

Short presentation

Research area:

The biofilm lifestyle dominates in chronic bacterial infections. These biofilm infections are a huge burden for both the patient and the society. Biofilm infections can occur on for example medically inserted implants, in chronic wounds or in the lungs of cystic fibrosis patients.

Characteristic for the chronic biofilm infections is that they show extremely high tolerance towards antibiotics and the host immune system.

I primarily focus on investigating *P. aeruginosa* biofilms and how to interfere with the development of biofilms or the biofilm tolerance towards antibiotics and/or the host immune system. Currently, I am screening and testing drug candidates with these abilities, using both *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies.

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Research output

Identification of small molecules that interfere with c-di-GMP signaling and induce dispersal of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilms

Andersen, Jens Bo, Hultqvist, Louise Dahl, Jansen, C. U., Jakobsen, Tim Holm, Nilsson, Carl Martin Peter, Rybtke, Morten Levin, Uhd, J., Fritz, Blaine Gabriel, Seifert, R., Berthelsen, J., Nielsen, Thomas Eiland, Qvortrup, K., Givskov, Michael & Tolker-Nielsen, Tim, 2021, In: npj Biofilms and Microbiomes. 7, 13 p., 59.

Induction of native c-di-GMP phosphodiesterases leads to dispersal of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilms

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