



Blastocystis hominis

Brumpt

50752™

Description

Deposited As: *Blastocystis hominis* Brumpt

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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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 1671: Blastocystis egg medium

Temperature: 35°C**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic**Culture system:** Axenic

Handling Procedures

Culture maintenance:

1. When the culture has reached or is near peak density remove the growing culture, without agitation from the anaerobic jar and immediately screw the caps down tightly.

2. The strain grows at the bottom of the liquid overlay as a dense mass of cells. Carefully introduce a sterile Pasteur pipette aseptically through the liquid overlay-air interface (avoid expulsion of air bubbles) and move the tip of the pipette to the cell mass, aspirate approximately one third of the mass into the pipette. Tighten the cap immediately unless placing the tube directly into an anaerobic jar.
3. Inoculate a fresh tube of reduced ATCC medium 1671. Place the freshly inoculated tube into the anaerobic jar with the caps loosened one full turn, prepare the GasPak, and quickly seal the jar. Incubate at 35°C.
4. Subculture every 2-3 days.

Cryopreservation:

1. Two to three days in advance, prepare a 14% (v/v) sterile glycerol plus 14% (v/v) sterile DMSO solution in Stone's Modification of Locke's Solution in the following manner:
 - a) Combine 0.84 ml of sterile glycerol and 0.84 ml of sterile DMSO in a 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube. Chemical heat will be liberated from this combination so allow the solution to cool to room temperature.
 - b) To the glycerol/DMSO solution add 4.32 ml of Stone's Modification of Locke's Solution. Mix by inverting several times.
 - c) Loosen the cap one full turn and place in an anaerobic jar with an anaerobic GasPak for 2-3 days.
2. When the test tube cultures are at or near peak density remove the tubes from the anaerobic jar and immediately screw the caps on tightly. One by one gently remove the cells from the bottom of the egg medium slants and pool in a single 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube (work quickly to avoid prolonged exposure to air).
3. Adjust the concentration to $1.0-2.0 \times 10^7$ cells/ml using overlay from a reduced tube of medium. If the concentration of cells is too low centrifuge at 500 X g for 5 minutes. Adjust the volume of supernatant to yield the desired final cell concentration.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the cryoprotective agent, prepared in step 1, in equal portions. Thus, the final concentration will equal 7% (v/v) glycerol, 7% (v/v) DMSO and $5.0 \times 10^6 - 1.0 \times 10^7$ cells/ml. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and DMSO stock solution

- before the freezing process is begun should be no less than 15 min and no longer than 30 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 ml aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 ml sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
 6. Place the vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at $-1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ to -40°C . If the freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at $-1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ through the heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge 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 ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately $-1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$.)
 7. The frozen preparations should be stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator. Frozen preparations stored below -130°C are stable indefinitely. Those stored at temperatures above -130°C are progressively less stable as the storage temperature is elevated.
 8. Before thawing an ampule do the following. Loosen caps one full turn and place tubes containing ATCC medium 1671 and 25% HIHS in an anaerobic jar. Add a BBL GasPak (one anaerobic system GasPak per BBL GasPak 100 anaerobic culture jar). Close the vessel securely and incubate at 35°C for at least 48 hours. The palladium catalyst in the GasPak jar should be replaced biweekly with fresh catalyst.
 9. Thaw the frozen ampule in a 35°C water bath without agitation until all of the contents are liquid (about 2-3 minutes).
 10. Aseptically and gently, lower a sterile Pasteur pipette from which the air has been expelled to the bottom of the liquid in the ampule and slowly aspirate the entire contents into the pipette. Be careful to minimize agitation of the fluid and so not introduce air bubbles from the tip of the pipette.
 11. With the cap of the test tube loosened one full turn place it in an anaerobic jar containing a BBL GasPak and incubate at 35°C for at least 48 hours.
 12. Subculture every 2-3 days.

Material Citation

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References

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