

Bacillus cereus*, Strain NRRL B-569*Catalog No. NR-2492**

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Product Description:Bacteria Classification: *Bacillaceae*, *Bacillus*Species: *Bacillus cereus*Strain:¹ NRRL B-569Original Source: Isolated in 1944 from a contaminated flask by Dr. Kenneth B. RaperComments: *Bacillus cereus*, strain NRRL B-569 was deposited at ATCC® in 1963 by Dr. William C. Haynes, USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Illinois. This strain reportedly has enterotoxin activity² and contains a 650 kb plasmid.³

Bacillus cereus (*B. cereus*) is a Gram-positive, spore-forming, facultative aerobe. This organism is a ubiquitous opportunistic pathogen that can cause food poisoning in infected individuals. There are two forms of food poisoning that occur. The early onset (emetic) disease is caused by a small, stable dodecadepsipeptide cerulide⁴ whereas the late onset (diarrheal) disease is caused by heat-labile enterotoxins.⁵ Genetic and genomic analyses have revealed that the chromosome of *B. cereus* is very similar to *Bacillus anthracis*.⁶ Most *B. cereus* strains produce β -lactamases and are resistant to β -lactam antimicrobial agents.⁷

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Nutrient Broth supplemented with 20% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please colony-purify prior to initiating work.**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-2492 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:

Nutrient Broth

Nutrient Agar

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 of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tubes and plate at 30°C for 24 hours.

Citation:Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through the NIH Biodefense and Emerging Infections Research Resources Repository, NIAID, NIH: *Bacillus cereus*, Strain NRRL B-569, NR-2492."**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, 2007; see www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl5/bmbl5toc.htm.**Disclaimers:**

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