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Neisseria mucosa

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A species of aerobic, Gram-negative, diplococci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Proteobacteria. This species is catalase and oxidase positive, non-hemolytic, produces a yellowish pigment, reduces both nitrate and nitrite, synthesizes polysaccharides, and produces acid from glucose, maltose, fructose, and sucrose, but not mannose or lactose. *N. mucosa* is commensal in the human nasopharynx and is rarely pathogenic.