Designation: AMB-1  
Deposited Name: Magnetospirillum sp.  
Product Description: Produces magnetite. Transformation host.

### Propagation

**Medium**  
ATCC® Medium 1653: Revised magnetic Spirillum growth medium (MSGM)

**Growth Conditions**  
Temperature: 30°C  
Atmosphere: Microaerophilic

**Propagation Procedure**

1. Keep vial frozen until ready to use, then thaw. Thaw contents of the vial in a 37°C water bath with gentle agitation.
2. Inoculate a single tube of #1653 broth with the entire contents of the thawed vial. Be sure the entire tube is filled with medium to achieve microaerophilic conditions.
3. Incubate at 30°C for 4-10 days.
4. When broth becomes cloudy and a small gray sediment is visible at the bottom of the tube, cells can be harvested. Divide contents of the tube into two tubes and spin in a tabletop centrifuge.
5. Discard the supernatant liquid. Do not bubble or shake cells. Resuspend cells in a 125 mL flask.
6. Incubate as directed above.

For best results, use fresh media and microaerophilic conditions. Test for magnetism by subjecting flasks to magnetic stirring plate. The cells will swirl.

For storage, centrifuge cells for 30 minutes at 7,000 rpm. Discard the supernatant liquid. Resuspend cells in approximately 6 ml of fresh broth. Add an equal amount of sterile 20% glycerol. Freeze at as low a temperature as available.

When this strain is grown under microaerophilic conditions, the cells are magnetotactic. They have magnetite inclusions, which cause the cells to turn in a magnetic field. This can be observed in a wet mount from a broth culture. The strain will grow aerobically but will not be magnetic.

Purified genomic DNA of this strain is available as ATCC® 700264D-5™.

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### References

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### Biosafety Level: 1

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