



# ***Acanthamoeba mauritaniensis* Pussard and Pons**

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## **Description**

**Strain designation:** SAWE95/6

**Deposited As:** *Acanthamoeba* sp.

**Type strain:** No

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## **Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Frozen

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

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## **Intended Use**

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### **Certificate of Analysis**

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### **Growth Conditions**

**Medium:**

ATCC Medium 711: PYB

**Instructions for complete medium:** ATCC Medium 711

**Temperature:** 25°C

**Culture system:** Xenic

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### **Handling Procedures**

## **Storage and Culture Initiation**

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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  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  for approximately one week. Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

1. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  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.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer contents to the ATCC medium 711 plate
3. Incubate the plate upright at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Trophozoites should be seen within 2-3 d.

**Culture maintenance:**

1. Streak an ATCC medium 711 plate with *Enterobacter aerogenes* (ATCC<sup>®</sup> 13048) and incubate at  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  overnight.
2. Remove an agar block ( $\sim 5\text{ mm}^2$ ), with trophozoites or cysts, from the edge of an agar plate culture and invert the block at the edge of the freshly bacterized plate.
3. Wrap the entire edge of the plate with parafilm and incubate upright at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
4. Repeat steps 1-3 at 10-14 d intervals.

Note: a monoxenic amoeba culture can be established in this manner using any suitable bacterial food source.

**Cryopreservation:**

1. Allow the cells to encyst. To detach cysts from the plate flush the surface with 5 ml fresh ATCC medium 1323 (Page's Balanced Salt Solution). Rub the surface of the plate with a spread bar to detach adhering cysts.
2. Transfer the liquid medium to a sterile centrifuge tube.
3. If the cyst concentration does not exceed  $2 \times 10^6$  cysts/ml adjust the suspension to that concentration. To adjust the concentration, centrifuge at  $600 \times g$  for 5 min and resuspend the pellet in the volume of fresh medium required to yield  $2 \times 10^6$ .
4. While cells are centrifuging prepare a 15% (v/v) solution of sterile DMSO as follows: Add the required volume of DMSO to a glass screw-capped test tube and place it in an ice bath. Allow the DMSO to solidify. Add the required volume

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of refrigerated medium. Dissolve the DMSO by inverting the tube several times. \*NOTE: If the DMSO solution is not prepared on ice, an exothermic reaction will occur that may precipitate certain components of the medium.

5. Mix the cell preparation and the DMSO in equal portions. Thus, the final concentration will be at least  $10^6$  cysts/ml and 7.5% (v/v) DMSO. The equilibration time (the time between addition of DMSO and the start of the cooling cycle) should be no less than 15 min and no longer than 30 min.
6. Dispense in 0.5 ml aliquots into 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  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . 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  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  plunge into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  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. The frozen preparations are stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen freezer.
9. To establish a culture from the frozen state place an ampule in a water bath set at  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  (2-3 min). Immerse the vial to a level just above the surface of the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial.
10. Immediately after thawing, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and distribute to the center of a fresh plate of ATCC medium 711. Distribute the material evenly over the plate using a spread bar. Incubate at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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## References

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