



# ***Fastidiobacter contortum***

**BAA-2125™**

## **Description**

**Strain designation:** CAT 12a

**Type strain:** Yes

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## **Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Freeze-dried

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## **Intended Use**

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will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submersed in liquid nitrogen.

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## Certificate of Analysis

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## Growth Conditions

**Medium:**

ATCC Medium 2762: *Fastidiobacter contortum* Medium

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** 100% N<sub>2</sub>

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## Handling Procedures

1. Sterilize the top of the Balch tube by spraying it with 70% ethanol and then flaming the top.
2. If needed, complete a gas exchange using 100% N<sub>2</sub>.
3. Add 0.1 ml of reducing agent (3% cysteine, stock solution) per 10 ml of medium. Let the medium sit at room temperature for 30 minutes.
4. Open the freeze-dried vial according to the enclosed instructions. Take an anaerobic 1.0 ml syringe tipped with 22-gauge needle and withdraw 0.5 ml of medium from the Balch tube and rehydrate the entire freeze dried pellet

anaerobically.

5. Using the same syringe, withdraw the cell suspension from the vial and transfer it to the Balch tube. Inoculate a second pre-reduced tube of medium with 0.2 ml of the rehydrated culture. Plate 0.1 ml of the inoculated culture onto a non-selective medium and incubate one plate anaerobically and a second plate aerobically at 37°C for contamination check.

6. After 7 days of incubation, growth should be present in the anaerobic broth.

#### ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

A. Balch tubes (available from Bellco Glass, Vineland, NJ; are specially designed for anaerobic work and use an aluminum crimp cap to hold a rubber stopper in place. Needles can easily be inserted through the stopper, and the tubes can be pressurized to 2 atm. Alternatively, serum vials may be used, or screw cap tubes with butyl rubber stoppers, in the latter case the stopper may be removed and the tube placed under a cannula system that dispenses sterile, oxygen free gas for addition of reducing agents or inoculation.

B. To obtain a fully reduced medium, it is necessary that the medium be anoxic and that a reducing agent be added. Common reducing agents are sodium sulfide, cysteine, dithiothreitol, and titanium citrate.

C. Syringes can be made anaerobic by one of two methods.

1. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a sterile
2. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a  
reducing agent.

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## Notes

No growth should occur on Sheep blood agar plates incubated anaerobically or aerobically at 37°C. After initial growth, growth should occur at a quicker rate when transferring the cells to fresh media.

Cells are rods that occur mostly in pairs or in chains. The cells are usually curved, and twitching motility is expressed. Cells stain weakly gram positive.

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

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