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Nutritionally Variant Streptococcus

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A bacterium that is assigned to the genus *Streptococcus* that is incapable of supporting its own growth on standard culture plates but can sustain growth using substances released into the medium by the dominant colonies. These *Streptococci* require L-cysteine for growth. They have been identified as an etiologic agent of endocarditis and other infections.