Saliva and bacteria. Coloured scanning electron micrograph of a bacterial biofilm from saliva. This cluster of round bacteria (cocci) are linked together by stands of eDNA (extracellular deoxyribonucleic acid). The eDNA helps the biofilm to adhere to oral surfaces and contributes to antimicrobial resistance.

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