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Neisseria lactamica

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A species of aerobic, Gram-negative, diplococci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Proteobacteria. This species is catalase and oxidase positive, nonmotile, colistin-resistant, grows on chocolate agar in high humidity, and is characterized by its ability to produce acid from glucose, maltose, and lactose, as well as by its ability to produce beta-galactosidase. *N. lactamica* is commensal in the human nasopharynx, commonly isolated from children, and is rarely pathogenic.