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Rhodotorula mucilaginosa

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A pigmented yeast from the Basidiomycota phylum, characterized by salmon-pink to coral-red colonies. It is a common saprophytic airborne contaminant of skin, lungs, urine and feces and can colonize moist surfaces in humans, including the skin, respiratory, genitourinary and gastrointestinal tracts. It has recently been identified in nosocomial infections, especially with immunocompromised patients. It has also been reported as causing fungemia, endocarditis and meningitis.