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Abiotrophia defectiva

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Source

National Cancer Institute. *Abiotrophia defectiva*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C86078.

A species of facultatively anaerobic, Gram positive, cocci shaped bacteria in the phylum Firmicutes. This species is nonmotile, nonsporulating, catalase and oxidase negative and produces lactic acid from glucose fermentation. *A. defectiva* is normally a commensal organism in the oral, genitourinary, and intestinal floras but may become pathogenic in response to underlying disease.