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# Mycoplasma pneumoniae

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A species of anaerobic, Gram-negative, pseudo-cocci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Firmicutes. This species is motile, grows best in SP-4 medium supplemented with glucose and is positive for beta-hemolysis. *M. pneumoniae* is a common cause of community-acquired pneumonia, especially in people younger than 40.