



Legionella israelensis Bercovier et al.

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Description

- **Strain designation** Bercovier 4 [NCTC 12010]
 - **Deposited As** *Legionella israelensis* Bercovier et al.
 - **Type strain** Yes
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Storage Conditions

- **Product format** Freeze-dried
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Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

- **Medium**
[ATCC Medium 1099: CYE \(Charcoal Yeast Extract\) Buffered Medium](#)
 - **Temperature** 37°C
 - **Atmosphere** 95% Air, 5% CO₂
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Handling Procedures

- **1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.**
 - 2. Using a single tube of #1099 broth (5 to 6 ml), withdraw approximately 0.5 to 1.0 ml with a Pasteur or 1.0 ml pipette. Rehydrate the pellet.**
 - 3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. Mix well.**
 - 4. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.**
 - 5. Incubate at 37°C in an atmosphere of 5% CO₂ for 48-72 hours.**
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Notes

Legionella species are nutritionally fastidious and are inhibited by media of poor caliber, so strict attention should be paid to the quality of the ingredients. The pH of the medium should be checked when cool, and is most critical. Unbuffered medium should not be used. Exposure of medium to light, particularly when hot, may also result in the accumulation of peroxides which can be inhibitory to the bacteria.

Before rehydration, vials may be stored at +2 to +8°C for extended periods with minimal loss of

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viability. Subculturing to maintain culture is discouraged because of the possibility of mutation, selection of variants, or contamination. To minimize changes, it is recommended that cells be harvested and stored at -70°C or below.

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Material Citation

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