



# *Clostridioides difficile* (Prevot) Lawson et al.

51695™

## Description

This strain is used in the Quality Control of *Clostridioides difficile* agar.

**Strain designation:** BDMS 18 AN

**Deposited As:** *Clostridium difficile* (Hall and O'Toole) Prevot

**Type strain:** No

**Toxigenic:** Yes

**Toxin genes:** *cdtB* (Binary toxin) negative; *tcdA* (Toxin A) positive; *tcdB* (Toxin B) positive

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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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## BSL 2

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## Growth Conditions

### Medium:

ATCC Medium 2107: Modified Reinforced Clostridial

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

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic

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## Handling Procedures

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.

2. Under anaerobic conditions, withdraw 0.5 mL of the recommended broth from a single test tube (5 to 6 mL) and rehydrate the vial contents.
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth. Additional tubes may be inoculated with 0.5 mL each from the suspension. 0.1 mL may also be inoculated onto a slant. Streak several blood plates to check for colonial morphology and purity.
4. Incubate tubes under an anaerobic atmosphere at 37°C. Incubate one agar plate anaerobically for colony formation, and one aerobically for aerobic contamination check.
5. Within 24-48 hours, growth should be evident by turbidity in the broth and by irregular, flat, smooth, erose, white colonies on the anaerobic agar surfaces. No growth should occur on agar plates incubated aerobically.

**ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:**

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

- Use of an anaerobic gas chamber
- Placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system connected to anaerobic gas

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

- Loose screw caps on test tubes in anaerobic chamber
- Loose screw caps on test tubes in an activated anaerobic gas pack jar
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained

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**Notes**

Colonies on #260 agar incubated anaerobically appear irregular, flat, smooth, erose and white-gray in color.

Anaerobe Systems Brucella Blood Agar (AS-111 or AS-141) can be used to analyze colony morphology and purity. On Brucella blood agar, colonies are irregular, gray, flat, rough, and spreading.

Presence of the genes for Toxins A and B confirmed by PCR.

Always use freshly prepared pre-reduced media or pre-reduced media that has been previously prepared but stored under anaerobic conditions. Resazurin in the media is a color indicator for anaerobic conditions. Observance of pink color in medium before use or during incubation shows anaerobic conditions have not been met and oxidation has occurred. Medium should be discarded.

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