

***Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, Strain HN4112**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Mycobacteriaceae*, *Mycobacterium*

Species: *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Strain: HN4112

Original Source: *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tuberculosis*), strain HN4112 was isolated in 2003 from human pulmonary tissue in Texas, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: *M. tuberculosis*, strain HN4112 was deposited as a non-drug-resistant strain<sup>1</sup> and is part of the [Mycobacterium tuberculosis PGG1 Project](#) at the Broad Institute. The complete genome of *M. tuberculosis*, strain HN4112 is currently being sequenced.

*M. tuberculosis* is an acid-fast, Gram-positive, non-motile, rod-shaped aerobic bacterium. It is the causative agent of tuberculosis and is responsible for more morbidity in humans than any other bacterial disease. *M. tuberculosis* is a slow-growing pathogen with a thick, lipid-rich cell wall, lending the bacilli an unusual propensity to shut down their metabolism in the face of adverse conditions and enter a latent phase in which they display phenotypic resistance to antibiotic therapy. The primary focus of infection is the lungs, with tuberculosis being spread by infectious aerosols produced by coughing. The spread of multi-drug resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) tuberculosis is a major medical and public health concern.<sup>2-6</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.7 mL of bacterial culture in Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC enrichment supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-20775 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:

Middlebrook 7H9 broth with Middlebrook ADC enrichment or equivalent

Middlebrook 7H10 agar with Middlebrook OADC enrichment or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 5% CO<sub>2</sub>)

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 tubes and plate at 37°C for 2 to 6 weeks.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 3**

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories](#). 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see [www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm).

This publication recommends that practices with this agent include the use of respiratory protection and the implementation of specific procedures and use of specialized equipment to prevent and contain aerosols.

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