



# *Pseudomonas* sp. bacteriophage Ps-G3

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## Description

*Pseudomonas* sp. bacteriophage Ps-G3 was isolated from a salt pond near Lake Chaplin in Saskatchewan. This bacteriophage should be propagated in broth for best results.

**Strain designation:** Ps-G3

**Deposited As:** PsG3

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Freeze-dried

**Storage conditions:** 2°C to 8°C

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## Intended Use

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## Growth Conditions

**Host:** *Pseudomonas* sp. G3 (ATCC 49780)

**Medium:**

ATCC Medium 1822: 1M PPT medium

**Temperature:** 30°C

**Atmosphere:** Aerobic

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## Handling Procedures

1. Carefully follow procedures given below for phage propagation.
2. *Pseudomonas* sp. G3 (ATCC 49780) is the recommended host.

PROCEDURE FOR THE PROPAGATION OF BACTERIOPHAGE 49780-B1.

To recover phage from freeze-dried or frozen vial:

- a. Prepare an actively growing culture of the recommended host strain before opening the phage specimen. The host should be 18-24 hours old.
- b. Pick one colony from the #1822 plate and homogenize in 5 mL of #1822 broth. Incubate at 30°C while shaking (170-200 rpm) until growth reaches OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.07 to 0.1.
- c. Add approximately 0.5 mL of the recommended broth to a freeze-dried bacteriophage vial. For a frozen vial, thaw completely. Infect each 5 mL culture with 100 µL of the bacteriophage. Shake at 170-180 rpm in 30°C overnight.
- d. Sub culture the host and incubate at 30°C overnight.
- e. After 16 to 18 hours, centrifuge phage culture at 4000 g for 10 minutes. Filter the lysate two times with a 0.2 µm or 0.45 µm PES sterile filter. The filtrate can be stored at 4°C.
- f. Melt the 0.5% #1822 agar completely. The melted soft agar can be stored at 55°C for up to a week before use.
- g. To perform a spot titer, warm one or two plates at 37°C. The soft agar should be brought to 43°C to 45°C until ready to pour. It may be advisable to use a water bath. Overlay the surface with 2.5 mL of melted 0.5% #1822 agar containing 100 µL of the overnight host culture. Allow overlay to harden. This usually won't take longer than 15 to 30 minutes.
- h. The phage lysate can be serial diluted in a 96 well plate in quadruplicate (if desired). Aliquot 90 µL of #1822 broth medium into each well. Add 10 µL of phage lysate to each well and mix. Pass 10 µL to each of the next set of wells and mix. Continue to the desired number of passages.
- i. Spot 2 µL of each dilution on the plate from step g. Up to 8 dilutions can fit on a 90 mm petri dish. Allow spots to dry then incubate inverted plates at 30°C. This temperature is important to prevent the host from over growing. After overnight incubation, lysis should be visible. At the higher dilutions, individual plaques should be countable.
- j. To calculate:  $\text{pfu/mL} = \text{average plaque count} / [(\text{dilution factor}) (2 \times 10^{-3} \text{mL})]$   
NOTE: Spotting the phage on plates makes visualizing the lysis easier. If phage is added directly to soft-agar before pouring plates, hazy or tiny plaques may be difficult to see. Resistant host bacteria may also mask plaque formation.

To propagate phage:

- a. Determine the total volume needed and place this amount of broth in a flask. Add a small amount of overnight host culture to the flask and incubate at 30°C while shaking until the growth reaches OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.07 to 0.1.

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- b. Infect with the calculated volume of phage lysate using the following formula.  
Volume of phage to add (ml) =  $(8 \times 10^8 \times \text{total culture volume in ml} \times \text{OD}_{600} \times \text{MOI}) / \text{phage titer (PFU/ml)}$ . Shake at 170-180 rpm at 30°C overnight.
  - c. Centrifuge phage culture at 4000 g for 10 minutes. Filter the lysate two times with a 0.2 µm or 0.45 µm PES sterile filter. The filtrate can be stored at 4°C.
  - d. Lysates should remain viable under refrigeration for long periods. They may also be frozen with or without cryoprotectant. If available, liquid nitrogen storage is the best method for long term storage. Most phage can also be freeze-dried. ATCC uses double strength skim milk mixed half and half with the filtrate.
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### **Notes**

For best results, propagate this bacteriophage in broth.

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