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Mycobacterium terrae

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A species of aerobic, Gram-positive, rod shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Actinobacteria. This species is acid-fast, positive for nitrate reductase, tellurite reductase, catalase and Tween hydrolysis, and is negative for urease. *M. terrae* is found mainly in soil and on vegetables and can cause disease in the joints, tendons, lungs, and gastrointestinal and genitourinary tracts.