**Designation:** T-strain 960 (CX8) [960, CIP 103755, NCTC 10177]
**Deposited Name:** *Mycoplasma* sp.
**Antigenic Properties:** Serotype VIII
**Product Description:** Type strain. Produces restriction endonuclease Uur960I.

**Medium**
ATCC® Medium 2616: Ureaplasma Medium - Special Modified Formulation

**Growth Conditions**
**Temperature:** 37°C
**Atmosphere:** Broth: Aerobic, Plates: Anaerobic

**Propagation Procedure**
1. Follow instructions as suggested for the culturing of Mollicutes:
   
   PROCEDURES FOR PROPAGATING MOLLICUTES:
   a. Open the thawed vial according to the enclosed instructions.
   b. Make serial dilutions by transferring 0.5 mL from the original tube to a tube containing 4.5 mL. Repeat process by transferring 0.5 mL from the second to third tube, etc.
   c. Use an uninoculated tube of broth to serve as a control.
   d. 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. However, not all strains do well on solid medium.
   e. Incubate all tubes and plates 3-7 days under the recommended conditions and appropriate temperature. The time necessary for growth will vary from strain to strain. Growth on plates generally requires additional incubation.
   f. Depending on the medium used, growth will be indicated by increased turbidity, a color change, or both.
   g. Inoculate 2 plates of Trypticase Soy Agar with 5% Defibrinated Sheep Blood with 0.1 mL to check for aerobic and anaerobic contamination. Incubate 1 plate anaerobically at 37°C, and the second plate aerobically at 37°C. No growth should occur on Trypticase Soy Agar with 5% Defibrinated Sheep Blood, incubated aerobically or anaerobically.

2. Tubes may be incubated aerobically, but plates are incubated under anaerobic conditions. The incubation temperature is 37°C.

**Notes**
*Ureaplasma* strains grow very rapidly. The indicator in the first tube will change color to a darker red within hours. It is especially important to make serial dilutions of this strain, for when alkaline conditions are reached (as indicated by the color change), the culture will rapidly die unless refrigerated immediately (+4°C) or stored frozen at -60°C. Refrigerated broth cultures may remain viable for periods up to 4 days. No visible turbidity will be seen. The color change is the only indication of growth. Therefore, transfer, freeze, or lyophilize the culture as soon as possible. There should be no growth on GM agar (Genital Mycoplasma) medium. Broth is the best method for propagation.

Store vials at freezer temperatures until ready to use.

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**References**
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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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