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Description

Clostridium perfringens strain NCTC 8238 [281/50 is a bacterial anaerobe isolated from boiled salt beef. The cpa (Alpha toxin) and cpe (Enterotoxin) genes were confirmed to be present in this strain.

Strain designation: NCTC 8238 [281/50]

Deposited As: Clostridium welchii

Type strain: No Toxigenic: Yes

Toxin genes: cpa (Alpha toxin) positive; cpe (Enterotoxin) positive; etx (Epsilon toxin)

negative

Storage Conditions

Product format: Freeze-dried Storage conditions: 2°C to 8°C

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 2107: Modified Reinforced Clostridial

ATCC Medium 260: Trypticase soy agar/broth with defibrinated sheep blood

Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: Anaerobic



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Handling Procedures

- 1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
- 2. Under anaerobic conditions, withdraw 0.5 mL of #2107 broth from a single test tube (5 to 6 mL) and rehydrate the entire vial contents.
- 3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. Additional tubes may be inoculated with 0.5 mL each from the suspension. A slant of #2107 may also be inoculated with 0.2 mL. Streak several blood plates to check for colonial morphology and purity.
- 4. Incubate tubes under an anaerobic atmosphere at 37°C for 24 hours. Incubate one agar plate anaerobically for colony formation and one aerobically for aerobic contamination check.

ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

Anaerobic conditions for transfer may be obtained by either of the following:

- Use of an anaerobic gas chamber, or
- Placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system hooked to anaerobic gas.

Anaerobic conditions for incubation may be obtained by any of the following:

- Loose screw caps on test tubes in anaerobic chamber,
- Loose screw caps on test tubes in an activated anaerobic gas pack jar, or
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained.

Notes

Anaerobe Systems Brucella Blood plate (AS-111 or AS-141) can be used to analyze colony morphology and purity.

No growth should occur on agar plate incubated aerobically.

This strain is used in media testing (International Organization for Standardization/ANSI; ISO 11133-2: 2003, British Standards Institution; British Standard DD CEN ISO/TS 11133: 2003).

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The presence of cpa and cpe genes was confirmed by PCR.

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Material Citation

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