



Trypanosoma brucei *rhodesiense* Stephens and Fantham

30119™

Description

Strain designation: Uganda 105A

Deposited As: *Trypanosoma rhodesiense* Stephens and Fantham

Type strain: No

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: -80°C or colder for 1 week, vapor phase of liquid nitrogen for long-term storage

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.

Growth Conditions

Host:

in vivo cultivation, laboratory rat

Handling Procedures

Storage and Culture Initiation

Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampoules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampoules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the

culture.

1. This culture is shipped frozen in rat blood. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule. Do not leave ampule in water bath after it is thawed.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically inject the entire thawed contents of the ampule intraperitoneally into an adult rat known to be free of blood parasites. The strain should be monitored, especially after infecting with thawed material.

Culture maintenance: Tyrode's Salt Solution

NaCl, 8.00 g

KCl, 0.20 g

CaCl₂, 0.20 g

MgCl₂ · H₂O, 0.05 g

NaH₂PO₄ · H₂O, 1.00 g

NaHCO₃ · H₂O, 1.00 g

Glucose, 1.00 g

Glass distilled H₂O to 1.00 L

Add ingredients in the sequence listed. Filter-sterilize.

1. To infect additional rats, draw a drop of tail blood into a 1.0 mL tuberculin syringe containing 0.5 mL of sterile buffered anticoagulant, mix, and inoculate 0.1-0.2 mL of the suspension intraperitoneally into an adult rat known to be free of blood parasites. Only a few trypanosomes are needed to infect a non-immune rat. However, do not wait until the blood is swarming with trypanosomes.
2. The time for peak parasitemia may be within 4-5 days if large inocula are given. Peak parasitemia from the thawed material may be slightly sooner or later.

Cryopreservation:

1. Harvest the parasites according to the protocol for maintenance *in vivo*.
2. Spin the cell suspension at approximately 50 x g for 3 min, to remove the cellular debris.
3. Transfer the supernatant to a new 15 mL plastic centrifuge tube. Centrifuge at 1300 x g for 10 min.
4. Pool the cell pellets and adjust the concentration to 2.0 - 4.0 x 10⁷ cells/mL with a fresh solution of Tyrode's Salt Solution. *If the concentration is too low centrifuge at 1300 x g for 10 min and resuspend in the volume of Tyrode's Salt Solution required to yield the desired concentration.

5. Mix the cell preparation and 10% DMSO (v/v) Tyrode's Salt Solution in equal portions. The final concentration will be $1.0 - 2.0 \times 10^7$ cells/mL and 5% DMSO in Tyrode's Salt Solution. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and the cryoprotective solution before the freezing process begins should be no less than 15 min. and no more than 30 min.
6. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots to 1.0-2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
7. Place the vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at $-1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ to -40°C . If the freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at $-1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ through the heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately $-1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$.)
8. Store in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
9. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule. Do not leave ampule in water bath after thawed.
10. Immediately after thawing, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule with a syringe and inoculate an uninfected mouse. Follow the protocol for maintenance *in vivo*.

Material Citation

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References

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