

Infectious origin of chronic low back pain

There is controversy about the likely infectious origin of chronic low back pain, because it has been suggested the possibility of a relationship with infection by *Cutibacterium acnes* (C. acnes). Data obtained do not suggest association between the presence of C. acnes and the clinical process and support the hypothesis that C. acnes is found in these samples only because it is a contamination from the skin microbiome ¹⁾.

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