Letter to the Editor
Identification of Nonfermentative Bacilli

It is reasonable to assume that the article by Kish et al. on Achromobacter Vd (1) will be quoted as evidence that this taxon is etiologically associated with septicemia. In fact, however, and aside from the antimicrobial susceptibility tests, the results presented, "...gram-negative, oxidase-positive, nonfermenting rod...grew on MacConkey agar...reduced nitrate and oxidized xylose...indole and lysine decarboxylase negative...unable to oxidize lactose or sucrose...positive urea reaction...", are not definitive for Achromobacter Vd; other taxa that can give these readings are Pseudomonas aeruginosa, P. fluorescens, P. mendocina, P. pickettii, and P. stutzeri.

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