

# Product Information Sheet for HM-845

## *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *longum*, Strain 44B

**Catalog No. HM-845**

**For research use only. Not for use in humans.**

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### Product Description:

**Bacteria Classification:** *Bifidobacteriaceae*, *Bifidobacterium*

**Species:** *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *longum*<sup>1</sup>

**Strain:** 44B

**Original Source:** *Bifidobacterium longum* (*B. longum*) subsp. *longum*, strain 44B was isolated from a one-year-old human patient.<sup>2,3</sup>

**Comments:** *B. longum* subsp. *longum*, strain 44B ([HMP ID 1312](#)) 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 *B. longum* subsp. *longum*, strain 44B was sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](#) (GenBank: [AJTM00000000](#)).

**Note:** HMP material is taxonomically classified by the depositor. Quality control of these materials is only performed to demonstrate that the material distributed by BEI Resources is identical to the deposited material.

*B. longum* subsp. *longum* is an anaerobic, non-motile, Gram-positive, rod-shaped bacterium commonly found in the normal human intestinal microflora. It contains several plasmids, many of which have been sequenced.<sup>4,5</sup> *B. longum* subsp. *longum* is among the first colonizers of the essentially sterile gastrointestinal tract of newborns and one of the dominant genera of the microbiota of healthy breastfed infants. It is considered to be a beneficial organism for human health and for this reason is widely used in probiotics.<sup>6</sup>

### Material Provided:

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

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

### Packaging/Storage:

HM-845 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial broth 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 1 to 2 days.

### Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *longum*, Strain 44B, HM-845."

### Biosafety Level: 1

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*. 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020; see [www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm).

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