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## Curriculum vitae

Jorg Brunner was born in Oosterhout (N.B.), the Netherlands, on February 21, 1978. In 1996 he finished his secondary education at the Sint Oelbert Gymnasium in Oosterhout. After a period of studying Bio-process technology at the Wageningen University he started studying biology at the VU university Amsterdam in 1997. His specialization phase generally consisted of molecular biology and microbiology. Elaborate internships in microbiology at the VU University Amsterdam and in plant molecular biotechnology at the Rheinisch-Westfaelische Technische Hochschule in Aachen, Germany were components of his study. In 2003 he obtained his master degree after which he was not fed up with research yet. He started a PhD project at the fungal genomics group at the Wageningen University. In 2005 he made a switch to the Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA) to start as a PhD student in the group of Oral Microbiology. The anaerobic oral bacterium *Porphyromonas gingivalis* then became his research interest. His project was focused on gaining knowledge on the genetics behind *P. gingivalis* polysaccharide synthesis, since that is one of its major virulence factors. The results of his work during his PhD period at ACTA are combined in this thesis. In December 2010 he started as a research scientist at the Microbiology and Systems Biology group at the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO) in Zeist.