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## **Description**

Strain designation: MX1

Type strain: No

### **Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Frozen

Storage conditions: -80°C or colder for 1 week, vapor phase of liquid nitrogen for

long-term storage

#### Intended Use

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ATCC highly recommends that appropriate personal protective equipment is always used when handling vials. For cultures that require storage in liquid nitrogen, it is important to note that some vials may leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and 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.

### Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at www.atcc.org.

#### **Growth Conditions**

**Medium:** 

ATCC Medium 1525: Seawater 802 medium

Instructions for complete medium: ATCC Medium 1525 uninoculated with any feeder

bacteria

Temperature: 25°C

# Handling Procedures

#### **Storage and Culture Initiation**

Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any** 

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**-20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

- 1. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule. Do not leave ampule in water bath after it is thawed.
- 2. Add the thawed contents to a T-25 flask containing 10 mL of uninoculated ATCC medium 1525.
- 3. Incubate with the cap tightly sealed at 25°C.

#### **Culture maintenance:**

Subculture every two weeks to a fresh T-25 flask of uninoculated medium in the following manner:

- 1. Vigorously agitate the flask (or scrape the flask bottom using a sterile cell scraper) and aseptically transfer 0.5 mL from a growing culture to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10.0 mL of uninoculated ATCC medium 1525.
- 2. Incubate flask at 25°C with the cap on tightly.

#### Reagents for cryopreservation: Cryoprotective Solution

DMS0: 2.0 mL

Fresh growth medium w/o bacteria: 8.0 mL

#### **Cryopreservation:**

#### **Harvesting and Preservation**

- 1. Mix the components in the order listed. When the medium is added to the DMSO the solution will warm up due to chemical heat.
- 2. Harvest cells from a culture that is at or near peak density by filtration and centrifugation at  $800 \times g$  for 5 min.
- 3. Adjust the concentration of cells at least 2 x  $10^6$ /mL in fresh medium.
- 4. Mix the cell preparation and the cryoprotective solution in equal portions.
- 5. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 mL to 2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
- 6. Place vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at 1°C/min to -40°C. If freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at -1 C/min through heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge

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- ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.)
- 7. Ampules are stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
- 8. To establish a culture from the frozen state place the vial in a 35°C water bath. Immerse the vial to a level just above the surface of the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial. Immediately after thawing, do not leave in water bath, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and inoculate into a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10 mL uninoculated ATCC medium 1525.
- 9. Incubate at 25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.
- 10. Once the culture is established, vigorously agitate the flask and aseptically transfer 0.5 mL to 10.0 mL of uninoculated ATCC medium 1525.
- 11. Follow the protocol for maintenance of culture.

#### Notes

This culture should only be fed a single species of feeder bacterium, *Flavobacterium* sp., which is included in the culture.

#### Material Citation

If use of this material results in a scientific publication, please cite the material in the following manner: *Monosiga brevicollis* Ruinen (ATCC PRA-258)

### References

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