

# Product Information Sheet for HM-335

## *Enterococcus faecalis*, Strain R712

Catalog No. HM-335

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### Manufacturer:

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### Product Description:

**Bacteria Classification:** *Enterococcaceae*, *Enterococcus*

**Species:** *Enterococcus faecalis*

**Strain:** R712

**Original Source:** *Enterococcus faecalis* (*E. faecalis*), strain R712 was isolated in 2004 from the blood of a 64-year-old female hemodialysis patient with fatal bacteremia. The R712 isolate was from blood drawn after treatment with daptomycin.<sup>1</sup>

**Comments:** *E. faecalis*, strain R712 ([HMP ID 9377](#)) is reported to be resistant to daptomycin.<sup>1-3</sup> This strain 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 *E. faecalis*, strain R712 was sequenced at the Genome Institute at [Washington University](#) (GenBank: [ADDQ00000000](#)).

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*E. faecalis* is a Gram-positive, facultatively anaerobic coccus that inhabits the gastrointestinal and female genital tract. It is also the most frequently isolated species, often as a monoinfection, from root canals of endodontically treated teeth with persistent apical periodontitis.<sup>4</sup> *E. faecalis* is an opportunistic pathogen and has become a serious concern in hospitals because of its inherent hardiness and antibiotic resistance. The bacterium produces a cytotoxin that is encoded on various mobile genetic elements, pathogenicity islands, and conjugative plasmids.<sup>5</sup>

### Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Brain Heart Infusion broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

### Packaging/Storage:

HM-335 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:

Brain Heart Infusion broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

#### Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with 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 tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 1 day.

### Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Enterococcus faecalis*, Strain R712, HM-335."

### Biosafety Level: 2

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