



# "*Borrelia andersonii*" Marconi et al.

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## Description

"*Candidatus Borrelia andersonii*" strain 21038 is a bacterium that was isolated from tick larvae in Millbrook, New York. This strain is propagated under microaerophilic conditions.

**Strain designation:** 21038

**Deposited As:** "*Borrelia andersonii*" Marconi et al.

**Type strain:** Yes

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** -80°C or colder

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## Growth Conditions

### Medium:

ATCC Medium 1914: Revised BSK medium

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

**Temperature:** 35°C

**Atmosphere:** Microaerophilic

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## Handling Procedures

1. Open thawed vial.
2. Aseptically transfer the entire contents to a 5-6 mL tube of #1914 broth.  
Additional test tubes can be inoculated by transferring 0.5 mL of the primary

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broth tube to these secondary broth tubes.

3. Use several drops of the primary broth tube to inoculate a #260 plate to check for purity.
4. Or, to obtain a biphasic culture, add several drops of the primary broth tube to an agar slant. Best practice is to incubate these slants at an angle.
5. Incubate at 35°C under microaerophilic conditions for 4-7 days. Use an anaerobe jar with an active catalyst and a microaerophilic gas generator pack or other acceptable method. All tubes and slants should be incubated with caps loosened.

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## Notes

A jump may be necessary to achieve sufficient growth. Does not grow on agar plates but it may grow with a biphasic slant.

Acid formation during growth will change the medium to a light or yellowish-orange color. Turbidity is not evident. Cells can be monitored under phase microscopy as long spiral rods, and their motility is observed by the twitching movement.

*Borrelia* species are fragile, sensitive organisms 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.

Referred to as the type strain of *Borrelia andersonii*, but this taxonomic name is not validly published at this time.

Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC website at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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## References

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