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# Bacteroides capillosus

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A species of anaerobic, Gram-negative, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Bacteroidetes. This species is nonmotile, non-spore forming, indole negative, does not ferment carbohydrates, reduces nitrate, and hydrolyzes esculin, but not starch. *B. capillosus* is commensal and part of the normal human gastrointestinal tract flora, but may become pathogenic in other body regions.