Designation: GS-15 [DSM 7210]  
Deposited Name: Geobacter metallireducens Lovley et al.  
Product Description: Type strain. Genome sequenced strain.

Propagation

Medium
ATCC® Medium 1768: Geobacter metallireducens medium

Growth Conditions
Temperature: 30°C
Atmosphere: Anaerobic gas mixture, 80% N₂-20% CO₂

Propagation Procedure

1. Keep vial frozen until ready to use; then thaw under anaerobic conditions.
2. Under anaerobic conditions, quickly transfer the thawed aliquot into a single tube of 5 to 6 mL anaerobic ATCC® #1768 broth.
3. Additional #1768 broth tubes can also be inoculated with 0.5 mL from the original broth.
4. Incubate at 30°C for 3 to 5 days under a gas mixture of 80% N₂ and 20% CO₂.
5. Growth is evident by slight turbidity in the broth. The medium starts out light orange and then turns darker brown. When this occurs, it should be transferred. As the culture ages, it will eventually lose all the pigmentation. Once the pigment is lost, it is less likely that the cells will survive transfer.

ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:
Anaerobic conditions for transfer may be obtained by either of the following:
- Use of an anaerobic gas chamber.
- Placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system hooked 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.
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained.

Notes

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Biosafety Level: 1

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