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# Atopobium rimae

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A species of strictly anaerobic, Gram-positive, rod or elliptical shaped bacteria arranged in single element, pairs or chains, in the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is nonmotile, non-spore forming, negative for indole production and nitrate reduction, ferments glucose to yield lactic acid, acetic acid and formic acid, and does not produce gas from glucose fermentation. *A. rimae* is found in the normal gingival flora but can cause odontogenic infection, chronic periodontitis and bacteremia in humans.