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Helicobacter cinaedi

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A species of microaerophilic, Gram negative, helical rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Proteobacteria. This species is oxidase and catalase positive, motile by a single polar flagellum and does not hydrolyze hippurate or indoxyl acetate effectively. *H. cinaedi* is found in the normal gut flora of hamsters and is an opportunistic pathogen in immunocompromised patients causing fever, gastroenteritis, bacteremia and recurrent cellulitis.