Brucella suis, Strain Thomsen

Catalog No. NR-303
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Product Description:
Bacteria Classification: *Brucellaceae, Brucella*
Species: *Brucella suis*
Strain: Thomsen (also referred to as NCTC 10510)
Biotype: 2[1]
Original Source: *Brucella suis* (*B. suis*), strain Thomsen was isolated in 1951 from a hare in Denmark[1,2] and deposited to the ATCC® in 1967 by W. J. Brinley Morgan from The Central Veterinary Laboratory, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in Weybridge, Surrey, England.
Comment: *B. suis*, strain Thomsen was deposited as a reference strain for biotype 2. The complete genome sequence of *B. suis*, strain Thomsen is available (GenBank: CP000911.1 and CP000912.1).

Brucella species are the etiological agents of brucellosis, a zoonotic disease endemic in many areas of the world, and characterized by chronic infections in animals leading to abortion and infertility. Transmission from animal to human via contact with infected animal products or through the air may lead to Malta (or undulant) fever, a long debilitating disease treatable by a prolonged course of antibiotics. *Brucella* species are recognized as potential agricultural, civilian, and military bioterrorism agents. A feature that distinguishes *Brucella* species from other pathogenic organisms is the lack of expression of classical virulence factors. Thus, identification of virulence factors has been elusive and some of the identifications are putative.[3]

B. suis is a non-motile, aerobic, gram-negative coccobacillus which displays moderate to high virulence in humans. Very little is known about the genetics of *Brucella* virulence, largely due to a lack of classical virulence factors.[3]

Material Provided:
Each vial contains approximately 0.7 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-303 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 equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar or equivalent
Incubation:
Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: Aerobic
Propagation:
1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw slowly.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of Tryptic Soy broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate a Tryptic Soy agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 1 to 3 days.

Citation:
Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: *Brucella suis*, Strain Thomsen, NR-303."

Biosafety Level: 3
Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

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