# Clostridium tetanomorphum (Bulk Bergey et al.

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## **Description**

- Strain designation NCTC 543 [259E, DSM 4474]
- Deposited As Clostridium tetanomorphum (Bulloch et al.) Bergey et al.
- Type strain Yes

# **Storage Conditions**

• Product format Freeze-dried

#### **Intended Use**

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in liquid nitrogen.

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#### **Growth Conditions**

- Medium
  - ATCC Medium 1053: Reinforced Clostridial medium (Oxoid CM149)
- Temperature 37°C
- Atmosphere Anaerobic

### **Handling Procedures**

#### • PROPAGATION PROCEDURE:

- 1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
- 2. Under anaerobic conditions, withdraw 0.5 ml of recommended 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. A slant and a pre-reduced blood plate may also be inoculated with 0.1 ml each of the cell suspension. An aerobic blood plate may also be streaked to check for purity.
- 4. Incubate tubes and plate under anaerobic conditions at 37°C. Incubate blood plate aerobically at 37°C.
- 5. Within 24 to 48 hours, growth should be evident by turbidity in the broth. No growth should occur on the blood agar plate incubated aerobically.

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

• Tubes of media are placed under a gassing cannula system hooked to a source of oxygen free gas.



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

Maintenance of anaerobic condition using Balch tubes:

- · Balch tubes (available from Bellco Glass, Vineland, NJ; are specially designed for anaerobic work and use an aluminum crimp cap to hold a rubber stopper in place. Needles can easily be inserted through the stopper, and the tubes can be pressurized to 2 atm. Alternatively, serum vials may be used, or screw cap tubes with butyl rubber stoppers, in the latter case the stopper may be removed and the tube placed under a cannula system that dispenses sterile, oxygen free gas for addition of reducing agents or inoculation.
- Resazurin is a commonly used redox indicator that is pink when the redox potential is above 50 mv, and colorless when the redox potential is below 110 mv, i.e. highly reducing. Most strict anaerobes require this low redox potential for optimum growth.
- · To obtain a fully reduced medium, it is necessary that the medium be anoxic and that a reducing agent be added. Common reducing agents are sodium sulfide, cysteine, dithiothreitol, and titanium citrate.
- · Syringes can be made anaerobic by one of two methods.

#### **Notes**

Always use freshly prepared pre-reduced media or pre-reduced media that has been previously prepared but stored under anaerobic conditions. Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

#### **Material Citation**

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#### References

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