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Description

Strain designation: 1253

Deposited As: *Clostridium difficile* (Hall and O'Toole) Prevot

Type strain: No

Toxigenic: Yes

Toxin genes: *tcdA* (Toxin A) positive; *tcdB* (Toxin B) positive

Storage Conditions

Product format: Freeze-dried

Storage conditions: 2°C to 8°C

Intended Use

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ATCC highly recommends that appropriate personal protective equipment is always used when handling vials. For cultures that require storage in liquid nitrogen, it is important to note that some vials may leak when submerged in liquid nitrogen and will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submerged in liquid nitrogen.

Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at www.atcc.org.

Growth Conditions

Medium:

Anaerobe Systems Brucella Blood Agar Plates (BRU) (AS-111 or AS-141)

ATCC Medium 2107: Modified Reinforced Clostridial

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

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic

Handling Procedures

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
2. Under anaerobic conditions, withdraw 0.5 mL of the recommended broth from a single tube (5 to 6 mL) and rehydrate the entire vial contents.
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth. Additional tubes may be

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inoculated with 0.5 mL each from the suspension. A slant of #2107 may also be inoculated with 0.1 mL. Streak a Brucella blood agar and/or #260 blood plates to check for colonial morphology and an additional blood plate for purity.

4. Incubate tubes under an anaerobic atmosphere at 37°C. Incubate one Brucella and/or #260 agar plate anaerobically for colony formation, and one blood plate aerobically for aerobic contamination check.
5. Within 24-48 hours, growth is evident by turbidity in the broth and by colonies on the anaerobic agar surfaces. No growth should occur on agar plates incubated aerobically.

ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

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

- Use of an anaerobic gas chamber.
- Placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system connected 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.
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained.

Notes

Anaerobe Systems Brucella Blood Agar Plates (AS-111) can be used to analyze colony morphology and purity.

Presence of the genes for Toxins A and B confirmed by PCR.

Always use freshly prepared pre-reduced media or pre-reduced media that has been previously prepared but stored under anaerobic conditions. Resazurin in the media is a color indicator for anaerobic conditions. Observance of pink color in medium before use or during incubation shows anaerobic conditions have not been met and oxidation has occurred. Medium should be discarded.

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

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References

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