## Phage therapy in Apiculture - prospects

American Foulbrood (AFB) is a bacterial disease affecting honeybees, with no currently available treatment. The infectious process begins when adult bees provide spore-contaminated food to their larvae. We investigated the possibility of using phages to control AFB, orally administered to adult bees, by characterizing phage safety, biodistribution and activity in hive conditions.



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