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Tropheryma whipplei

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A species of aerobic, Gram positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species can form filaments and has a membrane that is external to the cell wall. *T. whipplei* is found in soil and is a commensal organism of the oral cavity but may become pathogenic, being the causative agent of Whipple's Disease.