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Kocuria varians

National Cancer Institute

Source

National Cancer Institute. *Kocuria varians*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86470.

A species of Gram positive, cocci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is oxidase negative, urease, nitrate and nitrite reductase positive, forms yellow colonies in culture, nonencapsulated and non spore forming. *K. varians* is part of the normal flora of the skin but may have pathogenic potential in surgical patients.