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# Nocardia dassonvillei

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## Source

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A species of aerobic, Gram-positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is spore forming, nonacid-fast, urease negative, catalase positive, hydrolyzes starch, gelatin, esculin, xanthine, and hypoxanthine, reduces nitrate, and produces an aerial hyphae and substrate mycelium that fragments into coccoid elements. *N. dassonvillei* is found in the environment including mildewed grain and in is pathogenic in humans, though cases are rare.