



Product Sheet

# *Leishmania donovani* (ATCC® 50212™)

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liquid N<sub>2</sub> vapor  
for long term  
storage



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2-8°C

**Live Cultures:**  
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## Description

**Strain Designation:** MHOM/IN/80/DD8  
**Deposited Name:** *Leishmania donovani donovani*  
**Depositor:** WRAIR  
**Isolation:** Bone marrow of 9-year-old Indian male, Bihar, India, 1980

## Propagation

**Growth Conditions**  
**Temperature:** 25°C  
**Culture System:** Axenic

**Medium**  
ATCC® Medium 807: Brain heart infusion blood agar  
ATCC® Medium 1011: Diphasic blood agar medium  
ATCC® Medium 1012: Diphasic blood agar medium  
ATCC® Medium 431: Trypanosome medium

## Instructions for Complete Medium

**Media:** ATCC medium 807 Brain heart infusion blood agar (10% rabbit blood, BHI overlay)

**Alternate media:** ATCC medium 1011 Diphasic blood agar medium (30% rabbit blood), ATCC medium 1012 Diphasic blood agar medium (10% rabbit blood), ATCC medium 431 Trypanosome medium (some strains may not grow equally well in alternative media)

## 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 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 borosilicate test tube containing ATCC Medium 807. Incubate the tube vertically at 25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.

### Culture Maintenance

1. When the culture has reached or is near peak density, invert tube 10 times and aseptically transfer a drop from a Pasteur pipette (0.05 mL) to another test tube containing fresh ATCC medium 807.
2. Incubate the culture vertically at 25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.
3. Transfer the culture every 3-4 days as described in step 1. The transfer interval will depend on the quantity of the inoculum and the quality of the medium. This should be empirically determined by examining the culture on a daily basis until the growth cycle has stabilized.  
**Note:** Some fastidious strains may not proliferate well in older growth medium. If growth is poor, wash cells in an osmotically-balanced saline solution, centrifuge to concentrate as indicated below, and use freshly-made growth media.

## Cryopreservation

### Harvest and Preservation

1. Harvest cells from a culture which is at or near peak density by centrifugation at 1,300 g for 5 min.
2. Adjust concentration of cells to  $2 \times 10^7$ /mL in fresh medium.
3. While cells are centrifuging prepare a 10% (v/v) solution of sterile DMSO in fresh medium (broth). The DMSO solution when first prepared will warm up due to chemical heat. The solution should be allowed to return to room temperature prior to use.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the DMSO solution in equal portions. The final concentration will be  $10^7$  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 be no more than 15 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials)




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- for cryopreservation).
- Place the ampules 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.)
  - Store in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
  - To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule. Do not leave ampule in water bath after thawed.
  - Immediately after thawing, do not leave in the water bath, aseptically transfer the contents of the ampule into a fresh tube of ATCC medium 807.
  - Incubate vertically at 25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.
  - Maintain as described above.



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