

***Enterococcus faecium*, Strain TX0082**

Catalog No. HM-460

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Enterococcaceae*, *Enterococcus*

Species: *Enterococcus faecium*

Strain: TX0082

Original Source: *Enterococcus faecium* (*E. faecium*), strain TX0082 was isolated in 1999 from the blood of a human patient with endocarditis in Houston, Texas, USA.¹⁻³

Comments: *E. faecium*, strain TX0082 ([HMP ID 9522](#)) is reported to be resistant to ampicillin, erythromycin, kanamycin and vancomycin.¹ This strain is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. *E. faecium*, strain TX0082 was sequenced at [Washington University](#) (GenBank: [AEBU00000000](#)).

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E. faecium is a Gram-positive, facultative, anaerobic coccus that is a commensal inhabitant of the gastrointestinal tract of both humans and animals.^{4,6} *E. faecium* is an emerging and challenging nosocomial pathogen due to its inherent hardiness and ability to develop antibiotic resistance.^{4,5} Its large open pan-genome allows for horizontal gene transfer between *E. faecium* and other pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria to adapt to changing environments.⁴

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-460 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 Brain Heart Infusion agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 5% CO₂) or 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 day.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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