Cryptococcus gattii (Vanbreuseghem et Takashio) Kwon-Chung et Boekhout

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Description

An ampoule containing viable cells (yeast cells, spores, or agar cubes with mycelia) suspended in cryoprotectant.

Strain designation: MF34
Deposited As: *Cryptococcus gattii* (Vanbreuseghem et Takashio) Kwon-Chung et Boekhout
Type strain: No
Mating type: alpha
Genotype: VGV

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen
Storage conditions: -80°C or colder

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Medium:
ATCC Medium 28: Emmons' modification of Sabouraud's agar/broth
ATCC Medium 200: YM agar or YM broth
ATCC Medium 324: Malt extract agar
Temperature: 25-30°C
Atmosphere: Aerobic

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Handling Procedures

Frozen ampoules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampoules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampoules 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 ampoule, place in a **25°C to 30°C** water bath, until just thawed (**approximately 5 minutes**). Immerse the ampoule just sufficient to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampoule.
2. Immediately after thawing, wipe down ampoule with 70% ethanol and aseptically transfer at least 50 µL (or 2-3 agar cubes) of the content onto a plate or broth with medium recommended.
3. Incubate the inoculum/strain at the temperature and conditions recommended. Inspect for growth of the inoculum/strain regularly. The sign of viability is noticeable typically after 1-2 days of incubation. However, the time necessary for significant growth will vary from strain to strain.

Notes

Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

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