

**Francisella tularensis subsp. holarctica, Strain 15 (Gaisky Live Vaccine Strain)**

**Catalog No. NR-14**  
(Derived from ATCC® 29684™)

**Product Description:** *Francisella tularensis* (*F. tularensis*) subsp. *holarctica* is a small, non-motile, aerobic, pleomorphic, Gram-negative coccobacillus which displays a moderate degree of human virulence. *F. tularensis* subsp. *holarctica*, strain 15 was isolated from a water vole (*Arvicola terrestris*) by Gaisky in Russia (1936), where it was used as a live vaccine.

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**Manufacturing Date: 22APR2004**

TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
<b>Phenotypic Analysis</b> Cellular morphology Colony morphology <sup>2</sup>  Hemolysis X- and V-factor requirements Biochemical tests Catalase Oxidase Urease Indole Hydrogen sulfide production Nitrate Glucose Maltose FAME analysis	Gram-negative coccobacillus Report results  Non-hemolytic Negative  Positive Negative Negative Report results Report results Report results Report results Report results Consistent with <i>F. tularensis</i>	Gram-negative coccobacillus Circular, convex, entire, gray-white, glistening Non-hemolytic Negative  Positive Negative Negative Negative Negative Negative Positive Positive Consistent with <i>F. tularensis</i>
<b>Genotypic Analysis</b> Sequencing of 16S ribosomal RNA gene (~ 1300 bp)	Consistent with <i>F. tularensis</i> subsp. <i>holarctica</i>	Consistent with <i>F. tularensis</i> subsp. <i>holarctica</i> <sup>3</sup>
<b>Molecular Subtyping<sup>4</sup> by PCR Amplification of Subspecies-Specific Sequence from Extracted DNA</b>	~ 1250 bp amplicon (Type B)	~ 1250 bp amplicon (Type B)
<b>Viability (post-freeze)<sup>5</sup></b>	Growth on agar	Growth on agar

<sup>1</sup>NR-14 was produced by inoculation of ATCC® 29684™ into Tryptic Soy Broth.

<sup>2</sup>48 hours at 37°C and aerobic atmosphere with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> on Cystine Heart Agar plus 5% defibrinated rabbit blood.

<sup>3</sup>Also consistent other *F. tularensis* subspecies.

<sup>4</sup>Petersen, J. M., et al. "Laboratory Analysis of Tularemia in Wild-Trapped, Commercially Traded Prairie Dogs, Texas, 2002." *Emerg. Infect. Dis.* 10 (2004): 419-425. PubMed: 15109407.

<sup>5</sup>24 hours at 37°C and aerobic atmosphere with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> on Cystine Heart Agar plus 5% defibrinated rabbit blood.

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