

***Clostridium difficile*, Strain 002-P50-2011**

**Catalog No. HM-746**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Peptostreptococcaceae*, *Clostridium*

Species: *Clostridium difficile*

Strain: 002-P50-2011

Original Source: *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*), strain 002-P50-2011 was isolated in January 2011 from the stool of a patient with diarrhea.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: *C. difficile*, strain 002-P50-2011 ([HMP ID 1122](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP).<sup>2</sup> HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *C. difficile*, strain 002-P50-2011 was sequenced at the Genome Institute at [Washington University](#) (GenBank: [AGAA00000000](#)).

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*C. 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 *C. difficile* produce a potent cytotoxin (toxin B) and in most cases an enterotoxin (toxin A).<sup>3</sup> It is the production of these toxins in the gut which ultimately leads to the disease pseudomembranous colitis (PMC) and *C. difficile* associated diarrhea (CDAD), which often occur as a complication of antibiotic therapy in elderly hospitalized patients.<sup>4</sup>

*C. difficile*, strain 002-P50-2011 tests positive for virulence toxin B by PCR and toxins A and B by enzyme immunoassay and Western blot analysis, is noncytotoxic in cell culture and mouse inoculation studies, is a spore-former, and did not induce P-MK2 signaling molecule in MAPKAP2 induction studies.<sup>1</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Modified Reinforced Clostridial broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

HM-746 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial broth 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 day.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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