



# *Dictyostelium unicornutum* Cavender et al.

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## Description

An ampoule containing viable cells (may include spores, cysts and plasmodia) suspended in cryoprotectant.

**Strain designation:** OH599

**Type strain:** Yes

**Genotype:** Not available

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

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

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## Intended Use

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## BSL 1

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### **Growth Conditions**

**Medium:**

ATCC Medium 579: LY Agar for Filobasidium

ATCC Medium 2432: wMY (weak Malt Yeast Extract)

ATCC Medium 2219: Corn meal agar, half-strength

**Temperature:** 20-25°C

**Atmosphere:** Aerobic

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### **Handling Procedures**

**Frozen ampoules** packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampoules

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may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampoules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

1. One day prior to inoculation streak center of agar medium with a large X of live food source and incubate at 25°C to 30°C. Several replicates are recommended for optimum results.
2. To thaw a frozen ampoule, place in a **25°C to 30°C** water bath, until just thawed (**approximately 5 minutes**). Immerse the ampoule just sufficient to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampoule.
3. Immediately after thawing, wipe down ampoule with 70% ethanol and aseptically transfer a few drops of inoculum onto the medium containing food source directly at center of X.
4. Incubate the culture at the propagation conditions recommended.
5. Inspect for growth of the inoculum/strain regularly. Viability is typically noticeable after 7 - 10 days of incubation. However, the time necessary for significant growth will vary from strain to strain.

**Morphology:** On LY agar after 10 days at 20°C, Sorocarps solitary to loosely clustered and erect.

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### **Notes**

Type strain of the species.

Grown in two-member culture with *Escherichia coli* ATCCC<sup>®</sup> 23437 as food source.

Exposure to low light may also benefit growth.

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