

Supplemental Table 1. Different prevalence of *T. whipplei* in stools and/or saliva in asymptomatic carriers among previous studies.

SAMPLES	PREVALENCE	COUNTRY	REFERENCE (publication date)
40 saliva samples	35%	England	1
215 saliva and stool samples	7%	Switzerland	2
64 stool samples of sewage plant workers	25%	Austria	3
102 stool samples control subjects	4%		
100 stool samples of sewage plant workers	12%	France	4
231 salive samples of sewage plant workers	2.2%		
299 stool samples	2.3%	France	5
432 saliva samples	0.2%		
150 stool samples (children)	44%	Senegal	6
446 stool samples	31.2%	Senegal	7
370 saliva samples	3.5%		
64 stool samples from relatives of Whipple's disease patients, patients with chronic infection or asymptomatic carriers.	38%	France	8
70 saliva samples from relatives of Whipple's disease patients, patients with chronic infection or asymptomatic carriers.	10%		
162 stool samples from homeless people	12.9%	France	9
238 saliva samples from homeless people	3.7%		
≈75 stool samples	0-83.3%	Senegal	10
≈58 saliva samples	0-8.3%		
465 stool samples	19.6%	Gabon	11