

## Candida albicans, Strain L26

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#### Product Description:

Classification: Mitosporic *Saccharomycetales*; *Candida*

Species: *Candida albicans*

Strain/Isolate: L26

Original Source: *Candida albicans* (*C. albicans*), strain L26 is a vaginal isolate from a vaginitis patient collected in Iowa City, Iowa, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Comment: Strain L26 is a member of genetic clade I and has an *ala* MTL genotype.<sup>1</sup> The complete genome of *C. albicans*, strain L26 has been sequenced (GenBank: [AJIR000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/AJIR000000000)).

*C. albicans* is a eukaryotic, pathogenic obligate aerobe that is responsible for the majority of forms of candidiasis and is responsible for superficial as well as life-threatening systemic infections. It is commonly isolated from the environment and can be a component of the microbial floras of the human oral cavity, gastrointestinal tract or vagina. Several features of *C. albicans* contribute to its virulence. These include the secretion of hydrolytic enzymes, the ability to adhere to host cells and tissues, phenotypic switching (a phenomena that involves changing several growth and morphological characteristics at the same time) and morphological dimorphism (growth can be yeast-like or mycelial). *C. albicans* is generally diploid and exhibits considerable natural heterozygosity.<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7</sup>

#### Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of yeast culture in 10% glycerol. Each vial of lot 60282441 contains approximately 0.5 mL of yeast culture in Yeast Mold broth containing 20% glycerol.

#### Packaging/Storage:

NR-29445 was packaged aseptically in 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:

Yeast Mold broth or equivalent

Yeast Mold agar or equivalent

##### Incubation:

Temperature: 25°C to 30°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

#### Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw rapidly in a waterbath at 25°C to 30°C. Typically, this takes less than 5 minutes.
2. Immediately after thawing, inoculate an agar plate with approximately 50 µL of thawed culture and/or transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Incubate the plate and/or tube at 25°C to 30°C for 2 to 4 days.

#### Citation:

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