



Product Sheet

# *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* (ATCC® 15531™)

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Storage Temp.  
**Frozen: -80°C or colder**  
**Freeze-Dried: 2°C to 8°C**  
**Live Culture: See Propagation Section**

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

## Intended Use

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## Description

**Designation:** FH strain of Eaton Agent [NCTC 10119]

**Deposited Name:** *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* Somerson et al.

**Product Description:** Type strain. This organism is the first *Mycoplasma* known to be the etiological agent of a human disease.

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 2611: *Spiroplasma* medium

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Broth: Aerobic; Agar: 5% CO<sub>2</sub> or candle jar

### Propagation Procedure

1. Follow instructions as suggested for the culturing of *Mollicutes*:

#### PROCEDURES FOR PROPAGATING MOLLICUTES:

- a. Open the vial according to the enclosed instructions.
  - b. Using a Pasteur or 1.0 mL pipette, withdraw approximately 0.5 to 1.0 mL from a tube containing 2.5 mL of the recommended broth. Rehydrate the entire pellet.
  - c. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the tube. Mix well.
  - d. Make serial dilutions by transferring 0.25 mL from the original tube to a tube containing 2.5 mL. Repeat process by transferring 0.25 mL from the second to a third tube, etc. Dilutions are important, not only for titration purposes, but also to keep culture in varying stages of growth. Many strains will die out rapidly once acid or alkaline conditions are reached. It is recommended to prepare several dilutions from the initial tube as the cryoprotectant used in the freeze drying process often inhibits growth.
  - e. Use an uninoculated tube of broth to serve as a control.
  - f. Plates may be inoculated to check colony morphology. You can also spot each dilution on the surface of plate (4 or more/plate) to determine the number of colony-forming units. Growth on agar may take up to 2 weeks when grown at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.
2. *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* strains are very slow growing and produce a very light turbidity. Growth in broth is best observed after 10 to 14 days of incubation. It usually takes at least seven days for the first tubes to start showing growth. Growth is easily recognized by an indicator change from red to orange to yellow. The cells are best transferred when the medium is orange. After medium changes to yellow, cells have started to die.
  3. For long term storage of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, freeze-drying or freezing is recommended. Liquid nitrogen storage is the best method. Optimally grown cells are centrifuged at 9000 rpm for 30 minutes, the supernatant poured off, and the packed cells resuspended in a smaller amount of #2611 broth. To this, add an equal amount of sterile 20% glycerol as a cryoprotectant. This suspension is aliquoted into small plastic vials and stored at -70°C or colder.

## Notes

Growth may take up to 2 weeks.

Store vials at freezer temperatures until ready to use.

We have found that using a *candle jar* for CO<sub>2</sub> conditions works better for those strains whose medium has an indicator present. CO<sub>2</sub> incubators may lower the pH of the medium enough to cause a color change. This change may make it difficult to observe growth with those strains that show little turbidity.

Purified genomic DNA of this strain is available as ATCC® 15531D™.

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## References

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