

## Proteus mirabilis, Strain WGLW4

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#### Product Description:

**Bacteria Classification:** *Morganellaceae*, *Proteus* (previously classified as *Enterobacteriaceae*)<sup>1</sup>

**Species:** *Proteus mirabilis*

**Strain:** WGLW4

**Original Source:** *Proteus mirabilis* (*P. mirabilis*), strain WGLW4 was isolated from human urine in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.<sup>2</sup>

**Comments:** *P. mirabilis*, strain WGLW4 ([HMP ID 1310](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *P. mirabilis*, strain WGLW4 was sequenced at the [Broad Institute](#) (GenBank: [AMGU000000000](#)).

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*P. mirabilis* is a Gram-negative, dimorphic, highly motile enterobacterium that is a frequent cause of urinary tract infections in patients with long-term indwelling catheters or with compromised (e.g., injured or abnormal) urinary tracts.<sup>3,4</sup> Typical virulence factors are associated with adhesion, motility, immunoavoidance, nutrient acquisition, host damage, as well as biofilm formation.<sup>3</sup> *P. mirabilis* has a unique ability to differentiate between short, vegetative cells and elongated, hyperflagellated, swarmer cells.<sup>3,4</sup> Due to increasing drug resistance and severe complications in infection, there has been renewed interest in *P. mirabilis* vaccine development. Several complete genomic sequences are now available.<sup>4,5</sup>

#### Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Nutrient broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

#### Packaging/Storage:

HM-752 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:

Nutrient broth or Luria-Bertani (LB) broth or equivalent  
Nutrient agar or Tryptic Soy agar or equivalent

##### Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

##### 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 1 day.

#### Citation:

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#### Biosafety Level: 2

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