid protein N, attachment protein G and fusion protein F	Not clear the role of exosomes cargo in pathogenesis or protection against disease	[177]
Rift valley fever virus	v-protein (N- and NS), viral RNA	Negatively impact the viability of recipient immune cells destroying T-cells and monocytes, immune evasion	[178]
Coronaviruses	Viral RNA, CD9, ACE2, Spike S protein	Viral dissemination, immunomodulation, inflammation, virus entry	[27,83,97,179-185]
Torquetenovirus	Viral DNA, viral miRNAs	Viral persistence	[186,187]

Viral components released in exosomes in different virus-related diseases. We describe the viral cargo of exosomes and their possible effects in the host. ACE2: Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2; Ago2: Argonaute 2 protein; APOBEC3G: Apolipoprotein B mRNA editing enzyme catalytic subunit 3G; BART miRNAs: BamHI fragment A rightward transcript miRNAs; circRNA: circular RNA; DC-SIGN: DC-specific intercellular adhesion molecule-3 grabbing nonintegrin; EBEB: Epstein-Barr virus-encoded small RNAs; EGFR: Epidermal growth factor receptor; FasL: Fas ligand; Env: envelope protein; FGF-2: Basic fibroblast growth factor; HBeAg: Hepatitis B e antigen; HBsAg: Hepatitis B surface antigen; HBZ: Human T-lymphotropic virus bZIP factor; HIF-1 $\alpha$ : Hypoxia-inducible factor 1-alpha; HSP: Heat shock protein; IAP family: inhibitors of apoptosis; ICP27: Infected-cell protein 27; IFI16: Interferon Gamma Inducible Protein 16; LMP1: Epstein-Barr virus latent membrane protein 1; LMP2A: Epstein-Barr virus latent membrane protein 2; lncRNAs: long non-coding RNAs; mRNA: messenger RNA; miRNA: micro RNA; RNAi: RNA interference; rRNA: ribosomal RNA; STING: Stimulator of interferon genes; Tax: nuclear transcriptional transactivator.

exosomes expressing the receptor angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) compete with cellular ACE2 for the neutralization of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) [103–105].

In Table 2 we summarized the viral components of exosomes released from virus-infected cells and their role in different biological processes. According to this information, viral dissemination is one of the main potential effects of the exosomes during viral infections, reaching distant tissues, and consequently, longer and persistent infections can be better established [80,83,106,107]. In this regard, other effects like viral persistence and a higher replication may also be related to viral dissemination. Exosome-viral cargo may also induce immune suppression and immune evasion, by decreasing the normal response of the immune cells (like NKs or DC) [77,108–113], and avoiding the immune cell recognition [82,110,114,115]. Tumor induction and tumor progression are common effects of the exosomes related to the oncogenic viruses [100,116–118]. Altogether these effects of the exosomes' viral cargo suggest that exosomes contribute mainly to viral replication, dissemination and persistence within the body, with likely an impact on disease progression.

### Pathogenic and commensal bacteria-derived exosomes

The domains of life Archaea and Bacteria also secrete vesicles that resemble mammalian cell-derived exosomes and microvesicles [17]. While mammalian exosome biogenesis involves the endosomal systems, the extracellular vesicles from bacteria are generated by membrane blebbing, cell lysis or by extrusion of the cell membrane and release through cell wall [311]. Similar to mammalian exosomes, bacterial extracellular vesicles consist in a lipid bilayer that encloses a variety of biomolecules allowing communication between cells [312]. Outer-membrane vesicles are heterogeneous size particles (10–300 nm) released by Gram-negative bacteria and are formed by the outer membrane filled with periplasmic content [7,313]. Their cargo is highly mutable depending on the physiological environment and the bacterial species, and their functions are equally diverse as we describe below.

Outer-membrane vesicles may play an important role in pathogen infection since they can pack multiple virulence factors and toxins that can be delivered into host cells. Some *Escherichia coli* strains have been shown to release vesicles containing toxins, such as the heat-labile

enterotoxin derived from enterotoxigenic *E. coli* [227,228], and the Shiga toxin released from the Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* [235,236]. The vacuolating cytotoxin VacA of *Helicobacter pylori* has also been detected in outer-membrane vesicles present in the human gastric epithelium [250]; whereas the vesicles from *Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans* are also cytotoxic [196,197,199]. In addition to toxins, they can contain other virulence factors including adhesins to allow interaction with host cells, proteases and signaling molecules (Table 3).

The implications of outer-membrane vesicles acting as delivery vehicles include the modulation of the host's innate and adaptive immune responses. For example, the outer-membrane vesicles generated from *Salmonella* stimulate the expression of the MHC-II and proinflammatory cytokines in macrophages and DC [314]; *H. pylori* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* vesicles induce a potent interleukin-8 (IL-8) response [246,283]; whereas the vesicles released from *Neisseria* activate DC inducing MHC-II expression, and release of the chemoattractants IL-8, RANTES and Interferon gamma-induced protein 10 (IP-10) [315]. This innate immune response may result from the identification of vesicle pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) and lipopolysaccharide (LPS). It is well-characterized that LPS is sensed by the Toll-like receptor- (TLR-) 4 eliciting a pro-inflammatory response [316]. In addition to LPS, other PAMPs in the vesicles can activate the immune response. Vesicles from *P. aeruginosa* contain flagellin monomers and CpG DNA [283,317] which can be recognized by TLR-5 and TLR-9, respectively.

Outer-membrane vesicles can also aid in bacterial survival under stress conditions and nutrient acquisition. They can provide envelope stress relief through the disposal of misfolded proteins, peptidoglycan fragments, or lipopolysaccharide [318–320]. Moreover, vesiculation increases during oxidative stress [318–321]. Furthermore, these vesicles are also proposed to have a role in bacterial community formation and provide nutrients during colonization. For example, the outer-membrane vesicles from *Borrelia burgdorferi* contain enolase which is essential to bacterial glycolysis and may contribute to colonization [17,218]. Several bacterial species release outer-membrane vesicles containing iron acquisition proteins and receptors for haem groups, such as FetA and FetB47 (iron transporter components) present in the vesicles of *N. meningitidis* [272]; IhtB, HmuY and gingipains released by *Porphyromonas gingivalis* [278]; as well as CopB, the haem chaperone CcmE and the surface



**Table 3. Bacterial-related cargo in outer-membrane vesicles and membrane vesicles, and possible function during bacterial–host interactions.**

Bacteria	Cargo reported in outer-membrane vesicles or membrane vesicles	Potential effect	References
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	OmpA, proteases, phospholipases, SOD, catalase, Omp38, EpsA, Ptk, GroEL, hemagglutinin-like protein, Flf, $\beta$ -lactamases (AmpC, TEM, OXA-23, NDM-1), CsuA/B, CsuC, CsuD, fimbrial protein, putative hemolysin	Cytotoxic, inflammatory response, dissemination, biofilm formation, attachment, and antibiotic resistance	[188–193]
<i>Acinetobacter nosocomialis</i>	147 proteins including OmpA, CsuA, CsuC, CsuD, PilW, hemolysin, and serine protease	Cytotoxic in HEp-2 cells, inflammatory response	[194]
<i>Acinetobacter radioresistens</i>	71 proteins including GroEL, MucD, OmpA-like protein, cytoplasmic elongation factor Tu, SOD and malate dehydrogenase	Biofilm formation, quorum sensing, oxidative stress tolerance, and cytotoxicity	[195]
<i>Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans</i>	Leukotoxin, GroEL, CDT, Pal, Omp100, RcpA, RcpB, NOD1- and NOD2-active peptidoglycan, msRNAs	Bone-resorbing activity, chicken embryo lethality, cytotoxicity, pro-inflammatory response, adhesion/invasion, immune evasion, scavenging of iron and nutrients	[196–203]
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	Anthrax toxin components and anthrolysin	Cytotoxicity	[204]
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	Hemmagglutinin, alkaline phosphatase, esterase lipase, acid phosphate, phosphohydrolase, $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -galactosidases, $\alpha$ -glucosidase, glucosaminidase, $\beta$ -glucuronidase, BFT, PSA	Hemagglutinating and enzymatic activities, tolerogenic DCs and regulatory T cell activation, and mucosal tolerance	[205–207]
<i>Bacteroides succinogenes</i>	Cellulase, xylanase	Aryl- $\beta$ -glucosidase, aryl- $\beta$ -xylosidase, endoglucanase, xylanase activities	[208]
<i>Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron</i>	$\beta$ -Lactamases (BtCepA)	Antibiotic resistance	[209]
<i>Bartonella henselae</i>	HbpC	Resistance to heme toxicity	[210]
<i>Bordetella parapertussis</i>	Pertactin, GroEL, elongation factor Tu, porins	Inflammation	[211]
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	AC-Hly, FHA, pertussis toxin, pertactin, OmpC, GroEL like protein	Inflammation, Th1/Th17 response, cytotoxicity, iron acquisition	[212–215]
<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>	OM complexes including the proteins P13, Osp-A, -B, -C, -D, and Lp6.6, enolase, and around 1200 unique transcripts including 38 plasmid-encoded outer-membrane vesicles-enriched proteins	HUVEC adherence, external proteolysis, nutrition and dissemination, bacteria–bacteria or bacteria–host communications	[216–220]
<i>Brucella melitensis</i>	Omp25, Omp31	ND	[221]
<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	PLC-N, lipase, PSCP, 40-kDa protease	Enzyme activities	[222]
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	The three subunits (CdtA, CdtB, and CdtC) of the CDT, 134 proteins including nitrate and nitrite reductases, flagellar proteins, adhesins, pore-forming proteins (PorA and Omp50), fibronectin-binding proteins, proteases (HtrA, Cj0511 and Cj1365C)	Cell distending effects on a human intestinal cell line, host colonization, bacterial–host interaction, secretion of non-functioning enzymes, bacterial adhesion and invasion	[223–225]
Enterohemorrhagic <i>Escherichia coli</i>	ClyA	Pore forming	[226]
Enterotoxigenic <i>E. coli</i>	LT, EtpA adhesin, CexE, flagellin.	Enterotoxic and vacuolating activities, pathogenicity (colonization), stress relief	[227–232]
Extra-intestinal pathogenic <i>E. coli</i>	Differential under oxidative stress.		
Shiga-like toxin–producing <i>E. coli</i>	Alpha-hemolysin, CDT, iron and hemin binding OMPs	Hemolytic, causing detachment of cells from monolayer	[233,234]
Uropathogenic <i>E. coli</i>	Shiga toxin 2 CNF1	Cytotoxic Cytotoxic	[235,236] [237]
<i>Francisella tularensis</i>	Proteins of the OmpA and OmpH family, components of Bam-complex, histidine acid phosphatase, quitinases, $\beta$ -lactamases, peroxidase/catalase, SodC, FlpB, FumaA and TktA. Selectively packed into outer-membrane vesicles during stressful cultivations	Protection against bacteriophages, bacteriocins, environmental adaptation, biofilm formation, nutrients acquisition, oxidative stress resistance, delivery of effector molecules into host cells, protection against antimicrobial peptides	[238,239]
<i>Fusobacterium nucleatum</i>	98 proteins, of which 6 autotransporters represent 31–51% of the total protein	Adhesion, invasion, colonization	[240]
<i>Kingella kingae</i>	RxA toxin and PilC2 pilus adhesin	Leukotoxic and hemolytic, pro-inflammatory (GM-CSF and IL-6)	[241]
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	69 proteins in the hypervirulent strain ATCC1706 including ribosomal proteins, outer membrane lipoproteins (RcsF), OmpA family lipoproteins and DNA coding for regulator of mucoid phenotype ( <i>prmpA</i> ) and siderophores ( <i>iroB</i> )	Inflammation (IL-6 and IL-8 induction), transference of hypermucoviscosity phenotype	[242,243]
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	$\beta$ -lactamases. 53 different proteins, including MglB, HtrA, Omp26 and Protein D present in 4 strains (encapsulated and nonencapsulated), Palmitic acid and PE	Antibiotic resistance, host-pathogen interaction	[244,245]
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	Depending on the growth stages and on outer-membrane vesicles size. VacA, Lewis antigen LPS, CagA, carbonic anhydrases belonging to the $\alpha$ -class, Lpp20, adhesins: NapA, Baba, OipA, Cag3, UreG, UreF, Cag8, ureB, ureA, $\beta$ -lactamase, HtrA, catalase, SOD and thioredoxin, bacterial non-heme ferritin, GGT. 578,015 unique sncRNA sequences including sR-2509025 and sR-989262	Vacuolating activity, cytotoxic, stimulating proliferation, inflammation (IL-8 secretion), host-pathogen interaction, colonization, biofilm formation, chemotaxis, neutralization of the acidic environment, antibiotic resistance, disruption of cell-cell junction, protection from oxidative stress, iron acquisition	[246–256]
<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	Mip (Ipg0791), IcmK/IcmX, flagellin, phospholipase C, LaIe/LaIf, phospholipase, chitinase, acid phosphatases, proteases, diphosphohydrolase	Inhibition of phagolysosome fusion, proteolytic and lipase activity	[257,258]

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**Table 3.** Continued.

Bacteria	Cargo reported in outer-membrane vesicles or membrane vesicles	Potential effect	References
<i>Leptospira interrogans</i>	Outer membrane proteins OmpL1, Olp42, LipL32, LipL41, LipL36, Loa22, and, flagella	ND	[259]
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	LLO, Pl-PLC, SecDF, PrsA2, and SipZ, enriched in PE, sphingolipids and triacylglycerols unsaturated fatty acids, ornithine and citrulline, myo-inositol, phenylalanine, citric acid, and pyruvic acid	Cytotoxicity	[260]
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	UspA1/UspA2, CopB, CcmE, MID and unmethylated CpG-DNA motifs, $\beta$ -Lactamases	Binds C3 complement in serum; B cell activation, antibiotic resistance	[261–263]
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Mycobactin, lipoglycans (LAM and LM), lipoproteins (LpqH and LprG), HbhA, Tata, FbpA, FbpB, and FbpC	Iron acquisition, transference of bacterial components; immune response regulation, inflammation, adhesion, antibiotic resistance	[22,264,265]
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	168 proteins common in 4 strains, including a homolog of LptD, PorB, catalase, PilQ, phospholipase A, adhesion MafA 1/4 and BamA (Omp85)	Bacterial survival	[266]
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	PorA, N1pB, NarE (putative), Omp85, FetA, FetB47, PorB, RmpM, OpcA, NspA, PilQ	TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, activation of tissue factor (procoagulant), profibrinolytic and antifibrinolytic factors, iron/zinc acquisition	[267–272]
<i>Porphyromonas gingivalis</i>	155 proteins identified in spontaneous outer-membrane vesicles, depleted of PorA, PorB and PilQ, and enriched with complement regulatory proteins and factors involved in iron/zinc acquisition		
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Arg- and Lys- gingipain cysteine proteinases, heme-binding lipoproteins HmuY and IhtB, fimbrial proteins (FimA, C, D, E and Mfa1), LptO, HagA, DNA fragments of genes encoding the major subunit of fimbriae, SOD, gingipains, msRNAs	Cleavage and loss of CD14 from macrophage, cleavage of IgG, C3, IgM, attachment and invasion, inhibition of the invasion of <i>Fusobacterium nucleatum</i> into oral epithelial cells, iron/heme acquisition, host adaptive immune response evasion	[203,273–282]
	Phospholipase C, hemolysin, alkaline phosphatase, Cif, PQS, quinolones, proteases, $\beta$ -lactamase, exoenzyme S, 481,480 unique sRNA sequences	Decrease of apical CFTR expression, <i>in vitro</i> enzyme activities, bactericidal quinolones, IL-8 stimulation, antibiotic resistance, dissemination. sRNA52320 attenuates IL-8 secretion by human airway epithelial cells, and reduce KC and neutrophil recruitment in lungs	[268,283–292]
<i>Salmonella enterica serovar typhimurium</i>	120 proteins identified in 4 different strains of planktonic <i>P. aeruginosa</i> including AprA, efflux pumps (MexA and MexB), and PilQ; whereas 207 proteins were identified in the biofilms, including porins adhesion components, iron and Fe(III) dicitrate receptors, and enzymes (lipases, peptidases and ribonucleases)		
	T3SS1 effector proteins.	Inflammasome response, modulation of host cellular functions	[293–297]
<i>Shigella dysenteriae serotype 1</i>	Several mRNAs and ncRNAs (differential upon culture conditions), present as full-length transcripts or in a processed or degraded form	Targeted transfer or undesirable RNAs disposal?	
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	Shiga toxin 1	Toxicity	[298]
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	IpaB, IpaC, IpaD	Invasion	[299]
<i>Treponema denticola</i>	$\beta$ -lactamase, coagulase, hemolysin	Inflammation, antibiotic resistance	[300–303]
	Dentilysin, adhesins, proteases, msRNAs	Chymotryptic activity, disruption of tight junctions, host adaptive immune response evasion	[203,304,305]
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	RTX toxin, OmpU and OmpT, protease PrtV, cholera toxin, RNA (abundant from intergenic regions)	Cell rounding depolymerizing actin, cellular uptake, resistance towards the antimicrobial peptide LL-37, cytotoxicity, bacteria-host and bacteria-bacteria interactions	[306–310]

AC-Hly: adenylate cyclase-hemolysin; AprA: alkaline protease; BabA: blood group antigen binding adhesin; BFT: *B. fragilis* toxin; C3: Complement component 3; Cag: Cag pathogenicity island protein; CcmE: Cytochrome c-type biogenesis protein; CDT: cytotolethal distending toxin; CexE: cfaD-dependent expression extracytoplasmic protein; CFTR: cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator; Cif: CFTR inhibitory factor; ClyA: Cytolysin A; CNF1: cytotoxic necrotizing factor 1; Csu: chaperon-usher pilus; EspA: putative polysaccharide export outer membrane protein; Fbp: ferric binding protein; FHA: filamentous hemagglutinin; FliF: Putative pilus assembly protein; Fim: Major fimbrium subunit; FipB: Francisella infectivity potentiator B; FumA: Fumarate hydratase A; GGT: gamma-glutamyltransferase; GM-CSF: Granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor; HagA: hemagglutinin gene A; HbhA: heparin-binding hemagglutinin adhesin; HbpC: Hemin binding protein C; HmuY: heme-binding lipoprotein; HtrA: high temperature requirement protein A; Icm: intracellular multiplication protein; IhtB: Iron Heme Transport Protein; Ipa: invasion plasmid antigen; LAM: lipoarabinomannan; LLO: pore-forming toxin listeriolysin; LM: lipomannan; Lp6.6: lipoprotein 6.6; Lpp20: lipoprotein 20; Lpt: LPS assembly protein; LPS: Lipopolysaccharide; LT: heat-labile enterotoxin; MafA: multiple adhesion family A; Mfa1: Minor fimbrium subunit; MglB: Galactose abc transporter, periplasmic-binding protein; MID: *Moraxella immunoglobulin (Ig) D-binding superantigen*; Mip: macrophage infectivity potentiator; msRNAs: microRNA (miRNA)-sized sRNAs; NapA: Neutrophil-activating protein; ncRNAs: noncoding RNAs; ND: not determined; NDM-1: New Delhi metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase; NOD: Nucleotide oligomerization domain; OipA: Outer inflammatory protein A; OM: outer membrane; Omp: outer membrane protein; Osp: Outer surface protein; Pal: peptidoglycan-associated lipoprotein; PE: phosphatidylethanolamine; Pl-PLC: phosphatidylinositol-specific phospholipase C; Pli: pili associated protein; PLC-N: phospholipase nonhemolytic; Por: porin; PQS: quinolone-signaling molecule; PSA: capsular polysaccharide; PSCP: *Pseudomonas cepacia* protease; Ptk: putative protein tyrosine kinase; Qlp42: quasi-lipoprotein 42; Rcp: Rough colony protein; Rtx: Repeat in Toxin; sncRNAs: small noncoding RNAs; SipZ: similar to type-I signal peptidase; SOD: superoxide dismutase; T3SS1: Salmonella pathogenicity island 1-encoded type III secretion system; Tata: Sec-independent protein translocase protein; TktA: Transketolase 1; TNF- $\alpha$ : Tumor necrosis factor alpha; Ure: urease accessory protein; ureA: urease subunit alpha; ureB: urease subunit beta; Usp: ubiquitous surface protein; VacA: vacuolating cytotoxin autotransporter.

receptor transferrin-binding protein B from *Moraxella catarrhalis* [322–324]. In addition, the zinc acquisition proteins ZnuA and ZnuD47 have also been detected in the outer-membrane vesicles of *N. meningitidis* showing that metal acquisition through these vesicles is not only restricted to iron [272].

As expected, not only pathogenic but also microbiota bacteria release outer-membrane vesicles. It has been reported that microbiota-derived vesicles can either prevent or induce inflammation. For instance, *Bacteroides fragilis* release outer-membrane vesicles containing a capsular polysaccharide with immunomodulatory effects that prevent experimental colitis [206], but in contrast, the vesicles of *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron* passing through the gut mucosal barrier activate macrophages and induce inflammation [325]. These differential effects of the outer-membrane vesicles released by commensal bacteria probably depend on vesicle content and host susceptibility [17]. Additionally, the genus *Bacteroides* generates vesicles that contain enzymes to metabolize polysaccharides, acting as public goods and aiding other bacteria with nutrient acquisition [326].

Some studies have addressed the capability of outer-membrane vesicles to protect against antibiotics, phages and toxins. It has been shown that effective antibiotic concentration can be reduced by vesicle-mediated absorption [327,328]; however, these vesicles can also transport enzymes such as  $\beta$ -lactamases [262,284,329] that confer resistance to susceptible species, and, likely, the DNA encoding antibiotic resistance can be transferred in these vesicles [327–330]. Furthermore, outer-membrane vesicles can protect bacteria by binding and inactivating phages as found in *E. coli* cultured with the lytic T4 phage [327], whereas the hemin-binding protein C (HbpC) packed into the vesicles of *Bartonella henselae* protects the bacteria against toxic concentrations of hemin [210].

Due to the thick cell wall present in Gram-positive bacteria and mycobacteria, historically there was a lack of interest in the study of their extracellular vesicles since it was thought that their generation was not possible [331]. Recently, evidence of membrane vesicles generated by Gram-positive bacteria and mycobacteria emerged [22,264,265,302], although their biogenesis is still not well understood [331].

The most studied membrane vesicles of Gram-positive bacteria are from *Staphylococcus aureus*. They were characterized as spherical structures of 20–100 nm [302] and their proteomic analysis revealed virulence factors such as  $\beta$ -lactamase, coagulase and hemolysin [302].

Moreover, they have been found to induce inflammation during atopic dermatitis [300] and in pulmonary inflammation [303], and transfer  $\beta$ -lactamase to ampicillin-sensitive strains [329]. Some studies have shown that *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *Streptomyces coelicolor*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Streptococcus mutans* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* also generate these vesicles [204,302,329,332–335].

In summary, the outer membrane vesicles released by Gram-negative bacteria are enriched in periplasmic proteins including efflux pumps and outer membrane proteins [283,290,312]. They commonly contain virulence factors that likely contribute to pathogenesis [204,227,231,237,243]. In contrast to Gram-positive bacteria, outer-membrane vesicles contain LPS which activate the immune response [312,316]. In addition, these extracellular vesicles protect bacteria against antibiotics [209, 245, 262, 284], phages [327] and toxins [223,228,235], allow the elimination of unwanted bacterial products [318–320], and help in the acquisition of nutrients that improve their survival [272,278,322]. They can also modulate the host's immune response [246,283,314,315] and, in the case of the microbiota, are often immunomodulatory [206]. The content of Gram-positive bacteria and mycobacteria membrane vesicles has been less described; however, they contain virulence factors that may contribute to pathogenesis [265,300,301,336]. Taken together, the load of bacterial extracellular vesicles suggests that they contribute primarily to bacterial survival, colonization and disease progression.

### Exosomes generated during fungus infections

In fungi, extracellular vesicles were discovered more than a decade ago in the pathogen *Cryptococcus neoformans* [337]. In contrast to mammalian cells and similarly to Gram-positive bacteria, these fungal-vesicles have to traverse a cell wall to be released, however, until now, many steps of this process are still unknown [338]. It has been suggested that vesicles would pass through channels for their release, that cell wall is remodelled by enzymes facilitating areas for extracellular vesicles transit, or that they are forced to pass through cell wall pores by turgor pressure [338,339]. Moreover, secretion in the Fungi is particular, since the majority of proteins lack the signal peptide [340], and different secretory mechanisms may be involved including the conventional route (ER-Golgi pathway), the ESCRT-mediated pathway

and the one involving the Golgi reassembly stacking proteins (GRASP) [311].

Fungal extracellular vesicles consist of a collection of vesicular structures of 10 to 350 nm [87] combining multi-vesicular body-derived exosomes, plasma-membrane-derived microvesicles, and vesicle-like cytoplasmic bodies [339–341]. So far, extracellular vesicles have been characterized in different fungal species, where they participate in a wide array of diverse mechanisms of molecular export of lipids, polysaccharides, proteins and nucleic acids [340,342,343] which have been described as virulence factors. On this basis, these vesicles have been proposed as key regulators of host-pathogen mechanisms during fungal infections [343–346] and their complete role in the interaction of pathogen-host is still not fully understood.

In Table 4 we describe the cargo reported in the extracellular vesicles from fungal infections and their potential effect on the host. Their main effects are related to the host-pathogen interaction [339,342,344] and immune response modulation [347–350], which can be both consequences of virulence factors carried in these vesicles [87,345,346,351]. All these effects seem to be key players in the mechanism of infection and persistence in fungal diseases. These vesicles may also be advantageous to the pathogens by transporting

molecules to adjust the physiology of the host and to increase their survival.

### Exosome secretion by the parasitic protozoan

In contrast to the vast information available regarding other infections, studies about exosomes generated during parasitic protozoans' infections are limited. During host-pathogen interaction protozoans employ evasion mechanisms to subvert the immune response and establish the infection [365]. Transferring virulence factors, genes that mediate drug resistance, as well as molecules related to the host-pathogen interaction are likely mediated by exosomes [26,358,359]. Among the potential effects of exosomes derived from intracellular parasites, *Leishmania* exosomes acting on macrophages may dampen the innate immune response [360–364], *Trypanosoma cruzi* may mediate host-parasite interactions and immunomodulation [365,366], and transport of proteins involved in drug resistance and host-pathogen interaction during *Plasmodium falciparum* infections [88] may enhance parasite transmission [367] and dissemination of pathogenic material [368]. Among the group of extracellular parasitic protozoa, *Trichomonas vaginalis* exosomes have been involved with

**Table 4.** Fungal-related cargo in extracellular vesicles-like exosomes and their potential effect during fungal infections.

Fungus	Cargo reported	Potential effect	References
<i>Candida albicans</i>	GlcCer, sterols, RNA	ND	[344]
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	GlcCer, sterols; SOD, thioredoxin, thioredoxin reductase, thiol-specific antioxidant protein, catalase A, enzymes essential to glucuronic acid metabolism, urease, laccase and acid phosphatase; RNA	Adhesion to target cells, modulation of the host-pathogen interaction, host cell damage and/or modulation of immune response. Urease enhances the invasion of host central nervous system	[337,344–346,351]
<i>Histoplasma capsulatum</i>	Catalase B, SOD precursors and a thiol-specific antioxidant protein, proteins from the Rab family and HSP 6	Key molecules related to virulence, stress response, and proteins involved in vesicular transport and fusion	[87,352–355]
<i>Malassezia sympodialis</i>	Antigens (allergens)	Sensitization and maintenance of the inflammatory response. Allergens may induce inflammatory cytokine responses and participate in allergic immune response	[347]
<i>Paracoccidioides brasiliensis</i>	GlcCer, brassica sterol, ergosterol, and lanosterol, galactopyranosyl epitopes, residues of mannose and N-acetylglucosamine, enzymes like glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase and phosphatase and RNA	Mediation of host-cell adhesion, damage and/or modulation of immune response	[346,348,349,356]
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	RNA and proteins like glucanases, glucanosyl transferases, peptidases, vacuolar and secretory proteins; HSP and stress-related proteins.	Cell organization and biogenesis, transporters of macromolecules, carbohydrate metabolism, stress response, protein biosynthesis and degradation, sporulation. Modulation of the host-pathogen interaction	[341,346]
<i>Sporothrix brasiliensis</i>	Proteins related to metabolism and transport, serine/threonine protein kinases and glucanase.	Mediation of host-cell damage and/or modulation of immune response	[350,357]

For fungal extracellular vesicles-like exosomes, components including lipids such as sterols, polysaccharides like glucuronoxylomannan (GXM), proteins like urease, and nucleic acids have been described as virulence factors in different fungal species. HSP: Heat shock protein; GlcCer: Glucuronoxylomannan, glucosylceramide; Rab family: Ras-Related Proteins; ND: not determined; SOD: superoxide dismutase.

immunomodulation, adhesion improvement, and host-pathogen communication [369,370].

As shown in Table 5, the main effects observed for the exosome cargo from parasites are immune modulation [360–362,370–386], enhancement of parasite transmission [373,376,387,388], cell-to-cell communication [88,367,378,389], transport of virulence factors [374,375,382,383], effects on parasite survival or infectivity [365,390–392], host-parasite interactions [360,392–395] and less commonly evasion of the immune system [394,396]. Therefore, parasite exosomes seem to be more prone to modulate the immune system for their benefit instead of evading it, the last could be a consequence of the former.

## Mammalian and microbial-derived exosomes: a brief insight

Until now, we described the content of the exosomes generated by different human pathogens, however, it is important to highlight how microbial-derived and human-derived exosomes are similar or differ. In this context, despite their origin, exosomes are composed of a lipid bilayer containing a variety of biomolecules that allow communication between cells. Canonical exosomes (human) are identified in a range of 30–100 nm, which is similar in size to the protozoan extracellular vesicles-like exosomes (50–100 nm) [369] and the membrane vesicles from Gram-positive bacteria (20–100 nm) [302]. However, other exosomes can be bigger such as

**Table 5.** Parasite cargo in exosomes and their potential effect during parasitic infections.

Parasite	Exosome cargo from parasites	Potential effects	References
<i>Leishmania spp</i>	Leishmanolysin (GP63) ( <i>Leishmania spp</i> ); SAcP, LmPRL-1 ( <i>L. major</i> ), HSP100 ( <i>L. donovani</i> ), HSP10; in <i>L. infantum</i> HSP70, HSP83/90 and acetylcholinesterase activity, rRNA, tRNA and tRNA-derived small RNAs ( <i>L. braziliensis</i> and <i>L. donovani</i> ); siRNA-coding regions in <i>L. braziliensis</i> , TRYP1, tryparedoxin peroxidase, 14-3-3 like proteins	Modulation of macrophage PTPs and transcription factors; inhibition of macrophage IL-1 $\beta$ production; intracellular survival of the parasites in macrophages; regulation of protein packaging into exosomes; augmented number and intracellular survival of the parasites in macrophages; RNAs could regulate and mediate parasite-host cell interactions; intracellular survival	[360–364,371–377,387,397]
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	EBA175 and EBA181, PfPTP2, <i>P. falciparum</i> DNA, PfEMP1, rRNAs, snRNAs and tRNAs	Enhance parasite transmission; promote gametocytogenesis of a subset of parasites in vitro; dissemination of pathogenic material to enhance virulence via STING; cytoadherence of infected cells to host endothelial receptors; proteins involved in drug resistance and host-pathogen interaction.	[88,367,368,378,379,389,393]
<i>Plasmodium yoeli</i>	Proteins from the parasite like serine-repeat antigens, merozoite surface proteins 1 and 9, enzymes, proteases and HSPs	ND	[25]
<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	mRNAs from Rab-13, EEF1A1, thymosin and LLP protein homologue; miRNAs (miR-23b, miR-146a and miR-155). SAG, MIC, GRA, GPI, ubiquitin and cyclophilin, HSP70, CD63, and <i>T. gondii</i> surface marker P30.	Regulation of the host-parasite interaction; pathogenesis	[380,381,390,398]
<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	Strain-specific factors and small RNA species	Responsible for the binding phenotype, parasite adhesion and modulation of cytokines IL-6 and IL-8 in ectocervical cells. RNA species of unknown function.	[369,370]
<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i>	Virulence factors like serum resistance-associated protein	Human infectivity	[382]
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	GP82, GP85/trans-sialidase family, TcSMP, $\alpha$ -galactosyl glycoconjugates, FCaBP, Cruzipain, TcPIWI-tryp, rRNA, mRNAs, and small RNAs, phosphatase	Invasion to mammalian cells; cell adhesion, ERK1/2 activation; parasite adhesion to host cells; immune evasion and digestion of 'hinges' off all humans IgG subclasses; increasing metacyclogenesis and susceptibility to infection; survival, and establishment of infection in Chagas disease	[365,366,383–386,388,391,392,394–396,399–408]

Specific parasitic components carried in exosomes and released into the host as well as their possible effect. EBA175: Erythrocyte binding antigen 175; EBA181: Erythrocyte binding antigen 181; EEF1A1: eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 alpha 1; FCaBP: Flagellar calcium-binding protein; GPI: glycosyl-phosphatidylinositol; GRA: dense granule proteins; GP63: Glycoprotein 63; GP82: Glycoprotein 82; GP85: Glycoprotein 85; HSP: Heat shock protein; LLP homolog: long-term synaptic facilitation factor; LmPRL-1: *L. major* tyrosine phosphatase; MIC: Microneme proteins; mRNA: messenger RNA; ND: not determined; PfPTP2: *Plasmodium falciparum* protein; PfEMP1: *Plasmodium falciparum* erythrocyte membrane protein 1; PTPs: protein tyrosine phosphatases; miRNA: microRNA; Rab-13: Ras-Related Protein Rab-13; rRNA: ribosomal RNA; SAcP: membrane-bound secreted acid phosphatase; SAG: Surface antigen 1; siRNA: small interference RNA; snRNAs: small nuclear RNA; TcSMP: *Trypanosoma cruzi* surface membrane proteins; TcPIWI-tryp: *Trypanosoma cruzi* AGO/PIWI protein; tRNA: transfer RNA; TRYP1: Tyrosinase-related protein 1.

the outer-membrane vesicles (10–300 nm) [17,313], and the fungus-derived exosomes (10–350 nm) [87]. Differences are also evident in the exosomes' biogenesis. Mammalian exosomes of infected and non-infected cells are generated from the endosomal compartment by ESCRT-dependent and independent mechanisms [53,54]. In contrast, outer-membrane vesicles are generated by membrane blebbing [311], whereas the biogenesis of the Gram-positive bacteria, mycobacteria and fungal cells depend on the pass through a thick cell wall by mechanisms that are not well understood [331,338,339].

As we described, exosome composition varies depending on the cell type of origin. Therefore, the types of exosomes which can exist are enormous for superior organisms in comparison with unicellular organisms. Moreover, exosomes' content also depends on the physiological or metabolic state of the cells, and their microenvironment [18,30,106]. This is important because according to the cell type, the exosome content could be more 'helpful' to a particular infectious agent to establish infection. For example, Hepatitis A virions released from infected hepatocytes in form of exosomes are protected from antibody-mediated neutralization by the host-membranes [89].

Despite their origin, some molecules are common among exosomes from different sources, and between infected and uninfected cells, such as proteins involved in exosome biogenesis and release [35,312]. Moreover, exosomes derived from different pathogens contain a particular cargo including virulence factors that may have an impact on infectious diseases. As we present in Figure 1, exosomes contain components that vary randomly depending on the cell in which they were formed. Modulation of the immune system, replication, dissemination, antibiotics resistance, manipulation of the microenvironment and modulation of the host-pathogen interactions, are some of the effects induced by the exosome cargo from different microorganisms that may contribute to pathogenesis.

### Potential of exosomes as biomarkers for infectious diseases

Exosomes are now intensively studied as possible biomarkers in diagnosis, disease progression, prognosis and therapy monitoring during infectious diseases [23,75,78,409,410]. The cargo composition of exosomes derived from healthy controls and individuals undergoing an infection has been proven to be different, and in some instances track with pathology or disease

progression (as reviewed in [36,409]). For instance, exosomal protein CD81 was found elevated in the serum of hepatitis C patients when compared to healthy controls [24], and the thimet oligopeptidase A could be a potential diagnostic marker for *T. brucei* [411]; additionally, urinary exosomes can help to detect kidney diseases during viral and bacterial infections [75,76,412]. Moreover, studies with oncogenic viruses suggest that cancer-secreted exosomes can change the tumor microenvironment enhancing metastasis, inflammation, and angiogenesis [101,172].

More recently, quantitative analysis of serum by omics has allowed a deep characterization of exosome content. For example, proteomic analysis of exosomes in cerebrospinal fluid of HIV patients suggests an exosome-based protein signature in individuals with cognitive impairment [23]; on the other hand, lipidome analysis in COVID-19 patients and healthy controls indicate that monosialodihexosyl gangliosides-enriched exosomes positively correlated with disease severity [413], and selective RNA cargoes are present under different stages of *M. tuberculosis* infection [410].

### Potential exosome-based immunotherapies for infectious diseases

Due to their capacity as biological messengers, exosome potential in therapeutics and vaccinology is enormous. Their physical and chemical properties allow them to transport a wide variety of cargo in a stable and targeted manner, allowing intercellular communication [2,35]. Therefore, the possibility of customizing its content by incorporating drugs, genetic modifiers or antigens, among others, is of considerable scientific interest. On top of that, they are biocompatible and safe [35].

A wide variety of research has been focused on the design of exosome-based cancer therapeutic strategies; however, fewer studies have focused on its possible application in the area of infectious diseases. Among them, DNA vectors expressing viral proteins fused at the C-terminus of an exosome-anchoring protein have been shown to induce cytotoxic T lymphocytes immunity against antigens derived from Human Papillomavirus, HIV-1, Hepatitis B Virus, Ebola, Influenza virus, West Nile virus, Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever and Hepatitis C Virus NS3 [414–416]. In other studies, based on the principle of trogocytosis, exosomes from DC expressing the HIV-1 antigen Gp120, a major target for HIV-1 vaccines, were used to stimulate CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells inducing *in vivo* and *in vitro* functional T cell responses [417,418].

Moreover, this strategy allowed CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells activation independently of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and DC, thus, offering promising immunotherapy for AIDS patients with deficiency of these cell populations [417–419]. Exosomes containing miRNAs to block HSV-1 infection [420], as well as exosomes containing a Y-class small RNA with antiviral effects against influenza [421], have also been developed. Moreover, an exosomal vaccine was achieved through the replacement of the cytoplasmic and trans-membrane domains of the S protein of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 1 (SARS-CoV-1) with those of the G protein of Vesicular stomatitis virus inducing neutralizing antibodies in immunized mice [27]. More recently, some clinical trials investigate the safety and potential efficacy of exosome-based therapies for COVID-19 patients and long haulers (ClinicalTrials.gov).

Although extracellular vesicles derived from bacteria have been associated with immune modulation [422], several studies have demonstrated their potential use for vaccination [62,211,244,423,424]. One of the most outstanding applications is to control outbreaks caused by *N. meningitidis*. There are vaccines based on capsular proteins for most serogroups, except for the most prevalent (serogroup B) due to the risk of autoimmunity. Then, the vaccine approach for serogroup B was based on proteins from the outer membrane, mainly the porin protein PorA, maintaining their stability in a membranous environment such as the vesicles [62]. Due to the high variation in PorA among B serogroup strains, there is no universal vaccine to cover all *N. meningitidis* infections, however, outer-membrane vesicles-based vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective to control epidemics caused by this pathogen [62].

Advances in exosome research may also help to prevent whooping cough caused by *Bordetella pertussis*. Recently, an outer-membrane vesicles-based vaccine showed to be more effective than the available commercial pertussis vaccines in a mouse model [423]. Other mouse immunization studies using this type of vesicles have also been effective in conferring protection against *E. coli* [230,424,425], *N. meningitidis* [426], *Burkholderia pseudomallei* [427], *Brucella melitensis* [428], *Shigella flexneri* [429], *Haemophilus influenzae* [244] and *Vibrio cholerae* [430]. A bivalent vaccine candidate against enteric fever was recently generated through engineering outer-membrane vesicles containing the Vi polysaccharide from *Salmonella typhi* and the somatic O-antigen from *Salmonella paratyphi* A [431]. Using a different approach, protection against *M. tuberculosis* and diphtheria toxoid was achieved in mice by immunization

with exosomes derived from macrophages or DC treated with bacterial antigens [432,433]. Moreover, macrophage-derived exosomes containing the antibiotic linezolid have also been effective against intracellular methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* infections *in vitro* and *in vivo* [336].

Since the bacterial outer membrane contains multiple virulence factors including LPS and outer membrane proteins, an alternative to reduce the potential toxicity of outer-membrane vesicles is the generation of protoplast-derived nanovesicles. They lack outer membrane components, can be produced at significantly higher yields than outer-membrane vesicles, and are safer [434]. Furthermore, they can be loaded with different antigens, emerging as an alternative for an adjuvant-free vaccine delivery system [434]. On the other hand, bacterial-derived exosomes have also been studied as adjuvants. Outer-membrane vesicles derived from a nonpathogenic mutant strain of *E. coli* containing penta-acylated LPS have been shown to retain their T-cell adjuvant activity with attenuated endotoxicity compared to hexa-acylated LPS from the wild-type strain [424].

The potential use of exosomes to protect against protozoan parasitic diseases has also been assessed. DC-derived exosomes containing antigens from *Toxoplasma gondii* are protective against this obligate intracellular parasite in both syngeneic and allogeneic mouse models [435]. They are also effective in the prevention of congenital and ocular infections [436,437]. Antigen-loaded DC exosomes may be also able to serve as effective vaccines against *Leishmania major* as they produce protective immunity in mice [438]. Lastly, immunization of mice with reticulocyte-derived exosomes obtained from mice infected with a non-lethal strain of *Plasmodium yoelii* attenuates parasitemia and increases the survival time when challenged with a lethal *P. yoelii* strain [25].

To this date, on ClinicalTrials.gov using as search terms 'Exosomes' and 'infection' there are 16 studies evaluating exosomes as a treatment for infectious diseases (exosomes as intervention). Among these studies, 15 are related to COVID-19, and one is for the treatment of pulmonary infection with carbapenem-resistant Gram-negative bacilli. Whereas searching for 'outer membrane vesicles' and 'infection', 12 studies are evaluating vaccines for meningococcal disease and for *N. gonorrhoeae* infections. However, except for MeNZB and BEXSERO (outer-membrane vesicles-based meningococcal group B vaccines) [62], no other exosome product or outer-membrane vesicles vaccine has been approved for human

use by the USA Food and Drug Administration (<https://www.fda.gov/>).

### Concluding remarks and future directions

Exosomes are a kind of extracellular vesicles released from practically all cell types [9,10]. They are crucial channels of communication since they can envelop a wide range of contents, including all kinds of biomolecules such as nucleic acids, proteins, and lipids to target specific recipient cells [16,30,35,41]. Therefore, these vesicles play an essential role in homeostasis and participate in pathogenesis processes [30,41,111].

Exosome secretion is an evolutionarily conserved mechanism among species, not only mammalian cells but also microorganisms can transfer components via exosomes [1,10,17]. Thus, during an infection, host- and pathogen-derived exosomes can be found in the extracellular milieu [18]. Numerous studies have shown that exosomal composition changes during infection, some of these exosomes can transfer host or pathogen components between infected to uninfected cells or tissues and contribute to the spread of the infection [87,245,345,382]. Release of virions via exosomes as well as immune evasion have also been reported [80,94]. However, exosomes can also help to limit infection progression and enhance the immune response [18]. Thus, exosomes have an enormous importance due to their implications in the host-pathogen interaction dynamic. Further studies are needed to clarify the mechanisms that determine host protection or infection/disease dissemination via exosomes.

Recent advances in the extracellular vesicles field have shown the promising potential of exosomes as biomarkers [14,30,48]. Since they can be released in almost all biological fluids, detection of host-derived or pathogen components can be identified in liquid biopsies (urine, saliva, serum) avoiding the use of invasive approaches for diagnostic and prognostic purposes [165]. The properties of exosomes also make them attractive for therapeutics. Some studies have addressed their possible application for immunization against viral, bacterial and protozoan infectious diseases [25,27–29]. Moreover, some exosomal preparations are currently being used and others are being evaluated in clinical trials [29,62,439]. Of note, in several experimental approaches, exosomes are obtained from antigen-presenting cells such as DC and macrophages [418,432,433,435]. These cells carry MHC-I and MHC-II molecules on their surface, as well as other costimulatory molecules such as CD86 that may promote the

activation of T cells [74], although, pathogen-associated molecular patterns present in exosomes may also play a role in the activation of the immune system [440].

Furthermore, the versatility of exosomes for packing different cargo, specific targeting, and low immunogenicity, make them ideal candidates for drug-delivery systems [2,35]. However, some issues such as exosome composition, preparation homogeneity, target specificity, dosages and route of administration are critical to achieving the desired effect and must be addressed [2,61,409]. In this context, to deal with the poor targeting ability of natural exosomes, bioengineered exosomes modified by physical, biological or chemical methods are in development [312]. These kinds of preparations derived from bacteria are of special interest to the industry for their low-cost, the possibility of gene-editing techniques and scalability [312]. This exemplifies the promise that exosomes hold for translation to the clinic.

Future research in the exosomes field should be focused on the development of new methodologies that can distinguish between different subpopulations of exosomes (host vs pathogen, cellular/tissue source, function and cargo), and ensure that sample processing (isolation and purification) is standardized for its possible translation to clinics [37,52,61]. Finding specific markers for microbial-derived exosomes is still a challenge [312]. Moreover, to contribute to the development of novel therapeutic strategies, an exhaustive investigation of exosome biogenesis, sorting of cargo, and biological functions in physiological and pathological conditions are needed. Many steps of pathogen-derived extracellular vesicles biogenesis, in particular of the exosomes derived from protozoan parasites, fungus and Gram-positive bacteria, still have conceptual gaps. Lastly, although important progress in the characterization of exosomes during infectious diseases has been made, the role and composition of many other pathogen-derived exosomes remain to be uncovered.

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