

Escherichia coli, Strain DEC16E

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: Enterobacteriaceae, Escherichia

Species: Escherichia coli

Strain: DEC16E

Serotype: O146:H21^{1,2}

Original Source: Escherichia coli (E. coli), strain DEC16E was isolated in 1982 from a human patient with diarrhea in Michigan, USA.^{1,2}

Comments: E. coli, strain DEC16E was deposited as a Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) containing Shiga-like type II toxin (Stx2).²

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.³⁻⁵ 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)]⁶, enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC)⁷, enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC)⁸, enteroaggregative E. coli (EAEC)⁹, enteroinvasive E. coli (EIEC) and diffusely adherent E. coli (DAEC).¹⁰

STEC strains represent a significant public health concern responsible for diarrheal outbreaks and more severe complications of hemorrhagic colitis, hemolytic uremic syndrome and death.^{1,10}

The presence of chromosomal virulence marker stx2 and absence of chromosomal virulence marker stx1 in NR-20475 have 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-20475 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 or Nutrient broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar or 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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