

Product Information Sheet for NR-32890

Clostridium difficile, Strain P11

Catalog No. NR-32890

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Clostridiaceae*, *Clostridium*

Species: *Clostridium difficile*

Strain: P11

Original Source: *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*), strain P11 was obtained in 2001 from fecal material of a human patient with a relapsing *C. difficile* infection in western Pennsylvania, USA.¹

Comments: Strain P11 was deposited as a toxigenic strain.¹ The complete genome of *C. difficile*, strain P11 is available (GenBank: [AVLT00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclot/AVLT00000000)).

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).² 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.³

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-32890 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

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

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