

***Treponema pallidum* subsp. *pallidum*, Strain SS14 (in vitro)**

**Catalog No. NR-60825**

**Product Description:**

*Treponema pallidum* (*T. pallidum*) subsp. *pallidum*, strain SS14 was deposited to BEI Resources as a strain adapted to *in vitro* culture in *Sylvilagus floridanus* (cottontail rabbit) epithelial cells (ATCC® CCL-68™). Strain SS14 was originally isolated in 1977 from a skin lesion of a human patient with secondary syphilis following erythromycin treatment failure in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. NR-60825 was produced by inoculation of the testes of a New Zealand white rabbit with a frozen stock from a prior rabbit infection. On day 11 post-infection, the infected rabbit was euthanized, and the testes were immediately aseptically removed and minced. NR-60825 was extracted from the minced tissue in *T. pallidum* Cultivation Medium 2 (TpCM-2) with 20% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) under microaerobic conditions (1.5% O<sub>2</sub>) for 30 minutes followed by centrifugation twice at 500 × g for 7 minutes to remove tissue debris.

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TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
<b>Phenotypic Analysis<sup>1</sup></b> Cellular morphology Motility (wet mount)	Spirochete Motile	Spirochete Motile <sup>2</sup>
<b>Concentration<sup>1</sup></b>	Report results	7.4 × 10 <sup>7</sup> cells/mL
<b>Amount per vial<sup>1</sup></b>	Report results	9.2 × 10 <sup>7</sup> cells in 1.25 mL
<b>Viability (post-freeze)<sup>1</sup></b>	Growth	Growth <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Production and QC testing were performed by the depositor [Steven J. Norris, Ph.D., Professor and Vice Chair for Research, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston McGovern Medical School, Houston, Texas, USA].

<sup>2</sup>Motility (> 98%) was confirmed by examination by darkfield microscopy following the procedure described in: Edmondson, D. G. and S. J. Norris. "In Vitro Cultivation of the Syphilis Spirochete *Treponema pallidum*." *Curr. Protoc.* 1 (2021): e44. PubMed: 33599121. Please refer to this reference before starting work with NR-60825.

<sup>3</sup>Viability was confirmed by propagation in *Sylvilagus floridanus* epithelial cells (Sf1Ep; ATCC® CCL-68™) at 34°C with a microaerophilic atmosphere (1.5% O<sub>2</sub>; 5% CO<sub>2</sub>; 93.5% N<sub>2</sub>).

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