



# *Trypanosoma brucei* Plimmer and Bradford

PRA-382™

## Description

*Trypanosoma brucei* strain Lister 427 VSG 221 bloodstream form is a parasitic protozoan with applications in vector-borne disease research. This strain expresses variant surface glycoprotein (VSG) 221.

**Strain designation:** Lister 427 VSG 221 bloodstream form

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

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

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## Intended Use

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## BSL 2

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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 3022: ATCC Medium: 3022 Modified HMI-11

ATCC Medium 2834: Modified HMI-9 Medium

**Instructions for complete medium: Media:** Modified HMI-11

**Alternative Media:** Modified HMI-9 medium

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** 95% Air, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

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## 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 circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

1. To thaw a frozen ampule, place in a 35°C water bath, until thawed (2-3 min). Immerse the ampule just sufficiently to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampule.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer contents to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10.0 mL of growth medium. Incubate at 37°C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

**Culture maintenance:**

1. Agitate a culture at or near peak density and aseptically transfer 0.5-1 mL to a new tissue culture flask with fresh growth medium.
2. Incubate at 37°C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.
3. Transfer the culture every 3-7 days as described in steps 1-2. The transfer interval will depend on the quantity of the inoculum and the quality of the medium. This should be empirically determined by examining the culture on a daily basis until the growth cycle has stabilized.

**Cryopreservation:**

1. Harvest cells from a culture which is at or near peak density by centrifugation at ~800 x g for 5 min.
2. Adjust concentration of cells to 0.5–1.0 x 10<sup>7</sup>/mL in fresh growth medium. If the concentration is too low, centrifuge at ~800 x g for 5 minutes and resuspend the cell pellet with a volume of supernatant to yield the desired concentration.
3. While cells are centrifuging, prepare a 20% (v/v) solution of sterile glycerol in fresh growth medium.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the glycerol solution in equal portions. The final concentration will be 2.5-5 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/mL in 10% glycerol. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and glycerol stock solution before the freezing process is begun should be no less than 15 min and no more than 30 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryovials.
6. Place the ampules in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.) 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.

7. Store in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
8. 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.
9. Remove the vial from the water bath immediately after thawing. Aseptically transfer the contents of the ampule into 10 mL of fresh growth medium.
10. Incubate at 37°C under 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.
11. Maintain as described above.

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## Material Citation

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## References

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