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Micrococcus luteus

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National Cancer Institute. *Micrococcus luteus*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86513.

A species of obligately aerobic, Gram positive, cocci shaped bacteria in the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is halotolerant, coagulase negative, susceptible to bacitracin and does not ferment glucose. *M. luteus* is found in soil, dust, water and air and is a commensal organism of the skin, mouth and upper respiratory tract but may be considered pathogenic in immunocompromised individuals.