Legionella pneumophila  
(ATCC® BAA-74™)

**Antigenic Properties:**
Serogroup 1

**Medium**
ATCC® Medium 1099: CYE (Charcoal Yeast Extract) Buffered Medium

**Growth Conditions**
Temperature: 37.0°C  
Atmosphere: 5% CO2

**Propagation Procedure**
1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.  
2. Using a single tube of #1099 broth (5 to 6 ml), withdraw approximately 0.5 to 1.0 ml with a Pasteur or 1.0 ml pipette. Rehydrate the entire pellet.  
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. Mix well.  
4. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate a #1099 agar slant and/or plate.  
5. Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 48-72 hours in an atmosphere of 5% CO2.

**Notes**
Colonies on #1099 agar are entire, glistening, circular, smooth, raised, slight mucoid, and white. Legionella pneumophila is nutritionally fastidious and is inhibited by media of poor caliber, so strict attention should be paid to the quality of the ingredients. The pH of the medium should be checked when cool, and is most critical. Unbuffered medium should not be used. Exposure of medium to light, particularly when hot, may also result in the accumulation of peroxides which can be inhibitory to the bacteria. Before rehydration, vials may be stored at +2 to +8°C for extended periods with minimal loss of viability. Subculturing to maintain culture is discouraged because of the possibility of mutation, selection of variants, or contamination. To minimize changes, it is recommended that cells be harvested and stored at −70°C or below.

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**Biosafety Level:** 2

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