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Staphylococcus haemolyticus

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A species of facultatively anaerobic, Gram positive, cocci shaped bacteria in the phylum Firmicutes. This species is positive for catalase and negative for coagulase, alkaline phosphatase, oxidase and urease. It can ferment glucose, glycerol sucrose, maltose, and trehalose, but not mannose, rhamnose, cellobiose, xylose, arabinose, ribose, or xylitol. *S. haemolyticus* is a commensal human skin organism and an opportunistic pathogen that can cause meningitis, skin or soft tissue infections, prosthetic joint infections, and bacteremia in humans.