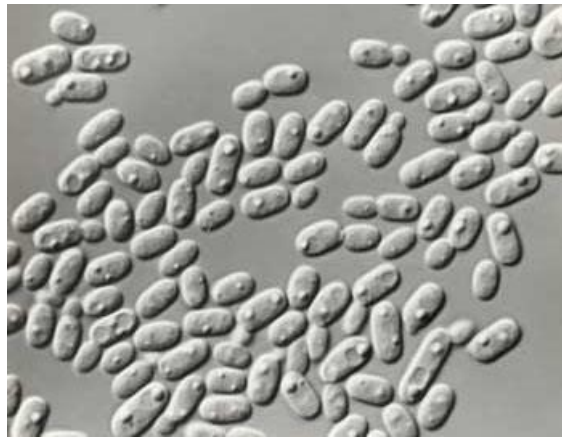


CANDIDA UTILIS

SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION	
Kingdom	Fungi
Division	Ascomycota
Class	Saccharomycetes
Order	Saccharomycetales
Family	Saccharomycetaceae
Genus	Candida
Species	C.utilis



Candida utilis is anamorphic form of Pichia jadinii, known for its industrial applications and rarely associated with disease. C. utilis is considered a non-pathogenic yeast extensively used in the food industry since it is capable of nonethanolic fermentation reactions and of using alcohols as a carbon source . The yeast shows low virulence even in immunosuppressed mice and has been rarely isolated from superficial clinical specimens and in the digestive tract of hospitalized patients. Documented cases of fungemia caused by this yeast have been very rare.