



Product Sheet

# *Tritrichomonas foetus* (ATCC® 50152™)

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

## Intended Use

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## Description

**Strain Designation:** KV1-1MR-100

**Deposited Name:** *Tritrichomonas foetus* (Riedmuller) Wenrich and Emerson

**Depositor:** M Muller

**Isolation:** Derived from KV1, ATCC® 30924™, Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1977



## Propagation

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 35°C

**Culture System:** Axenic

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 1978: YI-S medium

ATCC® Medium 359: Modified TYM basal medium (ATCC medium 358) with pH adjusted to 7.2 and 0.2-0.5 ml of heat-inactivated horse serum added per tube before use

### Instructions for Complete Medium

**Media:** ATCC Medium 1978. (ATCC medium 1141 may also be used for cultivation, and is available freeze-dried from ATCC).

**Alternate Medium:** ATCC medium 359



## Protocols

### Storage and Culture Initiation

Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the culture.

1. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35°C water bath, until thawed (2-3 min). Immerse the ampule just sufficient to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampule.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer contents to a screw-capped test tube containing 13 mL ATCC Medium 1978 adjusted to pH 6.0. Incubate the tube at 35°C.

### Culture Maintenance

1. Gently invert stationary phase culture 20 times.
2. Aseptically transfer a 0.25 mL aliquot to freshly prepared (no older than 7-10 d) tubes of ATCC medium 1978.
3. Screw caps on tightly and incubate at a 15° horizontal slant at 35°C.
4. Subculture every 3-5 days.



## Cryopreservation

### Harvest and Preservation

1. Harvest cells from a culture that is at or near peak density by centrifugation at 800 x g for 5 min. When cells grown in a medium containing agar are concentrated by centrifugation, a solid pellet does not form. The soft pellet is resuspended to desired cell concentration with agar-free supernatant.
2. Adjust the concentration of cells to  $2 \times 10^6$  -  $2 \times 10^7$ /mL in fresh medium.
3. While cells are centrifuging prepare a 10% (v/v) solution of sterile DMSO in fresh medium.
  - a. Add 1.0 mL of DMSO to an ice cold 20 x 150 mm screw-capped test tube;
  - b. Place the tube on ice and allow the DMSO to solidify (~5 min) and then add 9.0 mL of ice cold medium;
  - c. Invert several times to dissolve the DMSO;
  - d. Allow to warm to room temperature.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the DMSO in equal portions. Thus, the final concentration will be  $10^6$  -  $10^7$  cells/mL and 5% (v/v) DMSO. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and DMSO stock solution before the freezing process is begun should no less than 15 min and no longer than 30 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryovials (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
6. Place the vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at -1°C/min to -40°C. If



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- the freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at -1°C/min through the heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.)
- The frozen preparations should be stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator. Frozen preparations stored below -130°C are stable indefinitely. Those stored at temperatures above -130°C are progressively less stable as the storage temperature is elevated. Vials should not be stored above -55°C.
  - To establish a culture from the frozen state place an ampule in a water bath set at 35°C. Immerse the vial just to a level just above the surface of the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial.
  - Immediately after thawing, do not leave in the water bath, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and inoculate a 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube containing 13 mL of ATCC medium 1978 adjusted to pH 6.0.
  - Incubate the culture on a 15° horizontal slant at 35°C.



### References

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