

[Open Peer Review on Qeios](#)

Parabacteroides merdae

National Cancer Institute

Source

National Cancer Institute. *Parabacteroides merdae*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86635.

A genus of obligately anaerobic, Gram-negative, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Bacteroidetes. This species is indole negative, hydrolyzes starch, but not gelatin, requires vitamin K and hemin for growth, hemolytic on rabbit's blood agar, reduces neutral red and resazurin, produces hydrogen sulfide after 5 days, and does not utilize lactate, threonine or gluconate. *P. merdae*, also known as *Bacteroides merdae*, is commensal to the human intestinal tract and is rarely associated with infections.