

**Plasmodium falciparum, Strain D6**

**Catalog No. MRA-285**

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**Product Description:**

*Plasmodium falciparum* (*P. falciparum*), strain D6 was collected in Sierra Leone and is generally considered drug sensitive with minor mefloquine resistance. MRA-285 was produced by cultivation of the BEI Resources seed lot 59155175 in fresh human erythrocytes suspended in RPMI 1640 medium, adjusted to contain 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated human serum (pooled Type A), 25 mM HEPES, 2 mM L-glutamine, 2 g/L D-glucose, 27 µg/mL hypoxanthine and 5 µg/mL gentamicin. The culture was incubated at 37°C in sealed flasks outgassed with blood-gas atmosphere (90% N<sub>2</sub>, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 5% O<sub>2</sub>) and monitored for parasitemia every 1 to 3 days for 20 days. Every 1 to 3 days, uninfected, leukocyte filtered, Type O erythrocytes in complete culture medium were added dropwise to the culture as needed and monitored for hematocrit.

**Lot: 70070911**

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TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
<b>Identification by Giemsa Stain Microscopy<sup>1</sup></b>	Blood-stage parasites present	Blood-stage parasites present
<b>Antimalarial Susceptibility Profile (<i>in vitro</i>)<sup>1</sup></b> Half-maximal Inhibitory Concentration (IC <sub>50</sub> ) by SYBR green I <sup>®</sup> drug sensitivity assay <sup>2</sup>		
Chloroquine	Report results	6.4 ± 0.3 nM
Artemisinin	Report results	8.6 ± 0.2 nM
Quinine	Report results	18.6 ± 0.9 nM
Cycloguanil	Report results	5.9 ± 0.4 nM
Pyrimethamine	Report results	23.7 ± 1.1 nM
Sulfadoxine	Report results	566000 ± 26075 nM
<b>Genotypic Analysis<sup>1</sup></b> Sequencing of Merozoite Surface Protein 2 (MSP2) gene (~ 710 base pairs)	Consistent with <i>P. falciparum</i>	Consistent with <i>P. falciparum</i> (Figure 1)
<b>Level of Parasitemia by Giemsa Stain Microscopy</b> Pre-freeze (20 days post-infection) <sup>3</sup>		
Ring-stage parasitemia	Report results	3.1%
Total parasitemia	≥ 2%	5.0%
Post-freeze (2 days post-infection) <sup>1</sup>		
Ring-stage parasitemia	Report results	1.6%
Total parasitemia	≥ 1%	1.8%
<b>Viability (2 days post-infection)<sup>1</sup></b>	Growth in infected red blood cells	Growth in infected red blood cells
<b>Sterility (14-day incubation)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Trypticase soy broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
Sabouraud broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
DMEM with 10% FBS, 37°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
Sheep blood agar, 37°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
Sheep blood agar, 37°C, anaerobic	No growth	No growth
Thioglycollate broth, 37°C, anaerobic	No growth	No growth
<b>Mycoplasma Contamination<sup>1</sup></b> DNA detection by PCR	None detected	None detected

<sup>1</sup>Testing completed on vial, post-freeze material

<sup>2</sup>A SYBR Green I<sup>®</sup> anti-malarial drug sensitivity assay in 96-well plates was used to determine IC<sub>50</sub> values of an active (> 70% ring stage) parasite culture in the presence of each antimalarial drug [Hartwig, C. L., et al. "XI: I. SYBR Green I<sup>®</sup>-Based Parasite Growth Inhibition Assay for Measurement of Antimalarial Drug Susceptibility in *Plasmodium falciparum*." In *Methods in Malaria Research Sixth Edition*. (2013) Moll, K., et al. (Ed.), EVIMalaR, pp. 122-129. Available at: <https://www.beiresources.org/Publications/MethodsInMalariaResearch.aspx>.]

<sup>3</sup>Testing completed on bulk material prior to vialing and freezing

**Figure 1: MRA-285 MSP2 Sequence**

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