

***Campylobacter jejuni* subsp. *jejuni*, Strain BG 22**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Campylobacteraceae*,
Campylobacter

Species: *Campylobacter jejuni* subsp. *jejuni*

Strain: BG 22

Original Source: Isolated from clinical specimen, human, by Illinois Department of Public Health, in 1981.

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.¹ *C. jejuni* is among the most frequently identified bacterial causes of human gastroenteritis in the United States and other industrialized countries.² 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 and Miller-Fisher syndrome and to a reactive arthropathy, Reiter syndrome.¹⁻³

Material Provided:

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-396 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°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°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°C, under microaerophilic conditions.

Note:

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

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2007; see www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmb15/bmb15toc.htm.

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