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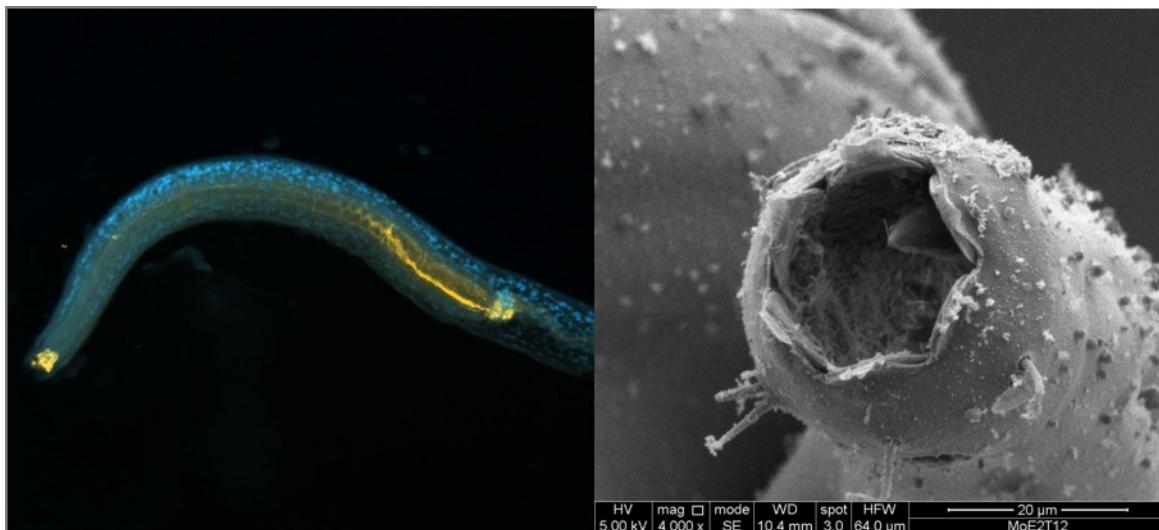
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Prokaryote-nematode Interaction in marine extreme envirONments: a uNiquE source for ExploRation of innovative biomedical applications

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ABSTRACT

Nematodes are the most abundant and diversified metazoans in terrestrial and marine ecosystems. In their natural environment, nematodes are exposed to bacteria, viruses and fungal pathogens. Although terrestrial nematodes, have been used for the past few years as a model host for the study of the molecular basis of innate defenses, little is known about nematode/prokaryote interactions in marine environments, and even less in marine extreme environments. The discovery of abundant and well-adapted nematode communities in several extreme environments has opened new frontiers in the ecology and biology of the species thriving there. Prokaryotes and nematodes are both very abundant and co-occur in marine extreme ecosystems supporting a communication network of small signalling molecules of potential utility and/or of innate defences.