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# **Cutibacterium acnes** Infection and Immunity

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# Message from the Guest Editor

Cutibacterium acnes is a Gram-positive anaerobic bacterium that is part of the normal microbiota of the skin, oral cavity, and gastrointestinal and genitourinary tracts. C. acne survives intracellularly and persists in macrophages, and, under certain conditions, this is potentially followed by reactivation and intracellular proliferation. Intracellular C. acnes has been identified in alveolar and sinus macrophages in the lungs and lymph nodes. The bacterium can also invade epithelial cells and has been found to persist intracellularly in prostate glands, where it may lead to the development of disease. The mechanisms that allow us to tolerate the presence of *C. acnes* in our body without eliciting destructive inflammation are inflammatory unknown. Alternatively, conditions potentially caused by this commensal bacterium have been reported in some patients with diseases of unknown causes. The aim of this Special Issue is to report an overview of the latest research on the complex interaction between infection, immunity, and hypersensitivity caused by C. acnes and/or other commensal microorganisms that are thought to be normally symbiotic in the human body.













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