

***Catabacter hongkongensis*, Strain AB8_9**

Catalog No. HM-1192

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Catabacteriaceae*, *Catabacter*

Species: *Catabacter hongkongensis*

Strain: AB8_9

Note: The strain designation, strain AB8 #9, on the vial label for lot 63980302 is incorrect. The correct strain designation is AB8_9.

Original Source: *Catabacter hongkongensis* (*C. hongkongensis*), strain AB8_9 was isolated from human stool in Guelph, Ontario, Canada.^{1,2}

Comments: *C. hongkongensis*, strain AB8_9 ([HMP ID 2052](#)) 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 *C. hongkongensis*, strain AB8_9 is currently being sequenced at the [Broad Institute](#).

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C. hongkongensis is an anaerobic, motile, Gram-positive bacillus typically isolated from blood samples of patients with intestinal or biliary sepsis.³⁻⁵ Poor prognosis and high mortality rates are associated with *C. hongkongensis* bacteremia, especially in patients with advanced malignancies.^{5,6} *C. hongkongensis* has been isolated from the intestinal tract of dugong and in environmental samples, including contaminated water supplies, suggesting that it may be a member of the gut flora.⁷⁻⁹

Material Provided:

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

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

Packaging/Storage:

HM-1192 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 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 1 to 3 days

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Catabacter hongkongensis*, Strain AB8_9, HM-1192."

Biosafety Level: 2

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