



# *Helicobacter* sp.

BAA-25™

## Description

**Strain designation:** VAH

**Deposited As:** *Helicobacter* sp.

**Type strain:** No

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Freeze-dried

**Storage conditions:** 2°C to 8°C

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## Intended Use

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic use.

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## Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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## Growth Conditions

### Medium:

ATCC Medium 1115: Brucella albimi broth

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

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Microaerophilic

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## Handling Procedures

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions or visit [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org) for instructions.
2. Rehydrate the entire pellet with approximately 0.5 mL of #1115 broth.
3. Aseptically transfer the entire contents to a 5-6 mL tube of #1115 broth.  
Additional test tubes can be inoculated by transferring 0.5 mL of the primary broth tube to these secondary broth tubes.
4. Use several drops of the primary broth tube to inoculate a #260 plate and/or

#260 agar slant.

5. Or, to obtain a biphasic culture, add 0.4 mL of the primary broth tube to a #260 agar slant. Best practice is to incubate these slants at an angle.
6. Incubate at 37°C under microaerophilic conditions for 5-7 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

The biphasic slants has to be established the growth first for 5 to 7 days before transferring to new broth tube, sheep blood agars, and fresh biphasic slants.

This is a slow growing organism that requires moist conditions for best growth. Growth at the broth/agar interface of the biphasic slant should occur within 5-7 days, but little turbidity will be seen. To observe growth, examine a wet mount of the broth under phase microscopy. Motility is usually observed only in young cultures. The presence of spheroid cells indicates that viability is being lost either due to age or too much exposure to oxygen.

Growth on agar can be obtained by transferring from the biphasic slant to agar after growth has been obtained biphasically. Growth on agar appears as a thin film with some raised centers. Once good growth is present, these organisms tend to lose viability, especially if exposed to air for lengthy periods. Viability also decreases with repeated subculturing. The cells do not Gram stain well using traditional procedures. To obtain the best results, use a basic fuchsin counterstain in place of the safranin.

Once good growth is obtained, transfer or freeze the culture. Adding an equal amount of 20% sterile glycerol to pooled broth from several biphasic slants, followed by freezing in liquid nitrogen or "ultra-low temperature" freezer is recommended.

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

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## Material Citation

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## References

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