

***Yersinia enterocolitica* subsp.
enterocolitica, Strain Billups-1803-68**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Yersinia*

Species: *Yersinia enterocolitica* subsp. *enterocolitica*^{1,2}

Biotype: 1

Serotype: O:8

Strain: Billups-1803-68 (FB; NCTC 10598; Ye 636)

Original Source:³ Isolated in 1968 from the blood of an adult female patient with bacteremia in St. Louis, Missouri

Comments: *Yersinia enterocolitica* (*Y. enterocolitica*) subsp. *enterocolitica*, strain Billups-1803-68 was deposited at ATCC® in 1968 by Alex C. Sonnenwirth, Ph.D., Director, Division of Microbiology, The Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri.

Y. enterocolitica subsp. *enterocolitica* is a significant food-borne enteropathogen which causes gastroenteritis. *Y. enterocolitica* subsp. *enterocolitica* is an extremely heterogeneous species, encompassing six biotypes and currently more than 50 serogroups, not all of which can cause disease.⁴ It is of particular concern to the food industry because it is a psychrotrophic pathogen able to proliferate at temperatures approaching 0°C.

Y. enterocolitica subsp. *enterocolitica* is a non-spore-forming, Gram-negative, rod-shaped coccobacillus. Virulence-associated genes are located on the chromosome and on the pYV (~ 64 to 75 kb) plasmid found in typical virulent strains of *Y. enterocolitica* subsp. *enterocolitica*.⁵ This plasmid encodes a type III secretion system involved in the delivery of virulence proteins that contribute to internalization into host cells.⁶

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-204 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:

Brain Heart Infusion Broth or Tryptic Soy Broth
Tryptic Soy Agar or Sheep Blood Agar

Incubation:

Temperature:⁷ 26°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw slowly.
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 tubes and plate at 26°C for 24–48 hours.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read “The following reagent was obtained through the NIH Biodefense and Emerging Infections Research Resources Repository, NIAID, NIH: *Yersinia enterocolitica* subsp. *enterocolitica*, Strain Billups-1803-68, NR-204.”

Biosafety Level: 2

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2007; see www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmb15/bmb15toc.htm.

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