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Table 45-5. General features of bacteriophage proposed in water quality assessment

Feature	Somatic coliphages	F-specific RNA phages	Phages of <i>B. fragilis</i>
Homogeneity of the group	+	+++	+++
Occurrence and concentration in human feces	++	+	+
Occurrence and concentration in animal feces	+++	+	+
Occurrence and concentration in domestic sewage	+++	+++	+++
Probability of replication in the environment	++	+	-
Resistance to inactivation in the environment	++	+	+++

+++ high, ++ intermediate, + low, - very low
 Modified from Jofre (27).