



Product Sheet

# *Methanosarcina siciliae* (ATCC® BAA-931™)

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## Description

**Designation:** OCM 156 [DSM 3028, T4/M]

**Deposited Name:** *Methanosarcina siciliae* (Stetter and Konig) Ni et al. emend. Elberson and Sowers

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 2469: MSH Medium

### Growth Conditions

**Atmosphere:** hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), 80%; carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), 20%

**Temperature:** 37.0°C

### Propagation Procedure

2. If needed exchange the gas in the test tube for 80% H<sub>2</sub> 20% CO<sub>2</sub>.
3. If the medium is pink (see discussion about resazurin) add 0.1 ml Na<sub>2</sub>S·9H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5% sodium sulfide, stock solution) per 10 ml of medium. Let the medium sit at room temperature for 10 to 20 minutes until the resazurin becomes colorless before inoculating.
4. When the Balch tube is ready to inoculate, thaw the frozen vial at room temperature under a gentle stream of oxygen-free gas.
5. For inoculation, use an anaerobic (see c below) 1.0 ml syringe tipped with 22-gauge needle, withdraw the cell suspension from the vial and transfer it to the broth. Plate 0.1 ml of the inoculated culture onto a non-selective medium and incubate aerobically at 37°C. Use 0.1 ml of the inoculated culture to inoculate a nonselective aerobic broth and an additional tube of #2469 broth. Incubate the non-selective aerobic broth tubes at 37°C. Incubate the anaerobic tube at 37°C.
6. Growth should be detected in the #2469 broth within 48 to 96 hours. There should be no growth detected on the aerobic plate or in the aerobic broth.

### ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

- a. Resazurin is a commonly used redox indicator that is pink when the redox potential is above 50 mv., and colorless when the redox potential is below 110 mv. i.e. highly reducing. Most strict anaerobes require this low redox potential for optimum growth.
- b. To obtain a fully reduced medium, it is necessary that the medium be anoxic and that a reducing agent be added. Common reducing agents are sodium sulfide, cysteine, dithiothreitol, and titanium citrate.
- c. Syringes can be made anaerobic by one of two methods. 1. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a sterile

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