



Mycoplasma *pneumoniae* (Somerson et al.) Gupta et al.

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Description

Mycoplasma pneumoniae FH strain of Eaton Agent [NCTC 10119] is the first mycoplasma known to be the etiological agent of a human disease. The strain was isolated by Hayflick from monkey kidney tissue-culture fluids of the FH strain (Eaton Agent Virus) supplied by C. Liu, who recovered this strain in embryonated eggs from a student with atypical pneumonia. This bacterium is provided with titer data (CFU) and calculated genome copy numbers, making it useful for assay development and quality control.

Strain designation: FH strain of Eaton Agent [NCTC 10119]

Deposited As: *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*

Type strain: Yes

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: -80°C or colder

Intended Use

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic use.

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Certificate of Analysis

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Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 2611: Spiroplasma Medium - Special Modified Formulation

ATCC Medium 0988: Spiroplasma medium SP-4

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Broth: Aerobic; Plates: 5% CO₂ or candle jar

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Handling Procedures

1. Follow instructions as suggested for the culturing of Mollicutes:

PROCEDURES FOR PROPAGATING MOLLICUTES:

- a. Add an additional 5% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum to medium #988.
 - b. Thaw the vial and transfer its entire contents to a T-flask containing 5.0 mL of the recommended broth. Mix well.
 - c. Make serial dilutions by transferring 0.5 mL from the original tube to a tube containing 5.0 mL. Repeat process by transferring 0.5 mL from the second to a third tube, etc. Dilutions are important, not only for titration purposes, but also to keep culture in varying stages of growth. Many strains will die out rapidly once acid or alkaline conditions are reached. It is recommended to prepare several dilutions from the initial tube as the cryoprotectant used in the freeze drying process often inhibits growth.
 - d. Use an uninoculated tube of broth to serve as a control.
 - e. Plates may be inoculated to check colony morphology. You can also spot each dilution on the surface of plate (4 or more/plate) to determine the number of colony-forming units. Growth on agar may take up to 2 weeks when grown at 37°C in 5% CO₂.
2. *M. pneumoniae* strains are very slow growing and produce a very light turbidity. Growth in broth is best observed after 10 to 14 days of incubation. It usually takes at least seven days for the first T-flasks to start showing growth. Growth is easily recognized by an indicator change from red to orange to yellow. The cells are best transferred when the medium is orange. After medium changes to yellow, cells have started to die.
 3. For long term storage of *M. pneumoniae*, freeze-drying or freezing is recommended. Liquid nitrogen storage is the best method. Optimally grown cells are centrifuged at 9000 rpm for 30 minutes, the supernatant poured off, and the packed cells resuspended in a smaller amount of #2611 broth. To this, add an equal amount of sterile 20% glycerol as a cryoprotectant.

Notes

Store vials at freezer temperatures until ready to use.

ATCC Medium 988 Spiroplasma medium SP-4 can be used as an alternate.

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Using a candle jar for CO₂ conditions may be used for those strains whose medium has an indicator present. CO₂ incubators may lower the pH of the medium enough to cause a color change.

This change may make it difficult to observe growth with those strains that show little turbidity.

Growth may take up to 2 weeks.

Commercially available SP4 Glucose (Remel catalog # R112585 or #R20376 for broth, and Remel catalog # R20276 for agar) may yield the best growth.

This strain requires an additional 5% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum be added to ATCC Medium #988 or #2611 or SP4 Glucose broths to sustain growth of this strain.

Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

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