



# *Entamoeba histolytica* Schaudinn

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## Description

**Strain designation:** HK-9 Clone 1

**Deposited As:** *Entamoeba histolytica* Schaudinn

**Type strain:** No

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Test tube

**Storage conditions:** See handling procedure

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## Intended Use

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## Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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## Growth Conditions

### Medium:

ATCC Medium 2154: LYI Entamoeba medium

**Instructions for complete medium:** ATCC Medium PRA-2154 (Quality controlled freeze-dried lots of this medium are commercially available from ATCC)

**Temperature:** 35°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic

**Culture system:** Axenic

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## Handling Procedures

### Handling of Live Culture

This strain is routinely shipped as a growing culture in a glass 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube. The volume of the cell suspension is approximately 15.5 mL.

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1. When the culture arrives remove it promptly from the shipping container. **Do not store the culture at refrigeration temperatures before handling.**
2. To assure viability, immediately incubate on a 15° horizontal slant at 35°C for at least three hours before observing the culture. There should be numerous attached trophozoites. If the numbers are low the culture may have been exposed to temperature extremes in transit.
3. Regardless of the state of the culture, ice the culture for 10 min and gently invert 20 times.
4. Aseptically transfer 0.5 and 0.1 mL aliquots to two 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tubes each containing 13 mL of sterilized ATCC medium 2154.
5. Incubate the parent and daughter cultures at a 15° horizontal slant with the caps on tightly at 35°C. See below for routine maintenance procedure.

**Culture maintenance:**

1. Ice culture at or near peak density for 10 min.
2. Gently invert culture 20 times.
3. Aseptically transfer a 0.1 ml and 0.25 ml aliquot to freshly prepared (no older than 7 to 10 days) tubes of ATCC medium 2154.
4. Screw caps on tightly and incubate at a 15° horizontal slant at 35°C.
5. Subculture when many trophozoites are observed (typically every 2 to 4 days). The transfer interval will depend on the quantity of the inoculum and the quality of the medium. This should be empirically determined by examining the culture on a daily basis until the growth cycle has stabilized. Do not allow the culture to overgrow. The culture crashes soon after reaching peak density.

**Reagents for cryopreservation:** CPMB-5 Cryoprotective Solution

DMSO: 1.0 mL

2.5 M Sucrose: 0.8 mL

L-Cysteine/Ascorbic Acid Solution: 0.2 mL

CPMB-2 Basal Solution: 6.0 mL

HIBS: 2.0 mL

CPMB-2 Basal Solution

Yeast Extract: 60.0 g

K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>: 1.0 gKH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>: 0.6 g

NaCl: 2.0 g

Distilled water: 1.0 L

Autoclave for 15 minutes.

L-Cysteine/Ascorbic Acid Solution

L-Cysteine-HCL: 1.0 g

Ascorbic Acid: 0.1 g

Distilled water: 10.0 mL

Add 9.0 mL of distilled water to a 20 mL beaker and dissolve the first two components. While stirring, adjust the pH to 7.2 with 10N NaOH (approximately 0.7 mL). Adjust final volume to 10 mL with distilled water and filter sterilize. Solution should be used soon after preparation. Discard any unused solution.

**Cryopreservation:**

1. Harvest cells from several cultures that are in the late logarithmic to early stationary phase of growth. Place culture vessels on ice for 10 min.
2. Invert tubes 20 times and centrifuge at 200 x g for 5 min.
3. While cells are centrifuging, prepare the cryoprotective solution.
  - a. Place 1.0 mL of DMSO in a 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube and ice until solidified.
  - b. Add 0.8 mL of the 2.5 M Sucrose solution, remove from ice and invert until the DMSO is liquefied. Return to ice bath.
  - c. Add 0.2 mL of the L-Cysteine/Ascorbic Acid Solution to the DMSO solution and mix.
  - d. Add 6.0 mL of the CPMB-2 Basal Solution and mix.
  - e. Add 2.0 mL HIBS and mix.
4. Resuspend the cell pellets and pool to a final volume of approximately 10 mL with the supernatant. Make a determination of the cell density and adjust the concentration of the cells between  $5 \times 10^5/\text{mL}$  to  $1 \times 10^6/\text{mL}$  using fresh medium. If the cell concentration is below  $5 \times 10^5/\text{mL}$ , centrifuge the cell suspension and resuspend the pellet in a volume that will yield the desired concentration.
5. After the cell concentration is adjusted, centrifuge as in step 2.
6. Remove as much supernatant as possible and determine the volume removed.
7. Resuspend the cell pellet with a volume of the cryoprotective solution equal to the volume of the supernatant removed. Invert the tube several times to obtain a uniform cell density.
8. Dispense 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 mL to 2.0 mL plastic sterile cryovials (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
9. Place the vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. Use the following cooling cycle:

- a. From room temperature cool at -10°C/min to the heat of fusion.
  - b. From the heat of fusion to -40°C, cool at -1°C/min.
  - c. At -40°C plunge into liquid nitrogen. The cooling cycle should be initiated no less than 15 and no more than 30 minutes after the addition of DMSO to the cell preparation.
10. Store ampules in a liquid nitrogen refrigerator until needed.
  11. To establish a culture from the frozen state, place an ampule in a 35°C water bath, until thawed (2 to 3 min). Immerse the vial just sufficiently to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampule.
  12. Transfer contents of thawed ampule to a 16 x 125 mm screw-capped borosilicate glass test tube containing 13 mL of ATCC medium 2154.
  13. Screw cap on tightly and incubate at a 15° horizontal slant at 35°C. Observe the culture daily and transfer when many trophozoites are observed.
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## References

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