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Actinomyces naeslundii

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A species of anaerobic, Gram positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This bacteria is urease positive, hydrolyzes esculin and does not produce acid from mannitol. *A. naeslundii* is a commensal organism of the oral cavity and colonizes tooth surfaces but may cause infection and periodontal disease in cases in which oral trauma occurs.