

Product Information Sheet for NR-33709

***Streptococcus pyogenes*, Strain MGAS15252**

Catalog No. NR-33709

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Streptococcaceae*, *Streptococcus*

Species: *Streptococcus pyogenes*

Strain: MGAS15252

Serotype: M59

Original Source: *Streptococcus pyogenes* (*S. pyogenes*), strain MGAS15252 was isolated in 2008 from the thigh of a patient with an invasive soft tissue infection in Manitoba, Canada.¹

Comments: *S. pyogenes*, strain MGAS15252 has been molecularly characterized as a serotype M59, Group A *Streptococcus* (GAS) strain that is susceptible to penicillin.^{1,2} The complete genome of *S. pyogenes*, strain MGAS15252 has been sequenced (GenBank: [CP003116](#)).²

S. pyogenes is a non-motile, non-sporulating, Gram-positive, β -hemolytic coccus found in normal human nasopharyngeal flora and is one of the most frequent pathogens of humans. It is estimated that between 5-15% of normal individuals harbor *S. pyogenes* without signs of disease. Mild infections may present as pharyngitis (strep throat), scarlet fever (rash), impetigo (superficial skin) or cellulitis (deep skin). Invasive, toxigenic infections can result in necrotizing fasciitis, myositis and streptococcal toxic shock syndrome.³

Recently emerged, genetically distinct M59 GAS strains are responsible for an ongoing epidemic of severe skin and soft tissue infections across Canada.²

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 0.5X Tryptic Soy broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-33709 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -80°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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Todd-Hewitt broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% sheep blood or Todd-Hewitt agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with 5% CO₂

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: 2

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