

***Leptospira wolffii*, Strain Korat-H2T (Serovar Korat)**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Leptospiraceae*, *Leptospira*

Species: *Leptospira wolffii*

Serovar: Korat (also known as Khorat)^{1,2}

Strain: Korat-H2T (also known as Khorat-H2^T and Khorat-H2)¹⁻³

Original Source: *Leptospira wolffii* (*L. wolffii*), strain Korat-H2T (serovar Korat) was isolated in 2007 from the urine of an adult male in Nakornrachasima Province, Thailand.^{1,4}

Comments: Strain Korat-H2T was deposited to BEI Resources as the type strain for the species and the reference strain for serovar Korat. It is part of the [Leptospira Genome Project](#) at the J. Craig Venter Institute's [Genomic Sequencing Center for Infectious Diseases](#) (GSCID). The whole genome shotgun sequence of *L. wolffii*, strain Korat-H2T is available (GenBank: [AKWX00000000](#)).³

The genus *Leptospira* consists of thirteen pathogenic species, that cause the acute zoonotic-disease leptospirosis, and six free-living saprophytic species found in water and soil that do not infect animal hosts.^{5,6} Leptospirae are thin, motile, slow-growing obligate aerobe spirochetes with distinctive hooked ends and two axial flagella that causes the acute zoonotic-disease leptospirosis.^{5,6}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harrison Medium supplemented with 2.5% DMSO.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-22250 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:

Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harrison (EMJH)

Semisolid agar (0.15%) (ATCC medium 2653) or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 30°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw slowly.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube or jar of semisolid agar.
4. Incubate the tube or jar at 30°C for 7 to 18 days until an opaque disk of growth is visible several millimeters below the surface of the medium (Dinger's disk).

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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