



Product Sheet

# *Acanthamoeba castellanii* (ATCC® PRA-108™)

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Storage Temp.  
**liquid nitrogen  
vapor phase**

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

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## Description

**Strain Designation:** 9GU  
**Deposited Name:** *Acanthamoeba castellanii* (Douglas) Page  
**Depositor:** J Walochnik  
**Isolation:**  
clinical specimen - human  
Graz Austria  
**Isolation date:** 1996

## Propagation

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 25.0°C

Duration: axenic

**Protocol:** This strain is distributed as a frozen stablate. See general instructions for thawing and storage of frozen material before proceeding. As soon as the shipment arrives, remove the frozen ampule from the dry ice and transfer it directly to a 35C water bath. After thawing the ampule, transfer the contents to a 16 x 125 mm plastic screw-capped test tube containing 5 ml of fresh medium. (Glass test tubes may also be used, but the cultures can be transferred less frequently when maintained in plastic.) Screw the cap on tightly and incubate the tube on a 5-15 degree slant at the appropriate temperature. Subculture every 2-4 weeks by vigorously agitating the culture and aseptically transferring a 0.1 ml aliquot to a fresh tube of medium.

Prolongation of the transfer interval can be extended up to 6 months for certain strains of *Acanthamoeba*, however, this must be determined empirically for each strain.

**Interval:** every month

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 712: PYG w/ Additives

## Cryopreservation

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