



Product Sheet

# *Clostridium difficile* (ATCC® 17857-FZ™)

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## Description

**Designation:** 870

**Deposited Name:** *Clostridium difficile* (Hall and O'Toole) Prevot

**Genotype:** Toxinotype: 0

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 2107: Modified Reinforced Clostridial Agar/Broth Medium (pre-reduced)

ATCC® Medium 1080: Schaedler broth

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic gas mixture 80% N<sub>2</sub> -10% CO<sub>2</sub> -10% H<sub>2</sub>

### Propagation Procedure

1. Thaw the frozen vial under anaerobic conditions.
2. Under anaerobic conditions, transfer the entire contents of the thawed vial into a single tube (5 ? 6 ml) of #2107 or #1080 broth. Mix well.
3. Additional tubes of broth may be inoculated with 0.5 ml each from the suspension and 0.1 ml may be inoculated onto a slant. Streak several blood plates for colony morphology and purity.
4. Incubate the tubes and plate under anaerobic conditions at 37°C for 24 to 48 hours. Incubate the purity plate aerobically at 37°C. Turbid growth is evident in the broth at 24 to 48 hours.

### ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

Anaerobic conditions for transfer may be obtained by either of the following:

- 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 anaerobic chamber,
- Loose screw caps on test tubes in an activated anaerobic gas pack jar, or
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained.

## Notes

Colonies on Brucella Blood agar are irregular, rhizoid, smooth, flat and lobate.

The presence of the genes for toxins A and B was confirmed by PCR. Binary toxin gene *cdtB* was not amplified by PCR.

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.

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