**Designation:** E194b (Variant a)
**Deposited Name:** Bifidobacterium longum Reuter

**Product Description:** Type strain. Formerly Bifidobacterium longum. Produces restriction endonuclease BloI.

**Medium**
ATCC® Medium 2107: Modified Reinforced Clostridial
ATCC® Medium 260: Trypticase soy agar/broth with defibrinated sheep blood

**Growth Conditions**
**Temperature:** 37°C
**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic

**Propagation Procedure**
1. Open thawed vial according to enclosed instructions or visit www.atcc.org for instructions.
2. Under anaerobic conditions aseptically transfer the entire contents to a 5-6 mL tube of #2107 broth. Additional test tubes can be inoculated by transferring 0.5 mL of the primary broth tube to these secondary broth tubes. Best practice dictates the use of pre-reduced media.
3. Use several drops of the primary broth tube to inoculate a #260 plate and/or #260 agar slant.
4. Incubate in an anaerobic atmosphere at 37°C for 24 to 48 hours. Incubate one agar plate aerobically at 37°C to check for contamination.

**ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:**
Anaerobic conditions for transfer may be obtained by the use of an anaerobic gas chamber or placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system connected to anaerobic gas.

Anaerobic conditions for incubation may be obtained by any of the following:
- Loose screw caps on test tubes in an anaerobic chamber
- Loose screw caps on test tubes in an activated anaerobic gas pack jar
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained

**Notes**
Anaerobe Systems Brucella Blood plates (AS-111 or AS-141) can be used to analyze colony morphology and purity. Always use freshly prepared pre-reduced media or pre-reduced media that has been previously prepared but stored under anaerobic conditions. Resazurin in the media is a color indicator for anaerobic conditions. Observance of pink color in medium before use or during incubation shows anaerobic conditions have not been met and oxidation has occurred. Medium should be discarded. Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

**References**
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**Biosafety Level: 1**

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