



# *Chlamydia pneumoniae* Grayston et al.

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## Description

*Chlamydia pneumoniae* TWAR strain 2023 is propagated in HEp-2 cells (ATCC CCL-23).

This bacterial strain was isolated from the nasopharynx of a human patient with pneumonia and can be used in infectious disease and respiratory disease research.

**Strain designation:** TWAR strain 2023

**Deposited As:** *Chlamydia pneumoniae* Grayston et al.

**Type strain:** No

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** -70°C or colder

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## Intended Use

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## BSL 2

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## Growth Conditions

**Host:** HEp-2 (ATCC CCL-23)

**Effects:** CPE; cytoplasmic inclusions

**Complete medium:** Agent growth medium: DMEM (4.5 mg/mL glucose) + 10% prescreened FBS (Biowhittaker 14-02E) + 2 µg/mL Cycloheximide + 10 mM HEPES

**Temperature:** 35-37°C

**Recommendations for infection:** For best results cells should be 24 to 48 hours old and 80%-95% confluent.

**Incubation:** 2-3 days at 35°C to 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere in air.

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## Handling Procedures

**Mycoplasma contamination:** Detected

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## Notes

This preparation has tested positive for *Mycoplasma* contamination.

Note that activities with high potential for aerosol production require BSL-3 facilities and practices.

Forms intracellular inclusions that react with specific anti-*C. pneumoniae* monoclonal antibodies and monoclonal antibodies directed against the chlamydia LPS.

Inclusions will not stain with iodine or monoclonal antibodies against the MOMP of *C. trachomatis*. Infection is enhanced by centrifugation and use of cycloheximide (1 to 2 µg/mL) in medium.

Suggested protocol for propagation: Add glass beads and vortex preparation to disrupt cells. Infect monolayer with disrupted material. Centrifuge at 3000 x rpm (750 x g) for 1 hour.

Feed with fresh growth medium containing FBS prescreened for *Chlamydia* antibodies and 1-2 µg/mL cycloheximide. Incubate at 37°C for 72 hours.

Infection is enhanced by centrifugation and use of cycloheximide (1 to 2 µg/mL) in medium.

**Key Abbreviations:** °C, Degrees Celsius; CO<sub>2</sub>, Carbon dioxide; CPE, Cytopathic effect; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium; FBS, Fetal bovine serum; MRC-5, Human embryonic lung cells

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## References

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