

Supplemental Digital Content 2. Persistence of 502A in newborns. Forty infants inoculated with 502A on the day of birth (20 in the nose and 20 on the umbilicus) were tested for the presence of 502A at both sites at discharge from the hospital, between 6 weeks and 6 months of age, and between 6 months and 1 year of age. The inoculated strain spread to the uninoculated site in many of the infants; in about one-third, it persisted in the nose for more than 6 months.

Site of inoculation	Site of sampling	Carriage of 502A, n (%)		
		At discharge	6 weeks to 6 months	6 months to 1 year
Nose (n = 20)	Nose	19 (95)	14 (70)	7 (35)
	Umbilicus	5 (25)	7 (35)	0 (0)
Umbilicus (n = 20)	Nose	3 (15)	10 (50)	6 (30)
	Umbilicus	20 (100)	10 (50)	0 (0)

Adapted from Ref. 8.