**Deposit Name:** *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron* (Distaso) Castellani and Chalmers

**Product Description:** Type strain. Quality control strain for IDS products.

**Medium**

*ATCC®* Medium 1490: Modified chopped meat medium

*ATCC®* Medium 260: Trypticase soy agar/broth with defibrinated sheep blood

**Growth Conditions**

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic

**Propagation Procedure**

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
2. Using a single tube of #1490 broth (5 to 6 mL), under anaerobic conditions, withdraw approximately 0.5 mL with a Pasteur pipette and rehydrate the entire vial contents.
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. A slant and a pre-reduced blood plate may also be inoculated with 0.1 mL each of the cell suspension. An aerobic blood plate may also be streaked to check for purity.
4. Incubate tubes and one plate under anaerobic conditions at 37°C. Incubate one blood plate aerobically at 37°C.

**ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:**

Anaerobic conditions for transfer may be obtained by either of the following:

- Use of an anaerobic gas chamber, or
- Placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system connected 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, or
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained.

**Notes**

Anaerobe Systems Brucella Blood plate can be used to analyze colony morphology and purity. Always use freshly prepared pre-reduced media or pre-reduced media that has been previously prepared but stored under anaerobic conditions. Resazurin in the media is a color indicator for anaerobic conditions. Observation of pink color in medium before use or during incubation shows anaerobic conditions have not been met and oxidation has occurred. Medium should be discarded.

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**References**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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