



Borrelia japonica **Kawabata et al.**

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Description

Strain designation: JCM 8951 [HO14]

Deposited As: *Borrelia japonica* Kawabata et al.

Type strain: Yes

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: -80°C or colder

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 1208: BSK-H Medium, Supplemented with 6% Rabbit Serum

ATCC Medium 260: Trypticase soy agar/broth with defibrinated sheep blood

Temperature: 30°C**Atmosphere:** Microaerophilic

Handling Procedures

1. Thaw and aseptically transfer the entire contents of the vial to a tube of fresh #1208 broth (5 to 6 mL). Mix well
2. Transfer 10-20% of the cell suspension to two or three additional tubes of fresh #1208 broth.
3. Fill up the tubes with fresh broth close to the brim, without overflowing, and

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close the cap to maintain a microaerophilic environment (other methods of generating microaerophilic environment might be acceptable, but they may impact the incubation time).

4. Incubate at 30°C under microaerophilic conditions for 3 to 7 days.
 5. When examined microscopically, the cells appear as motile spirochetes.
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Notes

Growth is usually established after 3 to 7 days. Acid formation during growth will change the medium from red to orange to yellow. Turbidity is not evident. Cells can be monitored under phase microscopy as long spiral rods with twitching motility.

Borrelia japonica is a fragile, sensitive organism that must have the appropriate medium for growth. Rabbit serum is essential for the growth of this organism. Fresh medium enhances growth. Medium older than one month should not be used. Additional transfers may be necessary to achieve good growth.

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