

***Lactobacillus gasseri*, Strain
EX336960VC03**

Catalog No. HM-400

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Lactobacillaceae*, *Lactobacillus*

Species: *Lactobacillus gasseri*

Strain: EX336960VC03

Original Source: *Lactobacillus gasseri* (*L. gasseri*), strain EX336960VC03 was isolated from a human mid-vaginal wall in March 2010 in Richmond, Virginia.^{1,2}

Comments: *L. gasseri*, strain EX336960VC03 is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. *L. gasseri*, strain EX336960VC03 is currently being sequenced at [Virginia Commonwealth University](#).

Note: HMP material is taxonomically classified by the depositor. Quality control of these materials is only performed to demonstrate that the material distributed by BEI Resources is identical to the deposited material.

L. gasseri is a Gram-positive, mesophilic, non-motile facultative anaerobe bacterium that is commonly found in the normal human gastrointestinal tract. It is commonly used in the production of yogurt and other dairy products and has also been shown to be an effective probiotic in suppressing *Helicobacter pylori* infections in humans.³

Material Provided:

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

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

HM-400 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:

Lactobacilli MRS broth and/or agar ([ATCC medium 416](#))

Incubation:

Temperature: 35°C to 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic or Microaerophilic (CO₂ is not required for growth)

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 24 hours.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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References:

1. G. A. Buck, personal communication.
2. [HMP 9657](#) (*L. gasseri*, strain EX336960VC03)
3. Hamilton-Miller, J. M. "The Role of Probiotics in the Treatment and Prevention of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection." *Int. J. Antimicrob. Agents* 22 (2003): 360-366. PubMed: 14522098.

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