Description

This NGS Standard is a mock microbial community that can be used as a spike-in control for 16S rRNA and shotgun metagenomic sequencing assays. This product comprises three fully characterized and authenticated ATCC® Genuine Cultures that contain unique synthetic 16S tags incorporated into the bacterial genome. Each tag consists of four artificial variable regions (corresponding to V1 through V4 of 16S rRNA gene) flanked by conserved regions for PCR amplification.

Components:
33.3% *Escherichia coli* with Tag 1
33.3% *Clostridium perfringens* with Tag 2
33.3% *Staphylococcus aureus* with Tag 3

Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Freeze-dried
**Storage conditions:** 2°C to 8°C

Intended Use

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic 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.

### Handling Procedures

1. Customers should rehydrate the lyophilized pellet with the appropriate volume of cold PBS to achieve the desired concentration of cells/µL.
2. Allow the pellet to dissolve at least for two minutes; keep the vial on ice to prevent cell lysis.
3. After reconstitution, mix the product gently and aliquot as needed.
4. Centrifuge for 10 min at 10,000 x g at 4°C.
5. Carefully discard the supernatant without disrupting the pellet.
6. Use the pellet for DNA extraction immediately or freeze the pellet for use at a later time.

Material Citation

If use of this material results in a scientific publication, please cite the material in the following manner: 3 Strain Tagged Whole Cell Even Mix (ATCC MSA-2014)

References

References and other information relating to this material are available at www.atcc.org.

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