

Enterococcus faecium, Strain E1071

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: Enterococcaceae, Enterococcus

Species: Enterococcus faecium

Strain: E1071

Original Source: Enterococcus faecium (E. faecium), strain E1071 is a non-infectious fecal isolate collected from a hospitalized person free of enterococcal infection in the Netherlands in 2000 during a hospital surveillance program.¹

Comments: E. faecium, strain E1071 contains an 8-kb transposon insertion that inactivates the virulent *acm* gene; the insertion is flanked by a 54-base pairs direct repeat.¹ E. faecium, strain E1071 lacks the *hyl* and *acm* genes.¹ E. faecium, strain E1071 is resistant to vancomycin and carries an A2-type *vanA* transposon with a mutation insert at the left end that results in the deletion of the first 120 base pairs.¹ Genome analysis of strain E1071 suggests a possible porcine origin due to the presence of the *trc* gene cluster, which confers resistance to copper, a common supplement in pig feed, and the (T) nucleotide at position 8234 of the *vanA* transposon.¹ E. faecium, strain E1071 is classified as DNA sequence type 32 based on multi-locus sequence typing of seven housekeeping genes. The complete genome of E. faecium, strain E1071 has been sequenced (GenBank: [ABQ100000000](#)).

E. faecium is a Gram-positive, facultative anaerobic coccus that is a commensal inhabitant of the gastrointestinal tract of both humans and animals.^{1,2,3} E. faecium is an emerging and challenging nosocomial pathogen due to its inherent hardiness and ability to develop antibiotic resistance.^{1,3} Its large open pan-genome allows for horizontal gene transfer between E. faecium and other pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria to adapt to changing environments.^{1,4} The large majority of strains isolated from nosocomial infections have been classified as Clonal Complex 17 (CC17), with a distinct genetic lineage characterized by ampicillin resistance and a pathogenicity island carrying the *esp* gene, which is known to contribute virulence in an animal model.^{1,4,5} Two other virulence genes, *hyl* and *acm*, have been identified.¹

Material Provided:

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

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-28978 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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Brain Heart Infusion broth or equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or Brain Heart Infusion agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 5% CO₂) or 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 for 1 day.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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