

## ***Clostridium difficile*, Strain P8**

### **Catalog No. NR-32888**

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#### **Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Clostridiaceae*, *Clostridium*

Species: *Clostridium difficile*

Strain: P8

Original Source: *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*), strain P8 was obtained in 2001 from fecal material of a human patient with a *C. difficile* infection in western Pennsylvania, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: Strain P8 was deposited as a toxigenic strain.<sup>1</sup> The complete genome of *C. difficile*, strain P8 is available (GenBank: [AVLR000000000](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/GenBank/AVLR000000000)).

*C. difficile* is a Gram-positive, spore-forming, obligate anaerobe that commonly inhabits the intestinal tract of various mammalian species, reptiles and birds, and may also be found in the environment. Pathogenic strains of *C. difficile* produce a potent cytotoxin (toxin B) and in most cases an enterotoxin (toxin A).<sup>2</sup> It is the production of these toxins in the gut which ultimately leads to pseudomembranous colitis (PMC) and *C. difficile* associated diarrhea (CDAD), which often occur as a complication of antibiotic therapy in elderly hospitalized patients.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Modified Reinforced Clostridial medium supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

#### **Packaging/Storage:**

NR-32888 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial medium or equivalent  
Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

##### Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic

##### 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 tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 24 to 48 hours.

#### **Citation:**

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#### **Biosafety Level: 2**

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