



Assembly, Structure, and Germination of Bacterial Spores

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Message from the Guest Editors

Bacterial endospores offer a unique biological opportunity to study a viable cell in stasis. We focus on spore assembly, obduracy, and germination—the return to life. Few researchers stray from the field upon discovering spores, and for good reason. After a period of illuminating molecular genetic insights which revealed the identity of many of the key players central to spore formation and germination, the field is moving on. Advances in electron and fluorescence microscopy, omics sciences, and a raft of structural biology techniques (both experimental and computational) are being applied to spores with stunning results.

This Special Issue of *Microorganisms* is devoted to showcasing the latest progress in spore research. We invite you to submit research articles and short communications dealing with the themes of assembly, structure, and germination of Bacillales and Clostridiales spores. We also welcome the submission of articles primarily focused on the control and inactivation of spores, but which additionally reveal insight into any of the overarching themes.





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