An ampoule containing viable cells (may include spores and mycelia) suspended in cryoprotectant.

**Recommended Procedure**

**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 it in a 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 3-5 days of incubation. However, the time necessary for significant growth will vary from strain to strain.

**Notes**

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**DNA Sequence**

18S ribosomal RNA gene, partial sequence; internal transcribed spacer 1, 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene, and internal transcribed spacer 2, complete sequence; and 28S ribosomal RNA gene, partial sequence.

**Citation of Strain**

If use of this culture results in a scientific publication, it should be cited in that manuscript in the following manner: *Blakeslea trispora* (ATCC® 14271™)
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Biosafety Level: 1

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