

Special Issue

Tropheryma whippelii Infection and Whipple's Disease

Message from the Guest Editors

Tropheryma whippelii is a bacterium of the order of Actinomycetes that can affect almost any organ. It is responsible for Whipple's disease, and for acute (fever, pneumonia, diarrhea) and chronic (endocarditis, arthritis, central nervous system involvement, uveitis, and others) manifestations. However, asymptomatic intestinal colonization of *T. whippelii* has been described. The colonization rate appears to vary according to geographic area, age, and a number of risk factors (poor sanitation and health or immunodeficiency). The hypothesized mode of acquiring the bacterium is saliva transmission in developed countries and oro-fecal transmission in low-income areas. In this Special Issue of *Microorganisms* dedicated to *Tropheryma whippelii* infection and Whipple's disease, we invite you to submit your contributions concerning any aspects related to the epidemiology, clinical manifestation, diagnostics, host-pathogen interaction, and management of patients with *T. whippelii* colonization or Whipple's disease.

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