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# Parabacteroides distasonis

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A species of obligately anaerobic, Gram-negative, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Bacteroidetes. This species is indole negative, hydrolyzes starch, requires hemin for growth and reduces resazurin but not neutral red. *P. distasonis*, also known as *Bacteroides distasonis*, is a very common commensal microorganism in the human intestine, but can be pathogenic, though it is rare.