

***Peptoclostridium difficile*, Strain CD34**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Peptostreptococcaceae*,  
*Peptoclostridium*

Species: *Peptoclostridium difficile* (also referred to as *Clostridium difficile*)<sup>1</sup>

Strain: CD34

Original Source: *Peptoclostridium difficile* (*P. difficile*), strain CD34 was isolated in January 2010 from the stool of an asymptomatic patient in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.<sup>2</sup>

Comments: *P. difficile*, strain CD34 was deposited as a non-toxicogenic strain and is part of a genome sequencing project at the [Institute for Genome Sciences](#) at the University of Maryland.<sup>2,3</sup> The complete genome of *P. difficile*, strain CD34 is available (GenBank: [AVGQ00000000](#)).

*P. difficile* is a Gram-positive, spore-forming, obligate anaerobe that commonly inhabits the intestinal tract of various mammalian species, reptiles and birds, and may also be found in the environment. Pathogenic strains of *P. difficile* produce a potent cytotoxin (toxin B) and in most cases an enterotoxin (toxin A).<sup>4</sup> It is the production of these toxins in the gut which ultimately leads to pseudomembranous colitis (PMC) and *Clostridium difficile* associated diarrhea (CDAD), which often occur as a complication of antibiotic therapy in elderly hospitalized patients.<sup>5</sup>

**Material Provided:**

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

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-43506 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial medium or equivalent  
Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated 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 24 to 72 hours.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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