Persisters

A 2015 study examined reasons for the recalcitrance of late stage disease to antibiotics. Antibiotics were used on cultures of Borrelia burgdorferi. A small subpopulation of cells survived. Upon regrowth, these cells formed a new subpopulation of antibiotictolerant cells, indicating that these are persisters rather than resistant mutants.

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