

## Escherichia coli, Strain JPN15

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### Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: Enterobacteriaceae, *Escherichia*

Species: *Escherichia coli*

Strain: JPN15

Serotype: O127:H6

Original Source: *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*), strain JPN15 is a pMAR7 plasmid-cured derivative of *E. coli*, strain E2348/69, which was ingested by and isolated from a volunteer.<sup>1,2</sup> Strain E2348/69 was originally isolated in 1969 during an outbreak of diarrhea in an infant nursery in Taunton, England.<sup>2,6</sup>

Comments: *E. coli*, strain E2348/69 is known to contain the pMAR2 plasmid carrying the enteropathogenic *E. coli* (EPEC) adherence factor (EAF), the bundle forming pilus (BFP) and the plasmid encoding regulator (PER).<sup>3,4</sup> pMAR7 is a derivative of pMAR2 created by the insertion of the Tn801 transposon, which contains the ampicillin resistance gene.<sup>5</sup> The complete sequence of pMAR7 is available (GenBank: [DQ388534](#)).<sup>3</sup>

*E. coli* is a Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacterium commonly found in the gut flora of warm-blooded animals and is the primary facultative anaerobe of the human gastrointestinal tract. There are a number of pathogenic types of *E. coli* associated with diarrhea that are referred to as: enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* (EHEC) [also known as Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) or Verocytotoxin-producing *E. coli* (VTEC)]<sup>6</sup>, enterotoxigenic *E. coli* (ETEC)<sup>7</sup>, enteropathogenic *E. coli* (EPEC)<sup>8</sup>, enteroaggregative *E. coli* (EAEC)<sup>9</sup>, enteroinvasive *E. coli* (EIEC) and diffusely adherent *E. coli* (DAEC).<sup>10</sup>

Characteristic features of EPEC strains are induction of attaching and effacing (A/E) lesions on intestinal epithelial cells, lack of enterotoxins and lack of shigella-like invasiveness. The ability to induce A/E lesions is encoded by genes located on a 35-kb pathogenicity island (PAI) called the locus of enterocyte effacement (LEE), which contains the genes encoding *eae* (intimin), a type III secretion system, a number of secreted proteins (ESP), and the translocated intimin receptor (Tir).<sup>8</sup>

EPEC strain E2348/69 (serotype O127:H6) has been used worldwide as a prototype strain to study EPEC biology, genetics, and virulence. The complete genome sequence of strain E2348/69 (GenBank: [NC\\_011601](#)) has enabled analysis of over 400 known/predicted effector sequences and identified only 21 putative effectors, providing a clear picture of the core LEE and non-LEE effector genes.<sup>3</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-50517 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.

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