

Escherichia coli, Strain E38

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Escherichia*

Species: *Escherichia coli*

Strain: E38

Serotype: O78:H^{1,2}

Original Source: *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*), strain E38 was isolated from a human peritoneum.³

Comments: Strain E38 is used as a reference strain for O78 serotyping.³ *E. coli*, strain E38 was selected to undergo complete genome sequencing at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](http://www.jcraigventer.com).

E. coli is a Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacterium commonly found in the gut flora of warm-blooded animals and is the primary facultative anaerobe of the human gastrointestinal tract. While most *E. coli* strains are harmless and are an important part of a healthy intestinal tract, some serotypes are pathogenic, causing diarrhea, urinary tract infections, respiratory illness, pneumonia, or other illnesses in their host.⁴⁻⁶ Pathogenic *E. coli* may be transmitted through contaminated food or water, or through contact with infected persons or animals. The six pathotypes associated with diarrhea and collectively referred to as diarrheagenic *E. coli* are: Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* [STEC; also referred to as Verocytotoxin-producing *E. coli* (VTEC) or enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC)]⁷, enterotoxigenic *E. coli* (ETEC)⁸, enteropathogenic *E. coli* (EPEC)⁹, enteroaggregative *E. coli* (EAEC)¹⁰, enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EIEC) and diffusely adherent *E. coli* (DAEC).¹¹

The absence of chromosomal virulence markers *stx1* and *stx2* in NR-17717 has been confirmed by PCR amplification of extracted DNA.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 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-17717 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, Nutrient broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar, Nutrient agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood 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 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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