

***Vibrio cholerae*, Strain N16961**

Catalog No. NR-147

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Vibrionaceae*, *Vibrio*

Species: *Vibrio cholerae*

Strain: N16961

Serogroup: O:1

Serotype: Inaba

Biotype: El Tor

Original Source: Isolated in 1975 from the stool of a cholera patient in Bangladesh

Comment: *Vibrio cholerae* (*V. cholerae*), strain N16961 was deposited at ATCC® in 1983 by Dr. James B. Kaper, Professor of Medicine, Center for Vaccine Development, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland. The complete genome for *V. cholerae*, strain N16961 has been sequenced (GenBank: AE003852, AE003853).¹

V. cholerae is a natural inhabitant of warm aquatic environments and the causative agent of the diarrheal disease cholera. More than 200 O-antigen serogroups have been identified but only O1 and more recently O139 are known to cause epidemic and pandemic cholera.² Occasionally, there are cholera outbreaks that result from non-O1 and non-O139 serotypes. *V. cholerae* colonizes the mucosal surface of the small intestines of humans, the only known animal host.³ Cholera has a high lethality if left untreated, and millions have died in the seven pandemics that have occurred since 1817.

Cholera toxin, the toxin-coregulated pilus (TCP), and the central regulatory protein, ToxR, are recognized as significant factors in the pathogenicity of toxigenic strains of *V. cholerae* serogroups O1 and O139.⁴

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 0.5X Tryptic Soy Broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-147 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Media:

Tryptic Soy Broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy Agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 24 hours.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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