



Product Sheet

# *Trypanosoma cruzi* (ATCC® 50832™)

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**Frozen Cultures:**  
**-70°C for 1 week;**  
**liquid N<sub>2</sub> vapor**  
**for long term**  
**storage**



**Freeze-dried**  
**Cultures:**  
**2-8°C**

**Live Cultures:**  
**See Protocols**  
**section for**  
**handling**  
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Biosafety Level  
**2**

## Intended Use

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## Citation of Strain

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## Description

**Strain Designation:** Y

**Deposited Name:** *Trypanosoma cruzi* Chagas

**Depositor:** JA Dvorak

**Isolation:** Chagas' disease patient, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 1953



## Propagation

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 25°C

**Culture System:** Axenic

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 1029: LIT medium



## 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 enough to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampule.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer contents to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10 mL of ATCC Medium 1029. Incubate at 20-25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.

### Culture Maintenance

1. Agitate a culture at or near peak density and aseptically transfer 0.1-0.2 mL to a fresh flask of ATCC medium 1029.
2. Incubate at 20-25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.
3. Transfer the culture every 14-21 days as described in steps 1-2. 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.



## 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. Pool the cell pellets into a single tube.
2. Adjust the concentration of cells to 2.0 x 10<sup>7</sup>/mL. If the concentration is too low, centrifuge at ~800 x g for 5 minutes and resuspend the cell pellet with a volume of supernatant to yield the desired concentration.
3. Prepare a 10% (v/v) sterile DMSO solution in fresh medium as follows: Add the required volume of DMSO to a glass screw-capped test tube and place on ice. Allow the DMSO to solidify. Add the required volume of refrigerated medium. Dissolve the DMSO by inverting several times. If the DMSO solution is not prepared on ice, an exothermic reaction will occur that may precipitate certain components of the medium.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the DMSO in equal portions. Thus, the final concentration will be 10<sup>7</sup> and 5% (v/v) DMSO. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and DMSO stock solution to the start of the freezing process should be no less than 15 min and no longer than 60 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
6. Place vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at -1°C/min to -40°C. If freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at -1 C/min through heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen.
7. The frozen preparations are stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
8. To establish a culture from the frozen state place an ampule in a water bath set at 35°C. Immerse the vial enough to cover only the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial.
9. Immediately after thawing, do not leave in the water bath, aseptically remove the contents of the



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ampule and inoculate into 10.0 mL of fresh ATCC medium 1029.  
10. Incubate the tube at 20-25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.



## References

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