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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