

***Peptoclostridium difficile*, Strain CD18**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Peptostreptococcaceae*, *Peptoclostridium*

Species: *Peptoclostridium difficile* (also referred to as *Clostridium difficile*)¹

Strain: CD18

Original Source: *Peptoclostridium difficile* (*P. difficile*), strain CD18 was isolated in January 2010 from the stool of a patient with an acute *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.²

Comments: *P. difficile*, strain CD18 was deposited as a toxigenic strain and is part of a genome sequencing project at the [Institute for Genome Sciences](http://www.genome.gov) at the University of Maryland.^{2,3} The complete genome of *P. difficile*, strain CD18 is available (GenBank: [AVGN01000000](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/GenBank/AVGN01000000)).

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).⁴ 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.⁵

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-43537 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 1 to 3 days.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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