

***Gardnerella vaginalis*, Strain AMD**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Bifidobacteriaceae*, *Gardnerella*

Species: *Gardnerella vaginalis*

Strain: AMD

Original Source: *Gardnerella vaginalis* (*G. vaginalis*), strain AMD was isolated in December 2011 from a vaginal swab collected from a woman with bacterial vaginosis in Richmond, Virginia, USA.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: The complete genome of *G. vaginalis*, strain AMD is available (GenBank: [ADAM000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclseq/ADAM000000000)).

*G. vaginalis* is a facultatively anaerobic bacterium commonly found in vaginal microbiota. It is often described as Gram-variable but has a thin, Gram-positive cell wall.<sup>3</sup> Although *G. vaginalis* is commonly found in healthy individuals, it is one of the predominant organisms of the vaginal cavity in women with bacterial vaginosis.<sup>4,5</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in NYC III broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-50514 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:

New York City III (NYC III) broth or equivalent

Chocolate agar or Casman's medium base with 5% Rabbit

Blood or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic or 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 to 2 days.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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