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Mycoplasma orale

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A species of anaerobic, Gram-negative, pseudo-cocci shaped bacteria assigned to the phylum Firmicutes. This species is nonmotile, urease negative, does not hydrolyze carbohydrates, gelatin, or casein, and is sensitive to penicillin, erythromycin and aminoglycosides. *M. orale* is commensal in the human oropharynx and is usually non-pathogenic, but can cause infections in immunosuppressed patients and is a common contaminant found in cultured cells.