



Product Sheet

# *Helicobacter winghamensis* (ATCC® BAA-431™)

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## Description

Designation: NLEP 97-1611

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 260: Trypticase soy agar/broth with defibrinated sheep blood  
ATCC® Medium 18: Trypticase Soy Agar/Broth

### Growth Conditions

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Microaerophilic

### Propagation Procedure

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions. Rehydrate contents of vial with 0.5 ml of Tryptic Soy Broth.
2. To obtain a biphasic culture, add 0.4 ml of the suspension to a #260 slant. Add remaining 0.1 ml of the suspension to a #260 plate and streak for isolation.
3. Incubate at 37°C under microaerophilic conditions. This organism requires additional free hydrogen for best growth. To obtain this, use an anaerobe jar WITHOUT an active catalyst and an ANAEROBIC gas generator pack, or other acceptable method, to obtain the desired gas mixture. Incubate slant with cap loose.
4. Within 3/5 days of incubation, good growth should be obtained in the broth pool at the bottom of the slant. Additional incubation may be required for colonies to appear on the plate. Further subcultures can be made using broth pool as the inoculum source.

## Notes

This is a slow growing organism that requires moist conditions for best growth. Growth at the broth/agar interface of the biphasic slant should occur within three to five days, but little turbidity will be seen. To observe growth, examine a wet mount of the broth under phase microscopy. Organisms are small thin spiral rods. Cells from old cultures may be spherical. The presence of spheroid cells indicates that viability is being lost either due to age or too much exposure to oxygen.

Growth on agar takes longer than with the biphasic culture. Colonies are non-hemolytic, small, gray and entire.

Once good growth is present, these organisms tend to lose viability, especially if exposed to air for lengthy periods. Viability also decreases with repeated subculturing. Therefore, transfer or freeze the culture when optimal growth is achieved. Adding an equal amount of 20% sterile glycerol to pooled broth from several biphasic slants followed by freezing in liquid nitrogen or *ultra-low temperature* freezer is recommended.

The cells do not Gram stain well using traditional procedures. To obtain the best results, use a basic fuchsin counterstain in place of the safranin.

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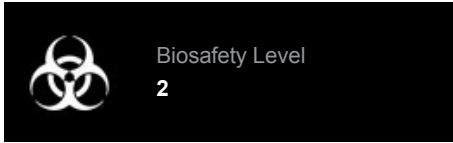


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