

CHARACTERIZATION OF *Mycobacterium pulveris*, AN ENVIRONMENTAL MYCOBACTERIUM ISOLATED FROM A CLINICAL SAMPLE

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A rapidly growing nonchromogenic mycobacterium isolated from urine was identified as *Mycobacterium pulveris*, a non-pathogenic environmental species, using high performance liquid chromatography of cell wall mycolic acids. The procedure that allowed the characterization of the strain is reported and the significance of the isolation discussed.