



Product Sheet

# *Platyamoeba contorta* (ATCC® PRA-218™)

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## Description

Strain Designation: W51C#5

Depositor: DM Moran

Isolation:

Ten meter deep water, far north edge of the Ross Sea pack ice, Antarctica

## Propagation

### Growth Conditions

Temperature: 4.0°C

Growth condition: Grown with *Enterobacter aerogenes* ATCC 13048 as food source

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 1525: Seawater 802 medium

### Instructions for Complete Medium

ATCC Medium 1525 inoculated with *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* (ATCC® 700831).

### Culture Maintenance

Subculture every two weeks to a fresh T-25 flask of bacterized medium in the following manner:

1. Gently scrape the inside bottom wall of the flask and aseptically transfer 0.5 ml from a growing culture to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10.0 ml of ATCC medium 1525 bacterized with *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* (ATCC® 700831)
2. Incubate flask at 4°C with the cap on tightly.

## Cryopreservation

### Cryoprotective Solution

DMSO	2.0 ml
Fresh growth medium w/out bacteria	8.0 ml

1. Mix the components in the order listed. When the medium is added to the DMSO the solution will warm up due to chemical heat.
2. Harvest cells from a culture that is at or near peak density by filtration and centrifugation at 800 x g for 5 min.
3. Adjust the concentration of cells at least  $2 \times 10^6$ /ml in fresh medium.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the cryoprotective solution in equal portions.
5. Dispense in 0.5 ml aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 ml sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
6. Place vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at -1°C/min to -40°C. If freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at -1°C/min through heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.)
7. Ampules are stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator.
8. To establish a culture from the frozen state place the vial in a 35°C water bath. Immerse the vial to a level just above the surface of the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial. Immediately after thawing, do not leave in water bath, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and inoculate into a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10 ml ATCC medium 1525 bacterized with *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* (ATCC® 700831).
9. Incubate at 25°C with the cap screwed on tightly.
10. Once the culture is established, vigorously agitate the flask and aseptically transfer 0.5 ml to 10.0 ml of bacterized ATCC medium 1525.
11. Follow the protocol for maintenance of culture.

## References

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Biosafety Level: 1

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