

Table 2. *Examples of long-term survival of bacteria*

Investigator	Survival period when sampled or implied survival period (years)	Source material or organism
Lipman (1931)	64	Soil or protected adobe
	10 ⁹	Precambrian limestone
Reiser and Tasch (1960)	225 × 10 ⁶	Permian salt
Bosco (1960)	16 to 48	Non-spore formers
Garbosky and Giambiagi (1962)	5	<i>Rhizobium</i>
Geftic <i>et al.</i> (1979)	14	<i>Pseudomonas capacia</i> (in benzalkonium chloride)
Bollen (1977)	54	Sulphur oxidising bacteria
Morita and ZoBell (1955)	10 ⁶	Red clay