

***Escherichia coli*, Strain RDEC-1**

**Catalog No. NR-104**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Enterobacteriaceae, Escherichia*

Species: *Escherichia coli*

Strain: RDEC-1

Serotype: O15:NM

Original Source:<sup>1</sup> Isolated from rabbits with diarrhea, 1976

Comment: *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*), strain RDEC-1 was deposited at ATCC® in 1988 by J. Robert Cantey, M.D., Veterans Administration Medical Center, Charleston, South Carolina.

*E. coli* is a Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacterium which occurs singly or in pairs. *E. coli*, RDEC-1 is an attaching and effacing strain that causes diarrhea in post weanling rabbits. RDEC-1 has been used as an animal model of human enteropathogenic *E. coli* (EPEC) diarrhea.<sup>2</sup>

**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 colony-purify prior to initiating work.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-104 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:

Tryptic Soy Broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy Agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of Tryptic Soy Broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate a Tryptic Soy Agar slant and/or plate.

4. Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 24 hours.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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