

***Gardnerella vaginalis*, Strain JCP8151A**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Bifidobacteriaceae*, *Gardnerella*

Species: *Gardnerella vaginalis*

Strain: JCP8151A

Original Source: *Gardnerella vaginalis* (*G. vaginalis*), strain JCP8151A was isolated on April 13, 2011, from a clinical vaginal swab collected from a woman that tested positive for bacterial vaginosis (Nugent score = 10) at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.<sup>1-3</sup>

Comments: *G. vaginalis*, strain JCP8151A ([HMP ID 1582](#)) 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 *G. vaginalis*, strain JCP8151A was sequenced at the Genome Institute at [Washington University](#) (GenBank: [ATJ100000000](#)).

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*G. vaginalis* is a facultatively anaerobic bacterium commonly found in vaginal microbiota. It is often described as Gram-variable but has a thin, Gram-positive cell wall.<sup>4</sup> Although *G. vaginalis* is commonly found in healthy individuals, it is one of the predominant organisms of the vaginal cavity in women with bacterial vaginosis.<sup>5-6</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in NYC III broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

HM-1115 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:

NYC III broth or equivalent

Chocolate agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic or aerobic with 5% CO<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 24 to 48 hours.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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