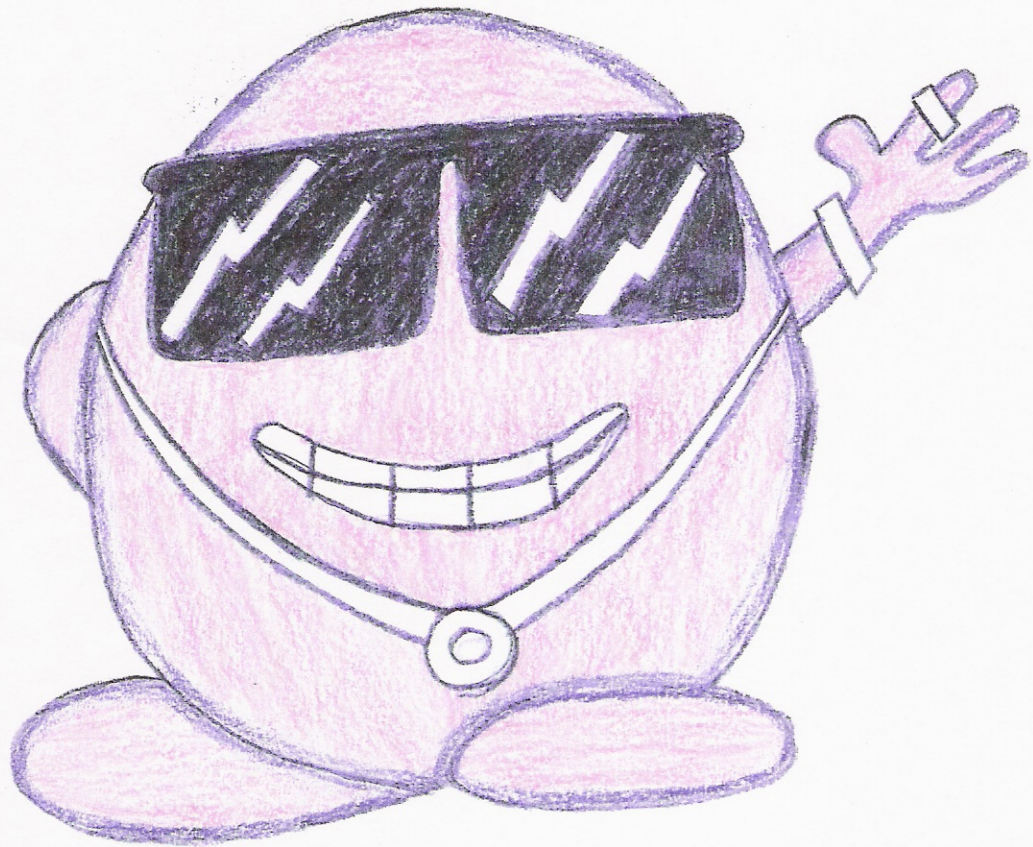


The Daily Bacteria



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GET SICK WITH STREPPY P! HE'S SO INFECTIOUS!
*Everything you wanted to know about this
Bacterial Superstar!*

Hello to all you Daily Bacteria readers! I am very sure you will find this interview most interesting and informative, especially if you are a Streppy P fan. Let me just add that he is a real stud-cucco and I wouldn't mind spending more time alone with him! Enjoy!

~ Daily Bacteria Reporter: *Rhodospirillum*

After we introduced ourselves, I began the interview:

DB ~ So, Streppy P, why don't we start by getting to know a little more about the bacteria behind the fame. Please, tell us about yourself.

SP ~ Well, you may not know it, but I am 100% coccus!

DB ~ Really? I could have sworn you were coccobacillus!

SP ~ Well, I think my bling can often give that false impression, but you're not the first to think so. And you know what they say...Round like a coccus is the way to go, baby!

DB ~ HA! I'll bet. Now, Streppy, the fans are multiplying to know: What is your favorite agar?

SP ~ Really! Why do they want to know what I like to eat?

DB ~ From my understanding, they're planning to send you a care package once your colony reaches 100,000. And you know, no care package is complete without food!

SP ~ Well, I can't argue with that, so it'd be my pleasure to reveal my favorite agar. I have a bit of a salty tooth, so I really like blood agar. It's the most enriched and I love it.

DB ~ Wow! I'm sure your fans will appreciate that! Now, Streppy, it has come to our attention here at the Daily Bacteria that you had a couple of scary run-ins this month. Would you mind telling us about that?

SP ~ Not at all... The first incident occurred three weeks ago. My colony and I had just started to really get comfortable in our new residence (33 Throat Ave, Mandy's body) and the most notorious antibiotic known to bacteria suddenly attacked us...

DB ~ No...Not...

SP ~ Yep, Penicillin. I won't go into the details, but I still can't figure out how I got away, let alone survived. Most of my colony escaped unscathed, too. The other incident

occurred last week, I was on tour and I was doing a concert at Microscope Slide. While I was on stage, it started staining out of nowhere!

DB ~ Oh my goodness!

SP ~ It was like the sky just opened up and flooded us with purple stain! I had to be rushed to the hospital and I found out that I am Gram-positive. Gladly, I got back home safely, even though I am still a little purple around the edges.

DB ~ Tell me some more about your colony.

SP ~ Well, they mostly like to be in pairs and chains: not too many who are solitary. And, of course, they're coccus too. They love to mimic the cells around our block. It helps keep the defensive leuko-police away for a while. My colony has a mucoid or smooth morphology. Oh, and I can't forget to tell you about my relatives. I have *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Streptococcus aureus* relatives. They were visiting me when the Penicillin came, but they survived, too.

DB ~ Well, I'm just glad you, your colony, and your relatives are OK! You've been through a lot! Streppy, you're widely known for your nonmotile nonsporeformances, correct?

SP ~ That's correct...

DB ~ So, tell me, why have you chosen such a risqué performance style, you being in the rapping business.

SP ~ Well, I think entertainers, especially singers and rappers, should primarily focus on their voices because the less motion, the better. My fans also appreciate my dedication to my craft, so I do it for them too.

DB ~ Wow! You are just more surprising every minute! By the way, I love your hit single 'Scarlet Fever'. It's fantastic. I also must say that your newest album My Infectious Diseases was phenomenal. All the songs on it were amazing, especially 'Pharyngitis (Strep Throat)'.

SP ~ Well, thanks. It's the fans that really gave me the inspiration to write a lot of the songs on the album and I hope to continue to make even better albums in the coming years.

DB ~ Well, thank you so much for taking the time to answer my questions, Streppy. Would you like to say any last comments?

SP ~ It was my pleasure and I hope to do this again sometime! And, to my fans, 'Strep Throat can make you speechless'!