

***Campylobacter jejuni* subsp. *jejuni*, Strain MK 7**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Campylobacteraceae*,
Campylobacter

Species: *Campylobacter jejuni* subsp. *jejuni*

Strain: MK 7 (RM 1048)

Serotype: O:4, Penner HS:4

Original Source: Isolated from human feces

Comment: This strain was isolated by Dr. M. Karmali at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada and deposited by Dr. J. L. Penner¹ in 1986.

Campylobacter jejuni (*C. jejuni*) is a Gram-negative slender, curved, motile rod commonly found in animal feces. It is a microaerophilic organism that is very sensitive to environmental stresses.² *C. jejuni* is among the most frequently identified bacterial causes of human gastroenteritis in the United States and other industrialized countries.³ Food poisoning caused by *C. jejuni* can be largely attributed to the consumption of contaminated food animal products, especially poultry. In most cases, the resulting infection can be severely debilitating but is rarely life-threatening. However, in some cases, *C. jejuni* infections have been linked to the subsequent development of two neuropathies, Guillain-Barré syndrome^{2,4,5} and Miller-Fisher syndrome⁵ and to a reactive arthropathy, Reiter syndrome.²

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 0.5X Brucella Broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-4083 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic 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:

Brucella Broth on Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA) with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37–42°C

Atmosphere: Microaerophilic (3–5% O₂ and 4–8% CO₂)

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready to use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into Brucella Broth.
3. Inoculate a TSA with 5% defibrinated sheep blood slant with the suspension.
4. Incubate the slant at 37–42°C, under microaerophilic conditions, for 48 hours.
5. Harvest the slant with Brucella Broth and add to TSA with 5% defibrinated sheep blood Kolle.
6. Incubate an additional 24 hours at 37–42°C, under microaerophilic conditions.

Note:

The thawed vial may be plated directly on TSA with 5% defibrinated sheep blood and grown at 37–42°C in a microaerophilic atmosphere. This may require a longer incubation time than the biphasic culture.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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