

***Megasphaera micronuciformis*, Strain DNF00954**

Catalog No. HM-1172

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Veillonellaceae*, *Megasphaera*

Species: *Megasphaera micronuciformis*

Strain: DNF00954

Original Source: *Megasphaera micronuciformis* (*M. micronuciformis*), strain DNF00954 was isolated on November 28, 2011, from vaginal fluid collected from a woman that tested positive for bacterial vaginosis in the United States.¹

Comments: *M. micronuciformis*, strain DNF00954 ([HMP ID 2138](#)) 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 *M. micronuciformis*, strain DNF00954 is currently being sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](#).

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M. micronuciformis is a strictly anaerobic, non-motile, non-spore-forming, Gram-negative coccus found in the oral and vaginal flora of humans.^{3,4} Little is known of the pathogenic potential of *M. micronuciformis*, as clinical data is scarce for this organism.⁵

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Modified Chopped Meat medium supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

HM-1172 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial Broth or Modified Chopped Meat Medium or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar with 5% sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic

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 1 to 7 days.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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