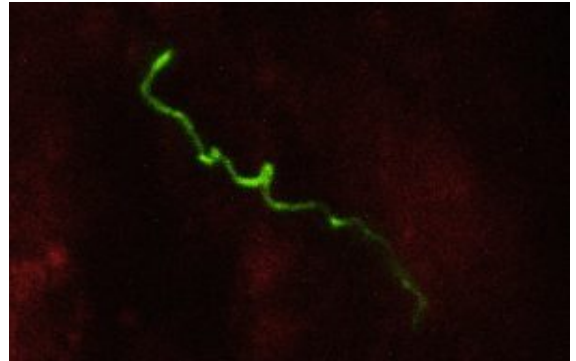


# Lyme Disease Pathogenesis- A Review



*Borrelia burgdorferi* in mouse, Photo by Stephen W. Barthold, DVM, PhD

Virulence of *Borrelia* involves multiple channels for transmission and establishment in multiple tissues, as well as evasion of the host immune responses. The bacteria undergo significant changes in gene expression and multiply and spread once transmitted to the host. These changes induce inflammatory responses that, in humans, result in clinical signs and symptoms of disease. In this review, the authors provide an overview on the ability of *Borrelia burgdorferi* to infect a host and the factors which decisively affect the nature or outcome of this infection that have been demonstrated in vivo, primarily in mouse models.

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