

***Propionibacterium acnes*, Strain  
HL036PA1**

**Catalog No. HM-506**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Propionibacteriaceae*,  
*Propionibacterium*

Species: *Propionibacterium acnes*

Strain: HL036PA1

Original Source: *Propionibacterium acnes* (*P. acnes*), strain HL036PA1 was isolated from human skin.

Comments: *P. acnes*, strain HL036PA1 ([HMP ID 9604](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *P. acnes*, strain HL036PA1 is currently being sequenced at the Genome Institute at [Washington University](#) (GenBank: [ADYL00000000](#)).

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*P. acnes* is a non-motile, Gram-positive, anaerobic rod that resides in hair follicles of the human skin.<sup>2</sup> Some strains are aerotolerant, but typically grow better under anaerobic conditions. The causative agent of acne *P. acnes* usually has a low level of virulence.<sup>3,4</sup> However, it may cause severe infections at various body sites, particularly in the presence of a foreign body.<sup>5</sup>

**Material Provided:**

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

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

HM-506 was packaged aseptically in 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial Broth ([ATCC medium 2107](#)) or equivalent

Tryptic Soy Agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic (80% N<sub>2</sub>:10% CO<sub>2</sub>:10% H<sub>2</sub>)

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 48 to 72 hours.

**Citation:**

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Propionibacterium acnes*, Strain HL036PA1, HM-506."

**Biosafety Level: 1**

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