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Kluyveromyces lactis

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A species of yeasts in the family Saccharomycetaceae and phylum Ascomycota with the ability to utilize lactose and convert it into lactic acid. The species is heterothallic, with a predominantly haploid life cycle. *K. lactis* has emerged as an important yeast species for research and industrial biotechnology.