

***Enterobacter cloacae* complex, Strain BEI15**

**Catalog No. NR-50405**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Enterobacter*

Species: *Enterobacter cloacae* complex

Strain: BEI15

Original Source: *Enterobacter cloacae* complex (*E. cloacae* complex), strain BEI15 is from an unknown origin.

Species of the *E. cloacae* complex are Gram-negative, rod-shaped, facultatively-anaerobic opportunistic bacteria that are a commensal inhabitant of the human gastrointestinal tract.<sup>1,2</sup> The *E. cloacae* complex nomenclature is mainly based on whole genome DNA-DNA hybridizations and phenotypic characterization.<sup>3,4</sup> The *E. cloacae* complex includes six species (*E. asburiae*, *E. cloacae*, *E. hormaechei*, *E. kobei*, *E. ludwigii* and *E. nimipressuralis*) and currently only *Enterobacter* isolates that belong to the *E. cloacae* complex are considered of clinical significance and are increasingly isolated as nosocomial pathogens.<sup>1,3,5</sup> Carbapenem resistance is attributed to a natural expression of a chromosomal AmpC β-lactamase type cephalosporinase in addition to horizontal gene transfer of carbapenemase-encoding genes between *Enterobacteriaceae* isolates.<sup>6,7</sup>

**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-50405 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 1 day

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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