**Description**

**Designation:** VPI 2381 [B282, JCM 6325, VPI 4196]

**Deposited Name:** Bacteroides melaninogenicus subsp. melaninogenicus (Oliver and Wherry) Holdeman and Moore

**Product Description:** Type Strain. Genome sequencing strain.

**Medium**

ATCC® Medium 2863: Modified Chopped Meat Medium w/ 1 mg/L DHNA

**Growth Conditions**

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic gas mixture, 80% N₂-10% CO₂-10% H₂

**Propagation Procedure**

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
2. Under anaerobic conditions, withdraw 0.5 mL of #2863 from a single test tube (5 to 6 mL) and rehydrate the entire vial contents.
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. A brucella blood plate and a secondary broth maybe inoculated. An aerobic blood plate may also be streaked to check for purity.
4. Incubate tubes and one plate under anaerobic conditions at 37°C. Incubate one blood plate aerobically at 37°C.
5. Within 24 to 48 hours, growth is evident by turbidity in the broth and colonies on an agar plate. No growth should occur on the blood agar plate incubated aerobically.

**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**

ATCC recommends Anaerobe Systems PRAS Brucella Blood Plate (AS-111 or AS-141). If grown on Anaerobic Brain Heart Infusion agar with 5% Laked (hemolyzed) Blood and supplemented with Vitamin K and Hemin, the black pigment production will be stronger and seen earlier. 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. Observation of a pink color in medium before use, or during incubation, shows anaerobic conditions have not been met and oxidation has occurred. Medium should be discarded.

Purified genomic DNA of this strain is available as ATCC® 25845D-5™.

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**References**

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